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**ULTRASONICS – POWER MEASUREMENT –  
RADIATION FORCE BALANCES AND PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS**

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- the method of calibrating the radiation force balance now depends on whether the set-up is used as a primary or as secondary measurement tool;
- Annex B (basic formulae) has been updated and in Annex C the buoyancy change method is mentioned (see also future IEC 62555).

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## INTRODUCTION

A number of measuring methods exist for the determination of the total emitted power of ultrasonic transducers ([1], [2], [3]<sup>1</sup>, see also Annex C). The purpose of this International Standard is to establish standard methods of measurement of ultrasonic power in liquids in the lower megahertz frequency range based on the measurement of the radiation force using a gravimetric balance. The great advantage of radiation force measurements is that a value for the total radiated power is obtained without the need to integrate field data over the cross-section of the radiated sound beam. This standard identifies the sources of errors and describes a systematic step-by-step procedure to assess overall measurement uncertainty as well as the precautions that should be undertaken and uncertainties that should be taken into account while performing power measurements.

Basic safety requirements for ultrasonic physiotherapy devices are identified in IEC 60601-2-5 and make reference to IEC 61689, which specifies the need for acoustic power measurements with an uncertainty better than  $\pm 15\%$  at a level of confidence of 95 %. Considering the usual degradation of accuracy in the practical application of this standard, reference measurement methods need to be established with uncertainties better than  $\pm 7\%$ . Ultrasonic diagnostic device declaration requirements including acoustic power are specified in other IEC standards, as for example in IEC 61157.

The measurement of acoustic power accurately and repeatably using a radiation force balance as defined in this standard is influenced by a number of practical problems. As a guide to the user, additional information is provided in Annex A using the same section and clause numbering as the main body.

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<sup>1</sup> Numbers in square brackets refer to the Bibliography.

# ULTRASONICS – POWER MEASUREMENT – RADIATION FORCE BALANCES AND PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

## 1 Scope

This International Standard

- specifies a method of determining the total emitted acoustic power of ultrasonic transducers based on the use of a radiation force balance;
- establishes general principles for the use of radiation force balances in which an obstacle (target) intercepts the sound field to be measured;
- establishes limitations of the radiation force method related to cavitation and temperature rise;
- establishes quantitative limitations of the radiation force method in relation to diverging and focused beams;
- provides information on estimating the acoustic power for diverging and focused beams using the radiation force method;
- provides information on assessment of overall measurement uncertainties.

This International Standard is applicable to:

- the measurement of ultrasonic power up to 1 W based on the use of a radiation force balance in the frequency range from 0,5 MHz to 25 MHz;
- the measurement of ultrasonic power up to 20 W based on the use of a radiation force balance in the frequency range 0,75 MHz to 5 MHz;
- the measurement of total ultrasonic power in well-collimated, diverging and focused ultrasonic fields;
- the use of radiation force balances of the gravimetric type or force feedback type.

(See also Clause A.1)

NOTE 1 A focused beam is converging in the pre-focal range and diverging beyond focus.

NOTE 2 Ultrasonic power measurement in the high intensity therapeutic ultrasound (HITU) range, i.e. beyond 1 W or 20 W, respectively, is dealt with in the future IEC 62555.

## 2 Normative references

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

IEC 61689, *Ultrasonics – Physiotherapy systems – Field specifications and methods of measurement in the frequency range 0,5 MHz to 5 MHz*

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

**3.1****acoustic streaming**

bulk fluid motion initiated by a sound field

**3.2****free field**

sound field in a homogeneous isotropic medium whose boundaries exert a negligible effect on the sound waves

[SOURCE: IEC 60050-801:1994, definition 801-23-28, modified – the term no longer contains “sound”]

**3.3****output power*****P***

time-average ultrasonic power emitted by an **ultrasonic transducer** into an approximately **free field** under specified conditions in a specified medium, preferably water

Note 1 to entry: **Output power** is expressed in watt (W).

**3.4****radiation force**

acoustic radiation force

***F***

time-average force acting on a body in a sound field and caused by the sound field, excluding the component due to **acoustic streaming**, or, more generally: time-average force (excluding the component due to **acoustic streaming**) in a sound field, appearing at the boundary surface between two media of different acoustic properties, or within a single attenuating medium

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Note 1 to entry: **Radiation force, acoustic radiation force**, is expressed in newton (N).  
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**3.5****radiation pressure**

acoustic radiation pressure

radiation force per unit area

Note 1 to entry: This term is widely used in the literature. However, strictly speaking, the **radiation force** per unit area is a tensor quantity [4] and it should be referred to as the acoustic radiation stress tensor when a strict scientific terminology is to be used. The integral quantity "**acoustic radiation force**" is generally preferred in this International Standard. Whenever at some places, the term "**acoustic radiation pressure**" appears it is to be understood as the negative value of the normal radiation stress in the direction of the field axis.

Note 2 to entry: **Radiation pressure, acoustic radiation pressure**, is expressed in pascal (Pa).

**3.6****target**

device specially designed to intercept substantially all of the ultrasonic field and to serve as the object which is acted upon by the **radiation force**

**3.7****ultrasonic transducer**

device capable of converting electrical energy to mechanical energy within the ultrasonic frequency range and/or reciprocally of converting mechanical energy to electrical energy

**3.8****radiation conductance*****G***

ratio of the acoustic **output power** and the squared RMS transducer input voltage

Note 1 to entry: It is used to characterize the electrical to acoustical transfer of **ultrasonic transducers**.

Note 2 to entry: **Radiation conductance** is expressed in siemens (S).

#### 4 List of symbols

$a$	radius of a circular ultrasonic source transducer
$b_x$ and $b_y$	half-dimensions of a rectangular ultrasonic source transducer in $x$ and $y$ direction, respectively (so that $2 b_x$ and $2 b_y$ are the transducer's side lengths)
$c$	speed of sound (usually in water)
$d_x$ and $d_y$	geometrical focal lengths of a focusing <b>ultrasonic transducer</b> in the $x$ - $z$ and the $y$ - $z$ plane, respectively
$d$	geometrical focal length of a focusing <b>ultrasonic transducer</b> in the case of $d_x = d_y = d$
$F$	<b>radiation force</b> on a <b>target</b> in the direction of the incident ultrasonic wave
$g$	acceleration due to gravity
$G$	<b>radiation conductance</b>
$h_d$	half the diagonal of a rectangular transducer, $h_d = (b_x^2 + b_y^2)^{1/2}$
$h_h$	harmonic mean of $b_x$ and $b_y$ , $h_h = 2 / (1/b_x + 1/b_y)$
$k$	circular wavenumber, $k = 2 \pi / \lambda$
$P$	<b>output power</b> of an <b>ultrasonic transducer</b>
$s$	normalized distance from a circular <b>ultrasonic transducer</b> , $s = z \lambda / a^2$
$z$	distance between an <b>ultrasonic transducer</b> and a <b>target</b>
$\alpha$	amplitude attenuation coefficient of plane waves in a medium (usually water)
$\beta_x$ and $\beta_y$	focus (half-)angles of a rectangular focusing <b>ultrasonic transducer</b> in the $x$ - $z$ and the $y$ - $z$ plane, respectively, $\beta_x = \arctan(b_x/d_x)$ , $\beta_y = \arctan(b_y/d_y)$ if the transducer is planar and the focal lengths are counted from the planar transducer surface
$\gamma$	focus (half-)angle of a circular focusing <b>ultrasonic transducer</b> ; $\gamma = \arcsin(a / d)$ if the transducer is spherically curved and the focal length is counted from the "bottom" of the "bowl"; $\gamma = \arctan(a / d)$ if the focal length is counted from the plane defined by the rim of the active part of the "bowl" or if the transducer is planar
$\theta$	angle between the direction of the incident ultrasonic wave and the normal to a reflecting surface of a <b>target</b>
$\lambda$	ultrasonic wavelength in the sound-propagating medium (usually water)
$\rho$	(mass) density of the sound-propagating medium (usually water)

NOTE 1 The direction of the incident wave mentioned above under  $F$  and  $\theta$  is understood to be the direction of the field axis, i.e., it is understood in a global sense rather than in a local sense.

NOTE 2 Strictly speaking, in the case of a focusing transducer, the focusing details and the transducer shape are independent of each other, i.e. a circular transducer, too, can have two different focus (half-)angles. With regard to ultrasound practice, however, this standard restricts to the two cases of a circular transducer with one focus (half-)angle and of a rectangular transducer with two focus (half-)angles (which can, of course, be equal to each other).

#### 5 Requirements for radiation force balances

##### 5.1 General

The **radiation force** balance shall consist of a **target** which is connected to a balance. The ultrasonic beam shall be directed vertically upwards or downwards or horizontally on the **target** and the **radiation force** exerted by the ultrasonic beam shall be measured by the