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29th August 2001

FAO Mr. A. King and Mr. A. Borland Page and Park Architects.

Dickie Building Contractors.

Dear Sirs,

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IMPACT SOUND INSULATION IMPROVEMENT AT WESTERTON ROAD, GRANGEMOUTH

Concerning your request to carry out additional impact sound insulation tests using two types of resilient floor covering, the test regults are as follows:

Location	Floor Test Resi	<u>ılt</u>	Previous Test
Block C Living Rooms	Impact L'nT,w	= 57 dB (Sempafloor)PASS	64 dB (bare Floor)
A Proposition of the Control of the	Impact L'nT,w	= 63 dB (fibrous felt) FAIL	64 dB (bare floor)
Block C Bedrooms	Impact L'nT,w	= 61 dB (Sempafloor) PASS	66dB (bare floor)
3 11 2 7 2 4 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6	impact L'nT,w	= 65 dB (fibrous felt) FAIL	66 dB (bare floor)

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The test results show a pass on impact sound insulation performance when the Sempafloor resilient covering is used. However, the black fibrous felt material was unsuccessful in that the impact results still show a failure.

Yours faithfully,

David Barbour

David Barbour 3Sc. MSc, MIOA, MCIBSE, CEng

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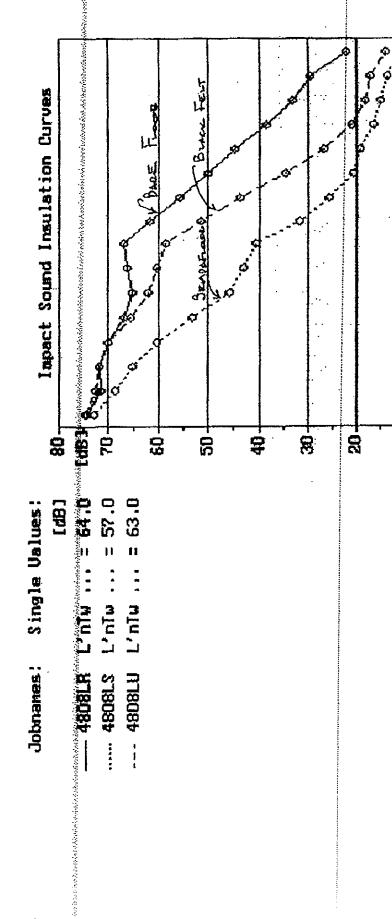
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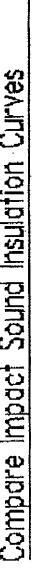
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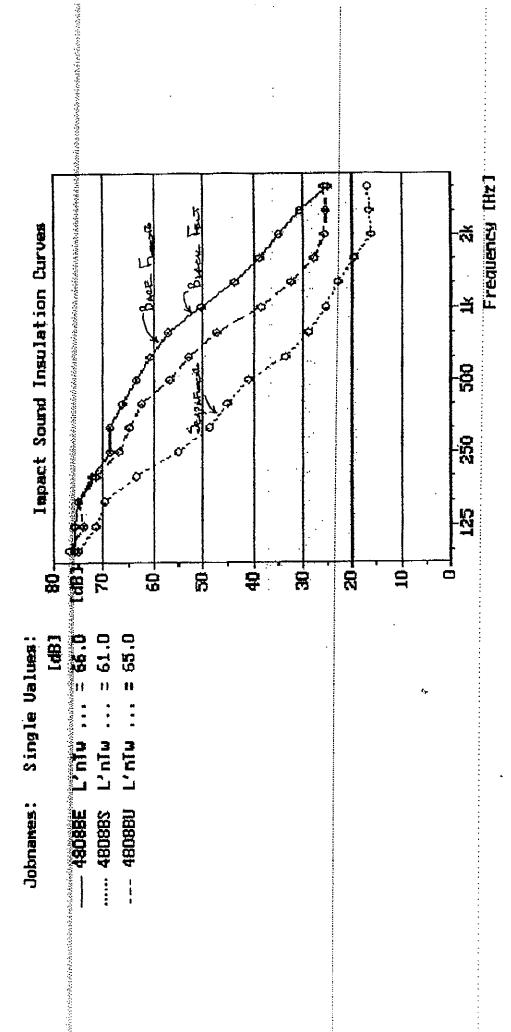
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ACOUSTIC TESTS

at

WESTERTON ROAD SITE, GRANGEMOUTH.

for

DICKIE CONSTRUCTION LIMITED AND PARK AND PAGE ARCHITECTS

by

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- Section 3: Airborne and impact sound insulation tests between the living rooms and bedrooms of No.37 and No.39 Block C.

Section 1: To check for noise leakage through an indirect path between the living rooms No. 37 and No.39 Block C.

To check for noise transmission between the bathroom of the mid-flat with a stepped floor section and the ground store/cleaner/laundry areas of the Common Block.



Brief:

To check for noise leakage through an indirect path from the upper to the ground living rooms in Block C.

Test Arrangement:

Standard sound insulation tests were carried out between the upper floor living room No.37 and ground floor living room No.39 under the following situations:

Both upper and ground living room doors closed. a. Ground floor stair cupboard door closed.

Result - Airborne $DnT_{,w} = 53 dB$ (see graph No.2, 4808FD)

b. Both upper and ground living room doors open. Ground floor stair cupboard door open.

Result - Airborne DnT, w = 53 dB (see graph No.1, 4808FC)

Conclusions.

1. The single figure DnT,w performance rating was the same (DnT,w = 53 dB) for both closed and open door situations.

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- 2. There is a reduction in high frequency sound insulation performance above 800 Hz as shown in 'red' between the graphs.
- 3. Above 800 Hz, the sound insulation between the living rooms with the doors open is still 'good', providing over 60 dB.

Signed: Date: At Sept of

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Compare Airborne Sound Insulation Curves

es:	Airborne Sound Insulation Curves		250 500 1k 2k Frequency [Hz]
Johnames; 1: 4808FC 2: 4808FD		30 40 10 10 10	125
	Diff. [dB] [1]-[2]	00000100011164660 046600046461666	
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	Freq. [Hz]	100 125 160 200 200 500 500 500 1,27 1,27 2,54 3,154	



Brief:

To check for noise transmission between the bathroom of the mid-flat with a stepped floor section and the ground store/cleaner/laundry areas of the Common Block.

Test Arrangement:

A standard airborne sound insulation test could not be carried out because of the limited space for equipment within the bathroom. However, a sound source was set up to produce white noise within the laundry area and subjective listening tests were carried out in the upper bathroom. With the noise source volume turned up to maximum, very little noise could be heard within the bathroom.

Conclusion.

Although an airborne sound insulation test could not be carried out due to limited space, on the basis of listening tests, it is my opinion that the floor meets the current standard for airborne sound insulation performance.

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Section 2: Airborne sound insulation test between the ground common room and upper living room in the Common Block.

SOUND INSULATION TESTS

at

WESTERTON ROAD SITE, GRANGEMOUTH.

COMMON BLOCK:

COMMON ROOM (GROUND FLOOR) TO

LIVING ROOM (MID-FLAT) (FIRST FLOOR)

Report No: 4822/01

for

DICKIE CONSTRUCTION LIMITED AND PARK AND PAGE ARCHITECTS

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: TEST RESULTS

A single figure sound insulation performance value was calculated for the separating element to: BS EN ISO 717-1:1997.

This was as follows:

Date of Tests: 27th July 2001.

Location: Westerton Road, Grangemouth.

Common Block: -FLOOR-

Common Room to Living Room Airborne Rating DnT,w = 60 dB

Ground Floor First Floor

where

DnT,w is the Weighted Standardised Level Difference in dB.

Comments

- 1. The tests were performed on the floor specification shown in the Report.
- 2. The sound insulation performance result is based on a test carried out on the floor stated in this report. The sound insulation performance of other floors within the development may differ from this test result.
- 3. The current Scottish Building Technical Standards Part H on "Resistance to the Transmission of Sound" allows for several floors to be tested and the results averaged. The performance criteria is set out as follows:

FLOORS

Airborne Performance Standard:

Mean DnT,w of 52 dB or more, with no individual DnT,w value less than 48 dB.

On the basis of a sample of one floor, the airborne sound insulation DnT,w rating of 60 dB satisfies the required standard from Part H.

1.0 Introduction

Further to discussions with Mr. Alistair King of Park and Page Architects and Mr. Andrew. Borland of Dickie Construction Limited, it was agreed that dB Acoustics and Environmental Services, Consultants, arranges to carry out an airborne sound insulation test across one separating floor within the Common Block at Westerton Road Site, Grangemouth.

2.0 Equipment

The following equipment was used to carry out the test work.

A calibration check was carried out before and after the tests according to the manufacturer's recommendations.

2.1 Airborne Sound Insulation Test and Reverberation Time Measurement:

Svantech Acoustic Analyser	Type 912A
Bruel and Kjaer Sound Level Meter	Type 2231
Bruel and Kjaer Filter Set	Type 1625
Bruel and Kjaer Microphone	Type 4155
Bruel and Kjaer Rotating Boom	Type 3923
Bruel and Kjaer Building Acoustics Module	Type BZ7114
Dodecahedric Noise Generator System	Type DO12

2.3 Calibration:

Bruel and Kjaer Sound level Calibrator

Type 4231

Test Procedure 3.0

Airborne Sound Insulation Test. (BS EN ISO 140-4:1998)

Sound pressure levels were measured in the source and receiving room using a rotating boom and microphone system.

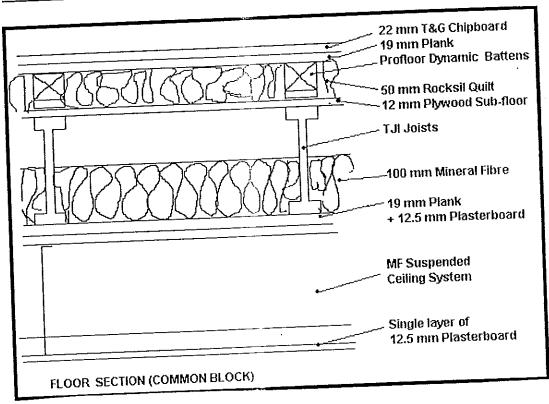
Background noise levels and reverberation time times were measured in the receiving room.

Test readings are shown on the results sheet in Appendix 1.

Common Block: Common Room to Upper Living Room Test

 $= 80 \text{ m}^3$ Source Room Volume Receiving Room Volume = 66 m³

Construction Details 4.0



5.0 Test Results

Single figure sound insulation performance values were calculated for the separating element to EN ISO 717-1:1997 and EN ISO 717-2:1997.

This was as follows:

Date of Tests: 27th July 2001.

Location:

Westerton Road, Grangemouth.

Common Block:

-FLOOR-

Common Room to Living Room

Airborne Rating DnT,w

= 60 dB

Ground Floor First Floor

where:

DnT,w is the Weighted Standardised Level Difference in dB. L'nT,w is the Weighted Standardised Impact Sound Pressure Level in dB.

6.0 Comments

- 1. The tests were performed on the floor specification shown in the Report.
- 2. The subjective rating for the 'average occupant' is shown in a **Guide Value Table** in the Report. Note that this is for general guidance only, is

 for the average occupant and may not reflect the opinion of an individual
 occupant.
- 3. The sound insulation performance result is based on a test carried out on the floor stated in this report. The performance of other floors within the development may be different from this test result.

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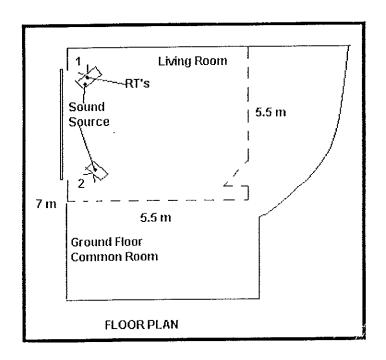
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GUIDE VALUES FOR SOUND INSULATION BETWEEN DWELLINGS Subjective Airborne Sound Description* DnT,w **FLOOR** * 60 "Very Good" 56 "Good" Minimum Mean 52 Standard "Reasonable" 48 "Poor" 44 "Bad" 40 "Intolerable" *Typical subjective response for the 'average occupant'.

Guide Value Table.

Reference: Guide Value Table Data from 'Noise Control in the Built Environment' Gower Technical, Edited by John Roberts and Diane Fairhall).

APPENDIX 1
SOUND INSULATION TEST RESULTS AND GRAPHS.



Airborne Sound Insulation Jobname: 4822F2

Freq. Hz 100 125 160 200 250 315 400 500 630 800 1k 1.25k 1.6k 2k 2.5k	L1A dB 83.0 82.0 85.6 88.4 90.5 92.0 96.4 97.1 99.3 96.9 93.2 96.8 97.8	L2A dB 52.1 47.3 45.4 46.8 45.2 43.8 44.7 43.2 41.8 42.9 37.6 31.8 33.9 34.1	B2A dB 29.9 29.7 28.4 35.2 28.4 27.4 28.2 28.8 26.0 26.4 25.5 26.2 24.7 25.2 18.4	T2A s 0.65 1.20 1.27 1.51 1.80 1.90 2.22 2.18 2.23 2.11 2.13 2.15 2.04 1.87 1.71	DnT dB 32.0 38.5 44.2 46.4 50.9 54.0 58.2 61.4 61.8 62.7 65.6 69.1 69.6 70.0	Dev. dB -9.0 -5.5 -2.8 -3.6 -2.1 -2.0 -0.8 1.4 0.8 0.7 2.6 5.1 5.6 6.0 4.0
3.15k	97.9	29.5	13.5	1.56	73.3	9.3

DnTw = 60 dB Max.Dev. = -9.0 dB at 100Hz Sum Dev. = -25.8 dB

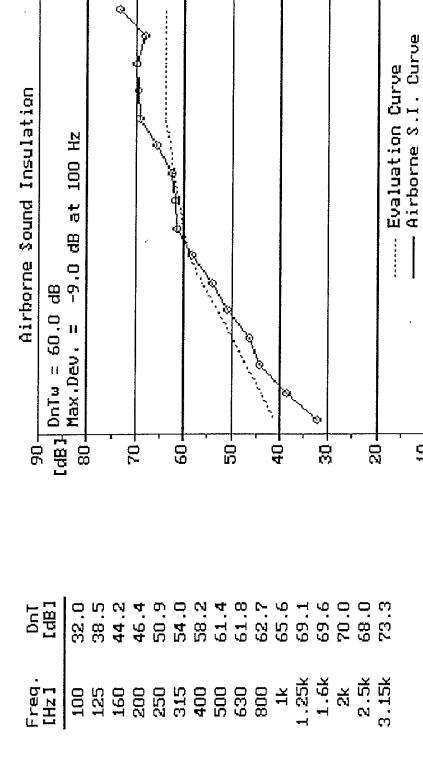
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Measured Airborne Sound Insulation

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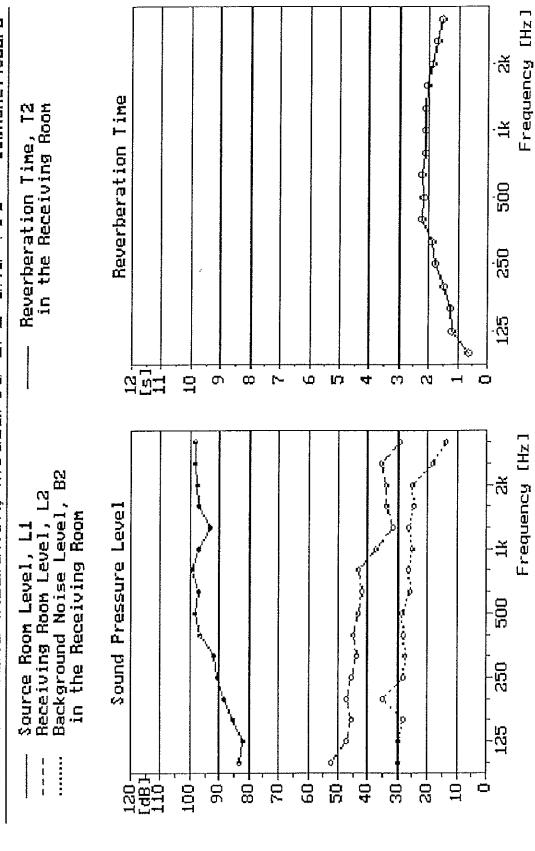
Receiving Room:



Frequency [Hz]

250

125



Section 3: Airborne and impact sound insulation tests between the living rooms and bedrooms of No.37 and No.39 Block C.

SOUND INSULATION TESTS

at

WESTERTON ROAD SITE, GRANGEMOUTH.

BLOCK C: LIVING ROOM/KITCHEN TO LIVING ROOM/KITCHEN

NO.37

NO.39

BLOCK C:

BEDROOM NO.37

TO

BEDROOM NO.39

for

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Report No: 4808/01

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: TEST RESULTS

Single figure sound insulation performance values were calculated for the separating elements to: BS EN ISO 717-1:1997 and BS EN ISO 717-2:1997.

These were as follows:

Date of Tests: 19th and 26th August 2001.

Location:

Westerton Road, Grangemouth.

-FLOOR-

LR/Kit to LR/Kit

Airborne Rating DnT,w = 54 dB

No.37 No.39

Impact Rating L'nT,w = 57 dB

Bedroom to

Bedroom

Airborne Rating DnT,w

= 53 dB

No.37

No.39

Impact Rating L'nT,w

= 61 dB

where:

DnT,w is the Weighted Standardised Level Difference in dB.

L'nT,w is the Weighted Standardised Impact Sound Pressure Level in dB.

Comments

- 1. The tests were performed on the floor specifications shown in the Report.
- The sound insulation performance results are based on tests carried out on floors stated in this report. The sound insulation performance of other floors within the development may differ from these test results.
- 3. The current Scottish Building Technical Standards Part H on "Resistance to the Transmission of Sound" allows for several floors to be tested and the results averaged. The performance criteria is set out as follows:

FLOORS

Airborne Performance Standard:

Mean DnT,w of 52 dB or more, with no individual DnT,w value less

than 48 dB.

Impact Performance Standard:

Mean L'nT,w of 61 dB or less,

with no individual L'nT,w value over

65 dB.

On the basis of a sample of two floors, both of the airborne sound insulation DnT,w ratings of 54 dB and 53 dB give an mean DnT,w of 53.5 dB. The impact sound insulation L'nT,w ratings of 57 dB and 61 dB give a mean L'nT,w of 59 dB. These ratings satisfy the required standard from Part H.

1.0 Introduction

Further to discussions with Mr. Alistair King of Park and Page Architects and Mr. Andrew. Borland of Dickie Construction Limited, it was agreed that dB Acoustics and Environmental Services, Consultants, arranges to carry out airborne and impact sound insulation tests across two separating floors at Westerton Road Site, Grangemouth.

2.0 Equipment

The following equipment was used to carry out the test work.

A calibration check was carried out before and after the tests according to the manufacturer's recommendations.

2.1 Airborne Sound Insulation Test and Reverberation Time Measurement:

Svantech Acoustic Analyser	Type 912A
Bruel and Kjaer Sound Level Meter	Type 2231
Bruel and Kjaer Filter Set	Type 1625
Bruel and Kjaer Microphone	Type 4155
Bruel and Kjaer Rotating Boom	Type 3923
Bruel and Kjaer Building Acoustics Module	Type BZ7114
Dodecahedric Noise Generator System	Type DO12

2.2 Impact Sound Insulation Test:

Bruel and Ki	aer Tapping	Machine	Type 3204

2.3 Calibration:

Bruel and Kiaer S	Sound level	Calibrator	Type 4231

3.0 Test Procedure

Airborne Sound Insulation Test. (BS EN ISO 140-4:1998)

Sound pressure levels were measured in the source and receiving room using a rotating boom and microphone system.

Background noise levels and reverberation time times were measured in the receiving room.

Test readings are shown on the results sheet in Appendix 1.

Impact Sound Insulation Test. (BS EN ISO 140-7:1998)

With the tapping machine placed on the test floor, sound pressure levels were measured in the receiving room. This procedure was carried out for other positions on the test floor and the results averaged.

Test readings are shown on the results sheet in Appendix 1.

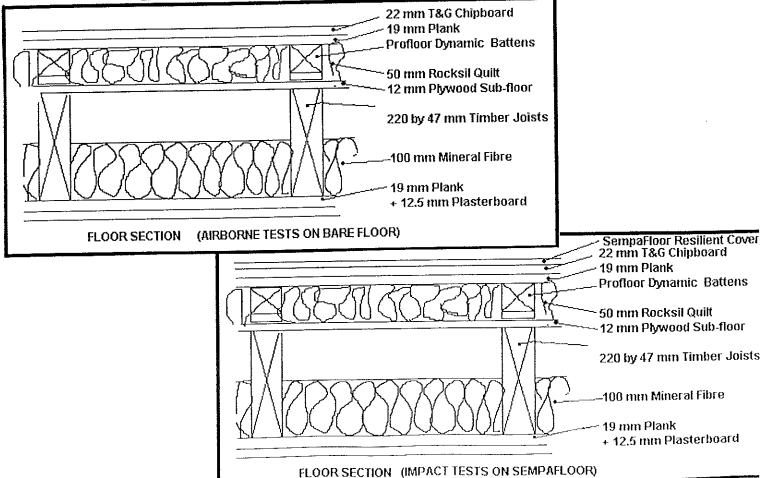
Block C Living Room Test: Source Room Volume = 70 m³

Receiving Room Volume = 55 m^3

Block C Bedroom Test: Source Room Volume = 27m³

Receiving Room Volume = 27m³

4.0 Construction Details



5.0 Test Results

Single figure sound insulation performance values were calculated for the separating element to EN ISO 717-1:1997 and EN ISO 717-2:1997.

These were as follows:

Date of Tests: 19th and 26th August 2001.

Location:

Westerton Road, Grangemouth.

-FLOOR-

LR/Kit to LR/Kit

Airborne Rating DnT,w

= 54 dB

No.37 No.39

Impact Rating L'nT,w

= 57 dB

Bedroom to

Bedroom

Airborne Rating DnT,w

= 53 dB

No.37

No.39

Impact Rating L'nT,w

= 61 dB

where:

DnT,w is the Weighted Standardised Level Difference in dB.

L'nT,w is the Weighted Standardised Impact Sound Pressure Level in dB.

6.0 Comments

- 1. The tests were performed on the floor specifications shown in the Report.
- 2. The subjective rating for the 'average occupant' is shown in a Guide Value Table in the Report. Note that this is for general guidance only, is for the average occupant and may not reflect the opinion of an individual occupant.
- 3. The sound insulation performance results are based on tests carried out on the floors stated in this report. The performance of other floors within the development may be different from these test results.

Signed David Barbard Dated 5# Super 1 Si

David Barbour, Member of the Institute of Acoustics.

Airborne Sound DnT,w FLOOR	Impact Sound L'nT,w FLOOR	Subjective Description*
		"Very Good"
56	*67	
⊁ 5 4 ⊁ 53 <u>52</u>	才⑥1 Minimum Mear	"Good"
	Standard	"Reasonable"
48	65	
		"Poor"
44	69	
		"Bad"
40	73	"Bad"

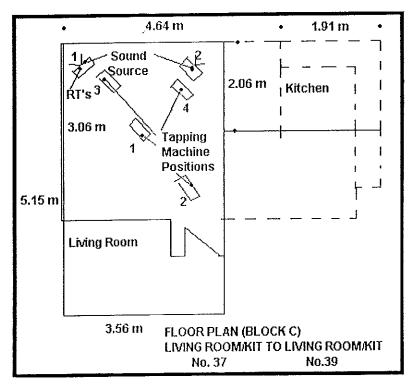
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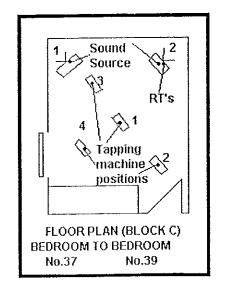
*Typical subjective response for the 'average occupant'.

Guide Value Table.

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SOUND INSULATION TEST RESULTS AND GRAPHS.





Airborne Sound Insulation

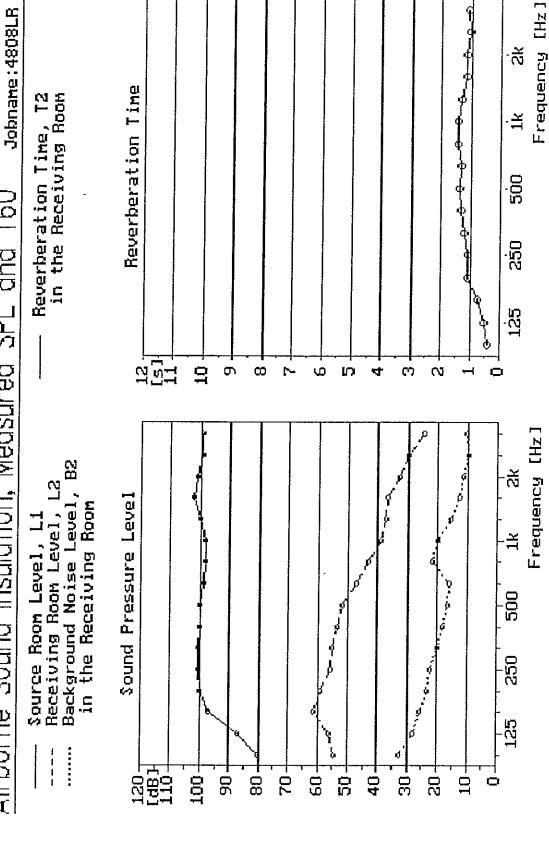
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Freq.	L1A	L2A	B2A	T2A	\mathtt{DnT}	Dev.
$^{\mathrm{Hz}}$	dВ	dB	dВ	s	dВ	dВ
100	80.5	54.8	33.0	0.39	24.6	-10.4
125	87.3	56.5	28.1	0.54	31.2	-6.8
160	97.3	61.2	25.9	0.73	37.7	-3.3
200	99.7	59.3	23.3	1.10	43.8	-0.2
250	100.3	55.8	22.5	1.10	48.0	1.0
315	100.3	55.4	20.3	1.18	48.6	-1.4
400	99.7	53.3	18.1	1.34	50.6	-2.4
500	99.7	52.0	16.4	1.40	52.2	-1.8
630	98.8	47.4	16.3	1.33	55.7	0.7
800	98.4	42.9	21.6	1.42	60.0	4.0
1k	98.1	38.9	20.1	1.41	63.7	6.7
1.25k	99.9	37.2	15.5	1.30	66.9	8.9
1.6k	102.1	36.8	12.8	1.14	68.9	10.9
2k	101.0	33.0	11.4	1.12	71.5	13.5
2.5k	99.6	29.8	9.7	1.05	73.0	15.0
3.15k	99.1	24.7	10.2	1.08	77.7	19.7

DnTw = 54 dB Max.Dev. = -10.4 dB at 100Hz Sum Dev. = -26.3 dB

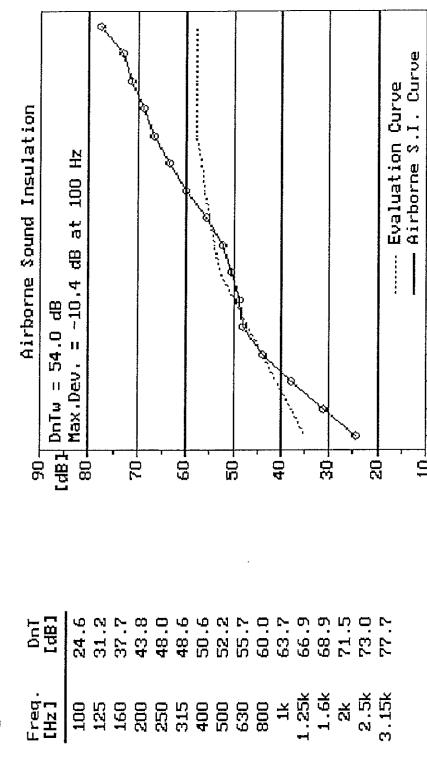
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Source Room:

Receiving Room:



Frequency [Hz]

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Impact Sound Insulation

Jobname: 4808LS

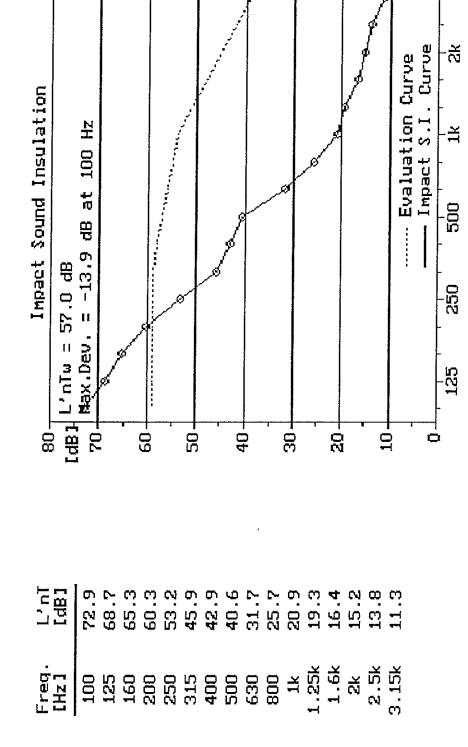
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Freq.					
100	71.8	33.0	0.39	72.9	13.9
125	69.1	28.1	0.54	68.7	9.7
160	66.9	25.9	0.73	65.3	6.3
200	63.7	23.3	1.10	60.3	1.3
250	56.6	22.5	1.10	53.2	-5.8
315	49.7	20.3	1.18	45.9	-13.1
400	47.1	18.1	1.34	42.9	-15.1
500	45.0	16.4	1.40	40.6	-16.4
630	35.9	16.3	1.33	31.7	-24.3
800	30.8	21.6	1.42	25.7	-29.3
1k	26.5	20.1	1.41	20.9	-33.1
1.25k	24.1	15.5	1.30	19.3	-31.7
1.6k	20.8	12.8	1.14	16.4	-31.6
2k	19.4	11.4	1.12	15.2	-29.8
2.5k	17.8	9.7	1.05	13.8	-28.2
3.15k	16.0	10.2	1.08	11.3	-27.7

L'nTw = 57 dBMax.Dev. = -13.9 dB at 100Hz

Sum Dev. = -31.2 dB

Number of marked files :
.L2S : 4 files
.B2S : 1 files
.T2S : 1 files

Measured Impact Sound Insulation



Frequency [Hz]

Airborne Sound Insulation Jobname: 4808BE

Freq.	L1A	L2A	B2A	T2A	DnT	Dev.
Hz	dB	dВ	dΒ	s	dВ	dВ
100	87.6	57.7	24.7	0.48	29.8	-4.2
125	90.8	57.1	27.1	0.55	34.1	-2.9
160	98.2	66.8	19.5	0.59	32.2	-7.8
200	98.5	61.7	21.9	0.82	38.9	-4.1
250	102.5	62.2	16.0	1.20	44.1	-1.9
315	102.6	59.7	14.6	1.16	46.6	-2.4
400	102.9	56.2	17.5	1.21	50.6	-1.4
500	102.0	53.1	14.8	1.30	53.1	0.1
630	101.7	48.5	17.0	1.24	57.1	3.1
800	101.0	44.7	22.1	1.20	60.1	5.1
1k	100.5	40.3	20.3	1.21	64.1	8.1
1.25k	102.4	38.6	12.4	1.21	67.6	10.6
1.6k	104.8	38.7	11.6	1.16	69.8	12.8
2k	103.7	35.7	10.6	1.15	71.7	14.7
2.5k	102.2	31.6	9.1	1.06	73.9	16.9
3.15k	101.7	26.3	10.5	1.11	78.8	21.8

DnTw = 53 dB Max.Dev. = -7.8 dB at 160Hz Sum Dev. = -24.7 dB

Number of marked files :

.L1A : 2 files .L2A : 2 files .B2A : 1 files .T2A : 1 files

Measured Airborne Sound Insulation

Source Room:

Receiving Room:

90 Airborne Sound Insulation	[dB] DnTw = 53.0 dB	80 Max.Dev. = -7.8 dB at 160 Hz		Jan.	02		-09		Ca.		and deline in	40		30 %		C	Evaluation Curve
	[dB]					44.1		50.6		,			67.6				
Freq.	[Hz]	100	125	160	200	250	315	400	200	630	800	¥	1.25k	1.6k	స	2.5k	3.15k

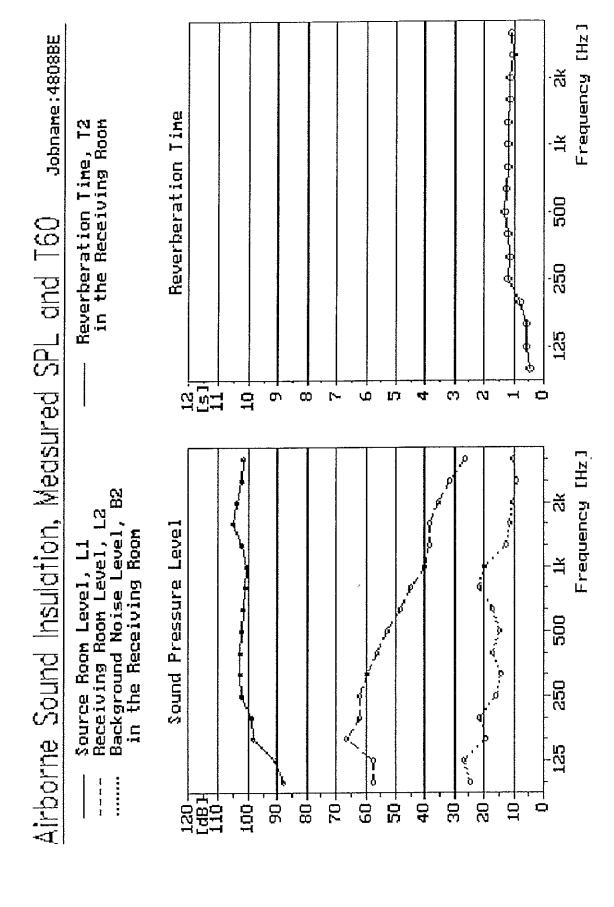
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250

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Impact Sound Insulation

Jobname: 4808BS

Freq. 100 125 160 200 250 315 400 500 630 800 1k 1.25k 1.6k	L2S 75.0 72.1 70.3 65.8 59.0 52.2 49.0 44.9 37.3 32.5 29.6 26.7 23.3	B2S 24.7 27.1 19.5 21.9 16.0 14.6 17.5 14.8 17.0 22.1 20.3 12.4 11.6	T2S 0.48 0.55 0.59 0.82 1.20 1.16 1.21 1.30 1.24 1.20 1.21 1.16	L'nT 75.2 71.7 69.6 63.6 55.2 48.5 45.1 40.8 33.4 28.7 25.2 22.9 19.6	Dev. 12.2 8.7 6.6 0.6 -7.8 -14.5 -16.9 -20.2 -26.6 -30.3 -32.8 -32.1 -32.4

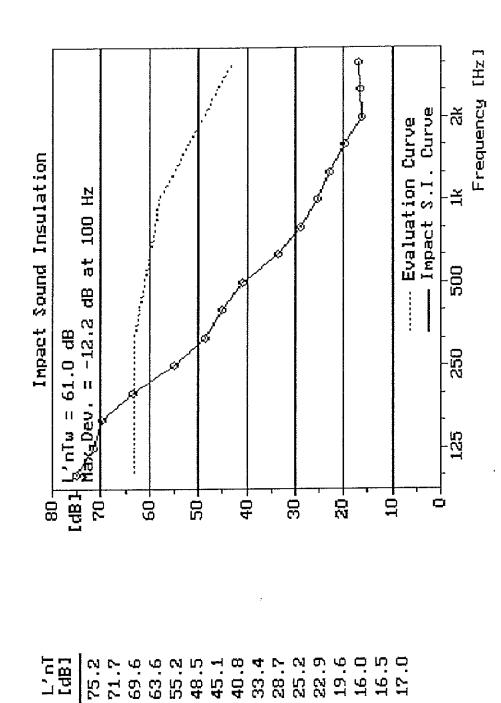
L'nTw = 61 dB

Max.Dev. = -12.2 dB at 100Hz

Sum Dev. = -28.1 dB

Number of marked files :
.L2S : 4 files
.B2S : 1 files
.T2S : 1 files

Measured Impact Sound Insulation



1.6k 1.6k 2.5k