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- withdrawn;
- replaced by a revised edition, or
- amended.

## INTRODUCTION

The spatial and temporal distribution of acoustic pressure in an ultrasonic field in a liquid medium is commonly determined using miniature ultrasonic **hydrophones**. The characteristics and calibration of these **hydrophones** have been dealt with in a number of IEC standards in the frequency range 0,5 MHz to 15 MHz. The purpose of this International Standard is to extend this frequency range up to 40 MHz. The main **hydrophone** application in this context is the measurement of ultrasonic fields emitted by medical diagnostic equipment in water. It has turned out in recent years that **hydrophone** operation in the frequency range above 15 MHz is important to characterize fully this equipment, primarily due to the increased appearance of high-frequency components in the ultrasonic signals, caused by nonlinear propagation. In addition, the number of medical ultrasonic systems which use frequencies above 15 MHz, particularly intra-operative probes, is growing.

While the term "**hydrophone**" can be used in a wider sense, it is understood here as referring to miniature piezoelectric **hydrophones**. It is this instrument type which is used today in various areas of medical ultrasonics and particularly to characterize quantitatively the field structure of medical diagnostic instruments. With regard to other pressure sensor types such as those based on fibre optics, some of the prescriptions of this International Standard are applicable to these as well but others are not. If in the future these other "**hydrophone**" types gain more importance in field measurement practice, their characteristics and calibration will have to be dealt with in a revised version of this International Standard or in a separate one.

In agreement with present measurement practice, **hydrophones** are dealt with in this International Standard as amplitude sensors and not as phase sensors. If phase measurements were to become important in the future, this standard would need revision, with more rigorous requirements being necessary for that kind of measurement.

NOTE 1 Accordingly, the **hydrophone** sensitivity is understood as a real quantity (expressing the ratio of amplitudes) throughout this International Standard.

NOTE 2 This International Standard covers the frequency range from 15 to 40 MHz. **Hydrophone** properties and **hydrophone** calibration up to 15 MHz are covered by the International Standards IEC 60866 and IEC 61101. In practice, the useful frequency range of a **hydrophone** may well extend into both frequency ranges, below and above 15 MHz. It has therefore been the aim to keep the regulations of this International Standard as far as possible similar to those of the aforementioned standards. Differences are due either to different technical needs in the respective frequency ranges or to the technical and scientific progress achieved since the publication of the aforementioned standards. At present there are maintenance activities aiming at re-structuring and merging, where possible, all existing **hydrophone** standards. It can be expected that this will lead to unified standards covering the whole field of practical **hydrophone** application.

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# **ULTRASONICS – HYDROPHONES – CHARACTERISTICS AND CALIBRATION IN THE FREQUENCY RANGE FROM 15 MHz TO 40 MHz**

## **1 Scope**

This International Standard is applicable to

- **hydrophones** employing piezoelectric sensor elements, designed to measure the pulsed and continuous-wave ultrasonic fields generated by ultrasonic equipment;
- **hydrophones** used for measurements made in water and in the frequency range between 15 MHz and 40 MHz;
- **hydrophones** with or without an integral amplifier;
- **hydrophones** with a circular piezoelectrically active element.

This International Standard specifies

- relevant **hydrophone** characteristics;
- methods of determining **directional response** and **hydrophone** sensitivity based on relative or comparative measurements;

and describes

- absolute **hydrophone** calibration methods.

Recommendations and references to accepted literature are made for the various relative and absolute calibration methods in the frequency range covered by this International Standard.

## **2 Normative references**

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

IEC 60866:1987, *Characteristics and calibration of hydrophones for operation in the frequency range 0,5 MHz to 15 MHz*

IEC 61101:1991, *The absolute calibration of hydrophones using the planar scanning technique in the frequency range 0,5 MHz to 15 MHz*

IEC 61102:1991, *Measurement and characterisation of ultrasonic fields using hydrophones in the frequency range 0,5 MHz to 15 MHz*

IEC 61161:1992, *Ultrasonic power measurement in liquids in the frequency range 0,5 MHz to 25 MHz*<sup>1</sup>  
Amendment 1 (1998)

IEC 61828:—, *Ultrasonics – Focusing transducers – Definitions and measurement methods for the transmitted fields*<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> There exists a consolidated edition 1.1 (1998) that includes IEC 61161 (1992) and its amendment 1 (1998).

<sup>2</sup> To be published.



### 3 Definitions

For the purposes of this International Standard, the following definitions apply.

#### 3.1

##### **acoustic centre**

the point on or near a transducer from which the spherically divergent sound waves emitted by the transducer, and observable at remote points, appear to diverge

[definition 3.3 of IEC 60866]

#### 3.2

##### **beam-alignment axis**

used for alignment purposes only, **beam-alignment axis** is a straight line joining two points of spatial-peak temporal-peak acoustic pressure on two hemispherical surfaces whose centres are at the approximate geometrical centre of an ultrasonic transducer or ultrasonic transducer element group. One hemisphere has a radius of curvature of approximately  $A_g/\pi\lambda$ , where  $A_g$  is the geometrical area of the ultrasonic transducer or ultrasonic transducer element group and  $\lambda$  is the wavelength of the ultrasound corresponding to the nominal frequency. The second hemisphere has a radius of curvature either  $2A_g/\pi\lambda$ , or  $A_g/3\pi\lambda$ , whichever is the more appropriate. For the purposes of alignment, this line may be projected to the face of the ultrasonic transducer or ultrasonic transducer element group.

For most practical applications, two plane surfaces perpendicular to the direction of propagation of the ultrasound are used. In cases where a unique peak is not located on a hemispherical surface, another hemispherical surface is chosen with a different radius of curvature yielding a unique peak

[definition 3.5 of IEC 61102]

#### 3.3

##### **directional response**

directional response of a hydrophone

description, generally presented graphically, of the response of a **hydrophone**, as a function of direction of propagation of the incident plane sound wave, in a specified plane through the **acoustic centre** and at a specified frequency

[definition 3.12 of IEC 60866]

#### 3.4

##### **effective radius**

effective radius of a hydrophone active element

radius of a stiff disc receiver **hydrophone** which has a predicted **directional response** function with an angular width equal to the observed angular width. The angular width is determined at a specified level below the peak of the **directional response** function. For the specified levels of 3 dB and 6 dB the radii are denoted by  $a_3$  and  $a_6$  respectively

[definitions 3.4 of IEC 61101 and 3.13 of IEC 61102]

Symbols:  $a$ ,  $a_3$ ,  $a_6$

Unit: metre, m

#### 3.5

##### **electric load impedance**

electric input impedance (consisting of a real and an imaginary part) to which the **hydrophone** unit output cable is connected or is to be connected

Symbol:  $Z_L$

Unit: ohm,  $\Omega$

### 3.6

#### **end-of-cable loaded sensitivity**

end-of-cable loaded sensitivity of a hydrophone

ratio of the instantaneous voltage at the end of any integral cable or connector of a **hydrophone**, when connected to a specified electrical input impedance, to the instantaneous acoustic pressure in the undisturbed free field of a plane wave in the position of the **acoustic centre** of the **hydrophone** if the **hydrophone** were removed

[definitions 3.5 of IEC 61101 and 3.14 of IEC 61102, modified]

Symbol:  $M_L$

Unit: volt per pascal, V/Pa

### 3.7

#### **end-of-cable open-circuit sensitivity**

end-of-cable open-circuit sensitivity of a hydrophone

ratio of the instantaneous open-circuit voltage at the end of any integral cable or connector of a **hydrophone** to the instantaneous acoustic pressure in the undisturbed free field of a plane wave in the position of the **acoustic centre** of the **hydrophone** if the **hydrophone** were removed

[definition 3.15 of IEC 61102, modified]

Symbol:  $M_c$

Unit: volt per pascal, V/Pa

### 3.8

#### **far field**

the sound field at a distance from the source where the instantaneous values of the sound pressure and particle velocity are substantially in phase

[definition 3.2 of IEC 60866]

NOTE 1 In the **far field** the sound pressure appears to be spherically divergent from a point on or near the radiating surface. Hence the pressure produced by the sound source is approximately inversely proportional to the distance from the source.

NOTE 2 The term "**far field**" is used in this International Standard only in connection with non-focusing source transducers. For focusing transducers a different terminology for the various parts of the transmitted field applies (see IEC 61828).

### 3.9

#### **hydrophone geometrical radius**

geometrical radius of a hydrophone active element

radius defined by the dimensions of the active element of a **hydrophone**

[definition 3.18 of IEC 61102]

Symbol:  $a_g$

Unit: metre, m

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### 3.10

#### **hydrophone**

transducer that produces electrical signals in response to waterborne acoustic signals

[See 3.4 of IEC 60866 and 3.19 of IEC 61102]

**3.11****hydrophone axis**

nominal symmetry axis of the **hydrophone** active element

NOTE Unless stated otherwise (explicitly and quantitatively) by the manufacturer, it is understood for the purposes of this standard that this is given by the apparent geometrical symmetry axis of the **hydrophone**.

**3.12****integral amplifier**

active electronic device connected firmly to the **hydrophone** and reducing its output impedance

NOTE 1 An **integral amplifier** requires a supply voltage (or supply voltages).

NOTE 2 The **integral amplifier** may have a forward voltage transmission factor of less than one, i.e., it need not necessarily be a voltage amplifier in the strict sense.

**3.13****pulse duration**

1,25 times the interval between the time when the time integral of the square of the instantaneous acoustic pressure reaches 10 % and 90 % of its final value

[definition 3.30 of IEC 61102, modified]

**3.14****uncertainty**

parameter, associated with the result of a measurement, that characterizes the dispersion of the values that could reasonably be attributed to the measurand

[See 2.2.3 of the ISO/IEC Guide to the Expression of Uncertainty in Measurement [1]<sup>3</sup>]

**4 List of symbols**

$a$	=	<b>effective radius</b> ( $a_3$ , $a_6$ : with special reference to a 3 dB or 6 dB definition, respectively)
$a_g$	=	<b>hydrophone geometrical radius</b>
$a_{\max}$	=	maximum <b>effective radius</b>
$a_t$	=	radius of a source transducer
$A_g$	=	geometrical area of a source transducer
$B/A$	=	Fox-Wallace non-linearity parameter
$c$	=	speed of sound in the measurement liquid (water)
$e$	=	base of natural logarithms
$f$	=	frequency
$f_i$	=	fundamental drive frequency of a signal used to generate non-linear distortion
$f_u$	=	upper frequency limit of the stated frequency band of a <b>hydrophone</b>
$F$	=	geometric focal length of a focusing transducer
$k$	=	circular wave number
$M_c$	=	<b>end-of-cable open-circuit sensitivity</b>

<sup>3</sup> Numbers in square brackets refer to the bibliography in annex F.