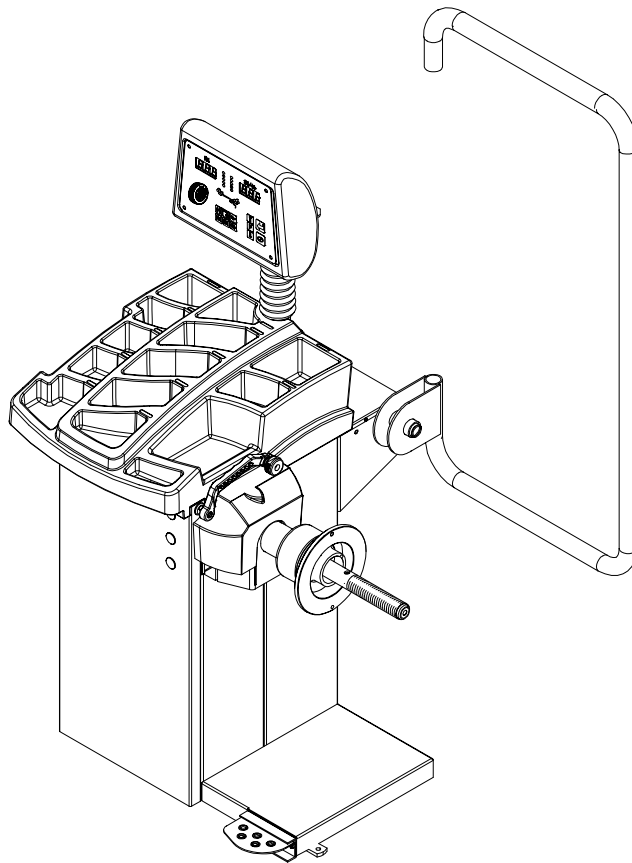


**VPI SYSTEM I  
COMPUTER WHEEL BALANCER**



FOR:

**PASSENGER CAR & LIGHT TRUCK WHEELS**



OPERATION INSTRUCTIONS

**Form 5787-1**

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# SAFETY INFORMATION

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**For your safety, read this manual thoroughly  
before operating the JBC VPI System I Wheel Balancer**

The JBC VPI System I Wheel Balancer is intended for use by properly trained automotive technicians. The safety messages presented in this section and throughout the manual are reminders to the operator to exercise extreme caution when servicing tires with these products.

There are many variations in procedures, techniques, tools, and parts for balancing tires, as well as the skill of the individual doing the work. Because of the vast number of wheel and tire applications and potential uses of the product, the manufacturer cannot possibly anticipate or provide advice or safety messages to cover every situation. It is the automotive technician's responsibility to be knowledgeable of the wheels and tires being serviced. It is essential to use proper service methods in an appropriate and acceptable manner that does not endanger your safety, the safety of others in the work area or the equipment or vehicle being serviced.

It is assumed that, prior to using the Model VPI System I Wheel Balancer, the operator has a thorough understanding of the wheels and tires being serviced. In addition, it is assumed he has a thorough knowledge of the operation and safety features of the rack, lift, or floor jack being utilized, and has the proper hand and power tools necessary to service the vehicle in a safe manner.

Before using the Model VPI System I Wheel Balancer, always refer to and follow the safety messages and service procedures provided by the manufacturers of the equipment being used and the vehicle being serviced.



**IMPORTANT !! SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS -- DO NOT DISCARD !!**

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# IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

When using this equipment, basic safety precautions should always be followed, including the following:

1. Read all instructions.
2. Do not operate equipment with a damaged power cord or if the equipment has been damaged - until it has been examined by a qualified authorized service technician.
3. If an extension cord is used, a cord with a current rating equal to or more than that of the machine should be used. Cords rated for less current than the equipment may overheat. Care should be taken to arrange the cord so that it will not be tripped over or pulled.
4. Always unplug equipment from electrical outlet when not in use. Never use the cord to pull the plug from the outlet. Grasp plug and pull to disconnect.
5. To reduce the risk of fire, do not operate equipment in the vicinity of open containers of flammable liquids (gasoline).
6. Keep hair, loose fitting clothing, fingers and all parts of the body away from moving parts.
7. Adequate ventilation should be provided when working on operating internal combustion engines.
8. To reduce the risk of electric shock, do not use on wet surfaces or expose to rain.
9. Do not hammer on or hit any part of the control panel with weight pliers.
10. Do not allow unauthorized personnel to operate the equipment.
11. Do not disable the hood safety interlock system or bypass the intended operation.
12. Use only as described in this manual. Use only manufacturer's recommended attachments.
13. Always securely tighten the wing nut before spinning the shaft.
14. **ALWAYS WEAR SAFETY GLASSES.** Everyday eyeglasses only have impact resistant lenses, they are NOT safety glasses.
15. Balancer is for indoor use only.

**SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS**

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## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

Congratulations on purchasing the **VPI System I** computer wheel balancer. This wheel balancer is designed for ease of operation, accuracy, reliability and speed. With a minimum of maintenance and care your wheel balancer will provide many years of trouble-free operation.

Instructions on use, maintenance and operational requirements of the machine are covered in this manual.

**STORE THIS MANUAL IN A SAFE PLACE FOR FUTURE REFERENCE.  
READ THIS MANUAL THOROUGHLY BEFORE USING THE MACHINE.**

## 1.1 SAFETY NOTICE

This manual is a part of the balancer product.

Read carefully all warnings and instructions of this manual since they provide important information concerning safety and maintenance.

## 1.2 BALANCER APPLICATION

*The John Bean wheel balancer model **VPI System I** is intended to be used as a device to balance car, and light truck wheels within the following range:*

<i>Maximum wheel diameter</i>	<i>:</i>	<i>44" (1117mm)</i>
<i>Maximum wheel width</i>	<i>:</i>	<i>16" (530mm)</i>
<i>Maximum wheel weight</i>	<i>:</i>	<i>120lbs (54 kg)</i>

*This device is to be only used in the application for which it is specifically designed.  
Any other use shall be considered as improper and thus not reasonable.*

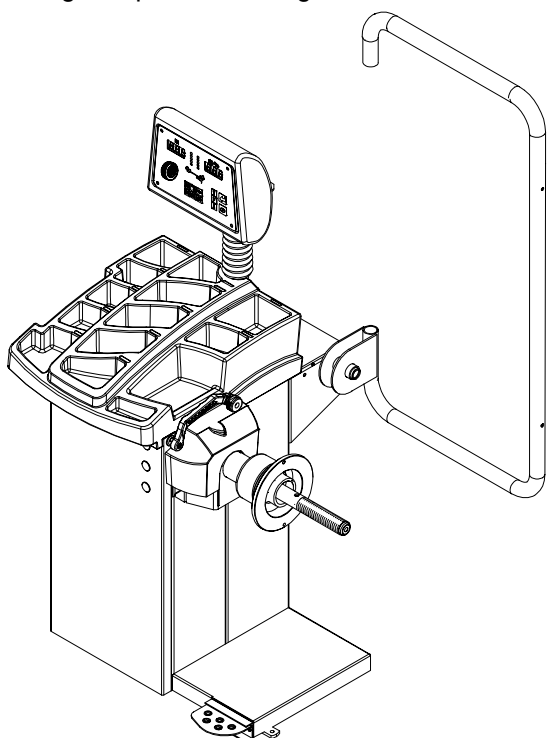
*The manufacturer shall not be considered liable for possible damages caused by improper, wrong or non reasonable use.*

### 1.3 VPI System I SPECIFICATIONS

Computerized digital wheel balancer for car, light truck wheels.

Weight Imbalance Accuracy	.1 oz / 2 grams
Weight Placement Resolution	± .7 degrees
Weight Imbalance Resolution:	
Roundoff Mode	.25 oz / 5 grams
Non-Roundoff Mode	.05 oz / 1 gram
Max. Shaft Weight Capacity	120 lbs / 54 kg
Max. Tire Diameter	44" / 1117 mm
Rim Width Capacity	1.5"-15" / 76 mm - 406 mm
Max. Tire Width	19" / 482 mm
Rim Diameter Capacity	8"-20" / 152 mm-660 mm
Balancing Cycle Time.	7 seconds or less
Shaft Speed at calculation	>100 RPM
Electrical	115vac, 1ph, 50-60Hz, 8A
Required Work Area	54" x 52" (1372 x 1321 mm)

Shipping Weight, complete	325 lbs/147kg
Shipping Dimensions	52.75"h 41.5"w 37"d
Machine Dimensions	54"h 45"w 48.5"d
Actual Weight with Accessories	309 lbs / 140 kg
Operating Temperature Range	32-122F / 0-50C



### 1.4 FEATURES

#### ACCURACY

- Weight placement accuracy to as low as ± .7°
- Weight imbalance accuracy to 2 grams.
- Self test check with every power up cycle.
- Fast operator calibration.
- Pre-programmed Error Codes indicate procedural errors or safety concerns.

#### SPEED and DURABILITY

- Automatic distance entry. Simply touch the distance arm to the wheel, the distance parameter is automatically entered.
- Quick clamp speed nut reduces wheel mounting time.
- Captured back spring eliminates having to handle the backing spring.
- Quick cycle time.
- Automatic recalculation if weight positions are changed. No need for re-spinning the wheel.
- Common 40 mm diameter mounting shaft.
- Weight pocket storage tray.
- Easy-to-Read Data display.
- Easy weight tray access.

#### SOFTWARE VERSATILITY

- Both dual weight Dynamic and single weight Static capability.
- Match Balance program for reducing weight required.
- Built-in spin counter for monitoring balancer productivity.
- Service code access to all Balancer electronic functions for fast, easy diagnosis.
- Operator selectable roundoff mode.
- 5 Aluminum Modes
- Alu-S mode
- Hidden Weight (Spoke) mode
- Split Weight mode

## 1.5 STANDARD ACCESSORIES

Standard accessories included with the VPI System I are:

- |    |             |                              |
|----|-------------|------------------------------|
| 1  | EAM0003J08A | Cone, 85-132 mm / 3.3"-5.2"  |
| 2  | EAM0003J07A | Cone, 71-99 mm / 2.8"-3.9"   |
| 3  | EAM0003J06A | Cone, 56-84 mm / 2.2"-3.3"   |
| 4  | EAM0003J05A | Cone, 43-63 mm / 1.7" - 2.5" |
| 5  | 8 - 02040A2 | Cup - Pressure               |
| 6  | 8 - 02040A1 | Disk - Pressure              |
| 7  | 8 - 02140A  | Quick Nut                    |
| 8  | EAM0005D40A | Weight - Calibration         |
| 9  | EAM0005D15A | Stub Shaft                   |
| 10 | EAA0247G21A | Caliper - Rim Width          |
| 11 | EAC0060G02A | Flange - Cover, Hook         |
| 12 | EAM0006G01A | Pin - Accessory              |

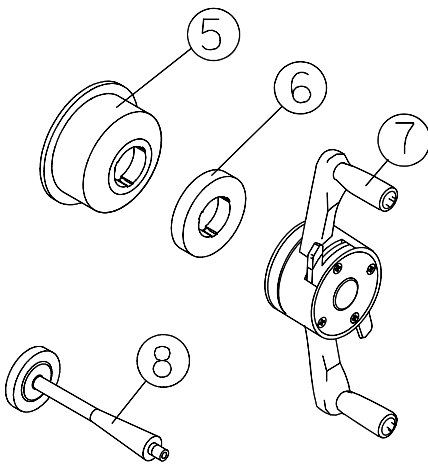
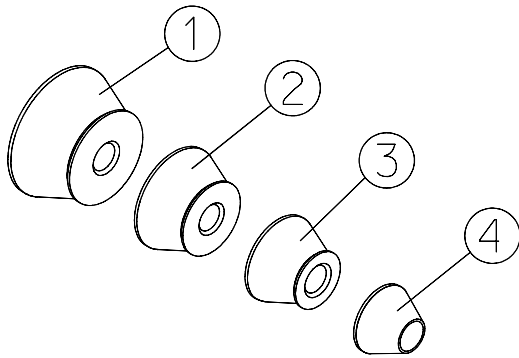


Figure 1

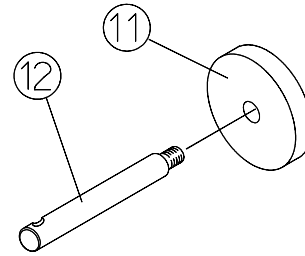
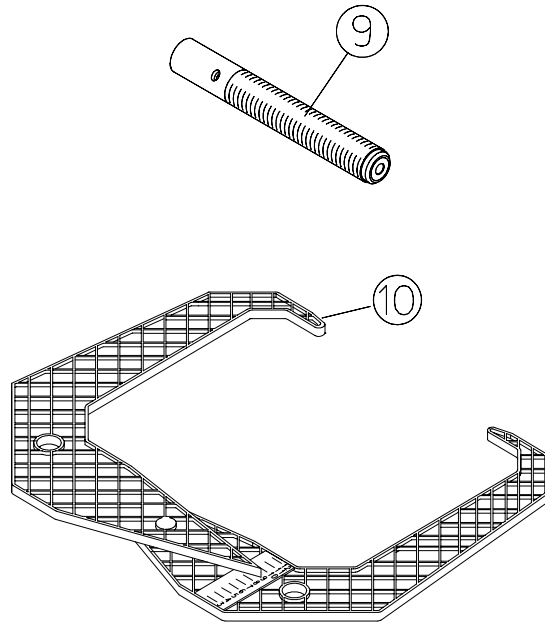


Figure 2

## 1.6 OPTIONAL ACCESSORIES

### Weight Pliers P/N 26 (Figure3).

Versatile weight hammer/plier. In addition to hammering on weight and used weight removal, the *model 26* hammer/plier can be used to reshape worn weight clips and trim weight to size.

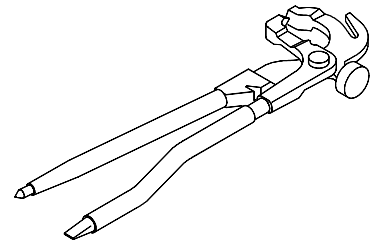


Figure 3



## PRE-INSTALLATION CONSIDERATIONS

### 1.7 DIMENSIONS OF THE MACHINE

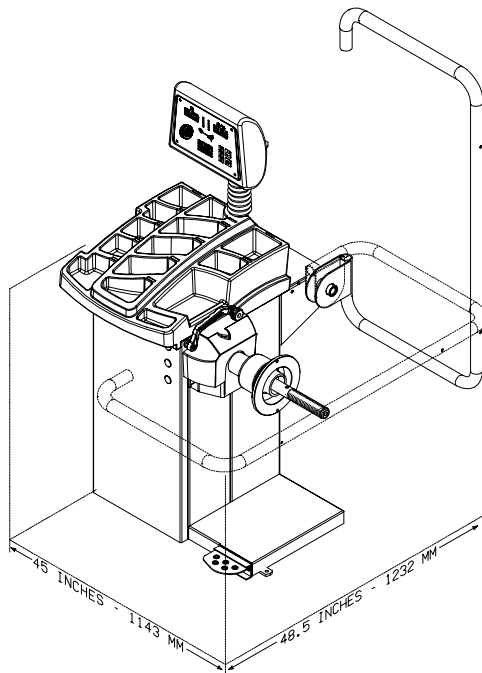


Figure 4 - Actual Footprint Dimensions.

### 1.8 REQUIRED INSTALLATION AREA

Make sure that from the operating position the user can see all of the machine and the surrounding area.

The operator should prevent non authorized persons and/or objects from entering the area which may create potential hazards.

The machine should be installed on a stable level floor. Do not install the machine on a uneven floor.

If the balancer is to be installed on a raised floor, the floor must have a capacity of at least 110lbs per sq ft. (5000 N/m<sup>2</sup> - 500 kg/m<sup>2</sup>).

It is not required to secure the machine to the floor.

Install the machine in a dry, covered area.

The installation of the machine requires a working area of at least 54" x 52" (1372 x 1321 mm) (Figure5).

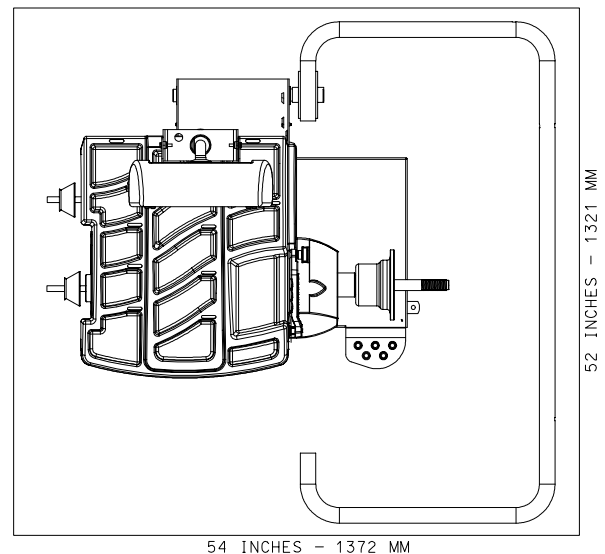


Figure 5 - Recommended Work Area

### 1.9 INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

#### **CAUTION! CAREFULLY REMOVE THE BALANCER FROM THE PALLET.**

Remove the hardware that secures the machine to the pallet and slide the balancer onto the floor where it is to be installed.

#### **THE UNIT IS HEAVY AND THE WEIGHT IS NOT EVENLY DISTRIBUTED.**

#### **DO NOT LIFT THE BALANCER BY THE SHAFT.**

#### **DROPPING THE UNIT MAY CAUSE PERSONAL INJURY OR EQUIPMENT DAMAGE.**

### 2.0 BALANCER INSTALLATION

#### Mounting the Shaft Adapter

#### **IMPORTANT!** **CHECK THAT THE SURFACES ARE PERFECTLY CLEAN AND NOT DAMAGED. AN INCORRECT MOUNTING MAY RESULT IN SIGNIFICANT IMBALANCE.**

A. Mount the threaded shaft onto the arbor of the balancer. Tighten firmly using a screwdriver. (Figure 6).

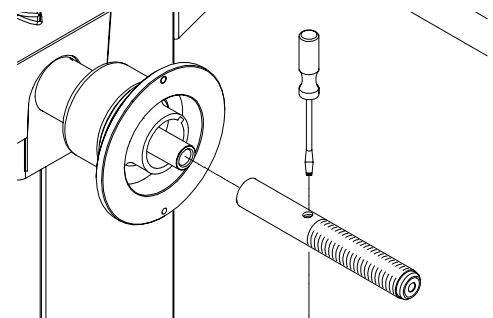


Figure 6

**B.** Install the accessory pins (Figure 7). Tighten firmly.

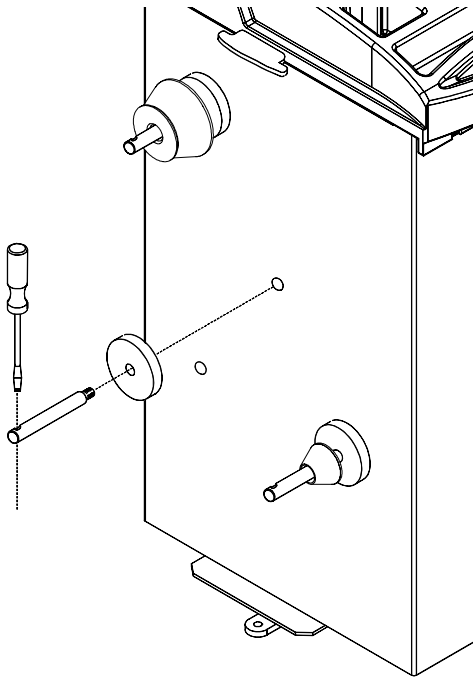


Figure 7

**C.** Place cones and other accessories onto the accessory pins.

### 2.1 HOOD GUARD INSTALLATION

The safety hood guard is standard equipment and must be installed prior to use.

Refer to Figure 8 for hood guard installation.

Parts Required:

- (1) Hood Guard Assembly
- (1) 3/8" - 16 x 2" HHCS
- (1) 3/8" x 16 Keps

Position the hood guard in the raised (up) position.

Slide the hood guard support tube over the frame pivot shaft protruding from the right side of the balancer cabinet.

Line up the mounting holes in both the pivot shaft and the guard support tube. Secure the guard with 3/8" hardware.

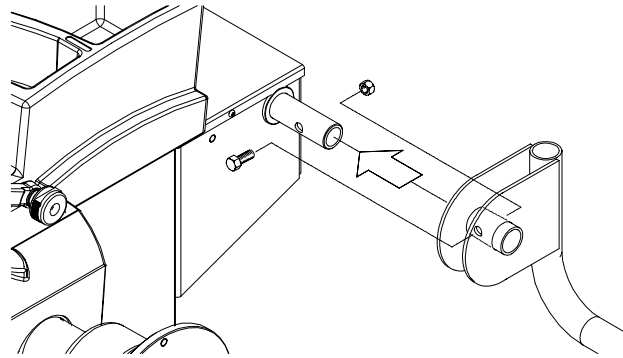


Figure 8

### 2.2 ELECTRIC INSTALLATION

**ANY ELECTRICAL WIRING MUST BE PERFORMED BY LICENSED PERSONNEL.**

**ALL SERVICE MUST BE PERFORMED BY AN AUTHORIZED SERVICE TECHNICIAN.**

Check on the plate of the machine that the electrical specifications of the power source are the same as the machine. The machine uses 115VAC, 50-60Hz, 1Ph, 8.0 Ampere. 230VAC units are available if required.

**NOTE:**

**Any electrical outlet installation must be verified by a licensed electrician before connecting the balancer.**

**NOTE:**

**This machine performs a self-test routine on start-up. There will be a delay of several seconds before the display is activated.**

### 2.3 USER CALIBRATION

Perform the user calibration procedures as instructed on page 21 and 22 of this manual before placing the machine in service.

### 3.0 TERMINOLOGY

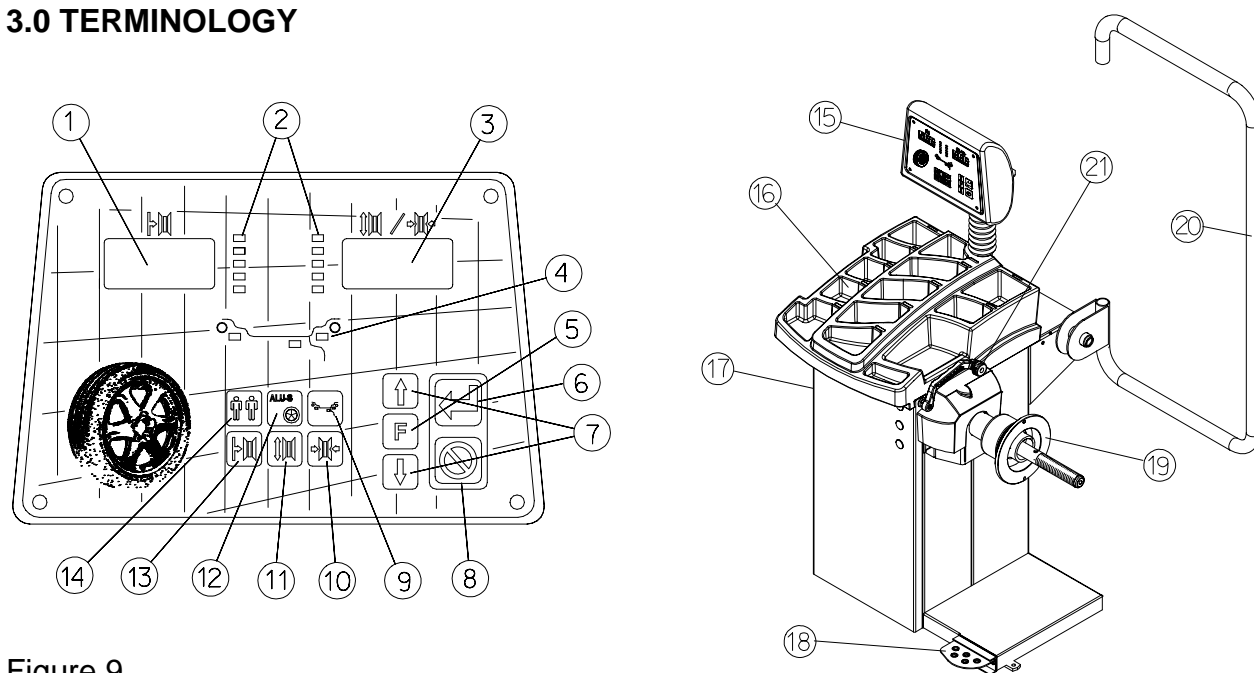


Figure 9

Before using the wheel balancer it is suggested that you become familiar with the terminology and features of the machine's components. Refer to Figures 9 and 10 for identification and location.

1. **Inside Weight Amount and Function Display Window** - Shows inside or left weight amount and various operation messages.
2. **Position Indicator LEDs** - Displays the location for wheel weight placement.
3. **Outside Weight Amount and Function Display Window** Shows outside or right weight amount and various operation messages.
4. **Weight Mode and Placement Display** - Displays a pictorial reference of the chosen balance mode.
5. **Function Button** - Used to activate the various functions. Press this button followed by pressing the *up* or *down* arrow buttons until the desired number is displayed. Press the "Enter" button to active the function.
6. **Enter** - This key activates whatever selection has been requested, it also spins the wheel if guard frame is down.
7. **Up and Down Value** - Buttons are used to raise or lower displayed values for parameter entry or function code activation.  
**NOTE: Rotating the shaft in either direction will also vary displayed values.**
8. **Cancel** - Pressing this key interrupts any process.
9. **Mode Selection** - A series of placement locations for custom weight location. Useful for the wide variety of custom wheels on today's market.
10. **Rim Width** - Press this key to enter the rim width. Use the rim width calipers for measurement.
11. **Rim Diameter** - Enter the rim diameter after pressing this key. Read the size stated on the tire sidewall.
12. **ALU-S and Spoke Mode** - Activates the ALU-S or Spoke Mode. Each time this button is pressed programming toggles between the two.
13. **Rim Offset** - This key is used to enter the rim offset position using the numbers from the distance gauge.
14. **Multi-Operator Selection** - This key toggles between four operators designated as a, b, c, and d. Wheel parameters are recalled upon command.
15. **Display** - Easy to read, user friendly display featuring large LEDs and one button functions.
16. **Weight Storage Tray** - Generous storage for a variety of weight profiles and sizes as well as built in storage pockets for the standard centering cones.
17. **Accessory Storage** - Four sturdy side mounted pegs are supplied for storage of additional accessories.
18. **Foot Operated Shaft Lock** - A foot operated shaft lock is used to stabilize the shaft during the weight placement process.
19. **Shaft Adapter** - A common 40 mm size shaft is used. The easily removable shaft can be replaced for service or during use of certain wheel adapters.
20. **Wheel Guard** - The standard wheel guard is a safety feature for prevention of operator injury in the event of loose weights, debris or wheel mounting failure. The balancer is programed to spin upon guard closure as well as brake when the guard is raised.
21. **Semi-Automatic Parameter Arm** - Rim distance is automatically input with the SAPE. The SAPE is also used in several procedures for determining accurate rim profiles.

## 4.0 OPERATION OF THE BALANCER

**WARNING:** For operator safety please read and follow the precautions outlined on pages 1 and 2 of this manual.

**NOTE:** Read all instructions before proceeding with operation of the balancer.

All balancer functions are input into the main computer through the large easy to read touch panel. Although each wheel tire assembly differ in some ways all balancing jobs require basically the same procedure. The order of events to take place are:

1. Inspection of the wheel/tire assembly
2. Mounting wheel onto shaft or adapter
3. Selection of Balancing Mode and Preferences
4. Entry of wheel parameters
5. Spinning the wheel
6. Applying the recommended weight
7. Check spin if desired
8. Dismounting the wheel

The following operation instructions will follow the basic outline above.

### 4.1 CHECK LIST - INSPECTION

#### Observe Before Balancing Wheel

1. Check for proper air pressure. If not correct, inflate to correct pressure.
2. Check for any foreign material inside tire. If present, remove before balancing tire.

#### *WATER IS FOREIGN MATERIAL!*

3. Remove old weights — old weights may be improper value or in wrong location.
4. Be sure tire and wheel are free of excessive dirt, rust and large stones. Use wire brush on back side of wheel if necessary.

### 4.2 WHEEL MOUNTING

Nearly all standard wheels and many alloy wheels have accurately machined center holes, and they should be mounted with center cones. Accurate balancing depends on accurate mounting of the wheel and correct seating of the cone in the pilot hole. Insure that the wheel is centered on the shaft exactly as it will be mounted to the vehicle.

Before starting any balancing procedure it is very important that the wheel is mounted on the machine with the proper adaptors. An incorrect centering of the wheel will result in considerable imbalance.

There are many types of wheels and John Bean supplies adaptors of good quality and durability for the large majority. However if you meet special wheels which may require a specific adaptor, call your authorized John Bean distributor.

Rims may be divided into these major groups:

1. **Car rims with a true center hole.**
2. **Car rims without a center hole.**
3. **Car rims with an untrue center hole.**
4. **Light truck rims.**

#### 4.2.1 Standard Wheels (back cone mount)

Mount the wheel as detailed below in Figure 11:

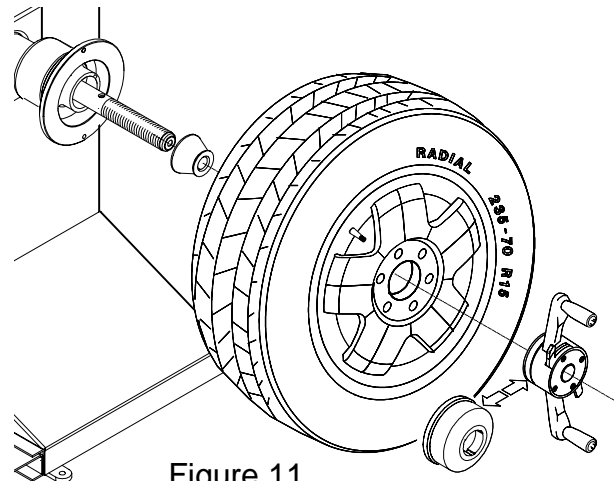


Figure 11

1. Mount proper cone against spring plate.
2. Mount wheel on shaft in the same manner as you would on the car.
3. Mount pressure cup on shaft and place against outside of wheel, follow with the Quick-nut.
4. Tighten Quick-nut securely with both hands. To operate the Quick-nut pull the lock-unlock lever (Figure 12). Slide the Quick-nut on the threaded shaft. When in contact with the rim, release the unlock lever and tighten firmly. To assist in centering the wheel properly, rotate the wheel on the shaft while tightening the quick nut.

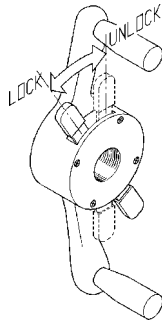


Figure 12

**! WARNING!**  
**FAILURE TO TIGHTEN WING NUT SECURELY  
 MAY RESULT IN SERIOUS PERSONAL INJURY.**

**DO NOT USE A HAMMER TO TIGHTEN THE  
 QUICK NUT.**

**TO RELEASE THE QUICK NUT, UNSCREW A  
 FEW TURNS TO REDUCE THE AXIAL PRES-  
 SURE, THEN PRESS THE UNLOCK LEVER AND  
 SLIDE AWAY FROM THE SHAFT.**

5. Check that the wheel rotates true by turning the wheel several revolutions while noting any excessive runout.

#### 4.2.2 CENTERING LIGHT-TRUCK WHEELS

An optional offset spacer may be required for some light truck wheels and reverse-offset wheels that must be moved away from the balancer mounting flange. The extension adaptor is often used with the 5-1/4 inch diameter light truck cone.

Install the spacer on the mounting flange, then mount the wheel, using the front cone method (Figure 13)

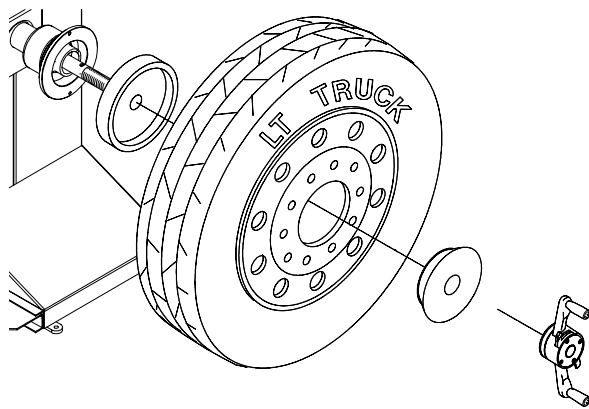


Figure 13

### 4.3 MODE SELECTION

The majority of balancing takes place in the default 2-plane dynamic mode which is displayed as "2 PL" (location 1). Hammer-on clip weights will be placed on both inside and outside of the rim edge. If required, select an optional weight placement mode by pressing the *Mode* button until the appropriate placement mode is displayed.

#### 4.3.1 WEIGHT PLACEMENT MODES

Before spinning the wheel (although it may be done afterwards) choose the appropriate balancing mode for the wheel. To select the various placement modes press the **Mode** button until placement LEDs indicate desired placement position.

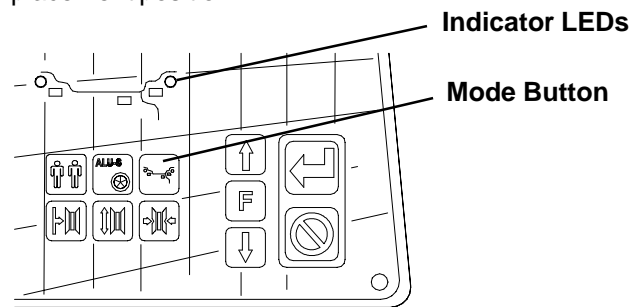


Figure 14

The balancing modes available are:

**A. DYNAMIC** (two planes), suggested for all steel rims. In this case the wheel weights must be clipped onto the rim edges. This function is selected as a default and the LEDs corresponding to the wheel weight location are lit on (Figure15).

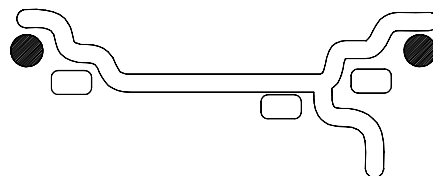


Figure 15

**B. STATIC** (single plane - Figure16). Suggested for narrow rims (3" or less). Use a single corrective weight placed in the center of rim as illustrated in Figure 16.

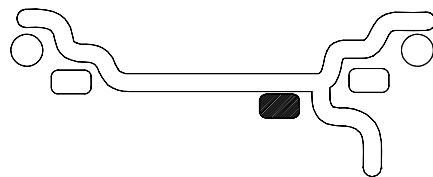


Figure 16

**C. ALUMINUM MODES.** Balancing using a combination of hammer-on and adhesive weights as shown in Figures 17 thru 21.

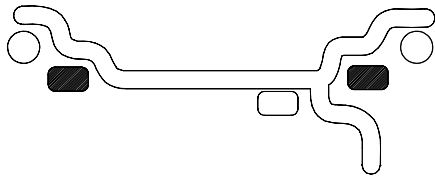


Figure 17 **ALU 1**

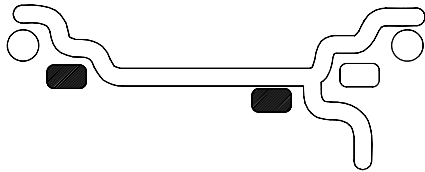


Figure 18 **ALU 2**

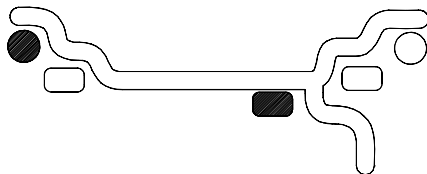


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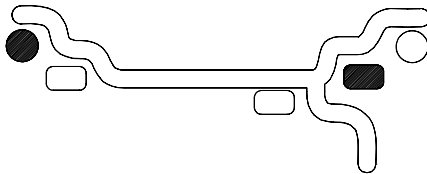


Figure 20 **ALU 4**

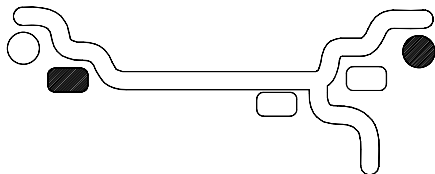


Figure 21 **ALU 5**

TO RETURN TO THE *DYNAMIC* PROGRAM FROM ANY OF THE *ALU* PROGRAMS, JUST PRESS **Cancel/Stop**.

## 4.4 SELECTING OPERATOR PREFERENCES

### 4.4.1 FINE BALANCING MODE

This balancer measures with the maximum precision available all the time, 1g / 0.05 oz, however values below 5g / 0.25 oz are shown as zero while in the normal operating mode. Values exceeding 5g / 0.25 oz are rounded to the amount of the nearest commercial wheel weight.

Press the **F** button followed by the **UP** or **Down** arrow button to toggle the display resolution between 5g / 0.25 oz and 1g / 0.05 oz.

### 4.4.2 OUNCE/GRAMS CONVERSION

When the machine is first turned on it is preset to display the imbalance in ounces.

If the display in grams is desired, press the **F** button followed by the **UP** or **Down** arrow button until "P 3" is displayed".

Repeat the procedure for converting back to ounces.

### 4.4.3 RIM DIAMETER IN MILLIMETERS

The rim diameter is normally displayed in inches, however if the value in millimeters is desired, press the **F** button followed by the **UP** or **Down** arrow button until "P 7" is displayed".

Repeat the above operation to convert back to inches.

Example: "dIA ICH" = inches  
 "dIA ---" = millimeters

### 4.4.4 OPERATOR SELECTION

Select the desired operator designated A,B,C,or D. The EEWB304A Balancer can store wheel parameters of four operators. The Operator button toggles between the four operators with each depression.

## 4.5 ENTER RIM PARAMETERS

**4.5.1 Rim Distance (offset)** - Move the rim offset arm to the edge of the rim, touch the pointer to the rim edge as illustrated in Figure 22 and hold steady for about a second. The beeper will sound when the distance values are calculated and entered automatically. Return the arm to its fully in and down position on the balancer. Do not allow the measurement arm to "dangle" down in front of the balancer.

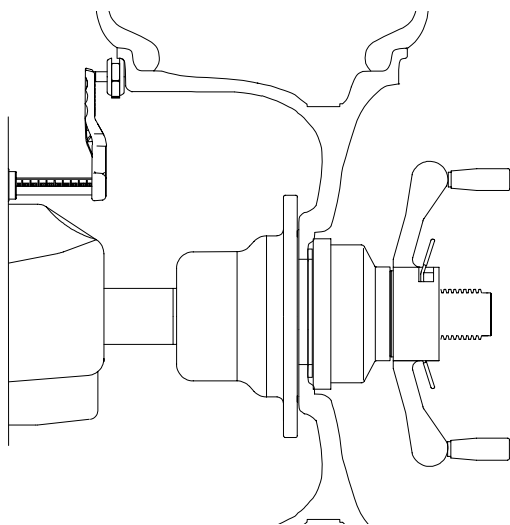


Figure 22

**4.5.2 Rim Diameter Entry** - Select the Manual Diameter button (#11 page 9). Read the rim diameter marked on the sidewall of the tire (Figure 23). Enter the measured rim diameter by pressing the **Diameter** button followed by the **UP** or **Down** arrow button until the desired value appears in the right display.

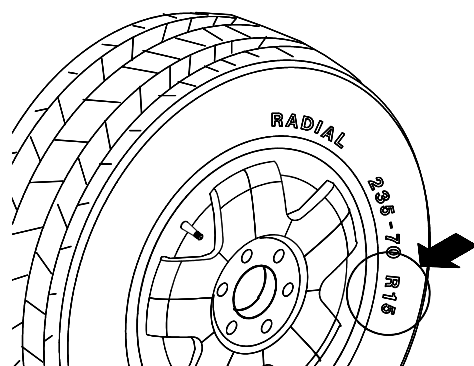


Figure 23

**4.5.3 Measure Rim Width** using rim width calipers. Measure wheel where corrective clip-on weight would be applied, Figure 24. Enter the measured width by pressing the **UP** or **Down** arrow button until the desired value appears in the center display.

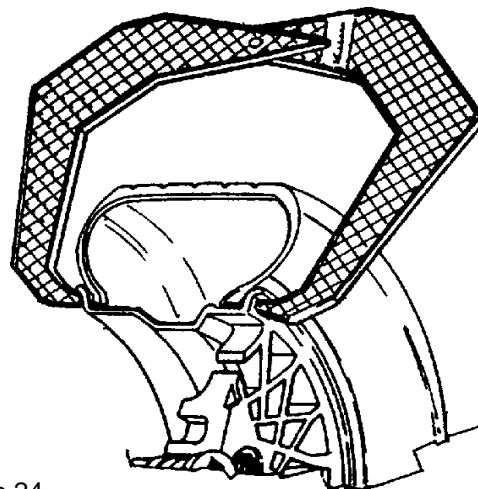


Figure 24

### 4.5.3 Manual Parameter Entry

In the event of automatic gauge failure, the distance values can be input manually.

**4.5.3.1 Manual Distance Entry** - Move the distance gauge arm to touch the inner edge of the wheel where weights are to be placed and observe the reading on the scale of the distance gauge. Press manual Wheel **Offset** button (#13 page 9) followed by pressing the **UP** or **Down** arrow button until value is displayed in the left display window.

**NOTE:** For a more precise balancing of performance wheels, an "ALU-S" Mode is available for precision determination of wheel parameters. This feature allows exacting placement of corrective weights as well. See *Page 18* for detailed instructions.

**NOTE:** The parameter arm must be in the Home rest position when the balancer is powered up. This establishes the arm starting position.

## 4.6 CORRECTION OF THE IMBALANCE

**NOTE:** Before spinning the wheel make sure proper eye protection is worn by all personnel in the vicinity of the balancer.

**A.** Spin the wheel by lowering the wheel guard or by pressing the **Enter** button. When the balancing cycle is completed the wheel will stop automatically and the imbalance values will appear on the LED's.

**NOTE:** Do not use the foot operated shaft lock as a brake, it is intended to be used only to prevent shaft rotation while placing corrective weights.

**B.** Read the imbalance value on the outer display. Values are displayed in ounces but can be displayed in grams if required and are automatically rounded to the nearest commercial wheel weight.

### 4.6.1 PLACING THE CORRECTIVE WEIGHT

Raise the wheel guard and turn the wheel until the displays of the outer plane imbalance position indicator are illuminated green. Apply the wheel weight at twelve o'clock position. Use the foot operated shaft lock to prevent shaft rotation while placing weights.

**C.** Correct the imbalance on the inner plane in the same manner.

## 4.7 VERIFICATION OF THE RESULTS

Lower the wheel guard to spin the wheel again and check that the readout is "0.00" "0.00" If a residual imbalance is displayed:

**A.** Check the rim parameters, if entered value is incorrect, correct as needed. Imbalance values will be re-computed after re-spinning wheel.

**B.** Check if the balancing mode selected is the most appropriate. If not, choose the right mode and respin.

**C.** The wheel weight could have been placed at a wrong position. To check this, position the wheel at the correction position for the outer plane. If the wheel weight previously attached is in sector 'L' or 'R' ( Figure25), move the wheel weight up about 1" (2.54cm).

If the wheel weight is in sector 'D' cut a piece of the wheel weight of an approximate value corresponding to the value shown on the right display, or replace the wheel weight with a lighter one.

If the wheel weight is in sector 'U' add a weight of value indicated by the display or replace the wheel weight with a heavier one. Repeat the same operation for the inner plane.

**NOTE:** If this situation is repeated, your machine may be out of calibration and a calibration operation might be required as instructed on page 21.

**D.** If an *ALU* function was selected ensure that the wheel weights have been placed in accordance to the program chosen.

**E.** Check that the quick nut is tight and that the wheel is not slipping against the backing collar.

**F.** Check that the wheel and adaptors are clean.

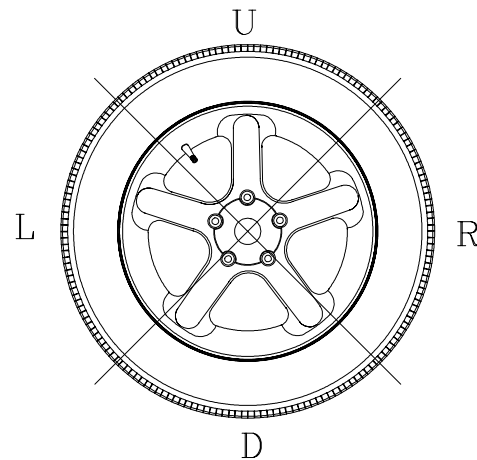


Figure 25

## 4.8 VIBRATION PROBLEMS

If vibration is still present after balancing, check the following possible sources of vibration:

1. Stones caught in the tire tread.
2. Tire slippage on the wheel.
3. Incorrectly mounted wheel.
4. Imbalanced wheel covers.
5. Excessive radial or lateral runout in the tire or wheel.
6. Damaged wheel bolt holes.
7. Worn universal joints.
8. Imbalanced brake rotors or drums.
9. Worn or damaged balancer accessories.



## 5.0 TIRE MATCHING PROGRAM - F90

Tire matching assists the user in determining the best possible mating of the tire and rim. The mating of tire and wheel normally allows the least amount of additional weight required for balancing and total runout.

The matching program is helpful when:

- Excessive radial runout is noticed.
- The balancer calls for weights in excess of 2 oz. on either plane in the *Dynamic* mode.

The **VPI System I** computer wheel balancer features a matching program capable of two levels of resolution:

**Dynamic**, to rotate *and* reverse the tire on the rim for optimum rim and tire matching.

**Static**, when the tire has an ornate sidewall or directional tread and cannot be reversed on the rim.

### INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Press the "F" button followed by pressing the **UP** or **Down** arrow button until the display reads "F" "90", release the "F" button.

When activated the machine displays "--- **ACH**" for one second followed by "**VAL TOP**". This instructs the operator to rotate the wheel so the inflation valve is at 12 o'clock. See *Figure 26*. Press "F" to store the valve position, the display will then read "**SPN 1**".

**NOTE:** The F button can be pressed more than once, every time the F button is pressed, the valve position is remembered by machine as a reference point.

2. Lower the wheel guard to spin the wheel, when the shaft reaches the balancing speed, the display reads "**ACH 1**" accompanied with a short beep.

3. After spinning the shaft brake engages and the display reads "**tur tir**" and "**CrS TOP**" alternatively.

(1) The operator should turn the wheel and mark an X at the 12 o'clock when the valve is at the 6 o'clock position. *Figure 27*

(2) Remove the wheel assembly from the balancer and deflate and rotate the tire on the rim so the valve points to the cross mark on tire as shown in *Figure 28*

4. After inflating the tire and remounting on shaft, press F Button. The machine displays "**VAL TOP**" again. Operator should turn the wheel so the valve is at 12 o'clock. Press the "F" button to program the valve position.

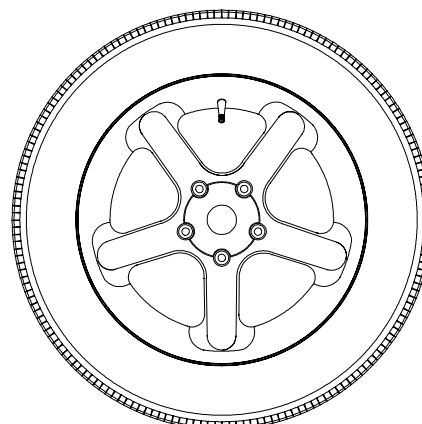


Figure 26 - Step 1, valve top, press "F"

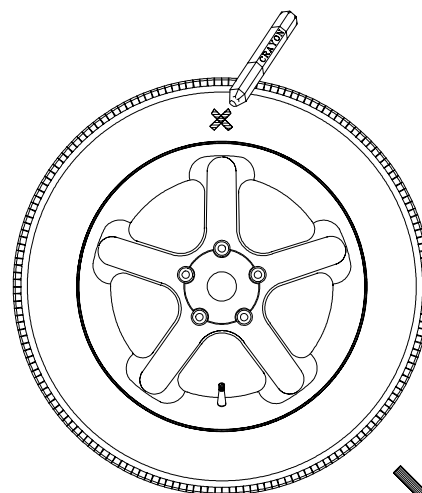


Figure 27 - Step 2, valve at bottom, mark top of tire with X, press "F"

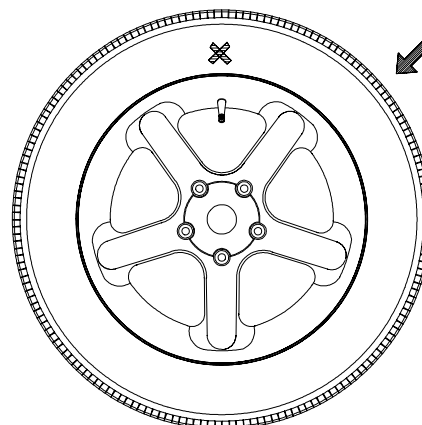


Figure 28 - Step 3, rotate tire on wheel so the valve and X mark line up. Rotate assembly to TDC, press "F".

**NOTE:** The "F" button can be pressed as often as necessary, with every press the machine updates the memory of the valve position.

5. The machine displays "**SPN 2**". Lower the wheel guard to spin the wheel, when the shaft reaches the balancing speed, machine displays "**ACH 2**" along with a beep.

6. Once the spin cycle is complete, the display reads "**CAL CUL**" for one second. Machine calculates the results based on the previous two spins.

From this point, there are three possible procedures to conclude the match balance routine. These 3 procedures are quite different depending on the results of calculation.

#### **Procedure 1**

The imbalance measured in spin 2 has been reduced to an acceptable amount, less than 2 oz, and it will not be necessary to continue match balance. The display reads "**ACH FIN**" for one second, and then proceeds to the normal two-plane balancing mode and displays the weight imbalance amount and its position for both planes.

#### **Procedure 2**

Due to a large amount of remaining imbalance the operator can continue match mount. Machine displays "**CrS**" "**r**" and "**tur**" "**tir**" alternatively. This instructs the operator to turn the wheel and make a double cross mark (XX) on the right side of the tire at 12 o'clock position when the right center position LED turns to green. See Figure 29.

**NOTE:** If you do not intend to continue minimization, you can press the Cancel/Stop Button

If the Cancel/Stop Button is pressed now, machine displays "**Qit Qit**" for one and half second to remind operator whether he wants to quit optimization or not. If one presses Cancel/Stop Button immediately, the program goes to procedure 1. If not, after one and half second, machine returns to the optimization procedure.

To continue with optimization: Deflate the tire and then turn the valve to point the XX mark on the tire. Remount tire/wheel onto shaft, press "F" when ready to continue.

1. The machine displays "**VAL tOP**". Turn the wheel so the valve is at top position. (12 o'clock) and then press F Button. The machine stores the valve position. See Figure 30.

2. The machine displays "**SPN 3**". Lower wheel guard to spin shaft. Machine displays "**ACH 3**".

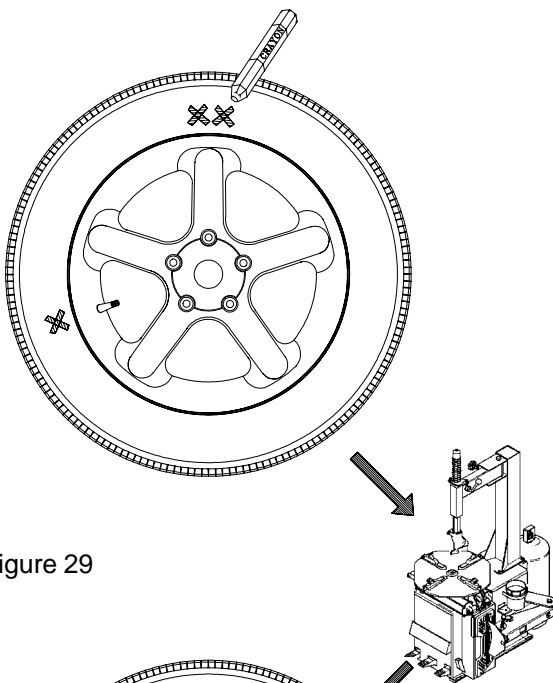


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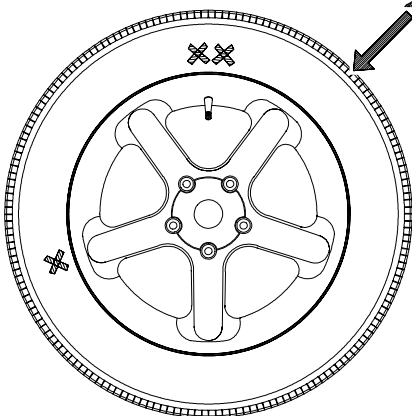


Figure 30

3. Display will read "**ACH CHC**" for one second. Balancing results are checked whether or not the matching balancing has been achieved.

4. There are two results that could be given by the previous step:

1 - *Match Balance failure*. Machine displays: "**FAI L**" for one second and then goes to idle state.

2 - *Match Balance is successful*. Machine displays: "**ACH FIN**" for one second and then goes to normal two plane balancing mode. Machine displays the recalculated weights and their position taking the matching results into account.

### **Procedure 3**

1. Machine displays "**CrS L**" and "**FLP tir**" alternatively. When the left center position LED turns to green this instructs the operator to turn the wheel and mark a XX on the left side of the tire at 12 o'clock position.

2. If the tire cannot be flipped, press the Cancel/Stop Button to force machine to procedure 2.

Calculations may not allow continuation of the matching process. If this is the case, machine displays "**NO NO**" for one and half second. If the operator does not respond the machine returns to above state after one and half second.

If the Cancel/Stop Button is pressed within one and half second, machine will display "**Qit Qit**" for one and half seconds indicating cancelation of optimization returning the machine to normal balancing modes.

If optimization is to be continued with flipping tire, proceed as described below.

3. Deflate the tire then flip, turning the valve to point the XX mark on the tire (as in procedure 2).

4. Inflate the tire and mount it to shaft again. Press the "**F**" Button.

5. The machine displays "**VAL tOP**". Turn the wheel to make valve at top position. (12 o'clock) and then press "**F**" button. The machine will store the valve position.

6. The machine displays "**SPN 3**".

**NOTE:** The F Button can be pressed as often as necessary, with every press the machine updates the memory of the valve position.

7. Lower the wheel guard to spin the shaft. Machine displays "**ACH 3**" while collecting data. Do not disturb the machine while it is acquiring data.

8. When balancing is complete, the machine displays "**ACH CHC**" for one second. Machine processes the balancing results to check whether or not the matching balancing has been achieved.

9. There are two results could be given by the previous step.

1. *Matching balancing failure*. Machine displays: "**FAI L**" for one second and then goes to idle state.

2 - *Match Balance is successful*. Machine displays: "**ACH FIN**" for one second and then goes to normal two plane balancing mode. Machine displays the recalculated weights and their position taking the matching results into account.

## **6.0 OPTIMIZATION ROUTINE- F91**

The Optimization Routine is very similar to that of the Match Mount Program (F90). The main difference is that operation begins with a bare rim instead of a rim-tire assembly. Follow instructions as detailed for in chapter 5.0 for F90.

## 7.0 ALU-S MODE

This is a mode similar to ALU mode 2 and 3. The difference is that the distance and width parameters are accurately defined for a more exacting weight placement, therefore improving the likelihood of a single spin balance. Follow the procedures below:

1. Press the Alu-s/Spoke button to activate the ALU-S mode, the display will read "**ALU - S**".
2. Extend the rim offset gauge arm and touch the position of the left weight position. See Figure 31. The display will read "**d - 1**". The high tone will sound when dimension is entered. Return the gauge arm to the rest position, a low pitch tone will indicate when it is OK to proceed.
3. Move the parameter arm to the right weight position, the machine displays "**d - 2**" as the arm is moved. See Figure 32. The high tone will sound when dimensions are entered. Return the gauge arm to the rest position, a low pitch tone will indicate when it is OK to proceed.
4. Enter the measured rim diameter by pressing the **Diameter** button followed by the **UP** or **Down** arrow button or by rotating the shaft until the desired value appears in the right display.
5. Lower the wheel guard or press "**Enter**" to spin the wheel. The display will read "**ALU**" during the spin cycle.
6. After spinning, the machine displays both the left and right plane imbalance weight and position with its color LEDs.

Rotate the wheel until the left Green LED indicates correct position for the left correction weight.

7. Extend the gauge arm. The left display shows the weight amount to be applied, the right display shows the distance the gauge arm has to travel to get to the correction plane. A high beep will sound when the correct position is reached, at the same time the right display will read "**0**" when the proper position is attained. A reading of "**- - -**" in the distance window means the gauge arm is over extended. Apply the weight amount indicated in the left window using the tape weight applicator mounted on the SAPE extension.

Return the gauge arm to its home position.

8. The right plane correction weight will be applied next as in step 7 above. The steps outlines are:
  - *Extend the arm until "0" is indicated in left window.*

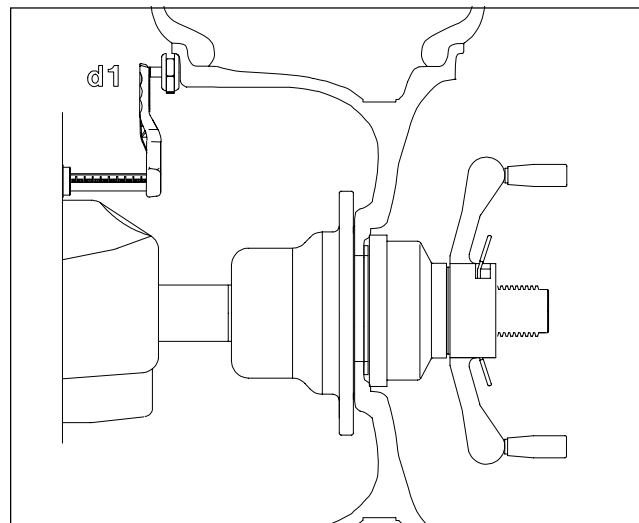


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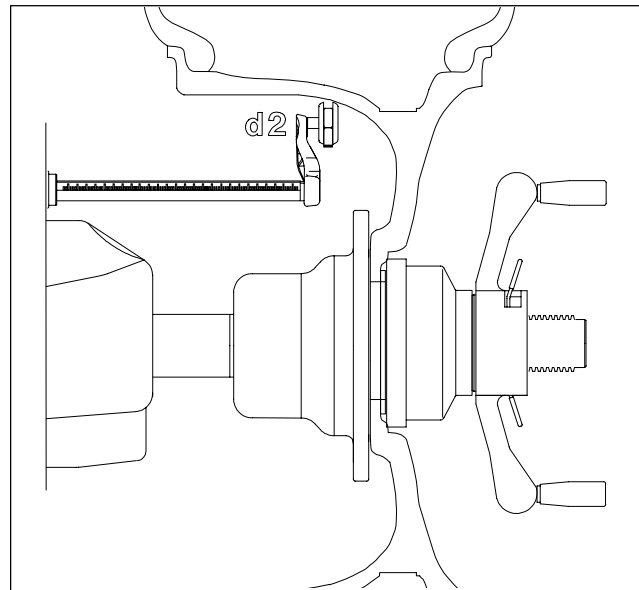


Figure 32

- *Position the wheel in the weight application position*
- *Apply the displayed weight.*

**NOTE:** Returning the gauge arm to the "Home" position toggles between the left and right correction plane.

**NOTE:** To exit ALU-S mode and return to two plane DYN (dynamic) mode press "Mode" button. The machine displays "**ALU OFF**" for one second and then enters idle state in the 2-pl DYN mode

**NOTE:** Inspect the rim and available weights and use good judgement in your selection. Weights should not interfere with any suspension parts or make contact during rotation. If a weight does make contact, use an alternate location and select an appropriate mode.

## 8.0 Spoke Balancing Mode

A standard dynamic balance places compensation weight in two planes, inner and outer, at the top dead center 180 degrees of each plane of calculated imbalance. Sometimes the outside weight placement may be unsightly on a custom wheel. See Figure 33. The Spoke Mode is designed to “hide” outer plane corrective weight by placing the required weight behind selected spokes in order to retain the esthetic appeal of the wheel.

1. Press the Alu-s/Spoke button until “**SPO**” is displayed, the display will read “**SPO**” when activated.

2. Enter left plane distance using the SAPE as you would a dynamic 2-plane or ALU-S balance.

3. Move the parameter arm to the right weight position, the machine displays “**d - 2**” as the arm is moved.

4. Enter the measured rim diameter by pressing the **UP** or **Down** arrow button or by rotating the shaft until the desired value appears in the right display.

5. Press Enter, or, lower hood guard. The display will read “**SPO**” while spinning. After Braking to a stop rotate the shaft to the inside plane top dead center position indicated by the center green LED. Extend the SAPE until the right reading says “**0**”, place indicated weight in the position directed by the SAPE.

6. Rotate the wheel to the outside plane top dead center position indicated by the center green LED, press the “**F**” button to indicate top dead center.

NOTE: Mark the tire to assist in referencing the corrective weight top dead center.

7. The display will read “**SPO 1**”. Locate the first spoke nearest to top dead center and rotate the wheel so that spoke is at top dead center. See Figure 34. Press **P** to store first position.

8. The display will read “**SPO 2**”. Locate the second closest spoke to top dead center and rotate the wheel to the top dead center position, press **F** Button again to store the position. See Figure 35.

9. The display will read “**P -2**” on its left window and the balance weight amount in right window. Place the weight amount displayed at “position 2” behind the spoke, then rotate the wheel to locate position 1. See Figure 36.

10. When position 1 is located, the balancer will beep. The display will read “**P -1**” in the left window and the weight amount on right window. Place the weight amount displayed at “position 1” behind the spoke.

11. Perform a check spin if desired.

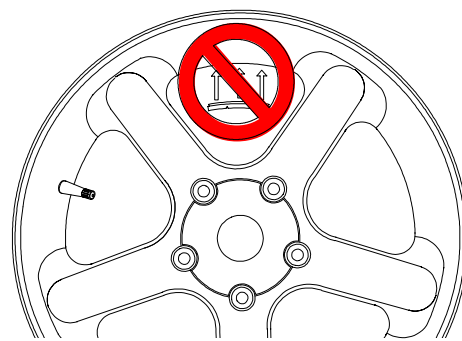


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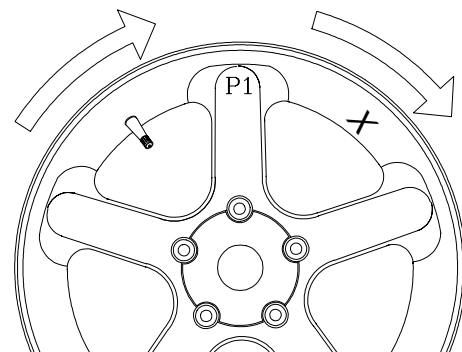


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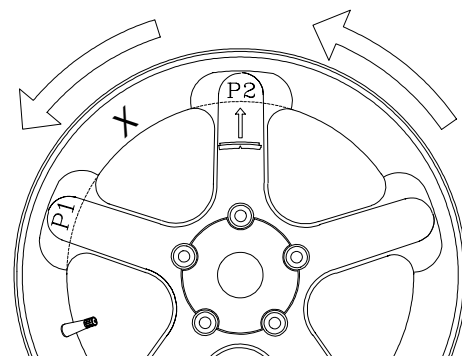


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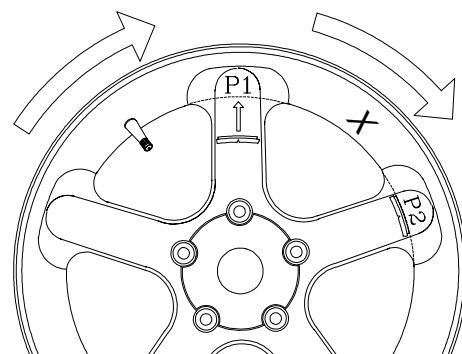


Figure 36

## 9.0 Split Weights - P92

The "Split Weight" function is used to split one large weight to two smaller weights with 60% of original weight and 33.6° away each direction from the original position. For instance, if the original unbalance weight is 3 oz, the weight is split into two 1.75 oz weights and placed 56.4° and 123.6° from the original larger value located top dead center at 90 degrees. The minimum weight to activate this function is 2 oz. The procedure is described below. See Figure 37.

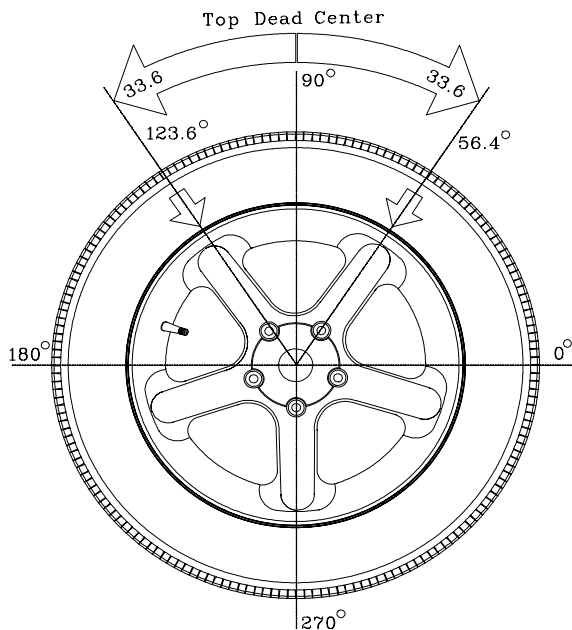


Figure 37

1. After balancing, the weight amounts are displayed in left and right windows.
2. Enter F92, machine will display "SPL -L-" or "SPL -R-" meaning which plane should be split.
3. Press the "STOP" button alternately to toggle between the left and right plane.
4. Once the desired plane is chosen, press the "F" button. The machine splits the weight into two parts. The split weight is 60% of the original weight. The position is 33.6° from each side the original position.
5. If the displayed weight is less than 2 oz (56.7 grams), the machine will display "NOT AVL" for one second, and then resumes the normal display.
6. Pressing "STOP" cancels the split weight mode and operation returns to normal. The operator can check if the position of original weight is between the two smaller weights.
7. Pressing the "STOP" button again, returns the machine to idle mode without weight amount or position display.
8. For a check spin, lower the hood guard or press "SPIN" button.

## 10.0 USER CALIBRATION

The VPI System I Balancer features a user calibration program which requires only a few minutes to complete. Perform this procedure when the balancer has been moved, disturbed, or whenever accuracy is questioned. Occasional field calibration will ensure years of reliable service.

Follow these 3 simple steps:

### 1. Activate Calibration.

Press the **F** Button (#1 Figure 38) then press the UP/Down buttons (#2 Figure 38) until the display reads "**F**" "14".

- Once F14 activates, the display will read "**CAL**" " **GAN**" for one second.
- The display will then read "**SPN**" " **1**".
- Mount a balanced wheel/tire to the shaft. See Figure 39.

### 2. Spin shaft with balanced wheel only.

Lower the wheel guard or press enter to spin the shaft with wheel/tire assembly. See Figure 39

- Displays "**CAL**" " **1**" as the machine is collecting data and performing calculations. After taking data, the shaft is automatically braked to a stopped.
- The display will read "**SPN**" " **2**".

### 3. Spin shaft with calibration slug on the left side.

Mount calibration slug to inside edge of shaft mounting plate as shown in Figure 40.

- Lower the wheel guard or press enter to spin the shaft with slug and wheel/tire assembly.
- Displays "**CAL**" " **2**" as the balancer is doing its calculations. When complete, the shaft is automatically braked to a stop.
- The display will read "**CAL**" " **FIN**" when the second step of calibration is **FIN**ished.
- If for some reason the calibration detected an error, the display will read: "---" " ---" after the shaft brakes.

**NOTE:** The balancer will not function until a valid calibration has been performed. Error messages will be displayed in the event problems occur during the calibration process.

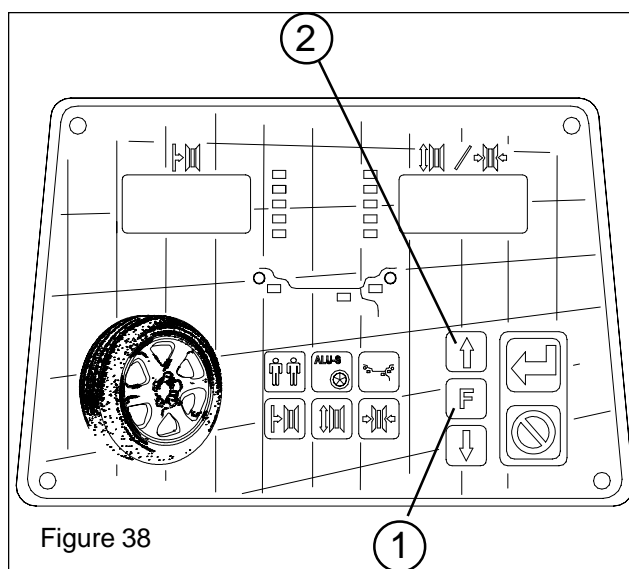


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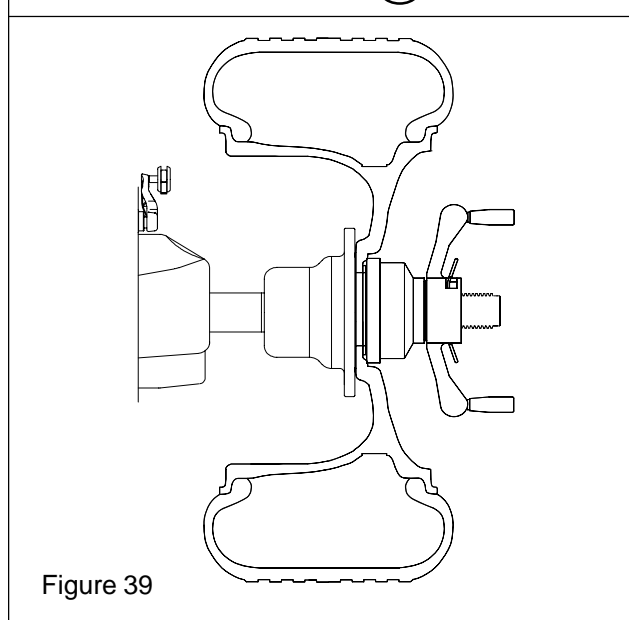


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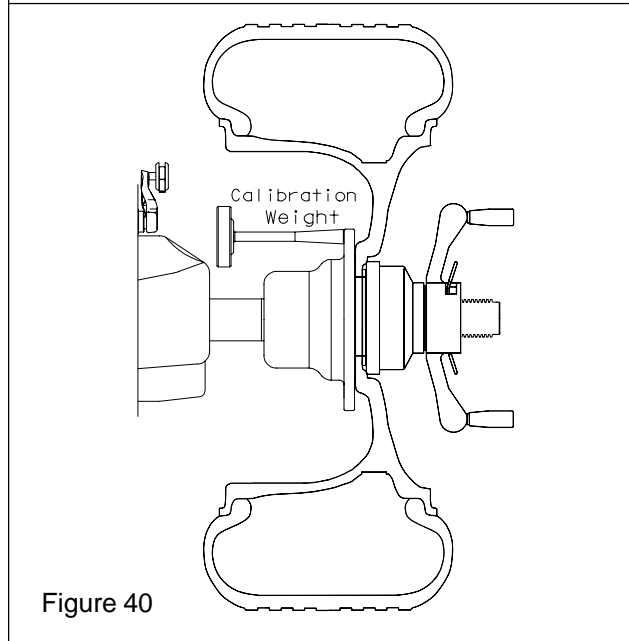


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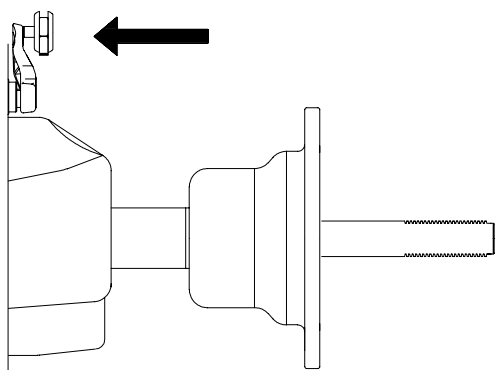


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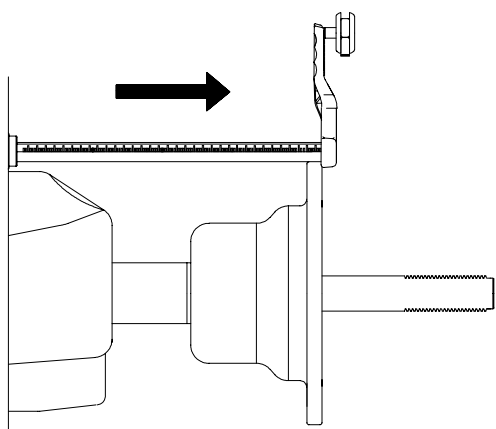


Figure 41

## 11.0 Distance Gauge Calibration F80

1. Make sure the SAPE arm is in the home position as shown in (Figure 40). **NOTE:** Weight tray must be installed.
2. Press the “**F**” button followed by pressing the “**Up**” or “**Down**” button until the display reads “**F**” “**80**”, press “**ENTER**” to continue.
3. The display will read “**CAL** ” “**SAP**” for one second. This means **CAL**ibration of **SAPE**. The display will then read “**SAP**” “**OUT**”.
4. Gently pull the **SAPE** arm **OUT** until it is fully extended, (Figure 41) hold it steady for about 1 second or until beep.
5. Display will read “**H**” “**POS**” followed by a beep. Return the arm to the home position (Figure 40). The display will read “**CAL End**”.



## 12.0 EXPLANATION OF PROGRAM CODES

Various functions and features can be programmed to enhance operation. These programs are referred to as "F Codes". Activate the "F Code" programs by pressing and holding the **F Button** while depressing the up/down arrow buttons or by turning the shaft until the desired number is displayed on the right display window. User Codes are explained as follows:

- F1 Toggle between normal and fine mode.
- F3 Toggle switch between gram and ounce display
- F7 Toggle switch of millimeter and inch for diameter measurement
- F12 The balancer has 4 counters that keeps track of total number of cycles for a certain parameter. The balancer will automatically cycle through the counters after P12 is pressed. The order of the counters are:
  1. Display "**Ctr ALL**" for one second.  
Counter number of all spins.
  2. Display "**Ctr CAL**" for one second.  
Counter number of spins since last calibration.
  3. Display "**Ctr SrV**" for one second.  
Counter number of service spins.
  4. Display "**Ctr USR**" for one second.  
Counter number of user spins.
- F14 Shaft User Calibration by user
- F18 ALU-S mode (press balancing mode button to exit and back to DYN mode)
- F43 Read or reset operator counters, reads or allows reset of all four operators. (A, B, C, D)
- F44 Read or reset productivity of user. Display counter number of default user only.
- F90 Tire Matching mode
- F91 Optimization

## 13.0 MAINTENANCE

**! WARNING!**

**BEFORE ANY MAINTENANCE OR REPAIRS ARE ATTEMPTED THE MACHINE MUST BE DISCONNECTED FROM THE ELECTRIC SUPPLY.**

This balancer does not require any special maintenance, but the following precautions are required:

- A.** Periodically wash all plastic parts with a glass cleaner. Wipe with a dry cloth.
- B.** Clean all adapters regularly with a nonflammable liquid detergent all. Lubricate with a thin layer of oil.
- C.** Periodically perform a routine calibration as outlined on pages 21 and 22 of this manual.

## 14.0 TROUBLE SHOOTING

<b>TROUBLE</b>	<b>CAUSE</b>	<b>REMEDY</b>
When turning the machine on, the displays do not light	No electric power Defect in the electric/electronic system	Check the input voltage Call the Equiserv service center for assistance
The machine gives random readouts.	Machine unstable on the floor Water in the tire Loose adaptor Defective electronic board	Check that machine is stable Remove water from tire. Tighten the adaptor firmly Call the Equiserv service center for assistance
The machine does not stop after balancing cycle	Defective electronic component	Stop using the machine immediately and call the Equiserv service center for assistance
The balancer is slow to display when powering machine up.	This machine performs a self-test routine on start-up. There will be a delay of several seconds before the display is activated.	This is a normal characteristic of the machine
If the parameter arm ceases to properly measure rim distance causing machine lockup.	Malfunction of the Parameter arm from either a failure of the electrical system or harness connection failure.	Replace the Parameter arm or manually enter the parameters to continue operation.

**NOTES:**



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