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We have all stood on a bathroom scale at least once or twice in our lives. In this article, we will examine how a bathroom scale works. Here is the scale we will be exploring today: When you take off the cover what you find is a large dial, a rack and pinion arrangement that turns the dial, a spring and a rather odd arrangement of four levers criss-crossing the interior: Underneath the top cover are 4 brackets that fit into the levers: These brackets cause the weight on top of the scale (you) to be distributed evenly to the levers. The four levers in the scale are designed to work like one. There are four because that makes weight distribution much easier. The levers connect into a plate at the end of a spring. The arrangement is something like this: In this figure you can see that a long lever, fixed at the left end, has weight applied to it very close to the fixed end. At the right end of the lever the weight is significantly reduced by a ratio determined by the relative difference between the length from the left end to the weight and the distance from the left end to the right end. As you can see in this diagram, the ratio is 1:12. So if a 120-pound person stands on the scale, only 10 pounds is "felt" at the right hand end of the scale. The following three figures show the arrangement of the levers in this scale: The two main levers end at a plate that houses the scale's main spring. Here you can see why a 1:12 ratio is used in the scale - it significantly reduces the size of the spring. The spring only has to be able to support 20 or so pounds. Without the levers, the spring would have to support 240 pounds, and it would have to be much bigger to do that. It would also have to be a lot more precise. The spring and spring-plate are shown in the following two figures: You can see that the spring plate moves up and down. This up-and-down motion is translated by a pivot into side-to-side motion. That motion is sent to a rack and pinion arrangement shown here: The rack and pinion turns the side-to-side motion into circular motion to turn the dial. Amazon; Alyssa Powell/Insider When you buy through our links, Insider may earn an affiliate commission. Learn more. Weight doesn't equal health and the average person is best off not weighing themselves regularly for a healthy mental state, said Laura Lu, RD, a New York-based nutritionist who specializes in intuitive eating and disordered eating recovery. But some people do need to take note of their weight — namely, older adults who need to avoid unintentionally dropping pounds or those under specific directives from their doctors to monitor it for medical conditions. Other groups, like athletes and bodybuilders, may need or just want to track their weight for professional reasons. If you're in the market for a scale, it's highly important to invest in one that's accurate. For this guide, I tested several models head-to-head for both accuracy and reliability. I've also included insight into the best features to consider when shopping for a bathroom scale, as well as answers to some common FAQs. Learn more about how Insider Reviews tests fitness products here. Here are the best bathroom scales: Best overall: Amazfit Smart Scale, \$49.99 on Amazon The Amazfit Smart Scale offers accuracy, consistency, and smart features at a fair price. Best budget: Etekcity Digital Body Weight Bathroom Scale, \$16.99 on Amazon The Etekcity Digital Body Weight Bathroom Scale is an accurate, no-fuss scale at a low price. Best smart scale: FITTrack Dara Smart Scale, \$69.99 on Amazon The FITTrack Dara scale pairs with a slick phone app to give you a detailed body profile. Best for the visually impaired: Taylor Electronic Glass Talking Bathroom Scale, \$34.99 on Amazon The Taylor Talking Bathroom Scale is sturdy, reasonably priced, and reads the weight aloud. Best higher weight capacity: MyWeigh XL550 Talking Scale, Currently Unavailable on Amazon The MyWeigh XL-550 is reliable, accurate, and is designed to measure and hold up to 550 pounds. The Amazfit Smart Scale is our top pick for best scale since it's accurate, consistent, and well-priced. Amazon The Amazfit Smart Scale offers accuracy, consistency, and smart features at a fair price. Pros: Accurate and reliable, attractive design, easy to use, larger surface area, under \$50 Cons: Smart features are generally overrated, some kinks in its corresponding app Our tests found the Amazfit to be one of the most accurate and consistent scales in our consideration. What's more, no other scale we tried offered both high accuracy and smart features, particularly at this price point. Additionally, its platform is relatively large, making it comfortable to use for those with bigger feet, and its subtle gradient design makes it an attractive bathroom fixture. Though the accuracy of "smart" scales overall is strongly doubted by experts (see FAQs), users may still be curious to see additional body metrics like heart rate and body fat percentage. Those two stats appear on the display after your weight reading, and you can use the corresponding app — now called Zepp — to see other details and store your data. Otherwise, the app is only necessary if you want to change the units of measurement from kilograms to pounds. The app itself, which syncs with the scale via Bluetooth, has a few small issues (mostly pertaining to incomplete translation from Japanese to English) but overall is intuitive, user-friendly, and provides detailed explanations of each metric it provides. The Etekcity Digital Body Weight Bathroom Scale is the best, cheap scale as it's still accurate with no frills. Amazon \$16.99 from Amazon The Etekcity Digital Body Weight Bathroom Scale is an accurate, no-fuss scale at a low price. Pros: Accuracy, reliability, price Cons: 400-pound limit If you're looking for a simple, trustworthy bathroom scale just to weigh yourself, the Etekcity Digital Body Weight Bathroom Scale has you covered. At just \$20, the Etekcity beat out other budget-friendly options in our trials for accuracy and reliability. It displays your weight to the second decimal place, the LCD screen is bright and easy to read, and the scale itself feels sturdy and comfortable on which to stand. It's little wonder this scale is a time-tested hit with Amazon reviewers as well as our reviewers. The Taylor Talking Bathroom Scale is the best scale for seniors as it's sturdy, reasonably priced, and reads the weight aloud. Amazon The Taylor Talking Bathroom Scale is sturdy, reasonably priced, and reads the weight aloud. Pros: Audible reading, sturdy, simple to use Cons: Reliability in question For those with visual impairments, a display-only scale is inconvenient at best and fully unusable at worst, hence the creation of talking scales to give audible readings. Additionally, typical small bathroom scales can be too unsteady for people with balance or mobility issues. This Taylor Talking Bathroom Scale is well-rated on Amazon by folks with visual impairments: In addition to its LCD display, an automated voice reads the measurement aloud in five different languages (English, Spanish, Greek, German, and Croatian). It's also made of glass and stainless steel, so its weight makes it sturdy, ideal for those with balance issues. Additionally, its design is simple and easy to use. Some users do report reduced accuracy as the product ages, though we were not able to test this one ourselves. Still, at \$38, it's still good value for all of its accessible features. The MyWeigh XL-550 can hold up to 550 pounds and still measure accurately and reliably. Amazon \$43.05 from Amazon The MyWeigh XL-550 (Currently Unavailable) is reliable, accurate, and is designed to measure and hold up to 550 pounds. Pros: Accommodates bodies up to 550 lbs, wide platform Cons: Expensive, limited availability Most scales on the market max out around 300 or 400 pounds and tend to have accuracy issues for folks weighing 250lbs or more. But the MyWeigh XL-550 is designed for large bodies, able to accommodate up to 550 lbs in weight. It has a large, sturdy platform — 14.7" x 12.5" — to comfortably accommodate people with wide stances. The scale talks (in four languages) to tell users when it's ready and what their reading is, though this feature is optional and can be turned off. Note that if you need a larger platform or higher weight capacity, the same brand makes the XL700, which has a 20" x 12" platform and theoretically reads higher weights more accurately (up to 700 pounds); however, it's much harder to get a hold of and costs over \$100. For this reason, we recommend the XL-550 for the vast majority of people as it's well-reviewed across the board by consumers and professionals alike. To test the accuracy and reliability of each scale, I weighed myself using each device and recorded each reading, then reset the scales and weighed myself again. I noted which scales produced dramatically different results between the two trials. I then calculated the standard deviation of the data set to identify statistically significant outliers. I also weighed a standard 10-pound barbell plate on all but one of the scales (the Amazfit would not produce a reading for an inanimate object) as an additional accuracy test. Scale Accuracy Test While using each scale I also paid attention to the user experience, noting how simple and intuitive each device was to use, as well as any issues a customer might want to know about. I also tested the accuracy of two smart scales. The experts I spoke with for this piece warned that smart scales' report of anything other than pounds is unreliable, so it was unsurprising that the two gave me with wildly different readings. While they tested accurately for actual weight (see chart above), I can't claim either to be accurate for smart readings. Dara vs AmazFit Family medicine physician Dr. Abisola Olulade, who is based in San Diego, recommended that you weigh yourself first thing in the morning before eating or drinking anything for the most accurate evaluation. How accurate are scales, in general? Even though research shows both personal and medical-grade scales can be quite imprecise, most people weighing themselves don't really need down-to-the-ounce precision so much as a general idea of how their bodies are changing. In other words: They're good enough. Dr. Olulade advises using one scale consistently — even if it's not the most accurate device, you'll be better able to track changes using a single controlled device. Do smart scales really work? Sort of, but they're not as precise as you might hope. The only way to get a truly accurate picture of body composition is with an air displacement chamber or MRI, which are expensive and generally only used by specialists and researchers. Smart scales estimate body composition by sending a weak electrical current up into your body and measuring the resistance with which it's met. This result is compared to other info your scale already has about you, such as age and gender, to come up with a body composition estimate. In one Consumer Reports trial, even the most accurate smart scales were found to be off by up to 21% in body fat percentage readings. Despite inaccuracies, some shoppers might want to see those estimations just for fun or out of curiosity. Smart scales are safe to use, so recreational use is fine — just don't plan to use it as a serious health management tool. Laura Lu, RD, CDN, CNSC, RYT is a registered dietitian, nutrition therapist, and certified intuitive eating counselor who practices privately in New York City. Lu has worked in hospitals including NYU Langone and Mount Sinai, and is affiliated with The Greater New York Dietetic Association, The International Association of Eating Disorders Professionals, and The Association for Size Diversity and Health (ASDAH). Abisola Olulade, MD, is a board-certified family medicine physician at Sharp Rees-Stealy Medical Group in San Diego. She is also affiliated with Atrium Health's Carolinas Medical Center in North Carolina. 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