# **Laboratory Acoustical Test Report**

FC22-0547R2

Impact Insulation Class and Sound Transmission Class

ASTM E492, E90

October 17, 2024

## **Test Assembly:**

Urban Surfaces Studio 12/20 SPC Flooring 5000 PSI Concrete Slab Armstrong HD8906 Armstrong XL8945P Johns Manville Unfaced R-13 National Gypsum Gold Bond® Fire-Shield® Type X

IIC-64

HIIC-71

LIIC-70

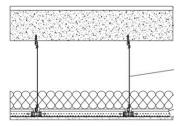
STC-61

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## Impact Insulation Class Test FC22-0547: IIC 64

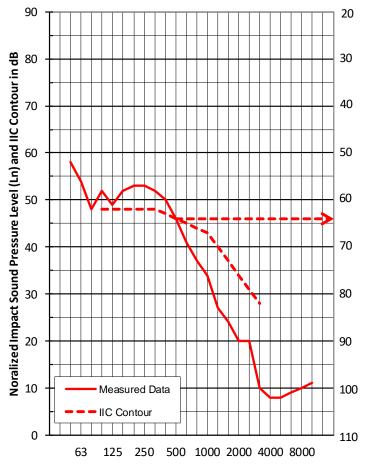


Finish Flooring Assembly Type Drywall Main Beam Cross Tee Fiberglass Insulation Gypsum Panel 5 mm Urban Surfaces Studio 12/20 SPC Flooring 152.4 mm 5000 PSI Concrete Slab 43 mm Armstrong HD8906 37.3 mm Armstrong XL8945P 88.9 mm Johns Manville Unfaced R-13

15.9 mm National Gypsum Gold Bond® Fire-Shield® Type X

Test Date: September 18, 2022 Construction Date: September 18, 2022

Test Specimen Area: 11 sq.m.
Receiving Room Volume: 156 cu.m.
Receiving RoomTemperature: 22.7-22.7 degrees C
Receiving Room Relative Humidity: 64-65 percent



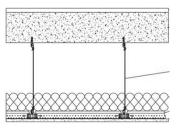
	95%			
Confidence				
Freq	Freq Limit Ln			
50	1.5	58		
63	4.1	54		
80	1.3	48		
100	8.0	52		
125	1.1	49		
160	1.2	52		
200	0.6	53		
250	0.9	53		
315	0.7	52		
400	0.5	50		
500	0.7	46		
630	0.5	41		
800	0.5	37		
1000	0.5	34		
1250	0.4	27		
1600	0.2	24		
2000	0.2	20		
2500	0.5	20		
3150	0.3	<u>10</u>		
4000	0.3	<u>8</u>		
5000	0.4	<u>8</u>		
6300	0.4	<u>9</u>		
8000	0.5	<u>10</u>		
10000	0.5	<u>11</u>		
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Background Affected

FREQUENCY IN HERTZ



### High-frequency Impact Insulation Class Test FC22-0547: HIIC 71



Finish Flooring Assembly Type Drywall Main Beam Cross Tee Fiberglass Insulation 5 mm Urban Surfaces Studio 12/20 SPC Flooring 152.4 mm 5000 PSI Concrete Slab

152.4 mm 5000 PSI Concrete Sla 43 mm Armstrong HD8906

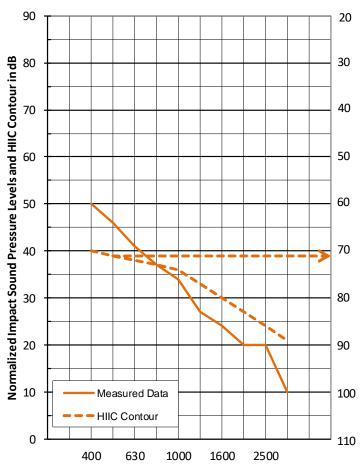
37.3 mm Armstrong XL8945P

88.9 mm Johns Manville Unfaced R-13

Gypsum Panel 15.9 mm National Gypsum Gold Bond® Fire-Shield® Type X

Test Date: September 18, 2022 Construction Date: September 18, 2022

Test Specimen Area: 11 sq.m.
Receiving Room Volume: 156 cu.m.
Receiving RoomTemperature: 22.7-22.7 degrees C
Receiving Room Relative Humidity: 64-65 percent



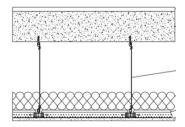
**FREQUENCY IN HERTZ** 

	95%				
Confidence					
Freq	Freq Limit				
400	0.5	50			
500	0.7	46			
630	0.5	41			
800	0.5	37			
1000	0.5	34			
1250	0.4	27			
1600	0.2	24			
2000	0.2	20			
2500	0.5	20			
3150	0.3	<u>10</u>			

**Background Affected** 



### Sound Transmission Class Test FC22-0547: STC 61



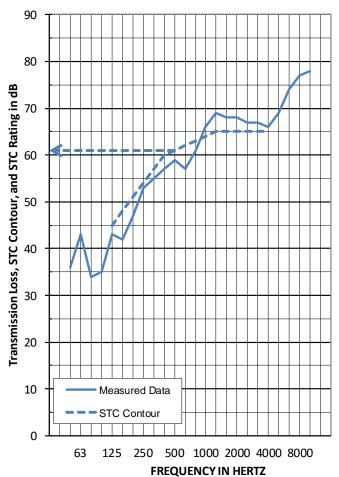
Finish Flooring Assembly Type Drywall Main Beam Cross Tee Fiberglass Insulation Gypsum Panel

5 mm Urban Surfaces Studio 12/20 SPC Flooring 152.4 mm 5000 PSI Concrete Slab 43 mm Armstrong HD8906 37.3 mm Armstrong XL8945P 88.9 mm Johns Manville Unfaced R-13

15.9 mm National Gypsum Gold Bond® Fire-Shield® Type X

Test Date: September 18, 2022 Construction Date: September 18, 2022

Test Specimen Area: 11 sq.m. Source/Receiving Room Volume: 190/156 cu.m. Source/Receiving Room Temperature: 22.7/21 degrees C 64/64 Source/Receiving Room Relative Humidity: percent



Freq	TL
50	36
63	43
80	34
100	35
125	43
160	42
200	47
250	53
315	55
400	57
500	59
630	57
800	61
1000	66
1250	69
1600	68
2000	68
2500	67
3150	67
4000	66
5000	69
6300	<u>74</u>
8000	<u>77</u>
10000	<u>78</u>

Background Affected Flanking Affected

**Background and Flanking Affected** 



#### 1.0 TEST PROCEDURES

### 1.1 Impact Insulation Tests

All tests were conducted in accordance with ASTM E492, "Standard Test Method for Laboratory Measurement of Impact Sound Transmission through Floor-Ceiling Assemblies Using the Tapping Machine." The IIC is a single-number rating derived from the Impact Sound Pressure Level in accordance with ASTM E989, "Standard Classification for Determination of Impact Insulation Class (IIC)." Results are presented above.

95% confidence intervals represent uncertainty for microphone averaging, not tapping positions.

### 1.2 High-frequency Impact Insulation Class Tests

The HIIC is the High-frequency Impact Insulation Class and is meant to assess the high-frequency impact noise on a floor-ceiling assembly. The higher the value, the better the floor, meaning less noise from high-frequency impacts in the space below.

All tests were conducted in accordance with the requirements of ASTM E492, "Standard Test Method for Laboratory Measurement of Impact Sound Transmission through Floor-Ceiling Assemblies Using the Tapping Machine," using ASTM E3222 "Standard Classification for Determination of High-frequency Impact Sound Ratings" to calculate the High-frequency Impact Insulation Class (HIIC). Results are presented above.

#### 1.3 Low-frequency Impact Insulation Class Tests

The LIIC is the Low-frequency Impact Insulation Class and is meant to assess the low-frequency impact noise on a floor-ceiling assembly. The higher the value, the better the floor, meaning less noise from low-frequency impacts in the space below.

All tests were conducted in accordance with the requirements of ASTM E492, "Standard Test Method for Laboratory Measurement of Impact Sound Transmission through Floor-Ceiling Assemblies Using the Tapping Machine," using ASTM E3207 "Standard Classification for Determination of Low-frequency Impact Noise Ratings" to calculate the Low-frequency Impact Insulation Class (LIIC).

Measured result is LIIC-70.

#### 1.4 Transmission Loss Tests

All tests were conducted in accordance with ASTM E90, "Standard Test Method for Laboratory Measurement of Airborne Sound Transmission Loss of Building Partitions," using the single-direction method. STC is a single-number rating derived from measured values of Sound Transmission Loss through a test specimen in accordance with ASTM E413, "Classification for Rating Sound Insulation." Results are presented above.



#### 2.0 TEST ASSEMBLY

### 2.1 Assembly Description

The test assembly consists of:

- Urban Surfaces Studio 12/20 SPC Flooring, Finish Flooring;
- 5000 PSI Concrete Slab, Concrete Slab;
- Armstrong HD8906, Drywall Main Beam;
- Armstrong XL8945, Cross Tee;
- Johns Manville Unfaced R-13, Fiberglass Insulation;
- National Gypsum Gold Bond® Fire-Shield® Type X, Gypsum panel;

Total mass of the floor-ceiling assembly was 4261.9 kg, having an area density of 387 kg/m<sup>2</sup>).

Product/Element	Thickness	Dimensions	Area	Area Density	
Urban Surfaces Studio 12/20	5 mm	1219 mm x 178 mm	10.98 m²	8.28 kg/m <sup>2</sup>	
Concrete Slab	152.4 mm	3023 mm x 3632 mm	10.98 m <sup>2</sup>	366.18 kg/m <sup>2</sup>	
Drywall Main Beam	43 mm	38 mm x 2870 mm	10.9 lin m	0.45 kg/m	
Cross Tee	37.3 mm	38 mm x 1219 mm	27.2 lin m	0.45 kg/m	
Fiberglass Insulation	89 mm	610 mm x 2438 mm	10.98 m <sup>2</sup>	1.32 kg/m <sup>2</sup>	
Gypsum panel	15.9 mm	3023 mm x 1219 mm	10.56 m <sup>2</sup>	11.23 kg/m <sup>2</sup>	

#### 2.2 Installation

The materials were installed in the following manner:

- Urban Surfaces Studio 12/20 SPC Flooring: Loose laid
- Concrete Slab: Installed in a test frame flush to the source room. Mats of #5 reinforcing bars were placed 25.4 mm from both the top and bottom of the slab, with bars spaced on 305 mm centers in both directions. No noticeable shrinkage or cracking was visible on the specimen.
- Drywall Main Beam: Twelve gauge hanger wires were attached to the bottom side of the concrete at twelve locations and then to the main beams. The hanger wire was twisted around itself a minimum of three times within 76 mm creating a 305 mm plenum. The measured steel thickness was 0.5 mm.
- Cross Tee: Inserted into the main beams on 610 mm centers. The measured steel thickness was 0.5 mm
- Fiberglass Insulation: Loose laid onto the ceiling grid system
- Gypsum Panel: Fastened with 25.4 mm (1") fine thread drywall screws on 305 mm centers. Seams and perimeter sealed with Pecora AC-20® Acoustical Sealant and covered with pressure-sensitive tape.

The assembly was constructed on September 18, 2022.



#### 3.0 **TESTING PROTOCOL**

This report summarizes laboratory acoustical testing contracted by Veneklasen to be completed for Veneklasen Associates on 5.0 mm Urban Surfaces Studio 12/20 SPC Flooring. The scope of the acoustical testing is for Impact Insulation Class (IIC), High-frequency Impact Insulation Class (HIIC), Low-frequency Impact Insulation Class (LIIC) and Sound Transmission Class (STC), in accordance with ASTM standards E492, E90.

The tests were conducted on September 18, 2022. Details of the tests are contained in this report. Testing was completed in strict accordance with the following standards:

- ASTM E90, "Standard Test Method for Laboratory Measurement of Airborne Sound Transmission Loss of **Building Partitions**"
- ASTM E413, "Classification for Rating Sound Insulation"
- ASTM E492, "Standard Test Method for Laboratory Measurement of Impact Sound Transmission through Floor-Ceiling Assemblies Using the Tapping Machine"
- ASTM E989, "Standard Classification for Determination of Impact Insulation Class (IIC)"
- ASTM E2235, "Standard Test Method for Determination of Decay Rates for Use in Sound Insulation Test Methods"
- ASTM E3207, "Standard Classification for Determination of Low-frequency Impact Noise Ratings."
- ASTM E3222, "Standard Classification for Determination of High-frequency Impact Sound Ratings."

#### 3.1 Equipment

Equipment list and information associated with this test, including calibration information, is included in the Appendix.

#### 3.2 **Accreditation and Reporting**

Report must be distributed in its entirety except with written authorization from Veneklasen Associates. Test was conducted at IAS-accredited test facility; the full report is available upon request. Detailed test procedures, data for flanking limit tests, repeatability measurements, and reference specimen tests are available on request.

Veneklasen Associates provides no warranties, expressed or implied, regarding the structural integrity or fitness of these assemblies for a specific installation. Any advertising which utilizes this test report or test data must not imply product certification or endorsement by Veneklasen Associates, NVLAP, NIST or the U.S. Government.

Sincerely.

Veneklasen Associates, Inc.

John LoVerde, FASA

**Principal** 



## **APPENDIX**

**Test Equipment and Photos** 



Instrument	Manufacturer	Model	Description	Serial	Calibration
				Number	Date
2-Channel Analog Input	National Instruments	NI 9250	2-Channel Analog Input	INT02586	04/22
2-Channel Analog Input	National Instruments	NI 9250	2-Channel Analog Input	INT02587	04/22
2-Channel Analog Input	National Instruments	NI 9250	2-Channel Analog Input	INT02608	04/22
2-Channel Analog Input	National Instruments	NI 9250	2-Channel Analog Input	INT02609	04/22
2-Channel Analog Input	National Instruments	NI 9250	2-Channel Analog Input	INT02610	04/22
2-Channel Analog Input	National Instruments	NI 9250	2-Channel Analog Input	INT02612	04/22
Microphone Calibrator	Norsonic	34093	Acoustical Calibrator	65105	10/21
Receive Room Microphone	PCB Piezotronics	378C20	Microphone and Preamplifier	63741	06/22
Receive Room Microphone	PCB Piezotronics	378B20	Microphone and Preamplifier	63740	04/22
Receive Room Microphone	PCB Piezotronics	378B20	Microphone and Preamplifier	64340	10/21
Receive Room Microphone	PCB Piezotronics	378B20	Microphone and Preamplifier	63744	09/21
Receive Room Microphone	PCB Piezotronics	378B20	Microphone and Preamplifier	65968	01/22
Receive Room Environmental	Comot	T7510	Temperature and Humidity	63810	10/21
Indicator	Comet T75		7510 Transmitter	63811	10/21
Source Room Microphone	PCB Piezotronics	378C20	Microphone and Preamplifier	65103	02/22
Source Room Microphone	PCB Piezotronics	378C20	Microphone and Preamplifier	64902	12/21
Source Room Microphone	PCB Piezotronics	378C20	Microphone and Preamplifier	63739	07/22
Source Room Microphone	PCB Piezotronics	378C20	Microphone and Preamplifier	63742	04/22
Source Room Microphone	PCB Electronics	378C20	Microphone and Preamplifier	64906	04/22
Source room environmental indicator	Comet	T7510	Temperature and humidity transmitter	63812	10/21
Tapping Machine	Norsonic	Nor277	Tapping Machine	INT00936	02/22
Test Chamber Receive Room Volume			155.77 m³ (5500.85 ft³)		
Test Chamber Source Room Volume			190 m³ (6709.79 ft³)		



Photo 1: View of Source Chamber, finish flooring installation observed

Photo 2: View of Receive Chamber, bottom of ceiling observed