

Setting your scales to zero

It's very important to make sure your scales are at zero each time you start to weigh things out. If you don't do this, your measuring won't be accurate.

If you're using digital scales - before you start weighing, your display should look like this:



If you're using mechanical scales, you should make sure that the pointer is on zero.

On some mechanical scales there isn't a zero. Instead the scale shows the maximum weight the scales can weigh. For example, on the scales below you set the scale to 5 kg, which is the same as setting it to zero.



You need to set your scales to zero because:

- if the pointer is set below zero before you start, you'll weigh out too much
- if the pointer is set above zero, you'll weigh out too little