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BS EN ISO 354:2003

Acoustics – Measurement of Sound Absorption in a Reverberation Room

Client:	Forbo Flooring UK
Job Number:	05681
Sample Reference:	FLOTEX NEXT
Date(s) of Test:	06 April 2022

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Laboratory Manager

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Client Details: Forbo Flooring UK

                                   High Holborn Rd

                                   Ripley

                                   Derbyshire

                                   DE5 3NT

Manufacturer: Client

Mounting Type: Type A Mounting

Date Order Received: 23 March 2022

1. <u>Test Samples</u>

The following sample was installed in the large reverberation room of the University of Salford Acoustic Test Laboratory. It was installed in accordance with Annex B of BS EN ISO 354:2003. All information regarding the samples comes from laboratory measurements unless marked with "*cs*" or otherwise stated.

1.1. Description of Test Samples

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Sample Reference *cs***:**	FLOTEX NEXT
Sample Description:	Carpet - Type A Mounting

The sample was composed of two sections of carpet cut from the roll received from the client. It was cut at the time of testing and loose laid directly on the concrete floor of the reverberation chamber.

Sample area:	4000×2865 mm
Thickness:	3.7 mm
Mass per unit area:	2.3 kg/m^2

1.3. Photographs

2.   <u>Description of Test Procedure</u>

2.1.   Description of Test Facility

The tests were carried out in the large reverberation room at the University of Salford. The room has been designed with hard surfaces and non-parallel walls to give long empty room reverberation times with uniform decays. It has the shape of a truncated wedge. In addition, 18 plywood panels, of various sizes, were hung in the room to improve the diffusivity of the sound field. The test sample was placed in the centre of the floor. The excitation signal comprised wide band random noise played into the room via two dodecahedron, omnidirectional loudspeakers mounted in room corners. The sound was monitored at each of 6 microphone positions. The room is 7.4 m long $\times$ ~6.6 m wide $\times$ 4.5 m high with a volume of 222 m^3 and a total surface area of 224 m^2. The volume of the room permits a maximum sample size of 12.79 m^2 to be tested, in accordance with Clause 6.2.1.1 in BS EN ISO 354: 2003, "Acoustics - Measurement of sound absorption in a reverberation room".

2.2.   Test Procedure

The procedure followed that detailed in BS EN ISO 354. Measurements were made on the rate of decay of sound in the test chamber with and without the sample in place. The frequency range from 100 Hz to 5000 Hz was covered in one-third octave bands. An average reverberation time was taken from five decays at each of six microphone positions for each of two loudspeaker positions (i.e. 60 decays per third octave band). The decays were produced by exciting the room with amplified wide band random noise and stopping the excitation once the chamber became saturated. The time taken for the sound to decay by a given amount is measured and extrapolated to give the reverberation time. In practice this was determined by sampling the decaying sound field on a one-third octave band frequency analyser and storing the spectrum in a computer every 32 milliseconds. The reverberation time was obtained from the arithmetically averaged decays at each frequency. The measurements with and without the sample in the room were carried out consecutively to avoid significant changes in relative humidity and temperature that influence air absorption at higher frequencies.

2.3.   Calculation

The random incidence sound absorption coefficients were determined from the measured data by means of the equations below:

$$\alpha_s = \frac{A_T}{S}$$

Where

α_s is the absorption coefficient of the sample

S is the area covered by the test specimen (m^2)

A_T is the equivalent sound absorption area of the test specimen (m^2)

$$A_T = A_2 - A_1 = 55.3V\left(\frac{1}{c_2 T_2} - \frac{1}{c_1 T_1}\right) - 4V(m_2 - m_1)$$

A_1 is the equivalent sound absorption area of the empty reverberation room (m^2).

A_2 is the equivalent sound absorption area of the room reverberation containing the test specimen (m^2).

V is the volume, in cubic metres, of the empty reverberation room:

c_1 is the propagation speed of sound at air temperature t_1;

c_2 is the propagation speed of sound at air temperature t_2;

T_1 is the mean reverberation times of the empty reverberation room in each frequency band (sec).

T_2 is the mean reverberation times of the reverberation room containing the test specimen in each frequency band (sec)

m_1 is the power attenuation, in reciprocal metres, using the climatic conditions that have been presented in the empty reverberation room.

m_2 is the power attenuation, in reciprocal metres, using the climatic conditions that have been presented in the reverberation room containing the test specimen.

The single-number rating, α_W, has been calculated in accordance with BS EN ISO 11654:1997, *Acoustics – Sound absorbers for use in buildings – Rating of sound absorption.*

(No correction is applied for the absorption of the surface covered by the test sample)

3. <u>Equipment</u>

Equipment	Laboratory Equipment Record No.
Norwegian Electronics 1/3 octave band real time analyser type 850 with in-built random noise generator	RTA3-07 to 12
Quad 510 power amplifier	PA7
Norsonic Sound Calibrator type 1251	C8
2 × Norsonic Dodecahedron Loudspeakers	LS10-LS11
2 × Bruel &Kjaer random incidence condenser microphone type 4166 in the receiving room	M9, M18
4 × G.R.A.S. random incidence condenser microphones type 40AP in the receiving room	M20, M31, M19, M32
Environmental sensor data logger, hygrometers and barometer	HL1, HG2, BM3
Toshiba TECRA R850 119 laptop computer and related peripheral equipment (network switch, printer, monitor etc.)	RTA3-00
Yamaha GQ1031BII graphic equalizer	GEQ1

4. <u>Results</u>

The random incidence sound absorption coefficients, α_S, are given in the tables over leaf.

Also given are the octave-band practical sound absorption coefficients, α_{pi}, and the weighted sound absorption coefficient, α_W.

The results here presented relate only to the items received, tested and described in this report.

4. <u>Results</u>

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Acoustics - Measurement of absorption in a reverberation room

Client:	**Forbo Flooring UK**
	High Holborn Rd, Ripley, Derbyshire,
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Sample Reference:	**FLOTEX NEXT**
Description of Sample:	Carpet - Type A Mounting

Room Volume: 222 m³   Location: Acoustic Transmission Suite
Sample Size: 11.46 m²   Test Room Large reverberation Room
Sample Thickness: 3.7 mm   Condition: Clean

Sample Out   *Sample In*
Temperature   20.5 °C   Temperature   20.5 °C
Relative Humidity   40.2 %   Relative Humidity   40.4 %
Static Pressure   98.6 kPa   Static Pressure   98.5 kPa

Random Incidence Sound Absorption Coefficient

Frequency [Hz]	T_1 [s]	T_2 [s]	α_S
100	5.51	5.44	0.01
125	4.60	4.69	-0.01
160	5.53	5.52	0.00
200	5.47	5.34	0.01
250	6.13	6.02	0.01
315	5.99	5.80	0.02
400	5.89	5.59	0.03
500	5.76	5.42	0.03
630	5.48	5.10	0.04
800	5.44	4.85	0.07
1000	5.20	4.46	0.10
1250	4.87	4.11	0.12
1600	4.50	3.70	0.15
2000	3.94	3.12	0.21
2500	3.30	2.58	0.27
3150	2.75	2.25	0.26
4000	2.12	1.82	0.25
5000	1.79	1.57	0.25

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1000	0.10
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1600	0.15
2000	0.21
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4000	0.25
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Acoustics - Sound absorbers for use in buildings

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Sample Reference: **FLOTEX NEXT**
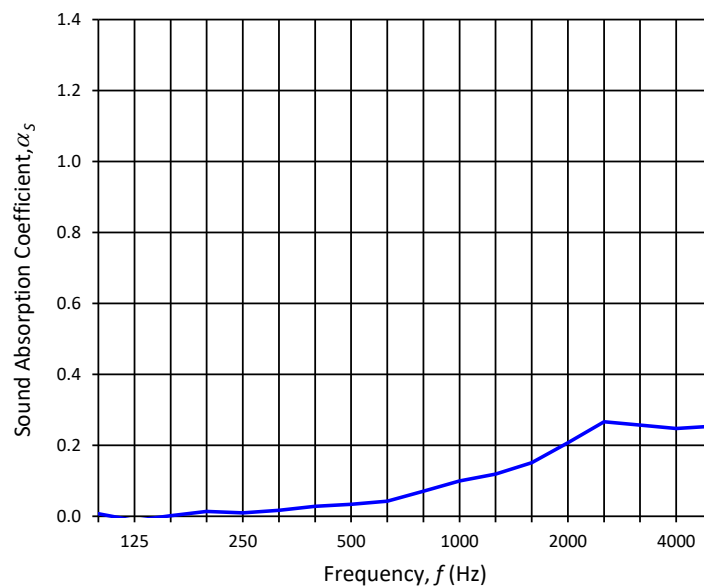Description of Sample: Carpet - Type A Mounting

Room Volume: 222 m³   Location: Acoustic Transmission Suite
Sample Size: 11.46 m²   Test Room Large reverberation Room
Sample Thickness: 3.7 mm   Condition: Clean

Sample Out   *Sample In*
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Random Incidence Sound Absorption Coefficient

Frequency [Hz]	α_{pi}
125	0.00
250	0.00
500	0.05
1000	0.10
2000	0.20
4000	0.25
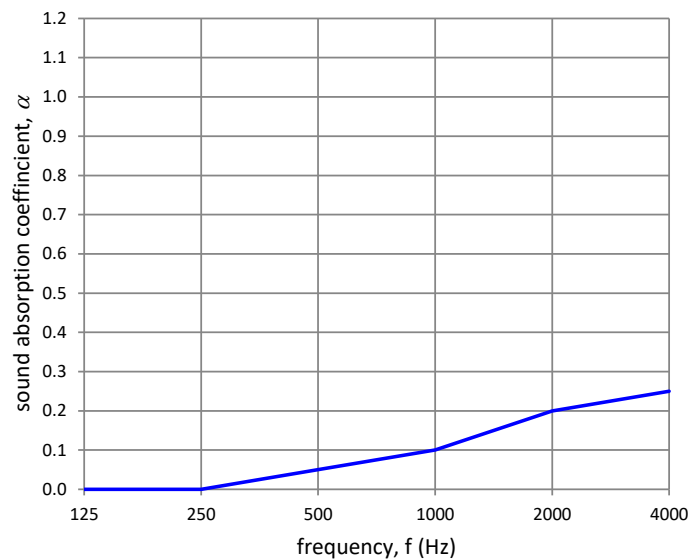
α_w =   **0.10**   **(H)**

Classification: Not Categorised

Signed:

If a shape indicator is given, it is strongly recommended to use this single-number rating in combination with the complete absorption coefiicient curve that can be obtained on request.

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