Sash Balance Installation And Adjustment





It is recommended that the sashes are glazed and painted to ensure both sashes slide freely in the frame.

Preparing The Window

 The grooves required to house sash balances can be in the sash stiles (Fig A) or in the frame jambs (Fig B).
 They can be round or square grooves but must be of a minimum size. Please refer to the drawings below for dimensions.

FIG. A SASH STILE HOUSING

Dimensions	Х	Υ
AL20-30	18mm	18mm
AL40-60	20mm	20mm
AL70-90	22mm	22mm

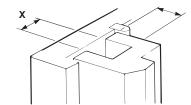
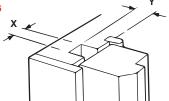
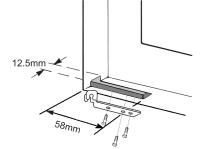


FIG. B
FRAME JAMB HOUSING





2a) For Frame jamb housing, bottom brackets are used on the bottom rail of the bottom sash. Preparation for the bracket is shown below.

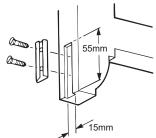


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Rebate 7.0mm deep

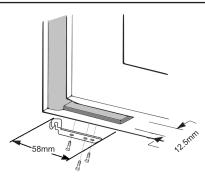
Side fix brackets AND channels are used on the side rails of the top sash. The channel is fixed to the stile (closed end upward) and the bracket slots up into the channel.

Preparation for the channel is shown below.



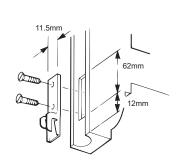
3a) For sash stile housing, bottom fix brackets are used on the bottom rail of the bottom sash.

Preparation for the bracket is shown opposite.



Rebate 2.5mm deep

3b) For sash stile housing, side fix brackets are used without a channel. Preparation for the bracket is shown opposite.

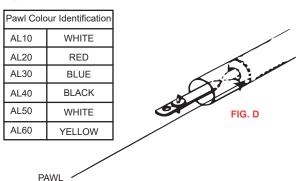


Rebate 3.0mm deep

Checking You Have The Correct Balances

4) It is important that the balances used are suitable for the weight of the sash. They are manufactured in weight bands that are identified by a coloured pawl (Fig. C).

FIG. C

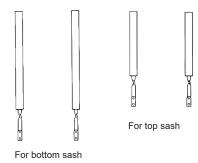


IMPORTANT: When balances are to be used with our brackets, ENSURE the black washers supplied are fitted to the balance by sliding them onto either side of the pin as shown (Fig. D). Failure to fit them may cause the balance to fail.

Installing The Balances

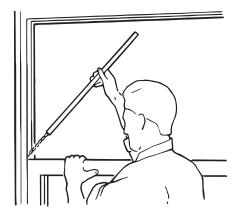
5) Assuming the sashes are of equal height, shorter balances are used for the top sash and longer balances for the bottom sash. See Fig. E

FIG. E

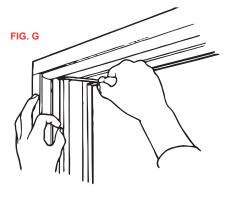


When sashes are of equal size and in a lowered position, the balances can easily be inserted into the grooves (Fig. F). In the case of unequal sized sashes, it is possible to slightly bow the balance for insertion into the groove of the larger sash. In some cases larger sashes may have been removed to allow you to fit the balance.

FIG. F



Fix top balances to the frame jamb at the centre of the groove and tighten up against the frame head using screws supplied (Fig. G).



Fixing The Travel Stops

Travel stops prevent over-travel and under-travel, both of which which will damage the balance. Fit the travel stops provided as follows. The shorter one goes at the top of the bottom sash run.

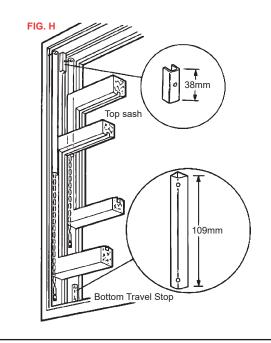
The longer stop goes at the bottom of the top sash run.

See (Fig. H). In the case of non-standard applications

special stops may be required. In such cases suitable long

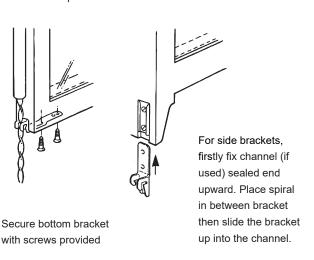
special stops may be required. In such cases suitable longer timber stops should be made and substituted for the standard metal stops supplied. These should be long enough to prevent the balance from being extended by more than twice its tube length.

IMPORTANT: Failure to fit travel stops may result in the balance failing.



Fixing The Brackets

7) Raise the sashes as high as possible and prop them up. Ensure that the spiral rod is located between the sides of the brackets (both bottom and side brackets) before screw-fixing brackets in place.



Connecting The Balances And Balancing The Sashes (Tensioning the Balances)

8) Fully raise & prop or support the bottom sash.

Starting with one side, insert the balance key into the hole in the bottom of the balance's spiral rod and pull the spiral rod downward and hook the cross-pin into the claws of the balance bracket.

Repeat with the balance on the other side of the sash. Remove the support and raise and lower the sash a few times. If it is not perfectly balanced, support the sash again and use the balance key to pull the spiral rod down out of the balance foot again (a slight twist anti-clockwise may be required to free it).

If there is a tendency for the spiral rod to try and rotate, rotate the rod until a neutral position is found where there is no tendency for the spiral to want to rotate. You are now ready apply adjustment turns.

Consult the adjustment charts at the end of this guide for the correct number of turns. Then, whilst maintaining a firm downward pressure with the winding tool, rotate the rod ANTI-CLOCKWISE, applying the correct number of turns.

Repeat for the other balance. BOTH sides must be tensioned equally. Re-engage the spiral into the brackets amd remove the support. Raise and lower the sash again. If the sash falls, add an anit-clockwise turn and check once more, if it rises, take a turn off by turning the balance rod clockwise and try again. Repeat until the sash is perfectly balanced and stays in any position. Repeat for the top sash.

Adjustment charts

AL20										
	Sash weight									
Balance length Inches	20 - 21.9 22 - 23.9 24 - 25.9 26 - 27.9 28 - 29.9									
6 - 10	2	2	2	3	4					
11 - 15	2	2	2	4	5					
16 - 20	3	3	4	5	6					
21- 25	3	4	4	6	7					
26 - 30	4	5	5	6	7					
31 - 35	4	5	5	7	9					
36 - 40	5	6	6	8	10					
41 - 45	5	6	6	8	10					
46 - 50	6	7	7	9	11					

AL30									
Sash weight									
Balance length Inches	30 - 31.9	32 - 33.9	34 - 35.9	36 - 37.9	38 - 39.9				
6 - 10	2	3	3	4	4				
11 - 15	3	3	4	4	5				
16 - 20	3	4	4	5	7				
21- 25	4	4	5	6	8				
26 - 30	4	5	6	7	9				
31 - 35	5	5	6	8	10				
36 - 40	6	6	7	9	11				
41 - 45	7	7	8	10	12				
46 - 50	7	8	8	10	12				

	AL40									
Sash weight										
Balance length Inches	40 - 41.9	42 - 43.9	44 - 45.9	46 - 47.9	48 - 49.9					
6 - 10	4	5	6	7	8					
11 - 15	5	6	7	8	9					
16 - 20	5	6	7	8	9					
21- 25	7	7	9	9	10					
26 - 30	8	8	9	10	12					
31 - 35	8	9	10	11	13					
36 - 40	9	9	10	12	13					
41 - 45	9	10	12	12	13					
46 - 50	10	10	12	13	14					
51 - 55	10	10	13	14	15					
56 - 60	11	11	13	14	15					
61 - 65	11	11	15	16	17					
66 - 70	11	12	15	16	17					

More Adjustment Charts On Back Page

AL50											
Sash weight											
Balance length Inches	50 - 51.9	0 - 51.9 52 - 53.9 54 - 55.9 56 - 57.9 58 - 59.									
6 - 10	7	8	9	10	10						
11 - 15	7	9	10	11	11						
16 - 20	8	10	11	12	12						
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26 - 30	10	11	13	13	14						
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36 - 40	11	12	14	15	16						
41 - 45	12	13	14	15	16						
46 - 50	13	13	14	16	17						
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56 - 60	14	15	15	17	18						

AL70										
Sash weight										
Balance length Inches	70 - 71.9	72 - 73.9	74 - 75.9	76 - 77.9	78 - 79.9					
6 - 10	3	4	5	6	7					
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16 - 20	5	6	7	8	9					
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36 - 40	9	10	11	11	12					
41 - 45	10	11	12	12	13					
46 - 50	10	11	12	13	14					
51 - 55	11	12	12	13	14					
56 - 60	11	12	12	13	14					
61 - 65	12	12	13	14	15					
66 - 70	12	13	13	14	15					
71 - 75	12	13	14	15	16					

	AL60									
Sash weight										
Balance length Inches	60 - 61.9	68 - 69.9								
6 - 10	4	5	6	7	8					
11 - 15	4	5	6	7	9					
16 - 20	5	6	7	8	10					
21- 25	6	8	8	9	12					
26 - 30	8	9	9	10	14					
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51 - 55	12	12	13	14	17					
56 - 60	12	13	13	15	17					
61 - 65	13	14	15	16	18					
66 - 70	14	15	16	17	18					
71 - 75	15	16	17	18	19					

AL80									
Sash weight									
Balance length Inches	80 - 81.9	82 - 83.9	84 - 85.9	86 - 87.9	88 - 89.9				
6 - 10	4	5	6	7	8				
11 - 15	5	6	7	8	9				
16 - 20	6	7	8	9	10				
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