

## **FIELD TEST WALL TECHNOLOGIES**

### **SUPA PANEL**

**TEST DATE: 16 MARCH 2020**

**(BARE PANEL – Width 64mm)**

**$D_{nT,w}$  35:  $D_{nT,w}$  +  $C_{tr}$  33**

24 March 2020

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**Attention: Mr David Visser**

Dear David

## **WALL SYSTEM TESTING**

This letter details the results of airborne sound insulation testing of proto-type wall panel systems.

### **INTRODUCTION**

Marshall Day Acoustics Pty Ltd (MDA) has been commissioned by K8 Australia Pty Ltd to undertake airborne sound insulation testing of proto-type wall panel systems within their dedicated test facility.

This letter presents the results of testing conducted on 16 March 2020.

### **TEST FACILITY**

The test facility consists of a large rectangular space within an existing office/warehouse space. The room has been constructed with bounding walls consisting of two layers of 13mm fire-rated plasterboard each side of steel studs. Services ductwork has also been clad as shown in Figure 1.

**Figure 1: Bounding walls**



The test sample is to be mounted at a dedicated location to divide space into two separate rooms. The sample location includes a structural break to limit sound flanking via the bounding walls. The structural break is shown in Figure 2. The break has subsequently been packed with rubber.

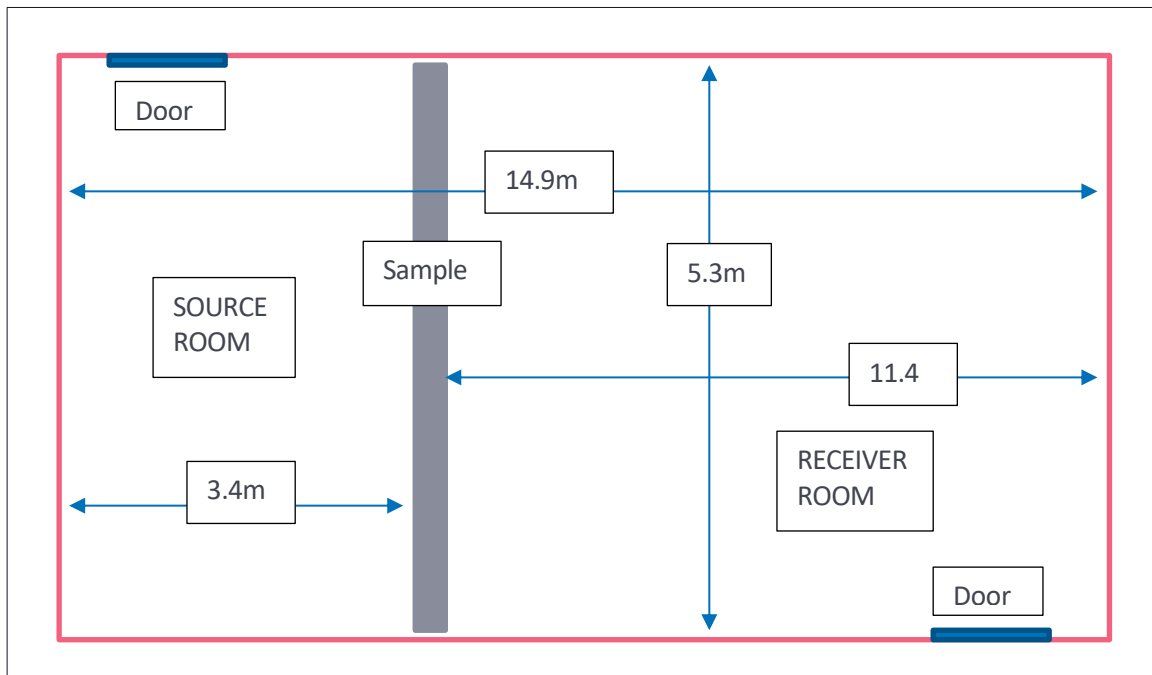
Figure 2: Structural break in bounding wall



Access doors to each end of the space have been located diametrically opposite and include raised thresholds to limit sound leakage.

With the test sample installed, the space is divided into two separate spaces with dimensions as shown in Figure 3.

Figure 3: Room dimensions



The Bondek slab above the space is at a height of 3.35m. An acoustic tile ceiling has been installed in the receiving room at a height of 3m with a 300mm wide margin around the perimeter and at bulkheads.

Carpet tiles have been installed throughout the receiver room and acoustic tiles have been installed as wall panels at the end of the room. The tiles are arranged in a tegula fashion and bags of acoustic insulation were laid on the floor of the receiver room to assist with diffusion. A slight flutter echo is noticeable across the room.

### TEST SAMPLE

The test sample was mounted within the aperture, which has dimensions of 5.3m wide x 3m high.

The wall panel test sample measured on 16 March 2020 is described as a steel encased, aerated concrete panel system with a proprietary joint detail. The panel had the following characteristics:

- 64mm thick
- 380kg/m<sup>3</sup> density
- 0.35mm thick steel skins

The wall panel was mounted within steel tracks top and bottom and abutted the bounding walls on one side of the structural break only.

The wall panel had been installed in accordance with a typical installation detail for a riser shaft, i.e. all caulking and sealing was completed from one side only, in this case the source room side.

The installation of the wall panel system is shown in Figure 4.

It was noted that some panel junctions were better than others, which was also apparent during the testing as detailed below.



Figure 4: Wall panel system test sample



## TESTING METHODOLOGY

Airborne sound insulation tests were carried out in general accordance with the guidance provided in ISO 16283:2014 *Acoustics – Field measurement of sound insulation in buildings and of building elements – Part 1: Airborne sound insulation*.

The test procedure for airborne sound insulation tests involves generating high sound pressure levels of ‘pink noise’ via a loudspeaker in one ‘source’ room and measuring the resulting noise level in the adjacent ‘receiver’ room.

The receiver noise levels are subtracted from the source noise levels in order to derive a single, normalized test result value, which is corrected for reverberation time to account for room acoustic conditions in the receiver room.

Due to the room dimensions, a fully reverberant sound field was unable to be generated within the receiver room, with a measured noise level drop-off of 4dB from one end of the room to the other. Therefore, to be conservative, the receiver room measurement was conducted within 1-2m of the test sample.

All sound level measurements were conducted using a Rion NA-27 Sound Level Meter (Serial No.570337) which was calibrated before and after the testing using a Rion NC-74 calibrator (Serial No.34483808).

The reverberation time within the receiver room as measured using a Brüel & Kjær 2250 Sound Level Meter (Serial No.2693809).

The measurement period in each location was a minimum of 30 seconds using a microphone sweep method.

The measurement results were derived in accordance with ISO 717-1:2013 *“Acoustics – Rating of sound insulation in buildings and of building elements – Part 1: Airborne sound insulation”*.

In addition to the above, a number of measurements were conducted at various locations within the room and surrounding spaces to confirm that the test was not contaminated by flanking noise or sound leakage.

It was noted that some high frequency sound leakage was apparent at some of the poorly aligned panel junctions which resulted in a deficiency of 2dB compared to well aligned junctions.

Higher noise levels were also noted at the partition head, however this is expected due to the presence of a bulkhead within 300mm of the wall. Therefore, it was considered that sound transmission at the perimeter of the wall was relatively consistent.

TEST RESULTS

The sample was tested on 16 March 2020. The test result is provided in Figure 5.

Figure 5: Test results

Sound Insulation Test Results:



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**Job No:** 20200246  
**Client:** K8 Australia  
**Test Date:** 16/03/2020  
**System:** Bare 64mm panel

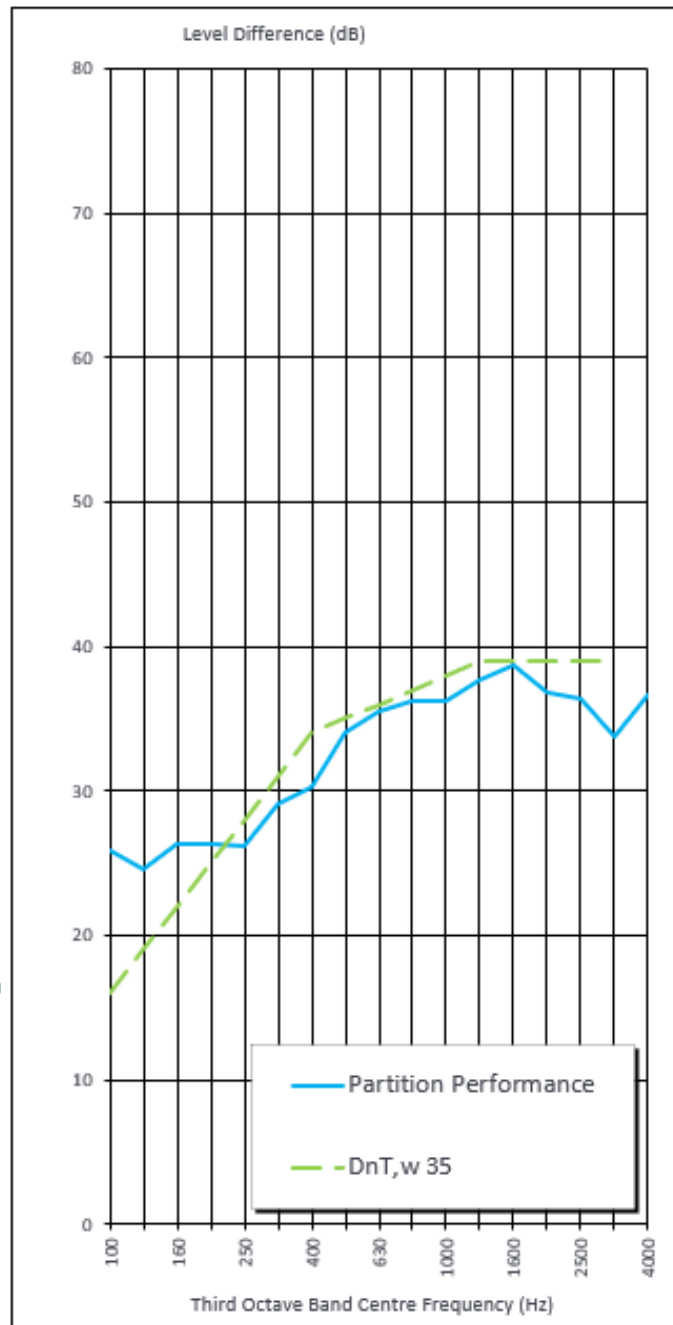
Frequency (Hz)	DnT* (dB)	Adverse Deviation (dB)	Receiving RT (s)
50			
63			
80			
100	25.9		0.8
125	24.5		0.9
160	26.4		0.7
200	26.4		0.6
250	26.1	1.9	0.7
315	29.1	1.9	0.6
400	30.2	3.8	0.6
500	34.1	0.9	0.5
630	35.5	0.5	0.5
800	36.2	0.8	0.5
1000	36.2	1.8	0.5
1250	37.7	1.3	0.6
1600	38.8	0.2	0.7
2000	36.8	2.2	0.7
2500	36.4	2.6	0.9
3150	33.8	5.2	0.8
4000	36.7	-	0.9
Sum of Adverse Deviations			23.0

\* **Bold** results indicate limits of measurement due to background noise

<b>DnT,w</b>	35
C <sub>r,100-3150</sub>	
C <sub>tr,100-3150</sub>	-2



Area of test partition (m <sup>2</sup> )	
Source Room Volume (m <sup>3</sup> )	
Receiving Room Volume (m <sup>3</sup> )	



We trust that the above meets your requirements at this time. Please feel free to contact us if you have any queries.

Yours faithfully

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