# Deadweight Gauges & Testers PORTABLE SERIES

- Portable in lightweight, all metal cases
- Accurate 0.1% of indicated pressure, traceable to the National Bureau of Standards (NBS). 0.05%, 0.02% available- see page P19
- Reliable hardened stainless steel pistons and corrosion resistant materials
- Metric (SI) or US Customary Units calibration
- · Certificate of Calibration, optionally available
- Gas or liquid pressure measurement
- Stock delivery, repair service, and spare parts available

The Portable Series of Deadweight Gauges and Testers cover the pressure range from 5 psi to 20,000 psi or in metricunits from 100 kPa to 101100 kPa. They are designed to be used in industrial or research applications where extremely accurate pressure measurement or pressure calibration is required. More specifically, they are usually used for accurate checking of gas or liquid pressures in pipelines or industrial plants.

# HIGH ACCURACY

Deadweight Gauges blend ruggedness with high accuracy. Variations over time typical of strain gauges or spring gauges are eliminated. Their operation depends only on balancing known weights against the force exerted by an unknown pressure acting on a piston of precisely known area. The weights are applied manually until the piston is floating with no net vertical movement. Each piston's area is determined by comparison against a piston of known area traceable to the National Bureau of Standards. The mass of the balancing weights is also traceable to NBS.

## HIGH SENSITIVITY

When the weights are applied to the piston, the entire assembly is rotated slowly. This rotation minimizes frictional effects and permits vertical motion of the piston with extremely small variations in pressure. Measurements to 1/10 psi (1 kPa) can be made.

# **DEADWEIGHT GAUGES**

Gauges are used to measure the pressure exerted by a gas or liquid and cannot generate a test pressure. They are accurate to 0.1% of indicated pressure. This is a significant improvement over gauges that are accurate to 0.1% of full scale. Their portability means that they can be conveniently used to check line pressure, gas pressures at well head, static pressures on orifice meters, and to



measure pressures in many other industrial applications. They have been used for turbine testing in power generation plants.

The 5-125 and 5-170 have an electric motor for rotating the weights to minimize friction. These gauges are manufactured for use on 115V, 60 Hz power or on 220V, 50 Hz power.

## DEADWEIGHT TESTERS

Testers can be used as gauges and additionally have a manually controlled pump which can generate the pressure needed to calibrate spring gauges or strain gauges. Valves are included which permit rapid, convenient switching between functions. Each tester has an integral oil reservoir to provide the pressure medium needed for calibrating purposes. This also permits testing of small pressure vessels.

## **SPECIFICATIONS**

**Shipping Weight** 23 kg (50 lb) to 115 kg (250 lb) depending on pressure range of model ordered

> Size Series 15, 23: 480 x 150 x 330 mm (19" x 6" x 13")

> > Series 5, 2: 530 x 200 x 360 mm (22" x 8" x 14")

Series 55: 530 x 360 x 450 mm (22" x 14" x 18")

Maximum Pressure Up to 101100 kPa (or 20,000 psi)

Minimum Pressure 5 or 50 psi depending on range (see Ordering Information, page P 20)

Accuracy 0.1% of indicated pressure

Certificate of Available upon request Calibration Accuracy 0.05%. Special 0.02%

> Certificate available upon request. See page 19

Calibration 25° C (77°F) Calibration based on

Temperature standard gravity of

980.665 cm/sec.2

Calibration Meets MIL-C-45662A

**Temperature Limit** 4 to 50° C (40 to 120°F)

Humidity 0 to 95% RH

Vibration Small amplitude, high frequency

only

Environment Minimize dust and corrosive atmosphere

Motor Driven See Models 5-125 and 5-170 Weight Spinner

Piston Material Hardened stainless steel

Pressure Tubing Stainless steel

Material

Weight Materials Brass or stainless steel

Smallest Weight See Ordering Information Supplied

Fill Fluid Mineral oil, standard (P-1169 synthetic fluid optional for special requirements)

Oil Flash Point 232°C (450°F)

Input Connector 1/4" NPT

Seal Material Buna-N

Carrying Case Metal case with handles. The

Series 5 and 55 instruments have separate cases for weights.

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# PRINCIPLE OF OPERATION

The unknown liquid or gas pressure is measured by connecting the gauge to the unknown and then balancing the force that the unknown exerts against a piston with a known area. Weights are applied manually as the vertical movement of the piston is observed while rotating. When no net vertical piston motion is seen, the pressure is determined by counting the calibrated weights used and adding the fixed weight.

Before using the instrument, the base must be level. A spirit level is permanently mounted on the base plate for this purpose. Operators quickly learn to make repeatable accurate measurements.



Gauge Series 5



Series 15



Tester Series 2



Series 23



Series 55

To order, see pages P19, P20 and P21.

PRESSURE MEASUREMENT