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TYPE: 1/2" Thick, 7 lb Density, Fiberglass Panels

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Project Summary: Architectural Testing, Inc. (ATI) was contracted by Novawall Systems, Inc. to a conduct sound absorption test on the Quiet Core wall system. A summary of the results is listed in the Test Results section and the complete test data is included as Appendix B of this report.

Test Methods: The acoustical test was conducted in accordance with the following:

ASTM C 423-98, *Standard Test Method for Sound Absorption and Sound Absorption Coefficients by the Reverberation Room Method.*

ASTM E 795-93, *Standard Practices for Mounting Test Specimens During Sound Absorption Tests.*

Test Equipment: The equipment, used to conduct these tests, meets the requirements of ASTM C 423-98. The microphone was calibrated before conducting the sound absorption test. The test equipment and test chamber descriptions are listed in Appendix A.

Test Procedure: The sound absorption of the reverberation chamber was measured before the test specimen was installed. This measurement shall be referred to as the empty room test. For the Type A mounting, the test sample was placed directly against the test surface (floor) of the reverberation room with the absorptive side exposed to the sound field. The perimeter of the test specimen was duct taped to minimize edge effects. The test specimen was also sealed to the floor with duct tape. The sound absorption test was then re-run. The absorption measurement with the specimen inside the chamber shall be referred to as the full room test. For the empty and full room tests, ten decay measurements were conducted at each of the five microphone positions. The sound absorption test was conducted at 1/3 octave band frequencies ranging from 80 to 5000 hertz. The air temperature and relative humidity conditions were monitored and recorded during the empty and full room measurements.

Sample Description:

The test sample consisted of six panels. Each 36" x 48" (nominal) panel was fabricated from of one sheet of 1/2" thick gypsum board with a plastic frame stapled to the top edge. Within the plastic frame was a 1/2" thick sheet of 7 lb density fiberglass covered by a woven cloth. Each panel weighed 26.0 lbs. The six panels were arranged to form a 8' x 9' test sample. The overall thickness of the panels was approximately 1.0". Any significant gaps between panels were duct taped. See appendix C for photographs.

Comments: The client did not supply drawings on the Series/Model Quiet Core fiberglass panel. The sample was disassembled, and the components will be retained by ATI for four years.

Test Results: A summary of the sound absorption tests is listed below:

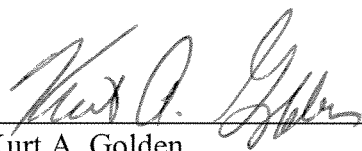
Sample ID Number & Sample Description	1/3 Octave Absorption Coefficients						NRC	SAA
	125	250	500	1000	2000	4000		
01-41817.01 Quiet Core 1/2" Thick, 7 lb Density, Fiberglass Panels	0.03	0.12	0.37	0.66	0.89	1.02	0.50	0.50

The complete test results are listed in Appendix B.

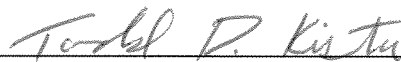
This report is prepared for the convenience of our customer and endeavors to provide accurate and timely project information. It contains a summary of observations made by a qualified representative of Architectural Testing, Inc. The results of this report apply only to the specimen that was tested. The statements made herein do not constitute approval, disapproval, certification or acceptance of performance or materials.

A copy of this report will be retained by ATI for a period of four years. This report is the exclusive property of the client so named herein. This report shall not be reproduced, except in full, without written approval by Architectural Testing, Inc.

For ARCHITECTURAL TESTING, INC:

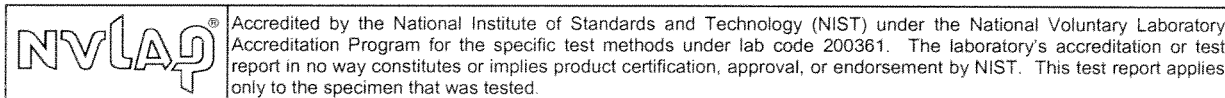


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Requested by: Pamela Marchesano, Novawall Systems, Inc.

Purpose: Sound Absorption test report on a Series/Model Quiet Core, 1/2" thick, 7 lb density fiberglass panel.

Issued Date: 07/02/02

Comments:

Appendix A

Instrumentation:

1. Analyzer: Hewlett Packard Model 35670A, Dynamic Signal Analyzer.
2. Receive room microphone: Hewlett Packard (ACO), model ACOJ 7047 1/2" pressure type, condenser microphone.
3. Microphone calibrator: Bruel & Kjaer, Type 4228 Pistonphone Calibrator, 124 dB at 250 hertz.
4. Noise source: Two, non-coherelated "Pink" noise signals generated by a Delta Electronics, Type SNG-1 Stereo Noise Generator.
5. Spectrum shaper: Rane Type RPE228 Programmable EQ.
6. Power amplifiers Two Renkus-Heinz Model P2000 Amplifiers.
7. Receive room loudspeakers: Two Renkus-Heinz "Trap Jr/9" loudspeakers.

Test Chamber Descriptions:

1. Receive Room: Volume = 8,291.3 ft³ (234 m³).
Rotating vane and stationary diffusers.
Temperature & humidity controlled.
Isolation pads under the floor.

Appendix B

Complete Sound Absorption Test Results



SOUND ABSORPTION
ASTM C423

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ATI No.	01-41817.01		
Client	Novawall Systems, Inc.		
Specimen	Novawall Series/Model Quiet Core, 1/2" thick, 7 lb. density, fiberglass panel		
Specimen Area	72.00 Sq Ft	Mounting	Type A
Operator	Kurt A. Golden		

	Empty Room	Full Room
Date	13-Jun-02	13-Jun-02
Temp F	80.5	79.9
RH %	58.6	58.1

Freq (Hz)	Absorption (Sabines)	Uncert	Absorption (Sabines)	Uncert	Sabins/SqFt	Uncertainty
50	38.34	0.024	38.48	0.210	0.00	0.003
63	40.80	0.142	41.15	0.259	0.00	0.004
80	52.82	0.341	54.93	0.236	0.03	0.006
100	48.27	0.230	55.56	0.020	0.10	0.003
125	44.38	0.170	46.87	0.251	0.03	0.004
160	43.17	0.243	48.58	0.241	0.08	0.005
200	42.94	0.123	52.29	0.050	0.13	0.002
250	42.39	0.154	50.68	0.046	0.12	0.002
315	42.80	0.007	56.07	0.268	0.18	0.004
400	47.21	0.124	64.74	0.237	0.24	0.004
500	45.75	0.098	72.06	0.045	0.37	0.001
630	48.45	0.170	82.82	0.200	0.48	0.004
800	52.08	0.107	94.34	0.125	0.59	0.002
1000	55.98	0.057	103.85	0.360	0.66	0.005
1250	63.95	0.091	118.50	0.350	0.76	0.005
1600	68.49	0.185	129.62	0.083	0.85	0.003
2000	72.59	0.165	136.95	0.147	0.89	0.003
2500	84.57	0.004	154.47	0.001	0.97	0.000
3150	102.77	0.102	175.63	0.063	1.01	0.002
4000	126.61	0.072	199.95	0.055	1.02	0.001
5000	165.26	0.013	244.38	0.099	1.10	0.001
6300	215.66	0.196	295.17	0.183	1.10	0.004
8000	290.49	0.211	369.61	0.419	1.10	0.007
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Exact NRC Rating	0.510
Exact SAA Rating	0.520
NRC Rating	0.50
SAA Rating	0.50

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