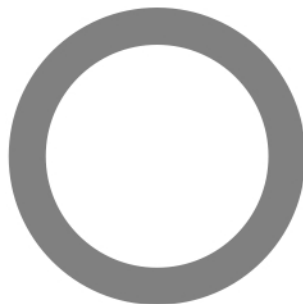


# ASTM E 90-09: Laboratory Measurement of Airborne Sound Transmission of Building Partitions and Elements

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## TEST

Client: **Cemco**  
Report Date: **January 29, 2015**  
Test Date: **October 29, 2015**  
Test Number: **OL15-1017**

## RESULT SUMMARY

**STC=54**

## CLIENT

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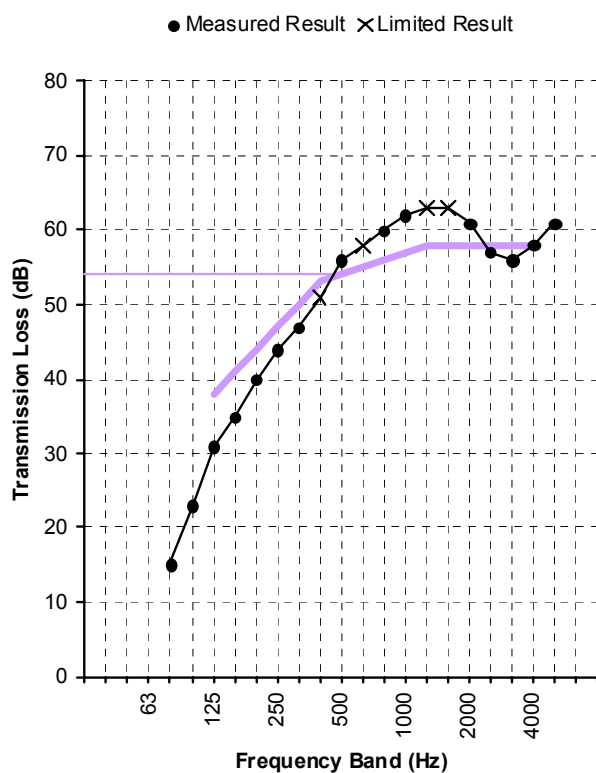




**Test Date** October 29, 2015  
**Specimen** Wall Assembly

**Method** ASTM Standard E90  
**Technician** D. Berg

Single Number Rating  
**STC = 54**



Freq. (Hz)	TL (dB)	Def. (dB)
80	15	
100	23	
125	31	7
160	35	6
200	40	4
250	44	3
315	47	3
400	51*	2
500	56	-
630	58*	-
800	60	-
1000	62	-
1250	63*	-
1600	63*	-
2000	61	-
2500	57	1
3150	56	2
4000	58	-
5000	61	
Total Deficiencies		28

\* Estimate of lower limit

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

0.625" (5/8") type X gypsum (v); 1.25" type S screw @ 12" O.C.

Cemco Tab Track 20 ga. eq.

Cemco Viper 20 ga. eq. steel studs @ 24" O.C.

(3.5") fiberglass insulations (R13)

0.625" (5/8") N.G.\* SoundBreak (v); 1.25" type S screw @ 12" O.C.

\* National Gypsum

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## SPECIMEN DESCRIPTION

The specimen under test was a wall assembly. The elements in the assembly are described briefly below the results table and chart on page 2. Detailed information regarding the specimen may be found in Appendix C.

Test results pertain to this specimen only.

## INSTALLATION AND DISPOSITION

The 3-5/8" steel track and frame was constructed on October 28, 2015. The framing and insulation were retained for subsequent tests in the series. Independent contractors fabricated the test specimen and sealed it in the specimen opening as described in the detailed sample description in Appendix C. Qualified representatives of Orfield Laboratories observed the installation 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	69°F [20.6°C]
Relative Humidity	50%

### Specimen Area

Specimen Area	64.5 ft <sup>2</sup> [5.99 m <sup>2</sup> ]
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### Chamber Volume - Airborne Transmission

Source Room Volume	3284 ft <sup>3</sup> [93.0 m <sup>3</sup> ]
Receiving Room Volume	8281 ft <sup>3</sup> [234.5 m <sup>3</sup> ]

### Chamber Volume - Impact Transmission

Source Room Volume	8281 ft <sup>3</sup> [234.5 m <sup>3</sup> ]
Receiving Room Volume	2062 ft <sup>3</sup> [58.4 m <sup>3</sup> ]

## INSTRUMENTATION

Description	Brand	Model	S/N
Analyzer	Norsonic	Type 121	31185
Calibrator	Brüel & Kjær	Type 4230	372201
Microphone	Brüel & Kjær	Type 4134	296819
Microphone	Brüel & Kjær	Type 4134	1675265
Preamplifier	G.R.A.S.	TMS126AF	10038
Preamplifier	Brüel & Kjær	Type 2639	1312147
Rotating Boom	Brüel & Kjær	Type 3923	936491
Rotating Boom	Brüel & Kjær	Type 3923	2036583
Power Supply	Brüel & Kjær	Type WB1057	n/a
Loudspeakers	JBL	EON15	J149N-023374 J149N-024235 J149N-137360
Subwoofer	JBL	JRX-118SP	P0370-018539



## APPENDIX B: CALCULATION RESULTS

Freq. Band (Hz)	Specimen T.L. (dB)	95% Conf. (dB)	Flanking Limit (dB)	STC Defic. (dB)
25				
31.5	27.4		40	
40	15.7		47	
50	15.7		43	
63	13.7		43	
80	14.8	±5.02	41	
100	22.6	±3.05	46	
125	31.3	±2.35	51	7
160	35.2	±2.38	55	6
200	39.8	±1.55	57	4
250	44.1	±1.09	60	3
315	47.4	±0.89	60	3
400	51.2 §	±0.74	61	2
500	55.9	±0.98	66	-
630	58.4 §	±0.93	68	-
800	59.7	±0.52	72	-
1000	62.3	±0.67	75	-
1250	62.7 §	±0.85	72	-
1600	63.4 §	±0.49	73	-
2000	60.7	±0.38	77	-
2500	56.7	±0.57	81	1
3150	56.3	±0.70	84	2
4000	57.7	±0.50	78	-
5000	61.0			
6300	64.9			
8000	66.8 *			
10000	62.4 *			
Total deficiencies below STC contour (dB)				28
STC contour [ASTM E413]				54

\* 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 intervals for T.L. measurements from room qualification data. ASTM 1289 reference sample and repeatability data available upon request. The standard deviation of reproducibility is stated in ASTM E90 as <2 dB for frequencies from 125 Hz to 4 kHz. Flanking Limit from chamber flanking study. Extended frequency results below 80Hz and above 5000Hz are for reference only.



## APPENDIX C: SPECIMEN ASSEMBLY DESCRIPTION

The following table shows the description of the wall assembly.

Overall Mass = 370.7 lb [168.1 kg]

Overall Surface Density = 5.75 PSF [28.06 kg/m<sup>2</sup>]

Element	Mass lb [kg]	Surf. Dens. PSF [kg/m <sup>2</sup> ]
0.625" (5/8") type X gypsum (v); 1.25" type S screw @ 12" O.C. Cemco Tab Track 20 ga. eq.	148.0 [67.1]	2.29 [11.20]
Cemco Viper 20 ga. eq. steel studs @ 24" O.C. (3.5") fiberglass insulations (R13)	26.3 [11.9] 19.2 [8.7]	0.41 [1.99] 0.30 [1.45]
0.625" (5/8") N.G.* SoundBreak (v); 1.25" type S screw @ 12" O.C. * National Gypsum	177.2 [80.4]	2.75 [13.41]

(h) = horizontal installation

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(vs) = vertical installation with staggered seams

Cemco Tab Track and Cemco ViperStuds and were supplied by the Client. The type X gypsum board sheeting was also provided by the client and was shipped directly from a third party supplier. All other materials were purchased through local retail channels. All materials were weighed prior to installation. Weights of fasteners and sealant are not represented in the above totals.

## FRAMING

A steel frame was constructed in the laboratory test opening. The framing consisted of a Cemco 20 gauge equivalent (.0205" thick) Tab Track steel head track, a Cemco 3-5/8" x 1-1/4", 20 gauge equivalent (.0205" thick) steel bottom track, and 5 Cemco ViperStud, 3-5/8" x 1-1/4", 20 gauge equivalent (0.0205") steel studs installed 24" on center. The Cemco Tab Track was fastened to the top of the test opening with screws and concrete anchors.

## INSULATION

Fiberglass insulation batts were installed in the stud cavities. The insulation batts were 24" wide, 3.5" thick R13, and were friction fit into each of the 4 stud cavities.

## SHEETING

The source room side sheeting consisted of one 5/8" thick gypsum board sheeting layer. The source room side sheeting consisted of two sheets of 5/8" thick type X gypsum board fastened parallel to the steel studs with 1-1/4" long, type S drywall screws spaced at 12" O.C. in the field and spaced at 8" at the sheet edges.

The source room side gypsum board was cut short at the head to intentionally leave a gap of approximately 1/2" across the top and was filled with backer rod, tape and joint compound. Also, the sheeting was not attached to the header on this side.



The receiver room sheeting consisted of one 5/8" thick gypsum board sheeting layer. The receiver room side sheeting consisted of two sheets of 5/8" thick type X gypsum board fastened parallel to the steel studs with 1-1/4" long, type S drywall screws spaced at 12" O.C. in the field and spaced at 8" at the sheet edges.

The receiving room side gypsum board sheeting was cut short at the head to intentionally leave a gap of approximately 1/2" across the top and was filled with CEMCO HOTROD, tape and joint compound. Also, the sheeting was not attached to the header on this side.

Panels were shimmed at installation to leave a minimal gap at the bottom and the intentional 1/2" gap at the top. Shims were removed after sheeting was fastened and the perimeter at the sides and bottom edge was sealed on the source and receiving room sides with acoustic sealant, 1-7/8" wide, 2 mil aluminum foil tape and 7/8" dense putty tape. The seams were sealed with acoustic sealant and 2 mil aluminum foil tape.



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

Freq. Band (Hz)	$R_i$ ( $R_i$ ? 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	15.7						
63	13.7						
80	14.8						
100	22.6	34	11.4	-29.0	-51.6	-20.0	-42.6
125	31.3	37	5.7	-26.0	-57.3	-20.0	-51.3
160	35.2	40	4.8	-23.0	-58.2	-18.0	-53.2
200	39.8	43	3.2	-21.0	-60.8	-18.0	-57.8
250	44.1	46	1.9	-19.0	-63.1	-15.0	-59.1
315	47.4	49	1.6	-17.0	-64.4	-14.0	-61.4
400	51.2	52	0.8	-15.0	-66.2	-13.0	-64.2
500	55.9	53	-	-13.0	-68.9	-12.0	-67.9
630	58.4	54	-	-12.0	-70.4	-11.0	-69.4
800	59.7	55	-	-11.0	-70.7	-9.0	-68.7
1000	62.3	56	-	-10.0	-72.3	-8.0	-70.3
1250	62.7	57	-	-9.0	-71.7	-9.0	-71.7
1600	63.4	57	-	-9.0	-72.4	-10.0	-73.4
2000	60.7	57	-	-9.0	-69.7	-11.0	-71.7
2500	56.7	57	0.3	-9.0	-65.7	-13.0	-69.7
3150	56.3	57	0.7	-9.0	-65.3	-15.0	-71.3
4000	57.7						
5000	61.0						
Sum =			30.4	$R_{A,1} =$	48.7	$R_{A,2} =$	41.4
$R_w =$			53	$C =$	-4	$C_{tr} =$	-12

$$R_w (C ; C_{tr}) = 53 (-4 ; -12)$$

$$R_w (C ; C_{tr} ; C_{50-3150} ; C_{tr, 50-3150}) = 53 (-4 ; -12 ; -9 ; -21)$$

$$R_w (C ; C_{tr} ; C_{100-5000} ; C_{tr, 100-5000}) = 53 (-4 ; -12 ; -3 ; -12)$$

$$R_w (C ; C_{tr} ; C_{50-5000} ; C_{tr, 50-5000}) = 53 (-4 ; -12 ; -8 ; -21)$$

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.