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



**Green Glue Company** Client:

Report

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#### **RESULT SUMMARY**

STC=63

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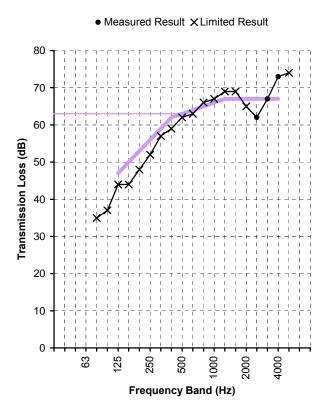
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**Test Date Specimen**  March 13, 2008 Interior Wall Assembly

ASTM Standard E90 Method Technician D. Berg

Single Number Rating **STC** = 63



| Freq.    | TL         | Def.     |  |  |
|----------|------------|----------|--|--|
| (Hz)     | (dB)       | (dB)     |  |  |
| 80       | 35*        |          |  |  |
| 100      | 37*        |          |  |  |
| 125      | 44*        | 3        |  |  |
| 160      | 44*        | 6        |  |  |
| 200      | 48*        | 5        |  |  |
| 250      | 52*        | 4        |  |  |
| 315      | 57*        | 2        |  |  |
| 400      | 59*        | 3        |  |  |
| 500      | 62*        | 1        |  |  |
| 630      | 63*        | 1        |  |  |
| 800      | 66*        | -        |  |  |
| 1000     | 67*        | -        |  |  |
| 1250     | 69*        | <u>-</u> |  |  |
| 1600     | 69*        | -        |  |  |
| 2000     | 65*        | 2        |  |  |
| 2500     | 62         | 5        |  |  |
| 3150     | 67         | -        |  |  |
| 4000     | 73         | -        |  |  |
| 5000     | 74*        |          |  |  |
| Total De | ficiencies | 32       |  |  |
| A = 0    |            |          |  |  |

\* Estimate of lower limit

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

0.625" (5/8") gypsum drywall type X; 2" screw @ 12" O.C.

0.625" (5/8") gypsum drywall type X; 1.625" screw @ 12" O.C.

7/8" hat channel

Green Glue® Noiseproofing Clip RC

2x4 wood studs @ 16" O.C.

6-1/2" R19 glass fiber insulation

0.625" (5/8") gypsum drywall type X; 1.625" screw @ 16" O.C.

0.625" (5/8") gypsum drywall type X; 2" screw @ 16" O.C.



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#### 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**

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Temperature 70°F [21.1°C]
Relative Humidity 50%

Specimen Area

Specimen Area 64.5 ft² [5.99 m²]

## **Chamber Volume - Airborne Transmission**

 Source Room Volume
 3284 ft³ [93.0 m³]

 Receiving Room Volume
 8245 ft³ [233.5 m³]

## **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 |



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## **APPENDIX B: CALCULATION RESULTS**

| Freq.<br>Band<br>(Hz) | Specimen<br>T.L.<br>(dB) | 95%<br>Conf.<br>(dB) | Flanking<br>Limit<br>(dB) | STC<br>Defic.<br>(dB) |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| 25                    |                          |                      |                           |                       |
| 31.5                  | 25.1                     |                      | 40                        |                       |
| 40                    | 17.1                     |                      | 47                        |                       |
| 50                    | 20.7                     |                      | 43                        |                       |
| 63                    | 29.6                     |                      | 43                        |                       |
| 80                    | <b>35.2</b> §            | ±1.63                | 42                        |                       |
| 100                   | <b>37.1</b> §            | ±1.15                | 45                        |                       |
| 125                   | <b>43.7</b> §            | ±0.95                | 46                        | 3                     |
| 160                   | <b>44.5</b> §            | ±1.27                | 52                        | 6                     |
| 200                   | <b>47.8</b> §            | ±1.24                | 53                        | 5                     |
| 250                   | <b>52.4</b> §            | ±0.65                | 56                        | 4                     |
| 315                   | <b>57.1</b> §            | ±0.65                | 60                        | 2                     |
| 400                   | <b>59.3</b> §            | ±0.62                | 61                        | 3                     |
| 500                   | <b>62.4</b> §            | ±0.40                | 65                        | 1                     |
| 630                   | <b>63.5</b> §            | ±0.50                | 66                        | 1                     |
| 800                   | <b>66.0</b> §            | ±0.40                | 69                        | -                     |
| 1000                  | <b>67.4</b> §            | ±0.25                | 70                        | -                     |
| 1250                  | <b>68.6</b> §            | ±0.25                | 72                        | -                     |
| 1600                  | <b>69.0</b> §            | ±0.32                | 72                        | -                     |
| 2000                  | <b>64.6</b> §            | ±0.44                | 74                        | 2                     |
| 2500                  | 62.4                     | ±0.35                | 79                        | 5                     |
| 3150                  | 66.8                     | ±0.31                | 83                        | -                     |
| 4000                  | 72.6                     | ±0.49                |                           | -                     |
| 5000                  | 73.7 *                   | ±0.35                |                           |                       |
| 6300                  | 71.9 *                   |                      |                           |                       |
| 8000                  | 71.4 *                   |                      |                           |                       |
| 10000                 | 66.4 *                   |                      |                           |                       |
| Total deficie         | encies below ST          | C contour (dB)       |                           | 32                    |
| STC contou            | ur [ASTM E413]           |                      |                           | 63                    |

<sup>\*</sup> 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.



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### 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 = 676.8 lb [307.0 kg] Overall Surface Density = 10.49 PSF [51.23 kg/m²]

| ı |   | Mass   | Surt. Dens.   |  |
|---|---|--|---|--|
|   | Element   | lb [kg]  | PSF [kg/m²]   |  |
|   | 0.625" (5/8") gypsum drywall type X; 2" screw @ 12" O.C.  | 144.0 [65.3]   | 2.23 [10.90]  |  |
|   | 0.625" (5/8") gypsum drywall type X; 1.625" screw @ 12" O.C.  | 143.0 [64.9]   | 2.22 [10.82]  |  |
|   | 7/8" hat channel  | 9.5 [4.3]  | 0.15 [0.72]   |  |
|   | Green Glue® Noiseproofing Clip RC   |  |   |  |
|   | 2x4 wood studs @ 16" O.C.   | 75.5 [34.2]  | 1.17 [5.72]   |  |
|   | 6-1/2" R19 glass fiber insulation   | 15.8 [7.1]   | 0.24 [1.19]   |  |
|   | 0.625" (5/8") gypsum drywall type X; 1.625" screw @ 16" O.C.  | 147.5 [66.9]   | 2.29 [11.17]  |  |
|   | 0.625" (5/8") gypsum drywall type X; 2" screw @ 16" O.C.  | 141.5 [64.2]   | 2.19 [10.71]  |  |
|   | 0.625" (5/8") gypsum drywall type X; 2" screw @ 12" O.C. 0.625" (5/8") gypsum drywall type X; 1.625" screw @ 12" O.C. 7/8" hat channel Green Glue® Noiseproofing Clip RC 2x4 wood studs @ 16" O.C. 6-1/2" R19 glass fiber insulation 0.625" (5/8") gypsum drywall type X; 1.625" screw @ 16" O.C. | 144.0 [65.3]<br>143.0 [64.9]<br>9.5 [4.3]<br>75.5 [34.2]<br>15.8 [7.1]<br>147.5 [66.9] | 2.23 [10.90]<br>2.22 [10.82]<br>0.15 [0.72]<br>1.17 [5.72]<br>0.24 [1.19]<br>2.29 [11.17] |  |

Green Glue® Noiseproofing Clip RCs 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-centers. The outermost wood 2x4 studs were also bolted to each side of the specimen opening frame. Seventeen (17) Green Glue<sup>®</sup> Noiseproofing Clip RCs were attached to the vertical studs on the source-room side using 1-5/8" drywall screws (see Figures 1 & 2 for clip layout). Five 8'-0" lengths of 25 gauge, 7/8" hat-channel were then attached to the Green Glue<sup>®</sup> Noiseproofing Clip RCs at 24" nominal spacing.

#### INSULATION

Insulation was R19 glass-fiber batt measuring 15" wide and 6.5" thick. Insulation 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.

Both receiver-room side gypsum board were 5/8" thick 4' by 8' panels. The inner layer of gypsum board was fastened directly to the studs with 1-5/8" drywall screws, spaced in a 16" x 16" pattern. The outer layer of gypsum board was fastened directly to the studs with 2" 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 latex caulk and 7/8" wide by 1/8" thick putty tape. The seams between gypsum board panels were sealed with latex caulk on both the source and receiver side.

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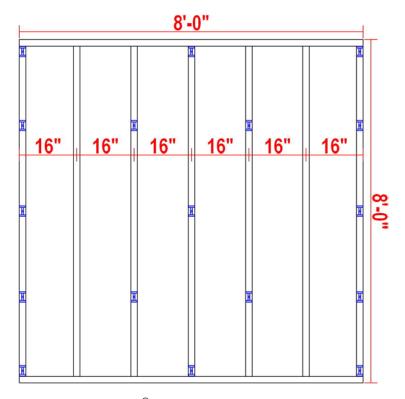


Figure 1: Green Glue® Noiseproofing Clip RC Layout Diagram



Figure 2: Green Glue® Noiseproofing Clip RC Layout Photo



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

| Freq.<br>Band | <i>R<sub>i</sub></i><br>( <i>R<sub>i</sub></i> = TL) | Ref<br>Curve | Unfav.<br>Deviat. | L <sub>i1</sub><br>Spectrum | <i>L <sub>i 1</sub> - R <sub>i</sub></i><br>Level | L <sub>i2</sub><br>Spectrum | L <sub>i2</sub> - R <sub>i</sub><br>Level |
|---------------|--|--------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|---|-----------------------------|---|
| (Hz)          | (dB)   | (dB)         | (dB)              | (dB)                        | (dB)  | (dB)                        | (dB)                                      |
| 50            | 20.7   |              |                   |                             |   |                             |   |
| 63            | 29.6   |              |                   |                             |   |                             |   |
| 80            | 35.2   |              |                   |                             |   |                             |   |
| 100           | 37.1   | 43           | 5.9               | -29.0                       | -66.1   | -20.0                       | -57.1                                     |
| 125           | 43.7   | 46           | 2.3               | -26.0                       | -69.7   | -20.0                       | -63.7                                     |
| 160           | 44.5   | 49           | 4.5               | -23.0                       | -67.5   | -18.0                       | -62.5                                     |
| 200           | 47.8   | 52           | 4.2               | -21.0                       | -68.8   | -18.0                       | -65.8                                     |
| 250           | 52.4   | 55           | 2.6               | -19.0                       | -71.4   | -15.0                       | -67.4                                     |
| 315           | 57.1   | 58           | 0.9               | -17.0                       | -74.1   | -14.0                       | -71.1                                     |
| 400           | 59.3   | 61           | 1.7               | -15.0                       | -74.3   | -13.0                       | -72.3                                     |
| 500           | 62.4   | 62           | -                 | -13.0                       | -75.4   | -12.0                       | -74.4                                     |
| 630           | 63.5   | 63           | -                 | -12.0                       | -75.5   | -11.0                       | -74.5                                     |
| 800           | 66.0   | 64           | -                 | -11.0                       | -77.0   | -9.0                        | -75.0                                     |
| 1000          | 67.4   | 65           | -                 | -10.0                       | -77.4   | -8.0                        | -75.4                                     |
| 1250          | 68.6   | 66           | -                 | -9.0                        | -77.6   | -9.0                        | -77.6                                     |
| 1600          | 69.0   | 66           | -                 | -9.0                        | -78.0   | -10.0                       | -79.0                                     |
| 2000          | 64.6   | 66           | 1.4               | -9.0                        | -73.6   | -11.0                       | -75.6                                     |
| 2500          | 62.4   | 66           | 3.6               | -9.0                        | -71.4   | -13.0                       | -75.4                                     |
| 3150          | 66.8   | 66           | -                 | -9.0                        | -75.8   | -15.0                       | -81.8                                     |
| 4000          | 72.6   |              |                   |                             |   |                             |   |
| 5000          | 73.7   |              |                   |                             |   |                             |   |
|               |  | Sum =        | 27.1              | $R_{A,1} =$                 | 59.7  | $R_{A,2} =$                 | 54.3                                      |
|               |  | $R_W =$      | 62                | <b>C</b> =                  | -2  | $C_{tr} =$                  | -8  |

Rw(C; Ctr) = 62(-2; -8)

Rw (C; Ctr; C50-3150; Ctr, 50-3150) = 62 (-2; -8; -6; -18)

Rw(C; Ctr; C100-5000; Ctr, 100-5000) = 62(-2; -8; -1; -8)Rw(C; Ctr; C50-5000; Ctr, 50-5000) = 62(-2; -8; -5; -18)

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.

