## TEST REPORT

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## Fibertex Nonwovens A/S

Laboratory measurements of sound absorption coefficient

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## Summary:

On September $8^{\text {th }}-9^{\text {th }} 2011$ Grontmij A/S, Acoustica has performed reverberation chamber measurements of the sound absorption coefficient of various textile products, manufactured by Fibertex Nonwovens.

The following has been measured:
Measurement of sound absorption coefficient in compliance with DS/EN ISO 354. The weighted sound absorption coefficient and the sound absorption class have been determined in compliance with DS/EN ISO 11654.

| No. | Material | Mounting | Area S <br> $[\mathrm{m} 2]$ | Sound abs. <br> coefficient <br> $\alpha_{w}$ | Sound abs. <br> class |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| A1 | FiberAcoustic 75 | 45 mm cavity, enclosed periphery | 10,5 | 0,25 | $\mathrm{E}(\mathrm{H})$ |
| A2 | FiberAcoustic 75 | 200 mm cavity, enclosed periphery | 10,5 | 0,45 | D |
| A3 | FiberAcoustic 450 | 45 mm cavity, enclosed periphery | 10,5 | 0,45 | $\mathrm{D}(\mathrm{MH})$ |
| A4 | FiberAcoustic 450 | 200 mm cavity, enclosed periphery | 10,5 | 0,85 | B |


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## 1 INTRODUCTION

Grontmij A/S, Acoustica has been commissioned by Fibertex Nonwovens A/S to perform reverberation chamber measurements of the sound absorption coefficient of two different nonwoven textile products, each mounted in front of an enclosed cavity with two different cavity depths.

## 2 OBJECT

The measurement objects are nonwoven textiles of a felt type. The textile is mounted on a timber frame, made by 45 mm timber studs. The surface area of the studs have been subtracted the total surface area when calculating the sound absorption coefficients of the measured material.

The products are designated:
Fibertex FiberAcoustic 75
Fibertex FiberAcoustic 450
The latter three numbers refer to the surface weight of the material ( $70 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{m}^{2}$ and 451 $\mathrm{g} / \mathrm{m}^{2}$ respectively).

## 3 PROCEDURE

### 3.1 Methods used

The measurements were performed according to DS/EN ISO 354, using the interrupted noise method and a broadband pink noise signal with 1/3-octave band filters. Three speaker positions and four microphone positions were used. In each microphone position the reverberation time was measured as an average of four measurements.

### 3.2 Rating of sound absorption class

The practical sound absorption coefficient and the sound absorption class are determined according to DS/EN ISO 11654 and are distributed on the following classes:

| Sound absorption class | $\alpha_{w}$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| A | 0,$90 ; 0,95 ; 1,00$ |
| B | 0,$80 ; 0,85$ |
| C | 0,$60 ; 0,65 ; 0,70 ; 0,75$ |
| D | 0,$30 ; 0,35 ; 0,40 ; 0,45 ; 0,50 ; 0,55$ |
| E | 0,$25 ; 0,20 ; 0,15$ |
| Not classified | 0,$10 ; 0,05 ; 0,00$ |

If the practical sound absorption coefficient exceeds the reference curve in one or more frequency bands by more than 0,25 , one or more shape indicators are added:

| Shape indicator | The sound absorption coefficient is 0,25 greater <br> than the reference curve in the octave band: |
| :---: | :---: |
| $(L)$ | 250 Hz |
| $(M)$ | 500 Hz and/or 1000 Hz |
| $(H)$ | 2000 Hz and/or 4000 Hz |

### 3.3 Reverberation chamber information

The reverberation chamber used for the measurements is located at DTU Elektro, Ørsted Plads, Bygning 355, Rum 005, DK - 2800 Kgs. Lyngby.
The chamber is fitted with several sound diffusing elements on the walls. Furthermore during the measurements, the chamber was equipped with a total of 12 transparent freely suspended sound diffusors.
According to DTU, the volume of the room is $215 \mathrm{~m}^{3}$.

### 3.4 Equipment

The used measuring equipment is shown in appendix E .

### 3.5 Temperature and humidity

During the measurements the temperature was $19-20^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ and the humidity was varying from 64-66\%

## 4 RESULTS

The measured reverberation times $\mathrm{T}_{20}$ (in seconds) are shown in the table below.

| Measurement no. | A0 | A1 | A2 | A3 | A4 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Empty room | FR PET 70 |  |  |  |
| cavity: | FR PET 70 <br> cavity: <br> Frequency | FR PET 451 <br> cavity: | FR PET 451 <br> cavity: |  |  |
| $[\mathrm{Hz}]$ |  | 45 mm | 200 mm | 45 mm | 200 mm |
| 100 | 8,4 | 8,4 | 8,2 | 8,3 | 5,9 |
| 125 | 8,6 | 8,3 | 7,7 | 8,0 | 5,6 |
| 160 | 8,8 | 8,7 | 6,8 | 7,3 | 3,8 |
| 200 | 7,8 | 7,3 | 5,7 | 6,0 | 3,3 |
| 250 | 7,1 | 6,7 | 4,9 | 5,3 | 2,9 |
| 315 | 6,7 | 6,3 | 4,3 | 4,5 | 2,5 |
| 400 | 6,7 | 5,5 | 3,6 | 3,9 | 2,4 |
| 500 | 6,3 | 5,0 | 3,2 | 3,2 | 2,3 |
| 630 | 6,1 | 4,3 | 3,1 | 2,8 | 2,3 |
| 800 | 5,6 | 3,6 | 3,3 | 2,4 | 2,4 |
| 1000 | 5,1 | 3,0 | 3,4 | 2,2 | 2,5 |
| 1250 | 4,7 | 2,7 | 2,9 | 2,0 | 2,2 |
| 1600 | 4,5 | 2,4 | 2,7 | 1,9 | 2,1 |
| 2000 | 4,1 | 2,2 | 2,6 | 1,8 | 2,1 |
| 2500 | 3,6 | 2,1 | 2,3 | 1,7 | 1,9 |
| 3150 | 3,0 | 2,0 | 2,0 | 1,6 | 1,7 |
| 4000 | 2,5 | 1,9 | 1,8 | 1,6 | 1,5 |
| 5000 | 2,2 | 1,7 | 1,6 | 1,4 | 1,4 |

The table below shows the measured sound absorption coefficients together with the sound absorption classes. Detailed results are shown in appendix A

| No. | Material | Mounting | Area S <br> $\left[\mathbf{m}^{2}\right]$ | Sound <br> abs. coef- <br> ficient <br> $\alpha_{w}$ | Sound abs. <br> class |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| A1 | FiberAcoustic <br> 75 | 45 mm cavity, enclosed <br> periphery | 10,5 | 0,25 | $\mathrm{E}(\mathrm{H})$ |
| A2 | FiberAcoustic <br> 75 | 200 mm cavity, enclosed <br> periphery | 10,5 | 0,45 | D |
| A3 | FiberAcoustic <br> 450 | 45 mm cavity, enclosed <br> periphery | 10,5 | 0,45 | $\mathrm{D}(\mathrm{MH})$ |
| A4 | FiberAcoustic <br> 450 | 200 mm cavity, enclosed <br> periphery | 10,5 | 0,85 | B |

## Measurement result of sound absorption coefficient

## Client:

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Measurement: A1
Date of meas.: 09-09-2011
Performed by: SRA

## Object description

FiberAcoustic 75, mounted in front of a 45 mm cavity with enclosed periphery

## Measurement method

The measurements were performed according to DS/EN ISO 354, and the weighted sound absorption coefficient as well as the sound absorption class are determined according to DS/EN ISO 11654

## Commenting on the measurement

The sound absorption coefficient deviates considerably (higher sound absorption) from the standard curve at high frequencies, which is indicated by $(\mathrm{H})$ in the sound absorption class

Weighted sound abs. coefficient: $\alpha_{w}=0,25 \quad$ Sound absorption class: $E(H)$

| Frekv. [Hz] | Absorptionskoefficient |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1/3-okt. | 1/1-okt. | Ref.-kurve |
| 100 | $-0,00$ |  |  |
| 125 | 0,02 | 0,00 |  |
| 160 | 0,01 |  |  |
| 200 | 0,03 | 0,05 | 0,05 |
| 250 | 0,03 |  |  |
| 315 | 0,03 |  |  |
| 400 | 0,11 |  | 0,25 |
| 500 | 0,14 | 0,15 |  |
| 630 | 0,24 |  |  |
| 800 | 0,33 | 0,45 | 0,25 |
| 1000 | 0,46 |  |  |
| 1250 | 0,54 |  |  |
| 1600 | 0,62 | 0,65 | 0,25 |
| 2000 | 0,70 |  |  |
| 2500 | 0,70 |  | 0,15 |
| 3150 | 0,60 | 0,50 |  |
| 4000 | 0,48 |  |  |
| 5000 | 0,44 |  |  |


|  | Temperatu- <br> re | Relative <br> humidity |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Empty room <br> $\left(T_{1}\right)$ | $19^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | $64 \%$ |
| Measurement <br> A1 <br> $\left(T_{2}\right)$ | $19^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | $64 \%$ |



# Measurement result of sound absorption coefficient 

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Measurement: A2
Date of meas: 09-09-2011
Performed by: SRA

## Object description

FiberAcoustic 75, mounted in front of a 200 mm cavity with enclosed periphery

## Measurement method

The measurements were performed according to DS/EN ISO 354, and the weighted sound absorption coefficient as well as the sound absorption class are determined according to DS/EN ISO 11654

Commenting on the measurement

Weighted sound abs. coefficient: $\alpha_{w}=0,45$ Sound absorption class: D

| Frekv. [Hz] | Absorptionskoefficient |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1/3-okt. | 1/1-okt. | Ref.-kurve |
| 100 | 0,01 |  |  |
| 125 | 0,05 | 0,05 |  |
| 160 | 0,11 |  |  |
| 200 | 0,15 |  | 0,25 |
| 250 | 0,22 | 0,20 |  |
| 315 | 0,29 |  |  |
| 400 | 0,43 |  | 0,45 |
| 500 | 0,52 | 0,50 |  |
| 630 | 0,52 |  |  |
| 800 | 0,41 | 0,40 | 0,45 |
| 1000 | 0,34 |  |  |
| 1250 | 0,45 |  |  |
| 1600 | 0,49 | 0,50 | 0,45 |
| 2000 | 0,46 |  |  |
| 2500 | 0,54 |  |  |
| 3150 | 0,55 | 0,55 | 0,35 |
| 4000 | 0,56 |  |  |
| 5000 | 0,61 |  |  |


|  | Temperatu- <br> re | Relative <br> humidity |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Empty room <br> $\left(\mathbf{T}_{\mathbf{1}}\right)$ | $19^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | $64 \%$ |
| Measurement <br> $\mathbf{A 1}$ <br> $\left(\mathbf{T}_{\mathbf{2}}\right)$ | $19^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | $65 \%$ |




# Measurement result of sound absorption coefficient 

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Measurement: A3
Date of meas.: 08-09-2011
Performed by: MAQ

## Object description

FiberAcoustic 450, mounted in front of a 45 mm cavity with enclosed periphery

## Measurement method

The measurements were performed according to DS/EN ISO 354, and the weighted sound absorption coefficient as well as the sound absorption class are determined according to DS/EN ISO 11654

## Commenting on the measurement

The sound absorption coefficient deviates considerably (higher sound absorption) from the standard curve at mid- and high frequencies, which is indicated by $(\mathrm{MH})$ in the sound absorption class

Weighted sound abs. coefficient: $\alpha_{w}=0,45$ Sound absorption class: $D(M H)$

| Frekv. [Hz] | Absorptionskoefficient |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1/3-okt. | 1/1-okt. | Ref.-kurve |
| 100 | 0,01 |  |  |
| 125 | 0,03 | 0,05 |  |
| 160 | 0,08 |  |  |
| 200 | 0,12 | 0,15 | 0,25 |
| 250 | 0,16 |  |  |
| 315 | 0,24 |  |  |
| 400 | 0,35 |  | 0,45 |
| 500 | 0,51 | 0,50 |  |
| 630 | 0,64 |  |  |
| 800 | 0,78 | 0,85 | 0,45 |
| 1000 | 0,89 |  |  |
| 1250 | 0,94 |  |  |
| 1600 | 0,99 | 0,00 | 0,45 |
| 2000 | 1,02 |  |  |
| 2500 | 1,01 |  |  |
| 3150 | 0,97 | 0,85 | 0,35 |
| 4000 | 0,80 |  |  |
| 5000 | 0,85 |  |  |


|  | Temperatu- <br> re | Relative <br> humidity |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Empty room <br> $\left(\mathbf{T}_{1}\right)$ | $19^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | $64 \%$ |
| Measurement <br> $\mathbf{A 1}$ <br> $\left(\mathbf{T}_{\mathbf{2}}\right)$ | $19^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | $66 \%$ |



# Measurement result of sound absorption coefficient 

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Measurement: A4
Date of meas.: 08-09-2011
Performed by: MAQ

## Object description

FiberAcoustic 450, mounted in front of a 200 mm cavity with enclosed periphery

## Measurement method

The measurements were performed according to DS/EN ISO 354, and the weighted sound absorption coefficient as well as the sound absorption class are determined according to DS/EN ISO 11654

## Commenting on the measurement

The sound absorption coefficient deviates considerably (higher sound absorption) from the standard curve at mid- and high frequencies, which is indicated by $(\mathrm{MH})$ in the sound absorption class

Weighted sound abs. coefficient: $\alpha_{w}=0,85$ Sound absorption class: $B$

| Frekv. [Hz] | Absorptionskoefficient |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1/3-okt. | 1/1-okt. | Ref.-kurve |
| 100 | 0,17 |  |  |
| 125 | 0,21 | 0,30 |  |
| 160 | 0,50 |  |  |
| 200 | 0,56 | 0,70 | 0,65 |
| 250 | 0,67 |  |  |
| 315 | 0,85 |  |  |
| 400 | 0,91 |  | 0,85 |
| 500 | 0,95 | 0,95 |  |
| 630 | 0,93 |  |  |
| 800 | 0,78 | 0,75 | 0,85 |
| 1000 | 0,66 |  |  |
| 1250 | 0,84 |  |  |
| 1600 | 0,83 | 0,85 | 0,85 |
| 2000 | 0,80 |  |  |
| 2500 | 0,85 |  |  |
| 3150 | 0,90 | 0,90 | 0,75 |
| 4000 | 0,91 |  |  |
| 5000 | 0,92 |  |  |



|  | Temperatu- <br> re | Relative <br> humidity |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Empty room <br> $\left(\mathbf{T}_{1}\right)$ | $19^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | $64 \%$ |
| Measurement <br> $\mathbf{A 1}$ <br> $\left(\mathbf{T}_{\mathbf{2}}\right)$ | $19^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | $66 \%$ |



## Measurement equipment used

| Designation | Make | Type | ACA no. | Latest check | Next check |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Sound level meter | Brüel \& Kjær | 2260 | 678 | $07-10-2010$ | $07-10-2012$ |
| Microphone 1/2" | Brüel \& Kjær | 4189 | 991 | $05-01-2011$ | $05-01-2013$ |
| Calibrator | Brüel \& Kjær | 4231 | 798 | $13-12-2010$ | $13-12-2011$ |
| Omni directional |  |  |  |  |  |
| speaker | Lab. for Akustik |  | 600 |  |  |
| Power amplifier | LAB GRUPPEN | IP 450 | 947 |  |  |

