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Electro-mechanical-acoustical transducers such as loudspeaker drive units, loudspeaker systems, headphones, micro-speakers, shakers, and other actuators behave in a nonlinear manner at higher amplitudes. This limits the acoustical output and generates nonlinear signal distortion. Linear models fail in describing the large signal behaviour of such transducers and extended models have been developed which consider dominant nonlinearities in the motor and suspension. The free parameters of the large signal model have to be measured on the particular transducer by using static or dynamic methods. The large signal parameters show the physical cause of the signal distortion directly and are very important for the objective assessment of sound quality and failure diagnostics in development and manufacturing. Furthermore, the model and parameters identified for a particular transducer are the basis for predicting the maximum output and signal distortion for any input signal. The close relationship between causes and symptoms simplifies the interpretation of the harmonic and intermodulation distortion measured according to IEC 60268-5. Large signal parameters are valuable input data for the synthesis of loudspeaker systems and the development of electrical control systems dedicated to loudspeakers.

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