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1 Introduction

Thank you for choosing a METTLER TOLEDO instrument. The instrument combines high performance with ease of use.

This document refers to the initially installed software version V 4.95.

Disclaimer for comparators

In this document, the term "balance" is used to describe comparators. Comparators are characterized by their higher resolution compared to balances. They are mainly used for differential weighing applications, such as the calibration of standard weights. Beside standard balance tests, comparators have also been tested with differential repeatability (ABA repeatability) during production.

EULA

The software in this product is licensed under the METTLER TOLEDO End User License Agreement (EULA) for Software.

When using this product you agree to the terms of the EULA.

www.mt.com/EULA

1.1 Further documents and information

Product page:

http://www.mt.com/lab-robotic-MC

Instructions for cleaning a balance, "8 Steps to a Clean Balance":

www.mt.com/lab-cleaning-guide

Instructions for the balance:

www.mt.com/XPR-micro-RM

Search for documents:

www.mt.com/library

For further questions, please contact your authorized METTLER TOLEDO dealer or service representative.

www.mt.com/contact

1.2 Explanation of conventions and symbols used

Conventions and symbols

Key and/or button designations and display texts are shown in graphic or bold text, e.g., OK.

Note

For useful information about the product.

Refers to an external document.

Elements of instructions

In this manual, step-by-step instructions are presented as follows. The action steps are numbered and can contain prerequisites, intermediate results and results, as shown in the example. Sequences with less than two steps are not numbered.

- Prerequisites that must be fulfilled before the individual steps can be executed.

1 Step 1

   Intermediate result

2 Step 2

   Result
### 1.3 Acronyms and abbreviations

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<td>AC</td>
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<td>American Society for Testing and Materials</td>
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<td>DC</td>
<td>Direct Current</td>
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<td>EMC</td>
<td>Electromagnetic Compatibility</td>
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<td>FACT</td>
<td>Fully automatic time- and temperature-controlled internal adjustment</td>
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<td>FCC</td>
<td>Federal Communications Commission</td>
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<td>GWP</td>
<td>Good Weighing Practice</td>
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<td>Identification</td>
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<td>Not Applicable</td>
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<td>OIML</td>
<td>Organisation Internationale de Métrologie Légale (International Organization of Legal Metrology)</td>
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<td>RM</td>
<td>Reference Manual</td>
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<td>SELV</td>
<td>Safety Extra Low Voltage</td>
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<td>Standard Operating Procedure</td>
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<td>User Manual</td>
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<td>USB</td>
<td>Universal Serial Bus</td>
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2 Safety Information

Two documents named "User Manual" and "Reference Manual" are available for this instrument.
- The User Manual is printed and delivered with the instrument.
- Keep both documents for future reference.
- Include both documents if you transfer the instrument to other parties.

Only use the instrument according to the User Manual and the Reference Manual. If you do not use the instrument according to these documents or if the instrument is modified, the safety of the instrument may be impaired and Mettler-Toledo GmbH assumes no liability.

2.1 Definition of signal words and warning symbols

Safety notes contain important information on safety issues. Ignoring the safety notes may lead to personal injury, damage to the instrument, malfunctions and false results. Safety notes are marked with the following signal words and warning symbols:

**Signal words**

**DANGER** A hazardous situation with high risk, resulting in death or severe injury if not avoided.

**WARNING** A hazardous situation with medium risk, possibly resulting in death or severe injury if not avoided.

**CAUTION** A hazardous situation with low risk, resulting in minor or moderate injury if not avoided.

**NOTICE** A hazardous situation with low risk, resulting in damage to the instrument, other material damage, malfunctions and erroneous results, or loss of data.

**Warning symbols**

General hazard

Heavy object

Bruising

Notice

2.2 Product-specific safety notes

**Intended use**

This instrument is designed to be used by trained staff. The automated mass comparator is intended for measuring calibration weights using direct comparison or down-/upward calibration.

Any other type of use and operation beyond the limits of use stated by Mettler-Toledo GmbH without consent from Mettler-Toledo GmbH is considered as not intended.

**Responsibilities of the instrument owner**

The instrument owner is the person holding the legal title to the instrument and who uses the instrument or authorizes any person to use it, or the person who is deemed by law to be the operator of the instrument. The instrument owner is responsible for the safety of all users of the instrument and third parties.

Mettler-Toledo GmbH assumes that the instrument owner trains users to safely use the instrument in their workplace and deal with potential hazards. Mettler-Toledo GmbH assumes that the instrument owner provides the necessary protective gear.
Safety notes

**WARNING**

Death or serious injury due to electric shock
Contact with parts that carry a live current can lead to death or injury.
1. Only use the METTLER TOLEDO power cable and AC/DC adapter designed for your instrument.
2. Connect the power cable to a grounded power outlet.
3. Keep all electrical cables and connections away from liquids and moisture.
4. Check the cables and the power plug for damage and replace them if damaged.

**WARNING**

Injury from lifting heavy objects
The instrument weighs more than what should be lifted by a single person.
- Do not move or lift this equipment without assistance.

**NOTICE**

Damage to the instrument due to incorrect installation or incorrect repair
1. Installation and repairs must be carried out by specially trained METTLER TOLEDO personnel.
2. Do not open the balance, the control unit, or the robot system.

**NOTICE**

Damage to the instrument or malfunction due to the use of unsuitable parts
- Only use parts from METTLER TOLEDO that are intended to be used with your instrument.

2.3 Warning symbols on the robot arm

**CAUTION**

Injury due to moving parts
The robot arm may move unexpectedly.
- Do not reach into the working area while parts of the instrument are moving.
2.4 Switching off in case of an emergency

1. Unplug the power cable to switch off the instrument.
2. Contact your METTLER TOLEDO representative.
3 Design and Function

3.1 Overview instrument

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<td>Weighing chamber, with sliding door</td>
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<td>Weight magazine, with weight carriers (60 pcs)</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>Balance (XPR6U mass comparator)</td>
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<td>4</td>
<td>Terminal for balance</td>
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<td>5</td>
<td>Control unit for robot system</td>
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<td>Robot hand, with light barrier</td>
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<td>Robot system (3 axes)</td>
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3.2 Components description

3.2.1 Overview XPR6U balance

For further information, consult the Reference Manual (RM).

www.mt.com/XPR-micro-RM
3.2.2 Overview terminal
### Name | Description
---|---
### Standby | By tapping the balance is not completely switched off but goes into standby mode. To switch the balance completely off, it must be unplugged from the power supply.

**Note**

Do not disconnect the balance from the power supply unless the balance is not used for an extended period of time. After switching on the instrument, it must warm up before giving accurate results.

### Tare | Tares the balance. This function is used when the weighing process involves containers. After taring the balance, the screen shows \textit{Net} which indicates that all displayed weights are net.

### Zero | Zeroes the balance. The balance must always be zeroed before starting the weighing process. After zeroing, the balance sets a new zero point.

### Home | To return from any menu level to the main weighing screen.

### Open/close door | Opens the weighing chamber door to the left or to the right (default value).

**Note**

No changes must be made on the terminal of the balance. During weighing, the terminal of the balance is disabled.

### 3.2.3 Overview robot system

![Robot System Diagram](image)

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<td>Robot arm</td>
<td>Status indicator</td>
<td>Robot hand</td>
<td>Light barrier</td>
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3.2.4 Overview type label

![Type label diagram]

- **1** Model designation
- **2** Year of manufacture
- **3** Power supply
- **4** Manufacturer
- **5** Serial number

3.2.5 Overview control unit

![Control unit diagram]

- **1** RS232C serial port (to balance)
- **2** RS232C serial port (to computer)
- **3** Ethernet port
- **4** Socket for interface cable to robot system
- **5** Socket for AC/DC adapter

3.2.6 Control software

*e5control* is a software that serves to operate the instrument. It displays measuring results and other data, and it serves to manage the instrument settings.

The software is installed on a computer provided by METTLER TOLEDO.

**See also**

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3.3 Cable connections

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<td>Cable to balance (RS232C – USB)</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>Cable to computer (RS232C – USB)</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>Cable to robot system</td>
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3.4 Sensors and status indicator

**Light barrier**

The light barrier (1) checks the weight carrier before each measurement. It is located on the robot hand. If an unsuitable weight carrier is detected, the measuring process stops.

**Balance position sensor**

The balance position sensor (1) monitors the position of the balance. The exact position is defined during the installation of the instrument. Do not change the position of the balance, for example, during cleaning. In the event of a position error, contact a METTLER TOLEDO representative.
**Status indicator**

The robot system is equipped with a status indicator. It indicates whether the robot system is switched off or switched on.

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Status indicator</th>
<th>Description</th>
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| Status indicator is off | - The robot system is switched off.  
- The robot arm does not move automatically. |
| Status indicator is on | - The robot system is switched on.  
- The robot arm can move automatically.  
- **CAUTION:** When the status indicator is on, the robot arm can move unexpectedly. Do not reach into the working area while parts of the instrument are moving. |
4 Installation and Putting into Operation

4.1 Selecting the location

A balance is a sensitive precision instrument. The location where it is placed will have a profound effect on the accuracy of the weighing results.

**Requirements of the location**

- Place indoors on stable table
- Ensure sufficient spacing
- Level the instrument
- Provide adequate lighting

Avoid direct sunlight

Avoid vibrations

Avoid strong drafts

Avoid temperature fluctuations

Sufficient spacing: > 30 cm all around the instrument

**Note**

Place the computer on a separate table to avoid interferences due to vibrations.

Take into account the environmental conditions. See "Technical Data".

4.2 Scope of delivery

**Instrument and accessories**

- Robot system
- Balance (XPR6U mass comparator)
- Draft shield
- Weight magazine (60 positions)
- Weight carrier, design 1, 30 pcs
- Weight carrier, design 2, 12 pcs
- Weight carrier, design 3, 18 pcs
- Tweezers, for weights of 1 mg to 50 g
- Tweezers, for weights of 1 g to 200 g
- Air bellow

**Instrument control**

- Computer

**Documentation**

- User Manual
- Production certificate

- e5control software

- Declaration of Conformity
4.3 Installation

**NOTICE**

**Damage to the instrument and property due to incorrect installation**
Incorrect installation and commissioning can lead to damage of the instrument and property.
- Installation and commissioning must be carried out by METTLER TOLEDO specialists or authorized personnel.

See also
- Product-specific safety notes » Page 5

4.4 Putting into operation

After switching on the instrument, it must warm up before giving accurate results.

4.4.1 Connecting the instrument

**WARNING**

**Death or serious injury due to electric shock**
Contact with parts that carry a live current can lead to death or injury.
1. Only use the METTLER TOLEDO power cable and AC/DC adapter designed for your instrument.
2. Connect the power cable to a grounded power outlet.
3. Keep all electrical cables and connections away from liquids and moisture.
4. Check the cables and the power plug for damage and replace them if damaged.

**NOTICE**

**Damage to the AC/DC adapter due to overheating**
If the AC/DC adapter is covered or in a container, it is not sufficiently cooled and will overheat.
1. Do not cover the AC/DC adapter.
2. Do not put the AC/DC adapter in a container.

**NOTICE**

**Damage to the balance during startup due to weight carriers or weights**
If the robot hand or the balance are equipped with a weight carrier or a weight during the startup procedure, the balance can get damaged.
- Remove weight carriers and weights from the robot hand and the balance before switching on the instrument.

- The instrument is installed by the manufacturer.
- The instrument is not yet connected to the power supply.
- The robot hand and the weighing pan of the balance are free of weight carriers or weights.
1. Install the cables in such a way that they cannot be damaged or interfere with operation.
2 Insert the plug of the AC/DC adapter in the power inlet of the balance.
3 Secure the plug by firmly tightening the knurled nut.
4 Insert the plug of the power cable into a grounded power outlet that is easily accessible.
   ➞ The balance is switched on.

5 Check that the robot system and the control unit are connected (1).
6 Insert the plug of the AC/DC adapter in the power inlet of the control unit (2).
7 Insert the plug of the power cable into a grounded power outlet that is easily accessible.
   ➞ The robot system is switched on.

**Note**
Do not connect the instrument to a power outlet controlled by a switch. After switching on the instrument, it must warm up before giving accurate results.
To ensure optimum weighing conditions, leave the robot system on all the time.

**Note**
If any of the following situations is detected, each robot axis moves to its home position:
- balance is turned off
- interface connection is inactive
- balance was moved from its original position

See also
General data Page 69

4.4.2 Switching on the instrument
When the instrument is connected to the power supply, it automatically switches on.

*Acclimatization and warm up*
Before the balance gives reliable results, it must:
- acclimatize to the room temperature
- warm up by being connected to the power supply
The acclimatization time and warm-up time for the balance are available in "General data".

4.4.3 Preparing the weight magazine
Each test weight or standard used during the weighing process needs to be placed onto one weight carrier. The selection of an adequate weight carrier is determined by the weight geometry.
In order to ensure a trouble-free operation of the comparator and to minimize corner load errors, strict rules must be followed when choosing the carrier type.

**Note**
Do not touch the weight carriers or the weights with bare hands. Use the provided tweezers or powder-free gloves.

### 4.4.3.1 Available weight carriers

#### Design 1

1. Side view
2. Front view
3. Top view
4. Indent for cylindrical and sheet weights
5. Handle (grey) for design 1
6. Hook for wire weights

#### Design 2

1. Side view
2. Front view
3. Top view
4. Indent for cylindrical and sheet weights
5. Handle (grey) for design 2

#### Design 3

1. Side view
2. Front view
3. Top view
4. Indent for cylindrical and sheet weights
5. Handle (red) for design 3

### 4.4.3.2 Selecting a suitable weight carrier

**Note**
Only use weights that fit into one of the listed categories.

**Note**

Make sure to place the weights correctly on the corresponding carrier. Weights must never be placed over the edge of the indent.

In the mode **down-/upward calibration**, combinations of up to three weights can be weighed:
- Design 1 or 2: up to three weights, each placed on its own carrier
- Design 1 or 2, in combination with design 3: up to two weights, each placed on its own carrier

### Cylindrical weight with knob

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<th>Weight shape</th>
<th>Weight dimension</th>
<th>Weight carrier selection and weight positioning</th>
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<td><strong>diameter:</strong></td>
<td>4 mm ≤ d ≤ 8.2 mm</td>
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<td><strong>height:</strong></td>
<td>h ≤ 16 mm</td>
<td><img src="image2" alt="Diagram" /></td>
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| **diameter:** | 8.2 mm ≤ d ≤ 14 mm | ![Diagram](image3) |
| **height:**   | h ≤ 16 mm          | ![Diagram](image4) |

### Wire, triangular

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<th>Weight shape</th>
<th>Weight dimension</th>
<th>Weight carrier selection and weight positioning</th>
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<td><strong>triangle inner side:</strong></td>
<td>5.5 mm ≤ s ≤ 18 mm</td>
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<td><strong>wire diameter:</strong></td>
<td>0.05 mm ≤ d ≤ 1.5 mm</td>
<td><img src="image6" alt="Diagram" /></td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>height:</strong></td>
<td>h ≤ 6 mm</td>
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### Wire, square

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<td><strong>square inner side:</strong></td>
<td>5.5 mm ≤ s ≤ 12 mm</td>
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<td><strong>wire diameter:</strong></td>
<td>0.05 mm ≤ d ≤ 1.5 mm</td>
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<td><strong>height:</strong></td>
<td>h ≤ 6 mm</td>
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### Wire, pentagonal

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<td><strong>wire diameter:</strong></td>
<td>0.05 mm ≤ d ≤ 1.5 mm</td>
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<td><strong>height:</strong></td>
<td>h ≤ 6 mm</td>
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**4.4.3.3 Loading the weight magazine**

To place the weights onto their respective weight carrier in the magazine, proceed as follows:

1. The instrument is switched on.
2. Open the doors of the weighing chamber.
3. Insert the required weight carriers into the weight magazine.

**Note**

The carriers must be placed with their handle on the side opposite to the position numbers.

**Note**

User tweezers or wear gloves to handle the weights and the weight carriers. Do not touch the weights or the weight carriers with bare hands.

3. Center the weight carriers in the provided space on the magazine.
4. Correctly place the weights on the appropriate weight carriers.
5. Once the magazine is loaded, close the weighing chamber doors.

See also
Switching on the instrument ➞ Page 16

4.4.4 Switching off the instrument

To completely switch off the instrument, it must be disconnected from the power supply.
5 Operation

5.1 Starting e5control

Starting e5control

– Double-click the e5control icon (e5control.exe).

⇒ The software opens. A blank settings file named ‘Untitled.e05’ is displayed.

5.1.1 Main menus at a glance

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<td>Contains file-related topics, for example creating a new file.</td>
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<td>Edit</td>
<td>Serves to edit a file.</td>
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<tr>
<td>View</td>
<td>Serves to adapt the software view.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Weights</td>
<td>Gives access to the weights database, including all relevant data on your standards and test weights.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Magazine</td>
<td>Serves to identify and register the weights placed on the weight magazine.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Process</td>
<td>Serves to set up the weighing process.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Report</td>
<td>Serves to define the content of the report file.</td>
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<td>Adjustment</td>
<td>Serves to start the adjustment procedure, using the internal adjustment weights of the balance.</td>
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<td>System</td>
<td>Serves to adjust system settings.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Start</td>
<td>Serves to start a weighing process.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Help</td>
<td>Contains the help file and further information about the software.</td>
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5.1.2 File menu

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<tr>
<td>New</td>
<td>Closes the current settings file and opens a new, blank file named ‘Untitled.e05’. If changes were made to the currently open file, you are prompted to save them.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Open…</td>
<td>Prompts you to select and open an existing file. Once a particular file is selected, the currently open settings file closes. If changes were made to it, you are prompted to save them.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Import…</td>
<td>Prompts you to select an existing text file (extension ‘.imp’ or ‘.txt’), generated by an external application according to a defined format, and converts it into a new standard settings file (extension: ‘.e05’). The new settings file will immediately be loaded. For details see [Remote-controlling the e5 comparator » Page 48].</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Save</td>
<td>Saves the changes made to the current settings file under the current file name (extension: ‘.e05’).</td>
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<td>Save As…</td>
<td>Prompts you to enter a new file name and saves the current settings file under the name you just entered (extension: ‘.e05’).</td>
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| **Save as Text**…       | This command allows you to select and save, in the current directory but in a separate text file (current name with extension ‘.txt’), the settings which you may want to be printed out separately and archived in your record. By ticking the adjacent boxes, you may select the following options:  
  - Standards data for selected sets [Adding standards data ➤ Page 22]  
  - Test weights data [Adding test weights data ➤ Page 24]  
  - Magazine places allocation [Allocating the weight magazine places ➤ Page 25]  
  - Weighing process settings [Weighing process settings ➤ Page 28]  
  - Series scheme [Series scheme ➤ Page 30]  
  - Report heading [Performing a weighing ➤ Page 35]  

**Exit**                  | Prompts you to save the unsaved changes you made and quits e5control.                                                                 |

5.2 Entering and editing the weights data

**Navigation:** e5control > Weights

The **Weights** menu gives access to the standards data and the test weights data.

Test weights data are process-specific and included in the current settings file (.e05).

Standards data are saved to the database **MyStandards.std**. They are specific to the mass standards laboratory and need to be accessible from any settings file.

**Note**

The database **MyStandards.std** must be stored in the same directory as the software executable (**e5control.exe**) and the settings files. METTLER TOLEDO recommends creating a backup of **MyStandards.std**.

5.2.1 Adding standards data

**Navigation:** e5control > Weights > Standards data…

1. Select **Weights > Standards data….**

   ➔ The standards data are displayed. The entries are numbered (column **Pos**) and alphabetically sorted by **Set-ID** (limited to 8 characters). Standards of the same **Set-ID** are sorted by descending nominal value (Nom.value [g]). Each entry has assigned a **Standard-ID** (limited to 8 characters), an error (Error [mg]), and notes (Notes, limited to 35 characters).

2. Optional: Change the standards data by clicking the **Add…, Modify…, Delete**, or **Delete all** button.
3 Enter the password when prompted.

**Note**
By default, there is no password. To change the password, click **Change…** and follow the instructions in the software. The password is limited to 12 characters.

4 Click **OK** to return to the main window.

⇒ The standards data are saved to **MyStandards.std**.

## Available options

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<td><strong>Add…</strong></td>
<td>Opens the <strong>Add standards data</strong> window which allows you to enter a new record in the standards database. Click <strong>OK</strong> to return to the <strong>Standards data</strong> window.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Modify…</strong></td>
<td>Opens the <strong>Modify standards data</strong> window which allows you to modify the error and the notes. Click <strong>OK</strong> to return to the <strong>Standards data</strong> window.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Default density…</strong></td>
<td>Opens a window where the default density can be entered. This default density is used when a new standard is added. The button is inactive if standards and test weights have no density values, see [Selecting the application mode](Page 56).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Delete</strong></td>
<td>Deletes the selected record.</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Delete all</strong></td>
<td>Deletes all database records.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Save as text</strong></td>
<td>Saves the standards data as a separate text file (<strong>MyStandards.txt</strong>) in the current directory.</td>
</tr>
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</table>
5.2.2 Selecting a standards set

- **Navigation:** e5control > Weights > Standards sets selection…

Each standard belongs to a standards set with a **Set-ID**. It is possible to use more than one set in a weighing process.

1. Select **Weights > Standards sets selection**…
   - The **Standards sets selection** opens.
2. Select a standards set listed under **Not selected**.
3. Click the double arrow « to move the selected set to the left side.
   - The selected sets are listed under **Selected**.

**Note**
The weights of the non-selected sets do not appear in this weighing process. This applies, for example, to the allocation of magazine places, or the design of the series scheme.

5.2.3 Adding test weights data

- **Navigation:** e5control > Weights > Test weights data…

1. Select **Weights > Test weights data**…
   - The **Test weights data** are displayed. It includes a list with all test weights that are to be determined during the weighing process. The entries are numbered (column **Pos**) and alphabetically sorted by **Set-ID** (limited to 8 characters). Test weights of the same **Set-ID** are sorted by descending nominal value (**Nom.value [g]**). Each entry has assigned a **Weight-ID** (limited to 8 characters), and notes (**Notes**, limited to 35 characters).
2. Optional: Change the **Test weights data** by clicking the **Add…**, **Modify…**, **Change Set ID…**, **Default density…**, **Delete**, or **Delete all** button.
3. Enter the password when prompted.

**Note**
By default, there is no password. To change the password, click **Change…** and follow the instructions in the software. The password is limited to 12 characters.
4. Click **OK** to return to the main window.
   - The **Test weights data** are saved.
### Available options

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| **Add…**       | Opens the Add test weights data window which serves to add a new record to the list of test weights.  
                   | Note: After entering a Set-ID and a nominal value, use the auto numbering button to create up to 100 test weights with the same Set-ID and nominal value. Example: Entering "00145" as first number and "00180" as last number creates 36 test weights. The following weight IDs are generated: "00145", "00146", ..., "00179", "00180". |
| **Modify…**    | Opens the Modify test weights data window which allows you to modify the notes. |
| **Change Set ID…** | Opens the Change Set ID window which allows you to change the Set-ID of all test weights belonging to one test weights set. |
| **Default density…** | Opens a window where the default density can be entered. The default density is used when a new test weight is added.  
                   | The option is inactive if standards and test weights have no density values, see [Selecting the application mode Page 56](#). |
| **Delete**     | Deletes the record currently selected in the list box.                      |
| **Delete all** | Deletes all records.                                                        |

### See also

🔗 Adding standards data » Page 22

### 5.3 Allocating the weight magazine places

≡ Navigation: e5control > Magazine > Places allocation…

Once the standards and test weights are defined in their respective database, their position on the weight magazine needs to be identified and registered in e5control.

- Select Magazine > Places allocation…  
  ➞ The window Allocation of weight magazine places is displayed.
Sections

- upper part of the window: defined standards $S$ and test weights $T$
- lower part of the window: available magazine places
  - $a$, $b$, $c$, ...: magazine row (top to bottom)
  - $1$, $2$, $3$, ...: magazine column (left to right)

To allocate a weight to a magazine place, proceed as follows.
1. Select the weight from the upper part of the window.
2. Select the target magazine place in the lower part of the window.
3. Click **Place**.
   - The selected weight is allocated to the target magazine place, as shown in the lower part of the window.
   - The weight is removed from the upper part of the window.

**Note**
A weight with a nominal value exceeding 6.1 g is rejected.
4 Optional: To undo an allocation, select the corresponding magazine place and click **Clear**. To undo all allocations, click **Clear all**.

- The weights that are no longer allocated are transferred to the upper part of the window.

5 Click **OK**.

**Note**

Alternatively, click **Place all by default** to allocate all weights to the magazine places automatically.

**See also**

🔗 Adding standards data ➤ Page 22
🔗 Adding test weights data ➤ Page 24
5.4 Determining the weighing process settings and series scheme

At this stage, standards and test weights are defined, and the weights are allocated to the weight magazine places. In a next step, the comparison of weights can be defined.

The following terms are used:

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<td>Comparison or (comparison) weighing</td>
<td>A comparison between two weights or combinations of weights.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Group</td>
<td>A sequence of n identical and consecutive comparisons whose results are statistically evaluated.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Series</td>
<td>A sequence of groups.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Note**
The comparison of weights performed in each group, and the sequence of groups, are defined in the series scheme.

(Weighing) process | A sequence of n identical and consecutive series.

5.4.1 Weighing process settings

≡ Navigation: e5control > Process > Settings…

1 Select Process > Settings…

⇒ The window Weighing process settings is displayed.

2 Define the required parameters.
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<tr>
<td><strong>Weighing mode</strong></td>
<td>Which options are available depends on the edition of e5control:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>- <strong>One-vs.-one comparisons</strong>: direct comparison between two single weights</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>- <strong>Down-/upward calibration</strong>: comparison between two weight combinations; a weight combination can consist of up to three weights</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Default setting:</td>
<td><strong>One-vs.-one comparisons</strong> selected</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Pre-run requested</strong></td>
<td>When this option is activated, the instrument carries out an initial check. The measured value of each weight is compared to its defined nominal value. Placing errors are reported, and the process is aborted.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Default setting:</td>
<td><strong>Pre-run requested</strong> activated (strongly recommended)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Start delay</strong></td>
<td>Defines the time between the initial check(s) and the start of the first series.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Default setting:</td>
<td>0 h 0 min, with a maximum of 99 h 59 min</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>No. of nonreported preweighings per group (0-5)</strong></td>
<td>To reduce the &quot;first-weighing effect&quot; (drift), namely after a change of the nominal value, the instrument can do pre-weighings without reporting the data. Each pre-weighing consists of the sequence A-B, regardless of the selected comparison scheme.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Default setting:</td>
<td>3 (recommended)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>No. of reported comparisons per group (1-20)</strong></td>
<td>Defines the number of statistically independent comparative weighings per group.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Default setting:</td>
<td>5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>No. of series (1-20)</strong></td>
<td>Defines the number of series.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Default setting:</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Stabilisation time (10-60 s)</strong></td>
<td>Defines the time between loading the balance pan and the start of the measurement, see <strong>Integration time (0-60 s)</strong>.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Default setting:</td>
<td>25 s</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Integration time (0-60 s)</strong></td>
<td>Defines the duration of the measurement period during which the instrument records one measurement per second. The result in the measurement report is calculated from the average of the recorded values.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Default setting:</td>
<td>5 s</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Comparison scheme</strong></td>
<td>The following options are available:</td>
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<td></td>
<td>- comparison scheme A-B-A</td>
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<td>- comparison scheme A-B-B-A</td>
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<td>Default setting:</td>
<td>A-B-A selected</td>
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<td>For details, see <a href="#">Calculations  ▶ Page 43</a></td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Sensitivity check</strong></td>
<td>The following options are available:</td>
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<td>- <strong>No check</strong>: no sensitivity check is performed</td>
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<td></td>
<td>- <strong>Check after each series</strong>: a sensitivity check is performed prior to the first series, and after every series</td>
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<td>A sensitivity check consists of a non-reported sequence 0-B (pre-check), followed by a reported sequence 0-B-0.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Default setting:</td>
<td>No check selected</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Sensitivity check standard</strong></td>
<td>This section is only active if <strong>Check after each series</strong> is selected. It shows all standards with an allocated magazine place, and whose nominal value does not exceed 11 g. To select a standard, click on the corresponding line.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Note**

The **Weighing process (total)** is an estimation of the total time needed to complete the weighing process. To save a changed parameter, click **Update**.
5.4.2 Series scheme

- Navigation: e5control > Process > Settings… > Series scheme…

A series scheme defines which weight comparisons are performed in which sequence.
- Select Process > Settings… > Series scheme…
  ⇒ The window Series scheme is displayed.

5.4.2.1 Series scheme in mode 'One-vs.-one comparisons'

In the mode **One-vs.-one comparisons**, the following window is displayed:

Sections
- **Weight B**: contains a list of available “test weights”
- **Weight A**: contains a list of available standards for the selected “test weight”
- **Scheme**: contains a list of comparisons between two single weights (weight B versus weight A)
  The comparisons are performed in the order of their entry.

To set up a comparison, proceed as follows:
1. Select a weight from **Weight B**.
2. Select a weight from **Weight A**.
3. Click **Add**.
   ⇒ The comparison is added to **Scheme**.
4. Repeat the steps to define the required series scheme.
5 Click **OK**.

⇒ The new series scheme is created.

### Available options

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<td><strong>Comparisons between weights of different nominal values enabled</strong></td>
<td>Enables the comparison of weights with different nominal values.</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Comparisons between standards enabled</strong></td>
<td>If not activated, available test weights with an allocated magazine place are displayed.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>If activated, available test weights and selected standards with an allocated magazine place are displayed.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Comparisons between test weights enabled</strong></td>
<td>Enables the comparison between test weights.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Default scheme</strong></td>
<td><strong>e5control</strong> automatically creates a series scheme (alternative to manual setup).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
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<td>This option is only available if none of options in the upper part of the window are selected.</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Delete</strong></td>
<td>Deletes an entry in the scheme</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Delete all</strong></td>
<td>Deletes all entries in the scheme</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Move last entry</strong></td>
<td>The sequence of comparisons can be changed by moving the last entry up:</td>
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<td>1  Define the target line for the last entry.</td>
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<td>2  Select the line below the target line.</td>
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<td>3  Click <strong>Move last entry</strong>. The last entry appears above the selected line.</td>
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### See also

♂ Allocating the weight magazine places ⇒ Page 25
5.4.2.2 Series scheme in mode Down-/upward calibration

In the mode **Down-/upward calibration**, the following window is displayed:

![Series scheme window](image)

**Sections**
- **Weight B**: and **Weight A**: contain all available weights. That is, all test weights and standards to which a magazine place is allocated.
- **Scheme** shows the series scheme. **Weight B**: and **Weight A**: contain a list of comparisons between two weight combinations. A combination can consist of up to three weights. The comparisons are performed in the order of their entry.

To add a comparison, proceed as follows:
1. Select a weight from **Weight B**: in the upper part of the window.
2. Click **Add B**.
   - The selected weight B is added to **Scheme** - **Weight B**.
3. To combine weights, repeat the two previous steps.
   - Weight combinations are indicated by a ‘+’ symbol. The total nominal value of the combination is displayed above the **Scheme** lists.
4. Select a weight A from **Weight A**: in the upper part of the window.
5. Click **Add A**.
The selected weight A is added to **Scheme - Weight A**.

6 To combine weights, repeat the two previous steps.

   ➤ Weight combinations are indicated by a ‘+’ symbol. The total nominal value of the combination is displayed above the **Scheme** lists.

7 Repeat the procedure until the series scheme is defined.

8 Click **OK**.

**Note**

If the nominal value of a weight combination exceeds 6.1 g, the scheme entry is rejected.

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<td>➤ The last entry appears above the selected line.</td>
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![Series scheme](image)
5.5 Choosing the report contents

Navigation: e5control > Report > Contents…
Before starting the weighing process, the contents of the report file can be defined.

1. Select Report > Contents…
   → The window Report contents is displayed.
2. Enter a User name.
3. Add Notes that help identifying the report.
4. Tick off the content to be included in the report (Word, Excel).

**Note**
The file name of the report is defined when starting the measurement.

See also
- Allocating the weight magazine places → Page 25

5.6 Modifying system settings

Navigation: e5control > System
For details about the topics in the System menu, refer to the corresponding chapter.

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<td>see [Preparing a weighing → Page 35]</td>
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<td>see [Importing a settings file into e5control → Page 52]</td>
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### 5.7 Performing and monitoring a weighing

#### 5.7.1 Preparing a weighing

- **Navigation:** e5control > System > Comparator serial port...

Before starting a weighing process, establish the serial communication between e5control and the instrument.

1. Open the System menu and choose Comparator serial port…
   - The Serial port window opens.
2. Activate the port to which the interface cable 1 is connected.
   - The instrument communication is set up.

#### 5.7.2 Performing a weighing

##### 5.7.2.1 Performing a regular weighing

- **Navigation:** e5control > Start > Start measurement

- The weights are loaded on the weight carriers in the weight magazine.
- The weights data are entered.
- The weight magazine places are allocated.
- The weighing process settings and the series scheme are determined.
- If required: The report content is defined.
- The system settings are defined.

1. Open the Start menu and choose Start measurement.
   - The Enter report file name dialog appears.
2. Select a target location and enter a file name.
3. Click Save.
   - A report file is created.
   - The weighing process information is displayed.
4. Click OK.
   - The weighing process starts.
5.7.2.2 Performing a weighing using combined weights

It is possible to combine weights by placing a weight on a support weight.

1. Start the weighing process, see [Performing a regular weighing \ Page 35].
   - The software checks the calibration database for valid calibration data. If no valid calibration data is found, an error message appears.

2. Read the provided information and click through the messages.
   - The software generates a new calibration measurement.

The software uses the current process parameters to generate the new calibration measurement, but it checks some parameters to reach the minimum values for support weight calibration processes, as entered under **Support weights calibration data limits** in the **System** menu. The software indicates if parameters were increased.

The series scheme contains all missing support weight calibration measurements for the current measurement.
The following rules apply:

- The support weights must be calibrated if there is no entry in the support weights calibration database, or if the calibration data are not valid anymore. This depends on the values defined under **Support weights calibration data limits** in the **System** menu.
- A warning is generated if the calibration data shortly expires. This depends on the value defined under **Support weights calibration data limits** in the **System** menu. Optionally, these recalibrations can be included in the measurement.
- If a support weight is used as weight A and as weight B in a comparison, the weight is excluded from the comparison.
- If a comparison contains the same support weight(s) as weight A and B, like a 1:1 comparison of a weight on a support weight against itself, no support weight calibration is needed. The weighing difference is assumed to be 0.0000 mg.

See also

🔗 Setting calibration data limits for support weights  » Page 65
🔗 Performing a regular weighing  » Page 35

### 5.7.3 Monitoring the weighing process

After starting the weighing process, **e5control** opens the weighing process monitor.

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<td>Balance settings and measurement data</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>Status information</td>
</tr>
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<td>4</td>
<td>Suspend</td>
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<td>5</td>
<td>Resume</td>
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<td>6</td>
<td>Info…</td>
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<td>7</td>
<td>Stop</td>
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**Note**

Clicking **Info…** suspends the weighing process.
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<td>Exit</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Closes the weighing process monitor.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

5.7.3.1 Monitoring before a weighing

The process starts with a centering phase.
- Each weight carrier is checked using the light barrier on the robot hand (1).
- Each weight carrier is centered on its magazine position.
- Optional: During a pre-run, the instruments weighs the weights and checks their nominal value.

Initial checks performed during the centering and pre-run phase:
- The serial communication is established.
- The authorization was duly given for **Down-/upward calibration** if selected.
- The authorization was duly given for **Online climate data input** if selected.
- The robot hand is free of any weight carrier.
- The balance dead load has been stable within an acceptable range since the last process start.
- Each allocated magazine place carries a weight carrier.
- If **Down-/upward calibration** is selected, the weight carrier design 3 does not include more than two weights.
- Pre-run phase: The difference between measured and nominal weight value does not exceed 10% of the nominal value. If the nominal value is less than 1 mg, no check is performed.

**Note**
If an error occurs, the process is aborted. This does not apply to the dead load check.

See also
🔗 Preparing the weight magazine » Page 16

5.7.3.2 Monitoring during a weighing

Checks performed during a weighing:
- The carrier type (design) was not changed.
- The difference between measured and nominal weight value does not exceed 10% of the nominal value. If the nominal value is less than 1 mg, no check is performed.
- The current group standard deviation does not exceed 10 µg. The calculation starts with the second comparison.
- The balance shows neither overload nor underload when a weight or weight combination is placed on the weighing pan.

**Note**
If an error occurs, the process is aborted.

5.7.3.3 Monitoring the balance position sensor

The status of the balance position sensor is permanently monitored.

**Note**
The balance must stay in the original position, as defined during system installation. If a position error occurs, contact a METTLER TOLEDO representative.
## 5.8 Analyzing measurement data and report

### 5.8.1 Measurement report

The following figures show a report generated by e5control after running a weighing process consisting of one series of 7 groups of A-B-A comparison weighings. The selected weighing mode is **Down-/upward calibration**.

Figure 'Report - Part 1' shows the report heading, comprising the following information:
- name of report file (.doc)
- The name of the settings file (.e5)
- The process start date and start time
- The duration of the process
- The user identification
- Some notes
- The weighing process settings
- The magazine places allocation
- The series scheme
- The balance settings

Figure 'Report - Part 2' shows the measurement data. Each table line consists of the following fields:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Field</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Day/Time</strong></td>
<td>Measurement day and time recorded in day/hours:minutes:seconds.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Meas.no.</strong></td>
<td>Measurement number that indicates the series number, the group number and the weighing number. Example: &quot;010203A&quot; stands for series no. 01, group no. 02, comparison no. 03 and weight A. When a sensitivity check is carried out, the measurement number shows the series number and sc (for sensitivity check).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Place(s)</strong></td>
<td>Indicates the magazine place(s) of the weight(s).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Note</strong></td>
<td>For weight combinations, the reported combination (e.g., &quot;a11 + a12 + a10&quot;) differs from the combination entered in the series scheme (&quot;a11 + a12 + a10&quot;). It indicates in which order the weights were put onto the balance pan. e5control chooses the order such that the error due to corner load is minimized.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Value</strong></td>
<td>Indicates the recorded weight(s) value in mg. This value is the calculated average of all values collected during the integration time and shows an extra decimal place, see [Weighing process settings ➤ Page 28].</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Diff. (B-A)</strong></td>
<td>Indicates for each comparison the calculated difference between weight B and weight A. The differences listed for a particular group are statistically independent, see [Calculations ➤ Page 43].</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Diff.average</strong></td>
<td>Indicates for each group the calculated average of all differences, see [Calculations ➤ Page 43].</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>WeightB-error</strong></td>
<td>Indicates for each group the calculated error of the weight B, provided the error of the weight A is known. This applies to a single standard only, see [Calculations ➤ Page 43].</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Std.dev.</strong></td>
<td>Indicates for each group the calculated standard deviation of the difference average, see [Calculations ➤ Page 43].</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
If the climate data input source is **online via serial port**, the program collects online climate data. The measurement data table includes additional fields for the selected sensors. See [Selecting the application mode ▶ Page 56].

Figure 'Report - Part 3' shows the results in a summary table. If the process consists of more than one series, the summary table indicates the average of the difference averages.
## Measurement data (all values in mg)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date/Time</th>
<th>Mass No.</th>
<th>Element</th>
<th>Value</th>
<th>Diff. (rel)</th>
<th>Difference Weight Error</th>
<th>Std dev.</th>
<th>Mass, Rel.</th>
<th>Rel. Rel. %</th>
<th>Tilt Correction CI 1</th>
<th>Tilt Correction CI 2</th>
<th>Tilt Correction CI 3</th>
<th>Tilt Correction CI 4</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>

Report - Part 2: measurement data
e5control automatically handles the comparison of two weight combinations in such a way (placing sequence) that the remaining corner load error is minimized. In the case of a comparison ‘2 g + 2 g + 1 g’ vs. ‘5 g’, the combination entered as ‘2 g + 2 g + 1 g’ will be placed onto the balance pan in the sequence ‘2 g + 1 g + 2 g’: the center of gravity of the weights combination is located on the same vertical axis as the 5 g weight and, consequently, the remaining corner load error equals zero. In certain cases, in particular when non-OIML weights are involved in a combination (e.g. ‘3 g + 2 g’ vs. ‘5 g’), a certain error due to corner load remains. Knowing the measured corner load error, e5control calculates for each comparison the remaining error due to corner load and, if not zero, indicates it under ‘CrLd-err’ in the results summary table of the measurement report. The corrected difference average (not indicated in the report) equals ‘Diff.average’ minus ‘CrLd-err’.
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5.8.2 Calculations

The figure below represents the reported measurement data and the differences B-A calculated during a weighing process, where the comparison scheme was set to A-B-A and A-B-B-A. The calculations are given below for the series 1, group 01 as example.

The differences B-A are reported in the column Diff.(B-A) and, if the comparison scheme A-B-A was selected, calculated as follows (see the figure below, top diagram):

\[
\text{Diff}_{010101} = \frac{(\text{Val}_B_{010101} - \text{Val}_A_{010101}) + (\text{Val}_B_{010101} - \text{Val}_A_{010101})}{2}
\]

\[
\text{Diff}_{010102} = \frac{(\text{Val}_B_{010102} - \text{Val}_A_{010102}) + (\text{Val}_B_{010102} - \text{Val}_A_{010102})}{2}
\]

\[
\text{Diff}_{010103} = \frac{(\text{Val}_B_{010103} - \text{Val}_A_{010103}) + (\text{Val}_B_{010103} - \text{Val}_A_{010103})}{2}
\]

etc.

If the comparison scheme A-B-B-A was selected, the differences B-A, reported in the column Diff.(B-A), are calculated as follows (see the figure below, bottom diagram):

\[
\text{Diff}_{010101} = \frac{(\text{Val}_B_{010101} + \text{Val}_B_{010101}) - (\text{Val}_A_{010101} + \text{Val}_A_{010101})}{2}
\]

\[
\text{Diff}_{010102} = \frac{(\text{Val}_B_{010102} + \text{Val}_B_{010102}) - (\text{Val}_A_{010102} + \text{Val}_A_{010102})}{2}
\]

etc.
The difference average is reported, for each group of \( n \) comparisons, in the column **Diff.average**, and calculated as follows (for both comparison schemes):

\[
\text{Diff.average}_{0101} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=01}^{n} \text{Diff}_{0101\,i}
\]

The standard deviation of the difference average is reported, for each group, in the column **Std.dev.**, and calculated as follows (for both comparison schemes):

\[
\text{Std.dev.}_{0101} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{(n-1)} \sum_{i=01}^{n} (\text{Diff}_{0101\,i} - \text{Diff.average}_{0101})^2}
\]

Provided the error of the weight A is known, the error of the weight B is reported, for each group, in the column **WeightB-error**, and calculated as follows (for both comparison schemes):

\[
\text{WeightB-error}_{0101} = \text{WeightA-error}_{0101} + \text{Diff.average}_{0101}
\]

If a sensitivity check was requested, the value of the selected check standard is reported in the column **Diff.(B-A)**, and calculated as follows:

\[
\text{Diff}_{00} = \frac{(\text{Val}_{SC00} - \text{Val}_{00}) + (\text{Val}_{SC00} - \text{Val}_{00'})}{2} \quad \text{(initial check)}
\]

\[
\text{Diff}_{01} = \frac{(\text{Val}_{SC01} - \text{Val}_{01}) + (\text{Val}_{SC01} - \text{Val}_{01'})}{2} \quad \text{(check done after series 01)}
\]

\[
\text{etc.}
\]

Val\_SC\_i stands for the value measured after loading the check standard. Val\_0\_i stands for the zero point before loading the check standard, Val\_0\_i\' stands for the zero point after loading the check standard.
The corner load error \( \text{CrLd-err} \) reported in the results summary table is calculated as follows (\( \text{CrLd\_err} \) is used here to avoid confusion with the minus sign):

\[
\text{CrLd\_err} = \text{CrLd\_err}_B - \text{CrLd\_err}_A
\]

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{CrLd\_err}_A, B &= \frac{1}{2} \cdot \left( \frac{\text{CrLd\_err}_{\text{measured, back}} + \text{CrLd\_err}_{\text{measured, front}}}{(M_{\text{measured}})^2} \right)
\end{align*}
\]

\[
\begin{align*}
&+ \frac{1}{2} \cdot \left( \frac{\text{CrLd\_err}_{\text{measured, back}} - \text{CrLd\_err}_{\text{measured, front}}}{M_{A, B}} \right)
\end{align*}
\]

\[
\text{CrLd\_err}_{A, B} = \frac{1}{c_{215}} \left( \frac{\text{CrLd\_err}_{\text{measured, back}} + \text{CrLd\_err}_{\text{measured, front}}}{(M_{\text{measured}})^2} \right)
\]

\[
\text{CrLd\_err}_{A, B} = \frac{1}{c_{215}} \left( \frac{M_{A, B}}{M_{\text{measured}}} \right)
\]

with:

\[
M_A = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \left( \frac{\text{weight}_A \cdot \text{ecc}_A}{c_{215}} \right)
\]

\[
M_B = \sum_{j=0}^{m-1} \left( \frac{\text{weight}_B \cdot \text{ecc}_B}{c_{215}} \right)
\]

and \( M_{\text{measured}} = \frac{\text{weight}_{\text{measured}} \cdot \text{ecc}_{\text{measured}}}{c_{215}} \)

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**Key to formulas**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Formula</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>( \text{CrLd_err}_{\text{measured, front}} )</td>
<td>Measured corner load error, front position</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>( \text{CrLd_err}_{\text{measured, back}} )</td>
<td>Measured corner load error, back position</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>( \text{weight}_A, \text{weight}_B )</td>
<td>Nominal value in g of the weight i or j, in the combination A of n weights, or in the combination B of m weights</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>( \text{ecc}_A, \text{ecc}_B )</td>
<td>Eccentricity of weight i or j, in the combination A or B. That is, the distance in mm between the center of gravity of the weight and the vertical central axis of the balance pan. This distance is positive for back position and negative for front position.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>( \text{weight}_{\text{measured}} )</td>
<td>Nominal value in g of the check weight used for the measurement of the corner error</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>( \text{ecc}_{\text{measured}} )</td>
<td>Eccentricity of the check weight used for the measurement of the corner load error. That is, the distance in mm between the center of gravity of the check weight and the vertical central axis of the balance pan. This distance is positive for back position and negative for front position.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

The corner load error \( \text{CrLd\_err} \) is not reported in the results summary table if its calculated value equals zero. If the measurement of the corner load error was not done, and the calculated corner load error differs from zero, the results summary table indicates \( \text{CrLd\_err: unknown} \).
5.9 Measuring the corner load error

Navigation: e5control > System > Corner load error measurement...

For direct weight comparisons with appropriate weight carriers selected, the error due to corner load is negligible.
When using weight combinations in a comparison, the weight combinations must be arranged on the balance pan such that the centers of gravity of both combinations are located on the same vertical axis, see **Indication of corner load error** in [Measurement report ➔ Page 39].

In the example “3 g + 2 g” versus “5 g”, the error due to corner load cannot be neglected. This is indicated in the report. The corner load error is calculated from the measured corner load error. This value should be regularly determined and updated. **Measured corner load error (front, back)** is the difference between the measured value of a 2 g weight centered on the weighing pan, and the measured value of the same weight moved 10 mm or 7.5 mm towards the front or towards the back of the weighing pan.

**Measuring the corner load error**

To determine or update the values of the measured corner load error, proceed as follows:

1. Select **System ➔ Corner load error measurement**...
   → The window **Corner load error measurement** is displayed. The following data is shown: date of the last measurement, current measured error values, type of weight carrier used. **Check weight** lists the standard weights with a nominal value of 2 g, and with an allocated magazine place.

2. Select a weight from **Check weight**.

3. Click **Start**.
   → The corner load error measurement is executed. The results are displayed in the **Corner load error measurement - Report** window.

4. When the procedure is completed, click **Exit**.

5. Click **OK** to store the new values. The old values are overwritten.
5.10 Upgrading e5control

- **Navigation**: e5control > System > Software upgrade…

The standard edition of e5control can be upgraded to the professional edition.

1. Select **System** > **Software upgrade**…
   - The window **Software upgrade** is displayed.
2. **Handler ID**: Enter the ID provided by METTLER TOLEDO.
3. **Password**: Enter the password provided by METTLER TOLEDO.
4. Click **OK**.
   - e5control is upgraded.

5.11 Remote-controlling the e5 comparator

The settings for a weighing process can be generated by a laboratory information management system (LIMS), and imported into e5control. To remote-control the **e5 comparator**, certain commands can be sent to e5control from the LIMS.

Example of a LIMS: Automated Mass Measurement System (AMMS), supplied by Measurement Technology Laboratories (Minneapolis, USA)
For a settings file generated outside of e5control, the following rules apply:

- The value of each parameter must be within the allowed range.
- The document version is currently 3. The document version is an internal reference to the settings definition and its history.
- For a sensitivity check, the indicated magazine position must be allocated to a particular weight.
- An error must be specified for all standard weights.
- The number of weights in each combination must not exceed three. The total nominal value of each weight combination must not exceed 6.1 g.
- All magazine positions mentioned in the scheme must be allocated to a particular weight.
- The path given for the output file must exist on the controller of the e5 comparator.

**Note**
The imported settings file contains relevant data for the definition of the standards involved in this specific weighing process. The local standards database (MyStandards.std) is not affected when importing a settings file.
### 5.11.1 Generating a settings file outside of e5control

A settings file from a LIMS must be in a specific format (.imp) that can be converted by e5control.

Example of a settings file generated by a LIMS:

```plaintext
JOB: ImportDemo
e5control 3
HEADER:
<This is an optional 3-line text block which appears in a message box
when the new settings file (imported and converted into e5control)
is loaded>
END HEADER
PROCESS:
1 1 3 0 1 5 1 A-B-A 20 5 a3
END PROCESS
MAGAZINE:
a1 S MySet lg 1 0.005 8000.9
a2 S MySet 500mg 0.5 0.003 8000.8
a3 S MySet 100mg 0.1 -0.003 8001.0
a8 T TestSet lg 1
a9 T TestSet 500mg 0.5
a10 T TestSet 200mg 0.2
a11 T TestSet 200mg* 0.2
a12 T TestSet 100mg 0.1
END MAGAZINE
SCHEME:
a8 VS. a1
a9+a2 VS. a8
a2 VS. a9
a10+a11+a12 VS. a9
a11 VS. a10
a12+a3 VS. a10
a3 VS. a12
END SCHEME
REPORT:
metrotec engineering ag
C:\Program files(x86)\e5control\DemoOutput
END REPORT
END JOB ImportDemo
```

The format of this text file is defined in the following example. The words written in bold, for example, REPORT: and END REPORT, are fixed identifiers that indicate the beginning and the end of a parameter definition. The other characters are variables or parameters that determine the information and settings specific to a weighing process.

The values of the following variables or parameters must be determined within their respective range.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Prefix</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td><code>str</code></td>
<td>string: string of characters, without spaces unless otherwise specified</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>bln</code></td>
<td>boolean (0 or 1)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>int</code></td>
<td>integer: exact whole number</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>dec</code></td>
<td>decimal (number with decimal places)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Parameters

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter designation</th>
<th>Value (range)</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>strJobID</td>
<td>&lt;no limitation&gt;</td>
<td>string of characters used as job identification</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>strAppName</td>
<td>'e5control'</td>
<td>designation of control software used</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>intDocVersion</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>document version used as internal reference to the settings definition and its history</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>strHeaderLine</td>
<td>&lt;no limitation&gt;</td>
<td>text appearing in a message box when loading the imported and converted settings file</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>blnWeighingMode</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>blnPrerun</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>intStartDelayHours</td>
<td>0 – 99</td>
<td>integer, number of hours in time requested as start delay</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>intStartDelayMinutes</td>
<td>0 – 59</td>
<td>integer, number of minutes in time requested as start delay</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>intNonReported-Preweighings</td>
<td>0 – 5</td>
<td>integer, number of non-reported pre-weighings per group</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>intReportedComparisons</td>
<td>1 – 20</td>
<td>integer, number of reported comparisons per group</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>intSeries</td>
<td>1 – 20</td>
<td>integer, number of series</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>strComparisonScheme</td>
<td>A-B-A</td>
<td>A-B-B-A</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>intStabilisationTime</td>
<td>10 – 60</td>
<td>integer, stabilisation time in seconds</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>intIntegrationTime</td>
<td>0 – 60</td>
<td>integer, integration time in seconds</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>strSensitivityCheck</td>
<td>strPosID</td>
<td>NO</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
### Parameter designation | Value (range) | Description
---|---|---
`intHistorySpecificPause` | 0 – 60 | integer, duration of history-specific pause in minutes
`strPosID` | a1 | magazine position number: a1 to a12, b1 to b12, c1 to c12, d1 to d12 and e1 to e12
`strWeightType` | S | "S" = standard, "T" = test weight
`strSetID` | <maximum 8 characters> | string of maximum 8 characters, weight set identification
`strWeightID` | <maximum 8 characters> | string of maximum 8 characters, weight identification
`decNominal` | 0 – 6.1 | number (with decimal), weight nominal value in g
`decError` | <no limitation, in principle> | number (with decimal), error in mg given for standards only (i.e. `strWeightType` = "S")
`decDensity` | <no limitation, in principle> | number (with decimal), density in kg/m^3
`strCombination` | strPosID [+strPosID [...strPosID]] | string consisting of up to 3 different magazine positions, separated by the "+" sign
`strUserName` | <maximum 54 characters> | string of maximum 54 characters (including spaces), user identification
`strFileName` | <file location path and name> | name of report file, without extension, and its location on disk

### Symbols

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
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<th>Description</th>
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</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>&quot;&lt; &gt;&quot;</td>
<td>delimiter for a comment on the value of a parameter</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>&quot;*&quot;</td>
<td>up to</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>&quot;</td>
<td>&quot;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>&quot;[ ]&quot;</td>
<td>delimiter for an optional block</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>&quot;&amp;&quot;</td>
<td>concatenation of two strings of characters</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**See also**

> Determining the weighing process settings and series scheme » Page 28

### 5.11.2 Importing a settings file into e5control

The settings file (.imp) generated by a LIMS can be imported into e5control and converted into a settings file (.e05).

**See also**

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#### 5.11.2.1 Selecting the import source

Navigate: e5control > System > Import/Export mode… > Import source

Before importing the settings file, define the import mode.

1. Select System > Import/Export mode… > Import source.
   - The window Import/Export mode is displayed.
2. Select the appropriate mode (File or Serial port).
3. Click OK.

**Note**
If **Serial port** is selected, an additional serial communication port is required. The serial communication port must be different than the one established for the communication with the instrument.

![Import/Export mode window](image)

**See also**
- Preparing a weighing > Page 35

### 5.11.2.2 Importing the settings file

**Navigation: e5control > File > Import…**

The settings file (.imp or .txt) can be imported into **e5control** from any location, for example, a storage device.

- The import source **File** is selected.

1. Select **File > Import…**
   - The window **Select import file** is displayed.

2. Select the settings file to be imported.

3. Click **Open**.
   - The selected file is parsed and checked.
   - The file is converted into an **e5control** settings file (.e05).
   - The window **Save imported file** opens.

4. When prompted, enter a name for the settings file.
   - The settings file is imported into **e5control**.

**See also**
- Generating a settings file outside of e5control > Page 50
- Selecting the import source > Page 52

### 5.11.2.3 Importing the settings file using a serial port

The settings file (.imp) can be imported into **e5control** using a serial communication port.

- The import source **Serial port** is selected.

1. Select **File > Import…**
   - The window **Import from serial port** is displayed.
2 Click **Get job list** to get a list of pending jobs (settings files) from the LIMS.

3 Select the job to be imported.

4 Click **Load job**.
   > The selected file is parsed and checked.
   > The file is converted into an **e5control** settings file (.e05).
   > The window **Save imported file** opens.

5 When prompted, enter a name for the settings file.

6 Optional: Repeat the procedure to import further jobs.

7 Click **Exit**.
   > The settings file is imported into **e5control**.

**See also**

🔗 Generating a settings file outside of e5control  ➤ Page 50
🔗 Communicating via the serial port  ➤ Page 54
🔗 Selecting the import source  ➤ Page 52

### 5.11.3 Communicating via the serial port

The communication protocol is set: 2400 baud, 7 data bits, 1 stop bit, parity even. A reply to a data request must be sent within 3 seconds. For a smooth exchange of information between a LIMS and **e5control**, the following commands are available:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Task, description</th>
<th>Command e5control to LIMS</th>
<th>Command LIMS to e5control</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Requesting list of pending jobs, clicking <strong>[Get job list]</strong></td>
<td>JOB ?&lt;CR LF&gt;</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sending list of pending jobs (empty list if none available)</td>
<td>JOB[ strJobID[ strJobID[ [...] ]]&lt;CR LF&gt;</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Requesting one particular job, clicking <strong>[Load job]</strong></td>
<td>JOB strJobID&lt;CR LF&gt;</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sending one particular job</td>
<td>&lt;text file as described in [Generating a settings file outside of e5control] ➤ Page 50&gt;</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Accepting job (file syntax and consistency OK), saving job as settings file</td>
<td>JOB strJobID OK&lt;CR LF&gt;</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Rejecting job (file syntax and consistency not OK)</td>
<td>JOB strJobID DENIED&lt;CR LF&gt;</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Advising of job start and estimated duration, before pre-run/centering starts</td>
<td>JOB strJobID STARTS DURATION: intHours:intMinutes&lt;CR LF&gt;</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Advising of job end, after job successfully completed</td>
<td>JOB strJobID SUCCESSFULLY ENDED&lt;CR LF&gt;</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Advising of job end due to program failure, after program aborted</td>
<td>JOB strJobID ABORTED&lt;CR LF&gt;</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Advising of job end due to ‘Abort’ command given by user</td>
<td>JOB strJobID ABORTED BY USER&lt;CR LF&gt;</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Data can be sent to a LIMS using a serial communication port.

1 Select **System > Import/Export mode… > Import source**.
   > The window **Import/Export mode** is displayed.
2 Activate **Online output via serial port**.

**Note**
The same port is used for import and export.

During the weighing process, **e5control** exports the measurement data as shown in the following example. The columns shown are: Time, Measurement number, Place(s), Value.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Time</th>
<th>Measurement number</th>
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<td>01</td>
<td>sc</td>
<td>-0.00730&lt;CR LF&gt;</td>
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</table>

After the weighing process has been successfully completed, **e5control** exports the corner load error in mg, calculated for each measurement group, see [Measurement report Page 39] and [Calculations Page 43]):

```
CORNERLOAD decCrLd_err1[ decCrLd_err2[ decCrLd_err3[ ...]]]<CR LF>
```

decCrLd_err1 is the corner load error calculated for the first measurement group, decCrLd_err2 for the second measurement group, etc. If an error is zero or not measured, the indicated value is **NO** or **UNKNOWN**.

Example:

```
CORNERLOAD NO 0.00014 -0.00013 UNKNOWN<CR LF>
```

- first group: corner load error = 0
- second group: corner load error = 0.00014 mg
- third group: corner load error = -0.00013 mg
- fourth group: corner load error not measured

**See also**

- Importing the settings file using a serial port  ➤ Page 53
- Calculations  ➤ Page 43
- Measurement report  ➤ Page 39
5.12 Selecting the application mode

- Navigation: e5control > System > Application mode…

1. Select **System > Application mode**…
   - The window **Application mode** is displayed.

2. Select the required options.

3. Click **OK**.

### Section Description

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<tr>
<th>Weight densities</th>
<th>Serves to specify if the standard weights and test weights have a density value or not. If <strong>with density value</strong> is selected, a valid density value must be entered for each standard weight and test weight.</th>
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<td>Note</td>
<td>If <strong>with density value</strong> is selected and the standards database or the test weights database contains weights without density values, a warning is generated. The density of these weights is automatically set to 8000 kg/m³.</td>
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<td><strong>Climate data input</strong></td>
<td>Serves to specify the climate data input source.</td>
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<td>Available options:</td>
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<td></td>
<td>• <strong>none</strong>: No climate data input</td>
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<td></td>
<td>• <strong>manual at measurement start</strong>: Enter the climate data manually at measurement start.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>• <strong>online via serial port</strong>: Connect a climate measurement instrument (Klimet A30 or compatible) to a serial port to collect the climate data. Choose a serial port from the Serial port list.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>• <strong>online from database (ODBC)</strong>: Retrieve data from an ODBC data source. Enter the name of the ODBC data source, the name of the Table/Query. If applicable, enter the values for Correct measurement time and Maximum time difference. Click Check connection to test if the ODBC data can be accessed.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Automatic post-processing</strong></td>
<td>If with density value and online via serial port are selected, the measurement report contains the information needed to perform a buoyancy correction calculation for mass and conventional mass calibration. These calculations can be performed with a post-processing program (not included in the delivery). Select <strong>Do automatic post-processing</strong> and click <strong>Browse...</strong> to select the post-processing program. When the weighing process is completed, the report is sent to the post-processing program.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### 5.12.1 Interface to ODBC climate data sources

**ODBC** data sources can be installed on a computer to read data from various data sources like text files, Microsoft Excel data sheets, or any database system like Microsoft Access, SQL-Server, Firebird, Oracle, etc. 

**e5control** has an interface to receive climate data from any **ODBC** source. This interface has the following characteristics:

- Reads data of all sensors selected to be reported. The names of the data fields correspond to the names of the sensors: T1, T2, T3, T4, P, RH.
- Data is read as text, not as numerical values. Therefore, the data source can specify the number of decimal places of the data. The data is checked to be numerical, and not more than 4 decimal places will be displayed.
- Data fields **STATUSNO** and **STATUSText**:
  - **STATUSNO** = 1 halts the control program when a measurement group is finished.
  - **STATUSNO** = 2 aborts the control program.
  - **STATUSText** provides additional information about the reason for the interruption.
- Data field **MEASTIME**:
  - Optional, to check measurement time
  - Can be read as date/time value, or as float value that indicates the expired days since 1.1.2000
  - **Maximum time difference** specifies the maximum time difference between the local time on the computer when the climate data was read, and the timestamp of the climate data which was imported from the **ODBC** data source. If the climate data is updated periodically, use the maximum time period as input.
- **Correct measurement time** serves to shift the measurement time of the **ODBC** source if the climate data database and the computer have different time bases.
5.12.2 Read data via ODBC from an Access database

Suppose your climate measurement system collects data periodically and saves the data to a Microsoft Access database. The sensors used for the comparator might be named \texttt{T\_A100}, \texttt{P\_A100} and \texttt{RH\_A100}. Each sensor is stored in an individual field of the database table \texttt{tblClimate}. The field name is equal to the name of the sensor. There is a timestamp generated whenever the data is stored, and this value is stored in the table field \texttt{CURRENTTIME}.

Example of the data table \texttt{tblClimate} in Access:

![Example of the data table tblClimate in Access](image)

We want to read the current data from this Access database table and use it as climate data for \texttt{e5control}.

**Step 1: Create a database query**

We have to create a database query in the Access database to let the ODBC driver access the appropriate data. The ODBC driver reads the climate data of all sensors selected to be reported. The corresponding field names are \texttt{T1}, \texttt{T2}, \texttt{T3}, \texttt{T4}, \texttt{P}, and \texttt{RH}. The ODBC driver also reads the fields \texttt{STATUSNO}, \texttt{STATUSText}, and \texttt{MEASTIME}, see [Interface to ODBC climate data sources Page 57].

- The query in Access has to rename all database fields and to add \texttt{STATUSNO} and \texttt{STATUSText} fields.
- The query should export only the latest data record. Use \texttt{ORDER BY} to order the records descending.
- The following \texttt{SELECT} query performs the following tasks:

```sql
SELECT TOP 1 tblClimate.ID, tblClimate.T_A100 AS T1, tblClimate.P_A100 AS P, tblClimate.RH_A100 AS RH, 0 AS STATUSNO, "OK" AS STATUSTEXT, tblClimate.CURRENTTIME AS MEASTIME FROM tblClimate ORDER BY tblClimate.CURRENTTIME DESC;
```

1. Create a database query as described above.
2. Save the query to Access, for example, as \texttt{qry\_ClimateData}.
3. Save the database to a file like \texttt{ClimateData.mdb}.

**Step 2: Create an ODBC data source to access the database**

- This step depends on the Windows operating system and on the operating system language.
1. Open the control panel and go to \texttt{administrative tools} to find the ODBC data sources.
2. Add a \texttt{System DSN}.
3. Select the appropriate driver: Driver for Microsoft Access (\texttt{.mdb}).
4. Select an appropriate name, for example, ClimateServer.
5. Select the database path and choose the database file (\texttt{.mdb}).

**Step 3: Access the data in e5control**

1. Start \texttt{e5control}.
2. Select \texttt{System > Application mode}.
3. Select \texttt{online from database (ODBC)}.
4. Enter the name of the ODBC data source, for example, ClimateServer.
5. As \texttt{Table/Query}, enter the name of the query in brackets, for example, [\texttt{qry\_ClimateData}].
6 Select the sensors **Temperature T1**, **Pressure** and **Relative Humidity** to be reported.

7 Select **Check ODBC measurement time = No** and click **Check connection** to check the connection.
   ⇒ A message box displays the current values, or an error message.

8 If a **MEASTIME** value is exported, select **Check ODBC measurement time**. Choose the appropriate format of the value. In the example above, choose **Date/Time**. If the connection fails, refer to the information below.

**Problems with different day/time formatting**

**ODBC** drivers may have problems with the translation of **Date/Time** values on different platforms. If you have problems with checking measurement time in **Date/Time** format, you can translate the **Date/Time** value in your database to a float number and export/check this number instead.

1 Convert the **Date/Time** value to a real number. In Microsoft Access, you can use the function `CDbl()` to perform this task. Other database systems have similar functions.

2 Subtract the corresponding function value of a fixed date: 1.1.2000. In Access, you can use the function `CDbl(CDate(#2000.1.1#))` to calculate this value.

3 The calculated difference is named **MEASTIME**.

With this procedure, the **MEASTIME** value indicates the days, and fractions of a day, since 1.1.2000. This value will be exported as a real value, which should be easier to read for the **ODBC** driver.

If the problem remains, skip the measurement time checking by setting **Check ODBC measurement time** to **No**.

See also

🔗 Interface to **ODBC** climate data sources » Page 57

5.12.3 **Read data via ODBC from an Excel sheet**

You can enter climate data in an Excel sheet and import them via **ODBC** into **e5control**.

**Step 1: Create the Excel sheet**

1 Open a new Excel file.

2 Create a new Excel sheet and name it **qry_ClimateData**.
   ⇒ The first row contains the name of the sensors as named in **Application mode** dialog in **e5control**.
   ⇒ The second row contains the data.

3 Select **Share Workbook**. If you do not share the workbook, the **ODBC** driver will report an error when the data is changed in the worksheet and the **ODBC** driver tries to retrieve the new data before the data is saved manually.

4 Save the file. Name it **Climatedata.xls**, for example.

**Step 2: Create an ODBC data source to access the Excel file**

• This step depends on your Windows operating system as well as on your operation system language.
1. Open the control panel and go to **administrative tools** to find the **ODBC** data sources.
2. Add a **System DSN**.
3. Select the appropriate driver (Microsoft excel driver (.xls)).
4. Select an appropriate name (like ClimateServerFromExcel).
5. Select the database path and choose the database (Climatedata.xls in the example above).

**Step 3: Access the data in e5control**

≡ **Navigation: e5control > System > Application mode…**

1. Start **e5control**.
2. Select **System > Application mode…**.
3. Select **online from database (ODBC)**.
4. Enter the name of the **ODBC** data source as created above (ClimateServerFromExcel in the example above).
5. As **Table/Query**, enter the name of the Excel worksheet in brackets, and add $ at the end: [qry_ClimateData$] in the example above.
6. Select the sensors **Temperature T1, Pressure** and **Relative Humidity** to be reported.
7. Select **Check ODBC measurement time = No** and click **Check connection** to check the connection.
8. If a **MEASTIME** value is exported, select **Check ODBC measurement time**. Select the appropriate format of the value. In the example above, choose **Date/Time**.

**Note**

If the connection fails, see [Read data via ODBC from an Access database](#).

### 5.12.4 Read data via ODBC from a .csv text file

Suppose your climate measurement system exports the current climate data into one .csv file for each comparator. These data can be imported to the control program.

**Step 1: Manually create the .csv file**

1. Use an editor to create a file looking like the following:
   - The first row contains the name of the sensors as named in **Application mode** dialog in **e5control**.
   - The second row contains the data. Separate the values with a semicolon (;).

2. Save the file. Choose an appropriate file name, for example, ClimateData.csv.

If your climate measurement system automatically updates the data in the file, proceed as follows:

2. Write the new data to this new temporary file, close the file.
3. Copy the temporary file and paste it into the location where the original file (**ClimateServer.csv**) is stored.
   - The temporary file replaces the original file.
4. If copying fails, wait a moment and try again.

If you write directly to the **ClimateData.csv** file, the file is temporarily blocked for **ODBC** access. This could force the control program to stop and generate an **ODBC** read error.
**Step 2: Create an ODBC data source to access the .csv file**

- This step depends on your Windows operating system as well as on your operation system language.
1. Open the control panel and go to **Administrative tools**.
2. Open **ODBC Data Sources**.
3. In **System DSN**, add a data source.
4. Select the appropriate driver (**Microsoft Access text driver (*.txt, *.csv)**).
5. Enter an appropriate name, such as *ClimateServerTest*.
6. Click **Select Directory** and choose the directory where your .csv file is located.
7. Select **Options**.
8. Click **Define Format**.
   - On the left hand side, you get a list with all tables (files) in the directory.
9. Select the file you have created before (**ClimateData.csv**).
10. Activate **Column Name Header**.
11. Under **Format:** select **Custom Delimited**
12. Under **Delimiter:** type **;**.
13. On the right hand side, click **Guess**.
   - The field **Columns** should get populated with the name of each field.
14. Select **T1** in the list.
15. Under **Data Type**, select **Char**.
16. Under **Width**, enter the value **255**.
17. Click **Change**.
18. Do the same for all climate values (if used): T2, T3, T4, P, and RH.
19. Check the format of the other parameters (they should be already correctly set):
   - **STATUSNO**: **Data Type = Integer**
   - **STATUSText**: **Data Type = Char, Width = “255”**
   - **MEASTIME** (if used): **Data Type = Float**

**Note**
Microsoft text drivers do not support Date/Time values. Therefore, **MEASTIME** must be exported with type **Float**.

**Step 3: Access the data in e5control**

≡ **Navigation: e5control > System > Application mode…**
1. Start **e5control**.
2. Select **System > Application mode…**.
3. Select **online from database (ODBC)**.
4. Enter the name of the **ODBC** data source as created above (ClimateServerTest in the example).
5. As **Table/Query**, enter the name of the CSV file: **ClimateData.csv** in the example above.
6. Select the sensors **Temperature T1**, **Pressure** and **Relative Humidity** to be reported.
7. Select **Check ODBC measurement time = No** and click **Check connection** to check the connection.
   - A message box displays the current values, or an error message.
8. If a **MEASTIME** value is exported, select **Check ODBC measurement time**. Select **Days since 1.1.2000**.

**Note**
If the connection fails, see [Read data via ODBC from an Access database](#).

### 5.12.5 Read data via ODBC from other database systems

Any other database system can be treated similar to an Access database system, see [Read data via ODBC from an Access database](#).
Make sure to use the latest ODBC driver from your database vendor. For example, always use the ODBC driver from Oracle. Do not use the Microsoft driver ODBC for Oracle to access an Oracle database.

### 5.13 Sending emails

#### Navigation: e5control > System > Email sender configuration...

The program is able to send emails to inform the operator about measurement starts, successful measurement completions as well as measurement abortions.

1. Select **System** > **Email sender configuration**...
   - The window shown below is displayed.
2. Configure how to send emails.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Section</th>
<th>Description</th>
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</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Send emails</td>
<td>Enables or disables the sending of emails.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mail server settings</td>
<td>Requires an email account on a mail server. Ask your IT department to get the access information for an email account. The <strong>Mail server settings</strong> contain information about the email account:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• <strong>Smtp mail server for mails to be sent</strong>: address of the smtp mail server</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• <strong>Email account to send mails from</strong>: email address of the account on the smtp mail server</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• <strong>Email account's display name</strong>: name of the sender displayed in the header of the email</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• <strong>Credentials to access the email account</strong>: username and password to access the email account on the smtp mail server</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Receivers email address(es)</td>
<td>To enter the email address of a recipient. If more than one address is entered, separate the addresses with a semicolon <code>;</code>.</td>
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<td>Section</td>
<td>Description</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Messages to send</strong></td>
<td>To define for which event an email message is generated.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>- <strong>Measurement start</strong>: After successful initialization, an email is sent, giving the estimated measurement end time.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>- <strong>Successful measurement completion</strong>: An email is sent if the measurement is successfully completed. In addition, a report file can be attached to the email. The report file is sent before <strong>Automatic post-processing</strong> is executed. Therefore, the report file attached to the email is not post-processed.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>- <strong>Measurement abortion</strong>: An error message is sent.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Email sender's application window</strong></td>
<td>- The email is sent using a separate application. This requires the installation of <strong>EmailSender.exe</strong> on the computer.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>- By default, the <strong>EmailSender</strong> application window is hidden, the program runs in the background.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Sending test emails, troubleshooting**

1. Click **Send testmail** to send a test email.
   - The **EmailSender** application is briefly displayed.
2. If an error occurs, consult the log file of the **EmailSender** application.
   - **Note**
     - Typically, the log file is stored under C:\Program Files\Mettler-Toledo\EmailSender\EmailSender_log.txt.

**Important note on mail server settings**

An email is sent as follows:
- The control program writes the email data, including all information about mail server settings and receivers addresses, into the file **EmailSenderMessageToSend.txt**.
- The control program starts the application **EmailSender.exe**.
- **EmailSender.exe** opens the file and sends the email to the email account on the smtp mail server.
- The smtp mail server sends the email to the receivers email addresses.

**NOTICE**

The credentials to access the email account are stored in files and transferred to the smtp mail server in plain text. No encryption is applied.

Strongly recommended:
1. Use an email account on a mail server that is accessible via intranet (in-house). Never use an email account that is accessible only via internet.
2. Open a new account on the mail server, do not use an existing personal account.

### 5.14 Reducing pre-run/centering time using ‘Standard’s centering history’

- **Navigation**: e5control > System > Standard’s centering history...

  The measurement starts with a centering/pre-run phase of all weights included in the weighing process. Generally, the standard weights included in the process are re-used for many measurements. Therefore the centering/pre-run of these standard weights could be skipped.

  Whenever a standard weight is used in the measurement process, the program stores (in a separate centering history database) date and time, magazine position, **Set-ID**, **Standard-ID** and nominal value of the standard weight. If the weight is re-used within a certain (maximum) period of days, the standard weight’s centering/pre-run can be ignored.

1. Select **System > Standard’s centering history**...
   - The window shown below is displayed.
2. Select **Ignore centering/prerun of a standard weight** to ignore the centering/pre-run of standard weights.

3. Select the maximum period of days under **if the standard weight's latest use is no more than ... day(s) ago**.

The **Clear centering history** button clears all entries in the **centering history database**. This forces the program to redo the centering/pre-run of all standard weights.

By default, **Ignore centering/prerun of a standard weight** is not enabled, and the maximum period of days is 1.

If **Ignore centering/prerun of a standard weight** is enabled, consider the following.

**Note**

Never touch weight carriers of standard weights in the magazine.

When accidentally touching a weight carrier of a standard weight, click **Clear centering history** to delete the **centering history database**. Otherwise, the measurement process might be aborted.

If the carriers are touched, and therefore not centered before the measurement starts, the program might detect wrong carrier types. The measurement process is aborted, and one of the following error messages is displayed:

- Error: Weight carrier changed. Type detected during pre-run different from currently detected one.
- Error: Use of weight carriers of design 3 (red handle) not allowed in case of 3-weight combinations.
- Error: A weight combination in the scheme cannot be loaded on the balance: The load exceeds the balance maximum excentric load.

If one of these errors occurs, the program automatically deletes the **centering history database**. The measurement can be restarted. The standard weight(s) will be centered, and the carrier type should be correctly detected.

### 5.15 Transmitting measurement report data to a TCP/IP server

**Navigation: e5control > System > ReportTransmitter configuration**

The measurement report data can be sent continuously to a TCP/IP server using the special application called **ReportTransmitter**. To enable this feature, proceed as follows:

**Note**

To use this feature, the application **ReportTransmitter** must be installed on the computer.

1. Select **System > ReportTransmitter configuration**.

   - The window shown below is displayed.

2. Select **Enable TCP/IP transmission**.

3. Click **Configure ReportTransmitter**.

   - The application **ReportTransmitter** opens and lets you enter the IP address and the IP port of the TCP/IP server to which you want to send the measurement report data.

4. Optional: Click **Check connection** to check the connection to the TCP/IP server.

5. Click **OK** to save the configuration.
If **Enable TCP/IP transmission** is selected, the control program launches **ReportTransmitter** automatically at measurement start. This is indicated by an icon in the computer’s task bar. **ReportTransmitter** stays hidden.

6 To get access to **ReportTransmitter**, right-click on the notify icon and select **Show ReportTransmitter** from the context menu.

The control program writes measurement data to a special new report file, **CurrentReport.txt**, located in an application specific folder. This file is regularly parsed by **ReportTransmitter**, and new report data is sent to the TCP/IP server. If **ReportTransmitter** detects the end of the measurement in the report file, it automatically shuts down.

### 5.16 Setting calibration data limits for support weights

**Navigation:** e5control > System > Support weights calibration data limits...

Support weights must be recalibrated regularly. Users can define the duration of the calibration cycle.

1 Select **System > Support weights calibration data limits**...

   ➔ The window **Support weights calibration data limits** is displayed.

2 Define the required parameters.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Support weights calibration data is valid</strong></td>
<td>Defines how long a calibration value is valid. Default: 30 days</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Warn before validation expires</strong></td>
<td>Defines when a warning is generated before the calibration data becomes invalid. Default: 24 hours</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Minimum values for support weight calibration process parameters</strong></td>
<td>Serves to set limits for process parameters.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
6 Maintenance

To guarantee the functionality of the balance and the accuracy of the weighing results, a number of maintenance actions must be performed by the user.

6.1 Maintenance of the balance

6.1.1 Maintenance tasks

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Maintenance action</th>
<th>Recommended interval</th>
<th>Remarks</th>
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<tr>
<td>Performing an internal adjustment</td>
<td>Daily</td>
<td>see “Performing an internal adjustment” in the Reference Manual for the balance</td>
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<td>After cleaning</td>
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<td>After leveling</td>
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<td>After changing the location</td>
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<tr>
<td>Performing routine tests (eccentricity test, repeatability test, sensitivity test). METTLER TOLEDO recommends to at least perform a sensitivity test.</td>
<td>After cleaning</td>
<td>see “Tests” in the Reference Manual for the balance</td>
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<td>After assembling the balance</td>
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<td>After a software update</td>
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<td>Depending on your internal regulations (SOP)</td>
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<td>Cleaning</td>
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For further information, consult the Reference Manual (RM).

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6.2 Maintenance of the robot system

Apart from cleaning no regular maintenance is required by the instrument owner.

6.3 Cleaning

6.3.1 Cleaning agents

In the following table, cleaning tools and cleaning agents recommended by METTLER TOLEDO are listed. Pay attention to the concentration of the agents specified in the table.

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Tools</th>
<th>Cleaning agents</th>
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**Legend**

- ✔️    Best recommendation by METTLER TOLEDO; can be used without limitation.
- R    Recommended by METTLER TOLEDO; can be used without limitation.
- PR  Partially recommended by METTLER TOLEDO: individual resistance to acid and alkali must be evaluated, including dependence to the time exposure.
- — Not recommend. High risk for damage.

### 6.3.2 Cleaning the components

**Overview**

Periodically, clean the following parts of the instrument:

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<td>Weighing chamber</td>
<td>Remove dust.</td>
<td>Air bellow</td>
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<tr>
<td>Balance:</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>The position of the balance must remain absolutely unchanged.</td>
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<td>• Weighing pan</td>
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<td>• Drip tray</td>
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<td>• Terminal</td>
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<td>Weight magazine:</td>
<td>Remove dust.</td>
<td>Air bellow</td>
<td>The centering holes underneath the carriers should also be clean.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>• Weights</td>
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<td>Store weight carriers that are not in use in a dust-free environment.</td>
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<tr>
<td>• Weight carriers</td>
<td></td>
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<td>Do not leave these weight carriers in the weight magazine.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Robot system:</td>
<td>Remove dust.</td>
<td>Air bellow</td>
<td>Do not use compressed air or petroleum-based solvents.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>• Robot hand</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>• 3 carrier-centering cones</td>
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### System part

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<td>Light barrier</td>
<td>If a problem with the light barrier on the robot hand occurs, clean the light barrier.</td>
<td>Air bellow</td>
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### NOTICE

**Damage to the instrument due to inappropriate cleaning methods**

If liquid enters the housing, it can damage the instrument. The surface of the instrument can be damaged by certain cleaning agents, solvents, or abrasives.

1. Do not spray or pour liquid on the instrument.
2. Only use the cleaning agents specified in the Reference Manual (RM) of the instrument or the guide “8 Steps to a Clean Balance”.
3. Only use a lightly moistened, lint-free cloth or a tissue to clean the instrument.
4. Wipe off any spills immediately.

For further information on cleaning a balance, consult “8 Steps to a Clean Balance”.

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### Cleaning around the balance

- Remove any dirt or dust around the balance and avoid further contaminations.

### Cleaning the terminal

- Clean the terminal with a damp cloth or a tissue and a mild cleaning agent.

### Cleaning the removable parts

- Clean the removed part with a damp cloth or a tissue and a mild cleaning agent or clean in a dishwasher up to 80 °C.

### Cleaning the weighing unit

1. Disconnect the balance from the AC/DC adapter.
2. Use a lint-free cloth moistened with a mild cleaning agent to clean the surface of the balance.
3. Remove powder or dust with a disposable tissue first.
4. Remove sticky substances with a damp lint-free cloth and a mild solvent, e.g., isopropanol or ethanol 70%.

### 6.4 Service

Regular servicing by an authorized service technician ensures reliability for years to come. Contact your METTLER TOLEDO representative for details about the available service options.
7 Technical Data

7.1 General data

Automated weight handler
Weight handler
For automatic determination of test weights, by direct comparison of one test weight with one standard, or, as an option, by down- / upward calibration - comparison between combinations of up to three weights, as described in [Selecting a suitable weight carrier » Page 17].

Measuring time (typical)
15 min. for a series of 5 'one-vs.-one' A-B-A comparative weighing, 30 min. for a series of 5 'three-vs.-one' A-B-A comparative weighing

Test weights / standards
Knob-, wire-, sheet-shaped weights (common shapes) with a nominal value of 1 mg - 5 g and geometry as described in [Selecting a suitable weight carrier » Page 17].

Weight magazine
60 places

Control software
e5control, compatible with Windows XP, Windows 7, Windows 8, and Windows 10

Balance - XPR6U Comparator
Readability:
0.1 µg

Maximum capacity:
6.1 g

Electrical weighing range:
6.1 g

Repeatability:
Determined as standard deviation of 5 x A-B-A comparative weighing:
- 0-1 g: s ≤ 0.15 µg
- 1-2 g: s ≤ 0.25 µg
- 2-6 g: s ≤ 0.40 µg

Linearity:
± 2 µg

Setting time (typical):
20 s

Adjustment:
Motorized adjustment of the electrical range at a keystroke (built-in 2 x 3 g adjustment weights) or adjustment by means of an external selectable adjustment weight

Instrument (robot system and balance)
Weight:
50 kg

Power supply
Balance AC/DC adapter:
Primary: 100 – 240 V AC, -15%/+10%, 50/60 Hz
Secondary: 12 V DC ±3%, 2.5 A (with electronic overload protection)

Balance power consumption:
12 V DC ±3%, 2.25 A, maximum ripple: 80 mVpp

Polarity:
with a current limited SELV output

Robot system AC/DC adapter:
Primary: 100 – 240 V AC, ±10%, 50/60 Hz
Secondary: 24 V DC, ±5%, 2.1 A (with electronic overload protection)

Robot power consumption:
24 V DC ±5%, 1.5 A

Cable for AC/DC adapter:
3-core, with country-specific plug

Power consumption robot system:
36 VA max. (24 V DC 1.5 A)
**Protection and standards**

- Overvoltage category: II
- Degree of pollution: 2
- Protection: Protected against dust and water
- Standards for safety and EMC: See Declaration of Conformity
- Range of application: For use in closed interior rooms only

**Environmental conditions**

- Height above mean sea level: Up to 2000 m
- Ambient temperature: 17 – 27 °C (± 0.5 °C / 12 hour)
- Relative air humidity: 45 – 60 %, non-condensing
- Vibrations: Set up in a room free of vibrations
- Acclimatization time: At least 24 hours after placing the instrument in the same location where it will be put into operation.
- Warm-up time: At least 4 hours after connecting the balance to the power supply. When switched on from standby, the instrument is ready for operation immediately.

**7.2 Dimensions**

Dimensions in mm.
## 8 Accessories

Accessories are additional components that could help you in your workflow.

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<td>Brush, suitable for all environments</td>
<td>158799</td>
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<tr>
<td>Micro fibre cloth, suitable for all environments</td>
<td>158798</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Nylon gloves, pair, suitable for all environments</td>
<td>11123098</td>
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<tr>
<td>Software control professional (for dissemination / weight combinations)</td>
<td>11107519</td>
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<tr>
<td>Software efficiency pack (calculation of True Mass and Conventional Mass + execution of multiple weights sets sequentially)</td>
<td>11116875</td>
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<tr>
<td>Tweezers, straight tips, for weights 1 mg – 50 g, length 130 mm</td>
<td>15900</td>
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<tr>
<td>Tweezers, straight tips, for weights 1 mg – 500 mg, length 130 mm</td>
<td>30040321</td>
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Weight carrier design 1

Weight carrier design 2

Weight carrier design 3

ClimaLog30 certified

DataLog30 certified with 2 temperature sensors

Weight set 1 mg – 200 g E1 wooden box - certified
9 Disposal

In conformance with the European Directive 2012/19/EU on Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) this device may not be disposed of in domestic waste. This also applies to countries outside the EU, per their specific requirements.

Please dispose of this product in accordance with local regulations at the collecting point specified for electrical and electronic equipment. If you have any questions, please contact the responsible authority or the distributor from which you purchased this device. Should this device be passed on to other parties, the content of this regulation must also be related.
10 Compliance Information

National approval documents, e.g., the FCC Supplier Declaration of Conformity, are available online and/or included in the packaging.

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Contact METTLER TOLEDO for questions about the country-specific compliance of your instrument.

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United States of America

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.

This device complies with Part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions:
1. This device may not cause harmful interference.
2. This device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

Changes or modifications not expressly approved by the party responsible for compliance could void the user's authority to operate the equipment.
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- Calibrate and operate your weighing equipment with security
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