

GRAS 42AA

Pistonphone, Class 1/M



Sound pressure level: 114 dB
Frequency: 250 Hz
IEC: 60942:2017 Class 1/M

The GRAS Pistonphone 42AA is a battery-operated, precision sound source for accurate and reliable calibration of measurement microphones, sound level meters, and other sound measuring equipment.

Typical applications and use

- Reference calibration source
- Precision microphone calibrations
- Microphone comparisons
- P-I index measurement at 250 Hz

Design

With a microphone placed in the coupler of the pistonphone, the calibration level is:

- 114 dB 1 re. 20 μ Pa
- 105.4 dBA re. 20 μ Pa (with A-weighting applied)

At a static ambient pressure of 101.3 kPa, no further correction factors need be applied.

The 42AA is an extremely stable laboratory standard sound source which can also be used for field calibrations – it retains its high accuracy even under hostile environmental conditions.

The 42AA complies with all the requirements of IEC 60942:2017 Class 1/M, when corrected with barometer ZC0002K (included) as well as Class LS/M, when corrected with barometer GRAS RA0168.

The pistonphone works on the principle of two reciprocating pistons actuated by a precision-machined cam with a sinusoidal profile. The rotation speed of the cam is controlled to within 0.5% via a tachometer signal in a feed-back loop. The 42AA has a dual-colour LED above the ON/OFF switch to indicate both battery condition and stable operation.

When the pistonphone is operating properly, the LED is green, indicating that the speed of the cam is correctly locked to give 250 Hz. If it is red, while the pistonphone is switched on, the speed is incorrect and most likely because of low batteries.

The operating procedure is straight forward: simply fit the microphone into the coupler of the

pistonphone and switch on. The pistonphone will now produce a constant sound pressure level on the diaphragm of the microphone.

The Pistonphone 42AA is compatible with GRAS ½", ¼", and ⅛" microphones and all other microphones having the same standard diameters. Adapters are included for calibrating ¼" and ⅛" microphones. Where applicable, the coupler RA0023 is also available for calibrating 1" microphones.

Each pistonphone is factory calibrated and supplied with an individual calibration certificate stating the measured sound pressure level and test conditions. Expanded calibration uncertainty: ± 0.07 dB ($k = 2$). Calibration of a 1" microphone may not comply with Class LS/M because the measurement uncertainty may increase due to deviations in the effective load volume. To ensure compliance with a ± 0.10 dB tolerance under reference conditions without conditional acceptance, the sound pressure level is adjusted to 114.00 dB re. 20 μ Pa ± 0.03 dB. Since the output level of a pistonphone depends on the static ambient pressure, the 42AA is delivered with a barometer (ZC0002K) which shows directly on a printed scale what must be added or subtracted to the output level of the pistonphone.

For use as a Class LS/M calibrator, a precision barometer (not included) with an accuracy of ± 1 hPa or better should be used. When corrected for ambient pressure, the calibration uncertainty is ± 0.08 dB ($k = 2$, $\approx 95\%$) when using RA0168. For ZC0002K, an indicative uncertainty of ± 0.15 dB applies.

Adapters for the GRAS 41AL Environmental Microphone and Outdoor Microphone Systems 41AM and 41CN are available for use with Pistonphone 42AA fitted with a 1" microphone coupler RA0023.

A two-port calibration coupler for ½" microphones

(RA0024) is available for making comparison calibrations with a reference microphone . This can also be used for measuring the P-I (Pressure-Intensity) index of intensity systems at 250 Hz.

Frequency	Hz	250
Sound pressure level	dB	114 re. 20 µPa
ANSI standard		S1.40
IEC standard		60942:2017 Class 1/M
Temperature range, operation	°C / °F	-10 to 55 / 14 to 131
Battery type		4 x AA alkaline (IEC LR 6)
Weight	g / oz	325.00 / 11.464

Calibration uncertainty:
At reference conditions: ±0.07 dB
Including ambient pressure correction: . . ±0.15 dB (indicative), using ZC0002K
Including ambient pressure correction: . . ±0.08 dB (k = 2, ≈95%), using RA0168
Calibration of a 1" microphone may have increased uncertainty due to deviations in the effective load volume.

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Included

GRAS RA0049	Adapter for ¼" microphones
GRAS RA0069	Adapter for ⅝" microphones
GRAS ZC0002K	Barometer
GRAS RA0048	Coupler for ½" microphones
GRAS EL0001	Four LR6-AA alkaline batteries

Optional

GRAS RA0009	Adapter for Outdoor Microphone System 41AM
GRAS RA0041	Adapter for Outdoor Microphone System 41CN
GRAS RA0010	Adapter for Environmental Microphone 41AL
GRAS RA0157	Pistonphone adapter 1/2" for KEMAR pinna
GRAS RA0024	Two-port calibration coupler
GRAS RA0023	Adapter for 1" microphones
GRAS RA0090	94 dB Pistonphone coupler
GRAS RA0168	Digital precision barometer

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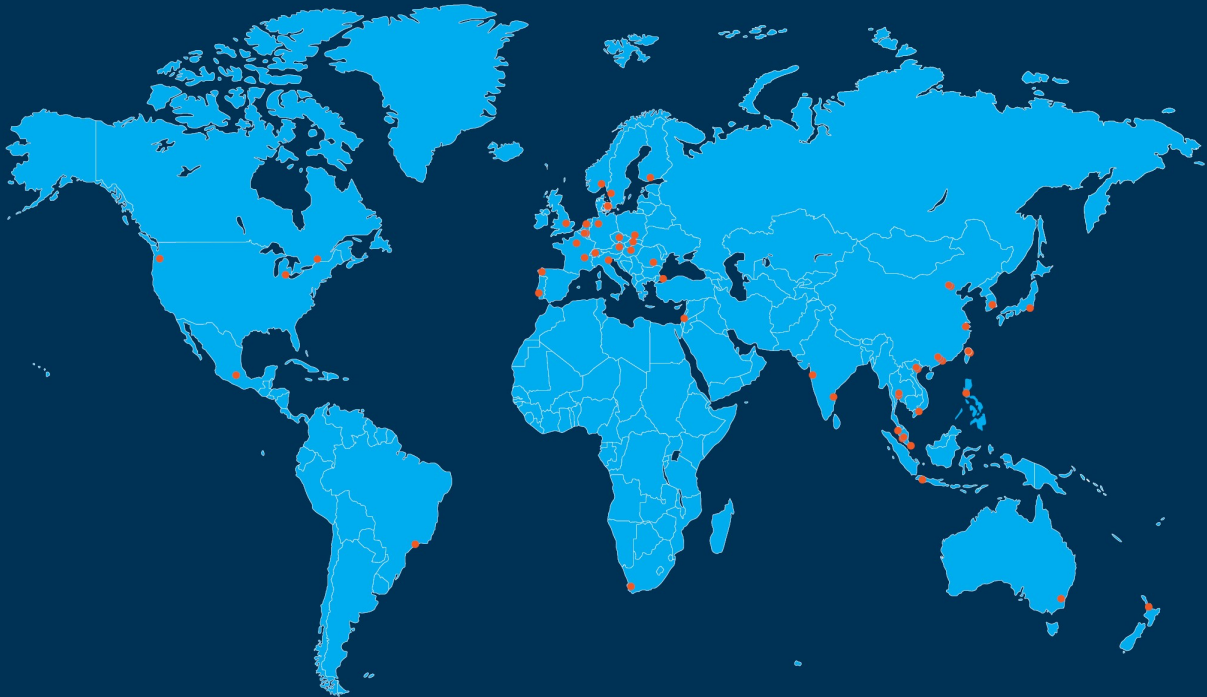
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