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Model 5030L1

Lafayette Professional Hand Dynamometer

User Instructions



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Description

The Lafayette Professional Hand Dynamometer (PHD) offers many features for both routine screening work and for evaluating hand trauma and disease.

Dual-Scale Readout

Our Dynamometer displays grip force in pounds (200lbs max) and kilograms (90kg max).

Peak-Hold Needle

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Adjustable Handle

To accommodate various size hands, the Professional Hand Dynamometer handle adjusts to five grip positions: from 1 3/8 to 3 3/8 inches, in half-inch increments.

Benefits

Detection of the Malingering. For various reasons, some patients will be reluctant to exert maximum effort in grip force evaluation. Repeated tests after short rest periods will detect the malingering patient. To determine whether the patient is exerting maximum effort:

- Test grip in the usual manner, taking readings with the hand grip in all positions on the dynamometer.
- Test the normal hand, followed by the injured hand, allowing the subject to see readings.
- After about five minutes, repeat the test.

Usually, if the subject has carried out the test will full effort, there will be less than 10% variation in results for various grip positions. But if he has exerted less-than-full-effort, there will be a larger, erratic variation, sometimes as much as 100% between the two tests.

Operation

When you use the Professional Hand Dynamometer, please remember that it is a precision instrument and its accuracy can be impaired by abuse. Have the subject use the wrist safety strap to minimize the chance of dropping the dynamometer.

To use the dynamometer

1. Set the adjustable handle to the desired spacing. If the handle is not replaced in the correct position, the readings will not be accurate.
2. Rotate the red peak-hold needle counterclockwise to 0.
3. Let the subject arrange the instrument so that it fits in his hand comfortably. Ask him to squeeze with his maximum strength. The peak-hold needle will automatically record the highest force he has exerted.
4. After the subject has used the instrument, record the reading.
5. Reset the peak-hold needle to zero before recording new readings.



Suggested Standard Procedures

1. Sit or stand comfortable
2. Shoulder adducted and neutrally rotated
3. Elbow flexed to 90 degrees
4. Forearm in neutral position
5. Wrist in neutral position
6. Each test should be repeated 3 times
7. Use the average as the recorded result

Suggested Interfering Factors

The following factors have shown positive correlation with grip strength:

1. Weight
2. Hand width
3. Height
4. Mesomorphy

Table: Average Grip-Strength vs Age

Age	Hand	Males		Females	
		Mean	SD	Mean	SD
6-7	R	32.5	4.8	28.6	4.4
	L	30.7	5.4	27.1	4.4
8-9	R	41.9	7.4	35.3	8.3
	L	39.0	9.3	33.0	6.9
10-11	R	53.9	9.7	49.7	8.1
	L	48.4	10.8	45.2	6.8
12-13	R	58.7	15.5	56.8	10.6
	L	55.4	16.9	50.9	11.9
14-15*	R	77.3	15.4	58.1	12.3
	L	64.4	14.9	49.3	11.9
16-17*	R	94.0	19.4	67.3	16.5
	L	78.5	19.1	56.9	14.0
18-19*	R	108.0	24.6	71.6	12.3
	L	93.0	27.8	61.7	12.5
20-24	R	121.0	20.6	70.4	14.5
	L	104.5	21.8	61.0	13.1
25-29	R	120.8	23.0	74.5	13.9
	L	110.5	16.2	63.5	12.2
30-34	R	121.8	22.4	78.7	19.2
	L	110.4	21.7	68.0	17.7
35-39	R	119.7	24.0	74.1	10.8
	L	112.9	21.7	66.3	11.7
40-44	R	116.8	20.7	70.4	13.5
	L	112.8	18.7	62.3	13.8
45-49	R	109.9	23.0	62.2	15.1
	L	100.8	22.8	56.0	12.7
50-54	R	113.6	18.1	65.8	11.6
	L	101.9	17.0	57.3	10.7
55-59	R	101.1	26.7	57.3	12.5
	L	83.2	23.4	47.3	11.9
60-64	R	89.7	20.4	55.1	10.1
	L	76.8	20.3	45.7	10.1
65-69	R	91.1	20.6	49.6	9.7
	L	76.8	19.8	41.0	8.2
70-74	R	75.3	21.5	49.6	11.7
	L	64.8	18.1	41.5	10.2
75+	R	65.7	21.0	42.6	11.0
	L	55.0	17.0	37.6	8.9

* The mean scores for individuals, aged 14-19 years, may be slightly low (0-10 lb lower than they should be) due to instrument error detected after the study.

Service Tips

The Professional Hand Dynamometer is designed to provide reliable service, with minimum maintenance, over a period of many years. To make sure the instrument is reading accurately, it's a good idea to make a few checks, occasionally, as listed below.

Calibration

The instrument is calibrated at the factory using a custom calibration device. To ensure proper operation, the instrument should be returned to the manufacturer for calibration on a regular, preferably, annual basis. If the instrument has been dropped or there is some particular reason to suspect that the calibration is in error, the instrument should be serviced by the manufacturer immediately.

Zero Reading

The gauge needle may be above or below the zero reading upon receipt of the instrument. The gauge on this instrument is sensitive to pressure changes due to changes in altitude and will most likely require an adjustment to re-zero the instrument. Follow these steps to return the gauge needle to zero:

1. Unscrew (counter clockwise) and remove the lens from the gauge (the red peak-hold needle is attached to the lens)
2. Remove the handle (to prevent applying pressure during this process)
3. Place the instrument on a sturdy surface
4. Using a small slotted screwdriver, rotate the slotted screw counter clockwise in the gauge dial face until the needle is below zero (if it is already zero, turn the cam until it is slightly farther below zero)
5. Turn the screw in the reverse direction until the gauge needle is almost touching the zero line
6. Reattach the gauge lens and the handle
7. Pick up and squeeze to apply pressure to the instrument a few times
8. Place the instrument back on a sturdy surface and return the red peak-hold needle to zero by turning the center knob
9. Check to see that the red peak-hold needle is at zero
10. If the red peak-hold needle is not on zero, repeat steps 1-10 until the red peak-hold needle is at zero



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Red Peak-Hold Needle

Check for excessive friction in the red peak-hold assembly by turning the peak-hold knob in the lens counterclockwise. If the peak-hold needle deflects the gauge needle, return the instrument for service. Likewise, if the red peak-hold needle moves too freely, (i.e. spins without pressure applied) return the instrument for service.



Hydraulics

Any sign of hydraulic oil is an indication of damage to the instrument which requires service by the manufacturer.

Wrist Strap

The Professional Hand Dynamometer is equipped with a wrist strap. Simply place your hand through the strap before grasping the body of the dynamometer to protect the instrument from damage if dropped.

Cleaning

Cleaning with mild antibacterial soap and water is recommended. Do not soak or saturate the device with water. Handle and posts can be cleaned with an isopropyl alcohol wipe. Do not use alcohol on the plastic gauge faceplate or cover.

Disclaimer: The cleaning instructions for Lafayette Instrument products are a recommendation of compatible cleaning materials only. Product end users are responsible for instituting an appropriate cleaning regimen utilizing best practices and techniques. Lafayette Instrument assumes no responsibility for the cleanliness or sanitation of the products after initial use nor makes any claim that the use of the recommended cleaning materials mitigates all risk of potential cross infection.

Warranty

The Professional Hand Dynamometer has a 1 year parts and labor warranty. Please contact our service department at service@lafayetteinstrument.com to schedule your yearly calibration or repair. Any attempt to service or calibrate the dynamometer outside of Lafayette Instrument will void the warranty.

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Lafayette Instrument Company

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