

Introducing Assess Balance Software Version 5



On January 15th Balance Tracking is introducing Assess Balance Software Version 5 and Version 5.5

This document summarizes the features of Version 5 and Version 5.5 and describes which version is available as a free upgrade for existing customers. The free upgrades are available to any customer who purchased Assess Balance Software before January 15, 2019. Balance Tracking Systems will be emailing every customer between January 15th and January 30th with instructions on how to download and install the free upgrade. If you don't get an email during this time – contact Balance Tracking Systems (Telephone: 888-811-0054 ext. 2 or email: software@balancetrackingsystems.com).

On January 15th, Balance Tracking Systems will also be introducing a nominal price increase for all software configurations. ABS90 which includes Version 5.5 will increase from \$1795.00 to \$2100.00. ABS70 which includes Version 5.0 will increase from \$1595.00 to \$1700.00.

Customers who currently have **Assess Balance Version 4.5.x** will be receiving a free upgrade to Assess Balance Version 5.5. You can find your software version number in the lower left corner of the main menu.



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Between January 15th and January 25th, you will receive an email that will provide instructions on how to download and install the upgrade to Assess Balance Version 5.5. Here are the key features of Assess Balance 5.5:

- 1. New test called the Limits of Stability.** This test measures the outmost range in any direction a person can lean from the vertical, without changing the original base of support (i.e. stepping, picking up any part of the foot, reaching for support or falling).
- 2. New test called the Cervical Challenge.** This test was designed specifically for doctors who practice neurology. It measures the postural sway of an individual in 11 different trials with the patient's head in different positions. The outcomes from this test require interpretation by a trained neurologist.
- 3. New - Right / Left Target Training.** Targets appear on left and right of the plate. Over the course of the program, the targets change in size and location.
- 4. New - Front / Back Target Training.** Targets appear on top and bottom of the plate. Over the course of the program, the targets change in size and location.
- 5. New - Diagonal Target Training.** Targets appear in the four quadrants of the plate. Over the course of the program, the targets change in size and location.
- 6. New - Continuous Target Tracking.** A circular target moves around the plate and the patient attempts to keep their center of pressure (COP) inside the circle. The circles move at 3 different speeds in 30 second increments.
- 7. The existing Random Target Training** has been modified to decrease the amount of times consecutive circles appear on-top or very near to each other.
- 8. BBT Normative Data to 20,000 results.**
- 9. Maximized BBT Results.** BBT per trial results on the screen and in the reports are now being "maximized" so they will have greater observation granularity. There are now grid lines in the vertical and horizontal directions to show how much of the sway is in various areas.
- 10. New - CTSIB Normative Data has been integrated** into the software to provide percentile rankings.
- 11. Maximized CTSIB Results.** CTSIB per trial results on the screen and in reports are now being "maximized" so they will have greater observational granularity. There are now grid lines in the vertical and horizontal directions to show how much of the sway is in various areas. We are also displaying the angle of the 95% ellipse and the M/L and A/P range of the total sway.
- 12. Running multiple tests is faster.** It's now possible to immediately run multiple tests on a single individual without having to back-out to the main menu.
- 13. The screen size has been increased to 950x700.** This will present a larger image on your computer and allow you to project a larger image to an external monitor.
- 14. International date/time support.** International customers will no longer be required to run US/English data and time. The software will work with local date/time settings.
- 15. No more yearly activation codes required.** License has been converted to a lifetime license – no renewals required.

Customers who currently have **Assess Balance Version 4.0.x, Assess Balance Version 3.x, Better Balance Plus or Better Balance** will be receiving a free upgrade to Assess Balance Version 5.0. You can find your software version number in the lower left corner of the main menu.



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Between January 15th and January 25th, you will receive an email that will provide instructions on how to download and install the upgrade to Assess Balance Version 5.0. Here are the key features of Assess Balance 5.0:

- 1. New - Right / Left Target Training.** Targets appear on left and right of the plate. Over the course of the program, the targets change in size and location.
- 2. New - Front / Back Target Training.** Targets appear on top and bottom of the plate. Over the course of the program, the targets change in size and location.
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