

# **Validity and Reliability Assessment of 3-D Camera-Based Capture Barbell Velocity Tracking Device**

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## 1    **Abstract**

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2            Velocity-based training (VBT) requires the monitoring of lift velocity plus the  
3    prescribed resistance weight. A validated and reliable device is needed to capture the  
4    velocity and power of several exercises. *Objectives:* The study objectives were to examine  
5    the validity and reliability of the Elite Form Training System® (EFTS) for measures of  
6    peak velocity (PV), average velocity (AV), peak power (PP), and average power (AP).  
7    *Design:* Validity of the EFTS was assessed by comparing measurements simultaneously  
8    obtained via the Qualisys Track Manager software (C-motion, version 3.90.21, Gothenburg,  
9    Sweden) utilizing 6 motion capture cameras (Oqus 400, 240Hz, Gothenburg, Sweden).  
10    *Method:* Six participants performed 6 resistance exercises in 2 sessions: power clean, dead  
11    lift, bench press, back squat, front squat, and jump squat. *Results:* Simple Pearson  
12    correlations indicated the validity of the device (0.982, 0.971, 0.973, and 0.982 for PV, AV,  
13    PP, and AP respectively) and ranged from 0.868 to 0.998 for the 6 exercises. The test-retest  
14    reliability of the EFTS was shown by lack of significant change in the Pearson correlation  
15    (<0.3% for each variable) between the 2 sessions. The multiple count error rate was 2.0%  
16    and the missed count error rate was 2.1%. *Conclusions:* The validity and reliability of the  
17    EFTS were classified as excellent across all variables and exercises with only one exercise  
18    showing a slight influence by the velocity of the movement.

19    **Keywords:** Velocity-based training; strength and conditioning; resistance training; squat;  
20    bench press; power clean

## 21    **Introduction**

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22            Typical periodization resistance training for sport performance has involved the  
23    manipulation of sets, repetitions, loads, rest periods, and exercises used in order to elicit  
24    peak training adaptation at the desired time.<sup>1,2</sup> This general scheme allows for adaptive and  
25    recovery responses to cyclic variations of the training plan.<sup>2</sup> However, some have pointed  
26    to these traditional methods as lacking adaptability or flexibility to variations in the training  
27    capacity of a given athlete on a given day.<sup>1,3</sup> Recently, manipulation of the weighted  
28    resistance to affect the velocity of the movement in order to elicit a desired training  
29    response has grown in popularity, particularly relating to sport performance.<sup>3</sup> Adoption of  
30    this variable as the primary means of training prescription, as opposed to absolute load, is  
31    termed Velocity Based Training (VBT).<sup>3</sup> As long as the athlete exerts a maximal effort,  
32    VBT has been shown to be a viable programming method for sport performance, in  
33    particular for tasks involving higher speeds.<sup>4,5</sup> Due to the increasing popularity of VBT in  
34    the performance field, the market for devices which measure barbell velocity has grown  
35    substantially in recent years.

36            Many studies on VBT, particularly those involving measuring barbell velocity,  
37    have utilised linear position transducers (LPT) to determine bar displacement and velocities.  
38    <sup>6-9</sup> These devices utilise a retractable cable linked to a microprocessor which can record  
39    velocity or displacement information in real time, and are often considered the gold  
40    standard for equipment used for VBT.<sup>7,10</sup> Additionally, accelerometers attached to the bar  
41    have shown to be a practical and portable method of monitoring barbell kinematics during  
42    training.<sup>3,9,11</sup> However, due to many practitioners' and researchers' desire to assess a  
43    variety of movements with greater convenience, new devices have entered the market. The

44 strength and conditioning field has seen an influx of camera-based systems and apps  
45 purported to measure velocity of a given barbell movement.<sup>10,12</sup> While some research does  
46 exist on the validity and reliability of some of these systems, the applicability to all camera-  
47 based systems is not possible due to differences in recording system, frame rates, and  
48 algorithms for data calculation.<sup>10,12,13</sup> Thus, it is important for an individual system to be  
49 independently shown to have acceptable validity and reliability before widespread  
50 adoption within a given organization or field.

51       The Elite Form Tracking System (EFTS) is a 3-D based camera system used to  
52 track the position and motion of a barbell during a weighted resistance exercise. Through  
53 real-time feedback, the EFTS can provide athletes and coaches with objective data in the  
54 form of peak and average velocity as well as peak and average power exerted during an  
55 exercise for evaluation in VBT. The aim of this study was to assess the validity and  
56 reliability of the EFTS to measure average and peak velocity (AV and PV) as well as  
57 average and peak power (AP and PP) while performing 6 commonplace resistance  
58 exercises in sport performance programs: power clean (PC), deadlift (DL), bench press  
59 (BP), back squat (BS), front squat (FS), and jump squat (JS). It was hypothesised that the  
60 results of the validity study would show strong correlation across all tests and that values  
61 obtained using the EFTS would not differ from those of the criterion instrument, the  
62 Qualisys Motion Capture system (MC). Strong correlations were expected across a range  
63 of velocities and power outputs for all exercises observed. Furthermore, consistently strong  
64 correlations were expected in both testing sessions indicating a high reliability of the EFTS  
65 in all exercises.

## 66    **Methods**

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67            Six healthy, resistance-trained males (age =  $23.78 \pm 4.53$  yrs; height =  $178.44 \pm$   
68     $6.94$  cm; weight =  $86.60 \pm 10.22$  kg; body fat =  $19.87 \pm 3.31\%$ ; years of resistance training  
69    =  $7.57 \pm 1.59$ ) participated in this investigation. Participants were required to meet the  
70    following criteria to be included: (a) minimum of 4 years of resistance training experience,  
71    (b) no current or recent musculoskeletal problems that could be exacerbated by a resistance  
72    exercise bout, and (c) be proficient with the lifts performed in the investigation. Prior to  
73    giving their oral and written informed consent, participants received information regarding  
74    the requirements of the investigation and potential injury risks. All procedures were  
75    approved by the University Institutional Review Board and all participants signed an  
76    informed consent form before testing.

77            Before each testing and data collection session, participants performed a standard  
78    warm-up with upper and lower body joint mobility exercises. All testing and data collection  
79    sessions were supervised by a National Strength and Conditioning Association (NSCA)  
80    Certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist (CSCS), and one repetition maximum  
81    (1RM) testing was performed in accordance with NSCA guidelines.<sup>2</sup> In the BS exercise,  
82    participants were allowed to use either high-bar technique with the bar placed just below  
83    the C7 vertebra or low-bar technique with the bar positioned on the lower trapezius.<sup>14</sup> For  
84    all sessions, participants were asked to perform all exercises to a full range of motion  
85    (ROM) for a successful repetition.

86            The 1RM testing consisted of a PC, BP, and BS. These 1RM values were used as  
87    the most accurate method to provide suitable numbers for future percentage-based lifting.<sup>15</sup>  
88    The 1RM data were collected over 2 sessions, with PC on the first day, followed 24 hours

89 later by BS and BP testing. Rather than taxing the participants with another max effort  
90 lifting session, the remaining 1RM values were estimated based upon a percentage of BS  
91 (JS 1RM at 60% and FS 1RM at 80%).<sup>2</sup> The DL 1RM was estimated at 83% plus 15kg of  
92 the back squat 1RM.<sup>16</sup> Although this DL formula's intent is for a 6RM value estimation,  
93 the corresponding estimated 1RM calculation and percentage based loads served the  
94 study's purpose by inducing a range of velocities.

95 After the 1 RM testing, each exercise was performed for a total of 100 repetitions;  
96 10 repetitions in 5 sets of increasing percentages of the respective 1RM in 2 separate  
97 training sessions. Each training session was separated by at least 24-48 hours and no  
98 consecutive sessions consisted of the same exercises to allow for recovery and to minimize  
99 fatigue. Training sessions were replicated the following week in both order and time of day  
100 to maintain consistency across sessions and to best replicate the same training environment.

101 The 5 increasing resistances in each exercise were determined with intent to induce  
102 a range of velocity and power outputs. Using a percentage of a 1RM, the weights of each  
103 of the 5 sets were established so that the basic velocity zones would coincide with those  
104 proposed by Mann, et al.<sup>3</sup> The resistances were set at 15-, 35-, 55-, 75-, and 85% of the  
105 1RM for 5 of the 6 exercises. The JS weights were set at 10-, 20-, 30-, 40-, and 50% of the  
106 1RM BS weight. Within each exercise in a single training session, participants lifted the  
107 three lightest weights in sets of 10 repetitions. The fourth weight was done as 2 sets of 5  
108 repetitions. The fifth and heaviest weight was lifted as 5 sets of 2 repetitions. Between sets,  
109 participants were allowed 2 to 3 minutes of rest.

110 Retro-reflective markers (12.7mm; B&L Engineering, Santa Ana, CA) were placed  
111 on the center axis of the barbell on each end to create 2 physical landmarks from which the

center of the bar could be calculated and a virtual landmark created (Figure 1). Three-dimensional motion trajectories of the respective markers were collected whilst performing each exercise using 6 Qualisys 'Pro Reflex' infrared cameras (120 Hz; Model number: MCU 240, Gothenburg, Sweden) via the Qualisys Track Manager software (C-motion, version 3.90.21, Gothenburg, Sweden) (Figure 1). Prior to data collection, MC cameras were calibrated to a residual of  $\leq 2$  mm for each camera.

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Raw marker trajectory data were exported for analysis using data analysis software (Visual3D, C-Motion, Germantown, MD, USA). Marker trajectories were filtered using a 12 Hz low-pass Butterworth filter. A virtual landmark was created at the midpoint between each marker. The derivative of the displacement of the virtual landmark was calculated using a forward difference method to represent the velocity of the barbell. The resulting time series of barbell velocity was then multiplied by the mass of the total load (mass of barbell + additional load) and the acceleration due to gravity ( $9.81 \text{ m/s}^2$ ) to create a new time series of power. Body weight contributions were not factored into the power calculations.

The time series of velocity and power were analyzed to calculate the instantaneous peak occurrence and the average value of each variable during the lift. Average value was calculated over the duration of the upward movement of the lift. This time duration was from the instant of vertical lift initiation, defined as the instant initial ascent of the barbell began from the lowest point, until termination, defined as the instant of the first peak height of the barbell. For five of the exercises, this instant of termination represented the full range of the lift. However, it should be noted that the first local maximum height in the PC was

135 considered the end point of the lift. This end point may not have been the overall peak  
136 height of the lift if the participant dropped under the bar during the catch and stood erect  
137 creating two ascents of the barbell (potentially leading to a multiple-movement error).  
138 Outcome measures were average velocity (AV), peak velocity (PV), average power (AP),  
139 and peak power (PP) for each lift for each measurement method (EFTS and MC).

140         Similar to Cronin, et al. and other studies, the MC system was used as the criterion  
141 instrument for comparison and the overall validity of the system was assessed using a  
142 Pearson correlation between the EFTS and MC data gathered on the same movement  
143 through four variables: PV, AV, PP, and AP.<sup>7,17,18</sup> The validity was tested first across all  
144 lifts (n=3600) and then for each of the six different exercises (n=600) using Pearson  
145 correlation between the MC and the EFTS. Thirdly, regardless of the prescribed weights in  
146 each set for each participant in each lift, the velocity and power variables were broken into  
147 five quintiles (n=120) based on the AV of the movements (measured by MC) to observe  
148 the validity of the EFTS device through a range of velocity. These quintiles were set by  
149 AV to ensure no overlap in quintiles would exist for fair comparison. Had the quintiles  
150 been divided by prescribed resistance, despite maximum effort from the human subjects,  
151 overlap in quintile velocity could have occurred. Since the quintiles were defined by the  
152 AV of the MC data, it did not make sense to analyze the correlation of the AV and PV. It  
153 would just have been a narrowed window of the overall AV and PV correlation with n=120  
154 instead of n=600. Thus, the correlation was found for each of the quintiles in PP and AP.  
155 The first quintile was defined as the fastest 20% of all the movements in a lift regardless  
156 of the weight lifted. Each subsequent quintile was the next fastest 120 repetitions with the  
157 fifth quintile being the slowest 20% of the repetitions.



158           Additionally, the absolute difference between the EFTS and MC results was plotted  
159   against the increasing average in the Bland-Altman plots to show validity through the range  
160   of velocities and power levels. Linear regression gave the slope of the trend ( $r$ ) as the  
161   difference in measured value over the entire range. An  $r$ -value of zero was considered exact  
162   meaning that there was no increase in measured difference with an increase in velocity or  
163   power. First, the Bland-Altman plot was created for all exercises combined in PP, AP, PV,  
164   and AV and then for each specific exercise in AV.

165           For the reliability analysis, the correlations of the EFTS data between session 1 and  
166   session 2 across all sets and exercises for each of the four variables were found. However,  
167   the paired EFTS data from session 1 to session 2 by set and exercise assumes consistent  
168   velocity and power output for the same weight resistance on two separate days. Therefore,  
169   the simple correlation between EFTS and MC was found for all exercises in the first session  
170   and the second session separately ( $n=600$ ). The difference in session correlations was  
171   calculated both in value and percentage to be used as a measure of reliability.<sup>19</sup>

172           The number of error evaluations by the EFTS device was a simple count of errors  
173   by the type of exercise. An error was categorised as either a multiple-movement error or a  
174   missed-movement error. A multiple-movement error was defined as when the EFTS device  
175   recorded more than one repetition for a single movement (e.g. two ascents measured during  
176   PC as previously discussed). A missed-movement error was counted when no recording  
177   was made despite a successful repetition by the participant.

178 **Results**

On the Bland-Altman plots for each exercise, the relationship of AV difference with increasing speed was quantified using linear regression of the difference in speed to the average speed (Figure 4). Low correlation indicated little influence of mean velocity on the validity through the entire range of velocity. The only  $r$ -value of significance was defined as *moderate* correlation. This was in the JS ( $r = 0.687$ ). All other movements had correlations less than 0.50 and were therefore categorised as *poor* or *little-to-no* correlation proving the velocity of the movement had little influence on the validity. Furthermore, the limits of agreement for each Bland-Altman plot show no biases with small 95% ranges (Table 3).

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For reliability analysis, the correlation between EFTS Session 1 and EFTS Session 2 was found by pairing repetitions within sets and exercises for each participant. All four correlation values were classified as *excellent* ( $> 0.900$ ) (Table 1). For further reliability analysis, the absolute difference in correlations between the EFTS and MC within each session for each variable was measured and found to be 0.003 or less ( $< 0.3\%$ ) (Table 1).

The greatest number of missed-movement errors occurred in the DL exercise (Table 4). A total of 9.5% of the 600 DL repetitions in the two sets were missed. The second greatest number of misses came in the BS with 1.8%. None of the rest of the lifts had a miss rate of greater than 0.3%. Overall, of the 3600 repetitions across the six lifts, the total number of misses was 72 giving a miss rate of 2.0%. It could be noted that with the DL data excluded, the total miss rate dropped to 0.5% for a 99.5% capture rate.

\*\*\*Table 4 near here\*\*\*

Of the 3600 attempted repetitions, 74 or 2.1% were incorrectly counted as more than one single movement. Of those 74 errors, 72 were collected in the heaviest two sets of the PC exercise (Table 4).

## Discussion

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The AV and AP variables are highly dependent on the defined beginning and end of a movement. For the BP, BS, FS, and JS, the beginning of the movement was the instant the center of the bar transitioned from the lowest height (the bottom of the movement) into the upward direction. The end of the movement was the next local peak following the beginning of the movement. The MC frequency was set to 120 Hz while the EFTS device used a 30 Hz capture rate. Therefore, the precise instant of beginning and end may have differed slightly between the EFTS and the MC system. Furthermore, the data filtering process may have also caused a difference in the exact time interval of the movement.

With the MC system considered the criterion instrument for recording movement, the very strong correlations between the EFTS and MC systems demonstrated high validity for the EFTS device. As observed in Table 1, each of the four variables (PV, AV, PP, and AP) resulted in correlations greater than 0.97, classifying the correlation as *excellent*.

Compared to the Tendo Weightlifting Analyzer System (TWAS) in the BP and BS, the EFTS has a higher validity in all variables for BP as well as higher validity in the PP and AP in the BS, while the TWAS has a slightly higher correlation in the PV and AV in

242 the BS.<sup>18</sup> The EFTS also has a higher BP AV correlation compared to the optical encoder  
243 device mentioned in the study by Drinkwater, et al.<sup>7</sup>

244 The validity of the EFTS device in the 6 different lifting exercises showed different  
245 correlations based on the velocity of the exercise (Table 1). The highest correlations  
246 between EFTS and MC in PV and AV were in the BP (0.993 and 0.997). This could be  
247 because the BP proved to be the exercise with the lowest velocity as well as a small ROM  
248 compared to the other exercises meaning that the EFTS device was most accurate at  
249 tracking the barbell velocity in a slow movement over a short distance. The best PP  
250 correlation was in the DL (0.989), and the highest AP correlation occurred in the FS (0.998).  
251 Values higher than 0.900 were defined as *excellent* while values between 0.710 and 0.900  
252 were defined as *good*<sup>20</sup>. Therefore, all exercises but two were classified as *excellent*. Only  
253 the PC and JS resulted in any correlation lower than 0.90 (0.868 and 0.876) and were  
254 classified as *good*. These were the two fastest of the 6 exercises with mean AV of the  
255 lightest sets over 1.7 and 1.4 m/s respectively. This gave reason to breakdown the  
256 investigation further into velocity quintiles for each lift to see how the EFTS device  
257 performed at different average velocities (Table 2).

258 Only the two slowest quintiles of the BS lift gave PP correlations in the *good* range  
259 (0.880 and 0.712) and just the single slowest quintile of BS resulted in the *good* range  
260 (0.879). All other values were classified as *excellent* with the majority being over 0.97  
261 across all lifts. Despite the lowest correlations in the slowest movements of the BS, there  
262 was no significant trend of change in correlation with the increase in velocity as supported  
263 by the Bland-Altman analysis. Furthermore, there did not seem to be a general trend of  
264 increasing or decreasing correlation with velocity for any lift. For example, the lowest AP

265 correlation in the DL occurred in the slowest repetitions (0.913) while occurring in the  
266 fastest quintile of the JS (0.941). Other lifts had the lowest correlations in the mid-velocity  
267 repetitions with no observable pattern.

268 To further investigate any potential tendencies with increasing velocity, a linear  
269 regression analysis of the Bland-Altman plots was done. Here, an ideal *r*-value of zero  
270 would indicate no influence of velocity on the validity of the EFTS. The results showed a  
271 *moderate* trend of discrepancy when using the EFTS device only in the JS (0.687). All  
272 other exercises displayed a *poor* *r*-value ( $< 0.50$ ) or *little-to-no* significant correlation  
273 ( $< 0.30$ ) with increasing velocity.<sup>20</sup> This conclusion was further evidenced by the Bland-  
274 Altman 95% confidence interval range and the limits of agreement of the JS (Table 3).  
275 Where the range for all other exercises was less than 0.19 m/s, the range for the JS exercise  
276 was over 0.36 m/s showing that the validity of the JS exercise was moderately influenced  
277 by the velocity. Therefore, according to the Bland-Altman analysis, it can be concluded  
278 that, while all exercises showed *excellent* overall validity with low velocity bias, the only  
279 exercise in which the velocity of the movement had an effect on the validity was in the JS.

280 The test-retest reliability of the EFTS device was first assessed by the correlation  
281 between sessions by pairing the EFTS variables for the same repetitions within sets and  
282 exercises for each participant. All the correlations were classified as *excellent* showing high  
283 reliability from session 1 to session 2. However, with human subjects, controlling the  
284 weight in two different sessions in a resistance exercise does not ensure that the participants  
285 will exert consistent velocity and power. Therefore, the correlation between the EFTS and  
286 MC system within session 1 was compared to the correlation within session 2. The  
287 difference in those values for each of the four variables was 0.003 or less which is less than

288 0.3%. Such a low difference indicated that the EFTS device was highly consistent between  
289 the two sessions. Therefore, it can be concluded that the EFTS device was quite reliable  
290 across multiple sessions with very little to no variance in comparable lifts throughout a  
291 range of velocities and power outputs.

292 The EFTS device did not capture all of the repetitions during the study. Overall,  
293 98.0% of all the repetitions were obtained, while 72 of the 3600 repetitions were missed  
294 (Table 4). The vast majority of the missed-movement errors occurred in the DL exercise.  
295 Forty-four were missed in the first session and another 13 were missed in the second  
296 session. The typical small ROM of the exercise from the floor may be the reason for the  
297 number of missed-movement errors, but future research needs to be done to confirm the  
298 reasoning as well as the cause for difference in number of misses between sessions.<sup>21,22</sup> If  
299 the DL exercise was eliminated from the study and only the other five lifts were analyzed,  
300 the capture rate would increase to 99.5% where only 15 of 3000 repetitions would have  
301 been missed. The second highest number of misses came in the BS exercise. Eleven total  
302 misses occurred in the BS and it was observed after the data collection that the majority of  
303 these misses came when a participant used a low-bar technique. While neither the validity  
304 nor reliability of the captured data appeared to be affected by the technique, future  
305 investigations could better determine the correlation of BS technique with missed-  
306 movement errors captured by the EFTS. Only 4 total misses occurred in the other lifts.

307 Overall, 2.1% of the repetitions were counted as multiple repetitions for a single  
308 movement (Table 4). This was defined as a multiple-movement error. It should be noted  
309 that, despite the extra repetition count, the data from the true repetition was obtained and  
310 counted in each instance. Therefore, the desired data of interest was in fact collected and

311 proven to be valid and reliable. The extra counted repetition(s) in a multiple-movement  
312 error was just additional unnecessary data that could be ignored. That is, the data of interest  
313 was not missed. Nearly all of the multiple-movement errors occurred in the PC. In fact,  
314 only two errors of the total 74 came from other lifts. Anecdotally, all of the errors that  
315 occurred in a PC lift were from a heavy attempt in which an athlete would pull the bar from  
316 the floor as high as possible, drop under the bar, and then stand fully erect. While this is  
317 certainly considered proper technique for a heavy clean, the second upward motion of the  
318 barbell (similar to a front squat lift) was often recorded as a second repetition. Therefore,  
319 the EFTS user should be aware that the AV and AP for a PC may only reflect the first pull  
320 and may not include the entire ROM from the floor to the final barbell height. There were  
321 72 total multiple-movement errors (12%) counted over the total 600 power clean  
322 repetitions. All of these came when the participant was lifting their heaviest two weights  
323 in which they were not able to complete the lift in one single upward motion. Only two  
324 other multiple-movement errors were counted in the study: one in the BP and one in the  
325 BS. If the PC data were omitted, the total multiple repetition error rate would have been  
326 only 0.067% (99.93% capture rate).

## 327 **Conclusion**

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329 Overall validity of the EFTS was proven through high correlations between the  
330 EFTS and MC systems across all exercises and classified as *excellent* in AV, PV, AP, and  
331 PP. While the AP and PP correlations were lowest at slow velocities in the BS, the other  
332 exercises proved to have high validity at all velocities. Through a linear regression analysis



333 of a Bland-Altman plot, only the JS exercise, which was the fastest movement exercise,  
334 had a moderate variance in validity as velocity increased from slow movements to faster  
335 movements. The validity in all other exercises was not affected by the velocity of the  
336 movement.

337 The test-retest reliability of the device was proven by a small and insignificant  
338 difference in correlation between each session ( $< 0.003$ ) showing consistency between  
339 sessions for all exercises.

340 Furthermore, with the exception of the missed error rate in the DL exercise ( $> 9.0\%$ )  
341 and the multiple-movement error rate of the PC exercise ( $> 12.0\%$ ), the overall error rates  
342 for both missed movements ( $2.1\%$ ) and multiple movements ( $2.0\%$ ) help assure the user  
343 of adequate data collection using the EFTS device for VBT.

## 344 **Practical Implications**

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- 345 • With proper set-up and calibration, the EFTS device can be used to collect vital  
346 data for a VBT program prescribed by strength and conditioning professionals in  
347 several different exercises through a range of velocities and power output levels.  
348 This noninvasive camera-based device allows the assessment of velocity and power  
349 without cables and accelerometers as opposed to other VBT devices.<sup>7,18,19</sup>
- 350 • The EFTS device can be used as a reliable tool over multiple training sessions with  
351 insignificant variance during regular training while monitoring the velocity and  
352 power output of an exercise.

- 353 • It can be expected that the results collected using the EFTS device will contain very  
354 few missed-movement errors with the exception of a DL exercise and multiple-  
355 movement errors with the exception of the PC exercise.

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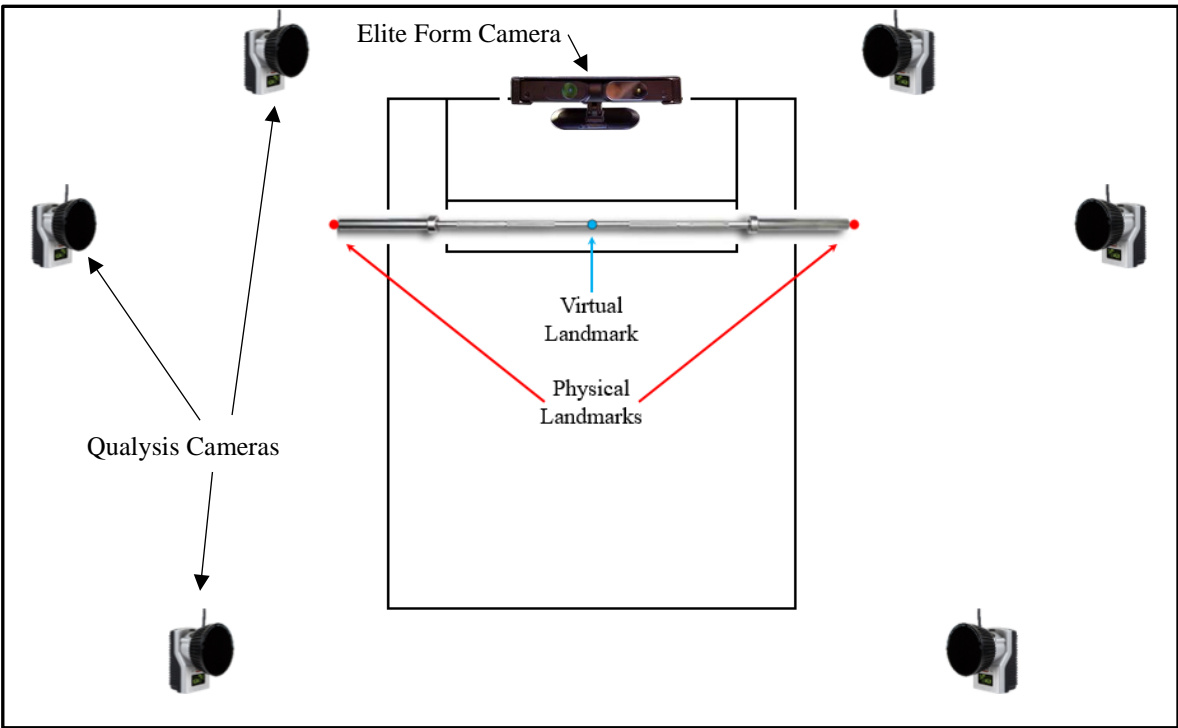
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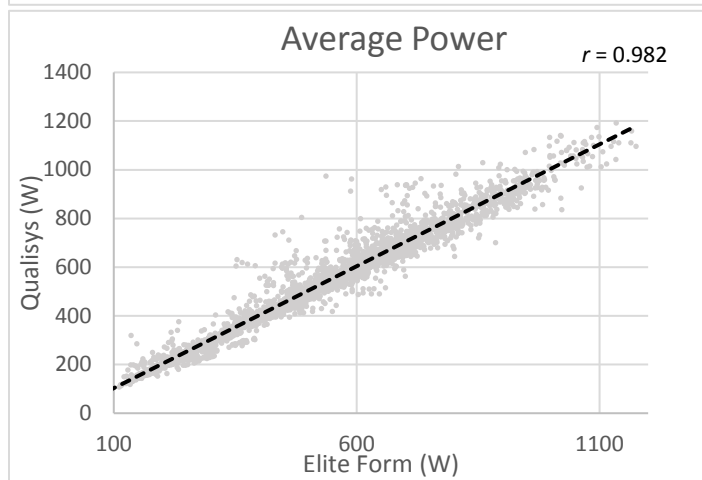
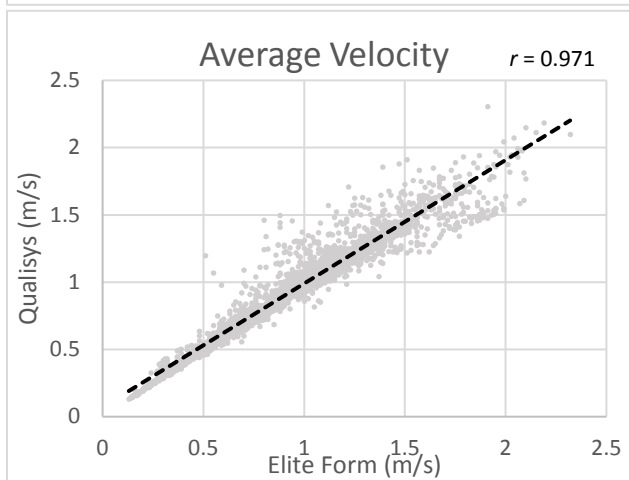
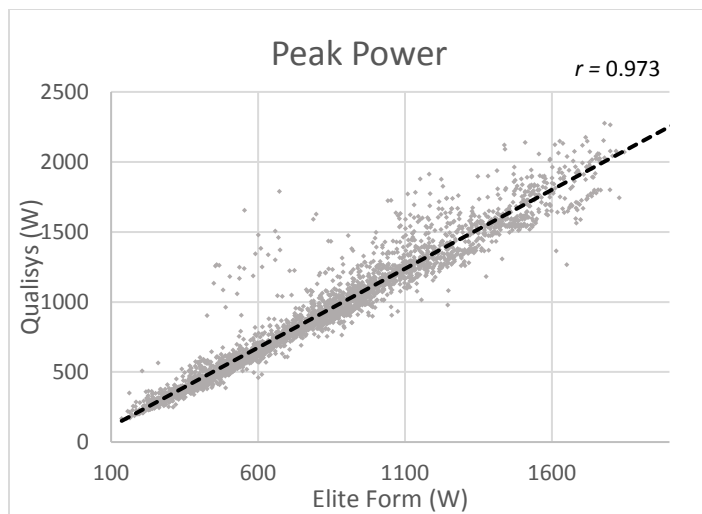
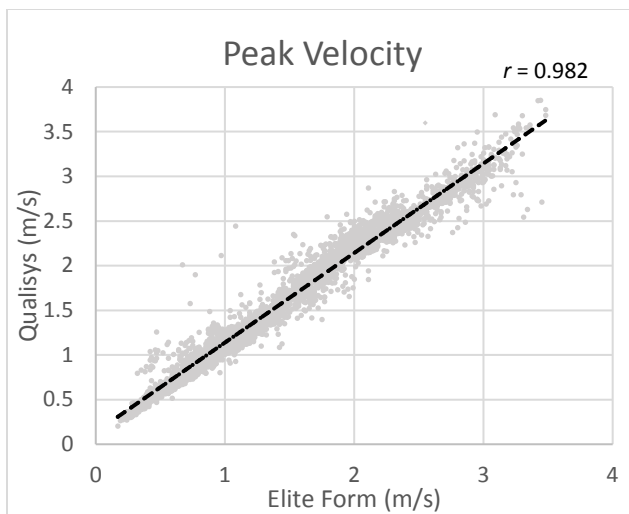
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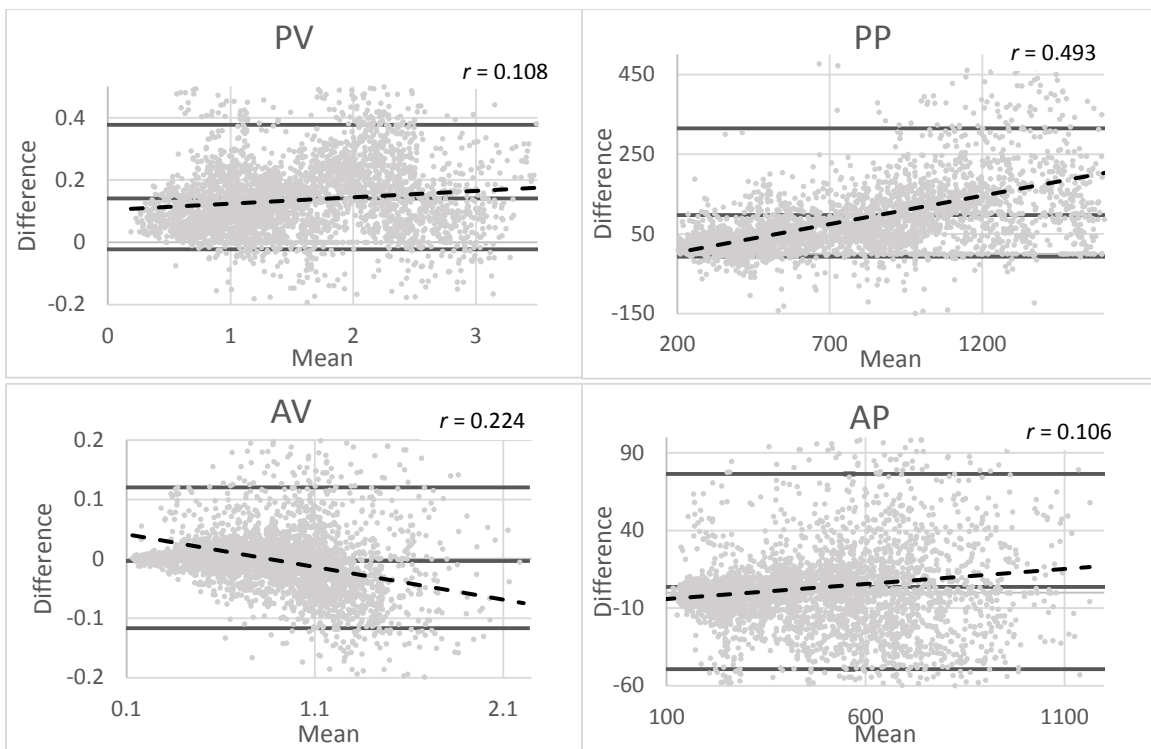
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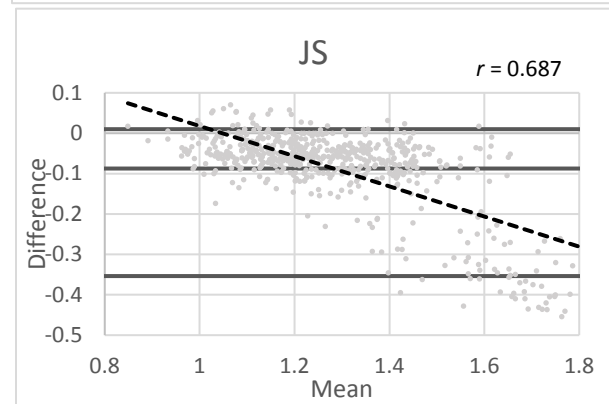
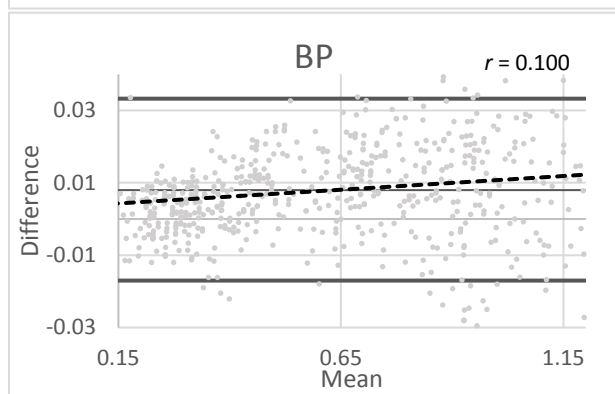
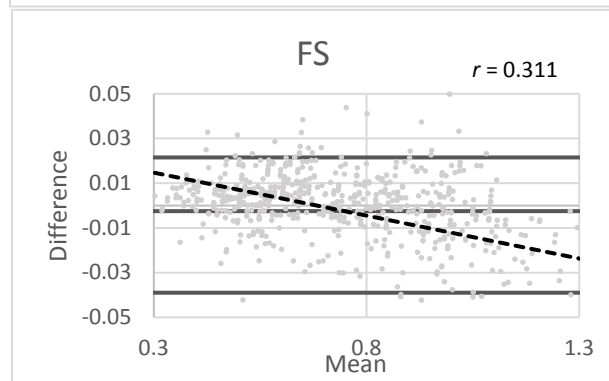
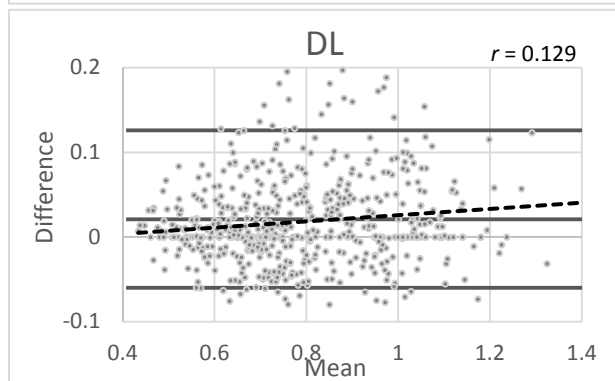
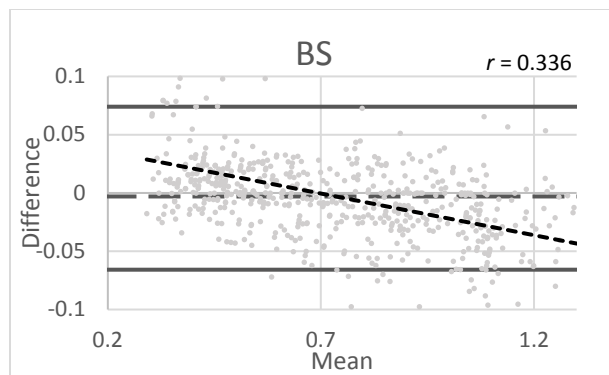
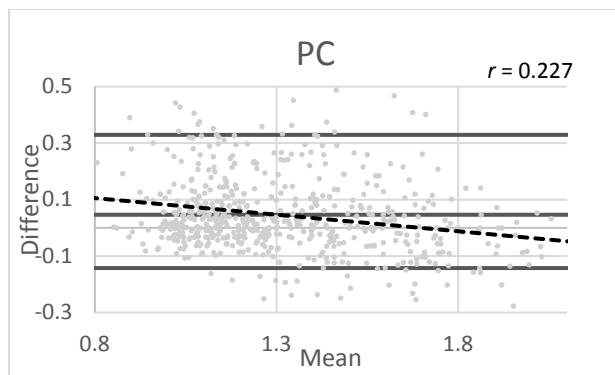


Table 1. Correlation of PV, AV, PP, and AP.

	PV	AV	PP	AP
Between EFTS and MC across both sessions (n=3600)				
All Exercises	0.982	0.971	0.973	0.982
Between EFTS and MC across both sessions (n=600)				
PC	0.964	0.868	0.986	0.963
DL	0.976	0.939	0.989	0.979
BP	0.993	0.997	0.957	0.997
BS	0.902	0.979	0.901	0.979
FS	0.961	0.993	0.979	0.998
JS	0.876	0.920	0.978	0.992
Between EFTS Session 1 and EFTS Session 2 (n=1800)				
All Exercises	0.961	0.935	0.959	0.949
Between EFTS and MC across all exercises (n=1800)				
Session 1	0.983	0.970	0.974	0.982
Session 2	0.982	0.972	0.971	0.983
<i>Difference</i>	0.001	-0.002	0.003	-0.001
<i>% Difference</i>	0.15%	-0.28%	0.27%	-0.09%

Table 2. PP and AP Correlations within AV Quintiles.

Lift	Quintile	Average Velocity (m/s)	Correlation	
			PP	AP
PC	1	1.74	0.994	0.976
	2	1.46	0.996	0.950
	3	1.28	0.993	0.932
	4	1.16	0.985	0.952
	5	1.04	0.957	0.963
DL	1	1.08	0.989	0.985
	2	0.90	0.993	0.984
	3	0.77	0.992	0.984
	4	0.68	0.985	0.965
	5	0.57	0.980	0.913
BP	1	1.09	0.994	0.996
	2	0.85	0.985	0.997
	3	0.62	0.970	0.995
	4	0.40	0.949	0.990
	5	0.25	0.939	0.991
BS	1	1.10	0.950	0.978
	2	0.90	0.977	0.991
	3	0.71	0.921	0.984
	4	0.53	0.880	0.961
	5	0.40	0.712	0.879
FS	1	1.07	0.991	0.997
	2	0.89	0.990	0.998
	3	0.73	0.970	0.996
	4	0.59	0.966	0.998
	5	0.46	0.972	0.995
JS	1	1.48	0.975	0.941
	2	1.32	0.952	0.979
	3	1.22	0.940	0.980
	4	1.13	0.962	0.990
	5	1.03	0.949	0.986

# AV Bland-Altman Limits of Agreement

	PC	DL	BP	BS	FS	JS
Mean Difference (MC – EFTS) (m/s)	0.046	0.021	0.008	-0.003	-0.002	-0.087
Upper 95% (m/s)	0.329	0.126	0.033	0.074	0.022	0.010
Lower 95% (m/s)	-0.142	-0.060	-0.017	-0.066	-0.039	-0.354

Table 4. EFTS Capture Errors

Lift	Session	Missed Errors (Error %)		Multiple Errors (Error %)	
PC	1	0 (0.0%)	0.0%	31 (10.3%)	12.0%
	2	0 (0.0%)		41 (13.7%)	
DL	1	44 (14.7%)	9.5%	0 (0.0%)	0.0%
	2	13 (4.3%)		0 (0.0%)	
BP	1	0 (0.0%)	0.0%	0 (0.0%)	0.2%
	2	0 (0.0%)		1 (0.3%)	
BS	1	5 (1.7%)	1.8%	0 (0.0%)	0.2%
	2	6 (2.0%)		1 (0.3%)	
FS	1	0 (0.0%)	0.3%	0 (0.0%)	0.0%
	2	2 (0.7%)		0 (0.0%)	
JS	1	1 (0.3%)	0.3%	0 (0.0%)	0.0%
	2	1 (0.3%)		0 (0.0%)	
Total		<b>72</b>	<b>2.0%</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>2.1%</b>