

Top of the Rion Range of  
Sound Level Meters

Sound level meter  
and 1/3 octave band real-time analyzer  
NA-28

# Easy to use compact design with comprehensive features

Rion's priorities for on-site measurements are speed, ease of use, quality and reliability.

The New NA-28 is the top of the Rion range of sound level meters and analyzers. It combines cutting edge technology with excellent quality and unrivalled ease of use.

## Sound level meter and 1/3 octave band real-time analyzer NA-28

### Key Features Include:

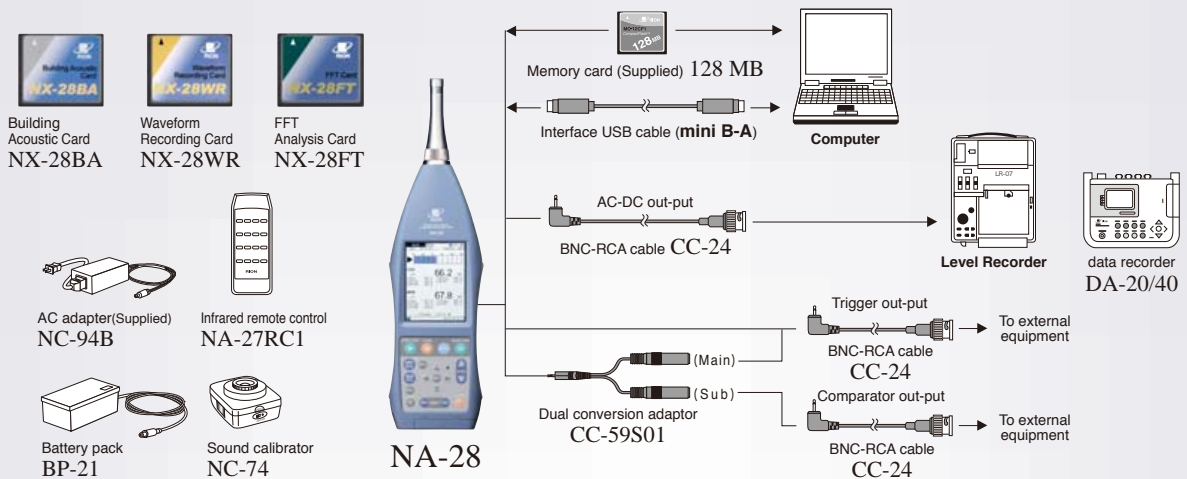
- Ease of use - main functions on dedicated, backlit keys
- Superb high-contrast backlit TFT-LCD color display
- Simultaneous measurement and display of 1/1 and 1/3 octaves
- One keystroke to switch between sound level meter and analyzer display
- Massive storage capacity using text files stored to CompactFlash memory cards (CF card)
- Flexible and simple PC connectivity (CF card and USB Virtual Disk)
- Exceptional battery life using standard alkaline batteries, approx. 16 hours

Color Display  
TFT-LCD





## System constitution



### Key Capabilities

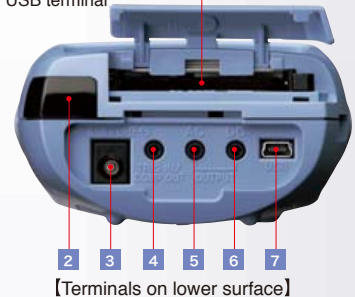
- Real Time Octaves (16 Hz to 16 kHz) or 1/3 octaves (12.5 Hz to 20 kHz)
- Real Time Simultaneous Octaves (16 Hz to 8 kHz) and 1/3 Octaves (12.5 Hz to 12.5 kHz)
- Data stored as text files direct to CF card
- Measures and logs  $L_{eq}$ ,  $L_{max}$ ,  $L_{min}$  and 5 percentile values ( $L_N$ ) in octaves and/or 1/3 octaves
- Auto Stores 300 000 data sets or 1 000 hours of 1 second 1/3 octaves onto 2 GB CF card
- Auto Stores 1 000 data sets or 10 000 of 1 second 1/3 octaves to internal memory
- Manual Storage for 1 000 data sets internally or 100 000 data sets to 2 GB CF card
- Linearity 110 dB in Sound Level Meter Mode and 95 dB in Analyzer Mode
- 16 hours battery life with 4 Alkaline 'C' Cells
- Main and Sub-Channel for simultaneous selection of 2 time or frequency weightings
- F (Fast), S (Slow), 10 ms Time Weightings plus Peak & Impulse on Sub-Channel
- Data transfer using CF card or USB (meter/CF card appearing as virtual disk)
- Measurement can be started by internal or external trigger
- Comparator output to trigger external devices
- AC and DC outputs of main and/or sub-channel
- Expandable functionality using programme cards

### Key Options

- Building Acoustics Programme Card
- Uncompressed WAV file recording Programme Card

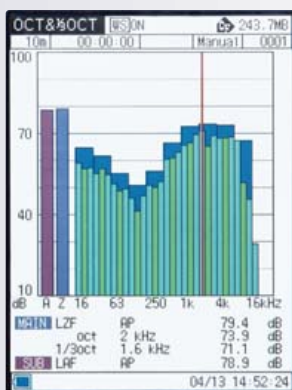
### Flexible user interface

- CF card slot
- Infrared remote control sensor
- AC adapter terminal
- Two-way trigger input/comparator output terminal
- AC output terminal
- DC output terminal
- USB terminal

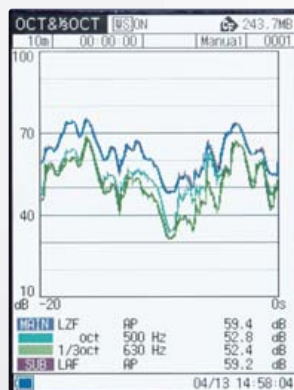


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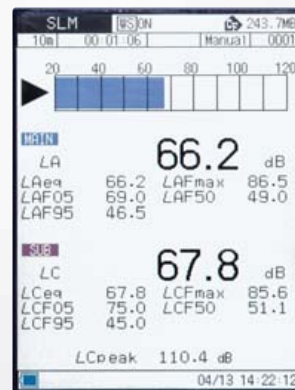
## Screen display-Example



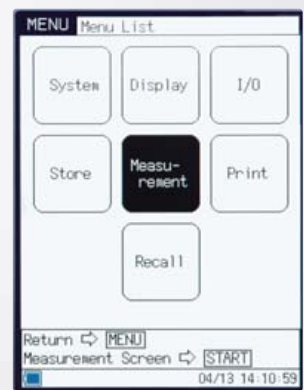
Analysis mode screen  
(Simultaneous 1/1 & 1/3 octave band display)



Time versus level display  
with 1/1, 1/3 octave analysis



Sound level meter mode screen  
(Sound level display)



Menu list screen



Infrared Remote Control  
NA-27RC1 **OPTION**



Memory Card 128 MB  
MC-12CF1 **SUPPLIED**





## Waveform Recording Card NX-28WR

NX-28WR is a program card that provides the NA-28 with recording functions. Using the NA-28 and NX-28WR in combination makes it possible to measure sound pressure levels together with sound pressure waveforms during frequency analysis. Since the data are recorded in uncompressed WAVE files, they can be handled with software\*<sup>1</sup> compatible with the WAVE and analyzed.

\*<sup>1</sup> Software may not be compatible depending on sampling frequencies. If the software is not compatible, use a sampling converter to change sampling frequencies.

### Sampling Frequencies & CF Card Recording Time

	128 MB	256 MB	2 GB
48 kHz	15 m	30 m	4 h 40 m
24 kHz	30 m	1 h	9 h 20 m
12 kHz	1 h	2 h 10 m	18 h 50 m
64 kHz	10 m	20 m	3 h 30 m
32 kHz	20 m	50 m	7 h
16 kHz	50 m	1 h 40 m	14 h 10 m

Recording time would be somewhat changed by the number of files including recording data.

### Feature 1

Replay of recorded sound – It is possible to immediately identify unnecessary or unknown sounds by listening to the recorded data\*<sup>2</sup>

\*<sup>2</sup> Using Windows Media Player

- I conducted sound analysis but there are irregularities in the analysis results and I don't know what causes them.
- I detected the sound of a police car siren during measurement of traffic noise and I would like to exclude it.
- I measured sound levels and would like to listen to specific events.

### Feature 2

Reanalysis of recorded sound – It is possible to reanalyze data based on the recorded waveforms using waveform analysis software

- I conducted 1/1 octave band analysis but I need to be able to conduct 1/3 octave band analysis.
- I conducted 1/3 octave band analysis but I need to be able to conduct analyses in more detail by FFT.

### Specifications

Sampling frequency	Octave, 1/3 octave simultaneous analysis
Sound meter, octave analysis, 1/3 octave analysis	48 kHz, 24 kHz, 12 kHz
Quantization bit length	16 bit
Data format	WAVE
Frequency weighting	Z weighting (flat response) (fixed)
Recording functions	
Event mode	Level recording, interval recording, manual recording
Total mode	Total recording
Simultaneous use with Building Acoustics Card NX-28BA	
During sound insulation and impact sound measurement	Total recording
During reverberation time measurement	Total recording with pre-trigger (1 s)

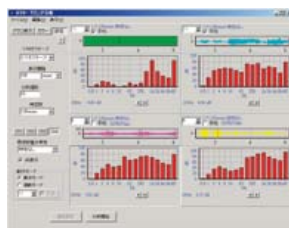
Replay and reanalysis cannot be made with the NA-28 unit.

### Software

Recorded data by NX-28WR can be displayed and analyzed using optional software.

### Optional accessory

Waveform  
processing software  
DA-20PA1

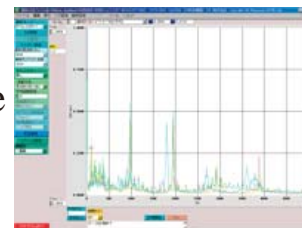


Octave band analysis screen

### Optional accessory

Waveform  
analysis software  
CAT-WAVE

(This software is a product of Catec Inc.)



Spectrum map screen



NX-28FT program card adds FFT analysis capability to NA-28.

- Analysis frequency range: 20 kHz (fixed)
- Number of analysis lines: 8,000 (fixed) (frame time 400 ms, frequency resolution 2.5 Hz)

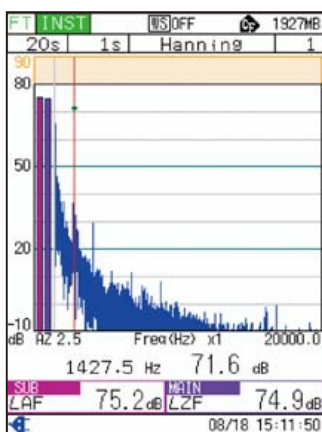
## FFT Analysis Card NX-28FT

### Specifications

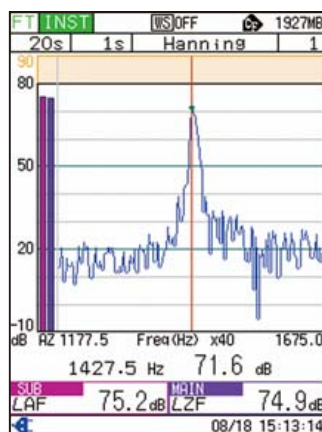
Standard compliance	ISO 1996-2: 2007 Annex C * <sup>1</sup>
Measurement mode (FFT mode)	Main channel all-pass value and FFT analysis Sub-channel all-pass value
Measurement items	Simultaneous measurement of INST and LIN or MAX Measurement time 1 to 999 seconds
Dynamic range	100 dB
Analysis frequency range	20 kHz (fixed)
Time window functions	Hanning, Rectangular
Number of spectrum lines	8,000 (fixed) (frame time 400 ms, frequency resolution 2.5 Hz)
Sampling frequency	48 kHz (fixed)
Display	
Measurement screen	Simultaneous display of FFT analysis result and all-pass level
Number of FFT display lines	200
Zoom ratio	x1, x2, x5, x10, x20, x40
Top list screen	List display of frequency and level values for top 20 lines, in descending order
Trigger	Controls start of measurement and memory store operation
Level trigger	Measurement starts when threshold level (selectable in 1 dB steps) is exceeded, and ends after preset measurement time has elapsed. Trigger source: main channel all-pass value only. Slope fixed to +.
External trigger	Measurement starts at falling edge of logic level signal supplied to trigger input
Store function	
Manual store	Stores measurement results.
Number of data sets	
CF card* <sup>2</sup>	Max. 20 store names, with up to 100 data sets each (Store to internal memory not supported)
Combination with NX-28WR	Allows waveform recording under measurements for LIN, MAX. Waveform data stored together with manual store data on CF card.

\*<sup>1</sup> Only frequency analysis is performed on unit. Tonal index calculation is performed on computer.

\*<sup>2</sup> Use only RION supplied cards for assured operation.



Measurement screen (zoom factor x1)

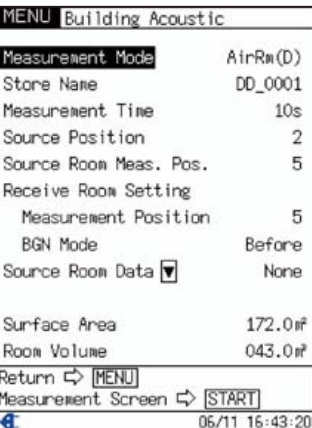


Measurement screen (zoom factor x40)

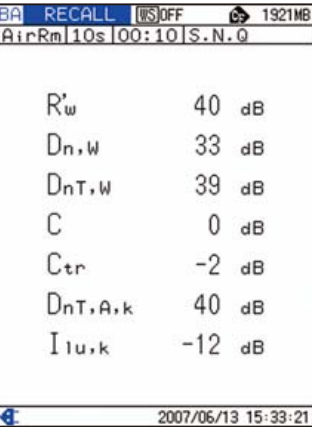


# Building Acoustic Card NX-28BA

Screen display – Example



Setup menu of airborne sound insulation measurement between two rooms



Single-number quantities of airborne sound insulation between rooms



Measured value list of reverberation time

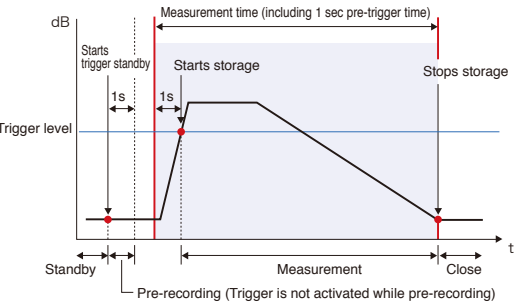
NX-28BA is a program card used in NA-28 for simple and easy measurement of airborne and floor impact sound insulation of buildings and the reverberation time. The measurements conforming to ISO and single-number quantities can also be calculated by the main body of NA-28. Data is stored as text files. Furthermore, when used in conjunction with the waveform recording card NX-28WR, sound waveforms during measurement can be recorded simultaneously.

## Applicable specifications

- ISO 140-4 Acoustics – Measurement of sound insulation in buildings and of building elements – Part 4: Field measurements of airborne sound insulation between rooms
- ISO 140-7 Acoustics – Measurement of sound insulation in buildings and of building elements – Part 7: Field measurements of impact sound insulation of floors
- ISO 717-1 Acoustics – Rating of sound insulation in buildings and of building elements – Part 1: Airborne sound insulation
- ISO 717-2 Acoustics – Rating of sound insulation in buildings and of building elements – Part 2: Impact sound insulation
- ISO 140-5\* Acoustics – Measurement of sound insulation in buildings and of building elements – Part 5: Field measurements of airborne sound insulation of façade elements and façades
- ISO 16032\* Acoustics – Measurement of sound pressure level from service equipment in buildings – Engineering method

\*The main body performs measurement only.

## Measurement of reverberation decay curve



## Specifications

Analysis mode	Real-time octave band analysis, Real-time 1/3 octave band analysis Real-time octave, 1/3 octave band simultaneous analysis (Sound level meter mode is not available)
Measurement items (vary with measurement mode)	Instantaneous sound pressure level $L_p$ Equivalent continuous sound pressure level $L_{eq}$ Maximum instantaneous sound pressure level $L_{max}$
Measurement of airborne sound insulation between two rooms	
Settings	Measurement time 1 to 60 sec Number of setting sound sources 1 to 8 points Number of measurement points in sound source room 1 to 10 points Number of measurement points in sound receptor room 1 to 10 points Background noise measurement mode None (none)/Once (1 point)/Before/During
Calculations	Average measured value, single number quantity, insulation factor value (D-value)
Display	$L_{pLeq}$ (Background noise sound level), $L_{pLeq}/L_{max}$ (Sound level in sound receiving room) Displays results overlaid with background noise (for measurement in sound receiving room) Displays alarm when the SPL difference with background noise is too small (for measurement in sound receiving room)
Measurement of floor impact sound insulation (for light impact source)	
Settings	Measurement time 1 to 60 sec Number of setting sound sources 1 to 8 points Number of measurement points in sound receiving room 1 to 10 points Background noise measurement mode None (none)/Once (1 point)/Before/During
Calculations	Average measured value, single number quantity, insulation factor value (LL-value)
Display	$L_{pLeq}$ (Background noise sound level), $L_{pLeq}/L_{max}$ (Sound level in sound receiving room) Displays results overlaid with rating curve Displays results overlaid with background noise Displays alarm when the SPL difference with background noise is too small
Measurement of floor impact sound insulation (for heavy impact source)	
Settings	Measurement time 1 to 60 sec Number of setting sound sources 1 to 8 points Number of measurement points in sound receiving room 1 to 10 points Number of measurements 1 to 5 times Background noise measurement mode None (none)/Once (1 point)/Before/During
Calculations	Insulation factor value (LH-value)
Display	$L_{pLeq}$ (Background noise sound level), $L_{pLeq}/L_{max}$ (Sound pressure level in sound receiving room) Displays results overlaid with rating curve Displays results overlaid with background noise Displays alarm when the SPL difference with background noise is too small
Measurement of indoor noise rating	
Calculations	Indoor noise rating value (NC-value or N-value)
Display	Displays results overlaid with rating curve
Measurement of reverberation time	
Settings	Interrupted noise method Measurement time 2 to 60 sec (varies with sampling cycle) Repeat count 1 to 10 times
Calculations	T20, T30 (using the least squares method) Reverberation time calculated for random segments
Display	Averaged reverberation time, reverberation decay curve
Other measurements	
Measurement of exterior wall sound insulation, Measurement of equipment noise	
Other capabilities	
Dedicated address display and Auto-increment, Alarm display, Settings change monitoring function, Waveform recording function (NX-28WR is separately needed)	



## ■ Specifications

Applicable specifications	Sound level meter: Measurement method precision sound level meter IEC 61672-1: 2002 Class 1 IEC 61260 : 1995 Class 1 ANSI S1.4-1983 Type 1 ANSI S1.43-1997 Type 1 ANSI S1.11-2004 Class 1 JIS C 1509-1: 2005 Class 1 JIS C 1513 : 2002 Class 1 JIS C 1514 : 2002 Class 1
Measurement functions	With both a sound level meter mode and analyzer mode, it is capable of simultaneous main channel and sub-channel measurement in either mode. Time and frequency weighting are set separately for the main and sub-channels.
Measurement modes	
Sound level meter mode	Measurement of all-pass values indicated in the measurement items below in the main or sub-channel Measurement of either $L_{peak}$ or $L_{rms}$ in the sub-channel
Analyzer mode	Real-time octave and 1/3 octave band analysis and all-pass measurement in the main channel Only all-pass measurement in the sub-channel
Measurement items	Simultaneous measurement of all items in the selected time weighting and frequency weighting characteristics 1) Instantaneous sound pressure level $L_p$ 2) Equivalent continuous sound pressure level $L_{eq}$ 3) Sound exposure level $L_E$ 4) Maximum sound pressure level $L_{max}$ APMax and BandMax can be selected as maximum 5) Minimum sound pressure level $L_{min}$ 6) Maximum 5 time ratio sound levels $L_N$ (1 to 99 %, 1 % Step) Calculation from $L_p$ or $L_{eq,1sec}$ One of the following is possible in the sub-channel in the sound level meter mode: Peak sound level $L_{peak}$ Takt-max sound pressure level $L_{rms}$ Frequency weighting characteristics are the same as sub-channel
Measurement time	1 to 59 sec, 1 to 59 min, 1 to 24 hours
Microphone and preamplifier	Microphone: UC-59 Sensitivity: -27 dB±2 dB (re 1 V/Pa) Preamplifier: NH-23
Measurement range	A 25 dB to 130 dB C 33 dB to 130 dB Z 38 dB to 130 dB
Total range (A-characteristics, 1 kHz)	25 dB to 140 dB
Maximum peak sound level measurement	143 dB
Inherent noise	A 17 dB or less C 25 dB or less Z 30 dB or less
Frequency range	10 Hz to 20 kHz
Analysis frequency range	Center frequency
Octave analysis	16 Hz to 16 kHz (simultaneous analysis : up to 8 kHz)
1/3 octave analysis	12.5 Hz to 20 kHz (simultaneous analysis : up to 12.5 kHz)
Frequency weighting	A, C and Z
Time weighting	
Main channel	F (Fast), S (Slow), 10 ms
Sub-channel	F (Fast), S (Slow), 10 ms, Impulse
Linear operating range	
All-pass (A-characteristics)	110 dB
Spectrum	95 dB
Level range	
Sound level meter mode	Bar graph display range: maximum 100 dB 30 dB to 130 dB 20 dB to 120 dB 20 dB to 110 dB 20 dB to 100 dB 20 dB to 90 dB 20 dB to 80 dB
Analyzer mode	Bar graph display range: 90 dB 40 dB to 130 dB 30 dB to 120 dB 20 dB to 110 dB 10 dB to 100 dB 0 dB to 90 dB -10 dB to 80 dB
Sampling frequency	
$L_{eq}$ , $L_E$ , $L_{max}$ , $L_{min}$ , $L_{peak}$	15.6 $\mu$ s (20.8 $\mu$ s for octave, 1/3 octave simultaneous analysis)
$L_N$	100 ms
Correction functions	
Windscreen correction	Frequency response correction to ensure standard compliance with windscreen installed correction on/off setting via menu
Diffuse sound field correction	Correction of frequency characteristics in order to comply with standards (ANSI S1.4) in diffuse sound fields Correction function on/off operation implemented on the menu screen
Display	Color semi-transparent TFT-LCD display with backlight (240 x 320 dots)
Refresh cycle	100 ms
Trigger	Controls measurement and memory storage start.
Level 1	Measurement starts with the trigger level (1 dB intervals) as threshold and stops when the set measurement times elapses. Slope +/- is set.
Level 2	1 time only measurement when the trigger level is exceeded.
External	Starts when a falling signal in the logic level of the external trigger terminal is detected.
Time	Sets start time and trigger repeat interval.
Delay time	After the start key is pressed, the time until the start of the measurement or trigger detection is set.
Time setting	1 sec intervals within the range of 0 to 10 sec
Back erase function	Measurement is temporarily suspended by pressing the pause key and the previous 5 seconds of data is eliminated from the calculation.
Storage	The sound level or calculation results are recorded in the manual or auto-store mode. Data is recorded either in the internal memory or CF card. Internal memory has 1 block and it is possible to select either manual storage or auto-storage 1, 2.

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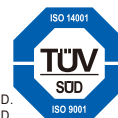
Manual store	Manual recording of measurement results per address together with the measurement start time
Record data count	
Internal memory	Maximum 1 000 sets
CF card*	Maximum 1 000 sets per store name, maximum 100 store names can be stored
Auto store	Continuous recording of measurement results at the set time interval (It is possible to append 4 types of marker data in order to be able to identify events that occur while recording) Pause does not function during auto-storage
Auto 1	
Measurement time	Maximum time: 1 000 hours (when using the CF card, refer to the following if using internal memory)
Sound level meter mode	Continuous recording in the CF card every 100 ms of $L_p$ , $L_{eq}$ , $L_{max}$ and $L_{min}$ as 1 set It is not possible to record sub-channel measurement results.
Sampling cycle when using internal memory	100 ms ( $L_p$ , $L_{eq}$ , $L_{max}$ , $L_{min}$ ) only Maximum time: 3 hours
Analyzer mode	Continuous recording in CF card instantaneous sound pressure level ( $L_p$ ) in each band level and all-pass values
Main channel	All-pass values and band level values
Sub-channel	All-pass values only
Sampling cycle when using internal memory	1 ms to 1 sec, $L_{eq,1s}$ Maximum 10 000 sets (1 sec or, for $L_{eq,1s}$ , 2.7 hours)
Auto 2	
Sound level meter mode	Continuous recording in CF card of main channel and sub-channel all-pass values and measurement start time for each measurement time
Analyzer mode	Continuous recording in CF card of main channel band levels and all-pass values and sub-channel all-pass values and measurement start time for each measurement time
Record data count	Internal memory: Maximum 1 000 sets CF card: Maximum 300 000 sets
Data recall	Stored data access and time/level display (selected frequency band 1 only)
Memory store of settings	Maximum 5 sets of settings can be stored in internal memory and retrieved Start-up is possible under file setting conditions stored in the CF card in advance.
Input/output	
AC output	Selection and output of all-pass signals of either the main channel or sub-channel
Output voltage	1 V (effective value) at range full scale
Output resistance	600 $\Omega$
Load resistance	10 k $\Omega$ or more
DC output	Selection and output of all-pass signals of either the main channel or sub-channel
Output voltage	3.0 V, 25 mV/dB at range full scale
Output resistance	50 $\Omega$
Load resistance	10 k $\Omega$ or more
Comparator output	Open collector output. Determination is also possible at the band level. The terminal is also used for the external trigger.
Maximum applied voltage	24 V
Maximum driving current	50 mA
External trigger input	Falling edge is detected at 0V to 5 V logic level. The terminal is also used for the comparator.
USB	Besides connection to a PC as a storage device, it is also possible to use communication device class and execute control by communication commands (however, settings relating to the transfer of stored data and storage action are not possible with communication commands).
Remote control reception	Control of NA-28 by infrared remote control (remote control NA-27RC1, optional)
Power supply	Four IEC R14P (size"C") batteries or external power supply
Operating time (23 °C, normal operating conditions)	When following not functioning : sub-channel, backlight, AC output, DC output, USB function, remote-control, autostore
Manganese batteries	R14PU, 6 hours
Alkaline batteries	LR14, 16 hours (10 hours if backlight is continuously activated)
AC adapter	NC-94B
External power supply voltage	5 V to 6 V (rated voltage: 6 V)
Consumption current	230 mA (during normal operation at rated voltage)
Ambient conditions for operation	-10 °C to +50 °C, 10 %RH to 90 %RH
Dimensions, weight	331 (H) × 89 (W) × 51 (D) mm, approx. 730 g (including batteries)
Supplied accessories	Memory card (128 MB) MC-12CF1 × 1, Storage case × 1, Soft case × 1, AC adapter NC-94B × 1, Windscreen WS-10 × 1, BNC-RCA cable CC-24 × 1, Strap × 1, IEC R14P (size"C") batteries (alkaline) × 4

## ■ Options

name	model
Building acoustic card	NX-28BA
Waveform recording card	NX-28WR
FFT analysis card	NX-28FT
Remote control	NA-27RC1
Sound calibrator	NC-74
Memory card	128 MB, 256 MB, 2 GB
Battery pack	BP-21
Dual output adaptor	CC-59S01

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