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REPORT

FOR: USAFoam
ON: WEDGIES Sound Absorbent Wedges

Sound Absorption Test
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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 C423-90a and E795-93. Riverbank Acoustical Laboratories has been accredited by the U.S. Department of Commerce, National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) 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 792729.

DESCRIPTION OF THE SPECIMEN

The test specimen was designated by the manufacturer as WEDGIES sound absorbent wedges. The overall dimensions of the specimen as measured were 2.44 m (96 in.) wide by 1.82 m (72 in.) long and 51 mm (2.0 in.) thick. The specimen consisted of forty-eight pieces. Each piece as measured was 305 mm (12 in.) wide by 305 mm (12 in.) long by 51 mm (2 in.) thick. The specimen was tested in the laboratory's 292 m³ (10,311 ft³) test chamber. The manufacturer's description of the specimen was as follows: WEDGIES was formulated of flame-retardant high density (1.5-1.7 pcf) open cell polyurethane foam rubber that was cut in an anechoic wedge design. The thickness was 51 mm (2 in.) at the peaks and 13 mm (0.5 in.) at the base. A visual inspection verified the manufacturer's description of the specimen. The weight of the specimen as measured was 3.7 kg (8.25 lbs) an average of 0.83 kg/m² (0.17 lbs/ft²). The area used in the calculations was 4.5 m² (48 ft²). The room temperature at the time of the test was 21°C (70°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 With Specimen
100	0.15	7.06	3.17
** 125	0.15	6.98	2.27
160	0.10	5.04	2.36
200	0.19	8.93	1.56
** 250	0.21	10.18	1.32
315	0.36	17.15	1.18
400	0.45	21.75	1.28
** 500	0.70	33.54	1.04
630	0.90	43.16	0.84
800	0.99	47.42	0.79
** 1000	0.99	47.31	0.70
1250	1.05	50.50	0.74
1600	1.05	50.26	0.58
** 2000	1.05	50.45	0.50
2500	1.01	48.38	0.55
3150	1.03	49.57	0.42
** 4000	1.05	50.30	0.48
5000	1.08	51.98	0.49

NRC = 0.75

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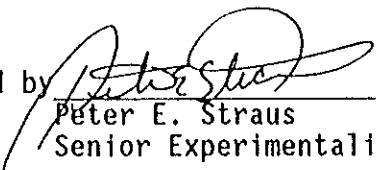
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TEST RESULTS (con't)

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 C423-90a. 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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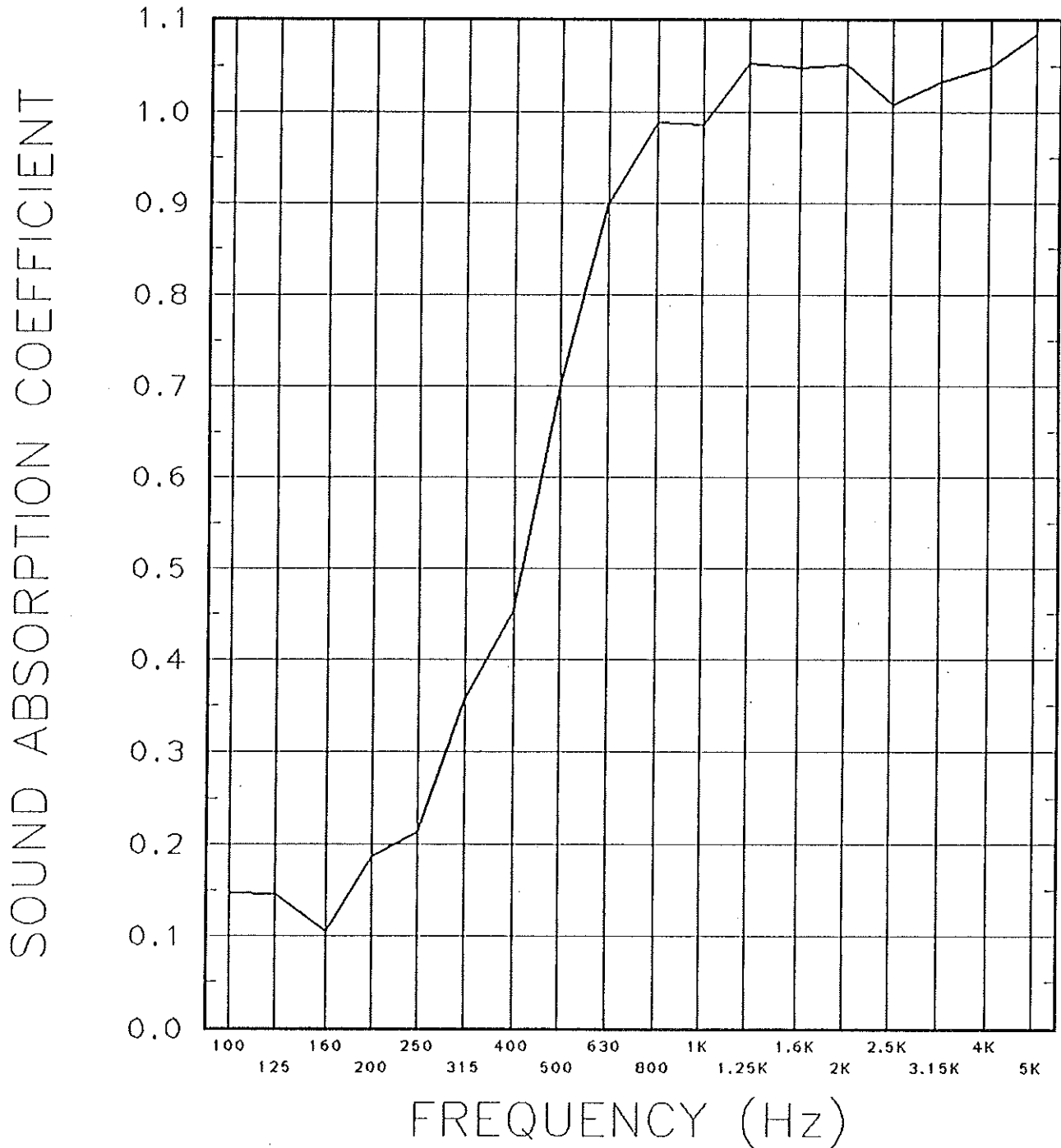
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