



## Product questionnaire about the acoustic sensor

Please fill in the questionnaire, as far as you can, and send it back to us.  
We will get in touch with you immediately.

**Tip:** You can also fill out and send this interactive form directly on the screen.

### Your data

Company

Contact person

Phone

Fax

E-Mail

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### 1. Task

1.1 Please describe as precisely as possible which problem you perhaps want to solve by acoustic sensor technology!

1.2 Please describe the process briefly (eg. transport on tape and then ejection (falling) in boxes).

1.3 What distinction should be made?

sorting of defective parts

sorting of good parts

other



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### 2. Sound source

2.1 Is the process the source of the sound?

Yes

No

2.2 Can / must the sound be purposefully generated?

Yes

No

2.3 Please describe as precisely as possible the point at which the sound is generated  
(mechanical process of the sound generation, materials, geometries, chronological sequence)!

2.4 Can you provide sketches, drawings, photos, videos, animations?

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### 3. Characteristic of the acoustic event(s) requiring detection

3.1 Please try to describe the sound verbally (relative pitch, volume, comparison with commonly known sounds, experienced sound quality (ringing, scratching, scraping, grinding, hissing, whistling, clicking, knocking, snapping ...))

3.2 Is the sound continuous or intermittent? If intermittent, what is its duration and rate of repetition?

3.3 Is one sound involved or are there several ones to be detected?

3.4 Is it clearly possible to distinguish the various sounds (or the good/bad-sound) by ear?  
Try to describe the difference in words.



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3.5 Is it possible to make a qualitative statement regarding the reproducibility of the sound(s)?

3.6 Which materials are involved?

metallic items      glass      ceramic      plastic materials      other

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### 4. Environmental conditions

4.1 What sort of secondary/external noises arise in addition to the sound that has to be detected?  
What is the volume ratio experienced at the installation position of the sensor?

4.2 Are there any critical deployment conditions (operating temperature range, maximum humidity, splash water, dust particulates, aggressive media, mechanical stress ...)

4.3 Are there any pertinent industrial standards known?

4.4 Is a redesign of the processes (separation of parts, shielding against background noise)  
necessary for the sound detection?

Yes      No

4.5 Is a separation possible?  
(Usually necessary, eg. for sorting and for unambiguous sound detection)

Yes      No



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### 5. Process access

#### 5.1 Characteristic of power supply

Voltage level

Maximum current

#### Performance critical

Yes

No

#### 5.2 How/by what should the sensor signal be processed?

PC

PLC control

direct actor control

data logger

other:

#### 5.3 Is a dynamic parameterization of the sensor necessary in the operation?

Yes

No

unknown

#### 5.4 Is a connection to a bus system desirable / required?

Yes

No

unknown

#### 5.5 Are there process signals available which permit a chronological assignment of the sound (which, for example, can be generated synchronously to the sound)?

Yes

No

unknown

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### 6. Project

#### 6.1 Can sound samples be provided (eg as audio files)?

Yes

No

unknown

If yes, please specify:



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6.2 Can the sound be generated under laboratory conditions?

Yes                  No                  unknown

6.3 Can measurements be made on site?

Yes                  No

6.4 Can good/bad sounds be purposefully generated in the laboratory or for on-site measurements?

Yes                  No

6.5 Have initial studies relevant to acoustic sensorics already been made?

Yes                  No

If yes, please specify:

**Thank you very much  
for your support.**

**Alternatively, you can also save the questionnaire or  
print it out and then return it to the following address:**

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