

Test Report

SPONSOR: **Catalyst Acoustics Group**
Agawam, MA

Sound Absorption
RAL™-A20-359

CONDUCTED: 2020-08-31

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ON: PET 9mm Panel (Type A mounting)

TEST METHODOLOGY

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INFORMATION PROVIDED BY SPONSOR

The test specimen was designated by the sponsor as PET 9mm Panel (Type A mounting). The following nominal product information was provided by the sponsor prior to testing. The accuracy of such sponsor-provided information can affect the validity of the test results.

Product Under Test

Trade Name: PET straight Panel (8' x 9' area)
Material: Polyethylene terephthalate felt
Thickness: 9 mm (0.354 in.)
Manufacturer: Frasch

SPECIMEN MEASUREMENTS & TEST CONDITIONS

Through a full internal inspection performed on the test specimen, Riverbank personnel verified the following information:

Test Specimen

Material: Semirigid felt paneling
Dimensions: 2 @ 1219.2 mm (48 in.) x 2438.4 mm (96 in.)
1 @ 304.8 mm (12 in.) x 2438.4 mm (96 in.)
Thickness: 9.37 mm (0.369 in.)
Overall Weight: 8.39 kg (18.5 lbs)
Density: 133.85 kg/m³ (8.36 lbs/ft³)
Joints: Edges butted

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Overall Specimen Properties

Size: 2.74 m (108.0 in) wide by 2.44 m (96.0 in) long
Thickness: 0.01 m (0.369 in)
Weight: 8.39 kg (18.5 lbs)
Mass per Unit Area: 1.25 kg/m² (0.26 lbs/ft²)
Calculation Area: 6.689 m² (72. ft²)

Test Environment

Room Volume: 291.98 m³
Temperature: 22.9 °C ± 0.1 °C (Requirement: ≥ 10 °C and ≤ 5 °C change)
Relative Humidity: 57.45 % ± 0.3 % (Requirement: ≥ 40 % and ≤ 5 % change)
Barometric Pressure: 98.2 kPa (Requirement not defined)

MOUNTING METHOD

Type A Mounting: The test specimen was laid directly against the test surface. Perimeter edges were sealed with a layer of duct tape.

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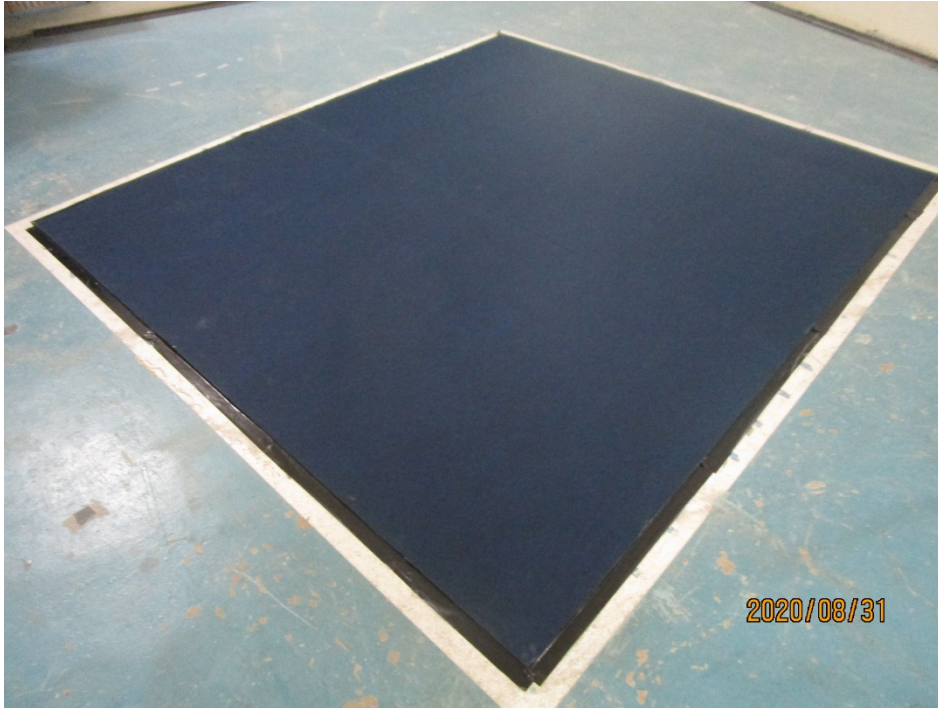


Figure 1 – Specimen mounted in test chamber



Figure 2 – Detail of specimen material prior to application of perimeter seal

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TEST RESULTS

Specimen total absorption and absorption coefficient are tabulated at the eighteen standard frequencies. A graphic presentation of the data and additional information appear on the following pages.

1/3 Octave Center

Frequency (Hz)	Total Absorption (m ²)	Total Absorption (Sabins)	Absorption Coefficient
100	0.18	1.93	0.03
** 125	0.24	2.62	0.04
160	0.26	2.81	0.04
200	0.51	5.48	0.08
** 250	0.27	2.87	0.04
315	0.60	6.46	0.09
400	0.68	7.31	0.10
** 500	1.07	11.48	0.16
630	1.68	18.13	0.25
800	2.09	22.50	0.31
** 1000	2.71	29.15	0.40
1250	3.40	36.65	0.51
1600	3.82	41.09	0.57
** 2000	4.18	45.01	0.63
2500	4.62	49.71	0.69
3150	5.02	54.00	0.75
** 4000	5.46	58.75	0.82
5000	5.73	61.73	0.86

SAA = 0.32

NRC = 0.30

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TEST RESULTS (continued)

The sound absorption average (SAA) is defined in ASTM C423-17 Section 3.1.1 as the arithmetic average of the sound absorption coefficients of a material for the twelve one-third octave bands from 200 Hz through 2500 Hz, inclusive, rounded to the nearest integer multiple of 0.01.

The noise reduction coefficient (NRC) is defined from previous versions of ASTM C423 as the arithmetic average of the sound absorption coefficients at 250 Hz, 500 Hz, 1000 Hz, and 2000 Hz, rounded to the nearest integer multiple of 0.05.

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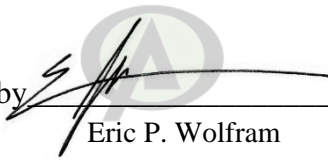
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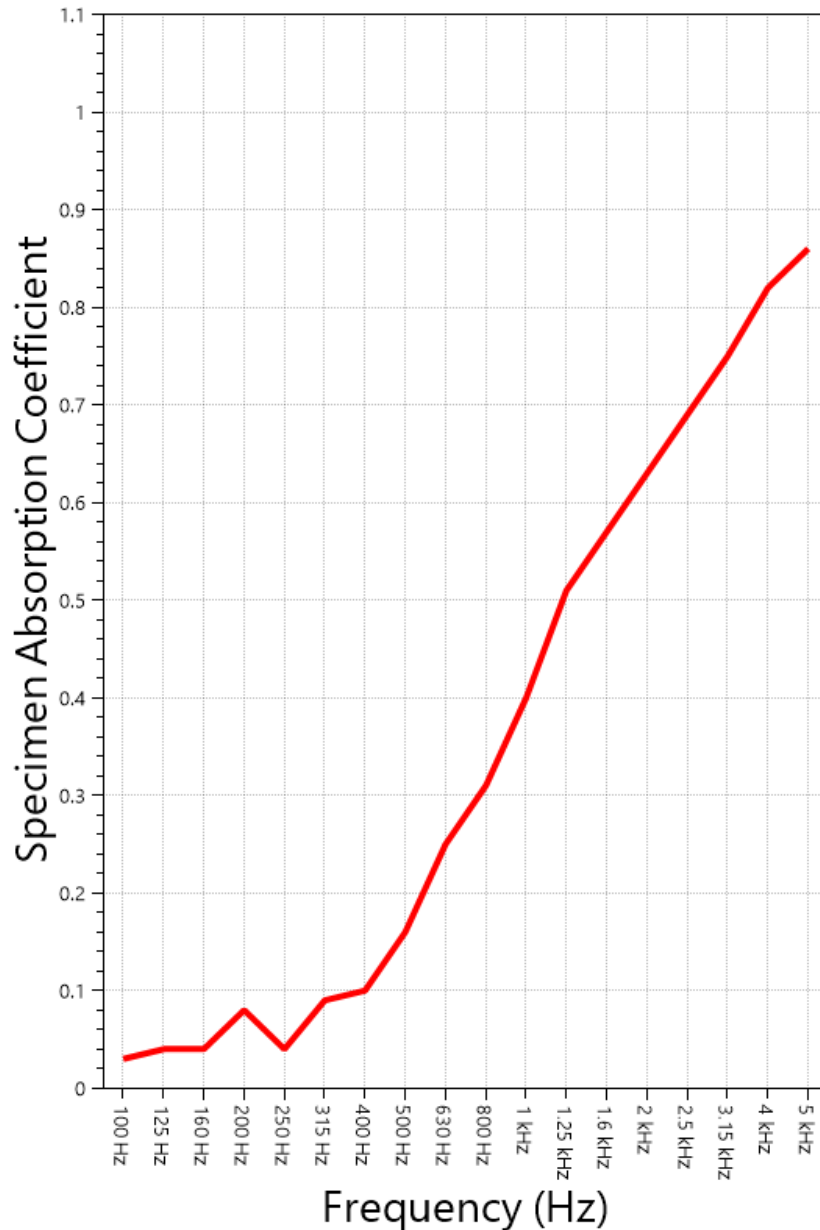
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NRC = 0.30

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APPENDIX A: Extended Frequency Range Data

Specimen: PET 9mm Panel (Type A mounting) (See Full Report)

The following non-accredited data were obtained in accordance with ASTM C423-17, but extend beyond the defined frequency range of 100Hz to 5,000Hz. These unofficial results are representative of the RAL test environment only and intended for research & comparison purposes.

1/3 Octave Band Center Frequency (Hz)	Total Absorption (Sabins)	Absorption Coefficient
31.5	-0.89	-0.01
40	0.69	0.01
50	-3.06	-0.04
63	2.77	0.04
80	12.78	0.18
100	1.93	0.03
125	2.62	0.04
160	2.81	0.04
200	5.48	0.08
250	2.87	0.04
315	6.46	0.09
400	7.31	0.10
500	11.48	0.16
630	18.13	0.25
800	22.50	0.31
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2500	49.71	0.69
3150	54.00	0.75
4000	58.75	0.82
5000	61.73	0.86
6300	66.72	0.93
8000	72.44	1.01
10000	72.85	1.01
12500	69.97	0.97

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APPENDIX B: Instruments of Traceability

Specimen: PET 9mm Panel (Type A mounting) (See Full Report)

<u>Description</u>	<u>Model</u>	<u>Serial Number</u>	<u>Date of Certification</u>	<u>Calibration Due</u>
System 1	Type 3160-A-042	3160- 106968	2020-06-26	2021-06-26
Bruel & Kjaer Mic And Preamp A	Type 4943-B-001	2311428	2019-09-27	2020-09-27
Bruel & Kjaer Sound Level Calibrator	Type 4230	861609	2019-11-19	2020-11-19
Omega Digital Temp., Humid. And Pressure Recorder	OM-CP- PRHTemp2000	P97844	2020-02-18	2021-02-18

APPENDIX C: Revisions to Original Test Report

Specimen: PET 9mm Panel (Type A mounting) (See Full Report)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Revision</u>
2020-09-03	Original report issued

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