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REPORT NUMBER	NOAL 23-08050
TEST METHOD	ASTM E90-09 (2016): Laboratory Measurement of Airborne Sound Transmission of Building Partitions and Elements
TEST SPONSOR	Hyperframe, 904 Pardee Street, Berkeley, CA 94710
ISSUED TO	Hyperframe, 904 Pardee Street, Berkeley, CA 94710
TEST SPECIMEN	Wall Assembly
RESULT SUMMARY	STC 57
TEST DATE	August 31, 2023
REPORT DATE	September 12, 2023
TEST SITE	North Orbit Acoustic Laboratory Facility, 917 Rice Street, Saint Paul, MN 55117
TECHNICIAN	E. Dick

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SECTION A – DATA SUMMARY

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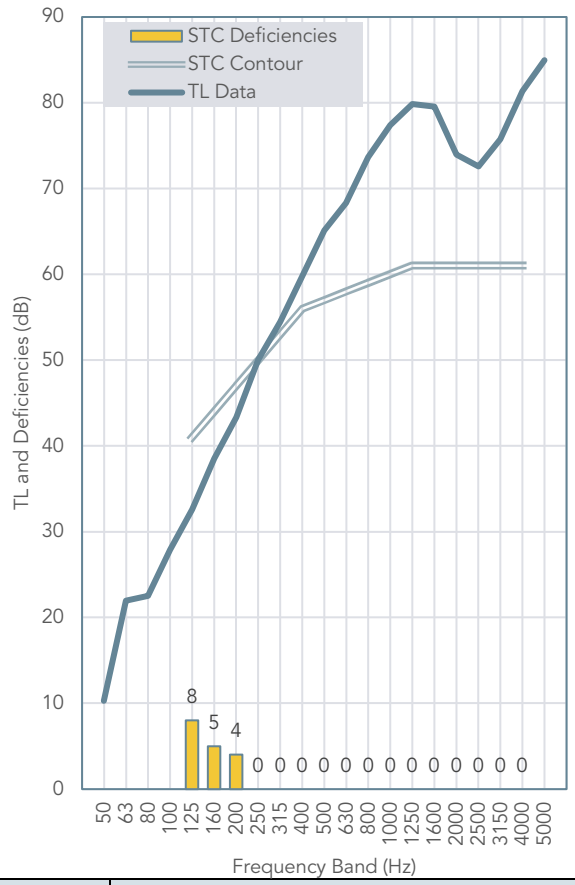
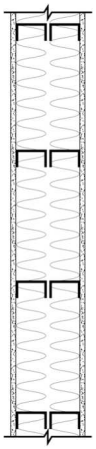


FREQUENCY (Hz)	TL (dB)	DEFICIENCIES (dB)
50	10	-
63	22	-
80	23	-
100	28	-
125	33	8
160	39	5
200	43	4
250	50	0
315	54	0
400	60	0
500	65	0
630	68	0
800	74	0
1,000	77	0
1,250	80	0
1,600	80	0
2,000	74	0
2,500	73	0
3,150	76	0
4,000	81	0
5,000	85	-
TOTAL DEFICIENCIES		17

ELEMENTS	FROM SOURCE ROOM SIDE TO RECEIVING ROOM SIDE
Sheathing	5/8" Type X gypsum panel (v); #6 x 1" type S screws spaced 12" OC
Framing	double row 3-5/8" Hyperstud® 18 mil steel studs spaced 16" OC (1" AS; steel spacer bar lateral bracing); engaged to Hypertrack® 30 mil steel tracks with integral snap connectors
Insulation	two layers 3-1/2" glass fiber batt insulation (R13)
Sheathing	5/8" Type X gypsum panel (vs); #6 x 1" type S screws spaced 12" OC

SCHEMATIC



See Section C on page 5 and 5 for a full specimen description.

SECTION B – APPROACH

INSTALLATION

The specimen is a wall assembly that was originally constructed on August 31, 2023, at the Saint Paul, MN acoustic laboratory facility. The assembly and building element descriptions can be found in Section C on pages 4 & 5 of this report. Some details of the specimen design are proprietary and have been withheld at the request of the test sponsor.

Qualified representatives from North Orbit Acoustic Laboratories observed or performed the installation and inspected all major building elements when completed and prior to testing.

TEST METHODS

North Orbit Acoustic Laboratory (NOAL) is accredited through A2LA certificate number 4240.01 for this test method.

Test methods follow the published standards listed below.

> **ASTM E90-09 (2016):** *Standard Test Method for Laboratory Measurement of Airborne Sound Transmission Loss of Building Partitions and Elements*
>
> **ASTM E413-22:** *Classification for Rating Sound Insulation*

All results reported herein were derived from tests performed in full accordance with test method ASTM E90. The laboratory and measurement systems fully meet all requirements of the test standard and the requirements of ASTM E90 Annex A2: Qualification of room sound fields and microphone systems used for sampling. All values stated are derived from single-direction transmission loss measurements.

The standard deviation of reproducibility is stated in ASTM E90 as <2 dB for frequencies from 125 Hz to 4 kHz. Detailed test procedures for this test method, the flanking limit report, repeatability measurements and reference specimen tests are available upon request.

The Sound Transmission Class (STC) value was obtained by applying the Transmission Loss (TL) values to the STC reference contour of ASTM E413 which was used to calculate a single number rating.

TEST REPORTS

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SECTION C – SPECIMEN DESCRIPTION

Hyperstud® steel studs, Hypertrack® steel tracks, and gypsum panels were supplied by the test sponsor. All other materials were purchased through regional retail or wholesale channels.

FRAMING

Framing was constructed on August 31, 2023, and was retained from previous tests in the series.

A double steel stud frame was constructed within the perimeter of the laboratory test specimen opening. The frame consisted of two rows of Hypertrack® 30 mil designated thickness 3-5/8" x 1-1/2" steel bottom track, two rows of Hypertrack® 30 mil designated thickness 3-5/8" x 3-1/4" steel top track, and two rows each of ten Hyperstud® 18 mil designated thickness 3-5/8" x 1-1/4" steel studs installed vertically 16" on centers (OC). The studs were engaged to the tracks with integral snap connectors. The two rows of studs were separated by a 1" air space. The perimeter of the frame was sealed at the specimen opening with non-hardening acoustic sealant.

LATERAL BRACING

Right angle shaped spacer bar lateral bracing was installed horizontally (perpendicular to the studs) across the midpoint of the frame. Spacer bars were 43 mil designation thickness 1-1/4" x 1-1/4" right angles and were pre-notched every 16" OC for friction-fitting into the cutouts of the steel studs.

INSULATION

Glass fiber insulation batts were friction fit into the stud cavities resulting in two layers of batts. The batts were 16" wide and 3-1/2" thick with an R-Value of R-13.

SHEATHING

Source Side: One layer of 5/8" Type X gypsum panels was applied parallel to the studs. The panels were attached to the frame with #6 x 1" type S drywall screws spaced 12" OC.

Receiving Side: One layer of 5/8" Type X gypsum panels was applied parallel to the studs. The panels were attached to the frame with #6 x 1" type S drywall screws spaced 12" OC. Joints were staggered one stud cavity on opposite sides.

All fasteners in the assembly installation were mechanically installed.

The panels were shimmed at installation so equal gaps were maintained at the top and bottom. Gaps were less than 3/8" in all cases. Shims were removed after the panels were fastened and the perimeter and seams were sealed on the source and receiving room sides with non-hardening acoustical sealant. In addition, the perimeter of both sides of the specimen was sealed with 2" wide polypropylene tape and 7/8" dense putty tape.

SPECIMEN DETAIL	
Specimen Face Dimensions	12.0 ft [3.66 m] x 8.0 ft [2.44 m]
Specimen Thickness	9.5 in [24.1 cm]
Specimen Face Area	96.0 SF [8.92 m²]
Overall Mass	588.0 lb [266.7 kg]
Overall Surface Density	6.1 PSF [29.9 kg/m²]

Mass of fasteners, tape and sealant is not represented in the above totals.

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SECTION C – SPECIMEN DESCRIPTION (CONT.)

SHEATHING	**SOURCE SIDE**		
Material	Type X gypsum panel	Mass	213.0 lb [96.62 kg]
Thickness	0.63" [1.6 cm]	Net Area	96.0 SF [8.92 m²]
Face Dimensions	3 @ 48.00" [121.9 cm] x 96.00" [243.8 cm]	Surface Density	2.22 PSF [10.8 kg/m²]
FRAMING			
Material	Hypertrack® 30 mil steel top track	Mass	26.0 lb [11.79 kg]
Steel Thickness	0.0312" [792 µm]	Net Length	23.9' [7.29 m]
Dimensions	3.63" [9.2 cm] x 3.25" [8.3 cm]	Linear Density	1.09 lb/ft [1.6 kg/m]
Lengths	2 @ 143.50" [364.5 cm]		
FRAMING			
Material	Hypertrack® 30 mil steel bottom track	Mass	18.0 lb [8.16 kg]
Steel Thickness	0.0312" [792 µm]	Net Length	23.9' [7.29 m]
Dimensions	3.63" [9.2 cm] x 1.50" [3.8 cm]	Linear Density	0.75 lb/ft [1.1 kg/m]
Lengths	2 @ 143.50" [364.5 cm]		
FRAMING			
Material	Hyperstud® 18 mil steel studs	Mass	72.0 lb [32.66 kg]
Steel Thickness	0.0190" [483 µm]	Net Length	157.5' [48.01 m]
Dimensions	3.63" [9.2 cm] x 1.25" [3.2 cm]	Linear Density	0.46 lb/ft [0.7 kg/m]
Lengths	20 @ 94.50" [240.0 cm]		
INSULATION			
Material	glass fiber batt insulation	Mass	46.0 lb [20.87 kg]
Thickness	3.50" [8.9 cm]	Net Volume	28 CF [0.79 m³]
Face Dimensions	9 @ 16.00" [40.6 cm] x 96.00" [243.8 cm]	Density	1.64 PCF [26.3 kg/m³]
SHEATHING	**RECEIVING SIDE**		
Material	Type X gypsum panel	Mass	213.0 lb [96.62 kg]
Thickness	0.63" [1.6 cm]	Net Area	96.0 SF [8.92 m²]
Face Dimensions	1 @ 16.00" [40.6 cm] x 96.00" [243.8 cm] 2 @ 48.00" [121.9 cm] x 96.00" [243.8 cm] 1 @ 32.00" [81.3 cm] x 96.00" [243.8 cm]	Surface Density	2.22 PSF [10.8 kg/m²]

All materials were weighed prior to installation. The nominal dimensions and product information were provided by the test sponsor or obtained from manufacturer data sheets. Mass of Hyperstud® and Hypertrack® includes mass of integral connectors, therefore linear density includes those the average mass of those connectors along the lengths.

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SECTION D – MEASUREMENT SET-UP

ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS	
Source Room Temperature	73.6 °F [23.1 °C]
Source Room Relative Humidity	51.4%
Receiving Room Temperature	73.3 °F [22.9 °C]
Receiving Room Relative Humidity	53.6%

CHAMBER VOLUME	
Source Room	7657.0 CF [216.8 m³]
Receiving Room	12311.5 CF [348.6 m³]
Source Niche Depth	12.4 in [31.4 cm]
Receiving Niche Depth	3.4 in [8.6 cm]

INSTRUMENTATION

DESCRIPTION	BRAND	MODEL	SERIAL
Analyzer	Sinus	Apollo	75110
Software	Sinus	Samurai	ver. 2.8.3
Microphone	Brüel & Kjær	4166	1727021
Microphone	Brüel & Kjær	4166	1727058
Preamplifier	Brüel & Kjær	2669C	2148242
Preamplifier	Brüel & Kjær	2669C	2300986
Calibrator	Brüel & Kjær	4231	2416109
Thermohygrometer	Kestrel	D2	2781724
Thermohygrometer	Kestrel	5200	2311344

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SECTION E – TEST RESULTS

FREQUENCY BAND (Hz)	TL (dB)	DATA FLAGS (see below)	95% C.I. (dB)	FLANKING LIMIT (dB)	DEFICIENCIES (dB)
25	12.1	*	±3.43	28.4	-
31.5	18.1		±4.56	35.6	-
40	17.1		±3.18	40.5	-
50	10.3		±3.85	44.8	-
63	22.0		±4.21	46.8	-
80	22.5		±2.87	52.8	-
100	27.9		±1.57	59.2	-
125	32.6		±0.90	65.2	8
160	38.5		±1.49	69.7	5
200	43.4		±1.07	72.8	4
250	50.0		±0.97	77.7	0
315	54.4		±0.76	82.6	0
400	59.8		±0.62	88.3	0
500	65.1		±0.49	93.4	0
630	68.3		±0.46	95.6	0
800	73.7		±0.49	100.5	0
1,000	77.4		±0.43	105.0	0
1,250	79.8		±0.51	107.9	0
1,600	79.5		±0.33	105.9	0
2,000	73.9		±0.53	106.0	0
2,500	72.5		±0.45	105.7	0
3,150	75.7		±0.38	105.2	0
4,000	81.3		±0.32	103.4	0
5,000	85.0	*	±0.46	100.7	-
6,300	83.5	*	±0.51	99.0	-
8,000	81.9	*	±0.67	95.8	-
10,000	77.2	*	±0.58	92.5	-
				TOTAL DEFICIENCIES BELOW CONTOUR [dB]	**17**
				STC RATING [ASTM E413]	**57**

Note: Composite 95% confidence intervals from room qualification testing. Extended frequency results below 80Hz and above 5000Hz are for reference only. Specimen TL rounded to 0.1 dB provided in this table for reference. Specimen TL rounded to whole decibels found on page 2.

Data Flags:

* 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".