

# A&D Apollo SERIES GX-A | GF-A Precision Balances

**Taking Weighing Precision and Protection to New Heights** 

## DISCOVER PRECISION

#### Advanced Technologies Providing Innovative Solutions

#### **Smart SHS Technology**

A&D's Smart-Super Hybrid Sensor (SHS) technology is the foundation of the innovative solutions found in the A&D Apollo Series. The Smart sensor improvements stem from better design, construction, and materials, resulting in better performance and turbo stabilization times of 1 second. This increases productivity for all weighing work-flows in both labs and production environments. Smart-SHS also gives higher maintainability with a reduced number of parts while still offering maintenance accessibility, unlike other Mono-type systems which only increase cost of ownership. A&D's easy eccentricity adjustment and hybrid design are two prime examples of this high maintainability. We execute for the highest performance, and keep our customer's bottom-line in mind.

## Remarkable cost and time savings at the touch of a button.







Dia-Check



Standard deviation



QuickMin-S



Min-S Alert blinks

#### **Electronically Controlled Load (ECL) Innovation**

The operator simply holds the mode key to first perform a self diagnostic check and proceed to ECL where internally a repeatability test is performed without use of an external weight. This critically checks the stability of analog-to-digital conversion before applying a controlled load inside the balance (between 0.3% to 3% of the weighing capacity). It does this by altering the equilibrium state of the weigh sensor and takes 10 repeated measurements. The entire process takes only 1.5 minutes versus traditional repeatability procedures which can take up to 10 minutes, ultimately giving greater convenience and time savings to customers.

The ECL technology provides valuable information which *Auto Precision Assessment* (APA) smartly processes into meaningful, beneficial outcomes such as *Dia-Check*, *Standard Deviation*, *Quick Min-S*, and *Min-S-Alert*.

**Dia-Check** quickly gives users peace of mind to proceed with daily weighing routines, providing a critical pass or fail indication. A powerful, dynamic tool to diagnose, and verify balance performance.

ECL steps it up a notch by producing the most valuable information, the *Standard Deviation* (SD), allowing users to quickly assess the balance performance under any given environment. This is helpful to include in daily SOP checks.

SD also can determine the minimum sample weight with a feature called *QuickMin-S*. QuickMin-S helps to overcome challenges with handling small weights, accessibility to in-line systems, and in tough environmental conditions

ECL goes one step further allowing users to set the minimum sample weight limit and provides a real time alert with *Min-S-Alert*. Users always feel secure knowing they are in compliance of USP 41 and does not limit how often a minimum sample weight can be determined. This gives more flexibility to follow recommendations of USP 1251. What is so remarkable is this can be performed at the touch of a button, within minutes, in challenging conditions, without the need of an external calibration weight.

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#### Factory Tough-Laboratory Precise

#### Impact Shock Detection (ISD) Innovation

Often balances can be damaged or errors can occur due to sharp impacts from automated machine loading or operators dropping material onto the pan. The A&D Apollo series educates, prevents and documents such scenarios. ISD visually indicates the magnitudes of impact shocks that a weigh sensor receives at four different levels. It audibly beeps once at Level 3 and twice at Level 4 delivered through the feature of *Impact-Alert*.

This patented technology provides real-time feedback mechanisms that prevent the sensor from being damaged and can ultimately train and influence operator behaviors. ISD smartly strives for operators to have better weighing techniques, while also helping to program or modify loading in-line automated processes. Impact-Alert ensures the investment of the balance is protected, helps to extend the life of balance, reduce repair and replacement cost and ensure productivity can be maintained by reducing downtime.

Real-time feedback prevents the sensor from being damaged.











No Impact Shock

Level 1

Level 2

Level 3

Level 4

ISD takes protection one step higher with **Shock-log** that documents the date, time, and shock level. This enables managers and quality officers to pinpoint the exact moment a critical shock occurred to quickly assess and fix critical failure to get operations back online.

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#### **Overload Protection**

The weight sensor is well protected against vertical and transverse static overloading. It won't break due to malfunction of the weighing system's actuator and the resulting excess "E" load. Additionally there are two leaf springs that support the weighing pan of the A&D Apollo series also mitigate impact shocks significantly. A&D once again takes protection to heart ensuring the A&D Apollo series is the same A&D strong, A&D tough you've come to know in labs and factories alike.



Leaf Springs

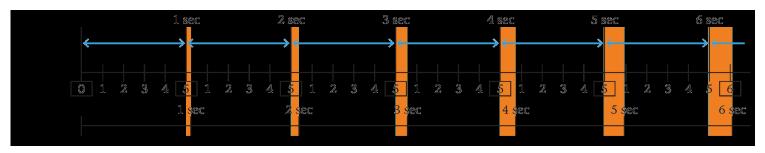
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## Keeping Your Devices in Sync for Better Accuracy & Precision

#### Flow Rate Display (FRD) Innovation

Many operators use a stopwatch or PC to determine a flow rate. FRD helps to streamline and improve both by offering a synced solution that improves accuracy and precision in filling or dosing applications. For example, the internal clocks of external devices are never in complete sync with precision balances. Therefore there is a time-clock disparity that is most noticeable when measuring and recording flow rates of pumps, feeders and other devices at short intervals<sup>11</sup>. Therefore command speed and refresh rate will cause the PC to intermittently produce irregular values or spikes even if the actual flow rate is constant.

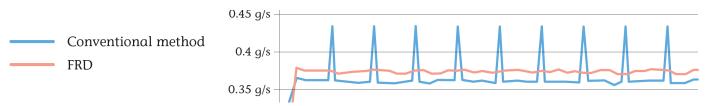
The A&D Apollo series through an *FR-Cal* function calculates, displays, & outputs (WinCT-FRD) the mass flow rate, or the volume flow rate by entering the density of the material. Up to 10 densities can be saved to the device. Both the display refresh rate and interval (set between 1 second and 1 hour) are regulated by the same internal clock of the balance, making measurements free from the irregularity that rise from time clock disparity problem.



Time disparity of two different internal clocks

Now what is smart about FRD technology is that we can use a comparator function of *FR-Compare* to provide a feedback mechanism to the user if the flow rate is going too fast or too slow or indicate if flow rate is kept within the designated limits.

Lastly, if the worst happened with a power outage during the "loss-in-weight" measurement, the tare value is stored in our non-volatile memory. The remaining amount in the container can be displayed again and the application can continue through our *FR-Secure*.\*<sup>2</sup> This avoids loss of sensitive materials and lost time.



Flow rate measurement using FRD as opposed to the conventional method

<sup>\*1</sup> Flow rate is determined from the weight variation that occurs during a given interval.

<sup>\*2</sup> When function is activated, the power-on/rezero/tare is toggled off.

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## Protecting and Adhering to Good Data Management, Documentation and Compliance Practices

#### **Quick Min-S**

From the standard deviation obtained using ECL described earlier, the A&D Apollo series also calculates and indicates the minimum weight at the installation location in accordance with the United States Pharmacopeia (USP) standard.

#### Min-S Alert

To ensure that the measured sample quantity meets the minimum weight requirement, the A&D Apollo series can display an alert until the sample quantity reaches the value entered as the minimum weight.

#### Password-Protect

Use of the balance can be password-protected for authorized individuals (up to 11 including one administrator)—the administrator can perform all operations including calibration while other users can make measurements only. Moreover, upon receiving a command to disable its keys, the balance becomes operable only by sending commands from an external device such as a PC.

#### Automatic Self-Calibration (ASC)

The GX-A can be set to calibrate itself automatically using its internal weight either (1) in response to change in ambient temperature (approx. 10 °C) to prevent error due to sensitivity drift, (2) at a set interval time, or (3) at predetermined (up to three) times of the day. Internal calibration can also be performed any time with one key press.

#### **GLP/GMP/GCP/ISO Compliant Output**

For documentation requirements, the A&D Apollo series can output its manufacturer, model, serial number, ID number, date + time, space for signature for calibration report, calibration test report, and title & end blocks for a series of weighing results.

#### **Universal Flexi Coms (UFC)**

UFC lets you edit serial data output/printout format. With this function, label printing is also made possible by connecting the balance to a commercially-available printer<sup>\*4</sup>, and enabling the arbitrary character strings output.

#### **Statistical Calculation Function (SCF)**

The A&D Apollo series can display and output statistical calculation data including number of data, sum, maximum, minimum, range (maximum-minimum), average, standard deviation, and coefficient of variation to facilitate the analysis of measurements.

#### **Gross/Net/Tare Output**

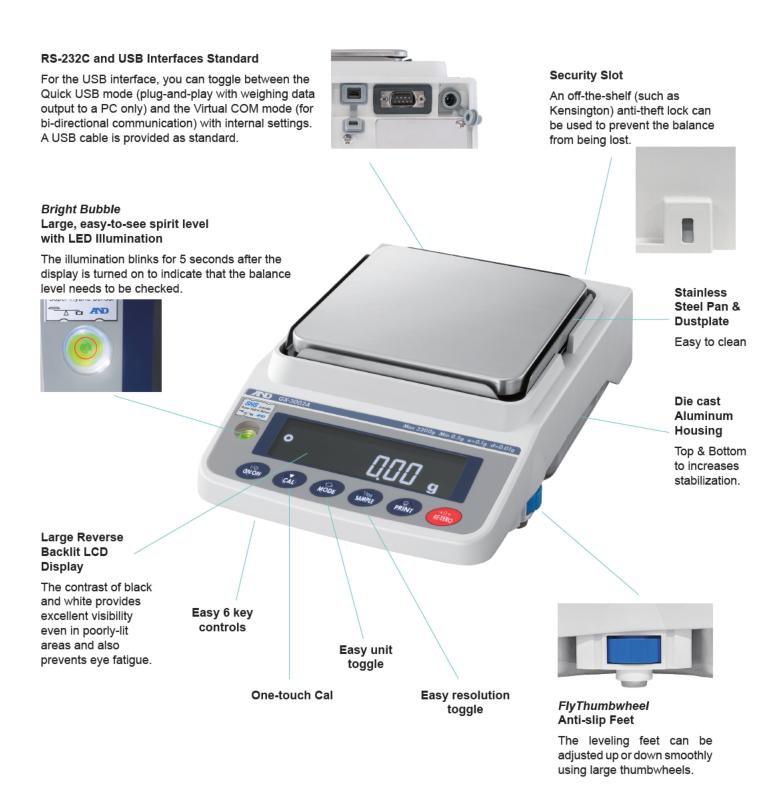
On receiving a command or with key operation, the A&D Apollo series outputs the gross, net, and tare values to an external device such as a printer, PC or PLC.

<sup>\*3</sup> The effects of the ambient environmental conditions on repeatability is taken into account, unlike the values shown in catalogs as "ideal" or "typical".

<sup>\*4</sup> Printers can be programmed to print from string sent via RS232C. Cross cables may be required based on the external device.

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#### Advanced and Practical Features



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#### **Options**

GXA-04 Comparator relay output/buzzer/external key input interface\*5

Enables signaling check weighing results (5 steps) by buzzer and/or external comparator

(traffic) lights. It also has two jacks for separately-sold foot switches.

Analog output interface\*5 0-1 V, or 0.2-1 V for conversion to 4-20 mA. GXA-06

Built-in rechargeable battery (factory-installed/dealer option) \*5 GXA-09

10 hours of charging for 14 hours of operation (the remaining battery level will be indicated on the display). The balance can be used while recharging the battery.

GXA-10 Large glass breeze break

Animal weighing pan (for models of 320 g capacity or higher) GXA-12

Use together with the animal weighing (average & hold) mode.

GXA-13 **Density determination kit** (for the 1 mg models only)

Makes weighing he sample in air and in water quicker, easier and more precise. The

GX-A/GF-A series can then perform a density calculation automatically.

Large glass breeze break with built-in fanless ionizer GXA-17

(static eliminator) The fanless ionizer can neutralize even extremely fine powders

**GXA-23-PRINT** External key input interface with the AX-SW137-PRINT foot switch\*5

GXA-23-REZERO External key input interface with the AX-SW137-REZERO foot switch\*5

GXA-23-PLUG External key input interface with the AX-T-314A-S plug\*5

USB host interface (factory-installed/dealer option) \*5 GXA-24

Accepts an off-the-shelf USB flash drive to save weighing results in CSV format.

External fanless ionizer (static eliminator) \*5 GXA-25

Power is supplied from the balance. Activated for a set duration with an IR sensor.

GXA-26 External IR switch\*5

For touchless operation of print or re-zero (tare).

FXi-08 Ethernet interface\*5



GXA-10 Large Glass Breeze Break

#### Accessories

AD-1641	Air flow logger
AD-1682	Rechargeable b

le battery unit AD-1683 Static eliminator\*6

AD-1684A Electrostatic field meter Weighing environment logger AD-1687

AD-1688 Weighing data logger

AD-1689 Tweezers for calibration weight AD-1691 Weighing environment analyzer

AD-8127 Compact printer

AD-8526 Serial/Ethernet converter

AD-8920A Remote display AD-8922A Remote controller AX-GXA-31 Main unit cover (5 pcs) AX-SW137-PRINT Foot switch for print AX-SW137-REZERO Foot switch for re-zero AX-USB-9P Serial/USB converter AD-8529PC-W Bluetooth Converter for PC AD-8529PR-W Bluetooth Converter for Printer





AD-8127 with AD-8529PR-W





AX-SW137-PRINT

AX-SW137-REZERO

<sup>\*5</sup> Only one of GXA-03, GXA-04, GXA-06, FXi-08, GXA-09, GXA-23-PRINT/REZERO/PLUG,GXA-24, GXA-25 or GXA-26 can be installed. \*6 9V Power needs to be supplied from an AC adapter.

Specifications			GX203A	GX303A	GX403A	GX603A	GX1003A	GX1603A		
		GF123A	GF203A	GF303A	GF403A	GF603A	GF1003A	GF1603A		
Capacity		122 g	220 g	320 g	420 g	620 g	1100 g	1620 g		
Readability		0.001 g								
Repeatabilit	y (std. deviation)	0.001 g								
Linearity		±0 002 g ±0 0								
Accuracy immediately after internal calibration (for the GX-A series)		± 0.010 g								
Stabilization	Time	Approx. 1 sec (approx 0.8 sec for 5 g)								
Sensitivity d	lr <u>i</u> ft		±2 ppm / °C (10 °C to 30 °C / 50 °F to 86 °F, when automatic self-calibration is OFF)							
	Туре	External	GX Internal / GF External							
Calibration	Wt. g.	50 g 100 g	50 g 100 g 200g	50 g 100 g 200 g 300 g	50 g 100 g (100 g interval) 400 g	50 g 100 g (100 g interval) 600 g	50 g 100 g (100 g interval) 1000 g	50 g 100 g (100 g interval) 1600 g		
Display Reverse Backlit LCD (Character height: 17.8 mm)										
Display Refresh Rate		5 times / second, 10 times / second or 20 times / second								
Units of Measure II		g (gram), oz (ounces), lb (pound), lb-oz (pound-ounce), ozt (troy ounce), ct (metric carat), mom (momme), dwt (pennyweight), gr (grain), pcs (counting mode), % (percent mode), SG (specific gravity), and a user-programmable unit.								
Counting	Min unit mass	0.001 g								
mode	Number of samples	5, 10, 25, 50 or 100 pieces								
Percent	Min 100% ref mass		0.100 g							
mode	Min 100% display	0.01%, 0.1% or 1% (depends on the reference mass stored)								
, ,	Operating environment 5 °C to 40 °C / 41 °F to 104 °F, 85% R.H. or less (no condensation)									
	ower supply / consump ion AC adapter / approx. 30 VA									
Communica ion Interface		RS-232C and USB								
Weighing pan size		128 mm × 128 mm / 5 × 5 in								
	s (W × D × H)	212 (W) × 317 (D) × 93 (H) mm / 8.3 (W) × 12.5 (D) × 3.7 (H) in								
Net weight		Approx. 5 kg / 11 lb								

Specifications			GX2002A	GX3002A	GX4002A	GX6002A	GX10002A	GX6001A	GX10001A	
		GF1202A	GF2002A	GF3002A	GF4002A	GF6002A	GF10002A	GF6001A	GF10001A	
Capacity		1220 g	2200 g	3200 g	4200 g	6200 g	10200 g	6200 g	10200 g	
Readability		0.01 g							0.1 g	
Repeatability (std. devia ion)		0.01 g					0.02 g (for 10000 g) 0.01 g (for 5000 g) 0.1 g		1 g	
Linearity		±0.02 g				±0	.03 g	±0.1 g		
Accuracy immediately after internal calibration (for the GX-A series) <sup>1</sup>		± 0.	± 0.10 g ± 0.15 g				(for 5000 g)	± 0.5 g (for 5000 g)		
Stabilization Time							Approx 1.5 sec (approx 0.8 sec for 50 g)	Approx 1 sec (approx 0.8 sec for 500 g)		
Sensitivity d	drift	±2 ppm / °C (10 °C to 30 °C / 50 °F to 86 °F, when automatic self-calibration is OFF)								
	Туре	External	External GX Internal / GF External							
Calibration	Wt. g.	500 g 1000 g	500 g 1000 g 2000g	500 g 1000 g 2000 g 3000 g	500 g 1000 g (1000 g interval) 4000 g	500 g 1000 g (1000 g interval) 6000 g	500 g 1000 g (1000 g interval) 10000 g	500 g 1000 g (1000 g interval) 6000 g	500 g 1000 g (1000 g interval) 10000 g	
Display	•	Reverse Backlit LCD (Character height: 17.8 mm)								
Display Refresh Rate		5 times / second, 10 times / second or 20 times / second								
Units of Measure II		g (gram), oz (ounces), lb (pound), lb-oz (pound-ounce), ozt (troy ounce), ct (metric carat), mom (momme), dwt (pennyweight), gr (grain), pcs (counting mode), % (percent mode), SG (specific gravity), and a user-programmable unit.								
Counting	Min unit mass	0.01 g 0.1 g							1 g	
mode	Number of samples	5, 10, 25, 50 or 100 pieces								
Percent	Min 100% ref mass	1.00 g 10 0 g								
mode	Min 100% display	0.01%, 0.1% or 1% (depends on the reference mass stored)								
Operating e	nvironment	5 °C to 40 °C / 41 °F to 104 °F, 85% R.H. or less (no condensation)								
	ly / consumption	AC adapter / approx. 30 VA								
Communication Interface		RS-232C and USB								
Weighing pan size		165 mm × 165 mm / 6.5 × 6.5 in								
Dimensions (W × D × H)		212 (W) × 317 (D) × 93 (H) mm / 8.3 (W) × 12.5 (D) × 3.7 (H) in								
Net weight		Approx. 5 kg / 11 lb								

i Under stable environment (no rapid temperature/humidity change, vibration, draft, magnetism, static, etc). The mass of the internal weight may vary with age. ii One additional unit from tael (Singapore/HK jewelry/Taiwan/China), tola or Newton can be added upon request.

#### Standard functions



