

A Guide to Choosing

Weighing Scales

Choosing the right type of balance or weighing scale is important if your business is to achieve accuracy and efficiency in equal measure. To help narrow down the selection, it serves to answer some key questions...

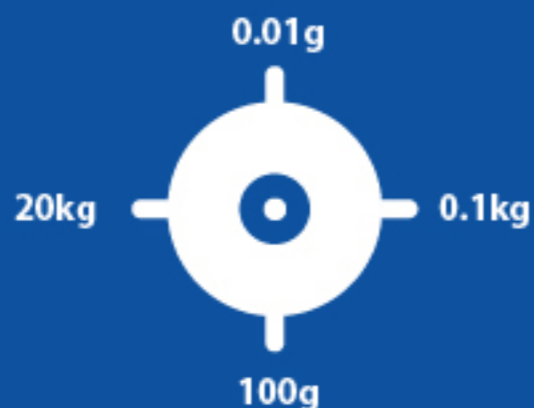
1. How and where will the balance/scale be used?

Weighing scales are deployed in the education, food, medical and pharmaceutical sectors to name a few, serving different purposes in each. You'll require different scales for a stock check than you would for weighing a baby's milk intake. Defining the task at hand is a good start.



2. How precise do they need to be?

The more accurate your scales the better but some applications require a certain level of precision by law. Trade approved scales must be used when pricing an item based on its weight for example. Understand any legal requirements and the level of precision available.



3. How much capacity is required?

Consider how much weight the balance will need to accommodate. This will need to be far greater if weighing bulkier items. Overestimating a scale's capacity could harm productivity.



4. What units will you measure in?

Weighing units differ between applications. Knowing whether you require grams, milligrams, kilograms or something else entirely is vital. Ensure your chosen scales include the desired measurement to save disappointment and embarrassment.



5. What size pan do you need?

If you're planning to weigh larger items a bigger pan will be necessary. Those working with lighter products can ordinarily save space by purchasing a smaller scale.



6. Would you benefit from a service package?

Consider signing up for a service package to gain access to accuracy tests, annual calibration, maintenance and spare parts, ensuring your scales are kept in working order.

