

# Castle 'SONUS' GA116I Combined Integrating Sound Level Meter and Dosemeter



The Castle SONUS range of pocket sized sound level meters bring simplicity and power to the worlds of Noise at Work and Environmental sound monitoring. From a basic sound pressure meter to full data-logging, combined sound and dosimeter, the range of systems covers a wide diversity of applications.

The Castle SONUS GA116I is a feature packed instrument that is fully compliant with IEC 61672-1:2002 Class 1, IEC 60651: 1979 Type 1, IEC 60804: 2001 Type 1 and IEC61252: 1993. This meter gives simultaneous Leq (rms. average) personal exposure (LEpd) and peak measurement for assessments to the Noise at Work Regulations 1989. It has a high-specification, Class 1 measurement microphone and is cased in tough, crack resistant ABS plastic.

Mobility of instrumentation is essential for effective noise measurement. As the name indicates, the Castle SONUS 'Pocket Meters' pack all the necessary features into pocket sized proportions

The data-logging instruments have a USB connection and are compatible with the Castle dBdataPRO software, where data can be presented in the desired format and copied and pasted into other applications, so you don't have to change the way you have always completed your reports.

There are a number of system packages available to suit many applications from simple tasks such as alarm monitoring, to a fully weatherproof system for long-term environmental monitoring, there are also dedicated packages for Noise at Work requirements.

## POCKET POWER

### Feature-Packed

Designed for **Industrial Safety Officers** and **Safety Managers** for compliance with the Health and Safety at Work Act; Noise at Work regulation 1989. The Castle GA116I provide all the necessary information you need for completing Noise at Work risk assessments.

- Integrated equivalent level (Leq) measurement
- Personal Sound Exposure Level (LEpd)
- Optional dosimeter plug-in microphone
- Sound Pressure (Lp) to 0.1 dB resolution
- 'A' and 'C' frequency weighting (toggle)
- 'Slow' and 'Fast' Time weighting (toggle)
- Simultaneous measurement of Lp, Lmax, and Cpeak
- Lmax - maximum Lp hold (rms.)
- Cpeak - maximum peak level
- Pascal Squared Hours (Pa<sup>2</sup>h)
- Elapsed time (running time hrs, min, sec)
- Single Event Sound Exposure Level (LAE)
- Overload and Under-range indication
- Battery condition (Life approx. 12 hours)

### A Tough Case for all Weathers...

The physical design and construction of the Castle GA116I casing is extremely tough and durable, made from a substantial thickness of ABS, crack resistant plastic, the GA116I will stand up to almost any industrial environment.

### Simplicity and Power...

Using the meter could not be simpler. The simple operating system uses logical keys to immediately display the information you need. The power of this little wonder means that it can measure simultaneous 'A' weighted Leq, exposure as well as monitoring the Peak levels. By simply plugging in a different microphone, this meter becomes a personal sound dosimeter.

### Future-Proof...

The built in software for this meter is designed to suit future upgrading for feature enhancements, legislative changes or instrument upgrades. Details are mailed to customers as soon as they become available. With the Castle Pocket meters, you will always be in step with the law and market requirements.

# SONUS GA116I SPECIFICATION

## DESCRIPTION

GA116I Class 1, Integrating Sound Level Meter

## APPLICABLE STANDARDS

IEC 61672-1:2002 (Integrating, Sound Exposure and Sound Level Meters)

IEC 60651:2001 (Sound Level Meters)

IEC 60804:2000 (Integrating Function)

## MICROPHONE AND PREAMPLIFIER

Type 7146A Pre-Polarised ½" (13.2 mm)

Free-Field, Electret Condenser Microphone:

20Hz – 20KHz ± 2dB

–32 dB ± 3 dB re 1V/Pa

Custom pre-amplifier design

Typical actuator to free-field correction factor (based on 500Hz=0) is shown below

## DISPLAY

Back-lit LCD panel (8x1 Characters)

Alpha-Numeric display for measured results

## LEVEL RANGE

Measuring Range:

35-140

Linear operating range (IEC61672-1):

65dB

3 Measurement Ranges (IEC61672-1):

35-100

55-120 - Reference Range

75-140

## NOISE FLOOR

Typical 'A' Weighting <32 dB(A) rms.

'C' Weighting <38 dB(C) rms.

## FREQUENCY WEIGHTING

'A' and 'C' to IEC 61672-1:2002 and IEC 60651:2001,

## FREQUENCY RANGE

12.5 Hz - 20 kHz (including microphone)

1 Hz - 20 kHz (electrical characteristics)

## TIME WEIGHTING

Slow and Fast

## INSTRUMENT RESPONSE

Simultaneous rms. and Peak

## MEASUREMENT PARAMETERS

Lp (Sound Pressure Level), Leq (Equivalent Sound Level), Lmax (maximum Level), Cpeak (Max. Peak Level), LEpd (Sound Exposure Level), LAE (Single Event Sound Exposure Level)

Other Displays: Elapsed time, Overload, Battery Life

## CALIBRATION

Software controlled 91.0 to 120.0 dB (1kHz) in 0.1 dB steps

## PROCESSING

A to D Converter: 12-bit

Controller: 8MHz, micro-controller

## OUTPUT

AC Output = 16.4mVrms at 94dB

(un-weighted and not affected by range)

DC Output = 40mV/dB

(weighted and ranged)

## POWER REQUIREMENTS

Batteries: 1 x 6LR61 (size PP3), Life: >12 hours (alkaline batteries, continuous operation).

## SIZE AND WEIGHT

Dimensions: 60mm (width) x 30mm (depth excluding pocket clip) x 135mm (height without microphone) or 210mm (height with microphone)

Weight: 200gms (without battery)

## MANUALS

Multi-language manuals\*: French, German, Spanish and Italian.

## ACCESSORIES

**GA607** Dual Level Calibrator:

**KA010** Kit Case for GA116I, GA607 and Accessories

Note: Items marked \* will be available as upgrades in the near future.

In the interest of continued developments, Castle reserve the right to change the product specifications without notice

## SONUS PRODUCT RANGE

### Sound Meters

	Class 1	Class 2
Basic— sound pressure level	GA116B	GA216B
Integrating—(Leq)	GA116I	GA216I
Data-logging	GA116L	GA216L

### Dosemeters

Basic Dedicated Dosemeter	GA257B
Data-logging Dosemeter	GA257L

# To the Safety, Health and Environment Professional...

The issues faced every day by Health, Safety and Environmental professionals are vast and varied. At Castle, we have spent a lot of time developing products and services to make your life easier!

Castle Group Ltd are one of the leading international group specialists in technical safety, health and environment solutions. Whether you are in Industry, Construction, Local Authority or anywhere there are safety or environment issues, we are a resource you really could use. We can help with Noise, Vibration, Air sampling, Gas detection, Light and temperature and just about anything else that needs measuring. The following services show you how we can help

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- UKAS Accreditation Available
- Large range of equipment calibrated
- 4 Levels of calibration available for most equipment
- Annual contract calibrations with up to 20% off

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## Who are Castle

For 40 years, Castle has been driving forward with product and service innovation. For a number of the early years, the company focussed on the development of sound and vibration measuring equipment. This was then progressed by adding training courses, rental and consultancy eventually leading to the Castle of today, which is helping many customers deal with a vast range of health, safety and environmental issues in a variety of ways. The future is a very exciting place at Castle and we are working on many new initiatives with our customers firmly in mind!