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Warnings !

LOAD BATTERIES following the instructions given in Section 1.3. Make sure they are inserted in the orientations shown inside the battery compartment.

A single cell installed with the wrong polarity may still allow the instrument to function, but will cause overheating severe enough to rupture a cell, with consequent risk to the operator and damage to the instrument.

DO NOT REMOVE the protective grid from Class 1 microphone capsules as this will expose the diaphragm, which is extremely vulnerable to damage.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES should these instruments be cleaned using a solvent based cleaner.

Repairs of damage caused by a failure to observe these warnings will NOT be covered by the normal warranty conditions.

Notes !

The CEL-450 and CEL-490 are supplied complete with Class 1 or Class 2 Electret Microphones and have no need of a 200 V polarizing supply. Therefore no such supply is available and it is safe to ignore the 200 V polarising supply warnings shown on CEL-250 or MK 250 microphone packaging.

Throughout this book, display screens that are available only on a CEL-490 will be shown with a dashed - - - - outline.

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Getting Started

The following steps will get your CEL-450 or CEL-490 started.

- 1. Refer to Sections 1.1 and 1.2 to learn what is shown on the display and how to use the Quick Edit function.
- 2. Install the microphone, preamplifier and batteries according to Section 1.3.
- 3. Switch the instrument ON and follow the preliminary messages as described in Section 1.4.
 - The messages indicate the instrument type and version.
- 4. Check "Hints for using Menus" between Chapters 1 and 2.
- 5. Select the display language and microphone response according to Section 2.1.
- 6. Select a bandwidth, run timing and pre-set measurement set-up according to Chapter 3.
- 7. Perform an acoustic calibration check as detailed in Chapter 4.
- 8. Start measurement and data logging as described in Section 5.1.
- 9. Recall stored data it according to Section 5.2.
- 10. Record data on a tape or DAT recorder and replay it as described in Section 5.5.

1. INTRODUCTION

Please read Sections 1.1 to 1.4 before commencing measurement. For a quick introduction to instrument operations, Chapter 4 may be used as a tutorial.

1.1 Display & Keys



(Further icons may be shown during operation)

The broadband screen in Figure 1 shows one principal and four subordinate parameters, where the principal parameter is a level as identified below.

The following frequency weightings may be shown:

A-, C- and Z- (Linear) weighted.

The following time weightings and other identities may be shown.

۲	Slow
F	Fast
T	Impulso
nk	Poak
pr my	Maximum
mn	Minimum
0.00	Fauivalent continuous lovel
eq	Average level
AV Tron 2	Average level.
TmE	Taktmaximal 5 sek.
	Taktmaximat 5 Sek.
EP,V	Leq based holse dose normalised to a user
	specified period of nours and minutes.
	When the period is specified as 8 hours, this
	measurement unit will be shown as EP,d.
TWAv	Time Weighted Average is the normalised time
	averaged sound pressure level with the selected
	frequency and time weighting that represents
	the total average of a persons workplace noise
	exposure averaged over a user specified period
	of hours and minutes.
	This unit of measurement is specified in the
	USA: OSHA standard 1910-95 published in 1983.
	When the period is specified as 8 hours, this
	measurement unit will be shown as TWA.
Ν	Percentile sound level.
AE	Sound exposure level.
HML	Calculated as Lceg - LAeg



1.2 Quick Edit

All control functions for the CEL-450 and CEL-490 are accessed via menu displays. In addition a powerful Quick Edit facility can be invoked by

the key to allow measurement parameters and settings to be changed quickly and easily on screen. Figure 2 shows how the quick edit function enables the cursor keys to edit the current settings.

1.3 Install Microphone, Preamplifier & Batteries

Screw the Class 1 microphone "finger tight" on to the preamplifier. With the instrument switched OFF, insert the connector of the preamplifier plus Class 1 microphone or Class 2 microphone / preamplifier unit into the socket in the cone at the top of the instrument case. Face the red dot on the preamplifier to the front of the instrument so that the key engages in a keyway in the socket to ensure correct pin connection.



(To disconnect the preamplifier unit from the instrument, pull on the knurled sleeve.)

Load four new 1.5 V batteries (AA or equivalent) into the battery compartment in the rear of the instrument (Figure 3). Make sure they are

Tripod Bush (1/4" Whit.)/

Figure 3: Battery orientation

inserted in the orientations shown inside the compartment.

One cell installed with wrong polarity may still allow the instrument to function, but can cause overheating severe enough to rupture a cell and damage the instrument.

1.4 Switch Instrument ON/OFF

1. Press \bigcirc to switch the instrument ON.

The instrument starts a series of self tests, during which it indicates the instrument type, firmware version, preamplifier type and interface status.



At the end of the self test sequence, the instrument displays memory information and battery voltage,



followed by the identity of the last used setup.



Finally it enters calibration check mode (described in Chapter 2).



The dates and times of the last 4 calibrations are stored.

See Section 2.2.

2. Press to switch the instrument OFF when all measurement, setup and data recall operations are finished.

1.5 Description

Both the CEL-450 and CEL-490 Sound Level Meters make use of recent developments in digital processors to feature a full 0 - 140 dB dynamic range on a single uninterrupted scale. In addition, the narrow band versions of these instruments offer real time frequency analysis.

Versions of these instruments are available with Class 1 or Class 2 measurement accuracy to give an ability to make comprehensive

sound level measurements.		CEL-450	CEL-490
The main difference between the CEL-450 and CEL-490 are the additional timing facilities included in the CEL-490. The CEL-450 is	Cumulative Measurement Profile Measurement Period Measurement Duration Timers Delay Timers Ln% Measurement	x x x x	X X X X X X X X
Intended primarily to make			

the noise measurements required for Industrial Hygiene and Health & Safety standards, while the more comprehensive timing features of the CEL-490 make it more suited to the monitoring of Environmental noise.

Versions of both instruments are available for broadband measurement, broadband plus octave band, and broadband, octave band and third-octave band measurement. All frequency bands operate in real

time, using Class 0 filters.

To simplify
operation, frequently used
measurement setups can
be stored for re-use. The
setup memory can
accommodate one factory
setup and up to four user
specified setups for each
bandwidth.

Class 1 and Class 2 Measurement. Broadband, Octave Band and Third Octave Band versions. Simultaneous measurement of up to 16 parameters in broadband mode. Simultaneous measurement of up to 10 parameters in narrow band mode. Quick Edit function for immediate parameter change. One factory setup and up to four user specified setups stored for each bandwidth. Up to four profiles can be attached to each measurement.



Figure 4: Simplified menu structure (Some of these options may not be available on all versions)

Simple procedures allow a measurement setup to be selected and the instrument to make the required measurements and save them automatically in separate data memories for each bandwidth.

Data stored in the memory can be recalled to the display for inspection, so that the operator can confirm that the results are valid before leaving the test site.

The instruments can be operated and deliver adequate results without the need for other equipment, beyond an acoustic calibrator. All operations can be controlled via the instrument keypad and simple menu options. Figure 4 shows the basic arrangement of the main menu, while a more comprehensive menu structure is given on the fold out sheet at the back of this book.

However, the instruments become even more versatile when their measurement and setup data is downloaded to a PC using the dB23 Windows[™] based software. This software has the facilities expected of fully featured Windows[™] packages offering post processing, cut and paste between applications, comprehensive word processing capabilities, and extensive on screen graphing facilities.

These instruments are constructed to withstand some of the toughest industrial conditions with cases formed from a polyester/ polycarbonate material, giving them a high resistance to damage. Data integrity is further protected by the use of robust electret microphones.

1.6 CEL-450 Sound Level Meters

The CEL-450 is ideal for on-site noise surveys and can also monitor personal noise exposure in accordance with European - ISO or USA - OSHA and DOD standards. The following weightings can be set:

OSHA and DOD standards. The following weightings can be set:			
RMS:	A, C, Z (see section 1.1) weightings,		
Peak:	A, C, Z weightings,		
Time:	F (fast), S (slow), I (impulse),		
Q:	3, 4, 5, 6 energy conversion factor.		
Broadband models can	measure all of the following parameters simul-		
taneouslywith a single time constant.			
LAF	Sound level, with current weightings (A and F		
	are shown),		
LAFmx	Maximum level, with current weightings,		
LAFmn	Minimum level, with current weightings,		
LAeq	Equivalent continuous level, with current		
	frequency weighting,		
	Together with L _{Ceq} is used for HML calculations		
	of heaing damage,		
LAIeq	Equivalent continuous level, with impulse		
	weighting,		
LZpk	Linear peak,		
LAE	Sound exposure level (sometimes known as SEL),		
L _{Ep,v}	Noise dose normalised to a user selected		
	(variable) period of hours and minutes,		
	When the period is set to 8 hours, this will be		
	shown as L _{ex,8h} .		
L _{Tm3}	Cumulative average of fast weighted maximum		
	values taken over 3 s periods (Taktmaximal 3),		
LTm5	Cumulative average of fast weighted maximum		
	values taken over 5 s periods (Taktmaximal 5),		
TWAv	Time Weighted Average is the normalised time		
	averaged sound pressure level with the selected		
	frequency and time weighting that represents		

 the total L_{Avg} of a person's workplace noise exposure averaged over a user selected (variable) period of hours and minutes.
 This unit is specified in the USA: OSHA standard 1910-95 published in 1983. When the period is set to 8 hours, the unit will be shown as TWA.
 LAvg
 HML
 This value is the calculation: L_{Ceq} - L_{Aeq}.
 Profiles
 Up to 4 parameters can be selected to have their profile stored. Period times between 10 ms and 30 minutes can be selected.

Narrow band models can measure and scan the following parameters simultaneously.

L _{AF}	Sound level, with current weightings (A and F
	are shown here),
L _{AFmx}	Maximum level, with current weightings,
LAFmn	Minimum level, with current weightings,
L _{Aea}	Equivalent continuous level, with current
	frequency weighting.
Lpk	User selectable measured broadband Lzpk, LCpk
I.	or LApk presented as a single result.

Cumulative measurements are saved for each user enabled paramater. In addition, broadband mode allows up to four profiles to be stored for each result set, with intervals from 10 ms to 30 min. L_N % statistical data can be measured and stored.

All sound level measurement parameters can be set from the keypad and the whole measurement range is shown on a single 0 - 140 dB scale. The instruments have 2 Mb of memory, which is used on a first-come basis. Duration timers can also be set in the main menu, allowing the instrument to automatically switch off after a pre-defined time.

1.7 CEL-490 Sound Level Meters

The CEL-490 is recommended for detailed measurements as, in addition to the CEL-450 capabilities described above, it has more comprehensive

run timing facilities. These allow it to operate with user set delayed start and stop times, and to store period results taken at regular intervals.

1.8 Instrument Power Supplies

All of these instruments are powered by a set of four standard AA size batteries in a compartment in the back of the instrument case, and it is recommended that alkaline IEC Type LR6 be used. Rechargeable batteries can also be employed, but some types may give a shorter operating life. Zinc carbon batteries are NOT recommended.

If there is doubt whether the batteries will be able to power the instrument for the start and stop times set, or when measurements are needed over long periods, the instrument can be powered directly from an external 12 V DC supply without the need to remove the internal batteries.

DAMAGE to the instrument will occur if an external power supply exceeds 14 V DC. The nominal external supply is 12 V DC.

External power for the instrument is supplied via a 2.1 mm co-axial 2-line D.C. connector in the bottom of the instrument case. Terminal polarity is +12 V DC on the tip and 0 V DC ground on the sleeve.

A Casella CEL Universal Power Supply (-PC18) may be used to power the instruments from nominal 110-240 V 50/60 Hz mains supplies. To prevent loss of data should an external power supply be interrupted for any reason during measurement, it is recommended that a usable set of batteries be kept in the instrument.

In general, download all important data and remove the batteries from the instruments when they are to be out of use for some time.

Note that when an instrument is returned to battery operation after being powered from an external supply, either: switch the instrument OFF then ON again, or: disconnect ALL devices from the DC input socket, in order to avoid additional discharging of the internal batteries.

The instrument contains a built in lithium battery to maintain stored data and setups for periods while the instrument is switched OFF.

1.9 dB23 SoundTrack Software

The CEL-6811 dB23 Software enables data collected by the CEL-450 and CEL-490 to be downloaded to a PC for storage, manipulation and the production of reports. It also enables the PC to exercise comprehensive control over the sound level meter.

Data can be exported in ASCII format to proprietary word processing software, while profile and statistical data can be exported as tab-delimited text files suitable for use with spreadsheets such as Lotus 123[™] (Release 2 or later) and MS Excel[™]. In addition, on-screen graphing and reporting facilities are available and full on-line control can be exercised over the sound level meter.

The dB23 Software runs under MS Windows[®] taking advantage of the control facilities offered by the environment, so that once installed, users with a modest knowledge of Windows will find many operations are performed almost instinctively with a minimum of learning time.

Downloading is performed under the control of the PC. Data from each of the measurement runs in the sound level meter is transferred as a series of associated datafiles together with a note file in which comments and information can be written. Once downloaded, the user can display the following information:

¤ Run summary for each run,

- ¤ Data file,
- ¤ Up to four profiles for each run,
- ¤ Notepad for user-entered notes.

Hints For Using Menus

- 1. $\bigcirc \lor \lor \diamondsuit \lor \Rightarrow \bigcirc$ and \checkmark displayed on a menu show which option keys are active.
- 2. In general, $\stackrel{\checkmark}{\rightarrow}$ and $\stackrel{\leftarrow}{\rightarrow}$ keys move the reverse video cursor from field to field.
- 3. In general, \triangle and ∇ keys change the entry in the cursor field.
- 4. $\bigvee_{at the bottom of a menu list indicates there may be further options.$
- An indication such as 3/5 at the bottom of a menu¹ shows that option 3 has been selected from the 5 available.
- 6. Settings left highlighted on a menu screen become the active options.
- Note 1: The illustrations in this book are for full featured instruments, other instruments may offer fewer or no options.

2. PRELIMINARY OPERATIONS

2.1 Select Instrument Configuration (Language, Microphone Response Etc.)

Select the language in which the instrument will present menu options. This should be the first operation so that the displays and options will be understood.

Similarly, to get the most accurate results, these instruments must be operated with a known microphone directional response and be calibrated for this response.

When the language and microphone response are known to be correct for the proposed measurement task, go directly to Section 2.2 Calibration Check.

European IEC standards require measurements to be performed with microphones that have a Free Field response, while the U.S.A. ANSI standards require Random Incidence microphones. The microphone response is set via the Configuration menu.

Normally, these more permanent characteristics must be set only once, as the instrument will store the settings and use them the next time it is switched on.

Proceed as follows.



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All of the configuration settings that have been left highlighted on the menu screens, plus any changes to the time and date, will be stored for use next time the instrument is switched on.

Preliminary Operations

3. SELECT MEASUREMENT MODE, TIMER SETTINGS, & SETUP

3.1 Select Measurement Mode (Bandwidth)

The measurement mode specifies the bandwidth that is to be used for measurement. Select the measurement mode as follows.



When the required bandwidth has been selected, press once to obtain a Measurement screen or twice to obtain the Main menu that gives access to all settings and stored data.

3.2 Select Run Timing

Measurements can be timed as follows.

Timers Off Manually timed. This allows the user to start and stop a measurement run whenever they want.

<u>Select Mode & Setup</u>

Duration	Run for a predetermined duration after pressing
	the run key. This can be used to time a work
	shift, or to measure some particularly noisy
	operation with a known work cycle.
Sync timer	(CEL-490 only) Run for a predetermined duration
	that is synchronized to start at the same time as
	the next measurement period which was set via
	the Setup menu. For example, if the Period Time
	is 30 minutes, the run will start when the time is
	exactly on the hour or 30 minutes past the hour.
	This method is suggested when precisely timed
	measurements are required.
Delay Timer	(CEL-490 only) Run with preset start and stop
	times. This allows the instrument to start and
	stop up to seven accurately timed measurement
	runs while unattended.
	In this way, different measuring times can be set
	for each day of the week with the option of
	repeating them over a period of several weeks.
	Each time is set as Day:Hour:Minute, so that
	delays can be set up to a month ahead.
	Set the Day to 00, to use this as a 24 hour timer.

Once set, the timer settings become valid for all bandwidths and setups. Display screens that are available only for a CEL-490 are shown with a dashed - - - - line.

When timed measurements are required, proceed as follows.

С	peration	Press
1.	Start from the	
	Main menu	

Display Shows Comments Aleasure Mode





When the required timer settings have been selected, press once to obtain a Measurement screen or twice to obtain the Main menu that gives access to all settings and stored data.

3.3 Select Measurement Setup (Factory- or User-Prepared Setups)

The Setup specifies the particular parameters that are to be measured. Selection procedures for broadband and narrow band measurements are similar, although a wider choice of parameters is available for broadband, while the range of frequency bands displayed can be restriced for narrow band.

One factory configured setup and up to four user defined setups can be stored for each available bandwidth.

Measurements can be made at specified time intervals with storage of period noise data and exceedance (L_n) values and profiles. Display screens that are available only for a CEL-490 are shown with a dashed - - - - line.

3.3.1 Select Broadband Measurement Setup

The factory setup for broadband measurement contains a set of standard parameters selected for general purpose use.

User setups contain parameters that have been selected to perform some particular task and are saved under a user setup identity. Changes to user setups are saved for re-use, however any changes to the factory setup will be lost and the standard settings offered each time the instrument is re-started.

Select and save broadband setups as follows.







L_{Tm3} L_{AF} Lar Histogram. L_{AF} Large allows the

principal parameter shown in large characters on the display to be changed to any of the selected functions.

Any L_{AF} % value between 0.1 and 99.9 can be set.



The predicted maximum run selected parameters and periods and the available unused memory are also indicated. Period measurement is possible only with a CEL-490. The broadband measurement period can be set to: 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 30 seconds, 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 30 minutes, 1 hour, - - - - (=none). When available, the profile interval must be equal to or shorter than the period setting. The profile interval can be set to: 10, 20, 50, 100, 250, 500, milliseconds, 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 30 seconds, 1, 5 10, 15, 20, 30 minutes. Profiles for any of the enabled parameters can be stored. to access quick Press edit to specify measurement and profile periods.





When the required broadband setup has been selected, press once to obtain the Broadband Measurement screen or twice to obtain the Main menu that gives access to all settings and stored data.

3.3.2 Select Narrow Band Measurement Setup

The factory setup for narrow band measurement contains a standard set of parameters selected for general purpose use. Octave and third octave setups have the same parameter selections and are selected in a similar way.

User setups contain parameters that have been selected to perform some particular task and are saved under a user setup identity. Changes to user setups are saved for re-use. However any changes to the factory setup will be lost and the standard settings offered each time the instrument is re-started.

Select and save narrow band setups as follows.









When the required narrow band setup has been selected, press once to obtain the Narrow Band Measurement screen or twice to obtain the Main menu that gives access to all settings and stored data.
4. ACOUSTIC CALIBRATION CHECK

4.1 Start Acoustic Calibration Check

It is recommended that a calibration check of the microphone be made both before and after a measurement run. A record of the last calibration before the run and the first calibration after the run are stored. This gives the confidence that the microphone remained calibrated throughout the measurement period.

In addition to storing a "before" and "after" calibration with every measurement, the instrument saves the last four calibrations, which can be viewed on the instrument screen.

At the end of a calibration check, the user is offered the option of saving the new calibration, or not saving it and reverting to the previous calibration.

If any runs have been completed since the previous calibration, ensure that only a calibration with the correct level be saved, as this calibration will be saved as the first calibration after a run and once stored it cannot be changed. Saving a new calibration will also calibrate the "next" measurement. However, the user always has the option of performing another calibration immediately before any future run is started.

The calibration level indicated by the instrument will depend on the microphone response set. Therefore, an acoustic calibration check should be performed only when the microphone response is correct for the required task. When the calibration is known to be acceptable, press

once to obtain a Measurement screen or twice to obtain the Main menu that gives access to all settings and stored data.

It is recommended that an acoustic calibration check be performed both BEFORE and AFTER a measurement run.

Perform the calibration check using a CEL-110/1 (or 284/2) Class 1 Calibrator for sound level meters with Class 1 accuracy (WS2) and a CEL-110/2C (or CEL-282) Class 2 Calibrator for Class 2 instruments (WS3). All of these calibrators provide a nominal level of 114.0 dB at 1 kHz, while the CEL-110/1 can also supply a calibration level of 94 dB. However, the exact value to which the instrument must be calibrated will depend on the microphone type in use, its response and the local atmospheric conditions. DO NOT remove the protective metal grid from Class 1 microphones.

With a WS2, 1/2" microphone, fit the calibrator directly on to the microphone, making sure it is pushed firmly into contact with the stop in the calibrator cavity (Figure 5).





Figure 5: Fitting the acoustic calibrator

the coupler cavity (Figure 5). Then fit the coupler complete with microphone and instrument into the calibrator cavity, again ensuring that it is pushed firmly into contact with the stop in the calibrator cavity.

DO NOT lay the sound level meter and calibrator on a horizontal surface during calibration, as the combined weight will cause the microphone to move inside the calibrator cavity with the risk of causing damage and the possibility of obtaining an incorrect calibration level.

Support the sound level meter and calibrator in an upright position. To aid removal, the coupler flange does not fit tightly against the calibrator housing.

A Calibration screen is displayed at the end of the start up sequence and this will be the normal entry to the calibration check. The Calibration screen can also be obtained via the Calibration option on the Main menu. Perform an automatic calibration check of the microphone as detailed in Section 4.2, or a manual check as described in Section 4.3

4.2 Automatic Calibration Check of the Microphone

The Calibration screen shown after start up allows automatic calibration.

Acoustic Calibration Check



Acoustic Calibration Check



Table 1: Calibration Levels²

Accuracy	Microphone Class	Directional Response of Microphone	Acoustic Calibrator	Calibration Level ³
Class 1	CEL-250	Free Field (IEC)	CEL-110/1	114.0 dB
Instruments			CEL-284/2	114.0 dB
		Random Incidence (ANSI)	CEL-110/1	113.8 dB
			CEL-284/2	113.8 dB
Class 2 Instruments	CEL-485	Free Field (IEC)	CEL-110/1 CEL-110/2 CEL-282 CEL-284/2	113.6 dB
		Random Incidence (ANSI)	CEL-110/1 CEL-110/2 CEL-282 CEL-284/2	113.6 dB

Note 2: These levels may also be subject to further correction as follows: (a)When a traceable calibration certificate is available for the acoustic calibrator and/or the sound level meter. (b)To compensate for atmospheric conditions as described in the calibrator instructions.

Note 3: The instrument can be set to Autocalibrate to these levels.



4.3 Manual Calibration Check of the Microphone

Normally, Auto calibration will be used as the most convenient method. However, the user has the option of performing a manual microphone calibration, for example iwhen the calibration source is outside the limits of the automatic calibration (85.0 to 130.0 dB).



Acoustic Calibration Check





Note 4: The instrument saves the four most recent calibrations.

Acoustic Calibration Check

5. OPERATION

5.1 Measurement

With the instrument configured, calibration checked, timers set and measurement parameters specified as described in the preceding chapters perform measurements as described in this chapter.

This chapter may also be used as a tutorial to give an idea of how the instrument functions by accepting the currently selected measurement parameters and the last saved calibration.

5.1.1 Start Measurement



2. If required perform a Calibration Check as described in Chapter 4, or go directly to step 3





5.1.2 Broadband Measurement

















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Operation

5.2 Recall Stored Data

Data stored in the instrument can be recalled to the display for inspection. This allows the operator to check the quality of results before leaving the test site.

To display data from any stored run, proceed as follows.





Operation Press

Display Shows



Press and to display frequency data from any other parameters stored. Press and to display data from other periods stored.

5.3 Delete Stored Data

Unwanted data stored in the instrument can be deleted to make room for new data. Proceed as follows.





5.4. Format Memory

Formatting the memory (strictly re-formatting) is a global operation that deletes all stored data (runs) and all user setups from every available bandwidth.

USE THIS OPTION WITH GREAT CAUTION !

The option to format the instrument memory is displayed on the final Self Test screen. Proceed as follows.



5.5 Use With Tape and DAT Recorders (Including Calibration For Line Input)

The sound level meters can be connected to a DAT or tape recorder and function as an accurately calibrated input system. This enables the measured sound levels to be recorded for further calculation and analysis.

When recording, connect the recorder to the OUT Phono jacksocket in the bottom of the sound level meter (Figure 6). This socket supplies an unconditioned AC signal with a maximum level of 0.5 V RMS.

When replaying, insert the recorded signal via the IN Phono jacksocket shown in Figure 6. Suitable signals from other sources may also be inserted for measurement or analysis in this way.

If an electrical calibration of the instrument using the microphone substitution method is required, insert the calibration signal via a CEL-516 Line Input Adaptor (or the earlier CEL-216) screwed into a CEL-495 Preamplifier in place of the Class 1 microphone. These line input adaptors and preamplifiers may also be used with a Class 2 instrument.

Then perform an acoustic calibration as described in Chapter 4.

4.5.1 Recording

DAT recorders have a typical dynamic range of 70 dB, while analog recorders often have less. To ensure the maximum dynamic range for recording while avoiding overload, the 60 to 70 dB range of the recorder must be arranged to accommodate only the top or bottom 60 to 70 dB portion of the 140 dB output from the sound level meter. This is achieved by selecting an AC output signal to match the level used to calibrate the sound level meter. The following guide lines are suggested.

- 1. Use a CEL-110, CEL-284/2 or CEL-282 Calibrator to perform an acoustic calibration check of the sound level meter at 114 dB or 94 dB, as described in Section 4.
- 2. Display the Configure screen, accessed from the Main screen as described in Section 2.1.
- 3. Select and display the AC Output screen.



- 4. Select Hi or Low to match the calibration level used in Step 1,
 - i.e. Use Low range with a 94 dB calibration, Use Hi range with a 114 dB calibration.
- 5. Connect the input of the recorder to the instrument OUT terminal.
- 6. Select broadband LzF measure mode on the sound level meter.
- 7. Switch the recorder ON and start it operating in record mode.
- 8. For accurately repeatable recordings, adjust the Record Level control on the recorder until the calibrator signal gives a reading of -12 dB on the tape recorder VU meter.

Now the top of the recording range on the tape (= 0 VU) will occur in the same place as overload on the sound level meter (140 dB or 98 dB depending on the calibration used).



Figure 6: Bottom panel of the instrument

9. Record about 30 seconds of the calibration signal.

A calibration signal with known level is inserted via the sound level meter and recorded, so that when replayed, it gives an indication of the record/replay characteristics of the tape.

10. Switch the calibrator OFF and remove it from the microphone.

When the VU reading is estimated (which it usually must be at these levels), repeatability from one series of recordings to another may suffer. Therefore, either keep the Record Level control in the same position for ALL recordings, or perform a new calibration for EACH series of measurements.

- 11. Without touching the Record Level on the recorder, if required, change the measurement range of the instrument to accommodate the noise signal.
- 12. Make a note of the range used for measurement.
- 13. Proceed with recording the noise signal.

5.5.2 Replay

The following guide lines are suggested for replaying sound signals.

1. Start from the sound level meter Line Input Calibration screen

Broadband L_{ZF} measure mode will be selected automatically by the sound level meter.

- 2. Connect the recorder output to the instrument IN terminal.
- 3. Switch the recorder to replay mode.
- 4. Replay the recorded calibration signal.
- 5. Adjust the Replay Level control on the recorder so that the sound level meter display indicates the calibration level for the microphone and response used.
- 6. Stop the recorder.

The system is now calibrated to replay at accurately determined levels with the calibration signal near the top of the input range, which gives the widest possible replay dynamic range.

However, the instrument measurement range may need to be adjusted so that the display scale gives a correct indication of the recorded values.

7. Press (4) to enter quick edit mode.



- 8. Use \triangle and \bigvee to select the measurement range that was noted for the measurement.
- 9. Press (-) again to confirm the calibration and any scale change.

The instrument replay scale now matches the scale used for the recording so that the levels indicated by the display will be correct.

10. Press to display the measurement screen, then replay the recorded material and perform any measurements and analysis required.

6. SPECIFICATION

6.1 General

Standards:

The CEL-450/490 series are self contained sound level meters designed to comply with the following international standards.

IEC 61672-1 2002-5 (Electroacoustics - Sound Level Meters) Group "X" instruments, performance class 1 or 2 as relevant to the instrument model.

IEC 60651 197, IEC 60804: 1985, ANSI S1.4: 1983, ANSI S1.

In addition, for Octave and Third-Octave band versions (B and C models) the filters comply with:

EN 61260: 1996, Class 0 and ANSI S1.11, Order-3 Type 0C.

Octave Filters: 11 bands with centre frequencies from 16 Hz to 16 kHz (B and C models).

Third Octave Filters: 33 bands with centre frequencies from 12.5 Hz to 20 kHz (C models).

Narrow band filters may also be pre-weighted with A, C or Z frequency weightings.

Measurement Ranges:

Single 0 -140 dB range: Linear operating range defined by the self-generated noise of the instrument only.

Peak levels: A, C and Z available to 143 dB.

Dynamic range: Typically 123 dB.

Level Detector: Digitally derived true root-mean-square (RMS) detection, 0.1 dB display resolution.

Electric Noise Floor:

Noise floor with 18 pF dummy microphone: Typically 16.5 dBA.

Total inherent Noise including microphone thermal noise at 20° C:Typically <18.5 dBA.

Specification

Total linear A-weighted measurement range: 25 to 140dB.

Frequency Response:

6 Hz to 30 kHz (upper and lower 3 dB frequencies) with Digital sampling rate: 67.2 kHz.

Time Weightings:

S, F and I according to IEC 61672-1, with only one selected at a time.

RMA Frequency Weightings:

A, C and Z satisfying IEC 61672-1 2002 Class 1.

Filter weightings are derived simultaneously via DSP.

Correction Filters:

Built in correction filters for Random Incidence microphones.

Reference Microphones:

20⁰C Air temperature,

101.325 kPa Atmospheric pressure,

65% Relative humidity,

114.0 dB Nominal reference level.

Operating Environmental Conditions:

Temperature range (Class 1): -10 to +50°C,

Temperature range (Class 2): 0 to +40°C,

Humidity: 5 to 90% RH in the absence of condensation.

Atmospheric pressure: 65 to 108 kPa.

Storage Environmental Conditions:

Temperature range: -25 to +60°C,

Humidity: 0 to 90% RH in the absence of condensation.

Atmospheric pressure: 65 to 108 kPa.

Effect of Temperature:

Electrical accuracy of the instrument over -10 to $+50^{\circ}$ C: < ± 0.2 dB

Temperature coefficient of CEL-250 Microphone: 0.02 $dB/^{0}C$.

Effect of Humidity:

Less than ± 0.5 dB over the range 25 to 90% RH (non condensing), relative to the reference conditions.

Supplied Microphone:

Class 1: CEL-250 $\frac{1}{2}$ " pre-polarised Free Field type for use with CEL-495 Preamplifier,

Nominal sensitivity: 50 mV/Pa,

Capacitance: 18 pF.

Class 2: CEL-485 ¼" electret microphone incorporated into preamplifier unit,.

No cable correction is required for microphone cables up to 10 m (33 ft) when calibration is performed with C6716 or C6717 Cables fitted.

Calibration:

Direct for Class 1 CEL-250 Microphone used with CEL-495 Preamplifier.

Direct for Class 2 CEL-485 Microphone/Preamplifier Unit.

Manual, or automatic calibration to a user specified reference level.

The date, time and offset of the last 4 calibrations are stored.

Power Supply:

Batteries: 4 x LR6 Alkaline cells.

Battery Life: Typically 15 hours in broadband mode, 12 hours in narrowband mode.

Batteries may be safely left in the instrument whilst operating from an external DC supply.

Specification

Remove the batteries when the instrument is to be out of service for some time. A built in lithium battery will maintain stored data and setup information while the instrument is switched off.

External DC Via 2.1 mm Power Connector: 9 to 14 VDC at typically 150 mA with 1000 mA inrush current.

AC Output:

Approximately 0.5 VRMS via "AC Line Out" jack socket. Full scale output corresponds to either 94 or 114 dB, with 22 kW minimum load impedance.

This output is suitable for DAT recorders, tape recorders, PC wav file recording and headphone applications.

AC Input:

10 VRMS maximum via "AC Line In" jack socket or via a CEL-516 Dummy Microphone. Maximum source impedance is 100 kW.

This input is suitable for inserting direct-line signals from DAT or tape recorders for analysis.

Optional DC Output:

0 to 2 VDC corresponds with 0 to 140 dB, with 2 kW output impedance.

Internal Clock:

Date and time accuracy better than 2 seconds per day.

Electromagnetic Compatibility:

The instrumentation is designed and tested to comply with the following EMC and ESD Standards.

IEC 61000-4-2 Testing and Measuring Techniques - Electrostatic Discharge Immunity Tests,

IEC 61000-4-3 Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) - Radiated Electromagnetic Field Tests.

IEC 61000-4-6 Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) - Immunity to Conducted Disturbances induced by Radio Frequency Fields. Tested at 10 V/m or greater.

Effects of AC Power Frequency Fields:

Less than ± 0.5 dB change in 74 dBA 925 Hz reference level when subjected to 160 A/m AC magnetic field at 50 and 60 Hz.

Menu Languages:

English, French, German, Spanish, Italian.

Tripod Mounting:

Socket to accommodate standard ¹/₄" camera tripod thread.

Display:

128 x 64 pixel Transflective monochrome LCD.

LED backlight with Manual on/off, timed or keypress operation .

Serial I/O Port:

RS 232 via mini DIN connector and CEL cable.

9600 to 115200 baud, ring indicates auto switch-on provided.

Digital Control:

Remote PC control commands to permit change of instrument setup, perform in-house testing or to control operation of the meter's measurements.

Dimensions:

340 x 100 x 40 mm (13.5 x 4 x 1.5 in) including preamplifier and microphone.

Weight:

550 gm (19.3 oz) with batteries.

6.2 Measurement Functionality

6.2.1 CEL-450 Versions

Measurement Setups:

Factory determined setup plus 4 user defined setups for each available operating mode (Broadband, Octave and Third Octave).

The last (most recently) used set is saved for each mode.

Specification

Data Storage:

Cumulative data set of overall values for all user specified parameters from all available bandwidths for all runs, plus time history data from up to 4 user specified profiles from the runs.

Measurement Times:

Fixed measurement durations:

1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 30 minutes,

1, 2, 4, 8, 12, 24 hours.

Fixed integration times for profiles:

10, 20, 50, 100, 250, 500 milliseconds,

1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 30 seconds,

1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 30 minutes.

Amplitude weighting (Q):

Selection of Q = 3 plus one other from Q = 4, 5, 6 or none.

Parameters measured:

See Table 2.

Broadband Data Storage:

Manual storage of up to 999 complete sets of results.

Frequency Data Storage:

The memory can save results relating to any measurement mode (broadband, octave or thirdoctave).

See Table 2 for parameters measured.

Data Recall:

Stored results can be recalled to the display for inspection, even while a measurement is in progress.

Data can be downloaded according to RS 232 standards (or USB with adaptor) to a PC for further manipulation and report preparation under the control of dB23 application software.

6.2.2 CEL-490 Versions

In addition to the features listed for the CEL-450, the CEL-490 has the following. Measured Parameters:

See Table 2.

Period Timer:

Single period timer from 10 millisecond to 1 hour.

Should be divisible by the profile timer.

The period timer provides a set of period measurements after each specified period.

Delayed Start/Stop Timers:

7 user specified sets of start and stop times, identified by date to the nearest minute.

L_N Measurement:

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7. PARTS & WARRANTY

7.1 Schedule of Parts

A comp	olete CEL-450 So	ound Level Meter consists of:
•	CEL-450	Sound Level Meter,
		Plus as applicable:
	CEL-250	Class 1 WS2 $(1/2)$ Electret Microphone
		(or MK 250),
	CEL-495	Class 1 Preamplifier,
	or CEL-485	Class 2 WS3 (¹ /4") Electret Microphone in a
		Preamplifier Assembly.
	The following a	dditional items are also included:
	016004 (4 off)	Alkaline-Manganese Battery 1.5 V (IEC LR6),
	HB3307	CEL-450/490 Operator's Handbook.
A comp	olete CEL-490 So	ound Level Meter consists of:
	CEL-490	Sound Level Meter,
		Plus as applicable:
	CEL-250	Class 1 WS2 ($1/2^{"}$) Electret Microphone
		(or MK 250),
	CEL-495	Class 1 Preamplifier,
	or CEL-485	Class 2 WS3 ('/4") Electret Microphone in a
		Preamplifier Assembly.
	The following a	idditional items are also included:
	CEL-6726	dB21 Download Software on a single 3 ¹ /2"
		floppy disk,
	C6724	Communications Cable to PC,
	016004 (4 off)	Alkaline-Manganese Battery 1.5 V (IEC LR6),
	HB3307	CEL-450/490 Operators Handbook,
	HB3309	dB23 Users Handbook.
when t	the instrument is	s delivered, check that all of these items have
been su	upplied.	
The foll	lowing standard	accessories may be ordered separately.
	CEL-110/1	Acoustic Calibrator Class IL (Includes CEL-4/26
	051 110/00	Microphone Adaptor),
	CEL-110/20	ACOUSTIC CALIDITATOR CLASS 2L (INCLUDES CEL-4/26 Microphone Adapter)
		Windshield for Class 1 Misrophones
	UEL-2902	windshield for Class T Microphones,

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CEL-4672	Windshield for Class 2 Microphones,
CEL-282	Acoustic Calibrator Class 2L (Includes CEL-4725
	Microphone Adaptor),
CEL-284/2	Acoustic Calibrator Class 1L (Includes CEL-4725
	Microphone Adaptor),
C6724	Communication Cable to PC.

7.2 Instrument Servicing & Warranty

To ensure its conformity with the specification, this instrument is thoroughly inspected and it's accuracy verified prior to dispatch. All technical information is filed under the instrument serial number, which should, therefore, be quoted in any correspondence.

The manufacturers undertake to rectify any defect in the instrument that is directly attributable to faulty design or assembly, and which becomes apparent during the warranty period. In order to take advantage of this warranty, the instrument must be returned, carriage paid, to the manufacturer's factory or accredited agent, where necessary repairs will be carried out.

The warranty period runs for 12 months from the date of receipt of goods, with exceptions on certain specialised components supplied by other manufacturers which may be warranted for shorter or longer periods by their actual manufacturers. In all such cases, the benefit of these undertakings will be passed on to the user.

CASELLA CEL liability is limited to items of their own manufacture, and they do not accept liability for any loss resulting from the operation or interpretation of the results from this equipment.

To obtain repair under warranty, the instrument should be packed and returned in it's original packing or an equivalent either to CASELLA CEL's local agent, or in the case of domestic sales, to the CASELLA CEL Service Department at Bedford. Please include the following information:

> Instrument Type(s), Serial Number(s) and Firmware Version Number(s), Customer name and address.

Contact name and phone number,

Details of any PC and Software involved, including Version Number(s),
Reason for returning the equipment with a detailed description of the fault,

List of any error messages that may have been displayed.

The necessary adjustments or repairs will be carried out, and the instrument returned as soon as possible.

A comprehensive Instrument Calibration Maintenance Agreement (ICMA) scheme is available to extend the initial warranty period of this instrument. At the end of the first warranty period, it is recommended that the equipment be returned to the Service and Verification Department at Bedford, where it will be inspected and entered into the ICMA scheme as required. The warranty will then be extended for the period stated on the individual schedule. Please contact your local CASELLA CEL agent for full details of this service.

After the warranty has expired (except on approved accounts) service work is undertaken against quotations, and all packing and transit costs are charged extra.

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