



## Technical tips – Poundage Charts

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When should I change my filters?  
Am I using too much detergent?  
How do I figure out my cleaning cost per garment?  
How do I know if I am going through too much solvent?

These are questions that come up quite frequently in the Dry Cleaning/Laundry community. The answer to these questions can usually be figured out by the vendor representative and will vary from plant to plant, depending on machine type. Other info needed is the brand, type and cost of solvent, process chemicals used as well as the brand, type, cost and number of filters used. There is, however, one very important piece of info that is required to figure all this out. In gathering this piece of info we must answer the question with a question:

### **“What is your Daily Poundage?”**

Keeping a record of poundage cleaned is essential to properly operate an efficient Dry Cleaning or Laundry operation. It can help us figure supply costs, how often we need to change filters, the life of pads and covers and even the costs associated with waste disposal.

A good scale is essential to help keep proper poundage records. While a fair portion of cleaners have scales, some of them do not work properly. Scales can be checked for accuracy easily and, if not working correctly, they should be replaced. There are several different brands which come in sizes and shapes that can fit any budget. We also can provide the poundage charts free of charge to help keep proper records. They are pre-ruled for each day and can be hung on the front of the machine as a reminder to weigh the loads properly. Below is an example of a common scale.



