

#### **BELGIAN BUILDING RESEARCH INSTITUTE**



INSTITUTION RECOGNIZED BY APPLICATION OF THE DECREE-LAW OF THE 30th OF JANUARY 1947

N° DE NOTIFICATION 1136

All tests in this report are executed according to the ISO 9001 certified Quality management system of the BBRI

Test centre Offices Head office B-1342 Limelette, avenue P. Holoffe 21 B-1932 Sint-Stevens-Woluwe, Lozenberg 7 B-1000 Brussels, rue du Lombard 42

Tel.: +32 (0)2 655 77 11 Tel.: +32 (0)2 716 42 11 Tel.: +32 (0)2 502 66 90

# **TEST REPORT**

Laboratory	ACOUSTICS (AC)	O/References	DE631xB229 AC5741 Page 1 / 6
------------	----------------	--------------	------------------------------------

Requested by	ARTE nv Industriezone De Waerde - Senator A.Jeurissenlaan, 1210 B-3520 Zonhoven		
Date of the order	16-10-2013	Nr. Test element:	2013-09-009
Date of the test	16-10-2013	Receipt of the test element	25-09-2013
Remark(s)	/	Drafting date of the report	08-11-2013
Test carried out Product tested:	Measurement of the sound absorption coefficient in the reverberation room Intrigue		
References	EN ISO 354:2003 Acoustics - Measurement of sound absorption in a reverberation room EN ISO 11654:1997 Acoustics - Sound absorbers for use in buildings - Rating of sound absorption		

This report contains 6 pages. It may only be reproduced in its entirety.

Each page of the original report has been stamped (in red) by the laboratory and initialised by the head of laboratory. The results and findings are only valid for the tested samples.

☐ No sample

☐ Sample(s) submitted to a destructive test

 $\square$  Sample(s) to be removed from our laboratories 10 calendar days after sending of the report, unless a written request is received by the demander of the test

Responsable engineer in charge of the test,

ivts

D. Wuyts

Technical responsable, P. Huart The head of the laboratory, dr. ir. L. De Geetere

Technical assistant : M.Dubois



TESTREPORT Nr. AC5741 Page 2 / 6



## THE PRECISION OF THE MEASUREMENTS

## 1 THE PRECISION OF THE MEASUREMENTS

## Repeatability of measured reverberation times and calculated absorption coefficients

The standard deviation of the reverberation time T20 evaluated over a 20 dB decay range, can be estimated by the following formula (ISO 354:2003 - point 8.2.2.):

$$\varepsilon_{20}(T) = T * \sqrt{\frac{2.42 + 3.59 / N}{fT}}$$

T = the measured reverberation time

f = the centre frequency of one-third-octave band

N = the number of decay curves evaluated

The standard deviations are given in annex 2 of this test report.

#### Reproducibility of reverberation times and calculated absorption coefficients

The reproducibility of absorption coefficient measurement is not known yet and still subject of international research

# **2 TEST EQUIPMENT**

#### Signal

- Interrupted pink noise generated by two modules (non-correlated signals) Norsonic N850-MF1 belonging to the measurement system Norsonic NOR850 v.1.5
- 4 omni-directional tetrahedron shaped loudspeakers, each with 4 membranes BEYMA 6P200Fe, amplified by 2 amplifiers QSC RMX 2450
- The emitted broad-band noise has a spectrum such that the resulting sound pressure levels in the room differ less then 6 dB in adjacent one-third-octave bands.

#### Microphones and recording system

- Bruël & Kjaer 4190 : 2 microphones
- Bruël & Kjaer 2669L: 2 preamplifiers for microphones
- Bruël & Kjaer 2829 : 2 current supplies for microphone
- Norsonic NOR850 v.1.5 : Measurement system
- Number of source pair configurations: 2; distances between the different source positions are at least 3 m
- The number of measurement positions per source configuration: 12; distances between the different measurement positions at least 1.5 m, at least distanced 2 m from the sound source and at least 1 m from any reflecting surface and of the test specimen
- · The total number of measurements: 24

#### Signal analysis

- Norsonic NOR850 v. 1.5: Measurement system
- · Possibility to intervene by means of a graphical interface to determine the reverberation time from the decay curves

#### Reverberation room

• Volume of the reverberation room: 264.3 m<sup>3</sup>

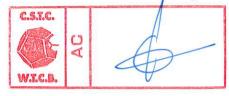
•  $I_{\text{max}} = 12.10 \text{ m} < 1.9 \text{V}^{1/3} (=12.19 \text{ m})$ 

• S<sub>t</sub> = total surface (walls, floor, ceiling) = 266.5 m<sup>2</sup>

• Diffusors are present (± 34 m²)

•  $(V/200m^3)^{2/3}$  = Volume multiplication factor for spaces bigger than 200 m<sup>3</sup> = 1.20

• Maximum surface for test elements in function of the volume = 14.45 m<sup>2</sup>





TESTREPORT Nr. AC5741





# SOUND ABSORPTION COEFFICIENT - GELUIDABSORPTIECOEFFIENT COEFFICIENT D'ABSORPTION ACOUSTIQUE - SCHALLABSORPTIONCOEFFICIENT

EN ISO 354:2003 Acoustics - Measurement of sound absorption in a reverberation room EN ISO 11654:1997 Acoustics - Sound absorbers for use in buildings - Rating of sound absorption

Date / Datum:

16/10/2013

Reverberation room / Nagalmruimte / Salle réverbérante / Hallraum:

Alpha K2:  $V = 264.3 \text{ m}^3$   $S_t = 266.5 \text{ m}^2$ 

Empty space /Lege ruimte / salle vide / Lege Hallraum:

h<sub>r1</sub> %H<sub>2</sub>O = 52.2 %

T<sub>1</sub> = 18.6 °C

 $T_2 = 18.6$ °C

 $p_{a1} = 100.0 \text{ kPa}$ 

With testelement / Met testelement / Avec l'élément d'essai / Mit Testelementes:

 $h_{r2} \% H_2 O = 54.3 \%$ 

N° test sample / N° testelement / N° de l'élément d'essai / Nr. Testelementes:

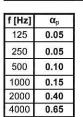
 $p_{a2} = 100.0 \text{ kPa}$ 

2013-09-009

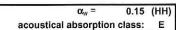
Area of test element / Opp. testelement / Surf. de l'élément d'essai / Fläche des Testelementes:

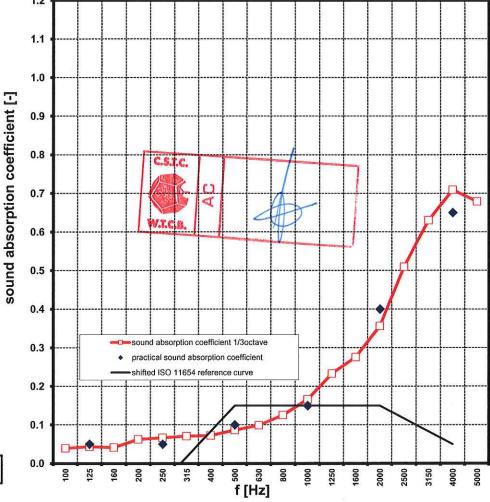
S = 14.40 m<sup>2</sup>

f [Hz]	T <sub>1</sub> [s]	T <sub>2</sub> [s]	αs
50	6.64	6.53	0.01
63	6.97	6.43	0.04
80	7.12	6.52	0.04
100	6.49	5.98	0.04
125	6.12	5.62	0.04
160	5.91	5.47	0.04
200	5.79	5.16	0.06
250	6.18	5.43	0.07
315	6.15	5.37	0.07
400	6.01	5.24	0.07
500	5.76	4.93	0.09
630	5.50	4.64	0.10
800	5.38	4.38	0.13
1000	5.41	4.15	0.17
1250	5.43	3.81	0.23
1600	5.27	3.54	0.28
2000	4.84	3.07	0.36
2500	4.27	2.47	0.51
3150	3.68	2.08	0.63
4000	3.09	1.80	0.71
5000	2.49	1.61	0.68



FR:





## REQUESTED BY / AANVRAGER / DEMANDEUR / ANTRAGSTELLER:

ARTE nv, Industriezone De Waerde - Senator A.Jeurissenlaan, 1210, B-3520 Zonhoven

## TEST ELEMENT / PROEFELEMENT / ELEMENT D'ESSAI / PRÜFMUSTER:

(Short description by the manufacturer, details: see page 6 \*\*\* Beknopte beschrijving door het bedrijf, details: zie pag. 6 \*\*\* Description sommaire par l'entreprise, détails: voir page 6 \*\*\* Kurze Beschreibung durch den Hersteller, Details auf Seite 6

NL: Geen nederlandse beschrijving beschikbaar

Pas de description en Français disponible

Wallcovering Intrigue - three layers with a total weight of 500-730 g/m² and a total thickness of 5,5-7,5mm. The toplayer consists of 80% polyamide and GB: 20% elasthane - weight 170g/m². The second layer is a 100% polyurethane foam - weight 200-430g/m². The backing consists of a 100% polyester nonwoven - weight 130g/m². There is a possible deviation of +/- 10% on weight and thickness.

Keine Deutsche Beschreibung verfügbar D:



TESTREPORT Nr. AC5741 4/6



## ANNEX 1: MEASUREMENT METHOD AND SINGLE VALUE RATINGS

#### 1. MEASUREMENT METHOD

The determination of the sound absorption coefficient follows the standard EN ISO 354:2003 "Acoustics – Measurement of sound absorption in a reverberation room (ISO 354:2003)". A detailed description of the measurement procedure can be found in this standard.

The measurement principle is as follows: The sound absorption coefficient of a test specimen can be derived from measurements of the reverberation time in a reverberation room. The reverberation time for a specified frequency band is defined as the time needed to decay 60 dB after switching off a sound source. First the reverberation time of the empty room is measured. This leads to a reverberation time spectrum T1. Then the product is fitted into the reverberation room over a sufficient area, closely following the mounting prescriptions of the supplier. The reverberation times for this new situation lead to a second spectrum T2. According to the standard, the "Sabine" sound absorption coefficients for each frequency band can be obtained using the following formula:

$$A_T = A_2 - A_1 = 55.3V \left( \frac{1}{c_2 T_2} - \frac{1}{c_1 T_1} \right) - 4V(m_2 - m_1)$$

$$\alpha_S = \frac{A_T}{S}$$

A<sub>2</sub>, A<sub>1</sub> = the equivalent sound absorption area of the empty and the fitted room respectively

V = the volume of the reverberation room

c1, c2 = the speed of sound in the empty and the fitted room respectively

 $T_1, T_2$  = the reverberation time in the empty and the fitted room respectively

 $m_1,\,m_2=$  the power attenuation coefficient, in reciprocal metres, calculated according to ISO 9613-1

 $A_T$  = the equivalent sound absorption area of the test specimen

S = the area of the test specimen

 $\alpha_s$  = the sound absorption coefficient of the specimen

#### 2. α<sub>P</sub> PRACTICAL SOUND ABSORPTION COEFFICIENT

This is the sound absorption coefficient per octave band, deduced from third-octave band measurements by taking the arithmetic average of the sound absorption coefficients of the three third-octave bands within the octave band. The numbers need to be rounded to two digits after the period, according to the prescriptions in the standard EN ISO 11654.

## 3. $\alpha_W$ SINGLE RATING

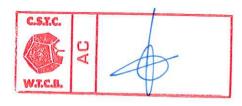
The single number rating (indicated by the subscript "w") procedure is explained in ISO 11654: "Acoustics - Sound absorbers for use in buildings - Rating of sound absorption". The calculation is based on the practical sound absorption coefficients, and is too complex to describe in a few lines here. We refer to the cited standard. More information can also be found on the following website: http://www.normen.be

## 4. FORM INDICATORS L, M, H

Each time a practical sound absorption coefficient exceeds the shifted reference curve by 0.25 or more, one or more form indicators (L, M, H) need to be added to the weighted sound absorption coefficient.

- if the excess happens in the 250 Hz band, the indicator "L" is added
- if the excess happens in the 500 Hz or 1000 Hz band, the indicator "M" is added
- if the excess happens in the 2000 Hz or 4000 Hz band, the indicator "H" is added

The form indicators indicate that, in one or more octave bands, the practical sound absorption coefficient is considerably higher than the value of the shifted reference curve. The interested parties are invited to study the absorption curve in detail.





TESTREPORT Nr. AC5741

5/6



## **ANNEX 2: MEASUREMENT PRECISION**

# Accuracy of the measured reverberation times

f (Hz)	$T_1(s)$	ε <sub>20</sub> (s)	$T_2(s)$	ε <sub>20</sub> (s)
50	6.6	0.58	6.5	0.58
63	7.0	0.53	6.4	0.51
80	7.1	0.48	6.5	0.46
100	6.5	0.41	6.0	0.39
125	6.1	0.35	5.6	0.34
160	5.9	0.31	5.5	0.30
200	5.8	0.27	5.2	0.26
250	6.2	0.25	5.4	0.24
315	6.2	0.22	5.4	0.21
400	6.0	0.20	5.2	0.18
500	5.8	0.17	4.9	0.16
630	5.5	0.15	4.6	0.14
800	5.4	0.13	4.4	0.12
1000	5.4	0.12	4.1	0.10
1250	5.4	0.11	3.8	0.09
1600	5.3	0.09	3.5	0.08
2000	4.8	0.08	3.1	0.06
2500	4.3	0.07	2.5	0.05
3150	3.7	0.05	2.1	0.04
4000	3.1	0.04	1.8	0.03
5000	2.5	0.04	1.6	0.03

 $\varepsilon_{20} =$ The standard deviation of the reverberation time T20 evaluated over a 20 dB decay range, can be estimated by the following formula (ISO 354:2003 - point 8.2.2.):

$$\varepsilon_{20}(T) = T \sqrt{\frac{2.42 + 3.59 / N}{f T}}$$

 $T_I$  = the reverberation time in the empty room

 $T_2$  = the reverberation time in the fitted room

f = the centre frequency of one-third-octave band N = the number of decay curves evaluated

# Accuracy of the measured sound absorption coefficients

f (Hz)	α	$\varepsilon(\alpha)$	$\delta_{95}(\alpha)$
50	0.01	0.06	0.02
63	0.04	0.05	0.02
80	0.04	0.04	0.02
100	0.04	0.04	0.02
125	0.04	0.04	0.02
160	0.04	0.04	0.02
200	0.06	0.04	0.01
250	0.07	0.03	0.01
315	0.07	0.03	0.01
400	0.07	0.03	0.01
500	0.09	0.02	0.01
630	0.10	0.02	0.01
800	0.13	0.02	0.01
1000	0.17	0.02	0.01
1250	0.23	0.02	0.01
1600	0.28	0.02	0.01
2000	0.36	0.02	0.01
2500	0.51	0.03	0.01
3150	0.63	0.03	0.01
4000	0.71	0.03	0.01
5000	0.68	0.04	0.01

 $\varepsilon(\alpha) =$ standard deviation of the measured sound absorption coefficients

$$\varepsilon(\alpha) \cong \frac{55,3V}{cS} \sqrt{\left(\frac{\varepsilon_{20}(T_2)}{T_2^2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\varepsilon_{20}(T_1)}{T_1^2}\right)^2}$$

 $T_I$  = the reverberation time in the empty room

 $T_2$  = the reverberation time in the fitted room

V = the volume of the reverberation room

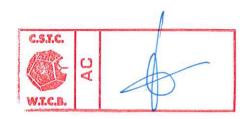
c = average speed of sound for the empty and the fitted reverberation room

S = the area of the test specimen

$$\delta_{95}(\alpha) = 95\%$$
 confidence limit on the measurement of the average sound absorption coefficient (=1.96 times the "standard error" or 1.96 times the "standard deviation of the mean"). If the same measurement would be repeated, the difference with the actual measurement would be smaller than this limit in 95% of the cases.

$$\delta_{95}(\alpha) = \frac{1,96 \ \varepsilon(\alpha)}{\sqrt{N}}$$

N = the number of decay curves evaluated





TESTREPORT Nr. AC5741

6/6



# **ANNEX 3: DESCRIPTION OF THE TEST ARRANGEMENT**

This description is given by the producer of the test element and is not guaranteed, but as good as possible and reasonable controlled, by the laboratory. The equivalence between the tested product in this report and the commercialised product is the sole responsability of the producer.



