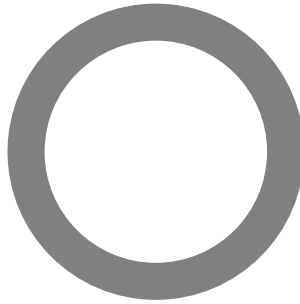


**ASTM E 90: Laboratory Measurement of Airborne Sound Transmission of Building Partitions and Elements**

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**TEST**

Client: **Whisper Industries, L.L.C.**  
 Report Date: **August 14, 2008**  
 Test Date: **July 9, 2008**  
 Test Number: **OL08-0712**

**ACCREDITATION**



For the scope of accreditation under NVLAP code 200248-0

**RESULT SUMMARY**

**STC=61**

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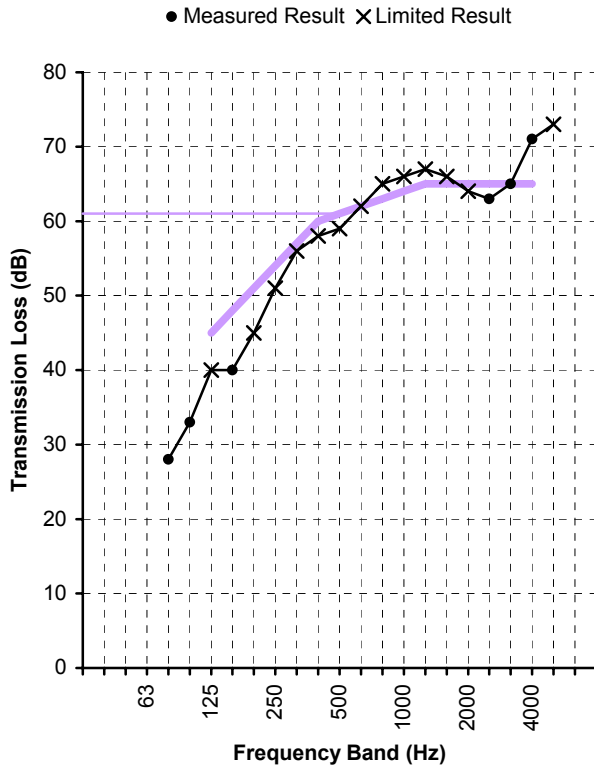




**Test Date** July 9, 2008  
**Specimen** Interior Wall Assembly

**Method** ASTM Standard E90  
**Technician** D. Berg

Single Number Rating  
**STC = 61**



Freq. (Hz)	TL (dB)	Def. (dB)
80	28	
100	33	
125	40*	5
160	40	8
200	45*	6
250	51*	3
315	56*	1
400	58*	2
500	59*	2
630	62*	-
800	65*	-
1000	66*	-
1250	67*	-
1600	66*	-
2000	64*	1
2500	63	2
3150	65	-
4000	71	-
5000	73*	

Total Deficiencies 30

\* Estimate of lower limit

**Assembly Elements** (listed in order from source room side to receiver room side)

- 0.625" (5/8") gypsum board type X; 2" screw @ 12" O.C.
- 0.625" (5/8") gypsum board type X; 1.625" screw @ 12" O.C.
- (7/8") Hat Channel @ 24" O.C.
- Whisper Industries WhisperClip™; 1.625" screw
- 2x4 wood studs @ 16" O.C.
- (6-1/2") R19 glass fiber insulation
- 0.625" (5/8") gypsum board type X; 1.625" screw @ 16" O.C.





## SPECIMEN DESCRIPTION

The specimen under test was one interior wall assembly. The elements in the assembly are described below the results table and chart. Additional information regarding the specimen may be found in the appendices.

Test results pertain to this specimen only.

## INSTALLATION AND DISPOSITION

Independent contractors fabricated the wall assembly in the specimen opening. Qualified representatives of Orfield Laboratories observed the installation progress, and visually inspected the specimen prior to testing.

## TEST METHODS

The methods followed these published standards:

*ASTM E90\*: Standard Test Method for Laboratory Measurement of Airborne Sound Transmission Loss of Building Partitions and Elements*

*ASTM E413: Classification for Rating Sound Insulation*

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## APPENDIX A: MEASUREMENT SETUP

### ENVIRONMENT

#### Environment

Temperature	70°F [21.1°C]
Relative Humidity	55%

#### Specimen Area

Specimen Area	64.5 ft <sup>2</sup> [5.99 m <sup>2</sup> ]
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#### Chamber Volume - Airborne Transmission

Source Room Volume	3284 ft <sup>3</sup> [93.0 m <sup>3</sup> ]
Receiving Room Volume	8245 ft <sup>3</sup> [233.5 m <sup>3</sup> ]

### INSTRUMENTATION

Description	Brand	Model	S/N
Microphone	Brüel & Kjær	Type 4134	1478843
Preamplifier	Brüel & Kjær	Type 2639	1202479
Microphone	Brüel & Kjær	Type 4134	558007
Preamplifier	Brüel & Kjær	Type 2639	1312237
Analyzer	Brüel & Kjær	Type 2133	1389369



**APPENDIX B: CALCULATION RESULTS**

Freq. Band (Hz)	Specimen T.L. (dB)	95% Conf. (dB)	Flanking Limit (dB)	STC Defic. (dB)
25				
31.5	<b>24.8</b>		40	
40	<b>17.9</b>		47	
50	<b>18.0</b>		43	
63	<b>22.9</b>		43	
80	<b>28.1</b>	±1.63	42	
100	<b>32.5</b>	±1.15	45	
125	<b>40.1 §</b>	±0.95	46	5
160	<b>39.6</b>	±1.27	52	8
200	<b>45.0 §</b>	±1.24	53	6
250	<b>51.1 §</b>	±0.65	56	3
315	<b>55.7 §</b>	±0.65	60	1
400	<b>57.8 §</b>	±0.62	61	2
500	<b>59.0 §</b>	±0.40	65	2
630	<b>62.4 §</b>	±0.50	66	-
800	<b>64.9 §</b>	±0.40	69	-
1000	<b>66.5 §</b>	±0.25	70	-
1250	<b>66.7 §</b>	±0.25	72	-
1600	<b>66.0 §</b>	±0.32	72	-
2000	<b>64.3 §</b>	±0.44	74	1
2500	<b>63.1</b>	±0.35	79	2
3150	<b>64.7</b>	±0.31	83	-
4000	<b>70.6</b>	±0.49		-
5000	<b>72.5 *</b>	±0.35		
6300	<b>71.2 *</b>			
8000	<b>70.7 *</b>			
10000	<b>65.8 *</b>			
Total deficiencies below STC contour (dB)				<b>30</b>
STC contour [ASTM E413]				<b>61</b>

\* 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".

§ Actual transmission loss of specimen may be higher than measured at this frequency band. Result within 10 dB of flanking limit found in separate study, therefore the result may be "potentially limited by the laboratory" due to flanking around the specimen.

Note: 95% Confidence from room qualification data. Flanking Limit from chamber flanking measurements. Data available upon request. Extended frequency results below 80Hz and above 5000Hz for reference only.





## APPENDIX C: SPECIMEN ASSEMBLY DESCRIPTION

The following table shows the elements in the wall assembly, with the source-room-side element first and the receiving-room-side element last.

Overall Mass = 543.8 lb [246.6 kg]

Overall Surface Density = 8.43 PSF [41.16 kg/m<sup>2</sup>]

Element	Mass	Surf. Dens.
	lb [kg]	PSF [kg/m <sup>2</sup> ]
0.625" (5/8") gypsum board type X; 2" screw @ 12" O.C.	144.5 [65.5]	2.24 [10.94]
0.625" (5/8") gypsum board type X; 1.625" screw @ 12" O.C.	146.0 [66.2]	2.26 [11.05]
(7/8") Hat Channel @ 24" O.C.	8.8 [4.0]	0.14 [0.66]
Whisper Industries WhisperClip™; 1.625" screw	2.0 [0.9]	0.03 [0.15]
2x4 wood studs @ 16" O.C.	84.0 [38.1]	1.30 [6.36]
(6-1/2") R19 glass fiber insulation	14.0 [6.4]	0.22 [1.06]
0.625" (5/8") gypsum board type X; 1.625" screw @ 16" O.C.	144.5 [65.5]	2.24 [10.94]

WhisperClips™ and SilenSeal™ supplied by client. All other materials purchased through retail channels. All materials were weighed prior to installation. Weights of fasteners are not represented in the above totals.

## FRAMING

A wood 2x4 sill plate was laid on the floor and a wood 2x4 top plate was bolted to the top frame in the specimen opening. Wood 2x4 studs were fastened to the sill and top plates, spaced 16" apart, on center. The outermost wood 2x4 studs were also bolted to each side of the specimen opening frame.

Seventeen (17) Whisper Industries WhisperClips™ were attached to the vertical studs on the source room side using 1-5/8" drywall screws (see Figure 1 for clip layout). 8'-0" lengths of 25 gauge, 7/8" hat-channel were then attached to the WhisperClips™ at 24" nominal spacing.

## INSULATION

Insulation was R19 glass-fiber batt measuring 15" wide and 6.5" thick. Batts were friction-fit into each entire stud cavity.

## SHEETING

Both source room side gypsum board layers were 5/8" thick 4' by 8' panels. The inner layer of gypsum board was fastened to the hat-channel with 1-5/8" drywall screws, spaced in a 12" x 24" pattern. The outer layer of gypsum board was fastened to the hat-channel with 2" drywall screws, spaced in a 12" x 24" pattern.

The receiver room side gypsum board was 5/8" thick 4' by 8' panels. The gypsum board was fastened directly to the studs with 1-5/8" drywall screws, spaced in a 16" x 16" pattern.

Panels were shimmed at installation so equal gaps were at the top and bottom. Gaps were less than 1/2" in all cases. Shims were removed after sheeting was fastened and the perimeter was sealed on the source and receiver room sides with Green Glue Company SilenSeal™. Additionally, the perimeter on both the source and receiver room was sealed with 7/8" wide by 1/8" thick putty tape. The seams between gypsum board panels were sealed with Green Glue Company SilenSeal™ on both the source and receiver room sides.

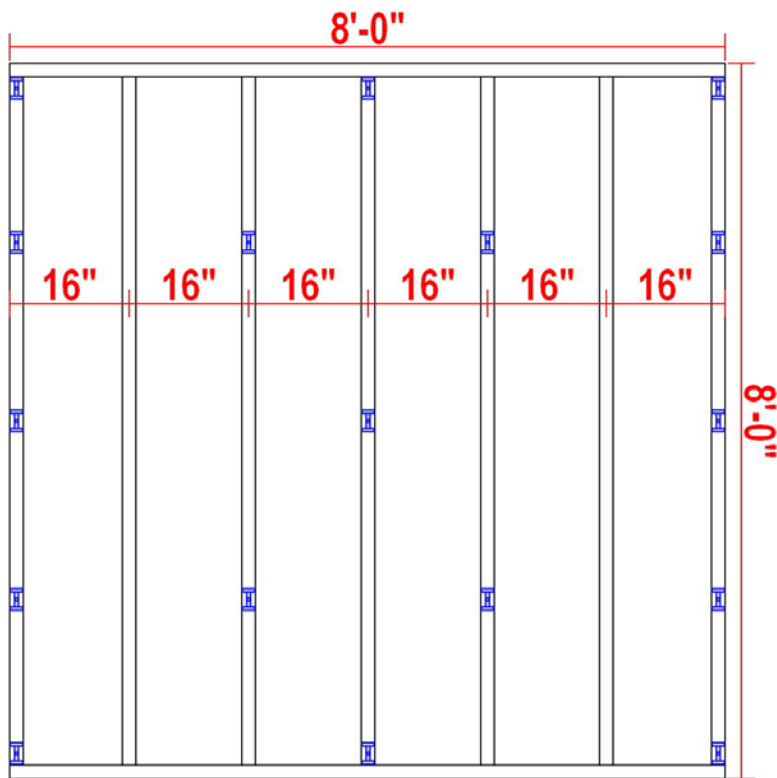


Figure 1: WhisperClip™ Layout Diagram



**APPENDIX D: SINGLE-NUMBER CALCULATION TO ISO 717-1**

Freq. Band (Hz)	$R_i$ ( $R_i = TL$ ) (dB)	Ref Curve (dB)	Unfav. Deviat. (dB)	$L_{i1}$ Spectrum (dB)	$L_{i1} - R_i$ Level (dB)	$L_{i2}$ Spectrum (dB)	$L_{i2} - R_i$ Level (dB)
50	18.0						
63	22.9						
80	28.1						
100	32.5	41	8.5	-29.0	-61.5	-20.0	-52.5
125	40.1	44	3.9	-26.0	-66.1	-20.0	-60.1
160	39.6	47	7.4	-23.0	-62.6	-18.0	-57.6
200	45.0	50	5.0	-21.0	-66.0	-18.0	-63.0
250	51.1	53	1.9	-19.0	-70.1	-15.0	-66.1
315	55.7	56	0.3	-17.0	-72.7	-14.0	-69.7
400	57.8	59	1.2	-15.0	-72.8	-13.0	-70.8
500	59.0	60	1.0	-13.0	-72.0	-12.0	-71.0
630	62.4	61	-	-12.0	-74.4	-11.0	-73.4
800	64.9	62	-	-11.0	-75.9	-9.0	-73.9
1000	66.5	63	-	-10.0	-76.5	-8.0	-74.5
1250	66.7	64	-	-9.0	-75.7	-9.0	-75.7
1600	66.0	64	-	-9.0	-75.0	-10.0	-76.0
2000	64.3	64	-	-9.0	-73.3	-11.0	-75.3
2500	63.1	64	0.9	-9.0	-72.1	-13.0	-76.1
3150	64.7	64	-	-9.0	-73.7	-15.0	-79.7
4000	70.6						
5000	72.5						
Sum =			30.1	$R_{A,1} =$	56.4	$R_{A,2} =$	50.2
$R_w =$			<b>60</b>	$C =$	<b>-4</b>	$C_{tr} =$	<b>-10</b>

$$R_w (C ; C_{tr}) = 60 (-4 ; -10)$$

$$R_w (C ; C_{tr} ; C_{50-3150} ; C_{tr, 50-3150}) = 60 (-4 ; -10 ; -8 ; -20)$$

$$R_w (C ; C_{tr} ; C_{100-5000} ; C_{tr, 100-5000}) = 60 (-4 ; -10 ; -3 ; -10)$$

$$R_w (C ; C_{tr} ; C_{50-5000} ; C_{tr, 50-5000}) = 60 (-4 ; -10 ; -7 ; -20)$$

Note: The calculations in ISO 717-1 are performed based on assumed equivalency of the ASTM and the corresponding ISO test methods. The test herein is performed according to ASTM standards.

The spectrum adaptation terms  $C$  and  $C_{tr}$  characterize performance against two specific sound sources, A-weighted pink noise and A-weighted traffic noise respectively. The standard ISO 717-1 includes a discussion of "Use of Spectrum Adaptation Terms" in Annex A (informative).

Each spectrum adaptation term may additionally be reported with extended frequency bands included. A calculation for the primary frequency range is shown above, but all available extended-frequency calculations were performed to compare against corresponding ratings of other specimens.

