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## 1 Introduction

Thank you very much for purchasing a quality product from the MAICO family. This MI 44 tympanometer is manufactured to meet all quality and safety requirements.

In designing the MI 44 we placed particular importance on making it a user-friendly device, meaning its operation is simple and easy to understand. And because all functions are software controlled, upgrading later to new, extended measurement functions will be simple and inexpensive. That means that you have invested in a device that will adjust to your future needs.

If you have problems or have ideas for further improvements, please contact us or your Special Instrument Dealer.



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## 2 Description

The MI 44 is designed for tympanometric testing. Tests performed in the tympanometric testing mode measure middle ear mobility, ipsilateral acoustic reflex, contralateral reflex, reflex decay and Eustachian tube testing. Test results are displayed on the front panel LCD (liquid crystal display) screen and may be printed.

### PC-Interface:

A serial RS 232C interface for data transfer to a connected computer is built into the unit.

### 2.1 Tympanometry

Tympanometry is the objective measurement of middle ear mobility (compliance) and pressure within the middle ear system. During the test, a low-pitched probe tone (226 Hz) is presented to the ear canal by means of the hand-held probe. This tone is used to measure the change in compliance in the middle ear system while the air pressure is varied automatically from a positive value (+200 daPa) to a negative value (-400 daPa max).

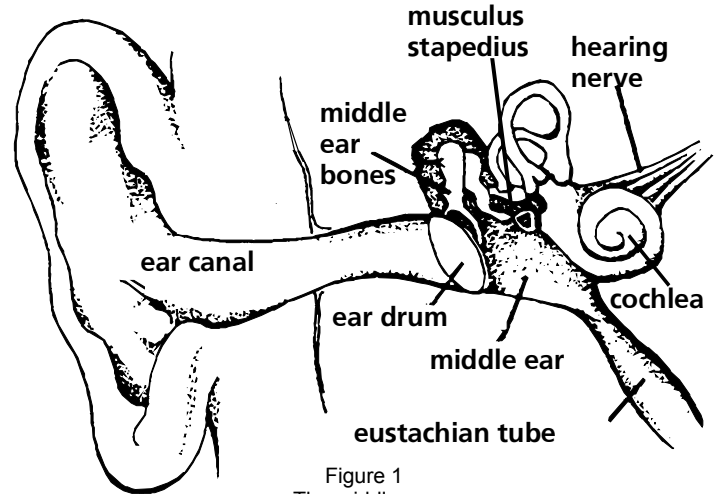


Figure 1  
The middle ear

Maximum compliance of the middle ear system occurs when the pressure in the middle ear cavity is equal to the pressure in the external auditory canal. This is the highest peak of the curve as it is recorded on the chart. The position of the peak on the horizontal axis and on the vertical axis of the chart will provide diagnostic information regarding the function of the middle ear system. Examples of normal and abnormal tympanograms can be found in a later section of this manual.

Gradient calculations are reported as the tympanogram width at half of peak compliance expressed in daPa. A "limits" box is available on both the display and printout to aid in diagnosis.

Compliance is measured with respect to an equivalent volume of air, with the scientific quantity milliliter (ml). Air pressure is measured in deca-Pascals (daPa).

**NOTE:** 1.02 mm H<sub>2</sub>O = 1.0 daPa.



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## 2.2 Acoustic reflex

An acoustic reflex, or contraction of the Stapedial muscle, occurs under normal conditions when a sufficiently intense sound is presented to the auditory pathway. This contraction of the muscle causes a stiffening of the ossicular chain which changes the compliance of the middle ear system. As in tympanometry, a probe tone is used to measure this change in compliance.

When the stimulus presentation and measurement are made in the same ear by means of the probe, this acoustical reflex is referred to as an ipsilateral acoustic reflex. When the stimulus presentation and measurement are made in opposite ears, the reflex is referred to as a contralateral acoustic reflex.

For best results, this reflex measurement is automatically conducted at the air pressure value where the compliance peak occurred during the tympanometric test. Stimulus tones of varying intensities at 500, 1000, 2000 or 4000 Hz and noise are presented as short bursts. If a change in compliance greater than the selected level is detected, a reflex is considered present. Because this is an extremely small compliance change, any movement of the probe during the test may produce an artifact (false response). The test result is recorded as Pass/No response, and in graphical form.

If the tympanometric results display any abnormal findings, the results of the acoustic reflex testing may be inconclusive and should be interpreted with care. Theoretically, a compliance peak is necessary to observe a reflex at peak pressure.



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## 3 Getting started

Your MI 44 was carefully inspected and packed for shipping. However, it is good practice to thoroughly inspect the outside of the shipping container for signs of damage. If any damage is noted, please notify the carrier immediately.

### 3.1 Unpacking

Remove the accessories. Carefully remove the instrument from the shipping carton. Remove the instrument from the plastic bag and inspect the case for any damage. Notify the carrier immediately if any mechanical damage is noted. This will assure that a proper claim is made. Save all packing material so the claim adjuster can inspect it as well. When the adjuster has completed the inspection, notify the MAICO Special Instrument Distributor you purchased this unit from.

**Note:** Save all the original packing material and the shipping container so the instrument can be properly packaged if it needs to be returned for service or calibration.

#### 3.1.1 Supplied accessories

Please check that all accessories listed below are received in good condition. If any accessories are missing or damaged, immediately notify your MAICO Special Instrument Distributor.

Description	Part No.
Hand-held probe	570G-14
24-count eartips kit:	6613
(4) yellow, 7 mm	6643
(4) green, 9 mm	6644
(4) white, 11 mm	6645
(4) yellow, 13 mm	6646
(4) green, 15 mm	6647
(4) blue, 18 mm	6648
Thermal printer paper	5529
Calibration test cavity	5533
Shoulder strap	58621
Insert phone	4796
or TDH39 contra phone	4682
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## 3.2 Environmental conditions for the MI 44

The MI 44 should be operated in a quiet room. The test room must be at normal temperature, usually 15° C / 59° F to 35° C / 95° F, and the instrument should be switched on about 10 minutes before the first measurement to guarantee precise measuring results. If the device has been cooled down (e.g. during transport), please wait until it has warmed up to room temperature.

## 3.3 Preparing the MI 44 for use

Connect probe and accessories

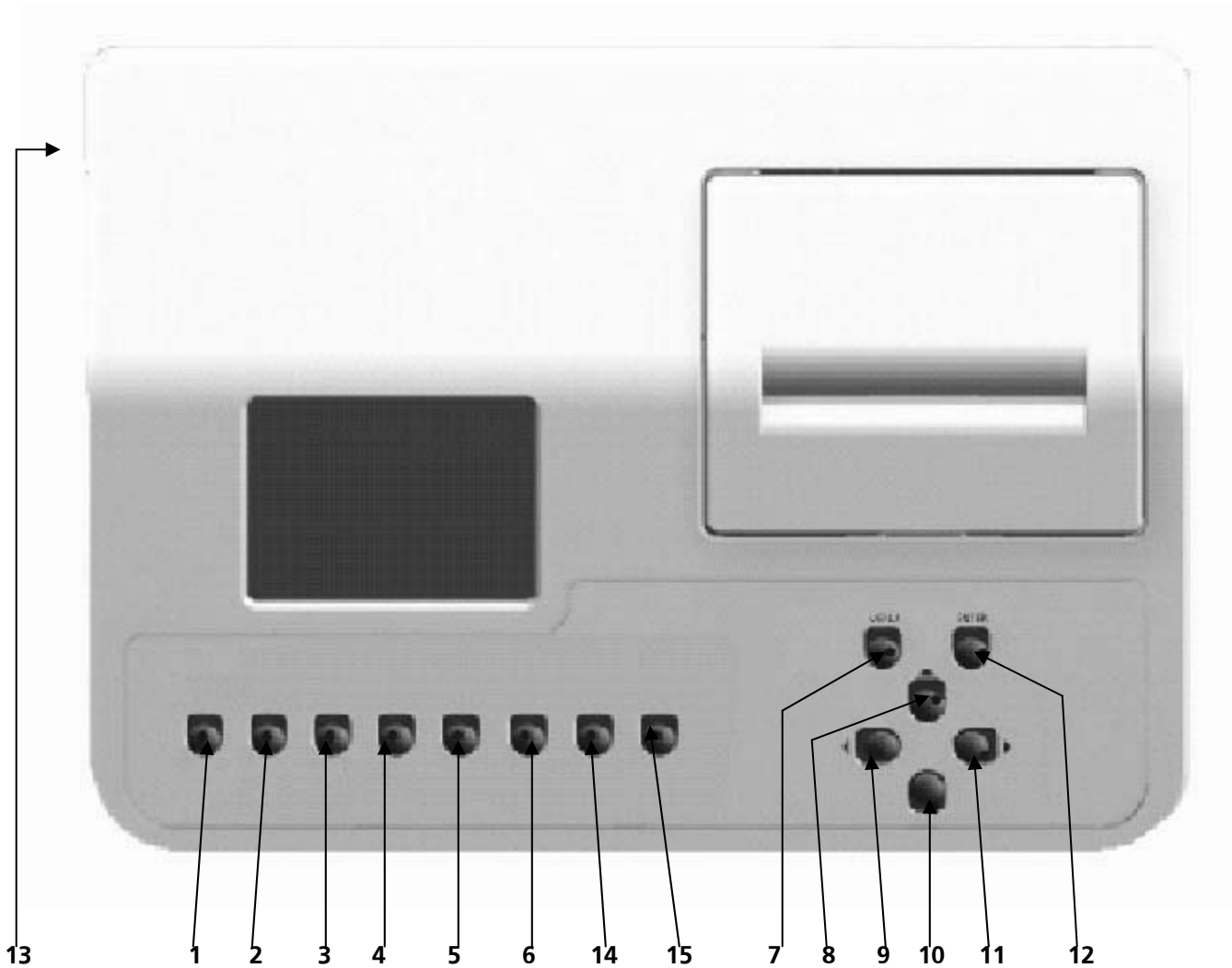
- Connect the probe cable to socket (C) on the rear of the instrument.
- Insert the plug into the socket and secure the connection by fastening the two screws of the connector.
- Insert the pressure tube into the socket (B) and press it until it is secure on the socket.
- Put the enclosed power cable into the power connection socket (A) and then plug it into a power outlet. The instrument is now operational.



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## 3.4 Getting familiar with the MI 44

### 3.4.1 The MI 44 front panel controls



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|----|--|----|--|
| 1  | PRINT: prints the test                 | 2  | L/R: switch left/right ear             |
| 3  | REFLEX: reflex measure off/ipsi/contra | 4  | TYMP: tympanometer test key            |
| 5  | DECAY: decay test key                  | 6  | ETF: Eustachian tube function test key |
| 7  | MENU                                   | 8  | Left (cursor control)                  |
| 9  | Down (cursor control)                  | 10 | Right (cursor control)                 |
| 11 | Up (cursor control)                    | 12 | ENTER                                  |
| 13 | Power switch                           | 14 | TYMP TONE: selects high probe tone     |
| 15 | PUMP: selects manual pump control      |    |  |

## 3.4.2 The MI 44 rear panel connections

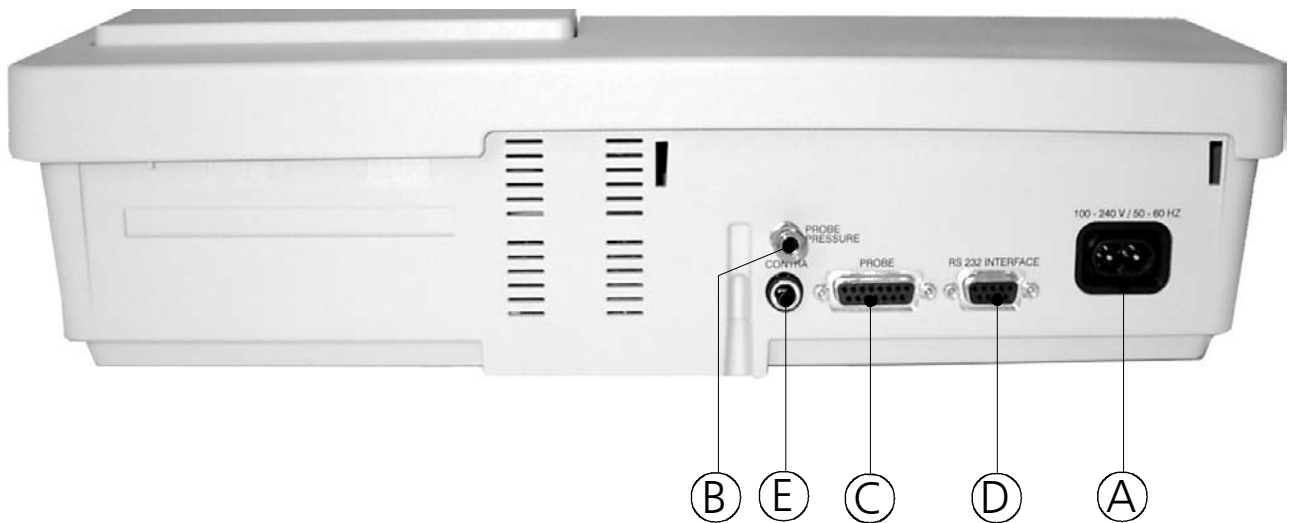


Figure 3  
Connectors on the rear of the MI 44

- A Power connection socket
- B Probe tube connection
- C Probe connection socket
- D PC interface
- E Contra receiver socket

## 3.4.3 Switch the instrument on

Turn the power switch on. The LCD will show the type of instrument and software version for a moment. Then the basic measuring figure appears.

The MI 44 should be switched on about 10 minutes before the first measurement to guarantee precise measuring results. If the device has been cooled down (e.g. during transport), please wait until it has warmed up to room temperature.



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## 3.4.4 The display of the MI 44

The test result is shown during the measurement on the LCD. The measurements are saved automatically and can be printed out in a fast and quiet way with the integrated printer.

Figure 4 shows an empty initial measurement screen. This screen shows actual settings, test results and the graphical display of the tympanogram and reflexes.

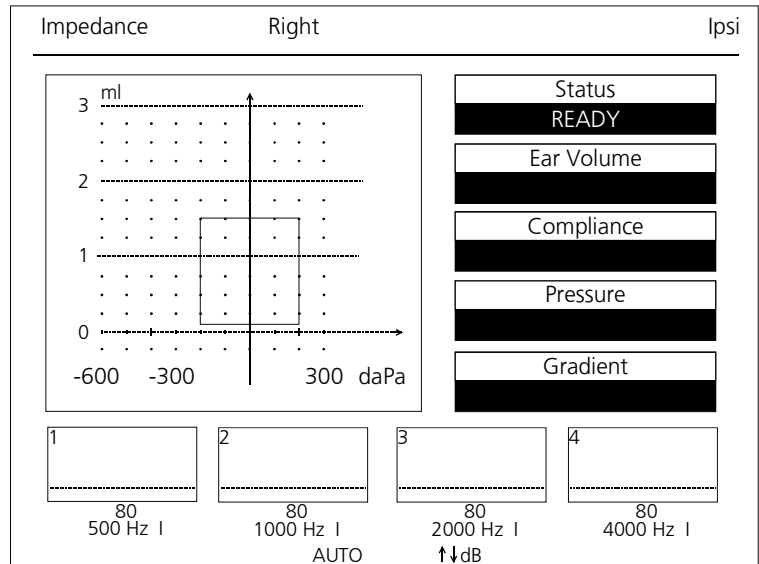


Figure 4  
The measurement screen of the MI 44

From left to right the top line shows the type of test (impedance is shown in

figure 4), the selected test ear (left or right) and the selected reflex test (*ipsi* or *contra*). If no test is selected, *tympanogram* is displayed.

To the right of the tympanogram graph is a set of five boxes that show status and test values. The first box shows the actual status of the instrument. Options are:

- Ready - the instrument is ready for testing
- In Ear - the probe is inserted in the ear
- Testing - the test is in progress
- Blocked - the probe is blocked in the ear
- Leaking - the eartip does not have a proper seal

The next four boxes show the volume of the ear canal, the compliance, the pressure at maximum compliance and the gradient of the tympanogram when the test has been completed.

The four boxes below the graph and status boxes, marked 1 to 4, show the graphical reflex curves after the test. Below each box the test level (figure 4: 80 dB), and the test frequencies (figure 4: 500 Hz, 1000 Hz, 2000 Hz and 4000 Hz) are displayed. After the frequency an "I" shows that ipsilateral testing is selected.

Along the bottom of the screen are the word Auto and a dB scale. These indicate that the reflex test level will increase automatically until a reflex is found or the maximum level is reached. With the arrow keys, the test levels can be changed to a fixed level. The dB values below the boxes change accordingly. It is possible to have fixed levels from 70 dB to 100 dB or Auto.



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## 3.5 Calibrate the probe

Adjust the impedance measuring instrument every day to the actual atmospheric pressure by means of the enclosed calibration volume. The calibration is very easy and takes only two minutes.

Press the menu key (7) so that the main menu (figure 5) appears on the LCD. Select the menu option **Calibration** with the arrow keys and press **Enter**. Further instructions to follow will appear on the screen (figure 6).

Put the probe tip (S) without an eartip into the hole of the test cavity labeled 0.5 ml. After all four probe tone frequencies are calibrated, the text on the display will request that the probe tip be inserted for the 2 ml calibration.

Put the probe tip in the 2 ml cavity and wait for all four frequencies. Repeat these steps again for the 5 ml volume. The MI 44 will automatically change into the tympanometry mode. The basic menu for the impedance measurement appears again and you are ready for measurements.

If the error information **Cavity Calibration Out of Range** appears during the calibration, please ensure that the opening of the probe tip is clean and try to recalibrate the probe. If the error information appears again either the probe or the instrument are probably in need of service. Contact your Maico Special Instruments distributor for assistance.

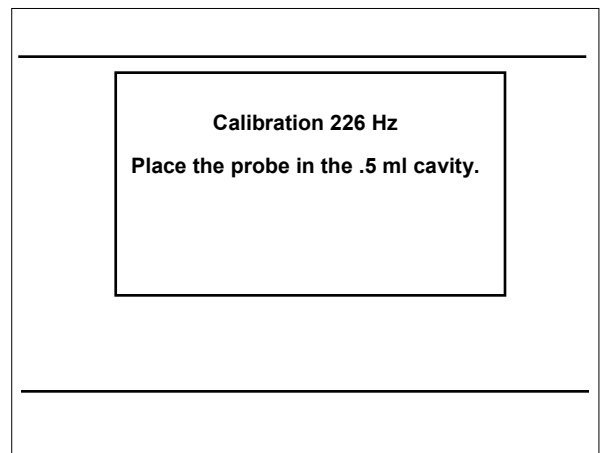
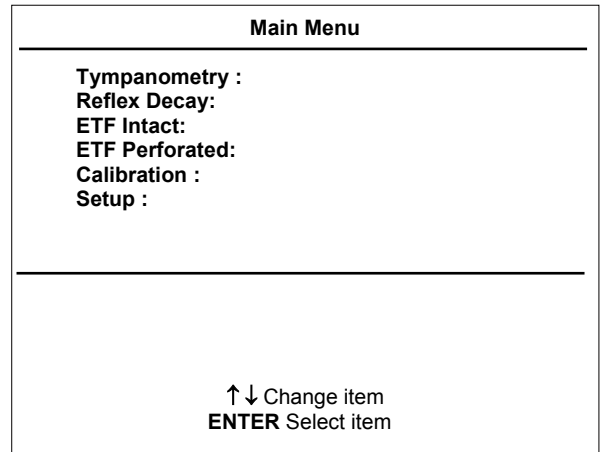


Figure 6  
The calibration screen

## 3.6 Getting familiar with the probe

The probe of the MI 44 is shown in figure 7. The probe head is adjustable to three angles (0°, 60° and 80°). It is adjusted by turning the locking screw (R) at the bottom of the probe using a coin or a screw driver. Adjust the probe head (P) by pulling it into the required position until it rests. After it is set to the required position tighten the fixation screw again.

The probe button (M) can be used to select the required test ear. The color of the (O) control light changes accordingly to red (right ear) or blue (left ear).

As soon as you have put the probe into the auditory canal the control light turns green. Now the test is in progress. Do not change the position of the probe until the green control light goes out indicating the end of the measurement.

A yellow control light indicates an error. The kind of the error is indicated on the LCD under status:

- Leaking: The eartip is not sealed in the auditory canal. Change the position of the probe until the control light turns green. If you are not successful use a bigger eartip.
- Blocked: Indicates blockage in the probe opening. Change the position of the probe so that it points straight into the auditory canal until the control light turns green. If you are not successful, check that the probe is not blocked with ear wax.

The complete probe insert can be changed by pressing the release button (Q).

## 3.7 Choose an appropriate eartip

Choose an eartip of the appropriate size from the eartip set. Put the eartip tightly on the probe tip but not more than about 1 mm inside the eartip or protruding out of the eartip (see figure 8). By choosing an appropriate eartip and placing it correctly on the probe you create the basic conditions for measurements without problems and mistakes and you can start the impedance and reflex measurement.

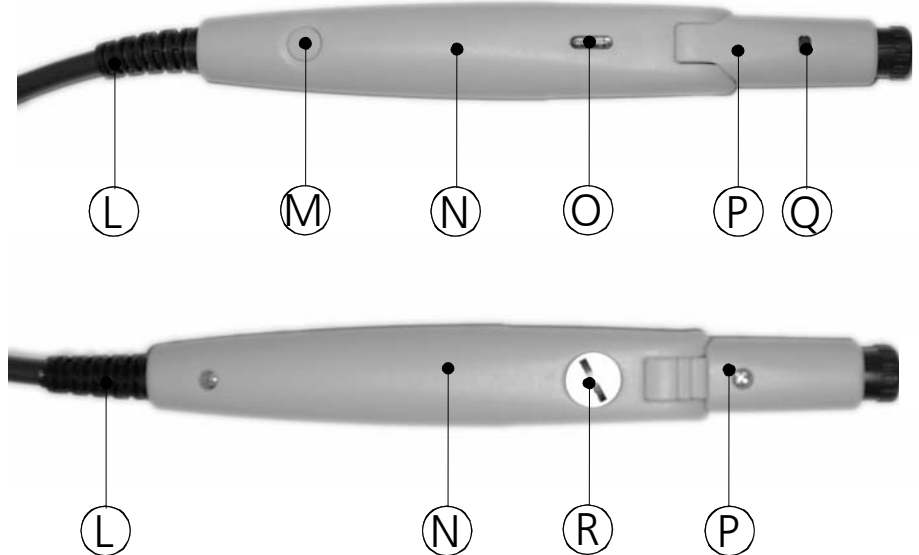


Figure 7  
The probe of the MI 44

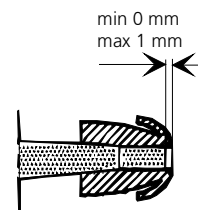


Figure 8  
Proper placement of eartip

## 4 How to create a tympanogram

In the following paragraph we will briefly explain the principle and the background of the impedance measurement to create a better understanding of the test process. If you would like to begin the measurements immediately, skip ahead to section 4.3 "Preparing the Measurements."

### 4.1 The basics of the impedance measurement

The impedance measurement assists in the diagnosis of the condition of the middle ear and can therefore not be compared directly with other audiometric tests such as sound or speech audiometry. Furthermore the impedance measurement is an objective measuring method which does not depend on the cooperation of the test person and can therefore not be falsified by the patient.

The two most important impedance measuring methods possible with your MI 44 are tympanometry and the measurement of the Stapedius reflex which is discussed in chapter 5: "How to measure the Stapedius reflex."

The impedance measurement examines the acoustic resistance of the middle ear. If the eardrum is hit by a sound, part of the sound is absorbed and sent via middle ear to the inner ear while the other part of the sound is reflected. The stiffer the eardrum is the more sound is reflected and the less sound reaches the inner ear.

Inside the probe of the impedance measuring instrument a small loudspeaker is installed which emits a low frequency sound through a tube (figure 10: A) into the auditory canal before the eardrum. Another tube (figure 10: B) is connected to the microphone inside the probe which receives the sound. Together with a third tube (figure 10: C), all three are inserted nearly to the eardrum and are made airtight against outside pressure by the eartip. A manometer and a pump, which can produce both positive and negative pressure, are connected with tube C.

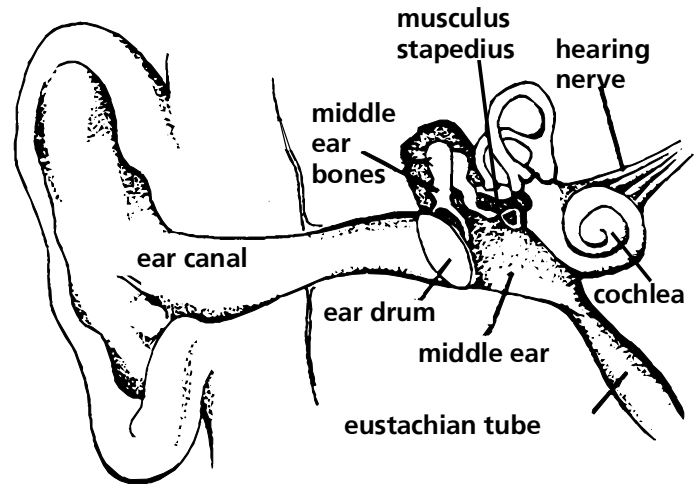


Figure 9  
The middle ear

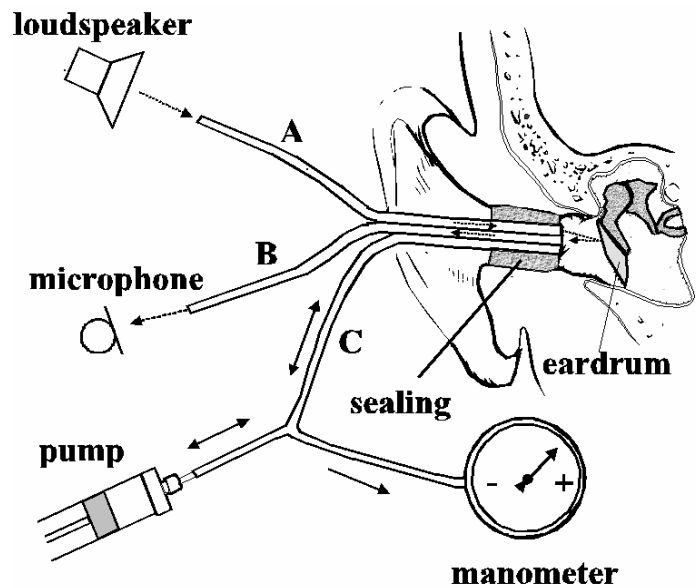


Figure 10  
Principle of the impedance measurement



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Less sound is reflected to the microphone when the eardrum is stiff and the eardrum transmits the majority of the sound via the middle ear to the inner ear. The highest compliance is normally reached with an air pressure corresponding to the outside pressure.

When performing tympanometry during a measurement, a continuous change of positive and negative pressure is produced by the pump of the instrument in the outer auditory canal. The compliance is measured simultaneously and shown in a diagram (the tympanogram) which illustrates the compliance in ml over the pressure in daPa.

In figure 11, the area for normal tympanogram curves is hatched. Notice that the highest compliance is reached with normal pressure. When creating positive and negative pressure the eardrum stiffens and the compliance decreases.

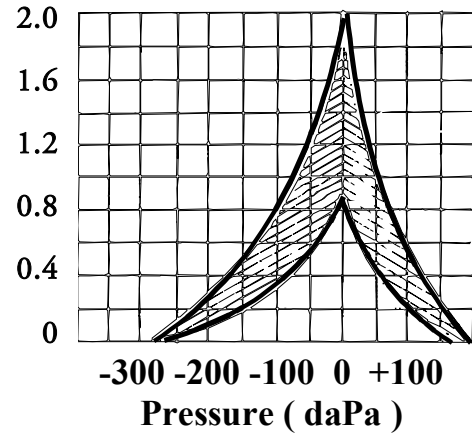


Figure 11  
Tympanogram  
(normal curve area is hatched)

The test administrator can draw conclusions on the condition of the middle ear from the form and the values of the tympanogram.

## 4.2 Preparing the patient

Explain to the patient that the measurement is painless and that nothing enters the auditory canal. The patient does not have to respond when there are loud test sounds or when the pressure in the auditory canal changes. In no case should the patient swallow, chew or move during the measurement.

## 4.3 Preparing the measurement

The LCD shows the empty measurement screen for the right ear and the control light of the probe will turn red. To measure the left ear, change the side by pressing the **L/R** key or the probe button **(M)**. The selected test ear, which appears in the middle-top of the LCD, will change from RIGHT to LEFT and the control light of the probe will turn blue. Switch off the reflex measurement by pressing the **Reflex** key **(3)**.

The word **Tympanometer** must appear at the right top of the display. Make sure the auditory canal is clear. Choose an eartip according to the size of the auditory canal and put it firmly onto the probe tip (see figure 8 in chapter 3.7).



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## 4.4 Performing the tympanogram

Take hold of the top of the outer ear and pull it back. Insert the probe with the eartip into the auditory canal until the control light of the probe is green indicating the start of the test. Do not move the probe until the green light turns off; the patient must not swallow or speak during the measurement.

During the test the LCD will display the tympanogram on the left side while the test is running and the values will appear on the right side. After about 4-5 seconds the test is complete and the green light turns off. Now you can remove the probe from the ear.

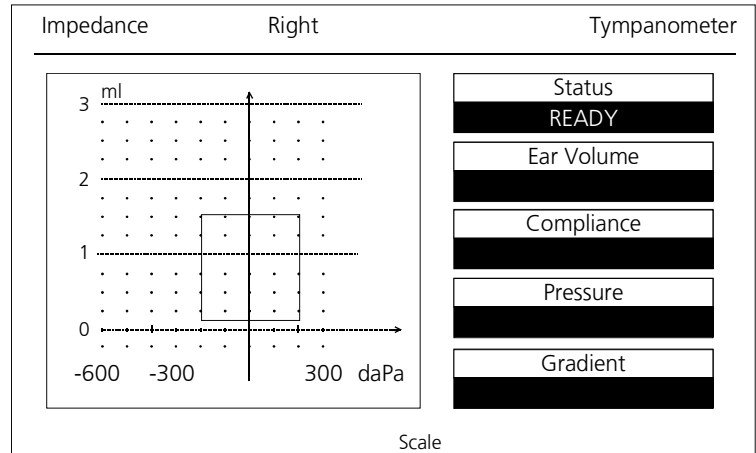


Figure 12  
Measurement screen (only tympanogram)

If an error occurs during the measurement the test will stop. If leakage occurs, the control light of the probe turns yellow and the Status category will change from **Ready** to **Leaking**. If the probe is blocked, the control light of the probe turns yellow and **Blocked** will appear in the Status category. Please proceed as described in chapter 3.6 "Getting familiar with the probe." To measure the other ear, change sides by pressing the **L/R** key or the probe button and repeat the steps above.

## 4.5 Reading the tympanogram display

After a complete measurement the results will display on the screen. The tympanogram graph is on the left. The area inside the box on the graph is valid for "normal" tympanograms. The criteria for this area can be changed or the feature can be turned off. For details see chapter 11 "Individual Setup of the MI 44."



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In the example figure 13, the word **Right** indicates the ear chosen for this test.

**Tympanometer** (at the top right) indicates that the reflex measurement has been switched off.

In the boxes to the right of the graph, the following measurements are displayed:

Ear Volume: indicates the volume of the section of the auditory canal between the eartip and the eardrum in ml (0.94 ml).

Compliance: indicates the maximum value of the compliance from the tympanogram in ml (0.81 ml).

Pressure: indicates the pressure with the highest measured compliance (-37 daPa).

Gradient: calculations are reported as the tympanogram width at half of peak compliance expressed in daPa ( 32 daPa).

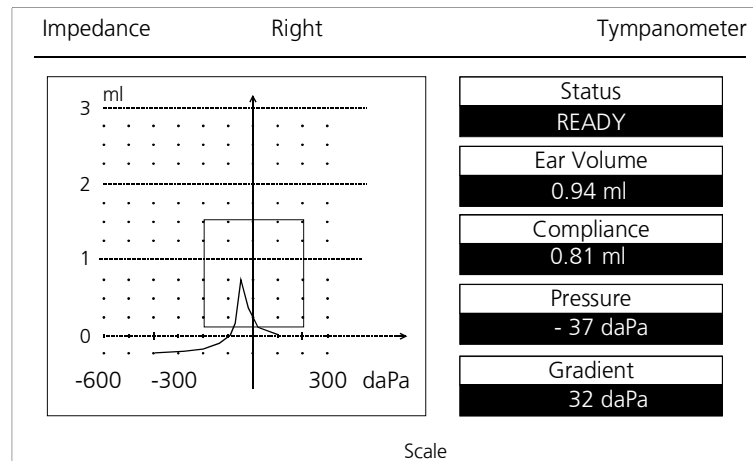


Figure 13  
Display of a normal tympanogram



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## 4.6 Printing the test results

After the end of a test you can print the results for your records by pressing the Print button. The quiet thermal printer prints out the example used in the previous paragraph in about six seconds.

While the printer is working, no key action is possible and the probe is inactive. Figure 14 shows an example of the printout.

### The printout includes:

- Id No: Patient's Id number.
- Date: Actual test date.
- Name: Name of the patient.
- Examiner: Name of the examiner.
- Remarks: Additional information about the test or patient.

All other values and the tympanogram correspond to those you have seen on the LCD (explained on the previous page under 4.5).

The "intelligent" printer control helps you save paper. It will only print out what was actually measured. The printout in the example above does not show reflex frequencies because only the tympanogram was measured. If you have saved two tympanograms (for example, both the left and the right ear) they are printed side by side. You can produce as many printouts as you want by pressing the Print button several times.

## 4.7 Deleting the test results

By holding down the **R/L** key for at least two seconds the measurement memory will be deleted. The message **Delete all Data?** will appear on the LCD. Press **Enter** to delete all patient data. The LCD will show an empty measurement screen.

Press the **Menu** button to return to the measurement screen without deleting the measurement data.

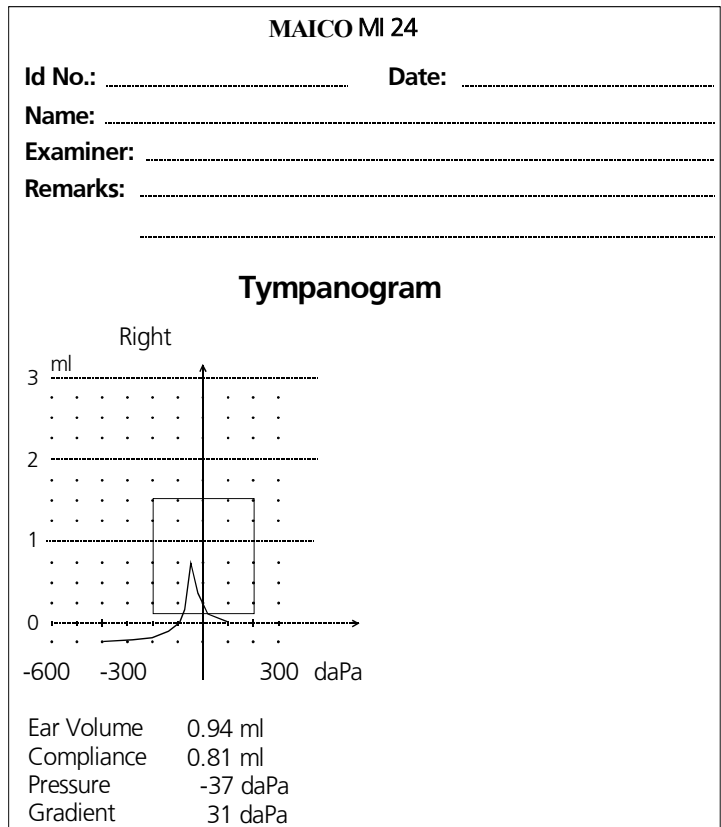


Figure 14  
Printout of a normal tympanogram



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## 5 Creating a tympanogram with high probe tone

In addition to the standard 226 Hz probe tone tympanometry, the MI 44h has a 1 kHz frequency probe tone. A tympanogram recorded using the high probe tone is generally better suited for screening newborns and provides more accurate results for those subjects.

### 5.1 Selecting high probe tone frequency

When the instrument is switched on, it will be in the standard tympanometry mode. In order to choose tympanometry with high probe tone, push the **Tymp Tone** key.

The probe tone will change to the high probe tone (678, 800 or 1000 Hz) that has been preselected in the **Tympanogram Setup Menu**.

The screen for high probe tone tympanometry looks very similar to the normal tympanometry mode, however the following differences will appear on the screen:

- The scaling is now measured in mmho
- The pre-selected frequency (678, 800 or 1000 Hz) is displayed in the upper left hand side of the screen

The tympanometry test with high probe tones is performed in the exact same way as a normal tympanometry test.

It is possible to perform normal tympanometry and high probe tone tympanometry in one test session and print the results for comparison. When the first tympanometry curve has been drawn, press the **Tymp Tone** key to switch to high probe tone tympanometry. Now the next curve will be drawn automatically. Press **Print** and a printout presenting both curves will appear.

**Note:** It is not possible to perform reflexes on the basis of a high probe tone tympanogram.



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## 6 Creating a tympanogram with manual pump control

In addition to standard automatic tympanometry, the MI 44 can perform tympanometry with manual control of the pump pressure. To enter this mode push the **Pump** key while in tympanometry mode. While in this mode, the functions of the following keys change:

- Left arrow: decreases air pressure
- Right arrow: increases air pressure
- Up arrow: changes pump speed between minimum, medium or maximum
- Down arrow: turns recording on or off
- Enter: erases the screen
- Menu: changes between compensated and non-compensated mode

### 6.1 Running a test

To run a manual test, insert the probe into the ear. A rectangular cursor will show the compliance of the ear at about 0 daPa.

Using the right arrow key, increase the pressure to about 200 daPa. Push the **Menu** key to change to the compensated mode.

Push the down arrow key to turn the recording on. Use the left arrow key to start the negative pressure sweep and continue until the end pressure is reached.

The tympanogram will be displayed on the screen as the sweep is made. When the end pressure is reached, turn the recording off by pressing the down arrow key.

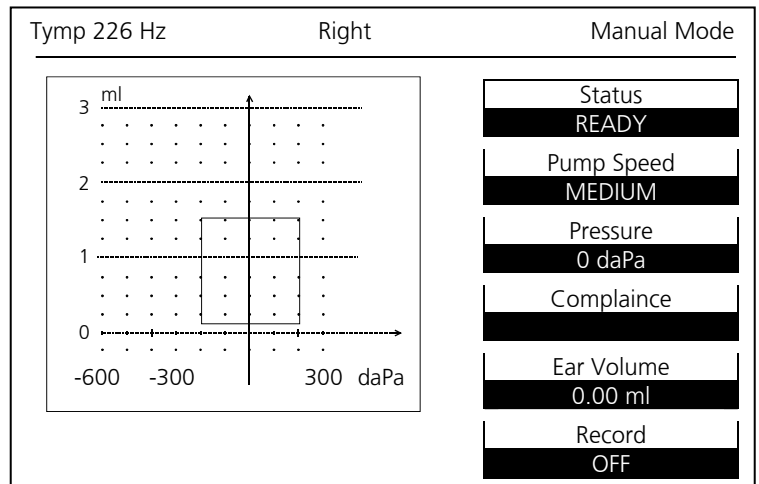


Figure 15  
Manual mode screen

### 6.2 Printing tests

Multiple sweeps can be made and displayed on the screen. However only the last sweep performed is stored in memory and printed out in the normal printout.

A printout of multiple sweeps can be made with a screen dump printout. To create a screen dump printout, remove the probe from the ear and hold the **Print** key down for two seconds. This must be completed before changing ears or leaving manual mode.

### 6.3 Exiting manual mode

To exit manual mode, press the **Pump** or **Tymp** key.

## 7 Measuring the Stapedius reflex

### 7.1 The basics of the Stapedius reflex measurement

While tympanometry measures the change of the compliance caused by changing pressure in the outer auditory canal, the Stapedius reflex measurement works with a changing compliance caused by contraction of the Stapedius muscle in the middle ear. The contraction - called Stapedius reflex - causes a decrease in compliance and is caused by loud acoustic stimuli.

Whether the acoustic stimulus is active on the left, the right or both sides the Stapedius reflex is always binaural, i.e., it occurs in both ears at the same time. The Stapedius reflex is caused in ears of adults with normal hearing with sound pressure levels between 70 and 105 dB.

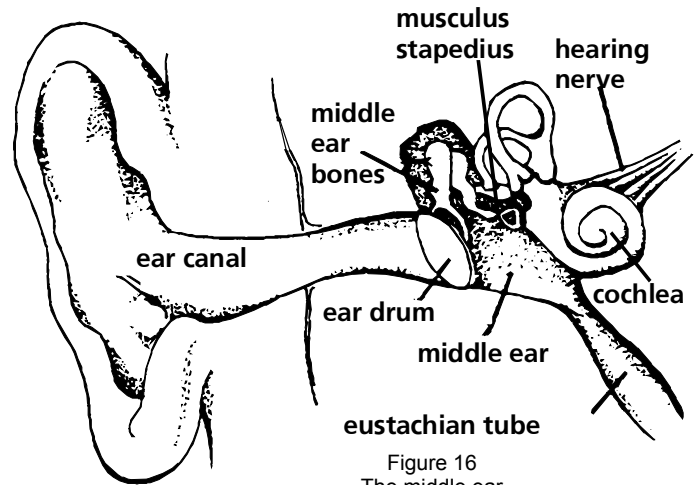


Figure 16  
The middle ear

In the probe ear, the reflex method continuously measures the compliance with the pressure which was caused before the highest compliance measurement. Simultaneously the stimulus ear is irritated by the sound which causes the contraction of the Stapedius muscle.

The ipsilateral reflex measurement uses the same ear for the probe and the stimulus.

The contra-lateral measurement uses different ears for the probe and the stimulus. The acoustic stimulus is applied to the ear opposite the probe ear.

If the applied stimulus causes a reflex, the impedance measuring instrument registers a decrease in compliance in the "probe ear" which indicates a Stapedius reflex at the actual test frequency and the test level. The test level which was set when the reflex occurred is called reflex threshold and is shown in dB<sub>HL</sub> (dB hearing level).

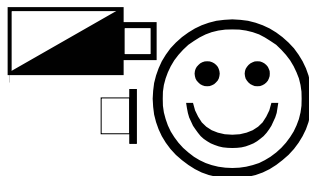


Figure 17  
Ipsilateral test

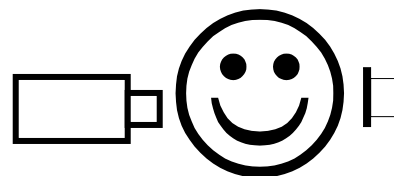


Figure 18  
Contralateral test



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## 7.2 Preparing the patient

In addition to the general introduction described in chapter 4.2, explain to the patient that loud test sounds will occur during the reflex measurement. It is very important that the patient does not move because a reflex can be registered with a change of compliance of 0.03, 0.05 or 0.08 ml depending on the setting of the **Reflex Sensitivity** in the **Reflex Setup Menu**.

## 7.3 Preparing for the ipsilateral measurement

The LCD shows the empty tympanogram for the right ear and the control light of the probe is red. To measure the left ear, change the side by pressing the **L/R** key or the probe button. The selected test ear shown in the middle-top of the LCD will change from **Right** to **Left** and the control light of the probe will turn blue.

Turn the reflex measurement on by pressing the **Reflex** key. The word **Ipsi** must appear at the right top of the display. The sound stimuli for the reflex measurement are reproduced by the receiver integrated in the probe.

Set the desired intensity level with the down/up keys. On the LCD below the reflex boxes at the bottom, the selected level in dB (figure 19: 80 dB) appears. The **I** indicates that an ipsilateral test is selected. You can choose between the fixed levels 70, 75, 80, 85, 90, 95 and 100 dB<sub>HL</sub> and Auto with a starting level of 70 or 80 dB<sub>HL</sub>.

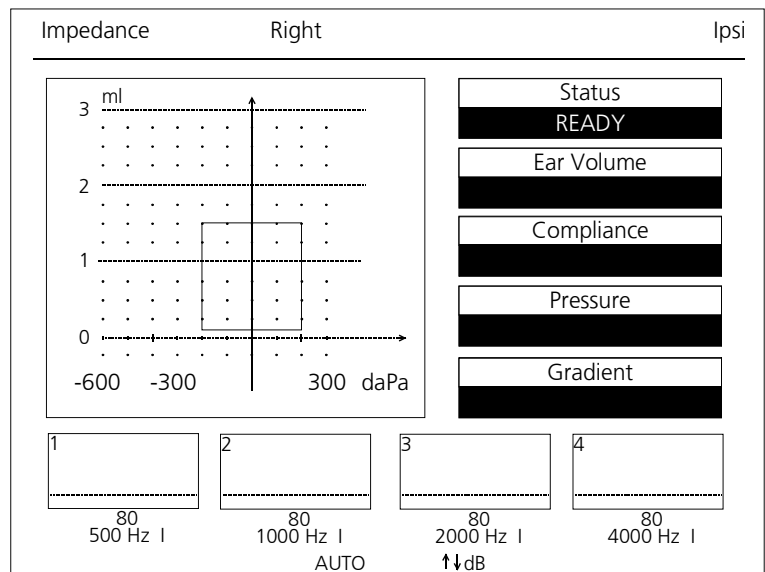


Figure 19  
Display tympanogram and reflex  
(ready for measurement)

If you choose **Auto**, the MI 44 starts with the preset level and increases the level automatically until a reflex is registered or the maximum value is reached. You can choose your individual starting level and maximum level. If you have chosen a fixed level, the instrument measures only with this level.

Make sure the auditory canal is clear.

Choose the correct eartip according to the size of the auditory canal and put it firmly onto the probe tip (see chapter 3.7 figure 8).

## 7.4 Performing the ipsilateral measurement

Carry out the measurement as described in chapter 4.4 "Performing the tympanogram." The Stapedius reflex is measured after the tympanogram measurement.

During the Stapedius reflex measurement the change of compliance is represented in real time on the LCD. When the test is finished the curves for the changes of compliance at 500 Hz, 1000 Hz, 2000 Hz and 4000 Hz are shown in four separate graphs at the bottom of the screen (figure 20).

Below each curve is the test level where a Stapedius reflex was registered automatically. This is indicated by the word **Pass** below the frequency. If no reflex was detected, the word **Fail** is reported and the maximum level is shown.

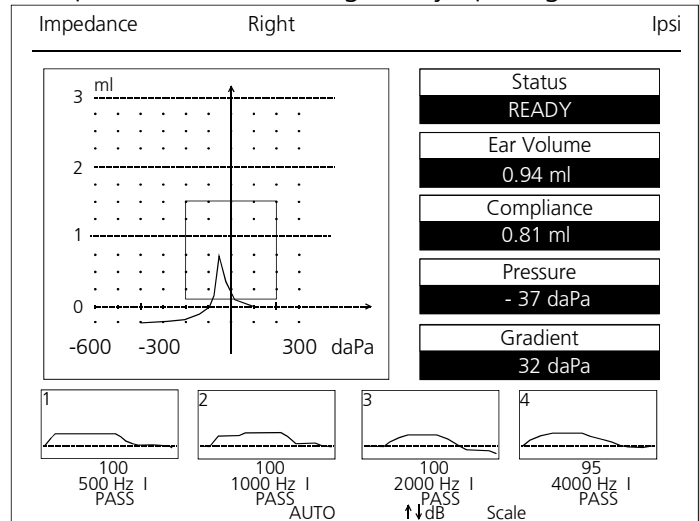


Figure 20  
Example of a normal tympanogram  
with ipsilateral reflex results

You can judge this by watching the real time graph if you have a real Stapedius reflex or only disturbance and artifacts. The lower dotted zero-line of a graph indicates the measured compliance without a test sound. All the positive or negative changes of compliance are shown as deviation from the zero-line. If a Stapedius reflex occurs, the compliance increases and the curve rises. The box which appears during the test symbolizes the threshold at which the MI 44 accepts a change of compliance as a valid Stapedius reflex.

## 7.5 Preparing the contralateral measurement

Turn the contralateral reflex measurement on by pressing the **Reflex** key. The word **Contra** must appear on the right top of the LCD. Here the highest fixed level is 120 dB<sub>HL</sub> (with TDH 39 contra phone only).

The contralateral measurement produces more reliable results because the receiver emitting the test signal and the probe measuring the compliance are separated. If you are using an insert phone for contralateral measurement, put an appropriate eartip on the insert phone and insert it in the contralateral ear. Continue now as described previously for the ipsilateral measurement.

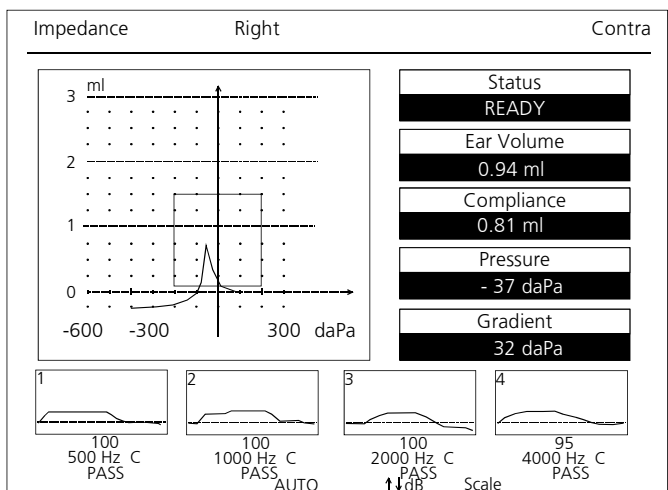


Figure 21  
Example of a normal tympanogram  
with contralateral reflex results



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## 7.6 Interpreting the reflex display

After completing a measurement you can read the recorded values on the LCD. In addition to the tympanogram shown on the left side and the values shown on the right, the results of the reflex measurement appear in the lower part of the display.

In the four boxes marked 1 to 4 the Stapedius response is shown graphically. Below each box the test level, the test frequency and the type of the test (I=ipsi, C=contralateral) are shown. The test result is also shown as **Pass** or **Fail**.

In figure 22, for 500 Hz a Stapedius reflex was registered at 100 dB<sub>HL</sub> and for 4 kHz at 95 dB<sub>HL</sub>. If no reflex threshold is registered, **Fail** appears below the frequency.

A correct interpretation of the measuring results can only follow in connection with the tympanogram, the graphic reflex display and other actual data. But in principle a Stapedius reflex indicates that the patient hears on the "stimulus ear" and that the sound lead on the "probe ear" is functional.

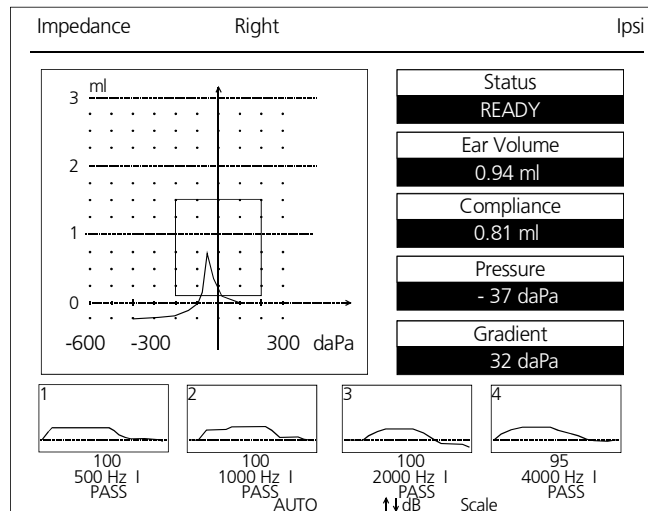


Figure 22  
Example of a normal tympanogram  
with ipsilateral reflex results



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## 7.7 Printing the test results

After a test, print the results for your documents by pressing the **Print** button. The printer prints out the example used in the previous paragraph in only 12 seconds.

While the printer is working no key action is possible and the probe is inactive.

In addition to printing the test as seen in chapter 4.6 the result of the reflex test is also printed out.

The level value (dB<sub>HL</sub>) at which a reflex had been measured appears below the graph.

If no reflex was registered, **NR** for no response is printed on the top of the graph behind the test frequency.

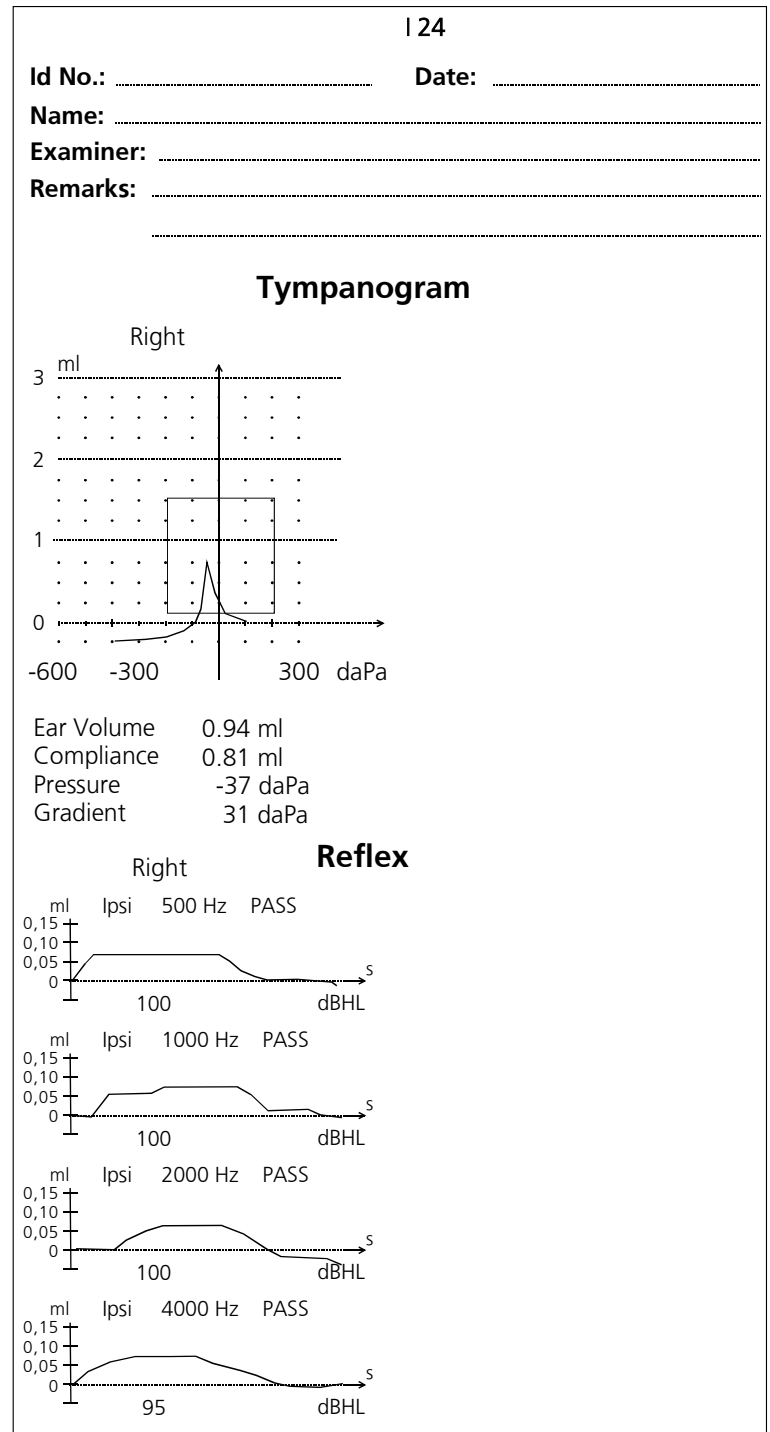


Figure 23  
Printout of a normal tympanogram  
with ipsilateral reflex measurement



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## 8 Reflex decay test operation

### 8.1 The diagnostic probe

The diagnostic probe insert must be used for this test. If you are currently using the screening probe insert, do not use it for this test!

To exchange the probe insert press the release button of the probe with a tool or a pen. Remove the screening probe insert.

Put the diagnostic probe insert into the probe head. Press the diagnostic probe insert into the probe head until it fastens.

Place the shoulder strap firmly over the patient's shoulder. Slip the probe into the holder of the shoulder strap (as shown in figure 25). Make sure you can see the LEDs of the probe.

Place an appropriately sized eartip firmly on the probe tip. Insert the tip into the ear canal, enough to make a seal and provide support for the probe tip.

If you are performing a contralateral test apply an appropriate ear plug on the insert phone and insert it in the contralateral ear.

If you're using the headset contra phone, place the phone over the opposite ear, making sure the receiver lines up directly with the ear canal.

### 8.2 Performing a test

Run a tympanogram and reflex test as described previously. Highlight **Reflex Decay** on the main menu or press the **Decay** key to advance to the reflex decay test.

Select a frequency test level. The test level should be set 10 dB above the reflex threshold measured before. Set the desired sound level with the down arrow key or the up arrow key respectively. On the LCD below the left reflex box at the bottom the selected level in dB appears. The starting level is always 80 dB. On the LCD below the reflex boxes at the bottom below the selected level in dB, the test frequency appears.



Figure 24  
Diagnostic probe insert



Figure 25  
Placement of the diagnostic probe



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The pressure will automatically be set at the peak pressure for maximum compliance. Instruct the patient not to talk, swallow, yawn or move until the test is over. Any movement or sound will give unreliable results.

Press the left arrow key to start the test. Watch the probe LEDs for an indication of test operation. See chapter 3.6 for an explanation of the LEDs.

An individual whose peak amplitude decays 50% within the 10 second time limit shows signs of adaptation, or decay. The percentage value is displayed after 10 seconds.

To store a test for printout, press the **Decay** key. On the LCD in the left reflex box at the bottom the last result is now shown.

The next test box is now highlighted. You can now perform a test with a different level or frequency. Select it as described previously.

When you have finished all decay tests you can print the results for your documents by pressing the **Print** key.



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## 9 Eustachian tube test operation

The diagnostic probe must be used for this test. If you have an additional impedance screening probe, do not use it for this test!

If you have not already done so, press the **Menu** button, highlight **Calibration** and calibrate the diagnostic probe (as described in chapter 3.5).

The Eustachian tube test can be used in patients with normal TM or in patients who have a perforated TM or PT tubes in place.

### 9.1 ETF test for patients with normal TM

Highlight **EFT Intact** from the main menu and press the left arrow key or the **EFT** key to advance to the **Eustachian Function Test** screen. It is not necessary to run a tympanogram before running this test.

**ETF Intact** appears at the upper right corner of the LCD. Connect the probe as described in chapter 7 (Reflex decay test). Place an appropriately sized eartip firmly on the probe tip. Insert the tip into the ear canal, well enough to make a seal and provide support for the probe tip. Instruct the patient not to move or talk until the test is over, as any sound or movement will give unreliable results.

Press the left arrow key to begin the test. The pressure value at the maximum compliance appears under **Pressure 1**. Have the patient decrease middle ear pressure by swallowing. Press the left arrow key to begin the second test.

The pressure value at the maximum compliance with decreased middle ear pressure appears under **Pressure 2**. Have the patient increase middle ear pressure by swallowing. Press the left arrow key to begin the second test.

The pressure value at the maximum compliance with increased middle ear pressure is shown under **Pressure 3**. Print the results after the test by pressing the **Print** key.

### 9.2 ETF test for patients with perforated TM

This test determines if the patient can open his/her Eustachian tube in the presence of positive pressure delivered by the probe to the external ear canal. The amount of positive pressure is predetermined and can be set as high as +300 daPa. While pressure is being applied the patient is instructed to swallow. If the Eustachian tube opens, a drop in pressure is recorded. A positive test result will show a stair step effect or a complete drop to 0 daPa as the Eustachian tube opens. The graph displays the vertical axis as pressure, and the horizontal axis as time.

Highlight **EFT Perforated** from the main menu and press the left arrow key or the **EFT** key to advance to the **Eustachian Function Test** screen. It is not necessary to run a tympanogram before running this test.



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Press the **EFT** key again and **ETF Perforated** appears at the upper right corner of the LCD.

Set the maximum pressure using the up arrow key or down arrow key.

Connect the probe as described in chapter 7 (Reflex decay test). Place an appropriately sized eartip firmly on the probe tip. Insert the tip into the ear canal, well enough to make a seal and provide support for the probe tip. Instruct the patient not to move or talk until the test is over, as any sound or movement will give unreliable results.

Press the left arrow key to begin the test. Pressure will increase to the predetermined setting.

Let the pressure run a few seconds at peak pressure to verify a successful seal. Once the peak pressure has been obtained ask the patient to swallow.

If the Eustachian tube opens, a drop in pressure will be recorded. Repeated attempts to swallow will display a stair step effect, or a complete drop to 0 daPa.

The test will stop after the allotted 50 seconds have elapsed.

Print the results after the test by pressing the **Print** key.



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## 10 Interpreting test results

### 10.1 Understanding the printout

The printout contains the following information: Ear volume, Compliance, Pressure, Gradient, Reflex Test Results (Pass, NR) and ipsi, contra or tympanogram (depending on the test you have performed).

This information provides the data you need to interpret the test results. A graph of the tympanogram is provided (figure 26) to assist you in a visual interpretation of the test. This graph is a representation of the relative mobility of the middle ear system. The horizontal axis shows the changes in air pressure and the resulting mobility of the system. The compliance is recorded on the vertical axis. This mobility is expressed as a change in the volume of the ear canal in ml.

The reflex is shown in up to four graphs with time on the horizontal axis and the change of the compliance on the vertical axis.

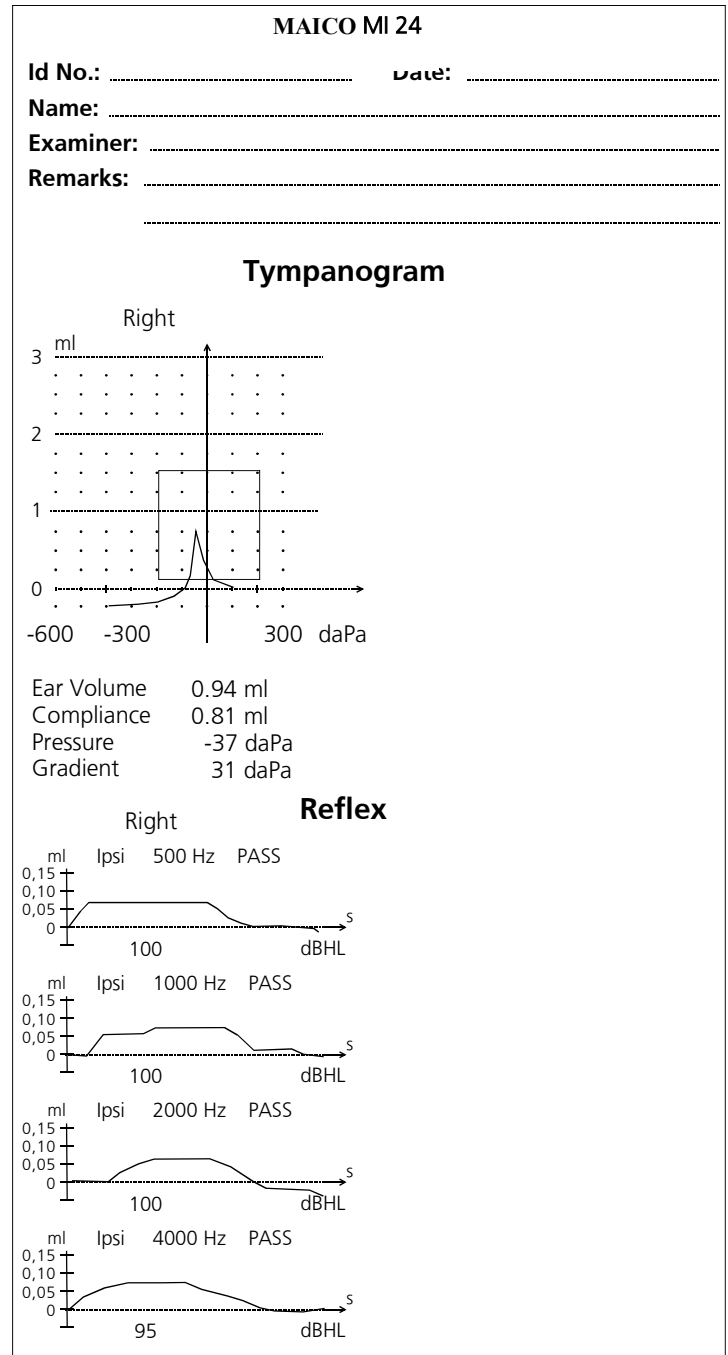


Figure 26  
Printout of a normal tympanogram



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## 10.2 Interpreting the tympanometric test result

As a general rule, values for ear canal volume should be between 0.2 and 2.0 ml (children and adults). A variance will be seen within this range depending on the age and ear structure of the person. For example, a 2.0 ml or larger reading in a small child could indicate a perforation in the tympanic membrane, while it may be a normal reading in an adult. You will become more familiar with the normal ranges when you use the instrument.

The normal range for compliance is 0.2 ml to approximately 1.8 ml. A compliance peak within the range indicates normal mobility of the middle ear system. A peak found outside of these limits may indicate one of several pathologies.

Middle ear pressure should be equivalent to ambient air pressure (0 daPa on an air pressure scale). Minor shifts of the peak compliance to the negative may occur with congestion and are rarely to the positive side. Establish criteria for abnormal negative pressure when you become more familiar with using the equipment. It is generally accepted that negative pressure of greater than -150 daPa indicates a referral for medical evaluation. A normal tympanogram is shown in figure 23.

## 10.3 Abnormal Values

This section provides examples of tympanograms which reflect abnormal states of the middle ear mechanism. It is not a complete guide to interpreting results. Complete information regarding pathologies and abnormal impedance testing can be found in the literature referenced.

A perforation in the tympanic membrane will cause a high ear canal volume measurement because the instrument will measure the volume of the entire middle ear space. The MI 44 may refuse to run the test, with the probe indicating a volume out of tolerance by illuminating the red light, or a flat tympanogram will be recorded since no movement will occur with a change in air pressure.

An extremely flaccid tympanic membrane or an ossicular chain discontinuity will yield a very high peak compliance in the presence of normal middle ear pressure. Ear canal volume will be normal and the reflex will be absent.

A fixation of the ossicular chain, as in otosclerosis, will produce a tympanogram with very low compliance in the presence of normal middle ear air pressure. Ear canal volume is normal and the reflex is absent.

Middle ear fluid such as in serious otitis media will yield a very flat tympanogram with no definite peak and negative air pressure. A resolving case or beginning case may produce a reduced peak in the presence of severe negative middle ear pressure. The ear canal volume is normal and the reflex is either absent or at an elevated level.

Eustachian tube dysfunction in the absence of fluid will show a normal compliance curve, but it will be displayed to the negative side of the tympanogram. Ear canal volume will be normal and the reflex may be present, depending on the degree of involvement.



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## 11 Testing children

When practicing impedance measurement with small children, be aware of problems caused by the child being restless or afraid of the examination or reacting sensitively to the change of pressure and the loud test sound. There are also different conditions of the eardrum and the middle ear which do not appear in ears of adults.

It may be difficult to create a probe seal with restless children. If the child yawns or cries, the instrument will not have stable pressure in the outer auditory canal. In addition, speaking causes Stapedius muscle reflexes which lead to a change in the compliance of the eardrum.

The child should be made familiar with the surroundings and the ear being touched by the probe in order to carry out a successful impedance measurement. This could be done by getting in touch with the child and by playfully touching the ear with the probe. If you can touch the ear without problems, the child will normally accept the probe being inserted.



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## 12 Additional Reading

Auditory Disorders: A Manual for Clinical Evaluation

Jerger, Susan, and James Jerger

Boston: College Hill Press, 1981

Handbook of Clinical Audiology

Katz, Jack

Baltimore: William & Wilkins, 1994

Roeser's Audiology Desk Reference

Roeser, Ross J.

New York / Stuttgart: Thieme, 1996

Auditory Diagnosis

Silam, Shlomo and Carol A. Silvermann

San Diego / London: Singular Publishing Group, 1997



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## 13 Individual setup of the MI 44

The MI 44 offers many options for the experienced user to adapt the instrument to individual demands.

The settings shown in the figures are the standard settings. If you have altered a value by accident you just have to return to the standard setting shown here and the instrument will work as before.

Pressing the **Menu** key (4) will return every sub-menu to the main menu and tympanometry mode.

To change the menu options, use the arrow keys to navigate between options on the screen. Each option will be highlighted on the LCD (figure 27: Setup). Accept the chosen menu option by pressing **Enter**.

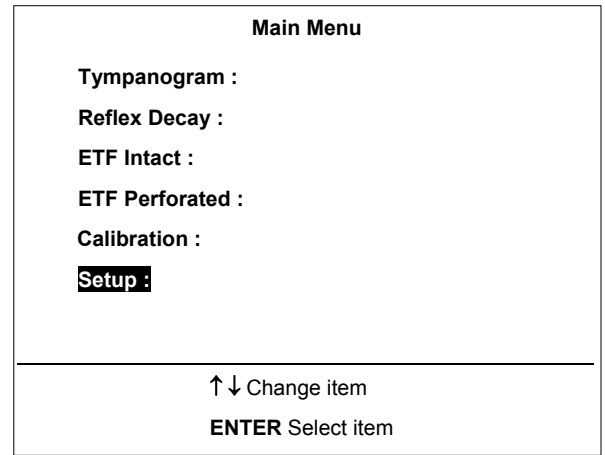


Figure 27  
MI 44 main menu

### 13.1 The Main Menu

Select the menu option **Setup** as illustrated in figure 27 and the main setup menu will appear on the LCD. All settings are saved permanently until selected and changed again. The settings also remain when the instrument is switched off.

### 13.2 The Tympanometer Setup Menu

Select the menu option **Tympanometer Setup Menu** as illustrated in figure 28 and it will appear on the LCD.

Change the displayed item with the Left/Right cursor keys. The following settings are possible:

#### Pump speed:

With this option you can set the measurement speed. With **Automatic**, the pump speed adjusts automatically to the test conditions. It is possible to choose **Minimum**, **Medium** or **Maximum** as well. A lower pump speed creates a higher precision of the measurement but needs more test time.

#### Display limits:

On displays the field for normal curves surrounded by a broken line in the tympanogram. Off turns it off.

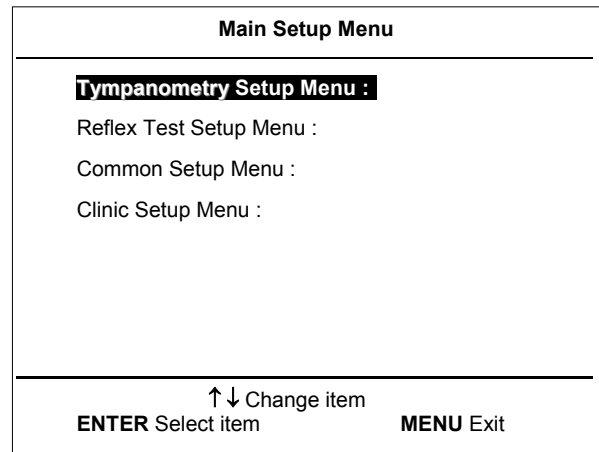


Figure 28  
MI 44 setup menu



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## Press. Limit hi:

With this option you can set the right limit of the box for normal tympanograms to a value between 0 daPa and +200 daPa in steps of 25 daPa.

## Press. Limit lo:

With this option you can set the left limit of the box for normal tympanograms to a value between -400 daPa and -25 daPa in steps of 25 daPa.

## Comp. limit hi:

With this option you can set the upper limit of the box for normal tympanograms to a value between 0.1 ml and 3 ml in steps of 0.1 ml.

## Comp. limit lo:

With this option you can set the lower limit of the box for normal tympanograms to a value between 0.1 ml and 1.0 ml in steps of 0.1 ml. To leave the Tympanometry Setup Menu press the Menu button.

## Seal sensitivity:

Set the sensitivity for detecting a seal to **Minimum**, **Medium** or **Maximum** for starting a test.

## High probe tone frequency:

Set the high probe tone frequency to 678, 800 or 1000 Hz.

Tympanometry Setup Menu	
<b>Pump Speed</b>	: Automatic
Display Limits	: On
Press. Limit Hi	: 100 daPa
Press. Limit Lo	: -200 daPa
Compl. Limit Hi	: 1.5 ml
Compl. Limit lo	: 0.1 daPa
Seal Sensitivity	: Medium
High probe tone frequency	: 1000 Hz
↑↓ Change item	

Figure 29  
MI 44 Tympanometer Setup Menu  
(pump speed selected)  
(display limits setup selected)



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## 13.3 The Reflex Test Setup Menu

Select the menu option **Reflex Test Setup** menu from the main setup menu as described before for the Tympanometry Setup Menu. The **Reflex Test Setup** menu will appear on the LCD. The reflex setup menu offers the following options:

### Auto start dB:

Choose the starting acoustic pressure level if the automatic identification of the reflex threshold is switched on. The acoustic pressure levels range from dB<sub>HL</sub> to 120 dB<sub>HL</sub> in steps of 5 dB.

### Auto maximum dB:

Choose the maximum acoustic pressure level the MI uses if the automatic identification of the reflex threshold is switched on. The maximum acoustic pressure levels range from 80 dB<sub>HL</sub> to 120 dB<sub>HL</sub> in steps of 5 dB.

### Reflex sensitivity:

Select the sensitivity of the Stapedius reflex detection. The **Sensitive** setting will achieve **Pass** test results with very small compliance changes. The **Robust** setting requires a larger compliance change to detect a **Pass**. The **Normal** setting is the default setting.

### Print graphic:

This option allows the printout of the graphic reflex display to be turned on or off for documentation. The Stapedius reflex test can be turned on and off at 500, 1000, 2000 and 4000 Hz.

### Noise 1:

Select the Stapedius reflex test with **Wide Band**, **High Pass** or **Low Pass**.

### Noise 2:

Select the Stapedius reflex test with **Wide Band**, **High Pass** or **Low Pass**.

### Ipsi AGC:

Switch the automatic gain control (AGC) of the ipsilateral test level on and off. With the setting on, the reflex test level in the ear is automatically adjusted to the desired test level compensating the effect of different ear canal volumes. With the setting off, the reflex test level in the ear is not adjusted to the individual ear canal volume.

To leave the **Setup Menu**, press the **Menu** button.

Reflex Test Setup Menu	
<b>Auto. Start dB</b>	: 80
<b>Auto. Maximum dB</b>	: 105
<b>Reflex sensitivity</b>	: Normal
<b>Print graphic</b>	: On
<b>500 Hz</b>	: On
<b>1000 Hz</b>	: On
<b>2000 Hz</b>	: On
<b>4000 Hz</b>	: On
<b>Noise 1</b>	: Off
<b>Noise 2</b>	: Off
<b>Ipsi AGC</b>	: On
↑↓ Change item	

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Figure 30  
MI 44 Reflex Setup Menu  
(auto start dB setup selected)



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## 13.4 The Common Setup Menu

From the main menu, select the **Common Setup Menu** option. The common setup menu offers the following options.

### Power-up:

Choose the starting test mode after turning on the unit.

### High Probe Tone:

If this option is **Off**, the power-up default probe tone is 226 Hz. By setting this option **On**, the power-up default is high probe tone.

### Baud Rate:

Set the transmission speed of the serial data interface. Possible settings are 57600 Baud or 38400 Baud.

### Remote Switch:

Change the function of the probe button.

Choose between:

**L/R**: the test ear can be selected with the probe button.

**Pause**: the test can be paused and restarted with the probe button.

**L/R or Pause**: both the test ear and the test can be selected, paused and restarted with the probe button (M) or off.

### Subject Data Printout:

Headline (data entry area at the top) can be turned on or off.

### Clinic Data Printout:

Clinic data printed at the top can be turned on or off (see section 13.5).

### Print after test:

Choose **On** to enable automatic printing after test completion. With the setting **Off**, the printout will be processed only by pressing the **Print** button.

### Language:

Choose the LCD display and printout text from the following languages: German, French, English or Spanish.

### Display adjust:

Change the LCD contrast.

Common Setup Menu	
<b>Power-up</b>	: <b>Tymp and Reflex</b>
<b>High Probe Tone</b>	: <b>Off</b>
<b>Baud Rate</b>	: <b>57600</b>
<b>Remote switch</b>	: <b>L/R</b>
<b>Subject Data Printout</b>	: <b>On</b>
<b>Clinic Data Printout</b>	: <b>On</b>
<b>Print after Test</b>	: <b>Off</b>
<b>Language</b>	: <b>English</b>
<b>Display adjust</b>	:

↑↓ Change item  
←→ Change item setting      **MENU** Exit

Figure 31  
MI 44 Reflex Setup Menu  
(Auto start dB setup selected)

## 13.5 Insert your personal printout data

Select the **Clinic Setup Menu** option from the **Main Setup Menu** to key in the clinic's data. This data will print at the top of each printout.



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## **14 Care and maintenance of the instrument**

Disconnect the power plug before cleaning.

To clean the instrument, probe, contralateral receiver and other accessories use a soft, damp cloth (use warm soapy water; no liquids containing alcohol or ammonia should be used) to gently wipe the area clean.

During cleaning, make sure that no liquid runs into the switches, level control or probe openings.



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## 15 Changing the printer paper

Pull the printer cover up using its finger recess in the front of the printer cover and remove the printer cover. Inside is the empty paper roll which must be removed.

Place the new paper roll in the paper compartment so that the paper unrolls from the bottom side of the roll.

Pull the blue lever, which is located on the right front of the printer, forward into position. Make sure paper feeds from the bottom of the roll so that the coated side comes out the printer slot. The printer will only print on the coated side.

Gently insert the paper end in between the rubber roll and the black plastic part at the rear of the printer. Feed the printer paper until it appears from the upper part of the rubber roll. Feed about 4 – 5 inches of paper from the roll.

Push the blue lever back into its backward position. Guide the paper end through the paper slot of the printer cover.

Close the printer cover by putting the two guide rails at the end of the printer cover into their appropriate slots in the paper compartment of the housing of the MI 44. Press the front of the printer cover down until it fastens.



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## 16 Warranty, maintenance and after-sales service

### 16.1 Warranty

This warranty is extended to the original purchaser of the MI 44 by Maico, through the authorized Special Instrument Distributor from whom it was purchased, and covers defects in material and workmanship for a period of one year from date of delivery of the MI 44. Should the Maico MI 44 require service due to a defect in material or workmanship, Maico, at its option, will repair or replace the instrument at no charge except for transportation to and from the point of service. It is the purchaser's responsibility to return the MI 44 to the Maico Special Instrument Distributor from whom it was purchased or directly to Maico after receiving a return authorization.

This warranty does not cover breakage or failure caused by tampering, misuse, carelessness, accident or modification. The warranty is void if the instrument is serviced by other than an authorized Maico Special Instrument Service Center.

**Note:** Specifications in this manual are in effect at the time of printing. Maico reserves the right to modify or change specifications or design at any time without notice or incurring obligation.

**WARNING:**

The MI 44 is designed to be used with a hospital grade outlet. Injury to personnel or damage to equipment can result when a three-prong to two-prong adapter is connected between the power plug and an AC outlet or extension cord.



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## 16.2 Maintenance

The MI 44 is designed to require minimal maintenance and should provide you with years of trouble-free use. The following suggestions may assist you in avoiding and/or solving problems.

### Calibration:

The optimum length of time between recalibrations for impedance meters or audiometers varies, depending upon the treatment given the instrument and the headphones/probe. It is recommended that the instrument have a laboratory calibration at least once every year. Since rough handling, such as dropping the probe, can easily cause calibration errors it is advisable to establish a biological calibration check as soon as you receive the instrument.

Should you feel at a later date that the impedance or audiometer's calibration may be in error, perform a biological check on a known ear. If all retests show major changes, calibration is probably in error.

All repair and recalibration should be done at an authorized Maico Special Instruments Distributor service center. This assures the use of quality materials by trained and experienced technicians using the proper, accurate equipment.

Maico Special Instruments Distributors are located in major cities throughout the world. To minimize costs and time delays, contact the Distributor that you purchased the instrument from. If you don't know who that is, or need to find the Distributor closest to you, contact the factory at:

Maico Diagnostics  
7625 Golden Triangle Drive  
Eden Prairie, MN 55344  
Toll free 888-941-4201  
Phone 952-941-4200  
Fax 952-903-4100

Customers outside of North America and South America may contact:

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fax ++030 70 71 46 99



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## **16.3 Care of eartips**

The eartips supplied with your instrument are latex-free silicone rubber and can be cleaned with a mild soap and water, chlorine bleach or with alcohol. Dry the tips thoroughly before replacing them on the probe.

## **16.4 Shipping instructions for recalibration or repair**

In the event it becomes necessary to return the instrument for recalibration or repair, please follow these instructions:

1. Place the instrument in the original shipping carton, using the packaging provided. Be sure to include all accessories, as they are required for proper calibration.
2. Enclose an explanatory letter describing the service you require, carefully detailing any operational problems. Be sure to include your name, phone number, the serial number and your full return address for return shipping.
3. Ship, prepaid, to your Maico Special Instrument service center.

**Note:** Warranty service is provided by your authorized Maico Special Instruments Distributor.

**DO NOT ATTEMPT TO REMOVE THE INSTRUMENT CASE YOURSELF.  
THIS SHOULD ONLY BE DONE BY AN AUTHORIZED MAICO SERVICE TECHNICIAN.**



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## **17 Safety regulations**

### **17.1 Electrical safety:**

The MI 44 tympanometer is constructed to comply with protection class I of the international standard IEC 601-1 (EN 60601-1).

The instruments are not intended for operation in areas with an explosion hazard.

### **17.2 Measuring accuracy:**

To guarantee that the tympanometer works properly, the instrument has to be checked and calibrated at least once a year.

The service and calibration must be performed by an authorized service center.

The use of non-calibrated tympanometers is not allowed.

### **17.3 Device control:**

The user of the instrument should perform a subjective instrument check once a week. This check can be completed following the list for subjective instrument check (see next page). For your own security, you should copy the enclosed list, fill it in once a week and store it in your files.



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## 18 Checklist for subjective device control

According to the manufacturer requirements, the user should test the instrument once a week. This is to find errors immediately and to avoid inaccurate test results. This test should test tympanogram and reflex with an otologic normal person and compare the results with earlier measurements. The printout should be filed together with the subjective test protocol to document the instrument test. The test person should be healthy (no otitis etc.) and should not be exposed to loud noise for at least 12 hours before the test. The instrument must be calibrated according to chapter 3.5 of the operating instructions.

Instrument type:

Serial No.:

Test person:

Are the connectors and cables OK?

Instrument and probe?

Is the green LED light on the probe blinking?

Are the probe tip and eartip clean?

Are all controls easy to use?

Are the test signals clear and non-distorted?

Attach the printout of tympanogram and reflex test for both ears.

Reflex test right ear 90 dB <sub>HL</sub>	500 Hz	1000 Hz	2000 Hz	4000 Hz
Reflex test left ear 90 dB <sub>HL</sub>	500 Hz	1000 Hz	2000 Hz	4000 Hz

If significant differences or damages are found, please send in for service repair.

Tested by:

Date:



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## 19 Technical data and accessories

### Impedance measurement:

Type: Class 2 acc. to ANSI S3.39

### Tympanometer:

Test frequency: 226, 678, 800, 1000 Hz  $\pm$  2%  
Test level: 85 dB<sub>SPL</sub> in 2 cm<sup>3</sup> at 226 Hz; 83 dB<sub>SPL</sub> at 678, 800, 1000 Hz  
Automatic pressure range: +200 to -400 daPa  
Manual pressure range: +300 to -600 daPa  
Volume range: 0.1 to 6.0 ml  
Accuracy:  $\pm$ 10 % or  $\pm$ 10 daPa  
Test time: Less than 3 seconds typical  
Compliance range: 0 to 3.0 ml

### Reflex measurement:

Test frequencies: 500 Hz, 1 kHz, 2 kHz, 4 kHz  $\pm$  2%  
Test noise: Wide band, high pass, low pass noise  
Test method: Ipsilateral, contralateral  
Test level ipsilateral: 70 dB<sub>HL</sub> to 105 dB<sub>HL</sub>  
(for 4 kHz to 105 dB<sub>HL</sub>)  
Test level contralateral: 70 dB<sub>HL</sub> to 120 dB<sub>HL</sub> - TDH39 phone  
(for 4 kHz to 105 dB<sub>HL</sub>)  
70 dB<sub>HL</sub> to 110 dB<sub>HL</sub> - Insert phone  
Attack/release time: Typical 10 ms  
ON/OFF Ratio: Greater than 70 dB  
Pressure at test: Pressure @ max. compliance

### General:

Memory: Storage of two complete test result sets  
LCD-display: Graphical display of the tympanograms and the reflex curves; numeric display of max compliance, pressure at max; compliance, canal volume, gradient and reflex thresholds  
Printer: Thermal printer, paper roll width 110 mm  
Printing time: Between 4 seconds (one tympanogram) and 12 seconds (tympanogram and reflex for both ears)  
Voltage: 100 - 240 V / 50/60 Hz  
Power consumption: Approximately 25 VA  
Warm up time: 10 minutes at room temperature (20 °C)  
Environment conditions: +15 to +35 °C / +59 to +95 °F (operation)  
+5 to +50 °C / +41 to +122 °F (storage)  
Maximum humidity 90 % (storage and operation)  
Dimensions: 15 ¼" W x 11 1/2" D x 4 ¼" H  
(39 cm W x 29 cm D x 11 cm H)  
Weight: Approximately 5.5 Lbs (2.6 kg)



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## Accessories:

### Standard:

- 1 hand-held probe
- 1 shoulder strap for diagnostic probe
- 1 contra phone
- 1 power cable
- 1 set of eartips
- 1 set of calibration cavities (cavities 5ml, 2ml, 0.5ml)
- 1 printer paper roll (for app. 350 printouts)

### Consumable:

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|------------------------------|---------------|
| 1 roll printer paper         | Part No. 5529 |
| 4 pc. eartips yellow (7 mm)  | Part No. 6643 |
| 4 pc. eartips green (9 mm)   | Part No. 6644 |
| 4 pc. eartips white (11 mm)  | Part No. 6645 |
| 4 pc. eartips yellow (13 mm) | Part No. 6646 |
| 4 pc. eartips green (15 mm)  | Part No. 6647 |
| 4 pc. eartips blue (18 mm)   | Part No. 6648 |

