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## Test Report

SPONSOR: **ClarkDietrich**  
West Chester, OH

**Sound Transmission Loss**  
**RAL™-TL21-031**

CONDUCTED: 2021-01-27

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ON: 8-Inch Concrete Slab with vinyl plank flooring, insulated single-layer gypsum board ceiling on ClarkDietrich Sound Clips™ (CDSC)

### TEST METHODOLOGY

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### INFORMATION PROVIDED BY SPONSOR

The test specimen was designated by the sponsor as 8-Inch Concrete Slab with vinyl plank flooring, insulated single-layer gypsum board ceiling on ClarkDietrich Sound Clips™ (CDSC). The following nominal product information was provided by the sponsor prior to testing. The accuracy of such sponsor-provided information can affect the validity of the test results.

#### Products Under Test

##### **Isolating Clips**

Trade Name: ClarkDietrich Sound Clips™ (CDSC)  
Manufacturer: ClarkDietrich

##### **Furring Channel**

Trade Name: 087F125-18 (33ksi, G40EQ)  
Material: 7/8 in. Furring/Hat Channel – 25 ga (18 mils)  
Manufacturer: ClarkDietrich



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### SPECIMEN MEASUREMENTS & TEST CONDITIONS

The building contractor (Seth Priser) and RAL staff compiled a detailed construction specification as follows, in order of installation:

#### **Concrete Slab**

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Material: Wire-reinforced concrete  
Dimensions: 4 @ 610 mm (24 in.) x 4267 mm (168 in.)  
Thickness: 203 mm (8 in.)  
Overall Weight: 5023.08 kg (11074 lbs)  
Mass per Unit Area: 482.75 kg/m<sup>2</sup> (98.875 lbs/ft<sup>2</sup>)  
Installation: Laid in test opening over 152.4 mm (6 in.) wide knee walls constructed from isolated wood framing  
Joint undersides sealed with acoustical caulk and tape  
Top of joints filled with general purpose sand, sealed with premixed masonry joint compound

#### **Ceiling Assembly**

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##### **Isolating Clips**

Material: Metal, rubber (see Products Under Test)  
Dimensions: 76 mm (3 in.) long by 35 mm (1.375 in.) wide  
Thickness: 32 mm (1.25 in.)  
Installation: Fastened through center to anchor holes in underside of concrete slabs  
Staggered array, spaced 1219 mm (48 in.) on center, 16 pieces total  
Overall Weight: 1.02 kg (2.25 lbs)

##### **Furring Channel**

Material: Steel furring channel (see Products Under Test)  
Dimensions: 7 @ 2463.8 mm (97 in.) long by 69 mm (2.72 in.) wide  
Formed Depth: 22.2 mm (0.875 in.)  
Steel Thickness: 0.49 mm (0.019 in.)  
Installation: Clipped in to isolating clips, oriented perpendicular to concrete slab  
Overall Weight: 6.58 kg (14.5 lbs)  
Mass per Unit Length: 0.38 kg/m (0.26 lbs/ft)

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### Ceiling Assembly (continued)

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#### Insulation

Material: R-6.7 unfaced fiberglass insulation  
Dimensions: 406 mm (16 in.) wide by 1219 mm (48 in.) long pieces  
Thickness: 51 mm (2 in.)  
Installation: Draped over furring channel  
Orientation: Length of pieces perpendicular to furring channel  
Overall Weight: 4.31 kg (9.5 lbs)  
Density: 8.78 kg/m<sup>3</sup> (0.55 lbs/ft<sup>3</sup>)

#### Gypsum Layer 1

Material: Type X gypsum board  
Manufacturer: USG  
Brand name: Sheetrock® brand, Firecode® core (type X)  
Dimensions: 1219 mm (48 in.) wide by 2616 mm (103 in.) long  
1219 mm (48 in.) wide by 2584.5 mm (101.75 in.) long  
1219 mm (48 in.) wide by 1384 mm (54.5 in.) long  
1219 mm (48 in.) wide by 1346 mm (53 in.) long  
Thickness: 15.9 mm (0.625 in.)  
Installation: Fastened to furring channel at center flange  
Fasteners: Type S bugle head drywall screws @ 31.8 mm (1.25 in.)  
Fastener Spacing: 610 mm (24 in.) on center  
Overall Weight: 105.23 kg (232 lbs)  
Mass per Unit Area: 10.88 kg/m<sup>2</sup> (2.23 lbs/ft<sup>2</sup>)

*Note: Joints and screw heads on the exposed face of the gypsum board in the receive room were treated with a thin bead of acoustical sealant and metal tape (0.23 kg (0.5 lbs) total).*

### Flooring

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Material: Vinyl flooring planks, interlocking edge design  
Dimensions: 2438 mm (96 in.) by 4267 mm (168 in.) as installed  
Plank width @ 220 mm (8.7 in.)  
Thickness: 7 mm (0.276 in.)  
Installation: Planks joined at edges, loose laid over concrete slab  
Plank lengths varied to facilitate staggered joints  
Overall Weight: 83.69 kg (184.5 lbs)  
Mass per Unit Area: 8.04 kg/m<sup>2</sup> (1.65 lbs/ft<sup>2</sup>)

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### Overall Specimen Measurements

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Dimensions: 2.44 m (96.0 in) wide by 4.27 m (168 in.) long  
Thickness: 264 mm (10.375 in.)  
Weight: 5224.13 kg (11517.25 lbs)  
Overall Area: 10.405 m<sup>2</sup> (112 ft<sup>2</sup>)  
Mass per Unit Area: 502.07 kg/m<sup>2</sup> (102.83 lbs/ft<sup>2</sup>)

### Test Aperture

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Opening Size: 4.27 m (14.0 ft) x 6.10 m (20.0 ft)  
Filler Wall: Yes  
Aperture Size: 2.44 m (96.0 in) wide by 3.86 m (152.0 in) long  
Transmission Area: 9.414 m<sup>2</sup> (101.33 ft<sup>2</sup>)  
Sealed: Entire periphery (both sides) with dense mastic

### Test Environment

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#### Source Room

Volume: 130.84 m<sup>3</sup>  
Temperature: 21.1 °C ± 0.0 °C  
Relative Humidity: 50.5 % ± 1.0 %

#### Receive Room

Volume: 82.07 m<sup>3</sup>  
Temperature: 22.2 °C ± 0.0 °C  
Relative Humidity: 48.5 % ± 1.0 %

#### Requirements

Temperature: 22° C +/- 2° C, not more than 3° C change over all tests.  
Relative Humidity: ≥ 30%, not more than +/- 3% change over all tests.



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Figure 1 – Specimen mounted in test opening, as viewed from source room



Figure 2 – Specimen mounted in test opening, as viewed from receive room

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Figure 3 – Concrete slabs prior to installation of LVT flooring, viewed from source room



Figure 4 – Detail of isolating clip

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Figure 5 – Detail of isolating clip



Figure 6 – Isolating clips installed to bottom of concrete slabs

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Figure 7 – Furring channel being installed to isolating clips



Figure 8 – Furring channel and insulation installed below slabs



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Figure 9 – Gypsum board partially installed to furring channel

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TEST RESULTS


Sound transmission loss values are tabulated at the eighteen standard frequency bands. A graphic presentation of the data and additional information appear on the following pages. The precision of the transmission loss test data is within the limits set by the ASTM Standard E90-09 (2016). See Appendix A for identification of corrections applied to the reported data.

<u>FREQ.</u>	<u>TL</u>	<u>ΔTL</u>	<u>DEF.</u>	<u>FREQ.</u>	<u>TL</u>	<u>ΔTL</u>	<u>DEF.</u>
100	37	0.65	0	800	68	0.19	0
125	45	0.59	2	1000	72	0.16	0
160	43	0.53	7	1250	76	0.17	0
200	47	0.42	6	1600	80	0.14	0
250	49	0.29	7	2000	82	0.17	0
315	54	0.22	5	2500	86	0.13	0
400	58	0.22	4	3150	92	0.18	0
500	62	0.14	1	4000	92	0.19	0
630	64	0.24	0	5000	88	0.22	0

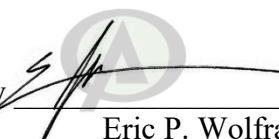
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ABBREVIATION INDEX

- FREQ. = 1/3 OCTAVE BAND CENTER FREQUENCY, Hz
- TL = TRANSMISSION LOSS, dB
- ΔTL = 95% CONFIDENCE INTERVAL FOR TL MEASUREMENTS, dB
- DEF. = DEFICIENCIES, dB BELOW SHIFTED STC CONTOUR (SUM OF DEF = 32)
- STC = SOUND TRANSMISSION CLASS

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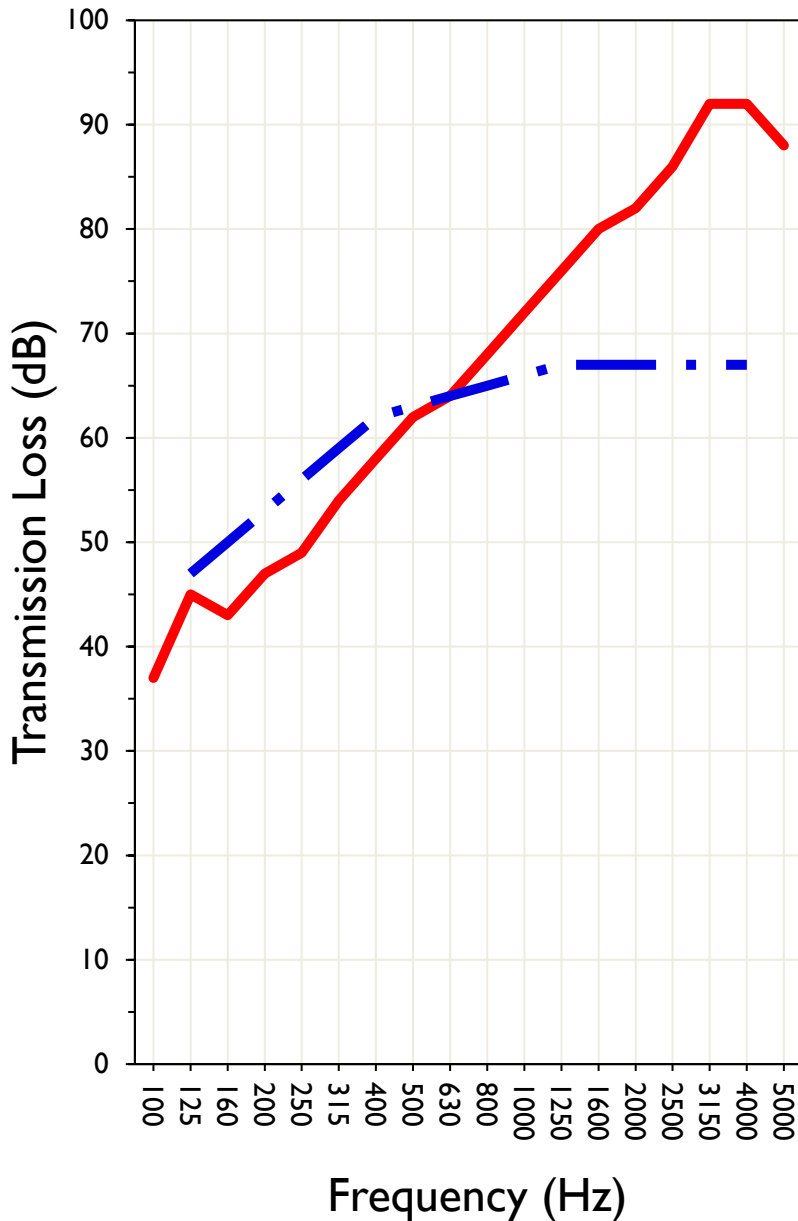
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**SOUND TRANSMISSION REPORT**

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### **APPENDIX A: Extended Frequency Range Data**

Specimen: 8-Inch Concrete Slab with vinyl plank flooring, insulated single-layer gypsum board ceiling on ClarkDietrich Sound Clips™ (CDSC) (See Full Report)

*The following non-accredited data were obtained in accordance with ASTM E90-09 (2016), but extend beyond the defined frequency range of 100Hz to 5,000Hz. These unofficial results are representative of the RAL test environment only and intended for research & comparison purposes. Sampling precision observed during this procedure is reported below. Corrections are detailed in Appendix B.*

1/3 Octave Band Center Frequency (Hz)	Sound Transmission Loss (dB)	Applicable Corrections	ΔTL (Eq. A2.5) (dB)	Repeatability (dB)
31.5	33	Z F	1.10	5.61
40	32	Z F	1.27	1.09
50	34	ZZ F	1.01	0.97
63	27	Z F	1.19	0.71
80	33	ZZ F	0.74	0.72
100	37	ZZ F	0.65	1.90
125	45	ZZ F	0.59	0.85
160	43	ZZ F	0.53	1.16
200	47	ZZ F	0.42	0.94
250	49	ZZ F	0.29	2.47
315	54	ZZ F	0.22	1.39
400	58	ZZ F	0.22	3.10
500	62	ZZ F	0.14	4.03
630	64	ZZ F	0.24	2.86
800	68	ZZ F	0.19	1.27
1000	72	ZZ F	0.16	1.18
1250	76	ZZ F	0.17	1.73
1600	80	ZZ F	0.14	0.86
2000	82	ZZ F	0.17	0.90
2500	86	ZZ F	0.13	0.96
3150	92	ZZ A F	0.18	1.74
4000	92	ZZ AA F	0.19	2.80
5000	88	ZZ AA F	0.22	2.43
6300	82	Z A F	0.15	1.96
8000	75	Z F	0.22	1.98
10000	68	Z F	0.25	1.56
12500	62	Z F	0.31	3.53

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### APPENDIX B: Glossary of Standardized Corrections and Adjustments

Specimen: 8-Inch Concrete Slab with vinyl plank flooring, insulated single-layer gypsum board ceiling on ClarkDietrich Sound Clips™ (CDSC) (See Full Report)

#### Mark Interpretation

- A* Measured sound pressure levels in the receive room are within 10 dB of the ambient noise level at the marked frequency band. Receive room levels used to calculate Transmission Loss are corrected according to ASTM E90 Section 10.3.
- AA* Measured sound pressure levels in the receive room are within 5 dB of the ambient noise level at the marked frequency band. Receive room levels used to calculate Transmission Loss are corrected according to ASTM E90 Section 10.3.1. Transmission Loss values calculated from levels corrected this way will be less than or equal to Transmission Loss values from a hypothetical test using the same specimen and a receive room with idealized ambient sound levels of  $(-\infty)$  dB.
- F* The reported Transmission Loss is within 10 dB of the laboratory flanking limit at the marked frequency band. The measured performance of the specimen may be limited by the performance of the laboratory building structure at this frequency band.
- Z* The reported Transmission Loss at the marked frequency band has been corrected according to ASTM E90 Section A3.2.7 to account for possible sound transmission through the filler assembly.
- ZZ* The reported Transmission Loss at the marked frequency band has been corrected according to ASTM E90 Section A3.2.8 to account for possible sound transmission through the filler assembly. Transmission Loss values corrected this way will be less than or equal to Transmission Loss values from a hypothetical test using the same specimen and an idealized filler assembly with a Sound Transmission Class rating of  $(\infty)$ .

### APPENDIX C: Glossary of Variability Metrics

Specimen: 8-Inch Concrete Slab with vinyl plank flooring, insulated single-layer gypsum board ceiling on ClarkDietrich Sound Clips™ (CDSC) (See Full Report)

$\Delta$ TL, the 95% confidence interval for reported transmission loss values, is calculated from the standard deviation of the sets of measurements for source room sound pressure level, receive room sound pressure level, and receive room sound absorption. This metric is calculated in an effort to quantify the combined influences of room geometry, microphone positioning, and other varying environmental conditions on reported results.

**Repeatability**, expressed as a 95% confidence interval, is calculated from the standard deviation of transmission loss as obtained from a set of six (6) consecutive tests conducted according to this test method by RAL on 2020-02-14. The tests were performed on a specimen composed of an insulated wood truss floor-ceiling assembly, using the same test opening as used in this report. This metric provides an estimate of the variation in results that might be observed if the test were repeated with no change to the installed specimen. Note that repeatability will vary with the construction type.

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### APPENDIX D: Instruments of Traceability

Specimen: 8-Inch Concrete Slab with vinyl plank flooring, insulated single-layer gypsum board ceiling on ClarkDietrich Sound Clips™ (CDSC) (See Full Report)

<u>Description</u>	<u>Model</u>	<u>Serial Number</u>	<u>Date of Certification</u>	<u>Calibration Due</u>
System 2	Type 3160-A-042	3160-106974	2020-08-13	2021-08-13
Bruel & Kjaer Mic And Preamp C	Type 4943-B-001	2311439	2020-04-07	2021-04-07
Bruel & Kjaer Pistonphone	Type 4228	2781248	2020-08-12	2021-08-12
EXTECH Hygro 662	SD700	A083662	2020-12-18	2021-12-18
EXTECH Hygro 663	SD700	A083663	2020-12-18	2021-12-18

### APPENDIX E: Revisions to Original Test Report

Specimen: 8-Inch Concrete Slab with vinyl plank flooring, insulated single-layer gypsum board ceiling on ClarkDietrich Sound Clips™ (CDSC) (See Full Report)

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