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## ACOUSTIC LABORATORIES

<b>REPORT NUMBER</b>	NOAL 22-0947
<b>TEST METHOD</b>	ASTM C423-22: <i>Standard Test Method for Sound Absorption and Sound Absorption Coefficients by the Reverberation Room Method</i>
<b>TEST SPONSOR</b>	PolySorb, 4813 8th Ave NW, Seattle, WA 98107
<b>ISSUED TO</b>	PolySorb, 4813 8th Ave NW, Seattle, WA 98107
<b>TEST SPECIMEN</b>	2" PolySorb acoustic baffle
<b>TEST DATE</b>	September 29, 2022
<b>REPORT DATE</b>	November 14, 2022
<b>TEST SITE</b>	North Orbit Acoustic Laboratory Facility, 917 Rice Street, St. Paul, MN 55117
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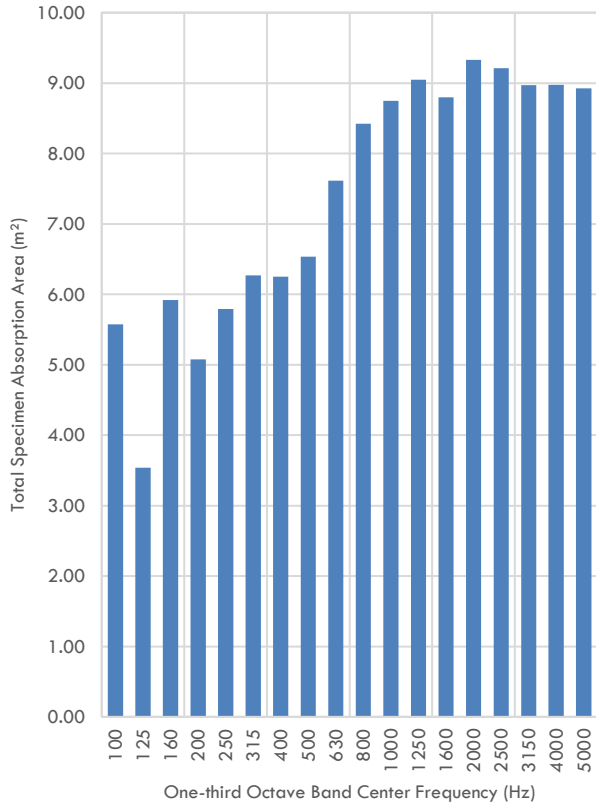


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**SECTION A – DATA SUMMARY**

**ABSORPTION PER UNIT**



FREQUENCY Hz	UNIT ABSORPTION m <sup>2</sup>
100	0.558
125	0.354
160	0.592
200	0.507
250	0.579
315	0.627
400	0.625
500	0.654
630	0.761
800	0.842
1,000	0.875
1,250	0.905
1,600	0.880
2,000	0.933
2,500	0.921
3,150	0.897
4,000	0.898
5,000	0.892

**SPECIMEN DESCRIPTION**

2" PolySorb acoustic baffle, 16" deep by 60" long baffles spaced 16" OC. Mounted 4" from test surface

**SPECIMEN MOUNTING**

Type J Mounting - The specimen is a sound-absorbing unit or set of sound-absorbing units.

See Section C on page 4 and 5 for a full specimen description.



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## SECTION B – APPROACH

### INSTALLATION

The specimen was installed for testing at the Saint Paul, MN acoustic laboratory facility. The specimen description can be found in Section C on page 4 of this report. Some details of the specimen design are proprietary and have been withheld at the request of the test sponsor.

Qualified representatives from North Orbit Acoustic Laboratories observed or performed the installation and inspected all major elements when completed and prior to testing.

Upon completion of the test, the specimen materials were returned to the test sponsor.

### TEST METHODS

North Orbit Acoustic Laboratory (NOAL) is accredited through A2LA certificate number 4240.01 for this test method.

Test methods follow the published standards listed below.

**ASTM C423-22: Standard Test Method for Sound Absorption and Sound Absorption Coefficients by the Reverberation Room Method**

**ASTM E795-16: Standard Practices for Mounting Test Specimens During Sound Absorption Tests**

All results reported herein were derived from tests performed in full accordance with test method ASTM C423-22. The laboratory and measurement systems fully meet all requirements of the test standard and the requirements of ASTM C423-22 Annex A3: **Tests to Qualify the Reverberation Room**. Measurement procedures and reverberation room descriptions and qualification documents are available upon request.

### TEST REPORTS

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**SECTION C – SPECIMEN DESCRIPTION**

The specimen is a 1" baffle, manufactured by PolySorb. 2" thick PET (polyethylene terephthalate) with a nominal density of 4.5 PCF. The specimen was installed according to Type J Mounting as specified in ASTM E795-16. Type J Mounting is a number of isolated objects or sound-absorbing units; in this case the units are simply supported flat panels (baffles) and the test surface was the bare concrete floor of the test chamber.

Each panel was 16" x 60" x 2" [405 mm x 1,525 mm x 50.8 mm]. Panels were oriented with flat faces normal (perpendicular) to test surface and with the long edge of the face parallel to the test surface. Panels were mounted on steel studs to elevate the bottom of the panels 4" [102 mm] from the test surface. Panels were arranged in five rows, each row spaced 16" [405 mm] on centers (OC). Each row contained two panels spaced 16" OC [405mm], for a total of ten panels. No treatment was applied to the panel edges. According to the test sponsor, the panel edges are exposed in typical installations.

SPECIMEN DETAIL		
Mounting Condition	Type J Mount (ASTM E795)	
Number of Individual Units	10	
Apparent Coverage Area	7.82 m <sup>2</sup>	[84.1 SF]
Overall Mass	22.7 kg	[50.0 lb]



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**SECTION D – MEASUREMENT SET-UP**

TEST ENVIRONMENT	
Chamber Temperature	22.9 °C [73.3 °F]
Chamber Relative Humidity	49.4%
Atmospheric Pressure	99.52 kPa [29.39" Hg]
Chamber Volume	348.62 m <sup>3</sup> [12,312 CF]

**INSTRUMENTATION**

DESCRIPTION	BRAND	MODEL	SERIAL
Analyzer	Sinus	Apollo	75110
Software	Sinus	Samurai	ver. 2.8.3
Microphone	Brüel & Kjær	4166	1727058
Preamplifier	Brüel & Kjær	2669C	2300986
Calibrator	Brüel & Kjær	4231	2416109
Thermohygrometer	Kestrel	5200	2311344



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**SECTION E – TEST RESULTS**

FREQUENCY BAND Hz	TOTAL ABSORPTION		UNIT ABSORPTION	
	m <sup>2</sup>	[SF]	m <sup>2</sup>	[SF]
100	5.58	[60.0]	0.558	[6.00]
125	3.54	[38.1]	0.354	[3.81]
160	5.92	[63.7]	0.592	[6.37]
200	5.07	[54.6]	0.507	[5.46]
250	5.79	[62.3]	0.579	[6.23]
315	6.27	[67.5]	0.627	[6.75]
400	6.25	[67.3]	0.625	[6.73]
500	6.54	[70.4]	0.654	[7.04]
630	7.61	[82.0]	0.761	[8.20]
800	8.42	[90.7]	0.842	[9.07]
1,000	8.75	[94.2]	0.875	[9.42]
1,250	9.05	[97.4]	0.905	[9.74]
1,600	8.80	[94.7]	0.880	[9.47]
2,000	9.33	[100.4]	0.933	[10.04]
2,500	9.21	[99.2]	0.921	[9.92]
3,150	8.97	[96.6]	0.897	[9.66]
4,000	8.98	[96.6]	0.898	[9.66]
5,000	8.92	[96.1]	0.892	[9.61]

**NOTES:**

The unit absorption describes the amount of absorption from each individual unit. Unit absorption only represents the tested configuration. Different in configurations result in different absorption characteristics, in particular the configuration of distance from other units and distance from the test surface.



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**ATTACHEMENT 1 – ABORPTION COEFFICIENTS**

**NON-STANDARDIZED COMPUTATION OF ABSORPTION COEFFICIENTS**

The ASTM C423-22 test method does not include an absorption coefficient for isolated objects and does not include SAA or NRC ratings for isolated objects. The calculations in this attachment to determine apparent absorption coefficients and apparent ratings are non-standardized and are for reference only.

The apparent sound absorption coefficient is based upon the apparent coverage area over the test surface from the array of isolated objects. The apparent coverage area is the area of the test surface that the arrangement of units covers, and if extended across a larger surface would continue the pattern of the units. This is dependent upon the size and orientation of the units as well as the spacing of units to each other.

The apparent coverage area is the divisor below the total measured absorption of the specimen to calculate the apparent absorption coefficient. The apparent SAA and the apparent NRC calculations follow ASTM C423 using the apparent sound absorption coefficients as inputs. Neither the apparent absorption coefficient nor the apparent coverage area are a part of either the ASTM C423-22 standard or the ASTM E795-16 standard.

SPECIMEN DETAIL	
Mounting Condition	Type J Mount (ASTM E795)
Apparent Coverage Area	7.82 m <sup>2</sup> [84.1 SF]

**APPARENT ABSORPTION COEFFICIENT RESULTS**

The results shown only represent the tested configuration, in particular the configuration of distance from other units and distance from the test surface.

FREQUENCY BAND	*APPARENT ABSORPTION COEFFICIENT
Hz	dimensionless
100	0.71
125	0.45
160	0.76
200	0.65
250	0.74
315	0.80
400	0.80
500	0.84
630	0.97
800	1.08
1,000	1.12
1,250	1.16
1,600	1.13
2,000	1.19
2,500	1.18
3,150	1.15
4,000	1.15
5,000	1.14
<b>APPARENT SAA (SOUND ABSORPTION AVERAGE)</b>	<b>0.97</b>
<b>APPARENT NRC (NOISE REDUCTION COEFFICIENT)</b>	<b>0.95</b>



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