



# 8550 Portable Stretcher Scale

## Setup and Operation Instructions



**CAUTION!** This scale weighs approximately *130 pounds*. If you think it is too heavy for you to lower or lift safely, ask someone to help you. Damage to the load cells can occur if the scale is dropped or allowed to fall from the transport position. If damage to the scale is determined to have been caused by falling or dropping scale, the warranty will be voided.

### Scale Setup



**DO NOT** remove Storage Pin or operate Column Release Lever prior to this operation.

1. From transport position, lay scale flat on the floor. **DO NOT** use scale on carpeted floors.
2. Stand close to scale with your feet 8 to 12 inches apart, and firmly grasp handles on scale.
3. While stepping back, lower scale to floor, keeping your back straight and bending your knees until you're in a squatting position. ***Always keep your back straight, and bend at the knees, until in a squatting position!***
4. Once scale is in position on the floor, remove the Storage Pin.



Release Lever



**DO NOT** remove Storage Pin or operate Column Release Lever until scale is in position on floor.

5. Next, pull Release Lever on column up toward indicator to release column from scale base.
6. Grasp handlebars and lift column away from scale base.
7. Step forward to push column forward until it is completely up-right and in the locked position. Listen for a clicking sound to make sure the column is locked in the up-right position.





**WARNING!** Only the attendant may move the stretcher or wheelchair on and off the scale platform. Attendant must assist patient onto and off the scale platform. **NEVER** leave a patient unattended while they are on the scale platform. Failure to maintain control of the patient at all times can result in serious injury to you and/or the patient.

## Stretcher Scale Operation

1. To weigh patient, press the **ON/OFF** key, and then press the **ZERO** key to zero the weight display.
2. Position the patient on scale by pushing the stretcher onto scale. Lock the stretcher wheels while weighing the patient.
3. When the weight reading is steady, read the patient's weight.
4. Remove the patient/stretcher from scale by pushing down the opposite ramp.

- Push stretcher onto scale.
- Lock stretcher wheels.
- Read patient weight when weight reading is stable.



## Wheelchair Operation

1. To weigh patient, press the **ON/OFF** key, and then press the **ZERO** key to zero the weight display.
2. Position the patient on scale by pulling wheelchair onto scale. Lock the wheelchair wheels while weighing the patient.  
**NEVER PUSH** a patient in a wheelchair on or off scale.
3. When the weight reading is steady, read the patient's weight.
4. Remove the patient/wheelchair from the scale by backing down the ramp.

- Pull wheelchair onto scale.
- Lock wheelchair wheels.
- Read patient weight when weight reading is stable.



**Direction of Travel**

## Storing the Scale

1. Pull Release Lever on column up towards the indicator to release column from the operating position.
2. Grasp handlebars and step backward to lower column until it is completely against scale base.
3. Press down on handlebars and listen for a "clicking" sound to make sure the column is locked in storage/transport position.
4. Insert Storage Pin in scale before lifting or moving scale.
5. Store scale flat on floor, preferably near a wall for maximum protection against damage.

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Press down on handlebars to ensure column is locked in storage/transport position, and Storage Pin is installed before lifting or moving scale.

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