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Sound Absorption Coefficients, One-third Octave bands
Sound Absorption Average (SAA)
Noise Reduction Coefficient (NRC)

on

**XOREL Quiet-CoreTM Plus Panels w/6423 STRIE Fabric; Thickness 1”
Type A Mounting, Specimen Plan Area 64 ft²**

for

Carnegie

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INTRODUCTION

“The sound absorption coefficient is a property of the material composing the surface. It is ideally defined as the fraction of the randomly incident sound power absorbed by the surface.”

[ASTM C 423]

APPLICABLE STANDARDS

ASTM C 423 – 09a “Standard Test Method for Sound Absorption and Sound Absorption Coefficients by the Reverberation Room Method”

ASTM E 795 –16 “Standard Practices for Mounting Test Specimens during Sound Absorption Tests”

ANSI/ASA S1.11-2014/Part 1 / IEC 61260-1:2014 “Electroacoustics – Octave-band and Fractional-octave-band Filters – Part 1: Specifications”

TEST SPECIMEN

The test specimen consisted of an assembly of tackable sound absorption wall panels with overall dimensions of 2438 mm in length by 2438 mm in width by 25.4 mm in thickness [96 by 96 by 1 inch(es)]. The specimen was manufactured, submitted for test, and designated "**XOREL Quiet-Core™ Plus Panels w/6423 STRIE Fabric, Type A Mounting**" by Carnegie of Rockville Center, NY.

Eight (8) panels were supplied, each with plan dimensions of 609.6 mm by 1219.2 mm [24 by 48 inches]. Each panel was identically made with:

- 25.4 mm thick Quiet-Core™ substrate with square and hardened edges;
- 6423 STRIE, 100% XOREL fabric wrapped around the substrate and secured to the back of the unit. The fabric was bonded to the Quiet-Core™ substrate with adhesive.

The panels were placed side-by-side and abutted on the Reverberation chamber floor to make the final assembled size for test as shown in Exhibit 1. The weight of the test specimen was 20.7 kg [45.5 pounds].

TEST SPECIMEN MOUNTING

The test specimen was tested in a **Type A Mounting** in accordance with ASTM 795-16 requirements. Edges of the test specimen were flashed with sheet metal and taped to the Reverberation room floor. Metal tape sealed the top of the flashing to the top of the specimen. Interior joints of the specimen were not sealed.

DESCRIPTION OF TEST

The decay rate of sound [which is directly related to sound absorption] is measured upon terminating a steady-state broadband pink noise signal in the 408-m³ reverberation chamber. Ten (10) ensemble averages containing twenty (20) decays each are measured with both the test specimen inside of and removed from the chamber. These decays were averaged using a linear averaging algorithm and analyzed using ASTM C423-09a required methods to determine sound absorption present in the reverberation chamber. The difference between these two (2) sound absorption tests (with and without the test specimen) at a given frequency is defined as the sound absorption of the specimen. The Sound Absorption Coefficient is the sound absorption per unit area of the test specimen. Sound Absorption Average (**SAA**) is the average of sound absorption coefficients for twelve (12) one-third-octaves with mid-band frequencies from 200 Hz through 2500 Hz inclusive. Noise Reduction Coefficient (**NRC**) is a four-frequency average of the Sound Absorption Coefficient. A rotating microphone boom and a Norsonic 840 Dual Channel Real Time Analyzer, computer controlled using custom software, are used for all measurements. Measurements are made in one-third octaves with mid-band frequencies from 100 Hz to 5000 Hz. The test was conducted in strict accordance with ASTM C423–09a. A reverberation room qualification report for testing to this

standard is available on request. The test took place at **ETS-LINDGREN ACOUSTIC RESEARCH LABORATORY**, Cedar Park, TX, on 04 October 2017.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS

During the test, environmental conditions in the reverberation chamber were 19.8°C, 67.8% relative humidity, and 102.4 kPa barometric pressure. Temperature and relative humidity conditions remained within strict limits imposed by the laboratory.

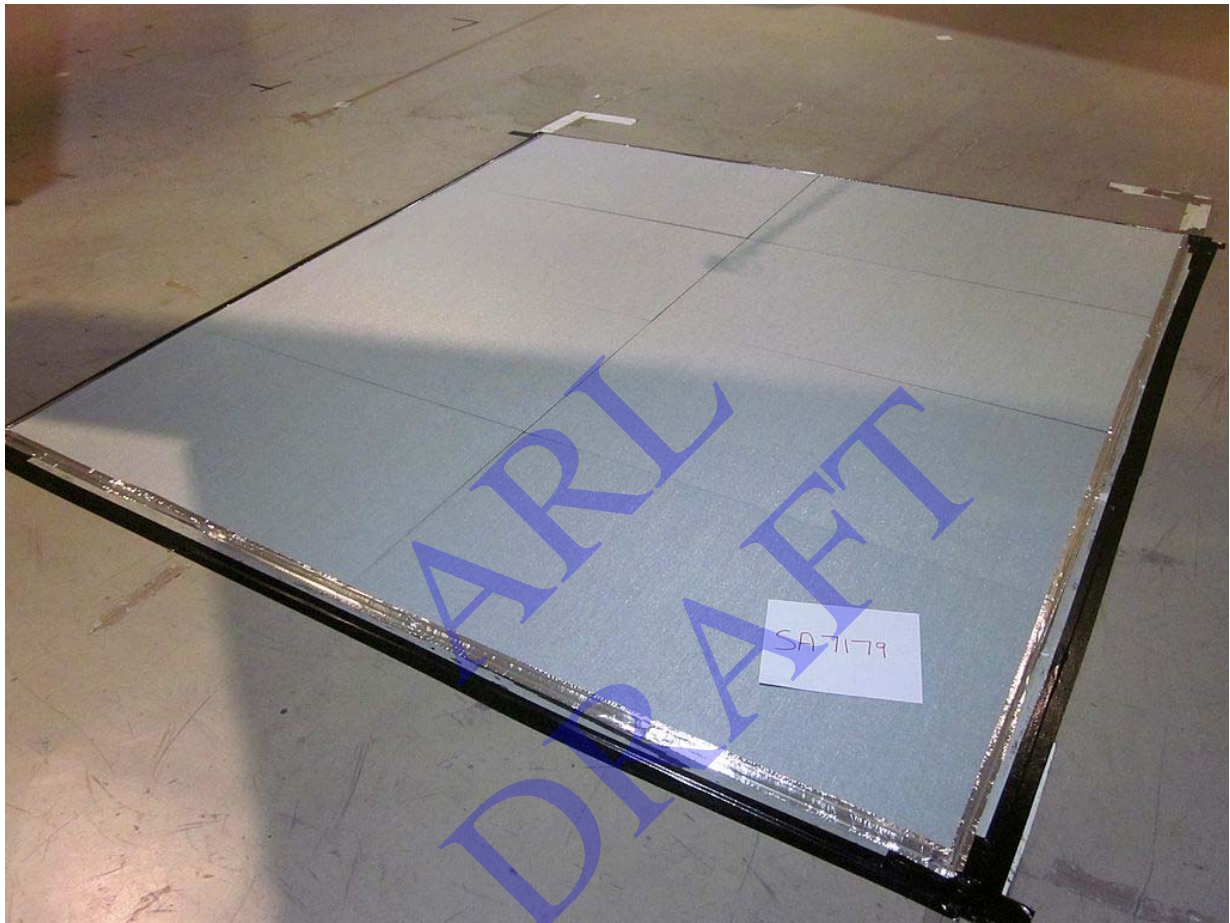


Exhibit 1 – Test Specimen in the Reverberation Chamber; Type A Mounting

SOUND ABSORPTION DATA

Measured Sound Absorption [in units of area] and Sound Absorption Coefficients of the test specimen at the preferred one-third octave mid-band frequencies are provided in the table below and then presented graphically.

**Carnegie – XOREL Quiet-Core™ Plus Panels w/6423 STRIE Fabric,
Specimen Thickness - 1", Specimen Plan Area 64 ft² Type A Mounting**

One-third Octave Mid-band Frequency (Hz)	Sound Absorption (m ²)	Notes	Sound Absorption Coefficient	Repeatability* (+/-)	Reproducibility** (+/-)
100	1.31		0.22	0.15	0.27
125	0.91		0.15	0.11	0.22
160	1.97		0.33	0.11	0.23
200	2.50		0.42	0.09	0.17
250	3.14		0.53	0.07	0.15
315	4.45		0.75	0.09	0.22
400	5.33		0.90	0.14	0.16
500	6.35		1.07	0.09	0.14
630	6.76		1.14	0.06	0.14
800	6.06		1.02	0.07	0.14
1000	5.49		0.92	0.06	0.12
1250	4.97		0.84	0.05	0.13
1600	4.47		0.75	0.05	0.14
2000	4.04		0.68	0.05	0.13
2500	3.78		0.64	0.06	0.14
3150	3.47		0.58	0.08	0.15
4000	3.24		0.55	0.11	0.16
5000	3.02		0.51	0.15	0.21
Sound Absorption Average (SAA)			0.81	0.03	0.08
Noise Reduction Coefficient (NRC)			0.80	NA	NA

Notes: [a] due to the very low absorption of the specimen tested, actual absorption values cannot be determined within repeatability values given. The result for this band should be considered inconclusive.

Repeatability** values are those values below which the absolute difference between two (2) single test results in the same laboratory that are obtained with the same method on identical test material under the same conditions in a Type A Mounting. Values are based on Round Robin testing between 16 laboratories. Repeatability values represent the probability of 95% that single tests lay within this absolute range. *Reproducibility** values are those values below which the absolute difference between two (2) single test results from different laboratories that are obtained with the same method on identical test material in a Type A Mounting. Values are based on Round Robin testing between 16 laboratories. Reproducibility values represent the probability of 95% that single tests between laboratories lay within this absolute range.

Respectfully Submitted,

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