

# GRAS 26AN

1/4" Insert Voltage Preamplifier



Freq range: 2.5 Hz - 200 kHz

Noise: 1.8  $\mu$ V Gain: -0.29 dB

Special feature: For open-circuit sensitivity calibration of 1/2" and 1/4" microphone cartridges

The GRAS 26AN 1/4" Preamplifier is a small robust unit optimised for acoustic measurements using condenser microphones. It has a very low inherent noise level, a wide dynamic range and a frequency response from below 2 Hz to above 200 kHz. GRAS 26AN is configured to permit use of the insert voltage-technique for determining the open-circuit sensitivity of a microphone.

## Design

All GRAS microphone preamplifiers are based on a small ceramic thick-film substrate with a very high input impedance. The ceramic substrate is shielded by a guard ring to minimise the influence of stray capacitance and microphonic interference. The casing is made of stainless steel for maximum strength and durability. The small dimensions of these preamplifiers ensure reliable operation under humid conditions owing to the heat generated by internal power dissipation.

These preamplifiers are compatible with 1/2" microphones as defined in international standard IEC 1094 Measurement Microphones, Part 4: Specifications for working standard microphones. The mounting thread (11.7 mm - 60 UNS-2) is compatible with other available makes of similar microphone preamplifiers.

## Dynamic Range

GRAS 26AN can handle both single and dual-sided power supplies. The supply can vary between 28 VDC and 120 VDC single-sided or  $\pm 14$  VDC and  $\pm 60$  VDC dual-sided. When using the high supply voltage (120 VDC or  $\pm 60$  VDC), the dynamic range exceeds 140 dB.

## Noise

The electrical circuit in GRAS 26AN is built on a ceramic substrate using selected low-noise components to gain very low self-noise. The electrical self-noise is so low that system noise is mainly determined by the microphone capsule's thermal noise.

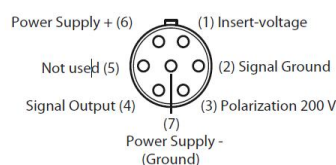
## Frequency response

The low-frequency cut-off of the GRAS 26AN preamplifier is mainly determined by the input impedance of the preamplifier and the capacitance

of the microphone capsule. The capacities 20 pF, 6.5 pF and 3 pF equal the typical capacitances of 1/2", 1/4" and 1/8" microphone capsules respectively.

The high-frequency cut-off is determined by the preamplifier's ability to drive capacitive loads (slew rate), caused by the cable. For large-signals, the effects of these parameters must be accounted for when measurements are performed. The large-signal response for GRAS 26AN for various capacitive loads corresponding to different cable lengths is shown in the data sheet. The output level is in decibels relative to 1 Volt. Typical capacitance for the cable is 100 pF/m (30 pF/foot).

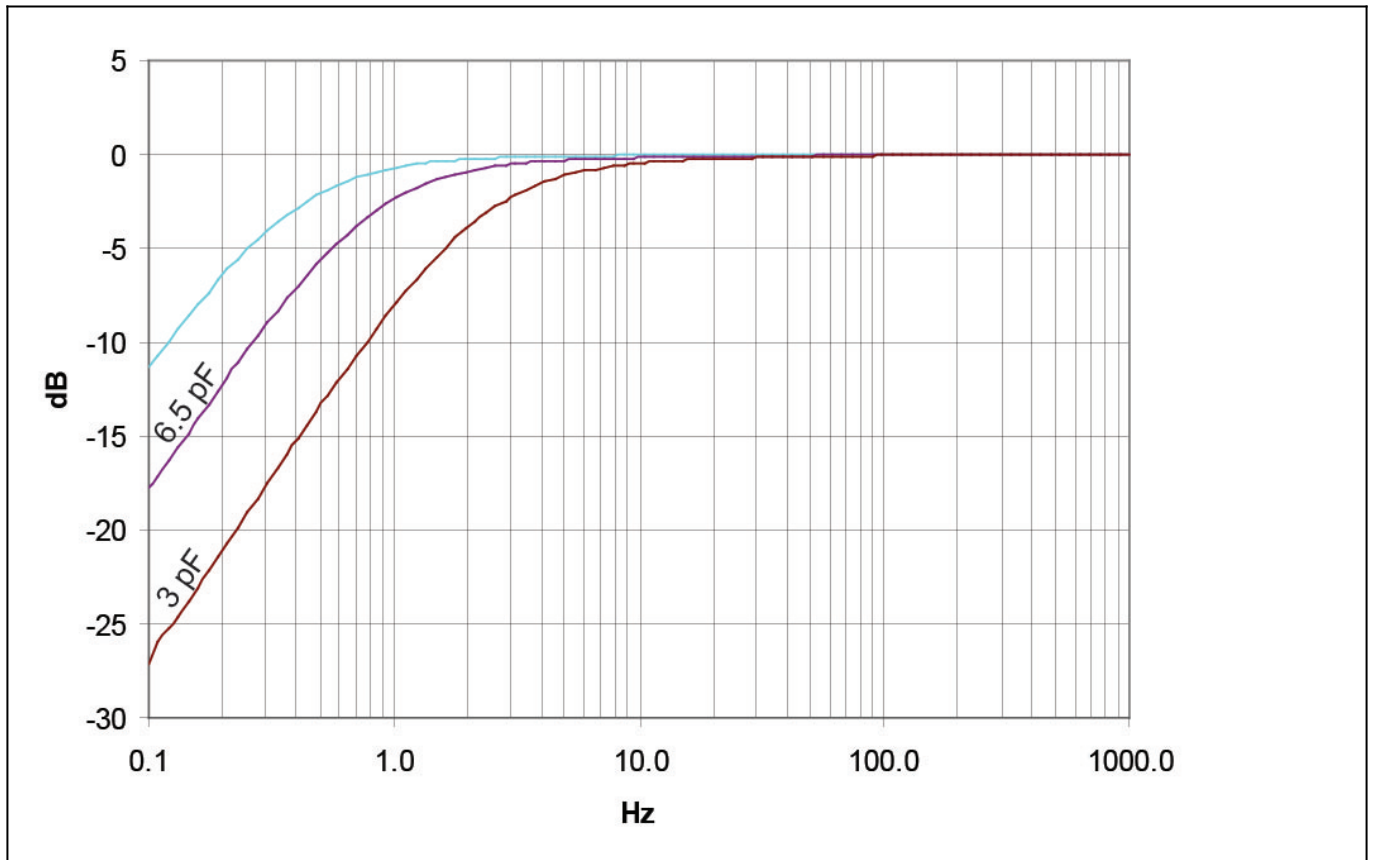
## Connector



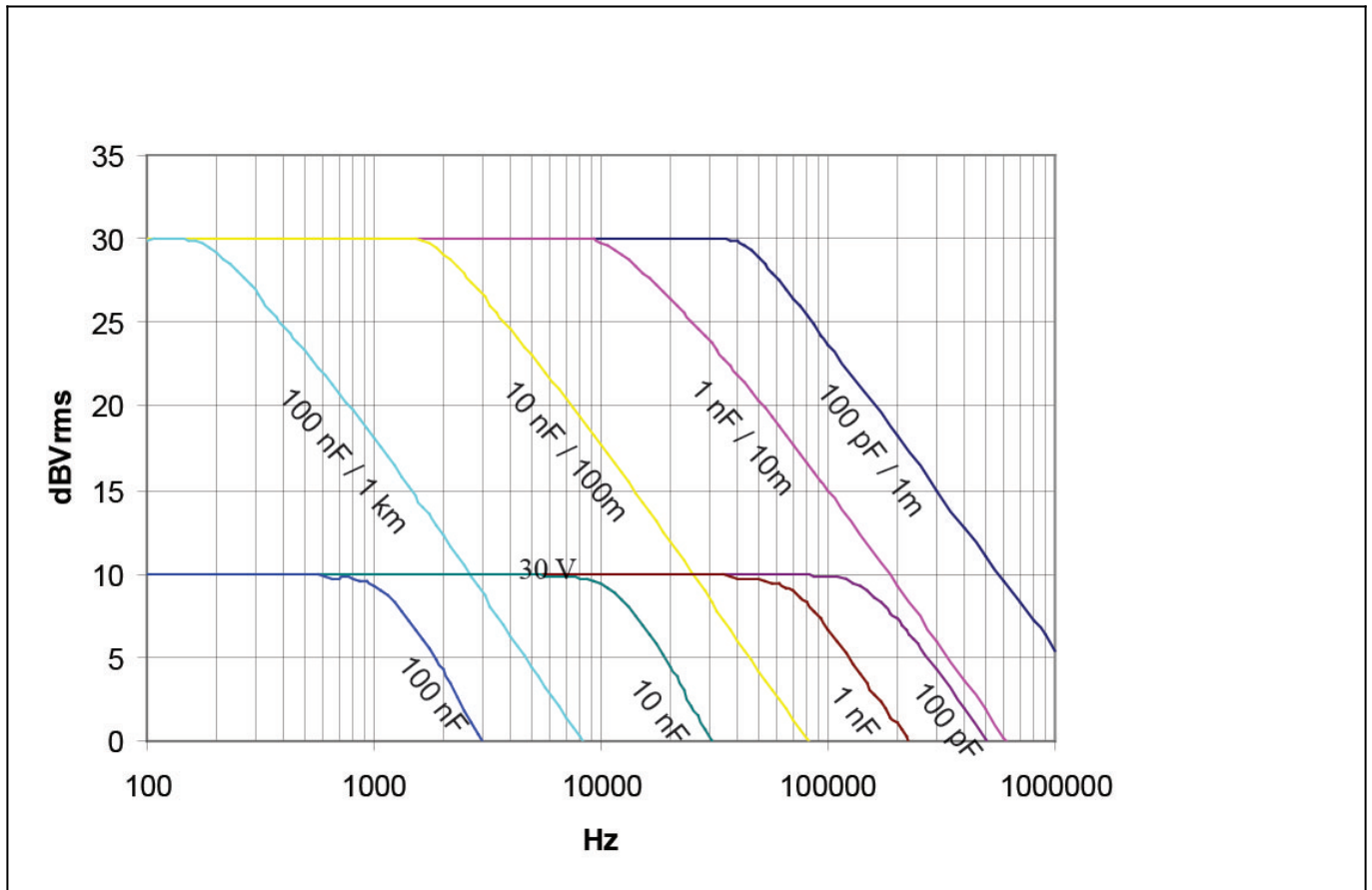
*7-pin LEMO plug 1B male (ext. view)*

Frequency range ( $\pm 0.2$ dB) with 18 pF microphone dummy	Hz	2.5 to 200 k
Slew rate	V/ $\mu$ s	20
Input impedance	G $\Omega$ // pF	20 // 0.4
Output impedance	$\Omega$	75
Output Voltage Swing, max. @ $\pm 14$ V/ $\pm 28$ V power supply	Vp	12
Output Voltage Swing, max. @ $\pm 60$ V/ $\pm 120$ V power supply	Vp	50
Noise (A-Weighted) max.	$\mu$ V	2.5
Noise (A-Weighted) typ.	$\mu$ V	1.8
Noise (Linear 20 Hz – 20 kHz) max.	$\mu$ V	6
Noise (Linear 20 Hz – 20 kHz) typ.	$\mu$ V	3.5
High-pass filter @3dB cut-off	Hz	TBD
Gain	dB	-0.29
Power supply, single	V	28 to 120
Power supply, balanced	V	$\pm 14$ to $\pm 60$
DC-offset, min., single supply	V	$0.5 \times V_s - 1$
DC-offset, max., single supply	V	$0.5 \times V_s + 4$
DC-offset, balanced supply	V	-1 to 4
Temperature range, operation	$^{\circ}$ C / $^{\circ}$ F	-30 to 70 / -22 to 158
Temperature range, storage	$^{\circ}$ C / $^{\circ}$ F	-40 to 85 / -40 to 185
Humidity range non condensing	% RH	0 to 95
Connector type		7-pin LEMO (FGG.1B.307)
CE/RoHS compliant/WEEE registered		Yes / Yes, Yes
Weight	g / oz	22.0 / 0.78

Conditions: 23  $^{\circ}$ C Ambient temperature,  $\pm 60$ V/ $\pm 120$ V power supply, 18 pF dummy microphone, 3 m output cable.



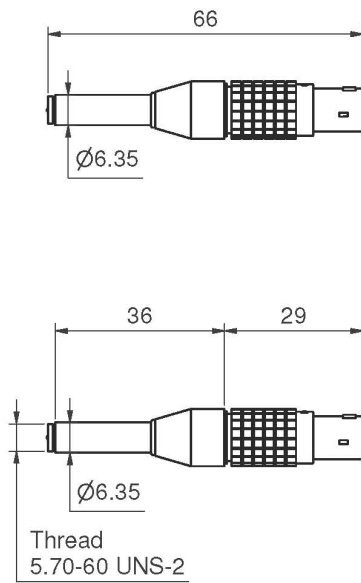
*Typical low-frequency response for 1/2 (20 pF), 1/4 (6.5 pF) and 1/8 (3 pF) microphones*



*Typical max. rms output signal with 120 V and 30 V supply*

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Dimensions in mm



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Optional items

<a href="#">GRAS AA0008</a>	3 m LEMO 7-pin - LEMO 7-pin Cable
<a href="#">GRAS AA0020-CL</a>	Customized Length LEMO 7-pin - LEMO 7-pin Cable

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