

L251 VACUUM TUBE MICROPHONE

Relive the Magic™

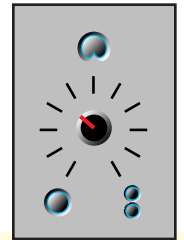


Lawson, Inc., continues its tradition of recreating the classic microphones of yesteryear with the L251 vacuum tube microphone.

The L251 Capsule. The L251 features a faithful reproduction of the one-inch capsule used in the ELAM 251, a rare vintage mic renowned and coveted for its sparkling “airy” highs and warm solid lows. These characteristics in large part can be attributed to the broad boost at approximately 10 kHz. The L251 capsule also exhibits a large proximity effect that provides a warm bottom end. We proudly manufacture the L251 capsule in the Lawson lab using proprietary methods.

Vacuum Tube. The L251 utilizes the 6N1P vacuum tube for a smooth, warm, vintage vibe (the same tube used in the L47MP MKII). The 6N1P (6922) offers low distortion and low noise. It is widely available and in current production. Each vacuum tube is stringently tested and individually selected to meet low-noise guidelines. To further insure low noise, an innovative, low-loss tube socket is utilized employing military grade, heavily gold-plated beryllium copper contacts, resulting in unparalleled grip, low contact resistance, and long life.

Infinitely Variable Patterns. Like the L47MP, the L251 offers infinitely variable patterns that provide a wide pallet of character and utility. The pattern control is located on the power supply and adjusts very smoothly (similar to a volume control) without the limitations of preset switch positions. A blue LED inside the windscreen glows when the multi-pattern mode is selected via the switch in the mic base.



L251 Pattern Control

Cardioid Only Position. Faithful to the original ELAM 251 design, the L251 also provides a cardioid only position actuated by a switch in the base of the microphone that increases sensitivity by 3 dB and lowers the noise floor of the microphone by the same amount. When the cardioid only position is selected, the multi-pattern control on the power supply is disabled and the blue LED inside the windscreen is off.

251/+BASS Switch. The versatility of the L251 is expanded with the 251/+BASS two-position low frequency contour switch. In the “251” position, the L251 provides a faithful reproduction of the original ELAM 251 low frequency characteristics. In the “+BASS” position, the L251 exhibits extended low frequency characteristics and more profound proximity effect. This switch can be changed during a performance without transient clicks or pops.

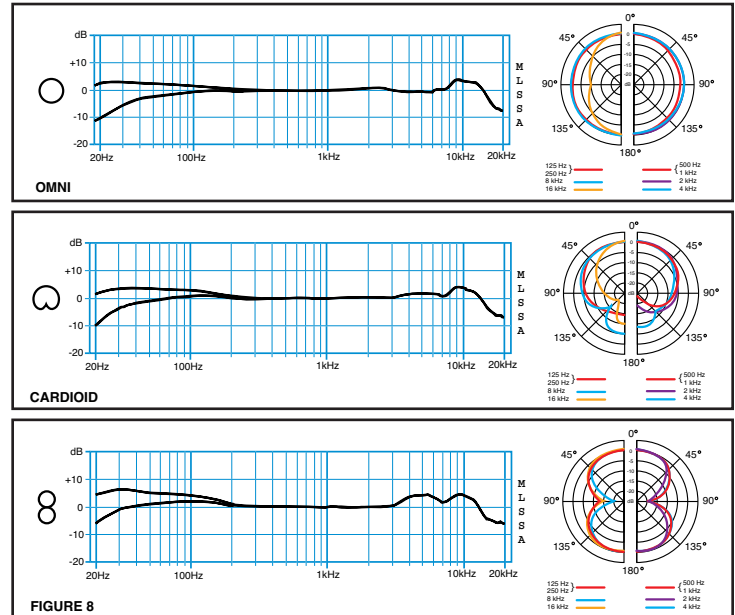
-10 dB Pad Switch. A 10 dB pad switch located on the power supply lowers capsule sensitivity and raises the sound pressure capability by 10 dB.

Quick Change™ Capsule. The L251 features the Lawson Quick Change™ capsule system that is easily removable and may be plugged into all other Lawson mics, including our popular L47MP MkII tube microphone and all FET models.

The ELAM 251, manufactured forty years ago in very limited quantities, is still first choice for noted producers and singers. Whereas an ELAM 251 today might fetch upwards of \$15,000, the Lawson L251 offers the opportunity to relive the magic of this classic mic without having to mortgage the house or worry about damaging a cherished museum piece.

L251 Specifications Summary

Frequency Range	20 to 20,000 Hz
Polar Patterns	Cardioid, omni-directional, figure 8, and infinite intermediate patterns; also cardioid-only position
Sensitivity at 1 kHz	11.6 mV @ 1 Pascal (94 dB SPL) 18 mV/Pascal (cardioid only)
Max SPL (1 kHz 3%)	134 dB (144 db SPL with -10 dB pad)
Equivalent Noise Level	16 dBA multi-pattern 13 dBA cardioid-only
Rated Impedance	150 ohms
Tube	6N1P/6922 dual triode
Connector	Multi-pin gold-plated XLR
Low Frequency Contour	Two position: 251 & +Bass
Pad	-10 dB
Dimensions	Mic: 9.75"L, 2.375"D Supply: 8"L X 4.375"W X 2.625"H
Shipping Weight	15 lbs.
Power Supply	100/120/200/220/240 VAC factory set



L251 Features: Cardioid, omni, figure 8 and any polar pattern in between • Cardioid Only Position (switched from base of mic) • Quick Change™ Capsule System • 6N1P/6922 vacuum tube (individually tested and selected for low noise) • Internally shock-mounted capsule • Low Frequency Contour (switched from power supply) • -10 dB pad (switched from power supply) • Electronically filtered and fully regulated power supply • Trademark Gold or Satin Nickel Finish

Accessories Included: 30-foot cable with gold-plated Neutrik™ connectors • Shock-proof carrying case • Swivel mic holder • AC power cord

Factory Direct Price: \$2,495.00



The Lawson L251 microphone wins the PAR Excellence Award 2000.

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