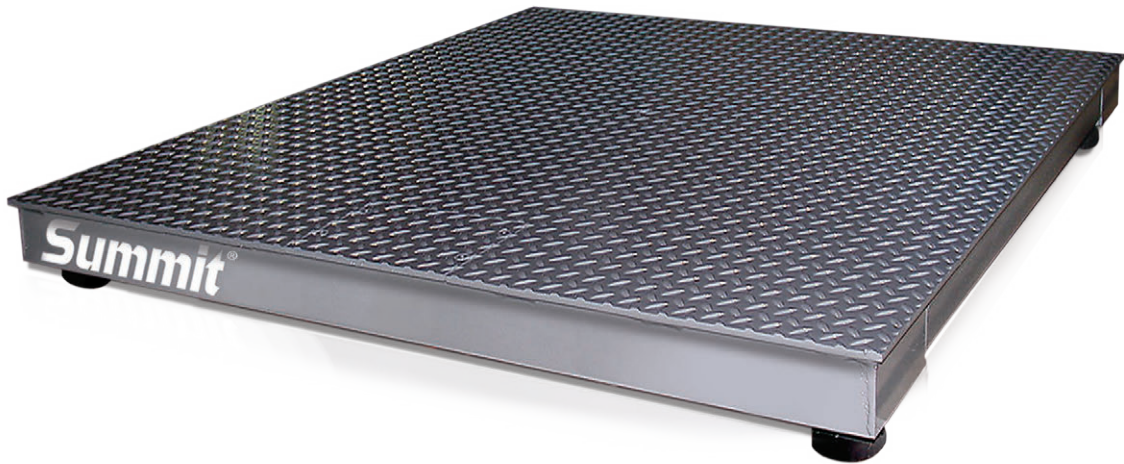


Summit[®] 3000

Low-Profile Floor Scale

Installation Manual



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1.0 Introduction

The Summit 3000 floor scale provides exceptional performance and is an economical solution in light industrial applications. The scale is a fully electronic, low profile floor scale that comes in sizes from 36" x 36" (914 mm x 914 mm) to 60" x 60" (1524 mm x 1524 mm), and capacities from 2000 to 10,000 lb (1000 to 5000 kg). All models use four corner-mounted, NTEP-certified, alloy steel shear beam load cells, with the cells recessed into the frame channels for protection. All models are shipped pre-trimmed, so corner corrections are not needed on arrival. However, the signal trim summing board is enclosed in a durable ABS enclosure that has a convenient top-access for future corner corrections.

Other available options include custom frames for pit installations and access ramps for all sizes.



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1.1 Features

The following are features of the Summit 3000 low-profile floor scale.

- 4 NTEP Certified alloy steel shear-beam load cells
- Top access junction box
- Rugged diamond safety tread plate steel deck
- 4 adjustable rigid polyurethane rubber feet, 3" (76.2 mm) diameter
- Signal trim summing board housed in ABS enclosure
- Threaded eye bolt hole (1/2-20NF) located in the center of the deck for easy lifting
- 20' of EL147 load cell cable

1.1.1 Options

- Ramps
- Pit Frames
- Mounting Plate

1.2 Safety

Safety Definitions:



DANGER: Indicates an imminently hazardous situation that, if not avoided, will result in death or serious injury. Includes hazards that are exposed when guards are removed.



WARNING: Indicates a potentially hazardous situation that, if not avoided, could result in serious injury or death. Includes hazards that are exposed when guards are removed.

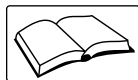


CAUTION: Indicates a potentially hazardous situation that, if not avoided, could result in minor or moderate injury.



IMPORTANT: Indicates information about procedures that, if not observed, could result in damage to equipment or corruption to and loss of data.

General Safety



Do not operate or work on this equipment unless this manual has been read and all instructions are understood. Failure to follow the instructions or heed the warnings could result in injury or death. Contact any Rice Lake Weighing Systems dealer for replacement manuals.



WARNING

Failure to heed could result in serious injury or death.

Do not allow minors (children) or inexperienced persons to operate this unit.

Do not operate without all shields and guards in place.

Do not jump on the scale.

Do not use for purposes other than weight taking.

Do not place fingers into slots or possible pinch points.

Do not use any load bearing component that is worn beyond 5 percent of the original dimension.

Do not use this product if any of the components are cracked.

Do not exceed the rated load limit of the unit.

Do not make alterations or modifications to the unit.

Do not remove or obscure warning labels.

Keep hands, feet and loose clothing away from moving parts.

2.0 Installation

The following sections describe the correct installation procedures for the Summit 3000 floor scale.

2.1 Scale Location



IMPORTANT: The scale must never be loaded beyond its capacity, even momentarily.

- Select a site where overweight loads can maneuver easily without crossing the platform.
- Avoid areas where damage could occur from side impacts of wheels or forklift tines.
- Avoid areas where falling objects could cause shock damage.
- Avoid areas where water may damage a scale not meant for a wash-down environment.
- The scale must be level within 1/4" (6.35 mm). Choose a site where the floor is level to this standard to avoid excessive shimming. The floor may require modification if unable to select an area up to standard.
- For systems where the scale is connected to a 120V AC circuit, the instrument must be directly connected to an earth ground with a ground interface cable of no more than 3 Ω resistance throughout its length.

2.2 Unpack Scale

Remove all packing material and inspect scale for visible damage caused during shipment. Report any damage to the shipping company and Rice Lake Weighing Systems immediately.

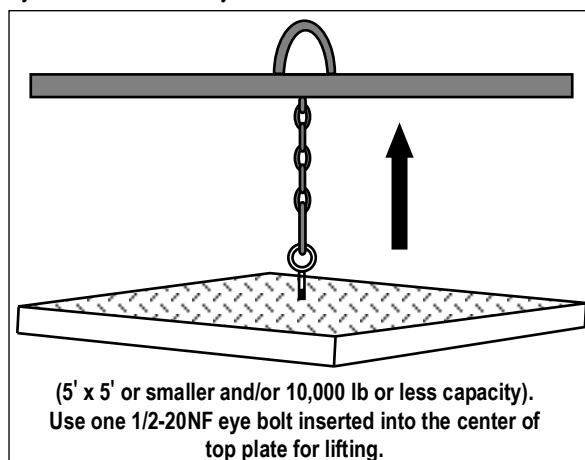


Figure 2-1. Proper Lifting Technique



IMPORTANT: Lift the scale only with a properly designed spreader bar. Lifting force must be vertical to avoid bending the eye bolt.



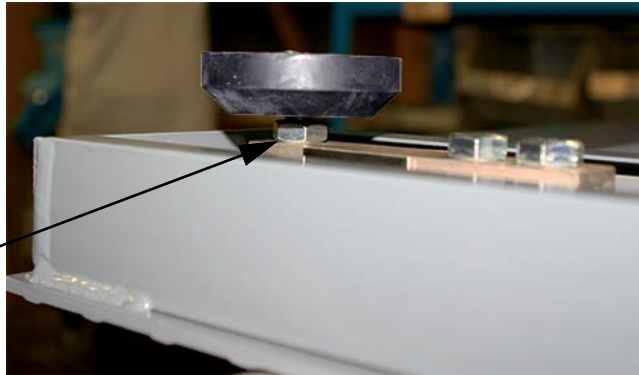
WARNING: Eye bolts must be inserted in the top of the scale. Lifting should always occur with the top plate facing up and the eye bolts securely attached through the nuts welded to the bottom of the top plate. Lifting from the bottom of the plate could cause nuts to break loose and the scale to fall.

2.3 Adjust feet

The scale feet are secured with a jam nut (located next to each load cell) during shipping to protect the load cells.

1. Loosen the jam nut.
2. Screw one foot into each load cell and turn until each foot touches either the load cell or the underside of the deck.
3. Unscrew each foot three complete turns.
4. Place a spirit level on the deck.
5. Adjust any high corners until they just contact the floor surface.
6. Recheck the deck with the spirit level, when all feet contact the floor, to ensure it is within 1/4" of level.

Jam nut needs to be loosened prior to adjusting scale feet.



Note

Scale is Shown Upside Down for illustration purposes.

Figure 2-2. Jam Nut Location on Scale Foot

2.4 Anchor Plate Installation

Optional floor anchor plates (PN 75819) are available for permanent applications and should be secured to the floor to prevent sideways movement of the scale.

1. Using proper lifting technique (Figure 2-1 on page 7), lift the scale so the feet are approximately one inch off the floor.
2. Slide mounting plates under two feet, diagonal from each other.
3. Lower the scale back to the floor and position the plates so that the bolt-down holes are accessible.
4. Using the mounting plates as templates to drill pilot holes into the floor for suitable anchor bolts.
5. Bolt the plates to the floor using 1/2" anchor bolts.
6. Recheck foot adjustment and deck level.



NOTE: For installations using access ramps, mounting plates are not necessary, the ramps have built-in mounting plates.

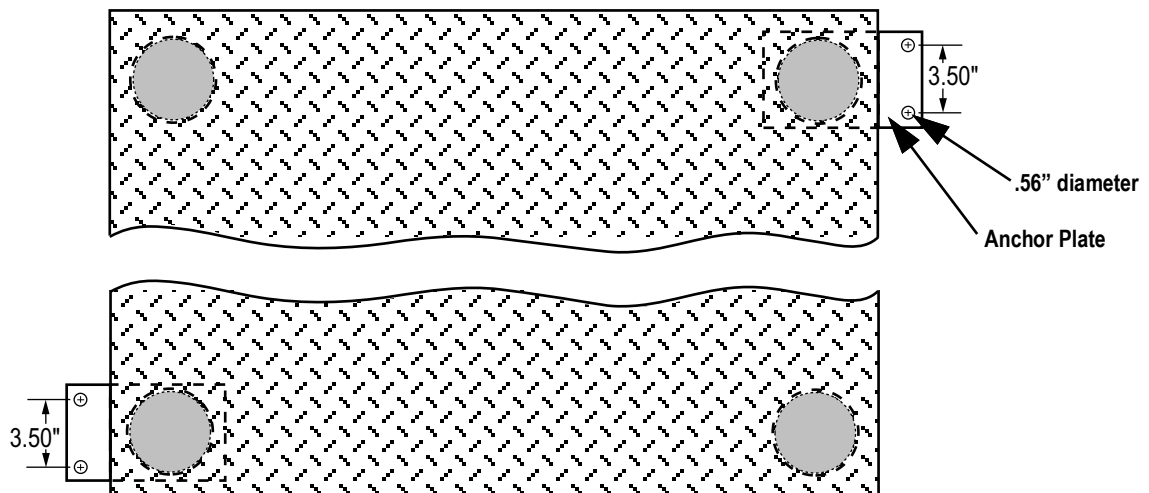


Figure 2-3. Mounting Plate Installation

2.5 Electrical Connections

2.5.1 Electrical Grounding



IMPORTANT: For systems where the scale is connected to a 115 or 230 VAC circuit, the indicator must be directly connected to an earth ground with a ground interface cable of no more than 3 Ω resistance throughout its length.

2.5.2 Electrical Interface to Indicator

To connect the scale to the weight indicator, 20' of 6-wire cable is supplied with each scale. The junction box is accessible through an access plate located on the top of the scale.

Use the following steps to wire the junction box.

1. Remove the access plate.
2. Remove the four screws using an Allen wrench.
3. Lift the junction box assembly out of the scale deck.
4. Remove the top of junction box.

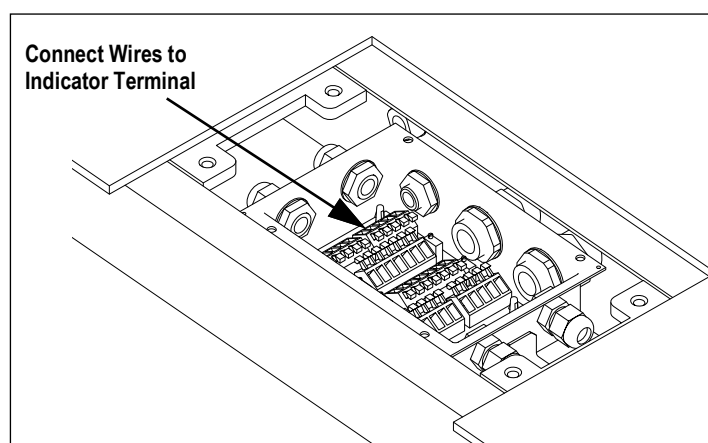


Figure 2-4. Junction Box Opened

5. Push the cable end into the junction box through a cord grip.
6. Connect the wires to the indicator terminal (Figure 2-4) as shown in Table 2-1.
7. Pull out excess and tighten the cord grip to hold the cable snugly.

Cable Color Code	Junction Box
Red	+ Excitation
Black	- Excitation
Green	+ Signal
White	- Signal
Bare	Shield
Yellow	+ Sense
Blue	- Sense

Table 2-1. Junction Box Connections

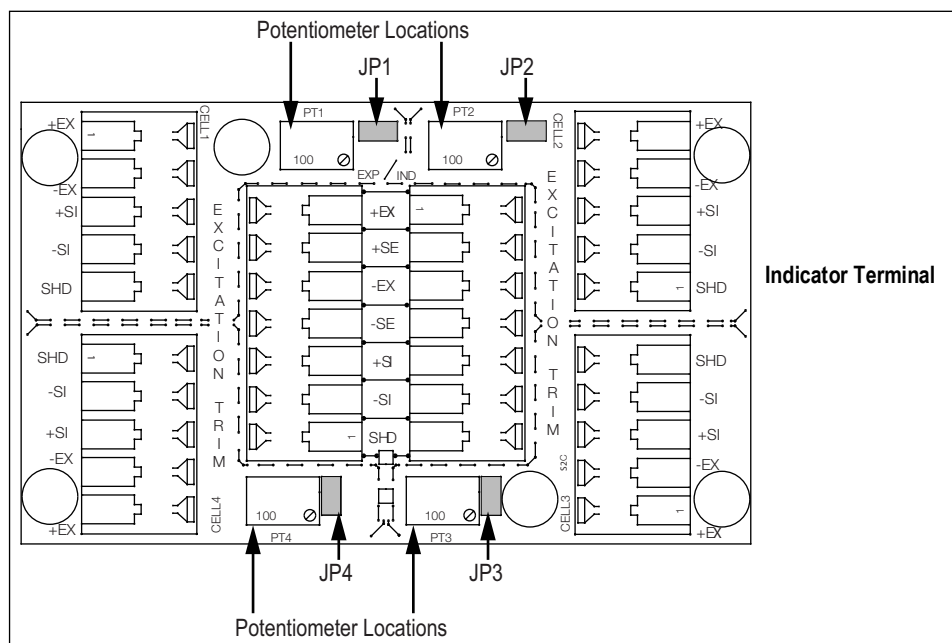
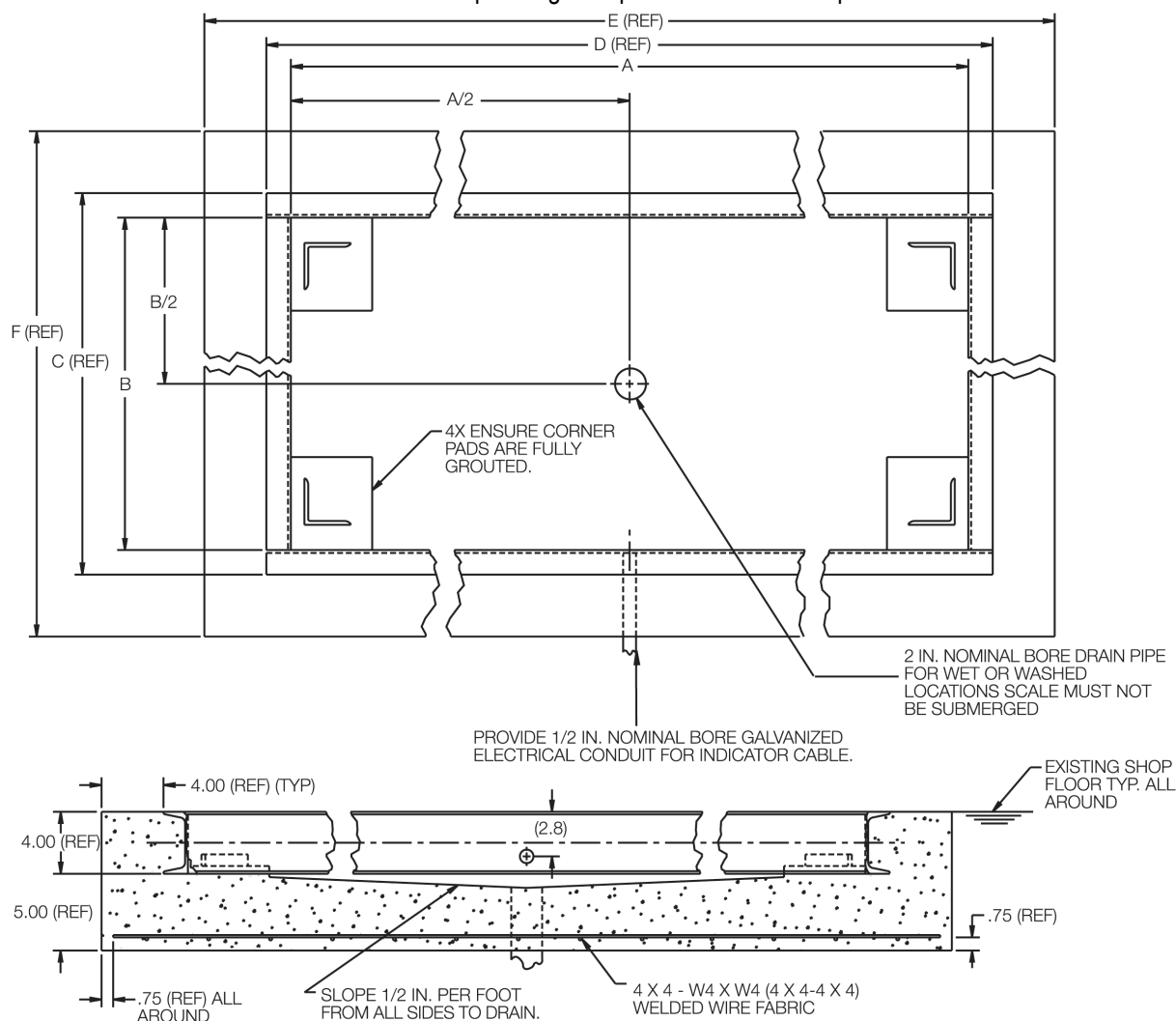


Figure 2-5. Junction Box Wiring Diagram

8. Route the cable so that it is protected from damage. Leave a loose coil of excess cable under the scale to allow for servicing and cleaning.
9. Connect the cable to the indicator. See the indicator installation manual for wiring information.
10. If necessary, trim corners as described in [Section 2.2 on page 7](#).
11. Check all strain relief fittings for tightness.
12. Put the cover back onto the junction box assembly and place the junction box back into the floor scale cutout.
13. Secure the Summit 3000 floor plate.

2.6 Pit Frame Concrete Details

The Summit 3000 can be installed in a shallow pit using the optional Summit 3000 pit frame.



Scale Size	3' x 3'	4' x 4'	4' x 5'	4' x 6'	5' x 5'
A	36.75	48.75	60.75	72.75	60.75
B	36.75	48.75	48.75	48.75	60.75
C	39.92	51.92	51.92	51.92	63.92
D	39.92	51.92	63.92	75.92	63.92
E	47.92	59.92	71.92	83.92	71.92
F	47.92	59.92	59.92	59.92	71.92

Table 2-2. Drawing Dimensions



NOTE:

- Use concrete of minimum yield strength 5,000 PSI or six bag mix
- Allow seven days to cure (wet concrete periodically during this time)
- Dimensions shown assume firm, stable soil conditions. When soil conditions are not adequate, place foundation at sufficient depth
- In wet or washdown applications, it is recommended to use hermetically sealed load cells and the junction box be mounted remotely in a dry location
- Wire mesh to have a minimum 0.75 in cover bottom and sides

Site Considerations

Debris, floor sweepings, or material spills may accumulate in the pit and interfere with scale operation. The pit should periodically be cleaned. All sizes of the Summit 3000 have a threaded hole centrally located for eye bolts so the scale can be easily lifted from the pit.

Plan the pit location out of main traffic areas to prevent such accidental damaging overloads. Weight overloads, even momentary ones such as driving a loaded forklift over a scale corner, will damage load cells.

A 1:24 slope is recommended for the pit, with full grouting under the corner pads as shown in [Figure 2-6](#).

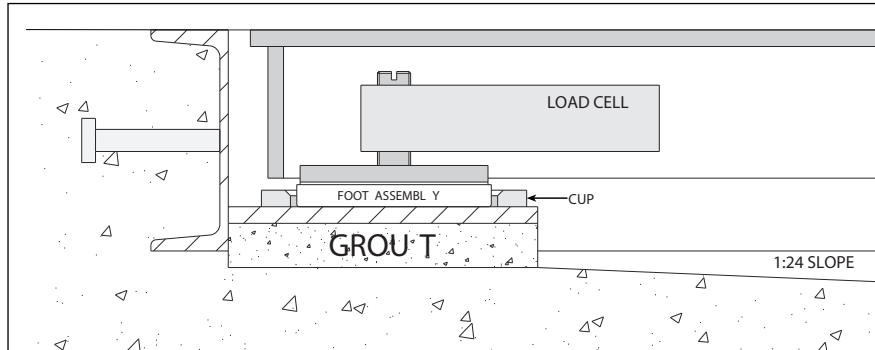


Figure 2-6. Section Showing Installed Summit 3000 and Pit Frame

2.7 Access Ramps

Access ramps for Summit 3000 floor scales are designed to bolt to the floor, with built-in mounting plates that attach to the scale feet. When used with access ramps, side movement of the scale is automatically eliminated, and no other mounting plates are necessary.

Access ramps can only be oriented on the two scale sides that are perpendicular to the longitudinal axis of the load cells. For example, the scale shown in [Figure 2-7](#) could have an access ramp on the left side as shown, and/or on the right side. The top and bottom sides, however, will not accept the standard ramp mounting plates.

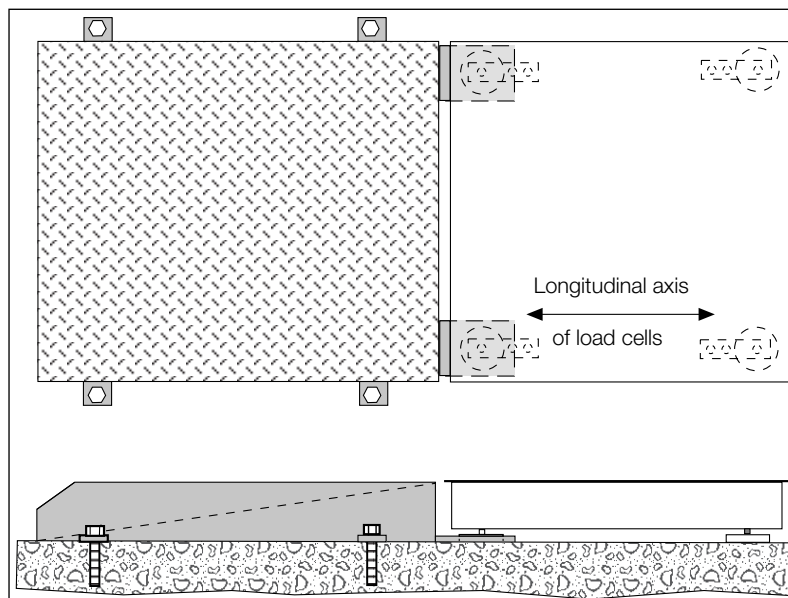


Figure 2-7. Optional Access Ramp



IMPORTANT: Align ramp with the longitudinal axis of the load cells.



NOTE: Optional custom ramps are available.

3.0 Adjustments and Calibration

The following sections describe adjustments that need to be made to the Summit 3000 floor scale.

3.1 Mechanical Adjustments

To accommodate minor floor unevenness, the scale feet can be used to adjust scale height up or down. Adjust the feet by hand (lift the scale corner slightly with a pry bar) until all feet are contacting the floor equally. Jam nuts are supplied for locking the feet, as there is a slight decrease in accuracy when jam nuts are tightened. However, if the application requires securing the feet, it's suggested to use Teflon® tape or Loctite®.

When adjusting scale feet, use care to prevent the scale foot from bottoming out against the underside of the load cell. Also, the foot stem can be damaged by bending or stripping threads if extended beyond the maximum height adjustment.

When height adjustments are complete, recheck level of the deck with a spirit level. The deck must be level within 1/4 inch (6.4 mm).

3.2 Corner Correction

All assembled Summit 3000 scales are delivered with the junction box corner-trimmed. Corner trimming is only necessary after replacing a load cell.

To calibrate the scale, the output from each load cell must be matched by adjusting the signals with potentiometers at the junction box—a process known as trimming.

1. Remove the junction box cover and identify the correct load cell terminal corresponding to each corner (labeled CELL 1, CELL 2, CELL 3 and CELL 4). See [Figure 4-3 on page 17](#) for scale deck corner numbering.

The indicator must be connected and calibrated, but it does not need to indicate the exact weight value. A test weight is required. The recommended test weight for all Summit 3000 models is 25% of scale capacity: for example, 500 lb for 2000 lb models, 2500 lb for 10,000 lb models.

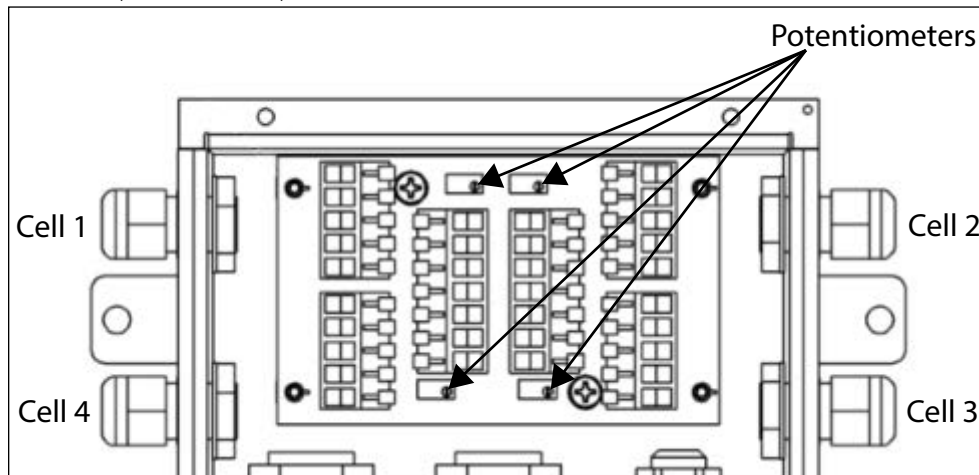


Figure 3-1. Summing Board Diagram

2. With no weight on the scale, zero the indicator.
3. Turn all four potentiometers ([Figure 3-1](#)) clockwise to increase the reading until a clicking sound is heard from each potentiometer. This ensures the maximum signal from each load cell.
4. With all potentiometers at full signal, place the test weight over one corner and record the indicated weight.
5. Repeat this process for each of the other three corners. The load cell with the lowest corner reading is used as a reference point and will not be trimmed.
6. Place the test weight over one of the other three corners and use that cell's potentiometer to adjust the cell output down to match the reference cell output.
7. Repeat this procedure with the other two high corners.

Adjustments are somewhat interactive, and adjusting the three higher outputs may affect the reference cell output, especially in smaller scale decks. Rezero the indicator and repeat the test until all corners read within $\pm 0.1\%$ of the test weight used.

3.3 Calibration Procedure

Refer to the indicator manual to determine correct calibration procedures.

It is recommended that the scale be exercised before calibration to be certain that everything is seated.

1. Load the scale to near capacity two or three times.
2. With no load on the scale, place the indicator in its calibration mode and perform a zero calibration.
3. Place test weights on the platform equal to 70% - 100% of the scale's capacity. If several weights are used, they should be evenly distributed around the platform.
4. Perform a span calibration.
5. Remove the test weights and check the zero reading.
6. Repeat the calibration process if necessary.

4.0 Maintenance

The following sections describe basic service and maintenance procedures.

4.1 Troubleshooting

The following table lists some of the common problems and their suggested solutions.

Problem	Symptom Description	Solution
System does not operate - no display	Power is disconnected	Check power and reconnect
	Indicator fuse is blown	Replace the fuse and check for the cause
	Interface cable is cut or disconnected	Repair the cable
Display stays at zero	Indicator is faulty	Service the indicator
	Load cell connections are faulty	Check the cable connections in the junction box and at indicator
Erratic weight readings	Vibration is near scale	Remove source of vibration or move scale
	Platform is not level to within 1/4"	Level scale by adjusting feet or shimming if necessary
	Load cell or cable water damage	Replace load cell cable
	Debris under load cells or platform	Clean and remove debris
	Indicator is faulty	Use simulator to test indicator for stability; service indicator
Consistently high or low weights	Indicator is not properly adjusted to zero	Zero the indicator according to the indicator manual
	Platform is binding	Obtain adequate clearance for free platform movement
	Indicator is not calibrated	Calibrate according to indicator manual and Section 3.3 on page 14
	Load cells are faulty	Test and replace load cells if necessary
	Feet touching deck underside	Adjust feet downward to provide clearance

Table 4-1. Troubleshooting

4.2 Periodic Maintenance

The space between the platform side, the pit frame and the surface beneath the platform must be periodically cleaned to prevent debris build up. More frequent cleaning of these areas is necessary with scales mounted in pits.

Do not use scales with load cells that are not hermetically sealed in washdown applications. Water damage is a common cause of failure in non-hermetically-sealed load cells. Use care with high pressure steam washdowns for hermetically-sealed load cells. The steam may not damage the load cells, however the elevated temperatures may cause incorrect readings until the unit cools to room temperature.

4.3 Load Cell Replacement

Replacement load cells can be ordered from Rice Lake Weighing Systems.

Lift the scale with a chain, spreader bar and the provided eyebolt. Remove the foot and the defective load cell. Disconnect load cell cable from the junction box and cut cable ties. When the cable is freed, pull cable out of the scale frame channels.

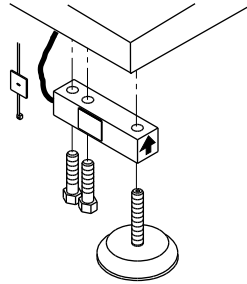


Figure 4-1. Load Cell Assembly

Use the following directions to install new load cells.

1. Lay out the load cell near the corner where it is to be installed.
2. Thread the cable from the load cell through the frame and into the junction box. Use the terminal numbers inside the junction box to match the cable.
3. Check that the threaded holes for the load cell screws are free of debris. Use compressed air to blow out holes if necessary.
4. Position load cells with alignment arrows pointed up toward the deck.
5. Loosely install the hex head cap screws provided, as shown in [Figure 4-1](#). If the base is used with a pit frame or access ramp, position the load cell to maintain the dimension shown in [Figure 4-2](#).
6. With the torque wrench, tighten all bolts to 75 ft-lbs.

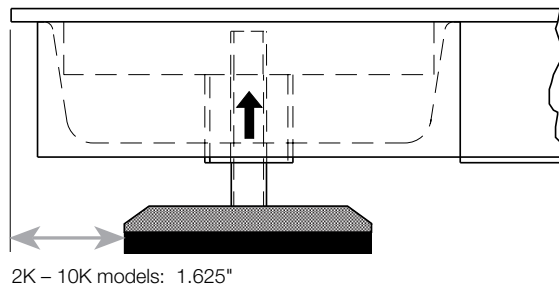


Figure 4-2. Foot Pad - Side View

7. Route the load cell cables near each corner so that the cable is free from possible contact with each foot. Hold the cable in position with the supplied adhesive-backed cable ties.
8. Do not cut load cell cables. Coil extra cable before it enters the junction box, tie with cable ties, and insert the coils into the channel near the junction box.
9. After coiling excess cable, pass each individual end of load cell cable through its grommet in the junction box cover (or through cable fittings in the NEMA 4X junction box).

Corner correction trimming and calibration is necessary after load cell replacement. Follow instruction in [Section 3.2 on page 13](#) and [Section 3.3 on page 14](#).

4.3.1 Load Cell Wiring to Junction Box

The four load cells are each wired to their respective terminals in the junction box according to the corner numbering system shown in [Figure 4-3](#), and the coloring code in [Table 4-2](#).

Pull excess cable out of the junction box enclosure and tighten the cable grips until snug. Finally, gently pull on each of the four cables to make sure that they do not slip.

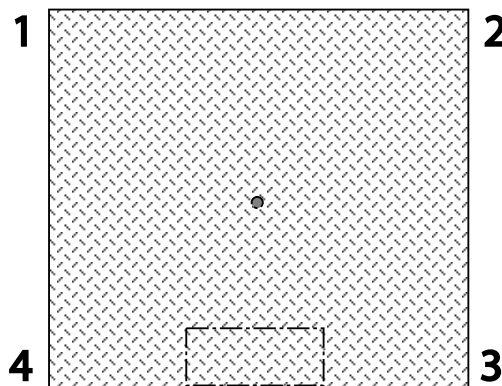


Figure 4-3. Corner Numbering - Top View

Cable Color Code	Junction Box Terminal
Red	+Excitation
Black	-Excitation
Green	+Signal
White	-Signal
Bare or Clear	Shield

Table 4-2. Load Cell Wiring

5.0 Specifications

End Load Capacity:

100% full scale at 2,000 lb and 5,000 lb

80% full scale at 10,000 lb

Load Cell Excitation

Rated Excitation: 10 VDC

Maximum Excitation: 15 VDC

Cable Length:

20 ft (6.1 m) (for connecting junction box to indicator)

Warranty:

Summit 3000 weldment and load cells two years, all other components one year

Approvals



NTEP CC 92-001A9, Class III 5,000 d



Measurement Canada AM-5530, Class III 5,000 d





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