Instruction Manual

GRAS 45CA Headphone/Hearing-protector Test Fixture





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Introduction

About this Manual

Part 1 describes the items of the configurations. They are ready for use and you will normally not need to disassemble them. However, if you do, Part 2 describes how they are assembled.

Introduction to 45CA

The GRAS 45CA Hearing-protector Test Fixture is for testing:

- · Hearing protection devices such as earmuffs and earplugs
- Sound sources such as headphones (supra-aural, circum-aural) and earphones.

The test fixture is mounted on a resilient base that reduces the noise floor to a minimum in a typical test situation. Foam plugs and grease are used to avoid sound leakage along the cables.

The test fixture is delivered in the following configurations:

Testing of Hearing Protectors according to ISO 4869-3

For testing of ear muffs, two configurations are available, either with 1" or ½" microphones:

45CA-11" 40EN Externally Polarized Pressure Microphones, conforms with ISO 4869-3.

45CA-2 1/2" 40AD Prepolarized Pressure Microphones, conforms with ISO 4869-3.



Testing of Headphones

For testing of headphones, two configurations with IEC 60318-1 ear simulators are available, either with externally or prepolarized microphones.

45CA-3 RA0039 IEC 60318-1 Ear Simulators, with 40AG Externally Polarized microphones.

45CA-4 RA0039 IEC 60318-1 Ear Simulators RA0039, with 40A0 Pre-polarized Microphones.

Testing of Headphones, Earplugs, and Insert Earphones

For testing of headphones and insert earphones, two configurations with pinnae simulators and IEC 60318-4 ear simulators are available, either externally polarized or prepolarized.

45CA-5 RA0045 IEC 60318-4 Ear Simulators RA0045, externally polarized.

45CA-6 RA0045-S1 IEC 60318-4 Ear Simulators, prepolarized.

45CA-7 RA0045 IEC 60318-4 Ear Simulators, ext. polarized, with anthropometric pinnae.

45CA-8 RA0045-S1 IEC 60318-4 Ear Simulators, prepolarized, with anthropometric pinnae.

High-Frequency/Hi-Re Testing

For testing up to 20 kHz, two configurations with High-Frequency Ear Simulators are available, either with externally or prepolarized microphones and anthropometric pinnae.

45CA-9 RA0401 High-Frequency Ear Simulators, with externally polarized microphones.

45CA-10 RA0402 High-Frequency Ear Simulators, with pre-polarized microphones.

For testing up to 50 kHz, two configurations with Hi-Res Ear Simulators are available, either with externally or prepolarized microphones and anthropometric pinnae.

45CA-11 RA0403 Hi-Res Ear Simulators, with externally polarized microphones.

45CA-12 RA0404 Hi-Res Ear Simulators, with pre-polarized microphones.

Low Noise / ANC testing

45CA-13 Low noise Ear Simulators & anthropometric pinnae

All configurations are 2-channel.

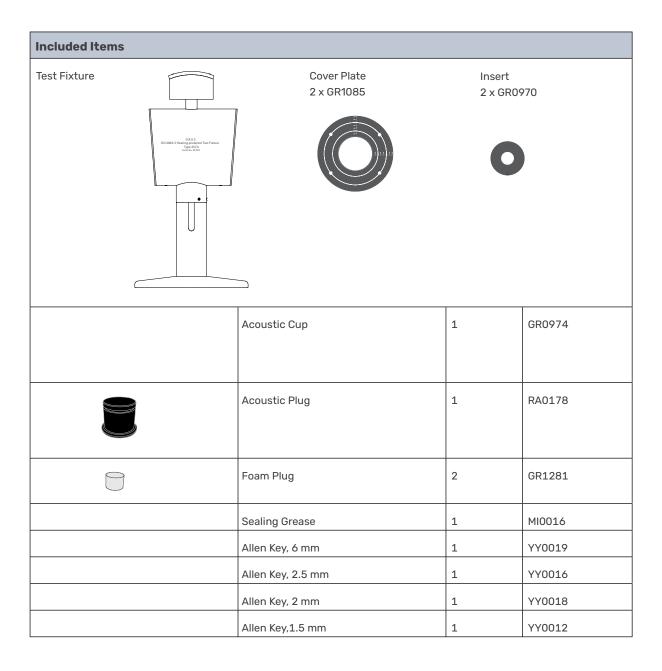
TEDS Compatibility

Test fixtures with constant-current power (CCP) microphone components (configurations -2, -4, -6, -8, -10, and -12) are IEEE 1451.4 TEDS v. 1.0 compliant. If your measurement platform supports Transducer Electronic Data Sheets (TEDS), you will be able to read and write data like properties and calibration data.

Delivered Items

45CA Headphone/Hearing-protector Test Fixture, Non-configured

The components listed below are delivered if you order a 45CA, non-configured. If you order a pre-configured 45CA, the components that comprise the 45CA, non-configured are delivered as part of the pre-configured assembly.





45CA-1 Headphone/Hearing-protector Test Fixture, ISO 4869-3, 1" Mic. LEMO

The 45CA-1 is a configuration for testing of outside-the-ear devices, i.e. for measuring the insertion loss of earmuffs and the sound quality of headphones. In this configuration, 45CA is configured with two GRAS 40EN 1" pressure microphones. 40EN is an IEC 61094 WS1P 1" externally polarized pressure microphone.

This configuration conforms with ISO 4869-3.

45CA-1 is delivered fully configured, individually calibrated and ready for use.

| Included Items | | |
|----------------|---|------------|
| | 1" Externally Polarized Pressure Microphone | 2 x 40EN |
| | 1" to ½" Adapter | 2 x RA0017 |
| | ½" to ¼" Adapter | 2 x RA0003 |
| | 1/4" Preamplifier, Short | 2 x 26AS |

45CA-2 Headphone/Hearing-protector Test Fixture, ISO 4869-3, 1/2" Mic. CCP

The 45CA-2 is a configuration for testing of outside-the-ear devices, i.e. for measuring the insertion loss of earmuffs and the sound quality of headphones. In this configuration, 45CA is configured with two GRAS 40AD $\frac{1}{2}$ " pressure microphones. 40AD is an IEC 61094 WS2P $\frac{1}{2}$ " prepolarized pressure microphone.

This configuration conforms with ISO 4869-3. 45CA-2 is delivered fully configured, individually calibrated and ready for use.

| Included Items | | |
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| infantu Gegananii | ½" Prepolarized Pressure Microphone, High Sensitivity (Used without its protection grid) | 2 x 40AD |
| inga A A A A A A A Andri | 1" Microphone protection Grid | 2 x RA0177 |
| | ½" to 1" Microphone Adapter | 2 x RA0058 |
| | ½" to ¼" Adapter | RA0412 (set) |
| | 1/4" CCP Preamplifier with Microdot Connector, Very Short. | 2 x 26CB UN |
| | Microdot to BNC Cable, 3 m | 2 x AA0070 |



45CA-3 Headphone/Hearing-protector Test Fixture, IEC 60318-1 LEMO

45CA-3 is configured for measurement of insertion loss of circum-aural hearing protectors and the sound quality of headphones, with two RA0039 Ear Simulators with 40AG 1/2" externally polarized microphones.

The configuration conforms with IEC 60318-1. The RA0039 cannot be used with a pinnae simulator, and therefore cannot be used for measuring in-ear earphones.

45CA-3 is delivered fully configured, individually calibrated and ready for use.

| Included Items | | |
|-------------------|--|------------|
| | IEC 60318-1 Ear Simulator | 2 x RA0039 |
| George Call Bloom | 1/2" Externally Polarized Pressure Micro- phone | 2 x 40AG |
| | 1/2" to 1" Adapter for RA0039 | 2 x RA0176 |
| | ½" to ¼" Adapter | 2 x GR0010 |
| | 1/4" Preamplifier, short | 2 x 26AS |

45CA-4 Headphone/Hearing-protector Test Fixture, IEC 60318-1 CCP

The 45CA-4 is configured with two RA0039 Ear Simulators with 40A0 1/2" prepolarized microphones. The configuration complies with IEC 60318-1 and is used for measurements of insertion loss of circum-aural hearing protectors and sound quality of headphones. The RA0039 cannot be used with a pinnae simulator, and therefore cannot be used for measuring in-ear earphones.

45CA-4 is delivered fully configured, individually calibrated and ready for use.

| Included Items | | |
|----------------|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| | IEC 60318-1 Ear Simulator | 2 x RA0039 |
| жен | ½" Prepolarized Pressure Microphone | 2 x 40A0 |
| | Adapter | 2 x RA0176 |
| | ½" to ¼" Adapter | RA0412 (set) |
| | 1/4" Preamplifier | 2 x 26CB UN |
| | Microdot to BNC Cable, 3 m | AA0070 |



45CA-5 Headphone/Hearing-protector Test Fixture, IEC 60318-4 LEMO

The 45CA-5 is configured with RA0045 externally polarized ear simulators for use with pinnae simulators. It can be used for measurements of the insertion loss of ear muffs and ear plugs, and the sound quality of earphones and headphones. The configuration complies with IEC 60318-4.

45CA-5 is delivered fully configured, individually calibrated and ready for use.

| Included Items | | |
|----------------|---|------------------|
| | Large right and left KEMAR pinna | KB0070 KB0071 |
| | Pinnae Holder Plate | 2 x GR1075 |
| | Ear Canal Extension | 2 x GR1069 |
| | IEC 60318-4 Externally Polarized Ear Simulator | 2 x RA0045 |
| | 1/2" to 1/4" Adapter | 2 x GR0010 |
| | 1/4" Preamplifier, short | 2 x 26AS |

45CA-6 Headphone/Hearing-protector Test Fixture, IEC 60318-4 CCP

The 45CA-6 is configured with RA0045-S1 prepolarized ear simulators for use with pinnae simulators. This configuration can be used for measurements of the insertion loss of ear muffs, sound quality of earphones and hearing aids. The configuration complies with IEC 60318-4.

45CA-6 is delivered fully configured, individually calibrated and ready for use.

| Included Items | | |
|----------------|--|------------------|
| | Large right and left KEMAR pinna | KB0070 KB0071 |
| | Pinnae Holder Plate | 2 x GR1075 |
| | Ear Canal Extension | 2 x GR1069 |
| | IEC 60318-4 Prepolarized Ear Simulator | 2 x RA0045-S1 |
| | ½" to ¼" Adapter | RA0412 (set) |
| | 1/4" Preamplifier, short | 2 x 26CB UN |
| | Microdot to BNC Cable, 3 m | 2 x AA0070 |



45CA-7 Headphone/Hearing-protector Test Fixture, Anthropometric Pinnae, LEMO

The 45CA-7 is configured with RA0045 externally polarized ear simulators and anthropometric pinnae simulators. It can be used for measurements of the insertion loss of ear muffs and ear plugs, and the sound quality of earphones and headphones. The configuration complies with IEC 60318-4.

45CA-7 is delivered fully configured, individually calibrated and ready for use.

| Included Items | | |
|----------------|---|------------------|
| | Large right and left anthropometric pinnae | KB5010 KB5011 |
| | Pinnae Holder Plate | 2 x GR1075 |
| | IEC 60318-4 Externally Polarized Ear Simulator | 2 x RA0045 |
| | ½" to ¼" Adapter | 2 x GR0010 |
| | 1/4" Preamplifier, short | 2 x 26AS |
| | Exterior Ear Canal (for calibration) | GR0408 |
| | Union Nut (for calibration) | GR0409 |

45CA-8 Headphone/Hearing-protector Test Fixture, Anthropometric Pinnae, CCP

The 45CA-8 is configured with RA0045-S1 prepolarized ear simulators for use with pinnae simulators. This configuration can be used for measurements of the insertion loss of ear muffs, sound quality of earphones and hearing aids. The configuration complies with IEC 60318-4.

45CA-8 is delivered fully configured, individually calibrated and ready for use.

| Included Items | | |
|----------------|--|------------------|
| | Large right and left anthropometric pinnae | KB5010 KB5011 |
| | Pinnae Holder Plate | 2 x GR1075 |
| | IEC 60318-4 Prepolarized Ear Simulator | 2 x RA0045-S1 |
| | ½" to ¼" Adapter | RA0412 (set) |
| | 1/4" Preamplifier, short | 2 x 26CB UN |
| | Microdot to BNC Cable, 3 m | 2 x AA0070 |
| | Exterior Ear Canal (for calibration) | GR0408 |
| | Union Nut (for calibration) | GR0409 |



45CA-9 Headphone/Hearing-protector Test Fixture, High-Frequency, LEMO

The 45CA-9 is configured with RA0401 externally polarized high-frequency ear simulators and anthropometric pinnae. It can be used for measurements of the insertion loss of ear muffs and ear plugs, and the sound quality of earphones and headphones. The configuration complies with IEC 60318-4.

45CA-9 is delivered fully configured, individually calibrated and ready for use.

| Included Items | | |
|----------------|--|------------------|
| | Large right and left anthropometric pinnae | KB5010 KB5011 |
| | Pinnae Holder Plate | 2 x GR1075 |
| | Externally Polarized High-Frequency Ear Simulator | 2 x RA0401 |
| | ½" to ¼" Adapter | 2 x GR0010 |
| | 1/4" Preamplifier, short | 2 x 26AS |
| | Exterior Ear Canal (for calibration) | GR0408 |
| | Union Nut (for calibration) | GR0409 |

45CA-10 Headphone/Hearing-protector Test Fixture, High-Frequency, CCP

The 45CA-10 is configured with RA0402 prepolarized ear simulators and anthropometric pinnae. This configuration can be used for measurements of the insertion loss of ear muffs, sound quality of earphones and hearing aids. The configuration complies with IEC 60318-4.

45CA-10 is delivered fully configured, individually calibrated and ready for use.

| Included Items | | |
|----------------|--|------------------|
| | Large right and left anthropometric pinnae | KB5010 KB5011 |
| | Pinnae Holder Plate | 2 x GR1075 |
| | Prepolarized High-Frequency Ear Simulator | 2 x RA0402 |
| | ½" to ¼" Adapter | RA0412 (set) |
| | 1/4" Preamplifier, short | 2 x 26CB UN |
| | Microdot to BNC Cable, 3 m | 2 x AA0070 |
| | Exterior Ear Canal (for calibration) | GR0408 |
| | Union Nut (for calibration) | GR0409 |



45CA-11 Headphone/Hearing-protector Test Fixture, Hi-Res, LEMO

The 45CA-11 is configured with RA0403 externally polarized hi-res ear simulators and anthropometric pinnae. It can be used for measurements of the insertion loss of ear muffs and ear plugs, and the sound quality of earphones and headphones. The configuration is compatible with IEC 60318-4.

45CA-11 is delivered fully configured, individually calibrated and ready for use.

| Included Items | | |
|----------------|--|------------------|
| | Large right and left anthropometric pinnae | KB5010 KB5011 |
| | Pinnae Holder Plate | 2 x GR1075 |
| | Externally polarized Hi-res Ear Simulator | 2 x RA0403 |
| | 1/4" Preamplifier, short | 2 x 26AS |
| | Exterior Ear Canal (for calibration) | GR0408 |
| | Union Nut (for calibration) | GR0409 |

45CA-12 Headphone/Hearing-protector Test Fixture, Hi-Res, CCP

The 45CA-12 is configured with RA0404 prepolarized hi-res ear simulators and anthropometric pinnae. This configuration can be used for measurements of the insertion loss of ear muffs, sound quality of earphones and hearing aids. The configuration compatible with IEC 60318-4.

45CA-12 is delivered fully configured, individually calibrated and ready for use.

| Included Items | | |
|----------------|--|------------------|
| | Large right and left anthropometric pinnae | KB5010 KB5011 |
| | Pinnae Holder Plate | 2 x GR1075 |
| | Prepolarized Hi-res Ear Simulator | 2 x RA0404 |
| | 1/4" Preamplifier, short | 2 x 26CS |
| | Microdot to BNC Cable, 3 m | 2 x AA0070 |
| | Exterior Ear Canal (for calibration) | GR0408 |
| | Union Nut (for calibration) | GR0409 |



45CA-13 HeadphoneTest Fixture - Low noise & Anthropometric Pinnae

The 45CA-13 is configured with 43BB Low Noise Ear Simulator System and anthropometric pinnae. It can be used for measurements of the insertion loss of ear muffs and ear plugs, and the sound quality of earphones and headphones, including ANC devices. The configuration is compatible with IEC 60318-4.

45CA-13 is delivered fully configured, individually calibrated and ready for use.

| Included Items | | |
|------------------|--|------------------|
| | Large right and left anthropometric pinnae | KB5010 KB5011 |
| | Pinnae Holder Plate | 2 x GR1075 |
| Pour Isl I to Co | Low-noise Ear Simulator System | 2 x 43BB |
| | Kit of 8 degr. angular adapters ½" to ¼" | RA0412 |

Accessories

| Pinnae | |
|--|--------|
| Pinnae & Ear Simulator Mounting Kit (required to hold a pinna, included in 45CA-5 and -6) Contains a cover plate, ear canal extension, screws and Allen key. | RA0172 |
| KEMAR Large Right Pinnae for GRAS 45CA (Included in 45CA-5 and -6) | KB0070 |
| KEMAR Large Left Pinnae for GRAS 45CA (Included in 45CA-5 and -6) | KB0071 |
| KEMAR Small Right Pinnae for GRAS 45CA | KB0072 |
| KEMAR Small Left Pinnae for GRAS 45CA | KB0073 |
| KEMAR Large Right Pinnae for GRAS 45CA, shore 35 | KB1070 |
| KEMAR Large Left Pinnae for GRAS 45CA shore 35 | KB1071 |
| KEMAR Right Anthropometric Pinnae for GRAS 45CA | KB5010 |
| KEMAR Left Anthropometric Pinnae for GRAS 45CA | KB5011 |

| Power Modules | |
|--|------|
| 2-Channel Universal Power Module with signal conditioning and PC interface | 12AQ |
| 2-Channel Power Module with gain, filters and SysCheck generator | 12AA |

| Calibration Equipment | |
|---|--------|
| Intelligent Pistonphone Class 0 | 42AP |
| Pistonphone Class 1 | 42AA |
| Multifunction Sound Calibrator | 42AG |
| Coupler for 1" microphones (included with 42AP but optional for 42AA) | RA0023 |
| Calibration Adapter for RA0039 (for 45CA-3 and -4 only) | RA0287 |
| ½" Calibration Adapter for KEMAR Pinnae (For 45CA-5 and -6 only) | RA0157 |
| 94 dB Pistonphone Coupler | RA0090 |



Typical Application Setups

For testing of outside-the-ear devices - the insertion loss of ear muffs and the sound quality of headphones – 45CA-1 (with 1" microphone) or 45CA-2 (with ½" microphone) can be used.

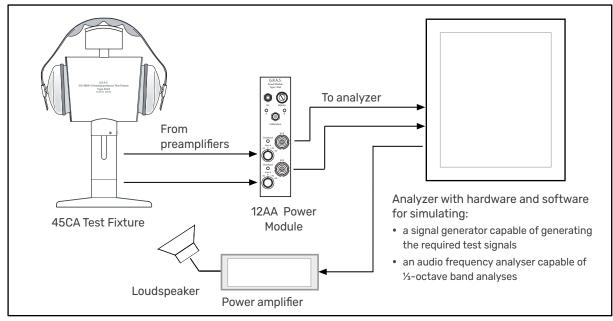


Fig. 1. A typical measurements setup for testing of the insertion loss of ear muffs.

For measurement of the sound quality of headphones, 45CA-3 or 45CA-4 can be used. They are configured with RA0039 Ear Simulators and 40AG 1/2" externally polarized or 40AO 1/2" prepolarized microphones. These configurations comply with IEC 60318-1.

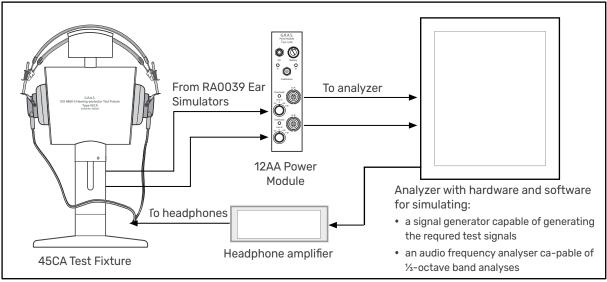


Fig. 2. A typical measurements setup for headphone testing. Here shown with externally polarized microphones (45CA-4).

For measurements of the insertion loss of ear muffs and ear plugs, and the sound quality of earphones and headphones, 45CA-5 or 45CA-6 can be used. They are configured with pinnae simulators and either externally polarized or prepolarized ear simulators.

These configurations comply with IEC 60318-4.

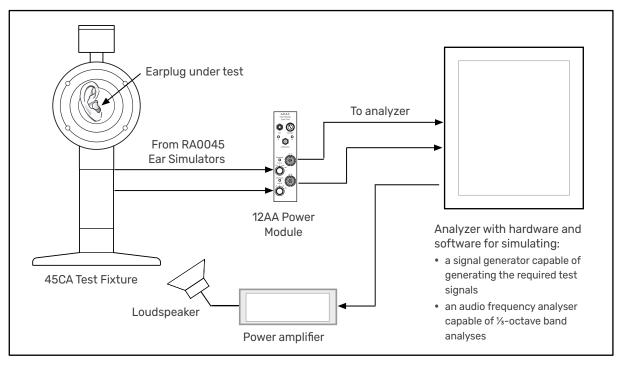


Fig. 3. Typical application setup for testing of earplugs. Here a configuration with externally polarized ear simulators is shown.

Test setups for the configurations 45CA-7 till 45CA-12 are similar to the one shown above.



Mounting the Pinnae

Mounting the Traditional Pinnae

The following pinnae are available for 45CA:

| Large Pinnae right Shore 55 | KB0070 |
|-----------------------------|--------|
| Large Pinnae left Shore 55 | KB0071 |
| Small Pinnae right Shore 55 | KB0072 |
| Small Pinnae left Shore 55 | KB0073 |
| Large Pinnae right Shore 35 | KB1070 |
| Large Pinnae left Shore 35 | KB1071 |

The RA0172 Pinnae and Ear Simulator Mounting Kit must be used. This kit is included with 45CA configurations from 45CA-5 to 45CA-10. It comprises a cover plate, four screws, and an ear holder.

- 1. Make sure that the recess in the pinnae locates with the screw in the recess and push it into the recess until it makes full contact with the base of the recess.
- 2. Make sure that the pinnae edge is flush with the surface of the test fixture
- 3. Mount the cover plate.

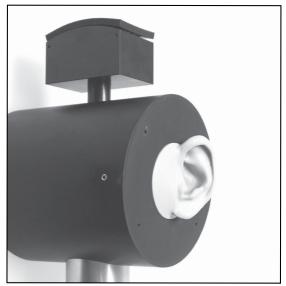
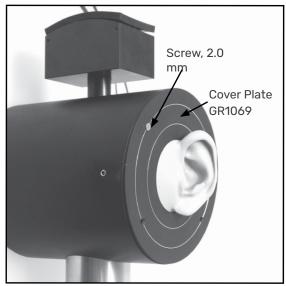


Fig. 4. Mounting the KEMAR pinnae



...and the cover plate.

Mounting the Anthropometric Pinnae

Two anthropometric pinnae ara avilable:

Right Pinnae Shore 35 KB5010 Left Pinnae Shore 35 KB5011

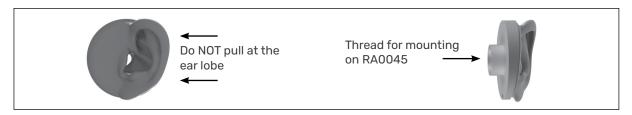


Fig. 5. Side and front view of a left anthropometric pinna.

Mounting the Anthropometric Pinna:

- 1. Slacken the screw holding the Ear Simulator, see Fig. 7.
- 2. Pull out the Ear Simulator.
- 3. Screw the Pinnae onto the Ear Simulator, see Fig. 6



Fig. 6. The pinnae is screw-mounted on the RA0045 Ear Simulator. For clarity, preamplifier and cable are not shown.

- 4. Push the assembly into 45CA as far as it will go. Ensure that the pinnae is tilted correctly (as described in the standard, e.g. the 60318-7), see also Fig. 5, the left part.
- 5. Tighten the locking screw.

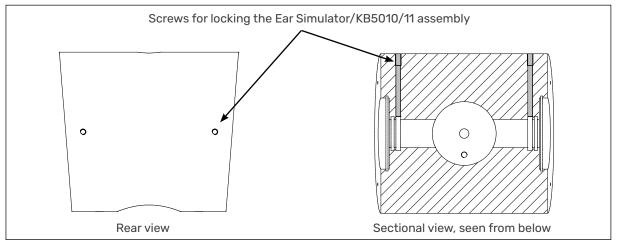


Fig. 7. Showing the screws for locking the ear simulator (RA0045 or High Resolution Ear Simulator)



Removing the Anthropometric Pinnae

As the Anthropometric Pinnae is screw-mounted onto the RA0045 Ear Simulator, this assembly must be removed from the 45CA before the pinnae can be separated from the ear simulator.

- 1. Loosen the screw holding the ear simulator, see Fig. 7 on page 24.
- 2. Gently pull out the assembly.

While holding at the centre Do **not** pull at the ear lobe of the pinnae - with a finger as pulling here repeatedly in the ear canal - gently pry may damage it outwards

Fig. 8. Showing where to pull when removing the ear simulator+ anthropometric pinnae from 45CA.

Pressure Equalization

45CA is furnished with capillary equalization tubes that connect the cavity under the ear muffs to the external air. When these tubes are not sealed, the pressure build-up that will occur when you fit the ear-muffs will be equalized.

However, before measuring according to ISO4869-3 you may have to close the tubes after having fitted the hearing protector. For this purpose, two 6 mm M3 grub screws are part of the delivery. These are mounted at the bottom of the 45CA test fixture head.

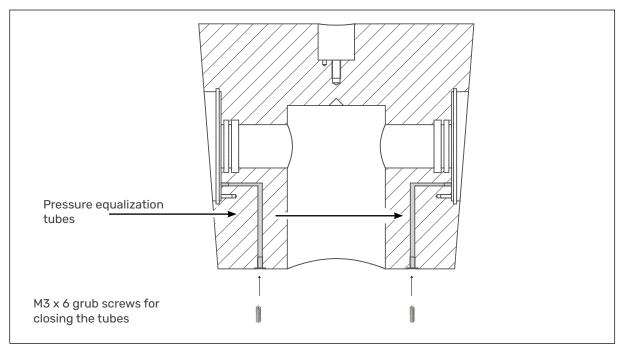


Fig. 9. Showing where to close and open the pressure equalization tubes.

The screws seal after a few turns.

Calibration and Verification

45CA-1 and 45CA-2

Before calibration, the microphone and preamplifier must be removed from the 45CA. To get a good hold on the microphone, cover plate and insert must be removed.

45CA-1 - with 1" microphone

- 1. Remove the GR1085 cover plate. Remove the four bolts using the 2 mm Allen key.
- 2. Remove the GR0970 Insert by loosening the screw at the bottom and pulling it out.
- 3. Using the 2,5 mm Allen key, loosen the two grub screws at the side of the head.

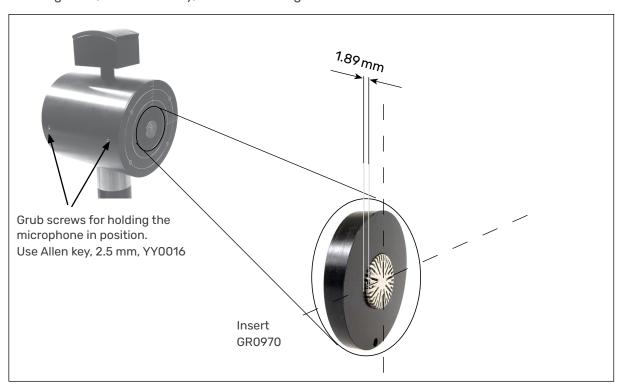


Fig. 10. The microphone can be removed for calibration when the insert and cover plate have been removed. When reinstalled, it must be located precisely as shown, protruding 1,89 mm at the horizontal center line.

4. Pull out the microphone.

You are now ready to calibrate. The GRAS RA0023 Coupler for 1" microphones must be used, it is included with the 42AP and an optional accessory for 42AA.

The correction factor is 0.0 dB, and therefore you analyzer should read 114 dB +/- correction for the static ambient pressure. Refer to your pistonphone manual for detailed calibration instructions.



Reinstalling the Microphones

When calibration has been completed, you must reinstall the microphones in the test fixture.

This is done reversing the steps on the previous page.

When installed correctly, the microphones (with protection grid) must protrude 1.89 mm at the horizontal center line as shown in Fig. 10 on page 26. This will ensure that the microphone diaphragm is flush with the surface of the 45CA at the horizontal center line, as defined in ISO 4869-3.

45CA-2 - with 1/2" Microphones

When mounted in the ½" to 1" Adapter, the ½" microphones can be calibrated the same way as the 1" microphones. Microphone and adapter can be removed as described on page 17.

Place the microphone with its adapter in the pistonphone collar.

The correction factor is 0.0 dB, and therefore you analyzer should read 114 dB +/- correction for the static ambient pressure.

Refer to your pistonphone manual for detailed calibration instructions.

45CA-3 and 45CA-4

45CA-3 and 45CA-4 can be calibrated in-situ without dismantling couplers and microphones. However, the accuracy that can be obtained is no better than ±0.3 dB, so this would rather be a verification. A proper calibration requires that the microphone is dismantled and calibrated separately.

Verification

The 45CA-3 and 45CA-4 can be verified in-situ using the Calibration Adapter RA0287.

The front is inserted into the ear simulator



This side is inserted into the pistonphone or calibrator

Fig. 11. The RA0287 Calibration/Verification adapter for the RA0039 Ear Simulator.

- 1. Loosen the Pistonphone's collar and mount the verification adapter.
- 2. Place the pistonphone onto the ear simulator.
- 3. Hold the Pistonphone strictly horizontally. An accuracy of ± 0.3 dB can be obtained.

Refer to your pistonphone manual for further instructions.

Calibration of 45CA-3 and 45CA-4

To perform a proper calibration, you must dismount the ear simulator from the test fixture.

- 1. Release the two grub screws on the side of the test fixture, see Fig. 7 on page 24. The screw must be loosened to fully release its pressure on the ear simulator. Removing the cover plate will make removal of the ear simulator easier.
- 2. Remove the ear simulator unit.
- 3. Unscrew the microphone from the ear simulator unit.
- 4. Insert the microphone in the pistonphone.

See your pistonphone manual for further instructions.

The correction factor is 0.0 dB (42AP and 42AA), and therefore you analyzer should read 114 dB +/- correction for the static ambient pressure. Refer to your pistonphone manual for detailed calibration instructions. When calibration has been done, install the microphone in the coupler and the coupler in the test fixture by reversing this procedure.

45CA-5 and 45CA-6

The RA0045/RA0045-S1 Ear Simulators can be calibrated in-situ once the pinnae has been removed.

1. Remove the pinna.



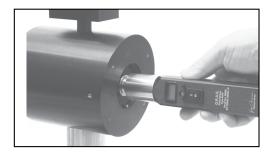


Fig. 12. In-situ calibration of 60318-4 ear simulator with pistonphone and RA0157 calibration adapter.

2. Mount the RA0157 Calibration adapter on the pistonphone.

Hold the pistonphone strictly horizontally.

The correction factor is -0.62 dB, and therefore your analyzer should read 114 dB minus 0.62dB at 250 Hz and correction for the static ambient pressure. Refer to your pistonphone manual for detailed calibration instructions.



45CA-7 to -12

As described on page 24 the anthropometric pinnae is mounted directly on the Ear Simulator, without the use of en ear canal extension. Therefore, for calibration with a pistonphone with a 1/2" coupler, the ear simulator and the anthropometric pinnae must be removed to allow mounting of the GR0408 External Ear Canal.

Removing the Ear Simulator and Anthropometric Pinna

- 1. Loosen the screw holding the ear simulator, see Fig. 7 on page 24.
- 2. Gently pull out the assembly. See also Fig. 8 on page 25.

Important. Do NOT pull at the ear lobe.



Fig. 13. Removing the anthropometric pinnae from the ear simulator.

- 3. Unscrew the pinnae simulator from the ear simulator
- 4. Mount the external ear canal with the union nut onto the ear simulator.

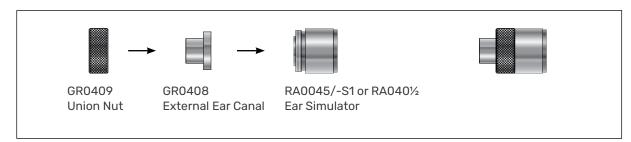


Fig. 14. Showing the External Ear Canal and Union Nut. For clarity, preamplifier and cable are not shown.

You are now ready to calibrate. The Ear Simulator fits directly into a 42AG Multifunction Calibrator with a ½" coupler. Refer to your 42AG manual for further information. See the corrections factors in the table below.

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- 1. Connect the 26HT via its LEMO plug to the LEMO input socket of the 12HF.
- 2. Connect the BNC output of the 12HF to the analyzer and switch both power module and analyzer on.
- 3. Push fit the $\frac{1}{2}$ " coupler onto the 1" coupler of the 42AG. The $\frac{1}{2}$ " is a spare part delivered with the 42AG.
- 4. Set the 42AG to 250Hz, 94 dB.
- 5. Mount the RA0234 Low-noise Ear Simulator, including GR0408 External Ear Canal as shown in Fig. 15 below, and switch on the calibrator.

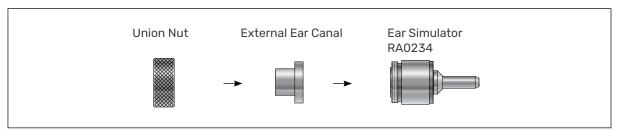


Fig. 15. Mounting the GR0408 External Ear Canal on the ear simulator.

6. Adjust the analyzer to indicate 94 dB re. 20 μ Pa. Adjust this value by a further **-0.09 dB** to account for the additional ear simulator volume.

Refer to your 42AG manual for further information.



Correction Factors

The correction factors for the various calibration options are listed below. The correction factors are needed because the different calibration options introduce varying effective volumes.

The correction factors have nothing to do with the different pinnae used.

| 45CA-1 to -12 with Standard Ear Simulator (RA0045-series and RA040X-series) | | |
|---|-------------|-------------------|
| In-situ calibration, without dismantling | | |
| | Accessories | Correction factor |
| 42AP and 42AA | RA0157 | -0.62 dB |
| The cover plate and ear simulator removed | | |
| 42AP and 42AA | GR0408 | -1.03 dB |
| 42AG @250 Hz, 114 dB | GR0408 | -0.09 dB |
| 42AG @250 Hz, 94 dB | GR0408 | -0.09 dB |
| 42AG @1KHz, 114 dB | GR0408 | -0.2 dB |
| 42AG @1KHz, 94 dB | GR0408 | -0.2 dB |

Calibration at 1 kHz

At 1 kHz, the frequency response changes from unit to unit. The actual value for the specific ear simulator is stated on the calibration chart and must be added to the correction.

For example:

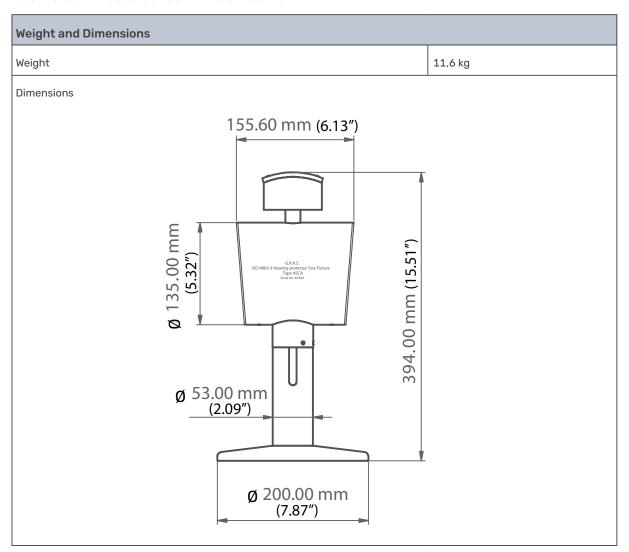
If the response of the specific ear simulator at 1 kHz is + 1.45 dB (re 500 Hz), the final correction value will be -0.2 + 1.45 = 1.25 dB.

GRAS recommends calibrating at 250 Hz whenever possible.

Technical Specifications

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45CA is built in accordance with ISO 4869-3.



45CA-1 and 45CA-2

| Self Insertion Loss, measured with closed ear simulators | |
|--|-------|
| 80 - 250 Hz | >50dB |
| 350- 4000 Hz | >65dB |
| 5000- 20000 Hz | >55dB |



45CA-3 and 45CA-4

| RA0039 Ear Simulator | | |
|----------------------------|--|--|
| Standards | | |
| IEC 60318-1 | Ear simulator for the calibration of supra-aural and circumaural earphones | |
| ITU-T Recommendation P.57 | Series P: Telephone transmission quality, Objective measuring apparatus: Artificial ears | |
| Frequency Response | | |
| Typical frequency response | Sensitivity Response, re. 250 Hz 5 9 0 -5 -10 10 100 Freq [Hz] 1000 10000 | |
| Sensitivity | | |
| Sensitivity | 12.5 mV/Pa | |
| Dynamic Range | | |
| with 40AG | 20 dBA to 164 dB | |
| with 40A0 | 20 dBA to 163 dB | |
| Dimensions | | |
| Height | 19.8.0 mm | |
| Diameter | 60 mm | |
| Environmental Calibration | Conditions | |
| Temperature | 23 °C ±3 °C | |
| Relative humidity | 60 % ±20 % | |
| Barometric pressure | 101.3 kPa ±3 kPa | |

45CA-5 to 45CA-8

| RA0045/RA0045-S1 Ear S | imulator | |
|---|--|--|
| Standards | | |
| IEC 60318-4 | Occluded-ear simulators for the measurement of earphones coupled to the ear by ear inserts | |
| ITU-T Recommendation P.57 | Series P: Telephone transmission quality, Objective measuring apparatus: Artificial ears | |
| ANSI S3.25/ASA-2009 | American National Standard For an Occluded Ear Simulator | |
| Frequency Response | | |
| Typical transfer impedance re 500 Hz | ## 15 | |
| Resonance frequency | 13.5 kHz ± 1 kHz | |
| Sensitivity | | |
| Sensitivity | 12.5 mV/Pa | |
| Dynamic Range | | |
| RA0045 (LEMO) | 25 dBA to 164 dB | |
| RA0045-S1 (CCP) | 25 dBA to 153 dB | |
| Effective Volume | | |
| at 500 Hz | 1260 mm ³ | |
| Dimensions | | |
| Height | 23.0 mm | |
| Diameter | 23.75 mm | |



45CA-9 and 45CA-10

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|---|--|
| Standards | 1 |
| IEC 60318-4 | Occluded-ear simulators for the measurement of earphones coupled to the ear by ear inserts |
| ITU-T Recommendation P.57 | Series P: Telephone transmission quality, Objective measuring apparatus: Artificial ears |
| ANSI S3.25/ASA-2009 | American National Standard For an Occluded Ear Simulator |
| Frequency Response | |
| Typical transfer impedance re 500 Hz | 55 —Typical response —Tolerance 45 35 H 000 25 29 99 15 100 1000 Frequency [Hz] |
| Resonance frequency | 13.5 kHz ± 1 kHz |
| Sensitivity | |
| Sensitivity | 12.5 mV/Pa |
| Dynamic Range | |
| RA0401 (LEMO) | 25 dBA to 164 dB |
| RA0402 (CCP) | 25 dBA to 153 dB |
| Effective Volume | |
| at 500 Hz | 1260 mm ³ |
| Dimensions | |
| Height | 23.0 mm |
| Diameter | 23.75 mm |

45CA-11 and 45CA-12

| RA0403/RA0404 Hi-Res Ear Simulator | |
|---|---|
| Standards, based on: | |
| IEC 60318-4 (compatible) | Occluded-ear simulators for the measurement of earphones coupled to the ear by ear inserts. |
| ITU-T Recommendation P.57 | Series P: Telephone transmission quality, Objective measuring apparatus: Artificial ears |
| ANSI S3.25/ASA-2009 | American National Standard For an Occluded Ear Simulator |
| Frequency Response | |
| Typical transfer impedance re 500 Hz | Typical response RA0403 GRAS RA0403 Tolerance 40 35 H 30 9 25 9 20 15 100 1000 1000 Frequency [Hz] |
| Resonance frequency | 13.5 kHz ± 1 kHz |
| Sensitivity | |
| Sensitivity | 1.6 mV/Pa |
| Dynamic Range | |
| RA0403 (LEMO) | 44 dBA to 169 dB |
| RA0404 (CCP) | 46 dBA to 174 dB |
| Effective Volume | |
| at 500 Hz | 1260 mm³ |
| Dimensions | |
| Height | 23.0 mm |
| Diameter | 23.75 mm |



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| 43BB Low Noise Ear Simulator System | |
|---|---|
| Standards, based on: | |
| IEC 60318-4 (compatible) | Occluded-ear simulators for the measurement of earphones coupled to the ear by ear inserts. |
| ITU-T Recommendation P.57 | Series P: Telephone transmission quality, Objective measuring apparatus: Artificial ears |
| ANSI S3.25/ASA-2009 | American National Standard For an Occluded Ear Simulator |
| Frequency Response | |
| Typical transfer impedance re 500 Hz | 40 35 30 25 20 — Typical 43BB — Typical RA004 … IEC tolerances |
| Resonance frequency | 13.5 kHz ± 1 kHz |
| Sensitivity | |
| Sensitivity | 800 mV/Pa |
| Dynamic Range | |
| 43BB | 10.5 dBA to 113 dB |
| Effective Volume | |
| at 500 Hz | 1260 mm ³ |
| Dimensions | |
| Height | 23.0 mm |
| Diameter | 23.75 mm |

Warranty, Service and Repair

Calibration

Before leaving the factory, all GRAS products are calibrated in a controlled laboratory environment using traceable calibration equipment.

We recommend a yearly recalibration at minimum, depending on the use, measurement environment, and internal quality control programs.

Warranty

Damaged ear simulators can be replaced or repaired. The microphone diaphragm, body, and protection grid are made of high-grade stainless steel, which makes the microphone resistant to physical damage, as well as corrosion caused by aggressive air or gasses. This, combined with the reinforced gold-plated microphone terminal which guarantees a highly reliable connection, enables GRAS to offer 5 years warranty against defective materials and workmanship.

The warranty does not cover products that are damaged due to negligent use, an incorrect power supply, or an incorrect connection to the equipment.

Service and Repairs

All repairs are made at GRAS International Support Center located in Denmark. Our Support Center is equipped with the newest test equipment and staffed with dedicated and highly skilled engineers. Upon request, we make cost estimates based on fixed repair categories. If a product covered by warranty is sent for service, it is repaired free of charge, unless the damage is the result of negligent use or other violations of the warranty. All repairs are delivered with a service report, as well as an updated calibration chart.

> Manufactured to conform with: CE marking directive: 93/68/EEC WEEE directive: 2002/96/EC RoHS directive: 2002/95/EC

GRAS Sound & Vibration continually strives to improve the quality of our products for our customers; therefore, the specifications and accessories are subject to change.