

# **Microphone Cartridges**

Norsonic's range of microphones covers most application and can be used as direct replacement with other brands

Full use has been made of modern materials which when coupled with traditional engineering skills produces microphones that meet all the requirements of the precision measurement standards yet are robust and resistant to corrosion. These microphones are used in conjunction with the Norsonic range of preamplifiers that closely couple to them and ensure perfect matching to the associated instrument with minimum disturbance to the acoustic field. The preamplifiers have the necessary signal handling capability and low self noise to allow full use to be made of the wide dynamic range of the microphones.

#### Calibration

Calibration of all Norsonic microphones is directly traceable to National and International Standards with particular attention being paid in the design to ensuring long term stability. Each microphone is delivered with an individual certificate of calibration giving all the key information relating to its performance. This includes the nominal sensitivity and frequency response along with the environmental data that relates to the calibration.

Norsonic Calibration Laboratory is an international accreditated laboratory. This ensures that the quality of the measured values are at the highest possible level.

#### **Free-Field Microphones**

All Norsonic microphones are free-field types. A free-field microphone is designed to measure the sound pressure in the sound field, compensating for the influence of the presence of the microphone in the sound field. In effect, the microphone measures the sound pressure as it existed before the microphone was introduced in the sound field, i.e. free-field conditions. Applicable standard is IEC 61672 and the former IEC 60651. The free-field microphone should be pointed towards the sound source at a 0° angle of incidence.

The key components that determines the accuracy of a sound level meter is the measurement microphone and its associated preamplifier. The effectiveness of these components in converting the acoustic signal into an electrical analogue set the maximum accuracy that can be achieved by the ensuing signal processing. Norsonic have a carefully balanced range of measurement microphones to suite a range of applications that complement modern instrumentation yet maintain traditional values.







### **Cartridge Overview**

Below is a summary of our range of microphone cartridges.

Nor1220 is a 1/2" free-field response microphone with a high sensitivity.A general purpose microphone with an integral actuator grid to allow electrostatic calibration checks to be carried out without removing the protection grid. Conforms to IEC 61672 Class 1.

Nor1225 is a 1/2" free-field high sensitivity microphone. A general purpose microphone covering the frequency range from 3.15Hz to 20 kHz. Correspond to the Class 1 of the sound level meter standard IEC 61672.

Nor1227 is a 1/2" free-field, high sensitivity self-polarised microphone for use in applications where environmental or safety considerations do not permit the use of 200-volt polarisation supplies, or as a general IEC 61672 Class 1 microphone in sound level meters with no polarisation voltage.

Nor1228 is a 1/2" free-field, high sensitivity, low cost self-polarised Class 1 microphone. Ideal for use in multi channels systems or other applications that requires a self polarised IEC 61672 Class 1 microphone at low cost.

Nor1229 is a 1/2" free-field. high sensitivity. low cost selfpolarised Class microphone. Ideal for use in multi channels



systems or other applications that requires a self polarised microphone at low cost with Class 2 accuracy. Unlike most other low cost Class 2 microphones it features a nickel membrane and a stainless steel housing, ensuring low sensitivity to environmental parameters such as temperature, static pressure and humidity.

## Selection chart microphone cartridges

| Parameter  | Unit               | Microphone type No.  |                      |                      |                      |                      |
|--|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
|  |                    | Nor1220              | Nor1225              | Nor1227              | Nor1228              | Nor1229              |
| Cartridge size   | ,,                 | 1/2"                 | 1/2"                 | 1/2"                 | 1/2"                 | 1/2"                 |
| Main standard  |                    | IEC 61672<br>Class 1 | IEC 61672<br>Class 1 | IEC 61672<br>Class 1 | IEC 61672<br>Class 1 | IEC 61672<br>Class 2 |
| Polarisation voltage   | V                  | 200                  | 200                  | 0                    | 0                    | 0                    |
| IEC 61094-4 type<br>Designation                                      | _                  | WS2F<br>Free-field   | WS2F<br>Free-field   | WS2F<br>Free-field   | WS2F<br>Free-field   | WS2F<br>Free-field   |
| Nomial sensitivity@ 250Hz  | mV/Pa              | 50                   | 50                   | 50                   | 50                   | 40                   |
| Frequency Respons<br>±1dB<br>±3dB                                    | Hz<br>Hz           | 12.5-10k<br>3.15-16k | 12.5-10k<br>3.15-20k | 10-8k<br>6.3-20k     | 20-10k<br>12.5-16k   | –<br>20-10k          |
| Maximum SPL 3%   | dB                 | 146                  | 146                  | 146                  | 146                  | 146                  |
| Self noise<br>Based on typical thermal noise                         | dB(A)              | 14                   | 15                   | 15                   | 16                   | 24                   |
| Response   |                    | Free field           |
| Capacitance  | pF                 | 20                   | 18                   | 14                   | 16                   | 13                   |
| Effective front volume   | $\text{mm}^3$      | 40                   | 50                   | 50                   | 50                   | 45                   |
| <b>Temperature coeff.</b> @250Hz -10 to +50°C -40 to +150°C          | dB <sup>∕</sup> °C | -0.01<br>—           | <-0.005<br><-0.01    | <-0.005<br><-0.01    | <-0.005<br>—         | <-0.01<br>—          |
| Max. temperature   | °C                 | 100                  | 300                  | 150                  | 80                   | 80                   |
| Static pressure coeff @250Hz   | dB/kPa             | -0.001               | -0.0008              | -0.0008              | -0.004               | <u>+</u> 0.03        |
| Realtive humidity $NM = not measureable$ 0-100% RH no condensation   | dB/%               | NM                   | NM                   | NM                   | -0.003               | <u>+</u> 0.006       |
| <b>Vibration sensitivity</b> SPL for 0.1g perpendicular do diaphragm | dB                 | 62                   | 62                   | 62                   | 62                   | 65                   |
| Magnetic field effect<br>SPL for field strength of 80A/m             | dB                 | 4                    | 3.5                  | 3.5                  | 4                    | 5                    |
| Diameter with protection grid  | mm                 | 13.2                 | 13.2                 | 13.2                 | 13.2                 | 13.2                 |
| Length with protection grid  | mm                 | 16.4                 | 16.2                 | 16.2                 | 17.3                 | 16.6                 |
| Weight with protection grid  | g                  | 9                    | 6                    | 6                    | 9                    | 7                    |



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