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OVERVIEW, DEFINITIONS, AND INFORMATION ON ACCREDIA CALIBRATION CERTIFICATE FOR LABORATORY AND INDUSTRIAL SCALES.



ncreasing requirements for accuracy and reliability in laboratory data require thorough compliance with quality management regulations and standards. These include ISO 9000 and GMP, which emphasize the importance of regular calibration of inspection, measurement and testing instruments.

This practice is essential to ensure accurate, reliable and traceable measurement results in the long run.

Gibertini Accredited Service, ISO 17025 compliant, delivers calibration certificates for laboratory balances ensuring full traceability of measuring instruments to national standards, giving a high degree of confidence in measurement and test results.

This document is intended as a comprehensive tool aimed at explaining in detail the various sections of the Gibertini calibration certificate and related technical terms.

It also provides in-depth guidance on the interpretation of calibration results and the management of measurement uncertainty, thus contributing to a more knowledgeable and professional practice in the laboratory setting.



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> **ACCREDIA Accreditation Mark** Gibertini Elettronica s.r.l. is accredited ACCREDIA LAT No. 094 in accordance with ISO 17025 for the calibration of POVA (microdosers) and NAWI (Scales). Accredia is a member of EA, IAF and ILAC and is a signatory to international mutual recognition agreements.

Certificate Number.

The number of the Calibration Certificate showing, from left to right, the abbreviation "LAT" and the Laboratory identification number "094," which do not change between certificates, the sequence number, the letter B (balance), and finally the year of issuance separated by slash.

- Identification of the object, the Client and the Calibration activity. This section specifies in detail the equipment or instrument that has undergone calibration, with its identifying data suitable for the correct System tacciability of both the LAT Laboratory and the Customer.
- **Technical Direction (Head) of the** Accredia Accredited Laboratory. The name of the Technical Director or person authorized to sign The certificates is given; graphometric and also digital signature is also given. This attests to the authorization to issue the certificate.

Disclosure of calibration certificates is permitted only if it is done in full and without modification. Any extract or modification requires prior approval from both the relevant accreditation body and the calibration laboratory that issued the specific certificate.



Accredia Calibration Certificate

LAT Center's Reliability Chain and Calibration Procedures. LAT Center's chain of traceability: refers to the unbroken sequence of documented calibrations that ensure the metrological traceability, of measurements, to a reference sample with which the working sample that is also calibrated and traceable is verified. This section sets out the calibration procedures, containing detailed instructions and steps for performing calibration as verified and approved by ACCREDIA, ensuring accuracy and consistency of measurements.

6 Scales technical data

The specifications of the instrument being calibrated include basic information such as the model, serial number, metrological specifications and other relevant details that characterize the instrument undergoing the calibration process.

Calibration Related Data In this section, there is information about the context in which the calibration was performed, including the time of stabilization of the reading, the date of the tests and the place where they were conducted.

Configuration parameters Configuration parameters refer to the different settings and settings that define the behavior and operational characteristics of a system or device. In the calibration field, for example, configuration parameters may include the adjustment or calibration system and auto zeroing

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Repeatability Test

Repeatability testing of a scale involves taking repeated measurements of the same weight on a weighing instrument under normal conditions of use. The purpose is to evaluate the consistency and repeatability of the measurements. The results of this test are presented as standard deviation or Deviation of readings (s).



Eccentricity Test

The eccentricity test of a balance consists of measuring the weight on different positions of the weighing surface (so-called pan). In other words, it tests how the readings change when the weight is placed at different positions from the center of the pan. The results of this test show any deviations or errors in the measurement in relation to the position of the load on the weighing surface.

10 Linearity Test

The linearity test of a scale consists of weighing loads of different masses in an increasing and then decreasing manner, evaluating how the scale responds to gradual changes in weight. The results of this test indicate how well the scale follows a linear relationship between the mass applied and the reading given.

This test returns the following results:

- 1. Indication Errors: Represent deviations the actual response of the scale and the expected response from the conventional value of the masses used.
- 2. Extended Uncertainty: Indicates the uncertainty associated with measurements due to the sum of contributions and multiplied by a coverage factor. Uncertainties also consider other factors, including changes in temperature
- 3. Relative Uncertainty: These measure the percentage of uncertainty extended from the measured value. For example, a relative uncertainty of 1% indicates that the measurement could change by 1% from the indicated value.



Extended Global Uncertainty

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The Gibertini calibration certificate also shows an estimate of the measurement uncertainty of use of the instrument. The measurement uncertainty Ugl(R) is obtained by considering the value of R detected. The reported measurement uncertainty value corresponds to the standard measurement uncertainty with coverage factor k = 2, corresponding to a confidence level of about 95 %. The determination is made with reference to EURAMET guideline cg-18.

12 Ugl(W) Measurement Uncertainty Table.

The table of global expanded uncertainty as a function of load percentages provides a representation of how the global expanded uncertainty varies as load percentages change on the scale. Each row or column in the table represents a specific load percentage, while the elements in the table show the corresponding values of the global extended uncertainty. This table helps to understand how the accuracy of the scale changes in relation to the applied mass, providing useful information for the correct interpretation of measurements under different loading conditions.

Including the extended measurement uncertainty and extended global uncertainty in the calibration certificate is crucial because :

- It provides reliability and completeness of Information: Extended measurement uncertainty provides an estimate linked to a result (deviation or error in this case) that characterizes the range of values within which the true value (of the measurand) is supposed to fall under calibration conditions. This is critical because it provides specific information about how accuracy may change in practical use situations.
- User Guidance: This data guides users in understanding possible errors in measurements and provides clear guidance on the confidence they can have in the results obtained with the instrument.
- Transparency and Reliability: The inclusion of this information in the calibration certificate demonstrates the transparency and reliability of the laboratory's calibration process, providing detailed data to ensure maximum reliability of measurements.

Measurement uncertainty in use Global extended uncertainty

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13 Minimum weighing

Upon request Gibertini also issues within the ACCREDIA-marked certificate the minimum weighing, according to Euramet cg-18. The minimum weight is the smallest amount of sample required for a weighing to be done with a given accuracy.

Calibration conditions should be the same as those of use; however, there are factors, e.g., environmental or production (samples are different from the masses used in calibration) not present at calibration that can also affect the minimum weight when using the balance. The table therefore provides minimum weight values as a function of multiple safety factors *SF* and accuracy levels. Thus, the Customer can choose the minimum weight of his instrument according to the desired safety factor and accuracy level required by his production process.

- Safety Factor: A safety factor is applied to the minimum weight so that the minimum weight is such as to ensure safe weighing despite environmental or similar effects that may affect the result and its uncertainty. In fact, when choosing the FS or SF, the user must take into account possible variations in the weighing process and actual conditions of use.
- Accuracy Required: The user must consider the accuracy required for his production process or industry in which the scale is used. This determines the level of accuracy required and influences the minimum weight.

Requiring the minimum weight of your scale is critical to ensure accurate measurements and compliance with process specifications. Knowing this value allows you to optimize the use of resources, ensuring that the scale is used correctly and contributing to the accuracy of weighing operations, lowering the risk of incurring nonconformities in your production or analytical process.

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Reference Explanatory Notes for Interpretation of Results

Explanatory notes provide additional details on the methodologies used, parameters considered and other factors that may affect the accuracy of measurements. These notes offer detailed guidance on how to correctly interpret results, providing context and transparency.



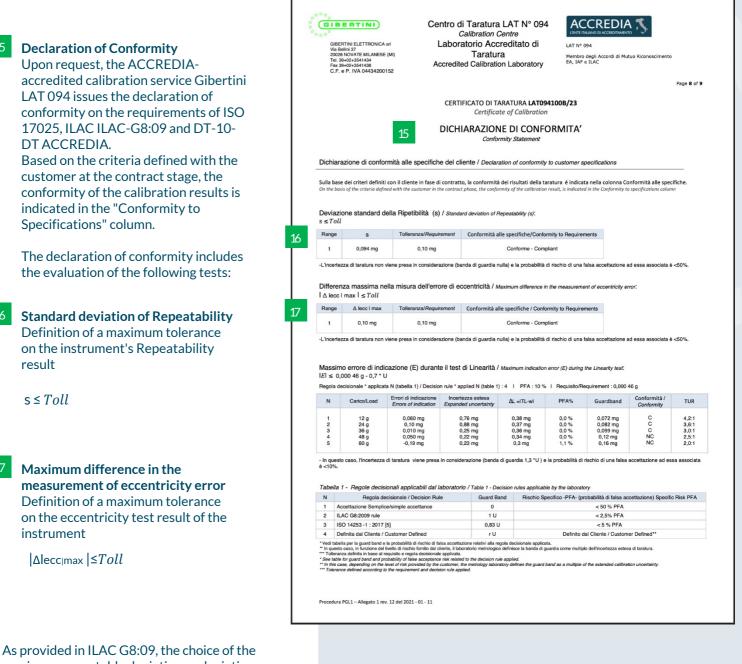
"When the customer requires a statement of conformity to a specification or standard for testing or calibration (e.g., error, in-tolerance/out-of-tolerance), the specification or standard and the decision rule must be clearly defined. Unless inherent to the required specification or standard, the selected decision rule must be communicated and agreed upon with the customer." §7.1.3 ISO/IEC 17025:2017 and §2.3 ILAC-G8:09/2019

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Declaration of Conformity



maximum acceptable deviation or deviation is a decision that must be made based on the specific context of the user's needs and industry, if not already provided for in a norm or standard.

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Maximum Indication Error (E) during the Linearity Test

The adoption of decision rules, such as Probability of False Acceptance (PFA) and determination of a Guard Band in the case of direct consideration of measurement uncertainty, in the calibration certificate of scales brings several advantages and aligns with fundamental principles of quality and accuracy.

- Decision rule: describes how measurement uncertainty is taken into account in relation to the requirement provided by a standard or Customer.
- The standard or customer requirement (TL) or tolerance limit is the upper or lower limit of allowable values i.e., what the customer or a specific standard deems acceptable in terms of accuracy.
- The **PFA**, is the probability of false acceptance, i.e., wrongly accepting a data item as conforming or correct when in fact it is nonconforming or incorrect.
- The Guard Band (w) is the interval between a tolerance limit and a corresponding acceptance limit (AL) where length w= TL-AL.

The consideration between requirement or acceptance limit, uncertainty, decision rule, PFA and Guard Band represents the correct rigorous approach to conformity management and assessment.

19 Decision rules applicable by the laboratory ISO/IEC 17025:2017 requires laboratories to assess measurement uncertainty, either directly or indirectly, and apply a documented decision rule when issuing declarations of conformity.Depending on the specific case (standard or Client requirement) different rules, PFAs, possible guard bands may be applied.

Often the guard band is based on a multiple r of the extended measurement uncertainty U, where w = rU. Although it is common to use a guard band w = U, there may be cases where a multiplier other than 1 is more appropriate, conservative, and safe.

Table 1 shows the decision rules applicable by Gibertini and the one chosen by the Client or the standard.



N	Carico/Load	Errori di indicazione Errors of indication	Incertezza estesa Expanded uncertainty	∆L =ITL-wI	PFA%	Guardband	Conformità / Conformity	TUR
1	12 g 24 g	0,060 mg	0,76 mg 0.88 mg	0,38 mg 0.37 mg	0,0 % 0.0 %	0,072 mg	c	4,2:1 3,6:1
3	36 g	0,010 mg	0,25 mg	0,36 mg	0,0 %	0,099 mg	c	3,0:1
4	48 g	0,050 mg	0,22 mg	0,34 mg	0,0 %	0,12 mg	NC	2,5:1
5	60 g	-0,19 mg	0,23 mg	0,3 mg	1,1 %	0,16 mg	NC	2,0:1

- In questo caso, l'incertezza di laratura viene presa in considerazione (banda di guardia 1,3 *U) e la probabilità di rischio di una falsa accettazione ad essa associata è <10%.

N	Regola decisionale / Decision Rule	Guard Band	Rischio Specifico -PFA- (probabilità di falsa accettazione) Specific Risk PF
1	Accettazione Semplice/simple accettance	0	< 50 % PFA
2	ILAC G8:2009 rule	1 U	< 2,5% PFA
3	ISO 14253 -1 : 2017 [5]	0,83 U	< 5 % PFA
4	Definita dal Cliente / Customer Defined	rU	Definito dal Cliente / Customer Defined**

* See table for guard band and probability of false acceptance risk related to the decision rule applied.

In this case, depending on the level of risk provided by the customer, the metrology laboratory defines the guard band as a multiple of the set Tolerance defined according to the requirement and decision rule applied.

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