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INTRODUCTION

Increasingly, we can see the unique properties of mechanical vibration and ultrasonic waves put to use in many ways. And the single most important key to the effective monitoring or use of vibration is the transducer. Today's transducers are called on for standards of performance that are higher than ever before.

For best results in any application, the piezoelectric materials in the transducer should be selected with the specific use in mind. This catalog contains a wealth of information to help you evaluate transducer characteristics.

And when it comes to the materials themselves, look to NEC TOKIN'S NEPEC® NPM piezoelectric ceramics. Using zicron and lead titanate as the main components, NEPEC materials have a wealth of features:

1) A wide selection range, especially for mechanical characteristics and degree of electromechanical coupling.

2) High stability against temperature and humidity variations and aging.

3) Remarkably fine ceramics that can be machined into a variety of sizes and shapes.

4) Excellent resistance to voltage, permitting transducers with polarization in any direction.

5) A wide range of potential uses.

This catalog describes NEC TOKIN's standard piezoelectric ceramics, and it also describes NEC TOKIN's line of transducers. If you cannot find the desired material characteristics or transducer for your application in these pages, please contact us directly; our engineering staff can work with you to develop materials for your purpose.

References

Please refer to the following bibliography if you want more details of basic theory and applications of transducers:

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- 11) Electromechanical functional parts (compiled by Specialized Committee of The Institute of Electrical Engineers of Japan) 12) Test methods for piezoelectric ceramic transducers (EMAS-6001 to EMAS-6004)
- (Piezoelectric Ceramic Engineering Committee, Electronic Materials Association) 13) Pezoelectric / Electrostrictive Actuator (K. Uchino, Morikita Publishers)

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Piezoelectric Ceramics

OPERATING PRINCIPLES OF PIEZOELECTRIC CERAMICS

When considered at the crystal level, an piezoelectric ceramics has the following properties.

A piezoelectric material possesses a perovskite crystalline structure. Lead zirconate titanate $PbZr0_3$ -PbTi0₃ (abbreviated to PZT) which is the primary component of the piezoelectric material is used as an example for explanation.

The crystalline structure of PZT becomes cubic (a cube) above a certain temperature known as the Curie temperature (Tc) (see Fig. 1-1a). In the cubic structure, three crystallographic axes have the same length (a = b = c), and all the angles between the crystallographic axes are 90° ($a = \beta = \gamma = 90^{\circ}$). A positively charged Zr ion or Ti ion is centered on the lattice. The crystal is electrically balanced at this time, and therefore no electrical polarization arises in the crystal.

However, below the Curie temperature, the crystal structure becomes tetragonal (or assumes a rectangularparallelopiped shape) or rhomboid. In the tetragonal structure, the c axis is longer than the other two axes ($a = b \neq c$), and all the angles between the axes are 90°. On the other hand, in the rhomboid structure, the three axes have the same length (a = b = c), and the angles between the axes are not 90° ($a = \beta = \gamma \neq 90^{\circ}$).

A typical tetragonal structure will now be described. Below the Curie temperature, the positively charged Zr ion or Ti ion shift from the center. As a result of this, the c axis of the crystal becomes longer, and the resulting electrical imbalance brings about a dipole moment. The Zr ion or Ti ion has equivalent energy even when shifted to any position along the six axes in the crystal (Fig. 1-1b).

If an external electric field is applied to this tetragonal crystal, the Zr ion or Ti ion shift in the direction of the electric field. Even if the electric field is eliminated, the Zr ion or Ti ion do not return to their original positions and stay aligned in the direction of the electric field. As a result of this, the direction of the longer axis changes (Fig. 1-1c). This phenomenon is called 90° inversion. As a matter of course, 180° inversion may also occur. However, in this case, the direction of the long axis remains unchanged.

When an external electric field is applied to the crystal, the Zr ion or Ti ion are attracted to the negative side of the electric field, whereas O (oxygen) ions are attracted to the positive side, resulting in a longer crystal (Fig. 1-1d). Specifically, the application of the external electric field brings the displacement (expansion) of the crystalline lattice. Variations in the length of the crystal can be obtained as displacement in the form of voltage. This is one of the principal factors with respect to the operating principles of the piezoelectric ceramics.

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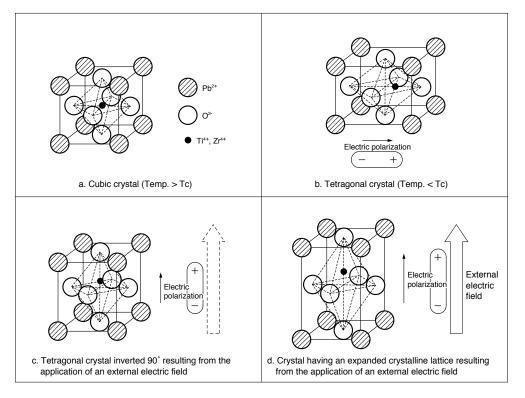


Fig. 1-1 Behavior of Actuator (Perovskite Crystalline Structure)

Below the Curie point, as viewed from a macroscopic viewpoint, that is, as considered at the crystal grain level, bounded areas (domains) where the Zr ion or Ti ion of the atoms are aligned in the same direction are generated (Fig. 1-2a). The domains have large Zr ion or Ti ion. The spontaneous polarization cancels each other out, and the Zr ion or Ti ion of the piezoelectric ceramic element as a whole is zero. Such a state is called a nonpolarized state.

If an electric field is applied to the nonpolarized piezoelectric ceramic element, the directions of the Zr ion or Ti ion of the domains are aligned in the direction close to the electric field as a result of the shift of the Zr ion or Ti ion. This phenomenon is called polarization. As a result of this, the length of the piezoelectric ceramic element becomes longer in the direction of the electric field (Fig. 1-2b).

Even if the electric field is eliminated, the length of the piezoelectric ceramic element does not return to its original length in the nonpolarized state as a result of the 90° inversion of the Zr ion or Ti ion. The variation in the length of the element is called residual polarization (Fig. 1-2c). The element is most stable in the nonpolarized state, from the viewpoint of energy. For this reason, the polarization is gradually lost if the element is stored for a long period of time, and the element finally returns to the nonpolarized state.

Some of the Zr ion or Ti ion which are inverted by 90° while the electric field is applied to the element become unstable, in terms of energy, as a reuslt of the influence of the neighboring domains at the moment the electric field is eliminated, and they return to their original positions (their positions when the element was nonpolarized). In other words, when the electric field (a voltage) is applied to the piezoelectric ceramic element, the element becomes longer in the direction of the electric field. On the other hand, when the electric field (a voltage) is eliminated, the element returns to its original length. This variation in the length of the element is the displacement that can be obtained in the form of voltage. The variation in the length of the element is another element of the principal factors with respect to the operating principles of the piezoelectric ceramics.

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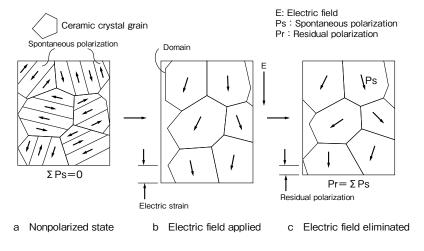


Fig. 1-2 Behavior of Actuator (Crystal Grain)

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Ceramic Design Information

Outline

A piezoelectric material responds mechanically when voltage is applied, and conversely, generates a voltage in response to a mechanical change.

To create piezoelectric ceramics, polycrystalline ceramics are fired and baked at a high temperature. Then electrodes are mounted and a DC field applied in order to polarize the ceramic material; once polarized, the material exhibits piezoelectric properties, allowing it to be used as a piezoelectric ceramic transducer. These transducers are also called electrostriction transducers, since ceramic crystals are deformed by electricity.

Barium titanate and lead zircotitanate are the most popular piezoelectric ceramics. In addition, NEC TOKIN also uses a variety of other materials, including conventional lead zircotitanate.

This results in piezoelectric materials that can be used in a wide variety of applications: those that use the piezoelectric effect (such as igniters and pickups), those that utilize resonance (e.g., filters), and those that utilize the electrostrictive effect (such as piezoelectric buzzers and displacement elements).

In addition to barium titanate and lead zircotitanate, popular as piezoelectric ceramics, NEC TOKIN offers multicomponent solid ceramics developed from conventional lead zircotitanate ceramics. They meet a wide range of specifications for a wide range of applications. The main applications include: those that use the piezoelectric effect (such as sensors and pickups), those that utilize resonance (such as transducers for ultrasonic motors and cleaning equipments), and those that utilize the electrostrictive effect (such as piezoelectric sound elements and displacement elements). In addition, they can be used as ultrasonic vibrators and transducers.



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Evaluation of Transducer Characteristics

NEC TOKIN evaluates the characteristics of transducer materials based on a number of parameters.

1) Resonant Frequency

When an AC voltage is applied to the transducer and frequency f is varied to be in agreement with the natural frequency of the transducer, it vibrates very violently. This frequency is called resonance frequency fr.

A constant voltage circuit or a low voltage circuit was used for measurement of the resonance and anti-resonance frequencies. These frequencies can be measured easily with an impedance analyzer such as the 4294A of Agilent Technologies.

Resonance frequency fr obtained from the equivalent circuit near the resonance frequency and anti-resonance frequency fa can be expressed by the following equations:

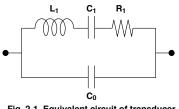


Fig. 2-1 Equivalent circuit of transducer

Where,

- L₁ : Series Inductance
- C₁ : Series Capacitance
- C₀ : Parallel Capacitance
- R₁ : Series Resistance

fr = 1/{2
$$\pi\sqrt{L_1C_1}$$
}
fa=1/{2 $\pi\sqrt{L_1C_0C_1/(C_1+C_0)}$ }

Practically, frequencies minimizing and maximizing the impedance shown in Fig. 2-2 are generally treated as fr and fa, respectively.

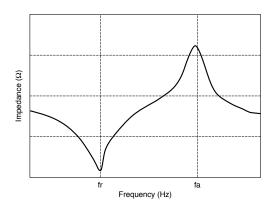


Fig. 2-2 Impedance characteristic of piezoelectric transducer

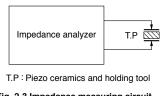
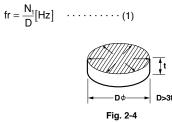


Fig. 2-3 Impedance measuring circuit

Resonant frequency fr can be defined in a number of different ways, depending on the mechanical structure and oscillation of the transducer.

a) Radial vibration

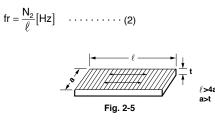


Radial vibration is in the direction of the arrows. The coefficient of electromechanical coupling for this type of vibration us called Kr.

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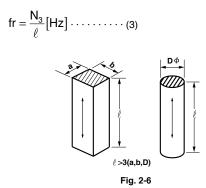
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b) Lengthwise vibration



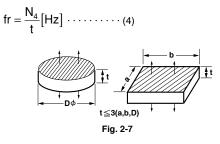
The direction of vibration is perpendicular to the polarization direction; it is a simple vibration in one plane only. The coefficient of electromechanical coupling is known as K₃₁.

c) Longitudinal vibration



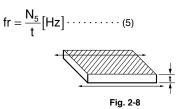
The directions of polarization and vibration are the same, vibration is simple vibration. The electromechanical coupling coefficient is known as K₃₃.

d) Thickness vibration



Here, thickness is small compared with the area of the radiation plane; the effect of vibration is the same as that of longitudinal vibration. Generally, vibration is in two directions, and discrimination can be made between the two. The electromechanical coupling coefficient for this type of vibration is called Kt.

e) Shear vibration



The direction of vibration is the same as the polarization direction. Orientation of the drive field direction is perpendicular to it. A drive electrode is located perpendicular to the direction of polarization. The electromechanical coupling coefficient is expressed by K₁₅. Where

- N1: Frequency constant of radial vibration (Hz-m)
- N₂: Frequency constant of lengthwise vibration (Hz-m)
- $N_{\mbox{\tiny 8}}$: Frequency constant of longitudinal vibration (Hz-m)
- N₄ : Frequency constant of thickness vibration (Hz-m)
- N₅: Frequency constant shear vibration (Hz-m)
- D : Diameter of disc or column (m)
- ℓ : Length of plate, column, or cylinder (m)
- a,b: Width of square plate or column (Hz-m)
- t : Thickness of disc, square plate, or cylinder (m)

2) Coefficient of electromechanical coupling

The coefficient of electromechanical coupling represents the mechanical energy accumulated in a ceramic or crystal; it is related to the total electrical input. This coefficient k can be calculated for each individual vibration mode by using the resonant (fr or fm) and antiresonant frequencies (fa or fn) and the applicable formula shown here:

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbf{x} = \sqrt{\left(0.395 \times \frac{\mathrm{fr}}{\mathrm{fa} - \mathrm{fr}} + 0.574\right)^{-1}} \quad \dots \dots \quad (6) \\ & \mathbf{x}_{31} = \sqrt{\frac{\mathrm{r}}{\mathrm{r} - \mathrm{tanr}}} \quad \dots \dots \quad (7) \\ & r = \frac{\pi}{2} \cdot \frac{\mathrm{fa}}{\mathrm{fr}} \end{aligned}$$

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$$K_{33} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{\pi}{2} \cdot \frac{fr}{fa}\right) \cot\left(\frac{\pi}{2} \cdot \frac{fr}{fa}\right)} \cdots (8)$$

$$Kt = \sqrt{\left(\frac{\pi}{2} \cdot \frac{fr}{fa}\right) \cot\left(\frac{\pi}{2} \cdot \frac{fr}{fa}\right)} \cdots (9)$$

$$K_{15} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{\pi}{2} \cdot \frac{fr}{fa}\right) \cot\left(\frac{\pi}{2} \cdot \frac{fr}{fa}\right)} \cdots (10)$$

Where

- Kr : Electromechanical coupling coefficient for radial vibration
- K₃₁: Electromechanical coupling coefficient for lengthwise vibration
- K₃₃: Electromechanical coupling coefficient for longitudinal vibration
- Kt : Electromechanical coupling coefficient for thickness vibration
- K₁₅: Electromechanical coupling coefficient for shear vibration
- fr : Resonant frequency [Hz]
- fa : Antiresonant frequency [Hz]

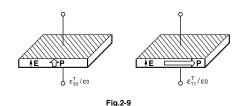
3) Relative dielectric constant

When the electric flux density caused by applying an electric field E between electrodes of a transducer under a constant stress is regarded as D, the relative dielectric constant is obtained by dividing the constant, defined by $D/E=\epsilon^{T}$, by the vacuum dielectric constant ϵ^{0} . This relative dielectric constant is expressed by $\epsilon^{T_{33}}/\epsilon^{0}$ when the direction of polarization and applied electric field are the same; it is expressed by $\epsilon^{T_{11}}/\epsilon^{0}$ when these directions are perpendicular. Calculation of relative dielectric constant is shown in Eq. 11. Static capacitance is usually measured at 1kHz using an all-purpose bridge or a C meter.

$$\varepsilon_{33}^{\mathsf{T}}/\varepsilon_0 = \frac{\mathsf{tC}}{\varepsilon_0 \mathsf{S}}$$
(11)

 $(\epsilon^{\tau}{}_{\scriptscriptstyle 11}/\epsilon 0$ is also calculated using the same equation.) Where

- E0 : Relative dielectric constant in vacuum (8.854x10⁻¹² F/m)
- t : Distance between electrodes (m)
- S : Electrode area (m²)
- C : Static capacitance (F)



4) Young's modulus

For different modes of vibration, Young's modulus is calculated by Eq. 12, based on the sonic velocity and density of the material.

 $Y^{E} = \rho v^{2} [N/m^{2}] \qquad (12)$ Where ρ : Density (kg/m³) $v(=2fr\ell)$: Sonic velocity (m/sec.) N: Newton

5) Mechanical Q

The mechanical Q is the "sharpness' of mechanical vibration at resonant frequency, and is calculated with Eq 13.

Where fr : Resonant frequency (Hz)

- fa : Antiresonant frequency (Hz)
- Zr : Resonant resistance (Ω)
- C : Static capacitance (F)

Where a simpler method is called for, mechanical Q may be calculated with Eq. 14, using frequencies f_1 and f_2 which are each 3 dB from the resonant frequency.

$$Qm = \frac{fr}{f_1 - f_2} \qquad (14)$$

The values shown for material characteristics in this catalog are calculated using Eq. 13.

6) Piezoelectric constant

There are two types of piezoelectric constants, the piezoelectric strain constant and the coefficient of voltage output.

a) Piezoelectric strain constant

This is a measure of the strain that occurs when a specified electric field is applied to a material that is in the condition of zero stress. This constant is calculated with Eq. 15.

$$\mathbf{d} = \mathbf{k} \sqrt{\frac{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}^{\mathsf{T}}}{\mathbf{v}^{\mathsf{E}}}} (\mathbf{m} / \mathbf{V}) \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad (15)$$

Where k : Coefficient of electromechanical coupling $\epsilon^{\tau}: Dielectric \ constant$

Y^E: Young's modulus (Newton/m²)

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b) Voltage output constant

This is the intensity of the electric field caused when a specified amount of stress is applied to a material that is in the condition of zero displacement. Voltage output constant is calculated with Eq. 16.

$$g = \frac{d}{\epsilon} (V \cdot m/N) \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad (16)$$

Constants d and constants g can be d₃₁,d₃₃, or d₁₅, and g₃₁, g₃₃, or g₁₅, depending on the type of vibration.

7) Curie temperature

This is the temperature at which polarization disappears and the piezoelectric qualities are lost. It is also the temperature at which the value of the dielectric constant becomes maximum.

8) Temperature coefficient

The temperature coefficient is a measure of the variation of the resonant frequency and static capacitance with change in temperature. Temperature coefficient is calculated with Eqs. 17 and 18.

$$\mathsf{TK}(\mathsf{f}) = \frac{1}{\Delta \mathsf{t}} \cdot \frac{\mathsf{f}(\mathsf{t}) - \mathsf{f}(\mathsf{t}2)}{\mathsf{f}_{20}} \quad \mathsf{10}^{6} (\mathsf{PPm}/\mathsf{C}) \quad \cdots \quad (\mathsf{17})$$

$$TK(C) = \frac{1}{\Delta t} \cdot \frac{C(t_1) - C(t_2)}{C_{20}} \quad 10^6 (PPm/C) \cdot \cdot (18)$$

Where TK(f) : Temperature coefficient of resonant frequency (PPm/°C)

- $f\left(t1\right)$: Resonant frequency at temperature $t1^{\circ}C(Hz)$
- f (t2) : Resonant frequency at temperature $t2^{\circ}C(Hz)$
- f20 : Resonant frequency at temperature 20°C(Hz)
- TK(C) : Temperature coefficient of static capacitance (PPm/°C)
- C (t1): Static capacitance (F) at temperature $t1^{\circ}C$
- C (t2): Static capacitance (F) at temperature $t2^{\circ}\text{C}$
- C20 : Static capacitance at $20^{\circ}C(F)$
- Δt : Temperature difference (t₂-t₁) (°C)

9) Aging rate

The aging rate is an index of the change in resonant frequency and static capacitance with age. To calculate this rate, after polarization the electrodes of a transducer are shorted together, and are heated for a specified period of time. Measurements are taken of the resonant frequency and static capacity every 2^n days. (That is, at 1, 2, 4, and 8 days.) The aging rate is calculated with Eq. 19.

$$(AR) = \frac{1}{\log t_2 - \log t_1} \cdot \frac{Xt_2 - Xt_1}{Xt_1} \cdot \dots \cdot \dots \cdot (19)$$

Where (AR): Aging rate for resonant frequency or static capacitance

t1,t2: Number of days aged after polarization Xt1,Xt2: Resonant frequency or static capacitance at t1 and t2 days after polarization

10) Density

The density is calculated with Eq. 20, after determining the volume and weight of the specified ceramic material.

$$D = \frac{W}{V} \left(kg/m^3 \right) \quad \dots \quad (20)$$

Where W : Weight (kg) of ceramic material V : Volume (m³) of material

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NEPEC[®] NPM Ceramics



Characteristics of Standard Materials

Table 1-1 shows the material characteristics of NEC TOKIN's standard NEPEC[®] NPM ceramics. Non-standard materials that are not listed in table 1-1 are available.

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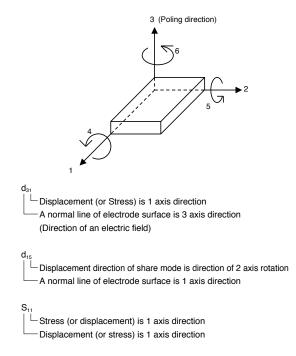
Notes

1. Frequency constants;

- N1 : Radial frequency constant ($fr \times D$)
- N2 : Lengthwise frequency constant $(fr \times \ell)$
- N3 : Longitudial frequency constant $(fa \times \ell)$
- N4 : Thickness frequency constant $(fa \times \ell)$
- N5 : Shear frequency constant $(fa \times \ell)$
- 2. The temperature and aging characteristics shown are values of radial vibration for a sample of 17.7¢×1.0t (mm) in size.
- 3. The values of Kr (electromechanical coupling coefficient) shown in parentheses are approximate values. All others are exact.
- 4. Vibration limit speed:

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5. A tensor symbol of each parameter is below.



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			1400	1400	1800	5440	4360	1800
constants Dielectric loss Frequency	$\varepsilon_{11}^{T}/\varepsilon_{0}$		1350	1300	1890	5000	3890	2000
Dielectric loss	$\tan \delta$	(%)	0.3	0.3	0.6	2.0	2.3	2.0
	N ₁ (Radial)	(Hz-m)	2160	2160	2270	2040	1920	1960
	N ₂ (Lengthwise)	(Hz-m)	1600	1570	1660	1410	1380	1410
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	N ₄ (Thickness)	(Hz-m)	1960	2010	2040	1800	1880	1940
	N ₅ (Share)	(Hz-m)	970	1170	960	1110	820	860
	Kr	(%)	55	56	63	62	64	62
	K ₃₁	(%)	34	33	36	34	37	38
	K ₃₃	(%)	68	67	64	68	67	73
	Kt	(%)	55	52	53	62	51	52
	K ₁₅	(%)	71	66	70	66	67	77
constants d	d ₃₁	(×10 ⁻¹² m/V)	-133	-132	-157	-328	-294	- 198
	d ₃₃	$(\times 10^{-12} m/V)$	302	296	314	635	579	417
	d ₁₅	(×10 ⁻¹² m/V)	419	464	562	930	882	711
	g ₃₁	(×10 ⁻³ Vm/N)	-10.4	-10.7	-9.7	-6.0	-7.6	-12.1
constants		(×10 ⁻³ Vm/N)	23.5	23.8	19.5	13.2	15.0	25.4
		(×10 ⁻³ Vm/N)	45.1	39.4	33.6	21.5	25.8	379 417 382 711 7.6 -12.1 5.0 25.4 5.8 41.0 6.6 16.5 9.2 19.9 5.2 5.0
		(×10 ⁻¹² m ² /N)	12.7	13.1	11.7	14.8	16.6	16.5
	S ₃₃ ^E	$(\times 10^{-12} \text{m}^2/\text{N})$	15.4	15.6	14.9	18.1	19.2	19.9
Compliances		(×10 ¹⁰ N/m ²)	6.5	6.4	6.7	5.5	5.2	5.0
			7.9	7.6	8.5	6.8	6.0	6.1
Poisson's ratio		,				0.34	0.35	0.34
	Qm		1500			70	60	75
		ා ර				145	190	330
•		$(\times 10^3 \text{kg/m}^3)$				8.00	7.93	7.82
- •						200	-460	-300
-						900	30	-150
coefficient						3800	5900	3500
						3500	8500	3000
						0.5	0.5	0.1
Aging rate						-5	-5	-5
Vibration velocity	-							
Major application	villax(Δ1=20C)	(11/S)	Fish Finder	Ultrasonic Cleaner Ultrasonic Tooling		Actuator	Actuator Acoustic Device	Sensor Sonar Ultrasonic Diagno

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* Listed catalogue data is typical value and NOT guaranteed value. These values are measured by NEC TOKIN's measuring condition. Data would be changed by product dimension and poling condition.

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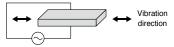
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Limit of Vibration Speed

Vibration energy of piezoelectric transducer is shown as $P=(Mv^2)/2$, (i.e. M=Mass, v=Vibration speed.) The large vibration energy can vibrate larger object such as ultrasonic cleaning equipment.

In general, the piezoelectric transducer generates heat as the displacement increases. The heat constraints the displacement. Our new material N85 can provide larger displacement at 0.5V or higher voltage compared with the displacement of the N6 material. Please refer to Fig. 3-1.



Sample dimension: $12 \times 3 \times 1 \text{ mm}$

Driving condition: Apply continuous sine wave signal at resonance frequency.

Definition of resonance frequency: The frequency where phases (time) of the operating voltage and the current overlaps.

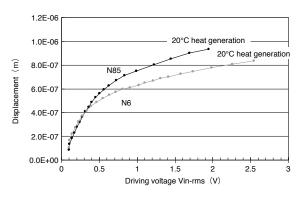


Fig. 3-1 Heat generation in driving voltage (N6 vs. N85)

In addition, N85 material can supply larger vibration energy compared with N6 material because the heat generation of the N85 material is smaller than the heat generation of the N6 material given a same displacement value. The vibration velocity can be used as an index of material performance rather than displacement value because it shows how the material behaves under different conditions such as different shapes and different frequencies. The vibration speed, vmax, is specified as a performance index for vibration energy when self heat generation is 20 degree C in Fig 3-2 below.

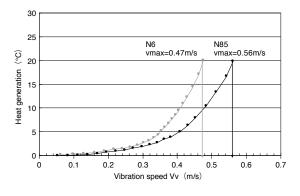


Fig. 3-2 Heat generation in vibration speed (N6 vs. N85)

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Design Piezoelectric Ceramic Products

Piezoelectric ceramic is custom design product on order. Followings are typical product shape, terminal layout and external surface example.

Ceramic shapes

The typical ceramic shapes are shown in Table 2-1. For inquiries about special shape, please contact us.

	Table 2-1 Example of Ceramic shapes								
Types	Bar shape	Disk shape	Ring shape	Cylinder shape					
shape									

Terminal Layout

The three types of terminal layout are shown in Table 2-2 for the disc and cylindrical shapes. Layout of terminals for the column, square plate, and square column shapes are the same as right. For inquiries about special terminal configurations, please contact us.

Terminals	P-terminal	S-terminal	O-terminal
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Disc			
		0 G 1 1 1 1 1	
Cylinder			
Description	Terminals (solder dots) provided on positive and negative electrode surfaces.	Negative electrode terminal is available on positive electrode surface.	Negative electrode terminal is available on side face.

Table 2-2 Types of Terminal Layout

External Surface

NEC TOKIN transducers are coated for protection, for uniformity of the electromechanical interface, and to ensure an attractive external view. Table 2-3 shows the different types of surface coatings available. Select the coating that is best for your requirements.

Table 2-3. Types of External Coating

-	Coating	Features	Coating Surfaces	Standard Color
-	M Coating	Synthetic resin; resists water and oil. Suitable for fish-finding sonars and air excitation.	All surfaces are coated	Silver gray
	B Coating	Bakelite resin; resists solvents. Suitable for ultrasonic cleaning.	All surfaces are coated	Dark brown (Bakelite color)

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Example of custom design ceramic products

Example of custom design ceramic products are shown in Table 2.4. Please note, there are not standard products. For inquiries about ceramic product specification, please contact us.

			Juuci Specifica		
	Shape (mm)	Material	fr (kHz)	К	C (pF)
Cylinder	NR 38×34×30	N-21	24	0.25	26500
	$36 \times 31 \times 30$	N-21	25.8	0.25	19600
Disc	ND 10×0.3	N-21	6400	0.57	3000
	20 × 0.5	N-21	4000	0.6	7000
	40 × 2.5	N-6	54	0.6	5600
	40 × 3.0	N-6	54	0.6	4600
	50 × 2.5	N-6	43	0.6	8900
	50 × 3.0	N-6	43	0.6	7400
	60 × 5.0	N-6	36	0.6	6500
Column	ND 7×13.5	N-21	100	0.65	48
	7 × 16.5	N-21	80	0.65	40
	10 × 13.5	N-21	100	0.65	98
	10 × 16.5	N-21	80	0.65	90
Square Plate	NS $20 \times 20 \times 0.3$	N-21	6500	0.3	13500
	$20 \times 20 \times 0.4$	N-21	5000	0.3	10500
	$25 \times 25 \times 0.5$	N-21	4000	0.3	14000
	$80 \times 15 \times 0.3$	N-21	6500	0.3	42000
	$80 \times 15 \times 0.4$	N-21	5000	0.3	32500
	$100 \times 15 \times 0.5$	N-21	4000	0.3	33000
	$100 \times 15 \times 0.6$	N-21	3000	0.3	28500

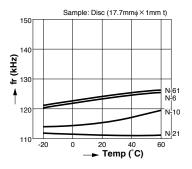
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Selected Material Characteristics

a) Temperature characteristics





b) Aging characteristics

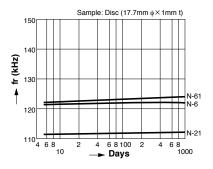
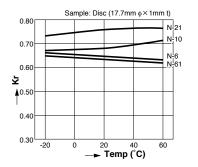


Fig.4-4 Variation in Resonant Frequency with Aging





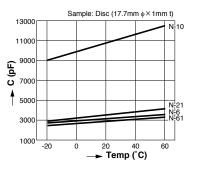


Fig.4-3 Variation in Static Capacitance with Temperature

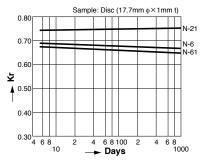


Fig.4-5 Variation in Electromechanical Coupling Coefficient with Aging

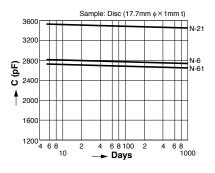
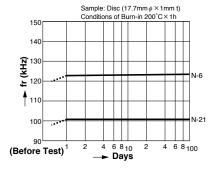


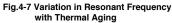
Fig.4-6 Variation in Static Capacitance with Aging

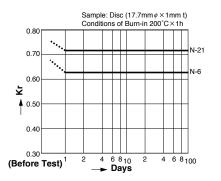
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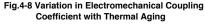
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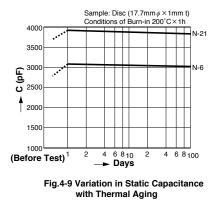
c) Thermal aging characteristics











d) Characteristics of high-voltage aging

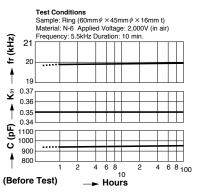
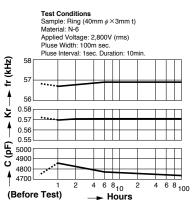


Fig.4-10 Variation in Dielectric Strength (Test 1)





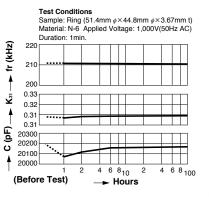


Fig.4-12 Variation in Dielectric Strength (Test 3)

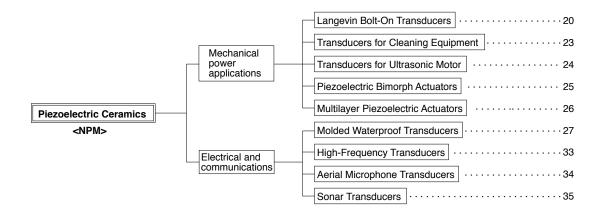
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Applications

The job of a transducer is to convert electrical energy into mechanical energy, and vice versa. And transducers using NEC TOKIN piezoelectric ceramics are uniquely suited to performing this job in a wide variety of applications. To help classify transducers, we divide their applications into two general areas: 1) conversion of electrical energy into mechanical energy for hydraulic or motive power, and 2) converting mechanical energy into electrical energy for communications and electronics.



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Langevin Bolt-on Transducers



Features

- High mechanical Q and excellent electro-acoustic conversion efficiency, providing a high output amplitude.
- Piezoelectric element offers a high speed of vibration
- N-61 ceramics have extended temperature range, ensuring good amplitude linearity.
- Bolt-on mounting gives fast, easy installation and high reliability.

Outline

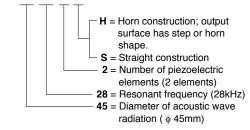
NEC TOKIN's Langevin-type transducers are used where powerful ultrasonic waves must be generated, such as in cleaning equipment, ultrasonic treatment machines, and welders for plastic. For application flexibility and ease of installation, these transducers are mounted in a structure that can be bolted almost anywhere.

NEC TOKIN's high-performance NEPEC[®] N-61 is excellent for use in these Langevin transducers. NEC TOKIN produces a number of this type of transducer, all featuring high quality and excellent output levels, and all based on a unique NEC TOKIN design.

Markings

Product models are classified as shown in the example here:

NBL 45 28 2 H



<For Cleaning Equipment>

Specifications of Standard Models

Table 3-	1
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Item		Туре			
Rem		45282H-A	45402H-A		
Resonant frequency	fo (kHz)	28.0	40.2		
Dynamic admittance	Yo (mS)	40	15		
Mechanical Q	Qm	500	500		
Static capacitance	C (pF)	4000	4000		
Maximum allowable velocity	V (cm / S)	40	50		
Maximum allowable power	P (W)	50	50		
Applications		Cleaning Equipment			

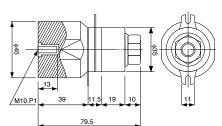
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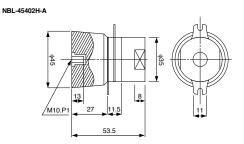
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Shape and Dimensions

NBL-45282H-A







Temperature Characteristics

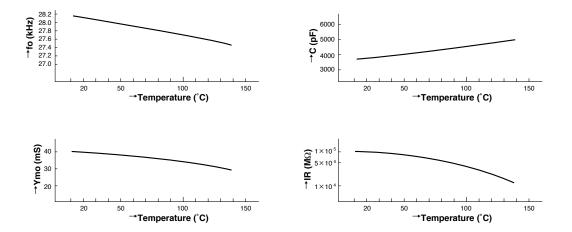


Fig. 5-2 Temperature Characteristics of NBL-45282H-A

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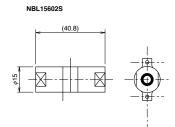
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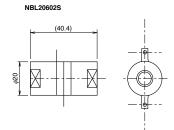
Specifications of Standard Models Table 3-2

W		Ту	be
Item		NBL15602S	NBL20602S
Resonant frequency	fo (kHz)	60	60
Dynamic admittance	Ymo (mS)	25	20
Mechanical Q	Qm	500	400
Static capacitance	C (pF)	850	1250
Maximum allowable velocity	V₀-ℙ (cm / S)	50	40
Maximum Allowable power	P (W)	2.5	3.7
Applications		Treatment	Machines

Note) Maximum allowable input in no-load state

Shape and Dimensions







Horn Installation Reference Example

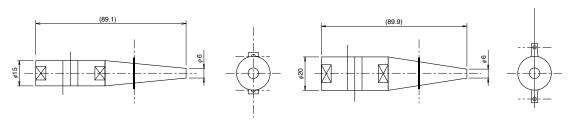
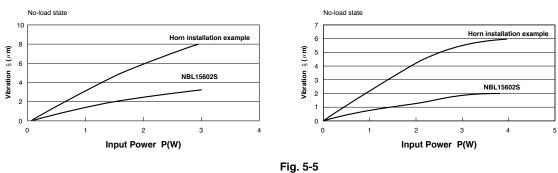


Fig. 5-4

Vibration



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Transducers for Cleaning Equipment

Outline

In the past, transducers for cleaning equipment have been found almost exclusively in ultrasonic cleaners for industrial and business use. Today, however, small cleaning equipment for glasses, false teeth, gemstones, etc. is increasingly found in individual households as well. NEC TOKIN's transducers for cleaning equipment utilize our N-6 material, providing ultrasonic generators that are compact and extraordinarily temperature-resistant.

Specifications

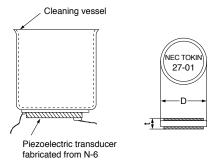


Fig. 5-6 Product Diagram

Specification Example

		Table 3-3		
D (mm)	t (mm)	fr (kHz)	Kr	C (PF)
40	2.5	54	0.60	5600
40	3.0	54	0.60	4600
50	2.5	43	0.60	8900
50	3.0	43	0.60	7400
60	5.0	36	0.60	6500

Temperature Characteristics

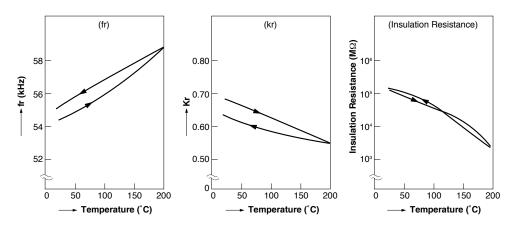
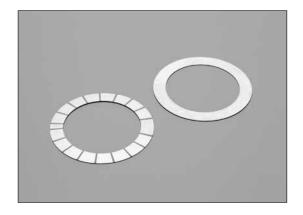


Fig. 5-7 Variation in N-6 Characteristics with Temperature

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Transducers for Ultrasonic Motor



Outline

The moving principal of ultrasonic motor is shown in Fig. 5-8. Piezoelectric actuator that is crimped with an elastic vibrator (stator) generates high-order bending vibration on the surface of the stator. A traveling wave is generated by excitation of the stator vibration. A slider and the stator are cramped together with high pressure and the slider is rotated by friction force at contact point of the stator.

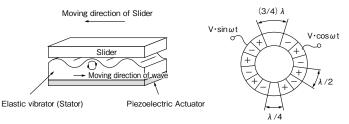


Fig. 5-8 Moving principal of ultrasonic motor

Feature

Following is feature compare with conventional electro magnetic motor

- · Simple structure with nonmagnetic material
- · High static torque
- · Precise positioning
- · Quick response and high torque in all rotation speed

Ceramic material of Ultrasonic motor

- Following material characteristics are required for the ultrasonic motor.
- Low loss factor \rightarrow High Q hard material
- Large displacement by increase number of rotation \rightarrow High Vmax value.
- Generates high rotation with low voltage
 → High electromechanical coupling factor K31

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Piezoelectric Bimorph Actuators

Outline

A bimorph element has two bonded piezoelectoric ceramic plates that are poled in thickness direction and expand/contract in length direction. It bends when one plate expands and another plate contracts. It is used for actuator and sensor applications as relatively large displacement can be obtained.

NEC TOKIN can develop custom bimorph elements from bonded type bimorph to co-fired type bimorph that does not use organic glue.

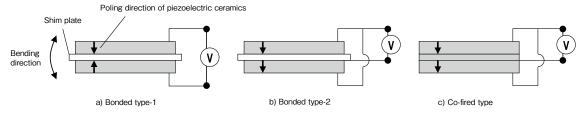


Fig. 5-9 Structure of Piezo Bimorph

Feature

- Simple Structure and production
- · Large Displacement with Low Operating Voltage
- · Low Operation Noise

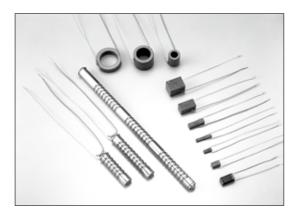
Application

- Piezo Valves
- Flow Sensors
- Acoustic Devices (Speakers)
- · Piezo Fans and etc.

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Multilayer Piezoelectric Actuators



Feature

AE Series:

- * Large generated force
- * High-speed response
- * Accurate positioning
- * Low power consumption
- * Very small size

ASB, ASL and AHB Series

- * High reliability
- * Easier installation with built-in pre-load mechanism and mounting attachment
- * Minimum mechanical abrasion
- * Large generated force
- * Accurate positioning

Outline

Multilayer piezoelectric actuators are co-fired ceramic elements for converting electrical energy into mechanical energy such as displacement or force by utilizing the piezoelectric longitudinal effect.

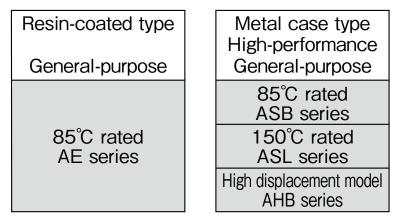
NEC TOKIN's multilayer piezoelectric actuators are produced based on our unique element structure design by making use of originally developed piezoelectric ceramic material with high electrostrictive factors. Compared to conventional piezoelectric actuators, they are smaller in size but can generate higher displacement and force at low voltages. AE-series actuators that is resin coated version feature compact size and wide variety in shape for use un ultrafine positioning mechanisms and drive sources for various application.

The metal sealed ASB, ASL and AHB series actuators are much less influenced by ambient humidity because of insulation from the atmosphere. As a result, long service life and high performance never experienced of in the past have been attained to allow use in various application such as semiconductor device production equipment and optical communication equipment requiring high reliability.

Application

* Image stabilization of DSC, Auto focus of camera, Precision positioning, Linear motors, Pumps, Valves, Vibration source, Vibration suppression, Sensor, Position control of optical system, Manipulators, AFM, Printer, X-Y stage of a stepper and etc.

NEC TOKIN's multilayer piezoelectric actuators are available in four series. For the detail information, please refer to a catalogue of "Multilayer Piezoelectric Actuators".



*AE series is resin-coated products. Therefore we recommend using metal case type, ASB, ASL and AHB series in high humidity condition.

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Molded Waterproof Transducers



Features

- High reliability, thanks to NEC TOKIN's own molding technology, including solid urethane rubber molding and baked neoprene rubber.
- Excellent noise characteristics.
- Wide range of frequencies and molding materials available.

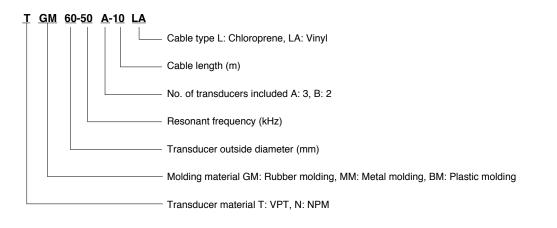
Outline

Transducers that can withstand salt water and underwater pressures are used to generate ultrasonic signals for fish finders, sonar equipment, depth gauges, and Doppler-effect velocity and current meters.

NEC TOKIN's molded transducers are highly reliable, even in the face of severe underwater conditions. Completely waterproof, they offer excellent mechanical strength and temperature characteristics, thanks in part to their unique NEC TOKIN design and technology. By using a variety of different materials for our molded transducers, we can offer a large variety of frequency, input, and directivity characteristics.

Markings

Product models are classified as shown in the following example:



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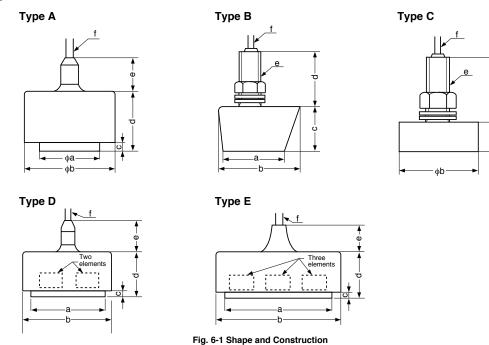
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Table 4-1								
Model	Resonant Frequency (kHz)	Impedance (Ω) at Resonance	Static Capacitance (pF)	Insulation Resistance (M Ω)	Directivity	Shape		
TGM60-40-10L	40	150 ~ 400	7500	500 and over	50°	А		
TGM60-45-10L	45	150 ~ 400	7500	500 and over	45°	А		
TGM60-50-10L	50	150 ~ 350	8000	500 and over	44°	А		
TGM42-75-10L	75	200 ~ 600	3400	500 and over	36°	А		
TGM80-75-12L	75	300 ~ 800	2500	500 and over	20°	А		
TGM100-100-15L	100	200 ~ 400	4500	500 and over	12°	А		
TGM50-200-10L	200	100 ~ 400	2400	500 and over	11°	А		
TGM80-200-20L	200	50 ~ 200	5500	500 and over	7°	А		
TGM100-200-20L	200	30 ~ 100	7500	500 and over	6°	А		
TMM60-50-10LA	50	100 ~ 300	8000	500 and over	44°	В		
TMM50-200-10LA	200	200 ~ 400	2500	500 and over	11°	В		
TGM60-50A-15L	50	50 ~ 150	23000	500 and over	12°×44°	E		
TGM50-200A-15L	200	70 ~ 150	5500	500 and over	5°×11°	Е		
TGM60-50B-12L	50	100 ~ 300	15000	500 and over	13°×44°	D		
TGM46-68B-12L	68	50 ~ 200	12700	500 and over	11°×38°	D		
TGM42-75B-12L	75	50 ~ 200	9000	500 and over	11°×36°	D		
TGM50-200B-12L	200	150 ~ 400	4300	500 and over	11°	D		
NBM40-50-8LA	50	150 ~ 350	2800	500 and over	60°	С		
TBM50-200-8LA	200	200 ~ 450	2800	500 and over	11°	С		

Specifications of Standard Models

Physical Characteristics



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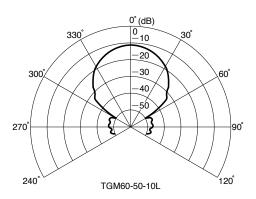
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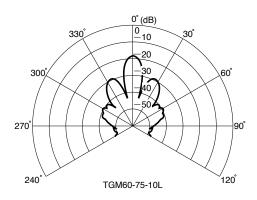
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Ma dal	Dimensions					£ (bla)	01	
Model	а	a b c		d e		f (cable)	Shape	
TGM60-40-10L	69.5	89.5	5.0	78.0	60.0			
TGM60-45-10L	69.5	89.5	5.0	78.0	60.0			
TGM60-50-10L	69.5	89.5	5.0	60.0	60.0		A	
TGM42-75-10L	47.8	61.0	4.0	43.0	27.0			
TGM80-75-12L	104.0	120.0	5.0	65.0	30.0	ϕ 11, two-core shield captire cable (chloroprene)		
TGM100-100-15L	120.0	130.0	4.0	55.0	40.0			
TGM50-200-10L	69.5	89.0	5.0	60.0	60.0			
TGM80-200-20L	100.0	120.0	7.0	45.0	30.0			
TGM100-200-20L	124.0	140.0	7.0	45.0	30.0			
TMM60-50-10LA	80.0	100.0	56	120	W•1.11d/	ϕ 7, two-core shield captire cable (vinyl)		
TMM50-200-10LA	80.0	100.0	50	120	inch	φ 7, two-core shield captile cable (virty)	В	
TGM60-50A-15L	206.0	226.0	7.0	160.0	60.0	ϕ 11, two-core shield captire cable (chloroprene)	-	
TGM50-200A-15L	200.0	220.0	7.0	100.0	00.0	φ 11, two-core shield captile caple (chlorophene)	E	
TGM60-50B-12L								
TGM46-68B-12L	140.0	160.0	5.0	60.0	50.0	ϕ 11, two-core shield captire cable (chloroprene)	D	
TGM42-75B-12L	140.0	100.0	5.0	00.0	50.0		D	
TGM50-200B-12L								
NBM40-50-8LA		68.0	31.0	120.0	M•22	ϕ 5, two-core shield captire cable (vinyl)		
TBM50-200-8LA	_	06.0	31.0	120.0	P1.5		С	

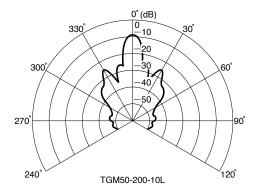
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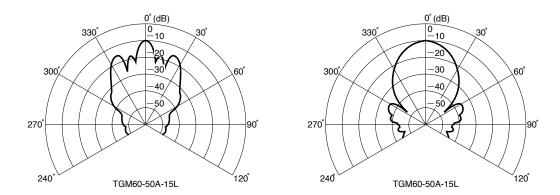
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Typical Directivity Patterns (1)





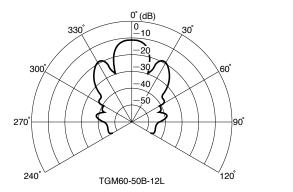


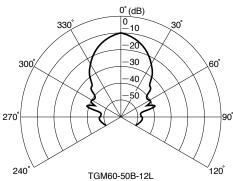


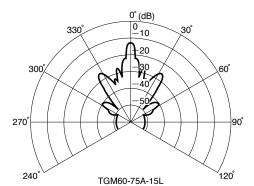


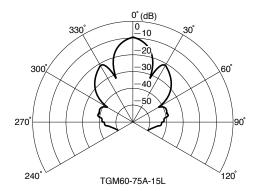
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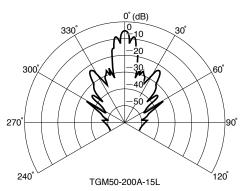
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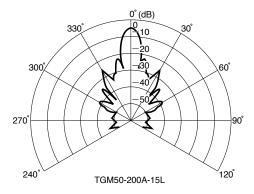


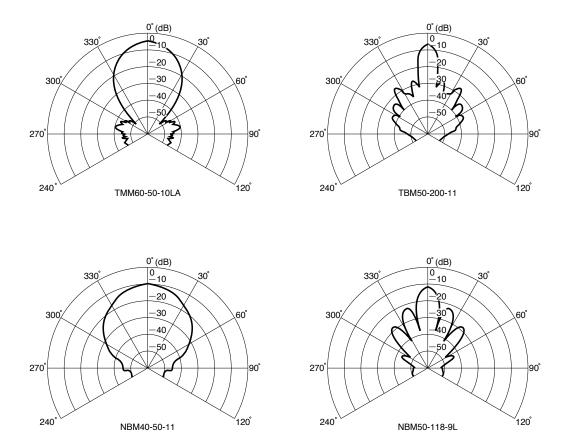
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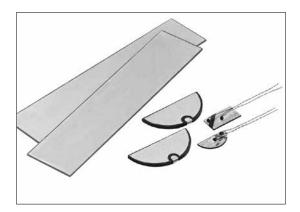


Note: Transducers with non-standard shapes and dimensions are also available. For inquiries, see page 34.

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High-Frequency Transducers



Features

- High impedance at resonant frequency.
- Excellent electromechanical coupling in thickness vibration mode.
- High sensitivity.
- Both thickness and radial vibration offer good anisotropic properties.
- Thickness resonance spurious emissions are low, and resolution is excellent.

Outline

Compared to ordinary piezoelectric transducers, these types operate at much higher frequencies: usually in the 1~10 MHz range. One of the primary applications of high-frequency transducers is as a sensor for flaw detection. Another important application area is medical equipment; in fact, with ultrasonic diagnosis becoming ever more widespread, HF piezoelectric transducers are the focus of increasing attention.

Here are some of the types of ultrasonic diagnosis that require HP transducers:

Doppler	system: { Fetus phonocardiographs Blood flowmeter
Pulse echo system: ≺	Tomography Electron scanning Mechanical scanning Cranial disease diagnosis Cardiac wall displacement measurement

The vibration mode of these transducers is usually thickness resonance, and the frequency is high. For this reason, thin plate transducers with low impedance at resonance are needed. The dielectric constant of NEC TOKIN NEPEC[®] is low, and its impedance characteristics and other performance parameters are excellent for use in high-frequency transducers.

Chana	Material	Dim	ensions (mm)	Characteristics				
Shape	Material	d	t	l	fr (kHz)	Kr	K 31	C (PF)	Terminal
	21	20	0.5	-	4,000	0.60	-	7,000	S
	21	10	0.3	-	6,400	0.57	_	3,000	S
	21	20	0.3	20	6,500	_	0.30	13,500	Р
d	21	20	0.4	20	5,000	-	0.30	10,500	Р
← ℓ → → + t	21	25	0.5	25	4,000	_	0.30	14,000	Р
	21	15	0.3	80	6,500	_	0.30	42,000	Р
d d	21	15	0.4	80	5,000	-	0.30	32,500	Р
<u>⊢⊷ ℓ</u> † t	21	15	0.5	100	4,000	_	0.30	33,000	Р
Ť	21	15	0.6	100	3,000	_	0.30	28,500	Р

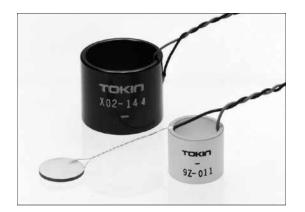
Table 4-3

Specifications Example

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Aerial Microphone Transducers



Features

- Good temperature characteristics.
- Cylindrical transducers are moisture-resistant, ensuring stable operation outdoors.
- High mechanical coupling, high sensitivity.

Specifications of Standard Models

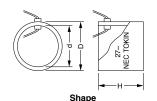


Table 4-4 N-21 Specification Example

	Table 4-4	N-21 Spe	cincation		
D (mm)	d (mm)	H (mm)	fr (kHz)	κ	C (PF)

- ()	. ()				- ()	
38	34	30	23.7	0.25	28000	
36	31	30	25.8	0.25	19600	

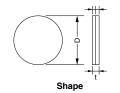


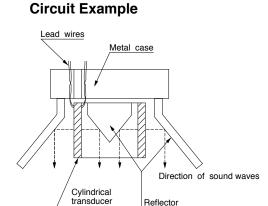
Table 4-5 N-6 Specification Example

D (mm)	t (mm)	fr (kHz)	∆f (kHz)	C (PF)
18.7	1.5	23.5	2.0	2100

Outline

Ultrasonic aerial microphones generate ultrasonic waves that are radiated through the air and reflected from a target to measure distance. These microphones are used for traffic control, obstacle detection, robot sensors, and other similar applications.

There are two types of aerial microphone with different vibration modes, bimorph type and cylindrical type. Such transducers are most often used together with a horn mounted in the radiation plane. NEC TOKIN aerial microphone transducers have good output power, receiving sensitivity and directivity-all important in this type of application.



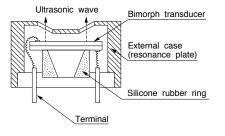


Fig. 6-5 Details of Construction

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Sonar Transducers

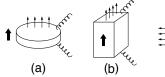
Outline

Depth finders, underwater detectors, and fish finders all utilize the principle of sonar, in which sound waves are radiated through the water to detect and measure the distance to the target. Although there are differences in the resolution and distance capabilities required of sonar transducers, in general all should have the best possible sensitivity, resolution, directivity, and reliability. Sonar transducers fabricated of NEC TOKIN's superior NEPEC[®] material score high marks in all departments, and are available for a wide variety of applications.

Characteristics of Sonar Transducer Materials

Table 4-6

	Transducer type	Vibration mode	Operating frequency	Main features	Remarks	
а	Disc	Thickness vibration	70 ~ 500	Easy frequency adjustment High mechanical strength		
b	Square column	Longitudinal vibration	40 ~ 100	Easy frequency adjustment Good electromechanical coupling	Dimensions and characteristics are determined according to the	
_	Oulinder	Thickness vibration		Adjustment of mechanical	requirements of specific	
С	Cylinder	Diameter direction vibratio	n 10 ~ 200	Q and frequency are easy	customers.	
d	Langevin	Longitudinal vibration	20 ~ 100	Low frequency can be obtained at low impedance		
		or the con	A Charles and	Direction of s	sound wave radiation t direction)	



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(C)

Direction of polarization

Fig. 6-6

(d)

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Types and Features

	Table 4-7						
Material	K 31	E ^T 33/E0	Qm	Tc (°C)	Features		
N-6	0.34	1400	1500	325	Excellent stability at high output levels		
N-21	0.38	1800	75	300	Low Qm and high sensitivity		

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 - 1) Shape (disc, column, cylinder, square plate, sphere, or bimorph).
- 2) Desired material and application.
- 3) Dimensions.
- 4) Vibration mode and resonant frequency used.
- 5) Whether special surface treatment is required, and if so, what type.
- 6) S, P, or other designated terminal.

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