Binaural Microphone Type 4101-A is designed specifically for binaural sound recording where testing on a human subject is preferred, and/or the use of the traditional HATS method is precluded. The microphone is lightweight, does not affect normal hearing capabilities and, consequently, will not influence test results.

**Uses and Features**

**Uses**
- Binaural sound recording at the entrance to the human ear canal
- Sound recording where a vehicle driver wears the binaural microphone
- Binaural recordings where the influence of the test-person’s head and torso is important
- Sound recording of a helmeted person, for example, a motorcycle driver
- Psychoacoustic experiments requiring binaural sound recordings on human subjects
- Binaural recordings where the use of a traditional Head and Torso Simulator (HATS), for example, Sound Quality Head and Torso Simulator Type 4100, is impossible
- Evaluation of headphones and ear muffs on a human subject’s head/ears

**Features**
- Uses miniature, prepolarized condenser microphones that are positioned at the entrance to the ear canal and do not affect normal hearing capabilities
- Very lightweight: <10 g down to the cable clip with the remaining cable
- Connects to and powered from CCLD input (3 to 10 mA) via a BNC plug
- Free-field and diffuse-field corrections available as an ASCII table and built into the PULSE™ Sound Quality Software Type 7698
- Low equivalent noise level of 23 dB(A)
- Calibration adaptor for Sound Calibrator Type 4231
- TEDS (Transducer Electronic Data Sheet)
The binaural microphone’s upper section comprises two 2 mm stainless-steel tubes. Because the microphone cables run through the inside of the tubes, either tube can be continuously bent without collapsing, and reshaped to suit test personnel. A miniature coaxial cable in one braid connects Microdot® to BNC connectors. Additionally, a cable clip that can be attached to the test subject's clothing is supplied to relieve pressure on both the microphone’s upper section and the test subject’s ear canal, freeing them from supporting any unnecessary weight or stress exerted by the remaining cable.

The microphone capsules are specially selected versions of the well-proven miniature condenser microphones from DPA Microphones®. They are mounted in a gold-plated capsule that is resistant to moisture.

Moulded rubber inserts and windshields, UA-2072, are included so that the ear can be cushioned when Type 4101-A is worn under, for example, a crash helmet.

**Fig. 1**
Cushioning of ears using moulded rubber inserts

**Fig. 2**
Cushioning of ears using small windshields inverted
Calibration

The microphones are selected based on matching frequency responses. Operating in the open ear canal of the test person, the binaural microphone is calibrated with Head and Torso Simulator Type 4128, which also has an open ear canal.

In a diffuse sound field, the binaural microphone is measured for its diffuse-field response mounted on HATS Type 4128. The free-field response at 0 degree frontal incidence is measured in the same way but in an anechoic room. In both cases, the results are averaged over several different mountings of the binaural microphone on Type 4128.

The resulting data are shown in Table 1 on page 4 and also included in PULSE Sound Quality Software Type 7698.

Level calibration of the binaural microphone when in use, is performed using the special calibration adaptor together with Sound Calibrator Type 4231. Using the adaptor, the output level from the calibrator will be increased by 0.35 dB ±0.2 dB.

Fig. 3
Calibration of Type 4101-A using Adaptor DP-0978 and Sound Calibrator Type 4231

Compliance with Standards

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| Safety        | EN/IEC 61010–1: Safety requirements for electrical equipment for measurement, control and laboratory use.  
                | ANSI/UL 61010–1: Safety requirements for electrical equipment for measurement, control and laboratory use. |
                | EN/IEC 61000–6–4: Generic emission standard for industrial environments.  
                | CISPR 22: Radio disturbance characteristics of information technology equipment. Class B Limits.  
                | FCC Rules, Part 15: Complies with the limits for a Class B digital device.                  |
                | EN/IEC 61326: Electrical equipment for measurement, control and laboratory use – EMC requirements.  
                | RF field sensitivity: < 1.2 mV.                                                           |
| Note:         | The above is only guaranteed using accessories listed in this Product Data sheet.             |
                | Operating Temperature: –10 to +45°C (14 to 113°F)                                           
                | Storage Temperature: –20 to +70°C (-4 to +158°F).                                           |
| Humidity      | IEC 60068–2–78: Damp Heat: 90% R.H. Non-condensing                                           |
### Specifications – Binaural Microphone Type 4101-A

**Table 1** Typical diffuse- and free-field response for Type 4101-A when mounted on Head and Torso Simulator Type 4128 with incidence directly from the front

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**CARTRIDGE TYPE**
Prepolarized, gold-plated condenser element with vertical diaphragm

**MICROPHONE SIZE**
12.7 mm length, 5.4 mm capsule diameter

**FREQUENCY RANGE**
20 Hz – 8 kHz, ± 2 dB re 1 kHz, 3 dB soft boost at 8 – 20 kHz when measured in free-field for individual microphones at 0° incidence

**SENSITIVITY**
Nominally 20 mV/Pa ±3 dB at 1 kHz

**EQUIVALENT NOISE LEVEL, A-WEIGHTED**
Typically 23 dB(A) re 20 μPa

**MAXIMUM SOUND PRESSURE LEVEL PEAK BEFORE CLIPPING**
134 dB

**TOTAL HARMONIC DISTORTION**
<3% at 114 dB SPL (sine)

**PREAMPLIFIER OUTPUT IMPEDANCE**
30 – 40 ohms

**CABLE DRIVE CAPABILITY**
Up to 3 m

**CABLE LENGTH**
2.30 m from capsule to connector

**WEIGHT**
<10 g (down to cable clip)

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### Ordering Information

**Type 4101-A**
Binaural Microphone with TEDS

**Type 4101-A includes the following accessories:**
- DP-0978: Calibration Adaptor for Binaural Microphone Type 4101-A
- 2 × JP-0194: Input Adaptor with series resistor, BNC to 10–32 UNF Microdot socket
- UA-2072: Microphone Holder and Windshields for Type 4101-A
- 2 × ZZ-0245: TEDS Unit
- 2 × AO-0463-D-030: PVC Insulated Flexible Cable, 10–32 UNF to 10–32 UNF connector, 3 m (10 ft) 70 °C (158 °F)

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### Service Products

**TRACEABLE CALIBRATION**

4101-A-CFF Binaural Microphone with TEDS, Factory Standard Calibration

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