



**Model 422E55**  
**In-Line Charge Amplifier**  
**Installation and Operating Manual**

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If factory repair is required, our representatives will provide you with a Return Material Authorization (RMA) number, which we use to reference any information you have already provided and expedite the repair process. This number should be clearly marked on the outside of all returned package(s) and on any packing list(s) accompanying the shipment.

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## Safety Considerations

This product is intended for use by qualified personnel who recognize shock hazards and are familiar with the precautions required to avoid injury. While our equipment is designed with user safety in mind, the protection provided by the equipment may be impaired if equipment is used in a manner not specified by this manual.

Discontinue use and contact our 24-Hour Sensorline if:

- Assistance is needed to safely operate equipment
- Damage is visible or suspected
- Equipment fails or malfunctions

For complete equipment ratings, refer to the enclosed specification sheet for your product.

## Definition of Terms and Symbols

The following symbols may be used in this manual:



### DANGER

Indicates an immediate hazardous situation, which, if not avoided, may result in death or serious injury.

**CAUTION**

Refers to hazards that could damage the instrument.

**NOTE**

Indicates tips, recommendations and important information. The notes simplify processes and contain additional information on particular operating steps.

**The following symbols may be found on the equipment described in this manual:**



This symbol on the unit indicates that high voltage may be present. Use standard safety precautions to avoid personal contact with this voltage.



This symbol on the unit indicates that the user should refer to the operating instructions located in the manual.



This symbol indicates safety, earth ground.



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部件名称	有害物质					
	铅 (Pb)	汞 (Hg)	镉 (Cd)	六价铬 (Cr(VI))	多溴联苯 (PBB)	多溴二苯醚 (PBDE)
住房	0	0	0	0	0	0
PCB板	X	0	0	0	0	0
电气连接器	0	0	0	0	0	0
压电晶体	X	0	0	0	0	0
环氧	0	0	0	0	0	0
铁氟龙	0	0	0	0	0	0
电子	0	0	0	0	0	0
厚膜基板	0	0	X	0	0	0
电线	0	0	0	0	0	0
电缆	X	0	0	0	0	0
塑料	0	0	0	0	0	0
焊接	X	0	0	0	0	0
铜合金/黄铜	X	0	0	0	0	0
本表格依据 SJ/T 11364 的规定编制。						
0：表示该有害物质在该部件所有均质材料中的含量均在 GB/T 26572 规定的限量要求以下。						
X：表示该有害物质至少在该部件的某一均质材料中的含量超出 GB/T 26572 规定的限量要求。						
铅是欧洲RoHS指令2011/65/ EU附件三和附件四目前由于允许的豁免。						

CHINA RoHS COMPLIANCE

Component Name	Hazardous Substances					
	Lead (Pb)	Mercury (Hg)	Cadmium (Cd)	Chromium VI Compounds (Cr(VI))	Polybrominated Biphenyls (PBB)	Polybrominated Diphenyl Ethers (PBDE)
Housing	O	O	O	O	O	O
PCB Board	X	O	O	O	O	O
Electrical Connectors	O	O	O	O	O	O
Piezoelectric Crystals	X	O	O	O	O	O
Epoxy	O	O	O	O	O	O
Teflon	O	O	O	O	O	O
Electronics	O	O	O	O	O	O
Thick Film Substrate	O	O	X	O	O	O
Wires	O	O	O	O	O	O
Cables	X	O	O	O	O	O
Plastic	O	O	O	O	O	O
Solder	X	O	O	O	O	O
Copper Alloy/Brass	X	O	O	O	O	O

This table is prepared in accordance with the provisions of SJ/T 11364.

O: Indicates that said hazardous substance contained in all of the homogeneous materials for this part is below the limit requirement of GB/T 26572.

X: Indicates that said hazardous substance contained in at least one of the homogeneous materials for this part is above the limit requirement of GB/T 26572.

Lead is present due to allowed exemption in Annex III or Annex IV of the European RoHS Directive 2011/65/EU.

# Operating Instructions

## 422E5X Series

### 1.0 INTRODUCTION

The 422E5X series charge amplifiers convert the high impedance charge signal from a charge mode transducer to a low impedance voltage signal.

This conversion is accomplished by the use of a feedback capacitor across an inverting amplifier (Fig 1). The gain of the amplifier is sufficiently high to make the charge amplifier gain virtually independent of input capacitance loading.

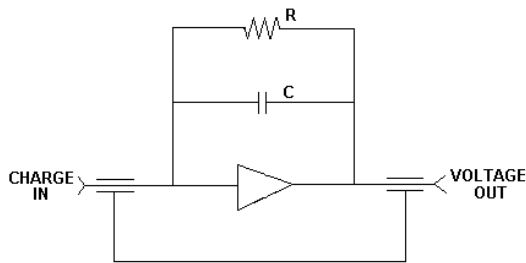


Fig 1

As in all charge amplifiers, the output is inverting. Thus, any sinusoidal signal will experience a 180 degree phase shift.

### 2.0 DESCRIPTION

The 422E5X series charge amps are .5 inch diameter by 3.4 inch long cylinders. One 10-32 jack functions as input, one BNC jack functions as output. The amplifier operates on power supplied by an ICP<sup>®</sup> power unit via a simple two-wire coaxial cable.

During operation, the electrical charge from the transducer is transferred to the feedback capacitor, resulting in a voltage given by the following equation:

$$V = Q/C_f$$

Q = the charge from the transducer

C<sub>f</sub> = the feedback capacitance

The accompanying 9V to 12V bias voltage is typically removed by a 10uF coupling capacitor internal to most PCB ICP<sup>®</sup> power units.

A feedback resistor between 10<sup>7</sup> and 10<sup>11</sup> ohms (depending upon the specific model) neutralizes unwanted, slowly changing signal components resulting from temperature effects and transistor leakage. This resistor, along with the feedback capacitor establishes the time constant (low frequency response).

For low level measurements or remote measurements over long cables, the 422E5X series improves the signal to noise ratio and retains the high frequency signal. The 422E5X series requires little operator attention and operates relatively drift-free in a dynamic mode, an important consideration in multi-channel installations.

### 3.0 INSTALLATION

Connect the 422E5X to the transducer with low noise cable (003 type only). Standard coaxial cable may be used between the amplifier and power unit, and between the power unit and readout device. (Fig 2)

Connect case of unit to Earth ground with a low impedance connection to conform to CE.

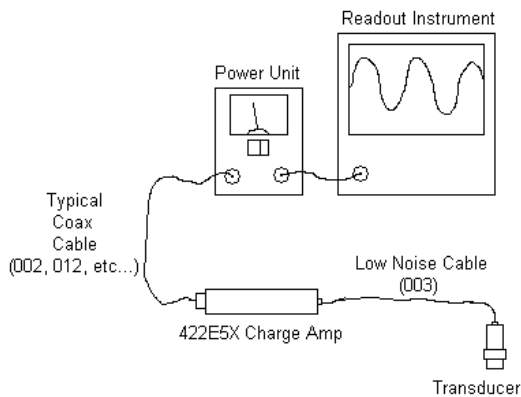


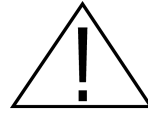
Fig 2

### 4.0 WARNING SYMBOLS AND TERMS

The following symbols and terms may be found on the equipment described in this manual.



This symbol on the unit indicates that excessive accumulated charges on the input cable can destroy the field effect input transistor. These charges should be grounded out by shorting the center pin of the connector plug to the outer cable conductor with a metallic object before connecting them to the 422E5X charge amp. Care should be taken to avoid touching the input terminal to any object that could possess an electric charge (such as your fingers).



This symbol on the unit indicates that the user should refer to the operating instructions located in the manual.

### 5.0 OPERATION

After connecting the 422E5X as indicated in Fig 2 Energize the system by turning on the power unit and waiting a few minutes for the amplifier to turn on.

For a simple, self-test circuit, monitor the +9 to +12 V DC bias existing at the output during normal operation with a high impedance voltmeter. Many PCB power units feature such a test circuit (Fig 3).



Fig 3 – A typical bias meter.

### 5.1 SYSTEM SENSITIVITY

When the sensitivity (pC/unit) of the transducer is known (via calibration) along with the transfer sensitivity of the charge amp (mV/pC), the system sensitivity of the system can be calculated in the following manner:

$$\text{System sens} = (\text{Xdcr Sens})(\text{Amp Sens})$$

System sens is given in (mV/Unit)

Xdcr Sens is given in (pC/Unit)

Amp Sens is given in (mV/pC)

## 6.0 MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR

The 422E5X charge amplifier is hermetically sealed, and requires no maintenance. If the connectors become dirty, clean with lint-free wipes dampened with isopropyl alcohol.

For extremely dirty or humid environments, the cable connections can be protected with low temperature heat shrink tubing.

Should trouble occur, the factory should be contacted for assistance.

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<b>Performance</b>			
Sensitivity(± 2.5 %)(Charge Conversion)	0.5 mV/pC	0.5 mV/pC	
Ovrrange	± 8 V	± 8 V	
Low Frequency Response(-5 %)	0.5 Hz	0.5 Hz	
High Frequency Response(-5 %)	100 kHz	100 kHz	[2]
Non-Linearity	≤ 1.0 % FS	≤ 1.0 % FS	
<b>Environmental</b>			
Temperature Range(Operating)	-65 to +250 °F	-54 to +121 °C	
Maximum Shock	5000 g pk	49,050 m/s <sup>2</sup> pk	
Maximum Vibration(5 to 2000 Hz)	100 g pk	981 m/s <sup>2</sup> pk	
<b>Electrical</b>			
Excitation Voltage	+18 to 28 VDC	+18 to 28 VDC	
Constant Current Excitation	2 to 20 mA	2 to 20 mA	
Output Voltage	± 5.0 V	± 5.0 V	
Output Polarity	Inverted	Inverted	
Output Impedance	100 ohm	100 ohm	
Output Bias Voltage	+9 to 13 VDC	+9 to 13 VDC	
Maximum Input Voltage	+30 V	+30 V	
Broadband Electrical Noise(1 to 10,000 Hz)	33 µV	-90 dB	
Spectral Noise(1 Hz)	9.8 µV/√Hz	-100 dB	[1]
Spectral Noise(10 Hz)	3 µV/√Hz	-110 dB	[1]
Spectral Noise(100 Hz)	0.8 µV/√Hz	-122 dB	[1]
Spectral Noise(1 kHz)	0.4 µV/√Hz	-128 dB	[1]
Spectral Noise(10 kHz)	0.2 µV/√Hz	-134 dB	[1]
Capacitance(Feedback)	2000 pF	2000 pF	
Overload Recovery Time	10 µsec	10 µsec	
Discharge Time Constant	>1 sec	>1 sec	
Resistance(Feedback)	1.5x10 <sup>9</sup> ohm	1.5x10 <sup>9</sup> ohm	
Source Capacitance Loading(at input)	-0.0005 %/pF	-0.0005 %/pF	
<b>Physical</b>			
Housing Material	Stainless Steel	Stainless Steel	
Sealing	Epoxy	Epoxy	
Electrical Connector(Input)	10-32 Coaxial Jack	10-32 Coaxial Jack	
Electrical Connector(Output)	BNC Jack	BNC Jack	
Size (Diameter x Length)	0.52 in x 3.4 in	13 mm x 86 mm	
Weight	1.15 oz	32.7 gm	

**OPTIONAL VERSIONS**

Optional versions have identical specifications and accessories as listed for the standard model except where noted below. More than one option may be used.

**NOTES:**

[1] Typical.  
 [2] High frequency response may be limited by supply current and output cable length.  
 [3] See PCB Declaration of Conformance PS024 for details. A low impedance connection from case to earth ground is required to maintain CE compliance.

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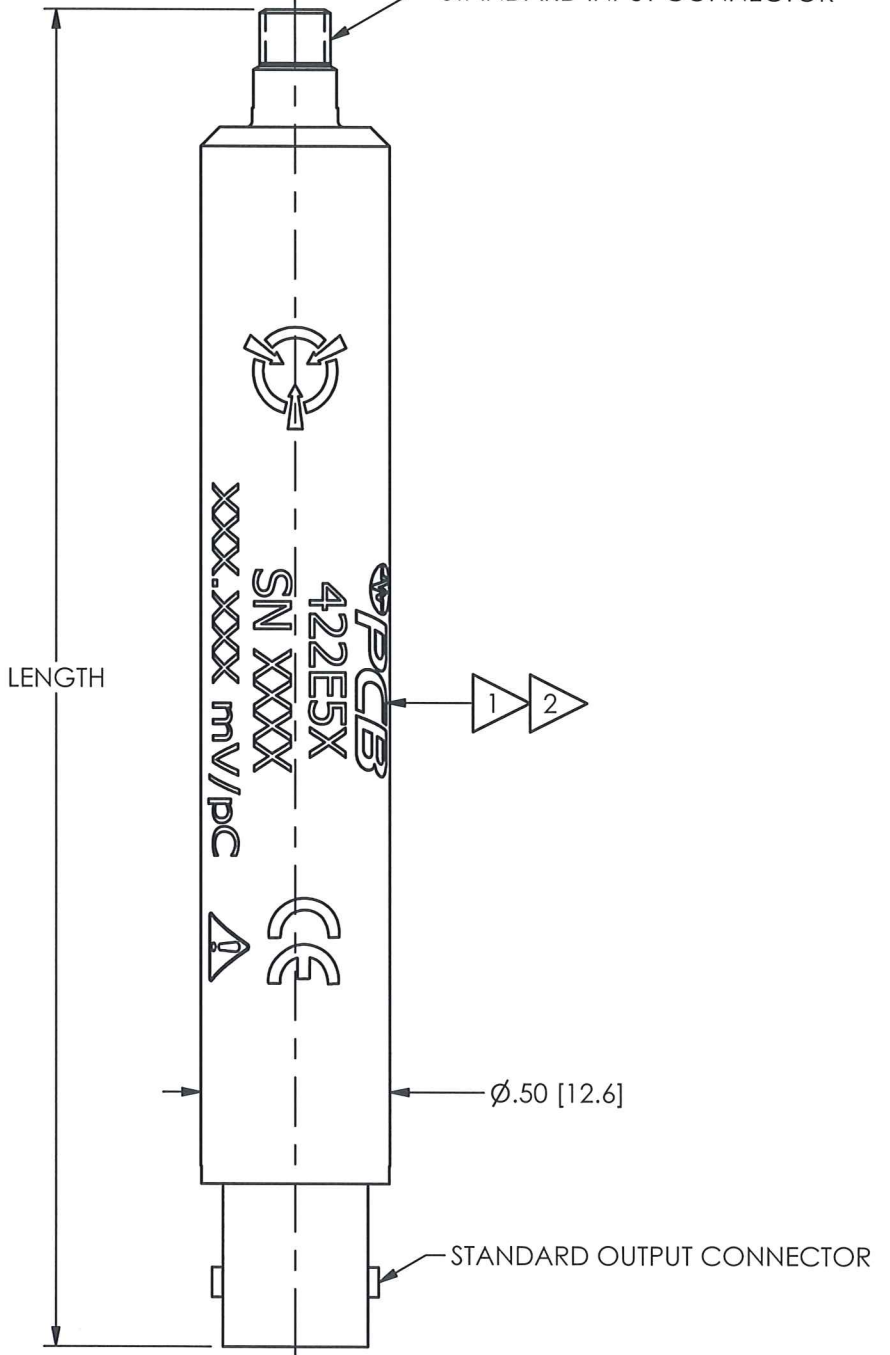
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STANDARD INPUT CONNECTOR



AVAILABLE CONNECTOR OPTIONS:

STANDARD MODEL NUMBER  
INPUT: 10-32 MICRO DOT JACK  
OUTPUT: BNC JACK  
LENGTH: 3.4 [85]

MODEL NO./A  
INPUT: 10-32 MICRO-DOT JACK  
OUTPUT: 10-32 MICRO-DOT JACK  
LENGTH: 3.0 [76]

MODEL NO./C  
INPUT: 10-32 MICRO-DOT JACK  
OUTPUT: BNC PLUG  
LENGTH: 3.2 [81]

MODEL NO./D  
INPUT: BNC JACK  
OUTPUT: BNC JACK  
LENGTH: 4.2 [107]

2 ETCH WITH "IN ← → OUT" TO INDICATE PROPER ORIENTATION.

1 ETCH WITH NORMAL SENSITIVITY, AS IT APPEARS ON SPEC SHEET.

UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED TOLERANCES ARE:

DIMENSIONS IN INCHES	DIMENSIONS IN MILLIMETERS [ IN BRACKETS ]
DECIMALS XX ±.03 XXX ±.010	DECIMALS X ± 0.8 XX ± 0.25
ANGLES ± 2 DEGREES	ANGLES ± 2 DEGREES
FILLETS AND RADII .003 - .005	FILLETS AND RADII 0.07 - 0.13

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