

## Intro to BroadWeigh Toolkit

- Specific notes on:
- Zeroing Functions
  - Very Noisy RF Environment

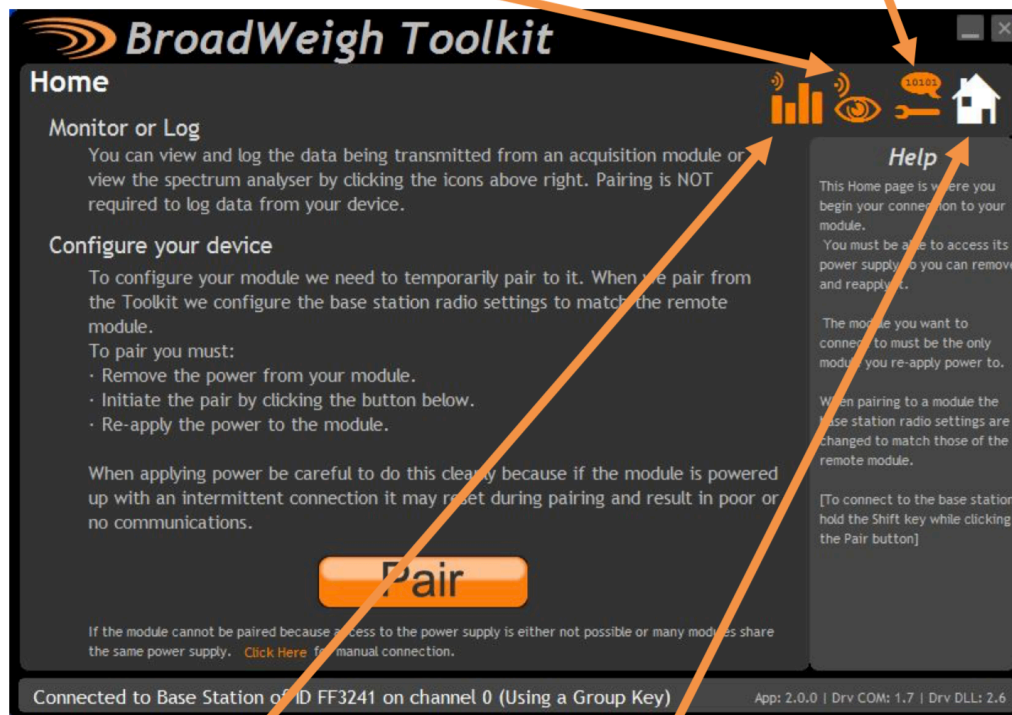
This is the home page view of the BroadWeigh Toolkit. You will use this program to access the internal parameters of your load cells. The home page also includes a spectrum analyzer to best choose your radio channels.

### Channel monitor

View and log data provided by devices.  
 Monitor sleeping devices.  
 Move group channel.

### Settings

Configure base station connection



### Spectrum analyser

Planar and spectral views of local radio traffic to check for possible congestion.

### Home

Pair and configure your device. Follow the onscreen instructions. If power cycling is not available it is possible to pair using the device's ID and data tag but you need to be on the correct radio channel.

## Pairing to a load cell

- Plug BSue or BSd USB receiver into your PC.
- Ensure you are on the same radio channel as your load cells looking to pair to. Either click the Channel Monitor (eyeball) icon and find the radio channel with your cells, or hold SHIFT while clicking on pair to directly connect to your USB device.
- **Soft Pairing** - Click the small “Click Here” button shown below.

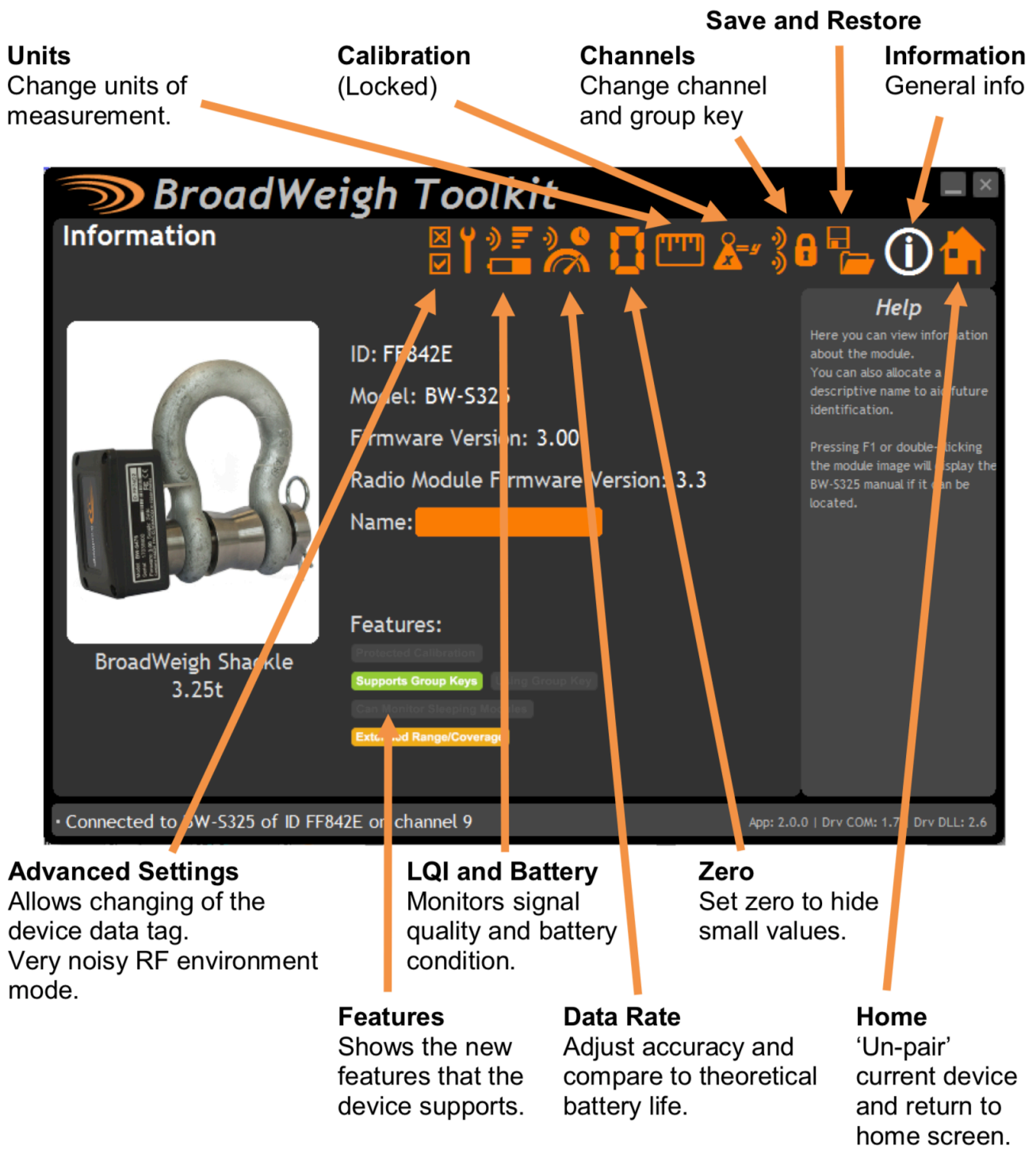
(Note: The large “PAIR” button is to be used while hard power cycling. Remove batteries. Click PAIR. Insert batteries within 10 seconds to directly pair to your cell.

*Pro tip:* Keep this pairing method in mind as a last case troubleshooting method should you not be able to soft pair.



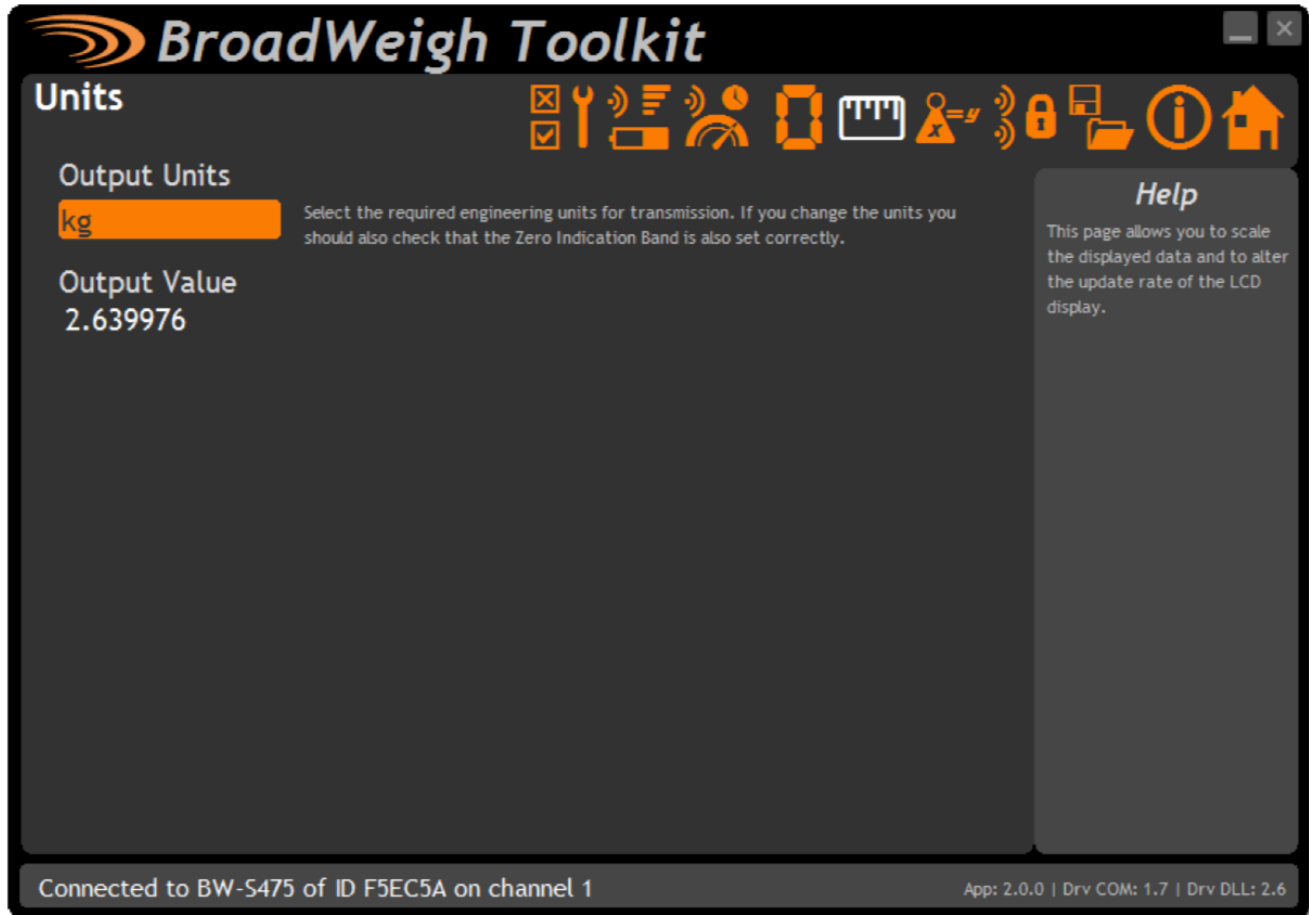
The screenshot shows the BroadWeigh Toolkit software interface. At the top, the title bar reads "BroadWeigh Toolkit". Below the title bar, there are several icons: a bar chart, an eye, a speech bubble with "LOL!", and a house icon. The main content area is divided into sections. The "Home" section has a "Monitor or Log" subsection with instructions on viewing data and spectrum analyser. Below that is the "Configure your device" section, which explains the pairing process and lists steps: "Remove the power from your module.", "Initiate the pair by clicking the button below.", and "Re-apply the power to the module." A large orange "Pair" button is prominently displayed. Below the button, there is a note: "If the module cannot be paired because access to the power supply is either not possible or many modules share the same power supply. [Click Here](#) for manual connection." A yellow arrow points to the "Click Here" link, which is circled in yellow. On the right side, there is a "Help" section with text explaining the home page, power supply requirements, and pairing instructions. At the bottom, a status bar shows "Connected to Base Station of ID FF346E on channel 1" and "App: 2.0.10 | Drv COM: 1.7 | Drv DLL: 2.7".





- By default, your cells will come in KG.
- Click the orange box with units shown for a drop down of options to change to.

## Units



Use this page to select the Output units of the Paired BroadWeigh Shackle.

**Parameters:**

Output Units      Use the drop down box to select between kg, lbs, tonnes, ton, ton (US) & kN.



If these units are changed ensure the Zero Indication Band is also set correctly.

### System Zero

- It is normal to notice weight output fluctuations when moving between different environments. Even a few degrees temperature change can affect the output of the transistors within the load pin.
- It is best practice to check system zero's before use and come to this page to perform this action. There is a limit of 100kg/220lbs in which you can perform a zero function. If you find a cell is reading out of this range, the cell will have to be sent back to your Distributor
- **ENSURE NO WEIGHT IS ON CELL WHEN PERFORMING A ZERO.**

*Pro Tip:* We like to use 10lbs (10) as the zero indication band. It allows you to see weights 10.1lbs and upward, but keeps your display screens cleaner when no loads are applied to your cells. It also make pre-use checks easier to spot any cells which need to be re-zero'd.

**Visuals on following page**



Use this page to perform system zero and to hide small values of weight (masking) for the paired BroadWeigh Shackle

**Parameters:**

Zero Indication Band

This setting enables you to hide small values of weight so that any displays based on the output from this module will display zero until a certain weight has been reached. You can enter a value here that represents a  $\pm$  band around zero so that if the value to be transmitted is within this band a zero will be transmitted. Once the weight exceeds this band the full weight will be transmitted.

For example: A BroadWeigh Shackle with a 5.0 kg Zero Indication Band will only transmit a zero value until 5 kg of weight or more is applied when it will then transmit the applied weight value.

**If you change the module units you will need to adjust the zero indication band again.**

System Zero

If the unloaded shackle is displaying a small weight you can re-zero the output value by applying a system zero.

**Remove the load from the shackle before clicking the 'Zero Now' button.**

Output Value

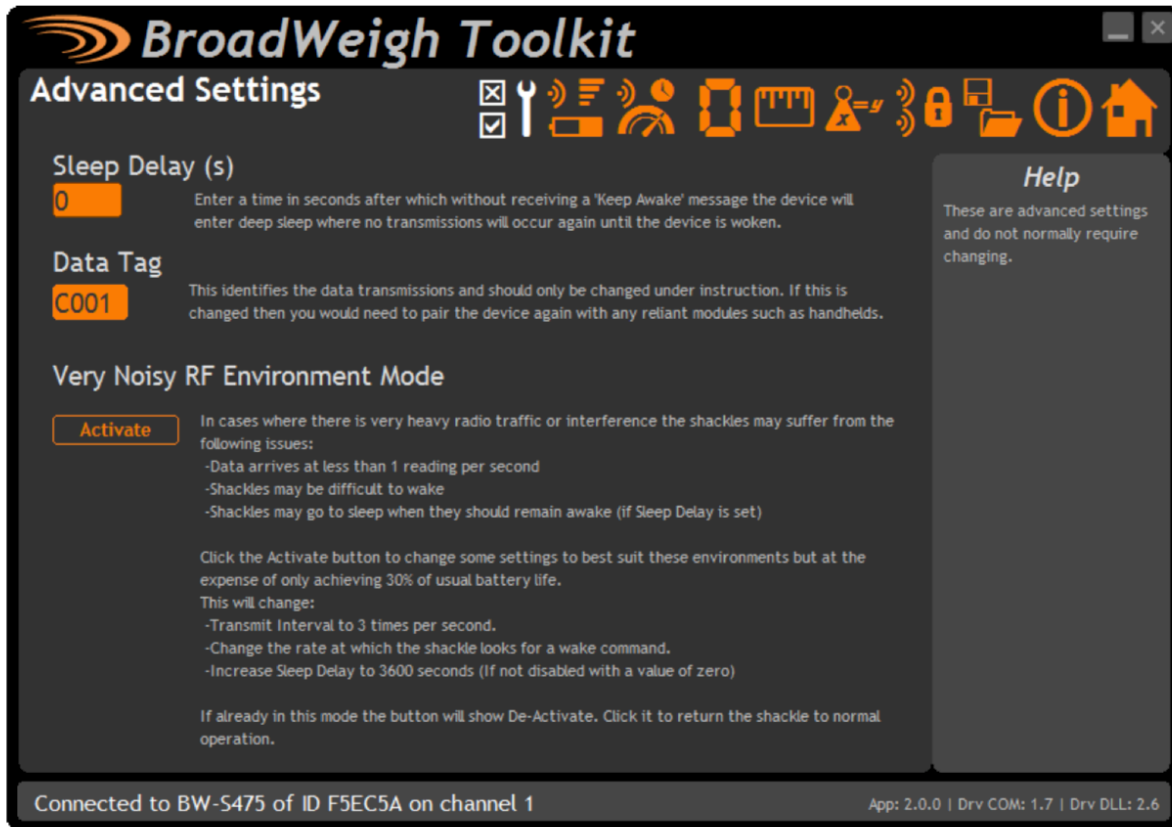
This shows the weight value that will be transmitted and shows the effect of the system zero and the zero indication band.

*Pro Tip:* **Very Noisy RF Environment Mode**

- The cells come with default settings sampling 1x/second.  
With fresh batteries, you can expect roughly 6 month battery life at 10h/day usage.
- We typically recommend clicking the “Activate” button to turn on “Very Noisy RF Environment Mode”. You’ll find this will provide increased performance of your cells and more responsive readings which can be helpful when bumping motors to balance loads. In short- this settings changes samples to 3x/second, looks for a “Keep Awake” command more often, and increases the sleep delay to 1h (the time it takes for the cell to go to sleep after it stops seeing a “keep awake” command coming from a base station).  
With fresh batteries, you can expect roughly 2 month battery life at 10h/day usage.

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It should not normally be necessary to change these settings.

**Parameters:**

Sleep Delay

Enter a delay in seconds after which the BroadWeigh Device will return to deep sleep if no Keep Awake message is heard from the handheld or base station. The default is 60 seconds.

**i** If a value of 0 is used the shackle will not enter into low power state and battery life could be compromised if no other device sends the shackle to sleep.

Data Tag

The data transmitted by the BroadWeigh Shackle is marked with a Data Tag. By default this is set to the last 4 characters of the device ID. The BroadWeigh Shackle Data Tag can be changed to an easily remembered 4 digit code to reflect its position within your system. For example '00A1'.

Very Noisy RF Environment Mode

For use in extreme radio environments where there is a lot of radio traffic and simply changing the radio channel does not allow you to avoid conflict with other radio systems. Activating this feature makes the shackle more 'aggressive' in its radio transmissions and makes it easier to wake up.