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Sound Absorption
RAL™-A19-332

CONDUCTED: 2019-07-31

ON: Plate horizontal baffle (3 units, spaced 1 in. apart)

TEST METHODOLOGY

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INFORMATION PROVIDED BY SPONSOR

The test specimen was designated by the sponsor as Plate horizontal baffle (3 units, spaced 1 in. apart). The following nominal product information was provided by the sponsor prior to testing. The accuracy of such sponsor-provided information can affect the validity of the test results.

Product Under Test

Trade Name:	Plate
Manufacturer:	Turf Design

SPECIMEN MEASUREMENTS & TEST CONDITIONS

Through a full external visual inspection performed on the test specimen, Riverbank personnel verified the following information:

Test Specimen

Materials:	Semirigid felt panels, metal channels
Overall Dimensions:	3 baffles @ 914.4 mm (36 in.) x 2743.2 mm (108 in.)
Construction:	8 mm (0.315 in.) thick felt notched and folded to form baffles
	Metal channels, 2 per baffle @ 62 mm (2.441 in.) wide
	Channels spaced 405 mm (15.945 in.) on center
	Felt spacers, 8 per baffle @ 20 mm (0.787 in.) thick
	Baffle body formed around spacers and channels
	700 mm (27.559 in.) x 2544 mm (100.158 in.) opening

Test Specimen (continued)

Thickness:	Overall @ 40 mm (1.575 in.)
	Air gap @ approximately 24 mm (0.945 in.)
Overall Weight:	31.52 kg (69.5 lbs)
Orientation:	Side with opening facing horizontal test surface

Physical Measurements (per unit)

Dimensions:	0.91 m (36.0 in) wide by 2.74 m (108.0 in) long
Thickness:	0.04 m (1.58 in)
Weight:	10.51 kg (23.17 lbs)

Test Environment

Room Volume:	291.98 m³
Temperature:	21.9 °C ± 0.1 °C (Requirement: ≥ 10 °C and ≤ 5 °C change)
Relative Humidity:	62.3 % ± 1.0 % (Requirement: ≥ 40 % and ≤ 5 % change)
Barometric Pressure:	99.4 kPa (Requirement not defined)

Each sound absorbing unit had an absorptive area (all exposed surfaces) of 5.31 m^2 (57.16 ft^2). The total absorptive area (all exposed surfaces) of all sound-absorbing units was 15.93 m^2 (171.48 ft^2). The array of units covered 7.66 m^2 (82.5 ft^2) of the horizontal test surface (total treated area).

MOUNTING METHOD

Type J Mounting: The specimen is an array of 3 spaced sound absorbing baffles suspended atop an array of aircraft cables such that the closest face of the baffles is located approximately 1.45 m (57 in.) from the horizontal test surface. This approximates the mounting method of a typical ceiling baffle installation. The baffles were evenly distributed in a single row, spaced 25.4 mm (1 in.) apart.

Figure 1 – Specimen mounted in test chamber

Figure 2 – Individual baffle, sides facing sound field (left) and horizontal test surface (right)

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TEST RESULTS

Note: There is currently no standardized method for calculating Absorption Coefficients from spaced object absorbers. The sound absorption performance of spaced object absorbers should not be compared directly with specimens tested as a single rectangular area (e.g. mounting types A, E, etc.).

1/3 Octave Center Frequency	Total Absorption		Absorption per Unit	
(Hz)	(m^2)	(Sabins)	(m^2 / Unit)	(Sabins / Unit)
100	4.15	44.62	1.38	14.87
** 125	3.28	35.33	1.09	11.78
160	3.52	37.92	1.17	12.64
200	4.55	49.01	1.52	16.34
** 250	4.68	50.41	1.56	16.80
315	5.81	62.51	1.94	20.84
400	6.27	67.47	2.09	22.49
** 500	7.01	75.46	2.34	25.15
630	7.60	81.78	2.53	27.26
800	8.68	93.38	2.89	31.13
** 1000	9.35	100.61	3.12	33.54
1250	10.34	111.35	3.45	37.12
1600	11.13	119.80	3.71	39.93
** 2000	11.47	123.47	3.82	41.16
2500	11.71	126.03	3.90	42.01
3150	11.87	127.81	3.96	42.60
** 4000	12.26	131.95	4.09	43.98
5000	12.40	133.45	4.13	44.48

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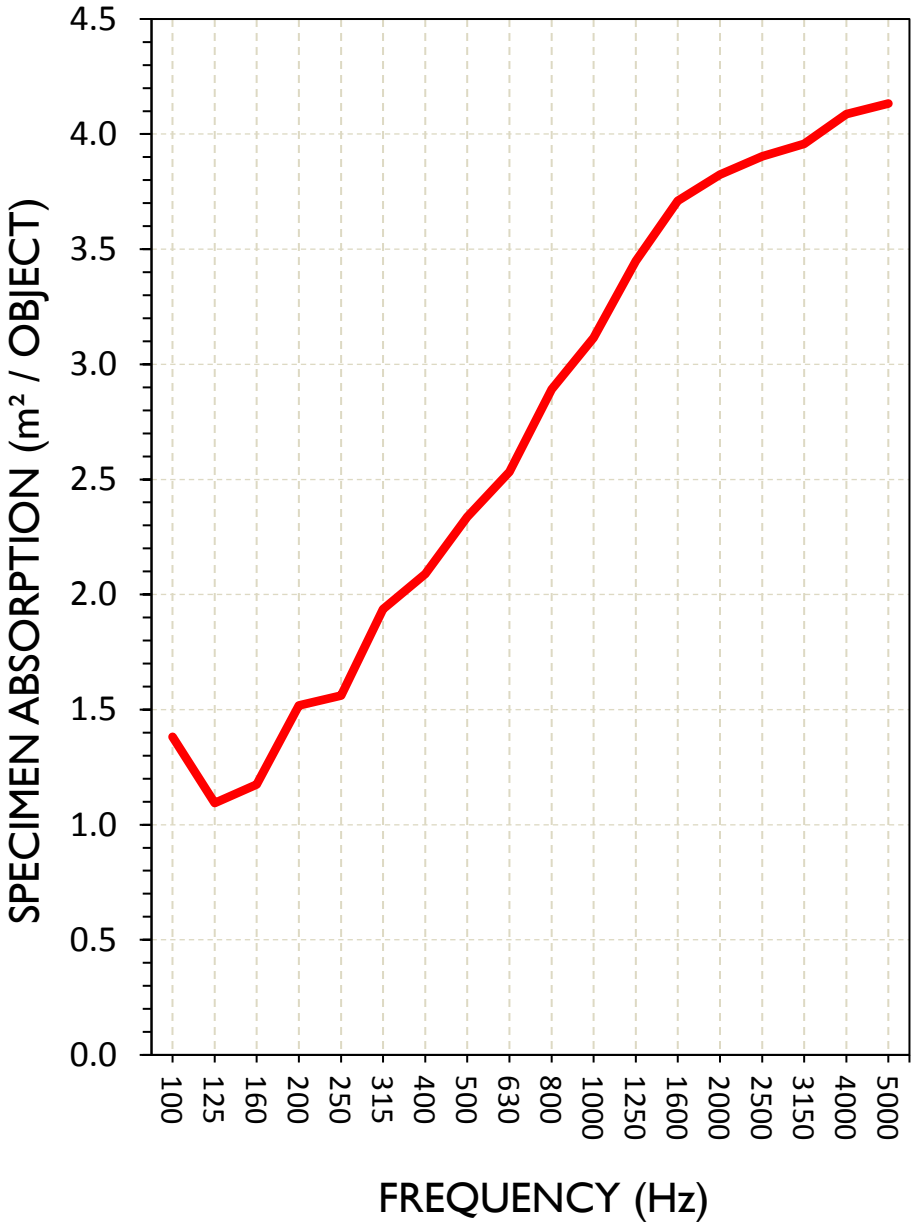
SOUND ABSORPTION REPORT

Plate horizontal baffle (3 units, spaced 1 in. apart)



APPENDIX A: Extended Frequency Range Data

Specimen: Plate horizontal baffle (3 units, spaced 1 in. apart) (See Full Report)

The following non-accredited data were obtained in accordance with ASTM C423-17, but extend beyond the defined frequency range of 100Hz to 5,000Hz. These unofficial results are representative of the RAL test environment only and intended for research & comparison purposes.

1/3 Octave Band Center Frequency (Hz)	Total Absorption (m^2)	Total Absorption (Sabins)	Absorption per Unit (m^2 / Unit)	Absorption per Unit (Sabins / Unit)
31.5	0.14	1.50	0.05	0.50
40	0.81	8.67	0.27	2.89
50	0.94	10.08	0.31	3.36
63	1.10	11.80	0.37	3.93
80	2.44	26.24	0.81	8.75
100	4.15	44.62	1.38	14.87
125	3.28	35.33	1.09	11.78
160	3.52	37.92	1.17	12.64
200	4.55	49.01	1.52	16.34
250	4.68	50.41	1.56	16.80
315	5.81	62.51	1.94	20.84
400	6.27	67.47	2.09	22.49
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2000	11.47	123.47	3.82	41.16
2500	11.71	126.03	3.90	42.01
3150	11.87	127.81	3.96	42.60
4000	12.26	131.95	4.09	43.98
5000	12.40	133.45	4.13	44.48
6300	12.91	138.93	4.30	46.31
8000	13.31	143.31	4.44	47.77
10000	13.47	145.03	4.49	48.34
12500	14.05	151.27	4.68	50.42

APPENDIX B: Instruments of Traceability

Specimen: Plate horizontal baffle (3 units, spaced 1 in. apart) (See Full Report)

Description	Model	Serial Number	Date of Certification	Calibration Due
System 1	Type 3160-A-042	System 1	2019-06-25	2020-06-25
Bruel & Kjaer Mic And Preamp A	Type 4943-B-001	2311428	2018-09-28	2019-09-28
Bruel & Kjaer Pistonphone	Type 4228	2781248	2018-08-06	2019-08-06
EXTECH Hygro 662	SD700	A083662	2018-11-29	2019-11-29

APPENDIX C: Revisions to Original Test Report

Specimen: Plate horizontal baffle (3 units, spaced 1 in. apart) (See Full Report)

Date	Revision
2019-08-12	Original report issued

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Appendix D to ASTM C423 Sound Absorption Test
Non-standard calculation of equivalent NRC Rating and Absorption Coefficients from spaced absorbers

At this time ASTM C423 does not provide a standard method for determining absorption coefficients of spaced object absorbers. Tests of a set of sound absorbing objects spaced apart from each other will yield higher absorption rates than a specimen joined together as a single patch (A-Mount or E-Mount). For this reason it is unfair to provide NRC or absorption coefficient ratings for specimens that consist of a spaced set of absorbers. Despite this, the architectural industry has expressed great demand for a simple "single number" rating for these treatments. Likewise, acoustical consultants desire equivalent absorption coefficient data for use in acoustical modeling software. The following is an attempt to appease these demands until ASTM develops a standard method for calculation. Several alternate non-standard calculation methods are provided. Riverbank Acoustical Laboratories prefers method 1.

Method 1) Apparent Sound Absorption Coefficient calculated from total test surface area covered
The total sound absorption yielded by the specimen is divided by the total surface area of the test surface covered by the suspended baffles, including intermediate spaces. The baffle rigging covered 7.66 m^2 (82.5 ft^2) of horizontal test surface area. With an extra 25.4 mm (1 in.) of width and length to account for the space between the tested array and what would be the next baffles in a larger rectangular array , the surface area comes to 7.81 m^2 (84.02 ft^2) Apparent Noise Reduction Coefficient (NRC) rating and Sound Absorption Average (SAA) figures are calculated from this data based on the methods described in ASTM C423-17. This may be the most accurate method for comparing baffle arrays to ceiling tile products. The apparent sound absorption coefficient data can be assigned to a single horizontal surface or plane in acoustical modeling software for approximation of baffle array performance. Such approximations rely on the assumptions that baffle spacing is similar to that of the tested array and that the installation occurs over a perfectly reflective ceiling surface.

Method 2) Apparent Sound Absorption Coefficient calculated from total exposed surface area of specimen
The total sound absorption yielded by the specimen is divided by the total surface area of all exposed specimen faces (5.31 m^2 (57.16 ft^2) per baffle x 3 baffles = 15.93 m^2 (171.48 ft^2) total surface area). Apparent Noise Reduction Coefficient (NRC) rating and Sound Absorption Average (SAA) figures are calculated from this data based on the methods described in ASTM C423-17. This method shows the actual absorption occurring at the exposed surfaces, but does not provide a fair comparison with materials mounted as a uniform patch (in A-mount or E-mount).

Method 3) Apparent Sound Absorption Coefficient calculated from one face per baffle
The total sound absorption yielded by the specimen is divided by the surface area of one side of one large face for each baffle in the specimen (2.51 m^2 (27.0 ft^2) per baffle x 3 baffles = 7.53 m^2 (81.0 ft^2) total surface area). Apparent Noise Reduction Coefficient (NRC) rating and Sound Absorption Average (SAA) figures are calculated from this data based on the methods described in ASTM C423-17. This method is favored by some material manufacturers since it yields very high NRC figures, but does not provide a fair comparison with other ceiling tile or wall panel products. Riverbank Acoustical Laboratories recommends that results obtained from this method be used for research and comparison purposes only; such results should not be used for marketed claims of product performance.

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Appendix D: Data Note: See full test report for details of mounting position, spacing, and configuration, as these parameters greatly affect sound absorption performance.

Specimen Absorption			Method 1	Method 2	Method 3
Freq. (Hz)	**Sabins**	**Sabins / Unit**	Apparent Abs. Coefficient From Total Coverage Area	Apparent Abs. Coefficient From Total Exposed Surface Area	Apparent Abs. Coefficient From One Face/Baffle
31.5	1.50	0.50	0.02	0.01	0.02
40	8.67	2.89	0.10	0.05	0.11
50	10.08	3.36	0.12	0.06	0.12
63	11.80	3.93	0.14	0.07	0.15
80	26.24	8.75	0.31	0.15	0.32
100	44.62	14.87	0.53	0.26	0.55
125	35.33	11.78	0.42	0.21	0.44
160	37.92	12.64	0.45	0.22	0.47
200	49.01	16.34	0.58	0.29	0.61
250	50.41	16.80	0.60	0.29	0.62
315	62.51	20.84	0.74	0.36	0.77
400	67.47	22.49	0.80	0.39	0.83
500	75.46	25.15	0.90	0.44	0.93
630	81.78	27.26	0.97	0.48	1.01
800	93.38	31.13	1.11	0.54	1.15
1,000	100.61	33.54	1.20	0.59	1.24
1,250	111.35	37.12	1.33	0.65	1.37
1,600	119.80	39.93	1.43	0.70	1.48
2,000	123.47	41.16	1.47	0.72	1.52
2,500	126.03	42.01	1.50	0.73	1.56
3,150	127.81	42.60	1.52	0.75	1.58
4,000	131.95	43.98	1.57	0.77	1.63
5,000	133.45	44.48	1.59	0.78	1.65
6,300	138.93	46.31	1.65	0.81	1.72
8,000	143.31	47.77	1.71	0.84	1.77
10,000	145.03	48.34	1.73	0.85	1.79
12,500	151.27	50.42	1.80	0.88	1.87
		Apparent NRC:	**1.05**	**0.50**	**1.10**
		Apparent SAA:	**1.05**	**0.52**	**1.09**

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