

Dutch Camper Club Uses PT300DW™ Portable Scales to Raise Awareness in “Know What You Weigh” Campaign

An overloaded motorhome is a safety issue that affects driving stability, braking distance and tire wear. Exceeding the maximum weight limit stated on the motorhome’s registration certificate can also lead to substantial fines. In the Netherlands, you may drive a vehicle with a Class B driver’s license if the maximum weight limit, including passengers, luggage, water and fuel tank, is less than 3,500 kilograms (7,700 lb).

Research by the The Dutch Kamper Club (NKC), Europe’s largest motorhome club, shows that two out of five motorhome owners have never been to a scale.

As a service to their members, NKC offered a series free events encouraging campers to weigh their vehicles prior to traveling. Under the motto “Know What You Weigh”, the NKC invited participants to come to a weighing site with loaded, ready-to-travel campers. Because they were hosting multiple events at various sites, they needed a portable option for weighing the vehicles. Scale dealer MD Techniek suggested Intercomp’s [PT300DW™](#) portable truck scales as the ideal solution for the camper weighing events.

PT300DW™ scales are built with lightweight aluminum, making them easy to transport and set up virutally anywhere. The flexibility of the PT300DW™ portable scales supports a wide range of applications and axle configurations. Fully integrated RFX® Wireless Weighing Technology facilitates communication between scales and a variety of remote indicators. All PT300DW™ scales feature progressive solar charging technology which allows the commercially-available AA rechargeable batteries to be powered for up to one year with daytime, outdoor use.

A series of 2021 weighing events revealed approximately one third of the motorhomes were overloaded. The results of the 2022 campaign have demonstrated similar numbers so far. At each weighing event, an advisor is on hand to educate the owners on weight limits and road safety and to recommend measures that could be taken to decrease the weight load of overweight vehicles. With the launch of the weighing campaign, the NKC has made vehicle scales more easily accessible for their members and has raised awareness about vehicle weight limits. Because the number of motorhomes in the Netherlands has doubled in the past ten years, it is important to continue to draw attention to this aspect of road safety.



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