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## TEST REPORT

FOR: United Plastics Corporation  
Mount Airy, NC

Sound Transmission Loss Test  
RAL™-TL08-152

ON: Steel Stud R-13 Insulated Wall at 24 Inch on Center  
with dB-3™ Pro One Side and 5/8 Inch Thick Gypsum  
Both Sides

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CONDUCTED: 3 June 2008

### TEST METHOD

Unless otherwise designated, the measurements reported below were made with all facilities and procedures in explicit conformity with the ASTM Designations E90-04 and E413-04, as well as other pertinent standards. 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 (NVLAP Lab Code: 100227-0). A description of the measuring technique is available separately.

### DESCRIPTION OF THE SPECIMEN

The test specimen was designated by the client as a steel stud R-13 insulated wall at 24 inch on center with dB-3™ Pro one side and 5/8 inch thick gypsum both sides. The overall dimensions of the specimen as measured were nominally 4.27 m (168 in.) wide by 2.74 m (108 in.) high and 127 mm (5 in.) thick. The specimen was installed by the client directly into the laboratory's 2.74 m (9 ft) by 4.27 m (14 ft) wood-lined steel frame and was sealed on the periphery (both sides) with dense mastic.

The description of the specimen was as follows: The wall consisted of 92 mm (3.625 in.) 25 gauge steel studs with fiberglass insulation in the cavities. One side of the wall was covered with a layer of dB-3™ Pro and 5/8" Type X gypsum board and the other side with a layer of 5/8" Type X gypsum board. A more detailed description of the wall assembly appears in the sections below.

Floor and Ceiling Runners: The two 92 mm (3.625 in.) wide 20 gauge 4.26 m (168 in.) long steel runners were attached to floor and ceiling with 41 mm (1.625 in.) Type S bugle head drywall screws 610 mm (24 in.) on centers.

Studs: The eight 92 mm (3.625 in.) wide 25 gauge 2.73 m (107.5 in.) long steel studs were spaced on 610 mm (24 in.) centers. The runners and the end studs were attached to the frame with 41 mm (1-5/8 in.) long bugle head drywall screws spaced on 610 mm (24 in.) centers. The studs were attached to the top and bottom runners on both sides with 13 mm (0.5 in.) long S-12 pan head screws.

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Insulation: The seven cavities formed by the runners and studs were lined with unfaced R-13 fiberglass insulation measuring 76 mm (3.5 in.) thick and 610 mm (24 in.) wide.

Mass Loaded Barrier, Sealant and Tape: On the source side of the wall, a layer of 3.2 mm (0.125 in.) thick dB-3™ Pro, a 1 pound per square foot loaded barrier, was applied horizontally across the studs and attached using 12.7 mm (0.5 in.) long #8 self tapping screws at 305 mm (12 in.) on center. The barrier was installed with a 50 mm (2 in.) horizontal overlap and caulked with a nominal 6.4 mm (0.25 in.) diameter bead of acoustical sealant at the center of the horizontal joint and covered with foil tape. Total weight of the barrier as measured was 54.7 kg (120.5 lbs.).

Gypsum Wallboard: A single layer of 16 mm (5/8 in.) Type X gypsum board was applied to studs vertically on both sides of the wall. They were attached to the studs with 32 mm (1.25 in.) long Type S bugle head drywall screws at 406 mm (16 in.) on centers. The source side gypsum attached to the studs through the barrier. Acoustical sealant was applied to the test frame perimeter prior to installation of the gypsum board. Joints were sealed with acoustical caulk and metal tape. Screw heads remained exposed.

The weight of the specimen as measured was 343 kg (755.5 lbs.), an average of 28.7 kg/m<sup>2</sup> (5.9 lbs/ft<sup>2</sup>). The transmission area used in the calculations was 11.7 m<sup>2</sup> (126 ft<sup>2</sup>). The source and receiving room temperatures at the time of the test were 24±1°C (75±1°F) and 52±1% relative humidity. The source and receive reverberation room volumes were 178 m<sup>3</sup> (6,298 ft<sup>3</sup>) and 177 m<sup>3</sup> (6,255 ft<sup>3</sup>), respectively.

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### TEST RESULTS

Sound transmission loss values are tabulated at the eighteen standard frequencies. A graphic presentation of the data and additional information appear on the following pages. The precision of the TL test data is within the limits set by the ASTM Standard E90-04.

<u>FREQ.</u>	<u>T.L.</u>	<u>C.L.</u>	<u>DEF.</u>	<u>FREQ.</u>	<u>T.L.</u>	<u>C.L.</u>	<u>DEF.</u>
100	20	0.72		800	58	0.18	
125	34	0.40	6	1000	60	0.15	
160	38	0.66	5	1250	62	0.16	
200	41	0.48	5	1600	62	0.10	
250	45	0.38	4	2000	57	0.06	3
315	52	0.43		2500	54	0.11	6
400	54	0.25	1	3150	59	0.06	1
500	56	0.18		4000	62	0.06	
630	58	0.18		5000	65	0.04	

STC=56

### ABBREVIATION INDEX

FREQ. = FREQUENCY, HERTZ, (cps)  
T.L. = TRANSMISSION LOSS, dB  
C.L. = UNCERTAINTY IN dB, FOR A 95% CONFIDENCE LIMIT  
DEF. = DEFICIENCIES, dB<STC CONTOUR (SUM OF DEF = 31)  
STC = SOUND TRANSMISSION CLASS

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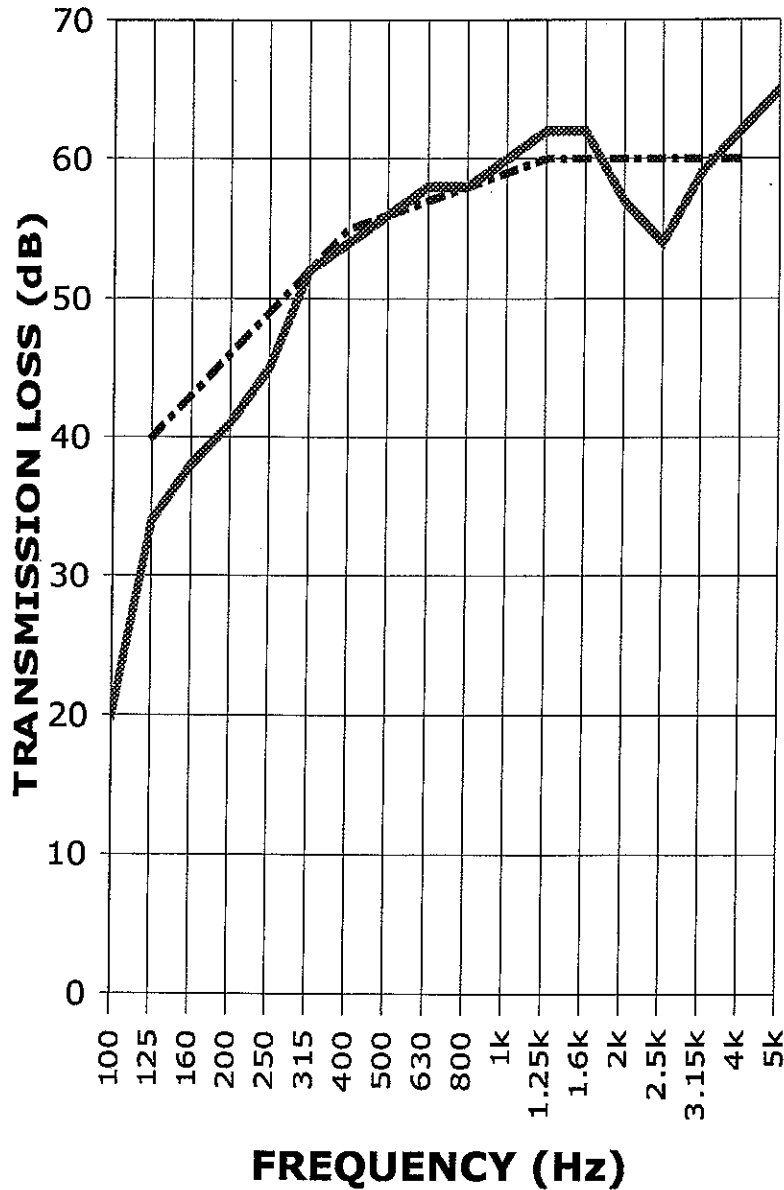
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SOUND TRANSMISSION LOSS CONTOUR

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