**Uses**
- Compute the shock response spectrum (SRS) from transients in the time domain in order to determine the damage potential of transient events such as pyroshock.
- Predominantly for the aerospace and defence industries, but applicable in any industry where a component or system must be proven to survive a known shock environment.
- Test of shock sensitive devices (a human in an automobile, avionics, guidance equipment, etc.) to reveal the expected g forces to which these devices would be exposed.
- Earthquake engineering.

**Features**
- Import of acceleration, velocity and displacement transients. Velocity and displacement data are automatically differentiated to acceleration data before the SRS calculation.
- Five shock response spectrum models: Absolute Acceleration, Equivalent Static Acceleration, Pseudo Velocity, Relative Velocity and Relative Displacement.
- Preprocessing that includes DC removal, accelerometer drift correction and, for pyroshock applications, zero velocity change (forcing the end velocity of the input to zero before computing the shock response).
- Ramp-invariant z-transform to reduce errors at high frequencies for pyroshock applications.
- Dynamic oversampling, which reduces bias error and improves the accuracy of peak detection.
- Determination of the velocity change during impact using the pseudo velocity shock response spectrum model.

**Introduction**
A transient (shock) event, such as pyroshock or a structural impact, has the potential to damage components in a structural system. Just as with any motion input to a system, the response can be amplified by structural resonances, increasing the damage potential. PULSE Reflex Shock Response Analysis Type 8730 computes the shock response spectrum (SRS) from transients in the time domain. The aim of the SRS calculation is to convert motion input to a set of single degree of freedom (SDOF) damped oscillator responses calculated in the time domain. The response amplitudes of the oscillators are plotted as a function of SDOF frequency to produce the shock response spectrum.

The frequency and damping values of the SRS calculation can be chosen from a priori knowledge of the test object. The frequencies are generally logarithmically spaced, typically with 1/nth-octave spacing. The amplitudes of the SRS are derived from the individual SDOF responses (at user-defined frequencies) by taking the maximum response (positive, negative or absolute), either during the primary shock event (during forced motion), or during the residual response to the event (free response). Most commonly, the overall maximum response, which includes both primary and residual responses (termed "maximax"), is used.

All five SRS models mentioned in ISO 18431–4:2007 are implemented in the module. With these five SRS models and nine standard criteria for amplitude calculation, you can configure up to 45 different response types for full flexibility to match your needs.

**Use Scenarios**
SRS is used predominantly in the aerospace and defence industries, but is applicable in any industry where a component or system must be proven to survive a known shock environment. For example:
- Testing a component’s ability to survive a particular real-world shock event. The event is measured, and the SRS derived, but the dynamic limits of the vibration test system may not allow the original shock to be reproduced in a controlled and repeatable way. The SRS from the real-world shock can be used to develop a new shock pulse with the same SRS, which can then be applied using a vibration test system. This is a technique known as Shock Response Synthesis, which is available in vibration control software such as LDS’ LaserUSB™.
Specifications – PULSE Reflex Shock Response Analysis Type 8730

Compatible with ISO 18431–4:2007

**INPUT**
Acceleration, Velocity or Displacement data. Automatic conversion of velocity and displacement data into acceleration data

**PREPROCESSING**
Time Editor: Select shock events from long time histories, allowing avoidance of contaminated data

Data Correction: Three user-selectable methods can automatically correct simple problems. Effects on the data are shown in graphical displays. Corrections are done in the following order:
- **DC Offset Correction**: Automatic removal of DC offsets from input data. Requires that the input record contains some data acquired before the shock starts. DC estimation is based on the average of the first 64 samples, with a maximum of 5% of record
- **Drift Correction**: Accelerometer drift detected by recording some data past the shock when the acceleration should have reached zero again. Drift estimation uses an average of 64 samples at the end of the record. The whole time history will be corrected linearly for drift. The estimation does not include the shock pulse itself
- **Zero Velocity Change** (for pyroshock applications): When required, the end velocity after a shock is forced to zero by integrating the total time history to determine the velocity change over the complete record. This change is corrected for by adjusting the acceleration with a constant amount over the time history

**SHOCK RESPONSE DIRECTION**
Positive: Maximum in the positive direction
Negative: Minima (or maxima in the negative direction)
Absolute: Maxima irrespective of direction

**SHOCK RESPONSE INSTANCES**
Primary: Computation during the shock (forced response)
Residual: Computation after the shock (free vibration)
Composite/Maximax: The worst case extrema for both instances. The composite shock response for the absolute maxima is the maximax.

 Nine combinations of the three shock directions and three shock instances available. One or more of these combinations can be selected at the same time. The resulting shock spectra will be overlaid in the preview display

**SHOCK RESPONSE MODELS**
All models in the ISO 18431–4 standard are implemented. Depending on application, select:
- Absolute Acceleration
- Equivalent Static Acceleration
- Relative Velocity
- Pseudo Velocity
- Relative Displacement

**DAMPING RATIO SELECTION**
A percentage of the critical damping. The value is a real number in the range [0.0, 100.0]% (i.e., 100% value not allowed). Sometimes expressed as a quality factor Q. Relation between values: 

\[ Q = \frac{1}{2}\cdot Q_{\text{crit}} \]

**FREQUENCY SELECTION**
Frequency Range: Start (\(f_{\text{min}}\)) and end (\(f_{\text{max}}\)) frequencies
Density of Frequencies: Define density within range: 1/1-, 1/3-, 1/6-, 1/12-, 1/24- or 1/48-octave

Standard fractional octave band centre frequencies supported

**RESIDUAL AMPLITUDE**
Value used to automatically determine the end of the shock in a time history. The record is scanned for the maximum input and when the magnitude falls for the last time below the given percentage of that maximum, the shock is considered over and the search for residual results will start from that time value

**GRAPHICAL FEEDBACK**
Preview preprocessed acceleration time history and shock response for the selected model, frequency range and damping

Interactivity: Graphs updated when any parameter changes

Axis: View frequency axis as a logarithmic of linear axis. The shock response spectrum shown on a linear or logarithmic axis

**UNIT SYSTEMS**
User-definable in displays

Defaults: Acceleration shown in g, Velocity in inches/s, Displacement in inches

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