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BII7180 Series Miniature Probe Hydrophone and AE Sensor: Φ1.0 to Φ3.0mm Aperture

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Underwater Sounds: BII7180 series are miniature hydrophones with small aperture size and usable up to 3 MHz. Conical and omnidirectional directivity patterns are available. Multiple miniature probe hydrophones can be configured as a vector hydrophone (vector sensor) or array for uses in extraction of directional information (source location), measurement of particle velocity, particle acceleration and pressure gradient.

The probe hydrophones are practical and handy tools for research and application of Helmholtz Integral Equation in underwater acoustics and for the measurement of pressure or intensity distribution of near-field and far-field radiated from vibrational and acoustical sound sources underwater.

NDT in Solids: receiving audible and ultrasonic sounds, acoustic emission (AE), structural health monitoring (SHM), metallurgical properties of metals, etc... The couplant such as water or gel is a must-have material to provide efficient acoustic coupling between the receiving face of the hydrophone and the piece under test (the subject). The hydrophones can be glued on or inside subject permanently with adhesives such as epoxy.

NDT in Fluids: uses in waterlike and airlike fluids for the analysis of their macroscopic and microscopic, physical and chemical properties.

BII7180 series should not be used with flammable and/or explosive materials, and not used in Solvents such as hydrochloric acid, isopropyl alcohol, ethyl lactate, acetone, xylene, Iso hexanes, mineral spirits, etc...

Technical Notes:

Particle Velocity in x direction ux = $-1/(j\omega\rho)^*(ap/ax)$; p: Density; ap/ax: Pressure Gradient in the x direction.

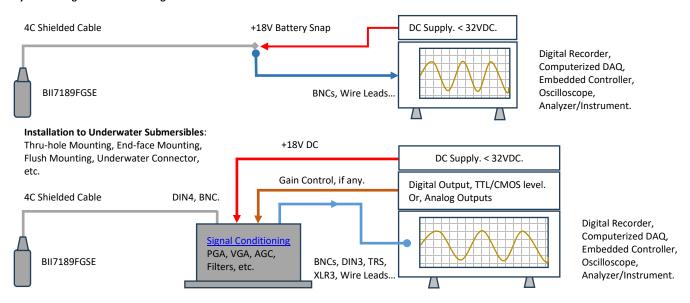
Dipole Vector Hydrophone: Voltage Response V= $M^*(d/\lambda)^*\cos\theta$; M: Amplitude Constant related to element sensitivity; d: spacing distance between two elements; θ : Arriving angle from the axis of the two elements.

$$\text{Helmholtz Integral: } p(\vec{r}) = \frac{1}{4\pi} \iint \left[\frac{e^{-jkR}}{R} j\omega \rho u(\overrightarrow{r_0}) + p(\overrightarrow{r_0}) \frac{\partial}{\partial n_0} (\frac{e^{-jkR}}{R}) \right] dS_0$$

Typical Applications

Study of Acoustic Radiation Field	General Purpose Hydrophone, Reference Hydrophone, Near-field Calibration.		
Ultrasonic Testing and Analysis, Thermoacoustic Tomography.	Acoustic Emission (AE), Non-Destructive Test (NDT), Structural Health Monitoring (SHM).		
Helmholtz Integral in Acoustics, Boundary Element Acoustics.	Trouble-shooting, Maintenance and Development of Transducers and Array.		
Vector Hydrophones/Array Elements.	High Sound Level Measurement (Warning: Cavitation will damage hydrophone)		

System Configuration of Receiving Sounds and Waves.



Specification

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The hydrophone is tested in	water unless stated otherwise.				
FG: Fixed Gain; PG: Program	ımable Gain; DF: Differential Output; SE: Single Ended Output; BPF: Band Pass Filter; HPF: High Pass Filter; LPF: Low Pass Filter.				
Part Number:	BII7189FGSE				
Consitiuity @ 3 kHz	-210 + Preamp Gain, \pm 2 dB V/ μ Pa.				
Sensitivity @ 3 kHz:	-170.0 dB V/μPa.				
Sensitivity Matching: (at 3 kHz)	When hydrophones are used as array elements, it is necessary for array elements to possess uniform sensitivities. Available Options of Sensitivity Tolerance: a. ± 2.0 (Default); b. ± 1.0 ; c. ± 0.5 in dB V/ μ Pa.				
	1. Sensitivity is tested at 3 kHz in water. 2. Hydrophones whose sensitivity variations are out of specified tolerance are rejected.				
FFVS:	Refer to Graph of FFVS vs. Frequency. Free-field Voltage Sensitivity.				
Pressure Noise Density:	Refer to Graph of Pressure Noise Density, Referred to Input (RTI), in μPa/VHz.				
	Bespoke HPF or BPF. Minimum high pass filter f. _{3dB} = 150 Hz.				
Built-in Filters:	in Water: 150 Hz ~ 700 kHz				
	in Air: 150 Hz ~ 26 kHz				

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devices decrease when frequency increases and/or				
reject noises in low frequency range and narrow the				
bandwidth. For example, if you are interested in the signals greater than 10kHz, you may specify a high pass filter with -3dB cut-off				
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to specify a high pass filter to avoid hydrophone				
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refer to signal conditioning, and order separately.				
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wire leads are for dry uses and are not waterproofed				
ed for coaxial cable. Fastening Type: Bayonet Lock.				
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4x17mm; Preamp Housing: ΦDxL=Φ21x50 mm.				
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How to Order Standard Hydrophones. BII Keeps Standard Products in Stock.

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FG: Fixed Gain; SE: S	Single-ended Output; BPF : Ban	d Pass Filter; HPF: High I	Pass Filter; LPF : Low Pass Filter.			
Part Number	-HPF/LPF	-Mounting	-Shielded Cable Length	-Cable Type	-Connectors for Signal/DC Supply	
BII7189FGSE	150 Hz ~ 700 kHz	FH: Free Hanging.	10 m (32.8 ft)	SC	WL, BNC, BS.	
In-Stock Examples:	ples: Description					
BII7189FGSE-150Hz/700kHz-FH-10m-SC-WL		BII7189FGSE Hydrophone, Bandpass Filter: 150Hz to 700kHz, Free Hanging, 10m Shielded Cable, Connector:				
		None, Wire leads.				
BII7189FGSE-150Hz/700kHz-FH-10m-SC-BNC/BS		BII7189FGSE Hydrophone, Bandpass Filter: 10kHz to 700kHz, Free Hanging, 10m Shielded Cable, Connector:				
DII/103FG3E-130HZ	//OURHZ-FH-10111-3C-BNC/B3	BNC for Signal, 9V Battery Snaps for DC Supply.				
Non-stock Example	s:	Description				
BII7189FGSE-1kHz/700kHz-FH-10m-SC-DIN4		BII7189FGSE Hydrophone, Bandpass Filter: 1kHz to 700kHz, Free Hanging, 10m Shielded Cable, Connector for				
		Signal and DC Supply: DIN4.				



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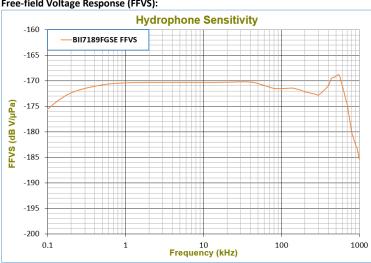
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BII7189FGSE-1kHz/700kHz-BFM-5/8"-30m-SC-	BII7189FGSE Hydrophone, Bandpass Filter: 1kHz to 700kHz, Bolt Fastening Mount: BFM-5/8", 30m Shielded
BNC/WL	Cable, BNC for Signal and Wire Leads for DC Supply.
BII7189FGSE-10kHz-FHUWC-4P	BII7189FGSE Hydrophone, High Pass Filter: 10kHz, Free-hanging with Male Underwater Connector FHUWC-4P.

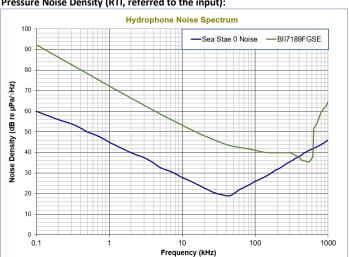
Wiring Information of Hydrophones with Fixed-gain Preamps:

Single-ended Output:	Wire Leads	UMC4P, FHUWC-4P.	BNC + Two 9V Battery Snaps	BNC + Wire Leads	DIN4
+VDC	Red	Pin 3	Battery Female Snap	Red	Pin 4
Common	Black	Pin 1	Battery Male Snap	Black	Pin 1
Signal	White	Pin 2	BNC Center	BNC Center	Pin 3
Signal Common	Blue, Green, or Yellow	Pin 4	BNC Metal Shell	BNC Metal Shell	Pin 2
Shielding	Cable Shield	N/A	BNC Metal Shell	BNC Metal Shell	Metal Shell

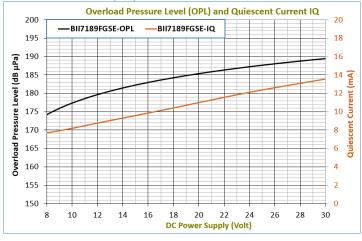
Free-field Voltage Response (FFVS):



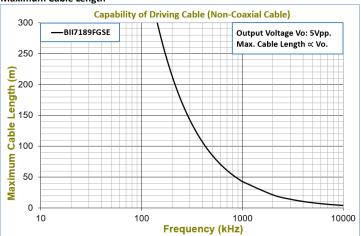
Pressure Noise Density (RTI, referred to the input):



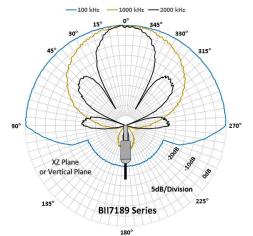
Overload Pressure Level (OPL) and Quiescent Current IQ



Maximum Cable Length



Directivity Pattern

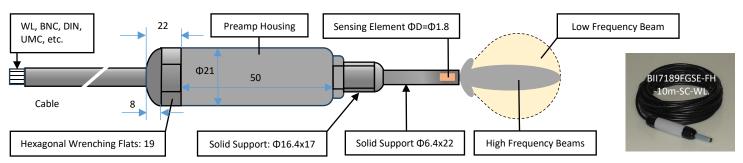


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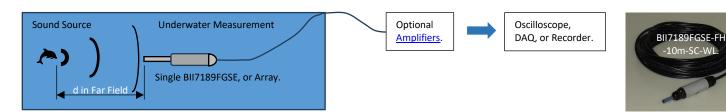
Physical Size (Dimension Unit: mm): Varies with options. Free Hanging Mounting.



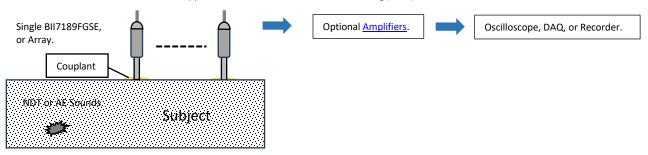
Application Notes.

1. Underwater Hydrophones: Measure Underwater Sounds and NDT Diagnostic Sounds in far field of sound sources.

Distance d of Acoustic Far Field of a Transducer: $d \ge Radiation Area/\lambda$. Line (linear) or Thin Cylinder: $d \ge (Length*Length)/\lambda$ and $d \ge Length$.



2. Contact Acoustic Sensor: NDT and AE Applications, and Structural Health Monitoring (SHM).



3. Test Data at BII Laboratory: BII7189FGSE contacts with projector face, Water as couplant.



BII Projector	f	Signal Type	Driving Voltage	Receiver	Extra Preamp	Output Voltage
BII7562/200	200 kHz	SINE and Sine Pulse	5Vpp	BII7189FGSE	None	0.7 Vpp
BII7562/200	630 kHz	SINE and Sine Pulse	5Vpp	BII7189FGSE	None	0.8 Vpp