

WHAT IS THE RIGHT BALANCE PLATFORM FOR ME?

Here is an overview of our balance platforms. The chart below shows how each balance rates against the platform attributes listed. 1- excellent | 2- very good | 3- good

BALANCE PLATFORM BENEFITS: How do they compare?		BLOCK & TACKLE	CONSTANT FORCE SPRING	SPIRAL	HYRBID
WINDOW MANUFACTURER	COMPACT SIZE: How much space does the product occupy? This has implications warehousing, work areas and freight.	3	1	3	1
	LOW INVENTORY: How many SKUs are needed to support a given window program?	3	1	2	3
	PRODUCT COST(only): Since each window company has varying costs for freight, assembly and space, TOTAL COSTS cannot be compared.	2	2	1	3
	HEAVY SASH WEIGHTS: Most balances can operate low to moderate sash weights. How do they do on heavier sash windows?	3	2	2	1
	SHIPPING COSTS: Volume and weight define the cost of the shipment (destination being equal).	2	1	2	2
	ASSEMBLY: How easy is it to assemble a window with the balance?	1	2	2	1
	CLEAN HANDLING: Grease and lubricants on the balance can affect the cleanliness of the window assembly process.	2	1	3	3
HOME OWNER	OPERATING FORCE: How easy is it to lift the sash? This is more of an issue with the trend toward heavier sash weights.	3	2	2	1
	HIDDEN BALANCES: How well does the balance hide in the jamb wall without a cover? An aesthetic consideration.	2	1	2	2
	NOISE: Not all balances are "silent."	2	1	3	2
	CORROSION RESISTANCE: Certain coating and/or materials are designed for specific environments.	2	1	3	2
	CONTAMINANT RESISTANCE: Exposed lubricants may attract air-borne debris.	1	2	3	2
CYCLE LIFE: An indicator of how long a spring will function in a given application.	1	3	2	1	