

A standard sound source  
that generates a constant sound pressure  
of 114 dB at 250 Hz

# PISTONPHONE NC-72B



- Conforms to IEC 60942 : 2017 class LS/M and class 1/M
- Supports exact frequencies (251.19 Hz)\*  
\* Exact frequencies have been adopted due to revisions to certification and inspection regulations of the Measurement Act of 2015.
- Allows calibration with precision of  $\pm 0.10$  dB
- Can also be powered by NiMH batteries
- Usable as a standard sound source in laboratories or as a calibration sound source for sound level meters on site.

## How to Use

Carefully insert a microphone all the way into the coupler. Then simply turn the power on to apply a constant sound pressure level to the diaphragm of the microphone. To use a 1/2-inch or 1/4-inch microphone, install the supplied adapter into the coupler. Turn the power switch on and ensure that the battery voltage monitor (LED) is lit during use.



Usage Example



Storage Case (Included)

## Relationship with Atmospheric Pressure

The NC-72B is designed to generate sound that has a sound pressure level of 114 dB (nominal) at an atmospheric pressure of 101.325 kPa. Because compensation may be necessary depending on the barometric pressure, a barometer is included.

## Operating Principle

Two pistons are driven symmetrically through a cam that is directly connected to the shaft of a precise motor (Fig. 1 and 2). The shape of the cam is uniquely designed to enable the pistons to operate with accurate sinusoidal motion. A special low-friction resin was used for the pistons to maintain their initial performance for about 2 000 hours without using any grease.

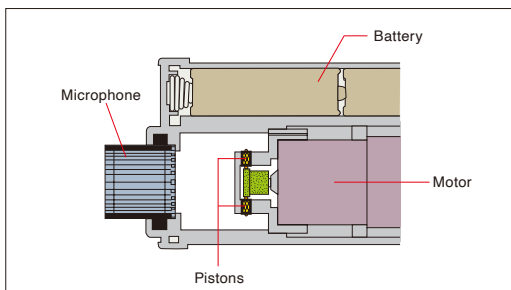


Fig. 1 (Component drawing, side view)

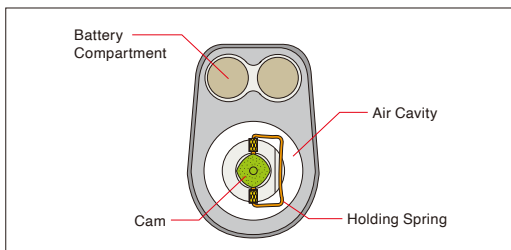


Fig. 2 (Component drawing, front view)

## Specifications(at reference environmental conditions\*)

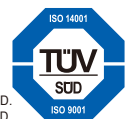
Applicable standards	IEC 60942:2017 class LS/M, class 1/M ANSI/ASA S1.40-2006 (R2016) class LS/C, class 1/C JIS C 1515:2020 class LS/M, class 1/M CE marking, WEEE Directive, Chinese RoHS	
Specified microphones	Microphones made by RION as well as microphones made by other manufacturers that meet the IEC 61094-1, IEC 61094-4 size specifications 1-inch microphones 1/2-inch microphones (supplied adapter used) 1/4-inch microphones (supplied adapter used)	
Sound pressure level	Nominal sound pressure level	114 dB
	Specified sound pressure level	114.0 dB $\pm$ 0.2 dB (As noted on supplied calibration chart)
	Specified sound pressure level tolerance	$\pm$ 0.10 dB (Using specified sound pressure level on supplied calibration chart as reference)
Frequency	Nominal frequency	250 Hz
	Specified frequency	251.19 Hz $\pm$ 0.10 Hz (As noted on supplied calibration chart)
	Specified frequency tolerance	$\pm$ 0.1 % (Using specified frequency on supplied calibration chart as reference)
THD + noise rating of generated sound	2.0 % max. (22.4 Hz to 22.4 kHz)	
Ambient conditions for operation	Static pressure	65 kPa to 108 kPa
	Ambient temperature	-10°C to +55°C
	Relative humidity	10 % to 90 % RH (no condensation)
Power supply	Six AA batteries Alkaline batteries LR6, Manganese batteries R6P, NiMH rechargeable batteries HR6 (Set the battery switch to the type of battery used)	
Battery life	15 hours or more (when in continuous use with six LR6 batteries) 4 hours or more (when in continuous use with six R6P batteries) 13 hours or more (when in continuous use with six HR6 batteries)	
Dimensions and weight	Approx. 62 mm (H) $\times$ 44 mm (W) $\times$ 170 mm (D), Approx. 750 g (including batteries)	
Supplied accessories	Carrying case x1 1/2-inch adapter x1 1/4-inch adapter x1 Barometer x1 Alkaline batteries (LR6) x6 Calibration chart x1	

\*Standard environmental conditions: static pressure of 101.325 kPa, ambient temperature 23°C, relative humidity 50 %



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