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# Section 1: General Information

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## INTRODUCTION

The following outlines benefits of the **BlueLine<sup>FS</sup> Platform Floor Scale**.

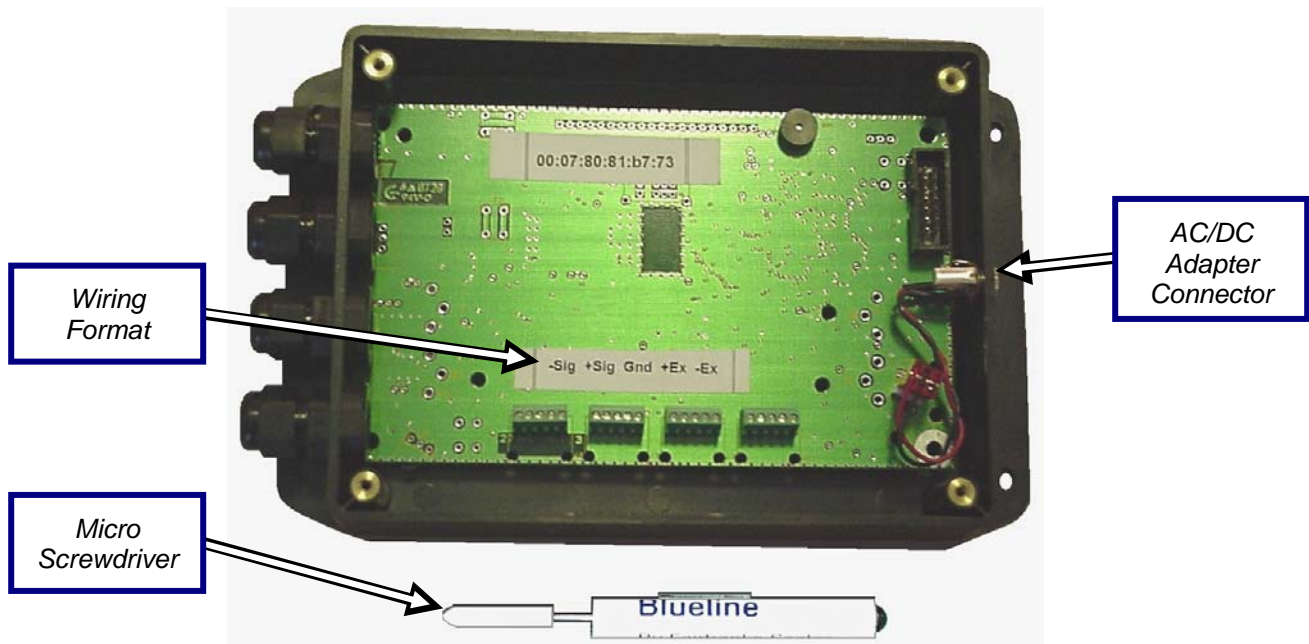
- It is designed for indoor, moisture-free, non-corrosive environments.
- The **BlueLine<sup>FS</sup> Junction Box** connects directly to either the **Reliant Floor Scale** or the **Aegis Floor Scale** (mild steel).
- The **BlueLine<sup>FS</sup> Indicator** uses **four (4) AA Alkaline batteries** or **AC Power**.
- The **BlueLine<sup>FS</sup> System** is **not currently FM Approved**.
- **BlueLine<sup>FS</sup> Transmissions** have a typical distance of 100 feet.
- There is currently ***NO RETROFIT KIT*** to convert existing scales to the **BlueLine<sup>FS</sup> System**.
- The Indicator is set-up, paired, and calibrated to the floor scale at Fairbanks Manufacturing Plant before they ship out.
- Commercially approved for the **U.S. (NTEP)** and **Canada (MC)**.

# THE COMPONENTS

## The Junction Box (J-Box)

|                        |  |
|------------------------|--|
| <b>Components</b>      | The floor scale's load cells and the BlueLine components are powered by twenty-five foot (25') long 9VDC, 200mA AC/DC adapter. |
| <b>Dimensions</b>      | 7-1/4" x 4-5/8" x 1-1/4"   |
| <b>Ratings</b>         | Commercial Approved – 5000d  |
| <b>Enclosure</b>       | IP 12  |
| <b>Wireless System</b> | Bluetooth® – Class 1   |
| <b>Capacity</b>        | Up to <b>9,990 lbs.</b>  |

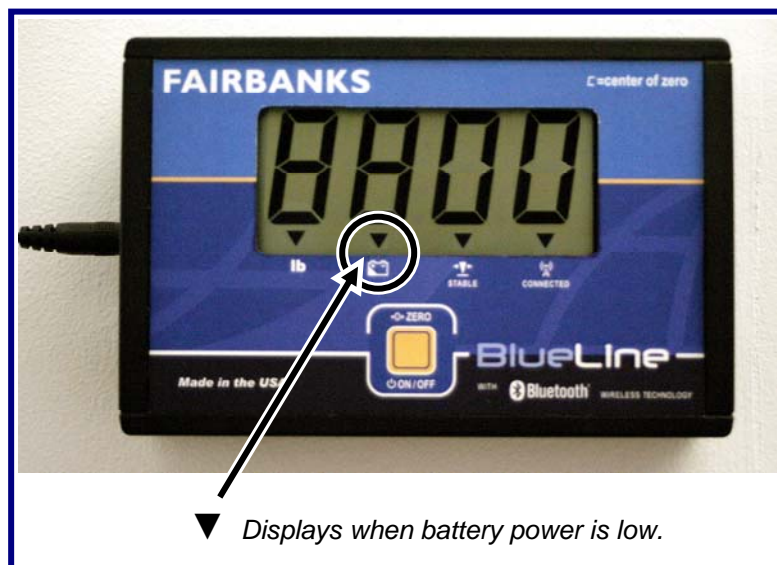
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## Indicator Specifications

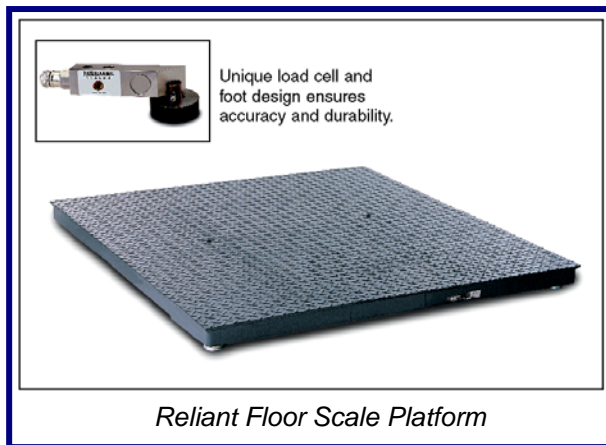
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| <b>Display Type</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>LCD, 1-1/4 in.</b> seven (7) segment display</li> <li>• Basic 1-button Indicator (Zero and On/Off functionality)</li> <li>• 4-digits, plus Annunciators</li> <li>• Wireless electronics</li> <li>• Wall mount capable</li> <li>• Displays <b>Pounds</b> only</li> <li>• Maximum displayed weight is 9,999 lbs.</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Ready Stable</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Small triangle indicates when weight is stable</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Ratings</b>       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IP 10 Enclosure Rating</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Connected</b>     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Small triangle indicates the scale is connected to a Remote Device in the <b>Wireless Mode</b></li> </ul>  |
| <b>Battery/Power</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Four (4) “AA” Alkaline battery powered               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– 100+ hours battery life with continuous use</li> <li>– Batteries installed by removing the back cover of the Indicator, no tools required.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• AC Adapter – 25 feet long cord, 9 VDC, 200mA (supplied).</li> <li>• When battery power is low, ▼ displays on the screen.</li> <li>• When battery power is below the operating range, <i>LbAt</i> appears.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Sleep Mode</b>    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The sleep timer saves battery life.</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Approvals</b>     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NTEP COC 08-023</li> <li>• MC NOA AM-5712</li> </ul>   |



## Comparing the Reliant and Aegis Floor Scales Using BlueLine FS

There are a few main differences between using the Reliant Floor Scale and the Aegis Floor Scale.

| Reliant  | Aegis Mild Steel   |
|--|--|
| Scale Capacity 2,500 to 5,000  | Scale Capacity 1,000 to 10,000   |
| Load Cell capacity <b>1,000 up to 2,500 lbs.</b>   | Load Cell capacity <b>1,000 up to 5,000 lbs.</b>   |
| Unique patented load Cells   | <i>Must</i> be fitted with stainless steel potted load cells.  |
| New plastic access door allows typical transmissions of a wireless signal <b>75 to 100 ft.</b>   | Typically transmits a wireless signal <b>up to 50 feet</b>   |
| The <b>Reliant Scale System Kit</b> includes the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BlueLine Junction Box</li> <li>• BlueLine Indicator</li> <li>• <b>Plastic J-Box Cover</b></li> <li>• Reliant Floor Scale</li> </ul> | The <b>Aegis Scale System Kit</b> includes the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BlueLine Junction Box</li> <li>• BlueLine Indicator</li> <li>• <b>Aegis Industrial Mild Steel Floor Scale</b></li> <li>• <b>Reliant style load cells (with feet)</b></li> </ul> |



# RELIANT FLOOR SCALE

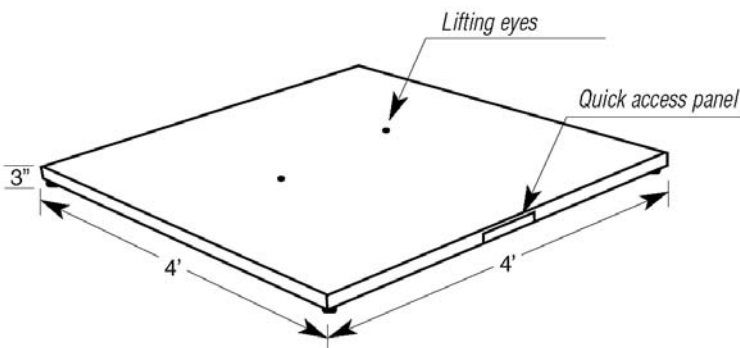
## Description, Features and Applications

**Three inches (3") height and 4' x 4' design** allows for material handling equipment access such as drum movers, pallet jacks and fork lifts. Load cell capacity is **1,000 or 2,500 lbs.** Used for applications such as General Industrial, Inventory Management, Pallet Weighing, and Shipping.

| SPECIFICATIONS         |  |
|------------------------|--|
| Scale Capacities       | <b>2,500 and 5,000 lbs.</b>            |
| Platform               | 1/4" plate with diamond tread          |
| Platform height        | 3.0" on all models                     |
| Overload capacity      | 150% of capacity                       |
| Endloading             | 100% of capacity                       |
| Platform construction  | Type A36 industrial-grade carbon steel |
| Paint                  | Gray epoxy, ester enamel               |
| Load cell capacity     | <b>1,000 or 2,500 lbs</b>              |
| Load Cell construction | Stainless Steel                        |

| ACCESSORIES           |
|-----------------------|
| • Ramps               |
| • Bumper Guards       |
| • Lifting Eyebolts    |
| • Bolt-down Plates    |
| • Factory Calibration |

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# AEGIS INDUSTRIAL MILD STEEL FLOOR SCALE

## Description, Features and Applications

**Three inches (3") height and 2-1/2' x 2-1/2' to 6' x 8' design** allows for material handling equipment access such as drum movers, pallet jacks and fork lifts. Load cell capacity is **1,000 to 5,000 lbs.** Used for applications such as General Industrial, Inventory Management, Pallet Weighing, and Shipping/Receiving.

| SPECIFICATIONS         |  |
|------------------------|--|
| Scale Capacities       | <b>1,000 to 10,000 lbs.</b>            |
| Platform               | 1/4" plate with diamond tread          |
| Platform height        | 3.0" on all models                     |
| Overload capacity      | 150% of capacity                       |
| Endloading             | 100% of capacity                       |
| Platform Construction  | Type A36 industrial-grade carbon steel |
| Paint                  | Gray epoxy, ester enamel               |
| Load Cell Capacity     | <b>1,000 to 5,000 lbs</b>              |
| Load Cell Construction | Alloy tool steel*                      |

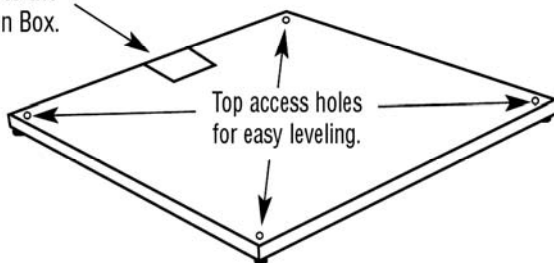
\* Scale uses stainless steel load cells on 30" x 30" – 1,000 lbs. and 6' x 8' – 9,990 lbs. scales.

- ACCESSORIES**
- Ramps
  - Bolt-down Plate
  - Pit Frame
  - Lifting Eyebolts
  - SS Eyebolt Hole Plugs
  - Bumper Guards

- MODIFICATIONS**
- Smooth Deck and Ramps
  - Lower Capacity Load Cells
  - Custom Platform, Ramp and Pit Frame sizes
  - Lifting Handles



Top plate allows access to the Junction Box.



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## ENVIRONMENTAL CHARACTERISTICS FOR THE SYSTEM

|                              |  |
|------------------------------|--|
| <b>Operating Environment</b> | <b>Light to Heavy Industrial</b>   |
| <b>Water Resistance</b>      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Not designed for wash down or light spray</li><li>• Cleaning with damp cloth is acceptable</li></ul> |
| <b>Operating Temperature</b> | -10° C to +40° C   |
| <b>Humidity</b>              | 0-90% Relative Humidity Non-Condensing   |

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## SECTION 2: USER INFORMATION

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It is **the customer/operator's responsibility** to ensure the equipment provided by Fairbanks is operated within the parameters of the equipment's specifications and protected from accidental or malicious damage.



### WARNING!

**Absolutely NO** physical, electrical or program **modifications** other than selection of standard options and accessories can be made by customers to this equipment

Repairs are performed by Fairbanks Scales Service Technicians and Authorized Distributor Personnel **ONLY!**

*Failure to comply with this policy voids all implied and/or written warranties*

## OVERVIEW

### *Physical Installation Notes*

- Check all devices for proper operation. If any error messages occur, refer to Troubleshooting or the proper manual of that device.
- No physical alterations (mounting holes, etc.) are allowed during installation.

### *Electronic Component Care*

- Much of the equipment consists of printed circuit assemblies, which **must be** installed using **ESD handling procedures**.
- These assemblies must be replaced as assemblies or units.
- Replacement of individual components is not allowed.
- These components must be returned intact for replacement credit per normal procedures.
- The AC receptacle / outlet shall be located near the Indicator and easily accessible.
- Electrical connections other than those specified may not be performed.

## Checkout

Follow these guidelines when checking out all equipment:

- ✓ Check in all components and accessories according to the product order.
- ✓ Remove all components from their packing material, checking against the invoice that they are accounted for and not damaged.
  - *Advise the shipper immediately, if damage has occurred.*
  - *Order any parts necessary to replace those which have been damaged.*
  - *Keep the shipping container and packing material for future use.*
  - *Check the packing list.*
- ✓ Collect all necessary installation manuals for the equipment and accessories.

## Finding the Best Location

Position the equipment with these points in mind:

- Place the scale on a flat, solid, level floor.
- For **Bluetooth**® Technology to work effectively, the scale platform must be within radio range of the remote device. Follow the Remote Device's setup procedure to confirm communication between the scale and that Remote Device.
- Avoid areas which have extreme variations in room temperatures. Temperatures outside the Indicator's specifications will affect the weighing accuracy of this product.
- Keep the scale in a location completely away from all high water, such as low-lying areas that may flood, and away from any drain pipes.
- Intense direct sunlight can harm the display.
- Do not locate near magnetic material or equipment/Indicators which use magnets in their design.





## ***Service Technician's Responsibilities***

- ✓ All electronic and mechanical calibrations and/or adjustments required for making this equipment perform to accuracy and operational specifications are considered to be part of the installation.
  - They are included in the installation charge.
  - Only those charges which are incurred as a result of the equipment's inability to be adjusted or calibrated to performance specifications may be charged to warranty.
- ✓ The equipment consists of printed circuit assemblies which must be handled using ESD handling procedures, and must be replaced as units.
  - Replacement of individual components is not allowed.
  - The assemblies must be properly packaged in ESD protective material and returned intact for replacement credit per normal procedures.

## ***Users' Responsibility***

- ✓ ***Absolutely no physical, electrical or program modifications other than selection of standard options and accessories are to be made to this equipment.***



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## Section 3: Bluetooth® Technology

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### Bluetooth® TECHNOLOGY INTRODUCTION

The Fairbanks BlueLine<sup>FS</sup> (Floor Scale) communicates using Bluetooth® wireless technology. It is the first scale to “Cut the Cord” between the Indicator and the floor scale. It is totally wireless.

Not all Bluetooth® wireless devices have software to communicate with the BlueLine<sup>FS</sup>.

- The components of the BlueLine<sup>FS</sup> system are the Floor Scale, BlueLine<sup>FS</sup> Junction Box, BlueLine<sup>FS</sup> Indicator and the specialized BlueLine<sup>FS</sup> Software.

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**NOTE:** For more information about Bluetooth® Technology, please go to [www.Fairbanks.com](http://www.Fairbanks.com).

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### *More about Bluetooth® Technology*

Bluetooth® Wireless Technology cuts the cable between certain devices and their components.

- The key features of Bluetooth® wireless technology are strong signal, low power requirements, and an economical price (compared to other Radio Frequency).



## More about **Bluetooth**<sup>®</sup> Technology, Continued

- **Bluetooth**<sup>®</sup> Technologies core system consists of a RF (radio frequency) transceiver, which is the component that sends and receives the wireless signal.
  - The system offers services that enable the connection of devices and the exchange of a variety of data classes between these devices.
  - The system operates in an unlicensed radio band. It also incorporates the use of a broadband spectrum which allows the signal to hop from one frequency band to another.
  - If a band is being used, or is “noisy,” then the wireless signal switches to a band that is not being used by other RF devices, or has less interference.
  - This “hopping” also provides a high level of security, since with ever-changing output, it is difficult for external devices to isolate or “pirate” the signal.
  - It checks frequency bands 1600 times *per second*.

## Acquisition and Operational Transmission Ranges

The **BlueLine**<sup>FS</sup> has an **acquisition range** of approximately **fifty feet (50')**, with an **operational range** of up to **one hundred feet (100')**.

- **Acquisition Range** is the area where the platform and Indicator’s signals are “paired” or find each other.
- **Operational Range** is the area where the floor scale and Indicator operate after “pairing” has occurred.
  - *If the signal is lost because the floor scale and Indicator are outside of the **operational range** (or due to interference), then the operator brings the display back within the **acquisition range**.*
  - *The intuitive **BlueLine**<sup>FS</sup> reacquires the signal automatically.*

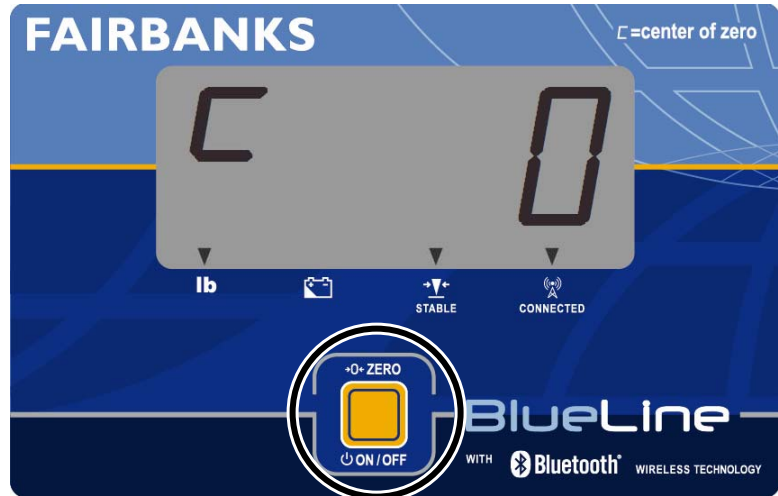
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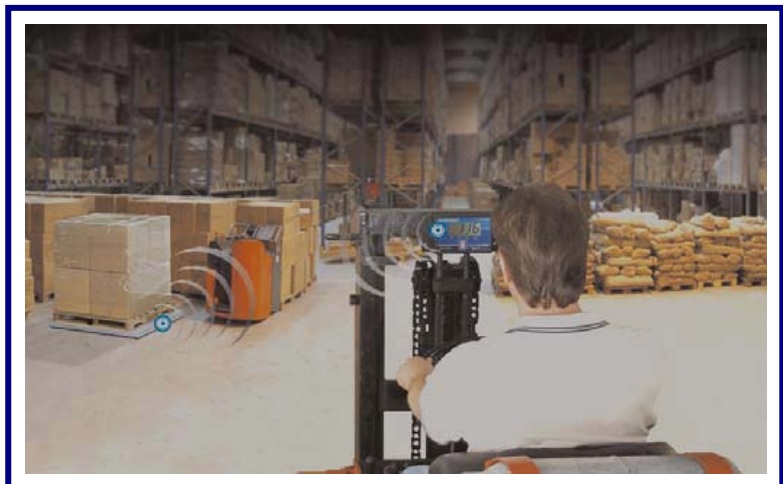
### ***Basic Scale Operations***

1. Plug in the **Floor Scale Unit** (if not already plugged in).
2. Plug in the **Indicator**, or press the **ON/ZERO** switch to activate the unit.
  - The Indicator seeks a connection with the J-Box in the scale platform, and connects to it if it is in range and is operable.
3. The current weight displays.
4. Press briefly the **ZERO/ON** button to **Zero the scale**.
  - The scale Zeros if it is stable and within the **Zero Limit Range**.



### ***Shutting Down the Scale Unit***

1. Press and hold the **ZERO/ON** button on the Indicator for **five (5) seconds**.
  - A visual display shows the button is being held down.
  - If the unit is in its Sleep Mode, the Indicator automatically turns off to save the life of the battery when there is no recent activity.



## Section 5: Service & Maintenance

### INDICATOR ERROR CODES

There are several error conditions and operational steps indicated by the scale.

- Not all are applicable in every sequence.
- Some errors are indicated using audible beeps and some are shown on the scale display.

#### *LCD Display Indicators*

| Displayed Text or Annunciator    | Description   |
|----------------------------------|---|
| - - - -                          | No Bluetooth® connection is established.                                    |
| <b>Motion/Stable Annunciator</b> | Weight is stable on the scale.  |
| <b>Lb Annunciator</b>            | Displayed weight is in pounds.  |
| <b>Connection Annunciator</b>    | Connection is established between J-Box/Indicator/Software.                 |
| -dL-                             | Too many digits to display.   |
| - U L -                          | Weight is <b>Under Load</b> capacity.                                       |
| - O L -                          | Weight is <b>Over Load</b> capacity.  |
| ErrC                             | <b>BlueLineFS Indicator</b> or <b>Software</b> calibration sequence failed. |
| Good                             | Calibration sequence is successful.   |
| [Onn                             | Indicator connected to <b>BlueLineFS Software</b> .                         |
| LbAt                             | Battery charge below the operating range.                                   |
| [onF                             | Scale in <b>Configuration Mode</b> . Program changes are possible.          |
| <b>Battery Annunciator</b>       | Battery charge getting low warning.   |
| <b>Counter-clockwise Dashes</b>  | The Zero button is held down, turning the <b>display off</b> .              |

#### *Audible Beep Errors/Signals*

| Alerts                     | Displayed Message | Description  |
|----------------------------|-------------------|--|
| Pulsing<br>(5-sec. beeps)  | r in g            | Indicator searching for <b>BlueLineFS Software</b> connection. |
| Pulsing<br>(10-sec. beeps) | [ALL              | Indicator attempting to pair with J-box.                       |

## SCALE MAINTENANCE

### *Installing four (4) AA Batteries*

1. Carefully pull off the back cover by snapping it open.
  - No tools are necessary.
2. Match the correct poles and **insert** two **batteries** in one direction, then two in the other direction.
3. Replace the Indicator cover.

### *Cleaning the Scale and Indicator*

Use a moist cotton cloth to clean the scale.

- If spray cleaner is needed for shoe sole marks, squirt it into the cloth, and not directly onto the scale.
- Use only tap water in the cloth to wipe off the indicator's clear plastic display.







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