PRODUCT DATA

Ear Simulator Type 4157

Ear Simulator Type 4157 is primarily intended for measurements on earphones coupled to the ear by ear inserts such as tubes, ear moulds or ear-tips.

It has, therefore, been designed to fulfil the requirements of the IEC 60318-4, ANSI S 3.25 and ITU-T Rec. P57 standards for an ear simulator for measurements using insert earphones.

Type 4157 closely reproduces the acoustical parameters of the human ear, presenting the insert earphone under test with an impedance approximating that of the real human ear.

Uses and features

**Uses**
- Frequency response, sensitivity and distortion measurements on insert earphones, for example, those used in hearing aids, operator headsets, etc.
- Servicing of hearing aids
- Production testing of earphones

**Features**
- Conforms to IEC 60318-4, ANSI S 3.25 and ITU-T Rec.P 57 Type 2 Artificial Ear
- Includes ½” microphone and preamplifier
- Simple and straightforward calibration procedure
- Well-defined measuring conditions
- Individually calibrated
- Wide range of accessories included

Description

The ear simulator consists of a main housing which contains a number of rings whose shapes form annular air volumes connected to the main volume of the housing by air passages.

The main ear canal volume is of a similar shape and volume to that of the actual human ear and provides a similar acoustic impedance to the insert earphone being tested.

A ½” microphone is mounted in the housing of the ear simulator, terminating the main ear canal volume.

Preamplifier Type 2669 is supplied with the set.

To ensure that measurements are reproducible, a reference measurement plane is defined, see Fig. 1. The plane is perpendicular to the ear canal axis at the normal position of the tip of the ear-mould.

![Sectional drawing of the ear simulator. The drawing includes Ear Simulator Type 4157 with Adaptor Ring DB-2012 and Securing Cap DP-0286](image-url)
Type 4157 is delivered in a ruggedized case with an individual calibration chart giving all parameters for its correct use, see Fig. 2.

Fig. 2  Type 4157 shown in case with accessories

Accessories

A number of adaptors are delivered with the ear simulator, both for mounting a wide range of earphones and for special measurements on the ear simulator itself (see Fig. 3).

Fig. 3  The adaptors delivered with Type 4157 include ear mould adaptors, adaptor rings, ear mould holders and couplers

Ear Mould Adaptor DB-2012 is used for testing insert earphones. It simulates the whole of the external ear canal, and can be used to calibrate the measuring chain with Pistonphone Type 4228. When used for this purpose, the calibration level produced by the pistonphone is 0.7 dB lower than when calibrating a microphone because of the much larger volume of the ear simulator cavity.

Ear Mould Adaptor DB-2015 is used for testing button-type insert earphones, see Fig. 4.

Ear Mould Adaptor DP-0370 is used for testing behind-the-ear hearing aids.

The adaptors are secured by an internally threaded collar, Securing Cap DP-0286.

Adaptor DP-0530 should be used for testing ITE (in-the-ear) hearing aids.

Coupler DP-0276 accepts a ¼” microphone to be used as a sound source for testing the ear simulator.

Tube Stud DP-0368 is used for modular hearing aids.

Ear Mould Adaptor DS-0541 is used to mount large ear moulds and CIC (completely-in-the-canal) hearing aids on the ear simulator.

Ear Mould Adaptor DS-0540 is similar to DS-0541 but is used for smaller moulds.

Fig. 4  Mounting an insert earphone using Ear Mould Adaptor DB-2015
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### Specifications – Type 4157

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<tr>
<td>Coupler Acoustic Equivalent Volume</td>
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<td>Typical Acoustic Sensitivity</td>
<td>12.6 mV/Pa</td>
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| Relevant Standards | IEC 60318-4 (2010)  
ANSI S 3.35 (2009)  
ITU-T Rec. P.57, Type 2 (2023) |
| Height | 23 mm (0.91”) |
| Diameter | 23.77 mm (0.94”) |
| Weight | 0.878 kg (incl. case and accessories) |

### Ordering information

**Type 4157**: Ear Simulator

- Includes the following:
  - Type 2669: Microphone Preamplifier
  - Type 4192: ¼” Microphone (built-in)
  - DB-2012: Ear Mould Adaptor
  - DB-2015: Ear Mould Adaptor for testing button-type insert earphones
  - DP-0276: Coupler, to use ¼” microphone sound sources
  - DP-0286: Securing Cap, to secure adapter
  - DP-0368: Coupler, to use ¼” microphone sound sources
  - DB-0356: Adaptor, for ITE hearing aids
  - DS-0535: Dust Protector
  - DS-0540: Ear Mould Adaptor, to mount small and CIC ear moulds
  - DS-0541: Ear Mould Adaptor, to mount large ear moulds
  - Calibration Chart

**OPTIONAL ACCESSORIES**

- Type 4228: Pistonphone
- Type 4231: Sound Level Calibrator