



## TOP248 258 Dynamic Microphone

# User Guide



## Specifications

### Type

Dynamic microphone

### Element

Nd magnet and transformer output circuit

### Polar pattern

Unidirectional (Super Cardioid), rotationally symmetrical about microphone axis, uniform with frequency. (Figure 1)

### Frequency response

50 to 16,000 Hz (Figure 2)

### Sensitivity (at 1,000 Hz Open Circuit Voltage)

-54dBV/Pa (2.0mV/Pa)

1Pa=94dB SPL

### Rated impedance

300Ω

### Max. SPL (1 kΩ load)

150dB SPL (THD≤0.5% 1kHz)

### Polarity

Pin 2 output positive voltage (related to pin 3) when diaphragm receives positive pressure. (Diaphragm moving inward)

### Connector

3 pin male XLR type

### Finish

Black rubber finish

### Dimensions

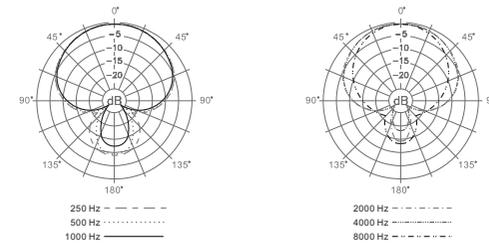
Φ54.0mm(2.13in.) X 180.0mm(7.09in.) (Figure 3)

### Net weight

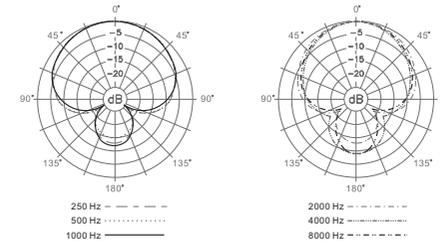
TOP248: 340g(11.58 oz.)

TOP248S: 340g(11.58 oz.)

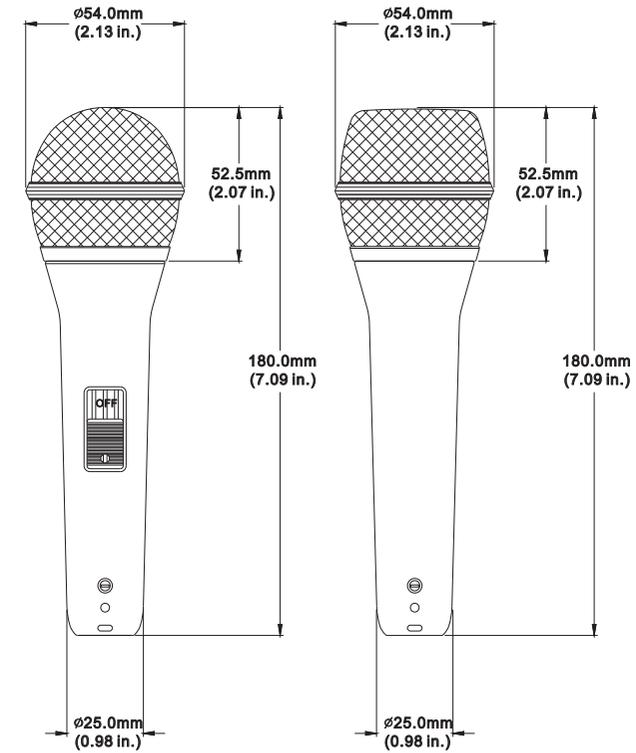
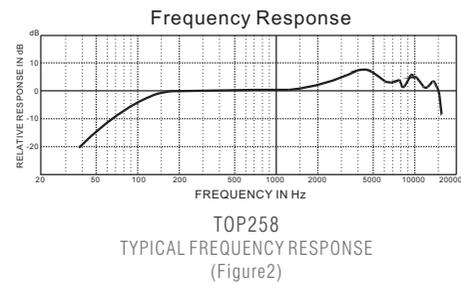
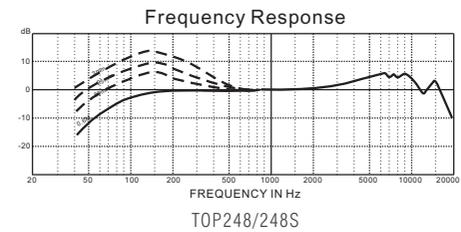
TOP258: 345g(12.17 oz.)



TOP248/248S  
TYPICAL POLAR PATTERN



TOP258  
TYPICAL POLAR PATTERN  
(Figure 1)



TOP248 on/off switch not included  
TOP248S

TOP258

Dimensions(Figure 3)

## Description

The TOP248/248S/258 microphones are designed for professional vocal and instrument live sound applications. These dynamic super cardioid microphones incorporating neodymium magnets and aluminum voice coil on the double membrane diaphragm and output transformer, that provides higher output sensitivity, flat and wide frequency response. The result is clean and detail sound texture demanded by the working professionals.

The grill windscreen are made of strengthen metal mesh, added with zinc alloy shaft and gold plated XLR 3 pin connectors provides sturdy performance for heavy stage works.

## Features

- TOP248 ball grill windscreen are welcome by most signers.
- TOP258 flat and smaller grill windscreen allows closer pickup for instruments or for signer preference.

- TOP248S incorporating an silent On/Off magnetic spring switch with locking plate.
- Typical and classical vocal frequency response.
- Designed for lead vocal, speech, and human voice performances.
- High intelligibility
- Super cardioids polar pattern, high GBF (gain before feedback).



## Package

Large crash-proof carrying case ----- A2 carrying case

## Accessories

### Supplied accessories

Microphone clip ----- HM38S  
5/8"~3/8" adapter ----- YA1



HM38S  
Microphone clip



YA1  
5/8"~3/8" adapter

### Optional accessories

Foam windscreen, various color ----- S40  
Table stand ----- HM6  
Adjustable boom stand ----- MS131  
Instrument boom stand ----- MS104



S40  
Foam windscreen



HM6  
Table stand



MS131  
Adjustable  
boom stand



MS104  
Instrument  
boom stand

## Knowing your microphone

Superlux provides variety selection of microphones for professionals and amateurs. To know your microphone is the first step to successful result.

## Type of transducer



### Dynamics

Durable and simple structure, operates in all kinds of environments. A good dynamic microphone is capable to operate at very high sound pressure level without distortion. Due to structure limit, dynamics cannot be built as small as condenser, but dynamics doesn't require power to operate.

## About Frequency Response

### Flat

Suitable for working at controlled environment, or for acoustic measurements. Although people pursue flatness, but for non-professionals, it is a challenge to make it work as expectation.

### Popular curve response

Based on years of practical experience of pro users. There are curves to be built for various applications, so that it is very simple to use the microphone for the purpose. Limiting bandwidth, and emphasizing are typical skills.

### Variable response

Incorporating switchable filters to eliminate interference, such as sub-sonic filter to cut air-conditioner and floor vibrations. And allows full flat when used in controlled environment.

## Directivity



### Super Cardioid

Narrower than cardioid pattern. Suitable for multiple microphone setup. Least sensitive angle pointing toward side to rear where most stage monitors are located. Same proximity effect as cardioid microphone.

## Using a handheld microphone

For best signal to noise ratio, distance from the handheld microphone to the sound source shall be as short as possible.

For higher gain before feedback and lowest background noise, the microphone shall be pointed directly to the sound source. (refer to the illustration below) The sensitivity of a super cardioid microphone is highest on axis and lowest at 120 to 135 degrees.

To avoid interference between multiple microphones, each sound source shall be picked-up by one microphone, use as few microphones as possible in one space, or turn-on as few microphones as possible at the same time.

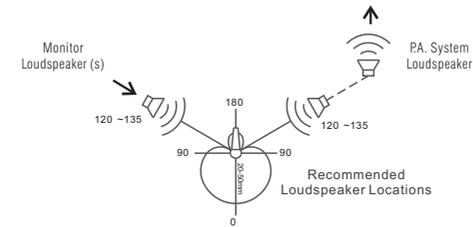
To reduce crosstalk between microphones, a 1:3 guide line shall be followed: The distance between microphone A to the sound source A is "1", the distance between any other microphone to the sound source A shall be more than 3 times.

When the (super) cardioid microphone gets closer to the sound source, the low frequency response is boosted, as so-called "proximity effect". Experience singer takes advantage of the proximity effect to improve the richness of his/her voice or to increase the bass of the instrument as if an extremely high quality equalizer is used. Same idea to reduce the bass by increasing the distance to reduce the bass when needed.

Reflecting surfaces affect sound as well. Beware of these surfaces such as wall, table, or floor. Place the microphone away from the hard surfaces or directly contact these surfaces to form a pressure zone microphone.

When using the microphone outdoors or in a windy environment, additional foam wind screen helps to reduce wind noise.

Keep grill pop screen clean to avoid degrading the sound quality. Do not expose the microphone to high humidity/temperature environment to avoid damage.



## Mounting the microphone

Pressure gradient microphone is very sensitive to vibration. Suitable shock mount for high performance microphone is necessary for extreme low noise recording. Sturdy stand can set the microphone exactly at the sweet spot and keep it there. Choose heavy duty microphone stand for studio condenser microphone which weighs much more than handheld microphone.

Superlux provides a wide range of microphone stands for various demands. Big Foot Willie is specially developed for large condenser microphones that are able to support 2 large microphones with stereo bracket for single point stereo recording.

Extension foot on all the 'E' versions serve to mount heavy studio microphone in limited space live sound applications.

## Maintenance

Condenser microphone shall be kept in a low humidity environment for best sound performance. Store the condenser microphones in an air-conditioned room or dehumidifier to keep away from moisture. Clean air is another important factor. Keep away from smoking environment to avoid tar residuals.



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