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Test Report

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Montréal, QC, Canada

Sound Absorption
RAL™-A20-436

CONDUCTED: 2020-10-12

ON: Mill 4277D-25 (4 x 2 square array, 45 in. on center)

TEST METHODOLOGY

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INFORMATION PROVIDED BY SPONSOR

The test specimen was designated by the sponsor as Mill 4277D-25 (4 x 2 square array, 45 in. on center). 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

Product Name:	Mill
Product ID:	4277D-25
Manufacturer:	EUREKA
Exposed Surface Area:	1.73 m^2 (18.62 ft^2) per object

SPECIMEN MEASUREMENTS & TEST CONDITIONS

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

Test Specimen

Materials:	Semirigid felt fins around coated steel body, acrylic lens
	Fins extend tangentially from cylindrical envelope of body
Dimensions:	8 @ 356 mm (14 in.) diameter x 622 mm (24.5 in.) high
	Felt fins, 15 per object @ 118 mm (4.6 in.) x 622 mm (24.5 in.)
	Fin thickness @ 9 mm (0.354 in.)
	52.5 mm (2.0 in.) deep recession at top and bottom
Overall Weight:	35.83 kg (79 lbs)

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Physical Measurements (per object)

Dimensions:	0.36 m (14 in.) diameter by 0.62 m (24.5 in.) high
Weight:	4.48 kg (9.88 lbs)

Test Environment

Room Volume:	291.98 m^3
Temperature:	22.0 °C ± 0.0 °C (Requirement: ≥ 10 °C and ≤ 5 °C change)
Relative Humidity:	57.2 % ± 0.4 % (Requirement: ≥ 40 % and ≤ 5 % change)
Barometric Pressure:	98.8 kPa (Requirement not defined)

Based on sponsor-provided calculations, each sound absorbing object had an absorptive area (all exposed surfaces) of 1.73 m^2 (18.62 ft^2). The total absorptive area (all exposed surfaces) of all sound-absorbing objects was 13.84 m^2 (148.97 ft^2). The array of objects covered 5.67 m^2 (61.05 ft^2) of the horizontal test surface (total treated area).

MOUNTING METHOD

Type J Mounting: The specimen is an array of 8 spaced sound absorbing objects suspended from cables such that the closest face is located approximately 800 mm (31.5 in.) from the horizontal test surface. This approximates the mounting method of a typical ceiling baffle installation. The objects were evenly distributed in a 4 x 2 square array, spaced 1143 mm (45 in.) on center.

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Figure 1 – Specimen mounted in test chamber

Figure 2 – Acrylic lens at underside of specimen, orientation of felt fins

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Figure 3 – Detail of specimen materials

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TEST RESULTS

Note: There is currently no standardized method for calculating Absorption Coefficients from spaced object absorbers. The sound absorption performance of spaced object absorbers should not be compared directly with specimens tested as a single rectangular area (e.g. mounting types A, E, etc.).

1/3 Octave Center Frequency	**Total Absorption**		**Absorption per Object**	
(Hz)	(m^2)	(Sabins)	(m^2 / Object)	(Sabins / Object)
100	0.40	4.27	0.05	0.53
** 125	0.81	8.67	0.10	1.08
160	1.25	13.41	0.16	1.68
200	2.73	29.38	0.34	3.67
** 250	2.99	32.20	0.37	4.02
315	3.58	38.57	0.45	4.82
400	3.87	41.69	0.48	5.21
** 500	4.41	47.51	0.55	5.94
630	4.68	50.33	0.58	6.29
800	5.18	55.71	0.65	6.96
** 1000	6.01	64.72	0.75	8.09
1250	6.34	68.22	0.79	8.53
1600	6.74	72.51	0.84	9.06
** 2000	6.99	75.21	0.87	9.40
2500	6.93	74.54	0.87	9.32
3150	6.80	73.17	0.85	9.15
** 4000	6.85	73.69	0.86	9.21
5000	6.82	73.41	0.85	9.18

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SOUND ABSORPTION REPORT

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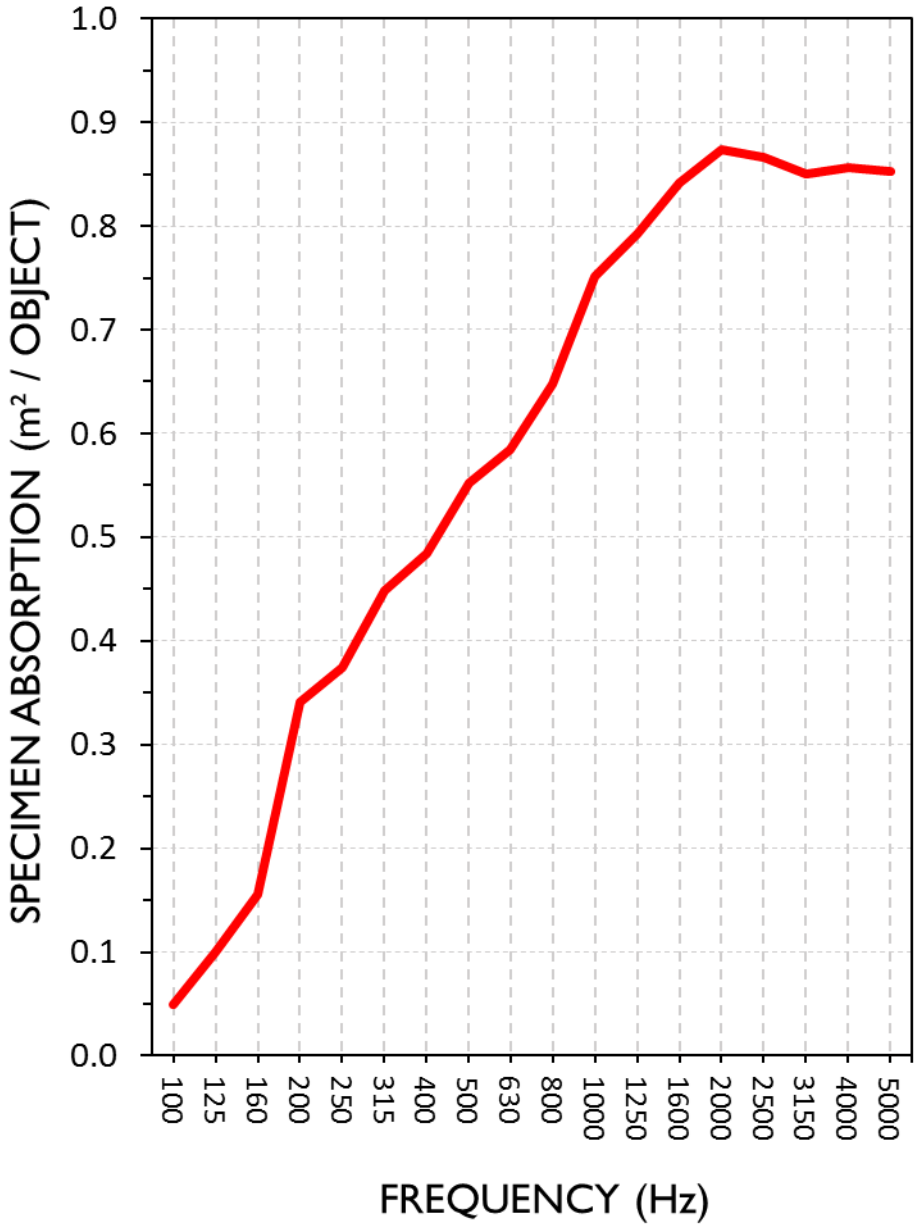

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APPENDIX A: Extended Frequency Range Data

Specimen: Mill 4277D-25 (4 x 2 square array, 45 in. on center) (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 (m^2)	Total Absorption (Sabins)	Absorption per Object (m^2 / Object)	Absorption per Object (Sabins / Object)
31.5	0.43	4.68	0.05	0.58
40	0.12	1.27	0.01	0.16
50	-0.17	-1.81	-0.02	-0.23
63	0.13	1.36	0.02	0.17
80	0.86	9.22	0.11	1.15
100	0.40	4.27	0.05	0.53
125	0.81	8.67	0.10	1.08
160	1.25	13.41	0.16	1.68
200	2.73	29.38	0.34	3.67
250	2.99	32.20	0.37	4.02
315	3.58	38.57	0.45	4.82
400	3.87	41.69	0.48	5.21
500	4.41	47.51	0.55	5.94
630	4.68	50.33	0.58	6.29
800	5.18	55.71	0.65	6.96
1000	6.01	64.72	0.75	8.09
1250	6.34	68.22	0.79	8.53
1600	6.74	72.51	0.84	9.06
2000	6.99	75.21	0.87	9.4
2500	6.93	74.54	0.87	9.32
3150	6.80	73.17	0.85	9.15
4000	6.85	73.69	0.86	9.21
5000	6.82	73.41	0.85	9.18
6300	6.94	74.70	0.87	9.34
8000	7.05	75.91	0.88	9.49
10000	7.34	78.97	0.92	9.87
12500	7.02	75.56	0.88	9.45

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APPENDIX B: Instruments of Traceability

Specimen: Mill 4277D-25 (4 x 2 square array, 45 in. on center) (See Full Report)

Description	Model	Serial Number	Date of Certification	Calibration Due
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	2020-09-30	2021-09-30
Bruel & Kjaer Pistonphone	Type 4228	2781248	2020-08-12	2021-08-12
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: Mill 4277D-25 (4 x 2 square array, 45 in. on center) (See Full Report)

Date	Revision
2020-11-10	Original report issued

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Appendix D to ASTM C423 Sound Absorption Test
Non-standard calculation of equivalent NRC Rating and Absorption Coefficients from spaced absorbers

At this time, ASTM C423 does not provide a standard method for determining absorption coefficients of spaced object absorbers. Tests of a set of sound absorbing objects spaced apart from each other will yield higher absorption rates than a specimen joined together as a single patch (A-Mount or E-Mount). For this reason it is unfair to provide NRC or absorption coefficient ratings for specimens that consist of a spaced set of absorbers. Despite this, the architectural industry has expressed great demand for a simple "single number" rating for these treatments. Likewise, acoustical consultants desire equivalent absorption coefficient data for use in acoustical modeling software. The following is an attempt to appease these demands until ASTM develops a standard method for calculation. Several alternate non-standard calculation methods are provided. Riverbank Acoustical Laboratories prefers method 1; ratings yielded from this method have titles with the prepended word “Equivalent”. Rating titles for the remaining methods are prepended with the word “Apparent”. These rating names and their associated acronyms are provided by RAL and shall not be misconstrued as originating from any current standard.

Method 1) Equivalent Sound Absorption Coefficient calculated from extended test specimen envelope
The total sound absorption yielded by the specimen is divided by the surface area of the test surface covered by the suspended objects, including intermediate spaces, with additional added area to allow theoretical extrapolation for larger arrays. The object rigging covered 5.67 m^2 (61.05 ft^2) of horizontal test surface area. With an extra 787.4 mm (31 in.) of length and width to account for the space between the tested array and what would be the next objects in a larger array, the surface area comes to 10.45 m^2 (112.5 ft^2). Equivalent sound absorption coefficients, and subsequently the Equivalent Noise Reduction Coefficient (E*NRC) and Equivalent Sound Absorption Average (E*SAA) ratings, are calculated using this surface area based on the methods described in ASTM C423-17. This may be the most accurate method for comparing object arrays to ceiling tile products. The equivalent sound absorption coefficient data can be assigned to a single horizontal surface or plane in acoustical modeling software for approximation of object array performance. Such approximations rely on the assumptions that object spacing is similar to that of the tested array across the entire surface, that gaps are negligibly small between adjacent rows of objects if the test specimen consists of a single row, and that the installation occurs over a perfectly reflective surface material.

Method 2) Apparent Sound Absorption Coefficient calculated from total exposed surface area of specimen
The total sound absorption yielded by the specimen is divided by the total surface area of all exposed specimen faces, as determined from sponsor-provided calculations (1.73 m^2 (18.62 ft^2) per object x 8 objects = 13.84 m^2 (148.97 ft^2) total surface area). Apparent sound absorption coefficients, and subsequently the Apparent Noise Reduction Coefficient (A*NRC) and Apparent Sound Absorption Average (A*SAA) ratings, are calculated using this surface area based on the methods described in ASTM C423-17. This method shows the actual absorption occurring at the exposed surfaces but does not provide a fair comparison with materials mounted as a uniform patch (in A-mount or E-mount).

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Method 3) Apparent Sound Absorption Coefficient calculated from one face per object

The total sound absorption yielded by the specimen is divided by the surface area of one side of one large face for each object in the specimen. Apparent sound absorption coefficients, and subsequently the Apparent Noise Reduction Coefficient (A*NRC) and Apparent Sound Absorption Average (A*SAA) ratings, are calculated using this surface area based on the methods described in ASTM C423-17. This method is favored by some material manufacturers since it yields very high NRC figures, but does not provide a fair comparison with other ceiling tile or wall panel products. Riverbank Acoustical Laboratories recommends that results obtained from this method be used for research and comparison purposes only; such results should not be used for marketed claims of product performance. This method is deemed not useful or applicable to the specimen under test.

Method 4) Apparent Sound Absorption Coefficient calculated from specimen envelope without extension

The total sound absorption yielded by the specimen is divided by the rectangular test surface area covered by the suspended objects, including intermediate spaces. The object rigging covered 5.67 m^2 (61.05 ft^2) of horizontal test surface area. Apparent sound absorption coefficients, and subsequently the Apparent Noise Reduction Coefficient (A*NRC) and Apparent Sound Absorption Average (A*SAA) ratings, are calculated using this surface area based on the methods described in ASTM C423-17. While similar in concept to Method 1, attempting to model any array larger than the tested specimen using these results would imply instances of adjacent objects with zero spacing scattered throughout the extrapolated array. Riverbank Acoustical Laboratories recommends that results obtained from this method be used for research and comparison purposes only; such results should not be used for marketed claims of product performance.

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Appendix D: Data Note: See full test report for details of mounting position, spacing, and configuration, as these parameters greatly affect sound absorption performance.

Specimen Absorption (ft^2)			Method 1	Method 2	Method 3	Method 4
			Equivalent Abs. Coefficient From Area of Extended Specimen Envelope (112.5 ft^2)	**Apparent** Abs. Coefficient From Total Exposed Surface Area (148.97 ft^2)	**Apparent** Abs. Coefficient From One Face Per Object (Not Applicable)	**Apparent** Abs. Coefficient From Unextended Envelope Area (61.05 ft^2)
Freq. (Hz)	**Sabins**	**Sabins / Object**				
31.5	4.68	0.58	0.04	0.03		0.08
40	1.27	0.16	0.01	0.01		0.02
50	-1.81	-0.23	-0.02	-0.01		-0.03
63	1.36	0.17	0.01	0.01		0.02
80	9.22	1.15	0.08	0.06		0.15
100	4.27	0.53	0.04	0.03		0.07
125	8.67	1.08	0.08	0.06		0.14
160	13.41	1.68	0.12	0.09		0.22
200	29.38	3.67	0.26	0.20		0.48
250	32.20	4.02	0.29	0.22		0.53
315	38.57	4.82	0.34	0.26		0.63
400	41.69	5.21	0.37	0.28		0.68
500	47.51	5.94	0.42	0.32		0.78
630	50.33	6.29	0.45	0.34		0.82
800	55.71	6.96	0.50	0.37		0.91
1,000	64.72	8.09	0.58	0.43		1.06
1,250	68.22	8.53	0.61	0.46		1.12
1,600	72.51	9.06	0.64	0.49		1.19
2,000	75.21	9.40	0.67	0.50		1.23
2,500	74.54	9.32	0.66	0.50		1.22
3,150	73.17	9.15	0.65	0.49		1.20
4,000	73.69	9.21	0.66	0.49		1.21
5,000	73.41	9.18	0.65	0.49		1.20
6,300	74.70	9.34	0.66	0.50		1.22
8,000	75.91	9.49	0.67	0.51		1.24
10,000	78.97	9.87	0.70	0.53		1.29
12,500	75.56	9.45	0.67	0.51		1.24
		Equivalent NRC:	**0.50**	**N/A**		**N/A**
		Apparent NRC:	**N/A**	**0.35**		**0.90**
		Equivalent/Apparent SAA:	**0.48**	**0.36**		**0.89**

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