



User's Manual
For
AL3C123
Medical Diagnostic Ultrasound
Transducer Assembly





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1. Introduction

1.1. Intended Use

Broadsound AL3C123 is the replacement ultrasound transducer intended to be used with standard ultrasound systems in diagnostic ultrasound imaging or fluid flow analysis of the human body and to be operated by or under the direction of a physician. Its specific indications for use are Abdominal, Ob/Gyn.

1.2. Classification

Classification: IIa, Annex IX of the Directive 93/42/EEC

Subcategory: MD 1202 imaging devices utilizing non-ionizing radiation

1.3. Environmental Conditions

1.3.1. Operation Condition

Operate the transducer assembly under the following ambient conditions:

Ambient temperature: + 5 °C to + 40 °C

Relative humidity: 30% to 85%

1.3.2. Storage Condition

Store or transport the transducer assembly under the following ambient conditions:

Ambient temperature: - 40 °C to + 50 °C

Relative humidity: 30 % to 95%

Avoid rapid temperature change which may cause dew condensation.



Warning

Always use the probe in dried state. Dew condensation or waterdrops may appear by being moved from cold to warm place. Use without proper care can cause short-circuiting.



1.4. Contraindications, Warnings, and Precautions

- 1.4.1. Please read this user's manual before use; do not use this transducer assembly for any purpose other than its intended use.



Caution

Use the probe only for the purposes described above. This probe may injure the human body.

- 1.4.2. Handle this transducer assembly with care; do not drop or subject transducer assembly to any type of mechanical shock. Impact may compromise transducer assembly operation, safety features or result in sharp edges that could damage the protective sheath and injure sensitive tissue.



Warning

When dropped or stuck against a hard surface, the probe may develop a defect that can not be located visually. If it is used without being checked first, the patient may be injured.

- 1.4.3. Prevent the transducer assembly from damage by placing it in its holder or carrying case when not in use.
- 1.4.4. Inspect acoustic lens, cable and housing before each exam. Avoid unnecessary stress or bending to the cable.
- 1.4.5. Do not use damaged transducer assembly. Injury to the operator or patient may occur if cracks, cuts, sharp edges or exposed wiring exist. Cleaning and/or gel solutions may leak into the transducer assembly resulting in electrical shock. Discontinue use and notify the BroadSound service representative.
- 1.4.6. Do not twist, kink or pinch the cable. Excessive bending or stress on cable may result in damage to its insulating properties causing shock to the patient or operator.
- 1.4.7. Strictly follow the instruction provided in this manual when cleaning & disinfecting transducer assembly.

**Caution**

Using chemicals other than those specified in this manual may adversely affect the probe and reduce the disinfection effects. Use only the chemicals listed in Section 4.2.

- 1.4.8. Do not use coupling gels that contain lotions, mineral oil, olive oil, lanolin, polyethylene glycol, dimethylsilicone, methyl or ethyl parabens. (Recommended coupling gel: Aquasonic 100 Ultrasound Gel)

**Caution**

Using coupling gel other than those specified above may adversely affect the probe. Use only the coupling gel listed above.

- 1.4.9. Do not steam, heat autoclave or use ethylene oxide (EO) gas processes on general surface. Only use CIDEX OPA disinfectant.

**Caution**

The probe cannot withstand autoclave sterilization or disinfection at a temperature higher than 60°C. Perform disinfection using chemical listed in Section 4.2.

- 1.4.10. BroadSound Corporation does not provide any biopsy guide device for AL3C123, and AL3C123 transducer assembly is not intentionally designed to be compatible with any biopsy guide device.
- 1.4.11. For semi-critical and/or critical applications, the disinfected AL3C123 transducer must be used with a sterile sheath.
- 1.4.12. Do not use the transducer assembly with high frequency surgical equipment.



2. General Information

2.1 Content

When receiving the transducer assembly, unpack and check the following:

Transducer assembly: one unit

Carrying case: one

User's manual: one set

2.2. Geometry and Weight of Transducer Assembly

Scan head: 115 mm (length) *90 mm (width) *28 mm (height)

Cable: Approximate 2 meter (length) * 8 mm (diameter)

Connector: 160 mm (length) * 70 mm (width) * 110 mm (height)

Weight of probe: 1.1 kg

2.3. Device Name

Broadsound AL3C123 Diagnostic Ultrasound Transducer Assembly

2.4. Compatibility

Broadsound AL3C123 ultrasound transducer assembly is substantially equivalent to the predicate device Aloka UST-9123 transducer assembly. Both of them are similar to each other in terms of features and use parameters; as well, they are used on the same diagnostic ultrasound systems, such as Aloka SSD 3500 Series.



2.5. Acoustic Energy

The effects of acoustic energy on human tissue are currently under investigation. Therefore, it is recommended that diagnostic ultrasound output power be set to the lowest possible levels according to the principle of ALARA (As Low As Reasonably Achievable), especially during fetal examinations.

The acoustic output of Broadsound AL3C123 was tested and found to be statistically comparable to that of its predicate device Aloka UST-9123.



Caution

Set the acoustic output to the lowest possible level. For details concerning acoustic output from the probe, refer to the instruction manual (Acoustic output power table) of compatible system Aloka SSD 3500 Series for relevant information.

2.6. Electromagnetic Compatibility

Broadsound AL3C123 ultrasound transducer assembly is substantially equivalent to the predicate device Aloka UST-9123 transducer assembly including the design of electromagnetic compatibility. Refer to the user's manual of compatible system Aloka SSD 3500 Series for relevant information.



3. Specification, Device description and Labeling

3.1. Specification

Array type: Convex

Nominal frequency: 2-6MHz

Sector angle/Field of view: 60 degree

Method of application: Apply transducer assembly to the surface of body

Application: Abdominal, Ob/Gyn.

3.2. Device Description

Broadsound AL3C123 consists of piezoelectric crystals covered with an acoustic lens, a scan head that fits around the lens, a cable with strain relief devices on both ends, and a connector to attach the transducer assembly to the ultrasound console.

Figure 1 shows the name and function of each portion of transducer assembly, and the immersible region that is important in cleaning and disinfecting:

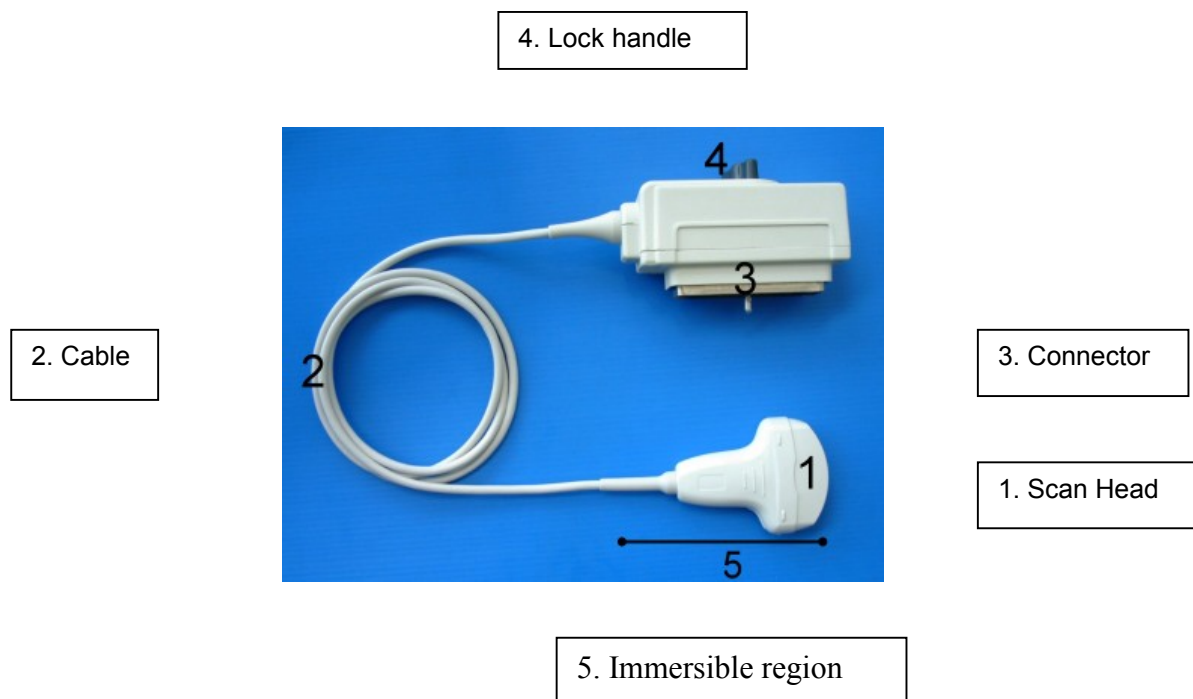


Figure 1. The name and function of each portion of transducer assembly



1. Scan Head

The piezoelectric crystal converts electrical energy into ultrasound waves, which are transmitted to the human body. It also generates electrical signals when receiving the ultrasound echoes reflected from the tissues. The cover on the surface of the window is the acoustic lens.

2. Cable

The cable conveys electrical signals back and forth between the scan head and connector of transducer assembly.

3. Connector

This connects the transducer assembly to the ultrasound instrument console.

4. Lock Handle

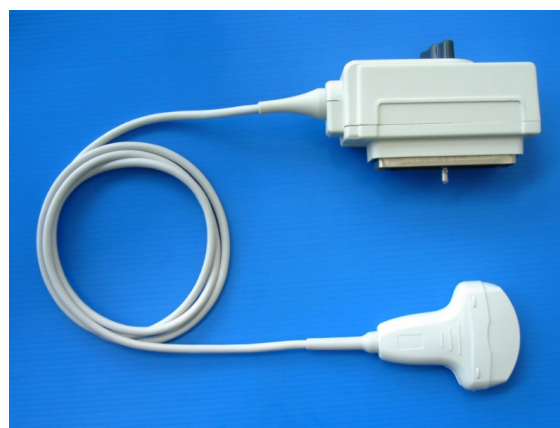
This locks the connector to the ultrasound instrument console.

5. Immersible Region

3.3 Labeling

3.3.1. Labels and Symbols

Safety-related labels and symbols are attached to the transducer assembly at the locations shown below:



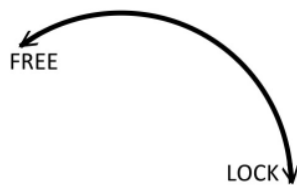
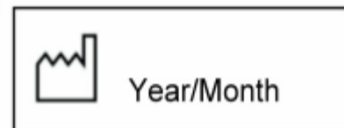
Model Name
←---Serial number
Type Symbol



3.3.2. Definition of Label and Symbols

The International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) has established a set of symbols for medical electronic equipment that classify a connection or warn of potential hazards. The definition of the labels and symbols are shown below:

★ Connector Side:



★ Scan-head Side:





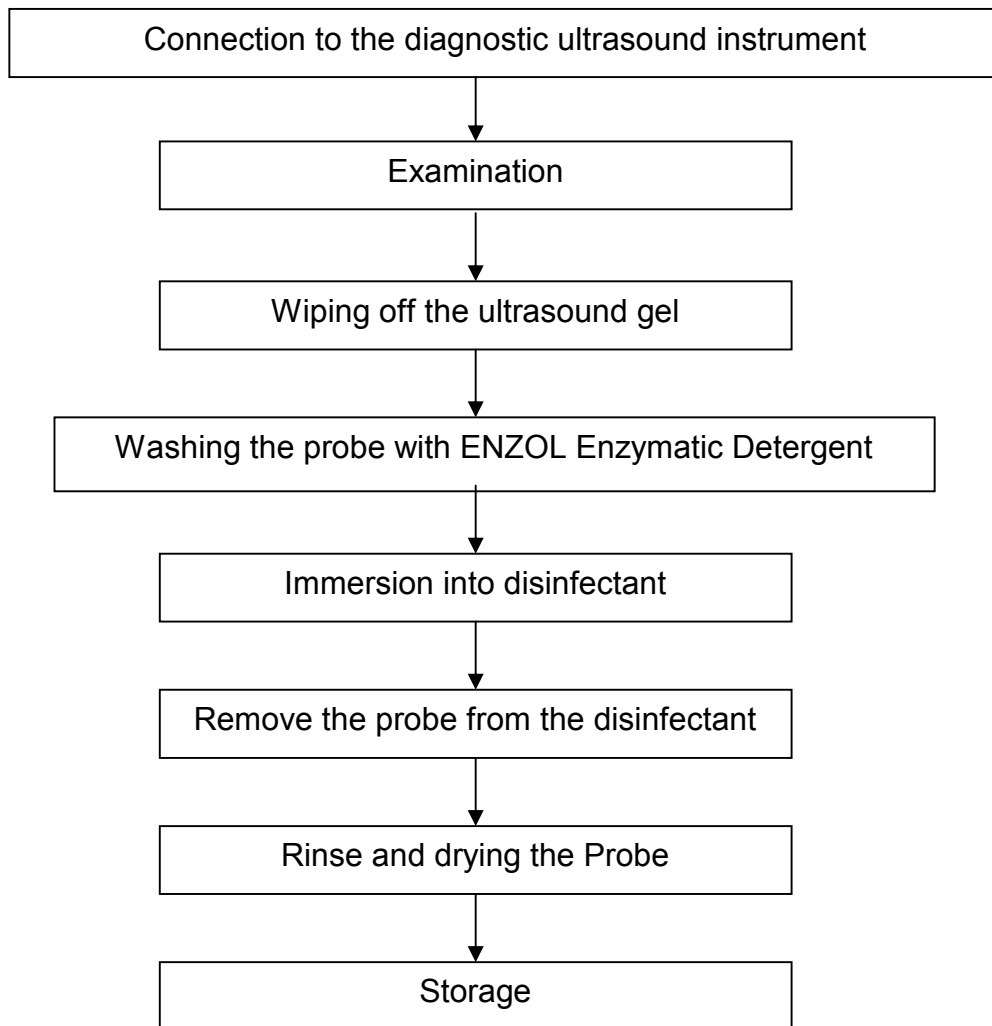
Symbol	Description
	The CE mark and Notified Body Registration Numbers, the requirement of Annex II article 3 from Medical Device Directive 93/42/EEC are met.
	Classification of applied part ,Type BF
	Follow instructions for use.
	Recycling symbol means that the end of the life of the ultrasound transducer you must dispose of it separately at an appropriate collection point and not place it in the normal domestic unsorted waste stream
AL3C123	Model name of the transducer assembly
SN	Serial number of the transducer assembly
 Year/Month	Date of manufacture, “Year” denotes the year of manufacture, “Month” denotes the month of manufacture
LOT	Batch Code.
	Authorized representative in the European Community
	Manufacturer
IPX 7	Protection against ingress of water. An IPX7 designation means the probe housing can withstand accidental immersion in one meter of water for up to 30 minutes.
	Position of lock Handle
RoHS	Restriction of Hazardous Substances Directive 2002/95/EC
	Store or transport the transducer assembly under the following ambient conditions: Ambient temperature: - 40 °C to + 50 °C
	Store or transport the transducer assembly under the following ambient conditions: Relative humidity: 30 % to 95%



4. Instruction for Use, Cleaning and Disinfection

4.1. Procedure of Operation

The probe should be used as described in the following procedure:





4.2. Preparation before cleaning, Cleaning, and Disinfection

**Caution**

The transducer assembly must be disconnected from the ultrasound system prior to cleaning/disinfection.

**Caution**

Broadsound AL3C123 diagnostic ultrasound transducer assembly is supplied

**Caution**

When used in semi-critical and/or critical applications, the disinfected AL3C123 transducer must be covered with a sterile sheath

**Caution**

The scan head of transducer assembly must be cleaned and disinfected before each use or between uses. The other general surface of cable and connector can be cleaned with alcohol by using sterile gauze.

4.2.1 Preparation before cleaning

**Caution**

The transducer assembly must be disconnected from the ultrasound system prior to cleaning/disinfection.

**Caution**

The scan head of transducer assembly must be cleaned and disinfected before each use or between uses.

4.2.2 Cleaning

Procedures for Cleaning:

1. The transducer assembly is disconnected from the ultrasound system .
2. Wipe off coupling gel and other foreign matter from the scan head with clean tissues.
3. Clean the scan head with ENZOL Enzymatic Detergent of Johnson & Johnson. Follow the labeling of the ENZOL Enzymatic detergent. Immersible region please refer to the picture shown in Section 3.2.
4. Wipe the scan head to remove residue.

**Caution**

Operate the transducer assembly under the following ambient conditions:
Ambient temperature: + 5 °C to + 40 °C



4.2.3 Procedures for Disinfection:

1. Follow the cleaning procedures to clean the transducer first.
2. Immerse the scan head into CIDEX OPA Solution, which is a high-level disinfectant manufactured by Johnson & Johnson. Follow the labeling of the CIDEX OPA disinfectant. The immersion time is at least 5 minutes and no more than 15 minutes.

Immersible region please refer to the picture shown in Section 3.2.

3. Wipe off remaining residue on the transducer assembly with sterile gauze.

**Caution**

Operate the transducer assembly under the following ambient conditions:
Ambient temperature: + 5 °C to + 40 °C

**Caution**

Do not immerse the whole transducer assembly into disinfection fluid.

**Caution**

Do not dry the transducer assembly by heating.

**Caution**

Only use CIDEX OPA disinfectant. Do not steam autoclave or subject the transducer to Ethylene Oxide.

5. Setup before Use

5.1. Visual check



Visually check the cable and the tip and acoustic lens area of the probe. If any holes, dents, cracks, deformation, or other abnormal states are detected, do not use the probe.

**Warning**

If any an abnormal state is found, stop using the probe, and notify the BroadSound service representative.

5.2. Verification of cleaning and disinfection

Verify that cleaning and disinfection have been conducted. Note that the probe was not factory-disinfected before shipment.

**Warning**

Use of the contaminated probe may result in infection. In accordance with the procedure described in section 4.2, cleaning and disinfection the probe before using it.

5.3. Verification of operation

Connect the probe to the equipment and make sure that the indication the selected connector matches that the image (Linear indication) and the frequency. For viewing the image, refer to instruction manual provided by Original

**Caution**

If the indications do not match, the probe may be faulty. Discontinue use of the probe and notify the BroadSound service representative.

6. Periodic Inspection

The transducer may be damaged during use or processing, so it must be checked before use for cracks or irregularities in the surface.

**Warning**

Injury to the operator or patient may occur if cracks, cuts, sharp edges or exposed wiring exist. Cleaning and/or gel solutions may leak into the transducer assembly resulting in electrical shock. Discontinue use and notify the BroadSound service representative.

7. Disposal Instruction

When the transducer is scrapped at the end of its life, you must dispose of it separately at an appropriate collection point and not place it in the normal domestic unsorted waste stream. Within the EU, when you discard the transducer, you must send it to appropriate facilities for recovery and recycling. Please consult local health authorities for proper disposal methods.

**Warning**

For contaminated disposals such as transducer covers, follow disposal control policies established for your office, department or hospital.

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