

RIG SENSE

Rig Tension Gauge

Rig Tension gauge for repeatable rig settings - aids race set up and preparation.

Features

Loads on both wire and fibres Diameter range 2-5mm (³/₃₂-¹³/₆₄") Direct Scale with Tension output Composite calibrated leaf spring Stainless steel contact points Ergonomic Robust body Compact size, durable and light Easy one handed operation Carry bag included





Rig Sense App

Rig Sense App (iOS and Android) allow users to work efficiently with their gauge, store and manage their data in a single place on smart phones and tablets.

Rig-Sense App – Using the Rig Sense, record data of critical settings to ensure repeatable race settings over differing conditions. Create custom templates to build settings from, add images and share and export data for later analysis with your class.













HOW TO USE

Rig-Sense is simple to use, but requires a procedure to get a consistent and accurate measurement.

- 1. Pull the top slider down fully.
- 2. Attach the Rig-Sense to the wire or cable making sure the slider is pushed fully up to connect with the wire. At this point, the Rig-Sense will be able to hang on the rig unsupported.
- 3. Now, using your thumb, push the bottom of the leaf spring so the wheel hooks on to the wire.
- 4. Your measurement can be read in KG from the pointer on the leaf spring.

Please refer to conversion charts at the back of this document to convert from Loos or LBS.

CAUTION

- Do not push the leaf spring beyond the scale.
- Do not leave out in direct sun light for prolonged periods.
- Wash the Rig-Sense off in fresh water if in contact with salt water.
- Do not leave Rig-Sense attached to a rig for long periods (i.e. days).
- Do not disassemble the Rig-Sense due to calibration.









BACKGROUND

Cable tension gauges generally operate using the same principle; bend the cable between three points and measure the reactive force on one of those points:

- Mechanically with a spring
- Electronically with strain

Rig-Sense uses a mechanical principle similar to a Loos gauge, but with four distinct improvements to achieve the key features.





1. ADJUSTABLE CABLE DEFLECTOR

Rig-Sense uses an adjustable central deflector, same deflection for all cable sizes. So output does not vary with cable size.

The other rig tension gauges have a fixed central deflector which means larger diameter cable will have larger deflection than smaller cable diameter, so output varies with cable size.

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2. WHY MEASURE IN KG?

With the **Rig-Sense** scale, we've kept the scale true, so there's no need for conversion. We believe it's important not hide this as rig tuning can be massively effected.

All cable sizes use the whole scale and works with both imperial and metric cable, fibre and even rope The Loos Gauge scale looks linear, but it is misleading.

- At bottom of scale 3mm, 1 increment = 5kg
- At top of scale 3mm, 1 increment = 35kg

Also, each cable size only uses half of the scale.







3. PROFILED STAINLESS STEEL DEFLECTORS

Rig-Sense uses large radius stainless steel deflectors which follows the natural bend in cable. This cancels out differences in cable bending stiffness. Tension will measure the same for different sizes and materials.

Hard material supports cable over larger area – with no indentation and consistent repeatable output.

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4. COMPOSITE LEAF SPRING

Rig-Sense uses a composite leaf spring. The advantages are:

- High precision control of spring rate
- Compact shape allows slender design less likely to be damaged
- Cannot over-stretch
- Allows for calibration during assembly
- No corrosion.



SS Coil spring



Other gauges use stainless steel coil springs. There are a number of disadvantages to this:

- Makes it difficult to keep consistent spring rate over production runs.
- No way to adjust or calibrate.
- Can over-stretch without knowing.
- Friction.



THE RIG-SENSE APP

The Rig-Sense App is a simple mobile application for logging rig settings. By using the App you can store multiple settings, for multiple boats and share with the crew, training partners, clubs, classes, coaches or the rest of the world.

The intuitive and easy-to-use interface of the App makes it simple to use and understand. You can log many types of information including shroud settings, type of spinnaker and the wind range you choose. The App allows you to customise any aspect of your Tuning Guide and save it as a 'Template' and from there you can create any number of 'Files' for different boats. All the information is stored on your Phone or Tablet.

If you are sailing a boat for the first time you can go to the class or sailmakers website to input directly to the Spinlock RIG App. You always have the information at your fingertips so you can focus sailing the boat!

Available on Android and iOS devices.







CONVERSION TABLE – LOOS TO KG

Wire Dia.	re Dia. 2.5mm		3mm		4mm		5mm	
Loos Gauge	Model A	PT1	Model A	PT1	Model A	PT1	Model B	PT2
5	36							
6								
7								
8		50						
9		54						
10	50	58					109	
11		62						95
12		66						110
13		70						120
14		75						140
15	68	82	54	70			145	150
16		90		75				170
17		100		82				180
18		110		90			172	200
19		120		100				220
20	91	130	73	110			190	240
21		140		120		70		260
22	104		82	130		76	218	280
23				140		83		310
24	113		91	150		90	245	340
25				160		100		370
26	127		100	170		115	281	400
27				180		127		440
28	141		109	190		140	336	490
29				210		150		550
30	159		118	220		160	400	620
31	101		105	235		170	100	
32	181		136	250	91	180	490	
33			454		110	195	C25	
34			154		110	210	635	
35			177		127	225		
30			1//		127	240		
37			204		145	200		
38			204		145	280		
39			250		164	320		
40			230		104	300		
41			217		101			
42			51/		171			
43					236			
44					230			
45					2/3			
40					364			
47					427			
20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48	91 104 113 127 127 141 159 181 181 181 100 100 100 100 100		73 82 91 100 100 109 118 136 136 177 204 203 317 317	110 120 130 140 150 160 170 180 190 210 220 235 250	91 91 110 110 127 145 145 164 164 191 236 273 318 364 432	70 76 83 90 100 115 127 140 150 160 170 180 195 210 225 240 260 320 360	190 218 245 245 281 336 400 400 400 635 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 10	240 260 280 310 340 400 440 490 550 620

CONVERSION TABLE – LBS TO KG

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KG	LBS
35	77
40	88
45	99
50	110
55	121
60	132
65	143
70	154
75	165
80	176
85	187
90	198
95	209
100	220
105	231
110	243
115	254
120	265
125	276
130	287
135	298
140	309
145	320
150	331
155	342
160	353
165	364
170	375
175	386
180	397
185	408
190	419
195	430
200	441

KG	LBS
205	452
210	463
215	474
220	485
225	496
230	507
235	518
240	529
245	540
250	551
255	562
260	573
265	584
270	595
275	606
280	617
285	628
290	639
295	650
300	661
305	672
310	683
315	694
320	705
325	717
330	728
335	739
340	750
345	761
350	772
355	783
360	794
365	805
370	816

LBS		
694		
705		
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772		
783		
794		
805		
816		
827		
838		
849		
860		
871		
882		
893		
904		
915		
926		
937		
948		
959		
970		
981		
992		
1003		
1014		
1025		
1036		
1047		
1058		

KG	LBS
485	1069
490	1080
495	1091
500	1102
505	1113
510	1124
515	1135
520	1146
525	1157
530	1168
535	1179
540	1190
545	1202
550	1213
555	1224
560	1235
565	1246
570	1257
575	1268
580	1279
585	1290
590	1301
595	1312
600	1323
605	1334
610	1345
615	1356
620	1367
625	1378
630	1389
635	1400
640	1411
645	1422
650	1433

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