



CAISSON

Measuring equipment

SL-100 INTEGRATING-AVERAGING SOUND LEVEL METER

1. Introduction

SL-100 is a high performance, integrating-averaging sound level meter with an easy-to-use interface for quick and simple measurements. This device is shipped fully tested and calibrated and, with proper use, will provide years of reliable service.





Features include:


- Simple sound level checks
- Complies with IEC61672-1 CLASS 2 Standard
- Single measurement range 30 to 130 dB
- Fast, slow time weighting settings
- A and C frequency weighting settings
- Record max/min values over time
- Tripod mountable
- Frequency range 31.5 Hz - 8 kHz
- Auto power-off
- Quasi-analogue bar graph
- Large LCD display screen for easy reading
- Lightweight and compact
- Accuracy $\pm 1.0\text{dB}$ (ref. 94dB at 1kHz)
- Easy one-hand operation






2. Making a measurement


1. Press the  button to switch the meter on.
2. Press the  button to select the desired frequency weighting.
3. Press the  button to select the desired response time.
4. The numeric level indication on the display shows the currently measured sound level. The reading is updated depending on the chosen FAST/SLOW response time.
Fast – 0,5s
Slow – 1,0s
5. The quasi-analogue bar graph shows current sound pressure level. The reading is updated depending on the chosen FAST/SLOW response time.
Fast – 0,125s
Slow – 1,0s
6. The max indicator shows the maximum sound level encountered during the measurement period; the min indicator shows the minimum sound level. Press the  button to reset min and max value.


In order to access the measurement screen (L_{Aeq} - measurement), press and hold the  button for 2,5 seconds.

By default, the L_{Aeq} (Equivalent continuous sound level) measurement is stopped.




Press the  button to start measurement.

The current measurement time is displayed at the top of the display.


You can press the button  to save measurement.

You can press and hold the  button for 2.5 seconds to check the total measurement time.


You can go back to the main screen any time when measurement is running by pressing the  button.

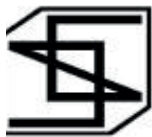
When the measurement ends, the measurement status indicator changes from  to . The measurement time and the L_{Aeq} will be automatically stored in the meter's memory. To start measurement again press the  twice.

Note.

When measurement is running you cannot change frequency weighting filter and access to the menu. In this case you will see on the display warning „**Option locked when measurement is active!**“. To unlock this option, go back to the measurement screen and stop measurement (press the  button).

Switching off the instrument

- In order to switch the equipment off, press and hold the  button for approx. 3 seconds. Note that switching off the equipment is only possible from the main screen.
- The measuring instrument can switch off automatically after 6 min.
- If the battery conditions are so low that in fact it could lead to errors during the measurement the equipment will automatically switch off, which is signaled earlier by the battery empty indicator.





3. Calibration


Calibrating the Integrating Sound Level Meter (SL-200) requires an acoustical calibrator which provides a stable sound pressure at 1kHz and 94dB.


Using the ▲▼ buttons, you can select one of the two types of calibration:

1. Factory – Select this option if you want to use the meter factory calibration set during manufacture.
2. User – Select this option if you want to use your own calibration.

If you decide to select option „User,” you will be able to choose between a new calibration (NEW – press button ) and the calibration of the user stored in the device's memory (CURRENT – press button )

Option „NEW” allows you to perform a new calibration as follows:

1. Stand away from loud sound sources that may interfere with the calibrator's signal.
2. Fit Sound Level Calibrator carefully onto the sound level meter and rest the assembly on the table or other flat surface.
3. Switch on the calibrator and wait approximately 5 seconds for all levels to stabilize.
4. Press the  button to START calibration.
5. Wait until the display shows the value in the range of 93.8 - 94.0 dB.

If after a five-second wait, the result is not within the range of 93.8 – 94.0dB
press the  button again

6. To confirm and save the calibration, press the  button.

5. Maintenance and service

SL100 is designed and constructed to provide many years of reliable operation. However, if a fault occurs that impairs the meter's correct function, then remove the batteries to prevent risk of further damage.

For more information about preventing faults or damage to your sound level meter, please read the Instrument Care section below.

Warranty

Notwithstanding the statutory warranty claims, CAISSON provides a warranty in accordance with the laws of the Customer's country for a period of at least two years from the date of sale of the device to the end user. The warranty covers only those faults which are caused by defects in material or workmanship. A warranty claim must be accompanied by a proof of purchase with the date of sale specified. Warranty repairs shall only be performed by an authorized distributor of CAISSON. The following are excluded from the warranty:

- Use of force, damage caused by external factors or foreign bodies such as sand or water
- Damage caused by failure to comply with the instructions for use
- Normal wear and tear

The warranty does not cover devices that are partially or entirely disassembled.



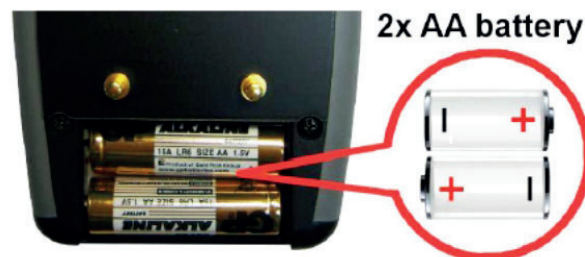
Instrument care

- Protect the instrument from impact. Do not drop it or subject it to rough handling. Transport it in the supplied carrying case.
- Never mix fresh and partially-used batteries.
- Do not attempt to remove the mesh cover from the microphone as this will cause damage and affect the accuracy of the instrument.
- Protect the instrument from water, dust, extreme temperatures, high humidity and direct sunlight during storage and use.
- For long-term storage, remove the batteries. Do not leave exhausted batteries in the instrument, as they may leak and cause damage.
- If the instrument casing becomes dirty, then wipe it with a lightly dampened cloth. Do not use abrasive cleansers and solvents. Do not allow moisture to enter the microphone, connectors or casing.

Power supply

The SL200 is powered by two AA batteries. You may use either disposable or rechargeable batteries. The Battery status indicates the battery charge level. If an empty battery icon is displayed, replace the batteries. Batteries should be replaced with a new set of batteries of the same kind. Do not use a rechargeable battery in combination with a disposable battery or a partially discharged battery with a full battery.

The figure below shows the location of the batteries in the battery compartment.





6. Specifications

STANDARDS

Conforms with the following:

- IEC61672-1 **CLASS 2 Standard**

ACCURACY

± 1.0 dB (ref. 94dB@1kHz, 125Hz, 4kHz)
± 2.0 dB (< 100Hz)

FREQUENCY RANGE

31.5 Hz to 8 kHz

DYNAMIC RANGE

100 dB

MEASURING RANGES

RMS: Total range 30 – 130 dB

Peak: 30 – 133 dB

NOISE FLOOR

Below measurement range: < 29 dB

FREQUENCY WEIGHTINGS

A-weighting (RMS)

C-weighting (Peak)

TIME WEIGHTING

'F' (Fast)

'S' (Slow)

MICROPHONE

Micro-Electro-Mechanical Systems (MEMS)

Sensitivity: -46dB

SNR: 65dB

Maximum SPL level: 160dB

DISPLAY

LCD showing:

- Input signal level – indicated with a quasi-analogue bar
- Warnings for: low battery
- Frequency and time weighting
- Minimum and maximum peak sound pressure level

Update cycle:

- 0.5 s (numeric), 0.125 s (bar graph) – Fast
- 1 s (numeric), 1 s (bar graph) – Slow

Display of elapsed time:

from 00h 00m 00s up to 10h 00m 00s

RESPONSE TIME

Less than 4s

REFERENCE CONDITIONS

Reference Sound Pressure Level: 94dB

Reference Temperature: 22°C

Reference Frequency: 1000Hz

Reference RH: 55%

ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS

Storage Temperature: -30 to 55°C

Operating Temperature: -5 to 50°C

BATTERIES

Two 1.5V LR6/AA-size alkaline batteries

Power Consumption During Normal

Operation:

Less than 300mW

Lifetime (at room temperature):

Approximately: 20h

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Dimensions: 162 x 79 x 25 including microphone

Weight: 190 g (143 g) with batteries

ORDERING INFORMATION

Type SL100 Sound Level Meter

Type SL200 Integrating-averaging Sound Level Meter

Included Accessories:

- two alkaline batteries