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REPORT

FOR: Auralex Acoustics, Inc., Indianapolis, IN

Sound Absorption Test
RAL™-A89-61

ON: ProPanel™ 1"

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TEST METHOD

The test method conformed explicitly with the requirements of the ASTM Standard Test Method for Sound Absorption and Sound Absorption Coefficients by the Reverberation Room Method: ASTM C423-84a and E795-83. Riverbank Acoustical Laboratories has been accredited by the U.S. Department of Commerce, National Bureau of Standards under the National Voluntary Laboratory Accreditation Program (NVLAP) for this test procedure. A description of the measuring technique is available separately. The microphone used was a Bruel & Kjaer serial number 1330828.

DESCRIPTION OF THE SPECIMEN

The test specimen was designated by the manufacturer as 1" thick ProPanel™ wall panels. The overall dimensions of the specimen as measured were 2.44 m (96 in.) wide by 2.74 m (108 in.) long and 2.5 cm (1 in.) thick. Each panel as measured was 1.22 m (48 in.) wide by 2.74 m (108 in.) long. The specimen was tested in the laboratory's 292 m³ (10,311 ft³) test chamber. The description of the specimen was as follows: Each panel consisted of rigid fiberglass covered on the face and edges with Guilford 2100 fabric. A visual inspection verified the description of the specimen. The weight of the specimen as measured was 17.9 kg (39.5 lbs) an average of 2.7 kg/m² (0.5 lbs/ft²). The area used in the calculations was 6.69 m² (72 ft²). The room temperature at the time of the test was 23°C (73°F) and 57% relative humidity.

PRECONDITIONING

The specimen was held at least 48 hours under the test conditions of 22°C (72°F) and 60% relative humidity.

MOUNTING A

The test specimen was laid directly against the test surface.

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TEST RESULTS

| 1/3 Octave Center Center Frequency (Hz) | Absorption Coefficient | Total Absorption In Sabins | % Of Uncertainty With 95% Confidence Limit |
|---|---------------------------|-------------------------------|--|
| ** 100 | 0.16 | 11.51 | 0.65 |
| ** 125 | 0.07 | 5.09 | 1.03 |
| 160 | 0.11 | 8.14 | 0.99 |
| ** 200 | 0.22 | 16.14 | 0.76 |
| ** 250 | 0.29 | 20.60 | 0.89 |
| 315 | 0.36 | 25.57 | 0.80 |
| ** 400 | 0.48 | 34.25 | 0.67 |
| ** 500 | 0.80 | 57.78 | 0.72 |
| 630 | 0.92 | 65.95 | 0.54 |
| ** 800 | 0.94 | 67.67 | 0.71 |
| ** 1000 | 1.01 | 72.80 | 0.60 |
| 1250 | 1.03 | 74.52 | 0.71 |
| ** 1600 | 1.02 | 73.21 | 0.65 |
| ** 2000 | 1.05 | 75.80 | 0.66 |
| 2500 | 1.03 | 73.88 | 0.59 |
| ** 3150 | 1.00 | 72.15 | 0.53 |
| ** 4000 | 0.99 | 71.40 | 0.50 |
| 5000 | 1.02 | 73.71 | 0.59 |

NRC = .80

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TEST RESULTS (con't)

The percentage of uncertainty for the required 95% confidence limits indicated above must fall within the prescribed limits designated in par. 13.2 of ASTM C423-84a. It states that for the absorption of the reverberation room containing the specimen the testing laboratory shall obtain data with less than 4% uncertainty at 125 (hertz) and 2% uncertainty at 250, 500, 1000, 2000, and 4000 (hertz). The method of calculation is described in ASTM STP 15D and outlined in section 13 of the standard.

The noise reduction coefficient (NRC) is the average of the coefficients at 250, 500, 1000, and 2000 Hz, expressed to the nearest integral multiple of 0.05.

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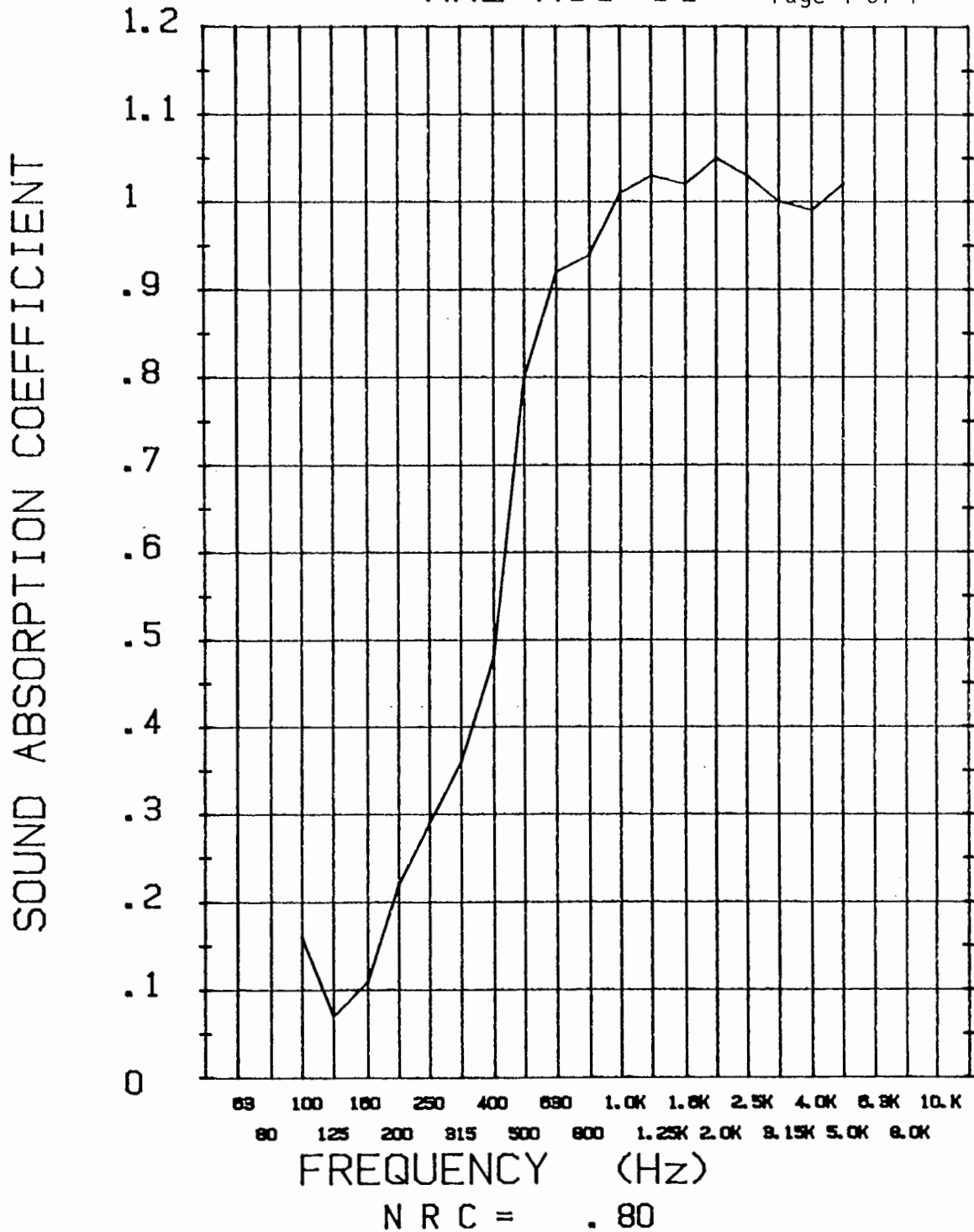
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