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# Seedburo Model 9000AG Computer Grain Scale Operating and Service Manual



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#### Introduction:

Congratulations on your purchase of the Seedburo Model 9000AG Grain Scale. The model 9000AG is a rugged stainless steel scale with the latest microprocessor and scale technology. The model 9000AG is in being tested to National Type Evaluation Program standards. The certificate is pending. Therefore this scale can be used in Legal for Trade applications.

Some of the major features of the scale are:

- ✓ Rugged stainless steel enclosure
- ✓ Power switch with computer type removable power cord.
- ✓ DB9 Rs232 printer Port
- ✓ Test Weight in Lb./Bu. / Kg./hl.
- ✓ Dockage Calculation in % Foreign Material or % Grain
- ✓ NTEP Legal for Trade
- ✓ Rugged Printed Circuit board substrate user interface with tactile feedback switches.
- ✓ Parameter setup via front panel
- ✓ Calibration access via Front Panel

#### **Unpacking and SETUP:**

Check that the following items are in the Box:

- ✓ Power Cord
- ✓ Plastic Tray
- ✓ Calibration Certificate (not shown)



#### Setup:

- $\checkmark$  Remove the platter from the scale.
- ✓ Locate the Bubble level.
- ✓ Use the adjustable feet to get the bubble in the center of the circle. See picture below.
- ✓ Make sure platter pins are aligned with the screws. Wiggle platter side to side it should be secure.
- ✓ Locate the power cord and plug it into the back of the scale. UNIT IS CONFIGURED FOR 115VAC 60HZ. DO NOT PLUG IN 230VAC or unit will be damaged.
- ✓ You are now ready to use the scale. Use switch on back panel to power the scale on.
  - NOTE: To meet the NTEP specifications and to get the best performance from your scale a stable surface free of vibration and wind is required



Level the Scale using the adjustable feet. Bubble should be inside circle. Below picture of back panel connectors and power switch.



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#### **INDICATOR LED LIGHTS:**

**STABLE**: This light indicates when the scale is in motion (LED off) or is stable (LED on). When placing a weight on the scale the LED should turn off until the weight reading stops changing (thus stable) than the LED will Illuminate. LED should Illuminate when at zero also.

NOTE: For the scale to function properly, example.. ZERO, PRINT,MEM, % etc... the SCALE MUST BE STABLE. Vibration and wind may cause instability.

9: This light when illuminated indicates the number on the scale is measured in grams.

#### 9000AG USER INTERFACE:

- **ZERO /CLEAR**: This switch allows the USER to Zero the scale reading. When you press and HOLD the switch it will zero the stored weight in Memory.
  - **MEM**: This switch allows the USER to store a weight in memory so the User can perform a dockage test. See page 4 for dockage test procedure.
    - **%**: This switch will perform a percentage reading by dividing the Memory/current weight. This % can be displayed as %dockage or %good product. See PCr parameter on page 5.
  - Lb/Bu: This switch will allow the user to measure weight in Lb/Bu (pounds/bushel).
  - Kg/HI: This switch will allow the user to measure weight in Kg/HI (Kilo grams/Hectoliter).
    - g: This switch will change the weight reading back to grams.

# Scale Operation:

# Weighing:

- 1. Press **Zero** to zero the scale. If using the plastic pan provided or any other container place it on the scale than **Zero** the scale.
- 2. Place item to be weighed on platter or in holding device if applicable.
- 3. Read the weight when the "STABLE" LED illuminates.
  - Note 1: For best weighing performance let the scale warm up 30 minutes before use. It is OK to leave the scale on.

# Dockage Percent:

- 1. Place container on scale and Press **Zero** to zero the scale. Wait until "STABLE" Indicator is illuminated.
- 2. Fill the container to the desired weight.
- 3. When "STABLE" LED illuminates select the "MEM" switch to store the weight in memory.
- 4. Screen or filter foreign material and place on the platter.
- 5. Select the % switch to display percent. Note 1,2
  - NOTE 1: Display can read % foreign material or % good product by changing the PCr parameter. See sections 5 and 6.
  - NOTE 2: Select the "**g**" switch to return to weigh mode. Clear memory by holding "**MEM**" until the display flashes the stored number than "**ZERO**". **CLEAR** will appear on the display.

# Grain Test Weight: Quart Cup \*Note 1

- 1. Place quart cup container on scale and Press **Zero** to zero the scale. Wait until "STABLE" Indicator is illuminated.
- 2. Fill the cup with Grain.
- 3. When **"STABLE**" LED illuminates select the **"lb/bu**" switch to display grain in pounds per bushel or "kg/hl" for kilograms per hectoliter.
  - NOTE 1: Grain Test can also be setup to use LITER and PINT cups. You must change the **Chr** parameter to the proper setting for the correct result. See Sections 5 and 6.

# Theory of Operation:

The 9000AG grain scale can weigh a maximum of 2,000 grams. The resolution is 10000 divisions which means the smallest increment is .2 grams. When calibrated the unit is accurate within +/- 2 divisions. The 9000AG has passed an extensive checklist of tests as prescribed in the HANDBOOK 44 document issued by the National Institute of Science and Technology. The 9000AG has passed these tests to become NTEP (National Type Evaluation Program) certified.

The displayed resolution of the percentage, Lb/Bu and Kg/HI are displayed to the nearest 1/100 (.01)

The 9000AG uses a linear power supply capable of input voltages from 104VAC to 127VAC. Nominal AC voltage is 115VAC with .31 amps of current for 36 Watts.

# Parameter and Calibration mode Access (Setup mode)

The Model 9000AG parameters will change the operation of the scale. The parameters are accessed either by removing the cover and selecting the CAL Switch located on the printed circuit board mounted to the base of the scale. The other method is by holding down the **PRINT** and the **hidden** switch located behind the Seedburo Logo.

The first parameter seen when in the Setup Mode is **CAL 0**. Please refer to Section 6 for using this parameter. For now we will pass this parameter.

#### Selecting a Parameter:

The parameters are selected by pressing the **g** switch to go forward in the list and the **PRINT** to go backward in the list. A complete list of parameters can be seen on the following page.

Note: Think of the **g** switch as a forward arrow or an Enter switch.

# Changing a Parameter:

Each parameter has at least two different options that can be selected. To change a value for a selected parameter you must:

- 1. Press the **Zero** switch. Each time pressed the display will change value. The display will continue cycling through each parameter.
- 2. Once the selection is set to the desired value it will be saved temporarily by selecting the **g** switch.
- 3. However it will not be saved permanently until you cycle through the parameters by using the **g** switch until the display reads **SAVE**.
- 4. Change the value to Y by pressing ZERO
- 5. Select **g** to save and exit the parameters.

# Legal for trade mode:

The 9000AG scale can be configured to operate in USA and CANADA Legal for Trade Modes. This is done by selecting the **oP** parameter and changing it from the default setting of **STD** to **44** or **CAn**. Some parameters are disabled when in the Legal for Trade modes USA "**44**" and Canada "**CAn**". All parameters are available in the Operating mode of "**Std**". The values that are disabled are marked with an asterisk (\*) in the Tables below. (in 44 mode AZt can be 0 or 0.5, mma is 1 and SUO ON)

The 9000AG comes set from the factory with the parameters marked in BOLD (see tables below). You can default the parameters back to these setting anytime by selecting the **dft** parameter. Than using the Zero switch to change the **dft** parameter from No to YES. Than select the **g** switch to default the scale.

# NOTE: The parameter changes will be lost if you do not perform steps 3, 4 and 5 above.

# Audit Counters:

When entering the Setup mode there will be displayed the audit counters. Each time a change is made the counters will increment. There are two counters one will increment for each time a parameter is changed the other will increment each time the scale completes a calibration.

Parameters in order of occurrence (BOLD values are the defaults):

#### **Calibration Parameter**

CAL	Zero Calibration Mode
0	Press ZERO switch on user interface to perform the Zero calibration of the scale. Display
	will count down and automatically go to CAL FS unless an error occurs.

**Note**: The CAL 0 function will automatically adjust the offset and gain to compensate for dead load and span. The scale must be level and on a solid surface. Excessive vibration and/or wind may cause the scale not to be able to perform this function.

CAL	Span Calibration Mode
	Will only appear upon successful completion of the CAL 0 function above.
FS	Set 2,000 grams on the platter. Press <b>ZERO</b> switch on user interface to perform the
	SPAN calibration of the scale. Display will count down and automatically go to <b>operating</b>
	mode unless an error occurs.

#### **Digital Filter Parameter:**

Avg	Averaging mode calculates the number of samples to average before displaying a
	weight. Display updates 10 times per second.
0	1 reading. No Average in this mode.
1	Circular Auto averaging, 1 reading averaged
2	Circular Auto averaging, 2 readings averaged
4	Circular Auto averaging, 4 readings averaged
8	Circular Auto averaging, 8 readings averaged
16	Circular Auto averaging, 16 readings averaged

#### Auto Zero Tracking:

AZt	Automatic Zero Tracking Range
	Small weights within the specified number of divisions are automatically zeroed.
oFF	Zero tracking is off.
0.5	Zero tracking to within 0.5 divisions.
1.0*	Zero tracking to within 1.0 divisions.
2.0*	Zero tracking to within 2.0 divisions.
3.0*	Zero tracking to within 3.0 divisions.

#### Auto Zero Tracking:

mmA*	Motion Aperature *
	Determines how many divisions consecutive readings must change before the scale is
	considered in motion. (Stable LED will turn off when in motion)
1	1 division change will cause the scale to enter into motion
2	2 division change will cause the scale to enter into motion
3	3 division change will cause the scale to enter into motion
5	5 division change will cause the scale to enter into motion

\*Note: The Legal for Trade modes(Op parameter equals 44 or CAn) will disable the \* values.

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Parameters in order of occurrence (BOLD values are the defaults):

#### **Serial Data Output Parameter**

d.o	Data Output mode (see page 12 for a detailed explanation of print modes)
t.o.d	Transmit on Demand. Scale will print when the PRINT switch is pressed.
C.P.	Continuous Print. Prints when display is updated
A.P.1	Auto Print 1 Print once only when stable indicator is on.
A.P.2	Auto Print 2 Print once only when stable indicator is on. Scale must return to zero before
	it can print again.

#### Start Up Zero Parameter

SUO*	Start Up Zero Mode Controls the startup zero status.
On	Zeroes the scale on the first stable reading on power up
CL0	Loads the calibration zero reference
Pb0*	Loads the last pushbutton zero

#### **Operating Mode Parameter:**

oP	<b>Operating mode</b> select the mode the scale is operating in. The standard mode is the default and enables all the available parameters. The Legal for trade mode disable parameters marked with an *.
Std	All functions and parameters are enabled
44	Meets legal for Trade NTEP criteria as specified in NIST Handbook 44
CAn	+/-1.9% Zero Range. Canadian Weights and Measures compliant.

#### **RS232 Printer Output Baud Rate Parameter:**

Br	Baud Rate
	Determines the baud rate of the RS232 Printer output of the scale this must match the
	printer you are using in order to Print correctly
12	1200 baud (bits per second)
24	2400 baud (bits per second)
48	4800 baud (bits per second)
96	9600 baud (bits per second)
14.4	14400 baud (bits per second)
28.8	28800 baud (bits per second)

#### **Commodity holder Parameter:**

Chr	Type of Commodity Holder   Determines size of Cup used when calculating Test Weight.
qC	Quart Cup
LC	Liter Cup
PC	Pint Cup

\*Note: The Legal for Trade modes(Op parameter equals 44 or CAn) will disable the \* values.

Parameters in order of occurrence (BOLD values are the defaults):

#### **Percent Calculation Parameter**

PCr	Percent mode defines the way the Dockage is displayed.
SPt	Standard – Displays a percent value based on the formula current weight divided
	by memory value. example 200g/2000g=10% dockage
rPt	Reciprocal – Displays percent value based on (memory weight- current weight) divided
	by memory weight. example (2000g-200g)/2000g=90% good product

#### Percent Mode Parameter

PCd	Percent mode defines the method of how the % calculation is displayed	
ACt	Active mode continuously updates the display	
Frn	Frozen mode calculates the % only when the % switch is pressed.	

#### **SAVE Parameter:**

SAVE	SAVE mode allows the user to permanently save the changes made to the parameters
N	Do not exit and Save. Continue to next parameter.
Y	Exit Setup mode and SAVE changes. The scale will return to the weighing mode once
	the <b>g</b> switch is pressed.

#### Default Scale to factory parameter settings:

dft	Default scale parameters
N	Do not default parameters. Continue to next parameter.
Y	Default Parameters to factory defaults. All default values are in BOLD text.

#### Analog to Digital Counts:

XXXXXX	Displays Analog to Digital Data
	Press g to exit raw counts

#### Load Cell mv output:

XXXXXX	Displ	ays Internal Load Cell voltage
	Press	s g to exit voltage reading

# Entering Calibrations and Parameter setup Mode:

The Calibration and Parameter Setup Mode can be entered by two different ways.

1) The Front Panel CAL Access Feature

To enter the calibration mode while the scale is powered up HOLD the hidden switch behind the SEEDBURO Logo, now press the PRINT switch once. At this point, the display will show the audit counters followed by the first menu parameter CAL 0.

2) The CAL switch is a momentary push button located in the center of main Printed Circuit board. The CAL switch can be accessed by removing the meter's top cover. After the push button has been pressed, the display will show the audit counters followed by the first menu parameter CAL 0.

# CALIBRATING THE 9000AG:

To calibrate your Seedburo Model 9000AG, you will need a set of precision test weights, Class "Q" or better. This set consists of 2-2000g weights. Seedburo has these weight sets available for purchase. Do not use test weights of lower accuracy than Class "Q" - Scale calibration will not be correct, as it is dependent upon the accuracy of the test weights used.

Before proceeding with calibration, **<u>be sure that the scale is level</u>**, stable, and away from wind currents and vibration. Use the bubble level below the platter and the adjustable feet.

**Note:** Excessive vibration or wind currents can cause the count down cycle to restart. This can cause errors in calibration. It is imperative that calibration be done in an area free from vibration and wind currents.

- 1. Enter Calibration mode, wait until CAL 0 appears on the display.
- 2. Remove commodity holder or any weight from the scale platter and wait for about 10 seconds. Press **ZERO** and wait for the display to count down from 7 to 0. If the calibration zero was in range, the display will return with CAL FS.
- 3. To complete the calibration process, place 2,000 grams weight on the platter and press **ZERO**, wait for the display to count down to 0. If the span calibration was in range, the display will return with weigh mode if successful.
- 4. If the display returns with a CAL 0, repeat
- 5. steps 2 and 3.

**NOTE:** If an error message appears Refer to the Troubleshooting section for additional information.

# **Printer Modes:**

The Model 8800SS offers four different print control modes. These modes dictate when printer data is sent.

# Transmit on demand (tod):

In this mode, scale data is transmitted whenever the **PRINT** button is pressed, or a print request is received from the serial port. The scale must be stable and the scale value must be valid before the data is printed.

# Continuous print (CP):

In continuous print, data is transmitted each time the scale has a reading ready. Readings which occur when the scale is in motion are called out by the abbreviation "MOT." following the data.

#### Auto Print 1 (AP1):

Auto Print 1 transmits the first scale reading after the scale leaves motion. The reading must be stable and must be a valid reading before it can be sent.

#### Auto Print 2 (AP2):

Like Auto Print 1, Auto Print 2 transmits the first scale reading following the scale leaving motion. In Auto Print 2, no further readings will be sent until the scale returns to displayed zero. The reading must be stable and must be a valid reading before it can be

# Error Messages:

Error:	Explanation:
Ldn9 0	Loading Zero
	The scale will always compare the zero calibration point against the zero on power up. This
	message will appear if the scale zero is not stable (could be from wind or vibration) or if there is
	an instability problem with the load cell.
0 Ovr	Zero Over
	You can zero a maximum of 3% of capacity .
	Remove all dead load from the scale (pans/seeds etc) Make sure platter is centered on the pins
	of the weighing mechanism. Power on scale.
	If it is still in <b>0 Ovr</b> than you must enter the calibration menu and re-calibrate the scale.
0 Undr	Zero Under
	This message will appear if the initial zero is 100 grams or more <b>below</b> the CAL zero point.
Err EEp	Error EEPROM memory is corrupted. Default scale parameters and re-calibrate scale. If
-	problem persists than you need to replace the main printed circuit board and re-calibrate scale.
Udr Ld	Under Load
	Under load message will appear when the scale is 100 grams or less than the CAL zero point.
Our Ld	Over Load
	Overload message will appear when the scale weight is 103% over initial zero or displayed zero, whichever comes first

# Troubleshooting:

Problem:	Check:
Will not power up. Blank screen.	Remove Power CORD from scale!
	Remove the 6 screws holding the top enclosure to the base.
	Check the Fuse located in the rear of the scale next to the
	power switch. If blown replace with .25 amp time-delay fuse.
	Next check if the display cable has become unplugged.
	Sometimes if the scale is dropped or shipped a violent shock
	may dis-lodge the connector from the printed circuit board.
Display stuck on LDG 0.	Zero is not stable
	Remove all dead load from the scale (pans/seeds etc) Make
	sure platter is centered on the pins of the weighing
	mechanism. Make sure there is not an excessive vibration on
	the surface the scale is sitting on. Make sure scale is level.
	Make sure the scale is not in direct line with a fan or vent
	excessive wind could cause this message to appear.
	If it is still in LDG 0 than you must enter the calibration menu
	and re-calibrate the scale.
Display has 0 Undr	This means the scale is shifted in a negative direction. Add
	dead load to scale. Make sure platter is centered on the
	weighing mechanism Pins. If error continues, re-calibrate
	the scale.
Display has 0 Ovr	Dead load exceeds 200 grams from zero point. Remove dead
	load from scale(pan, grain, weights). If the error continues you
	may have to re-calibrate the scale.
Display has udr Ld	This indicates the scale is in a severe under load condition.
	Make sure platter is centered on the weighing mechanism
	<b>Pins.</b> If error continues, re-calibrate the scale. If you cannot
	calibrate replace load cell.
Display has Our Ld	The scale is 103% over initial zero or displayed zero,
	whichever comes first. Remove weight from scale. If you
	cannot get 2,000 grams to weigh without this meassage yo
	must re-calibrate the scale. If you cannot calibrate replace
	load cell.
Display Updating too slow	I ry reducing filtering. Default is AVG 8. The smaller the
	number the faster the update but the less stable the reading.
Scale is Unstable digits constantly	Try Increasing <b>AVG</b> parameter to <b>AVG 16</b> . Shield scale from
moving	wind currents. Place scale on solid table free from vibration.
	Make sure scale is level.

# 9000AG Specifications and RS232 Pin out Specifications:

Resolution:	10,000 divisions , count by .2g
Capacity:	0 to 2000 grams
Load Cell Capacity	3KG
Displayed Units	G, Kg/HI, Lb/Bu, %
Printer Interface	DB9 connector, Bi-directional RS232
Controls	ZERO, g , kg/Hl, Lb/Bu, PRINT
Power Requirements	Nominal 115 Volts AC(VAC), Range 108 VAC to
·	122 VAC, Current draw .25 amps
DB9 RS232 connections	
DB9 RS232 connections Pin 1 Pin 2	No Connection Transmit TXD
DB9 RS232 connections Pin 1 Pin 2 Pin 3	No Connection Transmit TXD Receive RXD
DB9 RS232 connections Pin 1 Pin 2 Pin 3 Pin 4	No Connection Transmit TXD Receive RXD No Connection
DB9 RS232 connections Pin 1 Pin 2 Pin 3 Pin 4 Pin 5	No Connection Transmit TXD Receive RXD No Connection Ground
DB9 RS232 connections Pin 1 Pin 2 Pin 3 Pin 4 Pin 5 Pin 6	No Connection <b>Transmit TXD</b> <b>Receive RXD</b> No Connection <b>Ground</b> No Connection
DB9 RS232 connections Pin 1 Pin 2 Pin 3 Pin 4 Pin 5 Pin 6 Pin 7	No Connection <b>Transmit TXD</b> <b>Receive RXD</b> No Connection <b>Ground</b> No Connection No Connection
DB9 RS232 connections Pin 1 Pin 2 Pin 3 Pin 4 Pin 5 Pin 6 Pin 7 Pin 8	No Connection <b>Transmit TXD</b> <b>Receive RXD</b> No Connection <b>Ground</b> No Connection No Connection No Connection