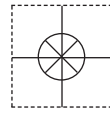


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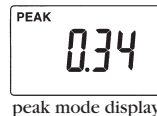
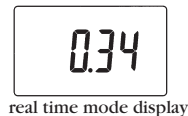
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## INTRODUCTION

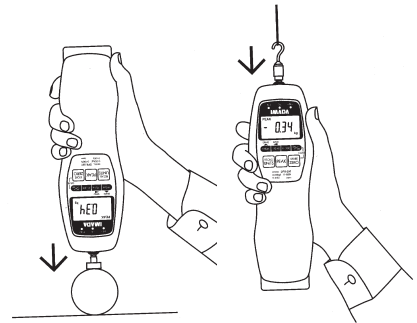
The DFG70 is a highly sophisticated, laboratory grade digital force gauges which offer programmable high/low setpoints for go/no go testing. Store up to 256 values into memory, which can be displayed or transmitted using digimatic or serial output ports. Use the real mode to display load transients, or the peak mode to capture the peak force achieved during a test. Select measuring units between Pounds (ounces), Kilograms (grams) and Newtons.

## GENERAL OPERATION

- 1 Press . After a beep, the capacity of the gauge is displayed and the gauge will automatically enter into the measuring mode. Press and hold  for at least four (4) seconds each time you wish to select between pounds (ounces), kilograms (grams) and Newtons.
- 2 HAND TIGHTEN (no tool!) selected attachment to the measuring shaft.
- 3 When the gauge is turned on, it will go directly to its real time measuring mode. Press  to measure peak forces. "Peak icon" on the display indicates peak measuring mode, whereas the peak reading will not change until a higher value is measured. To delete the last peak reading, press . To end peak reading mode and go to real time measuring mode, press  again.

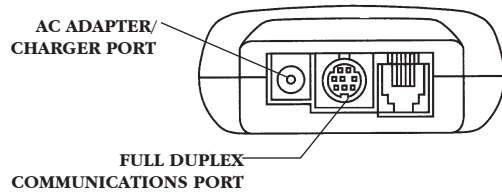
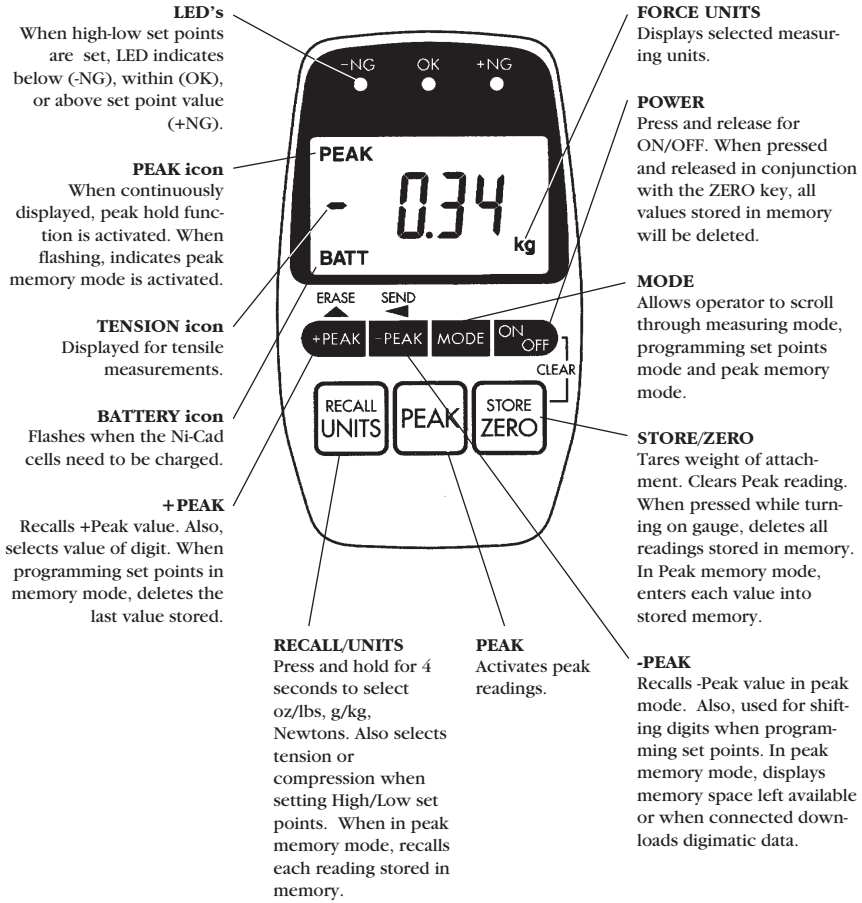


- 4 If necessary, press  to tare the weight of the attachment and shaft orientation. Pressing  will also clear the peak reading.
- 5 Make sure to apply tension and compression (-) forces to the gauge in line with the measuring shaft. *DO NOT* attempt to measure forces perpendicular to the measuring shaft - damage to load cell and/or shaft may result.



## PRECAUTIONS

- 1 **WARNING!**  
REGARDLESS of whether the unit is ON or OFF, **DO NOT** exceed the capacity of the gauge. At 110% of the rated capacity, the gauge beeps to warn. NEVER exceed 200% of the rated capacity, or the load cell will be damaged.
- 2 When mounting DFG70, use M4 mounting screws with a maximum insertion depth of 5 mm into the gauge.
- 3 Measure in line tension and compression forces only. **DO NOT** attempt to measure forces perpendicular to the measuring shaft - damage to load cell and/or shaft may result.
- 4 Hand tighten attachments only. **DO NOT** use tools.
- 5 Make sure this gauge and all peripherals are powered down before attaching any cables.
- 6 **DO NOT** disassemble the gauge. Disassembly voids warranty.



## PROGRAMMING SETPOINTS MODE

- 1 Press **MODE** until all numeric digits flash.
- 2 As High or Low points will be recognized automatically by gauge CPU, either High or Low may be set first. To set the 1st point (High or Low), press **SEND** **-PEAK** to select desired digit. Press **ERASE** **+PEAK** to select the value of each selected digit. Scroll through each digit until the value desired has been defined. Once the 1st setpoint is selected, press **SEND** **-PEAK** so that all digits will be flashing. Then press **ERASE** **+PEAK** in order to set 2nd point (High or Low). While all numbers are continuously flashing, press **SEND** **-PEAK** and repeat the above sequence to select the 2nd setpoint. Again all numbers will be flashing after the 2nd setpoint is set. While setting 1st and 2nd setpoints, tension (-) or compression (+) can be selected by pressing **RECALL UNITS**.
- 3 After 2nd setpoints are set and all numbers are flashing, press **ERASE** **+PEAK** to review and scroll High or Low setpoint values.
- 4 Press **MODE** twice and return to measuring mode. With High and Low setpoints set, whether on real time measuring mode or peak measuring mode, three LED's above the display will light:
  - NG (Yellow LED) : for below Low setpoint
  - OK (Green LED) : for between setpoints
  - +NG (Red LED) : for above high setpoint

## MEMORY MODE

- 1 Press **MODE** until "PEAK icon" flashes on the display.
- 2 Apply tension (-) or compression (+) forces, the display will hold the peak force measurement (peak reading will not change until a higher value is measured).
- 3 To store this value into memory, press **STORE ZERO**. The value will be stored by a confirming beep and display will automatically reset to zero and is ready for the next measurement.
- 4 Repeat this sequence for each measurement to be stored up to 256 data. Note: to redo the last stored data, press **ERASE** **+PEAK**.
- 5 To review the data stored in memory, press **RECALL UNITS**.



Each stored data will be displayed, starting with the first value stored, each time **RECALL UNITS** is pressed.

When all stored data have been displayed, "END" will be appear on the display. To continue storing or recalling data again, press **STORE ZERO**.


Note: When **SEND** **-PEAK** is pressed after **STORE ZERO** is pressed, the gauge will display remaining memory space.

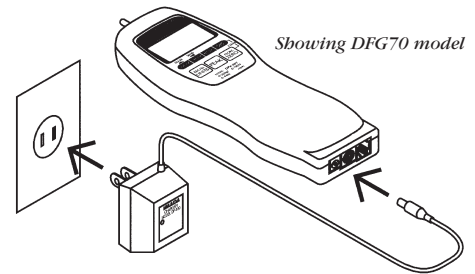
- 6 To download data stored in memory, choose between the following methods:
  - RS-232:** Connect the gauge to the device receiving data by using CB-202 or CB-203 cable. Use the R [CR] uppercase ASCII command to transmit data. (See page 8).
- 7 To delete all data stored in memory, press and release **ON/Off** while holding **STORE ZERO**. Two beeps will confirm the memory reset.



- (1) Beyond 256 data, "Full" will appear.
- (2) Stored data will be lost if battery voltage drops lower than normal.

## RECHARGING NI-CAD BATTERY

- To maximize the life of the battery, power will automatically shut off after 10 minutes of non-use. This automatic shut off feature can be bypassed and the gauge may be used continuously when the AC adapter/charger is used.
- “BATT” icon will flash when gauge needs to be recharged. To maximize battery life, do not recharge until “BATT” icon flashes. With proper recharging, the battery can be recharged 500 times.
- Push  to turn off power. Then use the provided adapter/charger and plug into the correct AC output. It takes 8 hours to charge fully. **DO NOT** recharge for more than 12 hours.
- When the gauge is turned off, make sure the AC adapter/charger is disconnected.

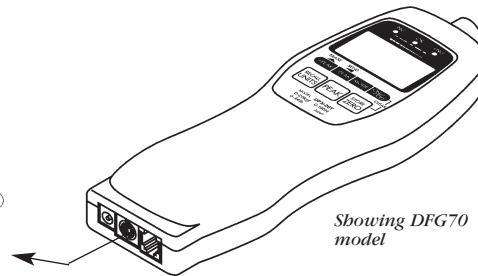
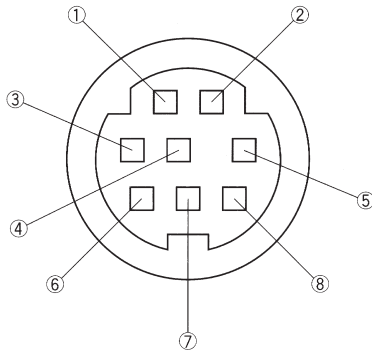


## COMMUNICATIONS PORT

The communications port is divided into three separate data formats. Pins one, two and five are assigned to the full duplex, RS-232C serial interface. Pins three and six represent the  $\pm 2\text{VDC}$  analog output and pins four, seven and eight provide cold-contact switching circuits to remotely hold and clear the display.

### PORT PIN DEFINITIONS

- |                                   |                              |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 RS-232C Ground                  | 5 RS-232C Receive Signal     |
| 2 RS-232C Signal Output           | 6 Analog Ground              |
| 3 Analog Output $\pm 2\text{VDC}$ | 7 External Switch Zero/clear |
| 4 External Switch Display Freeze  | 8 External Switch Common     |



## RS232 INTERFACE FUNCTIONS

### 1 RS-232C bi-directional interface functions

All gauge functions can be duplicated from a remote location by utilizing RS-232C interface. All commands must be sent in upper-case ASCII character format followed by a carriage return (CR).

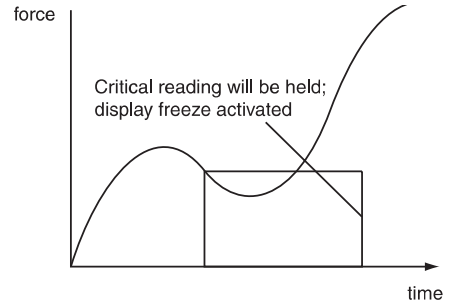
Signal level:	RS-232C
Data bits:	8 bits
Stop bits:	1 bit
Parity bits:	No
Baud Rate:	2400 bps

## 2 ±2 VDC Analog Signal

Connect the CB-101 analog cable to the full duplex port and the device receiving the data.

## 3 External Switch Display Freeze

By connecting (use contact closure and **DO NOT** apply voltage across) #4 and #8 of the communications port, the gauge instantaneously captures the critical reading and holds the display from remote locations.



- (1) Pay extra attention to avoid overload as display value will not change during display hold.
- (2) Use contact closure only and **DO NOT** apply voltage across #4 and #8 port pins.

## 5 External Switch Display Clear

By connecting (use contact closure and **DO NOT** apply voltage across) #7 and #8 of the communications port, display may be cleared from remote locations.



Use contact closure only and **DO NOT** apply voltage across #7 and #8 port pins.

COMMAND	FUNCTION	RESPONSE
<b>B [CR]</b>	Delete last data stored in memory	R [CR] executed E [CR] error
<b>C [CR]</b>	High/Low setpoint comparison	R [CR] OK U [CR] +NG L [CR] -NG E [CR] error
<b>F± ___ [CR]*</b>	Select high setpoint	R [CR] executed
<b>S± ___ [CR]*</b>	Select low setpoint	E [CR] error
<b>H [CR]</b>	Recall +peak (compression)	[value] [unit] P [CR] executed E [CR] error
<b>U [CR]</b>	Recall -peak (tension)	[value] [unit] P [CR] executed E [CR] error
<b>I [CR]</b>	Clear Memory	R [CR] executed E [CR] error
<b>R [CR]</b>	Recall all memory data	[value] [unit] M [CR] [value] [unit] M [CR] R [CR] executed E [CR] error
<b>W [CR]</b>	store data in memory	R [CR] executed E [CR] error
<b>D [CR]</b>	transmit display data	[value][unit][mode][CR] executed E [CR] error
<b>K [CR]</b>	select "Kg" units	R [CR] executed E [CR] error
<b>N [CR]</b>	select "N" units	
<b>L [CR]</b>	select "lb" units	
<b>O [CR]</b>	select "oz" units (only oz model)	
<b>P [CR]</b>	select peak mode	
<b>T [CR]</b>	select real time mode	
<b>Z [CR]</b>	tare display	
<b>Q [CR]</b>	turn off power	

[mode] = T: Real time, P: Peak [units] = K: Kg, N: Newtons, L: Pounds, O: Ounces

\* For example: to set 1000 (compression) as high: F1000[CR]  
to set 0500 (tension) as low: S-0500[CR]

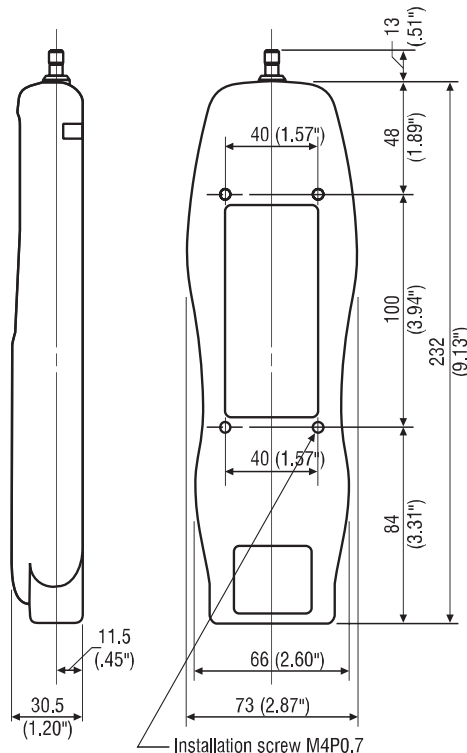
## DFG70 RANGES (Resolution)

MODEL	CAPACITY		
	Pounds Ounces	Grams Kilograms	Newtons
DFG70-0.5	8.818 oz (0.001 oz)	250.0 g (0.1 g)	2.450 N (0.001 N)
DFG70-1	17.63 oz (0.01 oz)	500.0 g (0.1 g)	4.900 N (0.001 N)
DFG70-4	4.410 lb (0.001 lb)	2.000 kg (0.001 kg)	19.60 N (0.01 N)
DFG70-11	11.02 lb (0.01 lb)	5.000 kg (0.001 kg)	49.00 N (0.01 N)
DFG70-44	44.10 lb (0.01 lb)	20.00 kg (0.01 kg)	196.0 (0.1 N)
DFG70-110	110.2 lb (0.1 lb)	50.00 kg (0.01 kg)	490.0 N (0.1 N)
DFG70-220	220.4 lb (0.1 lb)	100.0 kg (0.1 kg)	979.0 N (0.1 N)

## SPECIFICATIONS

<b>Accuracy</b>	$\pm 0.1\% \pm 1$ LSD
<b>Display Update</b>	20 updates/second
<b>Selectable Units</b>	Displays values in grams/kilograms, ounces/pounds or newtons
<b>Overload Capacity</b>	200% full scale
<b>Power</b>	Four internal AA Ni-Cad cells, eight hour capacity when fully charged with AC adapter
<b>Low Battery Indicator</b>	Display flashes BATT when battery is low
<b>CPU</b>	8-bit CMOS
<b>A/D Converter</b>	16-bit Delta Sigma System
<b>Memory</b>	Nonvolatile, recall up to 256 measurements
<b>Peak Memory</b>	Recalls peak tension and compression
<b>Setpoints</b>	Programmable high/low setpoints with color coded indicator.
<b>Dimensions</b>	9.6 x 2.9 x 1.2 in (245 x 73 x 30.5 mm)
<b>Ambient Temperature</b>	32° to 100°F; 0 to 40°C
<b>Weight</b>	18 ounces
<b>Shipping Weight</b>	4 pounds
<b>Output Ports</b>	RS232C: Full duplex, 2400 baud, 8 data bits, no parity bit, 1 stop bit Analog: $\pm 2$ VDC full scale
<b>Included Accessories</b>	AC adapter/charger; eight attachments: (3 hooks, flat tip, chisel tip, notched tip, conical tip, extension shaft) and hard-plastic carrying case

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