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## 1 Introduction

At the request of ReFelt based in Arnhem (the Netherlands), laboratory measurements of the sound absorption (reverberation room method) were carried out on:

**PET Felt Baffle**  
**type Double Straight**  
**manufacturer ReFelt**

in the Laboratory for Acoustics of Peutz bv, at Mook, the Netherlands (see figure 1).

## 2 Standards and guidelines

The measurements have been carried out according to the Quality Manual of the Laboratory for Acoustics as well as:

EN-ISO 354:2003 <sup>1, 2</sup>	Acoustics Measurement of sound absorption in a reverberation room
ISO 11654:1997	Acoustics Sound absorbers for use in buildings Rating of sound absorption
ASTM C423-17	Standard Test Method for Sound Absorption and Sound Absorption Coefficients by the Reverberation Room Method

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*EA: "Certificates and reports issued by bodies accredited by MLA and MRA members are considered to have the same degree of credibility, and are accepted in MLA and MRA countries."*

- 2 According to this norm, the report should include for each measurement the mean reverberation times  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  at each frequency. Because these figures are not relevant for judging the quality of the product being tested, but merely for judging the accuracy of the calculations, they have been omitted in this report. It is possible of course to reproduce those figures at any time if the principal requests this.

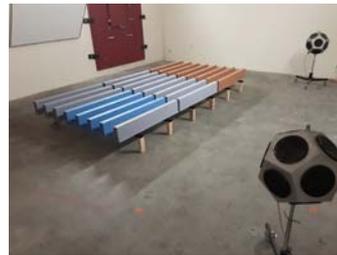
### 3 Tested Baffle

Type;	<b>Double Straight</b>
Manufacturer;	ReFelt
Dimension 1 element;	w x l = 1180 x 1800 mm
Number of baffles;	8
Material baffles;	PET Felt, thickness 10 mm
c.t.c. baffles;	220 mm
Dimension baffle;	w x l x h = 65 x 1180 x 225 mm (width bottom 80 mm)
Mass;	9,55 kg per element (including steel mounting frame)

The measurements were performed with three elements in the measuring room, free standing and with frame.



*Single baffle*



*3 elements free standing*

*The results as presented here relate only to the tested items and laboratory conditions as described in this report. The laboratory can make no judgement about the representativity of the tested samples. The test report ahead is valid as long as the tested constructions and/or materials are unchanged.*

## 4 Measurements

### 4.1 Mounting set-up

Three elements were put together,  $w \times l = 1,8 \times 3,6$  m, 200 mm from the floor of the measurement room. Total built-up height is 455 mm and measured without a boarding.

### 4.2 Method

The tests were conducted in accordance with the provisions of the test method ISO 354 in the reverberation room of "Peutz bv" in Mook (the Netherlands) (see figure 1). The relevant data regarding the reverberation room are given in figure 2 of this report.

By means of reverberation measurements the reverberation time of the room is measured under two conditions:

- when the reverberation room is empty
- when the construction under test is inside the reverberation room

In general, once material is placed into the reverberation room a lower reverberation time will result.

The difference in reverberation times is a measure of the amount of absorption brought into the room.

Measurements and calculations were carried out in 1/3-octave bandwidth from 100 to 5000 Hz, according to the norms. Where applicable the octave values have been calculated from these 1/3-octave values.

From the reverberation measurements in the empty reverberation room the equivalent sound absorption  $A_1$  is calculated (per frequency band) according to formula 1 and expressed in  $m^2$

$$A_1 = \frac{55,3V}{c T_1} - 4V m_1 \quad (1)$$

in which:

- $V$  = the volume of the reverberation room [ $m^3$ ]
- $T_1$  = the reverberation time in the empty reverberation room [sec.]
- $m_1$  = "power attenuation coefficient" in the empty room,  
calculated according to formula [ $m^{-1}$ ]
- $c$  = the speed of sound in the air, in m/s, calculated according to [m/s]

$$c = 331 + 0,6t \quad (2)$$

in which:

$t$  = the temperature; this formula is valid for temperatures between 15 and 30 °C [°C]

$$m = \frac{\alpha}{10 \log(e)} \quad (3)$$

in which:

$\alpha$  = "attenuation coefficient" according to ISO 9613-1

In the same manner the equivalent sound absorption  $A_2$  for the room with the test specimen is calculated according to formula 4, also expressed in  $m^2$

$$A_2 = \frac{55,3V}{cT_2} - 4Vm_2 \quad (4)$$

in which:

$c$  and  $V$  have the same definition as in formula 1 and

$T_2$  = the reverberation time of the reverberation room with the test specimen placed inside [sec]

$m_2$  = "power attenuation coefficient" in the room with the test specimen placed inside, calculated according to formula 3 [ $m^{-1}$ ]

The equivalent sound absorption  $A$  of the test specimen has been calculated according to formula 5 and is expressed in  $m^2$

$$A = A_2 - A_1 \quad (5)$$

### 4.3 Accuracy

The accuracy of the sound absorption as calculated can be expressed in terms of repeatability (tests within one laboratory) and reproducibility (between various laboratories).

When:

- two tests are performed on identical test material
- within a short period of time
- by the same person or team
- using the same instrumentation
- under unchanged environmental conditions

the probability will be 95% that the difference between the two test results will be less than or equal to  $r$ .

In order to evaluate the repeatability  $r$  for the sound absorption measurements performed in the reverberation room of "Peutz bv" in Mook (the Netherlands) eight series of measurements have been carried out according to ISO 354:1985 annex C. From the results of those measurements the repeatability  $r$  has been calculated. It was found that for the

frequency range from 100 to 200 Hz and at 5000 Hz the repeatability  $r$  is 0,21 as a maximum. For the frequency range 250 to 4000 Hz the repeatability  $r$  is 0,09 as a maximum.

#### 4.4 Environmental conditions during the measurements

##### t4.1 Environmental conditions during the measurements at January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022

reverberation room	temperature [°C]	barometric pressure [kPa]	relative humidity [%]
empty	19	103,5	51
occupied	18	103,6	55

#### 4.5 Results

The results of the measurements are given in table 4.2 (equivalent sound absorption area) and in figure 3. The measurements were made in 1/3-octave bands. The results presented in octave-bands are the arithmetic average of the results of the three 1/3-octave bands belonging to that octave band.

t4.2 Measurement results equivalent sound absorption area A [m<sup>2</sup>] **per element with dimensions 1,2 x 1,8 m** (8 baffles)

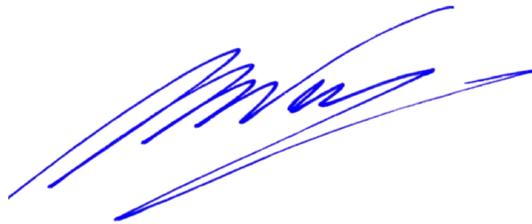
	sound absorption area A [m <sup>2</sup> ] per element	
type	<b>Double Straight</b>	
record nr.	#221	
figure nr.	3	
frequency [Hz]	1/3 oct.	1/1 oct.
100	0,35	
125	0,36	0,37
160	0,40	
200	0,75	
250	1,04	0,99
315	1,17	
400	1,31	
500	1,64	1,60
630	1,86	
800	1,83	
1000	2,09	2,17
1250	2,59	
1600	2,78	
2000	2,91	2,87
2500	2,92	
3150	2,97	
4000	3,15	3,12
5000	3,23	

The sound absorption of a material is not a material property. It should be taken into account that the sound absorption of a construction depends on the dimensions, the way of mounting of the material and its position in the room.



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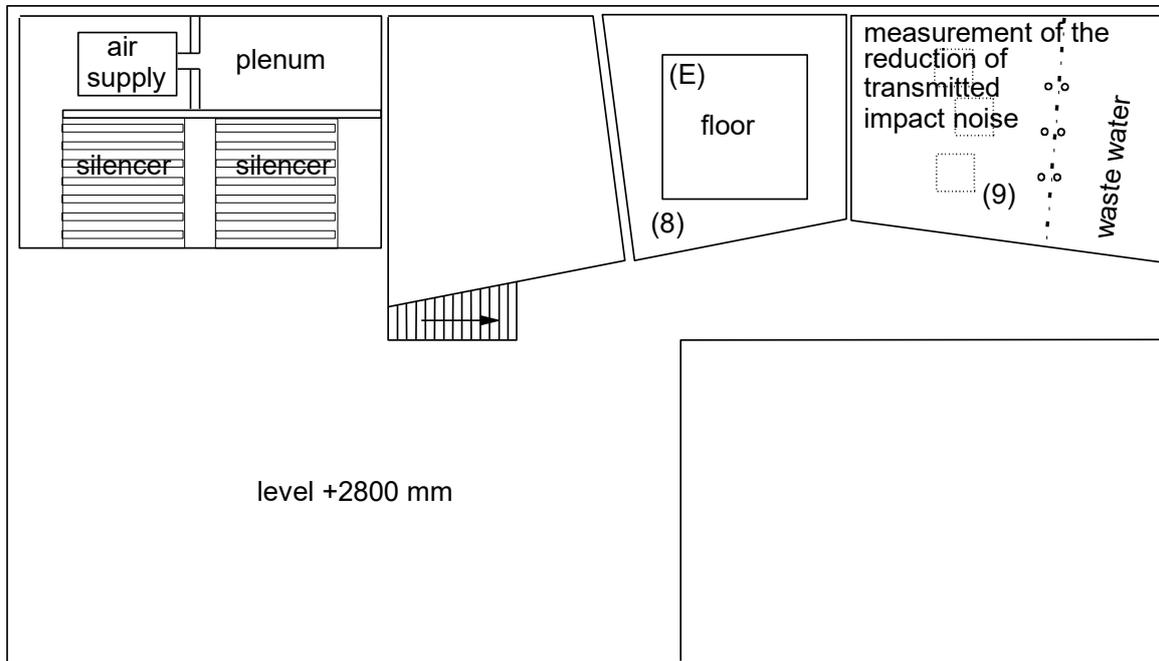
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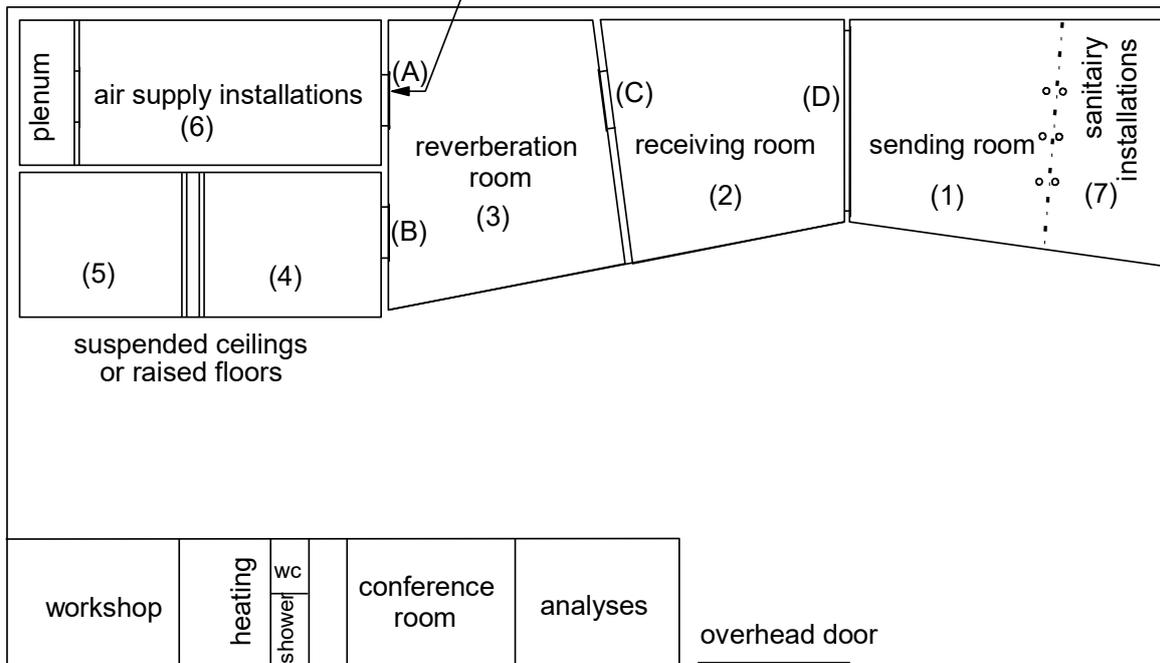
OVERVIEW

Story



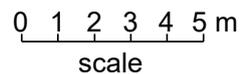
Ground level

opening (A) (closed)  
w x h = 1300 x 1905 mm



TEST OPENINGS (w x h in mm)

- (B) 1000 x 2200
- (C) 1500 x 1250
- (D) 4300 x 2800
- (E) 4000 x 4000



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**REVERBERATION ROOM**

The reverberation room meets the requirements of ISO 354:2003.

additional data:

volume : 214 m<sup>3</sup>  
total area St (walls, floor and ceiling) : 219 m<sup>2</sup>

diffusion: by the shape of the room and by adding 6 curved and 2 flat reflecting elements with a total area of approx. 13 m<sup>2</sup> a sufficient diffusion has been gained.

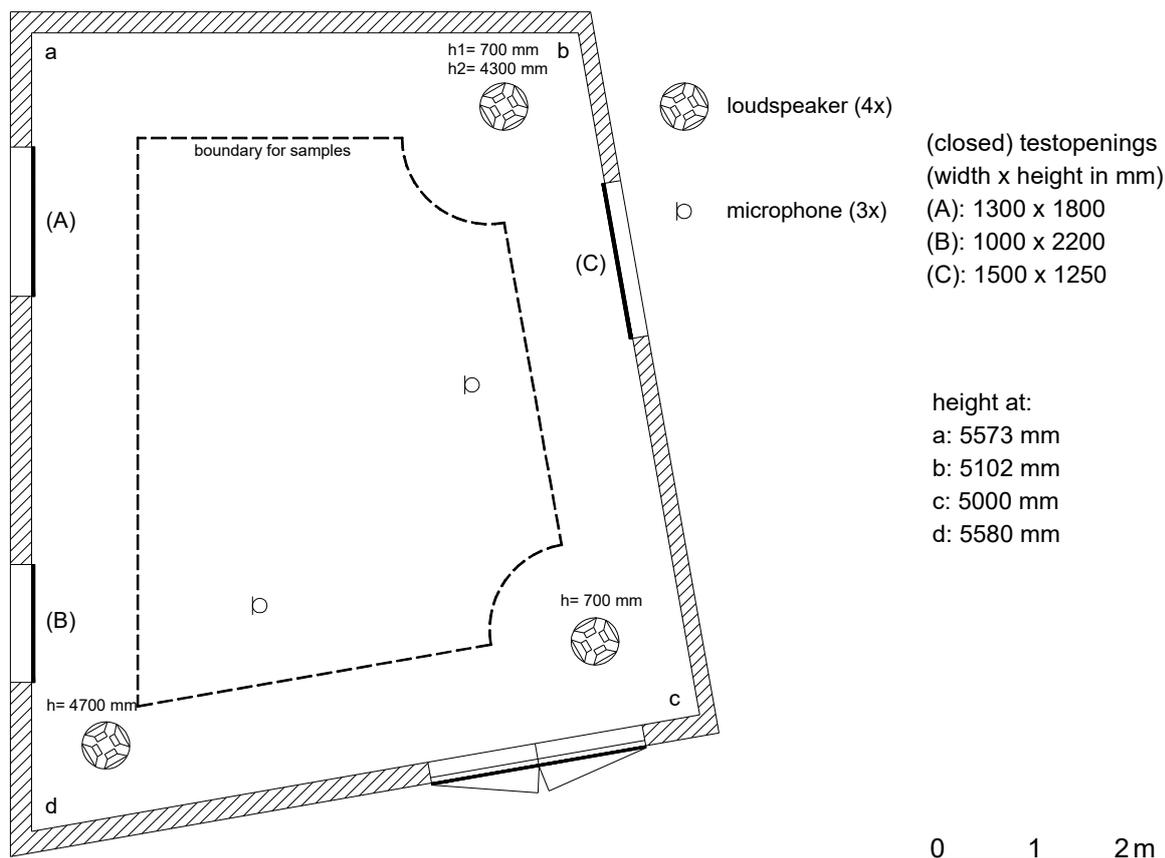
reverberation time of the empty reverberation room during measurements of 18-01-2022

frequency (1/1 oct.)	125	250	500	1000	2000	4000	Hz
reverberationtime	8,98	7,29	6,86	6,40	4,66	2,89	sec.

repeatability r (1/1 oct.) c.f. ISO 354:1985 annex C (see chapter 4.2 of this report).

r at high $\alpha$	0,13	0,04	0,04	0,02	0,02	0,08	-
r at low $\alpha$	0,09	0,02	0,01	0,02	0,02	0,04	-

plan



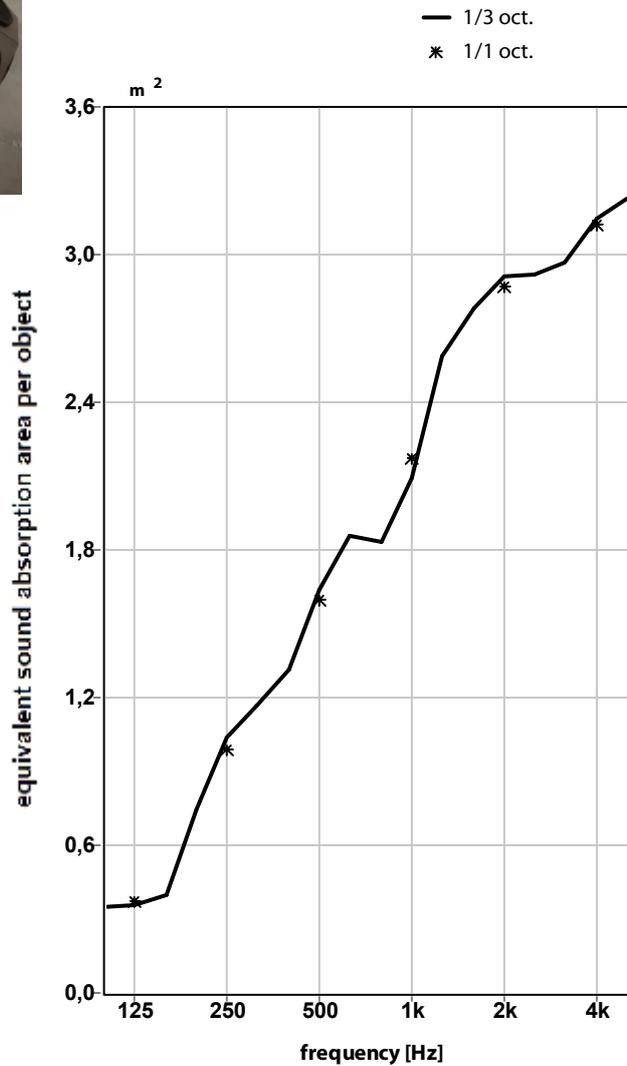
Absorb, versie 5.9 mode 7, file: a4122 Et#:1-36 T<sub>1</sub> = 18,5 °C p<sub>1</sub> = 103,5 kPa h<sub>1</sub> = 50,6 %

## EQUIVALENT SOUNDABSORPTION AREA PER OBJECT conform ISO 354:2003



principal: ReFelt

element tested; **Acoustic Baffles PET Felt Double Straight**  
 manufacturer ReFelt  
 equivalent soundabsorption per element with dimensions 1,2 x 1,8 m (8 baffles)



volume reverberation room: 214 m<sup>3</sup>

number of elements during test: 3

measured at: Peutz Laboratory for Acoustics

signal: broad-band noise

bandwidth: 1/3 octave

	0,35	0,75	1,31	1,83	2,78	2,97
1/3 oct.	0,36	1,04	1,64	2,09	2,91	3,15
	0,40	1,17	1,86	2,59	2,92	3,23
<b>1/1 oct.</b>	<b>0,37</b>	<b>0,99</b>	<b>1,60</b>	<b>2,17</b>	<b>2,87</b>	<b>3,12</b>

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Mook, measured at 18-01-2022