

ORTF Series



The ORTF Technique

The ORTF technique is a two-channel recording technique, which uses two cardioid microphones arranged at an angle of 110° and a distance of 17cm.

It combines level and time differences at an optimal ratio. This leads to many positive characteristics of the recording:

- pleasant, open room sound
- stable and balanced directional imaging
- precise localisation of the phantom sources

With the ORTF Series we offer three ORTF-like techniques optimised for different playback formats:

- ORTF Stereo
- ORTF Surround
- ORTF-3D

"Image Assistant"

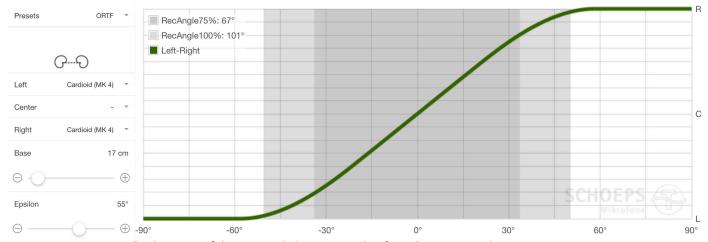
at www.ima.schoeps.de or as an iOS-App

Using this app, you can calculate the imaging characteristics of any microphone arrangement, e.g. the localisation curve and the diffuse-field correlation.

Besides the classic ORTF techniques, on principle, other similar arrangements also have those positive characteristics. It is only important that the following criteria are always met:

- The distance between the microphones must be at least 10cm.
- Diffuse signals must always be decorrelated when reproduced. This means that for each ORTF-like recording technique the angle between the microphones as well as their directivity cannot be too small.

This allows to create any two- or multi-channel recording technique with the the same principles and characteristics of the ORTF technique.



Localisation curve of the ORTF technique. Screenshot from the "Image Assistant", preset "ORTF".



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ORTF-3D







The MSTC 64 U consists of a T-shaped two-channel microphone amplifier, to which two MK 4 (cardioid) capsules from the Colette System can be attached. Setting up is particularly guick and easy since only one microphone stand and one cable are necessary and the distance and angle between the capsules don't have to be adjusted.

When using individual CCM microphones, the STC 4 or STC 22 mounting bars can be used.

The ORTF Surround technique can be used to record 4-channel ambience recordings. It consists of 4 supercardioid CCM 41 microphones arranged in a rectangle with side lengths of 10/20cm. The angles between the microphones are 80°/100°. The four signals from the microphones would typically be routed discretely to L, R, Ls and Rs channels. This arrangement has become a standard in recording 5.1 ambiences for sports.

The ORTF-3D technique can be used as a main microphone or an ambience microphone when recording for 3D playback systems or VR. It consists of two sets of four supercardioids: one set of CCM 41 and one set of CCM 41V. Signals from those would then be routed discretely to 8 loudspeakers, e.g. L, R, Ls, Rs, LH, RH, LsH, RsH.

The distances and angles within the ORTF-3D arrangement were chosen to create a good 3D image and an open room sound.

More info at www.schoeps.de/ortf3d

ORTF-3D Outdoor Set

Recommended products and

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ORTF Stereo Microphone MTSC 64 U No. 148003 Mounting bar ORTF for CCM No. 164008 STC 4 Mounting bar Quasi-ORTF for CCM No. 164007 STC 22

Stereo Cablel KS 5 U

No. 152207

Breakout Cable

AK SU/2U No. 152202

Cable Hanger H 20

No. 161801

Recommended products and accessories:

ORTF Surround No. 175204 Outdoor Set with heating

Windscreen for ORTF Surround WSC ORTF Surround H No. 175207

Multicore cable 5m

No. 152407 K Surround 5 M

Adapter Cable

AK Surround H M/4U No. 152402 inkl. PS-H

WSC ORTF-3D, No. 176202 for suspended operation

Windscreen WSC ORTF-3D, No. 176203 tripod version

Set for outdoor ambience recording

No. 1762Ŏ1

Mounting Bar for ORTF-3D CB ORTF-3D

No. 176204

Adapter Cable

accessories:

Windscreen

AK Surround H M/4U No. 152402 inkl. PS-H

Adapter Cable

AK Surround M/4U No. 152403