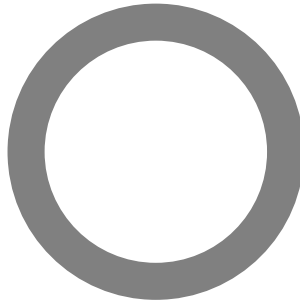


**ASTM E 90-09: Laboratory Measurement of Airborne Sound Transmission of Building Partitions and Elements**

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**TEST**

Client: **Acoustical Surfaces, Inc.**  
Report Date: **May 25, 2011**  
Test Date: **September 28, 2010**  
Test Number: **OL10-0930**

**ACCREDITATION**



For the scope of accreditation under NVLAP code 200248-0

**RESULT SUMMARY**

**STC=48**

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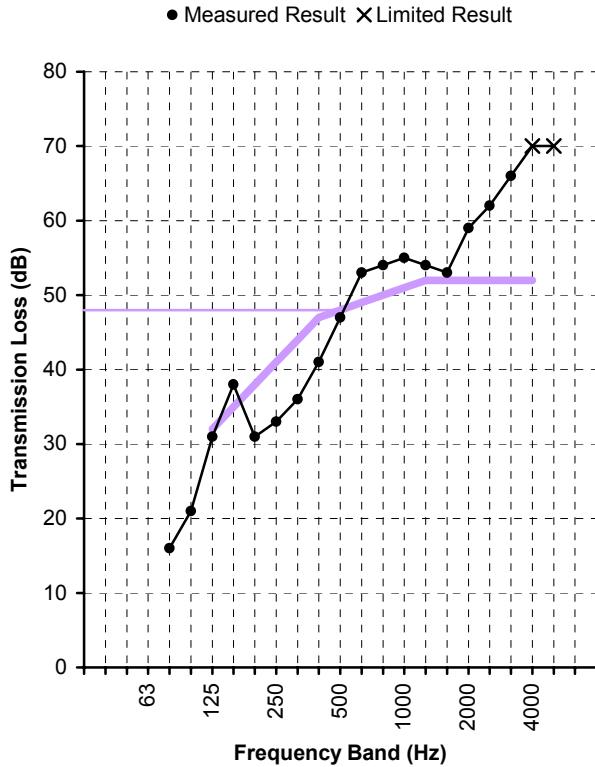




**Test Date** September 28, 2010  
**Specimen** Fixed Window

**Method** ASTM Standard E90  
**Technician** D. Berg

Single Number Rating  
**STC = 48**



Freq. (Hz)	TL (dB)	Def. (dB)
80	16	
100	21	
125	31	1
160	38	-
200	31	7
250	33	8
315	36	8
400	41	6
500	47	1
630	53	-
800	54	-
1000	55	-
1250	54	-
1600	53	-
2000	59	-
2500	62	-
3150	66	-
4000	70*	-
5000	70*	-

Total Deficiencies 31

\* Estimate of lower limit

**Assembly Elements** (listed in order from source room side to receiver room side)

Acoustical Window  
 37.5" x 48" x 4.5"





## SPECIMEN DESCRIPTION

The specimen under test was one fixed window assembly. Additional information regarding the specimen may be found in the appendices.

Test results pertain to this specimen only.

## INSTALLATION AND DISPOSITION

The filler wall was constructed for this test on September 24, 2010. Independent contractors fabricated the filler wall and test sample frame. Representatives of the client installed and sealed the window in the specimen opening. Qualified representatives of Orfield Laboratories observed the installation progress, and visually inspected the specimen and seals prior to testing.

## TEST METHODS

The methods followed these published standards:

ASTM E90-09\*: *Standard Test Method for Laboratory Measurement of Airborne Sound Transmission Loss of Building Partitions and Elements*

ASTM E413-10: *Classification for Rating Sound Insulation*

The values presented in this report are from single-direction transmission loss measurements.

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## APPENDIX A: MEASUREMENT SETUP

### Environment

Temperature	70°F [21.1°C]
Relative Humidity	55%

### Specimen Area

Specimen Area	12.5 ft <sup>2</sup> [1.16 m <sup>2</sup> ]
Filler Wall Area	52.0 ft <sup>2</sup> [4.83 m <sup>2</sup> ]
Composite Wall Area	64.5 ft <sup>2</sup> [5.99 m <sup>2</sup> ]

### Chamber Volume - Airborne Transmission

Source Room Volume	3284 ft <sup>3</sup> [93.0 m <sup>3</sup> ]
Receiving Room Volume	8079 ft <sup>3</sup> [228.8 m <sup>3</sup> ]

## INSTRUMENTATION

Description	Brand	Model	S/N
Calibrator	Brüel & Kjær	Type 4230	1379712
Microphone	Brüel & Kjær	Type 4134	1478843
Preamplifier	Brüel & Kjær	Type 2639	1202479
Microphone	Brüel & Kjær	Type 4134	558007
Preamplifier	Brüel & Kjær	Type 2639	1312147
Power Supply	Brüel & Kjær	Type WB1057	n/a
Analyzer	Norsonic	Type 121	31185



**APPENDIX B: CALCULATION RESULTS**

Freq. Band (Hz)	Specimen T.L. (dB)	95% Conf. (dB)	Flanking Limit (dB)	STC Defic. (dB)	R <sub>w</sub> Defic. (dB)	OITC Level (dBA)
25						
31.5	23.8 †		40			
40	18.8 ‡		47			
50	28.1 †		43			
63	27.5 ‡		43			
80	15.8	±1.63	42			65
100	21.4	±1.15	45		6.6	62
125	31.1 ‡	±0.95	46	1	-	54
160	37.7 ‡	±1.27	52	-	-	47
200	31.2	±1.24	53	7	5.8	55
250	32.9	±0.65	56	8	7.1	53
315	36.1	±0.65	60	8	6.9	51
400	40.5	±0.62	61	6	5.5	47
500	47.4 ‡	±0.40	65	1	-	43
630	52.6 ‡	±0.50	66	-	-	36
800	54.1 ‡	±0.40	69	-	-	35
1000	54.9 ‡	±0.25	70	-	-	34
1250	53.5	±0.25	72	-	-	36
1600	53.2	±0.32	72	-	-	36
2000	58.8 ‡	±0.44	74	-	-	30
2500	62.4 ‡	±0.35	79	-	-	26
3150	65.7 ‡	±0.31	83	-	-	20
4000	70.4 *†	±0.49		-		15
5000	69.6 *†	±0.35				
6300	68.7 *†					
8000	68.2 *†					
10000	63.0 *†					
Total deficiencies below STC contour (dB)				31		
STC contour [ASTM E413]				48		
Total deficiencies below R <sub>w</sub> contour (dB)					31.9	
R <sub>w</sub> contour [ISO 717/1]					47	
Indoor noise level from reference spectrum (dBA)						67.3
OITC level [ASTM E1332]						33

\* Actual transmission loss of specimen may be higher than measured at this frequency band. Signal-to-noise in the receiving room less than 5 dB, therefore the result is "an estimate of the lower limit".

‡ Correction included in calculation due to a portion of the sound transmitted by way of the filler wall. Sound transmission through the filler wall is within correction limits established in ASTM E90.

† Actual transmission loss of specimen may be higher than measured at this frequency band. Sound transmission through the filler wall exceeds correction limits established in ASTM E90; therefore the result is "an estimate of the lower limit".

Note: 95% confidence intervals from room qualification data. Flanking Limit from chamber flanking study. Reference sample and repeatability data available upon request. Extended frequency results below 80Hz and above 5000Hz are for reference only.





## APPENDIX C: SPECIMEN ASSEMBLY DESCRIPTION

The following table shows the size and weight of the window assembly tested. Independent contractors constructed the filler wall and specimen opening. The client installed and sealed the window assembly in the laboratory test opening. A qualified representative of Orfield Laboratories observed the installation in process and visually inspected the completed specimen and seals. All materials were weighed prior to installation. Fastener weights are not included.

Overall Mass = 142.0 lb [64.4 kg]

Overall Surface Density = 11.36 PSF [55.46 kg/m<sup>2</sup>]

Element	Mass lb [kg]	Surf. Dens. PSF [kg/m <sup>2</sup> ]
Acoustical Window 37.5" x 48" x 4.5"	142.0 [64.4]	11.36 [55.46]

The test window was provided by the client. Other construction materials were acquired by the independent construction contractors through local construction material suppliers.

### FILLER WALL

A double-stud filler wall was constructed. The filler wall contained three layers of 5/8" gypsum board at each surface and two layers of glass fiber batt insulation, one in each stud cavity. The sample test frame was pre-built into the wall and lined with 3 layers of 5/8" gypsum board. The outer two layers were laminated with damping compound. The sample frame was prevented from coupling the two stud walls by cutting around the perimeter. The resulting narrow gap with filled with non-hardening acoustic sealant. The finished filler wall had a surface density of roughly 19 lbs. per square foot and an STC rating of 69. Appropriate filler wall corrections were applied to the sample transmission loss calculations in accordance with ASTM E90-09 and are reflected in the data as indicated in Appendix B.

### TEST SPECIMEN DESCRIPTION

The test specimen was one Acoustical Surfaces, Inc. Acoustical Window. The outer dimensions of the window assembly were 37.5" wide by 48" high by 4.5" thick. The window had two glazing lites with an air-space in between them. Detailed descriptions of the glazing and spacing are withheld at the client's request. The test sample was sealed in the test specimen opening with acoustic sealant filling the gap between the specimen and test opening as well as 5 mil foil tape and 7/8" dense putty tape over the sealed gap.



**APPENDIX D: SINGLE-NUMBER CALCULATION TO ISO 717-1**

Freq. Band (Hz)	$R_i$ ( $R_i \equiv TL$ ) (dB)	Ref Curve (dB)	Unfav. Deviat. (dB)	$L_{i1}$ Spectrum (dB)	$L_{i1} - R_i$ Level (dB)	$L_{i2}$ Spectrum (dB)	$L_{i2} - R_i$ Level (dB)
50	28.1						
63	27.5						
80	15.8						
100	21.4	28	6.6	-29.0	-50.4	-20.0	-41.4
125	31.1	31	-	-26.0	-57.1	-20.0	-51.1
160	37.7	34	-	-23.0	-60.7	-18.0	-55.7
200	31.2	37	5.8	-21.0	-52.2	-18.0	-49.2
250	32.9	40	7.1	-19.0	-51.9	-15.0	-47.9
315	36.1	43	6.9	-17.0	-53.1	-14.0	-50.1
400	40.5	46	5.5	-15.0	-55.5	-13.0	-53.5
500	47.4	47	-	-13.0	-60.4	-12.0	-59.4
630	52.6	48	-	-12.0	-64.6	-11.0	-63.6
800	54.1	49	-	-11.0	-65.1	-9.0	-63.1
1000	54.9	50	-	-10.0	-64.9	-8.0	-62.9
1250	53.5	51	-	-9.0	-62.5	-9.0	-62.5
1600	53.2	51	-	-9.0	-62.2	-10.0	-63.2
2000	58.8	51	-	-9.0	-67.8	-11.0	-69.8
2500	62.4	51	-	-9.0	-71.4	-13.0	-75.4
3150	65.7	51	-	-9.0	-74.7	-15.0	-80.7
4000	70.4						
5000	69.6						
Sum =			31.9	$R_{A,1} =$	44.5	$R_{A,2} =$	38.9
$R_w =$			47	$C =$	-3	$C_{tr} =$	-8

$$R_w (C ; C_{tr}) = 47 (-3 ; -8)$$

$$R_w (C ; C_{tr} ; C_{50-3150} ; C_{tr, 50-3150}) = 47 (-3 ; -8 ; -4 ; -13)$$

$$R_w (C ; C_{tr} ; C_{100-5000} ; C_{tr, 100-5000}) = 47 (-3 ; -8 ; -2 ; -8)$$

$$R_w (C ; C_{tr} ; C_{50-5000} ; C_{tr, 50-5000}) = 47 (-3 ; -8 ; -3 ; -13)$$

Note: The calculations in ISO 717-1 are performed based on assumed equivalency of the ASTM and the corresponding ISO test methods. The test herein is performed according to the ASTM standards. Orfield Laboratories *does not* hold accreditation for ISO 140 or ISO 717 under their NVLAP scope of accreditation.

The spectrum adaptation terms  $C$  and  $C_{tr}$  characterize performance against two specific sound sources, A-weighted pink noise and A-weighted traffic noise respectively. The standard ISO 717-1 includes a discussion of "Use of Spectrum Adaptation Terms" in Annex A (informative).

Each spectrum adaptation term may additionally be reported with extended frequency bands included. A calculation for the primary frequency range is shown above, but all available extended-frequency calculations were performed to compare against corresponding ratings of other specimens

