

Selection of the appropriate test weight for your balance

A balance can never be more accurate than the test weight used to adjust it, it all depends on its tolerance. The accuracy of the test weight should correspond to the readout [d] of the balance, or rather be better. Nominal weight value is shown in adjust mode "CAL" in the balance display. Given a choice, the heaviest weight is the most suitable for accurate measurement.

Once accuracy and nominal weight value are specified, the suitable test weight is selected according to the tolerances "Tol" of the individual accuracy classes E2 - M3, see column "Tol ± mg" at the respective weight and table at page 188.

Example:

Balance with weighing range [Max] 2000 g = 2 kg
and readout [d] = 0,01 g = 10 mg

- The accuracy of the required test weight is determined by readout [d]: max. tolerance ± 10 mg.
- Displayed weight size on "CAL" mode: 1000 g or 2000 g. The required test weight has a 2 kg weight size.
- Suitable test weights with ± 10 mg tolerance and 2 kg weight size, can be found in accuracy class F1. KERN-No 326-12, see page 194.

Exception, analytical balances (readout [d] ≤ 0,1 mg):

E1 test weights are recommended. Depending on the safety requirements, E2 test weights with a DAkkS calibration certificate will also be sufficient.

From brass to stainless steel - the right test weight for every situation



Test weight →	Knob shape with lifting knob, polished stainless steel	Compact shape with carrying grip, polished stainless steel	Knob shape with lifting knob, polished stainless steel	ECO shape, polished stainless steel	Knob shape with lifting knob, finely turned stainless steel	Knob shape with lifting knob, finely turned brass
Features ↓						
Conforms to OIML:R111	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Available classes	E1, E2	E2	F1	F1	F2, M1	M1, M2, M3
Upper surface	polished	polished	polished	polished	finely turned	finely turned
Material	Stainless steel	Stainless steel	Stainless steel	Stainless steel	Stainless steel	Brass
Adjusting cavity	no	no	yes	yes, from 50 g, readjustment can only be carried out by KERN	yes, from 20 g	yes, from 20 g
Marking (Milligram weights, generally none)	no	none	Nominal value, etched	Nominal value, etched	F2: Class + nominal value, etched; M1: Class + nominal value, adopted	Class + nominal value, adopted
Verification possible	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	yes, M1 only
Checking equipment for verification purposes	approved	approved	approved	approved	approved	approved, M1 only
Ideal as checking equipment in QM systems (e.g. ISO 9000 ff)	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High-quality test weight for analytical and precision balances • Highly-refined surface • Ideal shape of the top for good grip 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Affordable test weight for analytical and precision balances • Highly refined surface 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ideal, high-quality test weight for precision balances • No visible adjustment chamber • High long-term stability • Ideal shape of the top for good grip 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Affordable test weight for analytical and precision balances • Highly refined surface • Optimum shape of the top for good grip 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ideal test weight for commercial and industrial scales • Ideal shape of the top for good grip 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Affordable test weight for commercial and industrial scales • Ideal shape of the top for good grip

Composition table, valid for all KERN test weight sets from 1 mg

Individual weights per set →	1	2	2	5	10	20	20	50	100	200	200	500	1	2	2	5	10	20	20	50	100	200	200	500	1	2	2	5	10	
Test weight set ↓	mg	mg	mg	mg	mg	mg	mg	mg	mg	mg	mg	mg	g	g	g	g	g	g	g	g	g	g	g	g	g	kg	kg	kg	kg	kg
1 mg-500 mg	Total weight												1,11 g																	
1 mg-50 g													111,11 g																	
1 mg-100 g													211,11 g																	
1 mg-200 g													611,11 g																	
1 mg-500 g													1.111,11 g																	
1 mg-1 kg													2.111,11 g																	
1 mg-2 kg													6.111,11 g																	
1 mg-5 kg													11.111,11 g																	
1 mg-10 kg													21.111,11 g																	