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## TEST REPORT

FOR: WIDGETCO, INC.  
Houston, TX

Sound Transmission Loss  
RAL™-TL13-058

CONDUCTED: 15 March 2013

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ON: WidgetCo® 6mm Cork Underlayment over 6 Inch Concrete Slab

### TEST METHOD

Unless otherwise designated, the measurements reported below were made with all facilities and procedures in explicit conformity with the ASTM Designations E90-09 and E413-10, as well as other pertinent standards. Riverbank Acoustical Laboratories has been accredited by the U.S. Department of Commerce, National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) under the National Voluntary Laboratory Accreditation Program (NVLAP) for this test procedure (NVLAP Lab Code: 100227-0). A description of the measuring technique is available separately.

### DESCRIPTION OF THE SPECIMEN

The test specimen was designated by the client as WidgetCo® 6mm Cork Underlayment over 6 inch concrete slab. The description of the specimen was as follows: From the top to bottom, the floor consisted of 6.00 mm (0.24 in.) thick cork underlayment over the 152 mm (6 in.) thick concrete laboratory reference slab. The test specimen did not include any finished floor surface or ceiling assembly.

The overall dimensions of the specimen as measured were nominally 4.27 m (168.00 in.) wide by 6.10 m (240.00 in.) high and 158.39 mm (6.24 in.) thick. The specimen was constructed directly in the laboratory's 4.27 m (14 ft) by 6.10 m (20 ft) test opening and was sealed on the periphery (above and below) with dense mastic. The transmission area used in the calculations was 26.0 m<sup>2</sup> (280 ft<sup>2</sup>). The weight of the specimen as measured was 8,674.1 kg (19,122.8 lbs.), an average of 333.5 kg/m<sup>2</sup> (68.3 lbs/ft<sup>2</sup>).

The source room temperature at the time of the test was 21±0°C (71±1°F) and 50±0% relative humidity. The receiving room temperature at the time of the test was 20±0°C (69±1°F) and 52±1% relative humidity. The source and receive reverberation room volumes were 140 m<sup>3</sup> (4,929 ft<sup>3</sup>) and 87 m<sup>3</sup> (3,073 ft<sup>3</sup>), respectively.



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### Flooring

The floor specimen consisted of cork underlayment tiles labeled: WidgetCo® 6mm Cork Underlayment 6-U6mm-Box-US. The area included forty seven (47) pieces, each measured 609.6 mm (24 in.) wide by 914.4 mm (36 in.) long by 6.00 mm (0.24 in.) thick. The specimen was laid loose over the laboratory reference slab. Edges were held together with 2" tape. The total weight of the floor specimen was 33.0 kg (72.75 lbs.).

### 6" Concrete Reference Slab

The concrete slab sub-floor consisted of ten nominally 610 mm (24 in.) wide by 4.23 m (166.5 in.) long by 152 mm (6 in.) thick wire-reinforced concrete slabs. Total weight of the concrete slabs was 8641 kg (19,050 lbs.). After installation, the underside of the seam between each slab was sealed with acoustical caulk; the entire perimeter was sealed with dense laboratory mastic. The remaining gap at the perimeter and between each slab was filled with general purpose sand. Ready mix joint compound was used to seal and level the slab surface (top).



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### TEST RESULTS

Sound transmission loss values are tabulated at the eighteen standard frequencies. A graphic presentation of the data and additional information appear on the following pages. The precision of the TL test data is within the limits set by the ASTM Standard E90-09.

<u>FREQ.</u>	<u>T.L.</u>	<u>C.L.</u>	<u>DEF.</u>	<u>FREQ.</u>	<u>T.L.</u>	<u>C.L.</u>	<u>DEF.</u>
100	33	1.05		800	57	0.27	
125	39	0.89		1000	58	0.42	
160	41	0.59		1250	61	0.53	
200	40	0.65	4	1600	61	0.61	
250	41	0.99	6	2000	64	0.64	
315	44	0.62	6	2500	66	0.56	
400	47	0.43	6	3150	68	0.56	
500	52	0.29	2	4000	71	0.54	
630	53	0.26	2	5000	76	0.58	

STC=54

### ABBREVIATION INDEX

FREQ. = FREQUENCY, HERTZ, (cps)

T.L. = TRANSMISSION LOSS, dB

C.L. = UNCERTAINTY IN dB, FOR A 95% CONFIDENCE LIMIT

DEF. = DEFICIENCIES, dB<STC CONTOUR (SUM OF DEF = 26)

STC = SOUND TRANSMISSION CLASS

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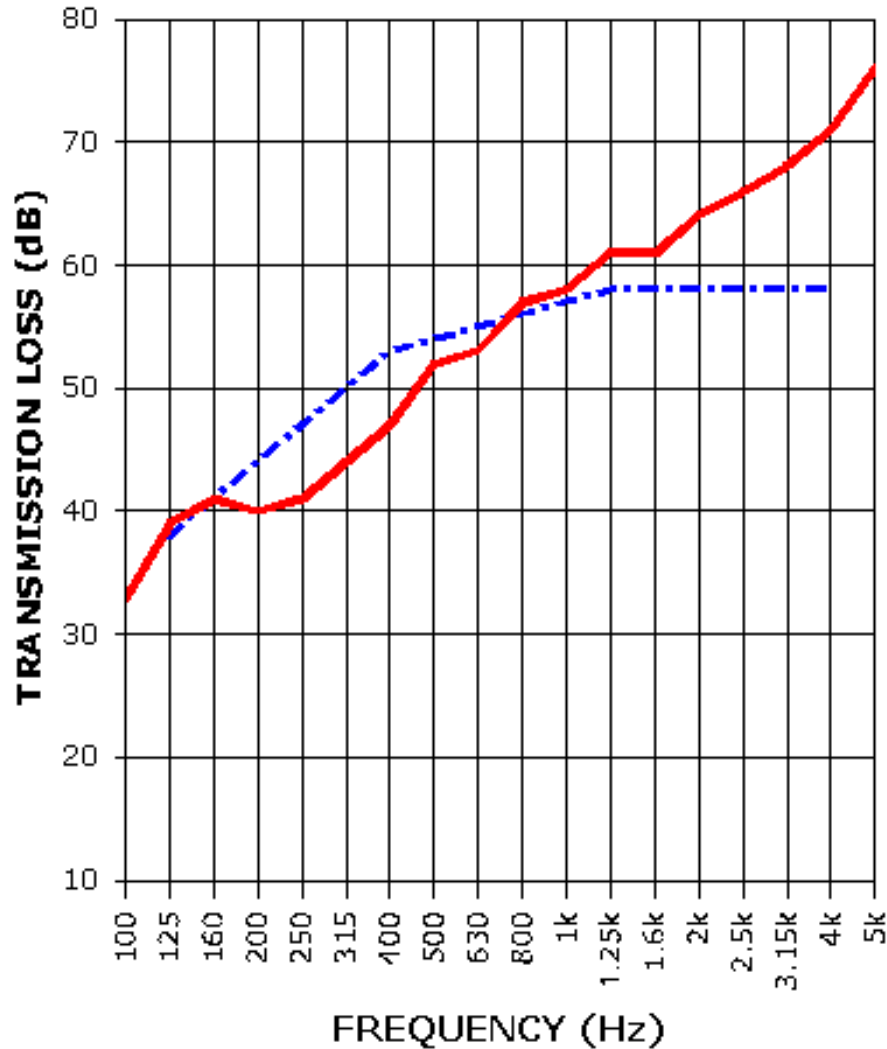
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### SOUND TRANSMISSION REPORT

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**TRANSMISSION LOSS**  
**SOUND TRANSMISSION LOSS CONTOUR**



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