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Police turns down the volume of anti-social drivers

Anti-social drivers are being targeted by the police force of Devon and Cornwall, UK, in an attempt to curb excessive noise from modified cars or altered exhausts. The introduction of sound measuring kits including the NTi Audio Acoustilyzer AL1 and M2010 measurement microphones at each of the force's roads policing centre's means officers can deal effectively with noise pollution from vehicles in known problem areas.

The Acoustilyzer AL1 sound meters are tailored to tackle anti-social driving. A number of officers have been trained in the use of the specialist kits and as a result the first ticket was issued for a vehicle with over three times the acceptable noise level. Sergeant Paul Caboche, from Launceston Roads Policing Centre, said: "Drivers need to be aware of the consequences of their anti-social behaviors and consider the impact of their actions to residents and local people. Continued offending will land anti-social drivers in court The Acoustilyzer is backing up officer's court testimonies with accurate evidence.

First ticket issued for 93 dB(A)

In technical terms, vehicle noise levels should be between 82-89 decibels. The first ticket issued using the sound kits found the noise level to be 93 dB(A). Sergeant Caboche, added: „Anti-social driving is consistently a cause of frustration within our communities. Our traffic officers can use these sound kits along to reassure the public and demonstrate the police action when complaints about anti-social driving are received. We also aim to use these sound meters in a targeted manner on operations and events to deal effectively with offending motorists."

About NTi Audio

NTi Audio AG develops highly qualified and customized measurement solutions for the pro audio and telecommunications industry. NTi Audio's main product lines are the handheld EXEL line, the A-Series audio analyzers, the RAPID-TEST production line test systems as well as complete turnkey tests solutions based on PureSound – a unique defects analysis technology. The headquarters of NTi Audio are in the Principality of Liechtenstein (Europe). Subsidiaries are NTI Americas Inc in Portland,

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