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Best kitchen scales 2018: The best mechanical and digital kitchen scales from £15

BEST BUYS

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Whether you're baking cakes or cooking a five-course dinner, these kitchen scales take the strain out of measuring and weighing

Scales are one of the most essential bits of kitchen kit, especially for those who regularly cook from scratch or follow meal plans. They might do a relatively simple job, but that doesn't mean choosing your ideal set is an easy decision.

3. Terrillon H500 Traditional Mechanical Kitchen Scales: The best mechanical scales

Price: £20 | [Buy now from Amazon](#)



We searched high and low for a set of reliable and accurate mechanical scales that look good and are built to last and the Terraillon H500 won our top spot. The retro look means you can display them on your work surface with pride, although they're not so big that you can't store them away. The dial is bigger than on some scales tested, showing both imperial and metric measurements – and unlike some mechanical scales, the needle isn't over-sensitive, hurtling forwards the moment you add the tiniest amount. You can reset the dial to zero if you need to add more ingredients and there's a decent maximum weight of 5Kg. We also like the fact that the bowl is shallow, making it easier for pouring ingredients in, and that you can pop it in the dishwasher afterwards.

Key specs – Type of scales: mechanical; **Dimensions:** 25.2 x 20.8 x 22cm; **Maximum capacity:** 5kg; **Warranty:** 10 years

6. Terraillon Macaron: The best digital scales

Price: £25 | [Buy now from Amazon](#)



Terraillon are a household name in France, where they're easily the best-known kitchen scales. Founded in 1908, most French people would tell you their grandmother owned one. Yet granny-esque these modern glossy looking scales are not, and we think the brand's latest digital offering stands out for affordability, accuracy and ease of use too. Available in six gorgeous colours, they are lightweight, with a large surface area and easy-to-read display, as well as non-slip base. The rest button (tare function) works well and the handle at the back makes the scales transportable and easy to store.

Key specs – Type of scales: digital; **Dimensions:** 20.2 x 22.1 x 2cm, **Maximum capacity:** 5kg; **Warranty:** 15 years