

he AKG/Crown PZM10 is a Pressure Zone Microphone® designed for security, surveillance, and conference table use.

Since it does not look like a microphone, it is inconspicuous. The mic's tubular housing mounts in a 25/32" diameter hole in a ceiling panel, wall or table.

Like other Pressure Zone Microphones, the PZM10 uses a miniature mic capsule mounted very near a sound-reflecting plate or boundary, in the Pressure Zone. In this zone, direct sound from the sound source combines in phase at all frequencies with reflected sound off the boundary. The benefits are many: 6 dB more sensitivity, 6 dB less noise, a wide smooth frequency response free of phase interference, excellent clarity and "reach," and consistent pickup anywhere around the mic.

In the PZM10, low frequencies below the voice range are rolled off to reduce pickup of air conditioning rumble. The high-frequency response is boosted slightly to help articulation. Because of its tailored response and PZM construction, the PZM10 will pick up conversations or other desired sounds with extra clarity and definition.

The microphone connector is an XLR type (3-pin pro audio) for easy plug-in installation. The output is balanced, low impedance, which allows long cable runs without hum pickup or high-frequency loss. Powering is by 12 to 48 V phantom power.

The PZM10 LL has a line level output.

The mic's humbucking transformer and steel case prevent hum pickup, even near fluorescent lights.

## Installation

To pick up speech at a small conference table (about 6 feet square), mount one PZM10 in the middle of the table. For longer tables, use one PZM in the middle of every 4 to 6 people. No person should be more than 3 feet from the nearest microphone.

- 1. Please refer to Fig. 2 and identify the parts shown.
- 2. Determine where you want to install the microphone, and drill a 25/32" diameter hole

there.





# PRESSURE ZONE MICROPHONE



# **Specifications**

Transducer type: Electret condenser.

Frequency response (typical): 80 Hz to 20,000 Hz. See Fig. 1.

Polar pattern: Hemispherical.

Impedance: 240 ohms, balanced. Recommended minimum load impedance 1000

## Open circuit sensitivity:

2.5 mV/Pa\* (-52 dB V/Pa).

Power sensitivity: -52 dBm/Pa\*

# Equivalent noise level (self-noise):

26 dB SPL typical (0 dB = 0.0002 dyne/cm<sup>2</sup>), A-weighted.

S/N Ratio: 68 dB at 94 dB SPL.

Maximum SPL: 120 dB SPL produces 3% THD.

Operating voltage: 12 to 48 V phantom power, positive voltage on pins 2 and 3 with respect to pin 1.

**Polarity:** Positive pressure on the diaphragm produces a positive voltage on pin 2 with respect to pin 3 of output connector.

Current drain: 400 microamperes.

### Output connectors:

PZM10: Male XLR type (3-pin pro audio).

PZM10 LL: Line level output, unterminated cable.

**Cable:** None supplied. Use 2-conductor shielded mic cable.

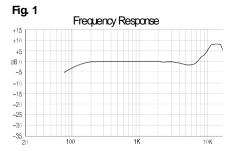
Materials: Steel plate and housing.

**Finish:** Off-white. May be painted any color; take care to first seal the opening between the capsule and boundary plate.

**Net weight:** 2.6 oz. (73.6 g).

Dimensions: See Fig.2.

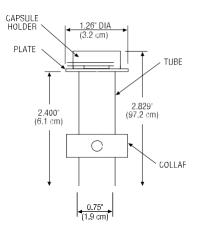
\*1 pascal = 10 dynes/cm<sup>2</sup> = 10 microbars = 94 dB SPL

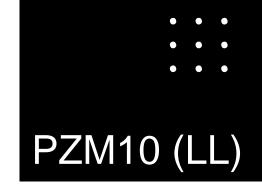


Frequency in Hz

Fig. 2







- 3. Obtain some 2-conductor shielded mic cable, long enough to run from your equipment input to the microphone. If space is tight behind the mounting surface, obtain a right-angle female XLR connector. Solder the female XLR connector onto the cable: shield to pin 1, hot lead to pin 2, other lead to pin 3.
- 4. Run the female XLR and mic cable to the hole.
- 5. Using a 5/32" Allen wrench, remove the collar from the microphone. Insert the microphone tube into the hole.
- 6. Slide the collar onto the mic tube. Pull the plate tight against the hole and press the collar tight against the mounting surface. Tighten the Allen screw in the collar.
- 7. Plug your mic cable into the microphone.
- 8. Plug the other end of your mic cable into one of these devices:

- \* A mic preamp that supplies phantom power.
- \* A mixer that supplies phantom power.
- \* A phantom power supply, such as the AKG/ Crown PH4B or PH1A.

Connect the output of the supply to the mic input of your mic preamp, mixer or recorder.

Architects' and Engineers' Specifications
The microphone shall be the AKG/Crown
PZM10 or equivalent. The microphone shall
be a electret condenser Pressure Zone
Microphone with a hemispherical polar
pattern. The microphone shall have a tubular
housing which mounts in a 25/32" diameter
hole. Open-circuit sensitivity shall be 2.5
mV/Pa typical. Equivalent noise level shall be
26 dBA typical. Maximum SPL shall be
120 dB for 3% THD. Powering shall be 12-48
V phantom power. Output connector shall be
male XLR-type.

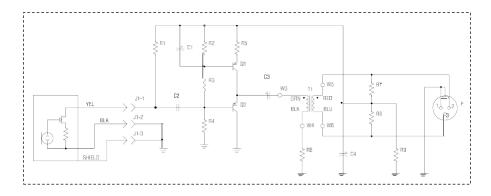
The AKG/Crown PZM10 microphone is specified.

# Warranty

AKG/Crown professional microphones are guaranteed unconditionally against malfunction from any cause for a period of three years from date of original purchase. Please refer to the enclosed full warranty statement for more detail.

#### Service

If the unit fails to work, first replace or repair the mic cables and check the power supply. If you determine that the microphone product is defective, return the complete product in its original packaging to one of the addresses below. For further assistance or technical support call the international helpdesk at +43 676 83200 888.



PZM10 Schematic



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