



Test Number: NOAL 19-1040

Test Method: ASTM E90-09 (2016): Laboratory Measurement of Airborne Sound Transmission of Building Partitions and Elements

Result Summary: STC 55

Test Date: October 29, 2019

Specimen: Wall Assembly

Test Site: North Orbit Acoustic Laboratory Facility
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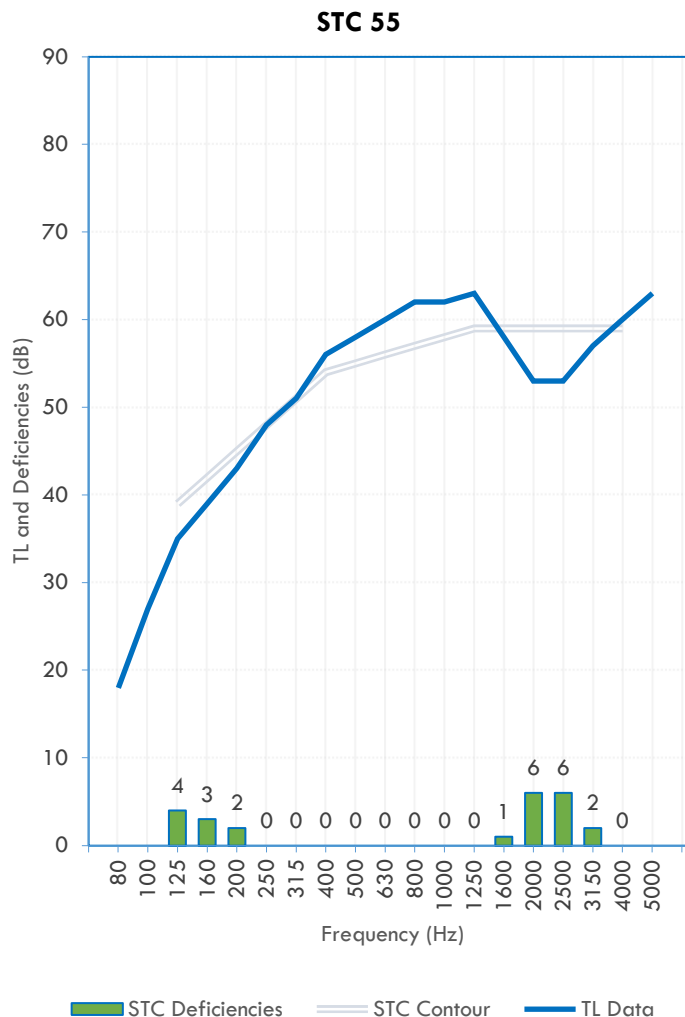
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Frequency (Hz)	TL (dB)	Deficiencies (dB)
80	18	
100	27	
125	35	4
160	39	3
200	43	2
250	48	0
315	51	0
400	56	0
500	58	0
630	60	0
800	62	0
1000	62	0
1250	63	0
1600	58	1
2000	53	6
2500	53	6
3150	57	2
4000	60	0
5000	63	
Total Deficiencies		24



ASSEMBLY ELEMENTS:

(From Source Room Side to Receive Room Side)

Sheathing	5/8" Type X gypsum wallboard (vs); 1.625" #6 type S screws spaced 8" OC at perimeter except top and 12" OC in field
Sheathing	5/8" Type X gypsum wallboard (v); 1" #6 type S screws spaced 8" OC at perimeter except top and 12" OC in field
Framing	3-5/8" CEMCO Viper-X 18 mil (20 EQ) studs spaced 24" OC
Insulation	3 1/2" fiberglass insulation batts
Hardware	CEMCO RC1-X resilient channels spaced 24" OC
Sheathing	5/8" Type X gypsum wallboard (v); 1" #6 type S screws spaced 12" OC

CEMCO HOTROD XL fire-rated wall mount deflection bead at sample top on both source and receiver side
No other seals/sealant used at sample top.

See Appendix C on pages 6 and 7 for a full description of Assembly Elements



SPECIMEN DESCRIPTION

The specimen is a wall assembly and its elements are described below with results on page 2. Detailed information regarding the specimen is found in Appendix C on pages 6 and 7.

INSTALLATION AND DISPOSITION

The wall assembly was originally constructed on October 29, 2019 at the Dyersville acoustic laboratory location.

Qualified representatives from North Orbit Acoustic Laboratories observed the installation process and inspected all major building elements when completed and prior to testing.

FILLER WALL

A high transmission loss double stud filler wall was constructed in the entire 20' x 12' test opening. The filler wall consisted of two 1.5" x 7.5" x 12' wood bottom and top plates separated by approximately 3" of air space. 1.5" x 3.5" wood studs were placed at 24" OC in each frame. The resulting cavity was filled entirely with fiberglass batt insulation. Four layers of Type C gypsum wall board (GWB) were attached to the outside of the frames on both sides. The GWB on the north side of the filler is mounted on resilient clips and 7/8" hat channel at 16" OC. The GWB on the south side is directly attached to the frame. The filler wall assembly was tested and the results retained for use in composite wall corrections. The filler wall was then modified to provide a 12' x 8' decoupled opening to accommodate tests in this series.

TEST METHODS

Methods follow the published standards listed below. All values derived from single-direction transmission loss measurements.

ASTM E90-09 (2016): Standard Test Method for Laboratory Measurement of Airborne Sound Transmission Loss of Building Partitions and Elements

ASTM E413-16: Classification for Rating Sound Insulation

All results reported herein were derived from tests performed in full accordance with test method ASTM E90-09 (2016). The laboratory and measurement systems fully meet all requirements of the test standard and the requirements of ASTM E90-09 (2016) Annex A2: Qualification of room sound fields and microphone systems used for sampling.

North Orbit Acoustic Laboratory (NOAL) is accredited through A2LA certificate number 4240.01 for this test procedure. This test report relates only to the item(s) tested. This report shall not be used to claim product certification, approval, or endorsement by North Orbit Acoustic Laboratories or A2LA.

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APPENDIX A: MEASUREMENT SETUP

ENVIRONMENT

Temperature: 66.0 °F [18.9 °C]

Relative Humidity: 56.6%

SPECIMEN AREA

Specimen Area: 96.0 ft² [8.9 m²]

CHAMBER VOLUME - AIRBORNE TRANSMISSION

Source Room 7,080.0 ft³ [200.5 m³]

Receiver Room 7,828.8 ft³ [221.7 m³]

INSTRUMENTATION

Description	Brand	Model	Serial
Analyzer	Sinus	Apollo	7510
Software	Sinus	Samurai	ver. 2.8.3
Microphone	Brüel & Kjær	4166	1620281
Microphone	Brüel & Kjær	4166	1620312
Preamplifier	Brüel & Kjær	2669	2025373
Preamplifier	Brüel & Kjær	2669	2083679
Rotating Boom	Brüel & Kjær	3923	2736620
Rotating Boom	Brüel & Kjær	3923	2705113
Calibrator	Brüel & Kjær	4231	2416109
Loudspeaker	Mackie	SA1501	PP14915
Loudspeaker	Mackie	SA1501	PP14940
Thermohygrometer	Digi-Sense	20250-21	181013163

APPENDIX B: CALCULATION RESULTS

Freq. Band (Hz)	Spec TL (dB)	Data Flags (see below)	95% C.I. (dB)	Flanking Limit (dB)	STC Deficiencies (dB)
25 32 40					
50 63 80	11.5 11.7 18.4		± 4.87 ± 4.55 ± 3.62	40 45 46	
100 125 160	26.9 34.5 39.3		± 2.98 ± 2.82 ± 2.62	49 55 58	4 3
200 250 315	42.9 47.6 50.6		± 1.31 ± 1.33 ± 0.98	62 65 68	2 0 0
400 500 630	55.5 58.4 60.4	à à à	± 0.52 ± 0.98 ± 0.78	71 74 76	0 0 0
800 1000 1250	61.6 62.4 62.5		± 0.57 ± 0.56 ± 0.64	79 81 84	0 0 0
1600 2000 2500	58.0 52.6 53.0		± 0.59 ± 0.62 ± 0.57	83 82 86	1 6 6
3150 4000 5000	56.5 60.2 63.1		± 0.55 ± 0.79 ± 1.22	90 89 86	2 0
6300 8000 10000					
Total deficiencies below STC contour (dB)					24
STC contour [ASTM E413]					55

‡ Correction included in calculation due to a portion of the sound transmitted by way of the filler wall. Sound transmission through the filler wall is within correction limits established in ASTM E90.

Note: 95% confidence intervals for TL measurements from room qualification data. ASTM E1289 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 derived from chamber flanking study. Extended frequency results below 80Hz and above 5000Hz are for reference only.

APPENDIX C: SPECIMEN ASSEMBLY DESCRIPTION

Overall Mass 714.6 lb [324.1 kg]

Surface Weight 7.4 PSF [36.3 kg/m²]

Building Element	Mass lb [kg]	Surface Weight PSF [kg/m ²]
5/8" Type X gypsum wallboard (vs); 1.625" #6 type S screws spaced 8" OC at perimeter except top and 12" OC in field	214.4 [97.3]	2.23 [10.90]
5/8" Type X gypsum wallboard (v); 1" #6 type S screws spaced 8" OC at perimeter except top and 12" OC in field	214.0 [97.1]	2.23 [10.88]
3-5/8" CEMCO Viper-X 18 mil (20 EQ) studs spaced 24" OC	41.2 [18.7]	0.43 [2.10]
3 1/2" fiberglass insulation batts	22.6 [10.3]	0.24 [1.15]
CEMCO RC1-X resilient channels spaced 24" OC	9.2 [4.2]	0.10 [0.47]
5/8" Type X gypsum wallboard (v); 1" #6 type S screws spaced 12" OC	213.2 [96.7]	2.22 [10.84]

CEMCO HOTROD XL fire-rated wall mount deflection bead at sample top on both source and receiver side
No other seals/sealant used at sample top.

All materials were weighed prior to installation. Weights of fasteners, tape and sealant are not represented in the above totals.

APPENDIX C: SPECIMEN ASSEMBLY DESCRIPTION (CONTINUED)

CEMCO steel tracks, steel studs, resilient channels, HOTROD XL and gypsum wallboard panels were supplied by the Client. All other materials were purchased through regional retail or wholesale channels.

FRAMING

Framing was constructed on 10-29-19 and was retained for subsequent tests in the series.

A steel stud frame was constructed within the perimeter of the laboratory test specimen opening. The frame consisted of CEMCO Viper-X (VXT), 18 mil designated thickness (20 EQ) 3-5/8" x 1-1/4" bottom track, CEMCO 33 mil designated thickness 3-5/8" (width) x 2-1/2" (leg) top track and seven CEMCO Viper-X (VXS) 18 mil designated thickness (20 EQ) 3-5/8" x 1-7/16" studs installed 24" on center (OC). The bottom track and studs were fastened together with two 7/16" #7 type screws at bottom, outside corner intersections. The perimeter of the outer sides and bottom of the frame was sealed at the specimen opening with non-hardening acoustic sealant.

CEMCO bottom tracks:	362VXT125-18 G40 33 ksi
CEMCO top tracks	362TAB250-33 G40 33 ksi
CEMCO Viper-X Studs:	362VXS144-18 G40 57 ksi

RESILIENT CHANNELS

5 pieces of CEMCO RC1-X resilient channels were fastened horizontally, perpendicular to the studs. The channels were spaced 24" OC and attached with 7/16" #7 type S screws on the receiver room side of the wall. The channels were 18 mil designated thickness and were 2" wide, 1/2" deep with a 1 1/4" screw flange.

INSULATION

Fiberglass insulation batts were friction fit into the stud cavities. The batts were 24" wide and 3 1/2" thick with an R-Value of R-13.

SHEATHING

Source Side:

Two layers of gypsum panels were applied to the source room side of the framing.

Base Layer: 5/8" Type X gypsum wallboard panels were applied parallel to the studs. A 3/4" high (max) deflection gap was left at the top of the wallboard. The panels were attached to the frame with 1", #6 type S drywall screws at 8" OC at the perimeter and 12" OC in the field, except at the top where the studs and frame were not fastened together.

Face Layer: 5/8" Type X gypsum wallboard panels were applied parallel to the studs. A 3/4" high (max) deflection gap was left at the top of the wallboard. The panels were attached to the frame with 1 5/8", #6 type S drywall screws at 8" OC at the perimeter and 12" OC in the field, except at the top where the studs and frame were not fastened together. Joints were staggered one stud cavity as to offset on each layer.

The deflection gap between the specimen opening and the top edge of the face layer of panels was fitted with Hotrod XL fire-rated wall mount deflection bead. The Hotrod XL was stapled to the outer layer of wallboard and was covered (below the deflection gap) with 20-minute joint compound over the perforated mud leg.



Receiver Side:

5/8" Type X gypsum wallboard panels were applied perpendicular to the channels (parallel to the studs). A 3/4" high (max) deflection gap was left at the top of the wallboard. The panels were attached to the frame with 1", #6 type S drywall screws 12" OC in the field. Joints were staggered one stud cavity as to offset on opposite sides.

The deflection gap between the specimen opening and the top edge of the drywall was fitted with Hotrod XL fire-rated wall mount deflection bead. The Hotrod XL was stapled to the wallboard and was covered (below the deflection gap) with 20-minute joint compound over the perforated mud leg.

The panels were shimmed at installation so equal gaps were maintained at the sides and bottom. Gaps were less than 3/8" in all cases except the top where the 3/4" deflection gap was left. Shims were removed after the panels were fastened and the sides, bottom and seams were sealed on the source and receiving room sides with non-hardening acoustical sealant. In addition, the perimeter of both sides of the specimen was sealed with 2" wide polypropylene tape and 7/8" dense putty tape, except the top which was sealed on the source and receiver only with the HOTROD XL.

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

Freq. Band (Hz)	R _i (R _i ≡ TL) (dB)	Adj. 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	11.5						
63	11.7						
80	18.4						
100	26.9	35	8.1	-29.0	-56.9	-20.0	-46.9
125	34.5	38	3.5	-26.0	-61.5	-20.0	-54.5
160	39.3	41	1.7	-23.0	-63.3	-18.0	-57.3
200	42.9	44	1.1	-21.0	-64.9	-18.0	-60.9
250	47.6	47	0.0	-19.0	-67.6	-15.0	-62.6
315	50.6	50	0.0	-17.0	-68.6	-14.0	-64.6
400	55.5	53	0.0	-15.0	-71.5	-13.0	-68.5
500	58.4	54	0.0	-13.0	-72.4	-12.0	-70.4
630	60.4	55	0.0	-12.0	-73.4	-11.0	-71.4
800	61.6	56	0.0	-11.0	-73.6	-9.0	-70.6
1000	62.4	57	0.0	-10.0	-73.4	-8.0	-70.4
1250	62.5	58	0.0	-9.0	-72.5	-9.0	-71.5
1600	58.0	58	0.0	-9.0	-68.0	-10.0	-68.0
2000	52.6	58	5.4	-9.0	-62.6	-11.0	-63.6
2500	53.0	58	5.0	-9.0	-63.0	-13.0	-66.0
3150	56.5	58	1.5	-9.0	-66.5	-15.0	-71.5
4000	60.2						
5000	63.1						
Sum =			26.3	R _{A,1} =	51.5	R _{A,2} =	45.4
R _w =			54	C =	-3	C _{tr} =	-9

$$R_w (C ; C_{tr}) = 54 (-3 ; -9)$$

$$R_w (C ; C_{tr} ; C_{50-3150} ; C_{tr,50-3150}) = 54 (-3 ; -9 ; -10 ; -23)$$

$$R_w (C ; C_{tr} ; C_{100-5000} ; C_{tr,100-5000}) = 54 (-3 ; -9 ; -2 ; -9)$$

$$R_w (C ; C_{tr} ; C_{50-5000} ; C_{tr,50-5000}) = 54 (-3 ; -9 ; -9 ; -23)$$

Calculations according to the standard ISO 717-1 are based on an assumed equivalency of the ASTM and the corresponding ISO test methods. NOAL's scope of accreditation includes ASTM E90 and the test herein is performed according to this standard as described, but NOAL does not hold accreditation for the corresponding ISO standards.

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. The calculation above represents the primary frequency range. The results below the table show the calculated primary ratings as well all available extended-frequency ratings, so that this specimen may be compared against corresponding ratings of other specimens.