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T E S T R E P O R T

ASTM E 90-09: Laboratory Measurement of Airborne Sound Transmission of Building Partitions and Elements

Orfield Laboratories Inc

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TEST

Client:	Serious Materials, Inc
Report Date:	March 31, 2011
Test Date:	March 14, 2011
Test Number:	OL 11-0329

RESULT SUMMARY

STC=57

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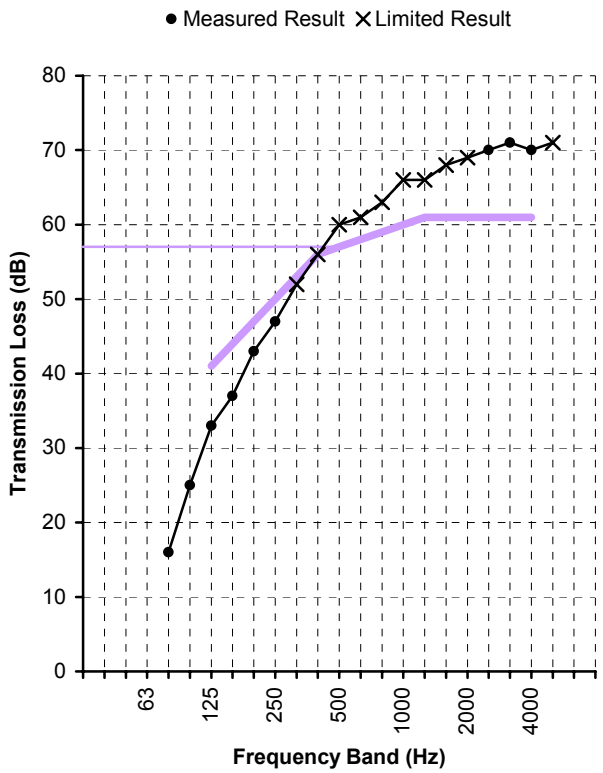
Test Date March 14, 2011
Specimen Wall Assembly

Method ASTM Standard E90
Technician D. Berg

Single Number Rating
STC = 57



Freq. (Hz)	TL (dB)	Def. (dB)
80	16	
100	25	
125	33	8
160	37	7
200	43	4
250	47	3
315	52*	1
400	56*	-
500	60*	-
630	61*	-
800	63*	-
1000	66*	-
1250	66*	-
1600	68*	-
2000	69*	-
2500	70	-
3150	71	-
4000	70	-
5000	71*	
Total Deficiencies		23

* Estimate of lower limit

Assembly Elements (listed in order from source room side to receiver room side)

0.625" (5/8") QuietRock ES; 1.25" type S screw @ 12" O.C.
3-5/8" 25 gauge steel studs @ 24" O.C.
3.5" kraft-faced insulation batts (R13)
0.625" (5/8") QuietRock ES; 1.25" type S screw @ 12" O.C.

SPECIMEN DESCRIPTION

The specimen under test was one wall assembly. The elements in the assembly are described below the results table and chart. Additional information regarding the specimen may be found in the appendices.

Test results pertain to this specimen only.

INSTALLATION AND DISPOSITION

The 3.5" insulated steel frame was originally constructed for this test on March 14, 2011. The framing and insulation were retained for subsequent tests in the series. The entire assembly was constructed by independent contractors. Qualified representatives of Orfield Laboratories observed the installation in progress, and visually inspected the specimen prior to testing.

TEST METHODS

The methods followed these published standards:

ASTM E90-09*: *Standard Test Method for Laboratory Measurement of Airborne Sound Transmission Loss of Building Partitions and Elements*

ASTM E413-10: *Classification for Rating Sound Insulation*

The values presented in this report are from single-direction transmission loss measurements.

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APPENDIX A: MEASUREMENT SETUP

Environment	
Temperature	68°F [20.0°C]
Relative Humidity	50%

Specimen Area	
Specimen Area	64.5 ft² [5.99 m²]

Chamber Volume - Airborne Transmission	
Source Room Volume	3284 ft³ [93.0 m³]
Receiving Room Volume	8281 ft³ [234.5 m³]

INSTRUMENTATION

Description	Brand	Model	S/N
Calibrator	Brüel & Kjær	Type 4230	1379712
Microphone	Brüel & Kjær	Type 4134	1478843
Preamplifier	Brüel & Kjær	Type 2639	1202479
Microphone	Brüel & Kjær	Type 4134	296819
Preamplifier	Brüel & Kjær	Type 2639	1312147
Power Supply	Brüel & Kjær	Type WB1057	n/a
Analyzer	Norsonic	Type 121	31185

APPENDIX B: CALCULATION RESULTS

Freq. Band (Hz)	Specimen T.L. (dB)	95% Conf. (dB)	Flanking Limit (dB)	STC Defic. (dB)
25				
31.5	**29.0**		40	
40	**15.6**		47	
50	**14.5**		43	
63	**10.7**		43	
80	**16.5**	±2.89	42	
100	**24.9**	±2.96	45	
125	**32.6**	±1.32	50	8
160	**36.8**	±1.16	52	7
200	**42.6**	±1.46	55	4
250	**47.2**	±1.62	59	3
315	**52.3** §	±0.93	59	1
400	**56.2** §	±0.94	61	-
500	**59.8** §	±0.78	65	-
630	**61.1** §	±0.66	67	-
800	**62.9** §	±0.57	71	-
1000	**65.5** §	±0.48	74	-
1250	**66.5** §	±0.54	73	-
1600	**67.9** §	±0.42	74	-
2000	**68.6** §	±0.33	77	-
2500	**70.3**	±0.60	83	-
3150	**70.8**	±0.55	85	-
4000	**69.6**	±0.45	80	-
5000	**70.7** *			
6300	**70.2** *			
8000	**69.9** *			
10000	**65.6** *			
Total deficiencies below STC contour (dB)				23
STC contour [ASTM E413]				**57**

* Actual transmission loss of specimen may be higher than measured at this frequency band. Signal-to-noise in the receiving room less than 5 dB, therefore the result is "an estimate of the lower limit".

§ Actual transmission loss of specimen may be higher than measured at this frequency band. Result within 10 dB of flanking limit found in separate study, therefore the result may be "potentially limited by the laboratory" due to flanking around the specimen.

Note: 95% Confidence from room qualification data. Flanking Limit from chamber flanking study. Reference sample and repeatability data available upon request. Extended frequency results below 80Hz and above 5000Hz are for reference only.

APPENDIX C: SPECIMEN ASSEMBLY DESCRIPTION

The following table shows the elements in the wall assembly in order from the source room to receiving room. Independent contractors constructed and installed the wall assembly in the laboratory test opening. A qualified representative of Orfield Laboratories observed the installation in process and visually inspected the completed specimen and seals. All materials were weighed prior to installation. Fastener weights are not included.

Overall Mass = 393.5 lb [178.5 kg]
Overall Surface Density = 6.10 PSF [29.79 kg/m²]

Element	Mass lb [kg]	Surf. Dens. PSF [kg/m²]
0.625" (5/8") QuietRock ES; 1.25" type S screw @ 12" O.C.	170.6 [77.4]	2.64 [12.91]
3-5/8" 25 gauge steel studs @ 24" O.C.	33.2 [15.1]	0.51 [2.51]
3.5" kraft-faced insulation batts (R13)	14.0 [6.4]	0.22 [1.06]
0.625" (5/8") QuietRock ES; 1.25" type S screw @ 12" O.C.	175.7 [79.7]	2.72 [13.30]

The QuietRock ES was provided by the client. Other construction materials were acquired by the construction contractors through local construction material suppliers. The frame and insulation were constructed for previous tests in this series for this client, and portions of this specimen assembly were used in subsequent tests in the series.

FRAMING

A 3-5/8”, 25 gauge steel stud frame was constructed in the perimeter of the laboratory test specimen opening. The frame consisted of a 25 gauge steel 3-5/8” x 1-1/4” track plate at the top and bottom, and 3-5/8” x 1-1/4” 25 gauge steel studs installed vertically, 24” on center. The track plates and studs were fastened together with 1/2”, #8, pan head screws at each intersection. The frame was sealed at the perimeter on both sides with acoustic sealant.

INSULATION

Kraft-faced fiberglass insulation batts were installed in the stud cavities. The insulation batts were 24” wide, 3-1/2” thick (R13) and were friction fit into each of the four stud cavities. The un-faced sides of the insulation batts were oriented towards the source room. Figure 1 is a photograph of the insulated frame before the installation of the sheeting layers.

Figure 1: Insulated steel stud frame viewed from receiving room side

SHEETING

The source room sheeting was a single layer of 5/8" thick QuietRock ES acoustically enhanced gypsum board. The QuietRock ES sheets were fastened vertically to the source room side of the steel stud frame with 1-1/4" long, type S drywall screws spaced at 12" on center. The source layer was comprised of two 4' by 8' sheets, however one of the sheets was cut lengthwise and installed on either side of a complete 4'x8' sheet in order to stagger the seams relative to the receiver room side sheeting. Figure 2 is a photograph of the source room side with the staggered seam installation.

Figure 2: Source room side sheeting installed and sealed

The receiving room sheeting was a single layer of 5/8" thick QuietRock ES acoustically enhanced gypsum board. The QuietRock ES was fastened vertically to the source room side of the steel stud frame with 1-1/4" long, type S drywall screws spaced at 12" on center. The receiving room layer was comprised of two complete 4' by 8' sheets.

Figure 3: Receiving room side sheeting installed and sealed

Sheeting panels on both sides of the partition were shimmed at installation so equal gaps were at the top and bottom. Gaps were less than 1/4" in all cases. Shims were removed after sheeting was fastened and the perimeter was sealed on the source and receiving room sides with acoustic sealant, 1-7/8" wide, 5 mil aluminum foil tape and 1 7/8" wide dense putty tape. On both sides of the partition the vertical seams were sealed with acoustic sealant and 1-7/8" wide, 5 mil aluminum foil tape.

APPENDIX D: SINGLE-NUMBER CALCULATION TO ISO 717-1

Freq. Band (Hz)	R_i ($R_i \equiv$ TL) (dB)	Ref Curve (dB)	Unfav. Deviat. (dB)	L_{i1} Spectrum (dB)	$L_{i1} - R_i$ Level (dB)	L_{i2} Spectrum (dB)	$L_{i2} - R_i$ Level (dB)
50	**14.5**						
63	**10.7**						
80	**16.5**						
100	**24.9**	37	12.1	-29.0	-53.9	-20.0	-44.9
125	**32.6**	40	7.4	-26.0	-58.6	-20.0	-52.6
160	**36.8**	43	6.2	-23.0	-59.8	-18.0	-54.8
200	**42.6**	46	3.4	-21.0	-63.6	-18.0	-60.6
250	**47.2**	49	1.8	-19.0	-66.2	-15.0	-62.2
315	**52.3**	52	-	-17.0	-69.3	-14.0	-66.3
400	**56.2**	55	-	-15.0	-71.2	-13.0	-69.2
500	**59.8**	56	-	-13.0	-72.8	-12.0	-71.8
630	**61.1**	57	-	-12.0	-73.1	-11.0	-72.1
800	**62.9**	58	-	-11.0	-73.9	-9.0	-71.9
1000	**65.5**	59	-	-10.0	-75.5	-8.0	-73.5
1250	**66.5**	60	-	-9.0	-75.5	-9.0	-75.5
1600	**67.9**	60	-	-9.0	-76.9	-10.0	-77.9
2000	**68.6**	60	-	-9.0	-77.6	-11.0	-79.6
2500	**70.3**	60	-	-9.0	-79.3	-13.0	-83.3
3150	**70.8**	60	-	-9.0	-79.8	-15.0	-85.8
4000	**69.6**						
5000	**70.7**						
		Sum =	30.9	$R_{A,1}$ =	51.2	$R_{A,2}$ =	43.6
		R_W =	**56**	**C =**	**-5**	**C_{tr} =**	**-12**

$Rw\ (C\ ;\ Ctr) = 56\ (-5\ ;\ -12)$

$Rw\ (C\ ;\ Ctr\ ;\ C\,50\text{-}3150\ ;\ Ctr,50\text{-}3150) = 56\ (-5\ ;\ -12\ ;\ -12\ ;\ -25)$

$Rw\ (C\ ;\ Ctr\ ;\ C\,100\text{-}5000\ ;\ Ctr,100\text{-}5000) = 56\ (-5\ ;\ -12\ ;\ -4\ ;\ -12)$

$Rw\ (C\ ;\ Ctr\ ;\ C\,50\text{-}5000\ ;\ Ctr,50\text{-}5000) = 56\ (-5\ ;\ -12\ ;\ -11\ ;\ -25)$

Note: The calculations in ISO 717-1 are performed based on assumed equivalency of the ASTM and the corresponding ISO test methods. The test herein is performed according to the ASTM standards. Orfield Laboratories *does not* hold accreditation for ISO 140 or ISO 717 under their NVLAP scope of accreditation.

The spectrum adaptation terms C and C_{tr} characterize performance against two specific sound sources, A-weighted pink noise and A-weighted traffic noise respectively. The standard ISO 717-1 includes a discussion of “Use of Spectrum Adaptation Terms” in Annex A (informative).

Each spectrum adaptation term may additionally be reported with extended frequency bands included. A calculation for the primary frequency range is shown above, but all available extended-frequency calculations were performed to compare against corresponding ratings of other specimens