# GRAS RA0016

## 20 dB Attenuator for externally polarized 1/2" microphones



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## Technology

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### Design

For precision measurements, the actual combination of microphone, attenuator and preamplifier should be calibrated with a precision calibrator like GRAS 42AA Pistonphone. The attenuation of the microphone signal is obtained by a capacitive voltage divider, and depends on both the microphone capacity and the preamplifier input impedance. The attenuation has been adjusted to 20 dB with a microphone with 20 pF capacity and with a typical GRAS preamplifier.

## **Quality & Warranty**

GRAS accessories are made of stainless steel, alloys and high-quality composites. These items are covered by a 2 year warranty respecting their intended use.

On consumables like batteries, cables and windscreens we offer a 6 month warranty.







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