Product Data

Reciprocity Calibration System — Type 9699
Reciprocity Calibration Apparatus — Type 5998

USES:
- Primary open circuit pressure sensitivity calibration of laboratory standard microphones
- Measurements according to IEC 1094–2 on IEC 1094–1 microphone types:
  - LS1P (e.g., 4160)
  - LS2AP (e.g., 4180 or 4134 with UA 0825)
  - LS2F (e.g., 4133 with UA 0825)
- Measurement of static pressure coefficient using integral pressure chamber

FEATURES:
- Fast manual or PC-controlled determination of Electrical Transfer Impedance
- Measurement and calibration data stored on disk or printed as hard copy
- Frequency range 20 Hz to 25 kHz
- Unique vibration and ambient noise damped microphone mounting stand
- Dimensionally stable plane-wave sapphire couplers

The main instruments of Reciprocity Calibration Apparatus Type 9699. From left to right and top to bottom, the controlling PC, Microphone Fixture UA 1412, Reciprocity Calibration Apparatus Type 5998, Band-pass Filter Type 1617, Sine Generator Type 1051 and a digital voltmeter.
Reciprocity Calibration

Until now, reciprocity calibration has been a complicated and time-consuming method of calibration, with ample scope for measurement and calculation errors.

Reciprocity calibration of microphones has mainly been used only in a few laboratories and at few frequencies, often only 250 Hz and 1 kHz. With the introduction of Reciprocity Calibration System Type 9699, all of this changes.

Primary calibration laboratories, calibration service centres and larger organisations with their own calibration facilities now have the opportunity to make faster and more accurate electrical transfer impedance measurements of coupled microphones. This makes multi-frequency calibration a feasible option, since the time required per step is greatly reduced. The included measurement and calculation software is one of the benefits of using Type 9699. The software controls the system via an IEEE-488 bus, and afterwards handles the calculations. This makes the measurement task semi-automatic and greatly reduces the risk of making errors during calculation of final calibration results.

Reciprocity Calibration System Type 9699 is based on Reciprocity Calibration Apparatus Type 5998, together with a set of standard hardware components (see Fig. 1). More details about Type 5998 are found on page 5. Included with the system are two PC programs, one to control measurements and the other to handle the sensitivity calculations according to IEC 1094-2. A reciprocity calibration system similar to Type 9699 has been used for several years by DPLA, the Danish Primary Laboratory of Acoustics*, and has also been sold to other national laboratories.

Hardware

Reciprocity Calibration System Type 9699 comprises:
- Reciprocity Calibration Apparatus Type 5998
- Sine Generator Type 1051
- Digital Voltmeter
- 1/1- and 1/3-octave Band pass Filter Type 1617
- PC with IEEE-488 interface card

All instruments are connected to the computer via the IEEE - 488 bus.

* Operated by Brüel & Kjaer in conjunction with the Department of Acoustic Technology at the Danish Technical University, Lyngby.
In addition, all the accessories required for calibration of \( \frac{3}{4} \)" and 1" laboratory standard microphones are supplied, as well as the PC programs described below.

**Principle of Operation**

The open circuit sensitivities of the microphones are obtained by using a combination of reciprocity calibration and insert voltage techniques. The microphones are acoustically coupled in pairs by the air enclosed in a coupler with precisely determined dimensions. For each pair, one microphone is used as a sound source (transmitter), and the other as a receiver (see Fig. 2).

![Fig. 2 Principle of microphone reciprocity calibration](image)

The task is to measure \( u_R / i_T \) (the electrical transfer impedance) where \( u_R \) is the open-circuit voltage of the receiver microphone, and \( i_T \) is the current through the transmitter microphone. The current through the transmitter microphone is found by measuring the voltage across a reference capacitor (\( u_C \)) connected in series with the microphone.

More details on the principle of reciprocity calibration can be found in IEC 1094-2.

**Traceability**

The reciprocity calibration method is an absolute method of calibration based on physical quantities: voltage (AC and DC); impedance (nF), frequency (Hz), length (dimensions of couplers in metres), and ambient temperature, static pressure and relative humidity. To ensure traceability and the lowest possible calibration uncertainty, all instruments need to be regularly calibrated at traceable calibration laboratories.

**Software**

**Measurement Software**

The flexibility of the measurement system allows you to select calibration at any frequencies in the range from 20Hz to 25kHz. When you have chosen the frequencies required, measurements are made for each paired combination of the three microphones in turn. Measurements are controlled by PC software running on the Windows platform. The only intervention required by the operator is the changing round of the microphone pairs.

For each frequency, three sets of measurements are made – one for each microphone pair combination (i.e., 1-2, 1-3, 2-3). When all the sets of three measurements are complete, the measurement data are stored in a text file along with the microphone identification and
ambient parameters. This ensures reliable documentation of the calibration.

**Calculation Software**

The calculation software is developed and supported by the Acoustics Laboratory of DTU (Danish Technical University) who have internationally pioneered primary microphone calibration for many years. The software greatly reduces the risk of simple calculation errors and ensures the highest available accuracy.

Using the file of measurement data made with the Windows based control program, the mechanical dimensions of the coupler and the acoustic parameters of the microphones, the DOS based calculation program calculates the sensitivities of the three microphones in accordance with IEC 1094-2. In addition, sensitivities valid at the reference ambient conditions are calculated through the use of built-in microphone correction data derived from experience with Brüel & Kjær Microphones.

The calculated microphone sensitivities are stored on disk, giving a quick and easy documentation reference of the calibration results. Results can either be printed out or imported into spreadsheets or word-processing programs for further reporting.

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**Accuracy of Calibration**

The accuracy of calibration results is mainly determined by the uncertainty in the physical quantities and by microphone parameters such as cavity depth and equivalent volume.

Using Type 5998, a single calibration of a 1" microphone can yield an accuracy of approximately ±0.05 dB. To further increase the accuracy, repeated calibrations can be made using different couplers. This allows the determination of the total volume along with other microphone parameters by an iterative process giving convergent results and allowing the reproducibility to be made better than ±0.02 dB for reciprocity calibration of LS1P (Type 4160) and LS2aP (Type 4180) Microphones.

For both types of microphone using the corresponding Danish Primary Laboratory for Acoustics (DPLA) system, the overall uncertainty is ±0.03 dB and the reproducibility is ±0.01 dB, both to 95% confidence limits.

*Fig. 3 Example of calibration uncertainty. Data from the Danish Primary Laboratory for Acoustics*
Reciprocity Calibration Apparatus — Type 5998

Reciprocity Calibration Apparatus
Type 5998 is an easily operated high-precision and high-stability laboratory instrument designed for precision calibration of condenser microphones by the reciprocity method.

The apparatus determines the electrical transfer impedance as described in IEC 1094-2, and can calibrate microphones which fulfill IEC 1094-1, Laboratory Standard Microphones.

The system allows measurements to be done semi-automatically, but Type 5998 can be used in combination with the other instruments to do manual reciprocity calibration measurements, though of course these take longer than if using computer controlled measurement sequences.

Type 5998 includes all the couplers and adaptors necessary for manual or automatic calibration. In addition, calibration requires the use of an external voltmeter, filter and generator. These are available from Brüel & Kjær as Reciprocity Calibration System Type 9699, described on the first pages of this Product Data Sheet.

Apparatus

Each microphone channel has built-in relays to allow external control of the apparatus via its IEEE-488 interface bus and selection of the required measurement configurations. This allows a PC to control an automatic sequence that measures the transmitter/receiver electrical transfer impedance. Software to control Type 5998 is included in Reciprocity Calibration System Type 9699.

The instrument also includes a high-precision 200V polarization voltage supply for the condenser microphones. The polarization voltage can be checked using an external digital voltmeter connected to Type 5998. Any deviations can be adjusted by ±1V using a potentiometer accessible from the front panel. As an alternative, an external polarization voltage can be applied if voltages other than 0V or 200V are required.

The microphone capsules are connected to Type 5998 via the appropriate preamplifier and cable, terminated in a LEMO plug.

As well as control over the IEEE–488 bus, all functions of Type 5998 can be manually controlled from the front panel, allowing you to conduct specialised tests and development of microphones independently of the Reciprocity Calibration System.
A central mechanical part of Type 5998 is the unique microphone fixture. The microphone and coupler holder is enclosed in a chamber that minimises the influence of ambient noise. The chamber has a controlled pressure equalisation with a low cut-off frequency. This ensures highly stable measurements, also at the lowest frequencies. The chamber has pressurization studs to which gas tubes can be connected, allowing measurements to take place at pressures other than the ambient atmospheric pressure. Temperature sensors can also be introduced into the chamber via air-tight plugs.

The microphone fixture is mechanically isolated from the laboratory bench, reducing any vibrations that may be present. For the best results the fixture can be remotely located from Type 5998, for example in a different, quieter, room, since the only connections required between the fixture and the main housing are the microphone’s electrical connections.

The microphone fixture exerts a steady, well-defined force to hold the microphones and couplers in position during calibration. This allows the microphones to be readily dismounted and changed each time a new microphone combination has to be measured (see Fig. 4 and Fig. 5). The acoustic properties and positioning of the assembled couplers and microphones are controlled by the surfaces of the microphones and coupler.

Note that in comparison with previously available calibration systems, the use of Type 5998 within a Type 9699 system speeds up the reciprocity calculation process many times. Highly reproducible results are obtained, repeatable to within a few hundreds of a dB. Reproducibility may further be improved when the operator gains experience with proper systematic handling of microphones.
Transmitter Unit

The main function of the transmitter unit is to measure the current in the transmitter microphone. This is done by measuring the voltage across the reference capacitor that is placed inside a conventional $\frac{1}{2}$P microphone preamplifier of the same type as used for the receiver microphone. This reduces the heating of the microphone setup to a minimum, giving homogeneous microphone and coupler temperature close to the ambient temperature.

The transmitter unit design allows the microphone setup to be placed in carefully controlled ambient environments separated from the main apparatus.

The transmitter unit is not affected by stray capacitance since the generator signal is applied to the microphone housing. This means that it can be calibrated by measuring the capacitance directly on the input terminal. The transmitter unit also allows the insertion of a reference voltage on the input terminal. This enables measurement of the gain in the entire transmitter channel. $1\frac{1}{2}$ microphones are calibrated by using a special $\frac{1}{2}$ to $1$ adaptor that ensures correct termination according to IEC 1094 – 1.

Two adaptors are supplied for the calibration of the reference capacitor. During calibration, one adaptor provides a BNC connection to the input terminal, and the other provides a battery voltage supply to Transmitter Unit ZE 0796.

Receiver Unit

The receiver unit is a standard $\frac{1}{2}$P Preamplifier Type 2673 with an adaptor for $1\frac{1}{2}$ microphones. The receiver microphone is mounted, together with the preamplifier, on top of the appropriate coupler (see Fig. 4). Similar to the transmitter unit, both the receiver preamplifier and adaptor have the correct termination according to IEC 1094 – 1.
Couplers

Fig. 6 Reciprocity Calibration Accessory Kit UA 1427, supplied with Type 5998

In the centre are:
ZE 0796 Transmitter Unit with UA 1434 (upper)
Type 2673 1/2" Microphone Preamplifier with DP 0930
Around these are (clockwise from left):
UA 1429 Short coupler for LS1 microphones
UA 1413 Long coupler for LS1 microphones
UA 1414 Long coupler for LS2a microphones
UA 1430 Short coupler for LS2a microphones
UA 0825 Cavity Rings for 1/2" microphones
Type 4180 1/2" microphone capsule
Type 4160 1" microphone capsule
DB 0111 Cavity Rings for 1" microphones

Four dimensionally stable sapphire couplers are supplied with Type 5998 (see Fig. 6):

- long and short plane wave couplers for 1/2" microphones
- long and short plane wave couplers for 1" microphones

These couplers have a perfect cylindrical form and plane, parallel end surfaces that ensure well-defined microphone positioning and coupler volume, essential for the high precision required for reciprocity calibration. The couplers provide electrical insulation between the microphones.

All the couplers have provision for the use of capillary tubes for static pressure equalisation and are designed for easy attachment of cylindrical PT100 temperature sensors (2.8 mm diameter).

The following adaptors are provided for use with the couplers (see Fig. 6):

- Three Coupler Adaptor Rings DB 0111 for use with 1" microphones
  Types 4144 and 4145.
- Three Coupler Adaptor Rings UA 0825 for use with 1/2" microphones
  Types 4133 and 4134.

The coupler rings screw onto the microphones in place of the protection grid to adapt the microphones to the couplers. In Types 4160 and 4180 the adaptor ring is an integral part of the microphone and cannot be dismantled.
Sine Generator — Type 1051

Sine Generator Type 1051 is a microprocessor-based instrument which combines today's needs of increased spectral purity, frequency resolution and stability with ease of use and versatility. The wide frequency coverage from 0.2 Hz to 200 kHz, with amplitude linearity and frequency resolution of ±0.05 dB and 1 mHz makes the generator suitable for numerous applications, particularly in this case as a source for reciprocity calibration. Linear and logarithmic sweep ranges, each with their own pre-settable lower and upper limits may be chosen, including extended linear sweeps from 0.001 Hz to 200 kHz. Single, repetitive and continuous sweep modes are also included, and the time for each individual sweep is automatically calculated and displayed.

Output levels from 100 μV to 5 VRMS may be chosen to 3 digit accuracy, permitting either a constant amplitude or an amplitude-weighted frequency sweep to be obtained. With the latter, up to 1024 amplitudes can be stored which enables the generator to simulate the output of electrical transducers. Equalization characteristics can be stored for maintaining a constant sound pressure output when connected to a loudspeaker.

Type 1051 employs a heterodyne synthesis technique where two high frequencies are mixed together to produce output beats from 0.001 Hz to 200 kHz. The master clock is based on a 10 MHz crystal oscillator, whose relative accuracy is transferred to the output frequency. If even greater accuracy is required, the internal oscillator can be phase locked to an external reference source.

Type 1051 incorporates an IEEE–488 interface with full Talker (T5) and Listener (L3) capability, making it an ideal part of the Type 9699 system. In addition, you can use the IEEE–488 interface to control the instrument for use with your own applications.

1/1- and 1/3-octave Band Pass Filter — Type 1617

Type 1617 is a band pass filter that is a key link in the reciprocity calibration measuring chain. Several novel features are included in the instrument, including electronic filter switching and digital indication. Type 1617 has an extensive frequency range with comprehensive control and synchronisation facilities for use with other equipment.

Type 1617 has filter band centre frequencies from 2 Hz to 160 kHz that are divided into 50 third-octave bands. There are 41 overlapping octave bands covering 14 octaves from 2 kHz to 20 kHz. In addition to A-weighting, Type 1617 includes B-, C- and D-weighting networks. The active filter sections consist of matched pairs of variable frequency six-pole Butterworth filters which can be electronically switched to yield third-octave or full-octave bandwidths.
The filter characteristics of the individual third-octave filters fulfill the requirements of IEC225-1966, DIN 45652, and ANSI S1.11-1966 Class III, which are the most rigorous standards applying to third-octave filters (see Fig. 7).

The total integrated random (white) noise power passed by the active third- and full-octave filters in Type 1617 is equal to the noise power of ideal third or full-octave filters.

Type 1617 has an IEEE-488 interface that allows control of filter frequency bandwidths, centre frequency and averaging times via the simple command set (AH1, L2, RL2 and PP2).
Specifications 5998

Reciprocity Calibration Range

MICROPHONES: All microphones fulfilling IEC-1094 – 1

FREQUENCY RANGE:
LS1P: 20 Hz to 10 kHz
LS2aP: 20 Hz to 25 kHz

Reproducibility of Electrical Transfer Impedance Measurement

LS1P Ratio: ±0.004 dB (2m) at fixed ambient conditions
LS2aP: ±0.007 dB (2m) at fixed ambient conditions

Electrical Specifications

TYPE 5998:
Channel A, Receiver: 7 pin LEMO socket for Brüel & Kjær standard preamplifier with insert-voltage calibration
Channel B, Transmitter: 7 pin LEMO socket for Brüel & Kjær preamplifier

Channels A and B:
Frequency Range: 20 Hz to 25 kHz ±0.1 dB†
1 Hz to 200 kHz ±3 dB
Gain Steps: 0 to 50 dB ±0.1 dB in 10 dB steps
Max. Voltage: 10 V peak
Distortion: <0.01%, THD at 1 V, 1 kHz
Input Noise: <10 μV, 20 Hz to 25 kHz
Gain Stability: 0.001 dB/h at 23°C
Input Impedance: 100 kΩ || 200 V DC
High-pass Filters: 1, 20 and 100 Hz (-3 dB, 6 dB/oct.)
Output Impedance, all BNC Outputs: 50Ω

Generator Input:
Max. Input Voltage: 6 V peak
Input Impedance: 100 kΩ || 400 Ω
Amplifier Gain: 6 dB

Polarization Voltage, Internal:
Voltage: 200 V DC, factory adjusted ±50 mV
Adjustment Range: ±1 V, approx.
Long-term Stability: ±40 ppm/month, ±140 ppm/year
Temperature Stability: ±15 ppm/°C
Output Impedance on Test Socket: <0.1 Ω, up to 200μA, short-circuit current approx. 7 mA
Polarization Voltage, External Input:
Max. Input Voltage: ±200 V DC

* No coupler supplied for Type LS2aP
† Gain correction is applied during microphone calibration

Power Supply:
110–120 V: 90–140 V AC, 50–60 Hz
220–240 V: 180–254 V AC, 50–60 Hz
Power Consumption: 25 W

TRANSMITTER UNIT ZE 0796:
Polarization Resistor: 1 GΩ
Reference Capacitor (input capacitance):
Capacitance: 4.7±0.1 nF
Rated Voltage: 200 V DC
±C/Frequency (20 Hz to 25 kHz): <±0.01%
±C/DC Voltage (0 to 200 V DC): <±0.01%
Temperature Coefficient: ±30 ppm/°C
Long-term Stability: ±100 ppm/year
Insulation Resistance: >10 MΩ

Other Electrical Specifications: See specifications for Preamplifier Type 2673

RECEIVER UNIT:
1/2” Microphone Preamplifier Type 2673. See separate Product Data (BP 1645)

Hardware

MICROPHONE FIXTURE UA 1412:
Supporting Force: Typically 10 N

ACCESSORY KIT UA 1427:
1/2” Plane-wave Sapphire Couplers:
UA 1430: ±0.3 mm ±4.7 mm (±0.015 inch ±0.185 mm)
UA 1441: ±0.3 mm ±9 mm (±0.015 inch ±0.35 mm)

1” Plane-wave Sapphire Couplers:
UA 1429: ±0.186 mm ±7.5 mm (0.007 inch ±0.295 mm)
UA 1413: ±0.186 mm ±15 mm (0.007 inch ±0.591 mm)

OPERATING CONDITIONS:
Static Pressure Range: 80 to 105 kPa
See also Temperature and Humidity in

DIMENSIONS:
Type 5998 Case (LxWxH): 175 x 319 x 39 mm (6.9 x 12.5 x 1.5")
Microphone Fixure UA 1412: 292 x 370 mm (11.5 x 14.6")

WEIGHT:
Type 5998 Case: 5 kg (11 lb.)
Microphone Fixture: 5.6 kg (12 lb.)

Accessory Kit: 1.3 kg (3 lb.)
Ordering Information — Basis Calibration System Type 9699

**Type 9699:** Reciprocity Calibration System

**Includes the following:**
- **Type 5998:** Reciprocity Calibration Apparatus
- **Type 1617:** 1/1- and 1/3-octave Bandpass Filter
- **Type 1051:** Sine Generator
- **BZ 5206:** Measurement Program
- **BZ 5244:** Calculation Program
- **3 x AO 0265:** IEEE–488 Interface Cable
- **3 x AO 0264:** IEC-625 Interface Cable
- **3 x AO 0087:** BNC-BNC Coaxial Cable
- **— Digital Voltmeter**
- **— Personal Computer with IEEE–488 Bus**

**Options:**
- **Type 4160:** 1” Laboratory Standard Microphone
- **ET 2014:** DPLA calibration of Type 4160
- **ET 2016:** Cavity length calibration of Type 4160
- **Type 4180:** 1/2” Laboratory Standard Microphone
- **ET 2014:** DPLA calibration of Type 4180
- **ET 2016:** Cavity length calibration of Type 4180

**Services Available**
- **9699 SIF:** System installation with operator instruction
  - Microphone and calibration course

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Ordering Information — Calibration Apparatus Type 5998

**Type 5998:** Reciprocity Calibration Apparatus

**Includes the following accessories:**
- **UA 1412:** Microphone Fixure
- **UA 1427:** Reciprocity Calibration Accessory Kit
- **Type 2673T:** 1/2† Microphone Preamplifier
- **2 x UA 1434:** 1/2† to 1† Adaptor
- **ZE 0796:** Transmitter Unit
- **3 x DB 0111:** Cavity Rings for 1” microphones
- **3 x UA 0825:** Cavity Rings for 1/2” microphones
- **UA 1429:** 3 cm³ coupler for LS1 microphones
- **UA 1430:** 0.4 cm³ Short coupler for LS2a microphones
- **UA 1413:** 5 cm³ Long coupler for LS1 microphones
- **UA 1414:** 0.7 cm³ Long coupler for LS2a microphones
- **AO 0541:** 21 cm Cable
- **AO 0538:** 40 cm Cable
- **AO 0539:** 70 cm Cable
- **UA 1429:** 3 cm³ coupler for LS1 microphones
- **UA 1430:** 0.4 cm³ Short coupler for LS2a microphones
- **UA 1413:** 5 cm³ Long coupler for LS1 microphones
- **UA 1414:** 0.7 cm³ Long coupler for LS2a microphones
- **AO 0541:** 21 cm Cable
- **UA 0825:** Cavity Rings for 1/2† microphones
- **AO 0538:** 40 cm Cable
- **AO 0539:** 70 cm Cable
- **UA 1414:** 0.7 cm³ Long coupler for LS2a microphones

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Compliance With Standards — Type 5998

**CE**


**Safety**

EN 61010–1 and IEC 1010–1: Safety requirements for electrical equipment for measurement, control and laboratory use.

**EMC Emission**


**EMC Immunity**

EN 50082–1: Generic immunity standard. Part 1: Residential, commercial and light industry.

**Temperature**


**Humidity**

IEC 68–2–3: Damp Heat Operation: 0 to 85% RH (non-condensing at 30°C)

**Mechanical**

Non-operating: IEC 68–2–6: Vibration: 0.3 mm, 20 m/s², 10–500 Hz. IEC 68–2–27: Shock: 1000 m/s²

**Enclosure**

IEC 529 (1989): Protection provided by enclosures: IP 20

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