

# GRAS RA0015

1" Electrostatic Actuator



The GRAS RA0015 is an electrostatic actuator for testing the frequency response of standard 1" microphones. The RA0015 can be connected directly to the GRAS 14AA Actuator Supply.

Electrostatic actuators are used to simulate the pressure response of condenser microphones. This is done by exerting an oscillating electrostatic force in front of the diaphragm of the microphone and measuring the consequent response of the microphone. These electrostatic oscillations must not reverse polarity if frequency doubling is to be avoided. This is overcome by applying an electrostatic force comprising a sufficiently high polarisation voltage (800 V) upon which a smaller alternating voltage is superimposed.

By applying such an oscillating electrostatic force which sweeps over a range of frequencies from 100 Hz to 200 kHz, the pressure response of the microphone can be tested. To this must be added corrections to determine the microphone's response in a free sound field for various angles of incidence as well its response in a diffuse sound field for random angles of incidence.

Care should be taken when calibrating below 200 Hz because of the influence of pressure equalisation in the rear volume of the microphone .

With the GRAS Actuator Supply Type 14AA it complies with IEC 61094 -6 "Measurement microphones - Part 6: Electrostatic actuators for determination of frequency responses."

## Typical Applications and Use

The RA0015 is used for electrostatic actuator calibration.

With the AC test signal superimposed on the 800V DC polarization voltage, the 12AA makes it possible to measure the pressure frequency response of the microphone under test.

Its wide frequency range makes it possible to determine the pressure frequency response of condenser microphones from 100 Hz to 200 kHz. For

calibration of condenser microphones under 100 Hz, the low frequency calibrator 42AE is recommended.

A maximum test signal output of 300 V peak to peak allows testing at realistic sound pressure levels.

## Compability

The RA0015 can be connected directly to the 14AA Actuator Supply. 1-inch microphones can be tested directly.

## Quality and warranty

The RA0015 is built to high-quality standards which enables GRAS to offer 3 years warranty against defective materials and workmanship.

## Service

Before leaving the factory, all GRAS products are tested. Should a power module become defective, it can be sent to GRAS for repair.

ANSI standard		S1.10
IEC standard		61094-6
Weight	g / oz	

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