R30I-AST Sensor
Integral Preamplifier
Acoustic Emission Sensor

Description and Features
PAC’s integral preamp sensors were specifically engineered to attain high sensitivity and have the capability to drive long cables without the need for a separate preamplifier. Incorporating a low-noise input, 40 dB preamplifier and a filter all inside the sensor housing, these transducers are completely enclosed in metal stainless steel (or aluminum) housings that are treated to minimize RFI/EMI interference. Care has also been taken to thermally isolate the critical input stage of the preamplifier in order to provide excellent temperature stability over the range of -35º to 75º C.

Their integrated Auto Sensor Test (AST*) capability allows these sensors to pulse as well as receive. This feature lets you verify the sensor coupling and performance at any time throughout the test.

Applications
This sensor provides additional noise rejection for applications such as production line process monitoring including punch press monitoring, forming operations and stamping, and process control applications such as leak detection within process control plants in the presence of flow and process noises.

Operating Specifications

Dynamic
Peak Sensitivity, Ref V/(m/s) ....................... 97 dB
Peak Sensitivity, Ref V/µbar ........................ -22 dB
Operating Frequency Range ............... 200-450 kHz
Resonant Frequency, Ref V/(m/s) .......... 300 kHz
Resonant Frequency, Ref V/µbar ............... 350 kHz
Directionality ................................ + / -1.5 dB

Environmental
Temperature Range ...................... -35 to 75º C
Shock Limit ................................. 500 g
Completely shielded crystal for maximum RFI/EMI immunity

Physical
Dimensions .................. 1.13” diameter x 1.23” h
.................................................. (29 x 31 mm)
Weight ................................. 75 grams
Case Material ........ Stainless Steel (304)
Face Material ................. Ceramic
Connector ........................ BNC
Connector Locations ........ Side

Ordering Information and Accessories

R30I ........................................ R30I-AST
Cable (specify cable length) ................. 1234 - X
Magnetic Hold-Down .................. MHR30I
Amplifier ............................. AE2A

Sensors include
NIST Calibration Certificate & Warranty

* AST — Auto Sensor Testing feature allows AE systems to control the sensor as a pulser and a receiver at the same time. It can therefore characterize its own condition as well as send out a simulated acoustic emission wave that other sensors can detect, so the condition of the nearby sensors also can be tested.

Frequency response of the R30I-AST. Calibration based on ASTM E1106; Calibration based on ASTM E976.