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Test Report

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**FOR: Commercial Acoustics** 

Tampa, FL

Sound Transmission Loss RAL-TL18-392

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ON: Steel stud gypsum board wall, 0.6 psf ethylene vinyl acetate Wall Blokker on source side

### **TEST METHOD**

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### DESCRIPTION OF THE SPECIMEN

The test specimen was designated by the manufacturer as Steel stud gypsum board wall, 0.6 psf ethylene vinyl acetate mass-loaded vinyl on source side. A full internal inspection performed on the test specimen by Riverbank personnel verified the manufacturer's description.

The building contractor and RAL staff compiled a detailed construction specification as follows:

### **Plates/Base Track**

Material: Clark Dietrich 25 ga EQ steel track

Dimensions: 2 @ 2438.4 mm (96 in.) long x 31.75 mm (1.25 in.) high x 92.07

mm (3.625 in.) deep

Installation: Friction fit to test frame over foam sill sealer

Overall Weight: 2.15 kg (4.75 lbs)

Mass per Unit Length: 0.44 kg/m (0.30 lb/ft)

### **Studs**

Material: Clark Dietrich 25 ga EQ steel studs

Dimensions: 5 @ 2743.2 mm (108 in.) long x 31.75 mm (1.25 in.) wide x 92.07

mm (3.625 in.) deep

Stud Spacing: 609.6 mm (24 in.) on center

Installation: Crimped at top and bottom to tracks

Side studs screwed to test frame at midpoint, one screw per side

Fasteners: Type W bugle head drywall screw, 31.75 mm (1.25 in.) length

Overall Weight: 7.14 kg (15.75 lbs)

Mass per Unit Length: 0.52 kg/m (0.35 lb/ft)

Note: A 6.35 mm (0.25 in.) bead of sealant was applied around both sides of the perimeter where framing members contact the test frame (0.91 kg (2 lbs) total).



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### **Source Side**

Layer 1

Material: Ethylene vinyl acetate Wall Blokker

Dimensions: 2 @ 1219.2 mm (48 in.) x 2743.2 mm (108 in.)

Thickness: 3.18 mm (0.125 in.)

Installation: Screwed to study, six screws per sheet

Center seam treated with duct tape

Fasteners: #8 wafer head stud screws

Overall Weight: 19.96 kg (44 lbs)

Mass per Unit Area: Nominal @ 2.93 kg/m<sup>2</sup> (0.6 lb/ft<sup>2</sup>)

Measured @ 2.98 kg/m<sup>2</sup> (0.61 lb/ft<sup>2</sup>)

Layer 2

Material: Type X gypsum board

Dimensions: 1 @ 1219.2 mm (48 in.) x 2743.2 mm (108 in.)

2 @ 609.6 mm (24 in.) x 2743.2 mm (108 in.)

Thickness: 15.88 mm (0.625 in.)

Installation: Screwed through Layer 1 to studs

Fasteners: Type S bugle head drywall screws, 31.75 mm (1.25 in.) length

Fastener Spacing: 406.4 mm (16 in.) on center, perimeter and field

Overall Weight: 73.03 kg (161 lbs)

Mass per Unit Area:  $10.92 \text{ kg/m}^2 (2.24 \text{ lb/ft}^2)$ 

Cavity

Material: R-13 unfaced fiberglass insulation

Installation: Friction fit into stud cavities

Overall Weight: 7.71 kg (17 lbs)

Density: 12.97 kg/m<sup>3</sup> (0.81 lb/ft<sup>3</sup>)

### **Receive Side**

Material: Type X gypsum board

Dimensions: 2 @ 1219.2 mm (48 in.) x 2743.2 mm (108 in.)

Thickness: 15.88 mm (0.625 in.) Installation: Screwed to studs

Fasteners: Type S bugle head drywall screws, 31.75 mm (1.25 in.) length

Fastener Spacing: 406.4 mm (16 in.) on center, perimeter and field

Overall Weight: 72.69 kg (160.25 lbs)
Mass per Unit Area: 10.87 kg/m² (2.23 lb/ft²)

Note: A thin layer of sealant and metal tape was applied to joints and screw heads on both sides of the partition (0.45 kg (1 lbs) total).



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**Physical Measures** 

Overall Dimensions: 2.44 m (96.00 in.) wide by 2.74 m (108.00 in.) high

Overall Thickness: 127.00 mm (5.00 in.)
Overall Weight: 184.05 kg (405.75 lbs.)
Transmission Area: 6.69 m² (72.00 ft²)

Mass per Unit Area:  $27.54 \text{ kg/m}^2 (5.64 \text{ lbs./ft}^2)$ 

**Test Aperture** 

Size: 2.74 m (9.0 ft.) by 4.27 m (14.0 ft.)

Filler Wall: Yes

Sealed: Entire periphery (both sides) with dense mastic

**Test Environment** 

Source Room

Volume:  $177.1 \text{ m}^3 (6254.5 \text{ ft}^3)$ Temperature:  $23\pm0^{\circ}\text{C} (74\pm0^{\circ}\text{F})$ 

Humidity: 55±0%

Receive Room

Volume: 178.3 m<sup>3</sup> (6297.6 ft<sup>3</sup>) Temperature: 22±0°C (72±0°F)

Humidity: 55±0%

Requirements

Temperature:  $22^{\circ}$  C +/-  $2^{\circ}$  C, not more than  $3^{\circ}$  C change over all tests. Humidity:  $\geq 30\%$  RH, not more than +/- 3% change over all tests.



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Figure 1 – Completed specimen mounted in test opening, as viewed from source room



Figure 2 – Framing members installed



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Figure 3 – Wall Blokker layer installed



Figure 4 – Stud cavity insulation installed, receive side gypsum board partially installed



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### TEST RESULTS

Sound transmission loss values are tabulated at the eighteen standard frequencies. A graphic presentation of the data and additional information appear on the following pages. The precision of the transmission loss test data is within the limits set by the ASTM Standard E90-09 (2016).

FREQ.	<u>T.L.</u>	<u>C.L.</u>	DEF.		FREQ.	<u>T.L.</u>	<u>C.L.</u>	DEF.
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100	20	0.71			800	57	0.13	
125	32	0.68	7		1000	60	0.14	
160	37	0.50	5		1250	61	0.18	
200	41	0.39	4		1600	60	0.12	
250	46	0.40	2		2000	56	0.09	3
315	49	0.19	2		2500	55	0.10	4
400	52	0.27	2		3150	59	0.11	
500	53	0.16	2		4000	61	0.09	
630	55	0.22	1		5000	62	0.09	

STC=55

### ABBREVIATION INDEX

FREQ. = FREQUENCY, HERTZ, (cps)

T.L. = TRANSMISSION LOSS, dB

C.L. = SAMPLING PRECISION DURING TEST IN dB, FOR A 95% CONFIDENCE LIMIT

DEF. = DEFICIENCIES, dB<STC CONTOUR (SUM OF DEF = 32)

STC = SOUND TRANSMISSION CLASS

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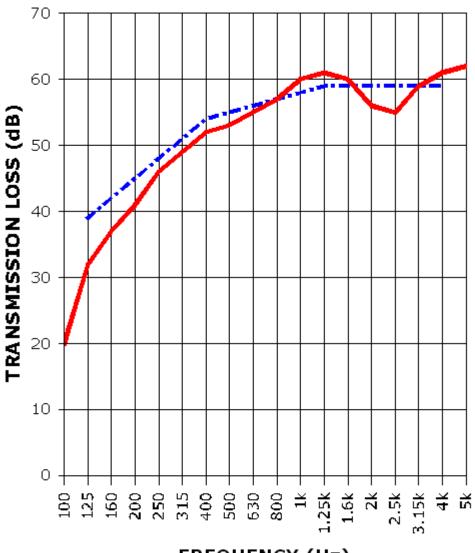
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### **SOUND TRANSMISSION REPORT**

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FREQUENCY (Hz)

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

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The following non-accredited data were obtained in accordance with ASTM E90-09 (2016), 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. Sampling precision observed during this procedure is reported below.

1/3 Octave Band Center Frequency (Hz)	Sound Transmission Loss (dB)	Sampling Precision (95% ±)
31.5	13	1.39
40	20	0.56
50	16	0.68
63	13	0.55
80	13	0.43
100	20	0.71
125	32	0.68
160	37	0.50
200	41	0.39
250	46	0.40
315	49	0.19
400	52	0.27
500	53	0.16
630	55	0.22
800	57	0.13
1000	60	0.14
1250	61	0.18
1600	60	0.12
2000	56	0.09
2500	55	0.10
3150	59	0.11
4000	61	0.09
5000	62	0.09
6300	64	0.10
8000	65	0.14
10000	65	0.16
12500	63	0.22



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# **APPENDIX B: Instruments of Traceability**

Specimen: Steel stud gypsum board wall, 0.6 psf ethylene vinyl acetate Wall Blokker on source side (See Full Report)

		Serial	Date of	Calibration
<u>Description</u>	<b>Model</b>	<u>Number</u>	<b>Certification</b>	<u>Due</u>
Bruel & Kjaer Pulse Analyzer - System4	Type 3560-C	2639093	2017-08-02	2018-08-02
Bruel & Kjaer Mic And Preamp D	Type 4943-B-001	2311440	2017-09-22	2018-09-22
Bruel & Kjaer Pistonphone	Type 4228	2781248	2017-08-02	2018-08-02
EXTECH_62	SD700	A.083662	2017-11-20	2018-11-20
EXTECH_63	SD700	A.083663	2017-11-20	2018-11-20

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