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Hydrophone and Ultrasonic Preamplifier

BII's low noise low power preamplifiers (amplifiers) have built-in filters and their gains are fixed or programmable with digital and analog control. These preamplifiers (amplifiers) are custom-fit for use in broadband (wideband) underwater SONAR, ultrasonic (Ultrasound, NDT, AE) system and material study.

Typical Applications

Hydrophone, SONAR, Underwater Communication, Navigation.	Ultrasonic (Ultrasound, AE, NDT) Testing, Material Characterization.	
Seafloor-mapping, Sub-bottom Investigation, Sediment Profiler, Acoustic Image.	Low Noise Ultrasonic Preamplifier/Instrumentation, Pulse Amplifier.	
Target Strength Testing, Towed Array, Sonobuoy, Bottom Moored Systems.	Sonic Cavitation Noise, Hand-held, Portable, Battery-operated Systems.	

BII1040 Series Low Noise Ultrasonic Preamplifier: 12 Hz to 17 MHz, 3.0 nV/vHz, 4 fA/vHz.

Specification

Low Noise Preamplifier:	BII1041	BII1042	
Input Type:	Single-ended		
	Voltage Noise $e_n = 5.2 \text{ nV/VHz}$.	Voltage Noise e _n = 3.0 nV/VHz.	
Input Referred Noise:	Current Noise $i_n = 4 \text{ fA/VHz}$.	Current Noise $i_n = 4 \text{ fA/vHz}$.	
(f ≥ 1 kHz)	Roughly, electronic noise density at input, RTI, $V_n^2 = e_n^2 + [i_n * impedance of the transducer (or hydrophone)]^2$.		
	22 MΩ 8 pF.	1 MΩ 8 pF.	
	Specify when ordering to set up -3dB high pass filter frequency w	ith Capacitance C_h of a piezoelectric sensor. Refer to $\frac{R_iC_h}{C_h}$ Filter.	
Input Impedance Ri:	Ri 50Ω matches 50Ω coax cable impedance and damps down NDT transducer to achieve good transient or pulse response or reduce		
	decaying time (or ringing) of the transducer.		
	End user may set input impedance to be 50Ω with a T type BNC a	daptor and a 50 Ω BNC Terminator.	
Maximum Input:	(Maximum Output V _{omax})/Gain. Refer to Max. Input vs. Supply Voltage.		
	White noise level is proportional to the square root of bandwidth.		
	Filters of Preamps. Both oceanic ambient noises and the self-noises of electronic devices decrease when frequency increases. Built-		
	in high pass filter rejects noises in low frequency range and impro	ove signal to noise ratio of the signals of the interest in NDT pulse or	
	AE frequency range.		
	$C_h R_i$ High Pass Filters is formed with C_h of Piezoelectric Hydroph	•	
C _h R _i High Pass Filter:	Its -3dB High Pass Frequency: $f_{-3dBH} = 1/(2\pi R_i C_h)$. that is, $R_i = 1/(2\pi R_i C_h)$	π f _{-зdBH} *Ch).	
	R _i : Input Resistance or Impedance of Preamp.		
		cer at 1 kHz (non-resonance measurement) or $f_{\scriptscriptstyle S}$ (resonance	
	measurement such as NDT pulsing system). For example:		
	(1) Hydrophone 1nF at 1kHz and preamp $R_i 22M\Omega$ constitute high pass filter with -3dB frequency 7.2 Hz.		
	(2) Hydrophone 1nF at 1kHz and preamp $R_i 1M\Omega$ constitute high		
	(3) NDT Transducer 10nF at fs and preamp $R_i 50\Omega$ constitute high		
	12 Hz to 4 MHz	10 kHz to 17 MHz	
-3dB Bandwidth:	Refer to Frequency Response. Bandpass filter Type: Second Order.		
	When a hydrophone (no preamp) works with a preamp, -3dB high pass frequency is the higher one of C _h R _i High Pass Filter and -3dB Bandwidth.		
Gain of Pass Band:	40 dB	40 dB	
Settling Time, 0.1%:	42 nS		
Output Type:	Single-ended		
Output Impedance:	50 Ω		
Maximum Output V _{omax} :	V _{omax} = (Supply Voltage Vs – 4), in Vpp.		
	1. 50Ω-Impedance Matching Coaxial Cable System: ≥ 300m.		
Cable Driving Capability:	2. Non-Coaxial Shielded Cable: Refer to Chart of Cable-Drive Capacity.		
Power Supply Vs:	+9 to +30 VDC.	+12 to +30 VDC.	
	Warning: The device will be destroyed with $Vs \ge +32VDC$.	Warning: The device will be destroyed with Vs \geq +36VDC.	
	8.0 mA with +9 VDC.	8.2 mA with +12 VDC.	
Quiescent Current:	8.8 mA with +12 VDC.	12.5 mA with +18 VDC.	
	10.5 mA with +18 VDC.	14.0 mA with +24 VDC.	
	1.2 V to 12.6 V Batteries (AA, AAA, C, and D, 9V, Coin Cell, Marine and Automobile).		
Suggested DC Supply:	Fixed DC Linear Power Supplies, Not Included.		
Suggested be supply.	DO NOT use variable power supplies whose maximum supply voltage are higher than the above rated voltage.		
	DO NOT use switching mode DC power supplies whose noise levels and harmonics are high.		
Operating Temperature:	-40 to 70 °C or -40 to 158 °F		
Storage Temperature:	-40 to 70 °C or -40 to 158 °F		
Package	Metal Housing with four mounting holes		
Input Connector:	BNC Jack (BNC)		
Output Connector:	BNC Jack (BNC)		
Power Supply:	Power Connector Jack on Housing. Power Supply Cable: <u>DCBP24</u> ,	DCBS18V.	
A 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	77x50.6x43 mm		
Size LxWxH: Weight:			

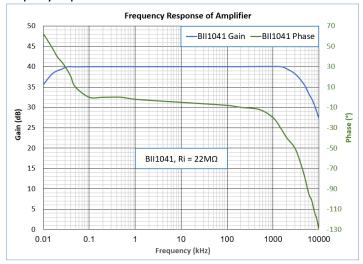


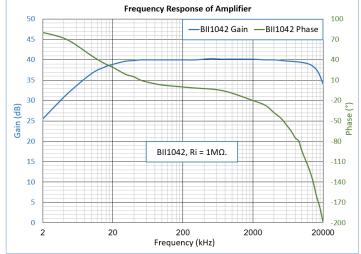
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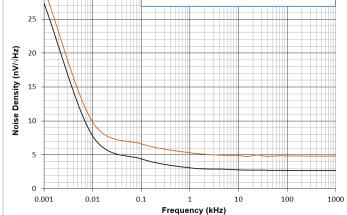


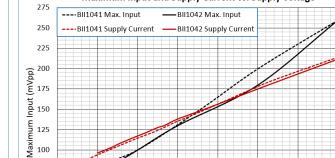


Maximum Input and Supply Current vs. Supply Voltage



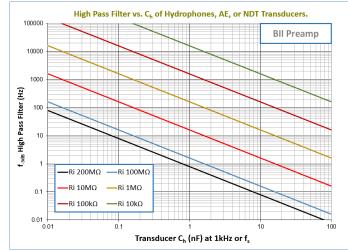
Voltage Noise Density Referred to Input (RTI):





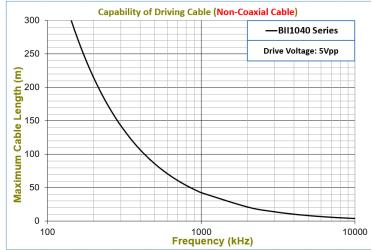
Maximum Input and Supply Current vs. Supply Voltage

High Pass Filter vs. Ch of Hydrophone, AE, or NDT Transducer.



Cable-Drive Capacity

Supply Voltage (VDC)



Supply

(mA) Current



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Standard Metal Housing. BII keeps standard parts in stock.

-Ri Input Impedance. Refer to RiCh Filter, Built-in Filter, and -3dB Bandwidth. -DC Supply Accessory Type Part Number BII1041 22 MΩ (fixed). DCBP24, DCBS18V. BII1042 1 MΩ (fixed). High Pass Filter of the preamp is the combination of R_iC_h High Pass Filter and HPF High Pass Filter. R_iC_h High Pass Filter is determined by Hydrophone C_h Example: Description: BII1041-DCBS18V: BII1041, Preamp, Input Impedance: 22MΩ, DC Supply Cable: DCBS18V. BII1042-DCBP24: BII1042, Preamp, Input Impedance: 1MΩ, DC Supply Cable: DCBP24.

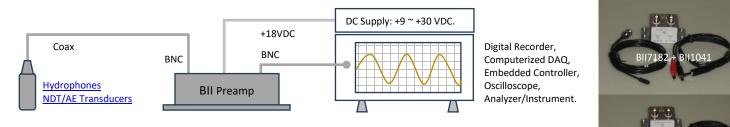
Signals and Wiring of Panel-Mount Connectors

Input or Output Signals	Power Supply
BNC Jack, Single Ended (SE).	Power Jack, Single DC Supply
Center: Signal	Center Contact: +VDC.
Shield: Common	Shell: Common.
Metal Case is for shielding and grounding.	

Signals and Wiring of Accessory Cables

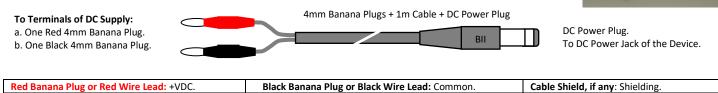
Input or Output Signals	DC Supply Cable
BNC and Coax, Single Ended (SE).	Power Plug, Single DC Supply
Center: Signal Shield: Common	Red Banana Plug: +VDC.
	Black Banana Plug: Common.
	Cable Shield, if any: Shielding.

System Wirings of Standalone Preamp.

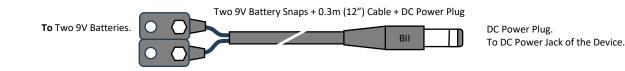


Accessories:

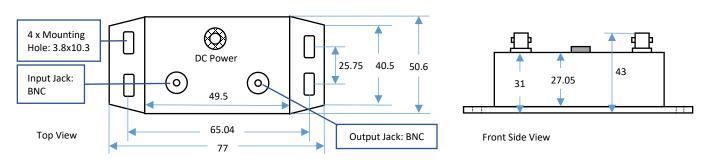
Part Number: DCBP24. One 1m DC supply cable with Red and Black Banana Plugs, and DC Power Plug.



Part Number: DCBS18V. One 0.3m (12") DC supply cable with two 9V Battery Snaps which supplies +18VDC to amplifiers, and one DC Power Plug. Note: BII will modify internal circuit to ensure the supply voltage to be within Vs range of BII1042.



Metal Housing, Outline Dimensions (mm), Illustration only, the scale is not 1:1.





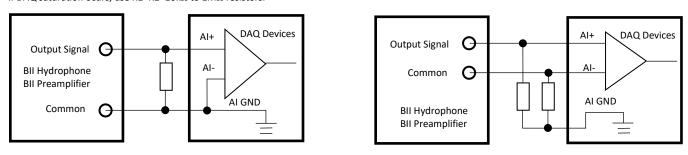
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BII's Single-Ended Output to Differential Input of a DAQ

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BII's Single-Ended Output to Single-Ended Input of a DAQ If DAQ saturation ocurs, use $R1=R2=10k\Omega$ to $1M\Omega$ resistors.



Questions

What if the connector of my transducer/sensor is SMA or SMC Connector? SMA (or SMC) to BNC (Male) adaptors are available from many electronic distributors. BII may sell the adaptor as an accessory of the device upon request. By default, BII does NOT supply the adaptor as accessories.

How do I wire 50Ω transducer/sensor to preamplifiers in high frequency applications? Many BII preamplifiers have non-50Ω input resistances which does NOT match 50Ω in high frequency applications. Therefore, one T type BNC adaptor and one 50Ω BNC terminal are necessary between 50Ω transducer/sensor and the preamplifier to change the impedance of the preamp to be 50Ω. BII may ship T type BNC adaptor and one 50Ω BNC terminal as accessories of the device. Please specify this request when ordering. **By default, BII does NOT supply these two parts as accessories**. By the way it is NOT necessary to do 50Ω matching in low frequency range applications in which electromagnetic wave lengths are much greater than the cable length.

Can BII explain why the capacitance of my hydrophone/transducer affect high pass filtering? (1). Hydrophone/transducer is high impedance devices in low frequency range. Its simplified complex impedance = $j/(2\pi fC_h)$, C_h is the capacitance of hydrophone/transducer, f is frequency in Hz. This impedance is in series with preamp R_i and can reach several M Ω to hundreds M Ω depending on C_h and f. (2). Most high-performance operational amplifiers (IC chips) can use input resistors R_i up to 1 to 200 M Ω to avoid bumping into saturation issue.