

# **Title: Sound Absorption Test Results**

# Product: 1/2" Poly Max Baffle - 12" Depth spaced 12" on-center

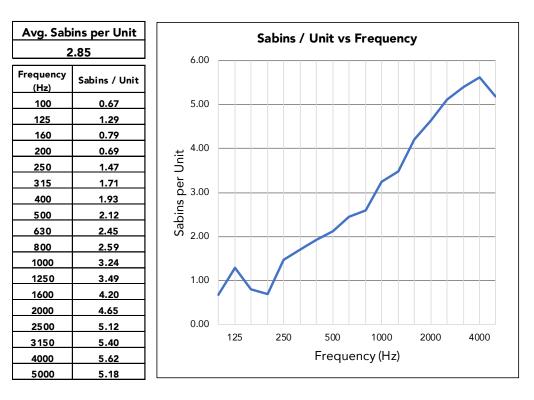
Application: Ceiling Baffle

Testing Standard: ASTM C423-17 (Type J Mount)

Test Date: 4/15/2021

*Why this test:* This test evaluates a products efficiency of absorbing sound at multiple frequencies. The test simulates the product's acoustical performance when suspended in a baffle configuration. Results are presented in Sabins per Unit, a unit of absorption commonly used for spaced suspended panels. The Average Sabins per Unit is average Sabin per Unit at NRC frequencies (250 Hz, 500 Hz, 1000 Hz, 2000 Hz).

Test Result Summary: Average Sabins per Unit - 2.85



### Test ID: ESP035429P-23

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# SOUND ABSORPTION TESTING CONDUCTED ON 1/2" POLYESTER ACOUSTIC BAFFLE

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## Noise Reduction Coefficient (ASTM C423-17)

### INTRODUCTION:

This report presents the results of acoustical testing of 1/2" Polyester Acoustic Baffles. This testing was requested by Mr. Joe Satek and was completed on April 15, 2021.

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The results stated in this report represent only the specific construction and acoustical conditions present at the time of the test. Measurements performed in accordance with this standard on nominally identical constructions and acoustical conditions may produce different results.

### TEST RESULTS SUMMARY:

Noise Reduction Coefficient (NRC) Test				Test Results		
Test #	Sample Identification	Weight (lbs)	Weight (psf)	NRC	SAA	
23	J Mount – 1/2" Polyester Acoustic Baffle	19.5	0.27	0.35	0.34	

Tabular and graphical presentations of the data are presented under "TEST RESULTS" below.

### SPECIMEN DESCRIPTION: (Also see "Test Results")

Each of the Acoustic Baffles were labeled for testing. Each of the 13 Baffles tested, measured  $\frac{1}{2}$ " thick by 12" x 48" and weighed 1.5 lbs. each. Each of the baffles were spaced 12" on-center. The distance from the bottom of the baffles to the test floor measured 32  $\frac{1}{2}$ ".

Test Specimen:	
Dimension:	13 Pieces each 48 in. x 12 in.
Total Weight:	19.5 lbs.
Overall Surface Area:	108.5 ft <sup>2</sup> (10.13 M <sup>2</sup> )

Individual Baffle:	
Dimension:	48 in. x 12 in.
Average Weight:	1.5 lbs.
Surface Area:	8.38 ft <sup>2</sup> (.779 M <sup>2</sup> )
Material Thickness:	1/2 in.

Environmental Conditions:					
Temperature (°C):	21.6				
Humidity (%):	48				
ATM (hPa)	985				

Reverberant Room Volume				
5825 ft³ (83m³)				

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### TEST PROCEDURE AND EQUIPMENT:

#### Sound Absorption Test

ASTM C 423-17, "Sound Absorption and Sound Absorption Coefficient by the Reverberation Room Method", was followed in every respect. The panels were tested in a Type J Mounting in accordance to ASTM E795-16.

NRC was calculated by rounding the sound absorption coefficients for 250, 500, 1000 and 2000 Hz to the nearest 0.05. SAA was calculated by rounding the sound absorption coefficients for the twelve frequencies from 200 Hz to 2500 Hz to the nearest 0.01.

The Noise Reduction Coefficient (NRC) is a scalar representation of the amount of sound energy absorbed upon striking a particular surface. An NRC of 0 indicates perfect reflection; an NRC of 1 indicates perfect absorption.

The Sound Absorption Average (SAA) is the average of the absorption coefficients for the twelve onethird octave bands from 200 to 2500 Hz.

The higher the SAA or NRC value, the better the material absorbs sound.

### **TEST EQUIPMENT:**

Item Description	ID #	Manufacturer/Model	Serial #	Calibration Due	
1/2" Pressure Condenser Microphone	PT-162-075	GRAS/40AD	19220-1244	7/17/2021	
Microphone Calibrator	MM-440-003	Bruel & Kjaer/4230	282266	7/17/2021	
Data Acquisition Module	PT-162-107	National Instruments/NI9234	1735986-1893EB3	6/8/2021	
Temp and Humidity Transmitter	PT-162-077	Dwyer Instruments/Series RH	M90714-E4SV-Y	6/4/2021	



# TEST DATA:

Note: There is currently no standardized method for calculating the Absorption Coefficients of sound absorptive objects that are separated or spaced. The performance of sound absorptive objects separated or spaced should not be directly compared to specimen tested as a single unit in a rectangular area (e.g. mounting types A or E as defined by ASTM E795-16)

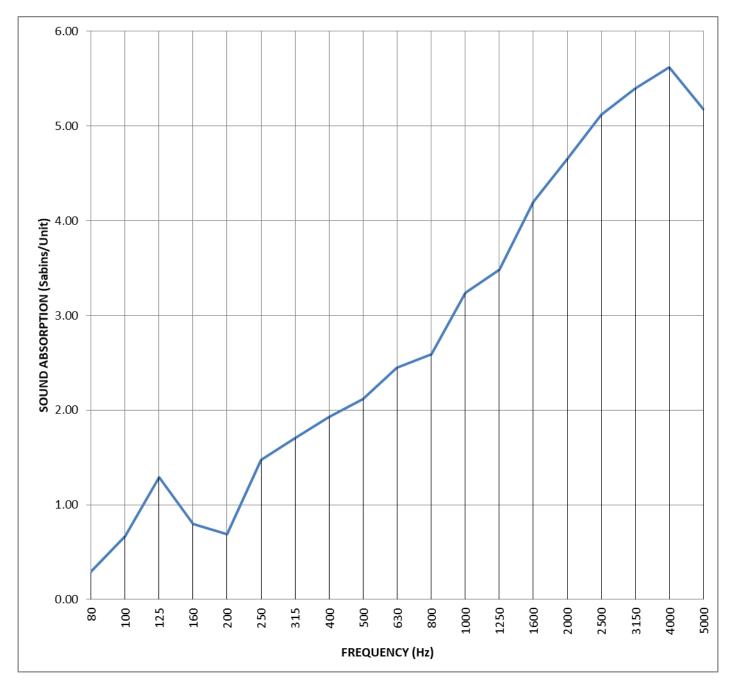
### Sabins/Unit Data

Frequency (Hz)	Total Absorption (M <sup>2</sup> )	Total Absorption (Sabins)	Absorption (Sabins/Unit)
100	0.81	8.72	0.67
125	1.56	16.79	1.29
160	0.96	10.33	0.79
200	0.83	8.93	0.69
250	1.78	19.16	1.47
315	2.06	22.17	1.71
400	2.33	25.08	1.93
500	2.56	27.56	2.12
630	2.96	31.86	2.45
800	3.13	33.69	2.59
1000	3.91	42.09	3.24
1250	4.21	45.32	3.49
1600	5.07	54.57	4.20
2000	5.62	60.50	4.65
2500	6.18	66.52	5.12
3150	6.52	70.18	5.40
4000	6.79	73.09	5.62
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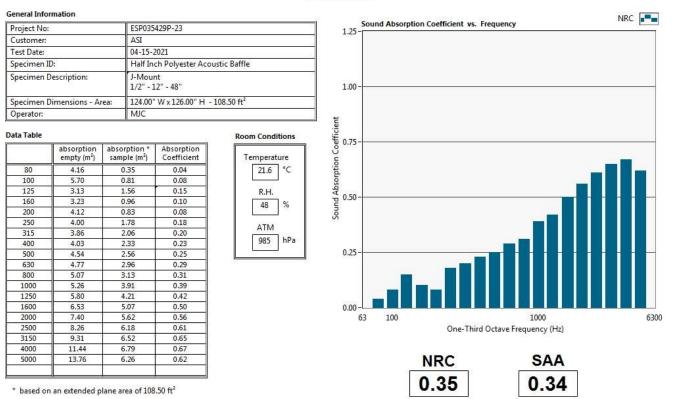
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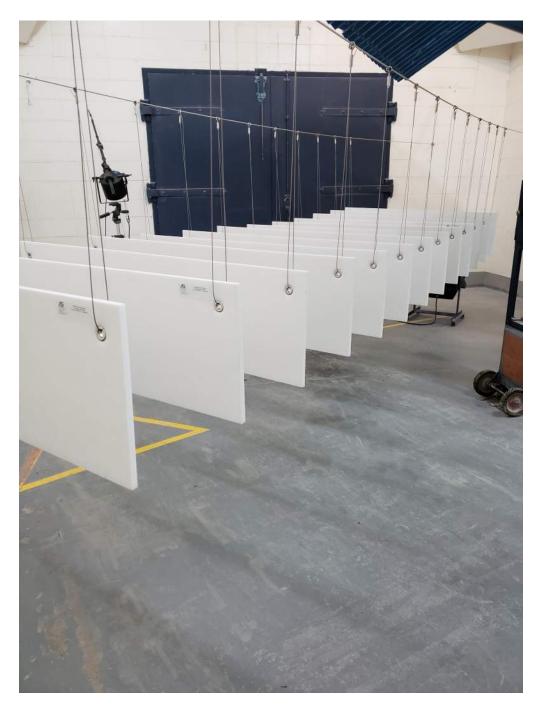
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