

Accredited Calibration and Verification Service for Balances, Test Weights, Force Measurement and more

TEST SERVICE







Accredited calibrations according to DIN EN ISO/IEC 17025:2018 norms for balances, weights, force, volumes of solid bodies, densities of solid bodies, temperature, humidity.

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The heart of calibration and verification *1

The principle

Every electronic measuring device will only give correct results if it is checked regularly, i.e. calibrated correctly and adjusted when required. An electronic balance, test weight or another measuring device is only a reliable measuring and checking tool if it is calibrated and this calibration is documented as part of a quality procedure.

Calibration accredited by DAkkS (DAkkS = German calibration service) documents traceability to the national standard and this then meets the standard requirements of QM systems. Accredited calibrations are valid internationally.

Calibration of measuring devices

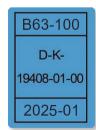
Measuring "correctly" is of elementary significance, as it is not unusual for inaccurate or "wrong" measurements to have expensive economic consequences. Calibration or establishing the accuracy of checking equipment is carried out by accredited laboratories throughout the world in accordance with the DIN EN ISO/IEC 17025 standard. On an international level, the EA (European co-operation for Accreditation) and ILAC (International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation) monitor the upholding of the highest quality standards. In Germany this is carried out by DAkkS (German accreditation point).

What does calibration mean?

Determining and documenting the deviation from true, actual measure value of the value displayed by a measuring device or of the value given by checking equipment.



Recalibration information (optional)



DAkkS calibration mark

When is an accredited calibration required?

Accredited calibration is always necessary, when checking equipment is to be used in a QM process (e.g. in accordance with ISO 9000ff, TS 16949, VDA, FDA, GLP, GMP, ...). The operator controls the use of checking equipment and periodic recalibration time intervals themselves. Calibration certificates with accreditation symbol are recognised internationally.

Deutsche Akkreditierungsstelle (DAkkS)

The German accreditation body (DAkkS) is the successor to the German calibration service (DKD) in terms of accreditation systems. On the basis of EC regulation no. 765/2008, the accreditation point of the German calibration service (DKD) was transferred to the German accreditation point (DAkkS) with effect from 17.12.2009.

Who needs a calibration certificate with accreditation symbol?

In the context of standard requirements for monitoring checking equipment, every company with a Quality Management system is obliged to test and document its measuring equipment at regular intervals. A calibration certificate with accreditation symbol fulfils this obligation.

The KERN calibration laboratory (D-K-19408-01-00)

KERN has a highly-automated calibration laboratory with accreditation to DIN EN ISO/IEC 17025 in the field of balances, test weights, force measurement, humidity and temperature. By using the most modern calibration technology with high-end calibration robots in fully air-conditioned laboratories, the measurement uncertainty and process times are reduced to a minimum, and also the quality of the calibration is increased. As an accredited and certified calibration service provider with decades of experience, we offer you an extensive range of services, which will leave no demand unfulfilled. The accreditation applies to the extent specified in the appendix to the certificate D-K-19408-01-00.

Calibration or verification

Accredited calibration is possible for every balance in perfect condition. DAkkS calibration is a private service for ensuring high quality requirements according to DIN EN ISO 9000ff and other standards, e.g. in production and research. Verifying is only possible for balances with certificate of compliance marked with a green **M**.

More interesting facts at: www.kern-lab.com

¹ The "initial verification" for new balances is called conformity assessment according to NAWID: 2014/31/EU, a verification corresponds to the "reverification".

All you need to know about calibration and verification *1





Accredited calibration

(area not regulated by law)

Why?

Accredited calibration is always necessary when checking equipment (balance or test weight) is to be used in a QM process (e.g. to ISO 9000ff, GS 9000, TS 16949, VDA 6.1, FDA, GLP, GMP, ...)

What?

An accredited calibration can be performed on any checking equipment.

How?

Determination of accuracy throughout the world by a laboratory which is accredited to DIN EN ISO/IEC 17025. Traceability to internationally recognised standards. The calibration certificate with accreditation symbol confirms both the metrological characteristics of the checking equipment and the general requirements for the ► monitoring of checking equipment (eg. ISO 9000ff).

Where?

Internationally recognised. This is monitored by EA (European co-operation for Accreditation) and ILAC (International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation), and in Germany, for example the DAkkS (Deutsche AkkreditierungsStelle GmbH) – German accreditation point.

When?

The operator controls the use of checking equipment and periodic recalibration time intervals themselves.

Verification*1

(area regulated by law)

Why?

Applications with mandatory verification of balances and test weights include commercial trade when the price of a commodity is determined by weighing, the manufacture of pharmaceuticals in pharmacies, the production of prepackaged goods in medical applications.

What?

You can only verify balances which have a certificate of compliance and test weights which conform to ► *OIML* standards.

How?

Testing to verification permissible error limits (for details on tolerances see page 14) to protect the consumer. When introducing balances and weights onto the market, they are subject to EU directives. The subsequent monitoring of the market is regulated at a national level, in Germany through the MessEG (Weights and Measures Act) and MessEV (Verification ordinance).

Where?

EC Declaration of Conformity with CE marking is valid as "Initial verification" throughout Europe. Reverification and national declarations of conformity are only recognised on a national level.

When?

The legislative body governs the use of balances and test weights as well as time intervals for re-verification. National specifications apply here.

The "initial verification" for new balances is called conformity assessment according to NAWID: 2014/31/EU, a verification corresponds to the "reverification".

KERN test services at a glance

Calibration of balances inhouse (at KERN)

With the shortest calibration time in the KERN calibration laboratory of maximum 4 working days after receipt of order, this gives you almost uninterrupted use of your balances within your production process.s.

Calibration of balances on site (at the customer)

As an option, you can have your balances calibrated on your premises. This on-site testing service is metrologically recommended, as the balance is in its field of use and can be calibrated without any possible transportation problems. Minimized downtime and personal contact with our expert are the major benefits of this service. We would be pleased to give you more information and agree a date with you.

Calibration of weights

Here too, with its short process times, KERN is unbeatable. The most modern calibration robots calibrate your test weights with only the slightest ▶ measuring uncertainty, according to international directives of OIML R 111 and thereby ensuring a reliable weighing result. Recommended recalibration period 1 year. On-site calibration of your weights according to OIML classes M1 − M3 (10 kg − 50 kg) can also offer you an affordable alternative. We would be pleased to come to your premises and calibrate your test weights with our mobile MACOS calibration system.

Calibration of force

Through the force-measurement accreditation from KERN (in Newtons), Accredited calibration of your force-measuring devices means that we can meet the highest requirements. With test stands and measuring procedures designed for this purpose, our specialists can calibrate your checking equipment to the latest test methodology in our laboratory.

Calibration of temperature and humidity

With the shortest calibration time in the KERN calibration laboratory of maximum 4 working days after receipt of order, this gives you almost uninterrupted use of your balances within your production process.s.

Volume determination

When calibrating every new weight in OIML class E1 you must also establish its volume. This is necessary for the correction of air buoyancy. Accredited volume determination in our laboratories is an integral part of our high-end demands.

Reconditioning of weights

KERN gets your weights back up to standard, **regardless of the manufacturer**. Whether it is adjustment, marking, sand blasting or lacquering. The aim here is compliance and long-term stability. Special arrangements on request.

Magnetic characteristics

By measuring sensitivity/and magnetisation KERN gains reliable evidence regarding the magnetic characteristics of your test weights. "Magnetic" weights can distort the weighing result when you are using the balance.

Factory calibration

The testing of measuring devices for accuracy in accordance with a recognised but not accredited process without proof of metrological traceability – this is the difference when compared with accredited calibration.

Digital Calibration Certificate (DCC)

The "Digital Calibration Certificate (DCC)" created by the PTB can be downloaded on www.kern-lab.com/dcc. You will find further information on page 22.

The paperless calibration certificate as PDF can be downloaded at the calibration download on www.kern-lab.com.

Reverification service for balances and test weights

The reverification of balances and weights is regulated on a national level and can therefore only be offered for balances and weights used in Germany. For reverification kindly contact the agencies in your country.

Database supported management of checking equipment

Information on your checking equipment which has been calibrated by us is stored in our database. In this way it is possible to make trend calculations. You therefore get an overview of long-term stability and trend behaviour of your checking equipment.

Reminder service

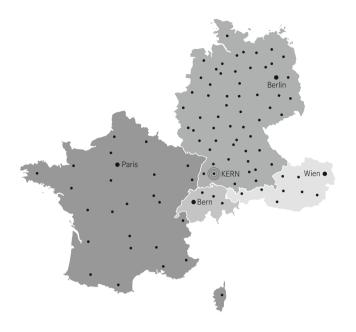
The continuous recalibration of your checking equipment is an integral part of the reliable management of checking equipment. You can depend on KERN to support you, and KERN will remind you in good time when the next recalibration is due.

This service is free of charge to you!

Collection and delivery service

Why not let us transport your checking equipment correctly. We will collect your checking equipment from you and then deliver it quickly and safely.

The balance





a) KERN on-site calibration (we visit you)

In Germany, KERN has a close-knit network of accredited calibration laboratory employees, who can carry out on-site calibration of balances up to 50 tonnes.

This on-site testing service is metrologically recommended, as your balance is in its field of use and can be calibrated without any possible transportation problems.

Lower downtime and personal contact with our expert are the major benefits of this service.

This KERN calibration service is also independent of the brand. Preparatory maintenance work by agreement. Prices for on-site calibration on request.

Tell us your desired date with indication of the scales to be tested or enter your inquiry directly in our offer generator on www.kern-lab.com. One of our calibration staff will then contact you immediately and discuss the calibration procedure with you at your premises – uncomplicated and competent.

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THE ADVANTAGES OF USING THE KERN ON-SITE CALIBRATION:



- + Calibration on-site at your premises in the field of use
- + No risk of damage during transportation
- + Low downtime
- + Cross-brand servicing, basic inspection and adjustment by a specialist
- + You tell us when you would like us to come
- + Device training for qualified users



Calibration of balances

Any balance will only give correct results if it is checked regularly, i.e. calibrated correctly and adjusted when required. A balance is only a reliable measuring and checking tool if it is calibrated and this calibration is documented. The issued accredited calibration certificates are proof of the metrological traceability to national and international standards, as required by the DIN EN ISO 9000 and DIN EN ISO/IEC 17025 standards, amongst others.

KERN recommends a recalibration period of one year.

The standard does not give a defined recalibration period. KERN recommends that, with intensive (daily) use, you recalibrate your balance every 6 months and with normal (weekly) use, every 12 months.



THE ADVANTAGES OF USING THE KERN IN-HOUSE CALIBRATION:



- + Short calibration time: Test time in the laboratory is only four working days
- + Competence: Calibration laboratory, which complies with the highest standards in the area of metrology
- + Management of the recalibration calendar for your individual measuring instrument is possible
- + Cross-brand service: Measuring devices from any manufacturer can be calibrated independently
- + Repair: Any necessary repairs can be carried out immediately, if you wish



b) Calibration at the KERN factory (you send your balance to us)

Recommended for new devices and for balances which can be affordably transported, as then there is no need for us to travel to carry out the calibration on-site. Repairs can be carried out at the same time, quickly and in full.

The process would be as follows:

Day 1: Send your balance to the KERN calibration

laboratory in Balingen.

Day 2 to 3: Evaluation and calibration of

your balance by our specialists.

Day 4: After positive validation, your balance

is returned.

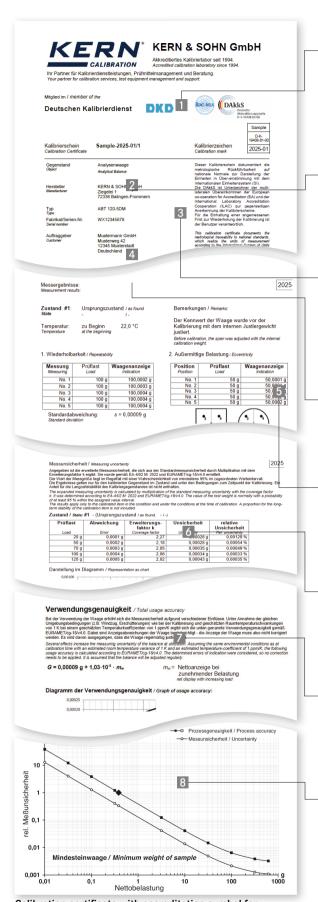
Recalibration

• Typical industrial recalibration times

may be recommended as follows:

- daily use of the measuring instrument (once or several times): Recalibration period of 6 months
- weekly use of the measuring instrument
 (or less often): Recalibration period of 12 months
- Recalibration prices: The prices for (re)calibration of balances can be found on page 11. Costs for cleaning, function testing and any necessary adjustment or for the production of special holders to carry out the calibration will be calculated separately.

Calibration service for balances (accredited calibration)



Calibration certificate with accreditation symbol for balances (extract)

Calibration certificate with accreditation symbol for balances

1. "Official" document

The calibration laboratory KERN (D-K-19408-01-00) is accredited through the accreditation point of the Deutsche Akkreditierungsstelle GmbH. The calibration certificate with accreditation symbol is recognised internationally and is available in several languages.

2. Item to be calibrated

The calibration item as well as the type or model with serial number is documented. This means that there is no confusion and guarantees the assignment of the calibration certificate to a specific balance.

3. Traceability

The reference standards of the accredited laboratory are monitored in strictly defined cycles and periodically brought into line with national and thereby international standards. This is carefully documented and given on the calibration certificate. In this way the basic fundamental traceability to the national standard is ensured.

4. Applicant

On the very first page of the calibration certificate you will clearly see the applicant or owner of the calibrated checking equipment.

5. Metrological part

As well as other tests, three metrological tests are carried out during accredited calibration. These are to test repeatability, accuracy and eccentric loading. This defines the features of the balance.

6. Measurement uncertainty of a balance

This is determined individually for each balance according to a precisely given test method and is documented in the calibration certificate. It depends on various factors, both internal and external to the balance.

7. Usage accuracy

Usage accuracy gives the uncertainty when the operator uses the measuring equipment on site. This value, which is established by a mathematical equation is influenced by changes in temperature, type of use and other factors.

8. Minimum weight of sample (optional; see page 9 Art.No. 969-103)

The smaller the sample weight, the larger the relative measuring uncertainty. For those responsible for weighing processes, it is important to determine the deviations which occur when establishing values of the smallest loads. Determining the minimum sample weight declares in this way, clearly the various requirements on the weighing accuracy in relation to the sample weight.

Minimum weight of sample (in use)

What is the lightest item you can weigh on your balance, while still achieving accurate and reliable weighing results? What exactly is the limit?

The KERN minimum sample weight protocol accounts for the established minimum sample weight of your balance and its location of installation and use with the relative **measuring** uncertainty. With various safety coefficients and required weighing accuracy (process accuracy), depending on standard or quality-related requirements on the balance being used.

The higher the selected safety coefficient, the higher the safety when using the balance in a particular process. Typical perturbations when using the balance e.g. small fluctuations in temperature are taken into account. In easily predictable conditions in a professional environment of use, KERN recommends a safety coefficient of 3. For critical processes, a correspondingly higher factor should be selected. The minimum sample weight protocol contains a diagram as well as a table, from which you can ascertain the minimum sample weight for your balance, depending on the process.

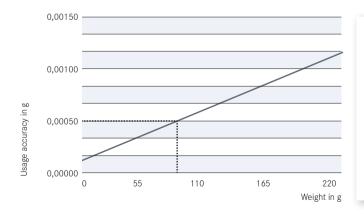
Safety coefficients and required process accuracy for the minimum sample weight:

Usage accuracy

As the calibration of a balance is a snapshot, there must be a statement relating to how the measuring instrument behaves in operation in the location of use, or to what extent the measuring uncertainty may change. This is because with daily use, the measuring uncertainty of a balance increases due to various influences. These influences must be recorded and rated ...

... and this is how:

By accepting that the same environmental conditions (e.g. draughts, vibrations, ...) as they were at the point of calibration are present at the location of the balance and estimated room temperature fluctuations of X Kelvin (°C) with a temperature coefficient assigned in the balance (in ppm/K), the result is a particular accuracy of use. You can establish this accuracy of use in accordance with EURAMET/cg-18.



Example:

Balance with 220 g.

At 82.5 g the usage accuracy is 0.0005 g. 0.000606 %

	Safety coefficient					
Required process accuracy	1	3	5	10		
0,1 %	0,0985 g	0,2983 g	0,5021 g	1,0297 g		
0,2 %	0,0491 g	0,1480 g	0,2480 g	0,5021 g		
0,5 %	0,0196 g	0,0590 g	0,0985 g	0,1979 g		
1,0 %	0,0098 g	0,0294 g	0,0491 g	0,0985 g		
2,0 %	0,0049 g	0,0147 g	0,0245 g	0,0491 g		
5,0 %	0,0020 g	0,0059 g	0,0098 g	0,0196 g		
10,0 %	0,0010 g	0,0029 g	0,0049 g	0,0098 g		

Adjustment at the location of installation

Why?

Adjustment at the location of installation is necessary, as the measuring results of balances depend on the local gravitational force (gravitational acceleration) and therefore depend on the location of use. KERN can carry this out just before shipping at the factor, individually to suit the location of installation.

What are the advantages of carrying out adjustment at the location of installation?

- The balance gives reliable measurement results at the location of installation.
- No time-consuming on-site adjustment necessary.
- You do not need a Service Engineer or any additional weights.
- The balance is ready for immediate use.

For adjustment to the location of installation you need the value for gravitational acceleration at the location of installation, which KERN can calculate using the point of use. The procedure is suitable for balances with a resolution of <60,000 d. For higher resolutions we recommend a balance with an internal adjusting weight or adjustment with a calibrated adjusting weight at the location of installation.

Pricing table for adjustment at the location of installation

Area	KERN	Price
[Max] ≤ 5 kg	961-247	43,-
[Max] > 5 - 50 kg	961-248	52,-
[Max] > 50 - 350 kg	961-249	62,-
[Max] > 350 - 1500 kg	961-250	99,-
[Max] > 1500 - 2900 kg	961-251	131,-
[Max] > 2900 - 6000 kg	961-252	260,-
[Max] > 6000 - 12000 kg	961-253	300,-



Certificate of conformity



With a certificate of conformity you get a statement about whether the balance meets your defined requirements. In conjunction with a calibration certificate with accreditation symbol it serves as documented proof that the balance fulfils the required process demands. When doing this the process owner for the balance can select from different temperature specifications – depending on its individual requirements:

Conformity evaluation on the basis of the:	KEF	KERN		
Usage accuracy*	relative	969-511	on request	
	absolute	969-512		
Calibration results*	relative	969-513	on request	
	absolute	969-514		
Measurements as	other manuf.	969-515	on request	
manufacturer or customer	cust. spec.	969-516	on request	
specification	KERN device	969-517	22,-	

relative = % / absolute = g

*as supplement to the calibration certificate with accreditation symbol (Details see www.kern-lab.com)

Calibration and verification prices for electronic balances Accredited initial calibration and recalibration of balances at the KERN factory

Checking equipment	Initial calibration	Price € excl. of VAT ex works	Recalibration	Price € excl. of VAT ex works
Weighing range				
Analytical balances				
$[Max] \le 5 \text{ kg}$	963-101	200,-	963-101 (R)	205,-
[Max] > 5 kg	963-102	250,-	963-102 (R)	260,-
High resolution precision balances (>500.000d)				
$[Max] \le 5 \text{ kg}$	963-103	170,-	963-103 (R)	174,-
[Max] > 5 kg - 50 kg	963-104	193,-	963-104 (R)	199,-
[Max] > 50 kg - 350 kg	963-105	215,-	963-105 (R)	225,-
Precision balances / industrial scales				
[Max] ≤ 5 kg	963-127	103,-	963-127 (R)	106,-
[Max] > 5 kg - 50 kg	963-128	124,-	963-128 (R)	127,-
[Max] > 50 kg - 350 kg	963-129	153,-	963-129 (R)	157,-
[Max] > 350 kg - 1500 kg	963-130	215,-	963-130 (R)	225,-
$[Max] > 1500 \text{ kg} - 2900 \text{ kg}^{1)}$	963-131	290,-	963-131 (R)	295,-
$[Max] > 2900 \text{ kg} - 6000 \text{ kg}^{1)}$	963-132	580,-	963-132 (R)	590,-
$[Max] > 6000 \text{ kg} - 12000 \text{ kg}^{1)}$	963-133	650,-	963-133 (R)	670,-
Hanging scales / crane scales		,		
[Max] ≤ 5 kg	963-127H	103,-	963-127H (R)	106,-
[Max] > 5 kg - 50 kg	963-128H	124,-	963-128H (R)	127,-
[Max] > 50 kg - 350 kg	963-129H	145,-	963-129H (R)	149,-
[Max] > 350 kg - 1500 kg	963-130H	225,-	963-130H (R)	270,-
[Max] > 1500 kg - 2900 kg	963-131H	395,-	963-131H (R)	400,-
[Max] > 2900 kg - 6000 kg	963-132H	650,-	963-132H (R)	670,-
$[Max] > 6000 \text{ kg} - 12000 \text{ kg}^{2/3}$	963-133H	910,-	963-133H (R)	940,-
Additional services		, ,	, ,	
Preparation for recalibration (cleaning, adjustment, function test)			969-003R	26,-
Minimum weight of sample (for details see page 9 or internet)	969-103	10,-		
Express service with delivery time 48 hours, per scale	962-116 (R)	52,-		
Express shipping	in GER only	-		

¹⁾ Floor scales & axle load scales only (Price per weighing panel). Please ask for further details. 2) On request 3) Processing time 4 working days

Verification⁶⁾ prices for electronic balances

Checking equipment	Initial verification ⁶⁾	Price € excl. of VAT	Reverification ⁷⁾	Price € excl. of VAT
	KERN	ex works	KERN	ex works
Electronic balances, class I, [Max] ≤ 5 kg ⁴⁾	965-201	150,-	950-101R	245,-
Electronic balances, class I, [Max] > 5 kg 4)	965-202	150,-	950-102R	320,-
Electronic balances, class II, [Max] ≤ 5 kg ⁴⁾	965-216	85,-	950-116R	126,-
Electronic balances, class II, [Max] > 5 kg - 50 kg ⁴⁾	965-217	99,-	950-117R	153,-
Electronic balances, class II, [Max] > 50 kg - 350 kg ⁴⁾	965-218	135,-	950-118R	235,-
Electronic balances, class III-IV, [Max] ≤ 5 kg ⁴⁾	965-227	65,-	950-127R	120,-
Electronic balances, class III-IV, [Max] > 5 kg - 50 kg ⁴⁾	965-228	84,-	950-128R	120,-
Electronic balances, class III-IV, [Max] > 50 kg - 350 kg ⁴⁾	965-229	110,-	950-129R	193,-
Electronic balances, class III-IV, [Max] > 350 kg - 1500 kg ⁴⁾	965-230	158,-	950-130R	285,-
Electronic balances, class III-IV, [Max] > 1500 kg - 2900 kg ⁴⁾	965-231	178,-	950-131R	395,-
Electronic balances, class III-IV, [Max] > 2900 kg - 6000 kg ⁴⁾	965-232	235,-	950-132R	610,-
Preparation for recalibration (cleaning, function test)	-	-	969-006R	26,-

Verification⁶⁾ prices for electronic crane scales

Checking equipment	Initial verification ⁶⁾	Price € excl.	Reverification ⁷⁾	Price € excl.
		of VAT		of VAT
	KERN	ex works	KERN	ex works
Electronic crane scales, class III-IV, [Max] > 50 kg - 350 kg ⁴⁾	965-129H	119,-	950-129HR	210,-
Electronic crane scales, class III-IV, [Max] > 350 kg - 1500 kg ⁴⁾	965-130H	150,-	950-130HR	345,-
Electronic crane scales, class III-IV, [Max] > 1500 kg - 2900 kg ⁴⁾	965-131H	178,-	950-131HR	500,-
Electronic crane scales, class III-IV, [Max] > 2900 kg - 6000 kg ⁴⁾	965-132H	235,-	950-132HR	760,-
Electronic crane scales, class III-IV, [Max] > 6000 kg - 12000 kg ⁴⁾	965-133H	355,-	950-133HR	1220,-
Electronic crane scales, class III-IV, [Max] > 12000 kg - 31000 kg ⁵	-	-	950-134HR	1490,-
Electronic crane scales, class III-IV, [Max] > 31000 kg - 50000 kg ⁵⁾	-	-	950-135HR	1490,-
Preparation for recalibration (cleaning, function test)	-	-	969-006R	26,-

⁴⁾ Processing time 4 working days, 5) processing time 15 working days,

i Calibration prices for on-site calibration on request

^{6) &}quot;Initial verification"/conformity assessment according to NAWID: 2014/31/EU, only when purchasing a balance from KERN, valid throughout Europe

⁷⁾ Verification ("reverification"), only for Germany

Equipment qualification

Documented quality of your balances in the log book

Consistently high product quality requires the use of measuring and test equipment that provides comprehensible, consistent and reproducible results. Hence, quality management systems require that measuring and test equipment produces a detailed traceable description and documentation of calibration results and conformity statements. Work not documented is work not done.

Equipment qualification is documentary evidence that a equipment is suitable for the intended purpose and is working faultlessly. A balance log book as well as our EQS (Equipment qualification software) is used to record all activities and results required for the qualification and monitoring of balances during routine operation. This includes the installation and commissioning of the balances, routine tests, maintenance as well as the recording of special events (failures, repairs, change of location).

The structure of the balance log book is based on the qualification process of the balance. The requirements for the qualification system such as DIN EN ISO 9001, DIN EN ISO/IEC 17025, GLP/GMP, VDA must be taken into account. The log book supports the user in his/her daily work with the balance and is meant to serve as necessary evidence during inspections and audits. The responsibility for maintaining the log book and its appropriate use is to be borne by the user.

Our proposal: Count on our support!

KERN offers this qualification concept throughout. Our validation services are carried out on the spot by technicians of our calibration laboratory and comprise among other things: installation, measurement test inclusive DAkkS calibration certificate as well as records in your qualification log book and in the EQS (Equipment qualification software).

We give you advice about the options of device qualification, as required and will be happy to set up an appointment for qualification at the place of installation. We offer individual calibration and maintenance agreements for the periodically required requalification.

Further information can be found at www.kern-lab.com



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Important elements of equipment qualification:



Design Qualification (DQ)

With the design qualification, which ist carried out under consideration of a requirement specification/functional description, all the requirements on which you as a user depend on, are defined. The purchase decision is made on the basis of the design specifications and the available devices. Careful selection in the DQ can prevent later deficiencies.



Installation Qualification (IQ)

All steps to be taken for the installation and commissioning of the equipment are described in detail in the installation qualification. These include among others:

- checking for completeness of delivery and assurance that the delivered equipment meets the required specifications
- a description of the ambient conditions at the place of installation
- proper installation and assurance that the equipment is ready for operation after installation
- documentation of equipment configuration and equipment settings
- Recording and installation of connected peripherals units



Function Qualification (OQ)

The operational qualification describes the metrological test performed for the balance at the place of installation. In the course of this all parameters that define the efficiency of a measurement will be checked. The OQ must be carried out by trained staff with the help of qualified aids (such as certified weights that are traceable to an approved standard). Briefing/training of users must be assured and recorded in the OQ.



Performance Qualification (PQ)

The PQ represents documented evidence that the balance or weighing system functions in the selected application as intended. This will be assured by a qualification test of the equipment under real conditions with respect to its surroundings and the problem definition (such as traceable data transmission). If the balance or weighing system is "merely" to be used for weighing it will not be necessary to carry out a PQ as the ability to function has already been proven during the metrological test (OQ).



Maintenance Qualification (MQ)

The periodical maintenance, cleaning work and complete metrological test of the balance/weighing system is documented in the MQ by a trained authorised engineer. The results are documented on a calibration certificate with accreditation symbol. Maintenance is carried out with the help of a maintenance schedule.

The test weight

Calibration of test weights

In order to have calibrated measuring devices you must have calibrated checking equipment. For balances, for example, the test equipment is calibrated test weights.

Depending on frequency of use, test weights must be recalibrated at regular intervals. This is the only way to guarantee that you maintain the requirements for checking equipment so that it functions reliably.

Recalibration times depend on the frequency of use, the conditions of use and your safety requirements.

The standard does not give a defined recalibration period. We recommend that, with intensive use, you recalibrate your test weights every 6 months and with normal use (daily), every 12 months (weekly).

KERN calibrates test weights

- In all OIML error limit classes E1 M3 and in sizes 1 mg - 2500 kg
- Test weights with free nominal value (any weight value)
- · Carried out in Newton
- Independent of design (special designs)
- Independent of the brand



The advantages of using KERN in-house calibration (you send your test weights to us)

- Excellent price to performance ratio
- Quick handling time
- standard: approx. 4 working days
- Express Service: from 48 hours (details on request)
- Calibration service independent of the brand
- KERN also reconditions old weights (e.g. cleaning or readjustment)
- KERN calibration certificates with accreditation symbol are valid internationally
- We would be pleased to monitor your recalibration times
- On request, collection and delivery service by our courier service
- The most modern calibration methods with robot operated comparators allow the most accurate calibration results and rapid process times



The advantages of using KERN on-site calibration (we visit you)

We would be pleased to visit you within Germany and calibrate your test weights to OIML error limits M1 - M3, 10 kg - 2500 kg with our mobile MACOS calibration system. Minimized downtime of your checking equipment and direct contact with our expert are the major benefits of this service. Prices on request.

Selection of the appropriate test weight

Quality of the test weight

A balance can never be more accurate than the test weight which is used to adjust it. It depends on its tolerances.

Accuracy of the test weight

Must approximately correspond to the readout [d] of the balance, or should if anything, be better.

Weight size

This is often shown in the adjust mode "CAL" in the balance display. Given a choice, the largest displayed weight is the best one to use for accurate measurement. The weight of your test weight should ideally be larger than 80 % of the maximum weighing range of the balance. If accuracy and weight size (nominal value) are fixed, the appropriate test weight is selected according to the tolerances of the individual accuracy classes (error limit classes) E1 to M3 (see page 14).

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 the readout [d] with approx. ±10 mg.
- Displayed weight size in mode "CAL": 1000 g or 2000 g. The required test weight therefore has the weight size 2 kg.
- Appropriate test weight with tolerance ±10 mg and weight size 2 kg is found in error limit class F1.

Exception analytical balances (readout [d] ≤ 0.1 mg):

E1 test weights are recommended. Depending on the safety requirement, E2 test weights with a calibration certificate with accreditation symbolwill also be sufficient.

For more information about our test weights please go to kern-sohn.com.

Standard OIML R 111 for weights

The key points from the OIML norm R 111

OIML (Organisation Internationale de Metrologie Legale) has established the exact metrological requirements for weights in verified applications in approx. 100 states all over the world. The OIML recommendation R 111 for weights relates to sizes 1 mg – 5000 kg. Statements are made on the accuracy, materials, geometric shape, marking and storage of the weights.

Error limits for weights of classes E1 to M3

The error limit classes are in fixed hierarchical levels in the proportion of 1:3, where E1 is the most accurate and M3 is the least accurate weight class. When testing weights with other weights, the correct test class is the next highest class.

Error limit classes (= tolerances)

The values given in the table below (tolerances ± ... mg) are the respective permitted fabrication tolerances.

They are to be equal to the ► measuring uncertainty of the weight, if no ► accredited calibration is available.

Conventional mass

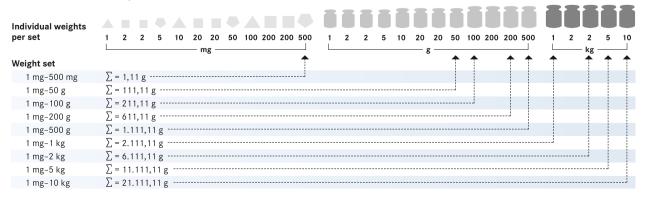
The problem is the air buoyancy, which makes the weight appear lighter. In order to avoid this "distortion" in daily use, all weights are adjusted to the unit specifications as given in R 111, e.g. it is accepted that: material density of the weights is 8000 kg/m³, air density is 1.2 kg/m³ and measuring temperature is 20 °C.

KERN cylindrical test weights

Comply with OIML R 111 in all respects, without exception.

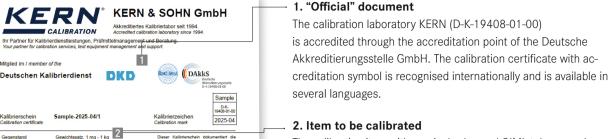
Nominal value	OIML R 111:200	4 Maximum perm	issible errors for v	weights = permiss	ible tolerances "To	ol ± mg"	
Ψ.	E1	E2	F1	F2	M1	M2	M3
1 mg	± 0,003 mg	± 0,006 mg	± 0,020 mg	± 0,06 mg	± 0,20 mg	-	-
2 mg	± 0,003 mg	± 0,006 mg	± 0,020 mg	± 0,06 mg	± 0,20 mg	-	-
5 mg	± 0,003 mg	± 0,006 mg	± 0,020 mg	± 0,06 mg	± 0,20 mg	-	-
10 mg	± 0,003 mg	± 0,008 mg	± 0,025 mg	± 0,08 mg	± 0,25 mg	-	-
20 mg	± 0,003 mg	± 0,010 mg	± 0,03 mg	± 0,10 mg	± 0,3 mg	-	-
50 mg	± 0,004 mg	± 0,012 mg	± 0,04 mg	± 0,12 mg	± 0,4 mg	-	-
100 mg	± 0,005 mg	± 0,016 mg	± 0,05 mg	± 0,16 mg	± 0,5 mg	± 1,6 mg	-
200 mg	± 0,006 mg	± 0,020 mg	± 0,06 mg	± 0,20 mg	± 0,6 mg	± 2,0 mg	-
500 mg	± 0,008 mg	± 0,025 mg	± 0,08 mg	± 0,25 mg	± 0,8 mg	± 2,5 mg	-
1 g	± 0,010 mg	± 0,03 mg	± 0,10 mg	± 0,3 mg	± 1,0 mg	± 3,0 mg	± 10 mg
2 g	± 0,012 mg	± 0,04 mg	± 0,12 mg	± 0,4 mg	± 1,2 mg	± 4,0 mg	± 12 mg
5 g	± 0,016 mg	± 0,05 mg	± 0,16 mg	± 0,5 mg	± 1,6 mg	± 5,0 mg	± 16 mg
10 g	± 0,020 mg	± 0,06 mg	± 0,20 mg	± 0,6 mg	± 2,0 mg	± 6,0 mg	± 20 mg
20 g	± 0,025 mg	± 0,08 mg	± 0,25 mg	± 0,8 mg	± 2,5 mg	± 8,0 mg	± 25 mg
50 g	± 0,03 mg	± 0,10 mg	± 0,3 mg	± 1,0 mg	± 3,0 mg	± 10 mg	± 30 mg
100 g	± 0,05 mg	± 0,16 mg	± 0,5 mg	± 1,6 mg	± 5,0 mg	± 16 mg	± 50 mg
200 g	± 0,10 mg	± 0,3 mg	± 1,0 mg	± 3,0 mg	± 10 mg	± 30 mg	± 100 mg
500 g	± 0,25 mg	± 0,8 mg	± 2,5 mg	± 8,0 mg	± 25 mg	± 80 mg	± 250 mg
1 kg	± 0,5 mg	± 1,6 mg	± 5,0 mg	± 16 mg	± 50 mg	± 160 mg	± 500 mg
2 kg	± 1,0 mg	± 3,0 mg	± 10 mg	± 30 mg	± 100 mg	± 300 mg	± 1000 mg
5 kg	± 2,5 mg	± 8,0 mg	± 25 mg	± 80 mg	± 250 mg	± 800 mg	± 2500 mg
10 kg	± 5,0 mg	± 16 mg	± 50 mg	± 160 mg	± 500 mg	± 1600 mg	± 5000 mg
20 kg	± 10 mg	± 30 mg	± 100 mg	± 300 mg	± 1000 mg	± 3000 mg	± 10 g
50 kg	± 25 mg	± 80 mg	± 250 mg	± 800 mg	± 2500 mg	± 8000 mg	± 25 g
100 kg	-	± 160 mg	± 500 mg	± 1600 mg	± 5000 mg	± 16 g	± 50 g
200 kg	-	± 300 mg	± 1000 mg	± 3000 mg	± 10 g	± 30 g	± 100 g
500 kg	-	± 800 mg	± 2500 mg	± 8000 mg	± 25 g	± 80 g	± 250 g
1000 kg	-	± 1600 mg	± 5000 mg	± 16 g	± 50 g	± 160 g	± 500 g
2000 kg	-	-	± 10 g	± 30 g	± 100 g	± 300 g	± 1000 g
5000 kg	-	-	± 25 g	± 80 g	± 250 g	± 800 g	± 2500 g

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



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Calibration certificates with accreditation symbol for weights



The calibration item with nominal value and OIML tolerance class if applicable, as well as the serial number is documented. In this way the assignment of the issued calibration certificate to the weight or set of weights is completely guaranteed.

3. Traceability

The reference standards of the accredited laboratory are monitored in strictly defined cycles and periodically brought into line with national and thereby international standards. This is carefully documented and given on the calibration certificate. In this way the basic fundamental traceability to the national standard is ensured.

4. Applicant

On the very first page of the calibration certificate you will clearly see the applicant or owner of the calibrated checking equipment.

5. Environmental conditions

The environmental conditions during calibration are given here, such as the current temperature, the relative humidity and the air pressure at that point in time.

6. Metrological part

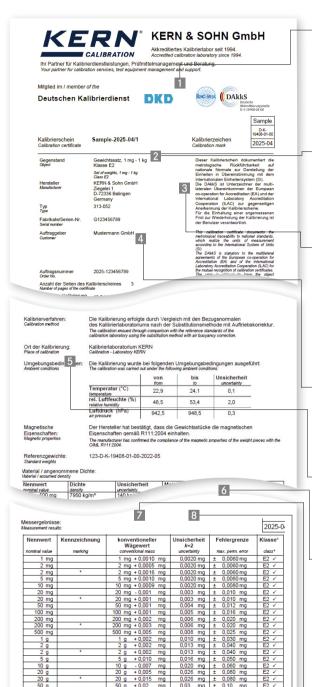
In this part of the calibration certificate information is given on the environmental conditions during calibration. Material, shape and density of the weight is given. The conventional weight value including the relevant measurement uncertainty is shown, as well as the OIML error limits and the OIML class.

7. ► Conventional mass

Using the substitution weighing method (comparative measurement with a test weight) you can determine the exact value of the weight to be calibrated. The conventional mass gives the deviation of the given value from the nominal value of the test item.

8. Measuring uncertainty

When obtaining any technical measurement, there is a particular uncertainty when trying to determine an exact value. This socalled measuring uncertainty should objectify measuring results, by establishing to what degree the measurement is expected to deviate from the true value. Determining and declaring the measuring uncertainty is of great significance, because the smaller this is, the more accurate the obtained weight.



Calibration certificate with accreditation symbol for test weights (extract)

Please see www.kern-lab.com for more details on our calibration service and other useful information

Recalibration prices for test weights (Accredited calibration)

Class acc> OIML R 111:2004	E1 with volume		E1 without v		E2		F1/F2 * F2 only		M1/M2/N	1 3
Nominal value Ψ	KERN	Price € excl. of VAT ex works	KERN	Price € excl. of VAT ex works	KERN	Price € excl. of VAT ex works	KERN	Price € excl. of VAT ex works	KERN	Price € excl. of VAT ex works
1 mg	-	-	962-251R	82,-	962-351R	36,-	962-451R	23,-	962-651R	19,-
2 mg	-	_	962-252R	82,-	962-352R	36,-	962-452R	23,-	962-652R	19,-
5 mg	-	-	962-253R	82,-	962-353R	36,-	962-453R	23,-	962-653R	19,-
10 mg	-	-	962-254R	82,-	962-354R	36,-	962-454R	23,-	962-654R	19,-
20 mg	=	-	962-255R	82,-	962-355R	36,-	962-455R	23,-	962-655R	19,-
50 mg	-	-	962-256R	82,-	962-356R	36,-	962-456R	23,-	962-656R	19,-
100 mg	-	-	962-257R	82,-	962-357R	36,-	962-457R	23,-	962-657R	19,-
200 mg	-	-	962-258R	82,-	962-358R	36,-	962-458R	23,-	962-658R	19,-
500 mg	-	-	962-259R	82,-	962-359R	36,-	962-459R	23,-	962-659R	19,-
1 g	963-231	250,-	962-231R	82,-	962-331R	36,-	962-431R	23,-	962-631R	19,-
2 g	963-232	250,-	962-232R	82,-	962-332R	36,-	962-432R	23,-	962-632R	19,-
5 g	963-233	250,-	962-233R	82,-	962-333R	36,-	962-433R	23,-	962-633R	19,-
10 g	963-234	250,-	962-234R	82,-	962-334R	36,-	962-434R	23,-	962-634R	19,-
20 g	963-235	250,-	962-235R	82,-	962-335R	36,-	962-435R	23,-	962-635R	19,-
50 g	963-236	250,-	962-236R	82,-	962-336R	36,-	962-436R	23,-	962-636R	19,-
100 g	963-237	250,-	962-237R	82,-	962-337R	46,-	962-437R	26,-	962-637R	21,-
200 g	963-238	250,-	962-238R	82,-	962-338R	46,-	962-438R	26,-	962-638R	21,-
500 g	963-239	250,-	962-239R	82,-	962-339R	46,-	962-439R	26,-	962-639R	21,-
1 kg	963-241	250,-	962-241R	82,-	962-341R	46,-	962-441R	26,-	962-641R	21,-
2 kg	963-242	570,-	962-242R	101,-	962-342R	55,-	962-442R	33,-	962-642R	22,-
5 kg	963-243	570,-	962-243R	101,-	962-343R	55,-	962-443R	33,-	962-643R	22,-
10 kg	963-244	570,-	962-244R	101,-	962-344R	55,-	962-444R	33,-	962-644R	22,-
20 kg	963-245	1320,-	962-245R	760,-	962-345R	72,-	962-445R	37,-	962-645R	29,-
50 kg	963-246	1540,-	962-246R	840,-	962-346R	84,-	962-446R	51,-	962-646R	31,-
100 kg	-	-	-	-	-	-	962-591R*	152,-	962-691R	82,-
200 kg	-	-	-	-	-	-	962-592R*	152,-	962-692R	82,-
500 kg	-	-	-	-	-	-	962-593R*	152,-	962-693R	82,-
1000 kg	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	962-694R	179,-
2000 kg	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	962-695R	330,-
1 mg - 500 mg	-	-	962-250R	530,-	962-350R	250,-	962-450R	131,-	962-650R	82,-
1 mg - 50 g	963-201	1440,-	962-201R	870,-	962-301R	410,-	962-401R	215,-	962-601R	140,-
1 mg - 100 g	963-202	1570,-	962-202R	900,-	962-302R	450,-	962-402R	235,-	962-602R	146,-
1 mg - 200 g	963-203	1800,-	962-203R	990,-	962-303R	510,-	962-403R	260,-	962-603R	164,-
1 mg - 500 g	963-204	1920,-	962-204R	1030,-	962-304R	550,-	962-404R	270,-	962-604R	172,-
1 mg - 1 kg	963-205	2040,-	962-205R	1100,-	962-305R	590,-	962-405R	285,-	962-605R	180,-
1 mg - 2 kg	963-206	2660,-	962-206R	1180,-	962-306R	650,-	962-406R	330,-	962-606R	198,-
1 mg - 5 kg	963-207	2980,-	962-207R	1230,-	962-307R	690,-	962-407R	345,-	962-607R	210,-
1 mg - 10 kg	963-208	3390,-	962-208R	1270,-	962-308R	740,-	962-408R	375,-	962-608R	215,-
1 g - 50 g	963-215	1040,-	962-215R	385,-	962-315R	169,-	962-415R	88,-	962-615R	54,-
1 g - 100 g	963-216	1130,-	962-216R	420,-	962-316R	200,-	962-416R	101,-	962-616R	65,-
1 g - 200 g	963-217	1380,-	962-217R	500,-	962-317R	265,-	962-417R	128,-	962-617R	80,-
1 g - 500 g	963-218	1500,-	962-218R	550,-	962-318R	305,-	962-418R	143,-	962-618R	90,-
1 g - 1 kg	963-219	1650,-	962-219R	590,-	962-319R	340,-	962-419R	157,-	962-619R	96,-
1 g - 2 kg	963-220	2310,-	962-220R	680,-	962-320R	420,-	962-420R	197,-	962-620R	117,-
1 g - 5 kg	963-221	2700,-	962-221R	700,-	962-321R	470,-	962-421R	215,-	962-621R	126,-
1 g - 10 kg	963-222	3150,-	962-222R	760,-	962-322R	510,-	962-422R	240,-	962-622R	136,-

Additional costs for preparation, overhaul and adjustment before the calibration	KERN	Price € excl. of VAT ex works
Preparation of weights (e.g. cleaning, etc.)		
Single weight	969-001R	5,-
Weight set	969-002R	21,-
Subsequent services are carried out after confirm	ation	
Continued overhaul of weights (e.g. wet-cleaning, markings, repair, special packaging, adjustment E1, E2)	969-005R	T & M basis
Adjustment, per weight only available for weights with adjustment chamber (F1-M3)	969-010R	15,-
Second calibration after adjustment or substitution	on, per weight	
Class E1	969-210R	63,-
Class E1 incl. volume determination	969-211R	230,-
Class E2	969-310R	30,-
Class F1/F2	969-410R	20,-
Class M1-M3	969-610R	16,-
Testing of magnetic properties according to OIML R111-2004, per weight	961-115R	16,-
Calibration of NON-OIML test weights, additional price per weight	-	8,-

KERN delivery times	
Standard service Class E2-M3	4 working days
Standard service Class E1, 1 mg - 500 mg, and recalibration 1 g -10 kg with a known volume	10 working days
Class E1, 1 g - 2 kg, incl. volume determination (new weights)	15 working days

Express service in 48 hours except for class E1

- Urgent order is received at KERN by 12:00 noon at the latest
- Ready for shipping at KERN within two working days, at 12:00 noon
- Return by standard parcel service or express shipping (Costs and processing time on request)
- Additional cost for Express Service, for each
- KERN test weight KERN 962-115 € 21,-
- For Express shipping (details on request)

Verification prices for test weights

Class acc. OIML R 111	E2 with verificertificate	cation	F1/F2 with certificate	verification	M 1 with verification certificate		
Nominal value 🔱	KERN	Price € excl. of VAT ex works	KERN	Price € excl. of VAT ex works	KERN	Price € excl. of VAT ex works	
1 mg	952-351	58,-	952-451	49,-	952-651	34,-	
2 mg		58,-	952-452	49,-	952-652	34,-	
5 mg	952-353	58,-	952-453	49,-	952-653	34,-	
10 mg	952-354	58,-	952-454	49,-	952-654	34,-	
20 mg	952-355	58,-	952-455	49,-	952-655	34,-	
50 mg		58,-	952-456	49,-	952-656	34,-	
100 mg	952-357	58,-	952-457	49,-	952-657	34,-	
200 mg		58,-	952-458	49,-	952-658	34,-	
500 mg	952-359	58,-	952-459	49,-	952-659	34,-	
1 g	952-331	58,-	952-431	49,-	952-631	34,-	
2 g	952-332	58,-	952-432	49,-	952-632	34,-	
5 g	952-333	58,-	952-433	49,-	952-633	34,-	
10 g	952-334	58,-	952-434	49,-	952-634	34,-	
20 g		58,-	952-435	49,-	952-635	34,-	
50 g	952-336	58,-	952-436	49,-	952-636	34,-	
100 g	952-337	64,-	952-437	49,-	952-637	34,-	
200 g	952-338	64,-	952-438	51,-	952-638	34,-	
500 g	952-339	64,-	952-439	51,-	952-639	34,-	
1 kg		64,-	952-441	51,-	952-641	34,-	
2 kg	952-342	74,-	952-442	58,-	952-642	36,-	
5 kg		74,-	952-443	58,-	952-643	36,-	
10 kg	952-344	74,-	952-444	58,-	952-644	45,-	
20 kg	952-345	84,-	952-445	60,-	952-645	51,-	
50 kg			952-446	71,-	952-646	54,-	
1 mg - 500 mg		290,-	952-450	150,-	952-650	94,-	
1 mg – 50 g		470,-	952-401	245,-	952-601	158,-	
1 mg – 100 g		510,-	952-402	270,-	952-602	167,-	
1 mg – 200 g		580,-	952-403	300,-	952-603	187,-	
1 mg - 500 g		620,-	952-404	310,-	952-604	195,-	
1 mg – 1 kg		640,-	952-405	325,-	952-605	205,-	
1 mg – 2 kg		750,-	952-406	375,-	952-606	225,-	
1 mg – 5 kg		800,-	952-407	400,-	952-607	240,-	
1 mg - 10 kg		840,-	952-408	420,-	952-608	245,-	
1 g - 50 g		189,-	952-415	109,-	952-615	71,-	
1 g - 100 g	952-316	225,-	952-416	116,-	952-616	77,-	
1 g - 200 g		295,-	952-417	147,-	952-617	91,-	
1 g - 500 g		335,-	952-418	163,-	952-618	101,-	
1 g – 1 kg		370,-	952-419	178,-	952-619	111,-	
1 g - 2 kg	952-320	455,-	952-420	225,-	952-620	132,-	
1 g - 5 kg		500,-	952-421	245,-	952-621	145,-	
1 g - 10 kg	952-322	560,-	952-422	275,-	952-622	155,-	

KERN verification delivery time		
Standard verification service Class E2 - M1	6 working days	

Additional costs for preparation, overhaul and adjustment before the verification	KERN	Price € excl. of VAT ex works		
Preparation of weigh	ts (e.g. clean	ing, etc.)		
Single weight	969-008R	5,-		
Weight set	969-009R	21,-		
Subsequent services after confirmation	are carried o	out		
Continued overhaul of weights (e.g. wet-cleaning, markings, repair, special packaging, adjustment E2)	969-005R	at cost		
Adjustment, per weight only available for weights with adjustment chamber (F-M1)	969-010R	15,-		
Verification after adjustment or substitution, per weight				
Class E2 Class F1 /F2	969-310R	30,-		
Class FT/FZ	969-410R	20,-		

Verification only valid in Germany



The force gauge
Accredited calibration with calibration certificate for force gauges

The KERN calibration laboratory is at your side when you need to calibrate accredited reliably.

From the transducer to the full measuring chain, we are happy to take care of traceable calibration of your test equipment for you. Our accreditation includes the calibration of tensile and pressure force up to 5 kN according to the standards DIN EN ISO 376 and DKD-R 3-3, each with the Newton (N) display unit for a complete measuring chain (situation A) or voltage ratio/transmission coefficient (mV/V, situation B).

Below you will find a comparison of which standard meets which criteria:

Comparison of DIN EN ISO 376 and DKD-R 3-3				
	ISO 376	DKD-R 3-3		
Standard	ISO standard (internationally standardized)	Standard of the DKD (Germany)		
Measuring equipment	Force transducers and complete measuring chains	Force transducers and complete measuring chains		
Area of application	Specifically force gauges for the testing of testing equipment	General force gauges		
Number of power stages	8	5		
Classification/Assessment	Classification in classes 00; 0,5; 1 and 2	None in standard		
Test sequences	Fixed procedure	Sequences A, B, C, D possible Standard is sequence A B, C and D are reduced sequences, relevant previous knowledge is necessary		
Summary	Higher-quality calibration, as 8 force levels are calibrated	High-quality calibration, reduced sequences with less effort possible		

We can offer you a calibration solution for the following situations:



Situation A: separate force transducer, display unit mV/V

Situation B: complete force gauge (consisting of transducer, amplifier and display), display unit N

You can find further information on this topic at:

www.kern-lab.com



Calibration certificate with accreditation symbol for force gauges (extract)

Prices for accredited calibration of force gauges and force transducers

Situation A: Force transducer (voltage ratio, in mV/V)*1,2						
ISO 376 (8 stages)				DKD-R 3-3 (5 stages, sequen	ce A)	
KERN	Measuring range	€	KERN	Measuring range	€	
Tensile force:						
963-161IV (R)	≤ 500 N	250,-	963-161V (R)	≤ 500 N	235,-	
963-162IV (R)	≤ 2 kN	300,-	963-162V (R)	≤ 2 kN	280,-	
963-163IV (R)	≤ 5 kN	390,-	963-163V (R)	≤ 5 kN	360,-	
Compression force	:					
963-261IV (R)	≤ 500 N	250,-	963-261V (R)	≤ 500 N	235,-	
963-262IV (R)	≤ 2 kN	300,-	963-262V (R)	≤ 2 kN	280,-	
963-263IV (R)	≤ 5 kN	390,-	963-263V (R)	≤ 5 kN	360,-	
Tensile & Compress	Tensile & Compression force:					
963-361IV (R)	≤ 500 N	420,-	963-361V (R)	≤ 500 N	390,-	
963-362IV (R)	≤ 2 kN	500,-	963-362V (R)	≤ 2 kN	465,-	
963-363IV (R)	≤ 5 kN	670,-	963-363V (R)	≤ 5 kN	610,-	

Situation B: Complete force gauge (in N)*2					
ISO 376 (8 stages)		DKD-R 3-3 (5 stages, sequence A)			
KERN	Measuring range	€	KERN	Measuring range	€
Tensile force:					
963-161I (R)	≤ 500 N	205,-	963-161 (R)	≤ 500 N	187-
963-162I (R)	≤ 2 kN	250,-	963-162 (R)	≤ 2 kN	225,-
963-163I (R)	≤ 5 kN	345,-	963-163 (R)	≤ 5 kN	315,-
Compression for	ce:				
963-261I (R)	≤ 500 N	205,-	963-261 (R)	≤ 500 N	187,-
963-262I (R)	≤ 2 kN	250,-	963-262 (R)	≤ 2 kN	225,-
963-263I (R)	≤ 5 kN	345,-	963-263 (R)	≤ 5 kN	315,-
Tensile & Compre	ssion force:				
963-361I (R)	≤ 500 N	375,-	963-361 (R)	≤ 500 N	340,-
963-362I (R)	≤ 2 kN	460,-	963-362 (R)	≤ 2 kN	420,-
963-363I (R)	≤ 5 kN	620,-	963-363 (R)	≤ 5 kN	560,-

(R): Recalibration

For each force gauge without interface or from other manufacturers we charge a surcharge of $10,-\mathfrak{C}$ for the additional effort.

^{*2} Installation in our measuring equipment required



^{*1} Compatibility with our amplifiers required

Factory calibration

for force

Situation A: Fo	orce transducer (voltage i	ratio, in mV/V)*1,2	Situat	ion B: Complete force gauge (i	n N)*2
KERN	Measuring range	€	KERN	Measuring range	€
Tensile force:					
961-161V (R)	≤ 500 N	235,-	961-161 (R)	≤ 500 N	187,-
961-162V (R)	≤ 2 kN	280,-	961-162 (R)	≤ 2 kN	225,-
961-163V (R)	≤ 5 kN	360,-	961-163 (R)	≤ 5 kN	315,-
961-164V (R)	≤ 20 kN	460,-	961-164 (R)	≤ 20 kN	410,-
961-165V (R)	≤ 50 kN	460,-	961-165 (R)	≤ 50 kN	410,-
961-166V (R)	≤ 250 kN	495,-	961-166 (R)	≤ 250 kN	455,-
Compression for	ce:				
961-261V (R)	≤ 500 N	235,-	961-261 (R)	≤ 500 N	187,-
961-262V (R)	≤ 2 kN	280,-	961-262 (R)	≤ 2 kN	225,-
961-263V (R)	≤ 5 kN	360,-	961-263 (R)	≤ 5 kN	315,-
961-264V (R)	≤ 20 kN	460,-	961-264 (R)	≤ 20 kN	410,-
961-265V (R)	≤ 50 kN	460,-	961-265 (R)	≤ 50 kN	410,-
961-266V (R)	≤ 250 kN	495,-	961-266 (R)	≤ 250 kN	455,-
Tensile & Compre	ession force				
961-361V (R)	≤ 500 N	390,-	961-361 (R)	≤ 500 N	340,-
961-362V (R)	≤ 2 kN	465,-	961-362 (R)	≤ 2 kN	420,-
961-363V (R)	≤ 5 kN	610,-	961-363 (R)	≤ 5 kN	560,-
961-364V (R)	≤ 20 kN	660,-	961-364 (R)	≤ 20 kN	610,-
961-365V (R)	≤ 50 kN	660,-	961-365 (R)	≤ 50 kN	610,-
961-366V (R)	≤ 250 kN	720,-	961-366 (R)	≤ 250 kN	670,-

(R): Recalibration

For each force gauge without interface or from other manufacturers we charge a surcharge of 10,- € for the additional effort.

The temperature and relative humidity

Accredited calibration with calibration certificate for temperature and relative humidity

We perform accredited calibrations according to DKD-R 5-1 and DKD-R 5-8 for measuring instruments for the recording of ambient conditions. Our scope of accreditation covers a measuring range of 5°C to 50°C for temperature sensors and a measuring range from 20 % to 75 % relative humidity for humidity sensors.

Checking equipment	KERN	Price € excl. of VAT ex works
Temperature measuring device, external sensor	963-613R	130,-
Temperature measuring device, internal sensor	963-623R	130,-
Temperature and humidity, combi-sensor, external sensor, 1 temperature & 3 humidity points	963-631R	200,-
Temperature and humidity, combi-sensor, external sensor, 3 temperature & 3 humidity points	963-633R	330,-
Temperature and humidity, combi-sensor, internal sensor, 1 temperature & 3 humidity points	963-641R	200,-
Temperature and humidity, combi-sensor, internal sensor, 3 temperature & 3 humidity points	963-643R	330,-
Temperature - additional test point	963-605R	23,-
Humidity - additional test point	963-606R	23

For each measuring device without interface we charge a surcharge of 10,- € for the additional effort.

^{*1} Compatibility with our amplifiers required

^{*2} Installation in our measuring equipment required

Factory calibration

for other measuring instruments



Factory calibration certificate for wrench testing devices (extract). Further details on the internet www.kern-lab.com

Factory calibration certificates

As calibration certificates with accreditation symbol cannot be offered for all measuring devices or measurement sizes, or where it is not customary, we then offer factory calibration certificates. These calibration certificates meet international standards and are particularly suitable as proof of exacting calibration in the monitoring of your checking equipment. Factory calibrations are available for many measuring devices, for example

- Mechanical balances (spring balances, etc.)
- Force-measuring devices up to 120 kN
- Measuring devices for layer thickness 0 μm 2000 μm
- Hardness testing devices in accordance with Leeb tests
- Ultrasound material thickness testing devices 25 300 mm This is not an accredited calibration (no proof of metrological traceability).

We carry out calibrations whatever the brand. In order to avoic any unnecessary delays when processing your order, please send us the technical documents and accessories with the checking device. Calibration time 4 working days.

KERN	Measurand	Measuring range	Price € excl. of VAT ex works
Factory cal	ibration		
961-102K	Force (for hand grip dynanome- ter KERN MAP)	≤ 130 kg	167,-
961-110	Coating thickness	≤ 2000 µm F or N	167,-
961-112	Coating thickness	≤ 2000 µm FN	234,-
961-113	Wall thickness (ultra sound)	≤ 300 mm (in stainless steel)	167,-
961-114	Wall thickness (test blocks)	≤ 300 mm	198,-
961-170	Hardness Shore	For sets up to 7 plates	132,-
961-131	Hardness Leeb	400 - 800 HLD	167,-
961-132	Hardness Leeb	Test block (for Leeb durometer)	167,-
961-270	Hardness (UCI)	200 - 800 HV	360,-
961-150	Length	≤ 300 mm	167,-
961-190	Light	≤ 200000 lx	325,-
961-100	Weight (Mechanical balances/ Spring balances)	≤ 5 kg	99,-
961-101	Weight (Mechanical balances/ Spring balances)	> 5 - 50 kg	123,-
961-102	Weight (Mechanical balances/ Spring balances)	> 50 - 350 kg	146,-
961-103	Weight (Mechanical balances/ Spring balances)	> 350 - 1500 kg	225,-
961-104	Weight (Mechanical balances/ Spring balances)	> 1500 - 3000 kg	305,-
961-105	Weight (Mechanical balances/ Spring balances)	> 3000 - 6000 kg	610,-
961-106	Weight (Mechanical balances/ Spring balances)	> 6000 - 12000 kg	690,-
961-120	Wrench testing devices	1 Nm - 200 Nm	235,-
961-290	Refractometer		129,-
964-305	Temperature calibration moisture analyser		174,-
Additional	services	<u> </u>	I
962-116	Calibration express service with 48 hour delivery (only on new purchases)		52, –/ Instrument

^{*} See www.kern-lab.com for an overview of calibratable instruments and test services for further measuring sizes.

Digital calibration certificate (DCC)

The calibration certificate with accreditation symbol becomes digital

The digital age is constantly revealing new opportunities for technological innovations. As a result, topics such as sustainability and resource-saving work are becoming increasingly important, especially in the industrial context. Calibration certificates, as metrological proof of a check of the respective measurand, are still printed on paper and sent to the customer by post. However, the option of a calibration certificate in PDF format is already available. Both variants no longer meet the current requirements of a laboratory. In cooperation of the PTB (Physikalisch Technische Bundesanstalt) and several expert groups from industry, the idea of a digital calibration certificate (DCC) was born. Based on the file format XML, this should be both human- and machine-readable. The basic idea is to transmit the information contained in a conventional calibration certificate to the customer electronically and securely as data. KERN DCCs comply with the requirements of VDI/VDE 2623 and PTB.

- You can download your digital calibration certificate (DCC) on www.kern-lab.com/dcc
- This service is **free of charge!**
- The Digital Calibration Certificate (DCC) is currently available for the calibration of weights. Gradually, this will also be available for other measuring devices.













For classical calibration certificates there is a scheme predefined by standards, to which the calibration laboratories shall adhere in order to be or remain accredited. This ensures standardization and simplification of the calibration procedure and its documentation. PTB is constantly working on designing such a scheme also for the DCC. Within such a scheme, of course, all previous information of a calibration certificate shall be included. This is implemented by using a so-called XML schema file in XSD format. In conclusion the generated XML file can be checked against the schema, which guarantees that the DCC is well-formed and complies with the specifications of the PTB.

Appropriate encryption algorithms and a digital signature ensure that no one can subsequently change the document and customers have the security of knowing that their tested measuring equipment has been processed and documented according to maximum quality requirements.

Within this context, KERN not only stands for precision and quality, but also for innovation in all technical matters.

YOUR ADVANTAGES OF THE DIGITAL CALIBRATION CERTIFICATE:

- Meets the requirements of DIN EN ISO/IEC 17025:2018
- Secure and error-free data transmission
- Automatic transfer of data into digital processes
- Evaluation of measurement data and optimisation of measurements
- Forgery protection through digital signature
- Internationally recognised through XML-based format
- Machine readability, supporting the quality monitoring processes

KERN GLOSSARY

CALIBRATION

Calibration is the testing and determination of the precision of a measure value without intervention in the measurement system. The calibration certificate contains the measured value with information on the relevant measuring uncertainty. If applicable, a statement can be made as to whether this is within tolerance limits. Industry requires calibration of measuring devices, in order to, for example, be able to connect parts manufactured at different locations without encountering problems. Calibrations must be repeated at appropriate time intervals, for which the user is responsible. KERN recommends that, with intensive (daily) use, you recalibrate the measuring devices every 6 months and with normal (weekly) use, every 12 months.

ACCREDITED CALIBRATION

Accredited calibration is carried out for measuring devices, reference materials and material measures for particular measurement sizes and measurement ranges, which are defined individually for every laboratory as part of their accreditation. The issued calibration certificates with accreditation symbol are proof of the metrological traceability to national and international standards, as required, for example, by the DIN EN ISO 9000 and DIN EN ISO/IEC 17025 standards. Accredited calibration has no legally regulated period of validity. The operator is responsible for observing an appropriate time for recalibration.

INTERNATIONAL VALIDITY OF CALIBRATION CERTIFICATES WITH ACCREDITATION SYMBOL

DAkkS is represented in the EA (European co-operation for Accreditation) as well as in the ILAC (International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation). This ensures that accredited calibration and calibration certificates with accreditation symbol are recognised and valid almost anywhere in the world.

ADJUSTING

Precise setting of a measuring device by professional intervention in the measurement system. For balances: Either with an external test weight using the adjustment function (CAL or CAL key), or with the automatic internal adjustment or adjustment control. This is necessary following changes in temperature, changed environmental conditions, change of location, etc. daily routine checks are recommended. The term "calibrating" was formerly also used for adjusting, but today it means something else (see above).

MONITORING YOUR CHECKING EQUIPMENT

This is a mandatory requirement of quality management systems.

TRACEABILITY

The precondition of a perfect measurement is the complete proof that a measuring device is traceable to the SI units. This is also a requirement of the most importang international standards. For example the correct display of balances and test weights is checked and - if necessary - corrected (adjusted). The test weights are traced back through a chain of calibrations to the national standard at the PTB (Physikalisch Technische Bundesanstalt) in Braunschweig, which in turn is traceable to the SI definition via various physical realizations (the "watt balance" or the "silicon sphere").

The correct traceability is what makes internation comparable measurements possible in the first place.

MEASURING UNCERTAINTY

Measurement uncertainty is determined for each balance according to a precisely given test method and documented in the Calibration certificate. It depends on various factors, both internal and external. The measuring uncertainty of a measuring device is an objective measure of its accuracy and is therefore an accurate statement for its appropriate use.

OIML

OIML (Organisation Internationale de Métrologie Légale) has representatives from almost 100 states who work on unified build and test regulations for all measuring devices. In the OIML certification system the certificates issued by the member states certify that a particular measuring device build type is in accordance with the OIML recommendations. In this way, a build type which was tested and approved in one country, can be approved in another country without having to repeat the test. (Excerpt from PTB). The OIML R111 guideline defines the construction-related characteristics for test weights, such as material, upper surface texture, markings, construction, shape etc.

FACTORY CALIBRATION CERTIFICATES

The testing of measuring devices for accuracy in accordance with a recognised but not accredited process without proof of metrological traceability – this is the difference when compared with accredited calibration.

CONVENTIONAL MASS

Every body experiences a relatively small loss of weight in air (buoyancy). This must be taken into account for accurate weighing procedures. In order to avoid this "distortion" in daily use, all weights are adjusted to the unit specifications as given in R111 OIML recommendation. (air pressure 1.2 kg/m³ and material density 8000 kg/m³)

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On our website you will always find the latest news and useful information about testing and measuring devices, calibration, legal metrology and expansions to our range of services. You will also find numerous online services on the website

Database supported management of test equipment

Information on your test equipment which has been calibrated by us is stored in our database. In this way it is possible to make trend calculations. You will therefore get an overview of the long-term stability and trend behaviour of your test equipment and the necessary recalibration period can easily be determined and specified.

Paperless documentation

So that there is no administrative effort, we can handle all calibration documentation in a paperless process. From quotation, through to order confirmation, delivery note and invoice right up to calibration certificate, you will receive all documents by e-mail or you can retrieve them online.

Would you prefer to receive your calibration certificate or your invoice, for example, in paper form? Of course this is not a problem either.

Price quote generator

Create your own offer – you will receive your offer directly and without delay.

RMA (Return Material Authorization)

Using the quotation generator, you can have a Return Material Authorization (RMA) number created directly for sending your test equipment. This makes it very easy to send in your test equipment and to start the calibration directly after arrival in our laboratory!



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