AEC206 Binaural Test Fixture





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Reference Manual

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Module 1 Getting Started

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1.1 Overview

The AEC206 is a binaural test fixture used for testing headphones and earbuds, both supra-aural and circum-aural as well as hearing protection devices.

In the head of the fixture are two 426M11 preamplifiers with AEC304 occluded ear simulators. It is stabilized and mounted on a steel circular base. Included are two sets of pinnae with two hardness grades.

AEC206 complies with applicable portions of the International Standards ISO 4869-3 and IEC 60318-4.

FIGURE 1-1 AEC206 Anatomy

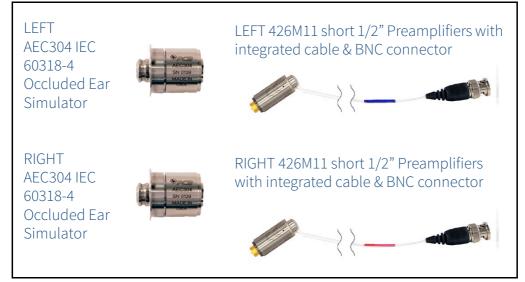


1.2 Components

The test fixture needs to be removed with care. For this purpose, a sling is provided. With one hand pull the sling upwards, and ease the base of the test fixture out of the case with your other hand. To carry the AEC206, hold both the neck and head simultaneously.

FIGURE 1-2 AEC206 Components





TAKE NOTE Each AEC304 and 426M11 are a mated pair. They cannot be interchanged, see 2.3.1 "Mated Pair" on page 2-3.

FIGURE 1-3 Tools



1.2.1 Optional Accessories

CAL250

Battery operated precision microphone calibrator used for the calibration of the AEC304 and other Larson Davis sound measurement equipment. It has a full 114.0 dB level output signal at 251.2 Hz.

AEC206-CUP

Isolation test copper cup with foam insert used for isolation testing to confirm compliance with ISO 4869-3. Requires two cups.

1.3 Connecting to Analyzer

A basic headphone test can be made with the following mechanical setup:

FIGURE 1-4 Basic Headphone Configuration

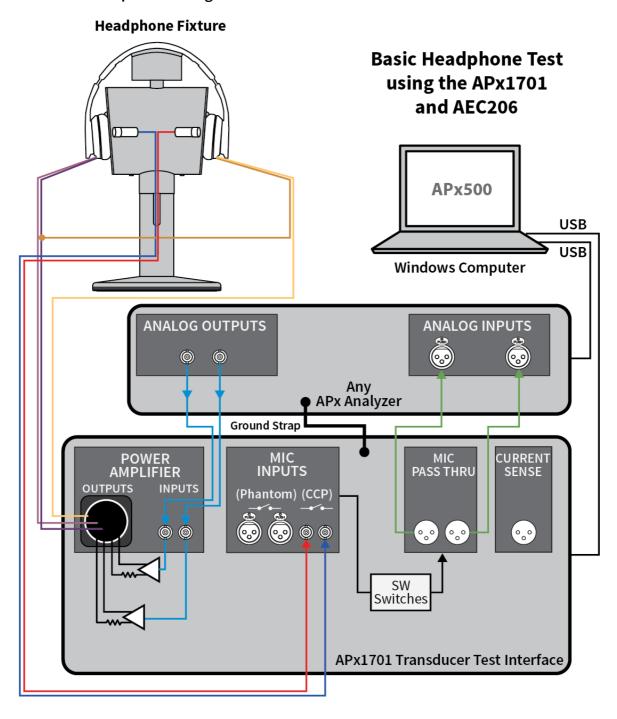
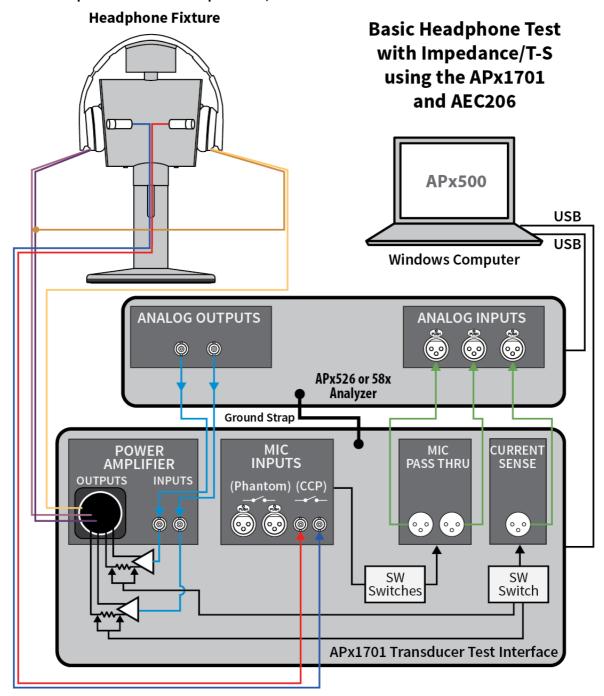


FIGURE 1-5 Headphone Test with Impedance/T-S



1.4 Performing Calibration

There are several ways the system is calibrated:

TEDS

The AEC304 is equipped with TEDS sensors. TEDS (Transducer Electronic Data Sheet) sensors allow TEDS enabled analyzers to automatically read sensitivity data from the sensor.

Factory Calibration

Periodically the AEC206 is shipped to Larson Davis for factory calibration. An alternative method for factory calibration is to remove the AEC304 and paired 426M11 and ship to Larson Davis, then reassemble when returned. This alternate method calibrates the AEC304 and 426M11 only, it does not verify that the unit complies with isolation test as described in ISO 4869-3. For information on removal, see 2.3.2 "Removing Ear Simulator and Preamplifier" on page 2-4.

Acoustic Calibration

A technician performs a manual acoustic calibration at the beginning and end of the day (or test) to ensure the test was performed accurately.

The following procedures describe an acoustic calibration:

- **Step 1** Ensure the ADP105 adaptor is securely on the CAL250.
- **Step 2** If pinna and ring are installed, remove prior to calibration. See "Removing Artificial Pinna" on page 2-3.
- **Step 3** Place calibrator over the microphone. Gently secure the gasket-tight connection with a push.

TAKE NOTE Unless you use the CAL250 on another device, there is no need to remove the adapter between use.

FIGURE 1-6 Calibration Setup





TAKE NOTE The CAL250 will run for 60 seconds after you turn it on.

- **Step 4** Turn calibrator on by pressing the button.
- **Step 5** Run the calibration process on the connected analyzer.
- **Step 6** When the calibration is complete, position your hand on the bottom half of the calibrator, and then bend it up or down about ten degrees, then pull outward. Do not pull outward

until the connection is loose, otherwise you may break the ADP105 or pull the AEC304 out of the head.

FIGURE 1-7 Remove Calibrator



Step 7 Repeat calibration on the opposite side.

Module 2 Assembly

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2.1 Overview

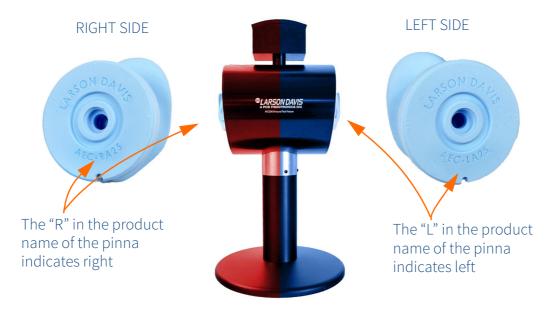
Assembly and disassembly should only be done after reading all the procedures. Additionally you can find assembly instruction videos online, see https://www.youtube.com/user/LarsonDavisPCB

2.1.1 Left and Right Identification

TAKE NOTE The preamplifier cables are marked with blue or red to identify which is left and right.

FIGURE 2-1 Left and Right

The AEC206 is binaural, meaning it is a two ear system. The "face" of the device is the side of the head with the logo, and the left and right sides are in reference to that "face". The figure below has been colored to represent left (blue) and right (red).



2.2 Mounting Artificial Pinnae

The AEC206 has two pinna options:

- Artificial Pinna shore OO-35; left and right
 - Primary use
- Artificial Pinna shore A-25; left and right
 - Alternative option, for example, free field checks

To mount the artificial pinnae, follow these steps:

- **Step 1** Align the bottom notch on the back of the pinna with the alignment screw on the AEC206, push into place.
- **Step 2** Mount the alignment ring using the supplied 2 mm hex driver and the four 2.5 mm screws. Gently turn the screws and stop once they are secure. Do not over tighten.

TAKE NOTE The pinna can be installed before or after the ring has been installed. If the ring is already mounted, ease the pinna into the space with your finger until the edges are flush under the plate.

TRY THIS If you lift up the earlobe, the notch in the pinna and the notch in alignment ring will make a small circle. This indicates that you have mounted them correctly.

FIGURE 2-2 Pinna Assembly





Follow these steps to remove the pinna:

- **Step 1** Use the 2 mm hex driver to remove all four screws from the ring.
- **Step 2** Remove the artificial pinna and the ring.

2.3 Ear Simulator and Preamplifier

2.3.1 Mated Pair

The preamplifiers and ear simulators cannot be interchanged. They are in sets, or mated pairs. Each pair consists of one preamplifier and one occluded ear simulator. Additionally, a left pair can only be used for the left ear testing and the right pair can only be used for right ear testing. See "Left and Right Identification" on page 2-1.

The AEC304 and 426M11 are mated to ensure correct calibration data from TEDS. If devices are mixed then the calibration data provided by TEDS will be incorrect.

Refer to the labels and certifications to know which items are paired based on the serial numbers.

FIGURE 2-3 Paired Serial Numbers

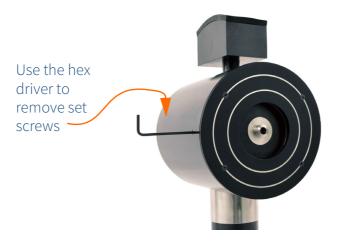


The AEC304 will already be assembled in the head of the AEC206 test fixture. Larson Davis recommends that the entire system be shipped for factory calibration, however, the following procedures describe removing the ear simulator and preamplifier to ship to Larson Davis separately. It is important to reassemble using the steps below exactly in order to maintain acoustic quality, see 2.3.3 "Assembling AEC304" on page 2-7.

To remove the AEC304 follow these steps:

- **Step 1** Disconnect the preamplifier cable from the analyzer.
- Step 2 Using the supplied 2.5 mm hex driver, remove the set screws on the head by turning the recessed set screw counterclockwise. Ensure you store the screws as they are imperative to the acoustical quality of the device.

FIGURE 2-4 Remove head set screws



- Step 3 To release the vacuum like seal inside the head, allowing for easy removal of the head, you can loosen one AEC304 and set it out slightly, though this is not necessary. DO NOT pull cable slack; only remove <1 inch of cable.

 Alternatively, to assist in removal, you can attach the calibrator and pull horizontally. Extreme force is not necessary and may result in damaging the equipment.
- **Step 4** Using the supplied 2.5 mm hex driver, release the clamp on the neck by turning the neck screws counterclockwise until two or three threads are visible.

FIGURE 2-5 Loosen neck set screws



Step 5 Hold the base down with one hand and pull from the hat to separate the head and the neck. There is a vacuum seal to the head and the neck, additional force may need to be applied to the base, however avoid twisting, this may cause the cables to break. Set head next to the stand with the cables loose.

FIGURE 2-6 Remove head and neck



Step 6 Gently pull the wires from the gasket by pulling away from the stand. If they don't come loose easily, use a hex driver to remove the washer and gasket, then gently pull the cables out of the gasket.

FIGURE 2-7 Gently remove cable from stand



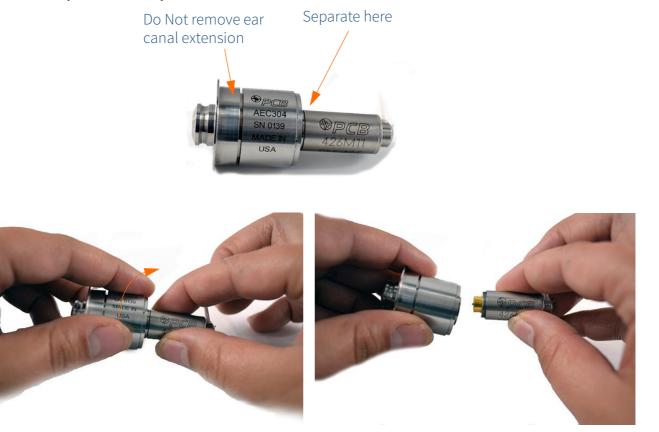
Step 7 Gently pull the AEC304 completely out of the head. Feed the cable up through the head and out the side.

FIGURE 2-8 Remove AEC304



Step 8 Separate the 426M11 from the AEC304 by unscrewing the two devices. Do not unscrew the ear canal extension.

FIGURE 2-9 Separate Preamplifier and Ear Simulator



Ensure the correct AEC304 and mated 426M11 are to be installed on the correct side. To learn more see 2.1.1 "Left and Right Identification" on page 2-1.

FIGURE 2-10 Left and Right



TAKE NOTE It is important to follow these steps exactly to ensure the quality of the acoustic testing.

To install AEC304 follow these steps:

- **Step 1** Connect AEC304 to 426M11 preamplifier by pushing together and screwing hand-tight.
- **Step 2** Insert assembly into the cavity of the head, feeding the cable down through the bottom. Push until set.

FIGURE 2-11 Insert AEC304



Step 3 Using the 2.5 mm hex driver, unscrew the washer/gasket screw completely. Pull off assembly, and then separate the washer from the gasket.

FIGURE 2-12 Remove Gasket



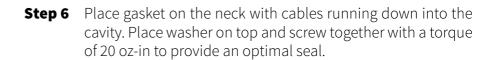
- **Step 4** Place head next to stand. See Figure 2-13.
- **Step 5** Measure approximately six inches of cable starting from the neck insert and running down, and at that spot gently push the cables into the gasket as shown below. The length of cable between the gasket and neck insert should be ~6 in.

FIGURE 2-13 Insert cables into gasket



TAKE NOTE Align the gasket slit with the center of the cavity in the neck, so the cables run down into the neck.

FIGURE 2-14 Secure gasket



Step 7 While turning the screw, squeeze the slit of the gasket together. After you let go, the slit should be fully closed.





Squeeze the slit in the gasket shut as you tighten the screw.

Step 8 Liberally grease the edges of the gasket.

FIGURE 2-15 Grease gasket





Step 9 Feed the slack of the cables into the head. Ensure all cables are all the way in before moving on to the next step, if the

cables are not in when placing the head, you risk cutting the cables.

FIGURE 2-16 Cable slack



Step 10 With the head vertically aligned with the neck, mount the head onto the neck. You will feel resistance and a pressure build up in the head, this is normal.

CAUTION Do not twist head or neck when connecting.

FIGURE 2-17 Mount head on neck



Step 11 Screw neck screws until set, hand-tight.

FIGURE 2-18 Neck set screws



Step 12 Ensure the AEC304 is completely pushed into the head. Using a torque screwdriver set to 40 oz-in, turn the set screws on the head until push rod is clamped.

FIGURE 2-19 Set push rod



2.4 Storage

Use the sling to ease the AEC206 back into the case; With the sling around the space between the hat and the head, hold the sling and the base of the device, and then ease into the case. You can store the ear simulator and preamplifier in the AEC206, and not in their cases. Package the pinnae in the plastic bags that were provided before placing in case, to keep them clean.

FIGURE 2-20 Case with Components



Appendix A Technical Specifications

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A.1 AEC206

Standards Met

AEC206

IEC 61010-1 (2010-06) Edition 3 ISO 4869-3:2007 Section 5.1.4 Acoustic Isolation Acoustics -- Hearing protectors -- Part 5

 Measurement of insertion loss of ear-muff type protectors using an acoustic test fixture

AEC304

IEC 60318-4:2010 occluded-ear simulators

Table A.1 Safety Marks

C€	CE-mark indicates compliance with the EMC and Low Voltage, and RoHS Directives
A	WEEE mark indicates compliance with the EU WEEE Directive

Options

CÅL250 Class 1 acoustic calibrator with 1 in opening and output of 114 dB re 20 μ Pa at 251.2 Hz. ADP019 adapter for 1/2" microphones and calibration certificate

AEC206-CUP AEC206 acoustic isolation test cup Replacement pinna

- AEC-L0035 Left pinna with hardness Shore 00-35
- AEC-R0035 Right pinna with hardness Shore 00-35
- AEC-LA25 Left pinna with hardness Shore A-25
- AEC-RA25 Right pinna with hardness Shore A-25

AEC206-RING alignment ring for AEC206 AEC206-SPARE kit of spare parts for the AEC206 including hex drivers, grease, screws.

Personal Characteristics

Weight (case and all components): 18.3 kg (41 lbs) Weight (test fixture only): 9.46 kg (21 lbs)

Size (height x width): 37.8 cm x 20 cm (7.9 in x 14.9

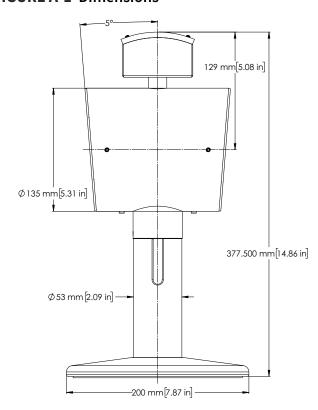
in). See Figure A-1 Dimensions.

Cable Length: 5 ft (1.5 m) Electrical Connector: BNC

Microphone

Information for the 377C13 microphone included in the AEC304 occluded ear simulator can be found at www.pcb.com

FIGURE A-1 Dimensions



A.2 426M11 Microphone Preamplifier

Performance

Nominal Microphone Diameter 1/2 in

Gain: -0.20 dB

Frequency Response(± 0.2 dB) (re 1 kHz): 10 to

126,000 Hz

Frequency Response (-3 dB) (re 1 kHz): <0.6 Hz

Phase Linearity (<1°): 63 to 20,000 Hz Distortion (3 V rms input at 1 kHz): <-70 dB

Output Slew Rate: 2 V/µS TEDS Compliant: Yes

Environmental

Temperature Range (Operating): -40 to 70 °C (-40 to 158 °F)

Temperature Range (Storage): -40 to 85 °C (-40 to 185 °F)

Temperature Response: <0.03 dB

Humidity Range (Non-Condensing): 0 to 95% RH

Humidity Sensitivity: <0.03 dB

Electrical

Excitation Voltage: 20 to 32 VDC

Constant Current Excitation: 2 to 20 mA Impedance (Input): 2x10¹⁰ Ohm (20 G?)

Capacitance (Input): 0.2 pF

Output Bias Voltage: 10 to 14 VDC Impedance (Output): <50 Ohm?

Output Voltage: ± 8 V TEDS Compliant: Yes

Physical

Housing Material: Stainless Steel

Size (Diameter x Length): 12.7 mm x 35.7 mm (0.5 in x

1.4 in

Weight: 3.6 gm (0.13 oz)

Electrical Connector: BNC Plug

Cable Length: 1.5 m (5 ft)

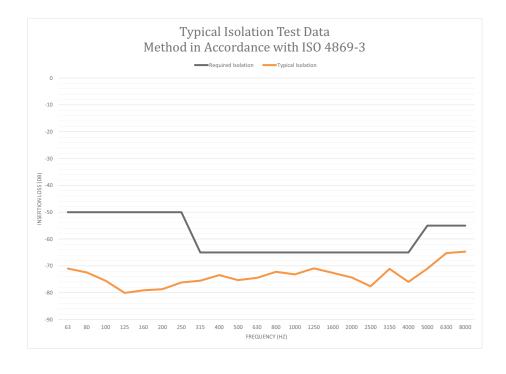
Mounting Thread (Microphone to Preamplifier): 11.7

mm - 60 UNS

A.3 Isolation Testing

Tested in a random incidence field per 5.2.2 method in accordance with ISO 4869-3.

FIGURE A-2 Isolation Testing



A.4 Transfer Functions

The AEC206 is designed for headphone and earbud testing, where the sound is closely coupled to the ear. For free field and diffuse field head related transfer functions, it is assumed that a head and

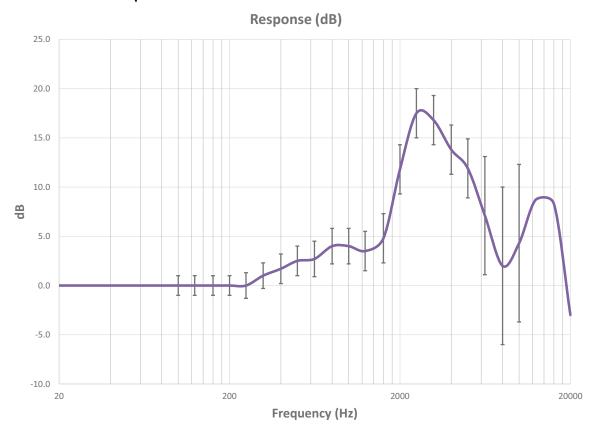
torso would be present rather than the actual geometry of the AEC206. The following transfer functions are in accordance with ANSI S3.36 (2012).

Free Field Response

Table A.2 Free Field Response

Frequency (Hz)	Response (dB)	Tolerance (dB)
100	0.0	±1
125	0.0	±1
160	0.0	±1
200	0.0	±1
250	0.0	±1.3
315	1.0	±1.3
400	1.7	±1.5
500	2.5	±1.5
630	2.7	±1.8
800	4.0	±1.8
1000	4.0	±1.8
1250	3.5	±2
1600	4.8	±2.5
2000	11.8	±2.5
2500	17.5	±2.5
3150	16.8	±2.5
4000	13.8	±2.5
5000	11.9	±3
6300	7.1	±6
800	2.0	±8
10000	4.3	±8

FIGURE A-3 Free Field Response

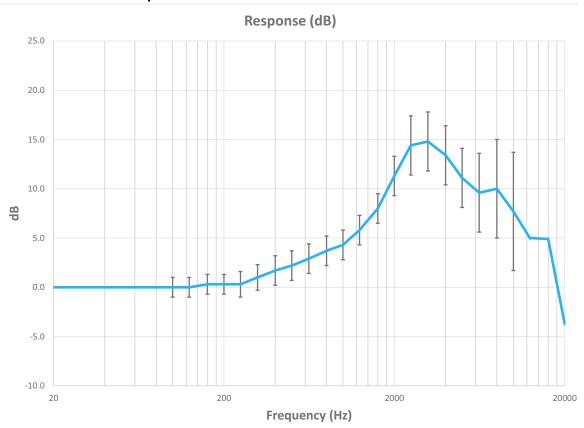


Diffused Field Response

Table A.3 Diffused Field Response

Frequency (Hz)	Response (dB)	Tolerance (dB)
100	0.0	±1
125	0.0	±1
160	0.3	±1
200	0.3	±1
250	0.3	±1.3
315	1.0	±1.3
400	1.7	±1.5
500	2.2	±1.5
630	2.9	±1.5
800	3.7	±1.5
1000	4.3	±1.5
1250	5.8	±1.5
1600	8.0	±1.5
2000	11.3	±2
2500	14.4	±3
3150	14.8	<u>+</u> 3
4000	13.4	<u>+</u> 3
5000	11.1	<u>+</u> 3
6300	9.6	<u>±</u> 4
800	10.0	±5
10000	7.7	±6

FIGURE A-4 Diffused Field Response



Ear Drum (DRP) to Ear Reference Point (ERP) transfer function

Table A.4 DRP to ERP Transfer Function (Sheet 1 of 2)

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Frequency (Hz)	S _{DE}
100	0.0
106	0.0
112	0.0
118	0.0
125	0.0
132	0.0
140	0.0
150	0.0
160	0.0
170	-0.1
180	-0.1
190	0.0
200	0.1
212	0.0
224	-0.1
236	-0.1
250	-0.2
265	-0.3
280	-0.3
300	-0.2
315	-0.2
335	-0.2
355	-0.3
375	-0.4
400	-0.4
425	-0.5
450	-0.4
475	-0.5
500	-0.7
530	-0.6
560	-0.6
600	-0.6
630	-0.7
670	-0.8
710	-0.9
750	-1.1
800	-1.1
850	-1.2
900	-1.3
•	

Table A.4 DRP to ERP Transfer Function (Continued) (Sheet 2 of 2)

Frequency (Hz)	S _{DE}
950	-1.4
1000	-1.6
1060	-1.9
1120	-2.1
1180	-2.3
1250	-2.5
1320	-2.8
1400	-3.2
1500	-3.6
1600	-4.2
1700	-4.7
1800	-5.2
1900	-5.8
2000	-6.5
2120	-7.2
2240	-7.8
2360	-8.5
2500	-9.3
2650	-9.9
2800	-10.6
3000	-10.7
3150	-10.4
3350	-9.6
3550	-8.5
3750	-7.5
4000	-6.3
4250	-5.3
4500	-4.5
4750	-3.7
5000	-3.0
5300	-2.6
5600	-2.4
6000	-2.5
6300	-2.9
6700	-4.0
7100	-5.3
7500	-7.5
8000	-12.2
8500	-18.6

FIGURE A-5 DRP to ERP Transfer Function

100

20.0 10.0 -10.0 -20.0 -20.0

Frequency (Hz)

10000

A.5 Declaration of Conformity



EU Declaration of Conformity PS102 In Accordance with ISO/IEC 17050

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Note: - indicates an private labeled version

is a place holder for up to 3 numbers
is a place holder for a letter or number indicating

optional configurations is a place holder for up to four alpha numeric characters

- indicates a decriptive suffix

This declaration is applicable to all Artificial Ear Couplers and associated accessories of the above series which have the CE mark on their data sheets and where those data sheets refer to this Declaration of Conformity. The data sheets for all model numbers referenced above which include the CE mark on such data sheets and refer to this Declaration of Conformity are hereby incorporated by reference into this Declaration.

Conform to the following EU Directive(s) when installed per product documentation:	2014/30/EU 2011/65//EU	EMC Directive RoHS Directive
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Standards to which Conformity is Declared:

Harmonized Standards	EN 61326-1:2013	Electrical equipment for measurement, control and laboratory use – EMC requirements
	EN 61326-2-3:2013	Electrical equipment for measurement, control and laboratory use - EMC Safety Standard
	EN 61010-1:2010	Safety requirements for electrical equipment for measurement, control, and laboratory use - Part 1: General requirements
	EN 50581:2012	Technical documentation for the assessment of electrical and electronic products with respect to the restriction of hazardous substances
Emissions Test Standards	EN 55011:2009+ A1:2010	Industrial, scientific and medical (ISM) radio frequency equipment - Electromagnetic disturbance characteristics - Limits and methods of Measurement Class B, group 1
Immunity Test Standards	EN 61000-6-1:2007 EN 61000-6-2:2005/ AC:2005	Electromagnetic Compatibility (EMC) - Generic standards — Immunity for residential, commercial and light-industrial environments Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) - Part 6-2: Generic standards — Immunity for industrial environments
Other Standards Applied (non-OJEU)	EN 61000-4-2:2001 EN 61000-4-3:2006	Electrostatic discharge (ESD) Radiated, radio-frequency, electromagnetic field immunity
Immunity Test Standards	EN 61000-4-3.2004 EN 61000-4-4:2004 EN 61000-4-6:2006 EN 61000-4-8:2001	Reduced, reduced recording recording recording the minimum general fast transient (EFT) / Burst immunity Surge immunity Immunity to RF conducted line disturbances Power frequency magnetic field immunity
Test Reports	EMC Report Safety Report	EMC of Microphones, Preamplifiers and Signal Conditioners contained in the AEC series system were tested independently for EMC and Safety. Reference PS064, PS075, PS077, and PS083.

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