

Installation Manual



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Introduction

This manual is intended for use by technicians responsible for installing and servicing On-Board Weighing Systems indicators.

This manual contains instructions for installing, calibrating, and operating On-board Weighing Systems indicators.



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1.0 Overview

The *PL9700* digital on-board weighing system consists of a digital indicator, load cells, transmitters, and cables designed for on-board, straight, semi, roll-off, refuse and logging trucks.

Benefits of using the *PL9700* include:

- Flexibility to read individual axle weights
- A reliable two-wire hookup between the transmitters and the indicator
- An extremely bright weight display, visible even in bright sunlight
- Ability to calibrate the indicator without having to load the truck
- A unique load-hold feature, useful when loading at several different sites
- Measurements in increments of 10, 20, 50, or 100 pounds or kilograms
- Internal software that can be updated to include the latest enhancements

A modern on-board weighing system consists of load cells to sense the load's weight, transmitters and cables to send the load-cell output to the indicator, and an indicator to change the signals into information usable by the operator.

Load cells are precision-machined high-strength steel beams with strain gages bonded inside. The load cell is installed on the truck between the load receiving deck and the truck frame. When loads are applied to the truck, the strain gages sense the weight of the load and send a small electrical signal to the indicator by way of the transmitter.

The transmitter provides the voltage to the load cell to power the strain gages. A signal voltage from the load cell is returned to the transmitter where it is converted to a digital signal before being sent to the *PL9700* indicator through the two-wire cable.

1.1 Front Panel

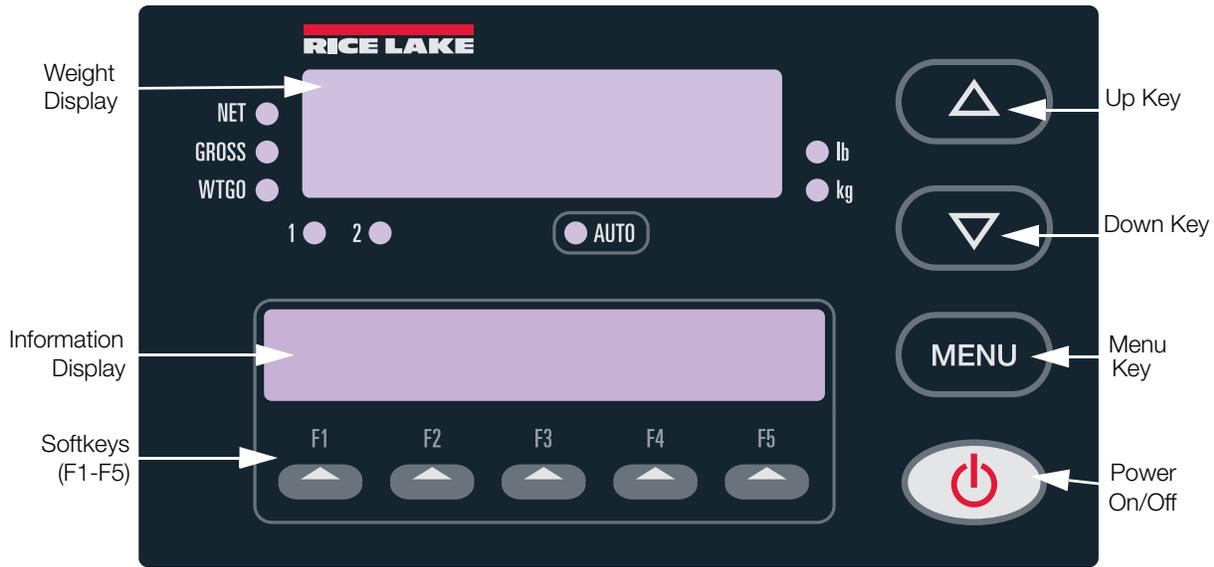


Figure 1-1. PL9700 Front Panel

The *PL9700* indicator receives the digital signal from the transmitter and interprets and displays it as a weight in pounds or kilograms. Two displays are used on the front of the indicator. The top LED display shows the weight of the load and can easily be switched between truck, trailer, or total weight. The lower dot-matrix information display complements the top display by showing the two non-displayed weights. For example, if the top LED display is set to show the truck weight, the upper line of the information display will show the trailer weight and the total weight. See Figure 1-1.

When the indicator is in either the calibration or setup modes, the upper line of the information display will show a calibration or setup message. The lower line will show the appropriate legend for the softkeys, F1 through F5. The function of each of these keys changes depending on the mode that the *PL9700* is in. The labels will change as various menus are selected during calibration or setup. See Table 1-1 for softkey definitions during normal operation.

Softkey	Definition
F1	CH-1 Channel 1 or truck weight
F2	CH-2 Channel 2 or trailer weight
F3	TOT Total Weight
F4	AUTO - Auto cycle between CH-1, CH02, and Total

Table 1-1. Softkey Definition

1.2 Menus

The *PL9700* has two menus used for setup and calibration, the Function menu and the Setup menu. Also available is an Advanced Setup menu.

1.2.1 Function Menu

The Function menu is used to:

- Reset the empty weight
- Select a gross or net weight mode
- Select the preferred speed for the auto-cycle mode
- Enable or disable the load-hold feature
- Determine load-cell test numbers
- Recall the tare weight
- Record the test numbers
- Enable the indicator for weight-to-go feature

1.2.2 Setup Menu

The Setup menu is used to:

- Calibrate channel 1 or 2
- Enable the advanced calibration feature
- Select the different weight increments, commonly called the grad size
- Select the proper weight unit, such as pounds or kilograms record the cal factor
- Enter the weight-to-go limits

1.2.3 Advanced Setup Menu

The Advanced Setup menu is used to:

- Enter the transmitter model
- Set the indicator for multiple trailers

The following chapters guide you through the setup and calibration of the indicator.

2.0 Indicator Set Up

This chapter will guide you through the indicator set up prior to doing the calibration. You will need to make the following decisions:

- Will you want the top weight display to display in pounds (lbs) or kilograms (kgs)?
- Do you want the weight shown in 10, 20, 50, or 100 lbs or kgs increments (grad size)? Selecting 10 or 20 will give better resolution but the display will appear unstable because the numbers will fluctuate more frequently when the truck slightly moves. A grad size of 50 is a good all-around selection.
- Should the weights be shown as gross weight or net weight? Most operators want the display to show gross weight so they can see the same weight that any roadside platform scale or mill scale would see.

2.1 Starting the Indicator Setup

Turn on the indicator by firmly pressing the **Power** key. The information display will first display *Power On* and then display the indicator model and the software version. During this time, the indicator is also performing an internal self test which includes briefly lighting all of the small red indicator lights. If the information display shows any error messages, refer to “Troubleshooting” on page 9.

2.2 Setting the Load Units

It is important to see if the indicator is displaying weights in kilograms (kg) or pounds (lb). Look at which of the small red LED lamps is on at the right of the weight display, next to the lb or kg label. If incorrect, do the following:

1. Press the **Menu** key for 5 seconds until the information display shows *Setup Menu*.
After releasing the **Menu** key, the information display shows *Setup Selection*.
2. Press the **Up** or **Down** key to select the Units menu.
3. Press the **LB** or **KG** softkey to select the desired unit.
4. Press the **Enter** softkey to store the change.
5. When finished press the **Cancel** softkey to exit the Setup menu.

2.3 Setting the Grad Size

The grad size, or graduation, allows the indicator to display the load weight in either 10, 20, 50, or 100 pounds (lb) or kilograms (kg) increments.

1. Press the **Menu** key for 5 seconds until the information display shows *Setup Menu*.
After releasing the **Menu** key, the information display will show *Setup selection*.
2. Press the **Up** or **Down** key to select the Grad Size menu.
3. If no change is desired, press the **No** softkey.
4. If you want to change the grad size, press the **yes** softkey, followed by the **Enter** softkey.
5. Press the **Up** or **Down** key to select a grad size: 10, 20, 50, or 100.
6. Press the **Enter** softkey to store the change.
7. Press the **Cancel** key to exit the Setup menu.

2.4 Setting Net or Gross

The NET weight refers to the weight of the load. It does not include the weight of the truck and/or trailer. GROSS weight, however, refers to the weight of both the load and the truck/trailer combination. Look at which of the small red LED lamps is on at the left of the weight display, next to the NET or GROSS label. If incorrect, do the following:

1. Press the **Menu** key to get the Function menu.
The information display will show *Reset Empty Weight*.

*NOTE: If you do not continue with the operation within 15 seconds, the indicator will reset to the normal weighing mode and you will need to press the **Menu** key again.*

2. Press the **Menu** key again to show *Select Mode*.
3. Press the **Gross** softkey to select GROSS WEIGHT. The red GROSS LED lamp will turn on.
4. Press the **Net** softkey to select NET WEIGHT. The red NET LED lamp will turn on.
5. Press the **Cancel** softkey to exit the Setup menu.

3.0 Calibration

The calibration process allows you to fine tune your weighing system to provide the greatest degree of accuracy. The accuracy of the *PL9700*, however, depends on the accuracy of the information you provide. You will be required to have the weights of your truck and trailer when they are empty (tare weight) and when they are loaded (gross weight).

Find a certified platform scale of known accuracy, such as a state operated weight-enforcement highway scale or a mill scale. Have your empty log truck and trailer weighed with the trailer down. Get the truck weight (including the steer axle and the drive axles) and the trailer weight. For future reference, record the weights here:

Truck (steer and drive axles): _____ lb or kg

Trailer (trailer axles): _____ lb or kg

Total weight: _____ lb or kg

Not all platform scales read the same, so try to use the same scales whenever you need to recalibrate the indicator or check the calibration. Use the same scales for recording loaded weights that you used for getting your empty weights.

3.1 Entering the Empty Weight

Before entering the empty weight into the indicator, make sure the indicator display is set to GROSS. See “Setting Net or Gross” on page 4. Also, make sure the truck and trailer are empty and the trailer is on the ground with the indicator cable connected.

1. Press the **Menu** key for 5 seconds until the information display shows *Setup Menu*.

After releasing the **Menu** key, the information display will show *Setup selection* and the weight display will show *Setup*.

2. To enter the truck empty weight, press the **Up** or **Down** key until the information display shows *Calibrate Channel 1*.

3. Press the **Empty** softkey.

The information display will briefly (for about 4 seconds) show *EMPTY - Channel 1*. It will then show *Set Ch-1 Empty Weight*.

The last number of the weight display will be flashing, telling you that number is ready to be changed.

4. To change the number’s value, press the **Up** or **Down** key.
5. To select a different number, press the **left arrow** or **right arrow** softkey.

6. When the number on the weight display matches your truck (channel 1) empty weight, press the **Enter** softkey to store the weight in the indicator’s memory.

The information display will briefly show *Store Ch-1 empty weight* and then return to *Setup selection* and the weight display will show *Setup*.

7. To enter the trailer empty weight, press the **Up** or **Down** key until the information display shows *Calibrate Channel 2*.
8. Press the **Empty** softkey. The information display will briefly show *EMPTY - Channel 2*. It will then show *Set Ch-1 Empty Weight*.
9. The last number of the weight display will be flashing, telling you that number is ready to be changed. To change the number’s value, press the **Up** or **Down** key. To select a different number, press the **left arrow** or **right arrow** softkey.
10. When the number on the weight display matches your trailer (channel 2) empty weight, press the **Enter** softkey to store the weight in the indicator’s memory. The information display will show then return to *Setup selection*.

At any time, you can exit the calibration process by pressing the **Cancel** softkey. The information display will briefly show *CANCEL - Setup*.

3.2 Entering the Loaded Weight

The following steps can be completed only after having your loaded truck weighed at a certified and accurate platform scale. The accuracy of your indicator will completely depend upon the accuracy of the platform scale. For best results, use the same scales you used for getting your empty weights.

The steps involved are similar to those used for entering the empty weights.

1. Press the **Menu** key for 5 seconds until the information display shows *Setup Menu*.

After releasing the **Menu** key, the information display will show and the weight display will show *Setup selection*.

2. To enter the truck's loaded weight, press the **Up** or **Down** key until the information display shows *Calibrate Channel 1*.
3. Press the **Full** softkey. The information display will briefly show *LOAD Channel 1 before Calibrate Full weight*. It will then show *Set Ch-1 Full Weight*.
4. The last number of the weight display will be flashing, telling you that number is ready to be changed. To change the number's value, press the **Up** or **Down** key. To select a different number, press the **left arrow** or **right arrow** softkey.
5. When the number on the weight display matches your truck (channel 1) loaded weight, press the **Enter** softkey to store the weight in the indicator's memory.

The information display will briefly show *Store Ch-1 full weight* and then return to *Setup selection* and the weight display will show *Setup*.

6. To enter the trailer's loaded weight, press the **Up** or **Down** key until the information display shows *Calibrate Channel 2*.
7. Press the **Full** softkey.
The information display will briefly show *LOAD Channel 2 before Calibrate Full weight*.
It will then show *Set Ch-2 Full Weight*.

8. The last number of the weight display will be flashing, telling you that number is ready to be changed. To change the number's value, press the **Up** or **Down** key. To select a different number, press the **left arrow** or **right arrow** softkey.
9. When the number on the weight display matches your trailer's (channel 2) loaded weight, press the **Enter** softkey to store the weight in the indicator's memory.

The information display will show *Store Ch-2 full weight* then return to *Setup selection*.

At any time, you can exit the calibration process by pressing the **Cancel** softkey.

The information display will briefly show *CANCEL-Setup*.

3.3 Advanced Calibration

Another way to enter the loaded weight into the indicator is with the advanced calibration feature. This method allows the calibration of several trucks to be centrally controlled. The driver does not have to enter the setup mode of the indicator, even for calibration. After setting in the tare weight, the driver need only record two sets of numbers:

- The truck and trailer loaded weight shown by the platform scale.
- The channel 1 and channel 2 weights recorded on the *PL9700* while the truck is on the platform scale.

The following steps are used for the advanced calibration, which can be done on an empty truck, if necessary.

1. Press the **Menu** key for 5 seconds until the information display shows *Setup Menu*.
After releasing the **Menu** key, the information display will show *Setup selection* and the weight display will show *Setup*.
2. Press the **Up** or **Down** key until the information display shows *Set Advanced calibration*.
3. Select the channel to calibrate by pressing the **CH-1** softkey or the **CH-2** softkey.

NOTE: For this example, we will assume you selected CH-1.

4. Enter the number that was earlier recorded as the number shown on the indicator's weight display for channel 1 while sitting on the platform scale. Change the numbers in the same manner as then setting the original loaded-weight calibration. See "Entering the Loaded Weight" on page 5. Press the **Enter** softkey when completed.
5. The information display will show **Enter Ch. 1 Legal weight**.
6. Enter the number that was earlier recorded as the legal truck weight from the platform scale. Change the numbers in the same manner as in Step 4, above.
7. Press the **Enter** softkey when completed.
The information display will show *Setup selection*.
8. Press the **Cancel** softkey to return to normal operation.

4.0 Operating the Indicator

Now that the indicator is set up and calibrated, it will continuously monitor the truck's load. The operator can lock the weight display to always show the truck or trailer weight or the total weight while viewing the other two channels in the information-display window. Auto-cycling can also be selected to continuously and automatically switch the weight display between the three channels.

4.1 Selecting the Weight Display Channel

1. Press the **CH-1** softkey to have the red LED weight-display window show the channel 1 weight.

The information display will show the weight for channel 2 and the total weight.

2. Pressing the **CH-2** softkey or the **TOT** softkey will similarly change both displays.

4.2 Selecting the Auto Cycle Function

The auto-cycle function lets the indicator continuously change the weight display from the channel 1 weight to the channel 2 weight to the total weight, then repeats the cycle.

1. Press the **Auto** softkey to continuously cycle the weight display through the three channels.
2. The weight-display window will momentarily show *Auto* then switch to the appropriate weight. The red LED lamp labeled **AUTO** will turn on and the LED lamps labeled 1 and 2 will alternately turn on, depending on which channel is being displayed.
3. To leave the Auto-Cycle function, press either the **CH-1**, **CH-2** or **TOT** softkey.

The weight display will then show whichever channel you selected and the information display will show the other two weights.

4.3 Changing the Auto Cycle Speed

The time that the indicator dwells on each channel display when in auto cycle can be selected by the operator. Three times are available:

- SLOW (10 seconds)
- MID (6 seconds)
- FAST (3 seconds)

1. Press the **Menu** key to get the Function menu.

NOTE: If you do not continue with the operation within 15 seconds, the indicator will reset to the normal weighing mode and you will need to press the key again.

2. The information display will show *Reset Empty weight*.
3. Press the **Menu** key two more times and the information display will show *Select Auto Cycle speed*.
4. Press the appropriate key to select the desired time.

Press the **Cancel** key if you decide not to change the time. If no keys are pressed within 15 seconds, the indicator will return to normal operation.

4.4 Recalling the Tare Weight

During normal day-to-day operations, one or both of the channels may slightly drift from the originally-set empty-weight (tare-weight) calibration. Various reasons can explain a small drift, for example:

- Large changes in outdoor temperature from morning to mid-day.
- Dropping a log on the front or rear bunks.
- Mud or snow accumulations.

To recall the tare weight, perform the following steps:

1. Press the **Menu** key to get the Function menu.
The information display will show *Reset Empty Weight*.

NOTE: If you do not continue with the operation within 15 seconds, the indicator will reset to the normal weighing mode and you will need to press the key again.

2. Select the appropriate channel by pressing the **CH-1** softkey or the **CH-2** softkey. The indicator will return to the previously set tare weight for the channel selected and will be ready for normal operation.

An error message may be shown for 5 seconds in the information display if the tare weight of channel 1, for example, has drifted more than 3000 lbs or 2500 kgs.

The display will change to show *Remove load or calibrate Ch1 empty weight* and the weight display will return to the tare weight shown before the attempted change.

4.5 Recording the Cal Factor

The cal factor is a number related to the calibration of each channel of the indicator. Should you need to change indicators, using the cal factor will considerably speed the process. By entering into the new indicator the cal factors from the old indicator, the new indicator will have the same calibration. Use the space below to record your indicator's cal factor.

Truck (channel 1) cal factor _____

Trailer (channel 2) cal factor _____

1. Press and hold the **Menu** key about 5 seconds until the information display shows Setup menu.
2. After releasing the **Menu** key, the information display will show *Setup selection* and the weight display will show *Setup*.
3. To find the cal factor for the truck (channel 1) channel, press the **Up** or **Down** key until the information display shows *Calibrate Channel 1*.
4. Press the **CAL** softkey.
The information display will show *Set Ch. 1 Cal-Factor*.
5. The last number of the weight display will be flashing, telling you that number is ready to be changed. If you are only recording the number and not changing it, record it above and then press the **Enter** softkey.
6. If you are installing a replacement indicator and want to enter the truck (channel 1) channel cal factor from the previous indicator, press the **left arrow** or **right arrow** softkey to select the number for changing.

7. When the number on the weight display matches your truck (channel 1) cal factor, press the **Enter** softkey to store the cal factor in the indicator's memory.

The information display will show *Store Ch. 1 Cal-Factor* and then return to *Setup selection* and the weight display will show *Setup*.

8. To find the cal factor for the trailer (channel 2) channel, press the **Up** or **Down** key until the information display shows *Calibrate Channel 2*.
9. Press the **CAL** softkey.
The information display will show *Set Ch. 2 Cal-Factor*.
10. The last number of the weight display will be flashing, telling you that number is ready to be changed. If you are only recording the number and not changing it, record it on the previous page and then press the **Enter** softkey.
11. If you are installing a replacement indicator and want to enter the trailer (channel 2) channel cal factor from the previous indicator press the **left arrow** or **right arrow** softkey to select the number for changing.
12. To change the value of the number, press the **Up** or **Down** key.
13. When the number on the weight display matches your trailer (channel 2) cal factor, press the **Enter** softkey to store the cal factor in the indicator's memory.
14. After recording or resetting the cal factor numbers, press the **Cancel** softkey.
The information display will briefly show *CANCEL - Setup* and then return to normal operation.

5.0 Troubleshooting

Troubleshooting is a systematic process of testing, identifying, and eliminating areas of the weighing system that are causing problems or malfunctions. The *PL9700* is designed to aid in troubleshooting by providing error codes which identify problems. Many of the error codes will show either channel 1, the truck channel, or channel 2, the trailer channel, whichever is applicable.

The *PL9700* system has two wires going from each transmitter to their respective load cells. One wire has a red band next to the loadcell connector and is called the red side and the plain black wire, to the other load cell, is called the black side. The *PL9700* will sometimes refer to the red side or the black side in the error messages.

An effective and easy troubleshooting method is called substitution. For example, if the error message says the red side is defective, swap the red and black wires at the load cells. If the error message remains the same, then the trouble is with the wire. If the message changes to say the black side is defective, then the load cell is the problem. The same idea can be used with the channel 1 and channel 2 wires at the back of the indicator.

The weight display will show **Er CH1** if there is a problem with channel 1 or, if channel 2 is not working, **Er CH2** will be displayed.

Additional details to aid in troubleshooting will be shown in the information display window.

The following sections will show how the error codes are displayed, list the possible causes, and some troubleshooting hints.

Ch.1 Red side defective

The red-banded wire may be damaged between the load cell and the channel 1 transmitter.

- The load cell connected to the red-banded wire of channel 1 may be defective.
- Swap the two load-cell cables. If the message is the same, the red-banded wire is damaged, possibly pinched or cut. If the message changes to read the black side is defective, then the load cell is the problem.

Ch.1 Blk side defective

The black wire may be damaged between the load cell and the channel 1 transmitter.

- The load cell connected to the black wire of channel 1 may be defective.
- Swap the two load-cell cables. If the message is the same, the black wire is damaged, possibly pinched or cut. If the message changes to say the red side is defective, then the load cell is the problem.

Ch.2 Red side defective

The red-banded wire may be damaged between the load cell and the channel 2 transmitter.

- The load cell connected to the red-banded wire of channel 2 may be defective.
- Swap the two load-cell cables. If the message is the same, the red-banded wire is damaged, possibly pinched or cut. If the message changes to read the black side is defective, then the load cell is the problem.

Ch.2 Blk side defective

The black wire may be damaged between the load cell and the channel 2 transmitter.

- The load cell connected to the black wire of channel 2 may be defective.
- Swap the two load-cell cables. If the message is the same, the black wire is damaged, possibly pinched or cut. If the message changes to say the red side is defective, then the load cell is the problem.

Ch.1 not connected

Channel 1 is not connected to its transmitter.

- The channel 1 wire may have been disconnected at the back of the indicator.
- The channel 1 wire may be damaged between the channel 1 transmitter and the indicator. Disconnect the channel 1 wires from the indicator. Assuming channel 2 is working, connect the channel 2 wires to the channel 1 terminals. If the message stays the same, the indicator is defective. If the message goes away and channel 1 works again, then the wire is the problem. Check for a cut wire or a connector unplugged.

Ch.2 not connected

Channel 2 is not connected to its transmitter.

- The channel 2 wire may have been disconnected at the back of the indicator.
- The channel 2 wire may be damaged between the channel 2 transmitter and the indicator. Disconnect the channel 1 wires from the indicator. Assuming channel 1 is working, connect the channel 2 wires to the channel 1 terminals. If the message stays the same, the indicator is defective. If the message goes away and channel 2 works again, then the wire is the problem. Check for a cut wire or a connector unplugged.

ERROR Reset Ch1 empty weight out-of-range 3000

The difference between the original empty weight and the current empty weight is too large for the recall empty weight command to function. The difference is limited to 3000 lbs or 2500 kgs.

Check for other problems, such as:

- Bent or distorted load cell
- Damaged load-cell mounting
- Bent truck or trailer frame
- Defective load cell

ERROR Ch1 cable shorted. Check all connections

The channel 1 wires are shorted together or shorted to the truck frame.

- Disconnect the channel 1 wires from the back of the indicator. If the error message remains, the indicator is defective. If the message goes away, check the channel 1 wire.
- The channel 1 wires may be damaged between the load cell and the transmitter or between the transmitter and the indicator.
- Check all wires for cuts or for pinched areas.
- Check for worn insulation where the wire could be shorted to the truck or trailer frame.

ERROR Ch2 cable shorted. Check all connections

The channel 2 wires are shorted together or shorted to the truck frame.

- Disconnect the channel 2 wires from the back of the indicator. If the error message remains, the indicator is defective. If the message goes away, check the channel 2 wire.
- The channel 2 wires may be damaged between the load cell and the transmitter or between the transmitter and the indicator.
- Check all wires for cuts or for pinched areas.

Check for worn insulation where the wire could be shorted to the truck or trailer frame.

No signal Ch.1

The signal from the channel 1 transmitter is not being received at the indicator.

- Disconnect the black and white channel 1 wires from the back of the indicator. Assuming channel 2 is working, move the black and white channel 2 wires from channel 2 to the channel 1 terminals. If the error message remains, then the indicator is defective.
- If the error message goes away and channel 1 again works, check for a cut wire between the indicator and the channel 1 transmitter. Check also for a good connection at the channel 1 transmitter.

No signal Ch.2

The signal from the channel 2 transmitter is not being received at the indicator.

- Disconnect the black and white channel 2 wires from the back of the indicator. Assuming channel 1 is working, move the black and white channel 1 wires from channel 1 to the channel 2 terminals. If the error message remains, then the indicator is defective.
- If the error message goes away and channel 2 again works, check for a cut wire between the indicator and the channel 2 transmitter. Check also for a good connection at the channel 2 transmitter.

Bad signal Ch.1

The quality of the signal from the channel 1 transmitter is poor.

- Disconnect the channel 1 wires from the back of the indicator. Assuming channel 2 is working, move the channel 2 wires from the channel 2 terminals to the channel 1 terminals. If the error message remains, then check the voltage at the power cable. It should be between 11.5 and 16 volts.
- If the voltage is good, then make sure the power lead is connected directly to the battery. Power from any other source may be too “noisy”.
- If the error message still remains, then the indicator may be defective.
- If the message is gone when the channel 2 wires are substituted for channel 1, then the channel 1 transmitter is defective or the connector may not be plugged in correctly.

Bad signal Ch.2

The quality of the signal from the channel 2 transmitter is poor.

- Disconnect the channel 2 wires from the back of the indicator. Assuming channel 1 is working, move the channel 1 wires from the channel 1 terminals to the channel 2 terminals. If the error message remains, then check the voltage at the power cable. It should be between 11.5 and 16 volts.
- If the voltage is good, then make sure the power lead is connected directly to the battery. Power from any other source may be too “noisy”.
- If the error message still remains, then the indicator may be defective.
- If the message is gone when the channel 1 wires are substituted for channel 2, then the channel 2 transmitter is defective or the connector may not be plugged in correctly.

LOW POWER - Input Power required 11VDC to 16VDC

The power voltage to the indicator from the battery is less than 11 volts or greater than 16 volts.

- Make sure the power cable is adequately connected at the terminal strip on the back of the indicator.
- Measure the voltage at the power cable at the back of the indicator. It should be between 11 volts and 16 volts. If not, measure the voltage where the power cable is connected to the battery. If the voltage is greater than 16 volts, check the charging system of the truck.
- Make sure the power cable connections at the battery are clean and tight. The cable must be connected directly to the batteries and not to an accessory, ignition, or other connection in the dash.

6.0 Test Mode

Test numbers provide a way to verify that the system's load cells are working as they should. Since the test number is related to the actual output of the load cell, it will also give you a warning of impending load cell failure. With a properly working system, the test numbers for all the load cells should be similar. Load cells that are perfectly balanced (meaning no offset) will have test numbers very close to 32,767 when the truck is unloaded. Many load cells are not perfectly balanced, which means the test numbers will be somewhere between 25,000 and 39,000. If you record a test number outside of the 25,000 to 39,000 range, the load cell has an abnormal offset and may be ready to fail.

As the truck is loaded, the test numbers should increase proportionately. For example, suppose the channel 1 test numbers were 32,546 (black) and 33,275 (red) when the truck was empty. When loaded, the test numbers should increase and the test number for the red load cell should still be slightly larger than the black load cell test number.

If you notice one of the test numbers slowly increasing or decreasing but the load is stable, that load cell output may be drifting and the load cell may be failing. Another sign of impending failure would be if one of the test numbers increase much greater or less than the other for that channel.

The following steps will show you how to get test numbers for each load cell. If the system is working properly, record the empty weight test numbers for future reference. If you change load cells, be sure to change the appropriate test number.

Channel 1 Red = _____ Black = _____

Channel 2 Red = _____ Black = _____

6.1 Recording Test Numbers

Use the following procedure to record test numbers.

1. Press the **Menu** key to get the Function menu.

NOTE: If you do not continue with the operating within 15 seconds, the indicator will reset to the normal weighing mode and you will need to start again.

The information display will show *Reset Empty weight*.

2. Press the **Menu** key again to show *Select Mode*.
3. Press **Test** softkey to select the test mode.

The display will briefly show *Select Test Mode*. The weight display will show *Test* during all of the following steps.

4. Press the **CH-1** softkey to display the channel 1 test numbers.
5. Record the test numbers.
6. Press the **CH-2** softkey to display the channel 2 test numbers.
7. Record the test numbers.
8. Press the **Cancel** softkey to return to the normal weighing mode.

The display will briefly show *CANCEL - Test Mode*.

7.0 Installation

The PL9700 indicator system includes the indicator, two transmitters with cables to connect to the load cells, one single-piece cable for the truck (channel 1), a two-piece cable for the trailer (channel 2), and a power cable. Items to be supplied by the operator include a plug and socket for the trailer (channel 2) cable, mounting hardware for the indicator and transmitters, and an inline fuse holder with a 3-amp slow-blow fuse.

Before starting the installation, tape over the ends of the connectors to keep them free of dirt and grease. Small plastic bags, like sandwich bags, could also be used for protection.

Plan the location of the indicator to minimize exposure to direct sunlight on the indicator face. Even though the weight display has super-bright numbers, direct sunlight makes them more difficult to view.

The transmitters should be mounted in a location protected from road debris and sticks and branches. The typical mounting areas are inside the frame rails or on the back-side of a crossmember. Remember to keep cable loops to a minimum to avoid having them snagged on debris or tools.

7.1 Installing the Indicator

1. Find a suitable location where the indicator will be convenient to the operator.
2. Remove the U-bracket from the indicator and use it as a template to mark the drilling locations for the four mounting screws.
3. Use four #10 or #12 screws to mount the U-bracket.
4. Install the indicator back into the U-bracket and verify that the indicator is in a desirable location.
5. Unplug the cable connector from the back of the indicator by pulling straight away from the indicator back. Set next to the indicator for later installation.

7.2 Transmitter location

Once all load cells, transducers or load pins have been installed, select a mounting location for the transmitter. Typically all cable leads from the load cells and load pins measure 30 inches (76 cm) in length. Air and hydraulic pressure sensors have output connectors mounted on the transducer enclosure and do not have leads.

Standard transmitters have leads which measure as follows:

- Single lead transmitter: 60 inches (152 cm)
- Dual lead transmitter: 48 inches (122 cm); 60 inches (152 cm)
- Four lead transmitter: 144 inch leads x 4 (366 cm each)
- Six lead transmitters: 144 inch leads x 4; 216 inch leads x 2 (548 cm)

Locate the transmitter(s) in areas protected from handling equipment, exposure to moving parts, road hazards, pivoting parts, tree branches, etc. Cabling should never be taut.

7.3 Mounting the transmitter

Mount the transmitter using the two 0.275 inch (7mm) mounting holes in the case flanges. The installer may drill a 1/4" hole in the chassis or a crossmember, using through bolts and locknuts to mount the transmitter, or the transmitter may be mounted to a separate plate (min 1/4" thick) which picks up existing chassis bolt holes. Use 1/4" diameter mounting bolts. Do not over tighten the mounting bolts.

7.4 Installing the Cables

Plug the transmitter leads into the load cell leads or pressure transducer connectors. Run the two-wire cable from the three-pin transmitter connector to the truck cab or tractor/trailer connector. In routing the two-wire cable, provide protection of the cable from moving parts, road hazards, heat, corrosives, etc. Do not attach the two-wire cable to air lines. Provide for a small service loop in the two-wire cable at each end. Tie all cables down using heavy duty cable ties at no greater than 18 inch (45 cm) intervals.



Caution *The stainless steel transmitter is a sealed, encapsulated and riveted unit and is NOT field serviceable. Do not attempt to weld on or open the transmitter, or to remove the unit's connector or cable strain relief parts. Opening or altering the unit will void warranty coverage.*

7.5 Routing the Signal Cables

1. Route the two cables from the truck (channel 1) transmitter to the two truck load cells. Note which load cell (left or right) has the red-banded cable. Secure the cables with nylon cable ties or tape so the cables are protected and exposed loops are minimized.
2. Similarly route and secure the two cables from the trailer (channel 2) transmitter. As an aid in troubleshooting, connect the red-banded cable to the same side as on the truck.

3. Check the load cell and cable connectors to be sure they are free of dirt, grease, and moisture.
4. Plug the cables into the load cells and tighten the connectors until resistance is felt. Tighten the connectors an additional 1/4 turn using only your fingers; pliers are not necessary. The additional tightening will seat the weather-proofing O-ring that is inside the cable connectors.
5. Route the truck (channel 1) cable from the transmitter to the indicator. Wherever the cable passes through a body panel, such as floor, toe-board, or firewall, provide protection for the cable to prevent chafing. At the indicator, put a tag on the cable to identify it as channel 1.
6. Next, route the cable from the trailer (channel 2) transmitter to the front of the trailer and locate a place for the trailer half of the cable connector. Install the cable on the connector and fasten the connector to the trailer.
7. Install the other half of the connector on the forward portion of the cable and route the cable into the cab for connection to the indicator. Observe the same precautions as in step 5, above. Identify the cable as channel 2.
8. Secure the cables in the cab, next to the indicator, and cut them to the proper length for connection to the indicator. Be sure and maintain the channel identification.

7.6 Routing the Power Cable

Warning The power cable must be connected directly to the batteries. DO NOT connect to an accessory terminal on the ignition switch, fuse panel, or behind the dash. The indicator must have a “clean” source of 12 volts.

1. Route the power cable from the batteries to the indicator.
DO NOT connect to the batteries yet.
2. Observe the previous precautions about protecting the cable from undo chafing and abrasion.

7.7 Connecting the Cables

1. Carefully cut back 1 inch of the outer insulation on the indicator end of each cable. Do not cut into the white or black insulation of the signal wires or the red or black insulation of the power cable.
2. Strip off 1/4 inch of the individual wire insulation.

3. Install the wires into the green indicator connector and snugly tighten each terminal. See Figure 7-1.

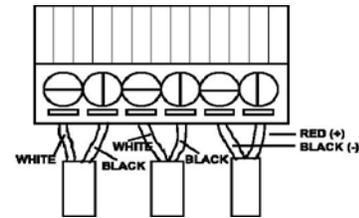


Figure 7-1. Cable Connections

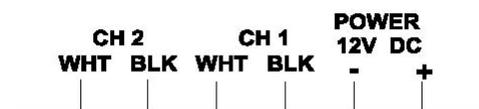


Figure 7-2. Indicator Connections

4. Review all of your installations and cable routings, looking for unnecessary loops, tight bends or kinks in the cables, properly inserted connectors, and connection of the trailer cable.
5. Connect the battery end of the power cable to the batteries. Use an inline fuse holder with a 3-amp slow-blow fuse. Put the fuse holder and fuse in the red wire and next to the positive battery terminal.
6. Make sure you are connecting to 12 volts and not 24 volts.

7.8 Final Step

1. Position the indicator plug for insertion into the back of the indicator. Insure that the screws for the connector terminals are visible on the top side. That will position the red battery wire next to the edge of the indicator case. Verify by looking at the label on the back of the indicator.
2. Insert the connector into the indicator by gently pushing straight in.
3. At the front of the indicator, press the **Power** key in the lower right hand corner of the indicator front panel. The information display, above the softkeys, will first show **POWER ON** and then show the indicator model and the software version. During this time, the indicator is also performing an internal self-test which includes briefly lighting all of the small red indicator lights. If the information display shows any error messages, see “Troubleshooting” on page 9.

8.0 Maintenance

Proper maintenance of your on-board weighing system, including preventive maintenance, is necessary to insure accurate and consistent weight readings. The best practice is to develop both daily and a weekly inspection procedures.

8.1 Daily Inspections

Look at both the truck, trailer, and load cell cables to see if they are:

- kinked
- torn
- cut or frayed
- properly secured away from debris

Be sure the plug and socket in the trailer cable are free of dirt and grease.

Ensure that the indicator is still securely fastened at its mounting location and the connector is pushed all the way into the back of the indicator.

Inspect the load cells and clean out any buildup of mud, snow and ice, rocks, or other debris from between the load cells and the truck or trailer frame.

8.2 Weekly Inspections

While looking at the truck, trailer, and load cell cables, run you hand along the cables to help detect any cuts or abrasions.

Verify that the connectors at the load cells and transmitters are still screwed in tight and the transmitters are still securely mounted.

Inspect the connector at the back of the indicator, looking for loose or frayed wires.

Be sure the power cable is still securely connected at the battery, the connection is not showing signs of corrosion, and the insulation is not being worn through where it could cause a short to the truck frame.

9.0 Special Operations

This chapter describes special features of the *PL9700* indicator.

The weight-to-go feature will instantaneously show how much weight must be loaded to reach maximum legal payload. The weight display will show how many more pounds or kilograms can be loaded. For example, assume your truck (channel 1) tare weight is 19,860 pounds and the maximum legal load is 50,000 pounds. The weight display would show 30,140 pounds for channel 1, which is what can be added. As the load is added to the truck, the weight display will decrease. When it shows 0, the truck is loaded to the maximum legal payload. The trailer (channel 2) would be similar.

9.1 Entering the Weigh-to-Go Limits

Before entering the weight-to-go limits, make sure the indicator has been fully calibrated, meaning the empty weights and loaded weights have been entered and the accuracy of the calibration has been verified. Also, make sure the truck and trailer are empty and the trailer is on the ground with the indicator connected.

The weight-to-go limits will be the maximum axle weights allowed for the truck (channel 1) and the trailer (channel 2). The numbers for the two limits will be entered separately in the same manner as entering the empty weights.

1. Press the **Menu** key for 5 seconds until the information display shows *Setup Menu*.

After releasing the **Menu** key, the information display will show *Setup selection* and the weight display will show *Setup*.

2. To enter the truck weight-to-go, press the **Up** or **Down** key until the information display shows *Set Weight To Go*.

Press the **CH-1** softkey. The display will then show *Enter Weight To Go Ch-1*.

3. The last number of the weight display will be flashing, telling you that number is ready to be changed.

To change the number's value, press the **Up** or **Down** key.

To select a different number, press the **left arrow** or **right arrow** softkey.

4. When the number on the weight display matches your truck (channel 1) weight-to-go limit, press the **Enter** softkey to store the weight in the indicator's memory.

The information display will briefly show *Store Ch-1 weight to go* and then return to *Setup selection* and the weight display will show *Setup*.

5. To enter the trailer weight-to-go, press the **Up** or **Down** key until the information display shows *Set Weight To Go*.

6. Press the **CH-2** softkey.

The display will then show *Enter Weight To Go Ch-2*.

7. The last number of the weight display will be flashing, telling you that number is ready to be changed.

To change the number's value, press the **Up** or **Down** key.

To select a different number, press the **left arrow** or **right arrow** softkey.

8. When the number on the weight display matches your trailer (channel 2) weight-to-go limit, press the **Enter** key to store the weight in the indicator's memory.

The information display will briefly show *Store Ch-2 weight to go* and then return to *Setup selection* and the weight display will show *Setup*.

At any time, you can exit the calibration process by pressing the **Cancel** softkey. The information display will briefly show *CANCEL - Setup*.

9.2 Setting for Weight-to-Go

Look at which of the small red LED lamps is on at the left of the weight display, next to the **NET** or **GROSS** label. The following table shows in which mode the indicator is set to operate:

Operating Mode	LED Lamps	
	Net	Gross
Net	On	Off
Gross	Off	On
Weight-to-Go	Off	Off

The following steps will select WEIGHT-TO-GO:

1. Press the **Menu** key to get the *Function menu*.
The information display will show *Reset Empty weight*.

NOTE: If you do not continue with the operation within 15 seconds, the indicator will reset to the normal weighing mode and you will need to press the Menu key again.

2. Press the **Menu** key again to show *Select Mode*.
3. Press **WTGO** to select WEIGHT-TO-GO. The red **NET** and **GROSS LED** lamps will be off.

You can press the **Cancel** softkey to exit the operation at any time.

9.3 Setting the Transmitter Model

The *PL9700* will work with the Structural Instrumentation SI-9100 and M-100 12-volt transmitters. Because all transmitters have different outputs, you will need to reset the TARE WEIGHT every time you change to a different transmitter model. You will also need to enter the CAL FACTOR for the new transmitter.

For example, you have one truck that you use with two different trailers. The truck uses the PNT9700 transmitter. One trailer has an SI-9100 transmitter and the other trailer has a PNT9700 transmitter. First set up the one that uses the SI-9100 transmitter. After calibrating the trailer and you have verified with a few loads that the system weighs correctly, record the CAL FACTOR. Do the same for the second trailer that uses the PNT9700 transmitter. Then, when you change trailers, you only need to enter the correct CAL FACTOR.

The following steps will guide you through changing channel 1 from the PNT9700 transmitter to the SI-9100 transmitter.

1. Press and hold the **Menu** key about 15 seconds until the information display shows *Advanced Setup Menu*.

After releasing the **Menu** key, the display will show *Setup selection*.

2. Press the **Up** or **Down** key to select the transmitter menu.

The display will show *Transmitter Ch-1? 9700*.

3. Press the **9100** softkey to select the SI-9100 transmitter.

The display will show *Transmitter Ch-1 = 9100*.

4. When finished, press the **Cancel** softkey to exit the *Advanced Setup Menu*.

The information display will show *Setup selection*.

To change channel 2 from the PNT9700 transmitter to the SI-9100 transmitter, do the following:

1. Press and hold the **Menu** key about 15 seconds until the information display shows *Advanced Setup Menu*.

After releasing the **Menu** key, the display will show *Setup selection*.

2. Press the **Up** or **Down** key to select the transmitter menu.

The display will show *Transmitter Ch-2? 9700*.

3. Press the **9100** softkey to select the SI-9100 transmitter.

The display will show *Transmitter Ch-2= 9100*.

4. When finished, press the **Cancel** softkey to exit the *Advanced Setup menu*.

The information display will show *Setup selection*.

10.0 Using Multiple Trailers

The *PL9700* indicator allows operators to use one truck with multiple trailers. Each trailer and its associated transmitter is assigned a unique ID number. When the ID number is entered into the *PL9700* indicator, the trailer is recognized by the indicator and the calibration of the trailer channel (channel 2) is adjusted to match that particular trailer.

Before the multiple-trailer feature is usable, it must be enabled through the advanced setup menu. This chapter will guide you through enabling the feature and then entering the trailer ID numbers. The ID number can be any number between 1 and 100.

10.1 Enabling the CH-2 ID Number

1. Press and hold the **Menu** key about 15 seconds until the information display shows *Advanced Setup Menu*.
2. After releasing the **Menu** key, the display will show *Setup selection*.
3. Press the **Up** or **Down** key to select **Enable Ch-2 ID**.
The information display will show *Enable Ch-2 ID? No*.
4. If no change is desired, press the **No** softkey.
5. If you want to enable the channel 2 ID feature for using multiple trailers, press the **Yes** softkey.
The information display will show *Enable Ch-2 ID? Yes*.
6. When finished, press the **Cancel** softkey to exit the *Advanced Setup menu*.

10.2 Set CH-2 ID Number

1. Press the **Menu** key to get the *Function menu*.
The information display will show *Change Ch-2 ID?*

NOTE: If you do not continue with the operation within 15 seconds, the indicator will reset to the normal weighing mode and you will need to press the key again.

2. Press the **Yes** softkey to change the channel 2 ID number to match the trailer. Press the **No** softkey if no change is desired. The indicator will return to normal operation.
3. If you pressed the key, the information will show *Set Ch-2 ID number*.
4. Only the last three numbers of the weight display will be turned on. The last number will be flashing, telling you that number is ready to be changed. To change the value of the number, press the **Up** or **Down** key. To select another number, press the **left arrow** or **right arrow** softkey.
5. When the number on the weight display matches your trailer's ID number, press the **Enter** softkey.

At any time, you can exit the calibration process by pressing the **Cancel** softkey.

The information display will briefly show *Cancel - Setup*.

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