

¼" Preamplifier Type 26AC, General-purpose

Product Data

Typical Applications

- General-purpose preamplifier
- High-frequency measurements
- High-pressure measurements

Special Properties

- Wide Frequency Range
- Low Noise Level
- Very Small

Description

The G.R.A.S. ¼" Preamplifier Type 26AC is a small robust unit optimised for acoustic measurements using condenser microphones. It has a very low inherent noise level, a wide dynamic range and a frequency response from below 2 Hz to above 200 kHz.

Design

All G.R.A.S. microphone preamplifiers are based on a small ceramic thick-film substrate with a very high input impedance. The ceramic substrate is shielded by a guard ring to minimise the influence of stray capacitance and microphonic interference. The casing is made of stainless steel for maximum strength and durability. The small dimensions of this preamplifier ensure reliable operation under humid conditions owing to the heat generated by internal power dissipation.

Dynamic Range

Type 26AC can handle both single and dual-sided power supplies. The supply can vary between 28 V_{DC} and 120 V_{DC} single-sided or ±14V_{DC} and ±60 V_{DC} dual-sided. When using the high supply voltage (120V_{DC} or ±60V_{DC}), the dynamic range exceeds 140 dB.

Noise

The electrical circuit in Type 26AC is built on a ceramic substrate using selected low-noise components to gain very low self-noise. The electrical self-noise is so low that system noise is mainly determined by the microphone capsule's thermal noise.



Fig. 1 ¼" Preamplifier Type 26AC

Frequency response

The low-frequency cut-off of the Type 26AC preamplifier is mainly determined by the input impedance of the preamplifier and the capacitance of the microphone capsule (see Fig. 3). The capacities 20 pF, 6.5 pF and 3 pF equal the typical capacitances of ½", ¼" and ⅛" microphone capsules respectively.

The high-frequency cut-off is determined by the preamplifier's ability to drive capacitive loads (slew rate), caused by the cable. For large-signals, the effects of these parameters must be accounted for when measurements are performed. Fig. 4 shows the large-signal response for Type 26AC for various capacitive loads corresponding to different cable lengths. The output level is in decibels relative to 1 Volt. Typical capacitance for the cable is 100pF/m (30pF/foot).

Connector

Preamplifier Type 26AC (Fig. 1) is provided with a 3-m lightweight cable terminating in a 7-pin LEMO series 1B plug (Fig. 2). The cable is only 2.5 mm in diameter and will withstand temperatures from -40 °C to +150 °C. An adaptor (GR0010) for G.R.A.S. ½" microphones is included.

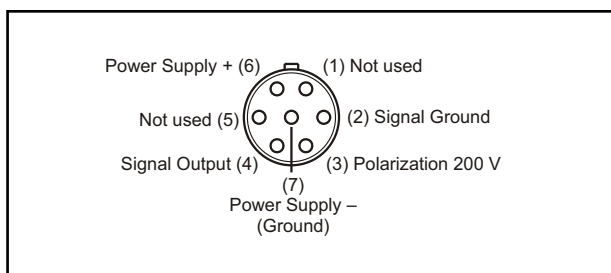


Fig. 2 7-pin LEMO plug 1B male (ext. view)

Specifications

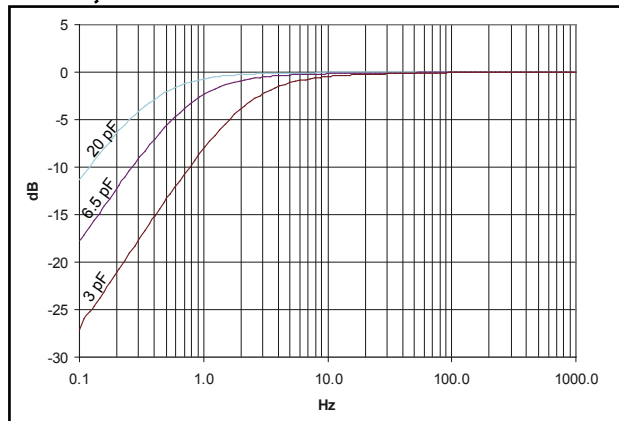


Fig. 3 Typical low-frequency response of Type 26AC for 1/2" (20 pF), 1/4" (6.5 pF) and 1/8" (3 pF) microphones

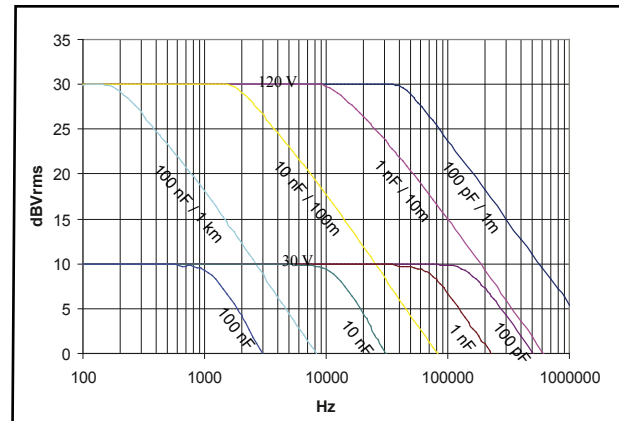


Fig. 4 Typical max. rms output signal with 120 V and 30 V supply

Technical Data

Frequency response (18pF/small signal):

2.5 Hz - 200 kHz ± 0.2 dB

Slew rate:

20 V/ μ s

Input impedance:

20 G Ω , 0.5 pF

Output impedance (Cs = 20 pF, f = 1000Hz):

Typical 75 Ω

Noise (measured with 20 pF 1/2" dummy mic.):

A-weighted: $\leq 2.5 \mu$ V rms
(typically 1.8 μ V rms)

Linear (20 Hz - 20 kHz): $\leq 6 \mu$ V rms
(typically 3.5 μ V rms)

Gain*:

Typical: -0.27 dB

Power supply:

Single: 28 V (0.7 mA) to 120 V (2.5 mA)

Dual: ± 14 V (0.7 mA) to ± 60 V (2.5 mA)

Maximum signal-output voltage (peak):

from ± 10 V to ± 50 V

Temperature:

Operation: -30°C to +70°C

Storage: -40°C to +85°C

Relative humidity:

Operation: 0 to 95%

Storage: 0 to 95%

Dimensions and Weight:

Diameter: 6.35 mm (1/4")

Length: 43 mm (1.7")

Weight (without cable): 6 g (0.2 oz)

Weight (with cable + LEMO conn.): 50 g (1.8 oz)

* Measured with 20 pF 1/2" dummy microphone

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Accessories

Included

GR0010: 1/4" to 1/2" adapter for use with G.R.A.S. 1/2" microphones

Optional

RA0001: Right-angled (90°) Adapter for 1/2" microphone and 1/4" preamplifier

RA0003: Adapter for 1/2" microphone and 1/4" preamplifier

RA0006: Angled (90°) Adapter 1/4" to 1/4".

AA0008: Extension cable, 3 metres

AA0009: Extension cable, 10 metres

AA0012: Extension cable, 30 metres

AA0014: Extension cable, 100 metres

AA0020_XX: Extension cable, XX metres (customer-specified length)

AA0013: Tripod adapter for 1/4" preamplifier

RA0096: Tripod adapter for 1/4" preamplifier with angular adjustment