

## **MR Elastography Phantom** Scanning Parameter Recommendations

- To set-up the phantom for scanning, refer to the illustrations in the MRE PHANTOM USER GUIDE included with each MRE Phantom.
- Use the following recommended MRE Phantom imaging parameters that are specific to your GE MR scanner.

GE - 2D MRE Phantom Parameter Recommendations			
	Scanner	Artist, Creator, Explorer, HDx, Optima MR450w, Voyager	Architect, Discovery MR750w, PET/MR, Pioneer, Premier
Scanners and	Field Strength	1.5T	3T
Sequences	Software versions (Compatible)	>DV22.1	>DV22.1DV26
(Note I)	Pulse sequence	MR-Touch (GRE)	MR-Touch (EPI)
	Mode	2D	2D
	Options	Fast, ASSET, MultiPhase	ASSET, FC, MultiPhase
Dhantan Catur	Phantom Setup	See MRE PHANTOM USER GUIDE with Phantom Kit.	
Phantom Setup	Coil (Note 2)	Head or Torso/Spine	
	Place one coronal sli	ce at the center of the height of t	he phantom
Slice Positing			
Information Input	Position	feet-first, supine	feet-first, supine
(Pretent Patient)	Weight	150 Lbs (68 kg)	150 Lbs (68 kg)
(	Height	5 ft (1.5 m)	5 ft (1.5 m)
	Imaging Plane	coronal	coronal
	Number of slices	4	4
	Slice thickness (mm)/gap	10 mm / 0 mm	8 mm / 2 mm
Imaging Parameters	FOV (mm) / Phase FOV (100%) (Note 3)	42 cm/100%	42 cm/100%
	Matrix	256 × 64	96 x 96
	TE (msec)	min full TE (typically ~18.2)	min full (around 57.6 msec)
	TR (msec)	50	250
	Flip Angle (degree)	25	90 (default)

	NEX	1	1
	EPI shots	N/A	1
	Bandwidth (kHz)	31.25	250 (hard coded)
	Freq Encoding Dir	Superior-Inferior	Superior-Inferior
	Phase Acq. Order	N/A	N/A
Imaging	Delay After Acq.	N/A	N/A
Parameters	Acceleration (Note 4)	ASSET	ASSET
	Acceleration factor (Note 4)	1	2
	Number of breath holds	N/A	N/A
	Shimming Volume	Cover the whole phantom	Cover the whole phantom
	Spectrum Peaks	Peak with middle freq (there are 3 peaks)	Peak with middle freq (there are 3 peaks)
	Saturation Band	SI	SI
	Scan Time	about 28 sec (Note 2)	10 sec
MR-Touch Tab (Note 1)	Temporal Phases	4	4
	MEG Frequency (Hz)	75	90
	Driver Frequency (Hz)	60	60
	Driver Amplitude (%) (Note 6)	10	10
	MEG Direction	Z	Z

## NOTES:

(1) Specific tab and parameters vary based on different software versions and MRE sequences; the generic MRE parameters for driver and motion encoding gradients are the guideline to those specific tab and parameters (MRE-related); overall, this recommendation is conservative so that it can be successfully performed at all software versions and scanners.

- (2) Use of a multi-channel RX head coil is preferred. Alternatively, the Torso/Spine coils can be used.
- (3) 20cm FOV is a minimum value for phantom studies, smaller FOVs may reduce SNR or confidence and should be avoided. Larger FOV may be used and may be beneficial for correlation to in vivo scans.
- (4) ASSET acceleration factor R = 1 is recommended for GRE, while R = 2 for EPI to allow shorter TE. R > 1 can be used generally, particularly for correlation to in vivo sequences. Larger FOVs may be desirable to avoid aliasing artifacts.

**Questions -** Questions regarding the Resoundant MRE Phantom Scanning Parameter Recommendations may be directed to:

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## **Phantom Scanning Results**

The following table outlines the expected phantom scanning results, including sample images, visual descriptions, and troubleshooting tips.

Normal Phantom Scan Results			
Magnitude, Wave, and Color Elastogram images			
	Magnitude Image	Wave Image	Elastogram
Qualitative Description of Results	<ul> <li>No "ripples" or motion present.</li> <li>Circular, homogeneous appearance (may see slight distortion from EPI-based sequences)</li> </ul>	<ul><li> Red/blue waves</li><li> Concentric circles</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Large region of high confidence</li> <li>May see confidence hatch out on edges or in the very center. This is acceptable</li> </ul>

Amplitude Too High			
Magnitude, Wave, and Color Elastogram images			
	Magnitude Image	Wave Image	Elastogram
Qualitative Description of Results	<ul> <li>"Ripples" or motion present (phase dispersion).</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Wave images oversaturated</li> </ul>	Stiffness irregular
Troubleshooting Tips	Decrease amplitude to 5-10%.	·	

Amplitude Too Low			
Magnitude, Wave, and Color Elastogram images			
Qualitative Description of Results	Magnitude Image	Wave Image	Elastogram
		<ul> <li>Wave images undersaturated/black</li> </ul>	Stiffness irregular
Troubleshooting Tips	Confirm proper phantom set-up: passive driver secured tightly to phantom with belt, tube connected between active and passive driver. May be due to leak in tubing or passive driver, or active driver failing.		

No Amplitude				
Magnitude, Wave, and Color Elastogram images				
Qualitative Description of Results	Magnitude Image	Wave Image	Elastogram	
		No waves	<ul> <li>No regions of high confidence (completely hatched out)</li> </ul>	
Troubleshooting Tips	Confirm the active driver is on and amplitude set to 5-10%. Confirm tube between active and passive driver is connected. May be due to active or passive driver failure.			