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How to calibrate a cassette power meter

Overview

Yokogawa hopes that its Power meters contribute to a world with cleaner and more efficient energy use.

Key Takeaways

Calibrating a cassette power meter ensures accurate power readings by establishing a zero-offset baseline and compensating for mechanical or environmental variations.General Calibration Principles

A power meter measures the force applied to the pedals, crank, or spider using strain gauges, which are sensitive to temperature, vibration, and mechanical changes . Calibration ensures that the meter correctly interprets zero force and compensates for any drift or installation changes. Most modern power meters support auto calibration, but manual calibration is recommended after installation, reinstallation, or before important rides .

Manual Calibration Steps
• Zero Calibration (General Manual Calibration)
• Open the power meter's companion app (e.g., Magene Utility) or use your bike computer if it supports calibration.

• Select the “Zero Calibration” or equivalent function.

• This process does not require a specific pedal or crank position.

• Recommended before long rides, competitions, or after installing the power meter .

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• Back Pedal Calibration (Spider-Based Power Meters)
• Enable the “Rewind Zero-Offset” option in the app.

• Rewind the chain five full turns to complete the calibration.

• Can be performed while seated or manually turning the pedals, but avoid doing it during a ride for safety.

• This method is useful for spider-based meters to correct zero-offset drift .

Best Practices
• Frequency: Perform general manual calibration once a month for regular use, or before special events and long rides .

• Temperature Considerations: Power meters can drift with temperature changes, so calibrate in the environment where you will ride .

• Cleat Position: For pedal-based meters, ensure cleats are correctly positioned to avoid left/right imbalances .

• Battery Changes: Always recalibrate after replacing batteries, as this can affect readings .

• Drift Checks: Occasionally perform a drift test or compare readings with a known reference to ensure accuracy . By following these steps, your cassette power meter will provide reliable and consistent power data, helping you track performance accurately and optimize training.

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I have a Leader LFM-3616 wow/flutter meter that I picked up cheap and I would like to use it to check some of my cassette decks. I

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Of course, if your deck features an assisted calibration system (with internal generators and meters) you are lucky because they will

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