



DELTA Test Report



Measurement of sound absorption coefficient for Fraster Brix

Performed for Fraster ApS

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Summary

Laboratory measurements of the sound absorption coefficient were carried out in a reverberation room according to the test method of EN ISO 354:2003.

Product: 10.5 mm Fraster felt Brix
Thickness: 10.5 mm
Mounting depth: 0 mm

The product was placed on the concrete floor of the reverberation room.

The test results per one-third octave and per octave are shown in tabular form and graphically on the graph sheets together with the weighted sound absorption coefficient α_w and the absorption class according to EN ISO 11654:1997.

Descriptions of reverberation room and test procedure are found in Annex 1.

Remark

The test results apply only to the objects tested.

The measurements have been carried out by Rasmus Stahlfest Holck Skov.

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1. Introduction

At the request of Fraster ApS measurements of the sound absorption coefficient in a reverberation room were carried out for felt rug.

2. Description of the test specimen based on the client's specifications

Product:	Fraster felt Brix
Thickness:	10 mm
Modul size:	2900 mm x 3800 mm

3. Mounting in the laboratory

The product was placed on a concrete floor.

Mounting depth: 10 mm (type A mounting).

The perimeter of the product was not covered with a frame due to the height of the product.

The test specimen was placed so that no part of it was closer than 1 m to any edge of the boundaries of the room.

Photo of the test specimen in the laboratory can be seen in Annex 2.

4. Test method

The measurements were carried out according to the test method of EN ISO 354:2003: "Measurement of Sound Absorption in a Reverberation Room".

The sound absorption coefficient was calculated from the reverberation times measured with and without the test specimen.

The measurements were performed in Room 005, Building 355 at the Technical University of Denmark. Brief descriptions of the reverberation room and test procedure are found in Annex 1.

5. Instrumentation

The following instruments were used for the test:

Instrument	Type	DELTA No.	Calibration	
			Last	Next
Sound Level Meter / Analyser	B&K 2270	1498L	2017-07-18	2019-07-18
Measuring Microphone	B&K 4144	1256L	2017-09-21	2019-09-21
Measuring Microphone	GRAS 40EN 1"	1616L	2017-09-21	2019-09-21
Microphone Preamplifier	B&K 2619	719L	2018-11-19	2019-11-19
Microphone Preamplifier	B&K 2619	464T	2018-01-03	2019-01-03
Microphone Power Supply	B&K 2807	722L	2018-07-20	2020-07-20
Sensor for Temperature and Humidity	EBRO EBI 20-TH1	1618L	2017-12-08	2019-12-08
Acoustic calibrator	B&K 4231	1158L	2018-11-19	2019-05-19

6. Measurement conditions

The reverberation time was recorded in 6 microphone positions, each placed in the range 1.55 m to 2.85 m above the floor. The number of sound source positions was two.

The reverberation time T_1 per third octave of the room without test specimen and the reverberation time T_2 per third octave of the room with test specimen:

Frequency f [Hz]	Reverberation Time T_1 [sec.]	Reverberation Time T_2 [sec.]
100	7.12	6.66
125	7.50	7.51
160	7.84	7.70
200	7.49	6.79
250	7.15	6.16
315	7.29	5.60
400	7.26	4.36
500	6.77	3.29
630	6.54	3.37
800	5.94	3.41
1000	5.38	3.31
1250	5.10	3.04
1600	4.68	2.81
2000	4.16	2.48
2500	3.73	2.21
3150	2.90	1.80
4000	2.34	1.49
5000	1.95	1.24

Temperature and relative humidity in the reverberation room during measurements:

Room without test specimen: 16.2 °C, 55% RH. Date of test: 11 December 2018.

Room with test specimen: 16.2 °C, 54% RH. Date of test: 11 December 2018.

The correction of the absorption coefficient due to differences in temperature and relative humidity during measurements of T_1 (the reverberation time of the empty room) and T_2 (the reverberation time of the room with test specimen) was 0 at all frequencies.

7. Test results

The test result α_s per one-third octave from 100 Hz to 5000 Hz is shown in tabular form and graphically on Graph Sheet 1.

The calculated, practical sound absorption coefficient α_p per octave from 125 Hz to 4000 Hz is shown in tabular form and graphically on Graph Sheet 2 together with the weighted sound absorption coefficient α_w as well as the absorption class. These values are calculated in accordance with EN ISO 11654:1997.

8. Measurement uncertainty

Measurement uncertainty (90 % confidence interval) estimated from a Nordic intercomparison (Nordtest Project No. 1023-92) for the practical absorption coefficient α_p per octave:

Frequency [Hz]	Uncertainty
125	±0.15
250	±0.10
500	±0.05
1000	±0.10
2000	±0.10
4000	±0.10

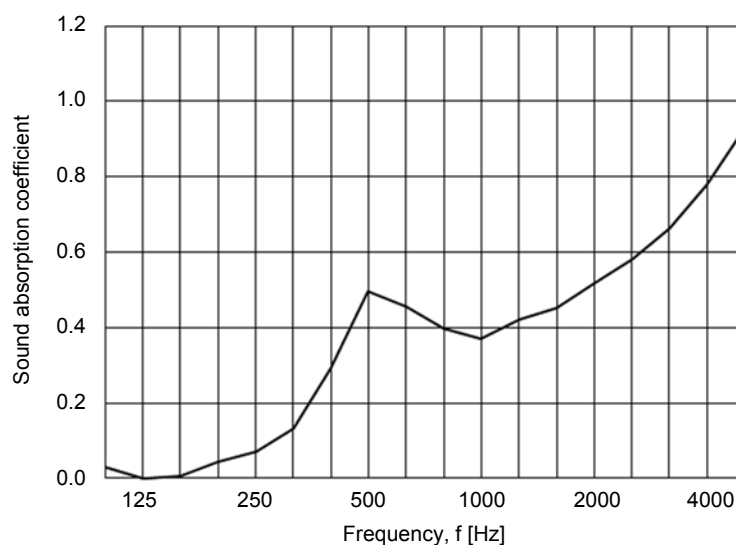
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Date of test: 11 December 2018

Test specimen: Fraster felt Brix
Thickness: 10 mm
Module size: 2900 mm x 3800 mm
Mounting depth: 10 mm (Type A mounting)

Test area: 11.0 m²
Room volume: 215 m³
Room surface: 305 m²

Frequency f [Hz]	α_s
100	0.03
125	0.00
160	0.01
200	0.04
250	0.07
315	0.13
400	0.29
500	0.50
630	0.46
800	0.40
1000	0.37
1250	0.42
1600	0.45
2000	0.52
2500	0.58
3150	0.66
4000	0.78
5000	0.93



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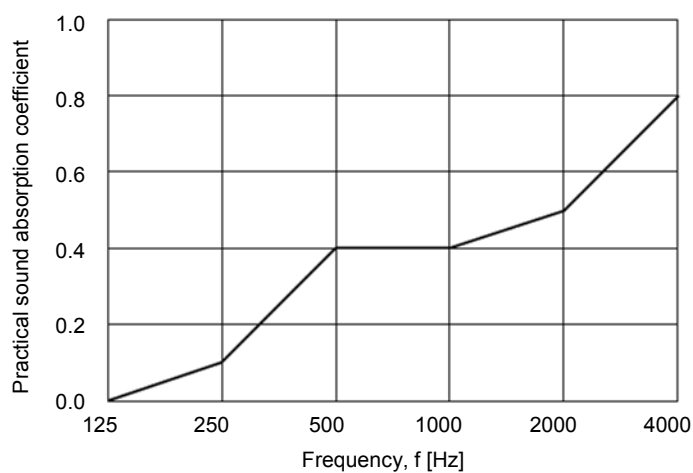
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Practical sound absorption coefficient, weighted sound absorption coefficient, and absorption class according to EN ISO 11654:1997:

$\alpha_w = 0.40(H)$ Absorption class D

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Description of reverberation room

The measurements are performed in a reverberation room (Room 005, Building 355 at the Technical University of Denmark) with walls, ceiling, and floor of 300 mm in situ cast concrete. Length, width, and height of the room are 7.85 m, 6.25 m, and 4.95 m, respectively. The volume of the room is approx. 215 m³, and the total surface area is approx. 305 m². Sound diffusion elements of concrete, of damped steel plate, and of acrylic sheets are placed in the room.

Test procedure

Measurement of sound absorption according to EN ISO 354:2003 is carried out in a reverberation room. The reverberation time is measured with and without the test specimen, and the sound absorption coefficient is evaluated using Sabine's formula.

The test signal used is broad band pink noise emitted successively by two loudspeakers located in two opposite corners of the room. The reverberation time is measured in six microphone positions for each loudspeaker. For each microphone/loudspeaker position three repeated excitations are used. One-third octave filters (100-5000 Hz) are included in the receiving equipment.

The reverberation time is evaluated from the averaged slope of the decay curve over a range from 5 dB to 25 dB below the steady state level.

The sound absorption coefficient α_s is calculated using the following formula:

$$\alpha_s = \frac{55.3 \cdot V}{c \cdot S} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{T_2} - \frac{1}{T_1} \right) - \frac{4V}{S} \cdot (m_2 - m_1)$$

where V = Volume of the empty reverberation room [m³]

c = Velocity of sound in air [m/s]

S = Area of the test specimen [m²]

T_1 = Reverberation time of the empty reverberation room [s]

T_2 = Reverberation time of the reverberation room after the test specimen has been introduced [s]

m_1 = Attenuation coefficients due to air absorption during measurement of T_1 (m⁻¹)

m_2 = Attenuation coefficients due to air absorption during measurement of T_2 (m⁻¹)

The attenuation coefficient of sound in air varies with relative humidity, temperature, and frequency. During a series of measurements of reverberation times T_1 and T_2 , the relative humidity and the temperature are held as constant as possible. A correction term as given in the formula above is applied. The correction is based on data from ISO 9613-1:1993.

Photo of specimen in the laboratory



Fraster Brix mounted in the laboratory.

The cords underneath the test sample were removed during the testing, and the sample was laying flat at the concrete floor.