



**engineering  
data**

**C-450 SYSTEM MODULAR  
CONDENSER MICROPHONES  
AND ACCESSORIES**



**AKG engineering data**

**C-450 SYSTEM**

**INTERIM TECHNICAL DATA**

# INTRODUCTION

When AKG introduced the C-450 System some years ago, it was both a pioneering development and a landmark event in professional audio. For the very first time, the sound engineer was offered a choice of interchangeable condenser-microphone *modules* — standardized preamplifiers, capsules and special inserts that could be mixed and mated in various combinations to create custom studio-quality microphones for any conceivable application. (Not coincidentally, the approach was similar to that of a professional photographic system with its complement of interchangeable camera bodies, lenses, filters and accessories.) What's more, the system was designed to be inherently obsolescence-proof — new modules could be easily developed and added to keep pace with the ever-changing

needs of the recording, broadcast, sound-reinforcement and film industries.

Today — greatly expanded and having undergone almost constant refinement — the C-450 System still stands at the very forefront of microphone technology. There are literally thousands of C-450 System microphone combinations in daily use throughout the world, and the list of award-winning recordings, broadcasts, films and theatrical productions (as well as world-class sporting events) that have employed these microphones is still growing — professional tribute to the system's unrivalled combination of quality, reliability and versatility.

# C 451E

## CONDENSER MICROPHONE PREAMPLIFIER

Field effect transistor (FET)

Extended long-time stability

Minimum noise

High operating reliability

Functions up to 99% relative humidity

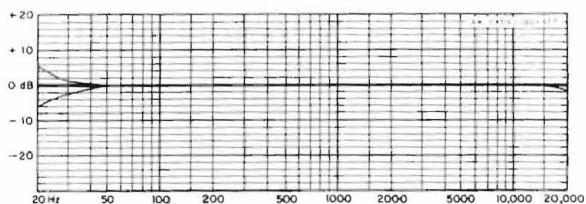
Low power consumption

For standard phantom circuit with any operating voltage from 9 to 52 v

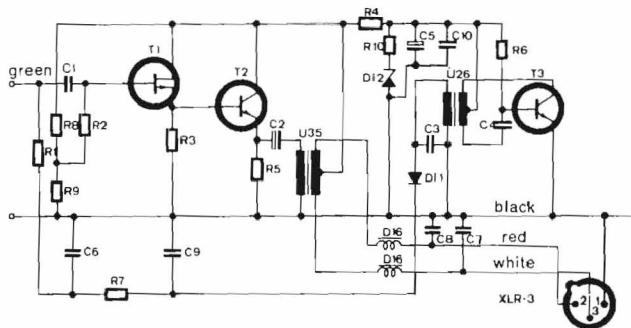
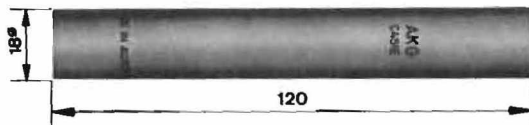
### Technical Data:

Type: FET preamplifier  
 Frequency Range: 5 ... 30 000 Hz  
 No-load Amplification:  $0.47 \pm 0.5$  db  
 Source Impedance (20 ... 20 000 Hz):  $\leq 200$  ohms  
 Supply Voltage: 9 to 52 v (d.c.). Sensitivity is proportionally reduced within the range of 7.5 to 9 v  
 Current Consumption:  $\leq 5.5$  ma (DIN 45 596)  
 Unweighted Noise Level:  $3.6 \mu\text{veff}$   
 Weighted Noise Level:  $2.2 \mu\text{veff}$ , max.  $2.8 \mu\text{veff}$   
 Equivalent Noise Level: 21 db } Filter CCITT-C/DIN 45 405  
 (sensitivity  $0.95 \text{ mv}/\mu\text{bar}$ )  
 Sensitivity to Magnetic Stray Field:  
 at 50 Hz:  $5 \mu\text{v}/50 \text{ mgauss}$   
 at 100 Hz:  $8 \mu\text{v}/50 \text{ mgauss}$   
 at 1000 Hz:  $80 \mu\text{v}/50 \text{ mgauss}$   
 Load Impedance:  $\geq 500$  ohms  
 Harmonic Distortion at 1000 Hz (UE = 200 mv):  $\leq 0.5\%$   
 Weight: 74 g.; gross weight: 370 g.  
 Temperature Range:  $-20^\circ \text{C} \dots +60^\circ \text{C}$   
 Humidity: at  $20^\circ \text{C} \dots 99\%$ , at  $60^\circ \text{C} \dots 95\%$

Frequency response curve:



Dimensions [mm.]:



# C 451EB

## CONDENSER MICROPHONE PREAMPLIFIER

2-position bass attenuator 0 db, -7 db at 50 Hz  
(roll off starts at 75 Hz), -20 db at 50 Hz (roll off starts at 150 Hz)

Field effect transistor (FET)

Minimum noise

Functions up to 99% relative humidity

Extended long-time stability

High operating reliability

Low power consumption

For standard phantom circuit with any operating  
voltage from 9 to 52 v (d.c.)



Available in two versions:  
standard matte-nickel finish  
and satin-black-chrome finish.

### Technical Data:

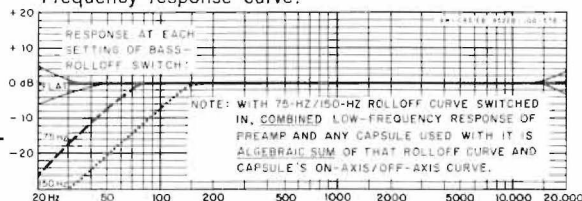
Type: FET preamplifier  
Frequency Range: 5 ... 30 000 Hz  
No-load Amplification:  $0.47 \pm 0.5$  db  
Source Impedance (20 ... 20 000 Hz):  $\leq 200$  ohms  
Supply Voltage: 9 to 52 v (d.c.). Sensitivity is proportionally  
reduced within the range of 7.5 to 9 v  
Current Consumption:  $\leq 5.5$  ma (DIN 45 596)

	linear (0 db)	75 Hz, 150 Hz
Unweighted Noise Level ( $\mu$ veff):	3.6	4.5
Weighted Noise Level ( $\mu$ veff) *):	2.2 (max. 2.5)	2.3 (max. 3.1)
Equivalent Noise Level *):	21 db	22 db

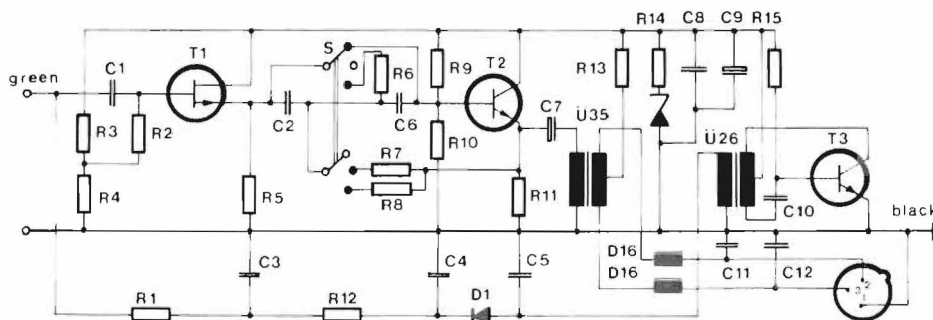
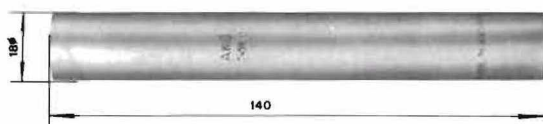
Sensitivity to Magnetic Stray Field: at 50 Hz:  $5 \mu$ v/50 mgauss  
at 100 Hz:  $8 \mu$ v/50 mgauss  
at 1000 Hz:  $80 \mu$ v/50 mgauss

Load Impedance:  $> 500$  ohms  
Weight: 85 g.; gross weight: 360 g  
Temperature Range:  $-20^{\circ}$  C ...  $+60^{\circ}$  C  
Humidity: at  $20^{\circ}$  C ... 99%, at  $60^{\circ}$  C ... 95%

### Frequency response curve:



### Dimensions [mm.]:



XLR 3

# C 452EB

## CONDENSER MICROPHONE PREAMPLIFIER

2-position bass attenuator 0 db, -7 db at 50 Hz  
(roll off starts at 75 Hz), -20 db at 50 Hz (roll off starts at 150 Hz)

Field effect transistor (FET)

Minimum noise

Functions up to 99% relative humidity

Extended long-time stability

High operating reliability

Low power consumption

For phantom circuit with an operating voltage of 48 v only  
(DIN 45 596)



Available in two versions:  
standard matte-nickel finish  
and satin-black-chrome finish.

### Technical Data:

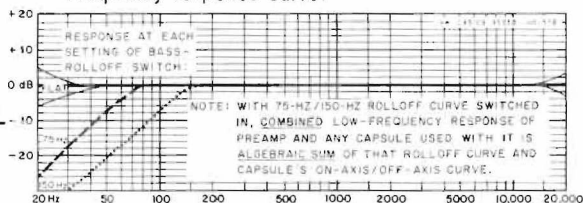
Type: FET preamplifier  
Frequency Range: 5 ... 30 000 Hz  
No-load Amplification:  $0.47 \pm 0.5$  db  
Source Impedance (20 ... 20 000 Hz):  $\leq 200$  ohms  
Supply Voltage: 48 v (+ 6 v, - 8 v)  
Current Consumption: approx. 3 ma (DIN 45 596)

	linear (0 db)	75 Hz, 150 Hz
Unweighted Noise Level ( $\mu$ vff):	3.6	4.5
Weighted Noise Level ( $\mu$ vff)*):	2.2 (max. 2.5)	2.3 (max. 3.1)
Equivalent Noise Level*):	21 db	22 db

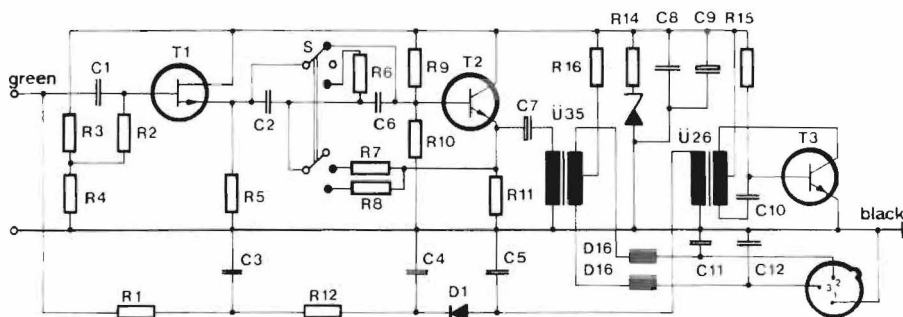
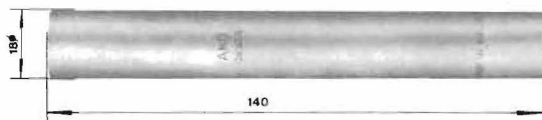
\* ) Filter GCITT-C/DIN 45 405  
Sensitivity to Magnetic Stray Field: at 50 Hz: 5  $\mu$ v/50 mgauss  
at 100 Hz: 8  $\mu$ v/50 mgauss  
at 1000 Hz: 80  $\mu$ v/50 mgauss

Load Impedance:  $\geq 500$  ohms  
Weight: 85 g; gross weight: 360 g  
Temperature Range:  $-20^{\circ}$  C ...  $+60^{\circ}$  C  
Humidity: at  $20^{\circ}$  C ... 99%, at  $60^{\circ}$  C ... 95%

Frequency response curve:



Dimensions [mm.]:



XLR-3

# CK1

## CARDIOID CONDENSER CAPSULE

Integrated ceramic electrode, highly stable, aging-resistant diaphragm

Smooth frequency response within the entire transmission range between 20 ... 20 000 Hz

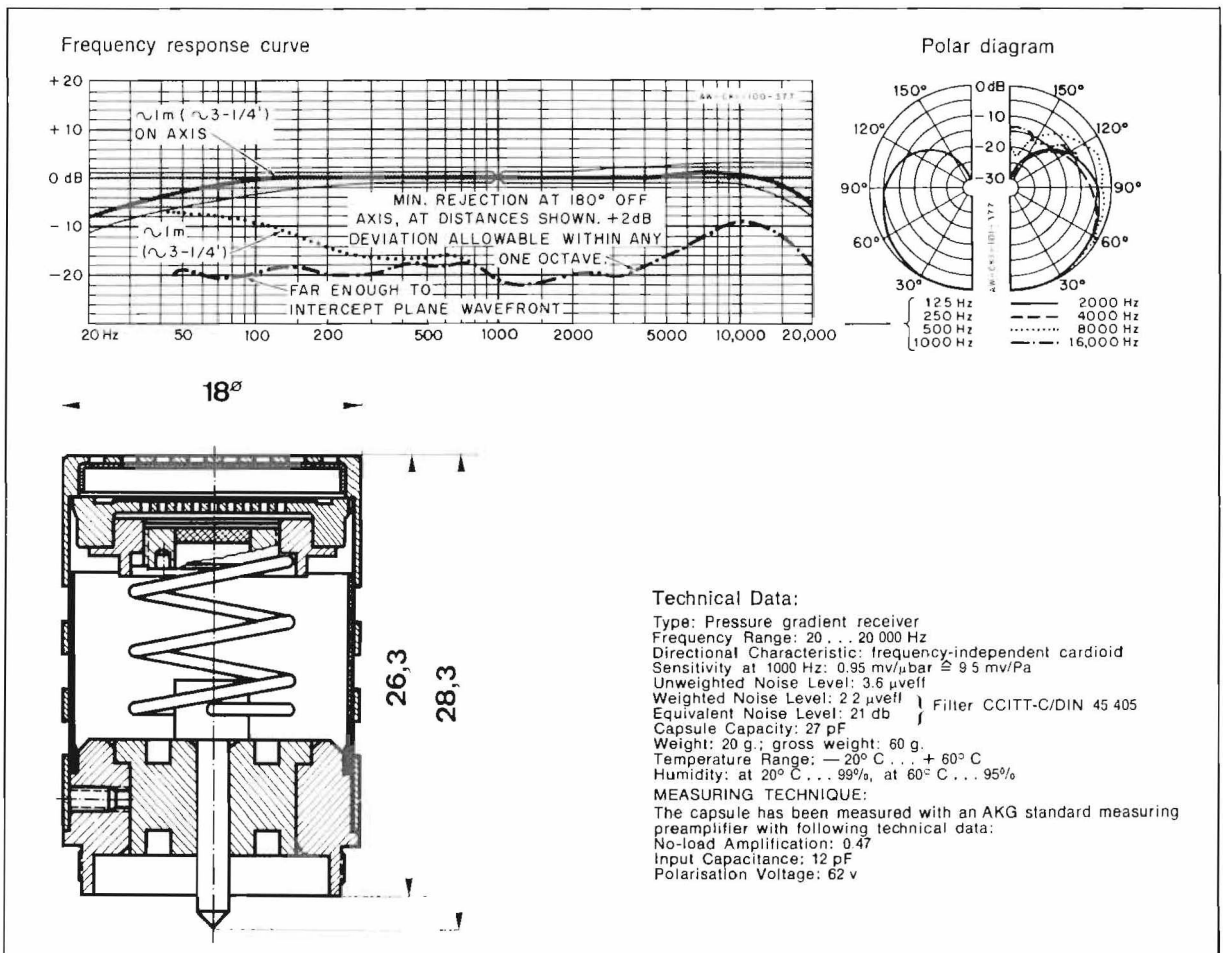
Directional characteristic: frequency-independent cardioid, with uniform front-to-back discrimination

180° cancelling > 20 db

Functions up to 99% relative humidity



Available in two versions:  
standard matte-nickel finish  
and satin-black-chrome finish.



# CK 1S

## CARDIOID CONDENSER CAPSULE

Integrated ceramic electrode, highly stable, aging-resistant diaphragm

Wide transmission range of 20 . . . 20 000 Hz with presence rise for added brilliance

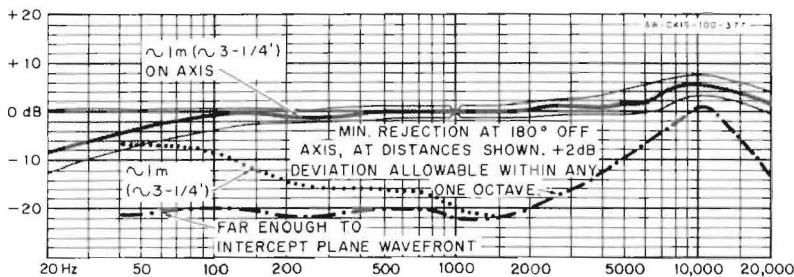
Directional characteristic: frequency-independent cardioid, with uniform front-to-back cancellation

180° cancelling > 20 db

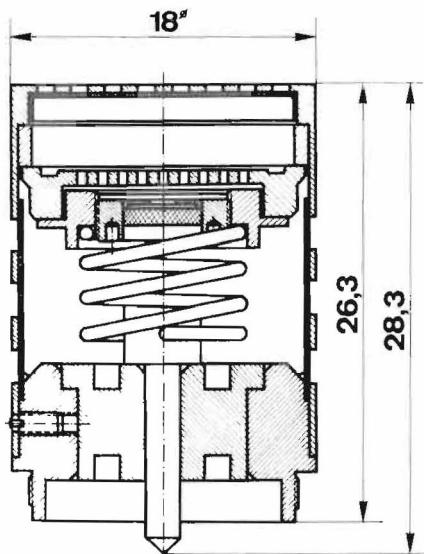
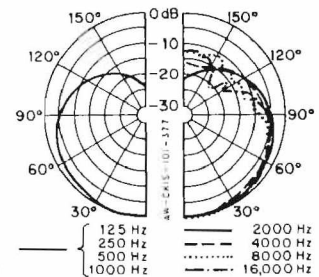
Functions up to 99% relative humidity



Frequency response curve



Polar diagram



### Technical Data:

Type: Pressure gradient receiver  
 Frequency Range: 20 . . . 20,000 Hz  
 Directional Characteristic: frequency-independent cardioid  
 Sensitivity at 1000 Hz: 0.95 mV/Pa  $\pm$  9.5 mV Pa  
 Unweighted Noise Level: 3.6  $\mu$ Veff  
 Weighted Noise Level: 2.2  $\mu$ Veff  
 Equivalent Noise Level: 21 db } Filter CCITT-C/DIN 45 405  
 Capsule Capacity: 27 pF  
 Weight: 20 g.; gross weight: 60 g.  
 Temperature Range: -20° C . . . + 60° C  
 Humidity: at 20° C . . . 99%, at 60° C . . . 95%

### MEASURING TECHNIQUE:

The capsule has been measured with an AKG standard measuring preamplifier with following technical data:  
 No-load Amplification: 0.47  
 Input Capacitance: 12 pF  
 Polarisation Voltage: 62 v

# CK 2

## OMNIDIRECTIONAL CONDENSER CAPSULE

Integrated ceramic electrode, highly stable, aging-resistant diaphragm

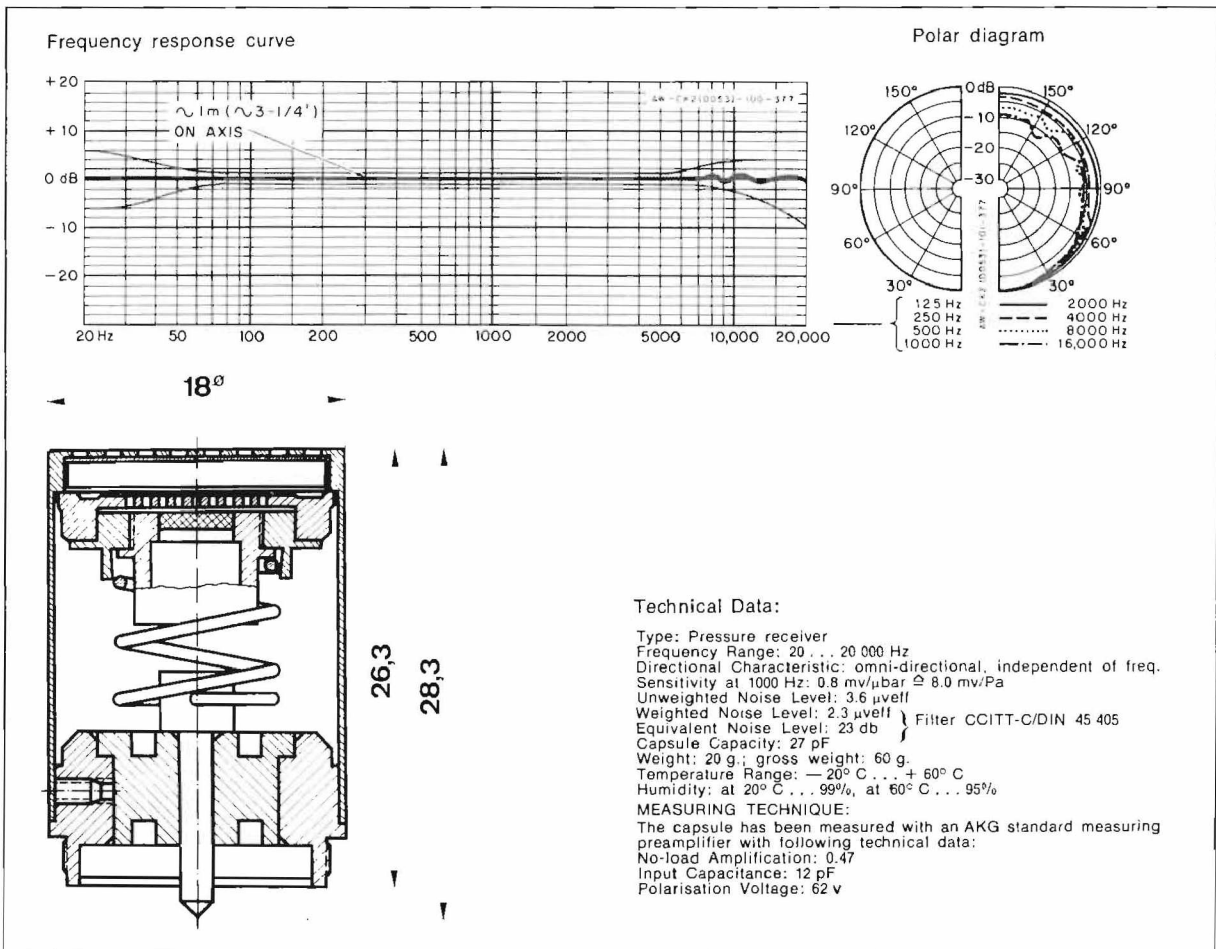
Linear frequency response over the entire transmission range between 20 . . . 20 000 Hz

Omni-directional characteristic, independent of frequency

Functions up to 99% relative humidity



Available in two versions:  
standard matte-nickel finish  
and satin-black-chrome finish.



### Technical Data:

Type: Pressure receiver  
 Frequency Range: 20 . . . 20 000 Hz  
 Directional Characteristic: omni-directional, independent of freq.  
 Sensitivity at 1000 Hz: 0,8 mV/ $\mu$ bar  $\approx$  8,0 mV/Pa  
 Unweighted Noise Level: 3,6  $\mu$ v<sub>eff</sub>  
 Weighted Noise Level: 2,3  $\mu$ v<sub>eff</sub>  
 Equivalent Noise Level: 23 db } Filter CCITT-C/DIN 45 405  
 Capsule Capacity: 27 pF  
 Weight: 20 g.; gross weight: 60 g.  
 Temperature Range: -20° C . . . + 60° C  
 Humidity: at 20° C . . . 99%, at 60° C . . . 95%

### MEASURING TECHNIQUE:

The capsule has been measured with an AKG standard measuring preamplifier with following technical data:  
 No-load Amplification: 0,47  
 Input Capacitance: 12 pF  
 Polarisation Voltage: 62 v



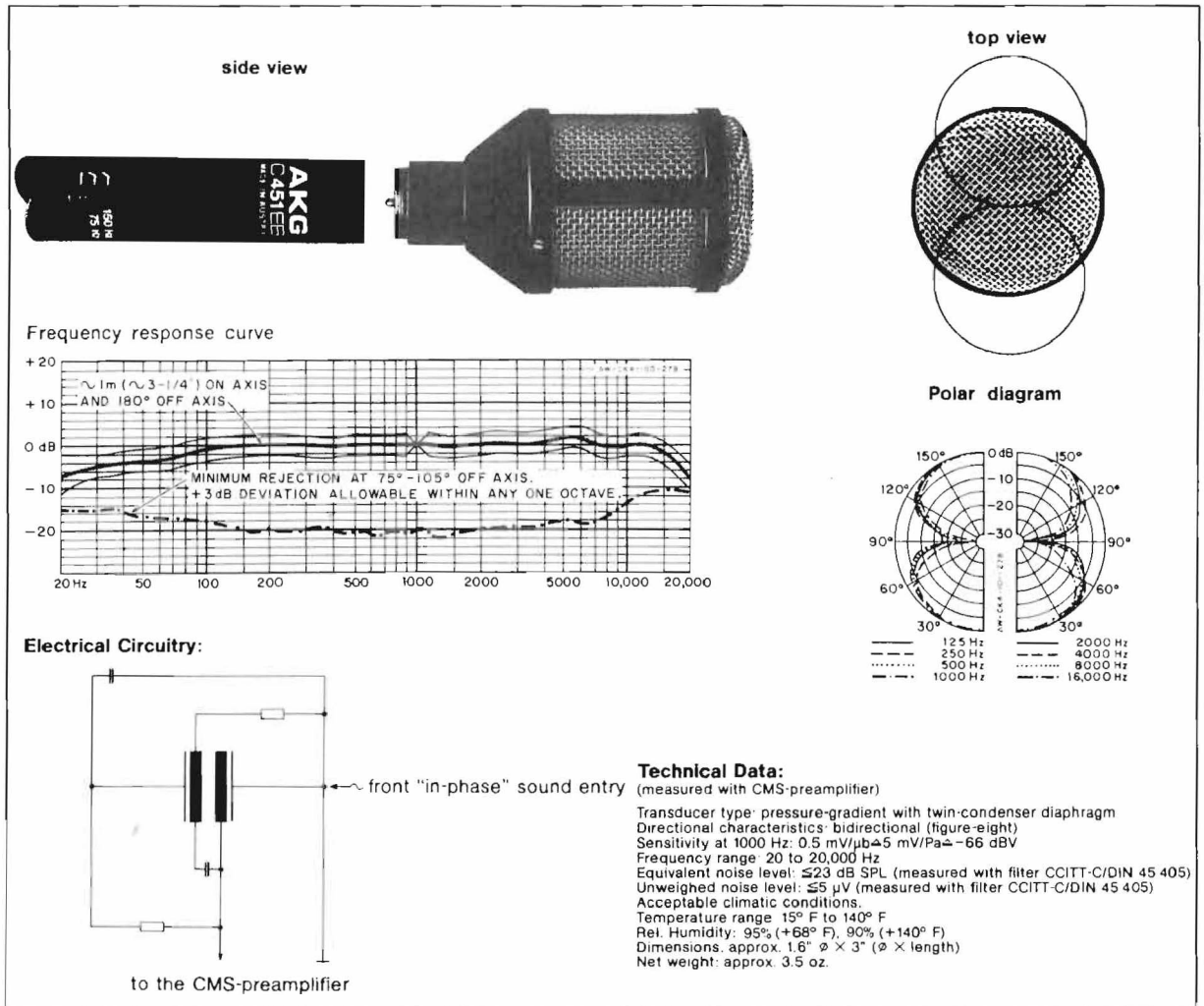
# CK4

## FIGURE-EIGHT CONDENSER CAPSULE

New addition to the CMS-product range

This symmetrically bidirectional capsule is invaluable for use in "M-S" or "Blumlein" intensity-stereo microphone arrays, as well as for non-discriminating coverage of performers who must face each other across a single microphone and for superior side rejection of noise, feedback or leakage. The CK-4 features virtually identical front and rear frequency response and sensitivity, plus exceptionally high front-to-side discrimination over

a wide range of frequencies. Its two closely matched transducer elements are oriented back-to-back, connected to an R-C combining network and elastically suspended within the capsule. An integral wire-mesh windscreen with polyurethane-foam lining minimizes the effects of breath "pop" and wind noise. The capsule is finished in satin-black chrome with a white dot to indicate its "front" (in-phase axis of maximum sensitivity).



# CK 5 CARDIOID CONDENSER CAPSULE

Integrated ceramic electrode, highly stable, aging-resistant diaphragm

Wide transmission range from 20... 20 000 Hz

Directional characteristic: frequency-independent cardioid, with uniform front-to-back cancellation

180° cancelling > 20 db

Internally suspended system

Frequency response is compensated for proximity effect characteristics

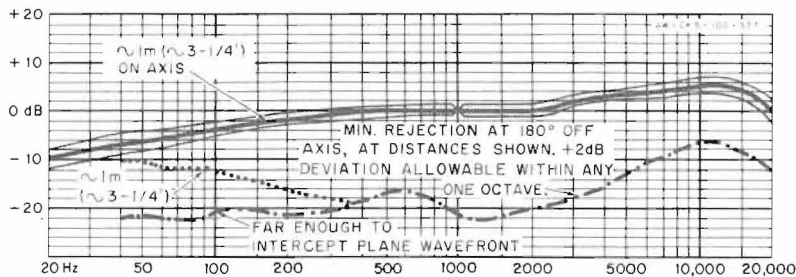
Ideal as soloist microphone:  
insensitive to mechanical shock and handling noise

Built-in wind- and pop-screen

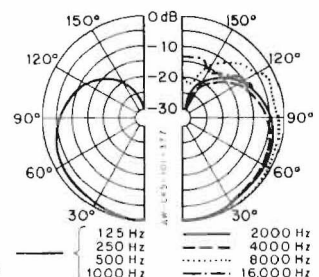
Functions up to 99% relative humidity



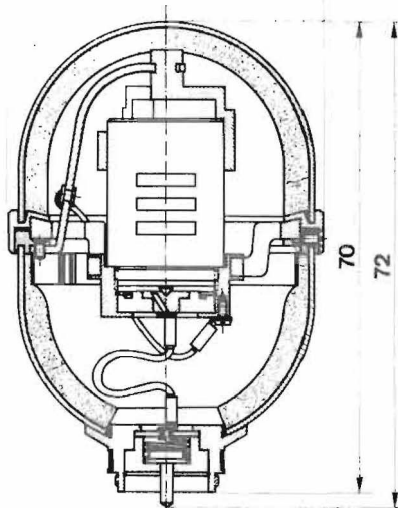
Frequency response curve



Polar diagram



49°



### Technical Data:

Type: Pressure gradient receiver  
 Frequency Range: 20... 20 000 Hz  
 Directional Characteristic: frequency independent cardioid  
 Sensitivity at 1000 Hz: 0.95 mv/Pa  $\pm$  9.5 mv/Pa  
 Unweighted Noise Level: 3.6  $\mu$ vff  
 Weighted Noise Level: 2.3  $\mu$ vff } Filter CCITT-C/DIN 45 405  
 Equivalent Noise Level: 22 db  
 Capsule Capacity: 27 pF  
 Weight: 100 g., gross weight: 200 g  
 Temperature Range: - 20° C... + 60° C  
 Humidity: at 20° C... 99%, at 60° C... 95%

### MEASURING TECHNIQUE:

The capsule has been measured with an AKG standard measuring preamplifier with following technical data:  
 No-load Amplification: 0.47  
 Input Capacitance: 12 pF  
 Polarisation Voltage: 62 v

# CK 5

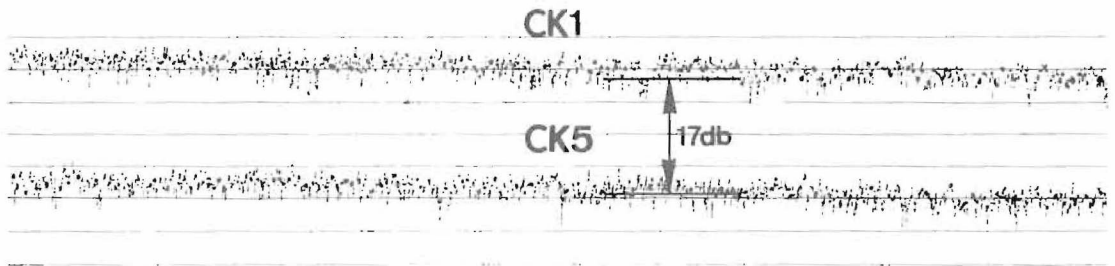
The rugged wire mesh windscreen is internally lined with polyurethane foam material (6 mm.±).

Fig. 1 illustrates the suppression of wind-noise in comparison to the CK 1. At a wind velocity of approximately 20 miles per hour the attenuation is 17 db.

Fig. 2 illustrates the suppression of shock-born sound by the CK5 suspension. The frequency of the shock pulse was at the critical lower frequency. Further suppression of shock noise may be obtained by replacing the C 451 preamplifier with the C 451.B version or by utilizing the roll-off-filter incorporated in the N 46 or the cut-off-filter of the N 46 (Fig. 3).

## Wind-noise compensation

Fig. 1



## Shock-noise compensation

Fig. 2

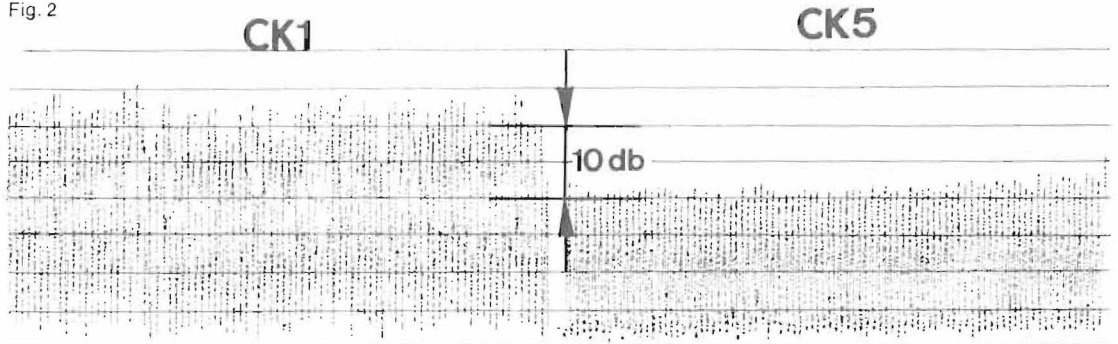
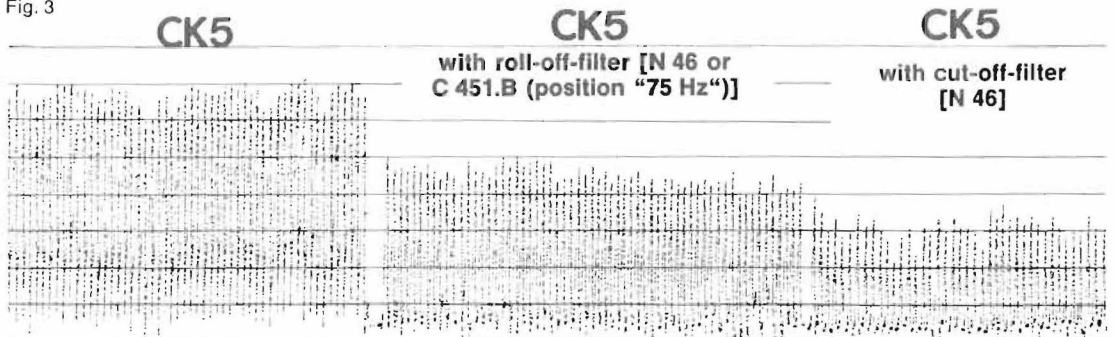


Fig. 3



# CK 8

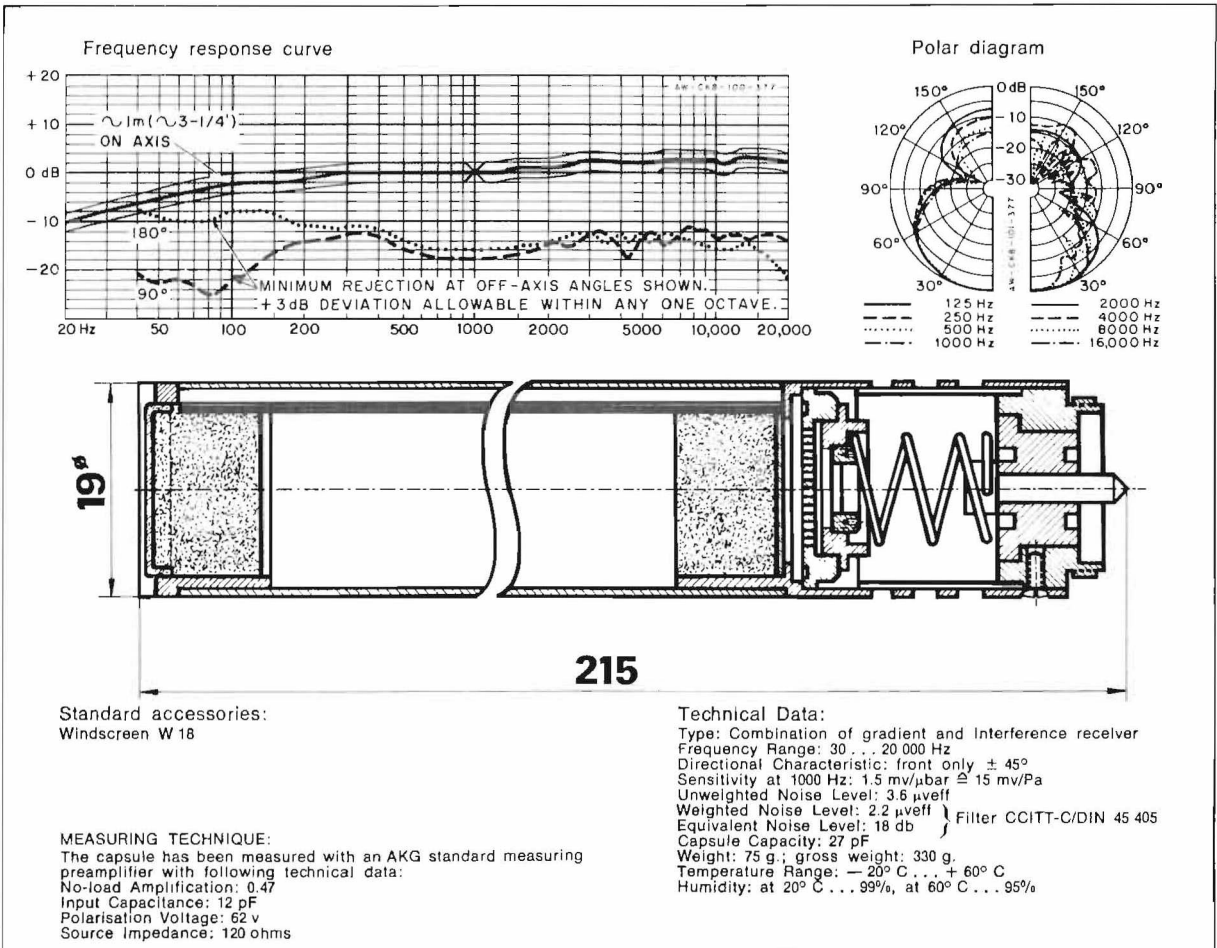
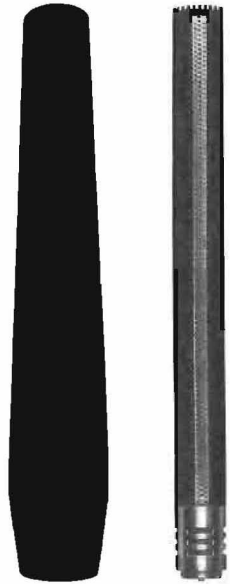
## SHORT-SHOTGUN CONDENSER CAPSULE

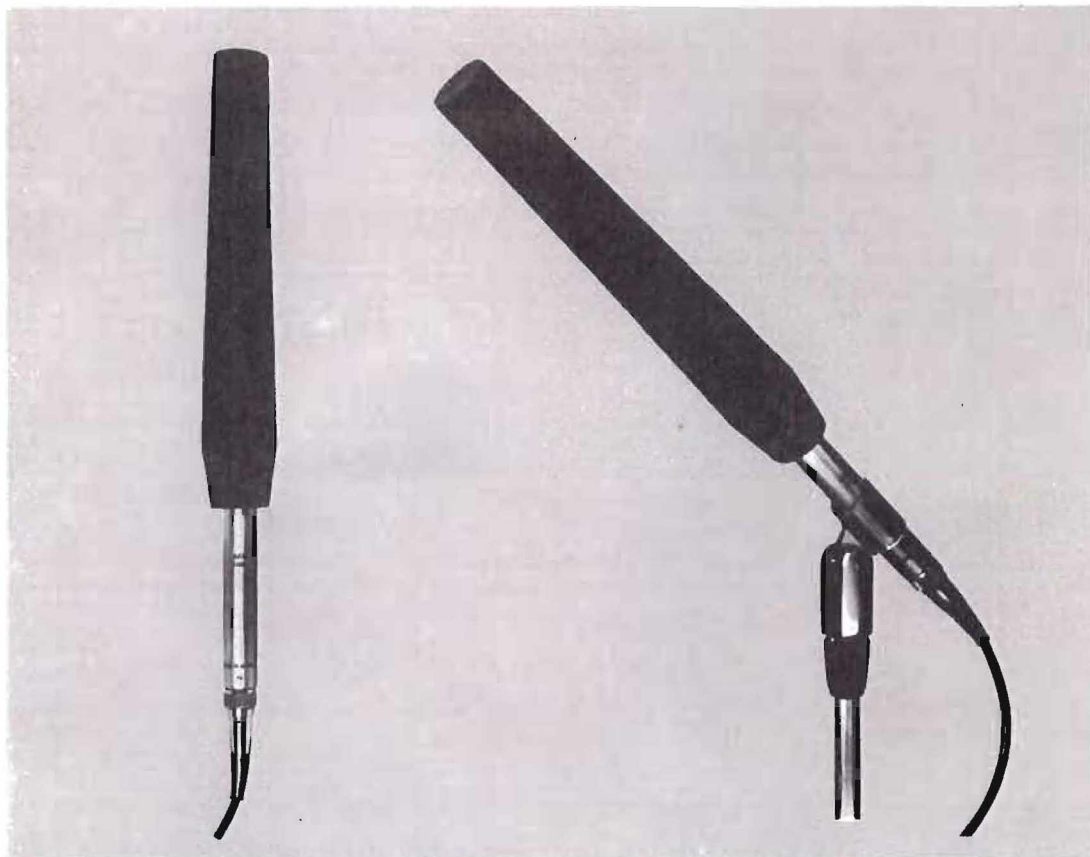
Integrated ceramic electrode, highly stable, aging-resistant diaphragm

Smooth frequency characteristic from 30 . . . 20 000 Hz  
The combination of the gradient and the interference principle results in a frequency-independent directional characteristic

Narrow pick-up pattern and medium distance "reach" (in comparison with CK 1) account for clear emphasis of the desired sound sources. For extreme directive effects we suggest the use of the CK 9 or the extension tube VR 2 with a CK 1S capsule

Functions up to 99% relative humidity

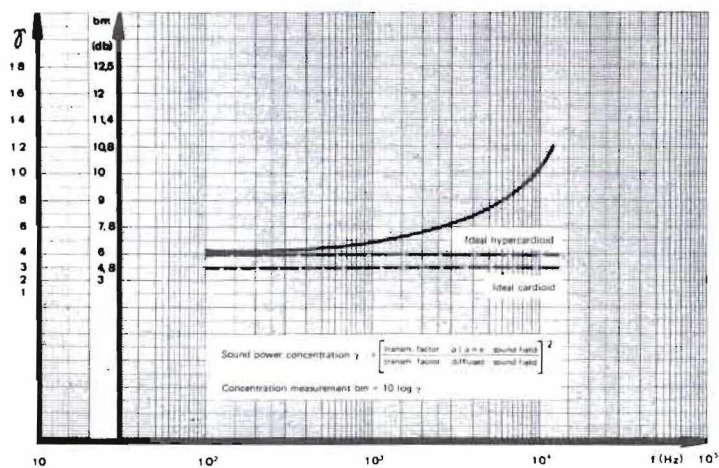




The condenser capsule CK 8 was designed to achieve a high degree of a frequency-independent sound power concentration with the smallest dimensions possible. A combination of the interference and the gradient principle was used: For higher frequencies mainly the interference effect — between the sound waves passing through the tube and the sound waves entering through the lateral coupling holes — accounts for the sound power concentration whereas

for low frequencies a large pressure gradient receiver — using the pressure difference of the sound coming via the on-and off-axis entries (with phase shifter) — creates a very good sound power concentration.

In combining these effects with an extremely careful dimensioning of the tube it became possible to increase the sound power concentration from about  $\gamma = 3$  in the case of the cardioid to  $\gamma = 6$  in the case of the directional tube (see graph). For practical purposes it is possible to be about two and a half times farther away from the sound source (if the ratio of direct sound to indirect sound remains constant) or at an unchanged distance the level of the diffused sound will be reduced by at about 6—8 db. Due to a small pick-up angle (6 db drop at  $\pm 60^\circ$  from the 0-axis) the orientation and placing of the microphone should be done with care.



# CK 9

## SHOTGUN CONDENSER CAPSULE

Integrated ceramic electrode, highly stable, aging-resistant diaphragm

Smooth frequency characteristic from 30 . . . 18 000 Hz

By combining the gradient and the interference principle a frequency-independent directional characteristic results in

High directional accuracy

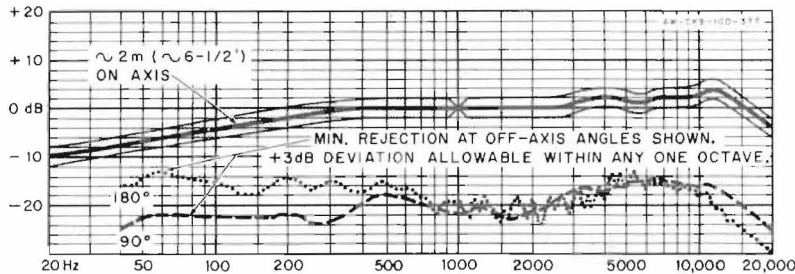
Clear emphasis of the desired sound sources

Undesired extraneous noise is effectively suppressed

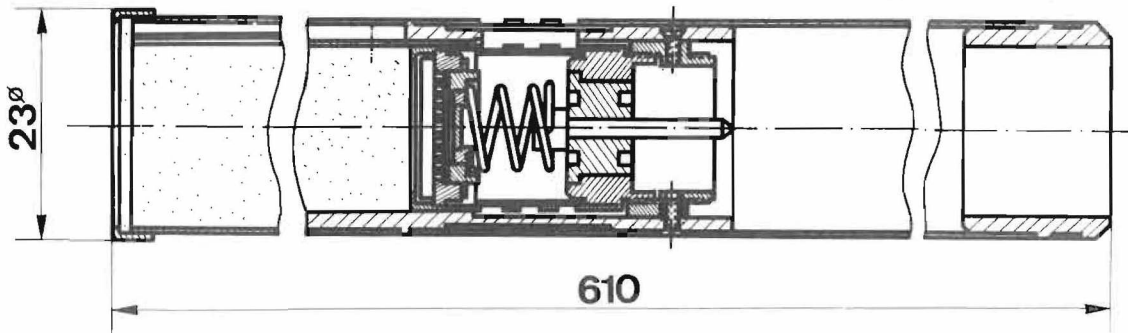
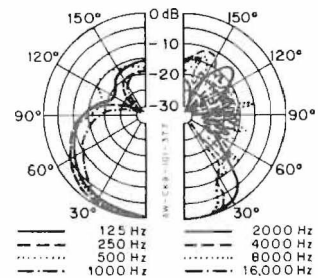
The high concentration permits a greater working distance from the microphone

Functions up to 99% relative humidity

Frequency response curve



Polar diagram



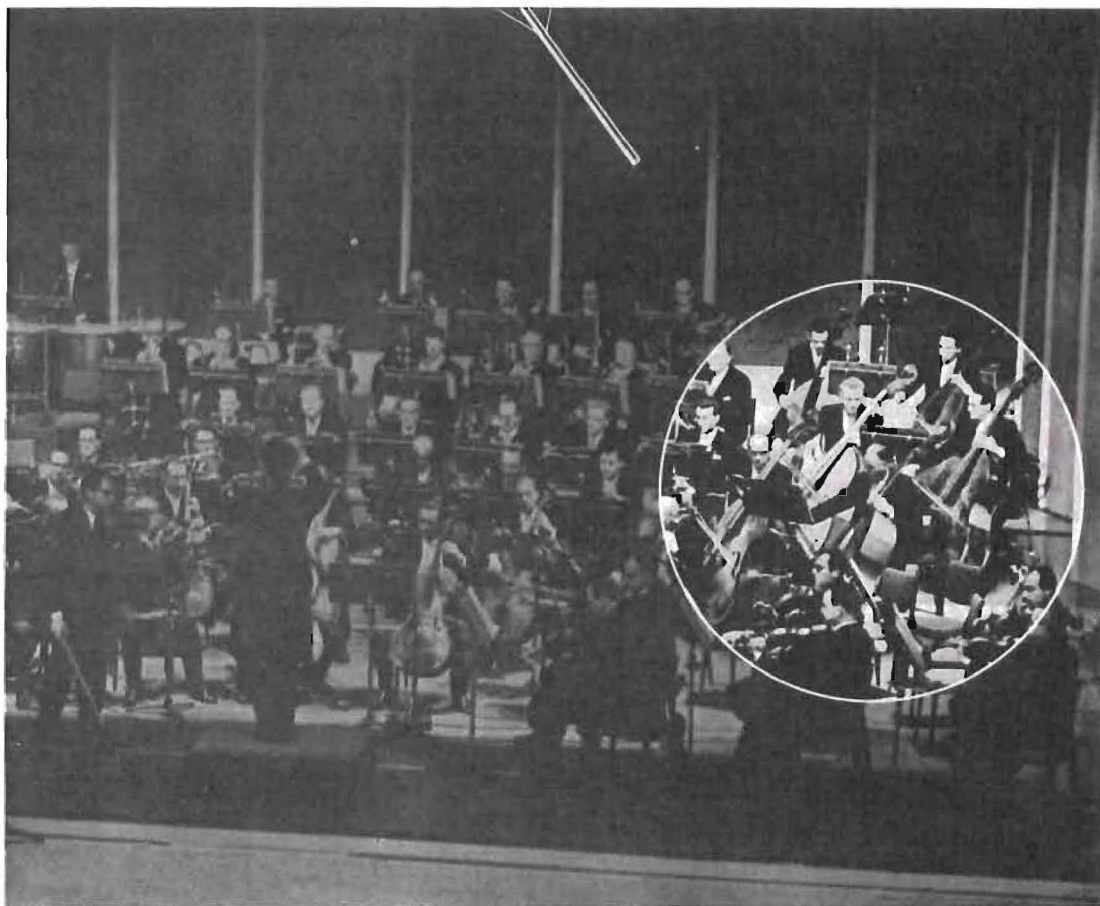
**Technical Data:**

Type: Combination of gradient and interference receiver  
 Frequency Range: 30 . . . 18 000 Hz  
 Directional Characteristic: front only  $\pm 30^\circ$   
 Sensitivity at 1000 Hz: 1.1 mv/ $\mu$ bar  $\approx$  11 mv/Pa  
 Unweighted Noise Level: 3.6  $\mu$ v eff }  
 Weighted Noise Level: 2.2  $\mu$ v eff } Filter CCITT-C/DIN 45 405  
 Equivalent Noise Level: 21 db }  
 Capsule Capacity: 27 pF  
 Weight: 480 g.; gross weight: 950 g.  
 Temperature Range:  $-20^\circ$  C . . .  $+60^\circ$  C  
 Humidity: at  $20^\circ$  C . . . 99%, at  $60^\circ$  C . . . 95%

**MEASURING TECHNIQUE:**

The capsule has been measured with an AKG standard measuring preamplifier with following technical data:  
 No-load Amplification: 0.47  
 Input Capacitance: 12 pF  
 Polarisation Voltage: 62 v

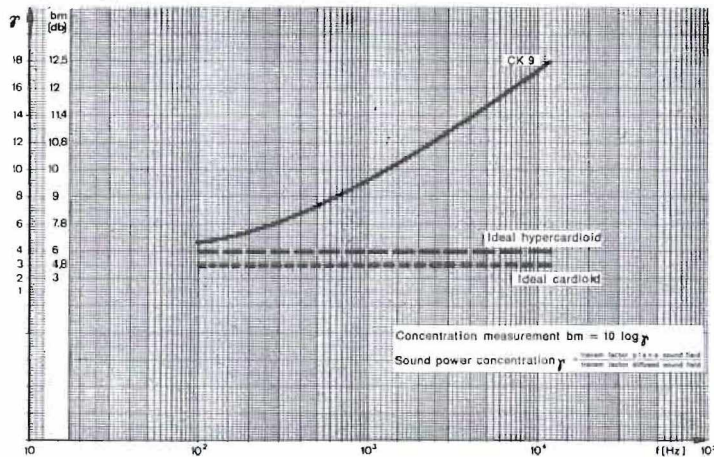
# CK 9



The condenser capsule CK 9 was designed to achieve a high degree of a frequency-independent sound power concentration with the smallest dimensions possible. A combination of the interference and the gradient principle was used: For higher frequencies mainly the interference effect — between the sound waves passing through the tube and the sound waves entering through the lateral coupling holes — accounts for the sound power concentration whereas

for low frequencies a large pressure gradient receiver — using the pressure difference of the sound coming via the on-and off-axis entries (with phase shifter) — creates a very good sound power concentration.

In combining these effects with an extremely careful dimensioning of the tube it became possible to increase the sound power concentration from about  $\gamma = 3$  in the case of the cardioid to  $\gamma = 10$  in the case of the directional tube (see graph). For practical purposes it is possible to be about three times farther away from the sound source (if the ratio of direct sound to indirect sound remains constant) or at an unchanged distance the level of the diffused sound will be reduced by at about 8–10 db. Due to a small pick-up angle (6 db drop at  $\pm 45^\circ$  from the 0-axis) the orientation and placing of the microphone should be done with care.



# A 50

## ATTENUATION PAD

Avoids overload problems

Insert between capsule (CK 1–CK 8) and preamplifier or extension tubes VR 1, VR 2

Attenuation 10 db (A 50/10) or 20 db (A 50/20) over the entire transmission range

Frequency response is not changed

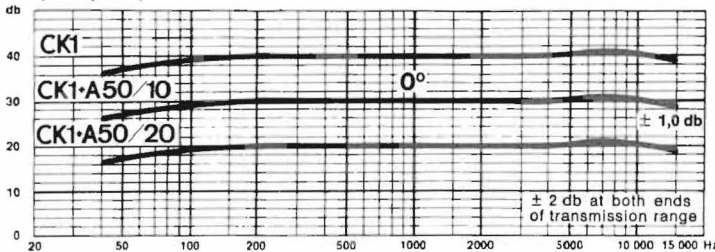
Any desired combination possible (see table below)

Color engraved, 10 db – red, 20 db – green, for indication of pre-attenuation in use



Available in two versions:  
standard matte-nickel finish  
and satin-black-chrome finish

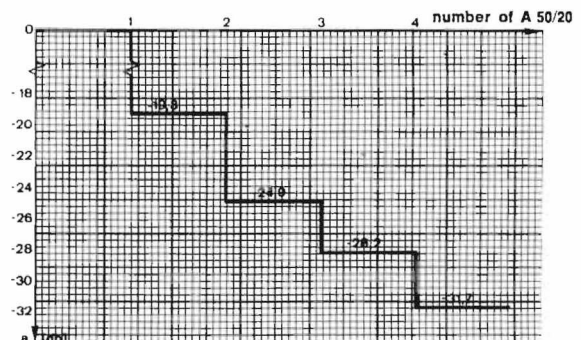
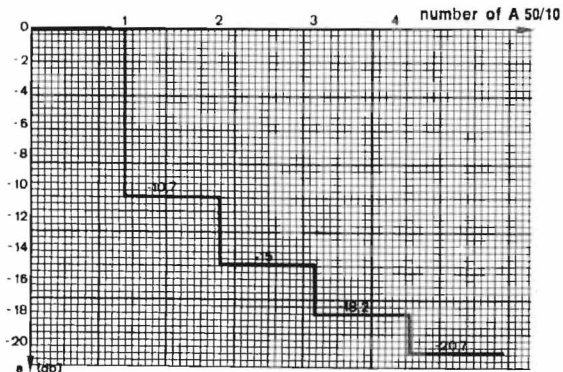
Frequency response curve:



Combination	attenuation
A 50/10	10 db
A 50/20	20 db
A 50/10 + A 50/20	22 db
2 x A 50/20	24 db
3 x A 50/20	28 db

Technical Data:

Type: A 50/10 attenuation 10 db red engraved  
 A 50/20 attenuation 20 db green engraved  
 Dimensions: 14.5 mm long x 18 mm diameter  
 Weight: 15 g





# A 51

## SWIVEL JOINT

Range  $\pm 90^\circ$  from the microphone axis

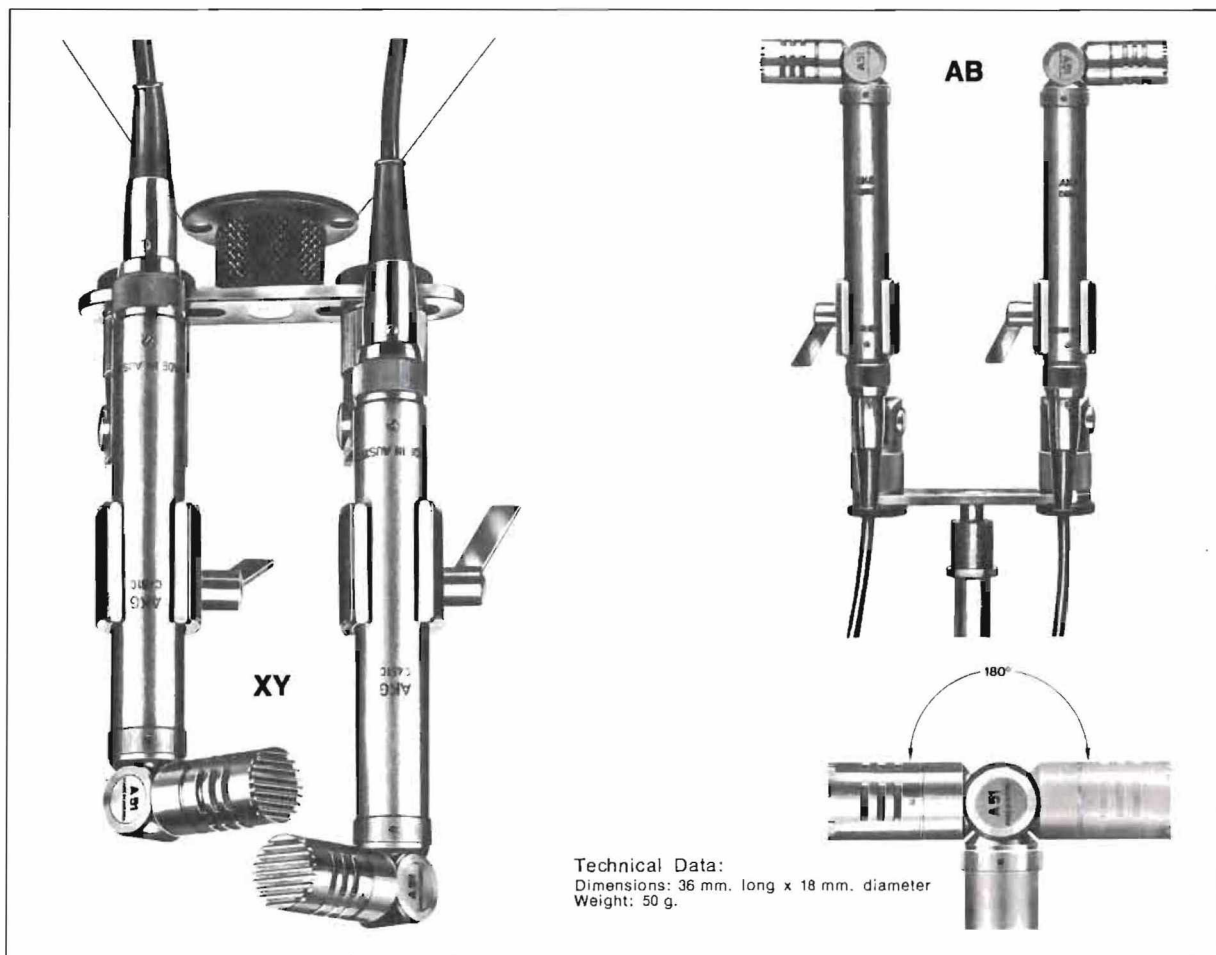
Insert between capsule and preamplifier or between extension tubes VR 1, VR 2 and attenuator A 50

For AB and XY stereophonic pick-up

May be positioned in any angular direction



Available in two versions:  
standard matte-nickel finish  
and satin-black-chrome finish.



# A 52

## PHANTOM-POWERING MODULE

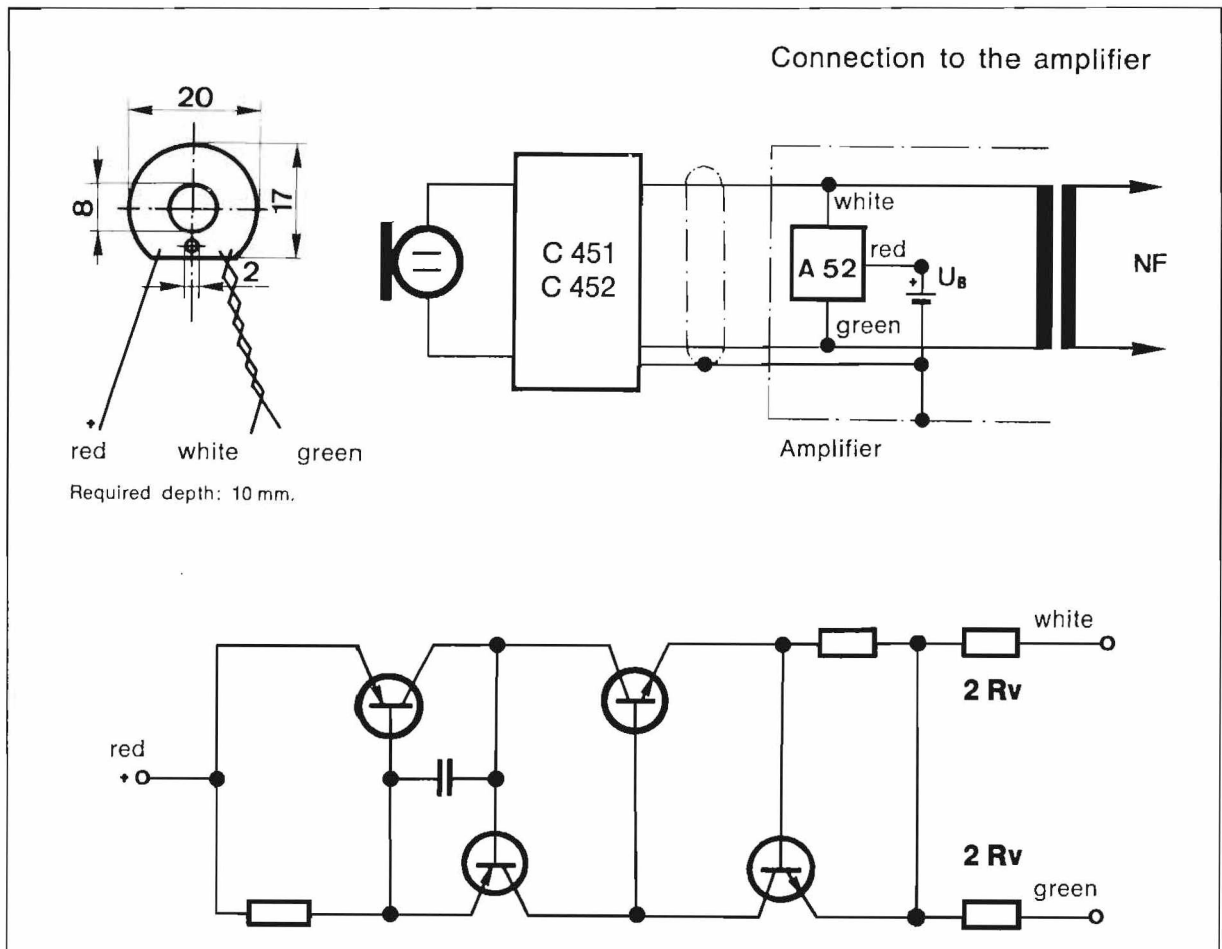
In order to utilize the advantages of the phantom powering in a simpler manner, AKG has developed the electronic phantom powering circuit A 52:

- stabilizes the D. C. supply of voltages from 13 to 60 v
- already contains the dropping resistances 2 Rv
- guarantees in addition, due to its high A. C. resistance (appr. 2 megohm), a hum or unbalance damping of 100 db



This damping is sometimes required, since a potential difference may occur between the preamplifier (by way of the microphone stand) and the ground point, should the microphone not be properly set up. This could — provided the source impedance is low — on the one hand superpose on the D.C. supply voltage of the phantom and, on the other, made weaker by way of the balanced attenuation, take its effect directly at the amplifier input.

A 52 with its three connections can be connected between the a-lead and b-lead of the audio conductors and any positive potential between 7.5 and 60 v. (Stabilizing effect from 13 v.)

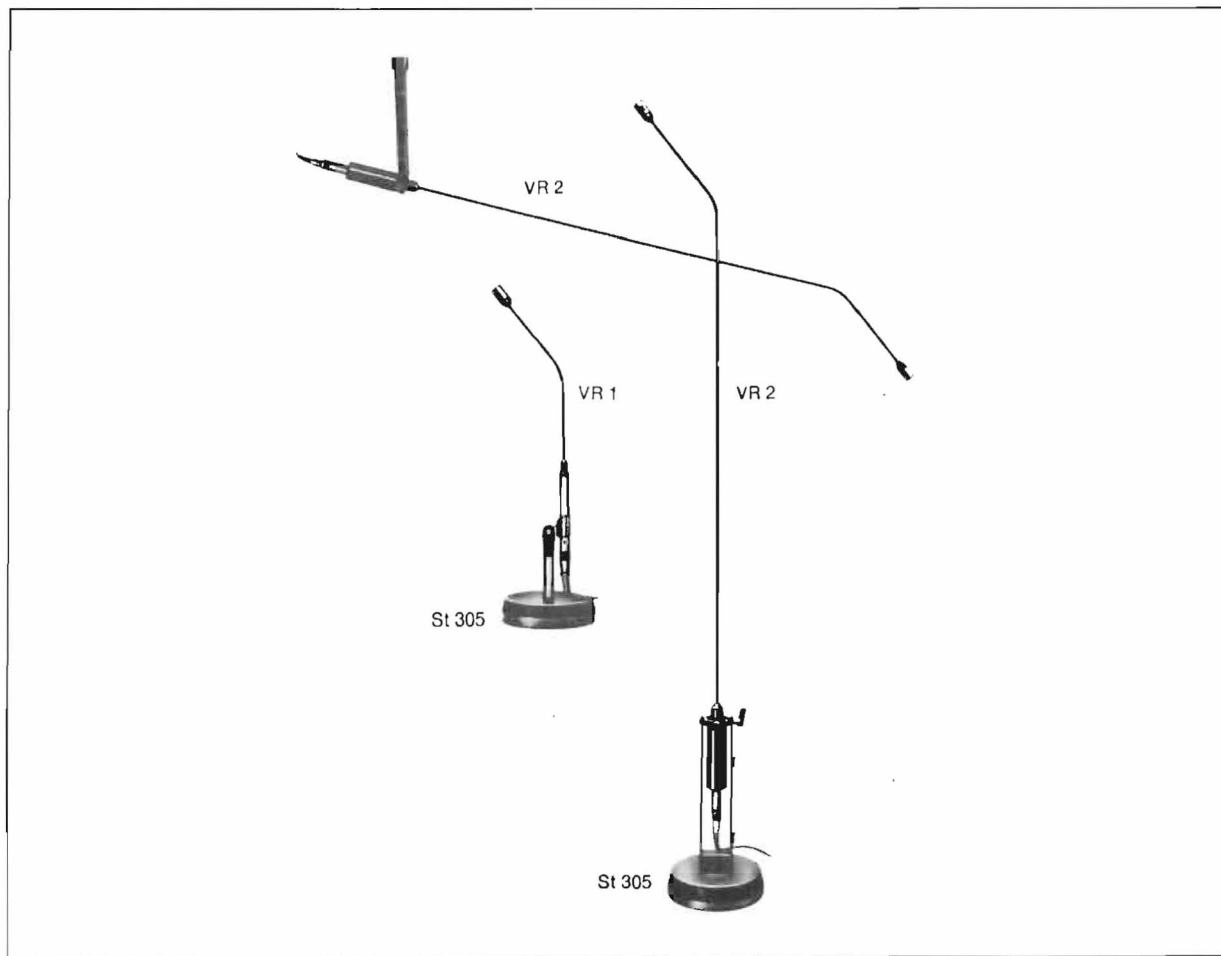


# Extension Tubes and Base

**VR 1** Extension tube, appr. 30 cm. / 11.8", anti-glare black  
(Net weight: 70 g. / 2.5 oz; gross weight: 260 g. / 9.2 oz)

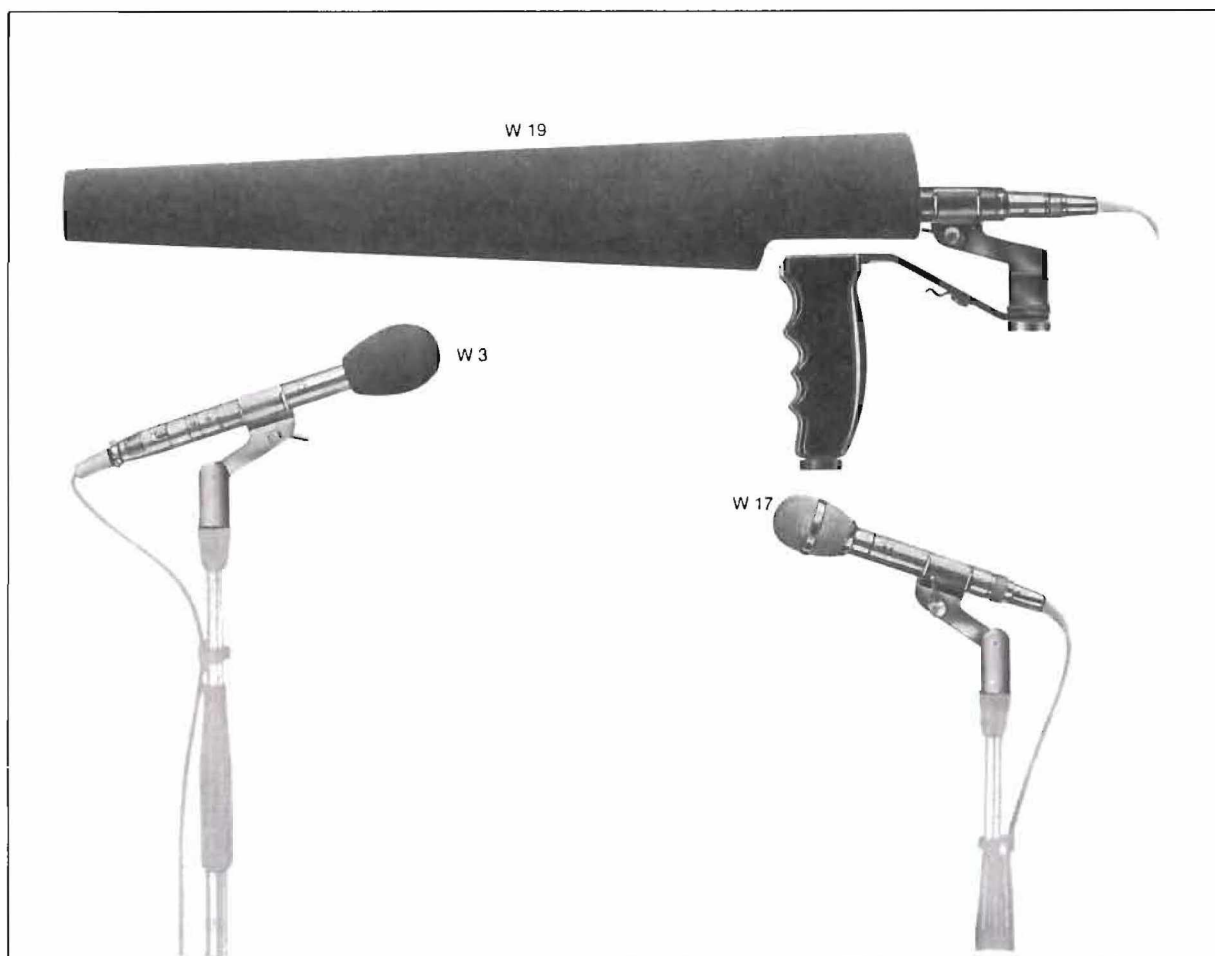
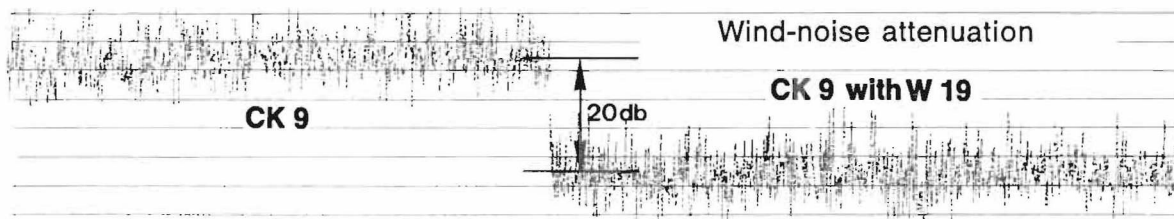
**VR 2** Extension tube, appr. 130 cm. / 51.2", anti-glare black, on swivel mount with  
counterweight  
(Net weight: 2130 g. / 4.7 lbs; gross weight: 2700 g. / 6.0 lbs)

**ST 305** Professional studio base, compact cast plate (16 cm. / 6.3" diameter) with  
special sound-absorbing rubber filter,  $\frac{3}{8}$ " thread bolt  
(Net weight: 2350 g. / 5.2 lbs; gross weight: 2550 g. / 5.6 lbs)



# Windscreens

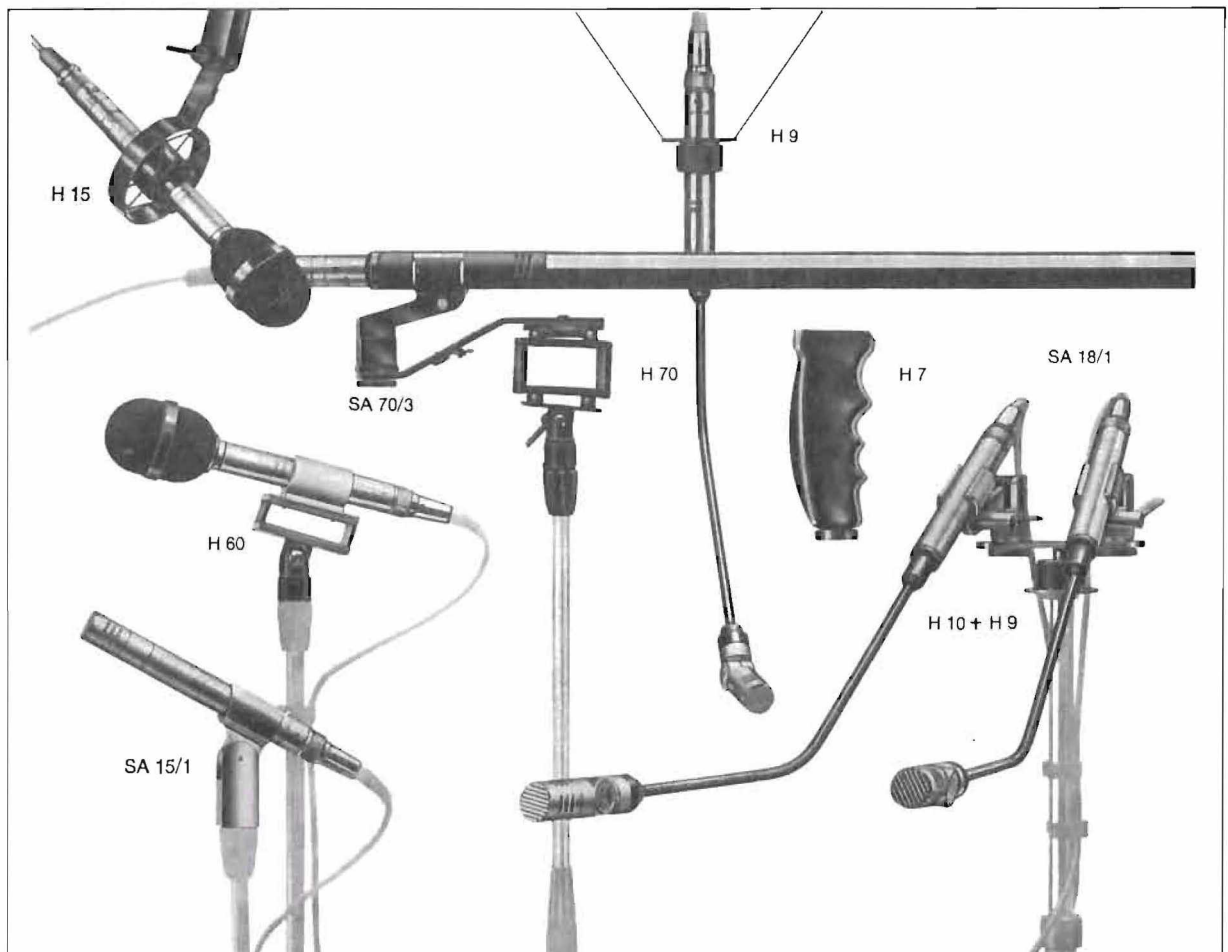
- W 3** Wind screen made of polyurethane foam for CK 1, CK 1S, CK 2  
(Net weight: 5 g. / 0.2 oz; gross weight: 30 g. / 1.1 oz)
- W 17** Attractive wind screen made of wire mesh with polyurethane foam lining for CK 1, CK 1S, CK 2  
(Net weight: 40 g. / 1.4 oz; gross weight: 60 g. / 2.1 oz)  
Available in two versions: standard matte-nickel finish and satin-black-chrome finish.
- W 19** 55 cm. / 21.7" long wind screen for CK 9, made of polyurethane foam, wind-noise attenuation  $> 20$  db (see diagram)  
(Net weight: 90 g. / 3.2 oz; gross weight: 550 g. / 1.4 lbs)



# Stand Adapters and Shock Mounts

- H 7** Rubber grip for SA 70/3 (for use with CK 9)  
(Net weight: 230 g. / 8.1 oz; gross weight: 280 g. / 9.9 oz)
- H 9** Clamping device for C 451, C 452 and H 10  
(Net weight: 45 g. / 1.6 oz; gross weight: 70 g. / 2.5 oz)
- H 10** Stereo bar with two  $\frac{3}{8}$ " screws  
(Net weight: 240 g. / 8.5 oz; gross weight: 300 g. / 10.6 oz)
- H 15** Elastic suspension for C 451 and C 452. Particularly effective against structure-borne vibrations  
(Net weight: 150 g. / 5.3 oz; gross weight: 250 g. / 8.8 oz)
- H 60** Elastic suspension for C 451, C 452  
(Net weight: 80 g. / 2.8 oz; gross weight: 110 g. / 3.9 oz)
- H 70** Elastic suspension for SA 70/3 (for use with CK 9)  
(Weight, net/gross: 180 g. / 6.3 oz)
- SA 15/1** Clear quick disconnect stand adapter for C 451, C 452 \*  
(Net weight: 40 g. / 1.4 oz; gross weight: 70 g. / 2.5 oz)
- SA 18/1** Metal stand adapter with setscrew, sandblasted, nickel-plated, for C 451, C 452 \*  
(Net weight: 140 g. / 4.9 oz; gross weight: 160 g. / 5.6 oz)
- SA 18/3** As SA 18/1, but for CK 9  
(Net weight: 140 g. / 4.9 oz; gross weight: 160 g. / 5.6 oz)
- SA 70/3** Rigid stand connection for combination with H 70 or H 7 for CK 9  
(Net weight: 260 g. / 9.2 oz; gross weight: 350 g. / 12.4 oz)

\* Available in two versions: standard matte-nickel finish and satin-black-chrome finish.





**PHILIPS AUDIO VIDEO SYSTEMS CORP.**

A NORTH AMERICAN PHILIPS COMPANY

91 McKee Drive, Mahwah, N.J. 07430 • (201) 529-3800

Service/Warehouses: Rockland Rd. 5 Norwalk, CT 06854 • (203) 838-4836  
3940 Higuera St. Culver City, CA 90230 • (213) 559-8981

Product design and prices are subject to change without notice.

©Philips Audio Video System Corp. 1978

21-179-5MI

PRINTED IN U.S.A.