DIGI FENCE® Installation Instructions for SawStop® Fence

This DIGI FENCE kit is designed for installation onto on SawStop brand Fences. (It might fit others too.)

The following installation method provides a safe installation location for the electronic parts (dropped panels will not harm the electronics).

If you frequently lift your fence off the table, we recommend using our optional Hinge Kit Accessory; this will allow for very rapid removal & re-installation of the fence WITHOUT position loss, or the need for recalibration.

NOTE: This manual describes our recommended installation method. Different methods may be desirable; consult factory to verify if alternate installations will void warranty.

The following components are included in this Kit



Tools Required

- ✓ Safety glasses
- ✓ Adjustable wrench
- ✓ Center punch (optional)
- ✓ Drill and tap for ¼-20 bolt (optional)
- ✓ Tap handle (optional)
- ✓ #2 Phillips screw driver

READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE BEGINNING INSTALLATION

Installing the Readout Bracket

- 1. Remove the lock nut that holds the locking lever to the fence. (Remove nut only, not the bolt.)
- 2. Place the readout bracket flush with the right side of the fence. The large hole in the readout bracket fits over the locking lever bolt.
- 3. Reinstall the nut. Hold the readout bracket so the bottom is parallel to the floor and tighten the nut.

Recommended: Provide a stronger installation of the readout bracket:

- 4. Mark the position of the readout bracket's upper hole onto the fence (using a transfer punch or a center punch).
- 5. Temporarily loosen the lock nut from step 3. Swing the readout bracket backwards so the marked location is accessible. Drill the marked position with a #7 drill bit. Tap this hole with a 1/4-20 thread tap.
- 6. Install the supplied 1/4-20 screw. Re-tighten the nut for the lower bolt.

Installing the Digital Readout

Note: If you ordered the Hinge Kit, you may elect to skip this step.

- 7. Remove the two screws on the front of the digital readout housing and set them aside.
- 8. Pull the cover off of the base.
- 9. Drill out (or punch out) the upper left and lower right hole locations (they are partially drilled already).

11. Replace the digital readout cover and tighten screws.

10. Attach the digital readout base to the readout bracket using the supplied #8-32 x 3/8" flathead screws.

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Guide Clip Installation

Use Figure at right as a reference. Note: If you ordered the Hinge Kit, you may elect to skip this step.

- 12. Slide two of the supplied 8-32 x 3/8" screws into the Guide Clip. (The heads of the screws are on face opposite groove and notch.)
- 13. Add a washer or two onto each of the screws.
- 14. Install onto white readout bracket as shown.



THE SPACERS/WASHERS USED HERE WILL BE CHANGED IN A LATER STEP; THEY DO NOT NEED TO BE PERFECTLY SET AT THIS TIME.

Install the Electronic Scale

- 15. Mount the 3 plates to the electronic scale using the supplied #8 screws, as shown below.Be sure the 'notches' are all facing the same direction. (You can use any 3 of the screw locations.)
- 16. Align the electronic scale under the fence tube so the right end of the scale is near to the right side of the fence tube.
- 17. Loosen 3 of the bolts that connect the angle steel to the fence tube. These should be the 3 bolts that correlate to the plates from step 15.



18. Slip the electronic scale assembly in place under the bolt heads, then tighten the 3 bolts.



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19. Slide the encoder back onto the electronic scale if it has been removed. The cable should exit towards the rear of the saw, **if possible.**

If cable cannot exit towards rear of the saw, the digital readout will count backwards; this can be fixed using Reverse Scaling – see User Manual for details.

20. Slide the encoder along the electronic scale so it is positioned under (or next to) the Guide Clip. Adjust the scale assembly's position front-to-back to ensure the Guide Clip will properly engage the encoder.

SEE DIAGRAM ON RIGHT.

Notes:

- a. It's OK if the scale assembly is just proud of the fence tube.
- You may need to add spacers for the Guide Clip to adjust vertical spacing; this will be addressed in a later step too.



Finalizing the Guide Clip Setup

Note: If you ordered the Hinge Kit, you may elect to skip this step.

21. Add/remove washers or spacers to achieve the proper vertical position for the Guide Clip. The ideal spacing from the electronic scale to the Guide Clip is 0.930 inches (23.6mm). This can be difficult to

measure in place, so some other techniques and tips are helpful:

- a. The Guide Clip should flex (benddown) a bit when the correct pressure is achieved. Deflection of about .050 inches (thickness of a washer) is perfect.
- b. The Guide Clip should not touch the encoder anywhere other than the post/nipple.
- c. If you use a finger to push up on the Guide Clip (just under the post/nipple), the Guide Clip should not have vertical movement.

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If in doubt, contact factory for assistance.

Why is this step needed? There are dozens of different variables that affect the spacing here, such as:

Thickness of the angle steel, thickness of the steel tube, how high nylon guides are adjusted on your fence, how the sliding fence was welded (small differences exist from lot to lot), variability in how the readout bracket is installed, variance in the machined stepped scale brackets, etc.

Final Setup:

22. Connect the encoder cable to the digital readout.

23. Move the fence in both directions, checking for binding. Adjust as needed.

24. Verify the digital readout reads larger numbers when moved from left to right. If it does not, the readout will need to be configured to reverse the reading direction – see "Reverse Scaling" in the User Manual.



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Calibration (Best method):

(Refer to the User Manual for information regarding the Key functions of the digital readout.) Note: This calibration method is most accurate when the digital readout's units are set to decimal inches or to decimal millimeters. Press the UNITS key to change the displayed position to a decimal reading.

- 1. With the fence locked in position near the saw blade, cut a small board.
- 2. Measure this cut board with the most precise measuring tool you have available and write down the measurement.
- 3. Without moving the fence, press the DATUM key.
- 4. Use the PLUS key to increase the reading on the display. Set the displayed value to equal the value you measured in step 2.

Note: You can press and hold the PLUS key to count up very quickly. (The rate of change increases each 3 seconds the key is held down.)

- 5. If desired, the PLUS, MINUS, and DATUM keys can be disabled (locked). See User Manual.
- 6. The readout should be re-calibrated when the blade kerf changes, or when the battery is replaced.

Alternative Quick Calibration (not as accurate):

- 1. Position the fence until it is just touching saw blade.
- 2. Without moving the fence, press the DATUM key on the Readout.

Removing the Fence from the Saw:

Note: If you ordered the Hinge Kit, this does not apply.

- 1. Unplug the encoder cable from the digital readout.
- 2. Disengage the encoder from the guide clip.
- 3. Slide fence off right side of the machine.

When reinstalling fence, reverse above steps, then recalibrate.

Troubleshooting:

The reading is accurate close to the saw blade, but not accurate at longer distances:

- 1. Check the alignment of the saw fence. The alignment of the fence will affect the measurements at longer distances.
- 2. Be sure to check the mounting of all components. Any loose bolts can allow for "slop" measurements.
- 3. Ensure the Encoder is properly engaged by the Guide Clip.
- 4. If necessary, program a linear correction value using parameter Pr13. See USER MANUAL or contact factory for assistance.

The readout resets itself while saw is running and the fence is locked:

1. Large static spikes from nearby motors, inverters, or dust collection systems can cause this. Be sure all devices are properly grounded.

The display resets itself while the saw is not running and the fence is locked:

1. Be sure the DATUM key has not been accidentally pushed. If so, you will need to recalibrate. HINT: Refer to the User Manual for information on LOCKING the readout keys.

No Enc is displayed on the readout

- 1. Verify the encoder is on the electronic scale. Then verify the encoder cable is plugged into the readout. To clear the error, unplug the encoder from the readout for 5-8 seconds, then reconnect. Recalibrate.
- 2. The fence has been moved too quickly (faster than 80 inches/sec). To clear the error, unplug the encoder for 5-8 seconds, then reconnect the encoder to the readout. Recalibrate.

Only one line is left on the battery symbol.

The battery in the digital readout needs to be replaced. It is a CR123 lithium battery. Open readout case, remove older battery. Install new battery. Recalibrate.

TIP: Write down the displayed measurement before removing old battery. When new battery is installed, use the PLUS or MINUS keys to quickly set system back to the same measurement.

My problem is not listed-where do I get help?

- 1. The User Manual supplied with your system and www.proscale.com
- 2. Contact Accurate Technology at 1-828-654-7920. Have your kit information ready when calling (machine model, part number, date of purchase, and point of purchase).
- 3. E-mail customerservice@accurate-technology.com