



Technical Note

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Ballistic Measurement System – Which Outcome Measures Should I Use?

The BMS software can be used to calculate more than 60 different measurement parameters. All are validated in the scientific literature and have different relevance and application depending on the test type (e.g. countermovement, concentric only, isometric, drop / depth). In the following table we provide recommendations as to which parameters can be validly measured and used for different test types.

> Green = valid Yellow = may possibly be valid but understand the limitations Red = not valid for this test type

| | Counter | Concentric | | Drop / |
|--|----------|------------|-----------|--------|
| Measurement Parameter | Movement | Only | Isometric | Depth |
| Peak Force | | | | |
| Peak Force/mass | | | | |
| Mean Force | | | | |
| Mean Force/mass | | | | |
| Peak Power | | | | |
| Peak Power/mass | | | | |
| Mean Power | | | | |
| Mean Power/mass | | | | |
| Peak Velocity | | | | |
| Minimum Velocity | | | | |
| Peak Displacement | | | | |
| Minimum Displacement | | | | |
| Unloading Force | | | | |
| Force@Ecc2Con | | | | |
| Force@Peak Power | | | | |
| Velocity@Peak Power | | | | |
| Power@Peak Force | | | | |
| Velocity@Peak Force | | | | |
| Jump Height Derived From Flight Time | | | | |
| Jump Height Derived From Peak Velocity | | | | |
| Max RFD | | | | |
| RFD 30ms | | | | |
| RFD 90ms | | | | |
| RFD 150ms | | | | |
| RFD 200ms | | | | |





| Measurement Parameter | Counter Movement | Concentric Only | Isometric | Drop / Depth |
|------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------|-----------------|
| RFD 250ms | | | | |
| Avg Ecc RFD | | | | |
| Avg Conc RFD | | | | |
| Total Impulse | | | | |
| Impulse 0-100 ms | | | | |
| Impulse 0-200 ms | | | | |
| Impulse 0-250 ms | | | | |
| Impulse 0-300 ms | | | | |
| Total Eccentric Impulse | | | | |
| Total Concentric Impulse | | | | |
| Tm to Pk Fc | | | | |
| RPD | | | | |
| Tm to Pk Pw | | | | |
| Eccentric Time | | | | |
| Concentric Time | | | | |
| Ecc+Con Time | | | | |
| Contraction Time | | | | |
| Flight:Contract | | | | |
| Unload Force | | | | |
| Unload force time | | | | |
| Unloading time | | | | |
| Unloading RFD | | | | |
| Yielding time | | | | |
| Yielding RFD | | | | |
| Braking time | | | | |
| Braking RFD | | | | |
| Force@100ms | | | | |
| Force@200ms | | | | |
| %Fmax@100ms | | | | |
| %Fmax@200ms | | | | |
| Peak Force Symmetry | | | | |
| Minimum Force Symmetry | | | | |
| Concentric Impulse Symmetry | | | | |
| Eccentric Impulse Symmetry | | | | |
| Force at transition Symmetry | | | | |