Sound and Vibration Data Acquisition

**NI USB-4432**  
*NEW!*  
• 24-bit resolution  
• 101 dB dynamic range  
• 5 simultaneous analog inputs  
• ±40 V input range  
• Anti-aliasing filters  
• TEDS read/write  
• Software-selectable AC/DC coupling (0.1 Hz HPF)

**Recommended Software**  
• LabVIEW  
• Sound and Vibration Toolkit  
• Sound and Vibration Measurement Suite

### Overview

The NI USB-4432 is a five-channel dynamic signal acquisition module for making high-accuracy measurements from IEPE sensors. The USB-4432 delivers 101 dB of dynamic range and incorporates software-selectable IEPE (2.1 mA constant current) signal conditioning for accelerometers and microphones. The five channels simultaneously acquire at rates from 1 to 102.4 kS/s. In addition, the module includes built-in anti-aliasing filters that automatically adjust to your sampling rate. The USB-4432 is ideal for a wide variety of mobile/portable applications such as industrial machine condition monitoring; in-vehicle noise, vibration, and harshness; and audio test systems.

### Hardware Analysis Capabilities

- Power spectra  
- Zoom FFTs  
- Fractional-octave analysis  
- Vibration-level measurements  
- Order spectra  
- Transient analysis  
- Psychoacoustic analysis

Each simultaneous signal is buffered, analog prefiltered, and sampled by a 24-bit delta-sigma analog-to-digital converter (ADC) that performs digital filtering with a cutoff frequency that automatically adjusts to your data rate. The USB-4432 features a voltage range of ±40 V and a dynamic range of 101 dB. In addition, the modules include the capability to read and write to transducer electronic data sheet (TEDS) Class 1 smart sensors. The USB-4432 provides ±60 V of overvoltage protection for IEPE sensor connections. It has three software-selectable modes of measurement operation: IEPE-on with AC coupling, IEPE-off with AC coupling, and IEPE-off with DC coupling.

The USB-4432 uses a method of analog-to-digital conversion known as delta-sigma modulation. If, for example, the data rate is 25 kS/s, then each ADC actually samples its input signal at 3.2 MS/s (128 times the data rate) and produces samples that are applied to a digital filter. This filter then expands the data to 24 bits, rejects signal components greater than 12.5 kHz (the Nyquist frequency), and digitally resamples the data at the chosen data rate of 25 kS/s. This combination of analog and digital filtering provides an accurate representation of desirable signals while rejecting out-of-band signals. The built-in anti-aliasing filters automatically adjust themselves to discriminate between signals based on the frequency range, or bandwidth, of the signal.

### Analysis Software

The USB-4432 is well-suited for noise and vibration analysis applications. The NI Sound and Vibration Measurement Suite, which specifically addresses these applications, has two components: the NI Sound and Vibration Assistant, for quick and easy configuration, and LabVIEW analysis VIs for development of customized test and control systems.

### NI Sound and Vibration Assistant

The Sound and Vibration Assistant is interactive software designed to simplify the process of acquiring and analyzing noise and vibration signals by offering:

- A drag-and-drop, interactive analysis and acquisition environment  
- Rapid measurement configuration  
- Extended functionality through LabVIEW

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**Table 1. NI C Series Dynamic Signal Acquisition Selection Guide**

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<th>Model</th>
<th>Max Sampling Rate</th>
<th>IEPE Coupling</th>
<th>Coupling</th>
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<td>USB-4432</td>
<td>102.4 kS/s</td>
<td>Software-selectable (0 or 2.1 mA)</td>
<td>Software-selectable AC/DC</td>
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Interactive Analysis Environment

The Sound and Vibration Assistant introduces an innovative approach to configuring your measurements using intuitive drag-and-drop steps. Combining the functionality of traditional noise and vibration analysis software with the flexibility to customize and automate routines, the Sound and Vibration Assistant can help you streamline your application.

Rapid Measurement Configuration

The Sound and Vibration Assistant features many built-in steps that you can use immediately. You can instantly configure a measurement and analysis application with:

- Hardware I/O — generation and acquisition of signals from a variety of devices, including data acquisition devices and modular instruments
- Signal processing — filtering, windowing, and averaging
- Time-domain analysis — sound- and vibration-level measurements
- ANSI and IEC fractional-octave analysis
- Frequency-domain analysis — power spectrum, frequency response, power-in-band, peak search, and distortion
- Order analysis — tachometer processing, order power spectrum, order tracking, and order extraction
- Sound quality — sharpness, loudness, and roughness measurements
- Report generation — ability to drag and drop signals to Microsoft Excel or export data to Microsoft Word or UFF58 files

Extended Functionality through LabVIEW

Reuse your measurement applications developed with the Sound and Vibration Assistant in LabVIEW by converting projects into LabVIEW block diagrams. With the LabVIEW full-featured graphical programming environment, you can further automate your application or customize your analysis.

Sound and Vibration Analysis VIs for LabVIEW

With the sound and vibration analysis VIs in LabVIEW, you can develop a variety of custom audio, acoustic, and vibration applications. Functionality includes:

- Full, 1/3, 1/6, 1/12, and 1/24 octave analysis with linear A-, B-, or C-weighting
- Vibration level with single or double integration
- Sound level with linear A-, B-, or C-weighting
- Baseband, zoom, and subset power spectrum
- Peak search
- Power-in-band
- Frequency response (FRF)
- Filtering
- Swept sine
- Distortion analysis (THD, THD+N, IMD)
- Noise measurements (SNR)
- Human vibration weighting filters
- Torsional vibration
- Sound quality analysis
- Tachometer signal processing
- Order tracking
- Order spectrum
- Order extraction
- Spectral map
- Waterfall display for power, octave, and order spectra
- Data presentation in cascade, shaft centerline, orbit, Bode, or polar plot format
- Shock response spectrum
- File input and output to UFF58

Figure 1. Engine Noise Run-Up in the Sound and Vibration Assistant

Figure 2. The NI Sound and Vibration Measurement Suite features more than 30 Express VIs for signal processing including octave analysis.
Recommended Hardware

The Sound and Vibration Measurement Suite includes more than 50 examples that work with both dynamic signal acquisition (DSA) and multifunction data acquisition devices. For sound and vibration data acquisition, National Instruments recommends DSA devices. With 24-bit ADCs and digital-to-analog converters (DACs) and integrated antialiasing filters, DSA devices are ideal for acoustic, noise, and vibration measurements.

There are numerous system requirements to consider when selecting data acquisition hardware for measuring or generating sound and vibration signals. From IEPE signal conditioning for accelerometers and microphones to high dynamic range (up to 118 dB) and multichannel synchronization (up to 13,000 channels), National Instruments offers a wide range of hardware products for your applications.

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<tr>
<th>Product</th>
<th>Bus</th>
<th>Input Resolution (bits)</th>
<th>Dynamic Range (dB)</th>
<th>Sampling Rate per Channel</th>
<th>Analog Inputs</th>
<th>Input Range</th>
<th>Gain Settings</th>
<th>Coupling</th>
<th>TEDS Support</th>
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<td>PXI, PCI</td>
<td>24</td>
<td>118</td>
<td>204.8 kS/s</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>±42 V to 316 mV</td>
<td>-20 to 30 dB in 10 dB increments</td>
<td>AC/DC</td>
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<td>114</td>
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<td>16</td>
<td>±10 to 1 V</td>
<td>0 and 20 dB</td>
<td>DC</td>
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<td>110</td>
<td>102.4 kS/s</td>
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<td>±10 V</td>
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Table 2. Additional NI Dynamic Signal Acquisition Devices

Ordering Information

NI USB-4432 ................................................................. 779680-01
NI USB-4432 with Sound and Vibration Measurement Suite ............................................... 779680-02

BUY NOW!

For complete product specifications, pricing, and accessory information, call 800 813 3693 (U.S.) or go to ni.com/soundandvibration.

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Specifications

>> For complete specifications, see the NI USB-4432 Specifications manual at ni.com/manuals.

Analog Input

Input channels ..................................... 5
Input connector ................................... 1 BNC per channel
ADC resolution ................................... 24 bits
ADC type ............................................. Delta-sigma
Sampling mode ................................... Simultaneous
Sample rates (f_\text{in}) ................................. 1 to 102.4 kS/s
Sample rate accuracy .............................. ±100 ppm max
Input range ........................................ .. ±40 V pk
Input protection ................................... ±60 V max
Input coupling ..................................... AC or DC,
                                            each channel independently
                                            software selectable

Frequency Response

Amplitude flatness

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<th>Input Signal Frequency (f_\text{in})</th>
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<td>20 Hz to 20 kHz</td>
<td>±0.01 dB typ</td>
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<tr>
<td>20 Hz to 46.4 kHz</td>
<td>±0.02 dB max</td>
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Relative to 1 kHz

Phase linearity

f_\text{in} = 20 Hz to 20 kHz ................. ±0.01°
f_\text{in} = 20 Hz to 46.4 kHz ................. ±0.05°

Interchannel phase mismatch

(f_\text{in} ≥ 100 Hz) ......................... 0.015°/kHz · f_\text{in} typ

-3 dB bandwidth ............................. 0.49 · f_\text{in}

AC coupling

-3 dB cutoff frequency ................. 0.1 Hz
-0.1 dB cutoff frequency ................. 0.7 Hz

ADC filter delay (nominal) .............. 38 samples

Safety and Compliance

Safety

This product is designed to meet the requirements of the following standards of safety for electrical equipment for measurement, control, and laboratory use:

- IEC 61010-1, EN 61010-1
- UL 61010-1, CSA 61010-1

Note: For UL and other safety certifications, refer to the product label or visit ni.com/certification, search by model number or product line, and click the appropriate link in the Certification column.

Electromagnetic Compatibility

This product meets the requirements of the following EMC standards for electrical equipment for measurement, control, and laboratory use:

- EN 61326 (IEC 61326): Class A emissions; Basic immunity
- EN 55011 (CISPR 11): Group 1, Class A emissions
- AS/NZS CISPR 11: Group 1, Class A emissions
- FCC 47 CFR Part 15B: Class A emissions
- ICES-001: Class A emissions

Note: For EMC compliance, operate this product according to the documentation.

CE Compliance

This product meets the essential requirements of applicable European Directives, as amended for CE marking, as follows:

- 2006/95/EC; Low-Voltage Directive (safety)
- 2004/108/EC; Electromagnetic Compatibility Directive (EMC)

Note: Refer to the Declaration of Conformity (DoC) for this product for any additional regulatory compliance information. To obtain the DoC for this product, visit ni.com/certification, search by model number or product line, and click the appropriate link in the Certification column.

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