

Technical Procedure for Audio Performance Verification

1.0 Purpose – The purpose of this procedure is to ensure that audio equipment is in working order.

2.0 Scope – This procedure describes the steps to be taken by personnel in the State Crime Laboratory to determine that forensic audio equipment is in proper working order. Most electronic equipment performs a check of key components upon receiving power. Any malfunction of these components will typically prevent operation of the equipment. This check, in conjunction with the procedure below, ensures the equipment is working properly prior to use.

3.0 Definitions – N/A

4.0 Equipment, Materials and Reagents

- Audio PC
- PCAP II Audio Processor
- Tascam Unit

5.0 Procedure

5.1 Prior to analysis, the media shall be played through the component(s) to be used in analysis of the evidence.

5.2 A spectrum analyzer shall be opened and the frequency shall be checked for accuracy.

5.3 Once complete, the log sheet to document the verification shall be completed and placed into a binder near the equipment.

5.4 In addition, a notation shall be made in the Forensic Scientist's case notes.

5.5 Standards and Controls – A 1 kHz test tone recorded to various media types which are analyzed using the forensic audio equipment.

5.6 Calibrations – N/A

5.7 Maintenance – N/A

5.8 Sampling - N/A

5.9 Calculations - N/A

5.10 Uncertainty of Measurement - N/A

6.0 Limitations – N/A

7.0 Safety - N/A

8.0 References

- Digital Evidence Validation and Calibration Manual

9.0 Records - N/A

10.0 Attachments - N/A

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