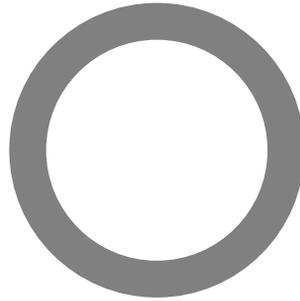


**ASTM E 90: Laboratory Measurement of Airborne Sound Transmission of Building Partitions and Elements**

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**TEST**

Client: **Green Glue Company, L.L.C.**  
Report Date: **November 27, 2007**  
Test Date: **December 22, 2006**  
Test Number: **OL06-1223**

**ACCREDITATION**



For the scope of accreditation under NVLAP code 200248-0

**RESULT SUMMARY**

**STC=56**

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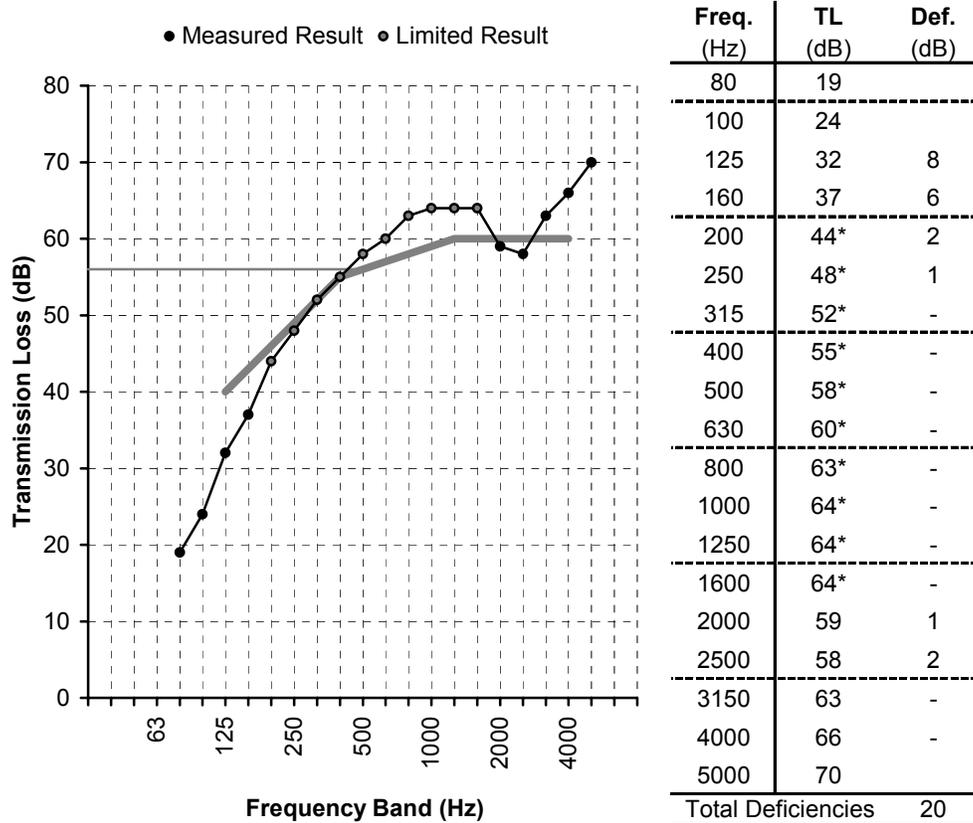




**Client** Green Glue Company  
**Project No.** OL06-1223  
**Specimen** Interior Wall Assembly

**Method** ASTM Standard E90  
**Test Date** December 22, 2006

**Single Number Rating**  
STC=56



**Wall Assembly Description**

(listed in order from source room side to receiver room side)  
 0.625" (5/8") gypsum board; 2" screw @ 16" O.C.  
 Green Glue @ 58 oz. (2 tubes) per 4x8 sheet (116 oz. total)  
 0.625" (5/8") gypsum board; 1.63" screw @ 24" O.C.  
 3-5/8" 25 gauge steel studs @ 16" O.C.  
 3.5" (R13) glass fiber insulation  
 0.625" (5/8") gypsum board; 1.63" screw @ 16" O.C.





## SPECIMEN DESCRIPTION

The specimen under test was one interior wall assembly. The elements in the assembly are described below the results table and chart. Additional information regarding the specimen may be found in the appendices.

Test results pertain to this specimen only.

## INSTALLATION AND DISPOSITION

Independent contractors fabricated the wall assembly in the specimen opening. Qualified representatives of Orfield Laboratories observed the installation progress, and visually inspected the specimen prior to testing.

## TEST METHODS

The methods followed these published standards:

ASTM E90\*: *Standard Test Method for Laboratory Measurement of Airborne Sound Transmission Loss of Building Partitions and Elements*

ASTM E413: *Classification for Rating Sound Insulation*

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**APPENDIX A: MEASUREMENT SETUP**

**ENVIRONMENT**

**Environment**

Temperature	70°F [21.1°C] check
Relative Humidity	55% check

**Specimen Area**

Specimen Area	64.5 ft <sup>2</sup> [5.99 m <sup>2</sup> ]
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**Chamber Volume - Airborne Transmission**

Source Room Volume	3284 ft <sup>3</sup> [93.0 m <sup>3</sup> ]
Receiving Room Volume	8281 ft <sup>3</sup> [234.5 m <sup>3</sup> ]

**INSTRUMENTATION**

Description	Brand	Model	S/N
Microphone	Brüel & Kjær	Type 4134	1478843
Preamplifier	Brüel & Kjær	Type 2639	1202479
Microphone	Brüel & Kjær	Type 4134	558007
Preamplifier	Brüel & Kjær	Type 2639	1312237
Analyzer	Brüel & Kjær	Type 2133	1389369



**APPENDIX B: CALCULATION RESULTS**

Freq. Band (Hz)	Specimen T.L. (dB)	95% Conf. (dB)	Flanking Limit (dB)	STC Defic. (dB)	R <sub>w</sub> Defic. (dB)
25					
31.5	<b>27.3</b>		40		
40	<b>18.3</b>		47		
50	<b>17.4</b>		43		
63	<b>15.4</b>		43		
80	<b>19.1</b>	±1.63	42		
100	<b>23.6</b>	±1.15	45		
125	<b>32.0</b>	±0.95	46	8	9.0
160	<b>37.0</b>	±1.27	52	6	7.0
200	<b>44.4</b> ‡	±1.24	53	2	2.6
250	<b>48.1</b> ‡	±0.65	56	1	1.9
315	<b>52.3</b> ‡	±0.65	60	-	0.7
400	<b>55.4</b> ‡	±0.62	61	-	0.6
500	<b>58.4</b> ‡	±0.40	65	-	-
630	<b>60.2</b> ‡	±0.50	66	-	-
800	<b>62.9</b> ‡	±0.40	69	-	-
1000	<b>64.1</b> ‡	±0.25	70	-	-
1250	<b>63.6</b> ‡	±0.25	72	-	-
1600	<b>64.0</b> ‡	±0.32	72	-	-
2000	<b>58.9</b>	±0.44	74	1	2.1
2500	<b>57.5</b>	±0.35	79	2	3.5
3150	<b>62.8</b>	±0.31	83	-	-
4000	<b>65.9</b>	±0.49		-	-
5000	<b>70.2</b>	±0.35			
6300	<b>70.9</b> †				
8000	<b>71.8</b> †				
10000	<b>67.2</b> †				
Total deficiencies below STC contour (dB)				20	
STC contour [ASTM E413]				<b>56</b>	
Average deficiencies below R <sub>w</sub> contour (dB)					1.7
R <sub>w</sub> contour [ISO 717/1]					<b>57</b>

† Actual transmission loss of specimen may be higher than measured at this frequency band. Signal-to-noise in the receiving room less than 5 dB, therefore the result is "an estimate of the lower limit".

‡ Actual transmission loss of specimen may be higher than measured at this frequency band. Result within 10 dB of flanking limit found in separate study, therefore the result may be "potentially limited by the laboratory" due to flanking around the specimen.

Note: 95% Confidence from room qualification data. Flanking Limit from chamber flanking measurements. Data available upon request. Extended frequency results below 80Hz and above 5000Hz for reference only.





**APPENDIX C: SPECIMEN ASSEMBLY DESCRIPTION**

The following table shows the elements in the wall assembly, with the source-room-side element first and the receiving-room-side element last.

Overall Mass = 500.7 lb [227.1 kg]

Overall Surface Density = 7.76 PSF [37.90 kg/m<sup>2</sup>]

Element	Mass		Surf. Dens.	
	lb	[kg]	PSF	[kg/m <sup>2</sup> ]
0.625" (5/8") gypsum board; 2" screw @ 16" O.C. Green Glue @ 58 oz. (2 tubes) per 4x8 sheet (116 oz. total)	318.5	[144.5]	4.94	[24.11]
0.625" (5/8") gypsum board; 1.63" screw @ 24" O.C.				
3-5/8" 25 gauge steel studs @ 16" O.C.	25.7	[11.7]	0.40	[1.95]
3.5" (R13) glass fiber insulation	14.5	[6.6]	0.22	[1.10]
0.625" (5/8") gypsum board; 1.63" screw @ 16" O.C.	142.0	[64.4]	2.20	[10.75]

All materials were weighed prior to installation. Weights of fasteners are not represented in the above totals.

**FRAMING**

A 3-5/8" wide steel track was laid on the floor and a 3-5/8" wide steel track was bolted to the top frame in the specimen opening. Steel 3-5/8" studs were fastened to the bottom and top tracks, spaced 16" apart, on-centers. The outermost steel 3-5/8" studs were also bolted to each side of the specimen opening frame.

**INSULATION**

Insulation was R13 glass-fiber un-faced batt measuring 15" wide and 3.5" thick. Batts were friction-fit into each entire stud cavity.

**SHEETING**

The Green Glue adhesive was pre-laminated into sandwiches, between two gypsum board panels. Each sandwich was assembled by the client off-site. According to the client, Green Glue was applied in 3/16" beads in a random pattern. Two entire 29 oz. adhesive cartridges were applied over one whole gypsum board panel. A second sheet of gypsum board was applied to the adhesive. The sandwich was thoroughly compressed by methodically walking over the entire face.



**Figure 1: Typical Green Glue Random Application Pattern (photo by client)**

The assemblies were dried spaced out and with forced air ventilation. The adhesive aged from the assembly date, December 1, to the test date, December 22, according to the client. This is greater than the 14 days period stated in ASTM Standard E90 for water-based adhesives.

The base layer of gypsum board in each sandwich was fastened to the studs on the source-room side with 1-5/8" drywall screws, spaced 24" apart, by counter-boring through the face layer of gypsum board. Bores were sealed by filling with Mortite-brand rope-caulk. The face layer of gypsum board in each sandwich was fastened to the studs with 2" drywall screws, spaced 12" apart, driven through both layers of gypsum board at once. Gypsum board, 5/8" thick 4' by 8' panels, was fastened to the studs on the receiver-room side with 1-5/8" drywall screws, spaced 16" apart. The seams between panels were sealed with 1/8" strips of rope-caulk.

Panels were shimmed at installation so equal gaps were at the top and bottom. Gaps were less than 1/2" in all cases. Shims were removed after sheeting was fastened and the perimeter was sealed on the source and receiver room sides with 7/8" Mortite-brand rope-caulk.