

**Test Report**FOR: **Turf Design**  
Elgin, IL**Sound Absorption**  
**RAL-A18-436**

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ON: Ridge baffles, spaced 12 in. on center

**TEST METHOD**

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**DESCRIPTION OF THE SPECIMEN**

The test specimen was designated by the manufacturer as Ridge baffles, spaced 12 in. on center. A full internal inspection performed on the test specimen by Riverbank personnel verified the manufacturer's description.

**Test Specimen**

Trade Name:	Ridge
Material:	Polyethylene terephthalate felt
Overall Dimensions:	12 @ 2413 mm (95 in.) long x 28.19 mm (1.11 in.) thick
Key Geometry:	9 mm (0.354 in.) thick felt body Depth profile varies between baffles Additional 54 mm (2.126 in.) wide x 9 mm (0.354 in.) thick felt pieces adhered to both sides of body at top edge
Maximum Height:	Baffle type 1 @ 285.75 mm (11.25 in.) Baffle type 2 @ 263.52 mm (10.375 in.) Baffle type 3 @ 242.82 mm (9.56 in.) Baffle type 4 @ 222.25 mm (8.75 in.) Baffle type 5 @ 200.02 mm (7.875 in.) Baffle type 6 @ 177.8 mm (7 in.)
Overall Weight:	12.02 kg (26.5 lbs)

**Physical Measures (per unit)**

Dimensions:	0.29 m (11.25 in) wide by 2.41 m (95.0 in) long
Thickness:	0.03 m (1.11 in)
Weight:	1.0 kg (2.21 lbs)

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### Test Environment

Room Volume: 291.98 m<sup>3</sup>  
Temperature: 20.4 °C ± 0.1 °C  
Relative Humidity: 60.9 % ± 0.6 %  
Barometric Pressure: 100.5 kPa

The total absorptive area (all exposed surfaces) of all sound-absorbing units was 9.44 m<sup>2</sup> (101.61 ft<sup>2</sup>). The array of units covered 8.14 m<sup>2</sup> (87.58 ft<sup>2</sup>) of chamber floor surface (total treated area).

### MOUNTING METHOD

Type J Mounting: The specimen is a set of twelve (12) spaced sound absorbing baffles, including two of each of baffle types 1 through 6, suspended in order from an array of cables such that the bottom face of the type 1 baffles is located approximately 1149.35 mm (45.25 in.) above 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 304.8 mm (12 in.) on center.

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Figure 1 - Specimen mounted in test chamber, type 1 baffle mounted closest to south test chamber wall



Figure 2 - Detail of varying baffle depth profile

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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.).

Because of the varying depth profile between the six types of baffles, Absorption per Unit data should be considered as an average across all baffle types. This data will be most accurate for baffle arrays containing an even distribution of all baffle types.

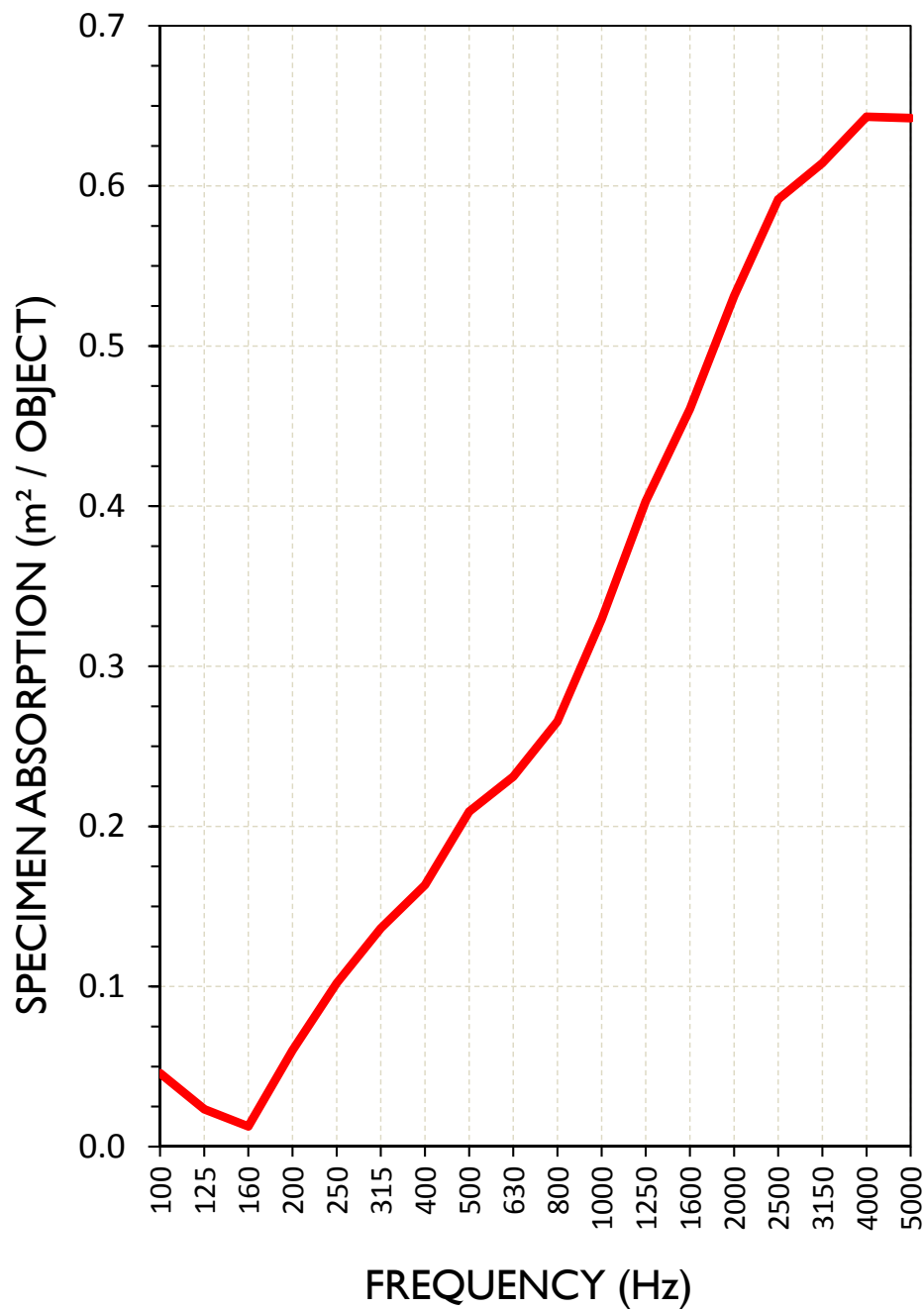
1/3 Octave Center Frequency (Hz)	Total Absorption		Absorption per Unit	
	(m <sup>2</sup> )	(Sabins)	(m <sup>2</sup> / Unit)	(Sabins / Unit)
100	0.55	5.91	0.05	0.49
** 125	0.28	3.01	0.02	0.25
160	0.15	1.63	0.01	0.14
200	0.72	7.76	0.06	0.65
** 250	1.23	13.19	0.10	1.10
315	1.64	17.61	0.14	1.47
400	1.96	21.11	0.16	1.76
** 500	2.51	27.03	0.21	2.25
630	2.77	29.85	0.23	2.49
800	3.19	34.30	0.27	2.86
** 1000	3.95	42.55	0.33	3.55
1250	4.84	52.05	0.40	4.34
1600	5.53	59.51	0.46	4.96
** 2000	6.37	68.62	0.53	5.72
2500	7.10	76.41	0.59	6.37
3150	7.37	79.34	0.61	6.61
** 4000	7.72	83.09	0.64	6.92
5000	7.71	82.98	0.64	6.91

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### **APPENDIX A: Extended Frequency Range Data**

Specimen: Ridge baffles, spaced 12 in. on center (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		Absorption per Unit	
	(m <sup>2</sup> )	(Sabins)	(m <sup>2</sup> / Unit)	(Sabins / Unit)
31.5	-0.44	-4.77	-0.04	-0.40
40	0.78	8.35	0.06	0.70
50	1.13	12.15	0.09	1.01
63	0.15	1.58	0.01	0.13
80	0.41	4.37	0.03	0.36
100	0.55	5.91	0.05	0.49
125	0.28	3.01	0.02	0.25
160	0.15	1.63	0.01	0.14
200	0.72	7.76	0.06	0.65
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4000	7.72	83.09	0.64	6.92
5000	7.71	82.98	0.64	6.91
6300	7.49	80.67	0.62	6.72
8000	7.80	84.00	0.65	7.00
10000	7.49	80.61	0.62	6.72
12500	7.35	79.07	0.61	6.59

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### **APPENDIX B: Instruments of Traceability**

Specimen: Ridge baffles, spaced 12 in. on center (See Full Report)

<b><u>Description</u></b>	<b><u>Model</u></b>	<b><u>Serial Number</u></b>	<b><u>Date of Certification</u></b>	<b><u>Calibration Due</u></b>
System 1	Type 3160-A-4/2	System 1	2018-08-09	2019-08-09
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
Omega Digital Temp., Humid. And Pressure Recorder	OM-CP-PRHTemp2000	P97844	2018-02-03	2019-02-03

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### **Appendix C 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 programs. The following is an attempt to appease these demands until ASTM develops a standard method for calculation. Multiple 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 8.14 m<sup>2</sup> (87.58 ft<sup>2</sup>) of horizontal test surface area. With an additional 304.8 mm (12 in.) of width to account for the space between the tested array and what would be the next baffle in a larger array, the surface area comes to 8.87 m<sup>2</sup> (95.49 ft<sup>2</sup>). 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. In acoustical modeling applications, the apparent sound absorption coefficient data can be assigned to a single horizontal surface or plane for approximation of baffle array performance. Such approximations rely on the assumptions that baffle spacing is similar to the tested specimen 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, as obtained from client CAD models (9.44 m<sup>2</sup> (101.61 ft<sup>2</sup>) 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, as obtained from client CAD models (4.72 m<sup>2</sup> (50.81 ft<sup>2</sup>) 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 Area of One Face per Baffle
31.5	-4.77	-0.40	-0.05	-0.05	-0.09
40	8.35	0.70	0.09	0.08	0.16
50	12.15	1.01	0.13	0.12	0.24
<b>63</b>	1.58	0.13	0.02	0.02	0.03
80	4.37	0.36	0.05	0.04	0.09
100	5.91	0.49	0.06	0.06	0.12
<b>125</b>	3.01	0.25	0.03	0.03	0.06
160	1.63	0.14	0.02	0.02	0.03
200	7.76	0.65	0.08	0.08	0.15
<b>250</b>	13.19	1.10	0.14	0.13	0.26
315	17.61	1.47	0.18	0.17	0.35
400	21.11	1.76	0.22	0.21	0.42
<b>500</b>	27.03	2.25	0.28	0.27	0.53
630	29.85	2.49	0.31	0.29	0.59
800	34.30	2.86	0.36	0.34	0.68
<b>1,000</b>	42.55	3.55	0.45	0.42	0.84
1,250	52.05	4.34	0.55	0.51	1.02
1,600	59.51	4.96	0.62	0.59	1.17
<b>2,000</b>	68.62	5.72	0.72	0.68	1.35
2,500	76.41	6.37	0.80	0.75	1.50
3,150	79.34	6.61	0.83	0.78	1.56
<b>4,000</b>	83.09	6.92	0.87	0.82	1.64
5,000	82.98	6.91	0.87	0.82	1.63
6,300	80.67	6.72	0.84	0.79	1.59
<b>8,000</b>	84.00	7.00	0.88	0.83	1.65
10,000	80.61	6.72	0.84	0.79	1.59
12,500	79.07	6.59	0.83	0.78	1.56
<b>Apparent NRC:</b>			<b>0.40</b>	<b>0.35</b>	<b>0.75</b>
<b>Apparent SAA:</b>			<b>0.39</b>	<b>0.37</b>	<b>0.74</b>

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