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Weights yesterday and today

For centuries now, weight pieces have been used in scales for weighing procedures. This original purpose has now almost disappeared. Today, weights are used almost exclusively for adjusting and testing = calibration of electronic balances. They are now named “test weights” as this is their contemporary purpose.

Adjustment or calibration?

▸ ***Adjusting*** a balance means that you are intervening in the weighing system, to make sure that the display is set to show the correct nominal value. With ▸ ***calibration*** on the other hand, there is no intervention, you are testing whether the display is correct and documenting any deviation.

Testing, the right way!

The internationally valid OIML norm R111:2004 classifies test weights hierarchically in accuracy classes, where E1 is the most accurate and M3 is the least accurate weight class. With KERN you get the whole test weight range in all OIML accuracy classes E1, E2, F1, F2, M1, M2, M3.

As the test weight only becomes an ▸ ***ISO 9000ff***-compliant test instrument when its accuracy has been proven, we offer the appropriate ▸ ***DAkkS Calibration certificate*** or verification certificate (in connection with a box) for all KERN test weights. For further details see chapter *DAkkS Calibration Service*.

KERN offers you the appropriate test weight package for your balance, consisting of the test weight, box and DAkkS-calibration certificate, as proof of its accuracy. The best prerequisite for a correct adjustment or checking of your scales.

▸ ***See the glossary on page 223–225***

Classes of accuracy of test weights E, F, M and their general relation to the types of balances:

E1 Test weights for customers who require a high degree of accuracy for the most demanding applications. For high-resolution balances with d > 1,000,000 Use recommended with DAkkS calibration certificate only.

E2 Most accurate test weights for high resolution analytical balances of verification class I ≥ 100,000 e

F1 Test weights for analytical balances/precision balances for verification class I/II ≤ 100,000 e

F2 Test weights for precision balances of verification class II ≤ 30,000 e

M1 Test weights for industrial and commercial scales of verification class III ≤ 10,000 e

The appropriate test weight for your new KERN balance can also be found directly in the accessories of the balance in our webshop.

KERN DAkkS delivery times & shipping type	Total weight ≤ 30 kg (gross weight, incl. packaging)	Total weight > 30 kg (gross weight, incl. packaging)
DAkkS standard service Class E2 – M3	4 DAYS	4 DAYS
DAkkS standard service Class E1, 1 mg – 500 mg and recalibration 1 g – 10 kg with a known volume	10 DAYS	10 DAYS
ClassE1, ≥ 1 g, incl. volume determination (new weights)	15 DAYS	15 DAYS
Special weights, Newton weights, heavy duty weights, weight carriers, containers for individual weight sets etc.	on request	

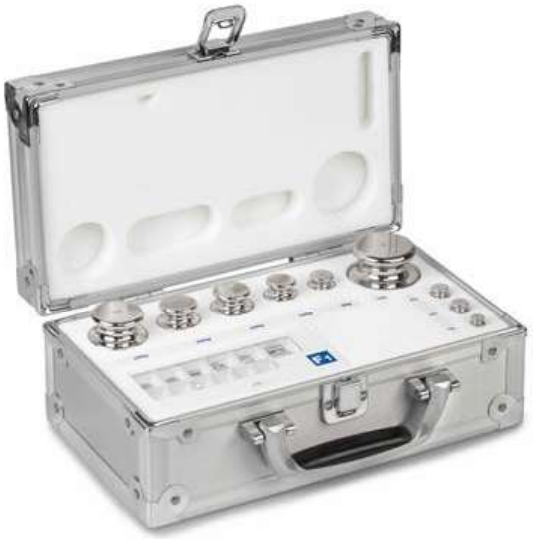
Just lean back – we have just the right test weight for your measuring device

KERN offers you a large range of OIML test weights, which you can use at any time to quickly and reliably check your balance, force-measuring device, etc.. From milligram weights to tonne weights, from the classic OIML design to special weights which are specifically manufactured to your specifications, we can offer you just the right test weight, and naturally the weights have the relevant DAkkS calibration certificate or factory calibration certificate.

On the following pages you will see a selection of standard test weights for OIML error limit classes E1, E2, F1, F2, M1, M2, M3.

We will be happy to manufacture special (large) weights, weight containers, Newton weights or weights with special weight values for you on request. Our test weights product specialist will be happy to give you expert, comprehensive advice.

Note: In our webshop you can conveniently select test weights for your scale that have been calculated and matched to your accuracy requirements and intended use – with or without calibration. We will be happy to determine the minimum sample quantity according to USP Chapter <41> and recommend a KERN Safety Set especially designed for your scale.



PREMIUM^{+} TEST WEIGHTS

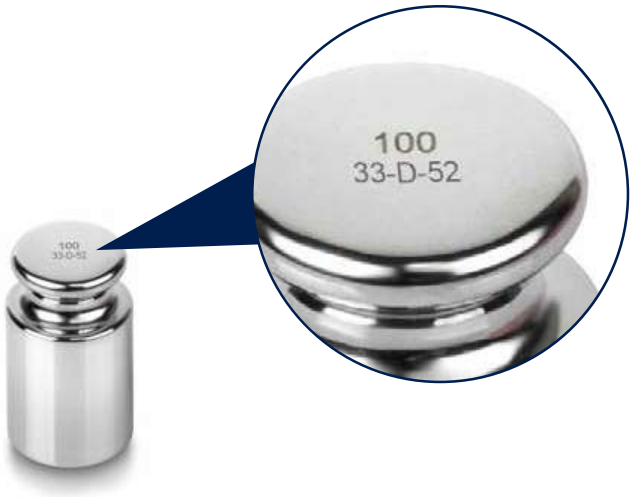
Note: Our highly-accurate OIML test weights are also available as **PREMIUM^{+} test weights** for that extra level of safety. Thanks to the most modern manufacturing technology, these test weights can also be adjusted within the specified error limit classes (= tolerances).

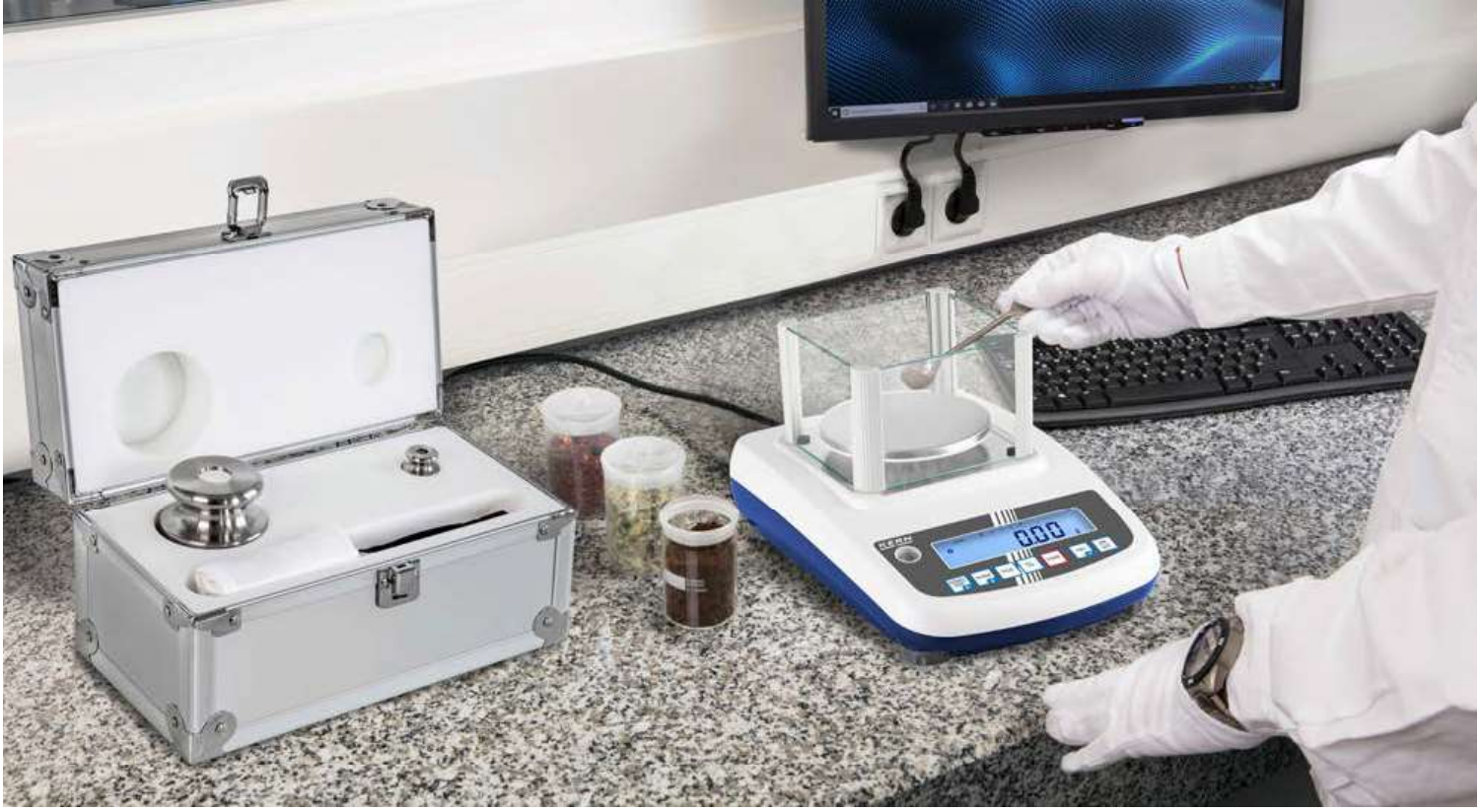
I.e. this means that these **PREMIUM^{+} test weights** have a significantly longer service life, thanks this guaranteed positive tolerance. This is of particular benefit with intensive use of the test weights.

For all the details on this **PREMIUM^{+} service** please see **www.kern-lab.com/premium+** or look at the weight you want in our online shop at www.kern-sohn.com

Marking – never lose track again!

With the large variety of test equipment used then it is essential that they are identified accurately. We can help you with this and mark your test weights according to your ideas by etching or with impact numbers. Whether it's letters, numbers, your logo, barcodes or something else – it's your choice. Our product specialist "Test weights" will gladly help you with any questions about this service, prices, etc.





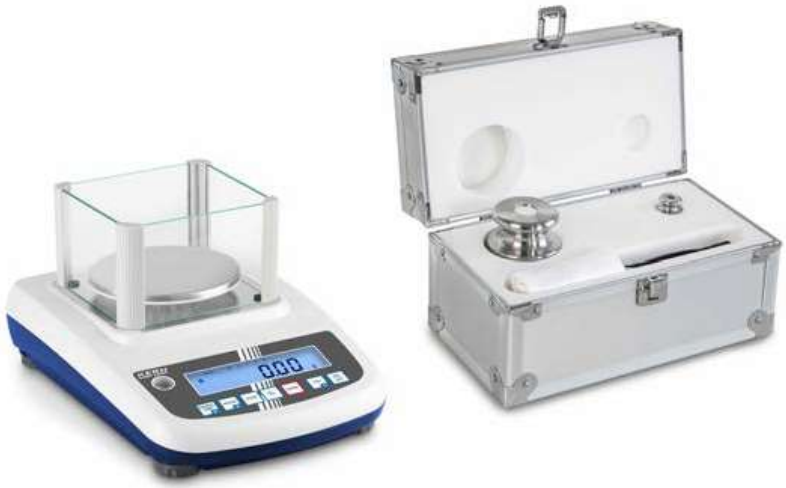
KERN **SAFETY SETS**

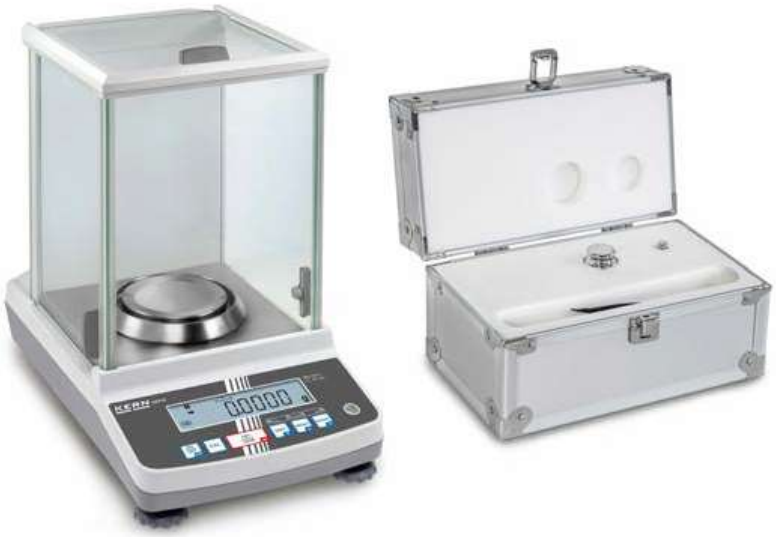
All the security you need!

“**KERN Safety Sets**” which have been specially developed, put together and contain the right test weights to test and monitor your balance. They each consist of a test weight for checking the sensitivity, i.e. the correct adjustment of your scale, and a small test weight for checking at the lower end of the weighing range, the so-called minimum sample weight. As an option, the “KERN Safety Set” has space for another test weight, for testing your balance at a weight which is relevant for you.

Useful accessories which have been selected to suit that particular “KERN Safety Set”, such as, for example, special gloves, tweezers, weight grips, brushes, etc., will assist you in handling your test weights properly. Stored in the practical protective case next to your balance, you can check and ensure the high precision of your balance at any time.

Just ask our test weight product specialist, they will be happy to recommend the right “KERN Safety Set” for your balance. You can also find the matching “KERN Safety Set” for each model on the Internet at www.kern-sohn.com





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Our KERN weight cases at a glance:

Plastic box
for individual weights

Aluminium protected box
for individual weights

Wooden box, lined / unlined
for individual weights

Plastic case
for weight sets

Aluminium protected case for weight sets

Wooden case, lined / unlined
for weight sets

It's your choice!
To protect your test weights we can offer you an appropriate weight case. If there are no legal or normative specifications, then you have the choice between plastic, aluminium protected or wood. The available weight cases are shown as a symbol in the test weight tables on the following pages. This way you have all the materials, versions, sizes and prices at a glance, listed in a concise way.

It's so easy to order your suitable test weight

1 → **2** → **3** → **4**

According to your safety requirements or the specifications of your QM system, you select the test weight with the appropriate weight value and the required tolerance (see page 186/187).

We offer many test weights in different designs, giving you complete freedom to decide which test weights you want to use for your application. It goes without saying that all our test weights comply with the OIML R111:2004 directive.

To protect your high-quality test equipment, we offer you cases in various designs. From low-priced plastic weight cases to aluminium protected weight cases to classic, high-quality wooden weight cases.

A DAkkS calibration certificate – the auditor's favourite! With this certificate you provide the standard-compliant proof of all important values of your test equipment and are on the safe side when operating and testing your measuring equipment.

1		2		2		3		3		3	4	
Weight	Tol +/- mg	Individual weights, compact shape		Individual weights, knob shape		Plastic box		Aluminium protected box		Wooden box	DAkkS certificate	
		KERN	€	KERN	€	KERN	€	KERN	€	KERN €	KERN	€
1 g	0,03	316-01	36,-	317-01	52,-	317-020-400	4,-	317-010-600	14,-	317-010-100 26,-	962-331	30,-
2 g	0,04	316-02	36,-	317-02	53,-	317-020-400	4,-	317-020-600	14,-	317-020-100 26,-	962-332	30,-
5 g	0,05	316-03	37,-	317-03	56,-	317-030-400	4,-	317-030-600	14,-	317-030-100 26,-	962-333	30,-
10 g	0,06	316-04	38,-	317-04	60,-	317-040-400	4,-	317-040-600				30,-
20 g	0,08	316-05	43,-	317-05	68,-	317-050-400						
		316-06	46,-	317-06	73,-							

1	2	3	3	4	
Weight	Knob shape in plastic case		Knob shape in aluminium protected case	Knob shape in wooden case	DAkkS certificate	
	KERN	€	KERN €	KERN €	KERN	€
1 mg - 500 mg	338-22	143,-	338-226 183,-		962-450	110,-
1 mg - 50 g	333-024	345,-	333-026 365,-	333-02 370,-	962-401	184,-
1 mg - 100 g	333-034	385,-	333-036 400,-	333-03 405,-	962-402	196,-
1 mg - 200 g	333-044	450,-	333-046 465,-	333-04 470,-	962-403	220,-
1 mg - 500 g	333-054	510,-	333-056 530,-	333-05 540,-	962-404	230,-
1 mg - 1 kg	333-064	630,-	333-066 650,-			240,-
1 mg - 2 kg	333-074	890,-	333-076			

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Selection of the appropriate test weight for your balance

A balance can never be more accurate than the test weight that is used to adjust it, it all depends on its tolerance. **The accuracy of the test weight should correspond to the readout [d] of the balance, or rather be more precise.**

Nominal weight value is shown in adjust mode “CAL” in the balance display. Given a choice, the heaviest weight is the most suitable for accurate measurement.

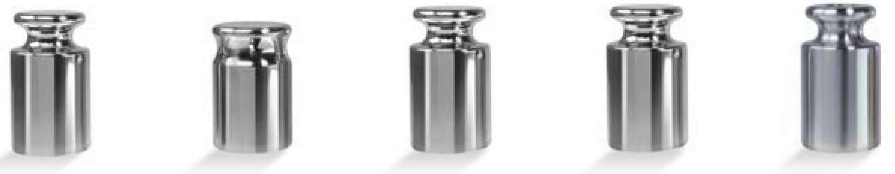
Once accuracy and nominal weight value are specified, the suitable test weight is selected according to the tolerances “Tol” of the individual accuracy classes E2 – M3, see column “Tol ± mg” at the respective weight and table at page 187.

Example:
Balance with weighing range [Max] 2000 g = 2 kg
and readout [d] = 0,01 g = 10 mg

- The accuracy of the required test weight is determined by readout [d]: max. tolerance ± 10 mg.
- Displayed weight size on “CAL” mode: 1000 g or 2000 g. The required test weight has a 2 kg weight size.
- Suitable test weights with ± 10 mg tolerance and 2 kg weight size, can be found in accuracy class F1. KERN-No 326-12 or KERN-No 327-12, see page 193.

Exception: analytical balances (readout [d] ≤ 0,1 mg):
E1 test weights are recommended. Depending on the safety requirements, E2 test weights with a DAkkS calibration certificate will also be sufficient.

From finely turned to polished stainless steel – the right test weight for every situation



Test weight → / Features ↓	Knob shape with lifting knob, polished stainless steel	Compact shape with carrying grip, polished stainless steel	Knob shape with lifting knob, polished stainless steel	ECO shape, polished stainless steel	Knob shape with lifting knob, finely turned stainless steel
Conforms to OIML:R111	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Available classes	E1, E2	E2	F1	F1	F2, M1
Upper surface	polished	polished	polished	polished	finely turned
Material	Stainless steel	Stainless steel	Stainless steel	Stainless steel	Stainless steel
Adjusting cavity	no	no	yes	yes, from 50 g, readjustment can only be carried out by KERN	yes, from 20 g
Marking (Milligram weights, generally none)	none	none	Nominal value, etched	Nominal value, etched	F2: Class + nominal value, etched; M1: Class + nominal value, adopted
Verification possible	yes (E2)	yes	yes	no	yes (M1)
Checking equipment for verification purposes	approved (E2)	approved	approved	approved	approved (M1)
Ideal as checking equipment in QM systems (e.g. ISO 9000 ff)	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Benefits	• High-quality test weight for analytical and precision balances • Highly-refined surface • Ideal shape of the top for good grip	• Affordable test weight for analytical and precision balances • Highly refined surface	• Ideal, high-quality test weight for precision balances • No visible adjustment chamber • High long-term stability • Ideal shape of the top for good grip	• Affordable test weight for analytical and precision balances • Highly refined surface • Optimum shape of the top for good grip	• Ideal test weight for commercial and industrial scales • Ideal shape of the top for good grip

Composition table, valid for all KERN test weight sets from 1 mg

Individual weights per set → / Test weight set ↓	1 mg	2 mg	2 mg	5 mg	10 mg	20 mg	20 mg	50 mg	100 mg	200 mg	200 mg	500 mg	1 g	2 g	2 g	5 g	10 g	20 g	20 g	50 g	100 g	200 g	200 g	500 g	1 kg	2 kg	2 kg	5 kg	10 kg
1 mg-500 mg	Total weight											1,11 g																	
1 mg-50 g																				111,11 g									
1 mg-100 g																					211,11 g								
1 mg-200 g																							611,11 g						
1 mg-500 g																								1.111,11 g					
1 mg-1 kg																									2.111,11 g				
1 mg-2 kg																										6.111,11 g			
1 mg-5 kg																											11.111,11 g		
1 mg-10 kg																												21.111,11 g	

The key points from the OIML norm R111:2004

OIML (Organisation Internationale de Métrologie Légale) has established the exact metrological requirements for weights in verified applications in approx. 100 states all over the world. The OIML recommendation R111 (2004 Edition) for weights relates to sizes 1 mg – 5000 kg. Statements are made on the accuracy, materials, geometric shape, marking and storage of the weights.

Error limits for weights of classes E1 to M3

The error limit classes are in fixed hierarchical levels in the proportion of 1:3, where E1 is the most accurate and M3 is the least accurate weight class. When testing weights with other weights, the correct test class is the next highest class.

Error limit classes (= tolerances)

The values given in the table below (tolerances ± ... mg) are the respective permitted fabrication tolerances. They are to be equal to the ▸ **measuring uncertainty** of the weight, if no ▸ **DAkkS calibration certificate** is available.

Conventional mass

The problem is the air buoyancy, which makes the weight appear lighter. In order to avoid this "distortion" in daily use, all weights are adjusted to the unit specifications as given in R111, e.g. it is accepted that: material density of the weights is 8000 kg/m^3, air density is 1.2 kg/m^3 and measuring temperature is 20 °C.

KERN test weights: Unless otherwise specified, they conform to OIML R111:2004 in every detail.

▸ ***See the glossary, page 223–225***

Nominal value	OIML R111:2004 Maximum permissible errors for weights = permissible tolerances "Tol ± mg"						
↓	E1	E2	F1	F2	M1	M2	M3
1 mg	± 0,003 mg	± 0,006 mg	± 0,020 mg	± 0,06 mg	± 0,20 mg	-	-
2 mg	± 0,003 mg	± 0,006 mg	± 0,020 mg	± 0,06 mg	± 0,20 mg	-	-
5 mg	± 0,003 mg	± 0,006 mg	± 0,020 mg	± 0,06 mg	± 0,20 mg	-	-
10 mg	± 0,003 mg	± 0,008 mg	± 0,025 mg	± 0,08 mg	± 0,25 mg	-	-
20 mg	± 0,003 mg	± 0,010 mg	± 0,03 mg	± 0,10 mg	± 0,3 mg	-	-
50 mg	± 0,004 mg	± 0,012 mg	± 0,04 mg	± 0,12 mg	± 0,4 mg	-	-
100 mg	± 0,005 mg	± 0,016 mg	± 0,05 mg	± 0,16 mg	± 0,5 mg	± 1,6 mg	-
200 mg	± 0,006 mg	± 0,020 mg	± 0,06 mg	± 0,20 mg	± 0,6 mg	± 2,0 mg	-
500 mg	± 0,008 mg	± 0,025 mg	± 0,08 mg	± 0,25 mg	± 0,8 mg	± 2,5 mg	-
1 g	± 0,010 mg	± 0,03 mg	± 0,10 mg	± 0,3 mg	± 1,0 mg	± 3,0 mg	± 10 mg
2 g	± 0,012 mg	± 0,04 mg	± 0,12 mg	± 0,4 mg	± 1,2 mg	± 4,0 mg	± 12 mg
5 g	± 0,016 mg	± 0,05 mg	± 0,16 mg	± 0,5 mg	± 1,6 mg	± 5,0 mg	± 16 mg
10 g	± 0,020 mg	± 0,06 mg	± 0,20 mg	± 0,6 mg	± 2,0 mg	± 6,0 mg	± 20 mg
20 g	± 0,025 mg	± 0,08 mg	± 0,25 mg	± 0,8 mg	± 2,5 mg	± 8,0 mg	± 25 mg
50 g	± 0,03 mg	± 0,10 mg	± 0,3 mg	± 1,0 mg	± 3,0 mg	± 10 mg	± 30 mg
100 g	± 0,05 mg	± 0,16 mg	± 0,5 mg	± 1,6 mg	± 5,0 mg	± 16 mg	± 50 mg
200 g	± 0,10 mg	± 0,3 mg	± 1,0 mg	± 3,0 mg	± 10 mg	± 30 mg	± 100 mg
500 g	± 0,25 mg	± 0,8 mg	± 2,5 mg	± 8,0 mg	± 25 mg	± 80 mg	± 250 mg
1 kg	± 0,5 mg	± 1,6 mg	± 5,0 mg	± 16 mg	± 50 mg	± 160 mg	± 500 mg
2 kg	± 1,0 mg	± 3,0 mg	± 10 mg	± 30 mg	± 100 mg	± 300 mg	± 1 000 mg
5 kg	± 2,5 mg	± 8,0 mg	± 25 mg	± 80 mg	± 250 mg	± 800 mg	± 2 500 mg
10 kg	± 5,0 mg	± 16 mg	± 50 mg	± 160 mg	± 500 mg	± 1 600 mg	± 5 000 mg
20 kg	± 10 mg	± 30 mg	± 100 mg	± 300 mg	± 1 000 mg	± 3 000 mg	± 10 g
50 kg	± 25 mg	± 80 mg	± 250 mg	± 800 mg	± 2 500 mg	± 8 000 mg	± 25 g
100 kg	-	± 160 mg	± 500 mg	± 1 600 mg	± 5 000 mg	± 16 g	± 50 g
200 kg	-	± 300 mg	± 1 000 mg	± 3 000 mg	± 10 g	± 30 g	± 100 g
500 kg	-	± 800 mg	± 2 500 mg	± 8 000 mg	± 25 g	± 80 g	± 250 g
1 000 kg	-	± 1 600 mg	± 5 000 mg	± 16 g	± 50 g	± 160 g	± 500 g
2 000 kg	-	-	± 10 g	± 30 g	± 100 g	± 300 g	± 1 000 g
5 000 kg	-	-	± 25 g	± 80 g	± 250 g	± 800 g	± 2 500 g