

40 C.F.R. § 1065.390

PM balance verifications and weighing process verification.

- (a) Scope and frequency. This section describes three verifications.
- (1) Independent verification of PM balance performance within 370 days before weighing any filter.
- (2) Zero and span the balance within 12 h before weighing any filter.
- (3) Verify that the mass determination of reference filters before and after a filter weighing session are less than a specified tolerance.
- (b) *Independent verification*. Have the balance manufacturer (or a representative approved by the balance manufacturer) verify the balance performance within 370 days of testing. Balances have internal weights that compensate for drift due to environmental changes. These internal weights must be verified as part of this independent verification with external, certified calibration weights that meet the specifications in § 1065.790.
- (c) Zeroing and spanning. You must verify balance performance by zeroing and spanning it with at least one calibration weight. Also, any external weights you use must meet the specifications in § 1065.790. Any weights internal to the PM balance used for this verification must be verified as described in paragraph (b) of this section.
- (1) Use a manual procedure in which you zero the balance and span the balance with at least one calibration weight. If you normally use mean values by repeating the weighing process to improve the accuracy and precision of PM measurements, use the same process to verify balance performance.

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