

Technical Support

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M50 Measurement Microphone Owner's Manual



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Description

Earthworks M50 (same as M550) is an omnidirectional (pressure) microphone designed and calibrated for measurement purposes. It is a prepolarized condenser microphone directly coupled to a wideband, low output impedance preamplifier. The M50 requires a standard 48V phantom power supply. It features an extended linear free-field frequency response from 3Hz to 50kHz (please see the enclosed individual calibration chart), very low handling noise, uniform polar pattern, and high SPL handling capabilities. Its unique circuitry excludes the transconductance of the input FET from the overall gain structure. This means the sensitivity remains very stable when the microphone is subjected to variations in ambient temperature. The M50 meets or exceeds ANSI Type 1 requirements.

Each microphone is delivered with its own calibration chart providing its individually measured open-circuit sensitivity and the frequency response curve. A computer file containing the frequency response data for importing directly into measurement software is available from Earthworks, Inc. upon request at an extra cost. A mounting clip and a calibrator adapter are included with the microphone.

Applications

Earthworks M50 is ideally suited for acoustical measurements that require extended frequency response, including high-end loudspeaker design and quality control, scientific research, measurements of ultrasonic or subsonic transducers, or any application where an extremely accurate free-field measurement microphone is required. The very wide linear minimum-phase response and exceptionally fast well-damped impulse response (Fig. 2) make the

M50 the perfect microphone for high resolution time domain measurements.

The M50 is simple to operate. Connect the microphone to a microphone preamplifier supplying 48V phantom power using a standard XLR microphone cable. *Please allow up to one minute for the microphone to settle.* Plugging in the microphone “hot” (phantom power already present at the input) will not damage the microphone, and is actually preferred for faster settling. For optimum results we recommend pointing the M50 toward the sound source.

This microphone has no removable parts.

Calibration

The microphone is calibrated at the factory at 1 kHz (therefore independent of any frequency weighting). The sensitivity in mV/Pa is provided on the calibration chart. If on-site calibration is required use the enclosed 1/2” adapter.

Specifications

Frequency response:	3Hz to 50kHz +1/-3dB
Polar Pattern:	Omnidirectional
Sensitivity:	30mV/Pa (Typical)
Power Requirements:	48V Phantom, 10mA
Peak Acoustic Input:	142dB SPL
Output:	XLR (Fig. 1)
Output Impedance:	100Ω, balanced (50Ω ea. pin 2 & 3)
Minimum Load:	600Ω btw. pins 2 & 3
Noise:	22dB, A equivalent
Dimensions L x D	229 x 22 mm (9 x .860 in.)
Weight:	225g (.5lb)

CE Compliant

Specifications are subject to change without notice.

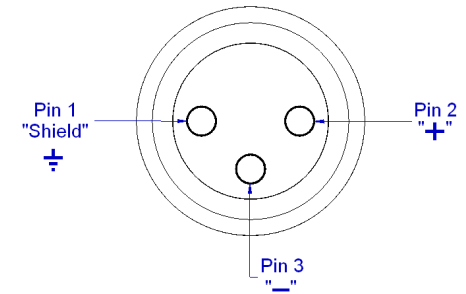


Fig. 1. XLR Output Connector Assignment of M50

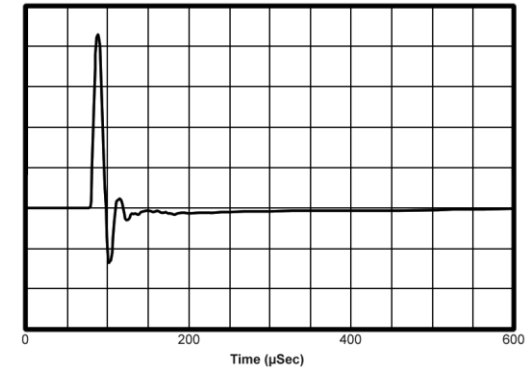


Fig. 2. Impulse Response (Typical) of M50

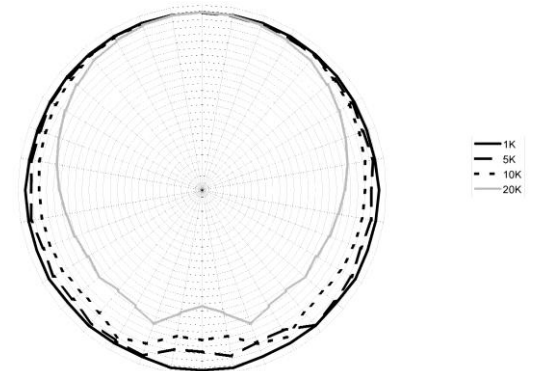


Fig. 3. Polar Response (Typical) of M50, 1dB/div.