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## 1 Introduction

At the request of Estillon B.V. based in Uden (The Netherlands) sound measurements have been carried out in order to determine the reduction of transmitted impact noise of a:

**Carpet type Axminster**  
**With a underlay type Starbase Green 6 mm**  
**Manufactured by Estillon**

The measurements were performed in the Laboratory for Acoustics of Peutz bv, situated at Lindenlaan 41, 6584 AC in Molenhoek (the Netherlands). See Appendix 2 for a plan of the laboratory.

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## 2 Standards and guidelines

The measurements have been carried out according to the Quality Manual of the Laboratory for Acoustics as well as:

- |                                  |   |
|----------------------------------|---|
| EN-ISO 10140-1:2021              | Acoustics – Laboratory measurements of sound insulation of building elements – Part 1: Application rules for specific products        |
| EN-ISO 10140-3:2021 <sup>1</sup> | Acoustics – Laboratory measurements of sound insulation of building elements – Part 3: Measurement of impact sound insulation         |
| EN-ISO 10140-4:2021              | Acoustics – Laboratory measurements of sound insulation of building elements – Part 4: Measurement procedures and requirements        |
| EN-ISO 10140-5:2021              | Acoustics – Laboratory measurements of sound insulation of building elements – Part 5: Requirements for test facilities and equipment |
| EN-ISO 717-2:2020 <sup>1</sup>   | Acoustics – Rating of sound insulation in buildings and of building elements – Part 2: Impact sound insulation                        |
| EN-ISO 12999-1:2020              | Acoustics – Determination and application of measurement uncertainties in building acoustics – Part 1: Sound insulation               |

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For these type of measurements the Laboratory for Acoustics has been accredited by the Dutch Accreditation Council (RvA).

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*EA: "Certificates and reports issued by bodies accredited by MLA and MRA members are considered to have the same degree of credibility, and are accepted in MLA and MRA countries."*

### 3 Tested system

The values mentioned are the nominal values as given by the client, unless otherwise stated (MV, measured value).

The following system is investigated:

Carpet	Type;	Axminster
	thickness:	approx. 10 mm (MV)
Underlay (glued to carpet)	Type;	Starbase Green
	thickness:	approx. 6 mm (MV)
Total mass		approx. 3,25 kg/m <sup>2</sup> (MV)



View side



Rear side

*Peutz was not involved in the selection of the test specimen (or of its materials). The laboratory cannot make any declaration about the representativeness of the provided specimen and the samples made available. The results as presented here relate only to the tested items and laboratory conditions as described in this report. The test report ahead is valid as long as the tested constructions and/or materials are unchanged.*

## 4 Measurements

### 4.1 Measurement results

In appendix 3.1 the normalized impact sound level of the standard laboratory floor with its related single number ratings are presented. The result of the measurements of the floor covering under test is summarized in table 4.1. The frequency dependent results in 1/3 octave bands in appendix 3.2. From those values the following single number rating has been calculated and presented:

- the "weighted reduction of impact sound pressure level  $\Delta L_w$ " according to EN-ISO 717-2:2020;
- the "single number reduction based on the unweighted linear impact sound pressure level  $\Delta L_{lin}$ " according to EN-ISO 717-2:2020, Annex A.

#### t 4.1 Measurement results *carpet Axminster with underlay Starbase Green 6 mm*

Record nr.	$\Delta L_w$ [dB]	$\Delta L_w \pm U (k=2)$ [dB]	$\Delta L_{lin}$ [dB]	appendix
#29	<b>45</b>	45,0 ± 2,2	<b>30</b>	3.2

This result was obtained using a tapping machine with steel hammers and under laboratory conditions. The reduction of transmitted impact noise is depending on the floor on which this covering will be installed. If that situation differs from the laboratory conditions, different results may be expected.

### 4.2 Measurement method

The tests were conducted in accordance with the provisions of the test method EN-ISO 10140-3:2021. A detailed description of the test set up has been given in the Appendix 2 of this report. For the tested material (see chapter 3) three samples with dimensions of 1,0 m<sup>2</sup> are used.

Two vertically adjacent rooms are used, the upper one being designated the "source room" and the lower one the "receiving room". The rooms are separated by a so called "heavyweight standard floor" on which the covering under test is installed. This floor is a 140 mm thick concrete floor.

By means of an "impact sound generator" as defined in EN-ISO 10140-5:2021, Annex E (also called "tapping machine") the impact sound is generated. This tapping machine has five steel hammers which continuously and in turn fall on the floor in such a way that the floor is excited with a frequency of 10 strokes per second. The impact sound generator's mass is about 12 kg and it is supported by three points resting on the floor or on the covering under test.

The tapping machine is positioned at 6 different positions on the standard floor as well as on the covering under test.

In the receiving room the resulting sound pressure level is measured by means of a microphone on a continuously rotating boom, so the (time- and space-) averaged sound pressure level in this room is determined.

The reverberation time of the receiving room is also measured.

### 4.3 Calculations

The measurements as well as the calculations are made with a 1/3-octave bandwidth from 50 to 5000 Hz. Where applicable octave-band values are calculated from those 1/3-octave bands.

#### 4.3.1 Normalized impact sound level

The normalized impact sound level  $L_n$  is calculated according to:

$$L_n = L_i + 10 \lg \frac{A}{A_0} \quad (4.1)$$

in which:

$L_n$	the normalized impact sound level	[dB]
$L_i$	the average sound pressure level in the receiving room as a result of the impact sound generator on 6 positions	[dB]
$A_0$	the reference sound absorption ( = 10 m <sup>2</sup> )	
$A$	the equivalent sound absorption of the receiving room	[m <sup>2</sup> ]

From the reverberation measurements the equivalent sound absorption  $A$  (per frequency-band) is determined (and expressed in m<sup>2</sup>) according to the next equation:

$$A = \frac{0,16 V}{T} \quad (4.2)$$

in which:

$V$	the volume of the receiving room	[m <sup>3</sup> ]
$T$	the reverberation time in the receiving room	[s]

#### 4.4 reduction of transmitted impact noise

By comparison of the normalized impact sound level of the bare standard floor and of the standard floor with the covering under test the relative reduction in transmitted impact noise can be determined. This procedure will result in the frequency dependent reduction of transmitted impact noise  $\Delta L$ . The calculations are made according to:

$$\Delta L = L_{n1} - L_{n2} \quad (4.3)$$

in which:

- $\Delta L$  the reduction of transmitted impact noise
- $L_{n1}$  the normalized impact sound level in the receiving room while the tapping machine is on the standard floor [dB]
- $L_{n2}$  the normalized impact sound level in the receiving room while the tapping machine is on the covering under test applied on top of the standard floor [dB]

#### 4.5 Accuracy

The accuracy of the impact sound insulation as calculated can be expressed in terms of repeatability (tests within one laboratory) and reproducibility (between various laboratories).

##### 4.5.1 Repeatability r

The repeatability describes when: - two tests are performed on identical test material - within a short period of time - by the same person or team - using the same instrumentation - under unchanged environmental conditions - the difference between the two test results.

As stated in the EN-ISO 12999-1:2020 standard, the repeatability with regard to the single number value  $L_{n,w} \pm 1,0$  dB. See appendix 1 of this report for a further explanation.

##### 4.5.2 Reproducibility R

The reproducibility describes when: - two tests are performed on identical test material - in different laboratories - by different person(s) - under different environmental conditions - the difference between the two test results.

As stated in the EN-ISO 12999-1:2020 standard, the reproducibility with regard to the single number value  $\Delta L_w \pm 2,2$  dB. See appendix 1 of this report for a further explanation.

## 4.6 Environmental conditions during the measurements

t 4.2 Environmental conditions at May 9<sup>th</sup> 2025.

measuring room	temperature [°C]	relative humidity [%]	barometric pressure [kPa]
1	18	51	101,7
9	19	49	101,7

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This report contains; 10 pages and 3 appendices

appendix 1	Standard uncertainty	(1 page)
appendix 2	Plans and Sections	(2 pages)
appendix 3	Measurement results	(2 pages)

## Appendix 1 Standard uncertainty

In table I.1 the general standard uncertainties for the single number quantities are given as mentioned in the standard EN-ISO 12999-1:2020, Chapter 7. At present, there are no results available of impact sound insulation at reproducibility conditions. The results presented are estimated values.

*Standard Uncertainties (partly taken from table 5 of the EN ISO 12999-1)*

Single Number	repeatability	reproducibility
	Standard Uncertainty $\sigma_r$ [dB]	Standard Uncertainty $\sigma_R$ [dB]
$L_{n,w}$	0,5	1,5 <sup>a</sup>
$L_{n,w} + C_I = L_{n,A}$	0,6	1,5 <sup>a</sup>

<sup>a</sup> The indicated values are estimates.

In table I.2 the general standard uncertainties for the single number quantities for reduction of impact sound are given as mentioned in the standard EN-ISO 12999-1:2020. At present, there are no results available of reduction of impact sound insulation at repeatability conditions.

*standard Uncertainties (partly taken from table 7 of the EN ISO 12999-1)*

Single Number	repeatability	reproducibility
	Standard Uncertainty $\sigma_r$ [dB]	Standard Uncertainty $\sigma_R$ [dB]
$\Delta L_w$	-	1,1

For measurements obtained in accordance with the ISO 10140 series, the expanded uncertainty U shall be calculated by:

$$U = ku \quad (1.1)$$

in which:

- $u$  The standard uncertainty see table I.1 or I.2
- $k$  The coverage factor

A measurement result shall be read as follows:

$$Y = y \pm U \quad (1.2)$$

in which:

- $Y$  the measurand,  $y$  the best estimate found by the measurement; and
- $U$  the expanded uncertainty calculated for a given confidence level. For a normal distribution of measured values, there is a 95% confidence that the true value lies within the range  $(y-U)$  to  $(y+U)$ . This corresponds to a coverage factor of  $k=2$

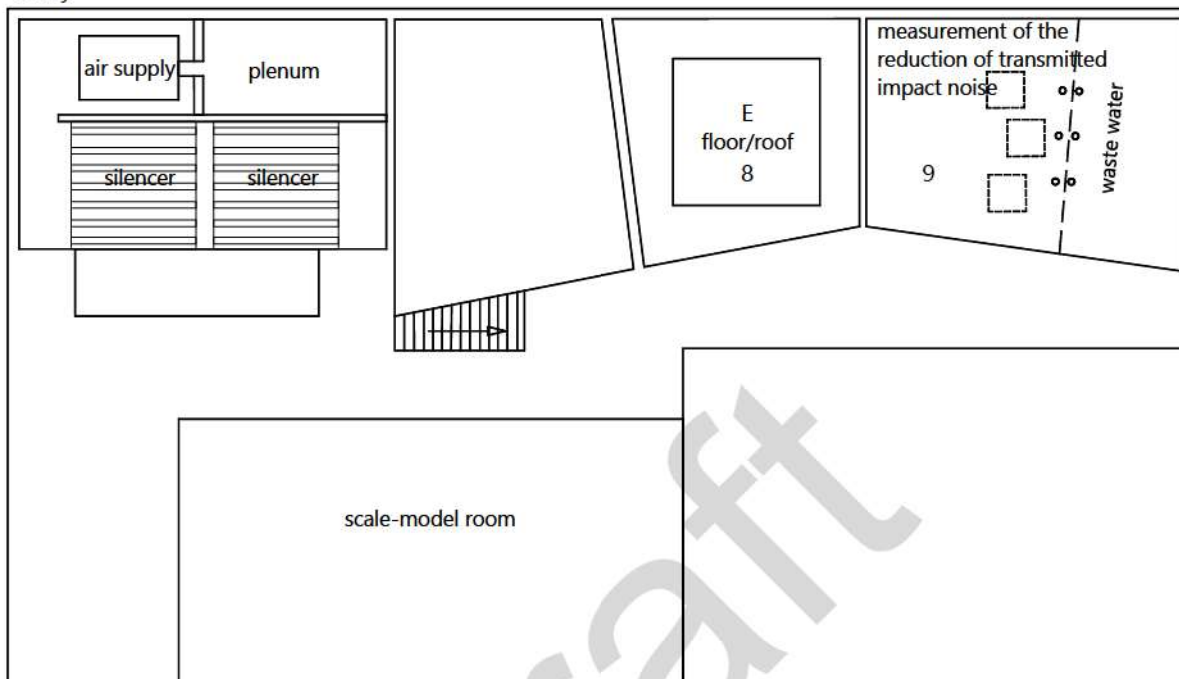
### EXAMPLE

The reduction of transmitted impact noise will be designated as:  $\Delta L_w = 18,2 \pm 2,2$  dB ( $k = 2$ , two sided).

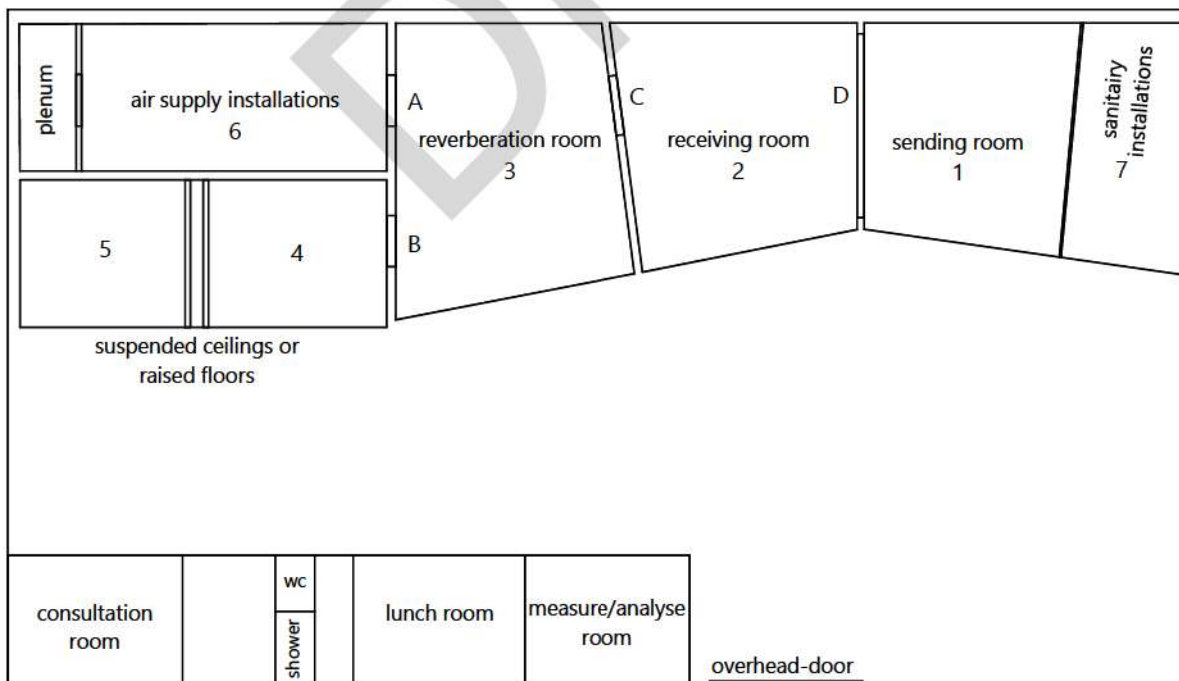
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## OVERVIEW

Story

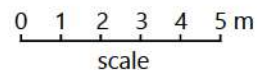


Ground level



TEST OPENINGS (w x h):

- A: 1300 x 1905 mm
- B: 1100 x 2450 mm
- C: 1500 x 1250 mm
- D: 4300 x 2800 mm
- E: 4000 x 4000 mm



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## DETERMINATION OF THE REDUCTION OF TRANSMITTED IMPACT NOISE

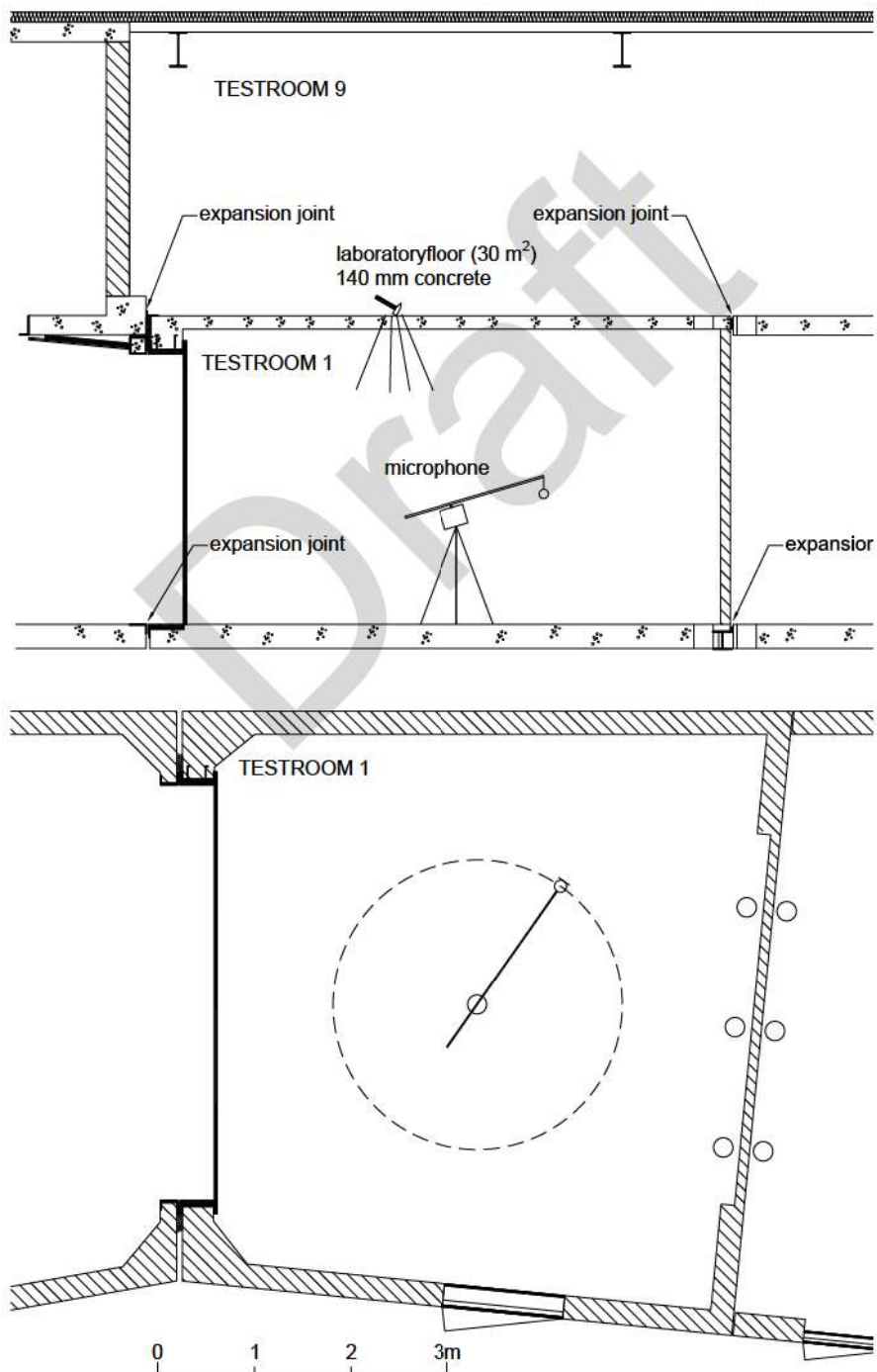
The testrooms meet the requirements ISO 10140-5:2021

Additional data:

volume of room 1: 94 m<sup>3</sup>

Reverberation times of room 1 measured at 09-05-2025

frequency (1/1 oct)	125	250	500	1000	2000	4000	Hz
reverberation time	2,78	2,29	2,50	2,55	2,14	1,63	sec.



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## THE NORMALIZED IMPACT SOUND PRESSURE LEVEL $L_n$ OF A FLOOR ACCORDING TO ISO 10140-3:2021



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construction tested: bare floor

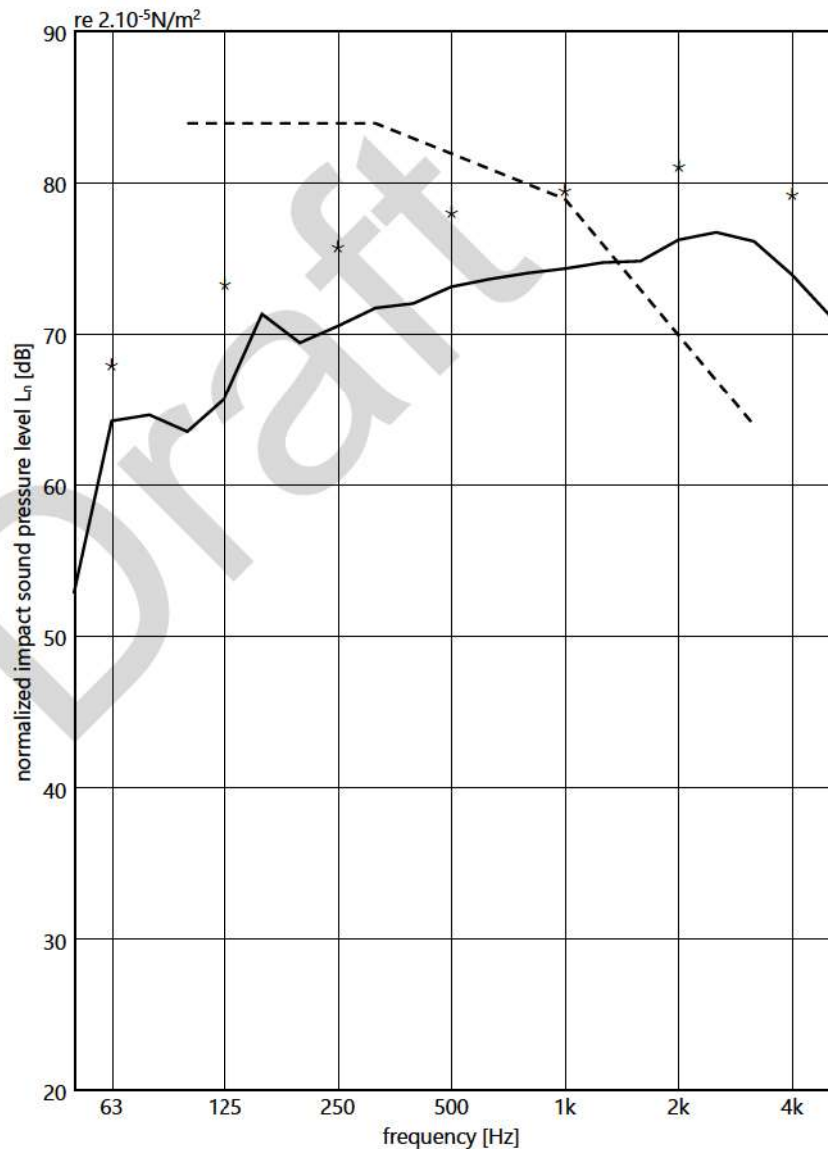
volume measuring room  
94 m<sup>3</sup>  
surface area floor  
1 m<sup>2</sup>  
measured at  
Peutz Laboratory for Acoustics

signal  
tapping machine

bandwidth  
1/3 octave

$A_0$   
10,0 m<sup>2</sup>

ISO 717-2:2020  
 $L_{n,w}(C) = 82(-12) \text{ dB}$



— 1/3 oct.

\* 1/1 oct.

---- ref. curve (ISO 717)

	63	125	250	500	1k	2k	4k
52,9	63,6	69,5	72,1	74,1	74,9	76,2	
1/3 oct.	64,3	65,8	70,6	73,2	74,4	76,3	74,0
	64,7	71,4	71,8	73,7	74,8	76,8	71,3
1/1 oct.	<b>67,7</b>	<b>73,0</b>	<b>75,5</b>	<b>77,8</b>	<b>79,2</b>	<b>80,8</b>	<b>79,0</b>

## DETERMINING THE REDUCTION OF TRANSMITTED IMPACT NOISE BY FLOOR COVERINGS ACCORDING TO ISO 10140-3:2021



principal: Estillon B.V.

Carpet Type; Axminster  
 thickness: approx. 10 mm (MV)  
 Underlay Type; Starbase Green  
 (glued to carpet) thickness: approx. 6 mm (MV)  
 Total mass approx. 3,25 kg/m<sup>2</sup> (MV)

View side



Rear side



volume measuring room  
94 m<sup>3</sup>

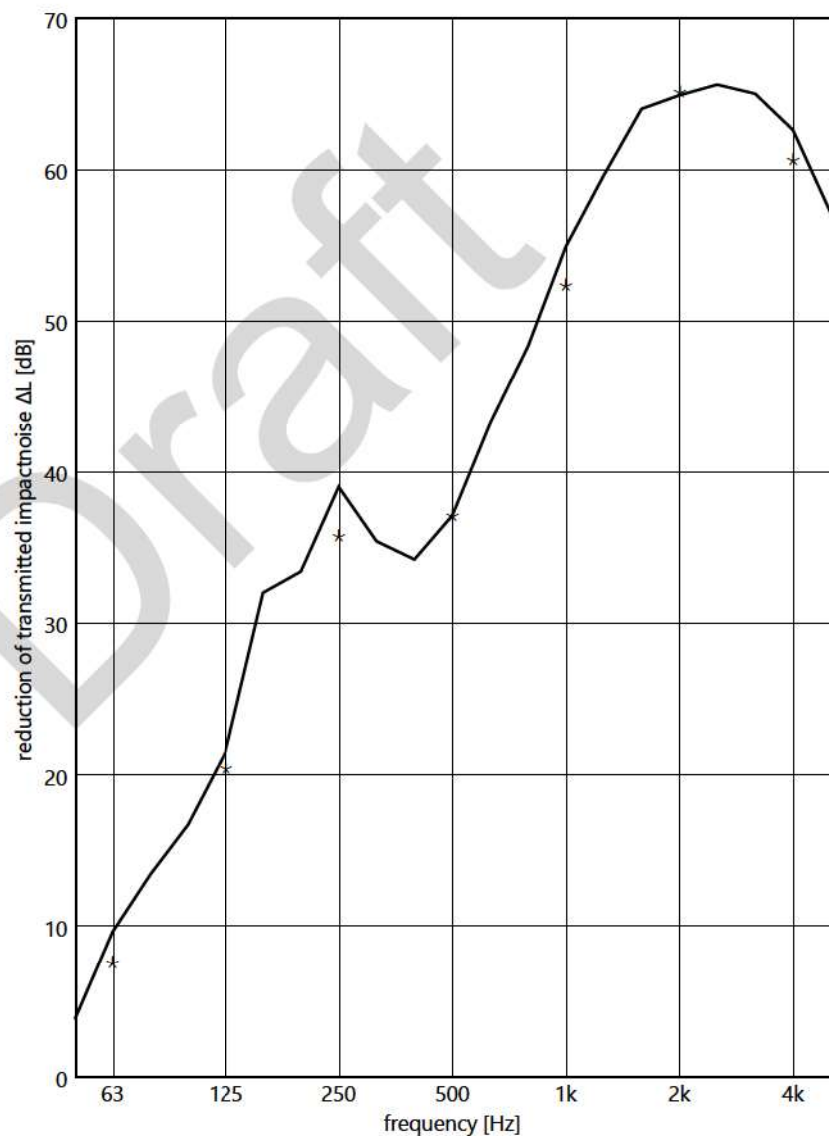
surface area floor  
1 m<sup>2</sup>

measured at  
Peutz Laboratory for Acoustics

signal  
tapping machine

bandwidth  
1/3 octave

ISO 717-2:2020  
 $\Delta L_{in} = 30 \text{ dB}$   
 $\Delta L_w = 45 \text{ dB}$



	63	125	250	500	1k	2k	4k
1/3 oct.	3,9	16,8	33,5	34,3	48,4	64,1	65,1
	9,7	21,6	39,1	37,2	55,0	65,0	62,7
	13,5	32,1	35,5	43,3	59,7	65,7	57,2
<b>1/1 oct.</b>	<b>7,3</b>	<b>20,2</b>	<b>35,5</b>	<b>36,9</b>	<b>52,1</b>	<b>64,9</b>	<b>60,4</b>

— 1/3 oct.  
 \* 1/1 oct.