

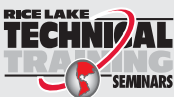
iDimension 300

Operation Manual



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1.0 Introduction

Thank you for purchasing the *iDimension 300*. This document describes how to operate the *iDimension 300*. Prior to using this unit, read this manual to ensure correct use.



Manuals can be viewed or downloaded on the **Rice Lake Weighing Systems** distributor site at www.ricelake.com.



Figure 1-1. Floor Mount Assembly

1.1 Safety

Safety Symbol Definitions



Indicates an imminently hazardous situation that, if not avoided, will result in death or serious injury.



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



Indicates a potentially hazardous situation that, if not avoided, may 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.

Safety Precautions



Do not operate or work on this equipment unless you have read and understand the instructions and warnings in this manual. Contact any Rice Lake Weighing Systems dealer for replacement manuals. Proper care is your responsibility.

General Safety



Failure to heed may result in serious injury or death.

Electric shock hazard!

- *For pluggable equipment, the socket outlet must be installed near the equipment and must be easily accessible.*
- *Always disconnect from main power before performing any work on the device.*
- *Check the power cable for damage regularly and replace it immediately if it is damaged.*
- *On the side of the device, maintain a clearance of at least 1.5" in order to prevent damage to the cable.*

DO NOT allow minors (children) or inexperienced persons to operate this unit.

DO NOT operate without all shields and guards in place.

DO NOT place fingers into slots or possible pinch points.

DO NOT use this product if any of the components are cracked.

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.

Do not use in hazardous areas!

Do not open the scanning head! The warranty and certification is void if this stipulation is ignored. The device may only be opened by authorized persons.

1.2 Overview

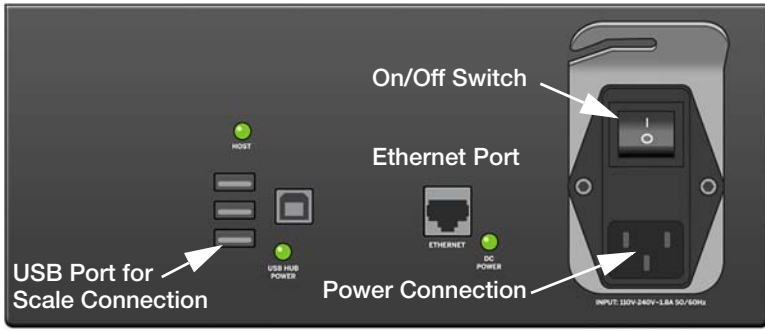


Figure 1-2. Back Panel

- Ethernet port
- Power indicator light
- Power 110/240 AC
- Three standard USB ports (Type A)
- One USB port (Type B)
- Host indicator light
- USB indicator light

iDimension 300 is functioning correctly when all three lights are on and green.

1.3 Accessories

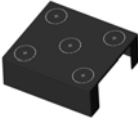



Part	Description
	Calibration Object
	Ethernet Cable
	Power Cord – US  Note Power is 110 V/240 V, but a different power cord may be needed depending on a country's plug requirements.

Table 1-1. Accessories

1.4 Cables

If using a USB cable to connect to a PC, cables must be less than three meters long.

2.0 Operation

The *iDimension 300* administrator will have configured the unit for the environment it will be used in. As an operator, it is important to be aware of the following concepts.

2.1 Modes of Operation

2.1.1 Automatic versus Manual Operation

iDimension 300 is configured to run in Automatic or Manual mode. The unit's configuration will depend upon the requirements and implementation of a company's application.



Note *Do not hold the package in position or place hands in the scanning area, iDimension 300 may include the hand/arm as part of the dimensions.*

Automatic Operation

When *iDimension 300* is configured in Automatic mode, a scan of the item will start after the system has detected that all motion has stopped under the scanning head. When an item is placed on the scale or the base plate it can be re-positioned, but it will not scan until all motion has stopped.

Manual Operation

When configured for manual operation, motion detection has been turned off. There may be a button to select on the screen to start scanning, or a bar code scan may initiate the scan.

2.1.2 Operating with a Scale

When operating with a scale interfaced directly to the *iDimension 300*, follow the scale manufacturer's instructions for proper operation of the scale.

- Set the scale unit to metric or imperial.
- Before placing an item, ensure the scale is zeroed and settled.
- After placing an item on the scale, the weight reading must settle.

2.1.3 Operating iDimension 300 without a Scale

- Flats are not supported

2.1.4 Operating iDimension 300 with a Manual Roller Conveyor

The unit is able to scan items while mounted over a roller conveyor per the following:

- The item must stop under the scanning head while *iDimension 300* captures dimensions, bar codes and images.
- Items should be positioned under the scanning head one at a time; be sure the items are not too close together or both items may incorrectly be scanned together.
- It is recommended that items are spaced about 4 in apart; there should not be more than one.

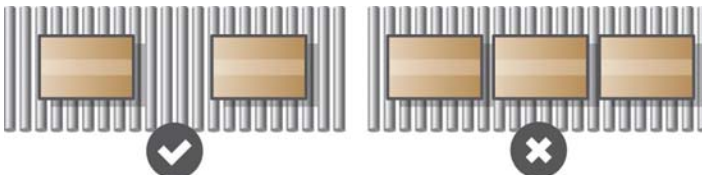


Figure 2-1. Items on Roller Conveyor

2.2 Measurement

When reporting dimensions of an item, it defines length, width and height as:

- Length – the longer of the two horizontal measurements.
- Width – the shorter of the two horizontal measurements.
- Height – the vertical measurement.

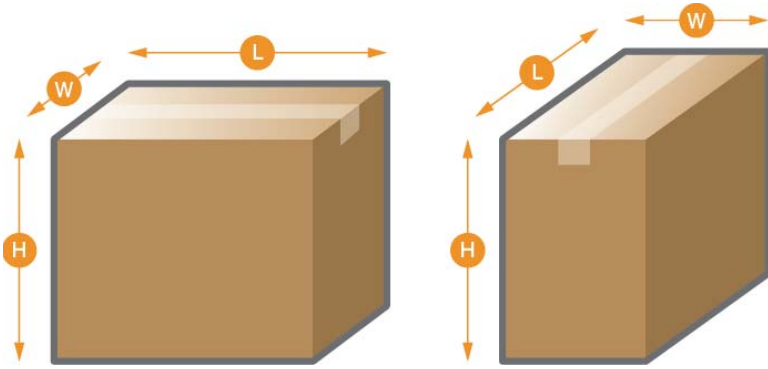
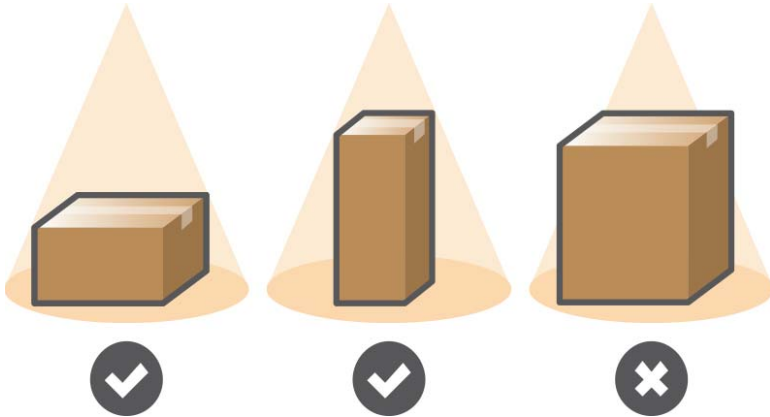


Figure 2-2. Object Measurements

2.3 Item Placement

When placing an item under the scanning head, do not worry about exact placement. In general, place an item anywhere under the scanning head, straight or at an angle. Best results will be obtained if the item is placed as centrally as possible under the scanning head.



The maximum size of an item to be dimensioned varies due to the camera's field of view.

2.4 Zone of Interest

The Zone of Interest represents the detection area used for dimensioning an item. Items must be placed at least partially within the Zone of Interest.



Note *The Zone of Interest is typically the size of the scale. Any item that is not at least partially within the Zone of Interest will not be captured.*

2.5 Work Area

The Work Area represents the area around the base used for detecting motion. The system will wait until there is no motion detected before attempting to scan an item. The Work Area also provides a maximum area for the detection of flats (items <2in); however, how flats are positioned within the work area is slightly different than parcel placement.

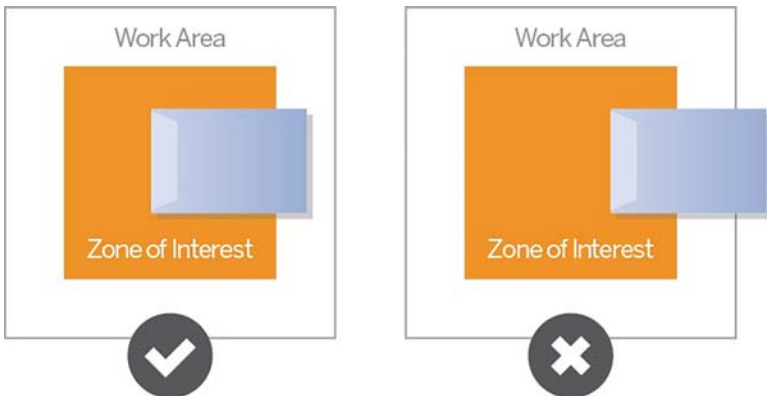


Figure 2-3. Flat Positioning



Important

Above image is for flats only. Parcels will be dimensioned even if part of the item is outside of the work area.

2.6 Environmental Conditions

2.6.1 Lighting

The system is designed to work in most locations without having to use additional lighting. For best results in bar code scanning and imaging, the LUX value at the center of the scanning area should be 300 or higher. If capturing only dimensions, low lighting is not a factor.

In some cases, the image may appear under or over exposed. Use the *Image Quality* configuration tools in *iDimension 300* manager to adjust exposure settings. Alternatively, see the *iDimension Administrator* or call RLWS Customer Support for more information.

2.6.2 Table/Roller/Conveyor/Scale Platen

If not using a roller/conveyor system, it is recommended that the unit is positioned over a dark colored table/scale platen for best results capturing dimensions. If the table/scale platen is not a dark color, it is recommended that a non-glossy black mat is used to cover the scanning area.

When using a scale, the platen should be black for best results.

If scanning over a roller conveyor, color is not an issue.

2.6.3 Scale Placement

If using a scale, it should be centrally located beneath *iDimension 300* lens. During operations, the scale could move, so it is recommended that operators check the position of the scale before starting work for each day.

2.7 Irregular Shapes

The *iDimension Administrator* has enabled the unit to recognize both rectangular shapes and irregular shapes to be dimensioned.

Table 2-1 shows some examples of how *iDimension 300* will measure shapes:

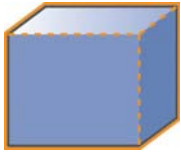
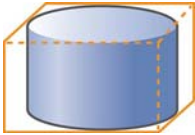
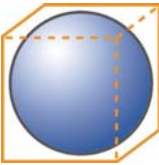
	Standard cube
	Cylinder
	Sphere

Table 2-1. Packaging Shapes


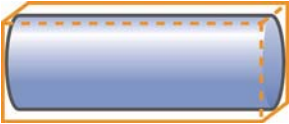

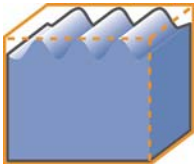
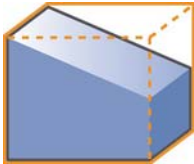
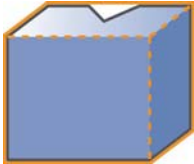
	Polybag
	Tube
	Triangular tube
	Cube with an uneven top
	Cube with a sloped side
	Cube with one irregular side

Table 2-1. Packaging Shapes

3.0 Appendix

3.1 Troubleshooting

3.1.1 iDimension 300 Is Not Responding

If *iDimension 300* is not responding at all:

- Check that the power cable is connected to the rear panel and is properly plugged into a power outlet.
- Make sure that all three lights are lit on the rear panel.

If power is connected and all lights are on, restart the application.

If restarting the application does not resolve the problem, power cycle the system.

- Locate the power switch on the rear of the *iDimension 300* head.
- Move the switch to the **OFF** (0) position for three seconds.
- Move back to the **ON** position.
- Wait until the three green lights are lit.
- Restart the application.

If neither of these actions is successful, contact Rice Lake Customer Support for additional help.

3.1.2 The Image Is Black

If the image is black, remove the cap from the scanning head.

3.1.3 Images Captured Arms

Be sure to move hands away from the scanning area after placing an item. If still having problems, ask the *iDimension Administrator* to review the configuration settings for **Lock Motion** and **Motion Down**. Refer to Section 6 in the *iDimension 300 Installation Manual* for more information.

3.1.4 Some Items Do Not Trigger Automatic Capture

If operating with a scale:

- Make sure the scale is registering a stable weight for the item.

If operating without scale:

- Items less than 2 in high cannot be dimensioned.

3.1.5 Bar Codes Are Not Being Read

- Make sure that the item was placed under the scanning head with the bar code visible on top and within the imaging area.
- Confirm that the type of bar code being scanned is supported. A list of supported bar codes is included in the specifications (Section 3.2 on page 10).
- Confirm that the *iDimension Administrator* has defined the **Capture Profile** for the application that includes the type of bar code being scanned.

3.2 Specifications

Physical Specifications

Height (with Standard Frame)	67 – 79 inches/170 – 200 cm
Weight (without Frame)	28 lb/13 kg

Operating Conditions

Indoor operating temperature	41° - 104° F (5° - 40°C)
Humidity	Non-condensing
Mechanical environment class	M1
Electromagnetic class	E1
Power	110V - 240V

Performance Specifications

Shape	Cuboid, Irregular shapes
Accuracy	± 0.2 in (± 5 mm)
Maximum object size (LxWxH)	47.25 in x 31.5 in x 31.5 in object (120 cm x 80 cm x 80 cm high object)
Minimum object size (LxWxH)	5.5 in x 3.4 in x 2 in (14 cm x 10 cm x 5 cm)
Item position	Dimensions only: any position OCR Required: any position with text and bar codes facing upwards.
Object colors	All opaque packaging; some variances may occur with glossy surfaces or shrink wrap.
Measurement surface	Level table, scale, roller, conveyor Background should have contrasting color from items to be dimensioned; also avoid overly polished or glossy surfaces.

Interoperability

The following scales are supported:

- Mettler Toledo® Standard Protocol
- METTLER TOLEDO Standard Interface Command Set (MT-SICS)
- NCI Standard Protocol
- Pennsylvania Scale Company® 7300 Scale
- USB HID Protocol

External scale support via ScaleService web service interface

Other scales and interfaces can be supported; please contact Customer Support for custom interface quotes.

Communications

Communications interface

HTTP/HTTPS

Tools are provided for set up, calibration and service.

Connectivity

3 USB A

1 USB B (unused)

1 – 10/100/1000BASE-T Ethernet

Technical Specifications

System requirements

Client computer with Ethernet connection.

Customer applications can be integrated with *iDimension 300* using a web service interface.

Configuration tool requires a

JavaScript-enabled browser.

Bar codes

EAN 13, UPC -A and 2/5 digit extensions

Code 128 and UCC/EAN-128 encoding

Code 39

Code 93

EAN 8

UPC – E

UPC 2/5 digit extensions

Interleaved 2 of 5

Codabar

Patch Codes

PDF 417

Datamatrix

QR Code

Applications Interface

Web Services

API documentation available

Regulatory Information

FCC

This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class A digital device, pursuant to part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference when the equipment is operated in a commercial environment. This equipment generates, uses, and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instruction manual, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. Operation of this equipment in a residential area is likely to cause harmful interference in which case the user will be required to correct the interference at his own expense.

Changes or modifications not expressly approved by Rice Lake Weighing Systems, could void the user's FCC granted authority to operate the equipment.

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- Individual electronic components returned to RLWS for warranty purposes must be packaged to prevent electrostatic discharge (ESD) damage in shipment. Packaging requirements are listed in a publication, *Protecting Your Components From Static Damage in Shipment*, available from RLWS Equipment Return Department.
- Examination of such equipment by RLWS confirms that the nonconformity actually exists, and was not caused by accident, misuse, neglect, alteration, improper installation, improper repair or improper testing; RLWS shall be the sole judge of all alleged non-conformities.
- Such equipment has not been modified, altered, or changed by any person other than RLWS or its duly authorized repair agents.
- RLWS will have a reasonable time to repair or replace the defective equipment. Buyer is responsible for shipping charges both ways.
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