# Adjustable Sit and Reach Flexibility Tester User Instructions





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## **Description**

The standard sit and reach test will test the maximum flexibility of the back attainable without undue strain on the back muscles. The flexibility of the back muscles can indicate the tasks or movements the back is capable of performing. The Flexibility Tester is a highly accurate and valid method of measuring back flexibility. It replaces the crude measuring devices described by Wells/Dillon and Johnson/Nelson. The unit is constructed of durable, yet lightweight aluminum. The top is a platform scale containing an auto-zero slide arm that extends more then 16 inches. The rule is marked in  $\frac{1}{2}$  increments to 23", and in centimeters, to 59 cm. The subject sits with legs straight and feet flat against the no-mar rubber panels affixed to the front. The subject reaches forward, moving the slide bar to maximum reach.

# **Specifications**

#### **Dimensions**

Base: 18" L x 12" W x 13-3/4" H Top: 27 1/2" L x 12" W

## Weight:

9.5 lbs



## **Operation**

- 1. Have the subject sit on the floor with legs together and fully extended with feet against the rubber pads on the unit. Ensuring the head, upper back, and lower back are in contact with a wall.
- 2. Have the subject extend arms fully in front of their body with the right hand overlaying the left hand, with the middle finger of each hand directly over each other.
- Move the measurement slide to zero. Place the adjustable scale arm at the tips of the middle fingers and lock it into place.
- 4. Instruct the subject to reach forward with fingertips against the slide arm, and bending forward at the waist, moving the measurement slide up the scale as far as he/she can.
- 5. Record the data to the nearest 1/2"

# **Operation for the Fire Fighters Wellness-Fitness Initiative**

- 1. The individual is advised that the evaluation is a series of 3 measurements that will evaluate the flexibility of the lower back, hamstring muscles, and shoulders. The individual is informed that the flexion required during this evaluation must be smooth and slow, as the individual advances the slide on the box to the most distal position possible. Inform the individual that if at anytime during the evaluation they experience back pain, chest pain, light-headedness, ataxia confusion, nausea, or clamminess, they should terminate the evaluation.
- The individual is instructed to sit on the floor ensuring the head, upper back, and lower back are in contact with a wall. The individual is instructed to place legs together, fully extended. The sit and reach box with the adjustable slide is placed with the box flat against the feet.
- 3. While maintaining head and upper/lower back contact with the wall, the individual is instructed to extend arms fully in front of their body with the right hand overlaying the left hand, with the middle finger of each hand directly over each other. The measurement slide is set to 0.0" at the tips of the middle fingers. The individual is then instructed to exhale slowly while stretching slowly forward, bending at the waist and pushing the measurement slide with the middle fingers. During the stretch, legs are to remain together and fully extended and hands are to remain overlaid. The stretch is held momentarily and the distance obtained. If the individual bounces, flexes knee or uses momentum to increase distance, the evaluation is not counted.

- 4. Instruct the individual to relax for 30 seconds. Once the individual has completed the 30-second recovery period, begin the second evaluation. Repeat evaluation for the third time using the same procedure.
- 5. Record the furthest distance of the three trials (rounded to the nearest 1/2 inch) as the final score.



# **Assembly Instructions**

- 1. For the back leg; take the two thumb screws off and extend leg into place and replace the thumb screws.
- 2. For the front leg; take the four thumb screws off and extend the support bridge out while extending leg into place and replace thumb screws.
- 3. To move the adjustable slide arm, you will need to loosen the thumb screws underneath.



# **Terms and Conditions**

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Lafayette Instrument Company 3700 Sagamore Parkway North Lafayette, IN 47904, USA.

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- Shipping charges under warranty are covered only in one direction. The customer is responsible for shipping charges to the factory if return of the part is required.
- This warranty does not cover damage to components due to improper installation by the customer.
- Consumable and or expendable items, including but not limited to electrodes, lights, batteries, fuses, O-rings, gaskets, and tubing, are excluded from warranty.
- Failure by the customer to perform normal and reasonable maintenance on instruments will void warranty claims.
- If the original invoice for the instrument is issued to a company that is not the company of the end user, and not an authorized Lafayette Instrument Company distributor, then all requests for warranty must be processed through the company that sold the product to the end user, and not directly to Lafayette Instrument Company.

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