



INTERNATIONAL MARKETING, INC. TECHNICAL BULLETIN

SUBJECT: Wheel Surface Preparation for Adhesive Weight Application
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A major advantage to XACTBalance is that you can move it after lightly placing it on the wheel prior to a spin-up on the balancer. If the balancer does not read "0" initially, the part only needs to be moved slightly forward or backward oftentimes rather than requiring the addition of another weight. Standard tape-on lead weights have a different adhesive that does not allow this feature; once removed they must be scrapped.

Standards in the tire industry regarding proper wheel surface preparation of the application of adhesive wheel weights in the U.S. are virtually non existent. If a cleaner is used, it is typically a product found near the balancer that is not designed specifically for wheel cleaning. For an adhesive weight to stick properly, the wheel surface must be clean with no surface residue remaining. It is important to note that even new wheels have a residue that should be cleaned/removed prior to weight application.

XACTCleaner meets OSHA and EPA regulations, has no VOC's, is people-friendly and not harmful to clear coat on wheels or paint finishes on vehicles. The best way to ensure successful weight application in the shop is to begin using XACTCleaner at the point of start up.

For best results, use a clean paper towel and XACTCleaner for wheel surface preparation. Where significant dirt or grime buildup is present, we recommend the use of the XACTCleaner with a non-abrasive scrubbing sponge.

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