

Hydraulic Pinch Gauge

Instruction Manual

REF

- 12-0235 **Standard**
- 12-0226 **LITE[®]**
- 12-0222 **HD[®]**
- 12-0239 **HiRes[®]**
- 12-0228 **ER[™] HiRes[®]**
- 12-0237 **ER[™] Digital**



Standard Hydraulic
Pinch Gauge
(12-0235)

The finger pinch gauge can be used to measure pinch strength. It is calibrated in pounds and kilograms of force.

Apply pinch force at the pinch groove while holding the pinch gauge between your thumb and finger(s). When force is applied farther toward the tip the reading will be slightly higher. When force is applied farther toward the rear the reading will be slightly lower.

The gauge must be “zeroed” before each pinch test. Grasp the knurled ring of the dial indicator and rotate it until the zero on the dial indicator is directly under the black pointer.

The red maximum pointer must be reset before each pinch test. Rotate the small knurled knob on top of the dial indicator in a counterclockwise direction until it rests against the black pointer at the zero marking. The red maximum pointer will remain at the subject’s maximum reading until it is reset.

Use the pinch gauge to perform the three basic pinch tests:

- **Tip Pinch** - thumb tip to index fingertip
- **Key Pinch** - thumb pad to lateral aspect of middle phalanx of index finger
- **Palmar Pinch** - thumb pad to pads of the index and middle fingers

Grip Dynamometer Norms for Adult Grip Strength (kgs)

Average Performance of all Subjects on Grip Strength (kilograms) - Test results									
		Men				Women			
age	hand	mean	SD	SE	low-high	mean	SD	SE	low-high
20-24	dominant	54.88	9.34	1.72	41.3 - 75.7	31.93	6.58	1.27	20.9 - 43.1
	non-dominant	47.40	9.89	1.81	32.2 - 68.0	27.67	5.94	1.18	15.0 - 39.9
25-29	dominant	54.79	10.43	2.00	35.4 - 71.7	33.79	6.30	1.22	21.8 - 44.0
	non-dominant	50.12	7.35	2.00	34.9 - 63.0	28.80	5.53	1.09	21.8 - 44.0
30-34	dominant	55.25	10.16	1.95	31.8 - 77.1	35.70	8.71	1.72	20.9 - 62.1
	non-dominant	50.08	9.84	1.91	29.0 - 65.8	30.84	8.03	1.59	16.3 - 52.2
35-39	dominant	54.30	10.89	2.18	34.5 - 79.8	33.61	4.90	1.00	22.7 - 44.9
	non-dominant	51.21	9.84	1.91	33.1 - 71.2	30.07	5.31	1.04	22.2 - 41.3
40-44	dominant	52.98	9.39	1.86	38.1 - 74.8	31.93	6.12	1.09	17.2 - 46.7
	non-dominant	51.17	8.48	1.68	33.1 - 71.2	28.26	6.26	1.13	15.9 - 42.6
45-49	dominant	49.85	10.43	1.95	29.5 - 70.3	28.21	6.85	1.36	17.7 - 45.4
	non-dominant	45.72	10.34	1.95	26.3 - 72.6	25.40	5.76	0.95	16.8 - 37.6
50-54	dominant	51.53	8.21	1.63	35.8 - 68.5	29.85	5.26	1.04	17.2 - 39.5
	non-dominant	46.22	7.71	1.54	31.8 - 64.9	25.99	4.85	0.95	15.9 - 34.5
55-59	dominant	45.86	12.11	2.63	26.8 - 64.9	25.99	5.67	1.13	15.0 - 39.0
	non-dominant	37.74	10.61	2.31	19.5 - 58.1	21.45	5.40	1.09	14.1 - 34.5
60-64	dominant	40.69	9.25	1.91	23.1 - 62.1	24.99	4.58	0.91	16.8 - 34.9
	non-dominant	34.84	9.21	1.86	12.2 - 52.6	20.73	4.58	0.91	13.2 - 29.9
65-69	dominant	41.32	9.34	1.81	25.4 - 59.4	22.50	4.40	0.82	15.9 - 33.6
	non-dominant	34.84	8.98	1.72	19.5 - 53.1	18.60	3.72	0.68	13.2 - 28.6
70-74	dominant	34.16	9.75	1.91	14.5 - 49.0	22.50	5.31	1.00	15.0 - 35.4
	non-dominant	29.39	8.21	1.68	14.5 - 42.2	18.82	4.63	0.86	10.4 - 30.4
75+	dominant	29.80	9.53	1.91	18.1 - 61.2	19.32	4.99	1.00	11.3 - 29.5
	non-dominant	24.95	7.71	1.54	14.1 - 54.0	17.06	4.04	0.77	10.9 - 27.7
ALL	dominant	47.31	12.84	0.73	14.5 - 79.8	28.49	7.71	0.44	11.3 - 62.1
	non-dominant	42.23	12.52	0.73	12.2 - 72.6	24.45	7.12	0.40	10.4 - 52.2

TIP PINCH NORMS (KGS)

NORMS FOR ADULT PINCH STRENGTH							
Tip Pinch strength performance of all subjects (kilograms)							
age	hand	men			women		
		mean	SD	low-high	mean	SD	low-high
20-24	dominant	8.16	1.36	4.9 - 10.4	5.03	0.95	3.6 - 7.2
	non-dominant	7.71	1.04	5.4 - 14.9	4.76	0.77	3.6 - 6.3
25-29	dominant	8.30	2.00	4.5 - 15.4	5.40	0.82	3.6 - 7.2
	non-dominant	7.94	2.36	5.4 - 16.3	5.13	0.82	4.0 - 8.1
30-34	dominant	7.89	3.04	5.4 - 11.3	5.72	1.36	3.6 - 9.0
	non-dominant	7.98	2.18	4.5 - 12.2	5.31	1.27	3.1 - 7.7
35-39	dominant	8.16	1.63	5.4 - 12.2	5.26	1.13	3.6 - 8.6
	non-dominant	8.03	1.72	4.5 - 10.8	5.40	1.09	3.6 - 7.2
40-44	dominant	8.07	1.81	4.9 - 11.3	5.22	1.22	2.2 - 6.8
	non-dominant	8.03	1.59	5.4 - 11.3	5.03	1.36	2.7 - 7.7
45-49	dominant	8.48	2.22	5.4 - 13.6	5.99	1.36	4.0 - 8.6
	non-dominant	7.98	1.86	5.4 - 12.7	5.49	1.22	3.1 - 8.1
50-54	dominant	8.30	1.81	4.9 - 10.8	5.67	1.00	4.0 - 8.1
	non-dominant	8.07	1.77	5.4 - 11.7	5.17	1.09	3.1 - 7.2
55-59	dominant	7.53	1.50	4.9 - 10.8	5.31	0.77	4.0 - 7.2
	non-dominant	6.80	1.68	4.5 - 11.7	4.72	0.64	3.6 - 5.8
60-64	dominant	7.17	1.77	4.0 - 9.97	4.58	0.95	3.1 - 7.7
	non-dominant	6.94	1.68	4.0 - 10.4	4.49	0.91	2.7 - 6.8
65-69	dominant	7.71	1.91	4.9 - 12.2	4.81	0.91	3.1 - 6.8
	non-dominant	6.99	1.32	4.5 - 9.52	4.76	1.09	3.1 - 7.7
70-75	dominant	6.26	1.18	4.9 - 9.52	4.58	1.18	3.1 - 6.8
	non-dominant	6.03	1.18	4.5 - 9.52	4.45	1.04	2.7 - 7.7
75+	dominant	6.35	1.54	3.1 - 9.52	4.35	1.27	1.8 - 7.2
	non-dominant	6.30	1.68	3.6 - 11.3	4.22	1.09	1.8 - 5.8
ALL	dominant						
	non-dominant						

KEY PINCH NORMS (KGS)

NORMS FOR ADULT PINCH STRENGTH							
Key Pinch strength performance of all subjects (kilograms)							
		men			women		
age	hand	mean	SD	low-high	mean	SD	low-high
20-24	dominant	11.79	1.59	9.5 - 15.4	7.98	0.91	6.4 - 10.4
	non-dominant	11.25	1.54	8.6 - 14.1	7.35	0.95	5.9 - 10.4
25-29	dominant	12.11	2.22	8.6 - 18.6	8.03	0.95	6.4 - 10.0
	non-dominant	11.34	2.13	8.6 - 17.7	7.53	0.95	5.9 - 10.0
30-34	dominant	11.97	2.18	9.1 - 16.3	8.48	1.36	5.9 - 11.3
	non-dominant	11.88	2.31	7.7 - 16.3	8.07	1.63	5.4 - 11.8
35-39	dominant	11.84	1.45	9.5 - 14.5	7.53	0.91	5.4 - 9.5
	non-dominant	11.61	1.77	8.2 - 14.5	7.26	1.22	5.4 - 10.0
40-44	dominant	11.61	1.18	9.5 - 14.1	7.57	1.41	4.5 - 10.9
	non-dominant	11.39	1.81	8.6 - 14.1	7.17	1.41	3.6 - 10.0
45-49	dominant	11.70	1.77	8.6 - 15.9	7.98	1.45	5.9 - 10.9
	non-dominant	11.25	2.00	8.2 - 19.1	7.53	1.32	5.4 - 10.9
50-54	dominant	12.11	2.00	9.1 - 15.4	7.57	1.13	5.4 - 10.0
	non-dominant	11.84	1.91	9.1 - 16.8	7.30	1.22	5.4 - 10.0
55-59	dominant	10.98	1.91	8.2 - 15.4	7.12	1.13	5.0 - 9.5
	non-dominant	10.43	2.13	5.9 - 14.1	6.67	1.00	5.4 - 8.6
60-64	dominant	10.52	2.45	6.4 - 16.8	7.03	1.22	4.5 - 9.1
	non-dominant	10.07	1.86	7.3 - 15.0	6.40	1.13	4.5 - 8.6
65-69	dominant	10.61	1.77	7.7 - 14.5	6.80	1.18	4.5 - 9.5
	non-dominant	9.98	1.63	7.7 - 12.7	6.49	1.27	4.5 - 9.1
70-75	dominant	8.75	1.09	7.3 - 11.3	6.58	1.32	3.6 - 10.0
	non-dominant	8.71	1.36	5.9 - 12.7	6.26	1.36	4.1 - 10.0
75+	dominant	9.30	2.09	4.1 - 14.1	5.72	1.04	3.6 - 7.7
	non-dominant	8.66	1.36	5.9 - 10.9	5.17	1.18	3.2 - 7.3
ALL	dominant	11.11	2.09	4.1 - 18.6	7.35	1.36	3.6 - 11.3
	non-dominant	10.70	2.09	5.0 - 19.1	6.94	1.41	3.2 - 11.8

PALMAR PINCH NORMS (KGS)

NORMS FOR ADULT PINCH STRENGTH							
Palmar Pinch strength performance of all subjects (kilograms)							
		men			women		
age	hand	mean	SD	low-high	mean	SD	low-high
20-24	dominant	12.07	2.40	8.2 - 20.4	7.80	1.04	6.4 - 10.4
	non-dominant	11.66	2.63	6.8 - 19.1	7.39	1.27	5.0 - 10.9
25-29	dominant	11.79	1.95	8.6 - 15.9	8.03	1.45	5.9 - 13.2
	non-dominant	11.39	1.91	8.6 - 16.3	7.71	1.36	5.9 - 11.8
30-34	dominant	11.20	2.13	7.3 - 15.4	8.75	2.27	5.4 - 15.4
	non-dominant	11.52	2.59	6.8 - 16.8	8.21	2.18	5.4 - 14.5
35-39	dominant	11.88	1.86	8.6 - 16.3	7.94	1.91	5.9 - 13.2
	non-dominant	11.75	2.45	6.4 - 18.1	7.76	1.54	5.4 - 10.9
40-44	dominant	11.11	1.95	7.7 - 16.8	7.71	1.41	4.5 - 10.4
	non-dominant	11.25	2.22	6.8 - 16.8	7.53	1.59	6.4 - 11.3
45-49	dominant	10.89	1.50	8.6 - 15.0	8.12	1.36	5.4 - 12.2
	non-dominant	10.75	1.72	3.6 - 15.0	7.94	1.27	5.4 - 10.9
50-54	dominant	10.80	2.45	6.8 - 16.3	7.85	1.41	5.4 - 10.4
	non-dominant	10.89	2.63	7.3 - 16.3	7.44	1.32	5.4 - 10.0
55-59	dominant	10.75	2.18	7.3 - 15.4	7.26	1.41	5.0 - 11.8
	non-dominant	9.66	2.04	5.4 - 11.3	6.99	1.36	5.0 - 9.5
60-64	dominant	9.89	1.50	7.3 - 12.7	6.71	1.41	4.5 - 9.1
	non-dominant	9.62	1.45	6.8 - 12.2	6.49	1.22	4.5 - 9.1
65-69	dominant	9.71	1.36	6.8 - 11.3	6.44	1.41	3.6 - 9.1
	non-dominant	9.62	1.86	6.4 - 13.6	6.21	1.54	3.6 - 10.0
70-75	dominant	8.21	1.54	6.4 - 12.2	6.53	1.18	4.1 - 8.6
	non-dominant	8.53	1.50	5.9 - 12.2	6.35	0.86	4.5 - 7.7
75+	dominant	8.48	1.91	4.1 - 11.8	5.44	1.18	3.6 - 7.7
	non-dominant	8.30	1.72	4.5 - 11.8	5.22	1.18	2.7 - 7.3
ALL	dominant	10.61	2.27	4.1 - 20.4	7.39	1.72	3.6 - 15.4
	non-dominant	10.43	2.40	4.5 - 19.1	7.12	1.63	2.7 - 14.5



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