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Test Report

Impact Sound Transmission

SPONSOR: Stauf USA LLC Arlington, TN

CONDUCTED: 2021-02-16

ON: 1/2 in. engineered hardwood floor with SMP920 troweled adhesive

TEST METHODOLOGY

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) as an ISO 17025:2017 Laboratory (NVLAP Lab Code: 100227-0) and for this test procedure. The test reported in this document conformed explicitly with ASTM E2179-03 (2016): "Standard Test Method for Laboratory Measurement of the Effectiveness of Floor Coverings in Reducing Impact Sound Transmission Through Concrete Floors" with the exception that the thickness of the concrete slab was 203 mm (8.0 in.), rather than the specified maximum thickness of 200 mm (7.87 in.). The single number rating was calculated according to ASTM E989-18: "Standard Classification for Determination of Single-Number Metrics for Impact Noise." A complete description of the measurement procedure and room specifications are available upon request. The results presented in this report apply to the sample material as received from the test sponsor.

STANDARD CONCRETE FLOOR

The laboratory's standard concrete floor is a fully cured thick concrete floor installed directly in the laboratory's 4.27 m (14.0 ft.) by 2.44 m (8 ft.) test opening. No additional ceiling materials were installed over the bottom face of the concrete.

Concrete Slab

Material:	Wire-reinforced concrete
Dimensions:	4 @ 610 mm (24 in.) x 4267 mm (168 in.)
Thickness:	203 mm (8 in.)
	5023.08 kg (11074 lbs)
Mass per Unit Area:	482.75 kg/m ² (98.875 lbs/ft ²)
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

Note: A 0.08 mm (0.003 in.) thick polyethylene sheet was adhered to the top face of the concrete slab with spray adhesive, in order to prevent damage to the slab surface.



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SPECIMEN MEASUREMENTS & TEST CONDITIONS

The test specimen was designated by the sponsor as 1/2 in. engineered hardwood floor with SMP920 troweled adhesive. The building manager (Seth Priser) and RAL staff compiled a detailed construction specification for the test specimen as follows, in order of installation:

Test Specimen	
Adhesive	
Trade Name:	SMP920 Polymer Wood Flooring Adhesive
Manufacturer:	Stauf USA LLC
Dimensions:	2438 mm (96 in.) by 4267 mm (168 in.) as installed
Thickness:	Approximately 1.6 mm (0.06 in.) as installed
Installation Tool:	Trowel with proprietary Clip-on Notches, 3.97 mm (0.156 in.) x 3.18 mm (0.125 in.) x 4.76 mm (0.188 in.)
Wet Weight:	34.93 kg (77 lbs)
Mass per Unit Area:	$3.36 \text{ kg/m}^2 (0.69 \text{ lbs/ft}^2)$
Installation:	Troweled over concrete slab, completed 2021-02-08 3:00 p.m.
Cure Time:	8 days from installation to testing.
Floor Covering	
Material:	Engineered plywood planks with tongue-and-groove joints
Dimensions:	Plank width @ 82.55 mm (3.25 in.), excluding joint protrusions
	Joint protrusions @ 3.2 mm (0.125 in.) wide by 3.2 mm (0.125 in.) deep
Thickness:	12.7 mm (0.5 in.)
Overall Weight:	88.56 kg (195.25 lbs)
Installation:	Laid over adhesive, perpendicular to concrete slab
	Plank lengths varied to facilitate layout with staggered joints



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Overall Specimen Measurements

Dimensions:	2.44 m (96.0 in) wide by 4.27 m (168 in.) long
Thickness:	217.5 mm (8.56 in.)
Weight:	5146.57 kg (11346.25 lbs)
Overall Area:	10.405 m ² (112 ft ²)
Mass per Unit Area:	494.62 kg/m ² (101.31 lbs/ft ²)

Test Aperture

4.27 m (14.0 ft.) by 6.10 m (20 ft.)
Yes
2.44 m (96.0 in) wide by 3.86 m (152.0 in) long
9.414 m ² (101.33 ft ²)
Entire periphery (both sides) with dense mastic

Test Environment

Source Room	
Volume:	130.71 m ³
Temperature:	$23.3 \ ^{\circ}C \pm 0.0 \ ^{\circ}C$
Relative Humidity:	45.5 % ± 1.0 %
Receive Room	
Volume:	82.6 m ³
Temperature:	$23.3 \ ^{\circ}C \pm 0.0 \ ^{\circ}C$
Relative Humidity:	$45.0\% \pm 2.0\%$
Requirements	
Temperature:	22° C +/- 5° C , not more than 3° C change over all tests.
Relative Humidity:	\geq 30% RH; not more than +/- 3% change over all tests.



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<u>TEST RESULTS</u> <u>FREQ.</u>	\underline{L}_{0}	<u>L</u> _C	<u>L</u> d	$\underline{L}_{ref,c}$
100	60.9	53.2	7.6	59.4
125	56.5	44.9	11.6	55.9
160	59.6	45.7	14.0	54.1
200	61.7	40.2	21.5	47.0
250	70.4	44.5	25.9	43.2
315	64.7	38.2	26.5	43.0
400	67.2	41.0	26.2	43.8
500	67.4	42.8	24.6	45.9
630	65.3	37.4	27.9	43.1
800	68.1	40.7	27.4	44.1
1000	67.9	37.2	30.7	41.3
1250	67.8	30.7	37.2	34.9
1600	68.3	25.6	42.7	29.3
2000	71.3	22.5	48.8	23.2
2500	70.5	20.6	49.9	22.1
3150	70.2	16.1*	54.1*	17.9*

$IIC_{c} = 61$ $\Delta IIC = 33$

ABBREVIATION INDEX

FREQ. = 1/3 OCTAVE BAND CENTER FREQUENCY (Hz)

- L_0 = NORMALIZED IMPACT SOUND PRESSURE LEVEL ON BARE STANDARD CONCRETE FLOOR (dB)
- *L*_C = NORMALIZED IMPACT SOUND PRESSURE LEVEL WITH TEST SPECIMEN INSTALLED (dB)
- L_d = NISPL ATTENUATION FROM TEST SPECIMEN = $L_0 L_C$ (dB)

*L*_{ref,C} = NORMALIZED IMPACT SOUND PRESSURE LEVEL OF REFERENCE FLOOR WITH TEST SPECIMEN INSTALLED (dB)

IIC_c = THEORETICAL IMPACT INSULATION CLASS OF REFERENCE FLOOR + TEST SPECIMEN

 Δ IIC = IMPROVEMENT IN IMPACT INSULATION CLASS DUE TO TEST SPECIMEN



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Normalized impact sound pressure levels (NISPL) are tabulated in each of the sixteen one third octave bands from 100 Hz through 3150 Hz for both the standard concrete floor and the standard floor with the specimen installed. The observed difference in NISPL between the two configurations is applied to a reference concrete floor with an IIC rating of 28, as described in ASTM E2179-03 (2016) Table 1. The calculated impact insulation class of the reference floor with the specimen (IICc) and the effective improvement of the rating due to the test specimen (Δ IIC) are also provided. An * indicates that the value has been adjusted for background noise levels and reflects a lower limit. A graphic presentation of the data appears on the following page.

Report by Tested by Malcolm Kelly Dean Victor Lead Experimentalist Test Engineer, Acoustician **Digitally signed** by Eric P Wolfram Approved by Eric P. Wolfram Date: 2021.03.03 Laboratory Manager 09:00:50 -06'00'



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NORMALIZED IMPACT SOUND REDUCTION OF TEST SPECIMEN ON A CONCRETE FLOOR



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APPENDIX A: Instruments of Traceability

Specimen: 1/2 in. engineered hardwood floor with SMP920 troweled adhesive (See Full Report)

		Serial	Date of	Calibration
Description	<u>Model</u>	<u>Number</u>	Certification	Due
System 2	Type 3160-A-042	3160- 106974	2020-08-13	2021-08-13
Bruel & Kjaer Mic And Preamp C	Туре 4943-В-001	2311439	2020-04-07	2021-04-07
Bruel & Kjaer Tapping Machine	Туре 3207	3151105	2020-10-27	2021-10-27
Bruel & Kjaer Pistonphone	Type 4228	2781248	2020-08-12	2021-08-12
EXTECH Hygro 662 EXTECH Hygro 663	SD700 SD700	A083662 A083663	2020-12-18 2020-12-18	2021-12-18 2021-12-18

APPENDIX B: Revisions to Original Test Report

Specimen: 1/2 in. engineered hardwood floor with SMP920 troweled adhesive (See Full Report)

<u>Date</u>	Revision
2021-02-18	Original report issued

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ON: 1/2 in. engineered hardwood floor with SMP920 troweled adhesive over 8 in. concrete slab, insulated suspended ceiling

TEST METHODOLOGY

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SPECIMEN MEASUREMENTS & TEST CONDITIONS

The test specimen was designated by the sponsor as 1/2 in. engineered hardwood floor with SMP920 troweled adhesive over 8 in. concrete slab, insulated suspended ceiling. The construction contractor (Seth Priser) and RAL staff compiled a detailed construction specification as follows, in order of installation:

Concrete Slab

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 ² (98.875 lbs/ft ²)
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

Note: A 0.08 mm (0.003 in.) thick polyethylene sheet was adhered to the top face of the concrete slab with spray adhesive, in order to prevent damage to the slab surface.



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Flooring Assembly	
Adhesive	
Trade Name:	SMP920 Polymer Wood Flooring Adhesive
Manufacturer:	Stauf USA LLC
Dimensions:	2438 mm (96 in.) by 4267 mm (168 in.) as installed
Thickness:	Approximately 1.6 mm (0.06 in.) as installed
Installation Tool:	Trowel with proprietary Clip-on Notches, 3.97 mm (0.156 in.) x 3.18 mm (0.125 in.) x 4.76 mm (0.188 in.)
Wet Weight:	34.93 kg (77 lbs)
Mass per Unit Area:	$3.36 \text{ kg/m}^2 (0.69 \text{ lbs/ft}^2)$
Installation:	Troweled over concrete slab, completed 2021-02-08 3:00 p.m.
Cure Time:	8 days from installation to testing.
Floor Covering	
Material:	Engineered plywood planks with tongue-and-groove joints
Dimensions:	Plank width @ 82.55 mm (3.25 in.), excluding joint protrusions
	Joint protrusions @ 3.2 mm (0.125 in.) wide by 3.2 mm (0.125 in.) deep
Thickness:	12.7 mm (0.5 in.)
Overall Weight:	88.56 kg (195.25 lbs)
Installation:	Laid over adhesive, perpendicular to concrete slab
	Plank lengths varied to facilitate layout with staggered joints

Ceiling Assembly

Cold Rolled Channel	
Material:	Steel
Dimensions:	3 pieces @ 12.7 mm (0.5 in.) wide by 2438 mm (96 in.) long by 38 mm (1.5 in.) deep
Installation:	Suspended from eye bolts in underside of concrete slabs via 12g hanging wire, oriented perpendicular to concrete slabs
Spacing:	1219 mm (48 in.) on center
	Edge rows spaced 152 mm (6 in.) from sides of chamber
	203 mm (8 in.) from bottom of slabs to bottom of channels
Overall Weight:	6.58 kg (14.5 lbs)
Mass per Unit Length:	0.90 kg/m (0.60 lbs/ft)



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Ceiling Assembly (continued)

Furring Channel	
Material:	Steel furring/hat channel
Dimensions:	5 @ 51 mm (2 in.) wide by 3972 mm (156.375 in.) long
Formed Depth:	22.2 mm (0.875 in.)
Steel Thickness:	0.48 mm (0.019 in.)
Installation:	Fastened perpendicular to cold rolled channel with channel clips
	102 mm (4 in.) wide overlap secured with two #8 wafer head stud screws
	at furring channel joints
Spacing:	610 mm (24 in.) on center
Overall Weight:	7.94 kg (17.5 lbs)
Mass per Unit Length:	0.40 kg/m (0.27 lbs/ft)

Insulation

Material:	R-13 unfaced fiberglass insulation
Dimensions:	Pieces @ 368 mm (14.5 in.) wide by 2515 mm (99 in.) long
Depth:	88.9 mm (3.5 in.)
Overall Weight:	5.44 kg (12 lbs)
Density:	$6.50 \text{ kg/m}^3 (0.41 \text{ lbs/ft}^3)$
Installation:	Loose laid across furring channel

Gypsum Board

Material:	Type C gypsum board
Dimensions:	2 @ 1219 mm (48 in.) by 3048 mm (120 in.)
	2 @ 1219 mm (48 in.) by 914 mm (36 in.)
Thickness:	15.9 mm (0.625 in.)
Installation:	Fastened to furring channel at center flange
Fasteners:	Type S bugle head drywall screws, length @ 31.8 mm (1.25 in.)
Fastener Spacing:	305 mm (12 in.) on center
Overall Weight:	118.05 kg (260.25 lbs)
Mass per Unit Area:	$12.22 \text{ kg/m}^2 (2.50 \text{ lbs/ft}^2)$

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).



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Overall Specimen Measurements

Dimensions:	2.44 m (96.0 in) wide by 4.27 m (168 in.) long
Thickness:	459 mm (18.06 in.)
Weight:	5284.8 kg (11651.0 lbs)
Overall Area:	10.405 m ² (112 ft ²)
Mass per Unit Area:	507.90 kg/m ² (104.03 lbs/ft ²)

Test Aperture

Opening Size:	4.27 m (14.0 ft.) by 6.10 m (20 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 ² (101.33 ft ²)
Sealed:	Entire periphery (both sides) with dense mastic

Test Environment

Source Room				
Volume:	130.71 m ³			
Temperature:	$21.7 \ ^{\circ}C \pm 0.0 \ ^{\circ}C$			
Relative Humidity:	$48.5~\% \pm 1.0~\%$			

Receive Room

Volume:	80.29 m ³
Temperature:	$23.6 \ ^\circ C \pm 0.6 \ ^\circ C$
Relative Humidity:	$47.5 \% \pm 3.0 \%$

Requirements

Temperature:	22° C +/- 5° C, not more than 3° C change over all tests.
Relative Humidity:	\geq 30% RH; not more than +/- 3% change over all tests.



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TEST RESULTS

The averaged sound pressure levels, normalized to a receive room reference absorption of 10 m^2 , are tabulated at the sixteen standard frequencies. A graphic presentation of the data and additional information appear on the following pages. The 95% confidence interval for the sound pressure level in the receive room is below the limits specified in Section A1.4 of ASTM E492-09.

<u>FREQ.</u>	Ln	ΔLn	DEV	<u>FREQ.</u>	<u>Ln</u>	ΔLn	DEV
100	46	4.79	8	800	13 **	3.67	0
125	41	3.11	3	1000	12 **	1.92	0
160	40	1.73	2	1250	5 **	0.59	0
200	32	0.92	0	1600	4 **	0.29	0
250	32	1.69	0	2000	4 **	0.27	0
315	23 *	1.28	0	2500	3 **	0.49	0
400	23 *	3.03	0	3150	5 **	0.65	0
500	23 *	3.28	0				
630	14 **	1.94	0				

IIC=74

ABBREVIATION INDEX

FREQ. = FREQUENCY, HERTZ, (cps)

- Ln = NORMALIZED SOUND PRESSURE LEVEL, dB
- $\Delta L_n = 95\%$ UNCERTAINTY LIMIT FOR L_n, dB
- DEV. = DEVIATION FROM SHIFTED IIC CONTOUR, dB (SUM OF DEV = 13)
- IIC = IMPACT INSULATION CLASS
- * = LEVEL CORRECTED DUE TO BACKGROUND NOISE PER E492 SEC 10.2.2
- ** = LEVEL CORRECTED DUE TO BACKGROUND NOISE PER E492 SEC 10.2.3

Tested by Report by Malcolm Kelly Marc Sciaky Senior Experimentalist Test Engineer, Acoustician Digitally signed by Approved by Eric P Wolfram Eric P. Wolfram Date: 2021.03.03

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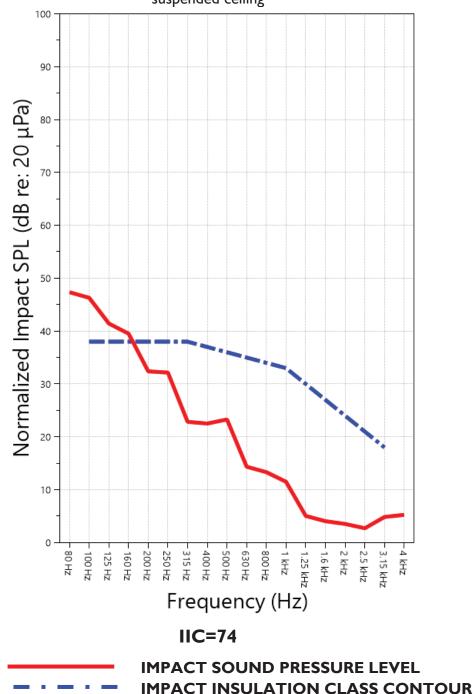
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APPENDIX A: Extended Frequency Range Data

Specimen: 1/2 in. engineered hardwood floor with SMP920 troweled adhesive over 8 in. concrete slab, insulated suspended ceiling (See Full Report)

The following non-accredited data were obtained in accordance with ASTM E989-06 (2012), but extend beyond the defined frequency range of 100 Hz to 3,150 Hz. These unofficial results are representative of the RAL test environment only and intended for research & comparison purposes.

1/3 Octave Band			
Center Frequency	$\mathbf{L}_{\mathbf{n}}$	ΔL_n	Repeatability
(Hz)	(dB)	(dB)	(dB)
31.5	53	5.89	4.45
40	59	3.48	3.47
50	60	5.78	2.55
63	58	10.03	5.07
80	47	6.05	2.23
100	46	4.79	3.47
125	41	3.11	2.85
160	40	1.73	2.46
200	32	0.92	1.93
250	32	1.69	0.73
315	23 *	1.28	0.79
400	23 *	3.03	2.17
500	23 *	3.28	1.93
630	14 **	1.94	0.21
800	13 **	3.67	1.41
1000	12 **	1.92	2.05
1250	5 **	0.59	1.49
1600	4 **	0.29	2.22
2000	4 **	0.27	2.51
2500	3 **	0.49	1.26
3150	5 **	0.65	1.51
4000	5 **	0.47	1.85
5000	8 **	0.65	1.82
6300	7 **	0.82	1.90
8000	8 **	1.02	0.88
10000	13 **	1.62	4.02
12500	9 **	1.68	5.26

* Level corrected due to proximity to background noise per E492 Section 10.2.2

** Level corrected due to proximity to background noise per E492 Section 10.2.3, represents lower limit of specimen performance



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APPENDIX B: Glossary for Variability Metrics

Specimen: 1/2 in. engineered hardwood floor with SMP920 troweled adhesive over 8 in. concrete slab, insulated suspended ceiling (See Full Report)

 ΔL_n , the 95% confidence interval for the reported normalized sound pressure level, is calculated from the standard deviation of the set of sound pressure levels measured during this individual test. This metric is calculated in an effort to quantify the variability in measured levels due to the combined influences of varying sound pressure level in the receive room and changes in specimen response for different tapping machine locations.

Repeatability, expressed as a 95% confidence interval, is calculated from the standard deviation in normalized sound pressure level as obtained from a total of six consecutive tests conducted according to this test method by RAL from 2019-02-07 to 2019-02-12. The tests were performed on a specimen composed of 152.4 mm (6 in.) thick concrete slabs, which was left installed and unaltered between tests. 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 C: Instruments of Traceability

Specimen: 1/2 in. engineered hardwood floor with SMP920 troweled adhesive over 8 in. concrete slab, insulated suspended ceiling (See Full Report)

		Serial	Date of	Calibration
Description	Model	<u>Number</u>	Certification	Due
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 Tapping Machine	Туре 3207	3151105	2020-10-27	2021-10-27
Bruel & Kjaer Pistonphone	Type 4228	2781248	2020-08-12	2021-08-12
EXTECH Hygro 662 EXTECH Hygro 663	SD700 SD700	A083662 A083663	2020-12-18 2020-12-18	2021-12-18 2021-12-18

APPENDIX D: Revisions to Original Test Report

Specimen: 1/2 in. engineered hardwood floor with SMP920 troweled adhesive over 8 in. concrete slab, insulated suspended ceiling (See Full Report)

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Nonstandard Appendix E to ASTM E492-09 Impact Transmission Report

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A summary of impact insulation ratings for the specimen described in the referenced test report is given below.

Referenced Document	Rating	Calculated Value
Standard Classification ASTM E989-18	IIC	74
Standard Classification ASTM E3222-20a	HIIC	93
Nonstandard Work Item ASTM WK63897	LIIC	66

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ON: 1/2 in. engineered hardwood floor with SMP920 troweled adhesive over 8 in. concrete slab, no ceiling

TEST METHODOLOGY

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SPECIMEN MEASUREMENTS & TEST CONDITIONS

The test specimen was designated by the sponsor as 1/2 in. engineered hardwood floor with SMP920 troweled adhesive over 8 in. concrete slab, no ceiling. The construction contractor (Seth Priser) and RAL staff compiled a detailed construction specification as follows, in order of installation:

Concrete Slab

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 ² (98.875 lbs/ft ²)
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

Note: A 0.08 mm (0.003 in.) thick polyethylene sheet was adhered to the top face of the concrete slab with spray adhesive, in order to prevent damage to the slab surface.



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Flooring Assembly

Adhesive	
Trade Name:	SMP920 Polymer Wood Flooring Adhesive
Manufacturer:	Stauf USA LLC
Dimensions:	2438 mm (96 in.) by 4267 mm (168 in.) as installed
Thickness:	Approximately 1.6 mm (0.06 in.) as installed
Installation Tool:	Trowel with proprietary Clip-on Notches, 3.97 mm (0.156 in.) x 3.18
	mm (0.125 in.) x 4.76 mm (0.188 in.)
Wet Weight:	34.93 kg (77 lbs)
Mass per Unit Area:	$3.36 \text{ kg/m}^2 (0.69 \text{ lbs/ft}^2)$
Installation:	Troweled over concrete slab, completed 2021-02-08 3:00 p.m.
Cure Time:	8 days from installation to testing.
Floor Covering	
Floor Covering	
Material:	Engineered plywood planks with tongue-and-groove joints
Dimensions:	Plank width @ 82.55 mm (3.25 in.), excluding joint protrusions
	Joint protrusions @ 3.2 mm (0.125 in.) wide by 3.2 mm (0.125 in.) deep
Thickness:	12.7 mm (0.5 in.)
Quarall Waight	$99.56 \ln \alpha (105.25 \ln \alpha)$

Overall Weight: 88.56 kg (195.25 lbs) Installation: Laid over adhesive, perpendicular to concrete slab Plank lengths varied to facilitate layout with staggered joints



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Overall Specimen Measurements

Dimensions:	2.44 m (96.0 in) wide by 4.27 m (168 in.) long
Thickness:	217.5 mm (8.56 in.)
Weight:	5146.57 kg (11346.25 lbs)
Overall Area:	10.405 m ² (112 ft ²)
Mass per Unit Area:	494.62 kg/m ² (101.31 lbs/ft ²)

Test Aperture

Opening Size:	4.27 m (14.0 ft.) by 6.10 m (20 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 ² (101.33 ft ²)
Sealed:	Entire periphery (both sides) with dense mastic

Test Environment

Source Room	
Volume:	130.71 m ³
Temperature:	$23.3 ^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 0.0 ^{\circ}\text{C}$
Relative Humidity:	$45.5~\% \pm 1.0~\%$

Receive Room

Volume:	82.6 m ³
Temperature:	$23.3 ^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 0.0 ^{\circ}\text{C}$
Relative Humidity:	$45.0~\% \pm 2.0~\%$

Requirements

Temperature:	22° C +/- 5° C, not more than 3° C change over all tests.
Relative Humidity:	\geq 30% RH; not more than +/- 3% change over all tests.



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TEST RESULTS

The averaged sound pressure levels, normalized to a receive room reference absorption of 10 m^2 , are tabulated at the sixteen standard frequencies. A graphic presentation of the data and additional information appear on the following pages. The 95% confidence interval for the sound pressure level in the receive room is below the limits specified in Section A1.4 of ASTM E492-09.

<u>FREQ.</u>	Ln	ΔLn	DEV	<u>FREQ.</u>	Ln	ΔLn	DEV	
								—
100	53	1.82	8	800	41	4.79	0	
125	45	2.89	0	1000	37	6.68	0	
160	46	2.15	1	1250	31	2.16	0	
200	40	2.15	0	1600	26	1.40	0	
250	44	3.27	0	2000	22	3.45	0	
315	38	4.10	0	2500	21	6.49	0	
400	41	3.94	0	3150	16 **	10.44	0	
500	43	3.97	0					
630	37	2.60	0					

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ABBREVIATION INDEX

FREQ. = FREQUENCY, HERTZ, (cps)

Ln = NORMALIZED SOUND PRESSURE LEVEL, dB

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- $\Delta L_n = 95\%$ UNCERTAINTY LIMIT FOR Ln, dB
- DEV. = DEVIATION FROM SHIFTED IIC CONTOUR, dB (SUM OF DEV = 9)
- IIC = IMPACT INSULATION CLASS
- * = LEVEL CORRECTED DUE TO BACKGROUND NOISE PER E492 SEC 10.2.2
- ** = LEVEL CORRECTED DUE TO BACKGROUND NOISE PER E492 SEC 10.2.3

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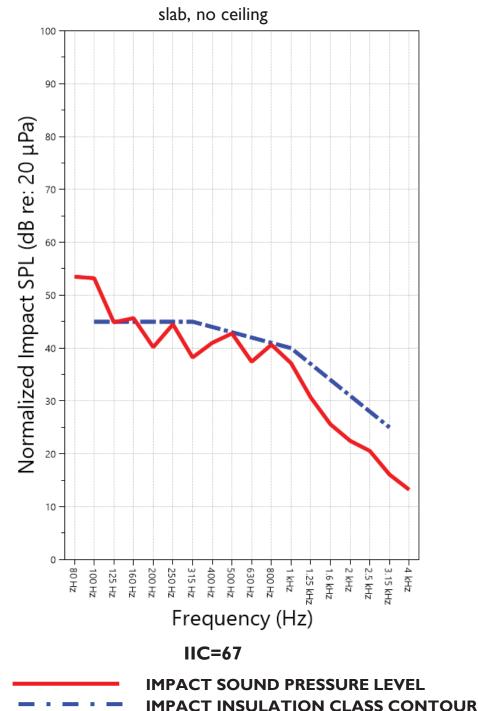
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APPENDIX A: Extended Frequency Range Data

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The following non-accredited data were obtained in accordance with ASTM E989-06 (2012), but extend beyond the defined frequency range of 100 Hz to 3,150 Hz. These unofficial results are representative of the RAL test environment only and intended for research & comparison purposes.

1/3 Octave Band			
Center Frequency	$\mathbf{L}_{\mathbf{n}}$	ΔL_n	Repeatability
(Hz)	(dB)	(dB)	(dB)
31.5	58	5.52	4.45
40	53	2.88	3.47
50	53	3.90	2.55
63	52	4.09	5.07
80	54	6.10	2.23
100	53	1.82	3.47
125	45	2.89	2.85
160	46	2.15	2.46
200	40	2.15	1.93
250	44	3.27	0.73
315	38	4.10	0.79
400	41	3.94	2.17
500	43	3.97	1.93
630	37	2.60	0.21
800	41	4.79	1.41
1000	37	6.68	2.05
1250	31	2.16	1.49
1600	26	1.40	2.22
2000	22	3.45	2.51
2500	21	6.49	1.26
3150	16 **	10.44	1.51
4000	13 **	2.80	1.85
5000	16 **	0.68	1.82
6300	12 **	0.93	1.90
8000	10 **	1.03	0.88
10000	14 **	1.62	4.02
12500	10 **	1.91	5.26

* Level corrected due to proximity to background noise per E492 Section 10.2.2

** Level corrected due to proximity to background noise per E492 Section 10.2.3, represents lower limit of specimen performance



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APPENDIX B: Glossary for Variability Metrics

Specimen: 1/2 in. engineered hardwood floor with SMP920 troweled adhesive over 8 in. concrete slab, no ceiling (See Full Report)

 ΔL_n , the 95% confidence interval for the reported normalized sound pressure level, is calculated from the standard deviation of the set of sound pressure levels measured during this individual test. This metric is calculated in an effort to quantify the variability in measured levels due to the combined influences of varying sound pressure level in the receive room and changes in specimen response for different tapping machine locations.

Repeatability, expressed as a 95% confidence interval, is calculated from the standard deviation in normalized sound pressure level as obtained from a total of six consecutive tests conducted according to this test method by RAL from 2019-02-07 to 2019-02-12. The tests were performed on a specimen composed of 152.4 mm (6 in.) thick concrete slabs, which was left installed and unaltered between tests. 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 C: Instruments of Traceability

Specimen: 1/2 in. engineered hardwood floor with SMP920 troweled adhesive over 8 in. concrete slab, no ceiling (See Full Report)

		Serial	Date of	Calibration
Description	Model	Number	Certification	Due
System 2	Type 3160-A-042	3160- 106974	2020-08-13	2021-08-13
Bruel & Kjaer Mic And Preamp C	Туре 4943-В-001	2311439	2020-04-07	2021-04-07
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APPENDIX D: Revisions to Original Test Report

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Nonstandard Work Item ASTM WK63897	LIIC	75

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SPECIMEN MEASUREMENTS & TEST CONDITIONS

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Wire-reinforced concrete
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203 mm (8 in.)
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Adhesive	
Trade Name:	SMP920 Polymer Wood Flooring Adhesive
Manufacturer:	Stauf USA LLC
Dimensions:	2438 mm (96 in.) by 4267 mm (168 in.) as installed
Thickness:	Approximately 1.6 mm (0.06 in.) as installed
Installation Tool:	Trowel with proprietary Clip-on Notches, 3.97 mm (0.156 in.) x 3.18 mm (0.125 in.) x 4.76 mm (0.188 in.)
Wet Weight:	34.93 kg (77 lbs)
Mass per Unit Area:	$3.36 \text{ kg/m}^2 (0.69 \text{ lbs/ft}^2)$
Installation:	Troweled over concrete slab, completed 2021-02-08 3:00 p.m.
Cure Time:	8 days from installation to testing.
Floor Covering	
Material:	Engineered plywood planks with tongue-and-groove joints
Dimensions:	Plank width @ 82.55 mm (3.25 in.), excluding joint protrusions
	Joint protrusions @ 3.2 mm (0.125 in.) wide by 3.2 mm (0.125 in.) deep
Thickness:	12.7 mm (0.5 in.)
Overall Weight:	88.56 kg (195.25 lbs)
Installation:	Laid over adhesive, perpendicular to concrete slab
	Plank lengths varied to facilitate layout with staggered joints

Ceiling Assembly

Cold Rolled Channel	
Material:	Steel
Dimensions:	3 pieces @ 12.7 mm (0.5 in.) wide by 2438 mm (96 in.) long by 38 mm (1.5 in.) deep
Installation:	Suspended from eye bolts in underside of concrete slabs via 12g hanging wire, oriented perpendicular to concrete slabs
Spacing:	1219 mm (48 in.) on center
	Edge rows spaced 152 mm (6 in.) from sides of chamber
	203 mm (8 in.) from bottom of slabs to bottom of channels
Overall Weight:	6.58 kg (14.5 lbs)
Mass per Unit Length:	0.90 kg/m (0.60 lbs/ft)



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Ceiling Assembly (continued)

Furring Channel	
Material:	Steel furring/hat channel
Dimensions:	5 @ 51 mm (2 in.) wide by 3972 mm (156.375 in.) long
Formed Depth:	22.2 mm (0.875 in.)
Steel Thickness:	0.48 mm (0.019 in.)
Installation:	Fastened perpendicular to cold rolled channel with channel clips
	102 mm (4 in.) wide overlap secured with two #8 wafer head stud screws
	at furring channel joints
Spacing:	610 mm (24 in.) on center
Overall Weight:	7.94 kg (17.5 lbs)
Mass per Unit Length:	0.40 kg/m (0.27 lbs/ft)

Insulation

Material:	R-13 unfaced fiberglass insulation
Dimensions:	Pieces @ 368 mm (14.5 in.) wide by 2515 mm (99 in.) long
Depth:	88.9 mm (3.5 in.)
Overall Weight:	5.44 kg (12 lbs)
Density:	6.50 kg/m ³ (0.41 lbs/ft ³)
Installation:	Loose laid across furring channel

Gypsum Board

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Material:	Type C gypsum board
Dimensions:	2 @ 1219 mm (48 in.) by 3048 mm (120 in.)
	2 @ 1219 mm (48 in.) by 914 mm (36 in.)
Thickness:	15.9 mm (0.625 in.)
Installation:	Fastened to furring channel at center flange
Fasteners:	Type S bugle head drywall screws, length @ 31.8 mm (1.25 in.)
Fastener Spacing:	305 mm (12 in.) on center
Overall Weight:	118.05 kg (260.25 lbs)
Mass per Unit Area:	$12.22 \text{ kg/m}^2 (2.50 \text{ lbs/ft}^2)$

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).



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Overall Specimen Measurements

Dimensions:	2.44 m (96.0 in) wide by 4.27 m (168 in.) long
Thickness:	459 mm (18.06 in.)
Weight:	5284.8 kg (11651.0 lbs)
Overall Area:	10.405 m ² (112 ft ²)
Mass per Unit Area:	507.90 kg/m ² (104.03 lbs/ft ²)

Test Aperture

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) high
Transmission Area:	9.414 m ² (101.33 ft ²)
Sealed:	Entire periphery (both sides) with dense mastic

Test Environment

Source Room	
Volume:	130.71 m ³
Temperature:	$22.2 ^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 0.0 ^{\circ}\text{C}$
Relative Humidity:	$49.0~\% \pm 0.0~\%$

Receive Room

Volume:	80.29 m ³
Temperature:	$23.9 \ ^\circ C \pm 0.0 \ ^\circ C$
Relative Humidity:	$46.0~\% \pm 0.0~\%$

Requirements

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



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TEST RESULTS

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FREQ.	TL	ΔTL	DEF.	FRE	<u>. TL</u>	ΔTL	DEF.
100	38	0.70	0	800	69	0.27	0
125	43	0.86	3	1000) 74	0.21	0
160	45	0.70	4	1250) 78	0.32	0
200	45	0.48	7	1600) 82	0.27	0
250	48	0.35	7	2000) 84	0.26	0
315	54	0.27	4	2500) 87	0.22	0
400	58	0.21	3	3150) 92	0.30	0
500	62	0.20	0	4000) 91	0.29	0
630	65	0.24	0	5000) 87	0.28	0

STC=62

ABBREVIATION INDEX

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TL = TRANSMISSION LOSS, dB

 $\Delta TL = 95\%$ CONFIDENCE INTERVAL FOR TL MEASUREMENTS, dB

DEF. = DEFICIENCIES, dB BELOW SHIFTED STC CONTOUR (SUM OF DEF = 28)

STC = SOUND TRANSMISSION CLASS

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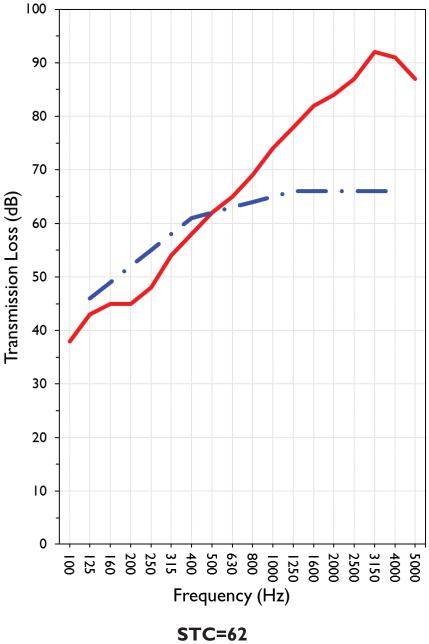
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APPENDIX A: Extended Frequency Range Data

Specimen: 1/2 in. engineered hardwood floor with SMP920 troweled adhesive over 8 in. concrete slab, insulated suspended ceiling (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.

31.5 46 ZZ F 4.70 5.61	
40 38 ZZ F 1.03 1.09	
50 34 ZZ F 0.86 0.97	
63 32 Z F 0.92 0.71	
80 36 ZZ F 0.66 0.72	
100 38 ZZ F 0.70 1.90	
125 43 ZZ F 0.86 0.85	
160 45 $ZZ F$ 0.70 1.16	
200 45 ZZ F 0.48 0.94	
250 48 ZZ F 0.35 2.47	
315 54 ZZ F 0.27 1.39	
400 58 ZZ F 0.21 3.10	
500 62 ZZ F 0.20 4.03	
630 65 ZZ F 0.24 2.86	
800 69 ZZ F 0.27 1.27	
1000 74 $ZZ F$ 0.21 1.18	
1250 78 ZZ F 0.32 1.73	
1600 82 ZZ F 0.27 0.86	
2000 84 ZZ F 0.26 0.90	
2500 87 ZZ F 0.22 0.96	
3150 92 ZZ A F 0.30 1.74	
4000 91 ZZ AA F 0.29 2.80	
5000 87 ZZ AA F 0.28 2.43	
6300 81 ZAF 0.23 1.96	
8000 75 Z F 0.37 1.98	
10000 67 ZAF 0.19 1.56	
12500 61 $Z F$ 0.20 3.53	



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APPENDIX B: Glossary of Standardized Corrections and Adjustments

Specimen: 1/2 in. engineered hardwood floor with SMP920 troweled adhesive over 8 in. concrete slab, insulated suspended ceiling (See Full Report)

<u>Mark</u> 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 (∞) .

APPENDIX C: Glossary of Variability Metrics

Specimen: 1/2 in. engineered hardwood floor with SMP920 troweled adhesive over 8 in. concrete slab, insulated suspended ceiling (See Full Report)

 Δ 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, 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: 1/2 in. engineered hardwood floor with SMP920 troweled adhesive over 8 in. concrete slab, insulated suspended ceiling (See Full Report)

		Serial	Date of	Calibration
Description	Model	<u>Number</u>	Certification	Due
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 EXTECH Hygro 663	SD700 SD700	A083662 A083663	2020-12-18 2020-12-18	2021-12-18 2021-12-18

APPENDIX E: Revisions to Original Test Report

Specimen: 1/2 in. engineered hardwood floor with SMP920 troweled adhesive over 8 in. concrete slab, insulated suspended ceiling (See Full Report)

Date	Revision
2021-02-18	Original report issued

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ON: 1/2 in. engineered hardwood floor with SMP920 troweled adhesive over 8 in. concrete slab, no ceiling

TEST METHODOLOGY

Riverbank Acoustical Laboratories[™] is accredited by the U.S. Department of Commerce, National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) under the National Voluntary Laboratory Accreditation Program (NVLAP) as an ISO 17025:2017 Laboratory (NVLAP Lab Code: 100227-0) and for this test procedure. The test reported in this document conformed explicitly with ASTM E90-09 (2016): "Standard Test Method for Laboratory Measurement of Airborne Sound Transmission Loss of Building Partitions and Elements." The single number rating of the specimen was calculated according to ASTM E413-16: "Classification for Rating Sound Insulation." A description of the measurement procedure and room specifications is available upon request. The transmission loss values are for a single direction of measurement. The results presented in this report apply to the sample as received from the test sponsor.

SPECIMEN MEASUREMENTS & TEST CONDITIONS

The test specimen was designated by the sponsor as 1/2 in. engineered hardwood floor with SMP920 troweled adhesive over 8 in. concrete slab, no ceiling. The construction contractor (Seth Priser) and RAL staff compiled a detailed construction specification as follows, in order of installation:

Concrete Slab

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 ² (98.875 lbs/ft ²)	
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	

Note: A 0.08 mm (0.003 in.) thick polyethylene sheet was adhered to the top face of the concrete slab with spray adhesive, in order to prevent damage to the slab surface.



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Trade Name:	SMP920 Polymer Wood Flooring Adhesive
Manufacturer:	Stauf USA LLC
Dimensions:	2438 mm (96 in.) by 4267 mm (168 in.) as installed
Thickness:	Approximately 1.6 mm (0.06 in.) as installed
Installation Tool:	Trowel with proprietary Clip-on Notches, 3.97 mm (0.156 in.) x 3.18 mm (0.125 in.) x 4.76 mm (0.188 in.)
Wet Weight:	34.93 kg (77 lbs)
Mass per Unit Area:	$3.36 \text{ kg/m}^2 (0.69 \text{ lbs/ft}^2)$
Installation:	Troweled over concrete slab, completed 2021-02-08 3:00 p.m.
Cure Time:	8 days from installation to testing.
Floor Covering	
Material:	Engineered plywood planks with tongue-and-groove joints
Dimensions:	Plank width @ 82.55 mm (3.25 in.), excluding joint protrusions
	Joint protrusions @ 3.2 mm (0.125 in.) wide by 3.2 mm (0.125 in.) deep
Thickness:	12.7 mm (0.5 in.)
Overall Weight:	88.56 kg (195.25 lbs)
Installation:	Laid over adhesive, perpendicular to concrete slab
	Plank lengths varied to facilitate layout with staggered joints



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Overall Specimen Measurements

 Dimensions:
 2.44 m (96.0 in) wide by 4.27 m (168 in.) long

 Thickness:
 217.5 mm (8.56 in.)

 Weight:
 5146.57 kg (11346.25 lbs)

 Overall Area:
 10.405 m² (112 ft²)

 Mass per Unit Area:
 494.62 kg/m² (101.31 lbs/ft²)

Test Aperture

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) high
Transmission Area:	9.414 m ² (101.33 ft ²)
Sealed:	Entire periphery (both sides) with dense mastic

Test Environment

Source Room	
Volume:	130.71 m ³
Temperature:	$23.3 ^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 0.0 ^{\circ}\text{C}$
Relative Humidity:	$44.0~\% \pm 2.0~\%$

Receive Room

Volume:	82.6 m ³
Temperature:	$23.3 ^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 0.0 ^{\circ}\text{C}$
Relative Humidity:	$43.5\ \%\pm 1.0\ \%$

Requirements

Temperature:	$22^{\circ} \text{ C} + 2^{\circ} \text{ C}$, not more than 3° C change over all tests.
Relative Humidity:	\geq 30%, not more than +/- 3% change over all tests.



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TEST RESULTS

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125	44	0.54	0	1000	63	0.10	0
160	42	0.61	2	1250	66	0.17	0
200	43	0.31	4	1600	68	0.23	0
250	44	0.23	6	2000	68	0.20	0
315	49	0.24	4	2500	72	0.15	0
400	49	0.33	7	3150	75	0.13	0
500	52	0.16	5	4000	77	0.18	0
630	55	0.21	3	5000	79	0.45	0

STC=57

ABBREVIATION INDEX

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STC = SOUND TRANSMISSION CLASS

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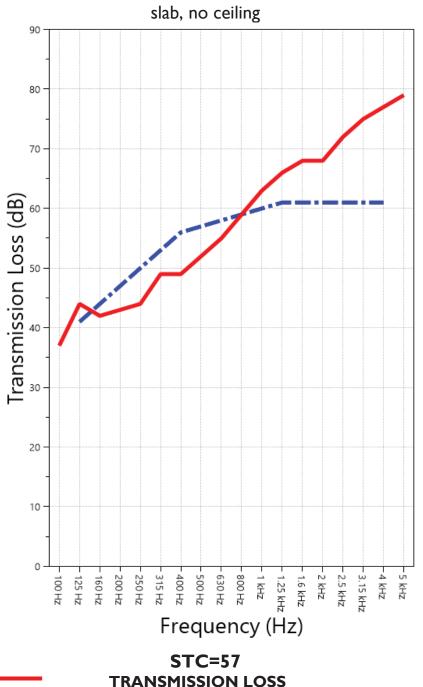
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APPENDIX A: Extended Frequency Range Data

Specimen: 1/2 in. engineered hardwood floor with SMP920 troweled adhesive over 8 in. concrete slab, no ceiling (See Full Report)

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1/3 Octave Band Center Frequency (Hz)	Sound Transmission Loss (dB)	Applicable Corrections	ΔTL (Eq. A2.5) (dB)	Repeatability (dB)
31.5	35	ZZ F	1.20	5.61
40	33	ZZ F	1.38	1.09
50	31	ZZ F	0.94	0.97
63	33	ZZ F	1.13	0.71
80	38	ZZ F	0.48	0.72
100	37	ZZ F	0.61	1.90
125	44	ZZ F	0.54	0.85
160	42	Z F	0.61	1.16
200	43	ZZ F	0.31	0.94
250	44	Z F	0.23	2.47
315	49	Z F	0.24	1.39
400	49	Z F	0.33	3.10
500	52	Ζ	0.16	4.03
630	55	Ζ	0.21	2.86
800	59	Z F	0.21	1.27
1000	63	Z F	0.10	1.18
1250	66	Z F	0.17	1.73
1600	68	Ζ	0.23	0.86
2000	68	Ζ	0.20	0.90
2500	72	Ζ	0.15	0.96
3150	75		0.13	1.74
4000	77	A	0.18	2.80
5000	79	ZAA	0.45	2.43
6300	80	ZAF	0.50	1.96
8000	76	ZAF	0.21	1.98
10000	69	ZAF	0.24	1.56
12500	62	Z F	0.29	3.53



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APPENDIX B: Glossary of Standardized Corrections and Adjustments

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<u>Mark</u> 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.
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APPENDIX C: Glossary of Variability Metrics

Specimen: 1/2 in. engineered hardwood floor with SMP920 troweled adhesive over 8 in. concrete slab, no ceiling (See Full Report)

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APPENDIX D: Instruments of Traceability

Specimen: 1/2 in. engineered hardwood floor with SMP920 troweled adhesive over 8 in. concrete slab, no ceiling (See Full Report)

Description	Model	Serial <u>Number</u>	Date of <u>Certification</u>	Calibration <u>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 EXTECH Hygro 663	SD700 SD700	A083662 A083663	2020-12-18 2020-12-18	2021-12-18 2021-12-18

APPENDIX E: Revisions to Original Test Report

Specimen: 1/2 in. engineered hardwood floor with SMP920 troweled adhesive over 8 in. concrete slab, no ceiling (See Full Report)

Date	Revision
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