



BMAA Inspectorate Notice: BMAA Scales

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Note to all BMAA Inspectors

Over the years the BMAA scales have taken a bit of a pounding. Recent wear and tear generated a bill of £250 in order to have a new lead and socket installed on the 'C' unit. Add to this the annual charge for calibration (which always seems to increase) an executive decision has been made to insist on a charge of £10 per booking.

To prevent further damage we are asking users to treat them with respect and refrain from using the locking mechanism on the connectors. There are two reasons for this, one if care is not taken when locking the outer ring on the socket it can cause damage to the delicate terminals. Secondly if the cable is yanked it will simply unplug rather than pulling the entire connector out of the scale.

Finally before using the scales to weigh any aircraft please ensure you have:

- Connect the scales correctly and carefully.
- Switch both controllers on and allowed for the 10 second initiation period.
- Weigh yourself on each scale to ensure you get the same result on each; they should be accurate to 0.1kg of each other!
- Check that the batteries are ok; if they are low you will get spurious readings.
- Do not overload them.

Bookings are still made in the usual way through the Tech Office on 01869 336006, Al Payne is ready and waiting for your call.

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