

ASTM E 90 SOUND TRANSMISSION LOSS TEST REPORT

Rendered to:

SOUTHERN CROSS BUILDING PRODUCTS, LLC

SERIES/MODEL: Green E-BoardTM

TYPE: Wall/Backer Board

| Summary of Test Results | | | | | | |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----|------|--|--|--|
| ATI Data File No. | Sample Description | STC | OITC | | | |
| 79158.01 | Green E-Board™ 1/2" wall/backer board | 31 | 27 | | | |

Reference should be made to Architectural Testing, Inc. Report No. 79158.01-113-11 for complete test specimen description. The complete test results are listed in Appendix B.

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ACOUSTICAL PERFORMANCE TEST REPORT

Rendered to:

SOUTHERN CROSS BUILDING PRODUCTS, LLC 3461 High Ridge Road Boynton Beach, Florida 33426

Report No: 79158.01-113-11
Test Date: 12/14/07
Report Date: 12/20/07
Expiration Date: 12/14/11

Test Sample Identification:

Series/Model: Green E-BoardTM

Type: 1/2" Wall/Backer Board

Overall Size: 96" by 96"

Project Scope: Architectural Testing, Inc. was contracted by Southern Cross Building Products, LLC to conduct a sound transmission loss test on a Series/Model Green E-BoardTM, wall/backer board. 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. The sample was provided by the client.

Test Methods: The acoustical tests were conducted in accordance with the following:

ASTM E 90-04, Standard Test Method for Laboratory Measurement of Airborne Sound Transmission Loss of Building Partitions.

ASTM E 413-04, *Classification for Rating Sound Insulation*.

ASTM E 1332-90 (Re-approved 2003), Standard Classification for Determination of Outdoor-Indoor Transmission Class.

ASTM E 2235-04, Standard Test Method for Determination of Decay Rates for Use in Sound Insulation Test Methods.

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Test Equipment: The equipment used to conduct these tests meets the requirements of ASTM E 90. The microphones were calibrated before conducting sound transmission loss tests. The test equipment and test chamber descriptions are listed in Appendix A.

Sample Installation:

Sound transmission loss tests were initially performed on a filler wall that was designed to test 96" by 96" and 96" by 120" specimens. The filler wall achieved an STC rating of 69.

The 96" by 96" plug was removed from the filler wall assembly. The wall/backer board was installed in the test opening onto 2" by 4" wood studs. The studs were spaced 48" apart both horizontally and vertically to form a grid in the test opening. The panels were fastened using 1-5/8" drywall screws every 24". Duct seal was used to seal the perimeter of the wall/backer board to the test opening. The seams of the backer board were sealed with acoustical sealant and duct tape. The interior side of the wall/backer board, when installed, was approximately 1/4" from being flush with the receiving room side of the filler wall. A stethoscope was used to check for any abnormal air leaks around the test specimen prior to testing.

Test Procedure: The sound transmission loss test consisted of the following measurements: One background noise sound pressure level and five sound absorption measurements were conducted at each of the five microphone positions. Two sound pressure level measurements were made simultaneously in both rooms, at each of the five microphone positions. The air temperature and relative humidity conditions were monitored and recorded during the background, absorption, source, and receive room measurements.

Sample Descriptions:

Series/Model: Green E-BoardTM

Sample Overall Size: 96" by 96"

| Material Type | Panel Dimensions | Quantity Used | Measured Thickness | Average Weight (lbs / Ft ²) | Density (lbs. / Ft ³) |
|-------------------|---------------------|------------------|-----------------------|---|-----------------------------------|
| Wall/Backer board | 48" by 48" | 4 | 0.494" | 2.72 | 66.07 |

Comments: The panels were arranged to form a 96" by 96" sample. The weight of the sample was 174.08 lbs. The client did not supply drawings on the Series/Model Green E-BoardTM, wall/backer board. The wall/backer board was disassembled, and the components will be retained by Architectural Testing, Inc. for four years. Photographs of the test specimen are included in Appendix C.



Test Results: The STC (Sound Transmission Class) rating was calculated in accordance with ASTM E 413. The OITC (Outdoor-Indoor Transmission Class) was calculated in accordance with ASTM E 1332. A summary of the sound transmission loss test results on the Series/Model Green E-BoardTM, wall/backer board is listed below.

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The complete test results are listed in Appendix B. Flanking limit tests and reference specimen tests are available upon request.

Detailed drawings, data sheets, representative samples of test specimens, a copy of this report, or other pertinent project documentation will be retained by Architectural Testing, Inc. for a period of four years from the original test date. At the end of this retention period, such materials shall be discarded without notice and the service life of this report will expire. Results obtained are tested values and were secured by using the designated test methods. This report does not constitute certification of this product nor an opinion or endorsement by this laboratory. It is the exclusive property of the client so named herein and relates only to the specimen(s) tested. This report may not be reproduced, except in full, without the written approval of Architectural Testing, Inc.

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Attachments (pages): This report is complete only when all attachments listed are included.

Appendix-A: Equipment description (1)
Appendix-B: Complete test results (2)

Appendix-C: Photographs (1)



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Appendix A

Instrumentation:

| Instrument | Manufacturer | Model | Description | ATI Number |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------|---|--------------------|
| Analyzer | Agilent Technologies | 35670A | Dynamic signal analyzer | Y002929 |
| Receive Room Microphone | G.R.A.S. | 40AR | 1/2", pressure type, condenser microphone | Y003246 |
| Source Room Microphone | G.R.A.S. | 40AR | 1/2", pressure type, condenser microphone | Y003245 |
| Receive Room Preamp | G.R.A.S. | 26AK | 1/2" preamplifier | Y003249 |
| Source Room Preamp | G.R.A.S. | 26AK | 1/2" preamplifier | Y003248 |
| Microphone Calibrator | Bruel & Kjaer | 4228 | Pistonphone calibrator | Y002816 |
| Noise Source | Delta Electronics | SNG-1 | Two, non-coherelated "Pink" noise signals | Y002181 |
| Equalizer | Rane | RPE228 | Programmable EQ | Y002180 |
| Power Amplifiers | Renkus-Heinz | P2000 | 2 - Amplifiers | Y002179 Y001779 |
| Receive Room Loudspeakers | Renkus-Heinz | Trap Jr/9" | 2 - Loudspeakers | Y001784 Y001785 |
| Source Room Loudspeakers | Renkus-Heinz | Trap Jr/9" | 2 - Loudspeakers | Y002649 Y002650 |

Test Chamber:

| | Volume | Description |
|----------------|--|--|
| Receiving Room | 8291.3 ft ³ (234 m ³) | Rotating vane and stationary diffusers. Temperature and humidity controlled. Isolation pads under the floor. |
| Source Room | 7296.3 ft ³ (206.6 m ³) | Stationary diffusers only. Temperature and humidity controlled. |

| | Maximum Size | Description | | | | |
|-----------------|--------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| TL Test Opening | 14 ft wide by 10 ft high | Vibration break between source and receive | | | | |
| | | rooms. | | | | |



Appendix B

Complete Test Results



SOUND TRANSMISSION LOSS

ASTM E90

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ATI No. 79158.01 **Date** 12/14/07

ClientSouthern Cross Building Products, LLCSpecimenGreen E-Board™ 1/2" Wall/Backer Board

Specimen Area64.00 Sq FtFiller Area76.00 Sq FtOperatorBrandon Ward-DP

| | Bkgrd | Absorp | Source | Receive | Filler | Specimen |
|--------|-------|--------|--------|---------|--------|----------|
| Temp F | 75.5 | 74.9 | 72.5 | 75.5 | 74.9 | 74.6 |
| RH % | 44.6 | 45.4 | 44.2 | 44.6 | 59.1 | 44.7 |

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|------|-------|----------|--------|---------|--------|----------|-------|---------|-------|
| | Bkgrd | Absorp | Source | Receive | Filler | Specimen | 95% | No. of | Trans |
| Freq | SPL | (Sabines | SPL | SPL | TL | TL | Conf | Defici- | Coef |
| (Hz) | (dB) | /Sq Ft) | (dB) | (dB) | (dB) | (dB) | Limit | encies | Diff |
| 80 | 39.6 | 47.3 | 86.0 | 67.0 | 39.0 | 20 | 2.12 | 0 | 17.9 |
| 100 | 41.0 | 50.8 | 88.5 | 70.2 | 42.8 | 19 | 2.46 | 0 | 22.7 |
| 125 | 40.4 | 52.2 | 94.0 | 70.5 | 53.4 | 24 | 3.52 | 0 | 28.2 |
| 160 | 44.5 | 48.9 | 95.2 | 75.6 | 52.7 | 21 | 1.88 | 0 | 31.2 |
| 200 | 44.1 | 46.0 | 101.0 | 79.1 | 54.2 | 23 | 0.77 | 0 | 30.1 |
| 250 | 39.1 | 56.2 | 101.1 | 79.1 | 55.9 | 23 | 1.17 | 1 | 32.6 |
| 315 | 34.7 | 58.6 | 99.9 | 73.9 | 57.3 | 26 | 1.14 | 1 | 30.2 |
| 400 | 33.4 | 61.4 | 99.4 | 72.1 | 63.3 | 27 | 1.11 | 3 | 35.1 |
| 500 | 33.1 | 60.1 | 101.3 | 71.8 | 66.3 | 30 | 0.40 | 1 | 35.8 |
| 630 | 28.5 | 56.9 | 103.9 | 73.4 | 69.0 | 31 | 0.91 | 1 | 37.2 |
| 800 | 29.1 | 60.0 | 102.9 | 70.7 | 72.9 | 32 | 0.24 | 1 | 39.8 |
| 1000 | 27.9 | 62.6 | 102.6 | 69.1 | 76.7 | 34 | 0.59 | 0 | 42.4 |
| 1250 | 27.9 | 68.4 | 105.7 | 70.7 | 78.4 | 35 | 0.30 | 0 | 42.9 |
| 1600 | 24.1 | 71.4 | 111.8 | 76.5 | 77.2 | 35 | 0.52 | 0 | 41.7 |
| 2000 | 17.5 | 76.4 | 107.6 | 75.1 | 75.7 | 32 | 0.31 | 3 | 43.2 |
| 2500 | 11.9 | 90.2 | 106.0 | 76.4 | 77.7 | 28 | 0.21 | 7 | 48.9 |
| 3150 | 11.3 | 104.5 | 106.9 | 74.5 | 87.1 | 30 | 0.39 | 5 | 56.1 |
| 4000 | 10.5 | 126.9 | 105.6 | 68.5 | 90.7 | 34 | 0.36 | 1 | 55.9 |
| 5000 | 10.0 | 165.7 | 104.1 | 62.3 | 90.8 | 38 | 0.61 | 0 | 52.5 |

STC Rating = 31 (Sound Transmission Class)

Deficiencies = 24 (Number of deficiencies versus contour curve)

OITC Rating = 27 (Outdoor/Indoor Transmission Class)

Note: The acoustical chambers are qualified for measurements down to 80 hertz.

Data reported below 80 hertz is for reference only.



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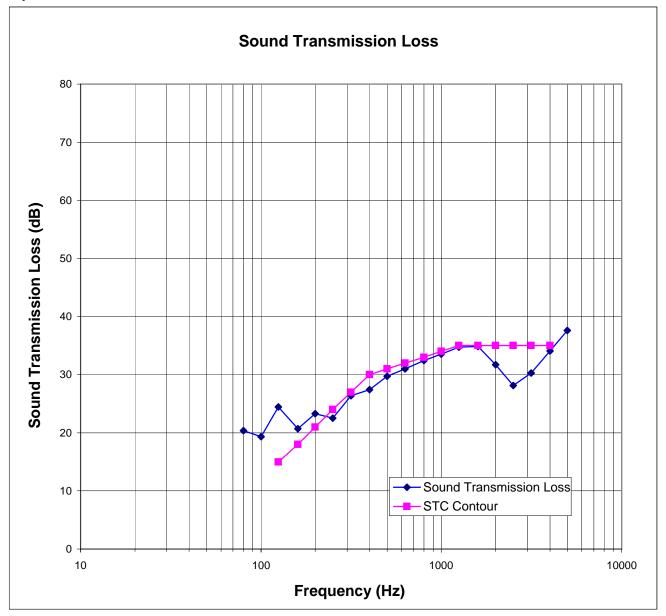


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Appendix C Photographs



Receive Side of Sample Installed in Test Chamber



Source Side of Sample Installed in Test Chamber