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## INTRODUCTION

An ultrasonic transducer is an important acoustic device that can act as a transmitter or a receiver in the applications of medical ultrasound, non-destructive testing, and ultrasonic materials processing. The performance of a transducer is a decisive factor that governs the device's range of applicability, efficiency and quality control in the manufacturing. The mechanisms, transmitting fields, performances, and measurement methods used for these transducers have been studied over the past few decades. However, the electroacoustical characterization and measurement methods applied for spherically curved transducers have not been defined in standard documents for either terms or protocols.

This document defines the relevant electroacoustical parameters for these devices and establishes the self-reciprocity measurement method for spherically curved concave focusing transducers.

# ULTRASONICS – MEASUREMENTS OF ELECTROACOUSTICAL PARAMETERS AND ACOUSTIC OUTPUT POWER OF SPHERICALLY CURVED TRANSDUCERS USING THE SELF-RECIPROCITY METHOD

## 1 Scope

This document, which is a Technical Specification,

- a) establishes the free-field convergent spherical wave self-reciprocity method for ultrasonic transducer calibration,
- b) establishes the measurement conditions and experimental procedure required to determine the transducer's electroacoustic parameters and acoustic output power using the self-reciprocity method,
- c) establishes the criteria for checking the reciprocity of these transducers and the linear range of the focused field, and
- d) provides guiding information for the assessment of the overall measurement uncertainties for radiation conductance.

This document is applicable to:

- i) circular spherically curved concave focusing transducers without a centric hole working in the linear amplitude range,
- ii) measurements in the frequency range 0,5 MHz to 15 MHz, and
- iii) acoustic pressure amplitudes in the focused field within the linear amplitude range.

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Characterization and sensitivity calibration of hydrophones using the reciprocity method are not addressed in this document but covered in IEC 62127-2 [1]<sup>1</sup> and IEC 60565-1 [2].

## 2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

IEC 60050-801, *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary – Chapter 801: Acoustics and electroacoustics*, available at [www.electropedia.org](http://www.electropedia.org)

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<sup>1</sup> Numbers in square brackets refer to the Bibliography.