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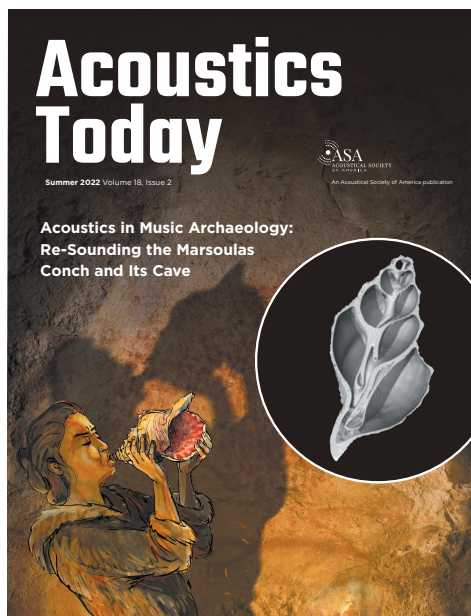
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Checklist for Manuscript Preparation

The following pages cover all aspects of manuscript preparation for *Acoustics Today*. However, to help in preparation, the list below gives some of the key points that are often the most overlooked during manuscript submission. *Please go through this checklist before submitting your manuscript to make sure you have followed these key points.* This list does not, however, substitute for following all other instructions in this document.

- MS Word format, 12-point font, and left justification for all text (NOTE, *Acoustics Today* cannot accept manuscripts in *any* format other than MS Word!)
- Double-spaced text *except tables* (see page 5 regarding tables)
- Limit of 6,000 words for articles (see page 4 for decrease in words for figures)
- Title page set up as described on page 4
- Headings in **bold** with major words capitalized
- Secondary headings in **bold** and italicized (no more than 2 heading levels)
- References in correct format (see page 5)
- References carefully checked to make sure all are cited in the text are in the reference section AND that all references cited in the reference section are in the text
- Final figures in one of the formats described in **Graphics** (see page 7)
- Copyright Transfer Form signed
- Permissions for figures obtained, if applicable
- Contact information for each author at end of article (after figure legends)
- “Head shot” of each author in separate jpeg files
- Bio of each author in separate file (Appendix I)
- Each file labeled with last name of first author followed by the content of the file (e.g., LastName–MS; LastName–Figure1)
- Manuscript complete, with all parts required



About Acoustics Today

Acoustics Today is the science and technology magazine (**not a journal**) of the Acoustical Society of America (ASA). Each issue is sent to ASA members in print form and is also freely available online at www.AcousticsToday.org.

Acoustics Today provides timely scholarly articles, short essays highlighting important ASA programs, and other (including societal) material to ASA members that is interesting, understandable, and worth reading regardless of a member's background. *Our goal is to educate ASA members (and the lay public) about the breadth of acoustics.*

The articles in *Acoustics Today* are general reviews of a specific topic, although the topic may be very broad or reasonably narrow. *Acoustics Today* is not a venue for original research material or preliminary studies, nor is it a venue for work from one laboratory or laboratory group. It is expected that any article submitted to the editor for publication has not been published or accepted for publication elsewhere nor has it been submitted to another magazine or journal simultaneously.

It is important to understand that writing a magazine article is very different from writing a journal article. For a journal article, the principal criterion is to be accurate in the facts connected with the subject matter that is reported. In *Acoustics Today*, the facts must still be accurate, but they need to also be interesting and understandable to all, including members who have a background in acoustics but may not be versed in the subject of the article.



It is also important to make sure that potential readers come to, and then read, your article. Indeed, as you prepare your article, keep the magazine's audience in mind at every step of the process. Please do not think of the audience as your discipline peers in the ASA. Instead, think of the scholarly level of your audience as a member of the ASA in a totally different area of acoustics from yours and assume that they do not have the knowledge in your discipline. In addition, the audience is even broader than ASA members and may include a college student with some, but not great, background in physics, engineering, and/or biology. Readers are likely to include regulators or journalists with a reasonable science or engineering background.

There are several things to attract readers to your article. The first is the title. Make the title broad and interesting (but not overly long) so that people from disciplines different from yours will be curious enough to look at the text.

Second, put great effort into the opening paragraphs. The best first paragraphs tell the reader about the article, why it will be interesting and exciting to them, and how the article may be relevant to them in either their research or their lives. You have great leeway here, but if you can get a reader curious about, and interested in, the material, they are more likely to read to the end. As one author put it, he tried to make the opening interesting enough that his mother would want to read it!



Instructions for Preparation of Manuscripts

Proposing an Article: Articles for *Acoustics Today* are generally invited contributions. However, ideas for articles are welcome and encouraged by the editor. If you have an idea for an article, please contact the editor before you start writing to discuss what you have in mind.

Publication Timeline: Once we have agreed to include your article in a particular issue of *Acoustics Today*, you will be given a date by which we must receive the final article for it to be included. Because we work on a very tight deadline, late submissions will not be possible, nor can we guarantee that a late submission will get a place in a subsequent issue of *Acoustics Today* because we work several issues ahead.

Article Length: The **maximum** length of an article is 6,000 words, including title page, references, figure legends, and tables. NOTE: from the 6,000 words, subtract 125 words for each figure. Thus, if your article has 4 figures, then subtract 500 words and the final word count can be no more than 5,500.

Title Page: The title page for articles should include the following information.

- **Title:** The title should be descriptive of the article, but also very attractive to a broad audience so they will see the title and get curious about it. Acronyms should not be used in the title unless they are so common (such as SONAR) that they can be found in standard dictionaries. Titles should generally be no longer than 8 to 10 words.
- **Author names:** Limit the number of authors – preference is no more than three. Do not put contact information on the title page.
- **Running Title:** A running title of 4- to 5-words (maximum) that will be put at the top of the pages should be provided.
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- **Technical Committee(s):** Include the technical committee(s) most closely associated with the material in the article. (A list of the ASA Technical Committees can be found at <https://bit.ly/2Hvx4MQ>.)

Text: The manuscript should start on a new page and be submitted in MS Word format. ***We cannot accept articles in PDF files, LaTeX, or any form other than MS Word.*** The entire manuscript (except tables, see below) should be double spaced with left justification.

The entire manuscript should be submitted using a 12 pt font. Symbols should be from the MS Word list of symbols. This ensures the most accurate transfer of symbols to the printed version.

Acronyms and abbreviations must be defined when used for the first time in the article.

Use of URLs: If you are using URLs in the text of your article, please test it right before submission and make sure that it works. If there is any chance that the URL is not really viable over several years, please do not include it. If the URLs are long, please use a URL shortener to cut the URL length (e.g., <https://bitly.com/>).

Figures: Each figure should be submitted as a separate file. The general location of each figure in the article

should be noted with “Figure X about here” on a separate line in the text. See **Graphics** below for details of acceptable formats.

Figure legends should start on a new page at the end of the manuscript after the references.

Tables: Tables should be placed after the references and before the figure legends. The general location of each table in the article should be noted with “Table X about here” on a separate line in the text. Tables should be numbered consecutively using Arabic numerals, with the title above the table and extended across all columns. Tables should be created using the tables feature in Word. **Do not use Microsoft Excel tables.**

Tables should be **single spaced** and surrounded by a border. All lines within and around the table should be the same size. The font of the table title should be 11 pt, and the data in the cells should be 10 pt. Do not use color in any cell. If applicable, a legend should be placed at the bottom of the table.

Note that each word (or number) in a table is counted against the 6,000 word limit of articles.

Equations: Equations should be created using MS Word Equation Editor, if possible. Equations that stand alone and occupy a single line should be numbered consecutively at the right margin (using Arabic numerals in parentheses). Use the same tools for equations that are within a line of text. Remember, the smaller the number of equations, the easier the article will be to read and understand by the greatest number of readers.

Acknowledgments: Articles may include acknowledgments to people and/or funding agencies. However, please keep acknowledgements short.

References: Use the format for references as shown on the next page (page 6).¹ Only published or in press papers can be included in References. Papers in preparation or submitted can be cited in the text as personal communication but not in References. Also note the following.

- References are listed at the end of the article in alphabetical order by author regardless of number of authors and year. If there are several references by the same author(s), list them by year. If there are several references by the same author(s) in the same year, use “a,b,c...” after the year.
- If there are more than five authors, just show the first four, followed by “et al.”
- Use full journal names, e.g., *The Journal of the Acoustical Society of America*, not *J. Acoust. Soc. Am.* NOTE: correct name of *JASA* starts with “The.”
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- Embed the DOI in the journal name rather than giving separately. This cuts word count.
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- In the reference, italicize the journal name, book title, proceedings title, or title of report or patent.
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chronological order, e.g., (Smith, 1954; Jones and Curley, 1975; Magnus et al., 2013).

The following are examples of proper reference formats.

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Text Submission: Submit the complete manuscript including text, tables, equations, references, and figure legends in one file. Use last name of the first author and content of the file as the file name for all files, e.g., LastName-Text-Acoustics Today.

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Biography: Bios should be a *maximum of 100-words*. Provide bios for all authors in a single separate file. See Appendix I for an example bio. Bios should start with the name of the author and be written in third person. Do not include current organization since this is in the header (which does not count in the 100 words). The rest of the bio might include the author's degrees, scholarly or professional interests, places worked, and personal interests and/or hobbies. Please do not include things like awards, number of students, funding history, and the like. A brief mention of contributions to ASA is welcome, however. The goal is to help our readership get to know a bit about the author.

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The MS is then sent to our editorial associate who does several checks and then sends the article to our production group to set up the magazine issue. After several initial drafts of the magazine, the authors will be sent page proofs of their articles. At this stage, the only changes permitted are to answer specific queries or fix very small things in the MS.

Multimedia: *Acoustics Today* welcomes multimedia with articles. We have capabilities for both sound and video. There are several options for how to do this. One option, if you are using material already on the web (e.g., YouTube) is to display the links in the text of your MS. If the links are long, please shorten the links using Bitly.com or some other shortener. Do not embed the links in words because print readers cannot access the links.

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Letters to the Editor: Letters to the Editor are welcome. They can be on any topic related to acoustics and may be comments on material in recent issues of *Acoustics Today*. Letters will be published on a space-available basis. Submitters should feel free to express their opinions but are expected to follow the normal rules of polite writing. Letters should be free of commercialization. Submission implies giving the editor, copy editor, and the publications office staff the authority to make minor editing changes to improve the quality of writing and clarity. Inclusion of any letter is at the discretion of the editor. Letters should be no more than 150 words (no figures or mathematical equations) and may include up to two citations in the form of footnotes (citations are not included in the word count). Citations should include full titles, all authors, and source. Authors should give their full name and email address.

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Obituaries should include up to four references of work by the deceased in a bibliography. The preference is for articles that appeared in *JASA*, but it is more important that these be citations that are representative of the very best work done by the individual and the breadth of their work as well as publications that are still available in print or on the web. The papers or books listed do not have to be cited in the obituary unless the author wishes to do so. If there is a website with the full bibliography of the deceased or a website of the deceased that will stay up, a link may be included. Note that things like patents and abstracts are not appropriate because they do not really give great insight into the work of the deceased.

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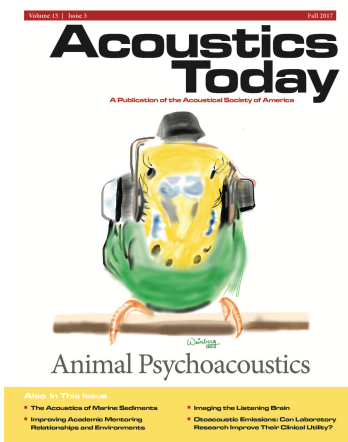
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Appendix I: Author Bios for *Acoustics Today*

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Bios should start with the name of the author and be written in third person (see example below). Do not include current organization since this is in the header (which does not count in the 100 words). The rest of the bio might include the author's degrees, scholarly or professional interests, places worked, and personal interests and/or hobbies. Please do not include things like awards, number of students, funding history, and the like. A brief mention of contributions to ASA is welcome, however. The goal is to help our readership get to know a bit about the author. See example below.

Example of Format (please do not include titles or degrees in contact information). Note, the bio is ***maximum of 100 words*** (not counting the contact information).

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Appendix II: History Articles

History Articles: *Acoustics Today* is soliciting articles that provide a historical perspective of a field. The “origin” of doing this comes from the observations by many more senior investigators that younger scholars and students tend to focus on recent work (sometimes work that is only available on the Web) and may not be as aware of earlier work and its impact on their field. We now often encounter papers that do not acknowledge the fact that very similar, and excellent, work was done 20, 30, 50, or more years earlier.

In addition to understanding the earlier literature, it is invaluable for investigators today to know about the very accomplished scholars who did the work. These workers often made contributions of immense value and with real experimental creativity. And they very often provided insights into questions and findings that are still germane today.

Thus, the purpose of *Acoustics Today History* is to make today’s scholars and students aware of the history of a discipline and the people who helped shape the field. These reviews can go as far back in history as appropriate, should be broad in coverage of a discipline, and focus on the major ideas that shaped the field as we know it today. Specific guidelines for *Acoustics Today History* are enumerated below.

1. History articles should follow the same length considerations as all other *Acoustics Today* articles.
2. Focus should be on the history of the topic, highlighting the major milestones in the development of the field.
3. The preference is for coverage of a field that is broad rather than on a very specific aspect of the field.
4. Less emphasis should be placed on recent work unless it has some bearing on the earlier work. Works after 2000 should certainly not be included, but the focus could be on work before the 1960s. However, implications for the current state of the field are appropriate.
5. When possible, tracing a topic back hundreds of years, or even millennia, is totally acceptable. Indeed, if there is mention of your topic in “ancient history,” information about that might be quite interesting.
6. Information about major figures in the field, including a bit of biographical information, is most appropriate. Pictures of these individuals are encouraged (see section on **Permissions**, page 10).
7. As appropriate, we encourage mention of past or current ASA members and any contributions to the ASA (e.g., “This discovery was made by former ASA Gold Medal winner Leo Beranek.”).
8. Wherever possible, pictures from earlier papers should be used, although summary illustrations are certainly acceptable. In all cases, be sure to check if you need copyright permission. Generally, this is not needed for things from the 19th century, but for later things, it is important to check and get permission is required. (See section on **Permissions**, page 10.)
9. Citations to the earlier literature are strongly encouraged when this is possible. Sometimes this will be through secondary literature (e.g., other reviews), and this is acceptable.
10. Wherever possible, citations to the earlier literature should include a URL if the material is available on the Web. (Note, relevant books can be identified by searching for them online, for example, <http://books.google.com/>.)