# Lantech<sup>®</sup> CFT-6

# **Containment Force Tool**



## **General Data**

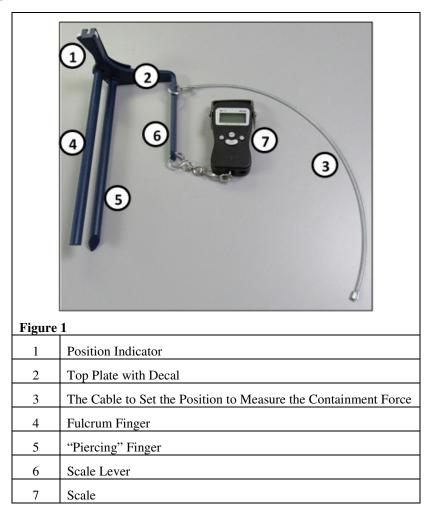
The CFT-6 tool measures the Containment Force (CF) on a wrapped load.

**Containment Force -** The cumulative force on the load from the layers of film, measured at any point. It is the best indicator for load shipment success.

The instructions include:

- CFT-6 Components
- How to use the scale
- Position Indicator
- Where to measure the Containment Force
- Containment Force Chart
- How to measure the Containment Force

# **Components**



#### **How to Use the Scale**

#### **Function Buttons**

"On/Off" - The power button.

"Set" – This button sets the mode for the scale display.

- Kg Kilogram
- Lb Pound
- Lb/Oz Pound and ounces

"Hold" – This button sets the "Hold" functions

- "L\_n" This mode disengages the "Hold" functions.
- "L\_A" This mode holds the "Peak" value when the value is constant for 1 second.
- "L\_P" This mode holds the "Peak" value.

"Tare" – This button resets the display to 0.



Figure 2 - Scale

# **Scale Set Up Procedures**

- 1. Push the "On, Off" button to engage the power for the scale.
- 2. Push the "Set" button until "Lb" (pound) shows on the display. This is the setting to measure the Containment Force.
- 3. Push the "Hold" button until "L\_P" (peak) shows on the display.
- 4. Push the "Tare" button to set the scale to 0. Reset the scale display before you measure the Containment Force.

**Note:** The scale keeps the settings for the "Set" and "Hold" functions.

# **Position Indicator**

The position indicator shows the correct position of the CFT-6 to measure the Containment Force.

This is a spring-loaded device that includes:

- A green stripe on the indicator plate.
- A slot to show when the indicator plate is in the correct position to measure the Containment Force.



Figure 3 – Position Indicator

### Where to Measure the Containment Force

- 1. Measure the Containment Force at 3 positions on 1 side of the load. Measure at the top, the approximate middle and the bottom of the load.
- 2. Measure the Containment Force on the long side of the load, if it is possible. Example: If the load is 40" x 48", measure the Containment Force on the 48" side of the load.
- 3. Measure from the right corner of the load for the 3 positions.



#### Figure 4

#### **Top Position**

- 1 a. Measure 559 mm (22") from the right corner of the load.
  - b. Measure 64 mm (2 1/2") from the top of the load.

#### **Middle Position**

- **2** a. Measure 559 mm (22") from the right corner of the load.
  - b. Approximate middle of the total load height.

#### **Bottom Position**

- a. Measure 559 mm (22") from the right corner of the load.
  - b. Measure approximately 229 mm (9") from the film cable at the bottom of the load. Make sure that the "piercing" finger extends 25 mm (1") below the film cable.

#### **Containment Force Chart**

This chart includes the basic Containment Force ranges and the load types.

Containment Force	Load Types
Low – 1 - 2 kg (2 - 5 lb)	Paper Towels, Tissues, Empty Containers, Dust Cover Wrap
Medium – 2 - 3 kg (5 - 7 lb)	Short Cases, Short Trays, Light Display Cases, Beverage Cans, Light Order Pick
High – 3 - 5 kg (7 - 12 lb)	Tall and Heavy Cases, Bags, Case Bottles, Grocery Order Pick
Extreme – 5 - 9 kg (12 - 20 lb)	Concrete Blocks, Bricks, Bottled Water, Tall Bottles in Trays

#### **Measure the Containment Force**

- 1. Find the correct Containment Force for the load.
  - a. Use the data from the specified wrap profile for the Containment Force setting.
  - b. Refer to the Containment Force chart.
- 2. Set the mode for the scale. Refer to the Scale Set Up procedures
- 3. Use the cable on the tool to set the position from the corner of the load.
  - Approximately 559 mm (22") from the corner of the load.

Make sure that you are on the long side of the load.

- a. Put the end of the cable at the right corner of the load and extend the tool across the load.
- b. Measure the Containment Force at the position of the "Piercing Finger".



Figure 5 – "Piercing Finger" Position

- 4. Push the "piercing finger" through the film.
  - a. Make sure that it goes through all layers of the film.
  - b. Use caution to prevent damage to the product with the "piercing" finger.



- 5. Pull the scale to the left.
  - a. Make sure that the film is approximately 6 mm (1/4") below the top plate of the tool. Do not let the tool set on the film.
  - b. Make sure that you pull the scale in the horizontal direction (level).
- 6. Slowly pull the scale until the green indicator shows in the slot and then release the tension on the scale.

The scale display holds the "peak" value on the display.

- 7. Record the data on the scale display.
- 8. Do steps 1-7 to measure the Containment Force for the middle and the bottom of the load.

Make sure that the "Piercing Finger" extends 13 mm (1/2") below the film cable when you measure the bottom of the load.



Figure 7



Figure 8 – Position Indicator



Figure 9 – Piercing Finger Position on the Film Cable.

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