

# Product Data

## Pistonphone — Type 4228

### USES:

- Laboratory standard
- Calibration of sound level meters and other sound measurement equipment
- Field and laboratory use

### FEATURES:

- 124 dB SPL at 250 Hz

Pistonphone Type 4228 is a small, battery-operated, high-precision sound source. Each pistonphone is individually calibrated and comes complete with adaptors, allowing calibration of 1", 1/2", 1/4" and 1/8" microphones.

Pistonphone Type 4228 provides quick and accurate calibration of sound measuring equipment including sound level meters. With the included barometer, it satisfies IEC 942 (1988) Class 1L while, with an external barometer, it is capable of satisfying Class 0L of IEC 942 (1988). It also satisfies ANSI S1.40-1984. It can be used in the field over a wide range of temperature, humidity and pressure while still maintaining high accuracy. It is extremely useful for supplying a standard sound pressure level.

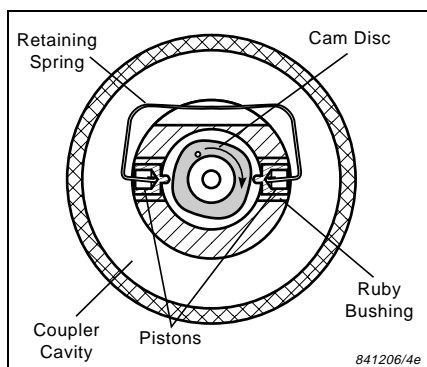


Fig.1 Cross-sectional view showing the principle of operation

- Satisfies IEC 942 (1988) Class 1L or Class 0L (with external barometer) and ANSI S1.40-1984
- High frequency and level stability
- Individually calibrated to within  $\pm 0.12$  dB (including effects of specified microphones)
- Fits 1", 1/2", 1/4" and 1/8" microphones
- Battery operated



The calibration frequency, nominally 250 Hz, is  $251.2 \text{ Hz} \pm 0.1\%$  as defined by ISO 266. The sound level produced by the pistonphone is nominally  $124 \pm 0.2$  dB re  $20 \mu\text{Pa}$  at the reference conditions. Each pistonphone, however, is individually calibrated with an uncertainty of less than 0.09 dB and delivered with a calibration chart. When loaded with a microphone of one of the specified types, the uncertainty is less than

0.12 dB. The high sound level from the pistonphone allows correct calibration to be made in the field, even in very noisy surroundings.

The piston arrangement (see Fig.1), based on an original Brüel & Kjær design, consists of two pistons mounted on opposite sides of a cam disc. The rotation of the cam disc forces the pistons to move, in phase, in and out of the coupler cavity. The design reduces cam disc ec-

centricity and harmonic distortion, and ensures maximum level stability.

The pistonphone is very simple to operate with only one control switch. It can be held in one hand in any position, while, with the free hand, the sensitivity of the sound measuring equipment is adjusted until a reading corresponding to the sound pressure level produced is obtained.

The pistonphone fits Brüel & Kjær 1", 1/2", 1/4" and 1/8" Microphones, and microphones having the same standard diameter (e.g. types WE 640AA, MR 103). Fig. 2 shows its use with 1" and 1/2" microphones.

A barometer supplied with the pistonphone gives the ambient pressure correction in dB, in the range 650 to 1080 hPa, provided it is checked annually to maintain its accuracy.

The pistonphone is delivered with six alkaline batteries mounted in Battery Container DH 0597. When fitted with alkaline batteries, the pistonphone operates in the temperature range -10 to +50°C (14 to

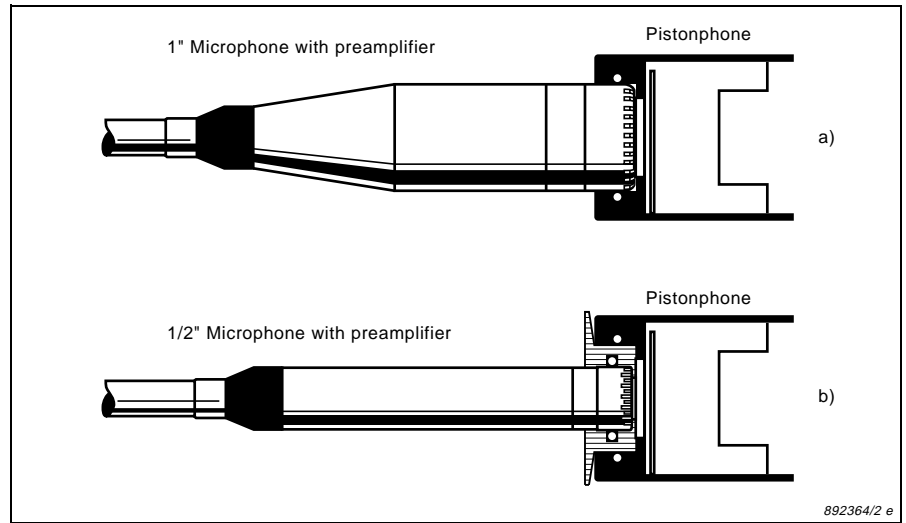


Fig. 2 Mounting B&K microphones on the pistonphone

a) 1" microphone

b) 1/2" microphone. The total volume of the cavity is the same in both cases

122 °F). The "250 Hz" light beside the control switch monitors the frequency. When the pistonphone is switched on, the light flickers for a second or so until the frequency reaches

251.2 Hz. The light then remains on until the pistonphone is switched off. If the light flickers at other times, the batteries should be replaced.

# Specifications 4228

<p><b>SATISFIED STANDARDS:</b> IEC 942 (1988) Class 1L (Class 0L with suitable external barometer) ANSI S1.40-1984</p> <p><b>NOMINAL SOUND PRESSURE LEVEL:</b> 124 dB re 20 µPa ±0.2 dB at reference conditions:</p> <p><b>Ambient Pressure:</b> 1013 hPa <b>Ambient Temp.:</b> 20 °C (68 °F) <b>Ambient Humidity:</b> 65% RH <b>Effective Load Volume:</b> 1.333 cm<sup>3</sup></p> <p><b>FREQUENCY:</b> <b>Nominal:</b> 250 Hz <b>Actual:</b> 10<sup>2.4</sup> Hz (ISO 266) or 251.2 Hz ±0.1%</p> <p><b>SPECIFIED MICROPHONE TYPES:</b> Brüel &amp; Kjær (and similar types) 1", 1/2", 1/4" and 1/8" microphones (see calibration chart for more details)</p> <p><b>INDIVIDUAL CALIBRATION ACCURACY:</b> <b>At Reference Conditions:</b> ±0.09 dB <b>At Ambient Reference Conditions:</b> ±0.12 dB with specified microphone types</p> <p><b>Within Range of Ambient Conditions:</b> <b>With External Barometer:</b> ±0.15 dB — IEC 942 (1988) Class 0L <b>With Included Barometer:</b> ±0.30 dB — IEC 942 (1988) Class 1L</p> <p><b>NOMINAL EFFECTIVE COUPLER VOLUME:</b> 19.733 cm<sup>3</sup> (at 250 Hz) including Nominal Effective Load Volume 1.333 cm<sup>3</sup></p> <p><b>TOTAL HARMONIC DISTORTION:</b> &lt;3%</p> <p><b>AMBIENT CONDITIONS:</b> <b>Ranges:</b> <b>Pressure:</b> 650 hPa to 1080 hPa <b>Temperature:</b> -10 to +50 °C (14 to 122 °F) <b>Relative Humidity:</b> 5% RH to 95% RH</p> <p><b>Required Measurement Accuracy:</b> <b>Pressure:</b> ±0.3% (IEC 942 Class 0L) ±2.0% (IEC 942 Class 1L) <b>Temperature:</b> ±5 °C <b>Relative Humidity:</b> ±15% above 35 °C (95 °F) (measurement is not necessary below 35 °C (95 °F))</p> <p><b>Power Supply</b> <b>Batteries:</b> 6×1.5 V IEC Type LR6 ("AA" size) <b>Lifetime:</b> Typically 40 hours with alkaline batteries (continuous operation at 20 °C) <b>Check:</b> Constant check via "250 Hz" light</p>	<p><b>Environmental</b> <b>Ambient Pressure:</b> SPL is proportional to the ambient pressure (correction read from the barometer supplied) <b>Ambient Temperature:</b> -0.0005 dB/°C (estimated) <b>Ambient Humidity:</b> -0.0001 dB/% RH at the reference conditions <b>Effective Load Volume:</b> See calibration chart</p> <p><b>Dimensions and Weight</b> <b>Length:</b> 224 mm (8.7") <b>Diameter:</b> 36 mm (1.4")</p> <p><b>COMPLIANCE WITH STANDARDS:</b></p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;"><b>CE</b></td> <td>CE-mark indicates compliance with: EMC Directive.</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Safety</b></td> <td>EN 61010-1 and IEC 1010-1: Safety requirements for electrical equipment for measurement, control and laboratory use.</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>EMC Emission</b></td> <td>EN 50081-1: Generic emission standard. 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## Ordering Information

<p><b>Type 4228</b> Pistonphone <b>Includes the following accessories:</b> 6×QB0013: 6×1.5V Alkaline Battery, IEC Type LR6 ("AA" size) DH0597: Battery Container</p>	<p>DP 0776: Adaptor (for 1/2" microphones) DP 0775: Adaptor (for 1/4" microphones) DP 0774: Adaptor (for 1/8" microphones) UZ 0004: Correction Barometer</p>
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