

BASELINE[®] **EVALUATION INSTRUMENTS**

Hydraulic Pinch Gauge

Instructions For Use

REF

- 12-0235 **Standard**
- 12-0226 **LITE[®]**
- 12-0222 **HD[®]**
- 12-0239 **HiRes[®]**
- 12-0228 **ER[™] HiRes[®]**
- 12-0272 **Standard (Reverse
Feedback Model)**

Carrying Case Only

- 12-0232 **(for 12-0235 and 12-0238)**
- 12-0234 **(for 12-0228)**



Standard Hydraulic
Pinch Gauge
(12-0235)

Intended Purpose

The hydraulic pinch gauge is a medical/therapeutic device designed to measure finger pinch strength during tip, key, and palmar pinch testing.

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

USE: 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

norms for adult GRIP strength performance of all subjects
(lbs)

age	hand	men			women		
		mean	SD	low-high	mean	SD	low-high
20-24	dominant	121.0	20.6	91-167	70.4	14.5	46-95
	non-dominant	104.5	21.8	71-150	61.0	13.1	33-88
25-29	dominant	120.8	23.0	78-158	74.5	13.9	48-97
	non-dominant	110.5	16.2	77-139	63.5	12.2	48-97
30-34	dominant	121.8	22.4	70-170	78.7	19.2	46-137
	non-dominant	110.4	21.7	64-145	68.0	17.7	36-115
35-39	dominant	119.7	24.0	76-176	74.1	10.8	50-99
	non-dominant	112.9	21.7	73-157	66.3	11.7	49-91
40-44	dominant	116.8	20.7	84-165	70.4	13.5	38-103
	non-dominant	112.8	18.7	73-157	62.3	13.8	35-94
45-49	dominant	109.9	23.0	65-155	62.2	15.1	39-100
	non-dominant	100.8	22.8	58-160	56.0	12.7	37-83
50-54	dominant	113.6	18.1	79-151	65.8	11.6	38-87
	non-dominant	101.9	17.0	70-143	57.3	10.7	35-76
55-59	dominant	101.1	26.7	59-154	57.3	12.5	33-86
	non-dominant	83.2	23.4	43-128	47.3	11.9	31-76
60-64	dominant	89.7	20.4	51-137	55.1	10.1	37-77
	non-dominant	76.8	20.3	27-116	45.7	10.1	29-66
65-69	dominant	91.1	20.6	56-131	49.6	9.7	35-74
	non-dominant	76.8	19.8	43-117	41.0	8.2	29-63
70-75	dominant	75.3	21.5	32-108	49.6	11.7	33-78
	non-dominant	64.8	18.1	32-93	41.5	10.2	23-67
75+	dominant	65.7	21.1	40-135	42.6	11.0	25-65
	non-dominant	55.0	17.0	31-119	37.6	8.9	24-61
ALL	dominant	104.3	28.3	32-176	62.8	17.0	25-137
	non-dominant	93.1	27.6	27-160	53.9	15.7	23-115

norms for adult PINCH strength (Tip Pinch strength)
performance of all subjects (lbs)

age	hand	men			women		
		mean	SD	low-high	mean	SD	low-high
20-24	dominant	18.0	3.0	11-23	11.1	2.1	8-16
	non-dominant	17.0	2.3	12-33	10.5	1.7	8-14
25-29	dominant	18.3	4.4	10-34	11.9	1.8	8-16
	non-dominant	17.5	5.2	12-36	11.3	1.8	9-18
30-34	dominant	17.4	6.7	12-25	12.6	3.0	8-20
	non-dominant	17.6	4.8	10-27	11.7	2.8	7-17
35-39	dominant	18.0	3.6	12-27	11.6	2.5	8-19
	non-dominant	17.7	3.8	10-24	11.9	2.4	8-16
40-44	dominant	17.8	4.0	11-25	11.5	2.7	5-15
	non-dominant	17.7	3.5	12-25	11.1	3.0	6-17
45-49	dominant	18.7	4.9	12-30	13.2	3.0	9-19
	non-dominant	17.6	4.1	12-28	12.1	2.7	7-18
50-54	dominant	18.3	4.0	11-24	12.5	2.2	9-18
	non-dominant	17.8	3.9	12-26	11.4	2.4	7-16
55-59	dominant	16.6	3.3	11-24	11.7	1.7	9-16
	non-dominant	15.0	3.7	10-26	10.4	1.4	8-13
60-64	dominant	15.8	3.9	9-22	10.1	2.1	7-17
	non-dominant	15.3	3.7	9-23	9.9	2.0	6-15
65-69	dominant	17.0	4.2	11-27	10.6	2.0	7-15
	non-dominant	15.4	2.9	10-21	10.5	2.4	7-17
70-75	dominant	13.8	2.6	11-21	10.1	2.6	7-15
	non-dominant	13.3	2.6	10-21	9.8	2.3	6-17
75+	dominant	14.0	3.4	7-21	9.6	2.8	4-16
	non-dominant	13.9	3.7	8-25	9.3	2.4	4-13
ALL	dominant						
	non-dominant						

norms for adult PINCH strength (Key Pinch strength)
performance of all subjects (lbs)

age	hand	men		low-high	women		low-high
		mean	SD		mean	SD	
20-24	dominant	26.0	3.5	21-34	17.6	2.0	14-23
	non-dominant	24.8	3.4	19-31	16.2	2.1	13-23
25-29	dominant	26.7	4.9	19-41	17.7	2.1	14-22
	non-dominant	25.0	4.7	19-39	16.6	2.1	13-22
30-34	dominant	26.4	4.8	20-36	18.7	3.0	13-25
	non-dominant	26.2	5.1	17-36	17.8	3.6	12-26
35-39	dominant	26.1	3.2	21-32	16.6	2.0	12-21
	non-dominant	25.6	3.9	18-32	16.0	2.7	12-22
40-44	dominant	25.6	2.6	21-31	16.7	3.1	10-24
	non-dominant	25.1	4.0	19-31	15.8	3.1	8-22
45-49	dominant	25.8	3.9	19-35	17.6	3.2	13-24
	non-dominant	24.8	4.4	18-42	16.6	2.9	12-24
50-54	dominant	26.7	4.4	20-34	16.7	2.5	12-22
	non-dominant	26.1	4.2	20-37	16.1	2.7	12-22
55-59	dominant	24.2	4.2	18-34	15.7	2.5	11-21
	non-dominant	23.0	4.7	13-31	14.7	2.2	12-19
60-64	dominant	23.2	5.4	14-37	15.5	2.7	10-20
	non-dominant	22.2	4.1	16-33	14.1	2.5	10-19
65-69	dominant	23.4	3.9	17-32	15.0	2.6	10-21
	non-dominant	22.0	3.6	17-28	14.3	2.8	10-20
70-75	dominant	19.3	2.4	16-25	14.5	2.9	8-22
	non-dominant	19.2	3.0	13-28	13.8	3.0	9-22
75+	dominant	20.5	4.6	9-31	12.6	2.3	8-17
	non-dominant	19.1	3.0	13-24	11.4	2.6	7-16
ALL	dominant	24.5	4.6	9-41	16.2	3.0	8-25
	non-dominant	23.6	4.6	11-42	15.3	3.1	7-26

norms for adult PINCH strength (Palmar Pinch strength)
performance of all subjects (lbs)

age	hand	men		low-high	women		low-high
		mean	SD		mean	SD	
20-24	dominant	26.6	5.3	18-45	17.2	2.3	14-23
	non-dominant	25.7	5.8	15-42	16.3	2.8	11-24
25-29	dominant	26.0	4.3	19-35	17.7	3.2	13-29
	non-dominant	25.1	4.2	19-36	17.0	3.0	13-26
30-34	dominant	24.7	4.7	16-34	19.3	5.0	12-34
	non-dominant	25.4	5.7	15-37	18.1	4.8	12-32
35-39	dominant	26.2	4.1	19-36	17.5	4.2	13-29
	non-dominant	25.9	5.4	14-40	17.1	3.4	12-24
40-44	dominant	24.5	4.3	17-37	17.0	3.1	10-23
	non-dominant	24.8	4.9	15-37	16.6	3.5	14-25
45-49	dominant	24.0	3.3	19-33	17.9	3.0	12-27
	non-dominant	23.7	3.8	8-33	17.5	2.8	12-24
50-54	dominant	23.8	5.4	15-36	17.3	3.1	12-23
	non-dominant	24.0	5.8	16-36	16.4	2.9	12-22
55-59	dominant	23.7	4.8	16-34	16.0	3.1	11-26
	non-dominant	21.3	4.5	12-25	15.4	3.0	11-21
60-64	dominant	21.8	3.3	16-28	14.8	3.1	10-20
	non-dominant	21.2	3.2	15-27	14.3	2.7	10-20
65-69	dominant	21.4	3.0	15-25	14.2	3.1	8-20
	non-dominant	21.2	4.1	14-30	13.7	3.4	8-22
70-75	dominant	18.1	3.4	14-27	14.4	2.6	9-19
	non-dominant	18.8	3.3	13-27	14.0	1.9	10-17
75+	dominant	18.7	4.2	9-26	12.0	2.6	8-17
	non-dominant	18.3	3.8	10-26	11.5	2.6	6-16
ALL	dominant	23.4	5.0	9-45	16.3	3.8	8-34
	non-dominant	23.0	5.3	10-42	15.7	3.6	6-32

Tolerances:

The 50 lb. hydraulic pinch gauges are tested for accuracy at 10, 20, 25, 30, 40 and 50 lbs. TOLERANCES (Based on 3% through 1/3 of range, 2% through 2/3 and 3% through 3/3).

The 100 lb. hydraulic pinch gauge is tested for accuracy at 15, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 85 and 100 lbs. TOLERANCES (Based on 3% through 1/3 of range, 2% through 2/3 and 3% through 3/3).

Disposal Method

Dispose of item in accordance with the local/regional/national/international regulations.



WARNING:

- Clean contact surfaces between each patient
- Verify zero position before measurements
- Ensure proper finger placement
- Do not exceed device's force range
- Stop if patient experiences discomfort
- Keep device properly calibrated
- Store in protective case
- Inspect for loose parts before use
- Check gauge accuracy regularly



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