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1. Introduction

Thank you for purchasing the XL2-TA Audio and Acoustic Analyzer. The XL2-TA Analyzer forms the unique combination of a state-of-the-art Sound Level Meter, a comprehensive Acoustic Analyzer as well as a powerful Audio Analyzer. The wide range of functionalities is tailored for:

- Evacuation Systems
  - Speech Intelligibility
- Electroacoustic Installations
  - Installed Sound
  - AV Installations
  - Cinemas
- Noise Measurement
  - Unattended Noise Monitoring
  - Environmental Noise
  - Occupational Health
  - Vehicle Noise
  - Sound Power
- Live Sound
  - Sound Level Monitoring
  - Front of House
  - PA Rental
- Broadcast
- Room & Building Acoustics
  - Room Acoustics
  - Building Acoustics
  - Reverberation Time
  - Noise Curves
- Industrial Quality Control
- Condition Monitoring

How to Read this Manual
The XL2-TA push buttons are displayed as icons 🎧, 🎤, 🎧, 🎤, 🎧, 🎤. A detailed description of the push buttons is listed in the chapter Overview - Operation.

Menu items displayed on the XL2-TA page screens are shown in this user manual by a bold font, e.g., SLMeter, Parameter, ...
### Product Configurations

The following items are included with the respective model:

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2. **Overview**

XL2-TA interfaces:

1. XLR Input
2. RCA Input
3. Voice Note Input
4. DC Power Socket
5. USB Connector
6. Digital I/O
7. SD Card
8. TOSLink Output
9. Headphone Output
10. Speaker
11. Tripod Mount
Overview

1. **XLR Signal Input**
   Either a balanced audio signal, an NTi Audio measurement microphone or the microphone pre-amplifier MA220 plug directly into the XLR input. The Automated Sensor Detection (ASD) technology reads the electronic data sheet of any connected NTi Audio device after the 48 V microphone phantom power is activated.

2. **RCA Input**
   Unbalanced audio signal input.

3. **Voice Note Input**
   Internal microphone for recording voice notes and measuring polarity and delay time. For polarity measurements, an external microphone may also be used.

4. **DC Power Socket**
   Socket for mains power adapter. Further details in the chapter Power Supply in this manual.

5. **USB Connector**
   Mini-B USB connection, for accessing the SD Card.

6. **Digital I/O**
   Programmable digital inputs/outputs.

7. **SD Card**
   For storing data, screenshots, voice notes, wav-files - required to power on and run the instrument.

8. **TOSLink Output**
   24 bit linear PCM audio signal output. For future use; not active at this time.

9. **Headphone Output**
   The XLR/RCA input signals are routed to the headphone connector (3.5 mm Minijack; mono monitor wired to both channels of stereo jack). Connecting headphones mutes the internal speaker. To connect the headphone output directly to a line input, a load impedance < 8 kOhm is required for proper operation. This can be achieved by inserting a 1 kOhm resistance between tip and ground of the output jack.

10. **Speaker**
    The XLR/RCA input signals are routed to the speaker. Press the speaker button \(\square\) to toggle the speaker on/off. Press and hold the speaker button to access the volume control. Set the speaker level with the rotary wheel \(\bigcirc\).

11. **Tripod Mount**
    Mechanical mount for attaching the XL2-TA to a tripod or microphone stand.
Operation

1 Page Control
Switches among various screens depending on the menu function selected.

2 Volume of Speaker and Headphone Output
- Press the button briefly to enable or disable the speaker.
  - The speaker is activated and the speaker or headphone icon appears in the upper menu bar.
- Press and hold the speaker button.
  - A pop-up window for volume is displayed.
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- Hold the speaker button down and adjust the level of the speaker and headphone outputs with the rotary wheel. Digital gain control prevents gain increases beyond a level that will cause signal clipping. The maximum gain setting depends on the connected input signal.

- The headphone output provides a linear output signal using the SLMeter function over a measurement range of 57 dB. The minimum Z-weighted sound pressure level at reference sensitivity is:
  - M2230, M2340: 58 dB
  - M2211: 64 dB
  - M4261: 66 dB

3 Power & Backlight
The power button switches the instrument on. The XL2-TA is immediately ready for operation. Holding down the power button for one second switches the XL2-TA off. Additionally, a brief press of the power button toggles the backlight during operation.

4 Limit
- SLMeter: The limit button lights up green, yellow or red according to the settings in the Limit page. Press the limit button to access the Limit page. For more details visit the chapter Sound Level Meter: Limits.

5 Pause
Pauses the current measurement. Press the pause button or the start/stop button to continue the measurement. The data logging is continued in the function SLMeter/RTA during the pause period and listed in the log file.

6 Start/Stop
Starts and stops a measurement.

7 Enter
Confirms a selection.

8 Rotary Wheel
Selects the required measurement function or the individual measurement parameter.

9 ESC
Terminates an entry, returns to the top menu level or closes an open window.

- FFT + Tol: The limit button lights up green for results within tolerance and red for out-of-tolerance results.
- Polarity: The limit button lights up green at positive polarity and red at negative polarity.
- 1/12 Oct + Tol: The limit button lights up green for results within tolerance and red for out of tolerance results.
The Screen Display

The XL2-TA displays the actual sound levels also in case of no measurement has been started. Any displayed averaged level refers to the previous measurement period. The XL2-TA shows four lines in case of no previous measurement period is applicable.

Display Contrast Setting
- Hold down escape \( \text{Esc} \) and turn the rotary wheel \( \circ \) until the desired contrast is reached.

Updating of display
- Numeric values
  Updated every 500ms independent of the measurement function. The maximum time span between the end of the measurement period and the first test result display is 500ms.
- Graphs and spectra
  Updated every 50ms

The display is updated continuously during measurement.
Overview

1. Measurement Results
   Individual level measurement results.

2. Main Menu
   - **SLMeter/RTA**  SPL & RTA Measurement
   - **FFT + Tol**     FFT Analysis with optional Tolerance Management
   - **RT60**          Reverberation Time
   - **Polarity**      Polarity
   - **Delay Time**    Delay Time
   - **RMS/THD+N**     RMS Level and Distortion
   - **Oscilloscope**  Scope
   - **1/12 Oct + Tol** Spectral Analysis with Tolerance Management (optional)
   - **Noise Curves**  Noise Curves
   - **STIPA**         Speech Intelligibility (optional)
   - **Cinema Meter**  Calibration and verification of cinema loudspeaker systems (optional)
   - **Calibrate**     Calibration Menu for microphone
   - **Profile ...**   Store and load measurement profiles
   - **System**        System Settings

3. Page Selector
   Toggles between available measurement and result pages within the same function menu. Alternatively use the page button 📷.

4. Input Selector
   Select XLR or RCA input connectors as the source.

5. Memory Menu 📦
   The memory menu is used for data storage management. One of the following symbols flashes before or after starting the measurement:
   - **9-8-7**  Time in seconds until instrument is settled and measurement will start.
   - **RUN**    Indicates the ongoing measurement.
   - **LOG**    Indicates the ongoing measurement with data logging.
   - **AUD**    Indicates the ongoing measurement with data logging and audio recording.
   - **Evt**    Indicates an ongoing triggered-event recording.
After a completed measurement, the memory symbol 📊 indicates a non-saved measurement report. Your measurement needs to be stored manually. For more details visit the chapter Data Management.

6 Speaker/Headphone
Indication of enabled rear speaker or headphone output.

7 Phantom Power Supply

48V The XL2-TA provides 48 V phantom power supply to the connection microphone or sensor.

ASD An NTi Audio measurement microphone with automated sensor detection ASD is connected. The XL2-TA reads the electronic data sheet of the microphone and switches the 48V phantom power automatically on

48V Phantom power is switched off.

8 Real-Time Clock
The real-time clock is set in the System menu.

9 Battery Symbol
The battery symbol indicates the battery status as follows:

Using rechargeable Li-Po battery:

Level indication 100% (U > 4.0 Volt).
(Battery charges when mains adaptor connected)

Level indication:
- 75%: U = 3.9 - 4.0 Volt
- 50%: U = 3.8 - 3.9 Volt
- 25%: U = 3.7 - 3.8 Volt

Level indication 0% (U < 3.7 Volt). The battery is almost empty and must be recharged.

The battery is being recharged by the mains power adapter.

The XL2-TA is connected via USB to a computer. The battery charge level decreases slowly during XL2-TA usage.

Using standard AA batteries:

No level indication as long as U > 4.5 Volt.

Level indication 0% (U < 4.5 Volt). The batteries are almost empty and should be replaced.

Using mains or supply:

No indication of battery status.
Getting Started

3. Getting Started

Power Supply

The XL2-TA offers flexible power management options and can be operated either by:
- Replaceable, rechargeable lithium-polymer (Li-Po) battery (included with the XL2-TA Analyzer)
- 4x AA-batteries
- Mains Power Adapter

The new battery is charged to approximately 50% and should be fully charged before use with:

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<tr>
<td>USB Power from PC</td>
<td>approx. 6 hours</td>
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**Operation using Mains Power Supply**
You can also operate the XL2-TA with the optional NTi Audio Mains Power Adapter. During such operation it is recommended to leave the batteries inside the instrument.

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<td>A decreased THD+N performance will occur with unbalanced input signals when using switching-type power supplies (approx. 3 dB).</td>
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<td>Non-NTi Audio power supplies may have further negative effects on measurements.</td>
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<td>Damage caused by using an inappropriate external DC supply is not covered by warranty.</td>
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**DC Power supply specifications**
- Voltage: 7.5 - 20.0 Volt
- Power: minimum 6 Watt
- Connector type: 2.1 x 5.5 x 9.5 mm
- Polarity: + → −
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**Rechargeable Li-Po Battery**
- Open the battery cover at the rear of the instrument.
- Insert the rechargeable battery with the contacts edge first.
- Close the battery cover.

Switch off the XL2-TA for faster recharging by mains power adapter or USB connection.

**Caution**
- Switch the XL2-TA off prior opening the battery cover in order to prevent any electronic discharges.
- Avoid short-circuits.
- Operate and charge the battery between 0°C and 45°C (32°F - 113°F).
- Do not heat the battery above 60°C.
- Do not place the battery in or near fire.
- Do not solder directly on to the battery.
- Do not disassemble the battery.
- Do not insert the battery in reverse polarity.
- Remove the battery for applications with a connected mains power adapter over multiple weeks.
AA-Batteries
Alternatively, the XL2-TA can be powered by AA type batteries

- Open the battery cover.
- Insert 4 fully-charged AA batteries, observing correct polarity of the +/- indications in the battery compartment.

⚠️ The polarity alternates with successive batteries.

- Close the battery cover.

| ⚠️ | - Switch the XL2-TA off prior opening the battery cover in order to prevent any electronic discharges.  
- Use only similar batteries from the same manufacturer.  
- Replace discharged batteries with new ones.  
- Do not mix used and new batteries.  
- During operation, the battery temperature may increase noticeably. This is not a defect.  
- Remove all batteries if the XL2-TA is not to be used over a long period of time. |
Attaching the Hand Strap

To avoid accidentally dropping the XL2-TA, a hand strap is supplied with the instrument.

- Pull the loop of the hand strap through the opening.
- Pull the other end of the hand strap through the loop.
- Pull the hand strap tight.
Unfolding the Stand

A convenient table stand is attached to the rear of the instrument.

• Unfold the stand and rest the XL2-TA on a flat surface.

Connecting the XL2-TA

Acoustic Measurements
Connect an NTi Audio measurement microphone to the XLR input connector of the XL2-TA.
Audio Measurements: XLR Connection
• Connect the source to the XL2-TA with an XLR cable.
• Select the XLR input in the menu.

Audio Measurements: RCA Connection
• Connect the source to the XL2-TA with an RCA (cinch) cable.
• Select the RCA input in the menu.
Switching the XL2-TA On and Off

Switching On the XL2-TA

Press power to switch on the XL2-TA.

There is a brief sound of relays and the display illuminates.

Switching Off the XL2-TA

Press power and hold it down for one second to switch off the XL2-TA.

Select Measurement Function

- Navigate with the rotary wheel to the main menu bar.
- Confirm with enter to select the measurement function.

The main menu window opens

- Scroll up/down with the rotary wheel to select the required function and confirm with enter.

The measurement function is selected.
Setting the Parameters with the Rotary Wheel

- Turn the rotary wheel to navigate within the display screen.

  The selected parameter is highlighted with a black background.

- Confirm with enter.

  The parameter display flashes and/or available parameters or settings are shown.

- Turn the rotary wheel to set the parameter or toggle with enter through the settings.
- Confirm with enter.

  Now the parameter is set.

Calibration prior Measurement

We recommend the daily calibration of the XL2-TA Analyzer with the Sound Calibrator. This ensures accurate measurement results.

For more details see chapter Calibration.
4. Sound Level Meter

The XL2-TA provides, together with the measurement microphone, a precise sound level meter for monitoring live sound events and/or environmental noise.

The Type Approval Option upgrades the instrument to the XL2-TA, the sound level meter dedicated to certified measurements. The XL2-TA with the M2230 microphone forms a type approved sound level meter offering class 1 performance according IEC61672 (see chapter Options and Accessories).

For example, Actual, Lmin, Lmax, Leq with frequency weighting A, C and Z and time weighting F and S can be measured at the same time. All measurement results are simultaneously available. You may log all acquired level information, including real-time information, onto the removable SD Card. To complete the documentation of the measured sound pressure levels, the XL2-TA offers wav-file recording, as well as the facility to add voice notes for each measurement. The XL2-TA measures correction values between the loudest point of the live event and the actual measurement positions in accordance with DIN 15905-5 and V-NISSG. In parallel with the wide band parameters, the XL2-TA measures the real-time spectrum either in 1/1 or 1/3 octave-band resolution. The RTA perfectly suits tasks such as optimization of sound systems.

Extended Acoustic Pack (optional)

The Extended Acoustic Pack offers the following additional features for sound-level and acoustic measurements:

- SLMeter/RTA function
  - Recording of linear wav-files (24 bit, 48 kHz)
  - Percentiles for wide band and spectrum with flexible setting from 0.1% to 99.9%
  - Sound Exposure Level L_AE
  - 100 ms logging
  - RTA logging of Lmin and Lmax
  - Event-triggered audio and data recording
  - Time weighting: Impulse (LxI, LxLeq with x= A, C, Z)
  - True peak level in 1/1 and 1/3 octave resolution
  - Clock-impulse maximum level (TaktMax) in accordance with DIN 45645-1 and DIN 45657
  - Impulsiveness detection in accordance with BS4142:2014 and NordTest ACOU 112

- FFT function
  - High-resolution Zoom-FFT with selectable frequency ranges and resolution up to 0.4 Hz in the range of 5 Hz to 20 kHz

- RT60 function
  - Reverberation time in 1/3 octave resolution

- 1/12 octave Spectral Analyzer (requires Spectral Limits Option)
  - Recording of linear wav-files (24 bit, 48 kHz)
The sound level meter offers different pages:

**Page Selection using the Page Button**
- Press page to toggle between the 123 SLMeter page and the RTA page.

**Page Selection using the Rotary Wheel**
- Select the page 123 SLMeter with the rotary wheel.
- Confirm with enter.

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### 123 SLMeter: Sound Level Meter
Displays the selected broadband sound level results. You can change the font size of the result. Depending on the font size chosen, the XL2-TA shows 3 or 5 results simultaneously. Individual frequency weighting, time weighting, actual, minimum, maximum and correction values can be chosen for each displayed result.

### RTA: Real-Time Spectrum
Displays the 1/3 or 1/1 octave spectrum of the selected sound level within the audio band. Additionally the wide band result is shown graphically by a bar.

### Reporting: Report Setting
Here you set which sound pressure levels shall be stored in a .txt file after the completed measurement. Choose between:

- **ALL** Stores all sound pressure levels.
- **Selected** Stores up to 10 different individually-defined sound pressure levels.

For details refer to the chapter Reporting.
Logging: Setup of Data Logging
The XL2-TA features a powerful sound level meter data logger, which allows you to record all required sound level values during the measurement. In the logging page you set which sound pressure levels shall be logged over time. For details refer to the chapter Logging. Choose between:

- **ALL** Logs all sound pressure levels.
- **Selected** Logs up to 10 different individually-defined sound pressure levels.

Event Trigger: Event Setting (optional)
The event function is available with the optional Extended Acoustic Pack. The XL2-TA event feature offers the following functionalities:
- Automated event triggered at noise levels above/below a preset value including setting markers for specific noise categories. Application example: Recording the noise level for LAF > 80 dB.
- Event triggered by external key press of the XL2 Input Keypad. You can utilize four keys (1-4) to categorize any noise of interest or noise to be later excluded in the post-processing. A typical application is categorizing any annoying industrial noise by persons living in the neighborhood.

Limit LED: Limit Setting
Here you set the function of the limit LED 🟢, thereby highlighting any sound level that exceeds the pre-set limits in orange or red color. Further, external peripherals are controlled by the optional Serial I/O Interface based on the sound level, such as displaying sound levels on a large external red-orange-green lamp. For details refer to the chapter Limits.

KSET Correction: Setup of Correction Values
This page provides a wizard to measure correction values, which could be helpful for compliant sound level monitoring of live events. It measures the correction values between the actual measurement position and the loudest position accessible by the audience. The XL2-TA displays and logs the selected sound pressure levels including the correction values, allowing the sound engineer to monitor the sound level at the loudest position in the audience. The measurement meets the requirements of the standards DIN15905-5 and V-NISSG. For details refer to chapter Correction Value KSET.
Set EQt, L%: Selection of measured levels
This page allows setting the following levels:
• Moving Time-average Sound Level
  Gliding Leq with selectable time window from one second to one hour. Four individual levels can be configured. This level is also called “running Leq,T” or “sliding Leq,T.”
• Percentile Sound Level
  - Allows the individual configuration of seven statistic levels from 0.1% to 99.9% (optional with Extended Acoustic Pack).
  - The Broadband Source for the calculation of the level statistics can be chosen from a set of different levels with either a frequency weighting A, C or Z. The time weightings F, S and the moving time-averaged sound level for one second are supported.
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Numeric Result Page
The numeric result page **123 SLMeter** displays the selected broadband sound level results. You can change the font size of the result. Depending on the font size chosen, the XL2-TA shows three or five results simultaneously. Individual frequency weighting, time weighting, actual, minimum, maximum and correction values can be chosen for each displayed result.

Real-Time Analyzer Page
The real-time analyzer page **RTA** measures and displays the 1/3 or 1/1 octave spectrum from 6.3 Hz to 20 kHz including wideband results. The real-time spectrum RTA is measured in parallel with the A and Z-weighted wideband levels.
Sound Level Result 1
All sound levels are measured and logged simultaneously. You select which sound levels should be displayed.

Change Parameter
- Turn the rotary wheel to select the parameter \( L_{xx} \).
- Press enter to open the selection menu and choose the wideband sound pressure level to be displayed.
- Turn the rotary wheel to select the required test result parameters and confirm with enter.

Change Font Size
- Turn the rotary wheel to select the actual test result.
- Press enter 1x, 2x or 3x to set the font size to small, medium or large.

The XL2-TA shows 3 sound levels on the display if a large font is chosen, otherwise it shows 5 sound levels.

Sound Level Result 2 & 3
Follow the setting instructions for sound level result 1.

Sound Level Result 4 & 5
To display sound level results 4 & 5, choose a smaller font for all results. Follow the setting instructions for sound level result 1.

Input Range
The XL2-TA Analyzer provides three input ranges to accommodate the wide range of input signals. The individual ranges are based on the microphone sensitivity setting in the calibration menu of the XL2-TA. For example, at a sensitivity \( S=20\text{mV/Pa} \) the input ranges are
- Low: 10 - 110 dBSPL
- Mid: 30 - 130 dBSPL
- High: 50 - 150 dBSPL

Select the lowest possible input range according to the maximum level expected during the measurement; e.g., if the sound pressure will always be below 110 dBSPL, then select the lowest input range 10 - 110 dBSPL.

Run Indication
The run indication shows the measurement status running, paused or stopped. Various measurement settings are locked during ongoing measurements, such as changing the input ranging or the preset measurement time.
Actual Measurement Time
Counts actual measurement time in hrs:min:sec. Supports time modes: continuous, single and (synchronized) repeat.

- **Timer Mode Continuous**
  (applicable for standard measurements)
  All values are recorded and monitored continuously after starting a measurement with start button. The actual measurement time is shown.

- **Timer Mode Single**
  Automatically stops the measurement after the pre-set measurement time.
  - Set the required measurement time.
  - Start the measurement button.

  The actual measurement time counts back to zero and the measurement ends.

  - All measurement results may be recalled.

- **Timer Mode Repeat**
  Provides automated repeated measurements with user-defined, preset measurement time cycles.
  - Set the required measurement time.
  - Press start button.

  The actual measurement time counts back to zero. When the preset measurement time has elapsed, the measurement time and the measurement results are reset and a new measurement is started. All measurement results of the previous cycle are reset.

  - Press stop button to complete the measurement.
Timer Mode Repeat Synchronized
Provides automated repeated measurements synchronized to the XL2-TA real-time clock. Press start to begin the measurement. In order to align the selected preset measurement time with the real-time clock, the XL2-TA shortens the first cycle to match the real-time clock synchronization. All following measurement cycles are synchronized to the real-time clock.

For example, the cycle time setting is 30 minutes and the measurement starts at 7:50 a.m. -> the first test cycle measures from 7:50 - 8:00 a.m. Thereafter a new test cycle starts automatically for 30 minutes. The 30-minute cycles repeat until the measurement is stopped.

The measurements in the synchronized repeat timer mode start exactly on the half or full hour in accordance with DIN 15905.

Preset Measurement Time
Adjustment of preset measurement time for single and repeat timer setting.

Phantom Power Supply

48V The XL2-TA provides 48 V phantom power supply to the connection microphone or sensor.

ASD An NTi Audio measurement microphone with automated sensor detection ASD is connected. The XL2-TA reads the electronic data sheet of the microphone and switches the 48V phantom power automatically on

48V Phantom power is switched off.

Result Symbols / Capture
This field offers two functions:

- Symbols for measurement results
  - Upper RTA parameter displayed as line.
  - Lower RTA parameter displayed as bargraph.
• Capture
One of the displayed RTA readings may be captured. Any measurement data can then be compared with this captured reference live on the XL2-TA Analyzer. For example, compare the RTA spectrum of the left and right speakers.
  • Select the parameter to be captured.
  • Confirm with enter.
  • Select the upper RTA parameter and choose Capt.
  • Confirm with enter.

The lower RTA reading can be compared with the previously-captured reference data.

10 Measurement Result
Actual level result of the indicated frequency band. The cursor readout displays the center frequency and the level of the band pointed to by the arrow.

• Upper parameter displayed as line.
• Lower parameter displayed as bargraph.

11 Y-Scale setting
• Select the Y-Axis with the rotary wheel and confirm with enter.
• Select the zoom factor between 20, 10, 5, 2.5 dB/div and confirm with enter.
• Scroll up and down with the rotary wheel to select the Y-axis range.
• Confirm with enter.

12 RTA Measurement Result
Real-time analyzer results in 1/1 octave or 1/3 octave band resolution. Adjust the resolution at 17.

13 X-Scale setting
Toggles X-scale range between

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• Select the X-Axis with the rotary wheel and confirm with enter.
• Toggle with the rotary wheel between the ranges.
• Confirm with enter.
14 Broadband Results
Actual sound level.
The broadband sound pressure level Leq, Lmin, Lmax and Live are displayed here. The Live level is displayed with time weighting Fast.

A A-weighted broadband sound pressure level

Z Broadband sound pressure level without any frequency weighting

15 Readout Frequency
You may select any frequency to read out individual levels. The selected frequency is indicated by the cursor arrow.

Choose between the following settings:

The cursor follows automatically the highest level, e.g. tracing feedback frequencies at live sound.
• Select the frequency with the rotary wheel.
• Press enter.
• You may readout any individual frequency.
• Return to auto frequency with enter.

The cursor returns to the frequency with highest level bar.

16 Setting of Test Result Resolution
Set the RTA result display to 1/1 octave or 1/3 octave band resolution as follows:
• Turn the rotary wheel to select the parameter.
• Press enter to toggle between 1/1 OCT and 1/3 OCT and set this parameter.

The cursor readout may be set manually to any frequency band or wide band level. The readout remains at the selected frequency.
• Select the frequency with the rotary wheel.
• Press enter.
• Select the frequency of interest.
• Confirm with enter.

The cursor readout displays the measurement results of the selected frequency band.
Measurement Unit
Select the measurement unit as follows:

- **dB**  Sound level in dBSPL
  This measurement unit is permanently selected when an NTi Audio measurement microphone with electronic data sheet is connected.

- **dBu**  Input level in dBu

- **dBV**  Input level in dBV

- **V**  Input level in Volt

The low indicator for an individual level “<” is displayed when:
- The measured sound pressure level is below the selected linear measurement range. In this case the results shown are most likely higher than the actual sound pressure level -> choose the next lower measurement range.

- The measured sound pressure level is just above the residual noise of the connected NTi Audio measurement microphone. This reduces the measurement accuracy -> choose another microphone designed for low level measurements.

The low condition is registered in the log and report files in the column “Low(eq/peak)” individually for all frequency weightings, the RMS and the peak levels.
Overload Indication

In case the measurement result exceeds the preset measurement range, then limit arrows indicate this overload condition. The arrows are displayed for as long as the overload exists, and at least for a minimum of 1 second. Furthermore, such an overload condition triggers the OVR indication in the bottom line, which remains displayed for the complete measurement period. These overload indications are reset at the start of a new measurement. All overload conditions are registered in the log and report files.

Possible causes for exceeding measurement ranges are

- The measured sound pressure level exceeds the pre-set measurement range during the measurement period. Once this happens, the OVR indication remains displayed for the complete measurement period. -> select the next higher measurement range or reduce the input signal level as applicable.
- The input level is near the maximum level of the connected NTi Audio measurement microphone.
Sound Level Meter - Getting Started

Test Preparations

- Connect the measurement microphone to the XL2-TA.
- Switch on the XL2-TA.

The XL2-TA reads the electronic data sheet of any connected NTi Audio ASD microphone and switches the 48V phantom power automatically.

The 48V phantom power indication in the upper menu bar changes to ASD. The XL2-TA is ready for acoustic measurements.

- Position the XL2-TA at the measurement location using a microphone stand or a tripod.
- Select the SLMeter function in the measurement menu and toggle with page to the numeric result page.

Select Displayed Test Result

This example describes the setting of the commonly-used actual sound pressure level \( L_{AF} \) (level L, frequency weighting A, time weighting F).

- Select the first parameter setting with the rotary wheel.
- Confirm with enter.

All wideband and RTA levels are measured and logged simultaneously. You select which sound levels should be displayed.

Press start to measure and display the sound levels results indicated with ----.
Select Frequency Weighting

The pop-up window **FREQ WEIGHTING** appears.

- Select the frequency weighting A.

Select Time Weighting

The pop-up window extends with **TIME WEIGHTING**.

- Select the required time weighting; e.g. F (=Fast).

Installation of the Extended Acoustic Option adds more items to the pop-up window.

- Confirm with enter ⌘.
Select Parameter

- The pop-up window extends with `PARAMETER` settings.
  - Select the parameter `live`.
  - Confirm with enter

Select Correction Value

- The pop-up window extends with `CORRECTION` settings.
  - Select the parameter `off`.
  - Confirm with enter

The pop-up window closes and the measured sound pressure level $L_{AF}$ is displayed.
Select further Sound Levels

• Select further sound pressure levels as described above; e.g., $L_{Aeq}$ and $L_{AF_{max}}$

Select Input Range

• Select the lowest possible input range based on the maximum level expected during the measurement. Wrong input ranges are indicated by a “<” in front of the measurement value or a flashing OVR message in the lower menu bar.
• Select the input range RNGE and press enter.
• Turn the rotary wheel to set the applicable input range and confirm with enter.

The numeric result page and the real-time analyzer page use the same input range.
Start Measurement
- The XL2-TA is ready to measure the sound levels $L_{AF}$, $L_{Aeq}$ and $L_{AFmax}$.
- Press start. 

The run indication switches to running. The integrated sound pressure level over time $L_{Aeq}$ and the maximum level in the measurement period $L_{AFmax}$ are displayed. The parameter RUN, LOG (logging is enabled) or AUD (audio recording is configured) flashes in the memory menu.

Stop Measurement and Data Saving
- Press stop.

The XL2-TA stores the broadband sound pressure levels and the real-time analyzer results simultaneously.

- Press enter to confirm. The measurement data is stored on the SD Card in ASCII format.

The sound pressure level measurement is completed.
Data Post-Processing
The XL2-TA stores all data and audio onto the SD card for direct transfer to a computer. Audio data is stored as .wav files. Data reports and log files are stored in plain text format, which can be opened with any text editor (Notepad, Wordpad, etc.). The data is tab-delimited, so dropping the .txt file into a spreadsheet application will conveniently show the results in columns.

Furthermore, a series of free MS Excel application templates provide a convenient way to view the measurement results of specific tasks and create simple reports. They are available as free download for all registered XL2-TA customers on the support website at https://my.nti-audio.com. (Enable all macros when opening the document.)

For the most comprehensive analysis of logged noise monitoring data, use the XL2 Data Explorer software. The data import into the software is enabled by the Data Explorer Option, which needs to be installed in the XL2-TA Sound Level Meter. More details in chapter XL2 Data Explorer.

RTA Measurement - Getting Started
Test Preparations
The XL2-TA reads the electronic data sheet of any connected ASD microphones provided by NTi Audio and switches the 48V phantom power automatically on as follows:

- Connect the measurement microphone to the XL2-TA.
- Switch on the XL2-TA.

The 48V phantom power indication in the upper menu bar changes to ASD. The XL2-TA is ready for acoustic measurements.

- Position the XL2-TA at the measurement location using a microphone stand or tripod.
- Select the SLMeter function in the measurement menu and toggle with page to the real-time analyzer (RTA) page.

All wideband and RTA levels are measured and logged simultaneously. You select the sound levels to be displayed.
RTA Configuration
The XL2-TA displays two different sound pressure levels at the same time. You configure which test results to display; e.g., LZF_{max} and LZF_{live}.

- Ensure no other measurement is going on. The run indication should display the stop symbol ▼.
- Select the LZF value with the rotary wheel ◇.
- Confirm with enter ◆.

Select RTA Frequency Weighting

- The pop-up window FREQ WEIGHTING appears.
  - Select the frequency weighting Z.
  - Confirm with enter ◆.

Press start ▶ to measure and display the sound levels results indicated with ----.
Select RTA Time Weighting

The pop-up window extends with TIME WEIGHTING.

- Select the required time weighting; e.g., \( F \) (=Fast).
- Confirm with enter \( \).

Select Upper/Lower RTA Parameter

- Select the parameter shown to the right of the upper LZF value with the rotary wheel \( \) ; e.g. \textbf{max}.
- Press enter \( \). The pop-up window PARAMETER appears.
- Select the parameter \textbf{max}.
- Confirm with enter \( \).

Follow the same instruction and select the lower RTA parameter \textbf{live}. 

- Confirm with enter \( \).
Select Input Range
• Select the lowest possible input range according to the maximum level expected during the measurement. Wrong input ranges are indicated by a less-than symbol (<) in front of the measurement value or a flashing OVR message in the lower menu bar.
• Select the input range RNGE and press enter ( ).
• Turn the rotary wheel ( ) to set the applicable input range and confirm with enter ( ).

Start RTA Measurement
• The XL2-TA is ready to display the measured sound pressure levels $L_{ZF_{max}}$ and $L_{ZF_{live}}$.
• Press start ( ).

The run indication switches to running ( ) . The actual sound level $L_{ZF_{live}}$ and the maximum level $L_{AF_{max}}$ are displayed. The parameter RUN, LOG (logging is enabled) or AUD (audio recording is configured) flashes in the memory menu.

The numeric result page and the real-time analyzer page use the same input range.
Stop the Measurement and Data Saving

- Press stop.

The XL2-TA stores the broadband sound pressure levels and the real-time analyzer results simultaneously.

- Press enter to confirm. The measurement data is stored on the SD Card in ASCII format.

The RTA measurement is completed.

Reporting

A report saves the conducted measurements onto the installed SD Card. The XL2-TA supports setting the individual levels to be stored in the report after the measurement is completed.

1. Add Spectra

   - No RTA measurement reporting.
   - Leq: The RTA Leq level is stored in the report.
Sound Level Meter

Leq, Lmax, Lmin

The RTA Leq, Lmin, Lmax levels are stored in the report.

All

All RTA levels are stored in the report.

Report Values

Choose between the following result reporting:

ALL

Records all available sound pressure levels without correction values.

Selected

Records a subset of up to 10 different levels, including correction values if you require.

- Select Report Values with the rotary wheel.
- Press enter to toggle between All or Selected.

Selected Report Values

- By setting Selected at up to 10 individual report values can be chosen. Select the first value Lxx with the rotary wheel and press enter.

The pop-up window for level selection appears.

- Select the reporting level with the rotary wheel and confirm with enter.

Logging

The XL2-TA features a powerful sound level meter data logger, which allows you to record all required sound level values during the selected period of time. All results are logged onto the SD Card. The measurement results can be loaded to a PC for documentation and visualization. The LOG menu offers the detailed setup of the log report.
1 Logging
   Select Logging with the rotary wheel and press enter to enable the automated logging of test results.
   
   On       The XL2-TA logs measurement data every interval $dt$.  
   Off      No Logging

2 Interval $\Delta t$
   Adjust the logging interval. The optional Extended Acoustic Pack offers the additional 100 ms logging.

3 Add Spectra
   Set the RTA logging for each logging interval here.
   
   No       No RTA spectrum is logged.
   Leq      The Leq spectrum is logged.
   Leq, Lmax, Lmin  The Leq, Lmax and Lmin spectrum is logged simultaneously (requires optional Extended Acoustic Pack).

4 Log Audio
   The XL2-TA logs audio data as a wav-file. Choose among the following settings:
   
   Off      Audio logging is off
   On       Audio logging is activate from measurement start to stop.
   Events Only  Audio logging of triggered events only.

   For more details read the chapters Wav-File Recording and Events.

5 Format
   Choose among the following audio recording settings:
   
   Compressed    Compressed audio logging
   Compressed+AGC Compressed audio logging with automated gain control
   24Bit_48kHz  Linear audio logging in 24 bit, 48 kHz resolution (optional with Extended Acoustic Pack)
6 Log Value Setting
Choose between the following settings:

ALL  Logs all available sound pressure levels without correction values.

Selected  Logs a subset of up to 10 different sound pressure levels, including correction values if you require.

- Select Log Values with the rotary wheel 🔄.
- Press enter 🔝 to toggle between All and Selected.

7 Selected Log Values
By setting Selected at 5 up to 10 individual log values can be chosen.
- Select the first value Lxx with the rotary wheel 🔄 and press enter 🔝.

 Serialize  The pop-up window for level selection appears.

- Select the logging level with the rotary wheel 🔄 and confirm with enter 🔝.

At 100ms Logging is the log value selection limited to five different parameters.

Wav-File Recording

The XL2-TA records a wav-file of the measured input signal and stores it on the SD Card. The available formats are:
- Compressed (default, using ADPCM compression). A new wav-file is started automatically after 12 hours of recording (typical maximum wav-file size = 512 MByte)
- Compressed+AGC, compressed with automated gain control. The gain control increases the level of low-level signals, so that the wav-file is well-leveled during playback on the PC.
- 24Bit_48kHz, linear wav-file logging in 24 bit, 48kHz resolution with the optional Extended Acoustic Pack. A new wav-file is started automatically after 1 hour of recording (typical maximum wav-file size = 512 MByte)

Broadcast Wave Format BWF
The XL2-TA stores scaling factor, serial number, date, time and time zone within the wav-file (according to EBU TECH 3285). This information is available through professional audio/video tools typically used in broadcast.
Sample name of wav-file:
MyTest_SLM_000_Audio_FS133.0dB(PK)_00.wav

1 MyTest
File name defined by user.

2 SLM
Measurement function.

3 000
Automatically incrementing file number.

4 Audio_FS133.0dB(PK)
Audio file with full scale peak level. In case of a Compressed + AGC recording, the file name reads “AGC”; this file contains corrected level information only.

5 00
For wav-file recording over longer periods, the XL2-TA splits the audio data into individual wav-files with about 500 MB (compressed audio: 12 hours; linear: 1 hour), keeping the file size small for easier handling on the PC. The number 5 increments for each successive wav-file.

The advantage of wav-file recordings is to identify and document sound sources after the measurement. For example, at a live event an excessive peak level may have been measured and logged. Actually, this peak level was caused by people shouting nearby the measurement microphone, and not by the audio system being monitored. The recorded wav-file assists in verifying this and the test results can then be post-processed.

Pausing Measurement
If any ongoing measurement is paused \(\text{II}\), the XL2-TA continues the recording of wav-files during the paused period. The logged data and audio data can be synchronized using the stored real-time information.

Events
The wav-files are stored in a folder, named, for example, 2011-11-30_SLM_000_AudioEvent_0001-0200. The actual wav-files are named for example, as xxxx_FS133.0dB(PK).wav (xxxx = incrementing number)
Another example is environmental noise monitoring: Listening to the recorded wav-file after the measurement may help to determine the predominant sound source. The XL2-TA Analyzer preserves the original absolute test signal level in the recorded wav-file.

The XL2-TA Analyzer provides three input ranges to accommodate the wide range of input signals. The dynamic range of the recorded wav-file is set according to the selected input range. For example, at a microphone sensitivity of $S = 20 \text{ mV/Pa}$, the full-scale peak level is:

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<td>117.8 dBSPL</td>
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<td>Mid</td>
<td>30 - 130 dBSPL</td>
<td>135.9 dBSPL</td>
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<tr>
<td>High</td>
<td>50 - 150 dBSPL</td>
<td>159.9 dBSPL</td>
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Select the lowest possible input range according to the maximum level expected during the measurement; e.g., If the sound pressure will always be below 110 dBSPL, select the lowest input range 10 - 110 dBSPL.
Events (optional)

The event function is available with the XL2-TA Extended Acoustic Pack Option. The XL2-TA Analyzer may be configured to record wav-files and additional noise levels only when triggered, instead of the complete measurement duration.

Advantages
Reduces the data volume acquired, thereby
• Simplifying data post-processing
• Saving memory for long-term measurement applications.

Events
Events are triggered either automatically by sound levels above/below a preset value or manually by external key press using the XL2 Input Keypad.

Recommendation
With the large storage capacity of the XL2-TA, NTi Audio recommends logging at a 1 second or faster interval. This allows the accurate collection of event data; one event will be stored within a logged interval. If results for reporting are required at longer intervals, e.g. one hour, the XL2 Data Explorer software is recommended. It easily combines logged data into longer audit intervals. An additional advantage of a faster logging interval is that only an entire logged interval can be excluded from the average. This is useful when a qualified noise consultant judges that a sound is not caused by the object under test or is not a normal sound for a measurement location.

Functions
The XL2-TA event feature offers the following functionalities:
• Automated event triggered at noise levels above/below a preset value including setting markers for specific noise categories. Application example: Recording the noise level for $L_A^{eq} > 80$ dB.
• Event triggered by external key press of the XL2 Input Keypad. You can utilize four keys (1-4) to categorize any noise of interest or noise to be later excluded in the post-processing. A typical application is categorizing any annoying industrial noise by persons living in the neighborhood.

Data Logging
The XL2-TA Analyzer logs the data specified in the LOG setting for the complete measurement duration into a log file. The markers and triggered events results are added to the same log file. The XL2 Input Keypad is available as an accessory. Please see chapter Options and Accessories for details.
Features:
• The levels $L_{Aeq}$, $L_{Zeq}$ and $L_{CPeak}$ are recorded for the event duration.
• Audio data is recorded for the triggered event duration only, thus simplifying data post-processing and saving memory space for long-term measurements.
• Setting markers by external key press of the XL2 Input Keypad.


1 **Trigger Events**
Choose from the following settings:

- **Off**  
  No event triggering

- **on level above**  
  Events are triggered at noise levels above the preset value 2 for the start duration 13.

- **on level below**  
  Events are triggered at noise levels below the preset value 2 for the start duration 13.

- **on ext. key press**  
  Events are triggered by external key press.

2 **Start [dB]**
Set the level at which the triggered event is started.

3 **Stop [dB]**
Set the level at which the triggered event is stopped.

- **on level above**  
  Stop level = Start level 2 - Hysteresis 14

- **on level below**  
  Stop level = Start level 2 + Hysteresis 14

**Stop Duration**
The event stop is triggered when the noise level is lower (or higher) than the preset value and continues for the preset duration.

**Hysteresis**
Set the hysteresis to an appropriate value to prevent rapid switching on and off as the level drifts around the Start level.

4 **Level Selection**
Define the level type to be monitored.
5 Log Audio
The XL2-TA logs audio data as a wav-file. Choose from the following settings:

- **Off**: Audio logging is off
- **On**: Audio logging is activated from measurement start to stop.
- **Events Only**: Audio logging of triggered events only.

For more details read the chapter Wav-File Recording.

6 Format
Choose from the following audio recording formats:

- **Compressed**: Compressed audio logging
- **Compressed+AGC**: Compressed audio logging with Automated Gain Control (AGC)
- **24Bit_48kHz**: Linear audio logging in 24 bit, 48 kHz resolution. (Required for post-processing on the PC with Extended Acoustic Pack)

7 Audio Logging Period
If Log Audio 5 is set to Events Only, then the duration for the audio recording may be further specified:

- **Recording whole event**: Records a wav-file for the whole triggered event duration.
- **Stop recording after**: Records a wav-file for the specified period after the event start is triggered.

8 Status Information
Displays current trigger status:

- **Waiting for trigger**
- **Armed** (during start duration 13)
- **Audio + data recording**
- **Completing log cycle**

9 Actual Level
Measurement result of the defined level 4.

10 Event Counter
Counts the number of triggered events that have occurred during the ongoing measurement.
Trigger and Marker Monitor
Answers the question: What caused the triggered event?

**Lvl**  Event automatically triggered by level.

1  Event triggered or marker added by pressing key 1 of the XL2 Input Keypad.

2  Event triggered or marker added by pressing key 2 of the XL2 Input Keypad.

3  Event triggered or marker added by pressing key 3 of the XL2 Input Keypad.

4  Event triggered or marker added by pressing key 4 of the XL2 Input Keypad.

Stop Duration
See 3.

Start Duration
See 2.

Hysteresis
See 3.

Trigger Events: on external key press
Trigger Events by pressing a button on the external input keypad with automated or manual stop of the event.

Features:
- The levels $L_{Aeq}$, $L_{Zeq}$ and $L_{Cpeak}$ are recorded for the event duration.
- Audio data may be recorded for the user-defined event duration 15 after the key press.
- Retrigger with every repeated key press within the event duration.
### Event Stop Mode and Event Duration

**on key release**  
The event is recorded as long as the button of the input keypad is kept pressed; the Event period is at least **Min. Event Duration** long.

**on ext. key-press**  
The event is stopped by pressing a button on the external input keypad; the Event period is at most **Max. Event Duration** long.

### Button Functionality of Input Keypad

**treat each key separately**  
All four buttons operate individually. For example pressing the button 2 will be recorded as button 2 in the measurement report. This allows you to distinguish different acoustic noise sources.

**treat all keys as Key 1**  
All four buttons operate in parallel and any button press will be recorded as button 1 in the measurement report.
The XL2-TA is ready for the triggered event measurement.

### How to Setup the XL2-TA for Triggered Event Measurements

- Select the logging page, set **Logging On, Interval dt: 00:00:01** and choose the required log values.
- Setup the event page. For example, the screenshot below starts the event recording after $L_{AF}$ exceeds 80 dB for 2 seconds and stops after $L_{AF}$ is lower than 70 dB for 3 seconds.

```
Triggerring Events: on level above...
Start [dB]: 80.0 for 02s
Stop [dB]: 80.0 - 10 for 03s
Level = LAF

Log Audio: Events Only
Format: Compressed
Record whole event

Status: Stopped
Curr Level = 64.5dB MONITOR
Event count: 0000 Lvu1234
```

- Select the memory menu and create a new folder. This folder will then be displayed in the memory menu. All log data and event wav-files are stored in this folder.

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**Logging Enabled**

Triggered-event recording requires the activation of sound level logging. Using the default **Interval dt: 1 second** is recommended.

**Auto Save**

If **Log Audio** is set to **Events Only**, then the XL2-TA sets per default **Naming+Saving: auto** in the memory menu. This ensures that the recorded triggered event data is stored on the SD Card.

For convenience, in case more than 20 triggered events have been recorded, the **Auto-save -> Delete** function is disabled, as deleting such multiple wav-files on the XL2-TA is time-consuming.

**Wav-files**

All triggered-event wav-files are stored in an individual folder. For details see chapter Logging.
Limits

The limit page offers two functions:

- Setup of limit LED function; enabling the XL2-TA to highlight any sound levels that exceed the pre-set limit in orange or red color. The default color is green.
- Limit parameter setup for external connected accessories, such as the Digital I/O Adapter PCB, the Limit Light or the Stack Light. These accessories connect to the digital I/O interface of the XL2-TA.

1. Limit LED On/Off
   Select Limit LED with the rotary wheel and press enter to enable/disable the limit function.

2. LED - Level 1
   Select one sound level for the limit LED indication.
   - Select the sound level field with the rotary wheel.
   - Press enter and select the sound level for the limit LED indication.

3. Selected Level Values
   To set the level values for the limit LED,
   - Select the Red or Orange sound level with the rotary wheel and press enter.
   - Set the level value with the rotary wheel and confirm with enter.

4. Digital I/O On/Off
   Select Digital I/O with the rotary wheel and press enter to enable/disable the operation of externally connected accessories.
5 I/O - Level 1
Setup of the level type 1, which is used to trigger externally connected accessories.
- Select the level field with the rotary wheel ⦿.
- Press enter ⍋ and select the level for the control of the external accessory.

6 Selected Sound Level Values
To set the level values for the control of the externally connected accessory.
- Select the Out 1, Out 2, Out 3 or Out 4 level with the rotary wheel ⦿ and press enter ⍋. The Limit Light and the Stack Light use Out 1 for red, Out 2 for yellow and Out 3 for green light.
- Set the level value with the rotary wheel ⦿ and confirm with enter ⍋.

7 I/O - Level 2
Follow the setting for I/O - Level 1. The I/O level 1 may be combined with I/O level 2 using and/or combinations, providing indications in level ranges. Alternatively, other levels can be selected for the control of the externally connected accessories.

8 LED - Level 2
Follow the setting for LED - Level 1.

I/O Limits with Triggered Events
If event recording is enabled, the digital output 4 (Out 4) is utilized, e.g. as confirmation feedback to the XL2 Input Keypad. Therefore the limit setting of Out 4 is disabled.
Correction Value KSET

The correction value page offers a measurement wizard for live event monitoring, applicable in case the measurement location differs from the loudest position in the live event area.

Measurement Position
The goal at live event monitoring is to measure the sound level at the loudest position accessible by the audience. Setting up any sound level measurement at this loudest location is typically not practical, thus an alternative measurement position is chosen. The recommended measurement position in order to minimize the influence that audience noise has on the measurement:

• Mount the measurement microphone in front of the main speakers
• Position the XL2-TA Analyzer at front of house (FOH)
• Connect the XL2-TA Analyzer and measurement microphone using a professional audio cable

Positioning the measurement microphone at front of house (FOH) may result in audience noise interfering with the measurement results. The audience noise will be further amplified by the measured k-values.

Correction k1
The correction k1 is based on the L_Aeq.

Correction k2
Select the level type for correction k2.

LCpeak for Germany DIN15905-5; correction is based on LCpeak measurement

L_Ceq correction is based on L_Ceq measurement
Level Difference
Prior to the start of the live event, the level difference between the loudest and the measurement position is measured. The XL2-TA Analyzer calculates the level difference automatically based on the individual sound level measurements at both locations. This level difference is included in the sound level reading during the live event, and the XL2-TA thereby displays and records the sound pressure level of the loudest point.

How to Measure the Correction Value

- Play a pink noise signal at the typical sound pressure level of the live event (signal source: Minirator, NTi Audio Test CD or USB Flash Drive)
- Select the correction page.
- Search the audience area for the location with the highest sound pressure level and position the XL2-TA Analyzer.
- Turn the rotary wheel to select the parameter "RUN" next to Audience and press enter.

The XL2-TA measures the sound level at the loudest position for 5 seconds. The timer counts down to zero.
• Wait until the measurement is completed.
• Position the XL2-TA at the measurement position.
• Turn the rotary wheel to select the parameter RUN next to Measure and press enter.

The XL2-TA measures the sound level at the measurement position for 5 seconds. The timer counts down to zero.

• Wait until the measurement is completed.
• The correction values k1 and k2 are calculated and displayed including date and time.
Manual Setting of Correction Values
You may fine-tune the correction values k1 and k2 manually. Such fine-tuning adds the remark “Manually Adjusted” in the log file.

- Turn the rotary wheel to select the correction value and press enter.

  The selected correction value starts flashing.

- Set the correction value with the rotary wheel.

  The note “Manually Adjusted” is displayed.

- To undo the manual setting turn the rotary wheel to select parameter UNDO at.

  Confirm with enter.

Reset Correction Values
You may clear all correction values back to zero by pressing the Clear All and confirm with enter.

Display k1 and k2 during Measurement
The correction values k1 and k2 can be displayed in the numeric result page during the ongoing sound level measurement instead of any other sound levels.

Correction Values in Profiles
The correction values k1 and k2 can optionally be stored within profiles. Loading the profile, sets the stored correction values.
Locked Run Mode

The Locked Run Mode simplifies sound level monitoring. You just need to power up the XL2-TA and the measurement starts automatically. The measurement continues until you switch off the instrument using the power button  . The measurement data is stored by default.

Start Locked Run Mode

- Set the required parameters in the sound level meter for your noise monitoring application.
- Press and hold the start/stop button  for 3 seconds.

The Locked Run Mode is now activated. The Run Indicator  displays L. The Info window is displayed at the same time.

- Switch off the instrument.

The measurement is stopped and the data is saved.

- Switch on the instrument.

The sound level measurement starts automatically and continues as long as the device is powered on.

End Locked Run Mode

- Press and hold the start/stop button  for 3 seconds during the ongoing measurement.

The measurement is stopped and the Locked Run Mode deactivated.
5. **Acoustic Analyzer**

Besides the comprehensive sound level meter functions, the XL2-TA Audio and Acoustic Analyzer offers the following acoustic measurement functions:

- FFT Analysis with optional tolerance function
- Reverberation Time
- Polarity
- Delay time
- 1/12 Octave + Tolerance Analysis (optional)
- Noise Curves (optional)
- Speech intelligibility STIPA (optional)

The FFT measurement is the ideal tool for visualization of comb filters and narrow band effects. It allows a detailed frequency response investigation of audio and acoustic systems. The XL2-TA includes an extremely fast, real-time FFT. Optional features are:

- High-resolution Zoom-FFT up to 0.4 Hz steps in the frequency range 5 Hz - 20 kHz provided with optional Extended Acoustic Pack or the Spectral Limits Option
- Capture and tolerance function provided with Spectral Limits Option; thus the main menu function reads *FFT + Tol*. 

![FFT Analysis + Tolerance](image)
Result Symbols / Capture & Start Tolerance Mode

This field offers two functions:

- Symbols for measurement results

  - Upper result displayed as line.
  - Lower result displayed as bargraph.

- Capture & Start Tolerance Mode

  The displayed readings may be captured as reference reading C1 to C8 for
  - Comparing measurement results against captured traces with relative or absolute curve display.
  - Creating tolerance masks based on captured reference curves for passed / failed measurements.

Capture EQ  Captures the upper parameter

Capture Live  Captures the lower parameter
Manage captures  Allows to rename captures, clear recorded captures, save captures to the SD Card for export from the XL2-TA or load captures from the SD Card for import to the XL2-TA.

Start tolerance mode  Starts the tolerance mode for passed/failed measurements comparing the actual measurement results against a tolerance band.

Measurement Result  Actual level result of the indicated frequency band. The cursor readout displays the center frequency and the level of the band indicated by the arrow.

- Upper parameter displayed as line.
- Lower parameter displayed as bargraph.

Y-Scale setting  
- Select the Y-Axis with the rotary wheel and confirm with enter.
- Select the zoom factor between 20, 10, 5, 2.5 dB/div and confirm with enter.
- Scroll up and down with the rotary wheel to select the Y-axis range.
- Confirm with enter.

Measurement Result  Displays the actual and averaged measurement results.

Input Range  
The XL2-TA Analyzer provides three input ranges to accommodate the wide range of input signals. The individual ranges are based on the microphone sensitivity setting in the calibration menu of the XL2-TA. For example at a sensitivity S=20mV/Pa the input ranges are:

- Lower range: 10 - 110 dBSPL
- Middle range: 30 - 130 dBSPL
- Upper range: 50 - 150 dBSPL

Select the lowest possible input range according to the maximum level expected during the measurement; e.g., if the sound pressure will be always below 110 dBSPL, then select the lowest input range 10 - 110 dBSPL.
6 Time Weighting
Offers selectable time weighting of **0.1, 0.2, 0.5, 1.0** second as well as **FAST** (125 ms) and **SLOW** (1 second). Applications:

- Short Time Weighting: High-resolution in time with minimum averaging
- Long Time Weighting: Low resolution in time with longer averaging

7 Run Indication
The run indication shows the measurement status running, paused or stopped. Various measurement settings are locked during ongoing measurements, such as changing the input ranging or the preset measurement time.

- For passed/failed measurements with the Spectral Limits option the run indication may display **A** for a preset automated level trigger.

8 Actual Measurement Time
Counts actual measurement time in hrs:min:sec. Supports setting of time modes: continuous and single.

- **CNT** Timer Mode Continuous
  (applicable for standard measurements)
  All values are recorded and monitored continuously after starting a measurement with start 🔁. The actual measurement time is shown.

- Timer Mode Single
  Automatically stops the measurement after the pre-set measurement time.
  - Set the required measurement time.
  - Start the measurement 🔁.

9 Preset Measurement Time
Adjustment of preset measurement time for single timer setting.
10 Readout Frequency
You may select any frequency to read out individual levels. The selected frequency is indicated by the cursor arrow. Choose between the following settings:

The cursor follows automatically the highest level, e.g. tracing feedback frequencies at live sound.
- Select the frequency with the rotary wheel 🔄.
- Press enter ②.
- You may readout any individual frequency.
- Return to auto frequency with enter 🔄.

The cursor returns to the frequency with highest level bar.

The cursor readout may be set manually to any frequency. The readout remains at the selected frequency.
- Select the frequency with the rotary wheel 🔄.
- Press enter ②.
- Select the frequency of interest.
- Confirm with enter 🔄.

The cursor readout ② displays the measurement results of the selected frequency band.

11 Zoom Mode
(optional, applicable with the Extended Acoustic Pack or the Spectral Limits Option)

- Select the readout frequency 10 and press enter ②.
- The zoom mode is displayed above the flashing arrow.
- Select the zoom-in frequency with the rotary wheel 🔄.
- Press limit 🔄 and zoom the linear frequency scale in or out with the rotary wheel 🔄.
- Release limit 🔄 and scroll the linear frequency scale left or right with the rotary wheel 🔄.

12 Phantom Power Supply

48V The XL2-TA provides 48 V phantom power supply to the connection microphone or sensor.

ASD An NTi Audio measurement microphone with automated sensor detection ASD is connected. The XL2-TA reads the electronic data sheet of the microphone and switches the 48V phantom power automatically on

48V Phantom power is switched off.
### Measurement Unit

Select the measurement unit as follows:

- **dB**: Sound level in dBSPL
  - This measurement unit is permanently selected upon connecting a NTi Audio measurement microphone with electronic data sheet.
- **dBu**: Input level in dBu
- **dBV**: Input level in dBV
- **V**: Input level in Volt

### Page Selector X-Scale and Parameter Setting

- **20k**: Shows FFT result of the frequency band range. 484.38 Hz - 20.453 kHz in a resolution of 140.62 Hz with 143 bins shown on the display.
- **1k7**: Shows FFT result of the frequency band range. 58 Hz - 1.722 kHz in a resolution of 11.72 Hz with 143 bins shown on the display.
- **200**: Shows FFT result of the frequency band range. 7 Hz - 215.01 Hz in a resolution of 1.46 Hz with 143 bins shown on the display.
- **Usr**: User Range
  - (applicable with optional Extended Acoustic Pack or Spectral Limits Option)
  - 5 Hz - 20 kHz in zoom mode with a minimum resolution of 0.366 Hz and 143 bins displayed.

### Set

Selection for FFT Windowing:
- **Hann**: Default for acoustic measurements
- **Dolph-Chebyshev**: for analyzing small signals (e.g. harmonics) close to a dominant signal.

The page button [ ] switches these display modes.
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**Test Preparations**
- Connect the measurement microphone to the XL2-TA.
- Switch on the XL2-TA.

The 48V phantom power indication in the upper menu bar changes to ASD. The XL2-TA is ready for acoustic measurements.

- Position the XL2-TA at the measurement location using a microphone stand or tripod.

**Configuration**

The XL2-TA displays two different sound pressure levels at the same time. You configure to display either the levels **Live**, **Max**, **Min**, **EQ** or captured results.

- Select the upper result parameter with the rotary wheel.

- Confirm with enter.
Select Upper/Lower Reading

- The pop-up window \textit{Select reading} appears.

- Select the integrated averaged reading \textit{EQ}. All available selections are Z-weighted (= no weighting).

- Confirm with enter $\cdot$.

- The pop-up window \textit{Select reading mode} appears.

- Select \textit{EQ} for normal absolute display of measurements.
- Follow the same instruction and select the lower FFT reading \textit{Live}.

Press start $\cdot$ to measure and display the sound levels results indicated with ----.
Select Input Range

- Select the lowest possible input range according to the maximum level expected during the measurement.
- Select the input range **RNGE** and press enter.
- Turn the rotary wheel to set the applicable input range and confirm with enter.

Start Measurement

- The XL2-TA measures the selected sound pressure levels **Live** and **EQ**. All available sound levels are Z-weighted (= no weighting).
- Press start.

The run indication switches to running. The actual sound level Live and the averaged level EQ are displayed. The parameter **RUN** flashes in the memory menu.
Stop Measurement and Data Saving
• Press stop [ ].

The XL2-TA stores the measurement data automatically.

- Press enter [ ] to confirm. The measurement data is stored on the SD Card in ASCII format.

The measurement is completed.

Audio Recording
The XL2-TA Analyzer may record a linear audio file (48 kHz, 24 Bit) of the measurement period together with the FFT data. Just load a txt-file named “fftaudio.txt” in the root directory of the XL2-TA. This requires the installed option Extend Acoustic Pack.

Capture References and Create Tolerances
The Spectral Limits Option extends the function range of the XL2-TA with trace capturing, relative curve display and comprehensive tolerance handling for the FFT Analysis and the high-resolution 1/12 Oct + Tol spectral analysis.

Features:
• Captures multiple traces in the internal memory
• Comparing measurement results against captured traces with relative or absolute curve display
• Comprehensive tolerance handling
• Creating tolerance masks based on captured reference curves for passed / failed measurements
• Export and import of tolerance and capture files
• True peak level in 1/1 and 1/3 octave resolution
• High-resolution Zoom-FFT up to 0.4 Hz steps in the frequency range 5 Hz - 20 kHz

Read the detailed description in the separate chapter Capture + Tolerance.
Reverberation Time

The XL2-TA measures the energy decay from 63 Hz to 8 kHz using the Schroeder method in 1/1 octave resolution. The optional Extended Acoustic Pack enables 1/3 octave band resolution from 50 Hz to 10 kHz. Use either an impulse source (e.g., a starter pistol) or an interrupted pink noise as the test signal.

What is Reverberation Time?
Reverberation time is the time required for the sound pressure level to decrease by 60 dB after the sound stimulus signal is stopped. For simple practical measurements the applicable standard ISO 3382 and ASTM E2235 specifies the following two measurement methods:

- **T20**
  - The measurement requires just a small dynamic measurement range of ~35 dB above the ambient noise level for each frequency band.
  - $RT60 (T20) = 3 \times \text{decay time of 20 dB}$

- **T30**
  - The measurement requires a dynamic measurement range of ~45 dB above the ambient noise level for each frequency band.
  - $RT60 (T30) = 2 \times \text{decay time of 30 dB}$

In detail, the reverberation time is based on a linear least-squares regression of the measured decay curve. If the overall reverberation time is short (e.g. < 0.3 seconds) the room acoustic is referred to as being “dead”; for example, a heavily furnished room with thick carpets, curtains and upholstered furniture may have such an acoustic character. If the overall reverberation time is long (e.g. > 2 seconds) the room acoustic is referred to as being “live” and echoic; for example, a large empty room with painted plaster walls and a tiled floor may have such an acoustic character.
Prior to conducting a reverberation time measurement, the environmental noise is measured, and the required energy level of the test signal is determined.

- Select **SET** and press enter **②** to measure the actual environmental noise.

The required level markers appear in grey color.

Select between the lower, mid and upper input range. The exact ranges depend on the microphone sensitivity setting in the calibration menu of the XL2-TA.

This icon displays the running and stop status of the reverberation time measurement. It is controlled by start/stop **③**.
4 Measurement Status STAT
Displays the actual measurement status. Start and stop the reverberation time measurement with start/stop [■]. The following status information is displayed:

**ARMED**  Measurement is waiting for the test signal to exceed at least one measurement trigger marker, then the measurement is triggered automatically.

**NOISE**  A sound stimulus signal above the trigger marker is being received.

**DECAY**  Decay is being measured.

**PAUSE**  The measurement has been paused by pressing pause [■].

**STOP**  No Reverberation time measurement is presently being performed.

5 Average AVRG
Counts the measurement cycles. When using an interrupted noise test signal, a minimum of 3 sequential cycles is recommended.

6 Actual Real-Time Spectrum
The black bars indicate the actual signal, including background noise. While setting up the reverberation time measurement you should increase the test signal level until the black bars exceed the grey bars completely and the status 4 displays **NOISE**.

7 Level Marker
The grey bars indicate the signal level required for effective reverberation time measurements in each octave band. The marker has a length of 35 dB, and can be set by
- Selecting **SET** 1 with the rotary wheel 0.
- Press enter 4 to measure the environmental noise in the silent room.

8 Band Status
Indicates a successful reverberation time measurement above each octave band with a tick ✓.

9 Measurement Method
Select between the measurement methods T20 and T30. T20 requires just a small dynamic measurement range of ~35 dB above the ambient noise level for each frequency band. T30 requires a dynamic measurement range of ~45 dB.
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10 Measurement Resolution
Reverberation time measurement selectable in 1/3 octave or 1/1 octave band resolution. The optional Extended Acoustic Pack enables 1/3 octave band resolution from 50 Hz to 10 kHz.

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48V Phantom power is switched off.

12 Page Selector
Select between the RT60 run test page and the result page. The page button toggles between these displays.

RT60 run test page

RT60 result page. Toggle with the measurement result selection among

AVRG RT60 result page showing average of all cycles and uncertainty factor

CYC xx RT60 result page for each cycle

Last RT60 result page for last cycle

14 Y-Axis Reverberation Time
Reverberation time in seconds. The scaling is automatically adjusted.
14 Uncertainty Factor
The uncertainty factor is displayed in the RT60 average result page. It indicates the uncertainty of the averaged measurement results, reduces as more cycles are measured, and depends on the measured reverberation time and the bandwidth of the individual frequency band; lower bands show a higher uncertainty factor. The number of measurement cycles is displayed at 5.

15 Overall Reverberation Time Test Result
Readout of reverberation time and uncertainty factor.

Uncertainty factor. For more details see 14.

Reverberation time measurement results.

16 X-Axis
Octave Bands 63 Hz - 8 kHz

17 Cursor Readout
Select the individual frequency band and read out the following numeric measurement results
• Uncertainty factor in % or correlation in %.
• Reverberation time RT60 (T20), of the selected frequency band, in seconds (s).

18 Measurement Result Selection
The reverberation time measurement function allows consecutive measurements within one test sequence. An averaged test result of all measurements is automatically calculated.

Select CYC and scroll with the rotary wheel through the individual test result cycles showing

Last Last Test Result
Displays the result of last measurement cycle.

xx Single Test Cycle Results
The individual single test results are marked with CYC xx, where xx is an incriminating number. You may delete individual test results. The averaged reverberation time result uses only the remaining valid measurements. To delete results in a cycle,
• Select DEL with the rotary wheel
• Confirm with enter.

AVRG Averaged Test Result
The averaged test results of all cycles are calculated and displayed.
Correlation Factor in %
The correlation factor is 100% for perfectly linear sound pressure level decay after the sound source has ceased. The natural deviation from this linearity results in lower correlation values. The correlation factor is typically 80 - 100%.

Cycle Reverberation Time Test Result
Readout of cycle reverberation time and correlation factor when selection is CYC xx or Last.

Correlation Factor. Scale is on the right Y-axis. For more details see.

Reverberation time measurement result of individual displayed cycle. Scale is on the left Y-axis.

Y-Axis Correlation Factor
The right Y-axis shows the correlation factor in %. The correlation factor Y-axis is displayed when test result selection is CYC xx or Last.

Delete Cycle Results
Individual cycle results may be deleted, thereby excluding them from the calculation of the AVG result.

Test Signals
Use either an interrupted pink noise or an impulse source as the test signal.

- Interrupted pink noise
  Precision measurements require an omni-directional speaker with identical radiation characteristic in all directions. Various interrupted pink noise test signals with different on/off times are offered on the NTi Audio Test CD or USB Flash Drive (included with the XL2-TA) or the Minirator signal generator. Test signals are available for download at https://my.nti-audio.com/support/XL2-TA. A minimum of three measurement cycles shall be performed. The XL2-TA averages these readings automatically.

- Impulse
  The trigger signal is an impulse source, such as a starter pistol, starter clap or bursting balloon. Individual measurements, or test sequences with repeated trigger signals, can be carried out.
**RT60 Measurement - Getting Started**

**Test Signal: Pink Noise**
Play a pink noise signal through an omnidirectional speaker in the room under test. The sound source should be played for a long enough time period to ensure that a balance between injected and absorbed acoustic energy has been reached. For example the sound reflections should be given enough time to reach all reflective surfaces in the room. As a rule of thumb, ensure that the pink noise is played for at least the time period of the estimated reverberation time test result. If in doubt, play the Minirator MR-PRO, the Test Signal CD or or USB Flash Drive as sound source for at least 5 seconds for each cycle. Each time the source signal stops, the XL2-TA recognizes this interruption, triggers, measures the decay time and calculates the reverberation time automatically. A minimum of three measurement cycles shall be performed.

**Test Signal: Impulse**
Fire an impulse sound source in the room under test, e.g. use a starter pistol, starter clap or bursting balloon. The XL2-TA measures the decay time and calculates the reverberation time automatically.

**Test Preparations**
The XL2-TA reads the electronic data sheet of any connected ASD microphones provided by NTi Audio and switches the 48V phantom power automatically on as follows:

- Connect the measurement microphone to the XL2-TA.
- Switch on the XL2-TA.

The 48V phantom power indication in the upper menu bar changes to ASD. The XL2-TA is ready for acoustic measurements.

- Position the XL2-TA at the measurement location using a microphone stand or tripod.
- Select the RT60 function in the measurement menu and toggle with page to the run page RUN.
- Prepare the environment for the measurement. For example mute all sound sources to establish silence.
**Set Level Markers**

- Select the parameter **SET** with the rotary wheel 🔄 and press enter ⏎️.

 baud The environmental noise is measured and the grey level markers are set.

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**Get Ready for the Reverberation Time Measurement**

- Protect the ears against high sound pressure levels, as the test signals might be very loud.

**Setting the pink noise level:**

- Start the pink noise test signal with the appropriate on/off time according to the room. Use an initial low level.
- Increase the test signal level until all level markers for the minimum test signal level are passed. Use an equalizer to push individual band levels.
- Switch off the interrupted pink noise signal after you have finished setting the pink noise level.
Start the Measurement
- Press start  
- Enable the test signal; e.g., switch on the interrupted pink noise signal or fire a starter pistol.
- The black bars have to exceed the grey bars completely.

Continue the Measurement
Using pink noise:
The interrupted pink noise test signal continues with the preset on/off time. The XL2-TA automatically triggers at each cycle. Complete a minimum of three test cycles to accurately calculate the uncertainty factor. Perform more cycles to increase the measurement accuracy (= smaller uncertainty factor).

Using an impulse source:
A single impulse at one measurement location is sufficient. No further measurements are required to increase the statistical measurement accuracy.

Confirmation marks ✓ indicating successful measurements, are displayed above each band.
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Stop the Measurement and Read Out the Result
• Press stop ▶.
• If applicable, switch off the pink noise test signal.
• Select the result page RES with page ❯.

The average reverberation time for each frequency band is displayed in seconds and the measurement uncertainty in %.

Read Out the Individual Cycle Result
• If multiple cycles have been recorded, then select CYC with the rotary wheel ⬇️, press enter ⬆️ and select the individual cycle result with the rotary wheel ⬆️.

Within each cycle, the reverberation time for each frequency band is displayed in seconds and the correlation factor in %.

The reverberation time measurement is completed.
Measurements with multiple source and microphone positions

Room resonances may be applicable at individual measurement positions. Thus, perform reverberation time measurements at further positions within the room and average all readings.

Overload Indication

In case the measurement result exceeds the preset measurement range, then limit arrows indicate this overload condition.

Possible causes for exceeding measurement ranges are
- The measured sound pressure level exceeds the pre-set measurement range -> select the next higher measurement range or reduce the input signal level as applicable.
- The input level is near the maximum level of the connected NTi Audio measurement microphone.

In case the level cannot be reduced (e.g. using a gun as signal source) then the overload condition can be skipped by storing a text-file with the filename “RT60allowOVLD.txt” on the XL2-TA main directory.

Error Indications

Various error indications are displayed for unsuccessful reverberation time measurements. Corrupt cycles can be deleted individually. These results are then excluded from the average calculations.

- **LOW LEVL**
  This is the abbreviation of “low test signal level” during the measurement. Increase the test signal level until the black level markers exceed the grey level markers in every frequency band. Also, ensure that the level falls below the grey level markers, otherwise use a reverberation time test signal with longer on/off times.

- **T>18S**
  The measured reverberation time exceeds the time limit of 18 seconds. This is commonly caused by either an incorrect analyzer range setting or environmental noise. In the first case, choose another range setting. In the second case, ensure that the environmental noise remains constant during the measurement, and/or **SET** the level markers again while the environmental noise is high.
Polarity

Polarity measurement is important in matching the left and right speakers for a good stereo sound image. The polarity function measures the polarity of cables, single speakers and speaker cabinets. For testing, use the polarity signal provided on the Minirator test signal generator, the NTi Audio Test CD or USB Flash Drive.

The polarity of individual speakers or speaker cabinets might change with the frequency. For example, the mid-range speaker polarity may differ from the woofer polarity within the same speaker cabinet. Therefore, the polarity detailed result page of the XL2-TA displays the measured polarity of the individual octave bands from 125 Hz to 8 kHz. This allows in-depth verification of the polarity - frequency relationship.

- Polarity is a simple test within the very complex science of signal phasing. Drivers, speakers and crossovers all cause phase shifts of the audio signal.
- The polarity of various speakers within the same cabinet may differ by design!
- Polarity testing is useful for checking the correct wiring of similar speaker systems.
Polarity

Detailed Result Page

1. Input Selection
   Select the signal source as follows:
   • Select Signal Source with the rotary wheel.
   • Press enter to select either
     - Voice
     - Note
     - Mic
     Use the internal voice note microphone of the XL2-TA for polarity measurements. This selection disables the rear speaker.
     - XLR
     Measure the acoustic polarity with a measurement microphone. Alternatively, measure the polarity of an electrical signal connected with an XLR audio cable.
     - RCA
     Measure the polarity of an electrical signal connected with an RCA audio cable.

2. Polarity Test Result
   Displays either POSITIVE, NEGATIVE or ??? (=undefined).
   For further visual indication, the limit button illuminates green for POSITIVE and red for NEGATIVE polarity.

3. Level RMS
   Measures the absolute level of the input signal. The unit’s dBu, dBV and V are selectable.
4 Balance Indicator
Indication of the audio signal balance between pin 2 and 3 on the XLR input for input signals > -34 dBu.
- The input signal is balanced.
- The signal is unbalanced. The level of pin 2 is higher than pin 3.
- The signal is unbalanced. The level of pin 3 is higher than pin 2.

5 Relative Level Indicator
The grey area shows the measured signal energy within the individual frequency bands. The bands with the biggest energy have the most effect on the actual displayed POSITIVE / NEGATIVE polarity result.

6 Polarity Indication
+ Polarity of frequency band is positive. The polarity result is in the upper display area; the + area.
- Polarity of frequency band is negative. The polarity result is in the lower display area; the - area.

7 X-Axis
Seven octave bands with center frequencies from 125 Hz to 8 kHz. SUB displays the polarity of Sub-woofers; frequency range < 100 Hz.

8 Negative Polarity Area
Measurement results area with negative polarity (-). The black line in the middle of relative level indicator 5 displays the measured polarity of the individual frequency band. The dashed line indicates the lower limit of the measurement result area.

9 Uncertain Polarity Area ???
Polarity results for frequency bands in this area are uncertain. Therefore, the polarity result ??? is displayed.

10 Positive Polarity Area
Measurement results area with positive polarity (+). The black line in the middle of relative level indicator 5 displays the measured polarity of the individual frequency band. The dashed line indicates the upper limit of the measurement result area.
Polarity Measurement - Getting Started

For acoustic polarity measurement you can use the internal voice note microphone, or an external measurement microphone, plugged into the XLR input. The polarity result for left and right speaker cabinets should match for a good stereo sound image.

- Feed the speaker cabinet with the polarity test signal of the Minirator.
- Adjust the test level (at Minirator or amplifier) until the test signal is clearly heard.
- Enable the polarity test signal at the left speaker cabinet; mute the right speaker cabinet.
- To activate the internal microphone, select Signal Source with the rotary wheel and choose Voice Note Mic with enter.
- Measure the polarity of the left speaker cabinet and save the screenshot in the memory menu.
- Enable the polarity test signal at the right speaker cabinet; mute the left speaker cabinet.
- Measure the polarity of the right speaker cabinet.
- Compare the polarity test result of both speaker cabinets.

The polarity measurement is completed.

The sample result shows the polarity as:
- Sub-woofer: Low energy, no sub installed
- Woofer: Positive
- Mid-range: Negative
- Tweeter: Positive (with small levels)

The major part of the signal energy is measured in the mid-range frequency bands. Therefore, the overall displayed polarity is NEGATIVE.
Delay Time

The delay time measurement function is suitable for accurate configuration of delay line setups, by optimizing the directional-ity of the signal source. The XL2-TA measures the delay time between the reference signal and the acoustic signal from the speaker. The acoustic delay settings are displayed, allowing you to easily set the measured delay time into the delay device in the rack. The NTi Audio delay time test signal is provided either by the Minirator MR-PRO, MR2 or the NTi Audio Test CD / USB Flash Drive included with the XL2-TA.

1 Delay Signal Source
Select the signal source for the delay measurement:

- **CD Player**  Using the NTi Audio Test CD; this setting implies the synchronization time bar is set to 100 seconds = 1 min. 40 sec.; after 100 seconds the XL2-TA has to be synchronized to the delay test signal again.

- **Minirator**  The Minirator MR-PRO and MR2 provides a more reliable test signal source than a CD player. Therefore, the XL2-TA offers an extended time range without synchronization. Only after 300 seconds (5 minutes) does the XL2-TA have to be synchronized to the delay test signal again.

2 Store Button
Press the store button to record the actual delay of the reference speaker.

3 Reference Delay Time
Individually-stored delay time of reference speaker.
4 Calculated Distance
Distance from measurement position to speaker in meters or feet, based on the defined temperature in °C or °F

5 Synchronization Time Bar
The automated synchronization allows delay time measurements without any connected electrical reference signal for 100 seconds using the NTi Audio Test CD / USB Flash Drive or 300 seconds using the Minirator, MR2 or MR-PRO. It displays the time remaining until the next required synchronization.

6 Calculated Delay Time: Store - Actual
Calculated difference between delay time of speaker A and speaker B as shown on the next page. The automated difference calculation simplifies the verification of delay line arrangements, such as those used in larger halls or auditoriums.

7 Actual Delay
Actual measured delay time referring to the electrical reference signal.

Delay Test utilizes VoiceNote Microphone
The XL2-TA uses the internal VoiceNote microphone to measure the acoustic delay. Do not connect any measurement microphone to the XL2-TA for the delay time measurement.

Rear Speaker
The rear speaker on the XL2-TA is disabled during delay measurements, thereby avoiding measurement failures. The headphone output is active.
Delay Measurement - Getting Started

The delay time measurement is conducted between the synchronized electrical input signal and the acoustic signal measured by the built-in voice note microphone. In this example, the delay between speakers A and B in the illustrated auditorium is measured.

Test Preparations

- Prepare the delay test signal; use either the
  - NTi Audio Test CD or USB Flash Drive
  - NTi Audio Minirator for analog systems
  - NTi Audio Digirator for digital or Dolby/DTS systems
- Start the delay test signal.
- Connect the generated delay test signal with an audio cable to the RCA or XLR input of the XL2-TA, e.g. take the reference signal from an auxiliary channel of a mixing console.
- Select XLR or RCA input in the upper XL2-TA menu
- Set the actual environment temperature, to ensure that the distance is displayed correctly later.
• Wait until the XL2-TA synchronizes to the incoming delay test signal, then the synchronization time bar fills up.

• Disconnect the audio cable, with the synchronizing signal, from the XL2-TA, allowing you to move around freely for the delay measurement. When selecting Minirator as the delay signal source, the XL2-TA has to be synchronized to the signal source again after 5 minutes. When selecting CD Player as the delay signal source, the XL2-TA has to be synchronized to the signal source every 100 seconds.

Measure Reference Speaker A
• Start the delay test signal at speaker A, mute speaker B.
• Position yourself with the XL2-TA at the measurement position next to speaker B sub left as indicated above. This is the worst-case position in the auditorium with regard to acoustic delay in the sound field. The XL2-TA uses the VoiceNote microphone for the delay test; do not connect any measurement microphone.

The XL2-TA measures the delay time of speaker A in reference to the electrical input signal in milliseconds.
Store Reference

- Select the displayed **0.0 ms** below **Act. Delay** with the rotary wheel 🔄 and press enter ⏎.

⚠️ The reference result of speaker A is stored for the difference calculation of delay A - B.

- Stop the delay test signal at speaker A.

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Measure Sub Speaker B

- Start the delay test signal at speaker B. Mute speaker A.
- Position yourself with the XL2-TA at the shown measurement position. The XL2-TA uses the VoiceNote microphone for the delay test; do not connect any measurement microphone.

⚠️ The XL2-TA measures the delay time of speaker B in reference to the electrical input signal in milliseconds.
Automated Difference Calculation

- The delay time difference between speaker A and B is automatically calculated and shown below the Act. Delay result.

The delay time is measured.

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<td>Do not position the XL2-TA too close to reflecting surfaces, such as walls or floors. The reflections are likely to prevent accurate measurements.</td>
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Result Interpretation

- The resulting time in milliseconds shows the time difference of the sound signal from speaker A and B arriving at the measurement position. Speaker B has to be delayed by the displayed difference result.

- To optimize directionality, add a further 5 ms to the calculated difference. The main signal from speaker A then arrives at the measurement position first. The acoustic signal from sub speaker B arrives 5 ms later. This improves the subjective directionality perception of the listeners.

Distance in meter/feet

The distance results in meter/feet are displayed below for easy verification of the test results accuracy. The readings are based on 330 m/s sound speed at 0°C / 32°F.
1/12 Octave + Tolerance (optional)

The Spectral Limits Option extends the XL2-TA function range with an RTA analyzer with spectral resolutions from 1/1 octave down to 1/12th octave. Trace capturing, relative curve display and comprehensive tolerance handling are supported in the FFT Analysis and the high-resolution 1/12 Oct + Tol spectral analysis.

Features
- High-resolution RTA function “1/12 Oct + Tol” with selectable 1/1, 1/3, 1/6 and 1/12 octave spectral resolution
- Capturing of multiple readings into the internal memory
- Comparing measurement results against captures with relative or absolute curve display
- Comprehensive tolerance handling with tolerance masks based on captures for passed/failed measurements
- Export and import of tolerance and capture files
- Frequency band listening at rear speaker

Applications
- PA-rental: Verifying the frequency response of returned speakers and microphones against reference records ensuring they are back in stock in good working condition.
- Industrial quality testing: Passed/Failed test in the production line or during service of any audible quality criteria, such as with motors, machines, vacuum cleaners, ...
- Cinema: Comparing frequency responses against an ideal response curve according the X-Curve requirements.

Tolerance Handling
The XL2-TA Analyzer compares spectral measurements against a tolerance band and visualizes exceptions in every frequency band. The passed/failed condition is further visualized by the limit button and forwarded to the I/O interface of the instrument in order to drive an external alarm device such the accessory SPL Stack Light.

Tolerance curves can either be imported from txt-files or directly derived from captured measurements. The XL2-TA calculates tolerance bands based on
- Single captured results
- Manually generated txt-files on the PC
- Mean average of multiple captures
- Min/Max curves of multiple captures
Result Symbols / Capture & Start Tolerance Mode

This field offers two functions:

- Symbols for measurement results
  
  - Upper parameter displayed as line.
  
  - Lower parameter displayed as bargraph.

- Capture & Start Tolerance Mode
  
  The displayed spectral readings may be captured in C1 - C8 for
  
  - Comparing measurement results against captures with relative or absolute curve display.
  - Creating tolerance masks based on captures for passed / failed measurements.

Capture EQ  Captures the upper parameter

Capture Live  Captures the lower parameter

Manage captures  Allows to rename captures, clear recorded captures, save captures to the SD Card for export or load captures from the SD Card for import to the XL2-TA.
**Start tolerance mode**  
Starts the tolerance mode for passed/failed measurements comparing the actual measurement results against a tolerance band.

**2 Measurement Result**  
Actual level result of the indicated frequency band. The cursor readout displays the center frequency and the level of the band indicated by the arrow.  
- Upper parameter displayed as line.  
- Lower parameter displayed as bargraph.

**3 Y-Scale setting**  
- Select the Y-Axis with the rotary wheel and confirm with enter.  
- Select the zoom factor between 20, 10, 5, 2.5 dB/div and confirm with enter.  
- Scroll up and down with the rotary wheel to select the Y-axis range.  
- Confirm with enter.

**4 Spectral Measurement Result**  
Spectral results in 1/1, 1/3, 1/6 or 1/12 octave band resolution. Adjust the resolution at 12.

**5 Input Range**  
The XL2-TA Analyzer provides three input ranges to accommodate the wide range of input signals. The individual ranges are based on the microphone sensitivity setting in the calibration menu of the XL2-TA. For example at a sensitivity S=20mV/Pa the input ranges are:  
- Lower range: 10 - 110 dBSPL  
- Middle range: 30 - 130 dBSPL  
- Upper range: 50 - 150 dBSPL

Select the lowest possible input range according to the maximum level expected during the measurement; e.g., if the sound pressure will be always below 110 dBSPL, then select the lowest input range 10 - 110 dBSPL.

**6 Time Weighting**  
Offers selectable time weighting of 0.1, 0.2, 0.5, 1.0 second as well FAST (125 ms) and SLOW (1 second). Applications:  
- Short Time Weighting  
  High-resolution in time with minimum averaging  
- Long Time Weighting  
  Low resolution in time with longer averaging
Run Indication
The run indication shows the measurement status running, paused or stopped. Various measurement settings are locked during ongoing measurements, such as changing the input ranging or the preset measurement time. For passed/failed measurements with the Spectral Limits option the run indication may display A for a preset automated level trigger.

Actual Measurement Time
Counts actual measurement time in hrs:min:sec. Supports setting of time modes: continuous and single.

Timer Mode Continuous
(applicable for standard measurements)
All values are recorded and monitored continuously after starting a measurement with start [■]. The actual measurement time is shown.

Timer Mode Single
Automatically stops the measurement after the pre-set measurement time.
• Set the required measurement time.
• Start the measurement [■].

Preset Measurement Time
Adjustment of preset measurement time for single timer setting.

Broadband Results
User-selectable display of broadband results:

- Broadband A  A-weighted level
- Broadband C  C-weighted level
- Broadband Z  without any frequency weighting

Sum of bands  Sum of displayed frequency bands (only available when #HideUnusedBands is set to True within the tolerance file)
1/12 Octave + Tolerance

11 Readout Frequency
You may select any frequency to read out individual levels. The selected frequency is indicated by the cursor arrow.

Choose between the following settings:

- The cursor automatically follows the highest level, e.g. tracing live performance feedback frequencies
  - Select the frequency with the rotary wheel.
  - Press enter.
  - You may read out any individual frequency.
  - Return to auto frequency with enter.

- The cursor returns to the frequency with highest level bar.

- The cursor readout may be set manually to any frequency band or wideband level. The readout remains at the selected frequency.
  - Select the frequency with the rotary wheel.
  - Press enter.
  - Select the frequency of interest.
  - Confirm with enter.

- The cursor readout displays the measurement results of the selected frequency band.

12 Setting of Test Result Resolution
Set the spectral result display to 1/1, 1/3, 1/6 or 1/12 octave band resolution as follows:
- Turn the rotary wheel to select the parameter.
- Press enter to open the selection window.
- Turn the rotary wheel to select 1/1 OCT, 1/3 OCT, 1/6 OCT or 1/12 OCT.
- Press enter to confirm.

13 Phantom Power Supply

48V The XL2-TA provides 48 V phantom power supply to the microphone or sensor.

ASD An NTi Audio measurement microphone with automated sensor detection ASD is connected. The XL2-TA reads the electronic data sheet of the microphone and switches the 48V phantom power automatically on.

48V Phantom power is switched off.
**Measurement Unit**

Select the measurement unit as follows:

- **dB**  
  Sound level in dBSPL  
  This measurement unit is permanently selected while an NTi Audio measurement microphone with electronic data sheet is connected.

- **dBu**  
  Input level in dBu

- **dBV**  
  Input level in dBV

- **V**  
  Input level in Volt

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**Band Listening**

The selected frequency band of the input signal is audible on the rear speaker or at the headphone output.

- Press and hold the speaker button down. The pop-up window **Volume** is displayed.
- Keep the speaker button pressed and press enter at the same time.

The band listening is activated.
1/12 Octave - Getting Started

Test Preparations
The XL2-TA reads the electronic data sheet of any connected ASD microphones provided by NTi Audio and switches the 48V phantom power on automatically as follows:
- Connect the measurement microphone to the XL2-TA.
- Switch on the XL2-TA.

The 48V phantom power indication in the upper menu bar changes to ASD. The XL2-TA is ready for acoustic measurements.

- Position the XL2-TA at the measurement location using a microphone stand or tripod.
- Select the 1/12 Oct + Tol function in the measurement menu.

Configuration
The XL2-TA displays two different sound pressure levels at the same time. You configure to display either the levels Live, Max, Min, EQ, EQ1", EQ4" or captured results.

- Select the upper result parameter with the rotary wheel.
- Confirm with enter.

The displayed wideband and spectral levels are measured and stored simultaneously.
1/12 Octave + Tolerance

Select Upper/Lower Reading

The pop-up window Select reading appears.

- Select the time-averaged sound level EQ. All available selections are Z-weighted (= no weighting).

The pop-up window Select reading mode appears.

- Select EQ for normal absolute display of measurements.
- Follow the same instruction and select the lower spectral reading Live.

Press start to measure and display the sound levels results indicated with ----.
1/12 Octave + Tolerance

Select Input Range
Select the lowest possible input range according to the maximum level expected during the measurement.
- Select the input range RNGE and press enter.
- Turn the rotary wheel to set the applicable input range and confirm with enter.

Start Measurement
- The XL2-TA measures the selected sound pressure levels Live and EQ. All available sound levels are Z-weighted (= no weighting).
- Press start.

The run indication switches to running. The actual sound level Live and the averaged level EQ are displayed. The parameter RUN flashes in the memory menu.
Stop Measurement and Data Saving
• Press stop .

Audio Recording
The XL2-TA Analyzer may record a linear audio file (48 kHz, 24 Bit) of the measurement period together with the spectral data. Just load a txt-file named “12audio.txt” in the root directory of the XL2-TA. This requires the installed option Extend Acoustic Pack.

Capture References and Create Tolerances
The Spectral Limits Option extends the function range of the XL2-TA with trace capturing, relative curve display and comprehensive tolerance handling for the FFT Analysis and the high-resolution 1/12 Oct + Tol spectral analysis.

Features:
• Capturing of multiple readings into the internal memory
• Comparing measurement results against captures with relative or absolute curve display
• Comprehensive tolerance handling
• Creating tolerance masks based on captures for passed / failed measurements
• Export and import of tolerance and capture files
• True peak level in 1/1 and 1/3 octave resolution
• High-resolution Zoom-FFT up to 0.4 Hz steps in the frequency range 5 Hz - 20 kHz

Read the detailed description in the separate chapter Spectral Limits Option (Capture + Tolerances).
1/12 Octave - Fast Frequency Response Measurement

The XL2-TA provides fast and accurate frequency response measurement within one second using pink noise. For this purpose, the Minirator MR-PRO generates the test signal “Fast Pink Noise” tailored to this application.

Test Signal
The test signal “Fast Pink Noise” is not “random”; it contains an absolutely flat spectrum within the cycle time. The frequency resolution of the test signal is limited to 1 / cycle time; therefore you can choose between two different test signals:

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<th>XL2-TA Measurement Duration</th>
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<td>File -&gt; Signals -&gt; Fastpnk1</td>
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<td>1/6 Octave</td>
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Measurement in 1/3 Octave Resolution
- Select the test signal Fastpnk1 on the Minirator MR-PRO.
- Connect the MR-PRO to the input of the device under test.
- Take the XL2-TA and select the function 1/12Oct.
- Select the one-third octave band frequency resolution.
- Select the measurement parameter EQ, the mode “Single” and set the measurement duration to one second.
- For higher frequency resolutions use the test signal Fastpnk4 and a measurement duration of four seconds.
- Start the measurement.

You have successfully completed the measurement.
Optimize the Frequency Response
The fast frequency response measurement with the test signal “Fast Pink Noise” saves time in optimizing the frequency response of audio devices or speakers. During your settings on the equalizer, you will receive a precise result on the XL2-TA screen within one second.

- Select the test signal Fastpnk1 on the Minirator MR-PRO.
- Connect the MR-PRO to the input of the device under test.
- Take the XL2-TA and select the function 1/12Oct.
- Select the measurement parameter EQ1”, the mode “Single” and set the measurement duration to one second.
- Adjust the settings on the equalizer.

The XL2-TA displays the actual frequency response within a second.

Test Signal „Fast Pink Noise“ Advantage
Frequency response measurements often use the standard Pink Noise in combination with a 1/n octave analysis. Because of the randomness, longer averaging times are necessary to get accurate results. Too short averaging times result in “noise” in the result, as shown here:

In comparison, the test signal “Fast Pink Noise” enables a precise measurement result within one or four seconds.
Noise Curves (optional)

The Spectral Limits Option extends the XL2-TA with the Noise Curves measurement function. A noise curve may be used to characterize room noise or other environments. Various standardized international noise curves are the most widely used means for evaluating background sound in buildings, and other facilities such as transit facilities, as well as in other indoor/outdoor spaces. Residual noise in buildings may be generated from both environmental sources (e.g. outside traffic) and systemic sources (e.g. heating, ventilating, and air-conditioning (HVAC) systems; or other machinery in use). It is also frequently necessary to measure residual noise curves prior to expected changes in advance of construction or prior to other expected environmental noise changes.

Noise Rating NR
(in accordance with ISO/R 1996-1971)

Noise rating (NR) is a graphical method for assigning a single number rating to a noise spectrum. It can be used to specify the maximum acceptable level in each octave band of a frequency spectrum, or to assess the acceptability of a noise spectrum for a particular application. The method was originally proposed for use in assessing environmental noise, but it is now used frequently for describing noise from mechanical ventilation systems in buildings. To make a rating, the measured noise spectrum is superimposed on a family of NR contours; the NR of the spectrum corresponds to the value of the first NR contour that is entirely above the spectrum.

Noise Criteria NC
(in accordance with ANSI S12.2-2019 and -1995)

The NC rating of a spectrum is designated as the value of the lowest NC curve above the measured octave-band spectrum. The designating number for any NC curve is, approximately, its Speech Interference Level (SIL); the average of the levels in the 500, 1000, 2000 and 4000 Hz octave bands. SIL is a simple metric, which measures the effects of noise on speech intelligibility. The XL2-TA Analyzer includes the tangency method adaptation in accordance with the standard.

Room Noise Criteria RNC
(in accordance with ANSI S12.2-2019)

The RNC method is used to determine noise ratings when the noise from HVAC systems at low frequencies is high, and which is also suspected of containing sizeable fluctuations or
surging. It essentially represents a rumble criterion. The RNC curves also provide a procedure that reduces the result essentially back to the NC curves when systems are well designed and acoustically well-behaved. Following the RNC specification, the XL2-TA measures the octave-band sound pressure level every 100 ms, followed by processing to determine the applicable room noise criterion (RNC) curve. The minimum measurement time is 20 seconds.

Preferred Noise Criteria PNC
(in accordance with ASA 1971)

PNC curves represent a more stringent method based on an extension of the basic Noise Criteria system. They have been used in the past to judge the acceptability of ventilation and other background broadband noise. PNC curves are less often used than Noise Criteria curves because they are more stringent at lower frequencies than the Noise Criteria curves, but also because the latest (2019) version of Noise Criteria curves also includes an extended frequency range somewhat mitigating the original reasons for PNC.

Room Criteria RC
(in accordance with ANSI S12.2-1995)

The RC criterion curves are a system for use in the design of heating, ventilating, and air-conditioning (HVAC) systems in office buildings, dwelling units, etc., where the desired mid-frequency levels are in the range of 25 to 50 dB. Each RC criterion curve bears a rating number equal to the level at 1000 Hz.

Spectrum classification
- Neutral spectrum (N): The levels at 500 Hz and below do not exceed the RC curve corresponding to a sound level spectrum by more than 5 dB; and the spectrum levels in Band 1000 Hz and higher do not exceed the corresponding RC curve by more than 3 dB.
- Rumble (R): Excessive noise in low-frequency band
  The level in one or more of the octave bands at and below 500 Hz exceeds the RC curve corresponding to a spectrum by more than 5 dB.
- Hiss (H): Excessive noise in high-frequency bands
  The level in one or more of the octave bands at and above 1000 Hz exceeds the RC curve corresponding to a spectrum by more than 3 dB.
- Vibration and rattle (RV): The level in one or more of the octave bands from 16 Hz through 63 Hz exceeds the criterion for moderately noticeable rattle.
The standards list the noise criteria in 5 dB steps. The XL2-TA measures the noise criteria in detailed 1 dB steps, which are calculated by linear interpolation between the standardized 5 dB levels.

The RNC information page is available when viewing Noise Criteria and Room Noise Criteria results, in accordance with ANSI S12.2-2019. It reports any large fluctuations or surging at low frequencies, e.g. caused by fans.
Noise Curves

1. **Noise Curve**
   Selection of the noise curve type and measurement result.

   **Noise Curve Types**
   - Noise Rating NR
   - Room Noise Criteria RNC
   - Room Criteria RC (1995)
   - Preferred Noise Criteria PNC (1971)

2. **Measurement Result**
   The noise rating of a spectrum is designated as the value of the highest curve “touched” by the measured octave-band spectrum. The octave band in which this “touching” occurs is noted along with the curve designation.

3. **Y-Scale setting**
   - Auto-Scroll
   - Zoom:
     - Select the Y-Axis with the rotary wheel and confirm with enter.
     - Select the zoom factor between 10, 5, 2.5 dB/div and confirm with enter.

4. **Noise Measurement Result**
   Real-time spectrum in 1/1 octave band resolution.

5. **Noise Floor**
   The grey area shows the noise floor of the connected NTi Audio measurement microphone (provided by the electronic data sheet) in combination with the XL2-TA Analyzer.

6. **X-Scale**
   X-Scale from 16 Hz to 8 kHz.
7 Live View
Select the **LiveView** with the rotary wheel 🔄 to get an overview of the current noise level. Alternatively press the limit button 🌐.

The XL2-TA measures the noise curve after pressing the start button ⏯️. This will provide the noise rating measurement in accordance with all standards.

8 Run Indication
The run indication shows the measurement status running, paused or stopped. Various measurement settings are locked during ongoing measurements, such as the preset measurement time.

9 Actual Measurement Time
Counts actual measurement time in hrs:min:sec. Supports time modes: continuous and single.

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<td>The actual measurement time counts back to zero and the measurement ends.</td>
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10 Preset Measurement Time
Adjustment of preset measurement time for the timer mode single.
Readout Frequency
You may select any frequency to read out individual levels. The selected frequency is indicated by the cursor arrow.

Choose between the following settings:

- The cursor follows automatically the frequency band with the highest noise rating.
  - Select the frequency with the rotary wheel.
  - Press enter.
  - You may read out any individual frequency.
  - Return to auto frequency with enter.

- The cursor returns to the frequency with highest noise rating.

The cursor readout may be set manually to any frequency band or wide band level. The readout remains at the selected frequency.

- Select the frequency with the rotary wheel.
- Press enter.
- Select the frequency of interest.
- Confirm with enter.

- The cursor readout displays the measurement results of the selected frequency band.

SIL Measurement Result
The speech interference level (SIL) result is shown for noise curve types NC-2019 and NC-1995. It is calculated by averaging the octave-band sound pressure levels at 500 Hz, 1000 Hz, 2000 Hz and 4000 Hz. If the measured spectrum in any octave band does not exceed any of the octave bands of that NC(SIL) curve, the spectrum is designated NC(SIL). If one or more octave-band levels exceed the NC(SIL) curve, then the NC curve number may differ to the SIL value, as the NC rating for that spectrum must be determined using the tangency method.

Large Fluctuations
This reports any large fluctuations at low frequencies for the Room Noise Criteria RNC in accordance with ANSI S12.2-2019. If one or more displayed measurement results exceed the limits, then large fluctuations exist. Concluding the LEQ levels in the octave frequency bands below 300 Hz are automatically “penalized” at the RNC measurement.

Correction Values
The noise curve type RNC uses these correction values based on the measured fluctuation results to determine the RNC curve result.
### Recommendations

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<td>Individual rooms or suites</td>
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Noise Curves - Getting Started

Test Preparations
The XL2-TA reads the electronic data sheet of any connected ASD microphones provided by NTi Audio and switches the 48V phantom power automatically on as follows:
• Connect the measurement microphone to the XL2-TA.
• Switch on the XL2-TA.

The 48V phantom power indication in the upper menu bar changes to ASD. The XL2-TA is ready for acoustic measurements.

• Select the Noise Curves function in the measurement menu.

Configuration
• Select the noise curve type with the rotary wheel.

The microphone should be moved slowly to positions around the entire space at locations that are near the average normal standing or seated height of human ears. The recommended measurement period is more than 20 seconds long.

• Confirm with enter.

The XL2-TA measures all noise curve types at the same time, thus you can change the selection also after the measurement.
Start Measurement

- Press start ■.

The run indication switches to running ▶. The actual noise level $L_{\text{Zeq}}$ of the selected octave band is displayed. The parameter RUN flashes in the memory menu. The Y-axis adjusts automatically according the measurement result.

Stop Measurement and Data Saving

- Press stop ■.

The XL2-TA stores the measurement data automatically.

- Press enter ☑ to confirm. The measurement data is stored on the SD Card in ASCII format.

The measurement is completed.
Speech Intelligibility STIPA (optional)

The STIPA analyzer option allows reliable measurement of the speech transmission index (STI) within 15 seconds. Besides the single value STI or CIS (= common intelligibility scale) test result, a detailed view of the modulation indices and individual band level results is provided. The STIPA analyzer meets the standard IEC 60268-16, edition 5 released in 2020. The XL2-TA also supports noise corrections, automated averaging of measurements and the older standard editions 2, 3 and 4.

The intelligibility of speech depends on:
• Signal-to-noise ratio
• Psychoacoustic masking effects
• Sound pressure level
• Ambient noise level
• Reverberation time
• Reflections
• Frequency response
• Distortion

The speech intelligibility measurement function STIPA is an option for the XL2-TA Audio and Acoustic Analyzer. Ask your local representative for purchasing details.

Signal Source
Choose the applicable STIPA test signal source:

**NTi Audio TalkBox**
The NTi Audio TalkBox simulates a person talking at a precise acoustic level, enabling the measurement of the complete signal chain including the microphone.
• Place the NTi Audio TalkBox in front of the microphone at the typical position of the talking persons head.
• Select Track 1 for the STIPA test signal.
• Select Output Mode to Speaker; you should hear the STIPA test signal.

**Minirator MR-PRO**
The Minirator MR-PRO is used for electrical signal injection into public address systems that commonly use alarm messages from a hard drive (systems without a microphone).

**Other Audio Player**
Register the XL2-TA and download the STIPA test signal at https://my.nti-audio.com/support/XL2. The maximum tolerable deviation in test signal playback sample frequency is 0.1%.

The standard STIPA signal is based on random noise limited to the bands contained in a male speech spectrum.
Use only the original NTi Audio test signal for speech intelligibility measurements with the XL2-TA. Other signals may not seamlessly loop, thus causing wrong measurement results!
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STIPA Averaging

Run Indication
This icon displays the run status of the measurement.
2 Measurement Result
- Single value speech transmission index result.
- Repeatability of measurement result:
  Since a dedicated noise test signal is used, the result may deviate by a maximum of 0.03 STI (=Max-Min) at the same measurement position.

3 Sound Level $L_{Aeq}$
Shows the time-averaged sound level of the 15 seconds measurement cycle time.

4 Sound Level $L_{AS}$
Actual sound pressure level.

5 Analog Test Result Bargraph
Bargraph display and interpretation of the speech intelligibility measurement result
- Exlnt  0.75 - 1.00 STI
- Good  0.60 - 0.75 STI
- Fair  0.45 - 0.60 STI
- Poor  0.30 - 0.45 STI
- Bad  0.00 - 0.30 STI

6 Qualification Scale
The STI value is shown as a letter representing the qualification scale below. Listed are also examples of typical application environments.

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<tr>
<th>Band</th>
<th>STI Range</th>
<th>Examples of typical uses</th>
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<td>A+</td>
<td>&gt; 0.76</td>
<td>recording studios</td>
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<tr>
<td>A</td>
<td>0.72 - 0.76</td>
<td>theatres, speech auditoria, parliaments, courts</td>
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<td>B</td>
<td>0.68 - 0.72</td>
<td>theatres, speech auditoria, parliaments, courts</td>
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<td>C</td>
<td>0.64 - 0.68</td>
<td>teleconference, theatres</td>
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<td>D</td>
<td>0.60 - 0.64</td>
<td>class rooms, concert halls</td>
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<td>E</td>
<td>0.56 - 0.60</td>
<td>concert halls, modern churches</td>
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<td>PA in very difficult spaces</td>
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<td>J</td>
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<td>U</td>
<td>&lt; 0.36</td>
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Measurement Unit
The speech intelligibility result is displayed in STI (Speech Transmission Index) or CIS (Common Intelligibility Scale), whereby CIS is calculated as CIS = 1 + log STI.

Edition of Standard IEC60268-16
- ed5.0 actual edition released in 2020 with continuous level dependent auditory masking function
- ed4.0 old edition released in 2011 with continuous level dependent auditory masking function
- ed3.0 old edition released in 2003 with stepped level dependent auditory masking function
- ed2.0 old edition released in 1998 with fixed masking function

Progress Bar
Measurement status indication; a single speech intelligibility measurement takes 15 seconds. The actual measurement time and measurement status are indicated here.

Page Selector
Select between these pages:
- 123 Speech intelligibility measurement result
- MTF Table result page with modulation ratio and sound levels for each octave band
- Avr On-site averaging of results.
- Cor Ambient Noise Correction

The page button  toggles between the 123 - Tab - Avr screens. These pages show the speech intelligibility measurement results. The page Cor offers setting the noise spectra prior the STI measurement.

Octave Bands
Frequencies 125 Hz - 8 kHz in 1/1 octave band resolution.

Sound Pressure Level $L_{eq}$
Individual time-averaged octave band level $L_{eq}$
For good speech intelligibility it is mandatory that the integrity of the transmitted voice signal modulations are preserved. Therefore, STIPA is based on measuring the MTF (Modulation Transfer Function). This function quantifies the degree to which the voice modulations are preserved in individual octave bands. The STIPA method determines the MTF by analyzing the seven frequency bands. Each band is modulated with two frequencies, resulting in the modulation ratio $mr_1$ and $mr_2$. All indexes together combined with psycho-acoustic models provide the single-value speech intelligibility result.

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<td>8.00 Hz</td>
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<td>250 Hz</td>
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<td>2 kHz</td>
<td>1.25 Hz</td>
<td>6.30 Hz</td>
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<td>0.80 Hz</td>
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<td>8 kHz</td>
<td>2.50 Hz</td>
<td>12.50 Hz</td>
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The built-in error detection helps identifying faulty measurements caused by the amount of impulsive ambient noise. Such noise influences the accuracy of any speech intelligibility measurement. The error detection checks the following:
- Invalid modulation indices in individual octave bands ($mr_1$ or $mr_2 > 1.3$)
- Changes in ambient noise or any impulsive noise during the measurement (by comparing the first half of the measurement period with the second half)

The standard IEC 60268-16 recommends measuring the speech intelligibility two or three times at each measurement position. This reduces potential measurement errors.

**STI-Average**
Calculated average of the recorded cycle results.

**Difference**
Difference (Max – Min) of the of the recorded cycle results.
18 Start next Cycle Measurement
Start the next cycle measurement at the same measurement position here.

19 Ambient Noise Measure / Load / Save
Measure here the actual ambient noise during an adjustable measurement time. You may save this record and reload the data set for any later speech intelligibility measurement.

20 Source of Data
Informs about the source of the ambient noise data. The choices are:
- Default Settings
- Edited manually
- Measured Date Time

This information is documented in the measurement report.

21 LAeq of Ambient Noise
This LAeq is calculated based on the octave band levels; you may manually set this level in accordance with the typical noise level as specified for your application. The default level is 80 dB.

22 Spectral Level of Ambient Noise
Adjustable octave band level from 125 Hz to 8 kHz. The default spectrum is equals the replayed STIPA test signal at LAeq = 80 dB.

23 Activation of manual Octave Band Level Setting
Select EDIT with the rotary wheel 🔄 to adjust the individual octave band levels.

24 Activation of Ambient Noise Correction
- On  Ambient noise correction is active
- Off  Ambient noise correction is deactivated

The XL2-TA Analyzer has been manufactured in compliance with all specifications as described in IEC 60268-16. Due diligence has been observed in validating:
- the measuring system
- the accuracy of the measured STI across a range of relevant reference conditions
- the accuracy of the modulation transfer function matrix.
Question Mark ? at individual Octave Bands
Individual octave bands are marked with ? in case of a
• Missing test signal level
• Invalid modulation indices (mr1 or mr2 > 1.3)
• Changes in ambient noise or any impulsive noise during the measurement

Flashing Question Marks ???? at ②
The measurement result flashes in combination with the question marks ??? in case of a
• Question Mark ? at one or multiple octave bands. See the STIPA Table Result Page on the XL2-TA for details.
• Changes in ambient noise or any impulsive noise during the measurement

In case the question marks ???? are flashing, then the measurement is faulty. Verify possible causes and repeat the measurement.

For details see the chapter STI Measurement Hints.

STI Measurement - Getting Started
Test Preparations
The XL2-TA reads the electronic data sheet of the connected NTi Audio measurement microphone and switches the 48V phantom power automatically on as follows:

• Connect the measurement microphone to the XL2-TA.
• Switch on the XL2-TA.

The 48V phantom power indication in the upper menu bar changes to ASD. The XL2-TA is ready for acoustic measurements.

• Position the XL2-TA at the measurement location using a microphone stand or tripod.
• Select the STIPA measurement function in the measurement menu.
• Prepare the environment for the measurement. For example mute all sound sources to establish silence.

No impulsive noise shall occur during the speech intelligibility measurement as well no speaking or other noise sources should be allowed near the measurement microphone.
Start STIPA Test Signal
Select the STIPA signal source according your application requirements.

- Switch on the STIPA test signal at the signal source.
- Set the acoustic sound pressure level of the PA system to simulate the typical announcement level; e.g. $L_{AS} = 85$ dB.

Start Measurement
- Press start.

The progress bar switches to **RUNNING**. The test result tendency is shown on the bargraph, marked with **Bad**, **Poor**, **Fair**, **Good** and **ExInt**.
Stop Measurement and Data Saving
After the period of 15 seconds the speech intelligibility measurement finishes automatically. The progress bar indications switches to **FINISHED** and the final test result is displayed. The measurement result is stored automatically.

- Switch off the STIPA test signal.

- Press enter 🎉 to confirm. The measurement data is stored on the SD Card in ASCII format.

The measurement is completed.

Averaging of STI Results

The standard IEC 60268-16 recommends averaging two or three subsequent results taken at the same measurement location.

The German Standard VDE 0833-4 requires performing minimum three subsequent measurements for one measurement position in case of STI < 0.63.

The XL2-TA Analyzer offers automated averaging of two up to eight speech intelligibility results based on these standard requirements.
Start Averaging

- Select the averaging page **Avr**.

- Turn the rotary wheel ▼ to select the parameter **START NEW** and press enter ▶.

  The first measurement starts automatically. It is labeled **Cyc 1**.

Add Cycles

- Press enter ▶ to confirm **Add Cycle**.

  - Repeat the measurement at the same position as required.

  The XL2-TA performs further measurements and adds them to the list.
Finish

- Choose **Finish** to end the averaging.

Display of STIPA Numeric Result Page

The symbol Ø indicates that the averaged STI value is displayed.

The speech intelligibility average and the deviation are displayed for documentation.
Ambient Noise Correction

Measuring the speech intelligibility index under realistic environmental conditions is often not feasible; e.g., playing the test signal in a railway station at emergency levels during peak hours will irritate passengers. Additionally, at rush-hour the characteristics of ambient noise might be highly impulsive, while a pre-requisite for accurate speech intelligibility measurements is a negligible impulsivity in the ambient noise. Under such circumstances the speech intelligibility measurement should be shifted to a more suitable time of the day; e.g. night time.

Measurement Sequence

- **First measure the ambient noise**
- **Secondly measure the speech intelligibility**

This sequence simplifies the measurement as follows: The XL2-TA immediately displays the speech intelligibility result with ambient noise correction. This result provides a guideline if repeated measurements at the same location with averaging is required. For details see the chapter STIPA Measurement Hints.

Enable Ambient Noise Correction

- Select the correction page Cor.
- Turn the rotary wheel 🎨 to select the parameter **Ambient Noise Correction** and press enter 🅰️.

🔍 The correction enables and the XL2-TA displays this screen:

You may adjust the ambient noise band levels and the Lₐₑq.
Commissioning New PA-Systems
New announcement systems are commissioned e.g. at public areas prior the grand opening. Thus, the actual ambient noise caused by the public is not available yet during the speech intelligibility measurement. Here you may simulate the real-life condition with ambient noise data enabled by one of the following modes:

- Utilize a reference noise file, which might be applicable for the actual project
  - Measure the ambient noise at another similar project and store this as reference noise file.
  - Back on the actual project select the parameter Load with the rotary wheel and press enter.
  - Select the reference noise file, which shall be utilized as ambient noise correction for your speech intelligibility measurements.

- Edit actual noise data
  - Select the parameter Edit or the LAeq level with the rotary wheel and press enter.
  - Turn the rotary wheel to adjust the noise level.
  - Press enter to continue the setting.

Skip the next step “Measure Ambient Noise” and go to “STI Measurement”.

Measure Ambient Noise
- Position the microphone at the STIPA measurement point.
- Select Measure (without any test signal presence).

The XL2-TA measures the ambient noise and displays the LEQ octave band result.

You may edit the noise data.
STI Measurement

• Select the STIPA result page 123.
• Perform the speech intelligibility measurement.

Data Post-Processing

In the case when no ambient noise correction has been carried out on-site with the XL2-TA Analyzer, you may post-process your measurement data on the PC. The NTi Audio STI Reporting Tool combines the speech intelligibility measurement taken with quiet conditions and the actual ambient noise caused by the public, e.g. during day-time. This emulates the speech intelligibility expected during real-life conditions.

STI Reporting Tool

The STI Reporting Tool creates measurement reports according to the standards

• AS 1670.4
• CEN/TS 54-32:2015
• DIN EN 50849:2017
• IEC 60268-16
• ISO 7240-19:2007
• VDE V 0833-4-32:2016
• VDE 0828-1:2017-11

Import the data directly from your XL2-TA including the ambient noise measurements. The corresponding speech intelligibility STI or CIS values are shown.

The XL2-TA displays the corrected speech intelligibility result in large font. The actual measured result is listed below in smaller font.
The STI Reporting Tool is free to download on the XL2-TA Support website https://my.nti-audio.com for all registered users. (Enable all macros when opening the document.)

System Requirements:
• PC running Windows OS
• Excel 2010 - 2016

STI Measurement Hints

Ambient Noise
• The ambient noise has to be sufficiently static during the measurement. A signal-noise ratio of 15 dB or higher is recommended to achieve best speech intelligibility. Impulsive ambient noise during the measurement, such as speech, causes severe measurement errors. The STIPA result is usually too high.

• Fluctuating noise is detected by measuring the direct STI in the absence of the test signal. Carry out these measurements at least at a representative set of locations. If the STI is too high (e.g. STI > 0.3), the measurement results are likely to be erroneous. In this case the speech intelligibility measurement should be carried out without the presence of noise.

Utilize the ambient noise correction for such instances.

• At locations with varying conditions (e.g., some public areas with few people and other areas with crowds) the worst-case speech intelligibility should be measured. Consult the local regulations (e.g. the NFPA code in the U.S.) for directives concerning measurement locations and number of required measurements under which circumstances.

German Standard VDE 0833-4 Requirements

STI > 0.63 One single measurement is sufficient.

STI < 0.63 Perform three subsequent measurements at this measurement position.
• If the maximum result deviation of these three measurements is > 0.03 then a further three measurements shall be performed.
• If the maximum result deviation of these measurements is > 0.05 then the cause of this instability shall be evaluated and removed.
• The arithmetic average of the performed three or six measurements has to be reported.
Utilize the STIPA Reporting Tool for the documentation of your measurements according the standard.

An STI > 0.63 implies that the speech intelligibility is higher than 0.5 with a confidence level of 95%.

**CD-Player**

- Only high-quality CD-Players should be used to reproduce the STIPA test signal as only limited time-shifts (+/- 20 ppm) ensure reliable test results. Pitch control and shock protection should be disabled. We recommend that only professional CD-Players be used. You can verify the time shift of the CD-Player using a 1 kHz test signal:
  - Insert the NTi Audio Test CD into the CD-Player and start track 1, which is the 1 kHz test signal.
  - Connect the XL2-TA directly to the audio output of the CD-Player and measure the signal frequency in RMS/THD+N mode. The displayed frequency should be in the range from 0.99998 kHz to 1.00002 kHz

- STIPA test signals from other test system manufacturers may sound similar but are not compatible. Only the original NTi Audio STIPA test signal should be used in combination with the XL2-TA.

**Measurement**

- Select measurement positions as stipulated by local regulations. As a guideline, typically position the microphone at 1 - 1.2 meters above ground in sitting areas or 1.5 - 1.8 meters in standing areas. Also, directly in front of the speakers or very close to a wall are examples of positions that are not typical.

- The person taking the measurements should be out of the acoustic field, so as not to affect the measurement results. For this purpose, the measurement microphone can be mounted on a microphone stand and connected with the ASD Cable to the XL2-TA.

- Low speech intelligibility readings can be caused by
  - Excessive sound reverberation, echoes or reflections
  - Poor speaker directivity or speaker coverage
  - Speaker level setting incorrect; e.g. low signal-to-noise ratio.
6. Audio Analyzer

The XL2-TA offers a comprehensive audio analyzer. Broadband or wideband measurements are offered by the measurement functions RMS/THD+N and Oscilloscope.

The following measurement functions offer detailed analysis of the audio spectrum in Volt, dBu and dBV:

- SLMeter/RTA
- FFT
- 1/12 Oct+Tol (optional)

Just change the measurement unit according your requirements. See the individual chapters for more details.

- If an NTi Audio measurement microphone with electronic data sheet is connected, the XL2-TA will automatically activate the unit dBSPL (dB) for sound level measurements.
- A decreased THD+N performance will occur with unbalanced input signals when using switching-type power supplies (approx. 3 dB). Remove such a mains adapter for critical applications.

RMS / THD+N

The XL2-TA Audio and Acoustic Analyzer measures the parameters Level RMS, THD+N and frequency simultaneously.

![RMS / THD+N Measurement Display](image)
Audio Analyzer

1. **Filter**

   **Z-Weighting**  
   Frequency Z-weighting with flat frequency response from 20 Hz to 22 kHz. Default measurement setting.

   **A-Weighting**  
   Frequency A-weighting according IEC 61672 for low noise levels.

   **C-Weighting**  
   Frequency C-weighting according IEC 61672 for high noise levels.

   **HP-100Hz**  
   Highpass 100 Hz, -200 dB/dec., maximally flat magnitude filter, e.g. -60 dB @ 50 Hz

   **HP-400Hz**  
   Highpass 400 Hz, -120 dB/dec., maximally flat magnitude filter, attenuates 50/60Hz components of test signal

   **HP-19k**  
   Highpass 19 kHz; e.g., to measure a 20 kHz pilot tone level of a public address system without disturbing the public.

   **22.4-22.4k**  
   Bandpass filter 22.4 Hz - 22.4 kHz (IEC 468-4)

2. **Level RMS**  
   Measures the absolute level of the input signal. The unit’s dBu, dBV, Volt V, dBSPL, Watt W and dBm are selectable. The Watt and dBm measurement results are calculated based on a user-defined **Load**. The unit dBSPL is not available for the type approved XL2-TA firmware.

3. **THD+N**  
   Measures the total harmonic distortion and noise of the input signal. The distortion measurement, expressed in dB, linear or in %, is conducted within the bandwidth 10 Hz - 20 kHz. This value is calculated as follows:  
   \[ \text{THD+N} = \frac{\text{Distortion+Noise}}{\text{Signal} + \text{Distortion+Noise}} \]

4. **Frequency in Hz**  
   The XL2-TA automatically extracts and measures the frequency of the fundamental signal. The XL2-TA frequency counter technology even reads the frequency correctly for heavily distorted signals.
Audio Analyzer

5 Balance Indicator
Indication of the audio signal balance between pin 2 and 3 on the XLR input for input signals > -34 dBu.

- The input signal is balanced.
- The signal is unbalanced. The level at pin 2 is higher than at pin 3.
- The signal is unbalanced. The level at pin 3 is higher than at pin 2.

PreNotch Listening
The input signal is audible at the rear speaker or headphone output.

- Press and hold down the speaker button 🎧.

⚠️ The pop-up window volume is displayed.
PostNotch Listening
The main frequency component is filtered out by a notch filter, leaving only the remaining signal audible.

- Press the speaker button to display the volume window.
- Additionally, press enter

⚠️ The post notch listening with auto-gain function is activated. The maximum gain setting is 0 dB.

E.g. using a 100 Hz sine test signal connected to the XL2-TA input, with the 100 Hz main frequency filtered by the notch filter, the complete frequency spectrum is available at the speaker or headphone output. This feature allows you to listen to the actual distortion signal. You therefore hear a noise from the speaker even without any connected inputs signal!

Oscilloscope

The scope function visualizes the waveform of the electrical input signal. It automatically triggers to the fundamental frequency and selects the scaling of the X-axis (time) and Y-axis (level) accordingly. The fundamental, or most dominant, frequency of the input signals is displayed above the scope screen.

The scope scaling is fixed.
Vibration Meter

The Vibration Option turns the XL2-TA Audio and Acoustic Analyzer into a professional vibration meter with broadband measurements and spectral analysis in 1/3 or octave resolution. The XL2-TA Vibration Meter determines vibration acceleration, velocity, and deflection with standard-compliant weighting filters in the frequency range from 0.8 Hz to 2.5 kHz. Detailed recording of measurement data and audio files allows for comprehensive evaluation and reporting. In addition, the XL2-TA Vibration Meter comes standard with an FFT analysis and an oscilloscope function. Selectable FFT frequency ranges from 1 Hz to 1.69 kHz allow a detailed examination of the measured vibrations.

The Spectral Limits Option adds functions to the Vibration Meter, including a zoom FFT up to 20 kHz and a 1/12 octave band analysis from 0.73 Hz to 1.36 kHz. Also, it adds the ability to record reference spectra and set tolerances for pass/fail quality control measurements. The Remote Measurement Option allows the real-time acquisition of measurement data directly into a computer application via the USB interface. A documented command set is available.

VibMeter / Spectrum

The vibration meter offers different pages:

**Page Selection using the Page Button**
- Press page to toggle between the **123 VibMeter** page and the **CPB** page.

**Page Selection using the Rotary Wheel**
- Select the page **123 VibMeter** with the rotary wheel.
- Confirm with enter.

![Page Selection](image)
123 Values: Vibration Meter
Displays the selected broadband vibration level results. You can change the font size of the result. Depending on the font size chosen, the XL2-TA shows 2 up to 4 results simultaneously. The display of the actual or maximum level can be selected with the applicable frequency weighting. The peak levels PK or P-P are real peak levels.

Spectrum: Constant Percentage Bandwidth CPB
Displays the 1/3 or 1/1 octave spectrum of the selected RMS, peak or peak-peak vibration level. Additionally, the wide band result B is shown graphically by a bar.

Reporting: Report Setting
Here you set which vibration levels shall be stored in a .txt file after the completed measurement. Choose between:

- **ALL** Stores all vibration levels.
- **Selected** Stores up to 10 different individually-defined vibration levels.

For details refer to the chapter Reporting.

Logging: Setup of Data Logging
The XL2-TA features a powerful vibration level meter data logger, which allows you to record all required vibration level values during the measurement. In the logging page you set which vibration levels shall be logged over time. For details refer to the chapter Logging. Choose between:

- **ALL** Logs all vibration levels.
- **Selected** Logs up to 10 different individually-defined vibration levels.

Limit LED: Limit Setting
Here you set the function of the limit LED, thereby highlighting any vibration level that exceeds the pre-set limits in orange or red color. Further, external peripherals are controlled by the optional Serial I/O Interface based on the vibration level, such as displaying vibration levels on a large external red-orange-green lamp. For details refer to the chapter Limits.
Overview

Numeric Result Page
The numeric result page **123 Values** displays the selected broadband vibration level results. You can change the font size of the result. Depending on the font size chosen, the XL2-TA shows 2 up to 4 results simultaneously. The display of the actual or maximum level can be selected with the applicable frequency weighting.

Constant Percentage Bandwidth Analyzer Page
The real-time analyzer page **Spectrum** measures and displays the 1/3 or 1/1 octave spectrum in the selected frequency range including the wideband result.
1. **Vibration Level Result 1**
   All vibration levels are measured and logged simultaneously. You select which vibration levels should be displayed.

   **Change Parameter**
   - Turn the rotary wheel 🔄 to select the parameter Lxx.
   - Press enter ↵ to open the selection menu and choose the wideband vibration level to be displayed.
   - Turn the rotary wheel 🔄 to select the required test result parameters and confirm with enter ↵.

   **Change Font Size**
   - Turn the rotary wheel 🔄 to select the actual test result.
   - Press enter ↵ 1x, 2x or 3x to set the font size to small, medium or large.

   The XL2-TA shows 2 vibration levels on the display if a large font is chosen, otherwise it shows 4 vibration levels.

2. **Vibration Level Result 2**
   Follow the setting instructions for vibration level result 1.

3. **Filter**
   Select one of the following frequency filters:
   - **FLAT**  
     no filter applied
   - **1-80Hz**  
     Filter 1 - 80 Hz with decay rate of 12 dB / octave in accordance with DIN 45669-1
   - **1-315Hz**  
     Filter 1 - 315 Hz with decay rate of 12 dB / octave in accordance with DIN 45669-1
   - **10-1000Hz**  
     Filter 10 - 1000 Hz with decay rate of 18 dB / octave in accordance with ISO 2954

4. **Result Symbols / Capture**
   This field offers two functions:
   - Symbols for measurement results
     - ![Symbol](Image) Upper parameter displayed as line.
     - ![Symbol](Image) Lower parameter displayed as bargraph.
• Capture
One of the displayed frequency band readings may be captured. Any measurement data can then be compared with this captured reference live on the XL2-TA Analyzer.

  • Select the parameter to be captured.
  • Confirm with enter \( \Re \), to capture the reading.
  • Select the upper parameter \( \Re \) and choose Capt.
  • Confirm with enter \( \Re \).

\( \Re \) The lower reading can be compared with the previously-captured reference data.

5 Level Type
Select in the **System Settings**:
- metric or imperial units
- RMS, peak or peak-peak level

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Upper parameter displayed as line.

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Lower parameter displayed as bargraph.

6 Y-Scale setting
- Select the Y-Axis with the rotary wheel \( \Re \) and confirm with enter \( \Re \).
- Select the zoom factor between 20, 10, 5, 2.5 dB/div and confirm with enter \( \Re \).
- Scroll up and down with the rotary wheel \( \Re \) to select the Y-axis range.
- Confirm with enter \( \Re \).

7 Measurement Result
Real-time analyzer results in 1/1 octave or 1/3 octave band resolution.

8 X-Scale setting
Third-octave band resolution

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Octave band resolution

- 4 Hz - 2.0 kHz  frequency band levels including wide band result
- 1 Hz - 0.5 kHz  frequency band levels including wide band result
- 1 Hz - 2.0 kHz  frequency band levels

- Select the X-Axis with the rotary wheel and confirm with enter.
- Toggle with the rotary wheel between the ranges.
- Confirm with enter.

9 Broadband Results
Displays broadband level B.

10 Filter
Select the preset frequency filter here, which is already used on the broadband page.

11 Measurement Result
Actual level result of the indicated frequency band. The cursor readout displays the center frequency and the level of the band pointed to by the arrow.

Select the measurement unit as follows:

- Acceleration a
  - m/s²
  - g
  - in/s²
  - dB

- Velocity v
  - m/s
  - in/s
  - dB

- Displacement d
  - m
  - in
  - dB
Wav-File Recording

The XL2-TA records a wav-file of the measured input signal and stores it on the SD Card. The available formats are:

- **Compressed** (default, using ADPCM compression). A new wav-file is started automatically after 12 hours of recording (typical maximum wav-file size = 512 MByte)
- **Compressed+AGC**, compressed with automated gain control. The gain control increases the level of low-level signals, so that the wav-file is well-leveled during playback on the PC.
- **24Bit_48kHz**, linear wav-file logging in 24 bit, 48kHz resolution with the optional Extended Acoustic Pack. A new wav-file is started automatically after 1 hour of recording (typical maximum wav-file size = 512 MByte)

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**Sample name of wav-file:**

MyTest_V_Meter_000_Audio_FS_2.52e2_mps2(PK)_00.wav

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**Broadcast Wave Format BWF**

The XL2-TA stores scaling factor, serial number, date, time and time zone within the wav-file (according to EBU TECH 3285). This information is available through professional audio/video tools typically used in broadcast.
FFT Analysis + Tolerance

The XL2-TA Vibration Meter includes a fast real-time FFT.

The following features are available upon installing the Spectral Limits Option in the XL2-TA Analyzer:
- High-resolution Zoom-FFT up to 0.4 Hz steps in the frequency range 1 Hz - 20 kHz
- Capture and tolerance function provided with Spectral Limits Option; thus the main menu function reads FFT + Tol.
Result Symbols / Capture & Start Tolerance Mode
This field offers two functions:
• Symbols for measurement results ②
  
  - Upper result displayed as line.
  
  - Lower result displayed as bargraph.

• Capture & Start Tolerance Mode
  The displayed readings may be captured as reference reading C1 to C8 for
  • Comparing measurement results against captured traces with relative or absolute curve display.
  • Creating tolerance masks based on captured reference curves for passed / failed measurements.

Capture EQ  Captures the upper parameter
Capture Live  Captures the lower parameter

Manage captures  Allows to rename captures, clear recorded captures, save captures to the SD Card for export from the XL2-TA or load captures from the SD Card for import to the XL2-TA.

Start tolerance mode  Starts the tolerance mode for passed/failed measurements comparing the actual measurement results against a tolerance band.

Measurement Result  Actual level result of the indicated frequency band. The cursor readout displays the center frequency and the level of the band indicated by the arrow.
  
  - Upper parameter displayed as line.
  
  - Lower parameter displayed as bargraph.

Select in the System Settings:
• metric or imperial units
• RMS, peak or peak-peak level
3 Y-Scale setting
- Select the Y-Axis with the rotary wheel and confirm with enter.
- Select the zoom factor between 20, 10, 5, 2.5 dB/div and confirm with enter.
- Scroll up and down with the rotary wheel to select the Y-axis range.
- Confirm with enter.

4 Measurement Result
Displays the actual and averaged measurement results.

5 Time Weighting
Offers selectable time weighting of 0.1, 0.2, 0.5, 1.0 seconds as well FAST (125 ms) and SLOW (1 second).

Applications:
- Short Time Weighting: High-resolution in time with minimum averaging
- Long Time Weighting: Low resolution in time with longer averaging

6 Readout Frequency
You may select any frequency to read out individual levels. The selected frequency is indicated by the cursor arrow. Choose between the following settings:

The cursor follows automatically the highest level, e.g. tracing the dominant frequency of a rotating part.
- Select the frequency with the rotary wheel.
- Press enter.
- You may readout any individual frequency.
- Return to auto frequency with enter.

The cursor returns to the frequency with highest level bar.

The cursor readout may be set manually to any frequency. The readout remains at the selected frequency.
- Select the frequency with the rotary wheel.
- Press enter.
- Select the frequency of interest.
- Confirm with enter.

The cursor readout displays the measurement results of the selected frequency band.
Zoom Mode
(optional, applicable with the Spectral Limits Option)

- Select the readout frequency and press enter.
- The zoom mode is displayed above the flashing arrow.
- Select the zoom-in frequency with the rotary wheel.
- Press limit and zoom the linear frequency scale in or out with the rotary wheel.
- Release limit and scroll the linear frequency scale left or right with the rotary wheel.

Measurement Unit
Select the measurement unit as follows:

- Acceleration $a$
  - m/s$^2$
  - g
  - in/s$^2$
  - dBA

- Velocity $v$
  - m/s
  - in/s
  - dBv

- Displacement $d$
  - m
  - in
  - dBd

The Spectral Limits Option extends the function with captures and tolerances. All tolerances are specified as acceleration.
The scope function visualizes the waveform of the electrical input signal. It automatically triggers to the fundamental frequency and selects the scaling of the X-axis (time) and Y-axis (level) accordingly. The fundamental, or most dominant, frequency of the input signals is displayed above the scope screen.

**Page Selector X-Scale and Parameter Setting**

**1k7**
- Shows FFT result of the frequency band range.
- 23 Hz - 1.687 kHz in a resolution of 11.72 Hz with 143 bins shown on the display.

**400**
- Shows FFT result of the frequency band range.
- 5 Hz - 421.02 Hz in a resolution of 2.92 Hz with 143 bins shown on the display.

**100**
- Shows FFT result of the frequency band range.
- 1 Hz - 105.00 Hz in a resolution of 0.73 Hz with 143 bins shown on the display.

**Usr**
- User Range
  (applicable with optional Extended Acoustic Pack or Spectral Limits Option)
  - 1 Hz - 20 kHz in zoom mode with a minimum resolution of 0.366 Hz and 143 bins displayed.

**Set**
- Selection for FFT Windowing:
  - **Hann**: Default setting
  - **Dolph-Chebyshev**: for analyzing small signals (e.g. harmonics) close to a dominant signal.

The page button \( \text{Page} \) switches these display modes.

The scope scaling is fixed.
1/12 Octave + Tolerance (optional)

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Features:
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- Comparing measurement results against captures with relative or absolute curve display
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- Select the frequency with the rotary wheel.
- Press enter.
- Select the frequency of interest.
- Confirm with enter.

- The cursor readout displays the measurement results of the selected frequency band.
7 Setting of Test Result Resolution
Set the spectral result display to 1/1, 1/3, 1/6 or 1/12 octave band resolution as follows:
• Turn the rotary wheel to select the parameter 12.
• Press enter to open the selection window.
• Turn the rotary wheel to select 1/1 OCT, 1/3 OCT, 1/6 OCT or 1/12 OCT.
• Press enter to confirm.

8 Measurement Unit
Select the measurement unit as follows:

Acceleration a
• m/s²
• g
• in/s²
• dBA

Velocity v
• m/s
• in/s
• dBV

Displacement d
• m
• in
• dBd

The Spectral Limits Option extends the function with captures and tolerances. All tolerances are specified as acceleration.
8. Calibration

The XL2-TA Audio and Acoustic Analyzer meets or exceeds the specifications listed in the chapter Technical Data.

Instrument Calibration
In order to maintain the high accuracy, annual calibration of the XL2-TA Analyzer and the measurement microphone is recommended. The calibration service verifies the complete product specifications, differences to the last calibration and measures the frequency response of the measurement microphone. To enquire about calibration service, follow the RMA guide lines at www.nti-audio.com.

Microphone Sensitivity
NTi Audio’s ASD measurement microphones and the microphone pre-amplifier MA220 include an electronic data sheet. The Automated Sensor Detection (ASD) of the XL2-TA recognizes the sensitivity and calibration data of the connected microphone. The electronic data sheet, including the microphone sensitivity, is displayed in the menu Calibrte.

Environmental Conditions
The sound level meter and calibrator should be exposed to the same environmental conditions prior any calibration for the following recommended periods:
• 10 minutes after a temperature change of 10°C.
• 15 seconds after the static air pressure has changed by 5 kPa.
• 10 minutes after a humidity change of 30% without condensation.

The described calibration method and correction data apply for the following environmental conditions:
• Temperature: -10 °C to +50 °C
• Static air pressure: 65 kPa to 108 kPa
• Humidity: 25 % to 90 % r.H. without dew from -10 °C to +39 °C

Ambient Noise
Please make sure that, during the calibration with 114 dB, the ambient noise level is lower than 89 dB.
Calibration Menu with connected Measurement Microphone

1. Spectral Correction: Off
2. Sensitivity: 23.7 mV/Pa
3. User Calibration at 114.0 dB
   - L2F: 57.9 dB
4. Calibration Menu without any connected Sensor

5. Sensitivity: 39.8 mV/Pa
6. User Calibration at 114.0 dB
   - L2F: 15.8 dB
7. Sensor: Sound
Calibration Menu with connected ICP Adapter ASD and Accelerometer

1. Phantom Power Supply

48V  The XL2-TA provides 48 V phantom power supply to the connection microphone or sensor.

ASD  An NTi Audio measurement microphone with automated sensor detection ASD is connected. The XL2-TA reads the electronic data sheet of the microphone and switches the 48V phantom power automatically on

48V  Phantom power is switched off.

2. Electronic Data Sheet of Measurement Microphone

Read out data from the connected microphone.

3. Factory Sensitivity

Factory sensitivity of the connected sensor.

4. Level Type

LZF  Default setting.

LHP100F  Suppressing any low frequency noise, for example wind during outdoor calibrations.
5. **Start Field Calibration**
   Select **RUN** and press enter to start the sensitivity setting using an external calibrator.

6. **Level of External Calibrator**
   The reference calibration level is 114 dB. The XL2-TA Supports a level setting between 0 dB and 200 dB.

7. **Sensitivity**
   Applicable microphone sensitivity in the range from 1 µV/Pa to 9.99 V/Pa. The sensor detection of the XL2-TA reads the sensitivity automatically from the electronic data-sheet of the connected NTi Audio microphone or preamplifier.

8. **Spectral Correction**
   Select one of the spectral corrections as applicable. This selection can be activated in the System Settings Set page at position **11**. The correction data is listed in chapter Technical Data.

   - **Off**
     no spectral correction.
   - **WP30 1/2” Community**
     for horizontal noise incidents using the WP30 Weather Protection
   - **WP30 1/2” Aircraft**
     for vertical noise incidents using the WP30 Weather Protection; no spectral correction applies
   - **WP61 1/4” Community**
     for horizontal noise incidents using the WP61 Weather Protection
   - **WP61 1/4” Aircraft**
     for vertical noise incidents using the WP61 Weather Protection; no spectral correction applies
   - **M22xx DF 1/2”**
     Diffuse-field correction for measurement microphones M2230, M2340, M2215, M2211
   - **M42xx DF 1/4”**
     Diffuse-field correction for measurement microphone M4261

9. **Selection Sound Level Meter / Vibration Meter**
   - **Sound** Sound Level Meter
   - **Vibration** Vibration Meter
Unit Selection Accelerometer Sensitivity
The accelerometer sensitivity is provided in the range of
• 1 µV/(m/s²) - 10.0 V/(m/s²) or
• 10 µV/g - 100 V/g

Field Calibration - With External Sound Calibrator
Field-sensitivity setting for measurement microphones with an external calibrator.
• Turn the rotary wheel to select the parameter User Calibration and press enter.
• Set the calibration level according to the calibrator used.
• Generate the specific reference signal with the calibrator onto the microphone.
• Turn the rotary wheel to select the parameter RUN and press enter.
• The pop-up window Calibration: Calibration running ... appears and changes to Calibration: Successfully finished! for a successfully completed calibration.

Field Calibration - Manual Sensitivity Setting
In case no external calibration device is available, set the sensitivity of non-NTi Audio sensors manually according to the product specifications as follows:
• Select Sensitivity with the rotary wheel.

Press enter and adjust the sensitivity with the rotary wheel.
Confirm with enter.

Field Sensitivity
The XL2-TA writes the field-sensitivity setting onto the electronic data sheet of the connected NTi Audio measurement microphone, microphone preamplifier or ASD Adapter. All subsequent measurements automatically utilize this field-sensitivity.
In case the measured sensitivity deviates ±1.5 dB for a class 1 microphone and ±3 dB for a class 2 microphone to the nominal microphone sensitivity, then the XL2-TA displays the following message: Measured sensitivity to far (xxdB) from factory settings. Check calibration level and microphone!
In doubts kindly contact NTi Audio with the details.
Free-field Correction
The following free-field correction shall be applied using the NTi Audio Class 1 Sound Calibrator
• M2230, M2340, M2211, M2215: -0.1 dB

The following correction shall be applied using the NTi Audio Class 1 Sound Calibrator with 1/4” adapter ADP 1/4-P
• M4260: +0.1 dB
• M4261: +0.2 dB

The NTi Audio microphones are free-field equalized measurement microphone. Thus, they already compensate the increased level by the presence of the microphone body in the free-field. Pressure conditions apply during the calibration. Therefore, the level in front of the 1/2” microphone diaphragm differs by -0.08 dB with reference ambient conditions.

• M2230 with 50 mm Wind Screen
  The correction value is +0.12 dB and the XL2-TA has to be set to a calibration level of 114.0 dB (=114-0.08+0.12).
• M2230, M2340 with 90 mm Wind Screen
  The correction value is +0.19 dB and the calibration level on the XL2-TA has to be set to 114.1 dB (=114-0.08+0.19).
• M2230, M2340 with WP30 Wind Screen 90 mm
  The correction value is +0.19 dB and the calibration level on the XL2-TA has to be set to 114.1 dB (=114-0.08+0.19).

Example - Field Calibration
• Configuration
  - XL2-TA + M2230 Measurement Microphone
  - NTi Audio Class 1 Sound Calibrator @ 114.0 dB

  • The level 1 at User Calibration shall be set to 113.9 dB (=114.0 - 0.1).

  • Select the parameter RUN and press enter 2.

  The field calibration is completed.
Applying Correction Values @ M2230

The goal is to measure the sound pressure without the influence of the microphone in the air. However, the presence of the microphone body in the free-field environment affects already the sound pressure level at high frequencies. The measurement microphone acts at high frequencies like a reflector. The sound pressure increases in front of the microphone capsule membrane. For example, the sound pressure level is 114.0 dB in the free field prior installing the microphone. Now the measurement microphone is placed into the free field. The pressure in front of the capsule is increased by 0.1 dB at 1 kHz. However, since the sound without microphone influence shall be determined, the free-field equalization of the M2230 compensates this effect. The XL2-TA Sound Level Meter reads the accurate measured value of 114.0 dB and not 114.1 dB.

If the Class 1 Sound Calibrator is placed on the M2230 measurement microphone, then the pressure conditions applies to the microphone capsule. The pressure in the volume of the calibrator matches the pressure on the membrane surface of the microphone. Now the free-field equalization and the pressure conditions for the calibration have to be taken into account. Thus, the XL2-TA has to be adjusted to a calibration level of 113.9 dB when using the M2230. This applies for calibrations at reference ambient conditions and an accurate calibrator output level at the reference sound pressure level.
9. Profiles

Profiles are templates of measurement setups. You may define which profile is loaded at startup, so that the measurements are carried out always with the same setup and instrument settings.

A remarkable advantage of the XL2-TA is the flexible user interface. The measurement screens may be personalized and only a limited subset of the comprehensive functionality enabled to create simplified operator interfaces. Advanced users may access all menus, settings, and store their preferred measurement configurations. For simplicity the XL2-TA Audio and Acoustic Analyzer offers fixed operator interfaces with specific pre-defined settings. The XL2-TA can boot up with exactly the required measurement parameters according to the pre-defined instrument configurations. This ensures accurate measurements are achieved in both advanced and basic usage environments.

Profiles - Getting Started

Activate Profile Selection at Startup

• Select **Show profile list** in the **System** menu.
• Press enter to activate **Yes**. This will show the profile list at startup.

![Profile List](image)

† The profile list is shown next time you power up the XL2-TA.
Profiles

Preset Measurement Function

- Start the XL2-TA Analyzer in Full mode.
- Select the typically-used measurement function and adjust the measurement parameters according to the requirements.

For example, measuring the sound levels $L_{AF}$, $L_{Aeq}$ and $L_{AFmax}$ for 10 seconds:

Store MyProfile

- Select Profile in the main menu and press enter 🔴.

⚠️ The profile menu opens.
• Select **Manage** and press enter. The **Manage Profile** menu opens.

Each stored profile includes all settings of all measurement functions and pages. Only the following details are not stored:
- Calibration settings
- System settings
- Temperature unit
- Phantom power on/off

• Select **Save Profile** and press enter. The **Save Profile** menu opens.

• Select **Rename** and press enter.
• Set the profile name to **MyProfile**. The maximum name length is 20 characters.
Profiles

• Select **Configure available screens** and press enter 🔄.

![Configure available screens](image)

• Select additional available pages/measurement functions for the profile; e.g. RTA 🎧.
• Press escape 📋 to return to the **Save Profile** screen.
• Set **Append mode available**: yes in order to have the append data feature available in the memory menu 📁.
• You may enable manual measurement range setting within your profile. Select **Allow manual ranging**: yes.
• The correction values defined in **KSET** may be part of the profile for selectable profiles with different corrections.
• Select **Save** and press enter 🛡.

Select Profile at Startup

• Switch on the XL2-TA 📈

⚠️ The profile selection is shown on the display.

![Select Profile at Startup](image)

• Select the profile **MyProfile** and press enter 🛡.

⚠️ The XL2-TA starts up with the pre-configured settings for sound level monitoring.

![Select Profile at Startup](image)
Select Profile during Operation

- Select **Profile** in the main menu and press enter 🛡.

⚠️ The profile menu opens.

Run Measurement

The profile name is displayed when a measurement function is highlighted. The main menu offers only the measurement functions enabled by the profile, plus the calibration and profile menu.

- Press start 🟢.

- Choose **Select** and load the required profile.

- Wait 10 seconds until the measurement is finished.
- To return to the full mode either switch off the XL2-TA 🛡 again or select **EXIT Profile** in the main menu.
Export MyProfile to PC
If you have two or more XL2-TA Audio and Acoustic Analyzers, you may like to transfer the same profiles to the other instruments.

- Select **Profile** in the main menu and press enter 🎨.
- Select **Manage** and press enter 🎨.
- Select **Export to SD-Card** and press enter 🎨.

The XL2-TA generates a folder on the SD Card called “Profiles”. All available profiles are exported into this folder.

- Connect the XL2-TA to the PC.
- Copy/paste the profile called **MyProfile** to the PC.

Import MyProfile from PC
- Connect another XL2-TA to the PC and generate a folder called “Profiles” on the SD Card.
- Copy the profile called **MyProfile** into the folder “Profiles”.
- Start up the XL2-TA, select **Profile** in the main menu and press enter 🎨.
- Select **Manage** and press enter 🎨.
- Select **Import from SD-Card** and press enter 🎨.

**MyProfile** is available on the other XL2-TA Analyzer.

If the profile is exported from an XL2-TA Analyzer with activated options to another XL2-TA Analyzer without options, then these options have to be hidden prior to storing the profile for export:

- In the exporting XL2-TA system menu, select the individual option and toggle with enter 🎨 to **Hidden**.
- Store the profile in the XL2-TA Analyzer.
The XL2-TA can store up to 20 individual profiles in the internal system memory and offers three different profile types:

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<td>The XL2-TA includes factory default profiles, which are marked with “#” in the beginning of the file name. Sample filename: #DIN15905-5.prfs. The factory default profiles are a free download for all registered XL2-TA customers on the support website at <a href="https://my.nti-audio.com">https://my.nti-audio.com</a>. For details see the chapter My NTi Audio. For detailed settings of factory default profiles please see the Appendix 2 in this manual.</td>
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<td>User profiles</td>
<td>User profiles are profiles generated by you on the XL2-TA Analyzer. Sample filename: MyProfile.prfl</td>
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Secured profiles are locked user profiles with overwrite protection indicated by the file name ending in “xxx.prfs.” This file name cannot be overwritten. Sample filename: MyProfile.prfs

How to generate secured profiles

- Export the profiles to SD Card according to the procedure in the chapter Profile - Getting Started.
- Connect the XL2-TA to the PC.
- Select the user profile in the folder “Profile.”
- Manually change the ending of the user profile from “xxx.prfl” to “xxx.prfs”
- Disconnect the XL2-TA from the PC.
- Import the profiles from the SD Card
- Power off/on the XL2-TA Analyzer

The secured profile is displayed with a lock-symbol in the profile selection window on startup of the XL2-TA.
10. Spectral Limits Option (Capture + Tolerances)

The Spectral Limits Option extends the function range of the XL2-TA with trace capturing, relative curve display and comprehensive tolerance handling for the FFT Analysis and the high-resolution 1/12 Oct + Tol spectral analysis.

Features:
- Capturing of multiple readings into the internal memory
- Comparing measurement results against captures with relative or absolute curve display
- Comprehensive tolerance handling
- Creating tolerance masks based on captures for passed / failed measurements

Capture the EQ Measurement Results
- Select the Capture & Start Tolerance Mode symbol for capturing the measurement result.
A pop-up window appears.

- Select **Capture EQ**.
- Confirm with enter.

The pop-up window ... and store it to appears.

- Select **C1**.
- Confirm with enter and set the capture name in the displayed letter selection box e.g. to **Ref**.

The capture has been stored in the internal XL2-TA memory.
Edit Capture Manually
• Select the Capture & Start Tolerance Mode symbol.
• Confirm with enter.
• Select Manage captures.
• Confirm with enter.
• Select Save to SD card.

The pop-up window Save captures appears.

• Select the capture to be exported, e.g. C1.

The pop-up window Save capture C1 to appears.

• Confirm with Save.

The XL2-TA generates the file MyCapture.txt in a new folder called Captures.

• Edit the sound level data in the capture file. All frequency data has to remain the same.
• Load the new capture file with Manage captures back into the internal XL2-TA memory.

See the difference between Live Level and Capture
• Blank the upper parameter by setting ----.
• Select the lower parameter with the rotary wheel.
• Confirm with enter.
• Select Live and confirm with enter.

The pop-up window Select reading mode appears.

• Select Live - for displaying the relative difference.
• Confirm with enter.
• Select Ref and confirm with enter.
• Set the Y-axis accordingly to show the zero-line.
The relative difference between the Live level and the captured reference is displayed.

All levels differences (relative levels) are displayed in the unit dBr.

Manual Editing of Capture Data
Kindly observe the following rules while manually editing capture data:
• The spectral level data is Z-weighted, thus the sum of all bands has to equal the Z-weighted broadband level.
• The A and C-weighted broadband levels are calculated observing the corresponding correction factors.
• Enter -999 if nothing shall be deducted at certain broadband levels or frequency bands.
Start Tolerance Mode for Passed/Failed Measurements

- Select the Capture & Start Tolerance Mode symbol with the rotary wheel.

- Confirm with enter.

  A pop-up window appears.

  ![Capture EQ](image)

- Select **Start tolerance mode**.
- Confirm with enter.

  ![Live](image
The pop-up window **Make tolerance from** appears.

- Select **Ref** to load the earlier captured reference spectrum.
- Confirm with enter.

You may press the page button [1] to toggle between the date and spectral resolution data of the capture.

Passed Result

- The tolerance mode is active for passed/failed measurements.

The passed/failed condition is further visualized by the bicolor “limit” button and forwarded to the I/O interface of the instrument in order to drive an external alarm device such as the accessory SPL Stack Light.
1 PASSED / FAILED Result

**PASSED** The actual measurement result is within the tolerance band.

[Image of PASSED result]

The actual measurement result is outside of the tolerance band. Exceptions are visualized in any out-of-tolerance frequency band.

2 Tolerance Bandwidth

Adjusts the tolerance bandwidth based on the captured reference spectrum in dB.

3 Level Offset

Provides a level offset in dB to shift the tolerance band up or down.

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Failed Result

The XL2-TA Analyzer compares spectral measurements against a tolerance band and visualizes exceptions in every frequency band.

Select another Tolerance File

- Select the tolerance Ref with the rotary wheel.
- Confirm with enter.
- Select the new tolerance file from the SD Card or the internal XL2-TA memory.
Capture & Start Tolerance
Opens capture and tolerance menu.

2 Tolerance Type
Select between high/low, high or low tolerance band based on the reference data set.

3 Frequency Range
Setting of start and stop frequency of the tolerance band.

Advanced Start Functions
You may start the passed/failed measurement in one of the following ways:
• Press the XL2-TA start button.
• Activate the automated level trigger in the tolerance file.
• Activate the digital input 1 via the external I/O interface; e.g. a foot switch or a PLC control.

Digital I/O Interface
Result Passed: Output 1
Result Failed: Output 3
Start Measurement: Input 1

Tolerance Management
Tolerance curves can either be imported from txt-files or directly derived from captured measurements. The XL2-TA calculates tolerance bands based on
• Single captured results
• txt-files generated manually on a PC
• Mean average of multiple captures
• Min/Max curves of multiple captures
Create Tolerance Files Manually on PC

- Capture a spectrum on the XL2-TA Analyzer.
- Enter the tolerance mode and generate a tolerance band for the capture.
- Select the Capture & Start Tolerance Mode symbol.
- Confirm with enter.
- Select **Save tol. to SD Card** to export the capture tolerance file. This file includes the reference capture and the tolerance data. The XL2-TA generates a txt-file in the folder “Tolerances”.
- Open the capture tolerance file with a text editor or MS Excel.
- Edit the tolerance data according to your requirements. Change only the Min, Ideal and Max column values. You may delete rows, but do not change the frequency column values. Any rows where frequency column values have been changed will be discarded by the XL2-TA.
- Store your individual tolerance file as a txt-file in the XL2-TA folder “Tolerances”.
- Start the XL2-TA tolerance mode and load the new tolerance file from the SD Card.

- All entries in the customized tolerance file need to be tab-separated.
- The individual tolerance file entries may be in any order; no sequential order required.
- Tolerance file templates and standardized tolerance files are a free download for all registered XL2-TA customers on the support website at https://my.nti-audio.com. For details see the chapter My NTi Audio in this manual.
Band-limited Measurement Range
Alternatively to the settings on the XL2-TA, the tolerance may also be limited to a range of frequency bands or a number of individual frequencies on a computer.

- Open the tolerance file on the computer.
- Delete all not required frequency bands.
- Set #Hide UnusedBands to True.
- Save the file changes.
- Load the updated tolerance file in the XL2-TA.

The XL2-TA shows selectable broadband values with A, C or Z-weighting on the right-hand side of the spectrum.

Alternatively select the following averaged or summed levels:
- **Bands E-Sum**: Sum of displayed frequency bands
- **Bands E-Mean**: Energy-averaged level of displayed frequency bands, e.g. the bands 80 dB and 70 dB produce 77.4 dB.
- **Bands A-Mean**: Arithmetically-averaged level of displayed frequency bands, e.g. the bands 80 dB and 70 dB produce 75 dB.
#Unit dBr (relative), fixed setting

#Mode Describes tolerance type; the XL2-TA allows setting of the tolerance type independently of the tolerance file.

## HighLow
- **High**: Utilizes only upper tolerance based on ideal reference.
- **Low**: Utilizes only lower tolerance based on ideal reference.

#Columns Column headings for further tolerance data separated into columns:
- Frequency / Min / Ideal / Max

#ATolerances Defines the tolerance band for the A-weighted wideband level (not mandatory).

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#CTolerances Defines the tolerance band for the C-weighted wideband level (not mandatory).

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#BandTolerances

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Capture + Tolerances

#ZTolerances
Defines the tolerance band for the Z-weighted wideband level (not mandatory).

#BandSum Tolerances
Defines the tolerance band for the sum of displayed frequency bands (not mandatory).

#Band Tolerances
• Defines the tolerance band for the individual frequencies.
• The ideal parameter can be set as “undef”.
• The same frequency value on two successive rows defines a tolerance step, e.g.:

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<th>Frequency</th>
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#LevelOffset
All levels in the tolerance file are relative levels dBr. Thus, the level offset provides the relation between the relative level and actual sound pressure level. (not mandatory)
The XL2-TA allows setting of the level offset independently of the tolerance file.

#Hide UnusedBands
Defines the way measurement results are shown.
- True
  Measurement results of frequency bands without any specified tolerance are not displayed. The total level of all shown bands (sum of bands) is available as a broadband result.
- False
  The measurement result of all frequency bands are shown.

#nAllowed Violations
Allows a PASSED result with a maximum number of n failed frequency bands (not mandatory)
### Capture + Tolerances

<table>
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<th>#FreqScale Spacing</th>
<th>Defines the frequency scale spacing in the X-axis for the tolerance data. (not mandatory)</th>
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<tr>
<td>lin</td>
<td>Tolerance data displayed with linear frequency spacing, e.g. used in the FFT function. (default setting)</td>
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<tr>
<td>log</td>
<td>Tolerance data displayed with logarithmic frequency spacing e.g. used in the 1/12 Oct + Tol function.</td>
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<th>#AutoStart</th>
<th>Enables auto start function. (not mandatory)</th>
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<tr>
<td>True</td>
<td>Auto start is active. The run indication displays A. The measurement starts automatically after the trigger level is reached. Alternatively the measurement may start manually by pressing start ▶.</td>
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<tr>
<td>False</td>
<td>No auto start function. (default setting)</td>
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</table>

| #AutoStartTriggerLevel | Sets the sound level in dBZ for an automated level trigger; the passed/failed measurement starts as soon as the set level e.g. 95 dB is reached or exceeded. The actual input level can be monitored at the input range bar. (mandatory if #AutoStart is True) |

| #AutoStartSettlingTime | Defines the settling time, after the auto start trigger level is exceeded, until the start of the measurement; the time is set in 100 millisecond steps e.g. setting 0.5 equals a settling time of 0.5 seconds. If the input level drops below the auto start trigger level during this period, no measurement is carried out. (not mandatory) |

| #MeasTime | Defines the measurement time in 100 millisecond steps; e.g. setting 1.5 equals a measurement period of 1.5 seconds. (not mandatory) |

| #FailDeadTime | Defines the delay for a failed condition in seconds; for example, the XL2-TA triggers “failed” if the measurement result is beyond the tolerance limits for e.g. 60 seconds. This feature supports condition monitoring applications. (not mandatory) |
11. System Settings

The various system settings of the instrument can be adjusted as follows: Turn the rotary wheel to navigate to the main menu and select System. Confirm with enter.

Settings

Page Selector
Toggles with the page button between

- Set System setting
- Vib Vibration (applicable only upon installing the vibration option and selecting the vibration menu)
- Sch Scheduler
- Opt Options
- Inf System information

Auto power off
If no button has been pressed for the defined time period, then the instrument switches off. The auto power off mode is disabled when a measurement is running or when an external mains power supply is used.

- Select Auto power off with the rotary wheel.
- Confirm with enter.
- Set the auto power off time with the rotary wheel.
- Confirm with enter.
System Settings

4. **Backlight**
   Toggle the backlight with the power/backlight button. The backlight offers three different conditions:
   - On
   - Dimmed
   - Off

   **Auto On/Off**
   The backlight switches off if no key is pressed for 2 minutes.

   **Auto On/Dimmed**
   The backlight dims if no key is pressed for 2 minutes.

   **Manual**
   The backlight can be toggled between On, Dimmed and Off.

   - Navigate the cursor to the backlight function.
   - Toggle with enter to set this parameter.

   Dimming the backlight reduces the power consumption.

5. **Date and Time Setting**
   The XL2-TA includes a real-time clock. All measurements are logged with a date and time stamp.

   **Time Zone**
   Select your time zone

   **DST/ Summer time**
   Activate this for daylight saving

   **Date**
   Date in yyyy:mm:dd

   **Time**
   Time in hh:mm:ss

   Set the real-time clock as follows:
   - Select the Date function with the rotary wheel.
   - Confirm with enter.
   - Set the date with the rotary wheel.
   - Confirm each setting with enter.
   - Follow the same procedure for Time.

   You have set the real-time clock.
6. **Show Profile List**
   You may configure the XL2-TA to start up with individual preset application profiles. For example, sound level monitoring in accordance with DIN 15905 or V-NISSG.
   - Yes: The instrument starts up with default application profiles. Further details about the application profiles are in the chapter Profiles.
   - No: The instrument starts up in the last configuration without any application profiles.

7. **Phantom Power**
   You can select if the phantom power should be activated or disabled when the XL2-TA is powered up.
   - Off: The phantom power is switched off when the XL2-TA is powered up; e.g. when it is common to measure lines.
   - Remember: The XL2-TA remembers the setting prior to the last shutdown. (= default setting)

8. **Speaker**
   Enables/disables the rear speaker. For example, it is recommended that the rear speaker be disabled for all acoustic measurements. This prevents measuring the audio feedback sound loop generated through the rear speaker.

9. **USB Mode**
   This defines how the PC recognizes the connected XL2-TA:
   - Ask on connect: Select either the Mass storage or COM port mode after connecting the XL2-TA to the PC.
   - Mass storage: The PC recognizes the XL2-TA as a mass storage device automatically, allowing you to download XL2-TA measurement reports.
   - COM port: The PC recognizes the XL2-TA as a COM port automatically for application of the XL2 Projector PRO and the Remote Measurement Option.
**Decimal Separator**

Set the decimal separator to match the generated measurement reports to the PC settings. This simplifies data post-processing on the PC.

- Navigate to the Dec. Separator function \( \text{⑧} \) with the rotary wheel \( \text{⑨} \).
- Toggle between “. ” and “, ” with enter \( \text{④} \) to set this parameter.

\( \text{⑩} \) The decimal separator is set.

**Calibration Menu Setting**

Setting of the calibration menu.

- **Standard** The default calibration menu is displayed.
- **Show Spec. Corr.** This setting is required to activate the required weather protection or diffuse-field correction in the calibration menu.

**Vibration**

This page is available upon switching to the vibration menu, which requires an installed Vibration-Option. Vibration is selected in the calibration menu.

1. **Selection Metrical-Imperial Units**
   - Units selection

2. **dB Reference**
   - Definition of the reference parameters for dB results
The XL2-TA Analyzer offers automated scheduled measurements without any human interaction. You may schedule a measurement for one or multiple days or ever.

**XL2-TA Actions after pressing Start Schedule**
- Selects the preset measurement function.
- Standby until start time
- Starts measurement at start time
- Stops measurement after the preset measurement duration
- Stores measurement data to SD Card (no reconfirmation required)
- Stops schedule or standby until next start time.

**Supported measurement functions:**
- SLMeter/RTA
- FFT + Tol
- RT60
- 1/12 Oct + Tol
- STIPA
1 Function
Select the measurement functions for the scheduled measurements.

2 Start Date and Time
Set the date for the scheduled measurement(s):
- Select Start with the rotary wheel.
- Confirm with enter.
- Set the date with the rotary wheel.
- Confirm each setting with enter.

Set the time for the scheduled measurement:
- Select the T symbol to the right of the date.
- Confirm with enter.
- Set the time with the rotary wheel.
- Confirm each setting with enter.

3 Scheduled Duration
Set the scheduled duration of the measurement(s). The actual settings of the selected measurement function apply.

4 Recurrence

Off Schedules a single measurement.

On Schedules a measurement sequence with the same start and end time for the selected days.

5 Days
Select the week days for the recurrence

6 End
Set the number of occurrences of the scheduled measurement. Each week day is one occurrence. Select between 1 to 99 occurrences or an endless schedule (= never).

7 Start Schedule
Starts the scheduled measurement(s).

The Scheduler active window is displayed.
Scheduling - Getting Started

After starting the scheduled measurement, the XL2-TA waits for the next scheduled start date and time. The instrument buttons are disabled.

Power Supply
It is recommended that the instrument remains powered on until the next start time, using the accessory mains power adapter. If the XL2-TA is powered off and on again during this time, then the XL2-TA Analyzer restarts in the Scheduler function and continues the countdown. This applies also for any interruption of mains power supply.

Stopping the Scheduler
Press and hold the start/stop button to stop the scheduler prior to the start of the measurement or as an interrupt of any ongoing scheduled measurement.

Operation with PC
Starting the schedule switches the USB interface automatically into the COM port mode for remote measurement applications or using the XL2 Projector PRO software.

Options

Displays the options installed on the XL2-TA.

Every installed option may be temporarily Hidden to generate a profile for other XL2-TAs without this option installed.

- Select the installed option.
- Toggle with enter to set this parameter.
Information

1 Serial Number
Displays the instrument's serial number.

2 Firmware
Displays the firmware version number (to update the firmware to the latest version see the chapter Firmware Update of XL2-TA.)
12. Data Management

The XL2-TA stores all acquired measurement data including real-time information onto the removable SD Card. Additionally, wav-files might be recorded and individual voice notes added for a complete documentation of the measurement.

- Carry out a sound level measurement.
- Select the memory menu \[\text{F2}\] in the upper menu bar.
- Press enter \[\text{F1}\]. The memory menu opens.

① Create New Project Folder
Add a new folder with an individual project name. The maximum length of the project name is 16 characters. A fast way for creating new folder names is
- Select an existing folder name with \text{DIR}
- Select \text{NEW}
- Rename the folder and confirm with start \text{F1}, thereby creating a new folder name.

② Select Project Folder
An overview of all existing project folders is shown. Select a folder to store the results of the measurements.

③ Project Folder Name
All measurements are stored in this project folder.

④ Autosave
Setting of auto or manual data file naming and saving

- \text{On}
  The results are named and stored automatically in the selected project folder.

- \text{Off}
  A question mark appears in the upper menu bar \[\text{F2}\] at the end of the measurement. You can choose to individually name and store each single measurement.
Assisted  A pop up menu appears after each measurement. You may select to keep or delete the stored measurement records.

5 Save Test
Stores the measurement in the selected project folder.

6 Save Screenshot
Stores the XL2-TA screen in the selected project folder.

7 Load Test
Loads back previously-stored result data from the SD Card for detailed examination on the instrument screen.

8 Append Mode
The append mode stores one or more results into the same data file, simplifying data analysis and handling on the PC.

Application example:
When measuring the acoustic spectrum at various locations within the same venue, the append mode allows you to store all the measurement results into one single data file.

9 Free Memory
Displays the remaining available memory on the SD Card.

The XL2-TA prevents a memory overflow. SD Cards are not designed for a 100% memory usage; the XL2-TA keeps at least 2% or 50 MB empty.

The XL2-TA deactivates the audio recording 50 MB before this limit is reached and reports this on the display.

In the case where only 2% or 50 MB remains, the XL2-TA
• deactivates the data logging and reports this on the display.
• disables Save Test and Autosave
• saves the report at the end of the current measurement.
**Write Cache (available with Extended Acoustic Pack)**

A low Write Cache level indicates that the SD Card is performing well. The optional Extended Acoustic Pack with simultaneous 100ms logging and linear wav-file recording results in high data volumes being written to the SD Card. Some non-original SD Cards may overload (OVLD), causing the loss of some measurement data. Verify the Write Cache of your SD Card during your measurements. Use only original SD Cards. We recommend SD Cards from the manufacturers SanDisk and Transcend.

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**Memory Structure of SD Card**

1. **Projects**
   The folder Projects contains subfolders with the stored measurement results. The default subfolder name is “MyProject”. You can create further individual subfolders.

2. **XL2.htm**
   This file opens the XL2-TA instrument status page, with Serial Number, Firmware and Installed Options.
   
   The page also provides links for online
   - Firmware updates
   - Activation of Options

3. **XL2-TA_SYS**
   The XL2-TA system folder contains a file with serial number, firmware version and installed options - DO NOT EDIT THIS FILE.

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- Original SD Cards ensure that all measurement data and audio wav-files are stored in good order on the SD Card. Non-original SD Cards may lead to low performance or errors. Order information: see chapter Accessories.

- In case the SD Card is full, you can insert the original spare SD Card into the XL2-TA and continue with the measurements. The XL2-TA generates the projects and system folders automatically.
Enable Data Logging

- Select the Log page in the sound level meter function and set the logging parameters; e.g., as follows:

```
<table>
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<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Setting</th>
</tr>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Logging</td>
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<td>00:00:01.0</td>
</tr>
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<td>No</td>
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<td>Log Audio</td>
<td>On</td>
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<tr>
<td>Format</td>
<td>Compressed*AGC</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Log Values</td>
<td>Selected</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
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The data logging is enabled. The sound pressure level will be logged each second while the measurement is running.

Select Parameters for Measurement Report

- Select the Rep page in the sound level meter function and set the parameters as follows:
Data Management

Complete the Measurement

• Press page \( \rightarrow \) to return to the numeric result page.
• Press start \( 
\) to run the sound level measurement.
• Press stop \( 
\) to complete the measurement.

The measurement data is stored automatically using the factory settings. In the memory menu "Autosave: Assisted" is activated.

Manual Data Saving

• In the case when the instrument is used with the setting Autosave: Off, a question mark appears after the completed measurement.
• Now you may store the measurement data manually.
• Select the memory menu \( \rightarrow \) with the rotary wheel \( \circ \) and confirm with enter.

• Press enter \( \circ \) to confirm Save Test.

The pop-up window Save Test appears.
**Select File Name**

- Name the first part of the file name. The maximum length of the first part is 12 characters. The next part “_SLM_001” is defined by the XL2-TA to avoid overwriting of existing measurements, whereby “SLM” is the appendix for the measurement function and “001” is an automatically-incrementing number.

**Predefined Save Names**

Generate a text file with user defined save names, such as “Room1,” “Room2,” ..., and store it as “savenames.txt” in the root directory of the XL2-TA. Just use names with letters or numbers - special characters are not supported.

The XL2-TA displays the first line of the txt-file in the **Save Test** selection menu at manual data saving.
Record Voice Notes

With the internal voice note microphone, record a Voicenote to save with the test to remind yourself at a later stage where and/or under which conditions the measurement was done.

- Select **Record Voicenote** and press enter.

- Select **REC** and press enter.

- Record the voice note and press enter to finish.

- The voice note has been recorded.

Save Measurement Data

- Select **SAVE** and confirm with enter.

- The measurement data including test configurations and all log files are stored on the SD Card.

**Overwrite File**

Disabling **Automatic Numbering** allows results to be overwritten with new results.
Save Screenshot
- Select the memory menu 📚 with the rotary wheel 🔄 and confirm with enter 🚀.

😊 The memory menu opens.

- Select **Save Screenshot** and press enter 🚀.
- Select the file name and confirm **SAVE** with enter 🚀.

😊 The screenshot is saved to the SD Card.

**Measurement Data Logging:**
If the battery runs out while you are measuring with logging and/or repeated-reporting enabled, the XL2-TA creates the folder `RESTORE_AFTER_POWERFAIL` and stores the measurement data up until the switch-off time. The next time you switch on the XL2-TA, the following window informs you that this data exists. Click OK:

There may be invalid data at the end of the file, which you can delete manually to create a valid report.
View Project Folder on the PC
• Connect the XL2-TA with the USB cable to the PC.

The pop-up window **USB Mode** appears.

- Select **Mass Storage** and confirm with enter.

The PC recognizes the XL2-TA as a mass storage device. The following SD Card content is shown:

- Open the folder “Projects” and the subfolder “MyProject”.

All stored measurement data files are shown.

If the XL2-TA is started with USB connection to PC, then the COM port mode is automatically activated for remote measurement or the XL2 Projector PRO software. Therefore, if you want to access the data in the SD Card, then first start the XL2-TA and thereafter connect the USB cable to the PC.
Overview of Measurement Data Files

1. **Test System File**
   System file for use by XL2-TA only. It contains the measurement data and test configuration of the last measurement cycle for later reload and view of measurement results in the XL2-TA.

2. **Sound Level Log File**
   The XL2-TA logs sound levels in pre-defined log time intervals. For more details please see the chapter Sound Level Meter: Logging.

3. **Measurement Report File**
   Final report after the completed measurement. For more details please see the chapter Sound Level Meter: Reporting.

4. **Wav-File**
   The wav-file is the recorded audio file. The index “FS133.0dB(PK)” in file name represents the full-scale peak level of the recorded wav-file. For more details please see the chapter Sound Level Meter: Wav-File Recording.

5. **RTA Log File**
   The XL2-TA logs the detailed real-time analyzer spectra in pre-defined time intervals. For more details please see chapter Sound Level Meter: Logging.

6. **Voice Note**
   A voice annotation can be recorded for each stored measurement or screenshot. For more details please see the chapter Data Management: Voice Notes.

7. **Screenshot**
   Picture of the actual XL2-TA display.
Data Management

The log data file may become very big during long-term measurement applications. As soon the file size reaches 2 GB during the ongoing measurement, the file is saved with the index 1 and a new data file created with index 2.

XL2 Data Explorer Software combines all these data files together seamlessly.

Transfer Measurement Data to PC

- Drag and drop the required data files to the PC.

Card Reader

Alternatively the SD Card can be inserted into a card reader. This offers a faster data transfer from the SD Card to the PC.

Additional Data Files using Repeat Mode

For sound level measurements with timer mode Repeat or Repeat Synchronized the following additional data files are generated:

- MyTest_SLM_000_123_Report_Rep.txt
- MyTest_SLM_000_RTA_Report_Rep.txt

Common xxx_Report.txt files contain the measurement data of the last measurement cycle. The xxx_Report_Rep.txt file contains the results of all measurement cycles in the Repeat or Repeat Synchronized mode.

Microsoft Excel

The generated .txt files are best viewed on the PC using “Open with” -> Microsoft Excel.
Data Management

Log File Format
File name: e.g. MyTest_SLM_000_123_Log.txt

```
Device Info:    XL2, SNo. A2A-02673-D1, FW2.20
Mic Type:       NTi Audio M4260, S/N: 1486, User calibrated 2011-04-05 13:56
Mic Sensitivity: 27.3 mV/Pa

# Measurement Setup
Timer mode:     continuous
Timer set:      --:--:--
Log-Interval:   00:00:01
k1:             0.0 dB
k2:             0.0 dB
kset Date:      k-Values not measured
Range:          30 - 130 dB

# Time

# Broadband LOG Results
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Level LAeq dt “delta t”
Level within the logging interval. e.g. If the logging interval is 1 second, then LAeq_dt is the time-averaged level of each second.

Report File Format
File name: e.g. MyTest_SLM_000_123_Report.txt

```
Device Info:    XL2, SNo. A2A-02673-D1, FW2.20
Mic Type:       NTi Audio M4260, S/N: 1486, User calibrated 2010-11-05 13:56
Mic Sensitivity: 27.3 mV/Pa

# Measurement Setup
Append mode:    OFF
Timer mode:     continuous
Timer set:      --:--:--
k1:             0.0 dB
k2:             0.0 dB
kset Date:      k-Values not measured
Range:          30 - 130 dB

# Broadband Results
Start                 Stop
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Data Post-Processing
A Microsoft Excel form generating an automated sound level measurement report and chart is available as a free download for all registered XL2-TA customers on the support website at https://my.nti-audio.com. (Enable all macros when opening the document.)
XL2 File Validator
A check sum is written to the file at the end of every measurement report. The XL2-TA Analyzer calculates the check sum automatically based on the data content of the file. Using the XL2 File Validator PC-software, the contents of a data file may be verified at any time. e.g. authorities can verify if the XL2-TA report file is original or the data has been manually modified.

The software “XL2 File Validator” is available for download for all registered XL2-TA customers at https://my.nti-audio.com.

Recall Measurements
The straight-forward but powerful Load Test and Save Test functions serve the dual purpose of conveniently retrieving standard test setups for repeat testing and also of saving stored result data for later recall and examination on screen.

The following measurement functions support the recall function:
- SLMeter, sound level meter
- FFT Analysis
- RT60 Reverberation time
- 1/12 Octave Band Analysis
- Noise Curves
- STIPA, speech intelligibility measurement
Load Test
- Select the memory menu with the rotary wheel and confirm with enter.

The memory menu opens.

Select File Name
- Select **Load Test** and confirm with enter.

The pop-up window **Load Test** appears.

- Select the project folder and stored data file name with **DIR**.
- Select **LOAD**, confirm with enter.
View Measurement Data

The previously stored measurement data is displayed.

The run indication ① shows the pause symbol. You may continue with the measurements directly, e.g., choose the measurement function, setup parameters and press start ▶.

Append Measurements

The append mode stores the results of several individual measurements into the same data file, thus simplifying measurement result analysis and data handling on the PC.

The following measurement functions support the append mode:
- SLMeter, sound level meter
- STIPA, speech intelligibility measurement

Application example:
The sound level $L_{Aeq}$ shall be measured at various locations in the same venue hall using a pink noise test signal. The append mode allows to store all individual measurement results into one single data file.

Backup the stored measurement data from the XL2-TA to the PC daily. This prevents any data loss if data has been deleted from the SD Card by mistake.
Start the Append Mode

• Select **SLMeter** and preselect the sound level $L_{Aeq}$.
• Select the memory menu [Menu] with the rotary wheel [ rotary wheel) and confirm with enter [enter].

> The memory menu opens.

• Select **Start Append Mode** and confirm with enter [enter].

> The **Start Append Mode** window opens.

Select Filename

• Name the first part of the file name. The maximum length of the first part is 12 characters. The next part “_SLM_001” is defined by the XL2-TA to avoid overwriting of existing measurements, whereby “SLM” is the appendix for the measurement function and “001” is an automatically-incrementing number.
• Select **START** and confirm with enter [enter].

> The append mode is available.
Take Measurement Results
- Measure the sound level $L_{Aeq}$ on the first position.
- Select the memory menu and **Append Data**.

In append mode, the XL2-TA does not store:
- Log files
- Wav-files
- Repeated report files generated in timer mode **repeat** and **repeat synchronized**.

Store Measurement Results
- The pop-up window **Append Data** appears.
- Select the location ID and measurement ID, thus each measurement result is stored with an individual description for later documentation.
- Select **Append** with the rotary wheel and confirm with enter.

- The measurement data is stored on the SD Card.
Append Further Measurement Results
• Move to the next location in the room, carry out the measurement and follow the described append data procedure.

Exit Append Mode
• Open the memory menu.
• Select Exit Append after adding the last measurement.

Auto Append
Alternatively the XL2-TA can append measurement data to the same report file automatically.
• Start the Append mode and set Auto Append is ON in the memory menu or in the pop-up window Start Append Mode.

Skip Append Data
If you select SKIP in the Append Data window, then no measurement data is appended to the report file.

Append After Power Up
You can continue to add measurement results into the same data file at any time later.
• Store the measurements in the append mode and switch the XL2-TA off and on again.

⚠️ The pop-up window Continue append appears.

• Select Yes and continue adding measurement results to the same report file in the append mode.
Recall Previous Measurements for Append
Any previously stored measurement with the remark for append can be recalled and further test records appended.

- Select Load Test and press enter.
- Select the project folder and stored data file name.
- Select LOAD confirm with enter.

The pop-up window Load for Append appears.

- Select Continue and add further measurements to the same report file in the append mode.
13. XL2 Projector PRO Software

The Projector PRO displays the XL2-TA screen in real-time via USB on the connected Windows or Mac computer. The software toolbar enables control of the XL2-TA with the mouse and keyboard. The background color turns from green to red synchronized with the XL2-TA limit button color according to the user-defined limits.

The “XL View” and the “Sound Level Predictor” display extend the XL2 Projector PRO for live sound monitoring applications.

- The “XL View” window presents sound levels in large size on the connected computer screen. Users may select to view one, two or three sound pressure levels. Exceeding levels are presented with a pre-warning amber or alarming red color.
- The “Sound Level Predictor” visualizes the level history of the current measurement interval and indicates the headroom for the actual measurement period or the next few minutes. Green bars confirm that the present level is well below limits. Red bars are a call to action to reduce the sound level at the mixing desk. This allows the FOH engineer to optimize dynamic passages of the band for maximum audience satisfaction while still remaining within the legal limits.

Additionally, the Projector PRO software offers the ability to retrieve measurement data from the XL2-TA without interruption to the measurement process. The entire file system of the XL2-TA is available while the XL2-TA is measuring.

The “XL View” and the “Sound Level Predictor” require that the Projector PRO Option or the Remote Measurement Option be installed on the XL2-TA.

Projector PRO software is a free download for all registered XL2-TA customers on the support website https://my.nti-audio.com.

Installation Instructions

- Register your XL2-TA and download the software from the support page at https://my.nti-audio.com.
- Unzip the file “XL2 Projector PRO Setup Vxx.zip” on your computer.
- Start the software installation and follow the instructions including driver installation.
- Start the XL2 Projector PRO software.
- Start the XL2-TA Analyzer and connect it to the computer.
The pop-up window **USB Mode** appears.

- Select **COM port** on the XL2-TA.
- Microsoft Windows may recognize the new hardware automatically and start the hardware installation assistant. If prompted, select “No connection to Windows Update” and continue with the installation.
- Complete the installation.

**XL2 Projector PRO** displays the instrument screen in real-time.

For more details and features see the XL2 Projector PRO user manual at ? in the menu.
14. Data Explorer (optional)

Data Explorer is a PC-based software application with a powerful data processor for easy and fast analysis of sound level measurement data. It is dedicated to acoustic consultants and noise measurement professionals. Data Explorer provides a convenient way to view, analyze and manage data and quickly create customized reports.

Features of the Data Explorer software:
• Data visualization
• Fast zoom and pan
• Audio playback synchronized to graph
• Markers with on-the-fly calculations
• Automated tonal and impulsive marker generation
• Percentile levels Ln and Rating level Lr calculation
• Customized Reporting


XL2 Data Explorer Permanent
The Data Explorer Permanent license enables the import of logged sound level data into the Data Explorer software, a PC-based software application with a powerful data processor for easy and fast analysis of noise monitoring data.

Data Explorer 365
An annual subscription service for a XL2-TA Sound Level Meter is offered alternatively to the permanently installed license.

Supported operating systems
• Windows XP SP3
• Windows Vista SP1 or later
• Windows 7, 8, 10, 11
15. Building Acoustics (optional)

The Sound Insulation Reporter software is a PC-based software application that provides all the standard reports for Airborne and Impact sound insulation measurements. Designed for acoustic consultants, this comprehensive tool uses data gathered by the XL2-TA Sound Level Meter, and quickly returns graphical analysis of all measurement positions.

Additionally, the software offers the ability to acquire real-time data; two or more XL2-TA Sound Level Meters, may be controlled directly by the software. This allows simultaneous wireless measurement in both the sending and receiving room onsite; saving time. To enable this real-time acquisition of data, the Sound Insulation Reporter software requires that the connected XL2-TAs also have an activated Remote Measurement Option installed.

Features:
- Airborne, Impact and Facade Sound Insulation
- Customized Reporting

XL2 Sound Insulation Permanent
The Sound Insulation Permanent license enables the import of measurement data into the Sound Insulation Reporter software.

Sound Insulation Reporter 365
An annual subscription service for a XL2-TA Sound Level Meter is offered alternatively to the permanently installed license.

Supported operating systems
- Windows Vista SP1 or later
- Windows 7, 8.x, 10, 11

Requirements
The measurement of the reverberation time in 1/3 octave band resolution requires the optional Extended Acoustic Pack installed on the XL2-TA Sound Level Meter.

16. Room Acoustics (optional)

The Room Acoustics Reporter is a PC software for automatically generating reverberation time measurement reports and analyzing the RTA frequency response spectrum. The software supports acousticians and experts in the visualization and detailed evaluation of measurement data recorded with the XL2-TA Sound Level Meter.

Features:

- Room acoustic simulation according to Sabine or Eyring
- Import of own sound absorber database and tolerances
- Frequency response spectrum and Noise Curves

The following standards are supported:

- IEC 61260: Octave-band and fractional-octave-band filters
- GB 50371 - Code for sound reinforcement system design
- ANSI/ASA S12.2-2019 - Noise criteria curves NC
- ANSI/ASA S12.2-2019 - Room noise criterion RNC
- DIN 15996:2020 - Grenzkurven GK
- ISO R 1996-1971 - Noise rating curves NR
- ASR A3.7:2021 - Working Place
- DIN 18041: 2016 - Acoustic quality in rooms
- ISO 3382-1:2009 - Reverberation time in performance spaces
- ISO 3382-2:2008 - Reverberation time in ordinary rooms
- ÖNORM B 8115-3:2015 - Room Acoustics

- ASTM C423-17 - Sound Absorption
- ISO 354:2003 - Sound absorption in a reverberation room

**XL2 Room Acoustics Permanent**

The Room Acoustics Permanent license enables the import of measurement data into the Room Acoustics Reporter software.

**Room Acoustics Reporter 365**

An annual subscription service for a XL2-TA Sound Level Meter is offered alternatively to the permanently installed license.

**Supported operating systems**

- Windows Vista SP1 or later
- Windows 7, 8.x, 10, 11

**Requirements**

The measurement of the reverberation time in 1/3 octave band resolution requires the optional Extended Acoustic Pack installed on the XL2-TA Sound Level Meter.

17. Sound Power (optional)

Sound Power Reporter is a PC-based software application that provides all the standard reports for sound power measurements in accordance with ISO 3744 and ANSI-ASA S12.54.

Designed for industrial professionals, this comprehensive tool uses data gathered by the XL2-TA Sound Level Meter, and quickly returns graphical analysis of all measurement positions.

Features of the Sound Power Reporter software:
- Visualization of all measurement
- Customized Reporting


XL2 Sound Power Permanent
The Sound Power Permanent license enables the import of measurement data into the Sound Power Reporter software.

Sound Power Reporter 365
An annual subscription service for a XL2-TA Sound Level Meter is offered alternatively to the permanently installed license.

Supported operating systems
- Windows Vista SP1 or later
- Windows 7, 8.x, 10, 11

Requirements
The measurement of the reverberation time in one-third octave band resolution requires the optional Extended Acoustic Pack installed on the XL2-TA Sound Level Meter.
Sound Power

**ISO 21944 Sound Power Demo Project - XL2 Sound Power Reporter 1.10**

- **Client:** Manufacturer ABC
- **Object:** Drilling Machine Type xyz
- **Description:** The object was placed on the reflecting floor with a distance of minimum 2 meters from the walls. Operating conditions: maximum revolution setting. Temperature:
- **Measurement Surface:** 12.0 m²
- **Test room volume:** 22.5 m³

### Frequency (Hz) vs. LWA (dB)

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**Results**

- **LWA:** 88.2 dB

**Environmental Correction K2 > 4 dB:**

**ISO 21944:2019**

**LWA = 88.2 dB**

**LWZ = 97.8 dB**
18. Unattended Noise Monitoring

NoiseScout provides a comprehensive but easy-to-use 24/7 noise monitoring solution. Noise levels are recorded on-site by the XL2-TA Sound Level Meter and are available for remote monitoring and download. NoiseScout is aimed at both short-term noise assessments and long-term monitoring applications. It offers the freedom to start and stop the remote noise monitoring from your office or mobile device providing total flexibility in meeting your project requirements.

Noise Monitoring in “Managed Mode”
During acquisition, audio recordings of the loudest periods and automated email alerts allow noise issues to be addressed before a non-compliance condition arises. NoiseScout displays the noise levels measured by the XL2-TA Sound Level Meter live in your web browser. The measurement data recorded out in the field is presented online in charts and dashboards. Multiple noise level meters can be monitored simultaneously within the map view, thus providing localized geographic visualization for all noise levels at a glance. Identified users can access all their projects, control their monitors or create basic view modes, allowing stakeholders to oversee their noise level data.
Noise Monitoring in “Gateway Mode”
Direct access to the XL2-TA Sound Level Meter is available from around the world. An internet connection allows SFTP (Secure File Transfer Protocol) and remote access to the XL2-TA. All data files can then be retrieved from the remote XL2-TA Sound Level Meter even during an ongoing measurement. Also, the spectral data and audio files can be directly downloaded from the remote XL2-TA.

The remote access allows full control of the XL2-TA Sound Level Meter. All remote measurement commands available on the XL2-TA are supported. For example, the current measurement data may be captured in real time into a computer application, e.g. C#, MS Excel or LabView. You may program a customized measurement application for remote sound level monitoring, audio analysis or automated measurement tasks.

NoiseScout operates also in a local network (intranet) without internet connection.
How to connect?

The NetBox may be connected to the internet via mobile (3G, 4G, 5G; 4G/5G using an external modem), LAN or Wi-Fi.

The LAN connection is established automatically. Setup on the XL2-TA is required for the 3G mobile and Wi-Fi connection.

- Insert SIM card (not provided) into the NetBox
- Connect the NetBox to the XL2-TA Sound Level Meter.
- Select ① and confirm with enter ②.

1. **Network Status Indication**
   - It replaces the speaker symbol in the top menu.
   - 📈 No network connection
   - 🌐 Network connection established
   - ✅ Confirmation check mark indicates successful on-going NoiseScout communication
• Select **Settings** and confirm with enter.
• Select **Mobile Data** and confirm with enter; the minimum requirement is entering the APN of your provider.

- Set the connection parameters and select **Exit**.

• Confirm **Close**.

- The XL2-TA is connected to the network.
Automated System Self-Test

The measurement microphone of a noise monitor is permanently exposed to the weather. This might impair the microphone capsule and its performance. Therefore, NoiseScout offers an automated system self-test (CIC). The complete signal chain may be verified periodically, remotely, and without removing the microphone from site. Thus, precise sound level measurements are ensured. This test also produces an alarm in case of any unexpected issues, like cable or microphone defects.

The automated system self-test is supported by the XL2-TA Sound Level Meter with the M2340 Measurement Microphone. The microphone preamplifier has a built-in dedicated signal generator for the self-test, which is activated from NoiseScout via the XL2-TA Sound Level Meter through the ASD communication. This generator produces a square wave signal with the fundamental frequencies 31.25 Hz and 1000 Hz and the corresponding harmonics for the self-test. The generated test signal spectrum is measured by the XL2-TA and stored as a reference. Later on, NoiseScout repeats the same test, e.g. daily, and the resulting one-third octave spectrum is compared against the reference.

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<th>Description</th>
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<td>fundamental square wave</td>
<td>102.4 92.4 87.9</td>
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The maximum deviation in each frequency band is specified at 1 dB supporting the specified range of environmental conditions. Unexpected issues, like cable defects, loose capsule mounting, or a missing microphone capsule cause a higher deviation and trigger an automated alarm.

High ambient noise may affect the self-test. Therefore, the ambient noise level is measured prior to performing the self-test. All is fine as long as the ambient noise effect is less than 0.2 dB during the self-test – this requires the ambient noise to be 13.3 dB below the reference spectrum of the self-test. High ambient noise levels will be reported in combination with a failed self-test.

The following workflow is carried out by NoiseScout

- Measure ambient noise level and compare result with reference spectrum
- Generate 31.25 Hz square wave signal and measure actual noise spectrum
- Generate 1000 Hz square wave signal and measure actual noise spectrum
- Compare results with the reference one-third octave spectrum

This workflow takes approximately 7 seconds.

**Self-Test Method**

The system self-test uses the charge injection check method, in short CIC. A dedicated square wave signal is capacitively coupled to the input of the MA230 Pre Amplifier and attenuated by the capacitance of the microphone capsule.

Physical changes in capsules can influence their capacitance, which ultimately leads to a changed level read from the test signal. The test signal passes through the preamplifier and the cable to the XL2-TA Sound Level Meter for evaluation. This allows any changes in the microphone capacitance, e.g. caused by damages of the microphone capsule or a loose capsule mounting to be detected.

Additional periodic manual calibration using a Sound Calibrator is recommended in combination with a visual inspection of the noise monitor.
19. Time Synchronization

Not relevant for XL2-TA Analyzer.
Time Synchronization
Time Synchronization
20. Remote Measurement

The Remote Measurement option allows the real-time acquisition of XL2-TA measurement data directly into a computer application via USB. The option adds a real-time acquisition facility to the Sound Insulation Reporter software.

Alternatively you can write your own unique measurement applications for sound level monitoring or automated measurements, e.g. with MS Excel or LabView. A documented command set for data retrieval via USB is available. The following XL2-TA measurement functions are supported:

- Sound level meter and spectrum analyzer SLMeter/RTA
- Vibration Meter VibMeter
- FFT Analyzer + Tol
- RT60 reverberation time
- Audio analyzer RMS/THD+N
- High-resolution RTA function 1/12 Oct + Tol

The functionality of the Projector PRO option is included.

Order information:
Remote Measurement Option
NTi Audio #: 600 000 375

The commands are sent in ASCII format through the virtual COM port to the XL2-TA Analyzer.

Example Command Set
INIT START
MEAS:INIT
MEAS:SLM:123? LAF
Result returned to PC: 53.8 dB, OK

The time the XL2-TA requires for a response depends on the command and the workload of the XL2-TA (logging settings). A typical pattern for querying measurement data is:

XL2.write('MEAS:INIT\n')
XL2.write('MEAS:SLM:RTA:dt? EQ\n')
result = XL2.readline()

This pattern delivers a measurement result within:

- Min: 8 ms
- Mean: 10 ms
- Max: 35 ms

For more details you may download the dedicated Remote Measurement Reference Manual.
Auto Start
The XL2-TA with serial number ending “E0” or higher may power on automatically upon after a power loss (e.g. mains power disconnected or battery pack empty) the power is available again. Best the instrument is operated by mains power without the internal battery pack installed. This auto start functionality is enabled by copying a txt-file with the file name “AutoOn.txt” onto the SD Card. This allows to remotely control the XL2-TA as soon as power supply is available at the instrument.
## 21. Microphones

### Overview Measurement Microphones

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<td>Certified Class 1 measurement microphone in accordance with IEC 61672, metal diaphragm</td>
<td>consists of MA220 PreAmplifier and MC230 or MC230A capsule</td>
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<td>M2340</td>
<td>Certified Class 1 measurement microphone in accordance with IEC 61672, metal diaphragm, system self-test (CIC) with XL2-TA</td>
<td>consists of MA230 PreAmplifier and MC230A capsule</td>
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<td>General purpose measurement microphone class 1 frequency response, metal diaphragm</td>
<td>consists of MA220 PreAmplifier and 7052 capsule</td>
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<td>Measurement microphone for high sound levels (up to 153 dB), class 1 frequency response, metal diaphragm</td>
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<td>M4261</td>
<td>Cost-effective class 2 measurement microphone for general sound level testing and service of audio-acoustic installations</td>
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## Overview Outdoor Measurement Microphones

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### Overview Microphone Preamplifier

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**Microphone preamplifier compatible with 1/2” pre-polarized capsules**

**Microphone preamplifier compatible with 1/2” pre-polarized capsules, system self-test (CIC) with XL2-TA**
The plug-on measurement microphones combined with the XL2-TA Analyzer create a powerful sound level meter and a professional acoustic analyzer. The microphones are 48 VDC phantom-powered and include an electronic data sheet.

**Integrated Preamplifier**
The microphone body contains a preamplifier that requires 48 VDC phantom power supply for operation. The microphones combine high dynamic range and wide frequency range with low noise. They can also be connected to the XL2-TA Audio and Acoustic Analyzer using an ASD Cable for measurements at remote locations or for reduction of acoustic reflections.

**Electronic Data Sheet**
The microphones include an electronic data sheet. The Automated Sensor Detection (ASD) of the XL2-TA Analyzer reads this data, i.e. the microphone model and calibration data. This promotes faster setup and ensures accurate measurements.

**Microphone plugs directly into the XL2-TA**
The XL2-TA automatically reads the electronic data sheet of the connected microphone as follows:
- Connect the measurement microphone to the XL2-TA.
- Switch on the XL2-TA.

The XL2-TA reads the electronic data sheet of the connected microphone during a brief initialization process prior to the first measurement.
Microphone Connection via the ASD Cable
The NTi Audio measurement microphones can be connected to the XL2-TA Analyzer using an ASD Cable for measurements at remote locations or for reducing acoustic reflections. The electronic data sheet is transmitted via the XLR connector’s housing. Do not touch this during the brief initialization period to ensure the complete data sheet is recognized by the XL2-TA. The automated sensor detection does not disturb any measurements. You may join 5 or 10 meter ASD Cables together in series. The ASD technology supports accurate data communication up to a combined cable length of 20 meters (= 65 feet).

Microphone Connection via a professional Audio Cable
For distances longer than 20 meter (= 65 feet) use a high-quality, low-capacitance standard professional audio cable. The microphone sensitivity has to be entered manually into the XL2-TA Analyzer.

Alternatively connect the microphone first directly to the Analyzer. The XL2-TA reads the sensitivity and remembers this value. Afterwards connect the audio cable.

- Use the microphone for the intended purpose only.
- Protect the microphone from contamination by always using the supplied windscreen.
- Never use the microphone in a damp or wet environment.
- Do not jar or drop the microphone.
- Do not remove the microphone protective grid.
- Do not touch the microphone membrane.
- Remove the black dust cap of the 1/2” measurement microphones prior to use.
- In an outdoor environment, ensure that you install protection against lightning strikes.
Outdoor Measurement Microphones

The Outdoor Measurement Microphones offer a weather-protected measurement solution for the XL2-TA Sound Level Meter allowing acquisition of environmental noise data in outdoor applications. The corrosion-free polymer housing, wind screen, water-repellent membrane and bird spike provide excellent protection from rain, wind, dust and perching birds.

Outdoor Measurement Microphone Types

- M2230-WP: M2230 Measurement Microphone + WP30 Weather Protection
- M2340-WP: M2340 + WP30 Weather Protection
- M4261-WP: M4261 + WP61 Weather Protection

- Do not install the Outdoor Measurement Microphones in horizontal direction. Raindrops may damage the measurement microphone.
- The snap mechanism works only at temperatures above -15°C / 5°F (as the O-Ring stiffens). In colder conditions we suggest you warm up the housing first, e.g. with your hands.
Microphones

The Outdoor Measurement Microphones M2230-WP and M2340-WP fulfill the Class 1 requirements according to IEC 61672 and ANSI S1.4 for vertical sound incidence. For compliance with horizontal sound incidence, a spectral correction is employed in the associated XL2-TA Sound Level Meter.

Alternatively, the Measurement Microphone M2211 or M2215 can be fitted into the Weather Protection WP30. These microphones have to be pushed further into the upper body by 3 mm. The top part of the capsule has to be 13 mm above the upper body housing of the WP30. This is required because the M2211 and M2215 capsule is 3 mm shorter than the default M2230 microphone capsule.

The Outdoor Measurement Microphone M4261-WP fulfills the Class 2 requirements according to IEC 61672 and ANSI S1.4. It consists of an M4261 Microphone and the WP61 Weather Protection. For compliance with horizontal sound incidence a spectral correction is employed in the associated XL2-TA Sound Level Meter.

Always activate the applicable frequency correction filter in the XL2-TA. The filter ensures that the measurements accuracy meets the class 1 requirements of IEC 61672 and ANSI S1.4.
Assembling

This chapter describes how to install the Measurement Microphone into the weather protection kit:

Install ASD Cable
- Feed the female XLR of the ASD Cable through the bottom of the lower body tube.
- Attach the footer plate to the lower body tube using the three allen screws, feeding the cable through the side slot of the footer plate.

Insert Measurement Microphone
- Connect the measurement microphone to the female XLR of the ASD Cable.
- Insert the measurement microphone into the upper body tube so that the bottom end of the microphone is in line with the bottom end of the upper body tube. Align the fixing screw hole of the upper body tube with the lower screw of the measurement microphone (remove the fixing screw to see the lower screw head through the fixing screw hole).
Attach the Microphone to the Upper Body Tube
Attaching the fixing screw of the upper body tube onto the lower screw of the measurement microphone ensures that the microphone housing is not scratched.

- Insert and gently tighten the fixing screw while jiggling the microphone. You will feel the fixing screw center in the head of the lower screw of the microphone. Do not over tighten the fixing screw.
- Again verify that the bottom end of the inserted microphone is in line with the bottom end of the upper body tube.

Assemble the Weather Protection Body
Retract the ASD cable through the lower body tube and screw the lower body tube to the upper tube, ensuring that the cable does not twist during this operation.
Mount the Top Section
The top section of the weather protection kit consists of the wind screen, the enclosed protection cage with water-repellent membrane and the bird spike. Gently slide the top section over the microphone tip and on to the upper body tube. You will feel a slight increase in resistance approximately 3 mm before the top section’s final position. Slightly increase the pressure until the top section snaps into the final position with an audible click.

Calibration
The design of the Outdoor Measurement Microphone supports easy calibration of the microphone. To calibrate, follow the procedure below:

- The top section of the Outdoor Microphone is snapped on to the body tube. Remove the top section of the Outdoor Microphone by gently pulling the bird spike upwards. At the same time gently push up on the cage inside the wind screen with two fingers of your other hand. You will feel when the snap mechanism is released. Gently remove the top section.

You have successfully assembled the Outdoor Measurement Microphone.
• Calibrate the microphone as described in the XL2-TA user manual using the NTi Audio Precision Calibrator.

• Snap the top section back into position on the body tube.

⚠️ You have successfully calibrated the Outdoor Measurement Microphone.

• The outdoor windscreen is recommended to be replaced annually. The “WP30/WP61 Windscreen Replacement” includes two spare windscreens, NTi Audio # 600 040 061.

• The water-repellent membrane in the top section is mounted with two O-Rings. Inspect these O-Rings (13x1 mm) and the membrane annually for proper seating and good condition. Do not touch the water-repellent membrane.
Disassembling the Top Section

- The top section is snapped on to the body tube. Remove the top section by gently pulling the bird spike upwards. At the same time gently push up on the cage inside the wind screen with two fingers of your other hand. You will feel when the snap mechanism is released.
- Gently remove the top section and turn the top section upside down and hold it by the bird spike.
- Gently unscrew the cage from the hole of the wind screen. Do not touch the water-repellent membrane!
- Assemble in reverse order.

Capsule Replacement Instruction

The microphones for the XL2-TA Analyzer include an electronic data sheet. The Automated Sensor Detection (ASD) of the XL2-TA Analyzer automatically reads this data, i.e. the microphone model and calibration data. This promotes faster setup and ensures accurate measurements. In case of a capsule replacement, the electronic data sheet needs to be updated with the data of the new capsule.

Step-by-Step-Instruction

- Install the new capsule on the microphone preamplifier.
- Plug the measurement microphone directly into the XL2-TA.
- Install the latest firmware in the XL2-TA, available at https://my.nti-audio.com/support/XL2-TA.
- Start the XL2 Projector PRO Software. The computer requires online connection to the web.
- Connect the XL2-TA with the USB cable to the Projector PRO software, thus you see the XL2-TA display live on the computer monitor. (if prompted select COM-Port on the XL2-TA)
- Press the computer keyboard keys “Ctrl + Shift + F5” at the same time (alternatively “Ctrl + Alt + F5”)
- Select **Original NTi Audio Microphone** or **Custom microphone**.

- **Case: Original NTi Audio Microphone**
  - Enter the serial number of the new capsule
  - Confirm by clicking **Write to MA220**.
  - Now XL2-TA reads the factory sensitivity of the new capsule from the NTi Audio server and stores the new data into the electronic data sheet of the preamplifier. You will be prompted if all is in good order.

- **Case: Custom microphone**
  - Enter the microphone sensitivity
  - Confirm by clicking **Write to MA220**.
  - Now XL2-TA stores the microphone sensitivity as factory sensitivity in the electronic data sheet of the MA220 Pre-Amplifier.

- Verify the setting in the “CALIBRATE” screen of the XL2-TA and perform a user calibration to verify if the new capsule works in good order.
Microphones
22. Further Information

My NTi Audio

Register your instruments at My NTi Audio and benefit from the following possibilities:

- Free updates for your instruments
- Activation of optional product functions
- Premium access to downloads
- Receive application and product news
- Faster worldwide support
- Tracing support in case of loss or theft
- Calibration support

How to Register

- Open the web page “https://my.nti-audio.com”.
- You are prompted to login or create your My NTi Audio account.
- The web page “My NTi Audio Products” opens.
- Select the product type and enter the serial number.
- Confirm with “Register”.
- Now your product is listed in the table “My Products”.

Congratulations, your NTi Audio product is registered

Tips and Troubleshooting

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Resetting to Factory Default

If the XL2-TA Audio and Acoustic Analyzer reacts unexpectedly, a reset to the factory settings might solve the problem.

- Switch off the XL2-TA.
- Hold down escape and simultaneously operate On/Off.

The XL2-TA starts up and the reset confirmation is displayed.
**XL2-TA Starts Up with Limited Functions**
The XL2-TA has been operated the last time in one of the simplified application profiles and the system settings have been changed as follows: Select Profile from Yes to No.

- Follow the above resetting to factory default.

The XL2-TA will start up with full functionality.

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**Can I use another SD Card?**
Yes, you can use any alternative SD Card, such as offered in the chapter Further Information: Accessories.

- Switch off the XL2-TA.
- Insert the SD Card into the XL2-TA Analyzer.
- Switch on the XL2-TA.

The XL2-TA writes the data structure automatically to the inserted SD Card.

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**Formatting the SD Card**
In case you need to format the SD Card, then we recommend doing so utilizing the software SDFormatter. This software ensures the best performance of your SD Card. SDFormatter is a free download at www.sdcard.org/downloads.

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**SD Card Errors**
The XL2-TA Audio and Acoustic Analyzer writes measurement data automatically onto the SD Card during ongoing measurements, thus a functioning SD Card has to be inserted at all times.

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<td>The memory of the SD Card is full. Download all data to the PC and empty the SD Card.</td>
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**Other Error Messages on Display**
In case error messages, such as Error 900, Error 901, ..., is shown on the XL2-TA display, then follow “Resetting to Factory Default” in this chapter. These error messages describe a common status information and are not associated with a dedicated issue. If such errors occur frequently, then kindly report the full error message back to NTi Audio for resolution. Thank you.
Further Information

Stored Data or Wav-files not available on SD Card
The file system might be corrupted.
- On the PC, right-click on the “NTi Audio XL2-TA” drive, select “Properties” and click “Check Now” as shown below.
- Thereafter all stored data should be available again.

Date and Time Lost
The XL2-TA Analyzer has a small internal battery installed. This powers the real time clock (RTC), and ensures the accurate display of the date and time on the instrument and in the measurement reports, even if the device has been powered down for a period of time. This, so called, RTC battery is soldered on to the internal circuit board. The typical battery lifetime is 8-9 years.

Kindly return the instrument for service. For convenience, this service may be combined with the recommended annual calibration of the XL2-TA Sound Level Meter.
Firmware Update

You will find information about the installed firmware version in the systems settings of the instrument. The firmware revision history is listed on the XL2 Support Page https://my.nti-audio.com.

Updating the firmware on the XL2-TA is executed by placing the XL2-TAVxxx.xx file in the root directory of the XL2-TA. When started, the XL2-TA automatically completes the firmware update.

**Firmware update with XL2-TA in hand, PC online:**
- Start the XL2-TA and connect it to the PC.
- The XL2-TA displays the pop-up window USB Mode.
- Select Mass storage. The PC thus recognizes the XL2-TA as a mass storage device.
- Compare the firmware version to the latest version available.
- If an update is required, download and save the firmware file XL2-TAVxxx.xx into the XL2-TA root directory (the root directory shows the folders “Projects”, “XL2-TA_SYS”, “XL2.htm” and others).
- Remove the USB cable and power up the XL2-TA.
- Watch the display and wait until the update is finished.
- All settings are back to factory default. Adjust the display and reporting settings according your requirements.

**No PC available**
If you have no web access at all, please contact the local NTi Audio partner.

**XL2.htm**
This file opens the XL2-TA instrument status page, for online
- Firmware updates
- Activation of options
Options

The **System** menu shows the installed options on the XL2-TA. The following options extend the measurement functions of the XL2-TA:

**Extended Acoustic Pack**
NTi Audio #: 600 000 339

The Extended Acoustic Pack offers the following additional features for sound level- and acoustic measurements.

- **SLMeter/RTA function**
  - Recording of linear wav-files (24 bit, 48 kHz)
  - Percentiles for wide band and spectrum with flexible setting from 0.1% to 99.9%
  - Sound Exposure Level $L_{AE}$
  - 100 ms logging
  - RTA logging of $L_{min}$ and $L_{max}$
  - Event-triggered audio and data recording
  - Time weighting: Impulse ($L_{xI}$, $L_{xeq}$ with $x = A, C, Z$)
  - True peak level in 1/1 and 1/3 octave resolution
  - Clock-impulse maximum level (TaktMax) in accordance with DIN 45645-1 and DIN 45657
  - Impulsiveness detection in accordance with BS4142:2014 and NordTest ACOU 112

- **FFT function**
  - High-resolution Zoom-FFT with selectable frequency ranges and resolution up to 0.4 Hz in the range of 5 Hz to 20 kHz
  - Recording of linear wav-files (24 bit, 48 kHz)

- **RT60 function**
  - Reverberation time in 1/3 octave resolution

- **1/12 octave Spectral Analyzer**
  (requires Spectral Limits Option)
  - Recording of linear wav-files (24 bit, 48 kHz)

**Projector PRO Option**
NTi Audio #: 600 000 439

The Projector PRO option enables the following two additional functions to the Projector PRO software:

- “XL View” for large screen dB level display
- “Sound Level Predictor” that indicates the headroom for the next few minutes during live sound mixing
Speech Intelligibility STIPA
NTi Audio #: 600 000 338

The XL2-TA Analyzer measures the speech intelligibility according to the latest revision of standard IEC 60268-16:2020 (edition 5) and older editions. It includes ambient noise correction and automated averaging of measurements. The XL2-TA displays the measurement results as STI or as CIS results, accompanied by the individual levels and modulation indices of the seven octave bands.

The measurement results are acquired from the dedicated STIPA test signal source:
• NTi Audio TalkBox, acoustic signal generator required for audio systems with voice microphones, thus measuring the complete signal chain
• Minirator MR-PRO, test signal generator required for audio systems with line inputs
• Other Audio Players

Register the XL2-TA and download the STIPA test signal at https://my.nti-audio.com/support/XL2-TA

Remote Measurement Option
NTi Audio #: 600 000 375

The Remote Measurement option allows the real-time acquisition of XL2-TA measurement data directly into a computer application via USB. The option adds a real-time acquisition facility to the Sound Insulation Reporter software.

Alternatively you can write your own unique measurement applications for sound level monitoring or automated measurements, e.g. with MS Excel or LabView. A documented command set for data retrieval via USB is available. The following XL2-TA measurement functions are supported:
• Sound level meter and spectrum analyzer SLMeter/RTA
• Vibration Meter VibMeter
• FFT Analyzer + Tol
• RT60 Reverberation time
• Audio analyzer RMS/THD+N
• High-resolution RTA function 1/12 Oct + Tol

The Remote Measurement Option includes the functionality available in the Projector PRO option.
The Spectral Limits Option extends the XL2-TA function range in both, the sound and vibration mode. It adds noise curves, trace capturing, relative curve display and comprehensive tolerance handling for the FFT Analysis and high-resolution spectral analysis up to 1/12th octave. The vibration mode is enabled upon installing the vibration option.

- FFT and 1/12 octave Analyzer
  - Capturing of multiple readings into the internal memory
  - Comparing measurement results against captures with relative or absolute curve display
  - Comprehensive tolerance handling with tolerance masks based on captures for passed/failed measurements
- 1/12 octave Spectral Analyzer
  - High-resolution spectral analyzer 1/12 Oct + Tol
  - Selectable 1/1, 1/3, 1/6 and 1/12 octave resolution
  - Frequency band listening at rear speaker
  - Sound Mode: 11.5 Hz to 21.8 kHz
  - Vibration mode: 0.73 Hz to 1.36 kHz

- FFT Analyzer
  High-resolution Zoom-FFT with selectable frequency ranges and resolution up to 0.4 Hz in the range of
  - Sound mode: 5 Hz to 20 kHz
  - Vibration mode: 1 Hz to 20 kHz
- Sound Level Meter
  True peak level in 1/1 and 1/3 octave resolution (disabled with type approved firmware)
- Noise Curves
  In accordance with ANSI S12.2-2019, -1995 and ISO 1996
Type Approval Option
NTi Audio #: 600 000 377

The Type Approval Option upgrades the instrument to the XL2-TA, the sound level meter dedicated to certified measurements. The XL2-TA with the M2230 or M2340 microphone forms a type approved sound level meter offering class 1 performance in accordance with IEC61672, IEC61260 and ANSI S1.4.

The Type Approval Option includes
• XL2-TA Firmware V4.71 (approved Firmware)
• Sticker XL2-TA
• XL2-TA Manual (available online at www.nti-audio.com/XL2)

How do I get my XL2-TA ready for accreditation?
• Install the Type Approval Option on the XL2-TA and apply the XL2-TA sticker on top of the XL2-TA label on the display.
• Download the dedicated firmware for accreditation to your XL2-TA from the XL2 Support Page at https://my.nti-audio.com.
• After the firmware installation, the XL2-TA starts with a pop-up window “XL2-TA Type Approved SLM/RTA.” The sound level meter function SLM/RTA may be accredited now.

The type approved firmware deactivates the X-Curve in the SLM function and the unit SPL in the RMS/THD+N function.

XL2-TA Vibration Option
NTi Audio #: 600 000 436

The Vibration Option turns the XL2-TA Analyzer into a professional vibration meter with broadband measurements and spectral analysis in 1/3 or octave resolution. The XL2-TA Vibration Meter determines vibration acceleration, velocity and deflection with standard-compliant weighting filters in the frequency range from 0.8 Hz to 2.5 kHz. Detailed recording of measurement data and audio files allow for comprehensive evaluation and reporting. In addition, the XL2-TA Vibration Meter comes standard with an FFT analysis and an oscilloscope function. Selectable FFT frequency ranges from 1 Hz to 1.69 kHz allow a detailed examination of the measured vibrations.

The Spectral Limits Option adds functions to the Vibration Meter including a zoom FFT up to 20 kHz and a 1/12 octave band analysis from 0.73 Hz to 1.36 kHz. Also, it adds the ability to record reference spectra and set tolerances for pass / fail quality control measurements. The Remote Measurement Option allows the real-time acquisition of measurement data directly into a computer application via the USB interface. A documented command set is available.

The Vibration Option is supported by the XL2-TA with firmware V4.11 or higher.
The Cinema Meter Option forms the dedicated solution for efficient calibration and repetitive verification of cinema loudspeaker systems according to the SMPTE ST 202:2010, SMPTE RP 200:2012 and ISO 2969:2015 standards. An interactive assistant guides the user through dedicated measurement procedures.

### Create new cinema
Generates measurement templates according to the cinema size with dedicated X-curve selection.

#### Calibrate cinema
Calibration menu for reference data recording of each channel as well as headroom tests and averaging measurement results of different microphone positions.

#### Verify Cinema
Verification menu for periodical cinema measurements and comparison against the reference data.

#### Lock into Verify Mode
Locks the XL2-TA Analyzer in the Verify Cinema mode. After powering off the instruments starts up directly in the Verify Mode again. The user may unlock the instrument anytime.

#### View verification results
Displays measurement deviations of periodical measurement against reference data.

#### Exit
Returns back to other XL2-TA measurement functions.

The Cinema Meter Option consists of:
- Spectral Limits Option NTi Audio # 600 000 376
- Cinema Assistant Option NTi Audio # 600 000 378
XL2 Data Explorer Permanent
NTi Audio #: 600 000 430

The Data Explorer Permanent license enables the import of logged sound level data into the Data Explorer software, a PC-based software application with a powerful data processor for easy and fast analysis of noise monitoring data.

Visualize, analyze and control millions of data points with this tool that is dedicated to acoustic consultants and noise measurement professionals. It provides a convenient way to view and manage your data and quickly create customized reports.

Features of the XL2 Data Explorer software:
• Data visualization
• Fast zoom and pan
• Audio playback synchronized to graph
• Markers with on-the-fly calculations
• Automated tonal and impulsive marker generation
• Percentile levels Ln and Rating level Lr calculation
• Customized Reporting

Data Explorer 365
NTi Audio #: 600 000 431
Annual subscription service for one XL2-TA Sound Level Meter.

XL2 Sound Insulation Permanent
NTi Audio #: 600 000 432

The Sound Insulation Permanent license enables the import of measurement data into the Sound Insulation Reporter software.

Sound Insulation Reporter is a PC-based software application that provides all the standard reports for Airborne, Impact and Facade sound insulation measurements. Designed for acoustic consultants, this comprehensive tool uses data gathered by the XL2-TA Sound Level Meter, and quickly returns graphical analysis of all measurement positions.

Features of the Sound Insulation Reporter software:
• Airborne, Impact and Facade Sound Insulation
• Visualization of all measurement data
• Customized Reporting

Sound Insulation Reporter 365
NTi Audio #: 600 000 433
Annual subscription service for one XL2-TA Sound Level Meter.
XL2 Room Acoustics Permanent
NTi Audio #: 600 000 440

The Room Acoustics Permanent license enables the import of measurement data into the Room Acoustics Reporter software.

The Room Acoustics Reporter is a PC software for automatically generating reverberation time measurement reports and analyzing the RTA frequency response spectrum. The software supports acousticians and experts in the visualization and detailed evaluation of measurement data recorded with the XL2-TA Sound Level Meter.

Features:
• Room acoustic simulation according to Sabine or Eyring
• Import of own sound absorber database and tolerances
• Frequency response spectrum and Noise Curves

The following standards are supported
• IEC 61260: Octave-band and fractional-octave-band filters
• GB 50371 - Code for sound reinforcement system design
• ANSI/ASA S12.2-2019 - Noise criteria curves NC
• ANSI/ASA S12.2-2019 - Room noise criterion RNC
• DIN 15996:2020 - Grenzkurven GK
• ISO R 1996-1971 - Noise rating curves NR
• ASR A3.7:2021 - Working Place
• DIN 18041: 2016 - Acoustic quality in rooms
• ISO 3382-1:2009 - Reverberation time in performance spaces
• ISO 3382-2:2008 - Reverberation time in ordinary rooms
• ÖNORM B 8115-3:2015 - Room Acoustics
• ASTM C423-17 - Sound Absorption
• ISO 354:2003 - Sound absorption in a reverberation room

Room Acoustics Reporter 365
NTi Audio #: 600 000 441
Annual subscription service for one XL2-TA Sound Level Meter.
Further Information

XL2 Sound Power Permanent
NTi Audio #: 600 000 434

The Sound Power Permanent license enables the import of measurement data into the Sound Power Reporter software.

Sound Power Reporter is a PC-based software application that provides all the standard reports for sound power measurements. Designed for industrial professionals, this comprehensive tool uses data gathered by the XL2-TA Sound Level Meter, and quickly returns graphical analysis of all measurement positions.

Features of the Sound Power Reporter software:
- Visualization of all measurement
- Customized Reporting

Sound Power Reporter 365
NTi Audio #: 600 000 435
Annual subscription service for one XL2-TA Sound Level Meter.
Installation of Options

1. Power On XL2-TA
2. Connect to PC
3. Mass storage
4. Open XL2.htm
5. Activate option
6. Login
   (https://my.nti-audio.com)
Further Information

7. Insert License number

8. Get Activation Key

9. Download activation file and copy to XL2-TA (xx_0xxxx.txt)

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## Accessories

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<td>Mains Power Adapter the XL2-TA Audio and Acoustic Analyzer with removable plug types. The Mains Power Adapter suits the typical power sockets in Australia, China, Europe, Japan, US and UK.</td>
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<td>Rechargeable spare battery for portable measurements at any time.</td>
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XLR Adapter ASD
XLR male/female Adapter with electronic data sheet for automated sensor detection (ASD) of other sensors. The adapter is available in two variations: The type ASD-2 is used for measurement microphones with isolated housing ground connection and the type ASD for induction loop and other sensors.

NTi Audio #:
• XLR Adapter ASD: 600 000 383
• XLR Adapter ASD-2: 600 000 385

Exel System Case
This compact system case provides the professional transport protection for work in the field. It offers space for the handheld instruments, cables and connectors.

NTi Audio #: 600 000 334

Battery Charger
The Battery Charger efficiently recharges the spare battery whilst you are using your XL2-TA Audio and Acoustic Analyzer. One spare Li-Po battery is included with the battery charger.

NTi Audio #: 600 000 332

XL2-TA Mounting Adapter
This mechanical adapter piece mounts the XL2-TA on a microphone stand. Adapters for 3/8” or 5/8” stands are included.

NTi Audio #: 600 000 372

Ball Head Mount
This flexible universal joint mounts the XL2-TA on a 1/4” or 3/8” stand. It provides the facility to mount the XL2-TA at any angle.

NTi Audio #: 600 000 387

A 5/8” stand requires additionally the Mounting Adapter, # 600 000 372.
**Digital I/O Adapter PCB**
The Digital I/O Adapter serves to control external peripheral devices, such as indicating sound levels that exceed limits on a big external red-orange-green lamp. It connects to the digital I/O interface.
NTi Audio #: 600 000 380

**XL2 Input Keypad**
The XL2 Input Keypad offers four marker keys to trigger an event recording or categorize any noise during measurements. Requires the optional Extended Acoustic Pack.
NTi Audio #: 600 000 384

**ASD Cable**
The ASD Cable allows for extended connections of the NTi Audio measurement microphones. It supports the transfer of the electronic data sheet from the microphone to the XL2-TA Analyzer.
NTi Audio #:
- 5 meter (16 foot): 600 000 336
- 10 meter (32 foot): 600 000 364
- 20 meter (64 foot): 600 000 365

The ASD technology for the electronic data sheet transfer is applicable for a cable length of up to 20 meters (64 feet).
Further Information

NetBox
The NetBox connects the XL2-TA Sound Level Meter to the internet for unattended noise monitoring. It transfers the measurement data to the fully-managed NoiseScout Web Portal in real time or provides a secure internet FTP access to the instrument. The noise monitor may be connected via 3G, 4G, 5G, LAN or Wi-Fi (an external modem is required for 4G/5G).

NTi Audio #:
- NetBox (LAN & Wi-Fi): 600 000 450
- NetBox with 3G-Modem, LAN & Wi-Fi: 600 000 458
- NoiseScout 365 (subscription service for one year) or Data Credits
  - 30 Days: 600 000 490
  - 100 Days: 600 000 491
  - 366 Days: 600 000 492
  - 1096 Days: 600 000 493

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STARQUAD cable with low capacitive load

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Housing

ASD

Housing

Capacity between ASD line to shield total < 2.7nF

ASD Flat Ribbon Cable 1m
Microphone cable for passing closed windows or doors. It supports the transfer of the electronic data sheet from the microphone to the XL2-TA Analyzer.
NTi Audio #: 600 000 367
**4G/LTE Gateway**

The 4G/LTE Gateway is a small, lightweight, and energy-efficient industrial gateway equipped with mission-critical LTE capabilities, Gigabit Ethernet interface, digital Inputs/Outputs, and micro-USB port. This 4G/LTE Gateway has been specially selected for use with the XL2-TA Sound Level Meter. It connects XL2-TA+NetBox to the internet for remote monitoring of noise levels.

NTi Audio #:
- 600 076 011 4G/LTE Gateway for NetBox (worldwide excluding Americas, China, Japan)
- 600 076 012 4G/LTE Router for NetBox (worldwide)

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**WP30 Weather Protection**

Protect your measurement microphones M2230 and M2340 from rain, wind, dust and perching birds with this professional outdoor weather protection kit. Ideal for precise acquisition of environmental noise data in outdoor applications.

Features
- Class 1 compliant with IEC 61672 and ANSI S1.4 for vertical and horizontal sound incidence
- Protection from rain and dust (IP54), wind and perching birds
- Built from corrosion-free materials
- Removable top section for easy microphone calibration
- Standard 3/8” tripod mount
- Weight: 270 g (9.5 oz.)
- Optional Pole Mount Adapter
- Optional sturdy outdoor carrying case available

NTi Audio # 600 040 060
WP61 Weather Protection for M4261

Protect your M4261 microphone from rain, wind, dust and perching birds with this professional outdoor weather protection kit.

Features

• Class 2 compliant with IEC 61672 and ANSI S1.4 for vertical and horizontal sound incidence
• Protection from rain and dust (IP54), wind and perching birds
• Built from corrosion-free materials
• Removable top section for easy microphone calibration
• Standard 3/8” tripod mount
• Weight: 270 g (9.5 oz.)
• Optional Pole Mount Adapter
• Optional sturdy outdoor carrying case available

NTi Audio #: 600 040 080

Pole Mount Adapter

The outdoor measurement microphone may be installed on a pole using this adapter. The microphone is connected to the sound level meter by the ASD cable, which runs through the pole and the adapter to the microphone. The adapter is available in two different sizes.

NTi Audio #:

• 600 040 067
  Pole Mount Adapter PM 1” supports pole diameter 25 - 33 mm (1-1.3”)
• 600 040 068
  Pole Mount Adapter PM 1 1/4” supports pole diameter 32 - 44 mm (1.25-1.75”)
**Limit Light**
The XL2-TA Audio and Acoustic Analyzer in combination with this Limit Light offers a turnkey solution for live sound monitoring. The sound level limits are set in the XL2-TA. The Limit Light provides a pre-warning with an orange light and indicates that levels have been exceeded with a red light.
NTi Audio #: 600 000 600

**Stack Light**
The XL2-TA Audio and Acoustic Analyzer in combination with this Stack Light provides a turnkey solution for noise level monitoring or passed / failed measurements where a prominent visual indication is required. The Stack Light connects directly to the XL2-TA Analyzer and shows the actual measurement result with three different colors; green, orange and red.
NTi Audio #: 600 000 610

**Class 1 Sound Calibrator**
The battery-operated Class 1 Sound Calibrator is classified for the calibration of class 1 measurement microphones, sound level meters and other acoustic measurement equipment. This precision microphone calibrator delivers 94 or 114 dB at a frequency of 1 kHz.
NTi Audio #: 600 000 388

The optional 1/4” adapter ADP-1/4-P is required to fit 1/4” measurement microphones.
NTi Audio #: 600 000 391

**Class 2 Sound Calibrator**
The battery-operated Class 2 Sound Calibrator is classified for the calibration of class 2 measurement microphones, sound level meters and other acoustic measurement equipment. This microphone calibrator delivers 114 dB at a frequency of 1 kHz.
NTi Audio #: 600 000 394
### Weatherproof Enclosure for Noise Monitoring Terminal
The weatherproof enclosure is the tailored fixed installation solution for unattended noise monitoring. The enclosure is IP66 rated, highly secure and constructed of strong, hard-wearing reinforced fiberglass.

NTi Audio #: 600 000 480

### Shroud MXA01
The Shroud reduces the acoustic reflections from the XL2-TA housing back to the microphone capsule for precision class 1 measurements. It supports the XL2-TA in combination with the 1/2” measurement microphones M2230, M2340, M2211 and M2215. The Shroud is included within the Type Approval Option.

NTi Audio #: 600 040 110

### Basic Outdoor Case
The Basic Outdoor Case is a simple and efficient solution for outdoor noise monitoring. Powered either by an external mains supply or a small, high-capacity battery pack, the case is more than adequate for a number of days of monitoring. The robust and lightweight design protects the XL2-TA and accessories from a wide range of inclement weather conditions.

NTi Audio #:  
- IP43 rating: 600 000 471
- IP63 rating: 600 000 473

### Heavy-duty Outdoor Case
The heavy-duty outdoor case is a professional solution for short- and medium-term unattended noise monitoring. The case provides comprehensive protection against dust, water and impacts. Internal dimensions provide ample space for battery packs to power the XL2-TA Sound Level Meter.

NTi Audio #:  
- IP43 rating: 600 000 476
- IP65 rating: 600 000 477
## GPS Receiver (customized)

The specially adapted GNSS receiver comes with a built-in active antenna in a white housing. It connects to the XL2-TA Sound Level Meter and the NetBox. Typical applications are to synchronize the start time of one or multiple XL2-TAs precisely with the GPS signal (+/- 0.7 ms) or presenting the precise instrument position in NoiseScout Gateway mode for unattended noise and vibration monitoring. The GNSS receiver supports Galileo, GPS and other systems.

NTi Audio #: 600 000 357

## Data Explorer Software

Data Explorer is a PC-based software application with a powerful data processor for easy and fast analysis of sound level measurement data. The data import requires that the Data Explorer Option be installed on the XL2-TA. Download the software at https://my.nti-audio.com.

## Sound Insulation Reporter Software

Sound Insulation Reporter is a PC-based software application that provides all the standard reports for Airborne and Impact sound insulation measurements. The Sound Insulation Option enables the import of measurement data into the Sound Insulation Reporter software. Download the software at https://my.nti-audio.com.

## Room Acoustics Reporter Software

The Room Acoustics Reporter is a PC software for automatically generating reverberation time measurement reports and analyzing the RTA frequency response spectrum. The Room Acoustics Option enables the import of measurement data into the Room Acoustics Reporter software. Download the software at https://my.nti-audio.com.
Sound Power Reporter Software
Sound Power Reporter is a PC-based software application that provides all the standard reports for sound power measurements. The Sound Power Option enables the import of measurement data into the Sound Power Reporter software. Download the software at https://my.nti-audio.com.

XL2 Projector PRO Software
The Projector PRO software displays the XL2-TA screen in real-time on your PC when connected by USB. The Projector PRO option enables the “XL View” and “Sound Level Predictor” for live sound monitoring. Free download from the XL2 Support Page at https://my.nti-audio.com.

WP30/WP61 Windscreen Replacement
The replacement package contains two spare windscreens for outdoor measurement microphones. The outdoor windscreen is recommended to be replaced annually.
NTi Audio #: 600 040 061

8 GB SD Card (default)
1x included with XL2-TA
NTi Audio #: 600 000 37 4
SD Card 32 GB
Every 32 GB SD Card is individually tested.

The XL2-TA requires an SD card that can continuously and simultaneously store many data streams. Unfortunately, many cards available on the market are known to interrupt the read/write process for periods of more than 10 seconds. This leads to data loss in the XL2-TA. These interruptions can occur regardless of the speed rating of the card. Even cards of the same type and from the same vendor behave differently depending on the production date. Therefore, to ensure the integrity of the XL2-TA data recording, NTi Audio verifies every single card over a period of several days before the card is sent to our customer. Requires XL2-TA Firmware V4.10 or higher.

Requires XL2-TA Firmware V4.10 or higher.

NTi Audio #: 600 000 386

Lightweight Tripod
Retractable, lightweight tripod with 1/4” ball head and 3/8” mounting thread. The flexible ball head mounts the XL2-TA Analyzer at any angle. The tripod is suitable for all measurement microphones, outdoor measurement microphones and the TalkBox.

NTi Audio #: 600 000 397

Minirator MR-PRO
The MR-PRO is an extremely powerful analog audio generator designed for the professional engineer. It generates the following analog audio signals:

- Sine Waveforms, freely selectable frequencies and levels up to +18 dBu
- Sweep Signals, any frequency interval up to 1/12 octave
- White Noise, Pink Noise
- Polarity Test Signal
- Delay Test Signal
- Uploaded wav-files (*.wav)

NTi Audio #: 600 000 310
Further Information

NTi Audio TalkBox
The NTi Audio TalkBox greatly simplifies the acoustic feed of the STIPA intelligibility test source signal into closed sound reinforcement systems. It presents the standardized voice-like acoustic signal emission simulating a human talker in accordance with IEC 60268-16, combined with a certified speech intelligibility signal at standardized levels.
NTi Audio #: 600 000 085

Tracer Battery Adapter Cable
The Tracer Battery Adapter Cable connects the Tracer battery pack to a NetBox or an XL2-TA Analyzer. It ensures that the connected instruments start up properly if the battery has been completely discharged.
NTi Audio #: 600 000 478

Warranty Conditions

International warranty
NTi Audio guarantees the function of its products and the individual components for a period of one year from the date of sale. During this period, defective products will either be repaired free of charge or replaced.

Limitations
These guarantee provisions do not cover damage caused by accidents, transportation, incorrect use, carelessness, non-original accessories, the loss of parts, operation with non-specified input voltages, adapter types or incorrectly inserted batteries. NTi Audio accepts no responsibility for subsequent damage of any kind. The warranty will be voided by carrying out repairs or services by third parties who are not part of an approved NTi Audio Service Centre.

Statutory Rights
Consumers may have legal (statutory) rights under applicable national laws relating to the sale of consumer products. This warranty does not affect your statutory rights. You may assert any legal rights you have at your sole discretion.
Service and Repairs

If your product is not functioning correctly or is damaged, please contact the local NTi Audio partner for assistance. If the product needs to be returned for service, kindly follow the service guidelines at www.nti-audio.com/service.

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<td>• Do not use the instrument in damp environments! The instrument can be permanently damaged if exposed to moisture.</td>
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Calibration Certificate

Your NTi Audio instrument has been tested during manufacture and conforms to the specifications listed in “Technical Data”.

The XL2-TA combination with the appropriate measurement microphone forms a precise class 1 or class 2 sound level meter in accordance with the standards and configurations listed in “Technical Data”.

You may order a manufacturer calibration certificate of your new instrument at the local NTi Audio partner either with or any time after the purchase of the instrument. The certificate lists the individual instrument data with serial number recorded prior to the shipment.

NTi Audio recommends annual calibration of the products starting one year after the purchase. The calibration provides documented and traceable measurement accuracy and confirms that your NTi Audio product meets or exceeds the published specifications. The calibration and adjustment procedures follow the documentation and traceability requirements of the EN ISO / IEC 17025 standard.

For calibrations kindly follow the service guidelines at www.nti-audio.com/service.
Sample Calibration Certificate

Manufacturer Calibration Certificate

The following instrument has been tested and calibrated to the manufacturer specifications. The calibration is traceable in accordance with ISO/IEC 17025 covering all instrument functions.

- Device Type: XL2 Audio and Acoustic Analyzer
- Serial Number: A2A-11667-E0
- Date of Calibration: 25 July 2016
- Certificate Number: 42576-A2A-11667-E0
- Results: PASSED

Tested by: M. Frick
Signature:
Stamp:

Detailed Calibration Test Results:

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For detailed report see next page.

- Test Conditions: Temperature: 25.2 °C
  Relative Humidity: 51.7 %

- Calibration Equipment Used:
  - Agilent Multimeter, Typ 34401A, Serial No. MY 5300 4607
    Last calibration: 17.08.2016, Next calibration: 17.08.2017
    Calibrated by ELCAL to the national standards maintained at Swiss Federal Office of Metrology. SCS 092
  - FX100 Audio Analyzer, Serial No. 10408
    Last Calibration: 04.05.2017, Next Calibration: 20.05.2017
    Manufacturer calibration based on Agilent 34410, Serial No. MY 471014254,
    Last Calibration: 03.06.2016, Next Calibration: 03.06.2017
    which is calibrated by ELCAL to national standards maintained at Swiss Federal Office of Metrology. SCS 062

1 The specified tolerance = 0.1 dB @ 1V = ±0.1%.
2 The reported expanded uncertainty is based on a standard uncertainty multiplied by a coverage factor k=2, providing a level of confidence of approximately 95%. The uncertainty evaluation has been carried out in accordance with the regulations of the GUM.
Declaration of Conformity

CE / FCC Compliance Statement

We, the manufacturer NTi Audio AG, Im alten Riet 102, 9494 Schaan, Liechtenstein, do hereby declare that the XL2-TA Analyzer, the measurement microphones M2230, M2340, M2211, M2215, M4261, the preamplifiers MA220, MA230 and accessories, comply with the following standards or other standard documents:

- EMC: 2014/30/EU
- Harmonized standards: EN 61326-1
- Explosive atmospheres (ATEX): 2014/34/EU

This declaration will become invalid if modifications to the instrument are carried out without the written approval of NTi Audio.

Date: 25. July 2019

Position: COO

Information for Disposal and Recycling

Dispose of the instrument in accordance with the legal environmental regulations in the country.

Regulations for the EU and other European countries with corresponding laws
The instrument must not be disposed of in the household garbage. At the end of its service life, bring the instrument to a collecting point for electrical recycling in accordance with the local legal regulations.

Other countries outside the EU
Contact the respective authorities for the valid environmental regulations in the country.
23. Technical Data XL2-TA

All specifications are according to the IEC61672 standard. Other standards are listed the corresponding specifications.

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<td>• China: GB/T 3785:2010, GB/T 3241, GB 3096-2008, GB 50526, GB-T 4959</td>
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<td>• WELL Buildings, LEED Green Building</td>
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<td>• FGI Facility Guidelines Institute</td>
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Weighting
- Frequency weighting: A, C, Z (simultaneous)
- Time weighting: (simultaneous)
  » Fast, Slow
  » Impulse (optional with Extended Acoustic Pack)

Level Details
- Measurement bandwidth (-3dB): 4.4 Hz - 23.0 kHz
- Level resolution: 0.1 dB
- Internal noise: 1.3 µV A-Weighted
### Specifications

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<td>» MID, mid-level range: 20 - 120 dBSP</td>
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<td>» HIGH, upper level range: 40 - 140 dBSP</td>
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<td>• M4261 @ sensitivity = 16 mV/Pa</td>
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Specifications

Residual noise in [dB] @ S = 42 mV/Pa of XL2-TA without measurement microphone

- Frequency weighting A

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- Frequency weighting C

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- Frequency weighting Z

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Measurements

- SPL actual, Lmin, Lmax, Lpeak, Leq, Lp
- Gliding LAeq and LCeq with selectable time window from one second to one hour (=running Lxeq or sliding Lxeq with x= A or C)
- All measurement results simultaneously available
- Correction value measurement wizard based on LAeq, LCeq and LCpeak
- Noise exposure level LEX with post-processing
- Logging all data or subsets in selectable intervals
- Recording of voice notes
- Monitoring of sound levels that exceed limits
- Digital I/O interface for external peripherals control

Real-Time Analyzer RTA

- Conforms with class 1 of IEC 61260:2014 and ANSI S1.11-2014
- 1/1 octave band display: 8 Hz - 16 kHz sub ranges 8 Hz - 4 kHz or 31.5 Hz - 16 kHz
- 1/3 octave band display: 6.3 Hz - 20 kHz sub ranges 6.3 Hz - 8 kHz or 20 Hz - 20 kHz
- Level resolution: 0.1 dB
- Measurement Units: Volt, dBU, dBV and dBSPL
- Band pass filters (base 10) conform with class 1 of IEC 61260:2014 and ANSI S1.11-2014
  » 1/1 octave spectrum: > 16 Hz band
  » 1/3 octave spectrum: > 16 Hz band
- Broadband A/Z levels simultaneously
- Frequency weighting: X-Curve @ 500 seats in accordance with SMPTE ST 202:2010 and ISO 2969:2015 (not available for XL2-TA)
- Capturing of a single reading into the internal memory for comparative measurements
- Leq logging
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Remote Measurement (optional)

• Querying measurement data online via the USB interface of the following functions:
  » Sound level meter and spectrum analyzer SLMeter/RTA
  » FFT analyzer
  » RT60 reverberation time
  » Audio analyzer RMS/THD+N
  » High-resolution spectral analyzer 1/12 Oct + Tol

• Typical response time: 10 ms @ querying the frequency spectrum in SLMeter

Functions of Extended Acoustic Pack (optional)

• SLMeter/RTA function
  » Recording of linear wav-files (24 bit, 48 kHz) a new wav-file starts every 1 hour (max. wav-file size 512 MB)
  » Percentiles for wide band, 1/1 and 1/3 octave spectrum
    - Flexible setting from 0.1% to 99.9%
    - Sampling: every 1.3 ms
    - Wide band: in 0.1 dB wide classes, based on sampling Lxy (x= A, C or Z, y= F, S or EQ1")
    - 1/1 and 1/3 octave spectrum: in 1.0 dB wide classes, based on Lxy (x= A, C or Z, y= F or S)
    - Dynamic range: 140 dB
  » Sound Exposure Level LAE
  » 100 ms logging
  » RTA logging of Lmin and Lmax
  » Event-triggered audio and data recording
  » Time weighting: Impulse (LxI, Lxeq with x= A, C, Z)
  » True peak level in 1/1 and 1/3 octave resolution
  » Clock-Impulse Maximum Level (TaktMax) in accordance with DIN 45645-1 and DIN 45657
  » Impulsiveness detection in accordance with BS4142:2014 and NordTest ACOU 112

• FFT function
  » High-resolution Zoom-FFT with selectable frequency ranges and resolution up to 0.4 Hz in the range of 5 Hz to 20 kHz
  » Recording of linear wav-files (24 bit, 48 kHz)

• RT60 function
  » Reverberation time in 1/3 octave resolution

• 1/12 octave Spectral Analyzer (requires Spectral Limits Option)
  » Recording of linear wav-files (24 bit, 48 kHz)
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<td>Room Acoustics Reporter (optional)</td>
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<td>• Import of own sound absorber database and tolerances</td>
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### Specifications

| Sound Power Reporter (optional) | • Enables the import of RTA and reverberation time measurement data in 1/1 and 1/3 octave band resolution into the Sound Power Reporter software  
• Software provides all the standard reports for sound power measurements  
|---|---|
| Acoustic Analyzer | **FFT Analysis**  
• Real-time FFT with actual level, L\text{eq}, L\text{min}, L\text{max}  
• Level resolution: 0.1 dB  
• Frequency Band Ranges: 7 Hz - 215 Hz, 58 Hz - 1.72 kHz, 484 Hz - 20.5 kHz with 143 frequency bins shown on display  
• Measurement Units: Volt, dBU, dBV and dB SPL  
• Optional with Extended Acoustic Pack or Spectral Limits: High-resolution Zoom-FFT with selectable frequency ranges and resolution up to 0.4 Hz in the range of 5 Hz to 20 kHz  
• Optional with Spectral Limits: Capture and tolerance function with multiple readings for comparative measurements and passed/failed analysis |
| | **Reverberation Time RT60**  
• Conforms with ISO 3382 and ASTM E2235  
• 1/1 octave bands results from 63 Hz - 8 kHz, based on T20 and T30  
• Optional with Extended Acoustic Pack: 1/3 octave bands results from 50 Hz - 10 kHz based on T20 and T30  
• Range: 10 ms - 30 seconds  
• Minimum reverberation time (typical)  
  » < 100 Hz: 0.3 second  
  » 100 - 200 Hz: 0.2 second  
  » > 200 Hz: 0.1 second  
• Measurement based Schroeder-method  
• Test signal: Impulse source or interrupted pink noise generated by the MR-PRO, MR2 or the included NTi Audio Test CD / USB Flash Drive |
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<td>• Propagation delay between electrical reference signal and acoustic signal using the internal microphone</td>
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### Specifications

#### STIPA
- Measurement in accordance with the standards
  - IEC 60268-16 (edition 2, 3, 4 or 5)
  - AS 1670.4
  - BS 5839-8
  - CEN/TS 54-32:2015
  - DIN EN 50849:2017
  - ISO 7240-16
  - DIN VDE 0833-4
  - VDE V 0833-4-32:2016
  - VDE 0828-1:2017-11
  - NFPA 72
  - UFC 4-021-01
- Direct measurement method (IEC 60268-16)
- Frequency range: 125 Hz - 8 kHz in octave band
- Modulation frequencies 0.63 Hz - 12.5 Hz in third-octave resolution
- Single value STI and CIS test result
- Ambient noise correction
- Automated averaging of measurements
- Modulation indices and individual band level results with error indicator
- Test signal: NTi Audio STIPA signal generated by the MR-PRO, NTi Audio TalkBox or other audio players (download wav-file at https://my.nti-audio.com/support/XL2-TA)

#### Audio Analyzer

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#### Level RMS
- True RMS detection in V, dBu, dBV, dBspl (dBspl not available for XL2-TA)
- Power measurement in Watt W or dBm with flexible load setting from 1.0 to 9999 Ohm
- Range XLR/RCA input: 2 µV - 25 V (-112 dBu to +30 dBu)
- Accuracy: ± 0.5 % @ 1 kHz,
- Flatness: ± 0.1 dB @ 12 Hz to 21.3 kHz
- Bandwidth (-3 dB): 5 Hz to 23.6 kHz
- Resolution: 3 digits (dB scale), 5 digits (linear scale) or 6 digits (x1 scale)

#### Real-Time Analyzer (RTA)
- Following measurement functions offer audio spectrum in Volt, dBu and dBV
  - Sound Level Meter
  - FFT
  - 1/12 Octave (optional with Spectral Limits)

#### Frequency
- Range: 9 Hz to 21.3 kHz
- Resolution: 6 digits
- Accuracy: < ± 0.003%

#### THD+N (Total Harmonic Distortion + Noise)
- Range: -100 dB to 0 dB (0.001% to 100%)
- Minimum level: > -90 dBu
- Fundamental frequency range: 10 Hz to 21.3 kHz
- Measurement bandwidth: 2 Hz to 23.6 kHz
- Resolution: 3 digits (dB scale) or 4 digits (linear scale)
- Residual THD+N @ XLR/RCA input: < 2 µV

#### Scope
- Auto ranging, auto scaling

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### Filter
- Frequency weighting: A, C, Z
- Highpass 100Hz, 400 Hz, 19 kHz,
- Bandpass 22.4 Hz - 22.4 kHz in accordance with IEC468-4

### Remote Measurement (optional)
Querying measurement data online via the USB interface of the following functions:
- Sound level meter and spectrum analyzer
- SLMeter/RTA
- FFT analyzer
- RT60 reverberation time
- Audio analyzer RMS/THD+N
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### Calibration

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<td>M4260: +0.1 dB</td>
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<td>M4261: +0.2 dB</td>
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| Wind Screen Correction | 50 mm Wind Screen: +0.12 dB |
|                        | 90 mm Wind Screen: +0.19 dB |
|                        | WP30/WP61 Wind Screen 90 mm: +0.19 dB |

### Remote Measurement (optional)
Querying measurement data online via the USB interface of the following functions:
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### Calibration
- Recommended calibration interval: one year
- Microphone calibration with external calibrator supported
- Optional calibration certificate for new instruments available

### Vibration Meter

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<td>Levels: RMS, Peak, Peak-Peak</td>
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### VibMeter
- Broadband level
  - Frequency range: 0.8 Hz - 2.5 kHz
- Spectral
  - 1/1 octave band display: 1 Hz - 20 kHz
    - sub ranges 1 Hz - 500 Hz or 4 Hz - 2 kHz
  - 1/3 octave band display: 0.8 Hz - 2.5 kHz
    - sub ranges 0.8 Hz - 1.0 kHz, 2.5 Hz - 2.5 kHz
  - Broadband level measured with bandwidth (-3dB): 0.7 Hz – 23.6 kHz
- Display according to DIN 45669-1:2010
  - Unweighted velocity v(t)
  - Maximum absolute velocity |v| max
  - Averaging duration T
  - Measurement duration T

### Wind Screen Correction
- 50 mm Wind Screen: +0.12 dB
- 90 mm Wind Screen: +0.19 dB
- WP30/WP61 Wind Screen 90 mm: +0.19 dB
## Specifications

| Filter | • Flat (no filter)  
|        | Bandwidth (-3dB): 0.7 Hz – 23.6 kHz  
|        | 10 - 1000 Hz according to ISO 2954 with decay rate = 18 dB / octave  
|        | 1 - 80 Hz, 1 - 315 Hz acc. to DIN 45669-1:2010 with decay rate = 12 dB / octave |
| Audio Recording in VibMeter | • Default  
|        | » Recording of compressed wav-files (ADPCM - 4 bit, 24 kHz)  
|        | » a new wav-file starts every 12 hours (max. wav-file size 512 MB)  
|        | » Bandwidth: 2.0 Hz - 10.2 kHz  
|        | • Optional: Extended Acoustic Pack  
|        | » Recording of linear wav-files (24 bit, 48 kHz)  
|        | » a new wav-file starts every 1 hours (max. wav-file size 512 MB)  
|        | » Bandwidth: 2.0 Hz - 23.6 kHz |
| FFT Analysis | • Frequency range: 1 Hz - 1.69 kHz  
|        | • Optional with Extended Acoustic Pack or Spectral Limits: High-resolution Zoom-FFT with selectable frequency ranges and resolution up to 0.4 Hz in the range of 1 Hz to 20 kHz |
| 1/12 Octave Analysis (optional) | • Actual level, L_min, L_max, Leq, Leq1" , Leq4"  
|        | • Selectable 1/1, 1/3, 1/6 and 1/12 octave spectral resolution  
|        | • Measurement Units  
|        | » Acceleration: m/s², g, in/s², dB  
|        | » Velocity: m/s, in/s, dB  
|        | » Displacement: m, in, dB  
|        | • Band pass filters (base 10)  
|        | • Frequency range: 0.73 Hz - 1.36 kHz |
| Maximum Input Level | • 353 m/s², 36 g @ 20 mV/(m/s²) with ICP Adapter ASD |
| Residual Noise (typical) with ICP Adapter ASD | • 17 µV @ 0.7 Hz ... 23.0 kHz  
|        | • 14 µV @ 1 Hz ... 315 Hz  
|        | • 14 µV @ 1 Hz ... 80 Hz |
| Reference-measurement range | • Mid |
# Specifications

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<td>24 bit linear PCM audio signal output</td>
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<td>» Input impedance = 200 kOhm</td>
<td>• Headphone connector</td>
<td>(prepared for later firmware extension)</td>
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<td>» Phantom power: +48 VDC switchable with maximum 10 mA supply current in accordance with IEC 61938</td>
<td>» 3.5 mm Minijack</td>
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<td>» Automated sensor detection for NTi Audio’s ASD measurement microphones and pre-amplifiers</td>
<td>» mono monitor wired to both channels of stereo jack</td>
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<td>» RCA unbalanced with input impedance &gt;30 kOhm</td>
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<td>» Built-in condenser microphone for polarity testing, delay measurements and voice note recording</td>
<td>» Maximum output level: 0.33 Vrms / 0.47 Vp</td>
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## Memory

- SD Card included (8 GByte), removable, storing measurement data in ASCII format, screen shots, voice notes and wav-files
- Data logging every second offers following noise monitoring periods:
  - Logging default noise levels: > 2 years
  - Additional logging of 1/3 octave data: > 6 month
  - Additional
    - compressed audio recording: > 1 week
    - linear audio recording: > 15 hours
- Optional 32 GB SD-cards are available for longer monitoring requirements; requires XL2-TA Firmware V4.10 or higher.

## Power Supply

- Rechargeable Li-Po battery included
  - Type 3.7 V / 2260 mAh
  - Typical battery lifetime > 4 hours
  - Range: 3.3 - 4.5 VDC
  - Volume energy density = 339 Wh/l
- Dry cell batteries type AA, 4 x 1.5 V
  - Typical battery lifetime > 4 hours
  - Range: 3.7 - 6.0 VDC
- Linear external power supply 9 VDC
  - Range: 7.5 - 20.0 VDC @ minimum 6 Watt
  - Charges Li-Po battery during operation
  - Connector C5.5 x 2.1 x 12 mm
- USB-Power Supply
  - for short-term operation < 1 day
  - charging power is equal or less than power consumption
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### Power Supply

- **External battery pack**
  - 22 Ah battery pack: 4 days
  - 44 Ah battery pack: 8 days

### General

#### Clock

- **Default**
  - Real-time clock with lithium backup battery
  - Typical life backup battery: 8 years
  - Return instrument for battery replacement
  - Drift < 1.7 seconds per 24 hours
- **Special XL2-TA edition, NTi Audio # 600 000 356**
  - VCXTO clock
  - Drift < 0.04 seconds per 24 hours

#### Mechanics

- Tripod or microphone stand mount 1/4”
- Wire stand mounted on rear side
- Display: 160 x 160 pixels grey scale with LED back light
- Dimensions (L x W x H)
  - 180 mm x 90 mm x 45 mm
  - 7.1” x 3.5” x 1.8”
- Weight: 480 g (1 lb) including built-in Li-Po battery

#### Temperature

- -10 °C to +50 °C (14° to 122°F)

#### Humidity

- 5% to 90% RH, non-condensing

#### Static air pressure

- 65 kPa to 108 kPa

#### Susceptibility to radio frequencies

- Classification Group X

### Electromagnetic Compatibility

- CE compliant:
  - EN 61326-1 Class B, EN 55011 class B
  - EN 61000-4-2 to -6 & -11

### Protection Rating

- **IP51**

### ATEX

- For applications in explosive atmospheres within zone 2 in accordance with IEC 60079
- Directive 2014/34/EU
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Typical Frequency Response of Measurement Microphones

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Tolerance
Class 1, IEC61672-1
M2230, M2340, M2211, M2215

Tolerance
Class 2, IEC61672-1
M4261

(free field conditions @ reference direction 0°)
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<td>Linear Measurement Range acc. IEC61672 / ANSI S1.4 (typ. microphone sensitivity)</td>
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<td>XL2-TA + M2211: 29 dB(A) - 144 dB</td>
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Free Field - Pressure Correction Factors

If a measurement microphone is held in a free-field environment, then the measurement microphone acts at high frequencies like a reflector. The sound pressure increases in front of the microphone capsule membrane. M2230, M2340, M2211 and M2215 are free-field equalized measurement microphones, they compensate for the increased pressure internally. The calibration of the measurement microphones M2230 and M2340 with the B&K 4226 requires the accessory Adapter Ring MXR01, NTi Audio # 600 040 105. Please note, never touch the diaphragm of the measurement microphone capsule.

The calibrator no longer offers free-field conditions. Therefore, the free-field equalization of the microphone must be compensated. This needs to be considered prior the calibration. The correction value needs to be added to the pressure response of the microphone.

Example:

- During the calibration, the XL2-TA measures the sound level in the calibrator. If the B&K 4226 calibrator is used and it is set to 16 kHz, then the XL2-TA+M2230 reads just 86.7 dBA.
- The free-field sound level is calculated by summing the XL2-TA measurement value and the correction value (86.7 dB + 7.3 dB = 94.0 dB).

The following corrections apply with the B&K 4226 calibrator:

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Correction values for other calibrators for M2230 and M2340:

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Actuator Correction

The following free-field 0° incidence corrections apply for calibration using a protection grid actuator (e.g. B&K UA033, GRAS RA0014). Please note, never touch the diaphragm of the measurement microphone capsule. The maximum DC bias for the actuator calibration is 200 VDC.

### M2211, M2215

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### M2230, M2340

The calibration requires the accessory Actuator Grid, NTi Audio # 600 040 112. The Actuator Grid comes with an insulation ring dedicated for this measurement method.

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Diffuse-field Sensitivity Level Correction

A diffuse sound field is characterized by the sound arriving at the receiver from all directions with more or less equal probability. The M2230, M2340, M2211, M2215 and M4261 are free-field equalized measurement microphones. The default frequency response refers to a 0° sound incidence. The diffuse-field sensitivity level correction is calculated by averaging the directional characteristics in accordance with IEC 61183. The corrections for diffuse-field conditions are documented in the following table and may be activated directly on the XL2-TA; see Spectral Corrections. The directional response of the M2230 is described in the appendix.

Example:
- The sound pressure level in a diffuse sound field shall be determined. The display of the XL2-TA with the M2230 reads 80.0 dBA for the 20 kHz third-octave band.
- The diffuse sound level is now calculated from the sum of the XL2-TA measurement value and the correction value (80.0 dB + 5.9 dB = 85.9 dB).

The diffuse-field sensitivity level correction is not necessary using a diffuse field equalized measurement microphone.

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Free-field and Diffuse-Field Sensitivity for M2230 and M2340

![Graph showing free-field and diffuse-field sensitivity](image-url)
The outdoor measurement microphone fulfills the requirements of IEC 61672 and ANSI S1.4 for vertical sound incidence. For compliance with horizontal sound incidence a spectral correction is employed in the associated XL2-TA Sound Level Meter.

The **Calibration** menu.

Spectral Correction for horizontal sound incidents:

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<td>1.3 Hz - 50 kHz</td>
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<td>Maximum Output Voltage @ THD 3%, 1 kHz</td>
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<td>Attenuation</td>
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<td>• Extended Acoustic Pack: Recording of wav-files (24 bit, 48 kHz)</td>
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<td>• High-resolution spectral analyzer 1/12 Oct + Tol</td>
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Appendix 2: Factory Default Profiles

You may start up the XL2-TA with individual preset application profiles.

The profile **Full mode** is the default configuration with all available measurement functions enabled.
The following limits apply at all areas accessible by the visitors during the measurement period of 30 minutes:

- Maximum averaged level $L_{Aeq} = 99$ dB
  The XL2-TA displays this maximum level with the measurement result $L_{Aeq+k1}$.
- Maximum peak level $L_{Cpeak} = 135$ dB

These levels are shown in the numeric result page:

- $L_{Aeq5''+k1}$: Time-averaged sound pressure level $L_{Aeq}$ with correction value $k1$ and a moving time window of 5 seconds.
- $L_{Aeq+k1}$: Time-averaged sound pressure level $L_{Aeq}$ with correction value $k1$.
- $L_{Cpeak+k2}$: C-weighted peak level $L_{Cpeak}$ with correction value $k2$.

The following sound levels are displayed in the real-time analyzer page:

- $L_{ZFhold3}$: For tracing of feedback frequencies. The peak hold time is set to 3 seconds.
- $L_{ZFlive}$: Actual real-time spectra.
How to Measure

- Select the page KSET with the rotary wheel.
- Measure the correction values k1 and k2 as described in the chapter Sound Level Meter: Correction Value KSET.
- Press the start button.
- The icon LOG flashes during the ongoing measurement. In the case where the profile #DIN15905-5 & Audio has been selected the icon AUD flashes, indicating the additional audio wav-file logging.
- During the measurement you can monitor the actual sound level $L_{Aeq5''}+k1$ in order to remain below the permitted limits; alternatively you may monitor the spectrum analyzer for tracing possible feedback frequencies.
- Press stop to finish the measurement.

In accordance with DIN15905-5, all sound levels are measured, displayed and logged to the SD Card automatically. The settings are locked, which ensures that the correct parameters are measured.
The profile #DIN15905-5 & Audio includes the recording of Compressed+AGC wav-files.

Limits

This profile is configured with the following limits, which trigger the lights on the limit button and external Digital I/O Adapter. This facilitates a quick response to sound levels that exceed these limits.

Measurement Results

You may import the log files into a report generator software based on MS Excel, providing automatically-completed live event reports with noise level charts. The report generator software is a free download on the support website at https://my.nti-audio.com for all registered XL2-TA customers.
V-NISSG 100dB / V-NISSG 100dB&Audio
(Sound Level Monitoring in accordance with V-NISSG)

The following limits apply at all areas accessible by the visitors during the moving measurement period window of 60 minutes during the live event:

• Maximum averaged level
  The XL2-TA displays this maximum level with the measurement result \( L_{Aeq60'+k1} \).

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<tr>
<th>Type of live event</th>
<th>Max. level</th>
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| 3                  | 100 dB     | - Sound level recording  
                      - Results to store for 30 days  
                      - Level warning to visitors  
                      - Hearing protection distributed  
                      - Chill out zone < 85 dB(A) |
| 2                  | 96 dB      | - Sound level monitoring  
                      - Level warning to visitors  
                      - Hearing protection distributed |
| 1                  | 93 dB      | - Sound level monitoring |

• Maximum peak level \( L_{AFmax} = 125 \text{ dB} \)

These levels are shown in the numeric result page:

\[
\begin{align*}
L_{Aeq5''+k1} & \quad \text{Time-averaged sound pressure level } L_{Aeq} \\
L_{Aeq60'+k1} & \quad \text{Time-averaged sound pressure level } L_{Aeq} \\
L_{AFmax+k1} & \quad \text{Maximum sound pressure level } L_{AFmax}
\end{align*}
\]
The following sound levels are displayed in the real-time analyzer page:

- **L\textsubscript{ZFhold3}** For tracing of feedback frequencies. The peak hold time is set to 3 seconds.
- **L\textsubscript{ZFlive}** Actual real-time spectra.

**How to Measure**

- Select the page K\textsubscript{SET} with the rotary wheel.
- Measure the correction value \( k1 \) as described in the chapter Sound Level Meter: Correction Value K\textsubscript{SET}. (\( k2 \) is not required for V-NISSG)
- Press the start button.
- The icon LOG flashes during the ongoing measurement. In the case where the profile \#V-NISSG 100dB&Audio has been selected the icon AUD flashes, indicating the additional audio wav-file logging.
- During the measurement you can monitor the actual sound level \( L_{Aeq5''} + k1 \) in order to remain below the permitted limits; alternatively you may monitor the spectrum analyzer for tracing possible feedback frequencies.
- Press stop to finish the measurement.

In accordance with V-NISSG, all sound levels are measured, displayed and logged to SD Card automatically. The settings are locked, which ensures that the correct parameters are measured. The profile \#V-NISSG 100dB&Audio includes the recording of Compressed+AGC wav-files.
Limits
This profile is configured with the following limits, which trigger the lights on the limit button and external Digital I/O Adapter. This facilitates a quick response to sound levels that exceed these limits.

Measurement Results
You may import the log files into a report generator software based on MS Excel, providing automatically-completed live event reports with noise level charts. The report generator software is a free download on the support website at https://my.nti-audio.com for all registered XL2-TA customers.

Appendix 3: Description Sound Levels

A-Frequency Weighting Filter in accordance with IEC 61672
Applicable for most common sound pressure level measurements, compensating for human hearing perception at lower sound pressure levels.

C-Frequency Weighting Filter in accordance with IEC 61672
Applicable for very high sound pressure levels, compensating for human hearing perception at high sound pressure levels; typically used for measurement of peak values, e.g. L_Cpeak

Capture
This selection offers the reference curve, which has been previously stored with Capture in the spectrum analyzer of the SLMeter function.
Application example:
• Comparing the performance of the left and right speakers in a live event sound setup.
Sound Exposure Level
The sound exposure level $L_{AE}$ characterizes the total energy content of a signal and corresponds to the LAeq normalized to one second. The sound exposure level is measured for example to compare noise events with different time durations. The $L_{AE}$ reports the amount of noise from an event such as an individual aircraft fly-over. An earlier used level name is SEL.

$$L_{AE} = L_{Aeq} + 10 \times \log \text{(time in seconds)}$$

Time-Average Sound Level or Equivalent Continuous Sound Level in accordance with IEC 61672

Octave-band Time-Average Sound Level or Equivalent Continuous Sound Level in accordance with IEC 61672
with selectable 63 Hz or 125 Hz octave-band level for low frequency noise monitoring; in case of a selected 1/3 octave resolution in the RTA window, these levels are calculated by summing the corresponding one-third-octave levels.

Moving Time-Average Sound Level or Moving Equivalent Continuous Sound Level
With selectable time window from one second up to one hour, four individual levels can be configured. The moving time-average sound level is a Leq based on a moving time window. This level is also called “running Leq,T”, “gliding Leq,T” or “sliding Leq,T”.

The measurement result is updated every second for the first 60 seconds. Afterwards the update rate is every five seconds. This is an example:

- 10h 00min 00sec Start of XL2-TA measurement
- 10h 00min 05sec $Leq5^\prime\prime = Leq$ of the 5 seconds
- 10h 00min 06sec $Leq5^\prime\prime = Leq$ of the time window from 10h 00min 01sec to 10h 00min 06sec
- 10h 00min 07sec $Leq5^\prime\prime = Leq$ of the time window from 10h 00min 02sec to 10h 00min 07sec
Application example:
- Display the moving Leq over 5 seconds in accordance with DIN15905
- Measure the moving Leq over 60 minutes in accordance with V-NISSG

**Fast Time Weighting**
Time constant $t = 125$ ms; the time weighting is an exponential function of time, which defines how changes of the instantaneous sound pressure level are averaged for useful sound pressure level results. The measurement results are shown accurately for sound sources with a minimum length of 0.5 seconds. The decay rate is 34.7 dB/s. Fast time weighting is typically used for common sound level measurements.

**Holding Maximum Level**
For tracing of feedback frequencies in the RTA page. The hold time can be set to 3, 5 or 10 seconds.

**Impulse Time Weighting**
Time constant attack $t = 35$ ms; time constant decay $t = 1500$ ms; the time weighting is an exponential function of time, which defines how changes of the instantaneous sound pressure level are averaged for useful sound pressure level results. The measurement results are shown accurately for sound sources with a minimum length of 0.1 seconds. Impulse time weighting is used for impulsive sound sources.

**Impulse Penalty ImpPenalty**
Impulsive penalty in accordance with BS4142:2014 and NordTest ACOU 112. The LAF is sampled with a time interval of 12 ms. The penalty is calculated as follows:

$$\text{Penalty} K_I = 1.8 \times (\text{Prominence P} - 5) \quad \text{for } P > 5$$

$$P = 3 \times \log_{10}(\text{onset rate}[\text{dB/s}]) + 2 \times \log_{10}(\text{level difference}[\text{dB}])$$

The Prominence P is designed to give a maximum around 15; concluding the maximum impulse penalty is 18 dB.
Correction Value $k_1$
The correction value $k_1$ is based on an LAeq measurement. It is measured or manually set in the page $K_{SET}$ of the sound level meter function.

Correction Value $k_2$
The correction value $k_2$ is based on either LCeq or LCpeak measurement. It is measured or manually set in the page $K_{SET}$ of the sound level meter function.

Parameter $\text{live}$
Actual current sound pressure level.

Parameter $\text{max}$
Maximum sound level of the measurement cycle.

Parameter $\text{min}$
Minimum sound level of the measurement cycle.

Correction Value $\text{off}$
No correction value, default setting.

Peak Level
Application example:
Measure LCpeak in accordance with DIN15905

The RTA spectrum analyzer measures the true peak level with the optional Extended Acoustic Pack. The peak hold time can be set to 0, 1 or 5 seconds.

Percentile Sound Level - Level Statistics
The statistical distribution of sound pressure levels is commonly used for environmental noise analysis, such as road traffic or community noise assessments. For example, $L_{AF_{xx\%}}$ is the noise level exceeded during $xx\%$ of the measurement period; e.g., LAF90% is the noise level exceeded during 90% of the measurement period.

Please see the specifications at chapter Technical Data XL2-TA: Functions of Extended Acoustic Pack (optional) in this manual.

Previous Level
Applicable for timer mode Repeat or Repeat Synchronized; displays the selected sound pressure level of the last measurement cycle.
Slow Time Weighting
Time constant $t = 1$ second; the time-weighting is an exponential function of time, which defines how changes of the instantaneous sound pressure level are averaged for useful sound level results. The decay rate is 4.3 dB/s.

Parameter T3
Clock-Impulse Maximum Level (Taktmaximalpegel) $L_{AFT3}$ in accordance with DIN 45645-1; maximum sound pressure level measured with frequency weighting A and time weighting F within a time interval of 3 seconds.

Parameter T3eq
Time-average Clock-Impulse Maximum Level (Taktmaximalpegel) $L_{AFT3eq}$ in accordance with DIN 45645-1 and DIN 45657.

Parameter T5
Clock-Impulse Maximum Level (Taktmaximalpegel) $L_{AFT5}$ in accordance with DIN 45645-1; maximum sound pressure level measured with frequency weighting A and time weighting F within a time interval of 5 seconds.

Parameter T5eq
Time-average Clock-Impulse Maximum Level (Taktmaximalpegel) $L_{AFT5eq}$ in accordance with DIN 45645-1 and DIN 45657.

Inverted X-Curve
In the film and recording industry an X curve is also known as a wide-range curve, e.g., used for cinema installations conforming to SMPTE ST 202:2010 or ISO 2969:2015 @ 500 seats.

Z-frequency weighting in accordance with IEC 61672 (= flat frequency response, no filter)
Overall sound pressure level, all sound signal components are included; required for special applications.

Sound Pressure Level $L_p$
$L_p$ is a commonly used abbreviation for sound pressure level (p for pressure); for example, $L_w$ is used for Sound Power Level
### Appendix 4: Common Sound Levels

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The sound exposure level $L_{AE}$ characterizes the total energy content of a signal and corresponds to the $L_{Aeq}$ normalized to one second. The sound exposure level is measured for example to compare noise events with different time durations. The $L_{AE}$ reports the amount of noise from an event such as an individual aircraft fly-over. An earlier used level name is SEL.  
$L_{AE} = L_{Aeq} + 10 \times \log(\text{time in seconds})$ | ![A -> E] |
| L_{Aeq}   | **Time-Average Sound Pressure Level or Equivalent Continuous Sound Pressure Level**  
Averaged sound level over time with A frequency weighting. | ![A -> EQ -> off] |
| L_{Aeq-dt}| **Level LAeq_dt “delta t” in report**  
Level of the preset logging interval in the LOG-menu; e.g. Logging interval = 1 second, then LAeq_dt is the time averaged level of the past 1 second. | ![A] |
| $L_{Aeq+k1}$ | **Time-Average Sound Pressure Level with Correction Value**  
The actual measurement position often differs to the loudest position of the live event. Thus, the correction value $k1$ is the correction value of $L_{Aeq}$ between the loudest position and the actual measurement position, measured using pink noise. The correction value $k1$ is measured or manually set in the page $KSET$ of the sound level meter function. |
|---|---|
| $L_{Aeqxx}$ | **Moving Time-Average Sound Pressure Level**  
Measurement of the moving sound level over time $Leq$ with A-weighting frequency and F-weighting time responses; the parameter $xx$ is user-defined from one second up to one hour. This level is also called “running $Leq,T$”, “gliding $Leq,T$” or “sliding $Leq,T$”.  

Four individual levels can be configured, e.g.  
- 5 seconds for live sound monitoring  
- 10 minutes (in accordance with the French standard)  
- 15 minutes (in accordance with the British standard)  
- 60 minutes (in accordance with V-NISSG) |
| $L_{Aeq20-200}$ | **Time-Average Sound Pressure Level 20 - 200 Hz**  
Summed time-averaged sound pressure level over time with A frequency weighting of the third-octave frequency bands 20 - 200 Hz. |
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<td>$L_{A_{eq}60'}+k_1$</td>
<td>Moving Time-Average Sound Pressure Level with Correction Value $k_1$</td>
<td>The actual measurement position often differs to the loudest position of the live event. Thus, the correction value $k_1$ is the correction value of $L_{A_{eq}60'}$ between the loudest position and the actual measurement position, measured using pink noise. The correction value $k_1$ is measured or manually set in the page KSET of the sound level meter function. Application: Measurements in accordance with V-NISSG</td>
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<td>$L_{AF}$</td>
<td>Actual Sound Pressure Level</td>
<td>Sound pressure level with A frequency weighting and F time weighting, compensating for human hearing perception at lower sound pressure levels; applicable at levels lower than 100 dB.</td>
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<td>$L_{AF_{max}}$</td>
<td>Maximum Sound Pressure Level</td>
<td>Measures the maximum environmental noise level during the measurement period.</td>
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<td>$L_{AF_{max}-dt}$</td>
<td>Maximum Sound Pressure Level “delta t” in report</td>
<td>Maximum level of the preset logging interval in the LOG-menu, e.g. 1 second.</td>
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<td>$L_{AF_{min}}$</td>
<td>Minimum Sound Pressure Level</td>
<td>Measures the minimum environmental noise level during the measurement period.</td>
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| $L_{AF_{min-dt}}$ | Minimum Sound Pressure Level “delta t” in report  
Minimum level of the preset logging interval in the LOG-menu, e.g. 1 second. |
| $L_{AF_{xx\%}}$ | **Percentile Sound Pressure Level**  
The statistical distribution of sound pressure levels is commonly used for environmental noise analysis, such as road traffic or community noise assessments. For example $L_{AF_{xx\%}}$ is the noise level exceeded during $xx\%$ of the measurement period; e.g., $L_{AF_{90\%}}$ is the noise level exceeded during 90% of the measurement period.  

Please see the specifications at chapter Technical Data XL2-TA: Functions of Extended Acoustic Pack (optional) in this manual. |

![Sound Level (dB) vs Time](image)

- $L_{AF_{10\%}} = 88.8$ dB
- $L_{A eq} = 84.2$ dB
- $L_{AF_{50\%}} = 76.4$ dB
- $L_{AF_{90\%}} = 66.6$ dB
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<td>Time-Average Sound Pressure Level or Equivalent Continuous Sound Pressure Level</td>
<td>Averaged sound level over time with C frequency weighting.</td>
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<td>$L_{CPK}$</td>
<td>Peak Sound Level</td>
<td>Peak sound level with C frequency weighting. Measures the peak level. High peak levels can damage the human hearing.</td>
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<td>$L_{CPK_{\text{max}}}$</td>
<td>Maximum Peak Sound Level</td>
<td>Maximum peak sound level with C frequency weighting. Measures the peak level. High peak levels can damage the human hearing.</td>
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<td>$L_{CPK_{\text{-dt}}}$</td>
<td>Maximum Peak Sound Level „delta t“ in report</td>
<td>Maximum peak sound level with C frequency weighting of the preset logging interval in the LOG-menu, e.g. 1 second.</td>
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<tr>
<td>$L_{CPK+k2}$</td>
<td>Peak Sound Level with Correction Value</td>
<td>The actual measurement position often differs to the loudest position of the live event. Thus, the correction value $k2$ is the correction value of $L_{CPK}$ between the loudest position and the actual measurement position, measured using pink noise. The correction value $k2$ is measured or manually set in the page KSET of the sound level meter function.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
### L<sub>EX</sub>

**Noise Exposure Level L<sub>EX</sub>**

The Noise at Work Directive 2003/10/EC lays down minimum requirements for the protection of workers from risks to their health and safety arising or likely to arise from exposure to noise and in particular the risk to hearing.

- **Steady noise** \( L_{EX,8h} = L_{Aeq} \): (applies to \( L_{AS} \), deviation < 5 dB)
  
  \( L_{Aeq} \) measured over a short time equals \( L_{EX,8h} \); the following formula applies for a measurement period < 8 hours:
  
  \[
  L_{EX,8h} = L_{Aeq} + 10 \times \log \left( \frac{T}{8 \text{ hours}} \right)
  \]

- **Steady noise with stepped level variations:**
  
  Measure \( L_{Aeq} \) at the different levels and enter the data with the corresponding exposure time in the NTi Audio noise exposure level post-processing form; the \( L_{EX,8h} \) will be calculated and displayed.

- **Varying noise levels:**
  
  \( L_{EX,8h} = L_{Aeq} \) measured for 8 hours

The exposure limit values and respective actions are:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th>( L_{EX,8h} )</th>
<th>( L_{Cpeak} )</th>
<th>Action</th>
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<tr>
<td>Lower limit value</td>
<td>80 dB(A)</td>
<td>135 dB</td>
<td>The employer shall make individual hearing protectors available to workers</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Upper limit value</td>
<td>85 dB(A)</td>
<td>137 dB</td>
<td>Hearing protectors shall be used</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Exposure limit</td>
<td>87 dB(A)</td>
<td>140 dB</td>
<td>The attenuation characteristics of the hearing protectors worn must adequately reduce the levels below this limit</td>
</tr>
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</table>
Appendix 5: Vibration Meter Functions

**Acceleration a**
in units m/s², g, in/s², dB
\[ L_a [\text{dB}] = 20 \times \log \left( \frac{a}{10^{-6}} \right) \]

**Velocity v**
in units m/s, in/s and dB;
Velocity is calculated based on the acceleration a and the frequency f:
\[ v = a / (2 \times \pi \times f) \]
\[ L_v [\text{dB}] = 20 \times \log \left( \frac{v}{10^{-9}} \right) \]

**Displacement**
in units m, in, dB;
Displacement is calculated based on the acceleration a and the frequency f:
\[ d = a / (2 \times \pi \times f)^2 \]
\[ L_d [\text{dB}] = 20 \times \log \left( \frac{d}{10^{-12}} \right) \]

**RMS level**
Measurement result is based on RMS

**Peak level**
Measurement result is based on peak level
- Peak level a(Pk) = \( \sqrt{2} \times a \)
- Peak level v(Pk) = \( \sqrt{2} \times v \)
- Peak level d(Pk) = \( \sqrt{2} \times d \)

**Peak-peak Level**
Measurement result is based on peak-peak level
- Peak-peak level a(PP) = a(Pk) * 2
- Peak-peak level v(PP) = v(Pk) * 2
- Peak-peak level d(PP) = d(Pk) * 2

**Moving Time-Average Level or Moving Equivalent Continuous Level**
with selectable time window 1, 2, 4 or 8 seconds.

**Clock-Impulse Maximum Level**
(Taktmaximalpegel)
Maximum velocity during a periodic 30 seconds interval with time weighting F in accordance with DIN 4150-2.

**Peak Particle Velocity PPV**
Ground or blast vibration amplitude is often measured as particle velocity or the speed at which a particle vibrates. This is quantified as peak particle velocity \( \text{PPV} \) in the units [mm/s] or [in/s]. \( \text{PPV} \) equals the level type \( \text{vel Pk} \) on the XL2-TA.
Details IEC 61672 & IEC 61260

The XL2-TA Analyzer, with the M2230 or M2340 measurement microphone, fully complies with the standards IEC 61672:2013, IEC 61672:2003, IEC 61260:2014 and IEC 61260:2003 as an integrating class 1 Sound Level Meter with A, C, Z frequency weighting and fast/slow time weighting. The impulse time weighting is optionally available with the Extended Acoustic Package.

The type approval applies to the sound level meter in accordance with IEC 61672 and the Octave/Third-Octave measurement in accordance with IEC 61260. Attention should be given to the following recommendations on the environment and the configuration.

Environment
Persons and objects that are located in the sound field during the measurement have an absorbing, reflecting or shielding impact on the sound field and may therefore compromise the measurement result. Consequently, such objects should be removed from the sound field where appropriate. The measurement microphone should be mounted on a tripod. The operator should remain as far away as possible behind the microphone during the measurement.

Configuration “Microphone Detached”
- XL2-TA Sound Level Meter
  - Hardware version: D2, E0, E1
  - Firmware version 4.71
- M2230 Measurement Microphone, consisting of
  - Microphone Preamplifier MA220
  - Microphone Capsule MC230 or MC230A
- M2340 Measurement Microphone, consisting of
  - Microphone Preamplifier MA230
  - Microphone Capsule MC230A
- ASD Cable, 5 meter or 10 meter or 20 meter
- Class 1 Sound Calibrator CAL200
- Optional
  - Optional: Extended Acoustic Pack
  - NTi Audio Mains Power Adapter Exel Line
  - NTi Audio Microphone Clamp MH01
  - NTi Audio Windsreen, 50 mm
  - NTi Audio Windsreen, 90 mm
  - XL2 Input Keypad

With the microphone connected by the ASD Cable, the analyzer can be held in your hand during the measurement. This offers the convenience of watching the measurement values as they occur.
Appendix

Configuration "Microphone Attached"
- XL2-TA Sound Level Meter
  - Hardware version: D2, E0, E1
  - Firmware version 4.71
  - Shroud MXA01
- M2230 Measurement Microphone, consisting of
  - Microphone Preamplifier MA220
  - Microphone Capsule MC230 or MC230A
- M2340 Measurement Microphone, consisting of
  - Microphone Preamplifier MA230
  - Microphone Capsule MC230A
- Class 1 Sound Calibrator CAL200
- Optional
  - Optional: Extended Acoustic Pack
  - NTi Audio Mains Power Adapter Exel Line
  - NTi Audio Windsreen, 50 mm
  - NTi Audio Windsreen, 90 mm
  - XL2 Input Keypad

Configuration "Outdoor Microphone Detached"
- XL2-TA Sound Level Meter
  - Hardware version: D2, E0, E1
  - Firmware version 4.71
- M2230 Measurement Microphone, consisting of
  - Microphone Preamplifier MA220
  - Microphone Capsule MC230 or MC230A
- M2340 Measurement Microphone, consisting of
  - Microphone Preamplifier MA230
  - Microphone Capsule MC230A
- Weather Protection WP30 with bird spike BS01
- ASD Cable, 5 meter or 10 meter or 20 meter
- Class 1 Sound Calibrator CAL200
- Optional
  - Optional: Extended Acoustic Pack
  - NTi Audio Mains Power Adapter Exel Line
  - XL2 Input Keypad
  - Dehumidifier for Weather Protection WP30

- There are no correction values required for these configurations.
- There are no correction values required for the configuration "Outdoor Microphone Detached" at vertical noise incidents.
- Activate the corresponding correction in the Calibration menu for "Outdoor Microphone Detached" at horizontal noise incidents.
Appendix

General Information

Reference Sound Pressure Level
The reference sound pressure level is 114 dBSPL relative to 20 μPa.

Reference Level Range
The reference level range is MID, 20 - 120 dBSPL

Reference Orientation
The microphone reference point is located in the middle of the microphone membrane. The 0° reference orientation and the orientation of the membrane’s surface normal is identical.

Verified Frequency Range
20 Hz to 20 kHz

Greatest Peak-To-Peak Voltage at the Electric Input
(Refer IEC61672-1 paragraphs 5.1.16, 9.3.i)
The highest sound pressure level at the M2230 microphone with a sensitivity of $S = 42$ mV/Pa is 143.5 dB.

Initial Time Interval after Power On (IEC61672-1, 5.1.18)
The XL2-TA Sound Level Meter and M2230 microphone meet the given specifications for the electro-acoustical response after an initial time interval of no more than one minute following switching on the power. This assumes that the devices have been allowed to reach equilibrium with the prevailing ambient environment before switching on the power.

Insertion of Electrical Signals
(Refer IEC61672-1 paragraphs 5.1.15, 9.3g)
The capsule replacement NTI-K65-15 can be used to insert electrical signals to the preamplifier MA220. The device provides at one side a contact that corresponds to the center contact of the replaced microphone capsule, at the other side a BNC-plug for the electrical signals. The impedance at the output of the device is 15 pF with a maximum deviation of ±1 pF. The electrical noise floor is measured by shorting the contacts of the BNC plug. Before the NTI-K65-15 can be mounted to the preamplifier MA220, the microphone capsule must first be detached. The nominal sensitivity $S$ of the capsule is $S = 42$ mV/Pa. Measurements with the NTI-K65-15 therefore require that the sensitivity in the calibration menu is manually adjusted to $S = 42$ mV/Pa.

The maximum electrical input voltage is 36 Vpp. The attenuation between the device and the XLR input of the XL2-TA is 0.78 dB at a reference frequency of 1 kHz. A 1 kHz signal with 459 mVrms level is required at the input of the device, to substitute the signal of a microphone capsule with the sensitivity 42 mV/Pa at a reference level of 114 dBSPL.
Output (Refer IEC61672-1 paragraphs 5.16.1, 9.2.5p)
The instrument provides no electrical analog or digital outputs for measurements.

Typical Time Interval Needed to Stabilize after Changes in Environmental Conditions (IEC61672-1, 6.1.2, 9.3l)
Recommended time interval for stabilizing the sound level meter after changes in environmental conditions, prior to performing any measurements:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Change in the environmental condition</th>
<th>Time Interval</th>
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<tr>
<td>Temperature ±5 °C</td>
<td>15 minutes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Temperature ±20 °C</td>
<td>30 minutes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Air pressure ±5 kPa</td>
<td>15 seconds</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Humidity ±30%</td>
<td>15 minutes</td>
</tr>
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</table>

The time intervals apply, for instance, after moving from a cold into a warm room, and assume that combinations of air temperature and relative humidity do not yield a dew point greater than +39 °C or less than –15 °C.

No Limit on Operational Environment (Refer IEC61672-1 paragraphs 6.3.2, 9.2.7a)
There are no restrictions in place for parts or components, which would limit the operational environment.

Exposure to Electrostatic Discharges (Refer IEC61672-1 paragraphs 6.5.2, 9.2.7b)
Heavy electrostatic discharges directly to the instrument’s connector or keyboard may interrupt the operation. The XL2-TA either switches off or freezes at the last valid measurement value. In such a case re-start the instrument. If the data logging had been active prior the interrupt, the log file may contain a gap. However, the acquired results can be identified correctly as each one is saved together with its own individual time stamp.

Exposure to AC Power and Radio Frequency Fields (Refer IEC61672-1 paragraphs 6.6.1, 9.2.7c)
The sound level meter complies with the requirements of the standards IEC61672-1:2013 and IEC61260-1:2014 regarding immunity against high frequency fields or mains power fields from 50 to 60 Hz.
Impact of Electromagnetic Fields
If the device is exposed to electromagnetic fields of 10 V/m, the measurement of sound levels below 74 dB is not specified. If the electromagnetic fields exceed 10 V/m, the exposed instrument is not specified in any level range.

Susceptibility to AC Power and Radio Frequency Fields
(Refer IEC61672-1 paragraphs 6.6.3, 9.3o)
The device has the greatest susceptibility to AC power frequency fields, if the direction of the magnetic field is the same as the orientation of the microphone axis.
The device has the greatest susceptibility to radio frequency fields in the lowest measurement range, if the surface normal of the display and the direction of the incoming radio frequency field are parallel to each other and the power supply is connected. In this case, the sound level meter should be operated without a power supply. The configuration with the greatest radio-frequency emissions levels is provided by connecting the mains power adapter to the sound level meter.

Measuring Low-Level Sound Fields
(Refer IEC61672-1 paragraphs 5.6.5, 9.2.5d)
If the sound level is very low, the measurement result is affected by the noise floor of the sound level meter. The specified configuration complies with class 1 within the given linear measuring range.

Influence of the ASD Cable
(Refer IEC61672-1 paragraphs 7.1, 9.2.6b)
The ASD Cable serves as connection cable between the XL2-TA sound level meter and the microphone in the detached configuration. There are no correction values required for this configuration.

Influence of Mechanical Vibrations
Mechanical vibrations with 1 m/s² acceleration perpendicular to the membrane of the microphone, will raise the lower limit of the linear operating range to 71 dB (A-weighted) for the frequencies 31.5 Hz, 63 Hz, 126 Hz, 250 Hz, 500 Hz, 630 Hz, 800 Hz and 1000 Hz. Mechanical vibrations with 1 m/s² acceleration parallel to the membrane of the microphone, will raise the lower limit of the linear operating range to 68 dB (A-weighted) for the frequencies 31.5 Hz, 63 Hz, 126 Hz, 250 Hz, 500 Hz, 630 Hz, 800 Hz and 1000 Hz.

Modes of Operation and Accessories
The greatest susceptibility to radio frequency fields is independent of operation mode or connected accessories.

Volume of Measurement Microphone M2230
- Equivalent Diaphragm Volume = 50 mm³
- Volume between grid and membran/housing = 92.5 mm³
- Calibrator Load Volume = 142.5 mm³
Class 1 Sound Calibrator

(Refer IEC61672-1 paragraphs 5.2.1, 5.2.7, 9.3d)

If an obligatory calibration is required for the sound level meter, in accordance with the type approval, then the Class 1 Sound Calibrator CAL200 should be used.

**Technical Details**
- Type: Larson Davis CAL200
- Level correction: -0.1 dB
- Calibration frequency: 1 kHz (= reference frequency)
- Calibration level: 114 dB (= reference sound pressure level)

**Details for Calibration**
The calibration has to be executed according to the instructions given in chapter “Calibration.” Ensure that the calibrator is set to 114 dB.

Add the free-field correction values to the reference sound pressure level, and enter the result into the XL2-TA under “Calibration Level.”

Accessory

**Input Keypad**
The Input Keypad has no effect on measured sound pressure levels of the instrument.
## Level Linearity

(Refer IEC61672-1 paragraphs 5.5.3, 5.5.9, 9.2.2e, 9.3e, 9.3f). All values refer to $S_{ref} = 42\text{ mV/Pa}^*$. The starting levels for the level linearity tests are listed in the following tables:

**Level range: Low**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>[dB]</th>
<th>$L_{A^*}$</th>
<th>$L_{C^*}$</th>
<th>$L_{Z^*}$</th>
<th>$L_{AeqT^*}$ ($t_{int} = 10s$)</th>
<th>$L_{AE^*}$</th>
<th>$L_{Cpeak^*}$</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>31.5 Hz</td>
<td>from 24 to 68 starting 54</td>
<td>from 27 to 105 starting 94</td>
<td>from 30 to 108 starting 94</td>
<td>from 24 to 68 starting 54</td>
<td>from 34 to 78 starting 54</td>
<td>from 34</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1 kHz</td>
<td>from 24 to 108 starting 94</td>
<td>from 27 to 108 starting 94</td>
<td>from 30 to 108 starting 94</td>
<td>from 24 to 34 starting 94</td>
<td>from 41 to 111 starting 104</td>
<td>from 41</td>
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<tr>
<td>4 kHz</td>
<td>from 24 to 109 starting 94</td>
<td>from 27 to 107 starting 94</td>
<td>from 30 to 108 starting 94</td>
<td>from 24 to 34 starting 94</td>
<td>from 41 to 111 starting 104</td>
<td>from 41</td>
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<tr>
<td>8 kHz</td>
<td>from 24 to 107 starting 94</td>
<td>from 27 to 105 starting 94</td>
<td>from 30 to 108 starting 94</td>
<td>from 24 to 34 starting 94</td>
<td>from 41 to 111 starting 104</td>
<td>from 41</td>
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<tr>
<td>12.5 kHz</td>
<td>from 24 to 104 starting 94</td>
<td>from 27 to 102 starting 94</td>
<td>from 30 to 108 starting 94</td>
<td>from 24 to 34 starting 94</td>
<td>from 41 to 111 starting 104</td>
<td>from 41</td>
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**Level range: Mid**

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<th>[dB]</th>
<th>$L_{A^*}$</th>
<th>$L_{C^*}$</th>
<th>$L_{Z^*}$</th>
<th>$L_{AeqT^*}$ ($t_{int} = 10s$)</th>
<th>$L_{AE^*}$</th>
<th>$L_{Cpeak^*}$</th>
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<tr>
<td>31.5 Hz</td>
<td>from 31 to 86 starting 54</td>
<td>from 32 to 123 starting 114</td>
<td>from 35 to 126 starting 114</td>
<td>from 31 to 86 starting 54</td>
<td>from 41 to 96 starting 54</td>
<td>from 41</td>
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<tr>
<td>1 kHz</td>
<td>from 31 to 126 starting 114</td>
<td>from 32 to 126 starting 114</td>
<td>from 35 to 126 starting 114</td>
<td>from 31 to 126 starting 114</td>
<td>from 41 to 136 starting 124</td>
<td>from 41</td>
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<td>4 kHz</td>
<td>from 31 to 127 starting 114</td>
<td>from 32 to 126 starting 114</td>
<td>from 35 to 126 starting 114</td>
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<td>8 kHz</td>
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<td>12.5 kHz</td>
<td>from 31 to 122 starting 114</td>
<td>from 32 to 120 starting 114</td>
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<td>from 41 to 132 starting 124</td>
<td>from 41</td>
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</table>

* If the sensitivity $S_x$ deviates from the given data, a correction value of $20\log(S_{ref}/S_x)$ has to be added.

Example: $S_x = 45\text{ mV/Pa}$ -> correction value = $20\log(42/45) = -0.6\text{ dB}$. 
#### Level range: High

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<th>[dB]</th>
<th>( L_{A_t}^* )</th>
<th>( L_{C_t}^* )</th>
<th>( L_{Z_t}^* )</th>
<th>( L_{AeqT}^* )</th>
<th>( L_{AE}^* )</th>
<th>( L_{Cpeak}^* )</th>
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<td>31.5 Hz</td>
<td>from 53 to 98</td>
<td>from 51 to 137</td>
<td>from 56 to 114</td>
<td>from 53 to 98</td>
<td>from 63 to 108</td>
<td>from 94 to 94</td>
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<td>1 kHz</td>
<td>from 53 to 114</td>
<td>from 51 to 137</td>
<td>from 56 to 114</td>
<td>from 53 to 137</td>
<td>from 63 to 147</td>
<td>from 124</td>
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<tr>
<td>4 kHz</td>
<td>from 53 to 114</td>
<td>from 51 to 137</td>
<td>from 56 to 114</td>
<td>from 53 to 137</td>
<td>from 63 to 148</td>
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<td>from 53 to 137</td>
<td>from 63 to 143</td>
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<td>12.5 kHz</td>
<td>from 53 to 114</td>
<td>from 51 to 137</td>
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<td>from 53 to 137</td>
<td>from 63 to 143</td>
<td>from 124</td>
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Sound pressure levels, which continuously exceed the specified linear measurement range and overload the microphone preamplifier, may cause in extreme cases a displayed level below the actual sound pressure level.
Level Linearity of Octaveband-Spectrum

in accordance with IEC 61260.
All values refer to Sref = 42 mV/Pa*.

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<th>Level Range</th>
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<td>LOW</td>
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<tr>
<td>20</td>
<td>45-108 dB</td>
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<tr>
<td>31.5</td>
<td>25-108 dB</td>
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<tr>
<td>63</td>
<td>23-108 dB</td>
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<tr>
<td>125</td>
<td>14-108 dB</td>
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<td>250</td>
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<td>2000</td>
<td>17-108 dB</td>
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<td>4000</td>
<td>19-108 dB</td>
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<td>19-108 dB</td>
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<tr>
<td>16000</td>
<td>18-108 dB</td>
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</table>

The sampling rate of the filters is 48 kHz.

* If the sensitivity Sx deviates from the given data, a correction value of 20*log(Sref/Sx) has to be added.
Example: Sx = 45 mV/Pa -> correction value = 20*log(42/45) = -0.6 dB
## Level Linearity of Third-Octaveband-Spectrum

in accordance with IEC 61260.

All values refer to \( S_{\text{ref}} = 42 \text{ mV/Pa} \).

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<td>50</td>
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The sampling rate of the filters is 48 kHz.

* If the sensitivity \( S_x \) deviates from the given data, a correction value of \( 20 \times \log(S_{\text{ref}}/S_x) \) has to be added.

Example: \( S_x = 45 \text{ mV/Pa} \) -> correction value = \( 20 \times \log(42/45) = -0.6 \text{ dB} \)
Self-generated Noise with Microphone

(Refer IEC61672-1 paragraphs 5.6.1 to 5.6.4, 9.2.5o)

Self-generated noise with electrical input device @ S = 42 mV/Pa

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The averaging time is 30 seconds for all measurements.
Frequency Response Corrections

(Refer IEC61672-1 paragraphs 5.2.4, 5.2.5, 5.2.6 und 9.2.4d)
The below listed wind screen corrections may be selected in the XL2-TA Sound Level Meter.
The listed uncertainty applies for all here listed measurements and corrections. Its calculated for a level of confidence of 95% with a coverage factor k=2. It represents the maximum permitted expanded uncertainty in accordance with IEC 62585.

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Based on the sound-incidence angle. (Refer IEC61672-1 paragraphs 5.3.1, 5.3.2 and 9.2.2b).

The impact on the directional response of the Windscreen 50 mm, Windscreen 90 mm and the Weather Protection WP30 is calculated by adding the frequency response correction at 0° to the below table.

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Actual
Frequency [Hz]

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The maximum measurement uncertainty of the data is with 95 % probability (k=2).

- 250 Hz to 1 kHz: 0.3 dB
- 1 kHz to 4 kHz: 0.5 dB
- 4 kHz to 8 kHz: 1.0 dB
- 8 kHz to 12.5 kHz: 1.5 dB
Information for Calibration

Type Description
- Integrating sound level meter type NTi Audio XL2-TA

Standards
The XL2-TA Sound Level Meter has been certified in accordance with the class 1 requirements of:
- DIN 45657 (2014)
- Welmec 7.2 «Software Guide» (2011)

Approval Identification
The XL2-TA Sound Level Meter requires the approved firmware as follows:
- Germany: V4.71
- France: V4.21
- Austria: V4.21
- Switzerland: V4.11

Hints for Performing the Electrical Measurements
Electrical input facility
(Refer IEC61672-1 paragraphs 5.1.15, 9.3.g)
The capsule replacement NTI-K65-15 is used to insert electrical signals to the preamplifier MA220. The device provides at one side a contact that corresponds to the center contact of the replaced microphone capsule, at the other side a BNC-plug for the electrical signals. The impedance at the output of the device is 15 pF with a maximum deviation of ±1 pF. The electrical noise floor is measured by shorting the contacts of the BNC plug. Before the NTI-K65-15 can be mounted to the preamplifier MA220, the microphone capsule must first be detached. The nominal sensitivity $S$ of the capsule is $S = 42$ mV/Pa. Measurements with the NTI-K65-15 therefore require that the sensitivity in the calibration menu is manually adjusted to $S = 42$ mV/Pa. The linear operating ranges according to IEC 61672 have been verified during the type approval procedure.

Certified Calibrator
The following sound level calibrators are certified with the XL2-TA with a 114 dB, 1 kHz reference signal:
- Larson Davis CAL200
- B&K 4231
- Norsonic Nor-1251, Nor-1256
- Microtech Gefell 4010
Compulsory Calibrated Applications
The following acoustic measurements have been verified by German PTB during the type approval process:

Instantaneous sound pressure levels:
- LAF
  A-weighted sound pressure level with time weighting FAST
- LAS
  A-weighted sound pressure level with time weighting SLOW
- LCF
  C-weighted sound pressure level with time weighting FAST
- LCS
  C-weighted sound pressure level with time weighting SLOW
- LZF
  unweighted sound pressure level with time weighting FAST
- LZS
  unweighted sound pressure level with time weighting SLOW
- LAI
  A-weighted sound pressure level with time weighting IMPULSE

Time averaged sound pressure levels:
- LCpeak
  Peak value of the C-weighted sound level
- LAeq
  A-weighted average level
- LAE
  A-weighted sound exposure level
- LAFT3eq
  A-weighted clock-impulse maximum level with time weighting FAST for a clock-impulse duration of 3 seconds
- LAFT5eq
  A-weighted clock-impulse maximum level with time weighting FAST for a clock-impulse duration of 5 seconds