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Fabric art.-no. 10975, Zimmer + Rohde GmbH

Measurement of sound absorption in a reverberation room according to DIN EN ISO 354

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1 Task

On behalf of the company Zimmer + Rohde GmbH, 61440 Oberursel, Germany, the sound absorption of the fabric art.-no. 10975 was to be measured according to DIN EN ISO 354 [1] in the reverberation room. The fabric was tested as a pleated curtain with 100 % fullness and with a distance of 100 mm to the reflective wall.

The results are to be evaluated according to DIN EN ISO 11654 [2] and ASTM C 423 [3].

2 Basis

This test report is based on the following documents:

[1] DIN EN ISO 354: Acoustics - Measurement of sound absorption in a reverberation room (ISO 354:2003); German version EN ISO 354:2003. 2003-12

[2] DIN EN ISO 11654: Acoustics - Sound absorbers for use in buildings - Rating of sound absorption (ISO 11654:1997); German version EN ISO 11654:1997. 1997-07

[3] ASTM C 423-22: Standard Test Method for Sound Absorption and Sound Absorption Coefficients by the Reverberation Room Method. Revision: 17. March 2022.

[4] ISO 9613-1: Acoustics; Attenuation of sound during propagation outdoors; part 1: calculation of the absorption of sound by the atmosphere. 1993-06

[5] DIN EN ISO 12999-2: Acoustics – Determination and application of measurement uncertainties in building acoustics – Part 2: Sound absorption (ISO 12999-2:2020); German version EN ISO 12999-2:2020. 2020-11

[6] DIN EN ISO 9053-1: Acoustics –Determination of airflow resistance – Part 1: Static airflow method (ISO 9053-1:2018); German version EN ISO 9053-1:2018. March 2019

[7] DIN EN ISO 5084: Textiles - Determination of thickness of textiles and textile products (ISO 5084:1996); German version EN ISO 5084:1996. 1996-10

3 Test object and test assembly

3.1 Test object

The tested material is described by the manufacturer as follows:

- Zimmer + Rohde GmbH fabric art.-no. 10975
- Material base layer 100 % CO, flor 100 % CO

The testing laboratory has measured as follows at one sample 210 mm x 297 mm from testing material:

- thickness acc. DIN EN ISO 5084 [7]
  (3 positions, pressure 1.00 kPa, pressure-foot 2,000 mm²): t = 2.40 mm
- area specific mass: m'' = 599 g/m²
- airflow resistance acc. to DIN EN ISO 9053-1 [6]: R_S = 2974 Pa s/m

3.2 Test assembly

The installation of the test objects was carried out by employees of the test laboratory at the reverberation room of Müller-BBM.

The mounting details are as follows:

- curtain arrangement following type G-100 acc. to DIN EN ISO 354
- arranged as pleated curtain with 100 % fullness hanging in front of a reflecting wall
- clear distance to the wall 100 mm, construction without enclosing frame
- fixed directly underneath the ceiling, suspended from a metal rail, height of the rail 90 mm, overlap of the fabric at the rail 60 mm
- test set-up made of five webs, each width x height 1.44 m x 3.00 m
- total dimensions of the test surface (starting at the lower edge of the metal rail): width x height = 3.56 m x 2.94 m
- total test surface S = 10.47 m^2

The photographs in Appendix B show details of the test arrangement.

4 Execution of the measurements

The measurements were executed according to DIN EN ISO 354 [1].

The test procedure, the test stand and the test equipment used for the measurements are described in Appendix C.

5 Evaluation

The sound absorption coefficient α_S was determined in one-third octave bands between 100 Hz and 5000 Hz according to DIN EN ISO 354 [1].

In addition, the following characteristic values were determined according to DIN EN ISO 11654 [2].

- Practical sound absorption coefficient α_p in octave bands
- Weighted sound absorption coefficient α_w as single value

  The weighted sound absorption coefficient α_w is determined from the practical sound absorption coefficients α_p in the octave bands of 250 Hz to 4000 Hz.

According to ASTM C 423 [3] the following characteristic values were determined:

- Noise reduction coefficient *NRC* as single value

  Arithmetical mean value of the sound absorption coefficients in the four one-third octave bands 250 Hz, 500 Hz, 1000 Hz and 2000 Hz; mean value rounded to 0.05.

- Sound absorption average *SAA* as single value

  Arithmetical mean value of the sound absorption coefficients in the twelve one-third octave bands between 250 Hz and 2500 Hz; mean value rounded to 0.01.

6 Measurement results

The sound absorption coefficients α_S in one-third octave bands, the practical sound absorption coefficients α_p in octave bands and the single values (α_w, *NRC* und *SAA*) are indicated in the test certificate in Appendix A.

Information on the uncertainty of measurement is given in Appendix C. When assigning the absorption group, the measurement uncertainty was not taken into account in accordance with DIN EN ISO 11654 [2].

7 Remarks

The test results exclusively relate to the investigated subjects and conditions described.

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Sound absorption coefficient ISO 354

Measurement of sound absorption in reverberation rooms

Client: Zimmer + Rohde GmbH
Zimmermühlenweg 14-18, 61440 Oberursel, Germany

Test specimen: Fabric art.-no. 10975
pleated curtain with 100 % fullness, 100 mm wall distance

Material details

Information provided by the client:

- fabric art.-no. 10975
- material base layer 100 % CO, flor 100 % CO

Properties determined by the testing laboratory

- area specific mass m'' = 599 g/m²
- airflow resistance R_S = 2974 Pa s/m
- thickness t = 2.40 mm

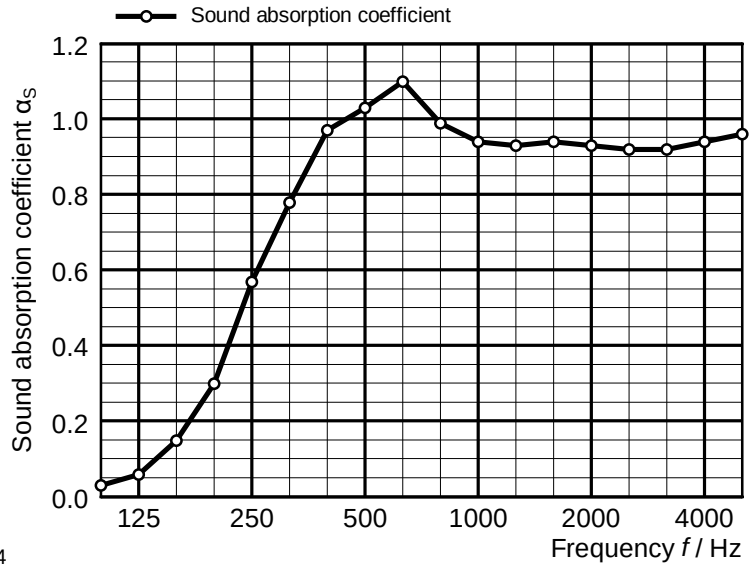
Test arrangement:

- style of type G-100 mounting acc. to DIN EN ISO 354
- arranged as a pleated curtain with 100 % fullness hanging in front of a reflecting wall
- fixed directly underneath the ceiling of the reverberation room, suspended from a metal rail (height 90 mm, overlap 60 mm), distance to the back wall 100 mm
- test arrangement without enclosing frame
- test set-up made of five webs (1.44 m x 3.00 m), 20 mm overlap at curtain splices
- test surface width x height = 3.56 m x 2.94 m (dimensions starting at the lower edge of the metal rail)

Room: Reverberation Room
Volume: 199.60 m³
Size: 10.47 m²
Date of test: 2023-10-26

	θ [°C]	*r. h.* [%]	*B* [kPa]
without specimen	21.1	56.2	93.4
with specimen	21.0	56.4	93.4

Frequency [Hz]	α_S 1/3 octave	α_p octave
100	∘ 0.03	
125	∘ 0.06	0.10
160	0.15	
200	0.30	
250	0.57	0.55
315	0.78	
400	0.97	
500	1.03	1.00
630	1.10	
800	0.99	
1000	0.94	0.95
1250	0.93	
1600	0.94	
2000	0.93	0.95
2500	0.92	
3150	0.92	
4000	0.94	0.95
5000	0.96	



∘ Equivalent sound absorption area less than 1.0 m²
α_S Sound absorption coefficient according to ISO 354
α_p Practical sound absorption coefficient according to ISO 11654

Rating according to ISO 11654:	Rating according to ASTM C423:
Weighted sound absorption coefficient α_w = 0.85	**Noise Reduction Coefficient *NRC* = 0.85**
Sound absorption class: B	**Sound Absorption Average *SAA* = 0.87**

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Figure B.1. Test object mounted in the reverberation room, frontal view.

Figure B.2. Test object mounted in the reverberation room, diagonal view.

Description of the test procedure for the determination of the sound absorption in a reverberation room

1 Measurand

The sound absorption coefficient α of the test object was determined. For this purpose the mean value of the reverberation time in the reverberation room with and without the test object was measured. The sound absorption coefficient was calculated using the following equation:

$$\alpha_S = \frac{A_T}{S}$$

$$A_T = 55.3\,V\left(\frac{1}{c_2 T_2} - \frac{1}{c_1 T_1}\right) - 4\,V\,(m_2 - m_1)$$

With:

α_S sound absorption coefficient;

A_T equivalent sound absorption area of the test object in m^2;

S area covered by the test object in m^2;

V volume of the reverberation room in m^3;

c_1 propagation speed of sound in air in the reverberation room without test object in m/s;

c_2 propagation speed of sound in air in the reverberation room with test object in m/s;

T_1 reverberation time in the reverberation room without test object in s;

T_2 reverberation time in the reverberation room with test object in s;

m_1 power attenuation coefficient in the reverberation room without test object in m^{-1};

m_2 power attenuation coefficient in the reverberation room with test object in m^{-1}.

The different dissipation during the sound propagation in the air was taken into account according to paragraph 8.1.2 of DIN EN ISO 354 [1]. The calculation of the power attenuation coefficients was effected according to ISO 9613-1 [4]. The climatic conditions during the measurements are indicated in the test certificates.

Information on the repeatability and reproducibility of the test procedure are given in DIN EN ISO 354 [1] and DIN EN ISO 12999-2 [5]. In [5] for the single-number α_w a standard deviation of reproducibility of $\sigma_R = 0.035$ is indicated. This value was determined from reproducibility data of the test method based on round robin tests and describes the reproducibility of test results that was determined in test laboratories for similar constructions. An aspired confidence level of 95 % results in a coverage factor of $k = 2.0$ and an expanded uncertainty of $U = \pm 0.07$ for the weighted sound absorption coefficient α_w.

2 Test procedure

2.1 Description of the reverberation room

The reverberation room complies with the requirements according to DIN EN ISO 354 [1].

The reverberation room has a volume of V = 199.6 m^3 and a surface of S = 216 m^2.

Six omni-directional microphones and four loudspeakers were installed in the reverberation room.

In order to improve the diffusivity, six composite sheet metal boards dimensioned 1.2 m x 2.4 m and six composite sheet metal boards dimensioned 1.2 m x 1.2 m were suspended curved and irregularly.

Figure C.1 shows the drawings of the reverberation room.

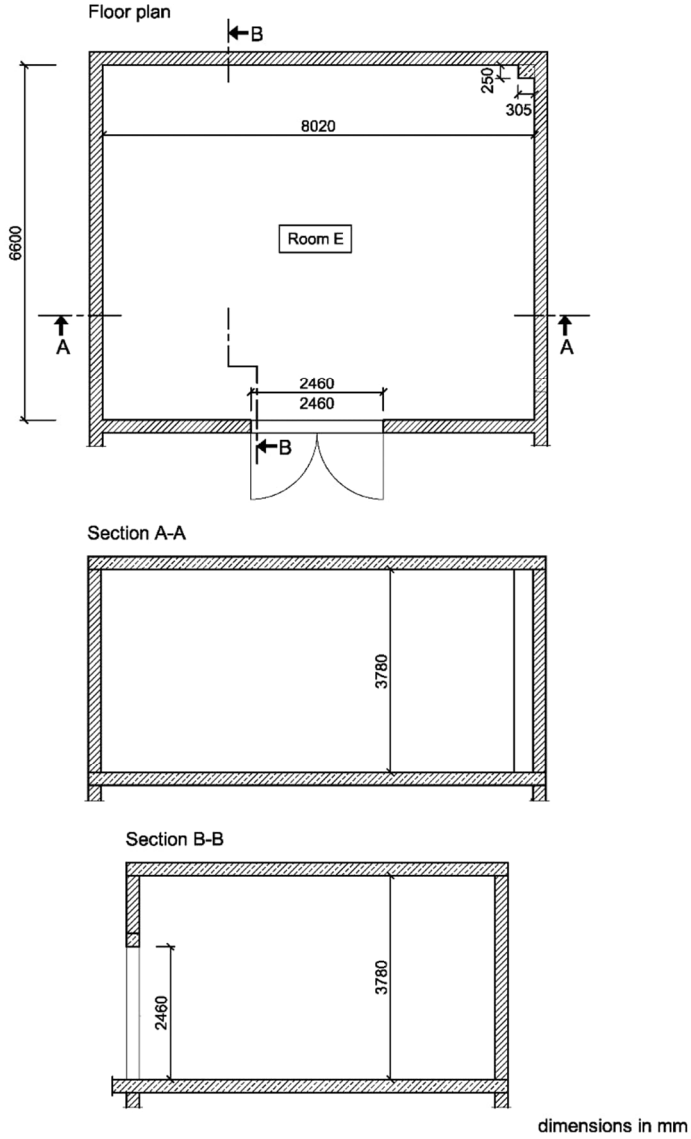

Figure C.1. Plan view and sections of the reverberation room.

2.2 Measurement of reverberation time

The determination of the impulse responses were carried out according to the indirect method. In all tests, a sinusoidal sweep with pink noise spectrum was used as test signal. In the reverberation room with and without test objects each 24 independent combinations of loudspeakers and microphones were measured. The reverberation time was evaluated according to DIN EN ISO 354 [1], using a linear regression for the calculation of the reverberation time T_{20} from the level of a backward integrated impulse response.

The determined reverberation times in the reverberation room with and without test object are indicated in table C.1.

Table C.1. Reverberation times without and with test objects.

Frequency *f* in Hz	**Reverberation time *T* in s**	
	T_1 (without test object)	**T_2 (with test object)**
100	5.63	5.32
125	6.03	5.36
160	6.15	4.75
200	5.27	3.48
250	5.70	2.77
315	5.49	2.28
400	5.55	2.02
500	5.55	1.94
630	5.31	1.83
800	5.04	1.91
1000	5.11	1.99
1250	5.15	2.01
1600	5.13	2.00
2000	4.90	1.97
2500	4.21	1.86
3150	3.55	1.72
4000	2.85	1.52
5000	2.35	1.35

2.3 List of test equipment

The test equipment used is listed in Table C.2

Table C.2. Test equipment.

Name	Manufacturer	Type	Serial-No.
AD-/DA-converter	RME	Fireface 802	23811470
Amplifier	APart	Champ 2	17120171
Dodecahedron	Müller-BBM	DOD360A	372828
Dodecahedron	Müller-BBM	DOD360A	372829
Dodecahedron	Müller-BBM	DOD360A	372830
Dodecahedron	Müller-BBM	DOD360A	372831
Microphone	Microtech Gefell	M370	1355
Microphone	Microtech Gefell	M370	1356
Microphone	Microtech Gefell	M360	1786
Microphone	Microtech Gefell	M360	1787
Microphone	Microtech Gefell	M360	1788
Microphone	Microtech Gefell	M360	1789
Microphone power supply	MFA	IV80F	330364
Hygro-/Thermometer	Testo	Saveris H1E	01554624
Barometer	Lufft	Opus 10	057.0410.0003.9.4.1.30
Software for measurement and evaluation	Müller-BBM	Bau 4	Version 1.11
Measurement system airflow resistance	Müller-BBM	M89319-00	315003
Software for measurement and evaluation	Müller-BBM Acoustic Solution	m|ars	Version 1.23.8256.29682
Thickness gauge	Hans Schmidt & Co GmbH	D-2000-C0913	2985
Electronic balance	Kern	KB1200-2N	W1402353