

Building acoustics analysis





dBBATI32) is a software for measurement of acoustics in buildings. When used with Jazz, Symphonie or Harmonie measuring systems, dBBATI32) adds to your computer the capabilities of a digital audio recorder, a Type I sound level meter, a frequency analyser and a system optimised for measurements in buildings.

Also compatible with the SIP95 sound level meter, dBBATI32 allows the transfer and calculation of reverberation times and decays, as well as frequency analysis for the determination of, primarily, raw and standardised insulation.

(dBBATI32) incorporates all the existing international standards, as well as European directives for product noise labelling, both in the laboratory and in the field.

(BBATI32) can be configured in single channel for simple measurements, dual channel for simultaneous capture of source & receiving room levels, or in four channels for laboratory tests.

Advanced averaging functions for measurements between several channels, automatic triggering and analysis, editing the measurement report, are all part of the capabilities of (dBBATI32).

(dBBATI32) also offers an integrated noise generator, with remote control and programming of the noise source.

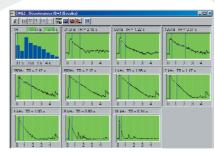
Any user, casual or expert, can customise dBBATI32 to create a tool which is easy to use, quick, powerful and adapted to each situation.

Also, (dBBATI32) now offers new functions for the measurement of spectra and reverberation using the MLS technique which still works perfectly in noisy environments!

By calculating the impulse response of a room, you can extract all the criteria such as STI, RASTI, Clarity, ... giving an unrivalled tool for the study of the acoustics of concert halls, sports stadiums, movie theatres, or any public gathering place.

Coupled with a choice of 01dB-Stell acquisition platforms, dBBATI32 becomes a tool unique on the market, both simple and powerful, ready to produce a clearly presented in-situ measurement report.





dBBATI32 main functions

- I to 4 measurement channels
- 90 dB dynamic range with autoranging
- A and Lin weighting
- Real-time in 4 channels from 12.5 to 20000 Hz
- Frequency analysis in octaves and 1/3 octaves
- Measurement of time weighted Lp and/or Leq
- Audio recording for post-processing
- Built-in automated generator
- MLS generator (Symphonie only)
- Customisation of measurement set-ups:
 - source & receiving room spectra, background noise
 - reverberation time and associated decays
 - impulse response and room criteria
- Customisation of calculation set-ups:
 - interior and exterior airborne sound insulation
 - impact sound levels
 - machinery noise
 - sound reduction indices
 - absorption coefficient
- Reporting :
 - direct printing of results
 - export to office software

dBBATI32 components

dBBATI32 operates with the following hardware: Jazz (half-length dual channel ISA card for desktop PC), Symphonie (dual channel box with PCCard connection) and Harmonie (four channel box with PCCard connection) with similar performance: type I instrument according to IEC 60651 and IEC 60804.



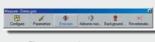
dBBATI32 transfers and processes data stored on the SIP95 range of sound level meters.

SOFTWARE ELEMENTS

<u>dBBATI32</u> ≡ modules

The customisation of the dBBATI32 software, using measurement and calculation set-ups, allows otherwise complex measurements

to be reliably performed in the minimum time, not forgetting standardised calculations, which are pre-defined.



which Floating window set-up

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Basic module

Spectrum measurement

In single, dual or four-channel mode, the measurement, for example, of source and receiving spectra, can be completely automated: control and programming of the sound source (using the built-in generator), autoranging of the measurement ranges, choice of frequency range and frequency resolution, averaging over several channels or between channels, automatic acceptance of the results... displayed in real-time.

The simplicity of the measurement allows the operator to concentrate on the job in hand.

Reverberation time measurement

Programming is also possible for this measurement: automatic start based on trigger, programming the cut-off of a stationary sound source (using the built-in generator) automatic adjustment of input ranges, definition of the study zone, averaging, Schröeder backwards integration and background noise removal, user configurable curve fitting, storage of decays, ...

Machinery noise

The measurement of machinery noise is available in a visual form, and allows the estimation of the maximum level in terms of a time history of LpA. The measurement is made easier still by eliminating parasitic events which can typically affect the maximum level.

This powerful system provides the spectrum, in octaves or 1/3 octaves, corresponding truly to the equipment noise under study.

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Automatic reporting module

In addition to the fact that all the results, curves and tables, can be printed directly or incorporated into office software, the automatic report module also generates a test report:

- conform to the special layout defined by the ISO standards for each standard calculation
- in HTML format, for printing, modification and storage using the Internet

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MLS module

The MLS method (Maximum Length Sequence) allows measurement of impulse response, which, when filtered in frequency bands, yields the reverberation time or spectra (source and receiving rooms for example).

Overall, the output of white noise (pseudo-random binary noise arranged in maximum length sequence) and the simultaneous measurement at a point, allow correct measurement of the frequency content, with a high dynamic range, in noisy environments.

The main interest in MLS is therefore to perform measurements in high insulation situations (e.g., concert halls) or to obtain good measurement results without using a heavy and powerful source.

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Room Criteria Module

Which physical parameters are related to the subjective feeling we have from the acoustics of a room? How do we translate into measurements the feelings of intimacy, warmth, brightness, dryness, metallic tone, confusion, poverty or richness?

The room criteria, having a physical definition, are obtained from the impulse response of the room measured using the MLS technique.

The criteria calculations are taken from the echogram which is analysed in frequency, the curves being generated from a digital filtering of the impulse response.

Moreover, the **intelligibility** in the room is calculated with several indicators such as **RASTI** and **STI**.



Measurement System

Symphonie, Harmonie, Jazz Systems

Class I according to IEC 60651 & IEC 60804 standards Accuracy Range Typically 20-140 dB in 6 ranges according to used micro-

phone - Automatic or manual ranging (autorange)

Depends on host computer Battery Life

Battery packs can be used

Measurements

Mode Measurement of spectra in real-time (Symphonie and

Harmonie only) and post-processing

Spectra 1/1 & 1/3 octaves from 12.5 Hz to 20 kHz using digital filters

Accuracy Class 0 according to IEC 61260 standard Channels I to 4 depending on acquisition platform

Averaging Between channels and over successive measurements

Data processing

Display Graphs or configurable tables

Spectra, signals, reverberation decays, indices, criteria, ... Storage Set-ups of measurement, analysis and calculation

Spectra operations Averaging, recomposition, addition, subtraction

Printing of results, copy & paste and advanced export function Import of 16 bit files and audio signals (WAV or MP3)

Internal Generator (Symphonie and Harmonie only)

Manual or monitored, adjustable setting time for noise in the

room, automatic cut-off for RT measurement

Radio remote control available for starting the noise source (refer to

the appropriate data sheet)

MLS (option) (Symphonie only)

Length of response and configurable number of averages (order 8 to 18, pass band up to 20 kHz, averaging from 1 to 2048)

Reverberation time

Time step I ms minimum (calculation in real time or post processed) Method Noise cut-off, impulsive (Schroeder integration and possible

background noise removal) or MLS

Possible automatic calculation and manual adjustment Adjustment

Calculated Indices

Raw & standardised insulation (internal & external Airborne noise

ISO 140 & ISO 717: D / Dn / Dn,T / Dn,w / Dn,T,w BS 2750: D / Dn / ASTM E336

Sound Reduction Index

ISO 140 & ISO 717: R / R' / Rw / R'w / ASTM E90

Impact noise Sound pressure level

ISO 140 & ISO 717: Ln / L'n / L'nT / Ln,w / L'n,w / L'nT,w Standardised level

BS 2750: LnT / LnAT Standardised level NFS31-057: LeT

Absorption Absorption coefficient

ISO 354: a s Sound pressure level

ISO 140 & ISO 717: Ln / L'n / L'nT / Ln,w / L'n,w / L'nT,w

Room criteria (option)

Intelligibility STI, RASTI

Quality criteria EDT, clarity, definition, STI-Gade Method Impulsive (direct or using MLS sequence)

Signal Recording

Machinery noise

Pass band From 40 Hz to 20 kHz

Duration User-defined (limited only by hard disk size) Trigger Manual or on threshold (delay, slope, level, AND/OR)

Playback Digital quality

Sound Level Meter (option)

Module for transfer of spectra and decays from SIP95, SIP95S

and SLS95S sound level meters

PC Configuration

Minimum Configuration

Pentium and 16MB RAM with Windows 95/98/Me/2000

Windows NT4 Service Pack 3 (processing and SLM transfer only)







Benefits

User friendly

Upgradeable

4 channels

Type 1

Immediate calculations

Complete tool

MLS method

Room criteria

Intelligibility

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