

**TEST REPORT**

FOR: CEMCO - California Expanded Metal Products Co.  
Industry, CA

Sound Transmission Loss Test  
RAL™-TL07-138

ON: Engineered Wood Flooring and Isolation, 1 Inch Thick  
USG LEVELROCK™ Brand CSD Floor Underlayment  
on USG LEVELROCK™ SRM-25 Sound Mat on  
CEMCO Sure-Span® C-Joist with RC Deluxe Resilient  
Channels and Single Layer 5/8 Inch USG  
SHEETROCK® FIRECODE "C" Core Type X Gypsum  
Board

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**TEST METHOD**

Unless otherwise designated, the measurements reported below were made with all facilities and procedures in explicit conformity with the ASTM Designations E90-04 and E413-04, 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 engineered wood flooring and isolation, 1 inch thick USG LEVELROCK™ Brand CSD Floor Underlayment on USG LEVELROCK™ SRM-25 Sound Mat on CEMCO Sure-Span® C-Joist with RC Deluxe Resilient Channels and single layer 5/8 inch USG SHEETROCK® FIRECODE "C" Core Type X gypsum board. The overall dimensions of the specimen as measured were 4.27 m (168 in.) wide by 6.10 m (240 in.) high and 326 mm (12.8 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 (both sides) with a dense mastic. Prior to installation, a 38 mm (1.5 in.) high by 6.4 mm (0.25 in.) thick styrofoam sill sealer was adhered to the test room walls with acoustical sealant. The sealer is part of the mounting used to isolate the floor system from the test room walls.

The description of the specimen was as follows: From the top down, the floor consisted of 14 mm (0.5625 in.) thick engineered wood floor over 2.4 mm (0.09 in.) underlayment over 25 mm (1 in.) thick lightweight gypsum concrete over a 6 mm (0.25 in.) thick sound isolation material. Prior to installation over the corrugated steel deck, the flutes of the deck were first filled to provide a level surface over which the sound isolation material could be applied. The

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dimensions of the corrugated steel deck were 14 mm (0.563 in.) thick. This was attached to 235 mm (9.25 in.) deep steel joists with an insulated ceiling cavity and gypsum board ceiling attached to resilient channels. A more detailed description of the test assembly appears in the following sections.

### Prefinished Laminate Flooring With Underlayment

The finished floor consisted of Kahrs Engineered Wood Floor flooring measuring 14 mm (0.5625 in.) thick and provided as 191 mm (7.5 in.) wide planks with tongue and groove profile. Total weight of the laminate floor was 212.3 kg (468 lbs). Prior to installation of the floor, a plastic membrane encapsulated with beaded material measuring 2 mm (0.08 in.) thick was loose laid over the subfloor assembly. Total weight of the underlayment was 1.6 kg (3.5 lbs).

### Lightweight Gypsum Concrete and Sound Mat

The floor consisted of USG LEVELROCK® Brand CSD Floor Underlayment System gypsum concrete over USG LEVELROCK™ SRM-25 sound mat. The gypsum concrete was poured directly onto the isolation material and allowed to cure in excess of 28 days. The gypsum concrete (designed for minimum compressive strength of 3500 psi) measured a nominal 25 mm (1 in.) thick and had an average density of 2,154 kg/m<sup>3</sup> (134.5 pcf) calculated from poured samples. The total weight of the gypsum concrete floor as calculated was 1,423 kg (3,138 lbs). Prior to pouring of the floor, a layer of 6 mm (0.25 in.) thick USG LEVELROCK™ SRM-25 sound mat was loose laid over the corrugated steel deck which had the troughs prefilled with LEVELROCK® Floor Underlayment CSD. The mat consisted of a plastic cross hatch matrix with risers on 32 mm (1.25 in.) centers and a water resistant facer. Duct tape was applied to all joints. Total weight of the mat was 38.6 kg (85 lbs).

### Steel Subfloor Assembly

The floor joists consisted of 16 gauge (measured as 0.057 in.) thick 235 mm (9.25 in.) CEMCO Sure-Span® steel C-joist spaced 610 mm (24 in.) on center starting nominally 305 mm (12 in.) either side of the room centerline and spanning the 4.27 m (14 ft) dimension of the room. The joists rested on a 2 x 6 plate running the 6.10 m (240 in.) length of the room on each side with 16 gauge (measured as 0.57 in.) rim track and solid blocking located at the perimeter and near the mid-point along the centerline of the span respectively. Additionally, the joists were braced and held in place using Sure-Bridging, Sure-Firm corner clips, SSRT clips and 9 1/4" x 1 3/4" flange 16

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gauge un-punched joist for solid blocking as diagramed on the drawing retained on file. The weight of the steel framing was 248 kg (546 lbs.). Five full pieces of corrugated 0.6" form deck 22 gauge (measured as 0.032 in.) G60 steel deck at 14 mm (0.5625 in.) deep, 762 mm (30 in.) wide steel form deck and one partial width piece were attached to the top of the joists using 19 mm (0.75 in.) hex head screws at nominally 305 mm (12 in.) on center. The weight of the steel deck was 181 kg (400 lbs.).

### Insulation

The cavities between the joists contained a layer of 159 mm (6.25 in.) thick by 610 mm (24 in.) wide unfaced fiberglass batt insulation. The fiberglass batts were placed at the bottom flange of the joists. The weight of the insulation was 28.8 kg (63.5 lbs).

### Ceiling Assembly

The ceiling assembly consisted of 25 gauge (measured as 0.018 in.) thick RC Deluxe resilient channels spaced on 305 mm (12 in.) centers. Each run perpendicular to the joist consisted of two channels with a 102 mm (4 in.) wire tied overlap. Additional runs were added at 102 mm (4 in.) on both sides of continuous board butt joints. The channels were attached to the joists with 12 mm (0.5 in.) Type S-12 screws. The ceiling was 16 mm (0.625 in.) thick, USG 5/8" SHEETROCK® FIRECODE "C" Core Type X gypsum board attached to the RC-1 channels with 25 mm (1 in.) Type S screws on 203 mm (8 in.) centers. The joints and screw heads were sealed with USG all purpose joint compound. The weight of the RC channels, gypsum board, and joint compound was 326 kg (719 lbs). The perimeter of the completed test assembly was sealed with a dense mastic.

The weight of the specimen as measured was 2,454 kg (5,410 lbs.), an average of 94.2 kg/m<sup>2</sup> (19.3 lbs/ft<sup>2</sup>). The transmission area used in the calculations was 26 m<sup>2</sup> (280 ft<sup>2</sup>). The source and receiving room temperatures at the time of the test were 21±2°C (70±2°F) and 55±1% relative humidity. The source and receive reverberation room volumes were 135 m<sup>3</sup> (4,766 ft<sup>3</sup>) and 87 m<sup>3</sup> (3,073 ft<sup>3</sup>), respectively.

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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 E90-04.

<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	36	0.75		800	61	0.20	
125	45	0.99		1000	66	0.19	
160	43	0.55	2	1250	69	0.15	
200	43	0.51	5	1600	72	0.14	
250	45	0.70	6	2000	73	0.10	
315	47	0.56	7	2500	77	0.09	
400	51	0.35	6	3150	82	0.08	
500	56	0.40	2	4000	85	0.07	
630	58	0.23	1	5000	87	0.54	

STC=58

### 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 = 29)

STC = SOUND TRANSMISSION CLASS

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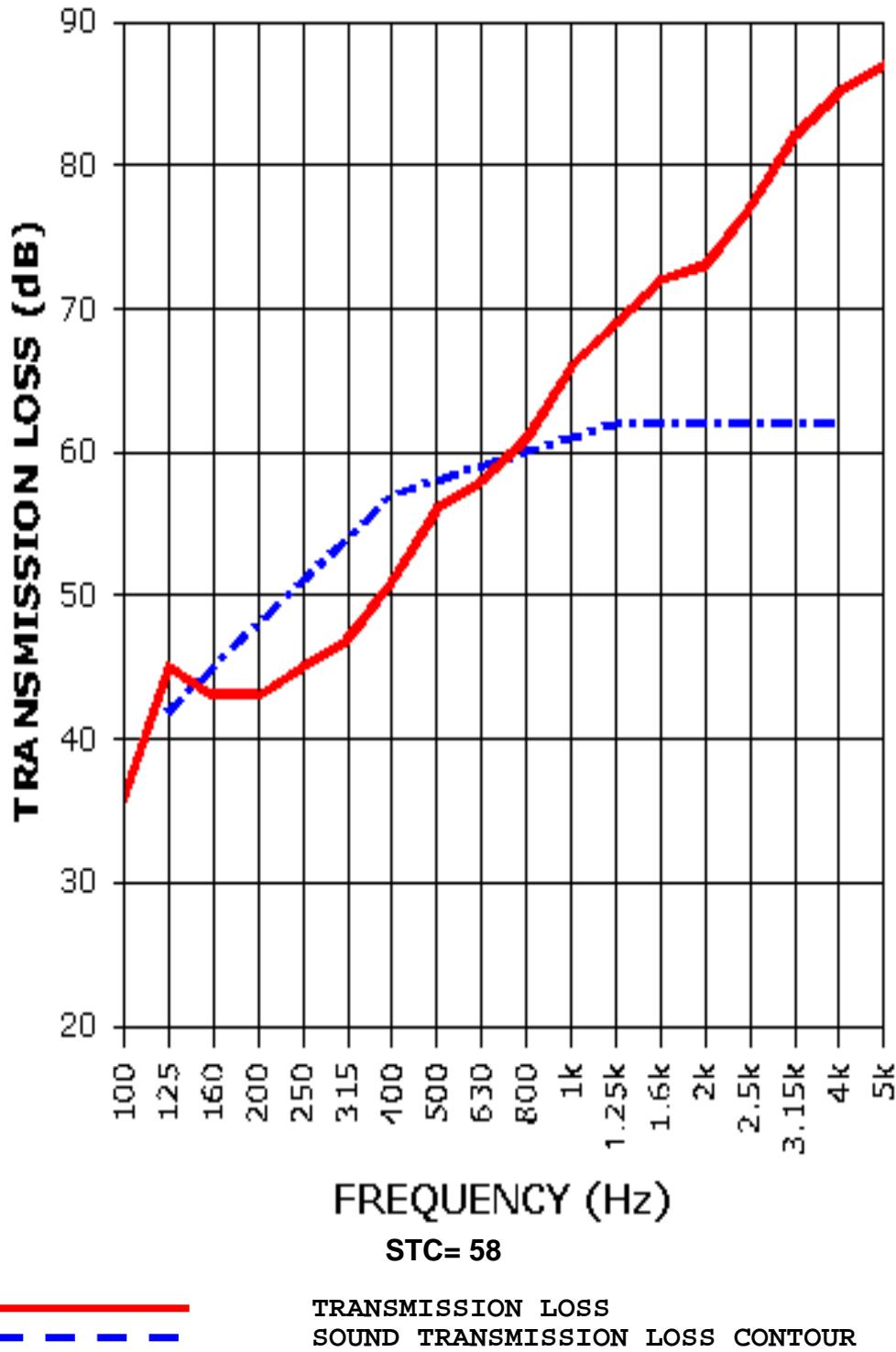
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