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# **BS EN ISO 10140-2:2010**

# Acoustics – Laboratory Measurement of Sound Insulation of Building Elements

Part 2: Measurements of Airborne Sound Insulation

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Test Sample:	Various Polymeric Noise Control Barriers
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# 1. <u>Test Samples</u>

The following sample was installed in the  $3600 \times 2400$  mm aperture of the transmission suite of the University of Salford Acoustic Test Laboratory.

The test specimen was installed in accordance with Appendix A: Walls of BS EN ISO 10140-1:2016 Part 1: Application rules for specific products.

All information regarding the samples comes from laboratory measurements unless marked with "*cs*" or otherwise stated.

## 1.1. Description of Test Samples

Test Reference:	05743-5505	
Sample Reference <sup>cs</sup> :	Revac BM 00488	
Sample Description:	Polymeric Noise Control Barrier	

A timber frame (measured, 94 mm  $\times$  44 mm) was installed in the internal periphery of the test aperture. Timber studs were then fitted within the frame at 1200 mm centres. Three sheets of nominal 1200 mm  $\times$  2400 mm<sup>cs</sup> Revac BM 00488 polymeric barrier were then installed on the receiver room side of the aperture, fixed to the timber frame and studs with staples.



A secondary timber frame then clamped the receiver room side of the sample to the timber frame. The joins between the aperture, frame and sample were then filled with sealant.

The measured mass per unit area (MPUA) of the polymeric barrier was  $5.4 \text{ kg/m}^2$ , and the measured thickness was 2.5 mm.



Test Reference:	05743-5506	
Sample Reference <sup>cs</sup> :	Revac BM 00244	
Sample Description:	Polymeric Noise Control Barrier	

The Revac BM 00488 sample from the previous test, along with the secondary frame, was removed from the test aperture.

Three nominal 1200 mm  $\times$  2400 mm<sup>cs</sup> sheets of Revac BM 00244 were fixed to the timber frame and studs with staples, before a secondary timber frame was installed on the receiver room side of the sample to clamp the polymeric barrier in place.

The joins between the timber and sample were then filled with sealant.

The measured mass per unit area (MPUA) of the polymeric barrier was  $2.8 \text{ kg/m}^2$ , and the measured thickness was 1.2 mm.



Test Reference:	05743-5507	
Sample Reference cs:	Revac Momentum 50	
Sample Description:	Polymeric Noise Control Barrier	

The Revac BM 00244 sample from the previous test, along with the secondary frame, was removed from the test aperture.

Three nominal 1200 mm  $\times$  2400 mm<sup>cs</sup> sheets of Revac Momentum 50 were fixed to the timber frame and studs with staples, before a secondary timber frame was installed on the receiver room side of the sample to clamp the polymeric barrier in place.

The joins between the timber and sample were then filled with sealant.

The measured mass per unit area (MPUA) of the polymeric barrier was  $5.0 \text{ kg/m}^2$ , and the measured thickness was 2.8 mm.



# 2. <u>Description of Test Procedure</u>

The test procedure adopted follows that detailed in BS EN ISO 10140-2:2010, "Acoustics – Laboratory measurements of sound insulation of building elements; Part 2: Measurement of airborne sound insulation".

The measurements are performed in the large transmission suite at the University of Salford. The suite comprises two structurally isolated reverberant rooms, the source (136 m<sup>3</sup>) and receiver rooms, with a test opening between them in which the test specimen is installed. The walls of the receiver room are 330 mm thick and made from dense brick, whilst the soffit is made from reinforced concrete. The walls of the source room are 215 mm thick except for the wall adjacent to the receiver room which is 330 mm thick. Both rooms have been designed with hard surfaces and non-parallel walls. The smaller source room has 4 plywood diffusers and the larger receiving room has 18 plywood diffusers, to increase the diffusivity of the sound field in these areas.

The test involves producing a known sound field in the source room and measuring the resultant sound level difference between the source room and the receiving room with the specimen installed in the test aperture. This level difference is then corrected so as to take into account the equivalent absorption area of the receiving room.

The Sound Reduction Index, R (dB), is defined in BS EN ISO 10140-2: 2010 as:

$$R = L_1 - L_2 + 10\log_{10}\frac{S}{A}$$
(1)

where:

 $L_1$  is the average sound pressure level in the source room (dB)

 $L_2$  is the average sound pressure level in the receiving room (dB)

S is the area of the test specimen  $(m^2)$ 

A is the equivalent absorption area of the receiving room  $(m^2)$ 

#### 2.1. Generation of Sound Field in the Source Room

Wide band, random noise from the generator in the real time analyser was amplified and reproduced in the source room using alternately one of three fixed loudspeaker systems, (La and Lb and Lc). Omni-directional loudspeakers were used. The output of the generator was set with the intention that the sound pressure level in the receiving room was at least 15 dB higher than the background level in any frequency band. The loudspeakers were positioned at such a distance from the test specimen that the direct radiation upon it was not dominant.

#### 2.2. Frequency Range of Measurements

The sound pressure levels were measured using one-third octave band filters. Measurements covered all the one-third octave bands having centre frequencies in the range from 50 Hz to 5000 Hz.

#### 2.3. Measurement of Sound Pressure Levels

Sound pressure levels were measured simultaneously in the source and receiving rooms using loudspeaker La as the sound source. Measurements were recorded at 6 fixed microphone positions in each room, using an averaging time of 16 seconds and the average level in each room was calculated on an energy basis in each one-third octave frequency band. The procedure was then repeated with loudspeakers Lb and Lc as the sound source. The overall average level difference in each frequency band was then calculated as the arithmetic average of the two sets of results.

For each set of microphone/loudspeaker positions, the distances separating microphones from other microphones, room boundaries and diffusers, were greater than 0.7 m and the distances separating microphones from the sound source and the test specimen were greater than 1.0 m.

#### 2.4. Measurement and Evaluation of the Equivalent Absorption Areas

The correction term of equation (1) containing the equivalent absorption area, A, was evaluated from the reverberation time and calculated using Sabine's formula:

$$A = \frac{0.16 \ V}{T} \tag{2}$$

where:

V is the volume of the receiving room  $(m^3)$ 

T is the reverberation time (s)

The reverberation time of the receiving room was measured using a decay technique. The decays were produced by exciting the room with wide band random noise and stopping the excitation once the room became saturated. The resulting decaying sound field was monitored at 6 fixed microphone positions using a one-third octave band real time analyser. The sound spectrum was sampled at 32 millisecond intervals and stored in memory. Five decays were measured at each microphone position and averaged. The time taken for the sound to decay by a given amount was measured and then extrapolated to determine the reverberation time. The measurements were repeated using an alternative sound source. The results from each set of positions were averaged (ie 60 reverberation decays at each frequency).

# 3. <u>Equipment</u>

Equipment	Laboratory Equipment Record No.
$2 \times$ Norwegian Electronics 1/3 octave band real time analyser type 850 with in-built random noise generator	RTA3-01 to 12
Quad 510 power amplifier	PA7
Norsonic Sound Calibrator type 1251	C8
$2 \times Norsonic Dodecahedron Loudspeakers$	LS10-LS11
3 × Norsonic Dodecahedron Loudspeakers	LS12-LS14
$3 \times$ Bruel & Kjaer random incidence condenser microphones type 4166 in the source room	M2-M4
$3\times G.R.A.S.$ random incidence condenser microphones type 40AP in the source room	M21, M22, M30
$2 \times$ Bruel &Kjaer random incidence condenser microphone type 4166 in the receiving room	M9, M18
$4\times G.R.A.S.$ random incidence condenser microphones type 40AP in the receiving room	M20, M31, M19, M32
Environmental sensor data logger, hygrometers and barometer	HL1, HG1, HG2, BM3
Toshiba TECRA R850 119 laptop computer and related peripheral equipment (network switch, printer, monitor etc.)	RTA3-00
Yamaha GQ1031BII graphic equalizer	GEQ1

# 4. <u>Results</u>

The sound reduction indices at one-third octave band intervals, R, are given in the tables overleaf.

Source room volume:	136 m <sup>3</sup>
Receiving room volume:	222 m <sup>3</sup>
Sample sizes:	3600 mm × 2400 mm

Given in the attached tables and computed from the one-third octave band sound reduction indices, is the weighted sound reduction index,  $R_w$ , calculated according to ISO 717-1:2013. This evaluation is based on laboratory measurement results obtained by an engineering method.

Also given on separate test sheets are the sound transmission loss, *STL*, values in onethird octave band intervals, which have been used to calculate the sound transmission class, *STC*. This evaluation is also based on laboratory measurement results obtained by an engineering method.

The results here presented relate only to the items received, tested and described in this report.

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## E90 – 09 (Reapproved 2016) Airborne Sound Transmission Loss

Laboratory measurement of sound insulation of building elements Product ID: Revac BM 00488 Client: WSBL Ltd Mounted by: Client Sample Size: 8.64 Test Room ID: Acoustic Transmission Suite m<sup>2</sup> Manufacturer: Client Date of Test: 24 May 2022 Polymeric Noise Control Barrier Description: Source Room Volume: Ambient Pressure: 136 m<sup>3</sup> 100.1 kPa Source Room Temperature: Measured Mass per unit area: 5.4 kg/m<sup>2</sup> 20.2 °C Source Room Relative Humidity: Curing Time: 43.3 % Not Applicable Receiving Room Volume: 222 m<sup>3</sup> Receiving Room Temperature: 20.3 °C Receiving Room Relative Humidity: 49.4 % : STL Sound Transmission Class Contour [125 - 4000Hz] 60 Frequency STL Sound Transmission Level [dB] f ⅓ octave [Hz] [dB] 50 13 50 63 13 80 12 100 16 125 15 160 15 40 200 15 250 17 315 18 400 20 30 21 500 630 23 800 25 26 1000 1250 28 20 1600 30 2000 31 2500 33 3150 35 4000 38 10 5000 40 0 63 125 250 500 1000 2000 4000 Frequency, f [Hz]  $\rightarrow$ Rating according to ASTM E413-16 The Sound Reduction Index (SRI) figures obtained from testing to BS EN ISO STC 10140:2 have been used as Sound Transmission Loss (STL) figures to determine dB 26 = the Sound Transmission Class (STC). Evaluation based on laboratory measurement results obtained in one-third-octave bands by an engineering method. Name of test institute: The University of Salford, Acoustic Test Laboratory

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Laboratory measurement of sound insulation of building elements Product ID: Revac BM 00244 Client: WSBL Ltd Mounted by: Client Sample Size: 8.64 Test Room ID: Acoustic Transmission Suite m<sup>2</sup> Manufacturer: Client Date of Test: 24 May 2022 Description: Polymeric Noise Control Barrier Ambient Pressure: Source Room Volume: 136 m<sup>3</sup> 100.3 kPa Source Room Temperature: Client Specified Mass per unit area: 2.8 kg/m<sup>2</sup> 20.2 °C Source Room Relative Humidity: Curing Time: 42.0 % Not Applicable Receiving Room Volume: 222 m<sup>3</sup> Receiving Room Temperature: 20.3 °C Receiving Room Relative Humidity: 48.0 % : STL Sound Transmission Class Contour [125 - 4000Hz] 60 Frequency STL Sound Transmission Level [dB] f ⅓ octave [Hz] [dB] 50 11 50 63 11 80 8 100 13 125 12 160 11 40 200 11 250 13 315 14 400 15 30 500 16 630 18 800 19 1000 21 1250 23 20 1600 24 2000 26 2500 28 3150 30 4000 32 10 5000 34 0 63 125 250 500 1000 2000 4000 Frequency, f [Hz]  $\rightarrow$ Rating according to ASTM E413-16 The Sound Reduction Index (SRI) figures obtained from testing to BS EN ISO STC 10140:2 have been used as Sound Transmission Loss (STL) figures to determine dB 21 = the Sound Transmission Class (STC). Evaluation based on laboratory measurement results obtained in one-third-octave bands by an engineering method. Name of test institute: The University of Salford, Acoustic Test Laboratory

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Laboratory measurement of sound insulation of building elements Product ID: Revac Momentum 50 Client: WSBL Ltd Mounted by: Client Sample Size: 8.64 Test Room ID: Acoustic Transmission Suite m<sup>2</sup> Manufacturer: Client Date of Test: 24 May 2022 Polymeric Noise Control Barrier Description: Ambient Pressure: Source Room Volume: 136 m<sup>3</sup> 100.4 kPa Source Room Temperature: Client Specified Mass per unit area: 5.0 kg/m<sup>2</sup> 20.2 °C Source Room Relative Humidity: Curing Time: 43.7 % Not Applicable Receiving Room Volume: 222 m<sup>3</sup> Receiving Room Temperature: 20.3 °C Receiving Room Relative Humidity: 44.1 % : STL Sound Transmission Class Contour [125 - 4000Hz] 60 Frequency STL Sound Transmission Level [dB] f ⅓ octave [Hz] [dB] 50 14 50 63 13 80 12 100 16 125 14 160 15 40 200 15 250 17 315 18 400 19 30 500 21 630 23 800 24 26 1000 1250 28 20 1600 29 2000 31 2500 33 3150 35 4000 38 10 5000 40 0 63 125 250 500 1000 2000 4000 Frequency, f [Hz]  $\rightarrow$ Rating according to ASTM E413-16 The Sound Reduction Index (SRI) figures obtained from testing to BS EN ISO STC 10140:2 have been used as Sound Transmission Loss (STL) figures to determine dB 26 = the Sound Transmission Class (STC). Evaluation based on laboratory measurement results obtained in one-third-octave bands by an engineering method. Name of test institute: The University of Salford, Acoustic Test Laboratory

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