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INTRODUCTION

The spatial and temporal distribution of acoustic pressure in an ultrasonic field in a liquid medium is commonly determined using miniature ultrasonic **hydrophones**. The properties of these **hydrophones** have been dealt with in a number of IEC standards in various aspects. The purpose of this part of IEC 62127 is to bring together all these specifications and to establish a common standard on the properties of ultrasonic **hydrophones**. The main **hydrophone** application in this context is the measurement of ultrasonic fields emitted by medical diagnostic equipment in water. Other medical applications are field measurements for therapy equipment such as that used in lithotripsy, high-intensity focused ultrasound (HIFU) and physiotherapy. Hydrophones are also used extensively in non-medical applications for both product development and quality control including:

- mapping of the ultrasound field within ultrasonic cleaning baths;
- characterization of acoustic fields used in transmission measurement systems (e.g. ultrasonic spectrometers, ultrasonic attenuation meters and velocimeters);
- characterization of acoustic fields used in reflection measurement systems (e.g. Doppler flowmeters).

While the term "**hydrophone**" can be used in a wider sense, it is understood here as referring to miniature piezoelectric **hydrophones**. It is this instrument type that is used today in various areas of ultrasonics and, in particular, to quantitatively characterize the field structure of medical diagnostic instruments. With regard to other pressure sensor types, such as those based on fibre optics, some of the requirements of this standard are applicable to these as well but others are not. If in the future these other "**hydrophone**" types gain more importance in field measurement practice, their properties will have to be dealt with in a revised version of this standard or in a separate one.

Underwater **hydrophones** as covered by IEC 60500 and IEC 60565 are not included in this standard, although there is an overlap in the frequency ranges. Underwater **hydrophones** are used in natural waters, even in the ocean, and this leads to different technical concepts and requirements. In addition, the main direction of acoustic incidence in underwater applications is typically at right angles to the **hydrophone axis**, whereas it is assumed in this standard that it is in the direction of the **hydrophone axis**.

In the past, ultrasonic **hydrophones** have been applied almost exclusively as amplitude sensors. At present a change can be seen and it is increasingly considered useful to have additional phase information, which, however, is only possible if the phase characteristics of the **hydrophone** have been determined during calibration. In this standard, therefore, requirements are specified for the amplitude aspect of the **hydrophone** sensitivity, and recommendations are provided for the phase aspect, as an option to be considered.

ULTRASONICS – HYDROPHONES –

Part 3: Properties of hydrophones for ultrasonic fields up to 40 MHz

1 Scope

This part of IEC 62127 specifies relevant **hydrophone** characteristics.

This standard is applicable to:

- **hydrophones** employing piezoelectric sensor elements, designed to measure the pulsed and continuous wave ultrasonic fields generated by ultrasonic equipment;
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3 Terms, definitions and symbols

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in IEC 62127-1, IEC 62127-2 and the following apply.

3.1

directional response

description, generally presented graphically, of the response of a **hydrophone**, as a function of direction of propagation of the incident plane sound wave, in a specified plane through the **reference centre** and at a specified frequency

NOTE Definition adopted from IEC 60565:2006.

3.2

effective hydrophone radius

a_h , a_{h3} , a_{h6}

radius of a stiff disc receiver **hydrophone** that has a predicted **directional response** function with an angular width equal to the observed angular width

NOTE 1 The angular width is determined at a specified level below the peak of the **directional response** function. For the specified levels of 3 dB and 6 dB, the radii are denoted by a_{h3} and a_{h6} respectively.

NOTE 2 The radius is usually the function of frequency. For representative experimental data, see [1].

NOTE 3 The **effective hydrophone radius** is expressed in metres (m).