



R61-AST Sensor

Integral Preamplifier

Acoustic Emission Sensor

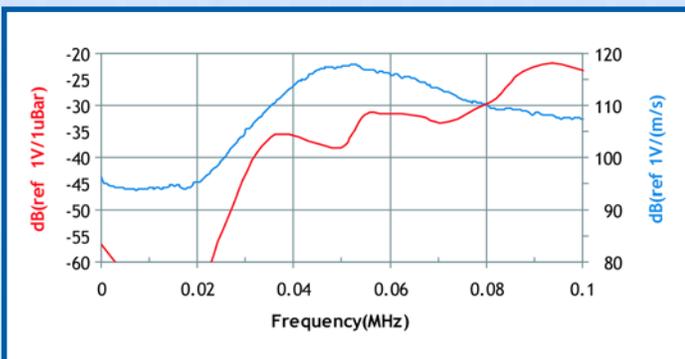
Description and Features

PAC's integral preamp sensors were specifically engineered to attain high sensitivity and have the capability to drive long cables without the need for a separate preamplifier. Incorporating a low-noise input, 40 dB preamplifier and a filter all inside the sensor housing, these transducers are completely enclosed in metal stainless steel (or aluminum) housings that are treated to minimize RFI/EMI interference. Care has also been taken to thermally isolate the critical input stage of the preamplifier in order to provide excellent temperature stability over the range of -35° to 75° C.

Their integrated Auto Sensor Test (AST*) capability allows these sensors to pulse as well as receive. This feature lets you verify the sensor coupling and performance at any time throughout the test.

Applications

Due to its high sensitivity and low resonant frequency properties, this sensor can be used for applications such as metal and FRP structures including pipelines or storage tanks in petroleum, refineries, chemical plants, and offshore platforms.



Frequency response of the R61-AST. Calibration based on ASTM E1106; Calibration based on ASTM E976.

Operating Specifications

Dynamic

Peak Sensitivity, Ref V/(m/s)	117 dB
Peak Sensitivity, Ref V/ μ bar	-23 dB
Operating Frequency Range	40 - 100 kHz
Resonant Frequency, Ref V/(m/s)	55 kHz
Resonant Frequency, Ref V/ μ bar	98 kHz
Directionality	+/-1.5 dB

Environmental

Temperature Range	-35 to 75°C
Shock Limit	500 g
Completely shielded crystal for maximum RFI/EMI immunity	

Physical

Dimensions	1.13" diameter x 1.6" h (29 x 40 mm)
Weight	98 grams
Case Material	Stainless Steel (304)
Face Material	Ceramic
Connector	BNC
Connector Locations	Side

Ordering Information and Accessories

R61	R61-AST
Cable (specify cable length)	1234 - X
Magnetic Hold-Down	MHR61
Amplifier	AE2A

Sensors include

NIST Calibration Certificate & Warranty

* AST – Auto Sensor Testing feature allows AE systems to control the sensor as a pulser and a receiver at the same time. It can therefore characterize its own condition as well as send out a simulated acoustic emission wave that other sensors can detect, so the condition of the nearby sensors also can be tested.



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