SOUNDADVISOR™

Model 831C Sound Level Meter &
Noise Monitoring Kit

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SOUNDADVISOR™
MODEL 831C SOUND LEVEL METER

The Model 831C SoundAdvisor is designed to make noise measurement easy. Due to its color display, connectivity, extensive software features, and small form factor the SoundAdvisor is an ideal choice for handheld operation. Attended measurements are simplified, with the ability to control and monitor data via any PC or mobile device with a standard web interface. Designed with the acoustic professional in mind, the SoundAdvisor offers an elegant solution for complex needs in an easy-to-use system.

CLASS 1

USB

I/O Connector

AC/DC Output

USB Power

Applications

• Environmental noise assessment

• Noise reduction validation

• Product quality control

• Spectral noise analysis

• In-situ sound power measurements

• Code enforcement

Measurements Simplified

• **Connectivity Is Key –** Cellular, WiFi, and wired networking are all available to you when using the SoundAdvisor. The meter can even serve as its own WiFi hotspot.

• **Many Platforms, Same Controls –** Whether you are setting up a test on the meter, checking in remotely from your laptop, or receiving an alert to your smartphone, you'll be working with the same interface and menus across all platforms.

• **Customizable for Your Application –** From complete outdoor monitoring kits to a low noise option to automatic event detection, the SoundAdvisor is designed to help meet your testing needs.

• **LCD Color Interface –** A full-color user interface allows you to interpret data more easily, right from the meter.

Technically Optimized

As with any device from Larson Davis, a thoughtful design process ensures that your needs are met, from international standards to functionality.

• IEC 61672-1:2013, ANSI S1.4-2014 Class 1 integrating sound level meter

• Real-time frequency analysis in 1/1 and 1/3 octave bands, compliant with IEC 61260:2014 and ANSI S1.11-2014 Class 1

• >120 dB dynamic range

• 2 GB internal memory, expandable by USB

• Full range AC output

• Available low noise option (831C-LOWN)

SOUNDADVISOR™ KIT
MODEL NMS044 NOISE MONITORING SYSTEM

Larson Davis has created a new standard for portable noise monitors by making the Model NMS044 SoundAdvisor Kit completely wireless with solar charging and 4G wireless while keeping it truly portable. The SoundAdvisor Kit includes everything needed for a noise monitor that can run indefinitely while remaining connected to the Internet, making your meter and your data always readily available.

Applications

- Remote noise monitoring
- Environmental noise compliance
- Airport noise management
- Continuous and Event sound recordings
- Networked noise level display

Remote Access to Data

- **Network Access 24/7 –** Login from your computer, your smartphone, or other mobile device to engage directly with the meter at your remote location. Make updates, receive alerts, change test parameters, check microphone calibration, and download data with ease.

- **Complete Power Solutions –** With a low power requirement (831C ~1.2 W / 831C + Cellular gateway ~3.5 W) options are available to power the remote unit via solar power, keeping your measurements running indefinitely and sustainably.

- **Real-Time Alerts –** Receive email or texts with data and sound recordings when set noise limits are exceeded. Allows quick response to compliance concerns and listening to sounds for source identification.

- **Own Your Data –** Control your data without monthly access and maintenance costs.

Powering the SoundAdvisor Kit

The SoundAdvisor Kit is offered with a choice of a traditional lead acid (SLA) battery or a Lithium Iron Phosphate (LiFePo) battery. LiFePo batteries deliver a significant improvement over Lithium ion technology, offering extended life of over 2500 recharge cycles and safer automation. The LiFePo battery provides high capacity at half the weight of a comparable SLA battery with a longer life and great low temperature performance.

To accommodate use in both common and harsh solar conditions, the SoundAdvisor Kit can be configured with one of two different portable solar panels.

Available Kit Configurations

Configuration	BAT019	BAT020	SLP001	SLP002
NMS044-LFP60	✓		✓	
NMS044-LFP100	✓			✓
NMS044-SLA60		✓	✓	
NMS044-SLA100		✓		✓

Power Configurations

Model	Description	Capacity	Weight	Use
BAT019	LiFePo Battery	45 Ah	12.8 lb (5.8 kg)	~2500 charge cycles
BAT020	Lead-acid Battery	35 Ah	24.7 lb (11.2 kg)	3 – 5 years
SLP001	Solar Panel	60 W	20 lb (9 kg)	insolation > 2 kW•h/m²/day
SLP002	Solar Panel	100 W	24 lb (11 kg)	insolation > 1 kW•h/m²/day

SOLVING YOUR CHALLENGES

The Larson Davis SoundAdvisor Sound Level Meter is extremely versatile, performing the functions of several instruments. It puts the combined features of a precision Class 1 sound level meter, environmental noise analyzer, and a real-time frequency analyzer in the palm of your hand or on a network. It expands upon the Larson Davis tradition of delivering value, innovation, and function in a rugged, single-handed, expandable package and is backed by a 2-year factory warranty, 24-hour application support, total customer satisfaction, and accredited factory service/calibration.

Solutions with Your Meter

- **Easy Setup and Data Download –** SoundAdvisor offers setup directly on the meter's keypad, touchscreen, or via web interface, plus streamlined export of data to Excel®.

- **ANY LEVEL™ –** Never miss a key sound metric with the ability to view and store multiple time weightings (Slow, Fast, and Impulse) and frequency weightings (A, C, and Z) simultaneously.

- **Flexibility for Integration –** Designed to allow integration into a larger or customized solution, SoundAdvisor allows connection of accessories, internal clock for accurate data synchronization, and local language compatibility.

Solutions with Your Outdoor Kit

- **Data on Demand –** Access the meter from any location to make modifications to the setup, view current noise levels, and modify alerts.

- **Instant Alerts –** Receive immediate notification of noise events and use the recorded sound files to evaluate the cause.

- **Long Term Remote Power –** Lithium Iron Phosphate batteries paired with a solar panel offer a continuous, sustainable means to keep your measurements running.

- **Avoid Trips To the Field –** With access to measurements, event alerts, and continuous power, you can spend time in the office, rather than travelling to reach remote locations.

Connectivity

- **Cellular, WiFi, or Wired Networking –** Select your network by choosing what to plug into the USB port. You can choose cellular by using a Sierra Wireless gateway for mobile or permanent applications, WiFi for close proximity wireless, and wired (Ethernet) for permanent locations. A USB hub can be used to support multiple USB devices.

- **Expandable USB Memory –** Easily expand the 831C memory by adding a USB memory stick. Data is written directly to the USB memory so it's always available and the data is protected if the USB memory is accidentally removed.

Cellular   WiFi   Ethernet   USB

USING THE SOUNDADVISOR

Standard Features

- **Web Interface –** Control the SoundAdvisor and view data from any device that runs a web browser.

- **NTP Time Sync and GPS –** Network Time Protocol automatically selects the most accurate clock from several sources and synchronizes the meter for accurate measurement times.

- **External Batteries –** Power directly from 12 V batteries for efficient power usage and long run times.

- **Built-In Power Management –** Safely power the meter off based upon battery voltage. Compatible with solar systems.

- **ANY LEVEL™ –** Measure levels simultaneously.

- **Run Modes –** Control how and when the SoundAdvisor will operate to best match measurement conditions. Choices include a manual mode; stop after a predetermined period of time; run continuously with automatic calibration check and file save; and defined timers.

Supported PC Software

- **G4 LD Utility** [INCLUDED] **–** PC software supplied with the SoundAdvisor that supports full sound level meter control, in-the-field firmware and option upgrades, data export to spreadsheet, and includes a remote display to view the 831C screen on a PC.

- **DNA** [OPTIONAL] **–** The analysis, post-processing, and reporting tool for sound and vibration measurements. DNA delivers enhanced analysis capability, sound playback, and graphical reporting. Graphs can be annotated and shared amongst multiple users working with DNA reader software.

- **Software Development Kit (SDK)** [OPTIONAL] **–** Toolkit for developing custom applications in Microsoft Windows® or Linux® for the Model 831C

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Common Firmware Options

When performing noise surveys, it is important to have a fully capable sound level meter at your fingertips to capture all of the essential data. Have you ever lost your measurement notes, or worse, forgotten to log the information properly and then had to either go back and reacquire the data altogether or simply not report it? SoundAdvisor is available with a variety of firmware options to help you achieve your testing goals the first time.

- **Octave Band Analysis 831C-OB3 –** Simultaneous real-time measurement of 1/1 and 1/3 octave Leq, Lmax, Lmin along with broadband parameters.

- **Logging 831C-LOG –** Select Time History logging periods as short as 2.5 ms to a full 24 hours. Additional parameters such as battery condition, microphone performance, and meteorological data (831C-WTHR) can be recorded.

- **Event Detection and Measurement History 831C-ELA –** Define an Event in terms of threshold level, duration, hysteresis, and continuation period.

- **Sound Recording 831C-SR –** Record audio files in a raw or compressed format to determine the source of the noise event.

- **Direct USB Support for RV50 Gateway 831C-SW –** Connect the SoundAdvisor by USB to a wireless gateway to create a highly portable noise monitor.
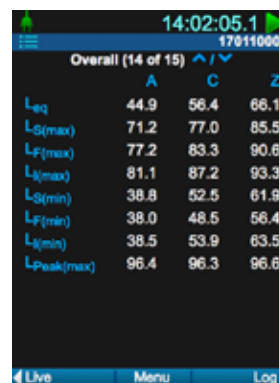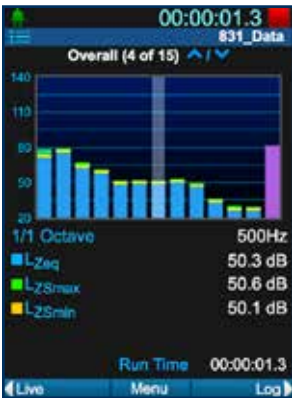

ANY LEVEL parameter display

831C-WTHR Datalogging

1/1 Octave Display

1/3 Octave Display

SOUNDADVISOR OPTIONS
## Octave Band Analysis (831C-OB3)

In many applications, it is important to acquire both the broadband level and spectral content of noise data. With spectral information, the source and content of the measured level can be better understood. Constant percentage bandwidth filters (1/1 or 1/3 octave) best approximate human perception of sound.

Option 831C-OB3 firmware enables simultaneous real-time measurement of 1/1 and 1/3 octave Leq, Lmax, Lmin along with all the ANY LEVEL™ broadband parameters. Option 831C-OB3 is compliant with IEC 61260:2014 Class 1 and ANSI S1.11-2014 Class 1 standards covering the entire frequency range of human hearing: 6.3 Hz to 20 kHz for 1/3 octave bands.

When 831C-OB3 is combined with Time History Logging (831C-LOG) or Automatic Event Detection and Event History (831C-ELA), it is possible to review the frequency content of logged data or specific events.
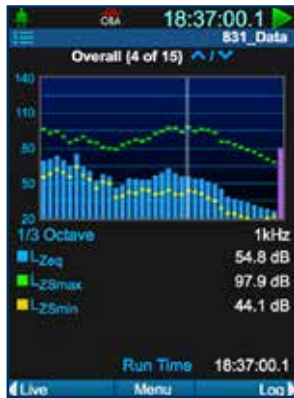
Events Extracted from Noisy Data (taken from DNA software, not in base product)
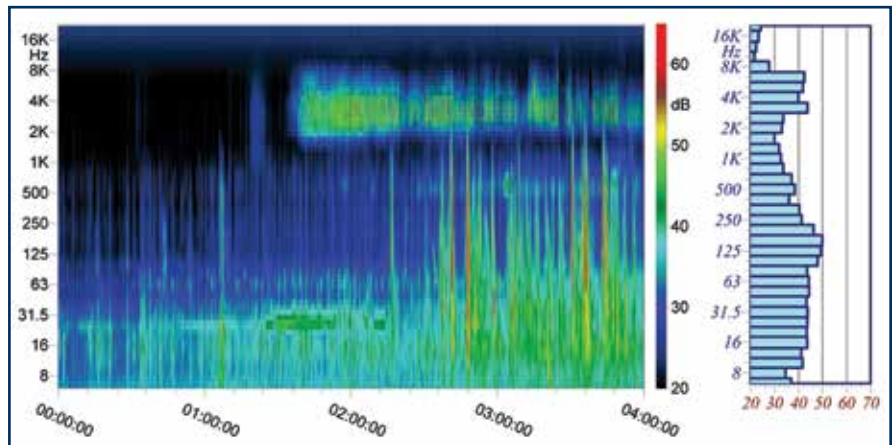
Spectrogram of Events with High Frequency Noise

(taken from DNA software, not in base product)

DNA Software Time History and Hourly
Interval Graph with Color Spectrogram

Logging (831C-LOG)

The Model 831C can be used to record the evolution of sound pressure level over time as a Time History (TH). The Time History is then used to profile the observation period, which can vary from several seconds to continuous monitoring.

With the addition of Time History Logging Firmware (831C-LOG), users can pre-select from logging periods as small as 20 ms to a full 24 hours. Parameter selections consist of familiar acoustic metrics as well as non-acoustic metrics, such as battery condition, outdoor microphone performance, and meteorological data (831C-WTHR).

Other Parameters

Other Parameters
L_{Ceq} - L_{Aeq}
L_{Ieq} - L_{Aeq}
Statistics (Ln)
Battery
Temperature
External Power
Wind Speed
Gust Direction
Gust Speed
Avg Temp
Max Temp
Min Temp
Avg Humidity
Max Humidity
Min Humidity

Logging Parameters

Parameter	A	C	Z
L_{weq}	✓	✓	✓
L_{wpeak}	✓	✓	✓
L_{wSmax}	✓	✓	✓
L_{wFmax}	✓	✓	✓
L_{wImax}	✓	✓	✓
L_{wSmin}	✓	✓	✓
L_{wFmin}	✓	✓	✓
L_{wImin}	✓	✓	✓
L_{wS}	✓	✓	✓
L_{wF}	✓	✓	✓
L_{wI}	✓	✓	✓

Filters (Selected Frequency and Time Weighting)

Parameter	1/1	1/3
L_{eq}	✓	✓
L_{max}	✓	✓
L_{min}	✓	✓
L_{SPL}	✓	✓

Select to log from the above parameters

Measurement History (831C-ELA)

While Time Histories are typically logged at one sample per second, longer-term averages are often useful to see trends, e.g., 10 minute or hourly averages. 831C-ELA firmware enables Measurement History (MH) and logs these parameters similar to Time History (TH) over a longer interval time. MH and TH can run together simultaneously or independently.

Data for each measurement or location is saved in a unique MH record and may include the Leq, Lmax, Lmin, SPL, and statistical distribution of the SPL (Ln). A complete set of MH records then can be stored in a single measurement that keeps all the noise survey data in a single file. Finally, an automated sound recording at the beginning of each MH period can be achieved with 831C-SR firmware.

| Data	Parameters			Notes
Averages	Leq	LE		
Sound	Lmax	Lmin	Lpeak	
Occurance Date & Time	Lmax	Lmin	Lpeak	
Temperature	Avg	Max	Min	
Relative Humidity	Avg	Max	Min	
Wind Speed	Avg	Max	Min	
1/3 Octaves	Leq	Lmax	Lmin	w/831C-OB3
1/1 Octaves	Leq	Lmax	Lmin	w/831C-OB3
Date & Time	Date	Time		
Measurement Time	Run Duration	Run Time	Pause Time	
GPS	Lat	Lon	Elevation	w/831-GPS
Other	Exceedance	6 Ln		

Automatic Event Detection and Alerts (831C-ELA)

In the Model 831C, events are defined as one of the following:

- Exceedance of a fixed threshold level for a minimum duration
- Exceedance of a dynamic threshold level for a minimum duration
- External trigger set by the digital input signal
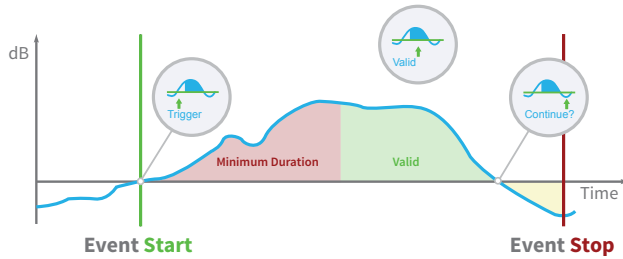
Event Definition on the SoundAdvisor
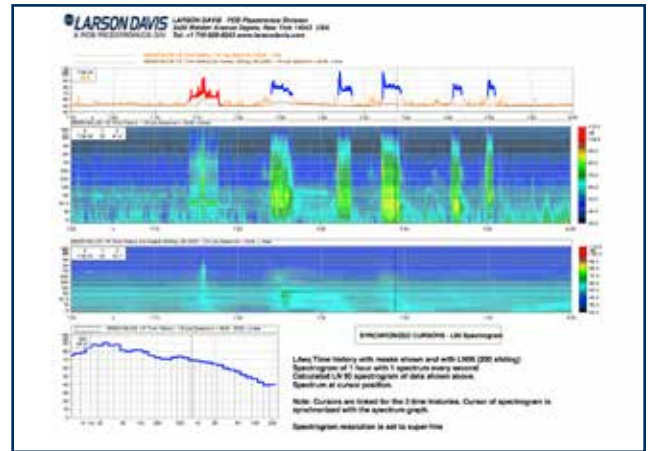
DNA Software – TH with embedded .wav files on Event, color spectrogram, L95, and 1/3 octave frequency analysis

With 831C-ELA firmware, event definition is defined by you – including threshold level, duration, and event continuation period when the SPL drops below the threshold level for a specific period of time. Triggering status icons identify event progression and qualification (see graph above).

The Model 831C can automatically generate an email alert to provide fast notice of any noise exceedance. The event alerts can be sent to a user configurable list of email addresses or by text message using an email to MMS gateway. Email event sound recording in conjunction with option 831C-SR.

Added Functionality with 831C-ELA Option

With Option	Description
831C-OB3	Frequency analysis of the event
831C-LOG	Record an independent time history of the event including filters when combined with 831C-OB3
831C-SR	Record event audio in .wav or compressed file

Event Detection Display on the 831C

A dog barking through the night is typically perceived as more annoying than during the day. To minimize false event triggers and capture detection of annoying noise events, an innovative Dynamic Trigger method is available on Model 831C. Dynamic Triggers occur when the background L85, L90, or L95 level is exceeded by a user set number of decibels. A rise rate can also be specified to further track more or fewer events.

Cellular Communication (831C-SW)

We understand how beneficial it can be to have access to your noise monitor at any time of the day. Due to the remoteness or need to setup contracts and get permits, connecting a noise monitor to a wired network or main power just isn't feasible.

With option 831C-SW you can connect the SoundAdvisor by USB directly to a Sierra Wireless gateway and get a highly portable noise monitor that can easily be powered by battery and/or solar. We recommend the Sierra Wireless model RV-50 because of its low power usage and industrial design.
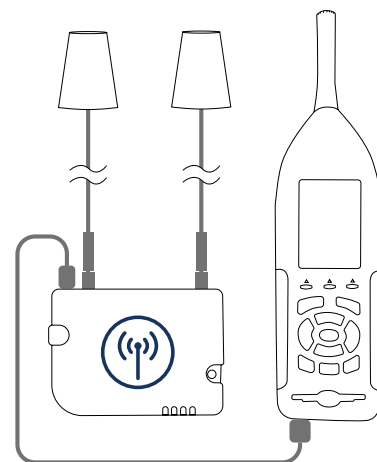

Option 831C-SW

Hear The Sound Being Measured (831C-SR)

Measuring sound levels is a well-accepted way to objectively quantify the noise radiated by a product in an environmental survey. Rather than rely simply on the objective data, why not record a sample of the sound to truly determine the source of the noise?

The 831C-SR option enables the 831C to record audio files in a raw format (.wav) for a lossless recording or with .ogg compression to reduce file size. Audio data can also be streamed from the 831C to allow remote listening to the current sound.

Option 831C-SR Recording Triggers

- **Event History Sound Recordings –** Automatically record the audio for an Event with a user-configured pre-trigger record time and recording length. Recording is time-synchronous with the Event.
- **Measurement History Sound Recordings –** Automated sound recording at the beginning of each Measurement History
- **Manual Sound Recording –** User-controlled recording duration, acquired during operation
- **Marker-based Sound Recording –** User-initiated with user-defined duration, acquired during operation
- **Logic Input (Button) Recording –** User-initiated recording with a button push or other logic level input. The 831C will record for a predetermined period of time.
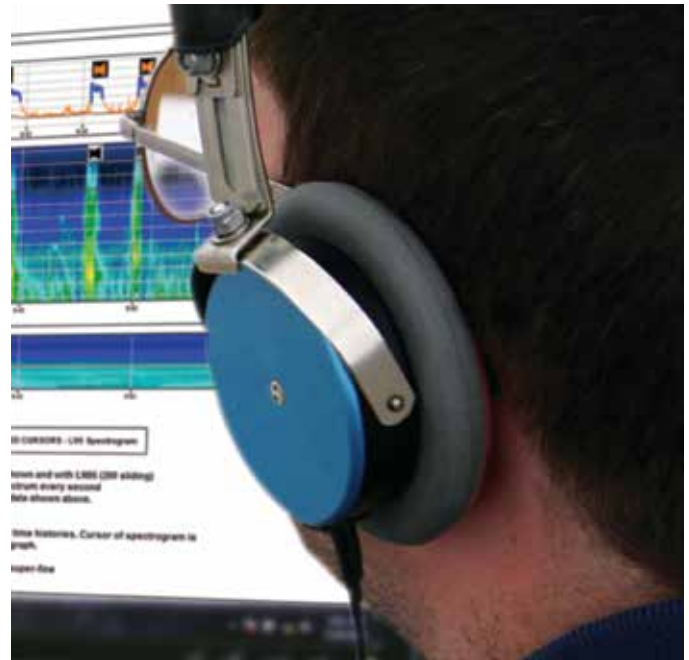
Options for Listening to a Recorded Sound

Connect a USB headset to the 831C and play from the meter

Connect to the meter by G4 and play directly from the meter to the PC

Connect to the meter by G4, download the file and then play the audio on the PC

Connect to the meter using a browser and play the file directly from the meter through the browser

A recording icon (⬤) will turn red on the Model 831C display when recordings are being made.

Listen to audio recordings while they are still on the 831C

Size For 1 Minute Recording (kbytes)

Sample Rate	wav	ogg (typical)
48 kHz	5760	960
24 kHz	2880	480
16 kHz	1920	320
8 kHz	960	160

32 GB
USB Memory

SLM Utility G4
in Wireless Mode

SOFTWARE SOLUTIONS

The Model 831C has numerous on-board capabilities, yet often further processing, visualization, or reporting needs exist. For this purpose the Model 831C can be used as a portable instrument and retrieve the data, work as a data acquisition front-end, or in combination with other products.

G4 LD Utility

The G4 LD Utility program is easy-to-use Windows® software for the Model 831C providing configuration set-up, data download, and remote access. Measurement set-ups can be stored on the PC for use on one or more Model 831C Sound Level Meters. Data can be downloaded onto a PC and easily exported to Excel® for further analysis. G4 LD Utility can simultaneously access multiple 831C-based noise monitoring stations via USB or Ethernet, which makes managing multiple noise monitors simple and convenient. A convenient Live View emulates the SLM screen on your PC, ideal for quick presentations or training.

Data Navigation and Analysis Software (SWW-DNA)

Data Navigation and Analysis Software (SWW-DNA) is designed to analyze and report environmental noise, worker exposure, and architectural acoustic measurements with an interactive graphical interface. With many sound studies being similar in nature, a drag-and-drop feature places new data in an existing layout that allows for quick, professional-looking reports. DNA can either retrieve existing files from Model 831C, or can drive the 831C as a data acquisition front-end.

Software Development Kit (831C-SDK)

Build your own software or integrate the SoundAdvisor into your existing application using our Software Development Kit (SDK).

The Software Development Kit for the Model 831C interfaces smoothly and directly with Microsoft® or Linux® programming environments supporting Excel®, HTML5, Javascript, Visual C++, or C# programming languages. The SDK provides functionality to connect and fully control the Model 831C over USB, network, or wireless gateway (modem) connections. File download is supported and the SDK includes documentation and software for extracting data from files. With JSON (JavaScript Object Notification), the SDK makes it easy to create modern, web-based applications with minimal effort.

- Remote network access
- Interactive graphs with data: zoom, overlay Time History and spectrogram with playable event sound recordings, advanced event analysis, mapping, industrial hygiene, and more.

- Template-based operation with customizable options

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SYSTEMS AT-A-GLANCE

Model CAL250
Calibrator

Model CAL200
Calibrator

Model EPS2116
Environmental Shroud

Model PRM2103-FF
Microphone & Preamplifier

Model ADP021
0.25 inch – 1 inch
Calibration Adaptor

Model ADP024
0.24 inch – 0.5 inch
Calibration Adaptor

Model 378A04
Low Noise
Microphone & Preamplifier

Model WS001
Windscreen

Microphone
1/4 inch Free Field
1/4 inch Random Incidence
1/4 inch Pressure

SEN025
Single Axis
Accelerometer

Model ADP043
1/2 inch – 1/4 inch
Preamplifier Adaptor

002C10

Microphone
1/2 inch Free Field
1/2 inch Random Incidence
1/2 inch Pressure

002T10

Model TRP003
Tripod

Model TRP001
Tripod

Model ADP074
ICP® Sensor Adaptor

Model PRM831
Preamplifier

Model PRN003
Printer

CBL222-08
CBL222-20

Model COM-RV50-DC
Sierra Wireless RV50

AA Alkaline

AA e-Lithium

AA NiMH

CBL138

Tripod

Model DVX012
Ethernet Dongle

Model SEN031
Weather Station

CBL167 &
DVX008A

Model 831-MEM32G
32 GB USB Memory

Model DVX015
2 Port USB Hub

Model DVX014
WiFi Dongle

Model GPS001
GPS

PC

G4 LD Utility

SDK

DNA

Model BAT015
D-cell Pack

CBL138

Model PSA029
AC Adaptor

Model BAT011
12 V Battery

CBL224-02
CBL225-01

STANDARDS, FEATURES, AND SPECIFICATIONS

Standards Met by Model 831C

The Model 831C meets the specifications of the following standards:

Sound Level Meter Standards

IEC61672-1 Ed. 2.0 (2013) Class 1, Group X	
IEC60651 Ed 1.2 (2001) plus Amendment 1 (1993-02) and Amendment 2 (2000-10) Type 1, Group X	
IEC60804 (2000-10) Type 1, Group X	
ANSI S1.4-2014 Class 1	
ANSI S1.43-1997 Type 1	
DIN 45657	

Octave Filter Standards (Option 831C- OB3)

IEC61260 Ed. 2.0 (2014) Class 1, all filters	
ANSI S1.11-2014 Class 1, all filters	

Safety Requirements for Electrical Equipment for Measurement, Control, and Laboratory Use

2006/95/EC Low Voltage Safety Directive	
IEC 61010-1 Ed. 3.0 (2010-06)	

EMC Immunity and Emission

2004/08/EC EMC Directive	
IEC 61326-1 Ed. 2.0 (2012-07)	
IEC 61672-1 Ed. 2.0 (2013-09)	
FCC Title 47 CRF Part 15, Class B	

Sound Level Meter Specifications

Averaging (Integration Method)	Linear or Exponential
Time Weightings	Slow, Fast, or Impulse
Frequency Weightings	A, C, and Z
Peak Detector Frequency Weighting	A, C, or Z
Gain	0 dB or +20 dB
Sample Rate	51,200 Hz
Peak Rise Time	30 µs
Metrics Measured	Leq, Lmax, Lmin, Lpeak, Ln (6 values), LDN, LDEN, LCeq – LAeq

Physical Characteristics

Length with Microphone and Preamplifier	11.35 in	29.0 cm
Length, Instrument Body Only	8.8 in	22.4 cm
Width	2.8 in	7.1 cm
Depth	1.6 in	4.1 cm
Weight with Batteries, No Preamplifer or Microphone	17.3 oz	490 g

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General Specifications

Reference Level	114.0 dB re. 20 µPa
Reference Level Range	Single large range for SLM measurements
Reference Frequency	1000 Hz
Reference Direction	0° is perpendicular to the microphone diaphragm
Operating Temperature	≤ ± 0.5 dB error between -22°F to +122 °F (-30 °C to 50 °C)
Storage Temperature	-40 °F to 176 °F (-40 °C to 80 °C)
Humidity	≤ ± 0.5 dB error from 30% to 90% relative humidity at 104 °F (40 °C)
Equivalent Microphone Impedance	12 pF
Effect of an Extension Cable	None up to 200 ft (61 m) with EXCxxx cable
Approvals	CE, ROHS, WEEE
Extended Weather Options	-40 °F to +158 °F (-40 °C to +70 °C) operation with CER-831-E

Resolution Specifications

Levels	0.1 dB
Elapsed Time	0.1 s
Real Time Clock	1 s

Integration Time

Time Averaged Levels and Sound Exposure Levels	
Minimum	0.1 s
Maximum with Daily Autostore Enabled	Unlimited
Maximum with Daily Autostore Disabled	> 23 days with error < 0.5 dB

Ln Statistics

Number of Selectable Parameters	6 in xx.xx% format
Distribution Resolution	0.1 dB
Spectral Statistics	Requires Octave Analysis option (831C-OB3)

Markers

Number of Markers	10
Prenamed Markers	Truck, Automobile, Motorcycle, Aircraft, Exclude

Back Erase

Back Erase Time	5 or 10 s

Measurement Control Modes

Available Modes	Manual Stop, Timed Stop, Stop when Stable, Continuous, Single Block Timer, Daily Block Timer
Timed Stop	Time in hh:mm:ss
Stop When Stable	Delta level in xx.x dB and time in hh:mm:ss
Continuous with Daily Auto-Store	1, 2, 4, 6, 12, 24, 48, 96 or 144 files per day, automated file numbering "yymmddnn.LD0"
Restart after Power Failure	Automatic if powered by 12 VDC and continuous run mode
Single Block Timer	Start date and time to end date and time
Daily Block Timer	Up to 3 blocks between each start and end date

Clock Stability

< 1 sec in 24 hours, at 75 °F (+24 °C)	
< 10 sec in 30 days, at -40 °F to +158 °F (-40 °C to +70 °C)	
<1 s when using NTP	

SoundAdvisor Model 831C with Model DVX012 Ethernet Adaptor

ADDITIONAL HARDWARE SPECIFICATIONS AND BROADBAND NOISE LEVELS

PRM831
Preamplifier

377B02
Microphone

General Specifications (Continued)

Microphone Input

Connector	Latching 5-pin connector
Input Impedance	100 kΩ and 300 pF
Full Scale Input (0 dB gain)	14 Vpeak
ICP Current (requires ADP074)	4 mA

AC/DC Output

Jack	2.5 mm (3/32 in) female
AC Output Voltage Range	± 14 Vpeak (preamplifier output)
	± 2.1 Vpeak with 0, 20 or 40 dB gain (for LINE inputs)
AC Output Recommended Load	10 kΩ or greater
DC Output Voltage Scale	10 mV per dB, 0 V for 0 dB, 1 V = 100 dB
DC Output Frequency & Time Weighting	Follows SLM Settings: A, C, or Z and S, F, or I

Power Supply

Batteries	4-AA (LR6) NiMH, 1.5 V Lithium or Alkaline cells (supplied with 2500 mAh NiMH)
External Power (5 V from USB)	USB Mini-B connector to * USB interface from computer * PSA029 AC to DC power adaptor
External Power	I/O connector: 10 to 25 VDC (Use cable CBL140)
Operating Time (with power save options)	> 18 hours (1.5 V Lithium batteries)
	> 8 hours (Alkaline or NiMH batteries)
Power Consumption with PRM831	1.1 W (backlight off, running)
	≤ 2 W (with DVX012)
	5 W (maximum)

Memory Retention

Data Memory	Non-volatile flash memory, backup performed every minute
Real-time Clock	≥ 1 year with batteries removed

Broadband Noise Levels

Self-generated Electrical Noise	0 dB Gain		20 dB Gain	
Weighting	Typical (dB)	Max (dB)	Typical (dB)	Max (dB)
A	10	12	6	9
C	13	16	12	15
Z	22	25	22	25
Self-generated Total Noise	**0 dB Gain**		**20 dB Gain**	
Weighting	Typical (dB)	Max (dB)	Typical (dB)	Max (dB)
A	16	19	16	17
C	17	20	16	19
Z	23	26	23	26

Note: Combination of the electronic noise and the thermal noise of the 377B02 microphone at 68 °F (20 °C) measured in a sealed and vibration isolated cavity with an averaging time of 60 seconds. Electronic noise of the instrument with an ADP090 (12 pF) in place of the microphone highest anticipated self-generated noise.

Model 831C Preamplifier Specification (PRM831)

Frequency response with respect to the response at 1 kHz with 1 Vrms input	
8 Hz to 16 Hz	+0.1 dB, -0.2 dB
16 Hz to 100 kHz	+0.1 dB, -0.1 dB
Lower -3 dB limit	< 1.5 Hz
Attenuation	0.1 dB (typical)
Input Impedance	10 GΩ / 0.16 pF
Output Impedance	50 Ω
Maximum Output	28 Vpp 143 dB peak for microphones with 50 mV/Pa sensitivity
Maximum Output Current	12 mA peak
Harmonic Distortion	< -70 dBC with 8 VRMS output at 1 kHz
Output Slew Rate	2 V per µs (typical)
Electronic Noise With 12 pF Equivalent Microphone	1.8 µV typical A-weighted (2.4 µV max)
	4.3 µV typical Flat 20 Hz to 20 kHz (5.0 µV max)
Power Supply Voltage	15 V to 36 V
DC Output Level	1/2 power supply voltage
Power Supply Current	1.9 mA (typical)
Temperature Sensitivity	< ±0.05 dB from -40 °F to +176 °F (-40 °C to +80 °C)
Humidity Sensitivity	< ±0.05 dB from 0 to 90% RH, non-condensing at +122 °F (+50 °C)
Dimensions (D x L)	0.50 in x 2.88 in (12.7 mm x 73 mm)
Microphone Thread	11.7 mm - 60 UNS (0.4606 in - 60 UNS)
Maximum Cable Length	200 ft (61 m) for signals up to 20 kHz
Output Connector	Switchcraft TA5M (5-pin male)
Reference Conditions	All values are at 73 °F (23 °C), 50% RH, 35 V supply, 10 ft (3 m)

Model 831C with PRM831 and 377B02 Microphone

		0 dB Gain	20 dB Gain
Dynamic Range	A	17 dB - 140 dB	16 - 120 dB
	C	17 dB - 140 dB	17 - 120 dB
	Z	24 dB - 140 dB	23 - 120 dB
Measurement Range [1]	A	24 dB - 140 dB	20 - 120 dB
	C	26 dB - 140 dB	25 - 120 dB
	Z	36 dB - 140 dB	33 - 120 dB
Peak Range	A	65 dB - 143 dB	44 - 123 dB
	C	66 dB - 143 dB	45 - 123 dB
	Z	68 dB - 143 dB	59 - 123 dB
Max Level	SPL	140 dB	120 dB
	PEAK	143 dB	123 dB

Notes

[1] As defined in IEC 61672-1. Microphone and electrical self-noise included

OPTIONS AT-A-GLANCE

Spectral Analysis	
Octave Analysis (with Option 831C- OB3)	
1/1 Octave Filters	8 Hz to 16 kHz
1/3 Octave Filters	6.3 Hz to 20 kHz
Octave filter self-generated noise at 1 kHz	
1/1 Octave Filters	2.0 dB @ normal range (0.2 dB in low range w/ 20 dB gain)
1/3 Octave Filters	-3.1 dB @ normal range (-4.9 dB in low range w/ 20 dB gain)
Octave Analysis Parameters	
Filters	None, 1/1 octave, 1/3 octave, or 1/1 and 1/3 octaves
Frequency Weighting	A, C, or Z (independent of broadband weighting)
Maximum Spectrum	Maximum in each band or Spectrum at broadband Lmax
Spectral Statistics	6 percentiles per filter
Octave Band Logging Capability	Time History (see 831C-LOG) Measurement History (see 831C-ELA) Event History (see 831C-ELA)
Normalized Spectrum	
View Modes	SPL, Leq, Lmax, or Lmin; absolute or relative
Predefined Curves	A, C, -A, -C
User-Defined Curves	Four named for 1/1 octave and four for 1/3 octaves bands
Profiling with Time History Logging, Measurement History, and Event History	
Time History Logging (with option 831C-LOG)	
Record Period	Selections from 2.5 ms to 24 hr
Logging Parameters	Any combination of available broadband and spectral AnyData plus non sound metrics
Measurement History Logging (with option 831C-ELA)	
Interval	1 min to 99 hr
Logging Parameters	Same as Overall Measurements Ln Statistics + Spectral Ln (if OB1 or OB3 enabled)
Sound Record Tagging	At start of each interval (required to enable SR)
Event History Logging (with option 831C-ELA)	
Logging Period	20 ms to 5 s (independent of TH or MH)
Logging Parameters	Leq, Lmax, Lpeak, Date and Time, Duration, Exposure in dB and Pa2s, and available spectral Leq and maximum. Event Time History is also available with broadband and spectral levels.
Sound Record Tagging	Required to enable SR at 8 ksps or 16 ksps
SEL	Yes (LAE)
Sound Recording (831-SR)	
Data Format	Mono wave file (.wav) or compressed (.ogg)
Listening Options	On Model 831 using USB headset with Utility program, DNA, or using standard wave file player
Sample Rate	8, 16, 24, ,48, or 51.2 ksps
Storage Requirement	1 MB/min at 8 ksps to 6 MB/min at 48 ksps for .wav file
Sound Recording Modes	Manual, coupled to marker, at measurement interval start, upon event
Pretrigger	Variable depending upon sample rate; up to 60 s
Duration	Max 9999 s
Sound Streaming	Streaming to host
Weather (Meteorological Parameters)	
Combined Meteorological Unit (with sensor SEN031)	
Measuremed Parameters	Wind speed and direction, temperature, relative humidity, rain, and hail
Communication	USB using DVX008A
Sensor Model	SEN031 (requires CBL167 & DVX008A)
Sensor Noise Level	30 dB A-weighted at 2 ft (61 cm)
Ultrasonic Anemometer – Wind Sensor (with sensor SEN032)	
Measured Parameters	Wind speed and direction
Communication	USB using DVX008A
Sensor Model	SEN032 (requires CBL167 & DVX008A)
Sensor Noise Level	30 dB A-weighted at 2 ft (61 cm)
Communication options	
Direct USB to Sierra Wireless (831C-SW)	
Sierra Wireless RV50	4G cellular gateway
Power	3.2 W with power save configuration

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