# Verification of mechanical weighing scales

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# Weighing instrument

Measuring instrument that serves to determine the mass of a body by using the action of gravity on this body.

The instrument may also be used to determine other quantities, magnitudes, parameters or characteristic related to mass.

According to its method of operation, a weighing instrument is classified as an automatic or non-automatic instrument.

# Automatic weighing instrument

An instrument that weighs without the intervention of an operator and follows a predetermined program of automatic processes characteristic of the instrument.



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# Non-automatic weighing instrument

Instrument that requires the intervention of an operator during the weighing process, for example to deposit on or remove from the receptor the load to be measured and also to obtain the result.





# What's Mechanical Weighing Scale ?

Mechanical weighing scales use mechanical principle such as spring and lever when weighing is measured.

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# Various Mechanical Weighing Scale





# Measurement principle

Lever

# Elasticity

Spring

Load cell (electronically)

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# Levers in Mechanical Weighing Instruments

#### First order levers

The fulcrum is between the Load and Resistant. The resistant is usually either to the load or is less. In the case the lever has a mechanical advantage.





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### Third order levers

The fulcrum is at one end of the lever and the resistant is between the fulcrum and load. The lever has a mechanical advantage.



Elasticity :	Spring	Hooke's law
		Growth of the spi proportion to incr F = -kx
Increased force	MMM	$k = \frac{P}{\delta} = \frac{G}{8}$ $F : Restoring force exercised$
No load	M	k : Spring constant (Ν. x : The distance by wh P : Load (Ν) σ : Displacement (mi
	↓ P(N)	G: Rigidity of spring d: Diameter of sprin N: Reel number D: Diameter of the co

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$$= \frac{P}{\delta} = \frac{Gd^4}{8 nd^3}$$

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l/mm)

ich the spring is elongated

m)

materials (N/mm²)

ng (mm)

oil

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# Roberval mechanism



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### Use example of the Roberval mechanism





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# Constitution of OIMLR76 1992

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- 6. Technical requirements for a non self indication instruments
- 7. Marking of an instruments
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#### Annex A Testing procedures for non automatic weighing instruments

Annex B Additional tests for electronic instruments



# The related term of the mechanical weighing scale

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### T.1.2 Non automatic weighing instrument

Instrument that requires the intervention of an operator during the weighing process, for example to deposit on or remove from the receptor the load to be measured and also to obtain the result.

The instrument permits direct observation of the weighing results either displayed or printed; both possibilities are covered by the word "indication".

Note: Terms such as "indicate", "indicating component" and their derivatives do not include printing.

A non automatic weighing instrument may be:

-graduated or non-graduated,

- self-indicating, semi-self indicating or non-self-indicating.

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### T.1.2.1 Graduated instrument

Instrument allowing the direct reading of the complete or partial weighing result.



## T.1.2.2 Non graduated instrument

Instrument not fitted with a scale numbered in units of mass.





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## T.1.2.3 Self indicating instrument

Instrument in which the position of equilibrium is obtained without the vention of an operator.



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### T.1.2.4 Semi self indicating instrument

Instrument in which a self indication weighing range, in which the operator venes to alter the limits of this range.



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### T.1.2.5 Non self indicating instrument

Instrument in which the position of equilibrium is obtained entirely by operator.

#### Example



### T.2.1 Main device

### T.2.1.1 Load receptor

Part of the instrument intended to receive the load.

### T.2.1.2 Load-transmitting device

Pare of the instrument for transmitting the force produced by the load acting on the load receptor, to the load measuring device.

### T.2.1.3 Load measuring device

Part of the instrument for measuring the mass of the load by means of an equilibrium device for balancing the force coming from the load transmitting device, and an indicating or printing device.

## T.2.4 Indicating device (of a weighing instrument)

Part of the load measuring device on which the direct reading of the result is obtained.

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### T.2.4.1 Indicating component

Component indicating the equilibrium and /or the result.

On an instrument with several positions of equilibrium it indicates only the equilibrium (so-call zero).

On an instrument with several positions of equilibrium it indicates both the equilibrium and the result. On an electronic instrument, this is the display.

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## T.2.4.2 Scale mark

A line or other mark on an indicating component corresponding to a specified value of mass.

### T.2.4.3 Scale base

An imaginary line through the centers of all the shortest scale marks.

### T.2.7.2 Zero setting device

Device for setting the indication to zero when there is no load on the load receptor.

### T.2.7.2.1 Non automatic zero setting device

Device for setting the indication to zero by an operator.

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### T.2.7.4 Tare device

Device for setting the indication to zero when a load is on the load receptor:

Without altering the weighing range for net loads (additive tare device), or

Reducing the weighing range for net loads (subtractive tare device).

It may function as;

- A non automatic device (load balanced by an operator),

- A semi automatic device (load balanced automatically following a single manual command),

- An automatic device (load balanced automatically without the intervention of an operator).

### T.3.2 Scale divisions

### T.3.2.1 Scale spacing (instrument with analogue indication)

Distance between any two consecutive scale marks, measured along the scale base.

### T.3.2.2 Actual scale interval (d)

Value expressed in units of mass of:

The difference between the values corresponding to two consecutive scale marks, for analogue indication, or

The difference between two consecutive indication values, for digital indication.

### T.3.2.3 Verification scale interval (e)

Value, expressed in units of mass, used for the classification and verification of an instrument.

### T.3.2.4 Scale interval of numbering

Value of the difference between two consecutive numbered scale marks.

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**T.3.2.5 Number of verification scale intervals** (single-interval instrument)

Quotient of the maximum capacity and the verification scale interval:

### *n* = *Max* / e

## T.4 Metrological properties of an instrument

### T.4.1 Sensitivity

For given value of the measured mass, the quotient of the change of the observed variable I and the corresponding change of the measured M

 $k = \Delta I / \Delta M$ 

# Metrological requirements

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# Accuracy classes for NAWI's

- 1. Class 1 Special accuracy ultramicro-,micro-,semimicro,macro-
- 2. Class 2 High accuracy precision balances,
- 3. Class 3 Medium accuracy NAWI's for trade use
- 4. Class 4 Ordinary accuracy NAWI's for lower accuracy

# Accuracy classes for NAWI's

Accuracy class	Verification scale interval	Number of ve inte	Minimum capacity	
		Minimum	Minimum Maximum	
	0.001g≦e	50 000	-	100 e
TT	0.001 g≦ e ≦0.05 g	100	100 000	20 e
	0.1g≦e	5 000	100 000	50 e
(III)	0.1 g≦ e ≦2 g		10 000	20 e
	5 g≦ e	500	10 000	20 e
	5 g≦ e	100	1 000	10 e

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# Maximum permissible error

<u>mpe tor</u>										
Maximum permissible errors on	for load m expressed in verification scale interval e									
inititial vrification										
±0.5 e	$0 \leq m \leq 50\ 000$	$0 \leq m \leq 5000$	$0 \leq m \leq 500$	$0 \leq m \leq 50$						
±1.0 e	$50\ 000 < m \leq 200\ 000$	$5000 < m \leq 20000$	$500 < m \le 2000$	50 < m ≦ 200						
±1.5 e	200 000 ≦ m	20 000 < m<100 000	2 000 < m<10 000	200 < m<1 000						

#### mpe for in-service inspection

Maximum permissible errors on	for	for load m expressed in verification scale interval e								
inititial vrification										
±1.0 e	$0 \leq m \leq 50\ 000$	$0 \leq m \leq 5000$	$0 \leq m \leq 500$	$0 \leq m \leq 50$						
±2.0 e	50 000 < m ≦ 200 000	5 000 < m ≦ 20 000	500 < m ≦ 2 000	50 < m ≦ 200						
±3.0 e	200 000 ≦ m	20 000 < m<100 000	2 000 < m<10 000	200 < m<1 000						



## Calculate of Maximum permissible error

Mpe ?

Max : 5 kg, Verification scale Interval (e): 10 g, n : 500, Class : 4

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# Calculate of Maximum permissible error

Max : 5 kg, Verification scale Interval (e): 10 g, n : 500, Class : 4





# Calculate of Maximum permissible error



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# Calculate of Maximum permissible error

Max : 3 kg, e : 1 g, n : 3000, Class : 3





# Verification standards(3.7)

#### Weights 3.7.1

The standard weights or standard masses used for the verification of an instrument shall not have an error greater than 1/3 of the maximum permissible error of the strument for the applied.

Test points	Test load	Mpe (e)	Mpe(g)	Mpe/3	Weights
Zero	0	0.5 e	0.5 g	0.17 g	-
Min	20 g	0.5 e	0.5 g	0.17 g	M2 (3mg)
500 e	500 g	0.5 e	0.5 g	0.17 g	M2 (75mg)
Any	1000 g	1 e	1.0 g	0.33 g	M2 (150mg)
2000 e	2000 g	1 e	1.0 g	0.33 g	M2 (300mg)
Max	3000 g	1.5 e	1.5 g	0.5 g	M2 (450mg)

Max : 3 kg, Verification scale interval (e) : 1 g, Min : 20 g ,Class 3

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OIML R 111 Weights of classes E1, E2, F1, F2, M1, M1-2, M2, M2-3 and M3

#### Minimum accuracy class of weights

The accuracy class for weights used as standards for the verification of weights or weighing instruments should be

in accordance with the requirements of the relevant OIML Recommendations.

#### The OIML weight classes are defined as follows:

- **Class E1:** Weights intended to ensure traceability between national mass standards (with values derived from the International Prototype of the kilogram) and weights of class E2 and lower. Class E1 weights or weight sets shall be accompanied by a calibration certificate (see 15.2.2.1).
- **Class E2:** Weights intended for use in the verification or calibration of class F1 weights and for use with weighing instruments of special accuracy class I. Class E2 weights or weight sets shall be accompanied by a calibration certificate (see 15.2.2.2). They may be used as class E1 weights if they comply with the requirements for surface roughness, magnetic susceptibility and magnetization for class E1 weights, and if their calibration certificate gives the appropriate data as specified in 15.2.2.1.
- **Class F1:** Weights intended for use in the verification or calibration of class F2 weights and for use with weighing instruments of special accuracy class I and high accuracy class II.

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Class F2:	Weights intended for use in the verification or calibration of class M1 and possibly class M2 weights. Also intended for use in important commercial transactions (e.g. precious metals and stones) on weighing instruments of high accuracy class II.
Class M1:	Weights intended for use in the verification or calibration of class M2 weights, and for use with weighing instruments of medium accuracy class III.
Class M2:	Weights intended for use in the verification or calibration of class M3 weights and for use in general commercial transactions and with weighing instruments of medium accuracy class III.
Class M3:	Weights intended for use with weighing instruments of medium accuracy class III and ordinary accuracy class III.
	• Weighte from E0 kg to E 000 kg of lower accuracy intended for

**Classes M1–2** Weights from 50 kg to 5 000 kg of lower accuracy intended for use with weighing instruments of medium accuracy class III.

Note: The error in a weight used for the verification of a weighing instrument shall not exceed 1/3 of the maximum permissible error for an instrument. These values are listed in section 3.7.1 of OIML R 76 Nonautomatic Weighing Instruments (1992).

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# Metrological requirements

#### Maximum permissible error

Values of maximum permissible error on initial verification Values of maximum permissible error in service

#### Maximum permissible errors for net value

Repeatability

Eccentric load

Discrimination

Tilting

Static temperature

Temperature effect on no load indication

Power supply

Zero return

Creep



# Technical requirements for a self or semi self indication instruments

[Excerpt concerning mechanical weighing scales]

Security

Indication of weighing results

Analogue indication device

Zero setting device

Tare device

Locking position

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Technical requirements for a non self indication instruments



### Mechanical weighing scale in OIML R 76

#### Non self indication instrument

#### Simple instruments





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Minimum sensitivity

Acceptable solutions for indicating device

**Conditions of construction** 

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# Metrological controls

Verification procedure



# Verification Item

- 1. Values of maximum permissible error on initial verification
- 2. Maximum permissible error for net values
- 3. Discrimination
- 4. Repeatability
- 5. Tare weighing device
- 6. Eccentricity
- 7. Accuracy of zero setting device
- 8. Accuracy of tare device

#### **X** Visual inspection

- 1) metrological characteristic
- 2) prescribed inscription and position for verification and control marks

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#### Weighing Performance Test

Apply test loads from zero up to and including Max, and similarly remove the test loads back to zero.

#### Self indication instruments





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Determining the verification for weighing tests at least 5 shall be selected. The test loads selected shall include Max, and Min, and values at or near those at which the mpe changes.

#### Example : Max : 2 kg, e : 5 g, Min : 50 g, class 4

Determining the test loads and mpe

Test load : Zero,	Test load : 0 g,			
1 Min,	1 50 g,			
2 ??(mpe changes 1),	2 250 g (mpe changes 1),			
3 ??(mpe changes 2),	3 1000 g (mpe changes 2),			
4 ??(any load),	4 1500 g (Any load),			
5 Max	5 2000 g			
Test load : 0 g, 1 50 g, mpe ? 2 250 g 3 1000 g 4 1500 g 5 2000 g	Test load : 0 g : 2.5 g 1 50 g : 2.5 g 2 250 g : 2.5 g 3 1000 g : 5 g 4 1500 g : 7.5 g 5 2000 g : 7.5 g			



Load	Indication		Add.load		Error		Corrected error		mpe
0									2.5
50									2.5
250									2.5
1000									5
1500									7.5
2000									7.5

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## Weighing Performance Test



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Load	Indic	ation	Add.load		Error		Corrected error		mpe
0	0.0	0.0							2.5
50	49.5	49.5							2.5
250	249.5	249.5							2.5
1000	999.5	999.5							5
1500	1499.5	1499.5							7.5
2000	1999.0								7.5

# Error Formula

# E = I - L

# I = Indication L = Load

 $E_c = E - E_0$ 

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Load	Indic	ation	Add.load		Error		Corrected error		mpe
0	0.0	0.0			0	0	0	0	2.5
50	49.5	49.5			-0.5	-0.5	-0.5	-0.5	2.5
250	249.5	249.5			-0.5	-0.5	-0.5	-0.5	2.5
1000	999.5	999.5			-0.5	-0.5	-0.5	-0.5	5
1500	1499.5	1499.5			-0.5	-0.5	-0.5	-0.5	7.5
2000	1999.0				-1.0		-1.0		7.5

Pass or Failed ?

Load	Indic	ation	Add.load		Error		Corrected error		mpe
0	1.0	1.5							2.5
50	49.0	49.0							2.5
250	248.0	249.0							2.5
1000	998.0	999.0							5
1500	1498.0	1498.0							7.5
2000	1997.5								7.5

Pass or Failed ?

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Load	Indic	ation	Add.load		Error		Corrected error		mpe
0	1.0	1.5			1.0	1.5	0	0.5	2.5
50	49.0	49.0			-1.0	-1.0	-2.0	-2.0	2.5
250	248.0	249.0			-2.0	-1.0	-3.0	-2.0	2.5
1000	998.0	999.0			-2.0	-1.0	-3.0	-2.0	5
1500	1498.0	1498.0			-2.0	-2.0	-3.0	-3.0	7.5
2000	1997.5				-2.5		-3.5		7.5

Pass or Failed ?

<u>Non self indication instruments</u> Equal arm balance ( Non graduation)



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# Calculations

#### Error formula

$$E = \frac{\Delta}{2} \times \frac{n_1 + n_2 - 2n_0}{\left| n_2 - n_\Delta \right|}$$

no: Middle point of zero

 $n_1$  : Middle point of on loads

 $n_{\scriptscriptstyle 2}$  : Middle point when changed the load of right and left

 $n_{\mathbb{A}}$  : Middle point when burdened  $\Delta$  after the measurement of  $n_{2}$ 





#### Example : Max : 200 g, e : 0.2 g, Min : 4 g, class 3

#### Determining the test loads and mpe







# **Discrimination test**

#### Non self indicating instrument

An extra load equivalent to 0.4 times the absolute values of the maximum permissible error for the applied load when gently placed on or withdrawn from the instrument at equilibrium shall produce a visible movement of the indicating element.

This test shall be performed with three different loads. Min, 1/2Max, Max



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#### self or semi self indicating instrument

#### Analogue indication

An extra load equivalent to the absolute value of the maximum permissible error for the applied load when gently placed on or withdrawn from the instrument at equilibrium shall cause a permanent displacement of the indicating element corresponding to not less than 0.7 times extra load.

This test shall be performed with three different loads. Min, 1/2Max, Max



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Analogue indication

Load	Indication I1	Extra load = mpe	Indication I2	12-11
50	50	2.5	52.5	2.5
1000	1000	5	1002.5	2.5
2000	2000	7.5	2005.0	5.0

Check if I2-I1  $\geq$  0.7 mpe

Pass or Failed ?

Non self indicating instruments

Load	Indication	Extra load = 0.4 mpe	Movement

Mark visible movement by "+"

Pass or Failed ?

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# Sensitivity

#### Only applied on non self indicating instrument

An extra load equivalent to the absolute value of the MPE for the applied load, shall be placed on the instrument at equilibrium and shall cause a permanent displacement of the indicating element of at least:

- > 1 mm for an instrument of class 1 or 2;
- > 2 mm for an instrument of class 3 or 4 with Max  $\leq$  30 kg;
- 5mm for an instrument of class 3 or 4 with Max >30 kg.

The test shall be performed with a minimum of two difference loads ( e.g. zero and Max)



Test load : zero



# Repeatability

The difference between the results several weighings of the same load shall not be greater than the absolute value of the maximum permissible error of the instruments

Two series of weighings shall be performed ,one with a load of about 50% and one with a load close to 100% of Max. Normally no more than 3 weighings on class 3 and 4 or 6 weighings on classes 1 and 2 are necessary.



# **Repeatability Test**

#### Analogue indication

Example : *Max : 2 kg,* e : 5 g, *Min : 50 g,* class 4

Test load : 1 kg mpe : 5 g 2kg mpe : 7.5 g





Applied to test load



test load

No	Load	Indication	Load	Indication
1	1000	995.0	2000	1999.0
2	1000	999.5	2000	1995.0
3	1000	1000.5	2000	2000.0
	Max-Min	5.5	Max-Min	5.0

Pass or Failed ?

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# Eccentricity

#### Requirement 3.6.2

The Indications for different positions of a load shall meet the maximum permissible errors, when the is tested according to following.

> Instrument with a load receptor having n points of support, with  $n \leq 4$ 

Test load : (Max + Additive tare effect) /3



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> Instrument with a load receptor having n points of support, with n > 4

Test load : (Max + Additive tare effect)/(n-1)



#### AIST **Eccentricity** Analogue indication Example : Max : 30kg, e : 100 g, Min :1 kg, Class 4 *n* points of support, with $n \leq 4$ Test load : 10 kg Test load zero setting and check applied to No.1 2 L Е Ec Location L mpe +10 1 0 10 1 10000 9990 -10 -20 100 2 0 0 0 2 10000 9900 -100 -100 100 3 0 10 +10 3 10000 10010 +10 0 100 4 0 0 0 Pass or Failed ? 4 9950 -50 10000 -50 100

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# Zero-setting requirements

- The effect does not alter Max
- The accuracy is 0.25 e or 0.5 d on a auxiliary indicating device
- The range is 4 % of Max for zero-setting

### Maximum effect





# Zero setting accuracy

After zero setting the effect of zero deviation on the result of the weighing shall not be more than 0.25e; however, on an instrument with auxiliary indicating devices this effect shall be not more than 0.5d



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Analogue indication







# Tare device

Device for setting the indication to zero when a load is on the load receptor: Without altering the weighing range for net loads (additive tare device), or Reducing the weighing range for net loads (subtractive tare device). It may function as;

A non automatic device (load balanced by an operator),

A semi automatic device (load balanced automatically following a single manual command),

An automatic device (load balanced automatically without the intervention of an operator).



# Tare setting accuracy

A tare device shall permit setting the indication to zero with an accuracy better than:

•  $\pm 0.25e$  for electronic instruments and any instrument with analogue indication;

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#### Semi self indicating instrument





Indication sets on Zero with the Tare device.







# Metrological controls in Japan

For non automatic weighing instruments

# Information



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### Non-automatic weighting instruments





# Legal controls marks in Japan







Self-Verification mark



Periodic inspection mark

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# Number of verification and periodic inspection in Tokyo

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		Verification	Inservice
Electronic		225	8660
Mechanical	(Spring)	10,711	11,410
	(Other)	167	2703
Total	·	11,317	22,773



### Verification equipment for hanging scale in Tokyo

*Verification of 500 pieces day is applied for as for hanging scale when it is a lot of.* 

