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RE: Apparent Impact Insulation Class (AIIC) Testing Results Western & University

#### Dear Jeff

This letter presents the results of the Apparent Impact Insulation Class (AIIC) testing conducted between two units in the Western & University Apartments located at 1307 Western Avenue in Seattle, Washington. The testing was completed between vertically adjacent living rooms and bedrooms of unit 1005 and 905 for several samples of flooring and underlayment. The measurements were conducted on Wednesday, September 28, 2016 by Mohamed Ait Allaoua and Matt Roe of A3 Acoustics. This report contains details about the measurement methodology and test results.

#### 1) Apparent Impact Insulation Class (AIIC) Testing

The testing process and procedures for structure-borne sound were done according to the ASTM E 1007-13 Standard Test Method for Field Measurement of Tapping Machine Impact Sound Transmission Through Floor-Ceiling Assemblies and Associated Support Structures. Previous versions of E 1007 standard designated impact insulation class measurements completed in the field by the FIIC rating. The Apparent Impact Insulation Class (AIIC) differs from the FIIC in name only. The test uses a mechanical tapping machine that repeatedly lifts and drops five flat-faced hammers onto the floor. The noise created in the floor/ceiling assembly from these hammer drops is then measured in the unit below, and the single rating number is derived from the loudness of these hammer drops compared to a reference contour. IIC ratings are not directly equivalent to decibel values, but the IIC ratings are based on the exponential decibel scale.

The testing and analysis followed the guidelines and secondary standards outlined in the ASTM standards. This included the methods to accurately determine and correct for the receiving room sound absorption per the ASTM E 2235-04 Standard Test Method for Determination of Decay Rates for Use in Sound Insulation Test Methods. The impact insulation performance was determined per the ASTM E 989-06 Standard Classification for Determination of Impact Insulation Class (IIC).





The equipment used for testing was a Look Line EM50 Electromagnetic High Precision Impact Tapping Machine and JBL Speaker EON 20 Self-Powered Speaker. Sound measurements were made using a Svantek 979 Sound Analyzer, within calibration during the time of testing.

#### 2) Room & Assembly Description

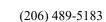
Details about the exact construction of the floor-ceiling assembly are given for each sample tested in the table below. The base building structure consists of a 7" PT slab.

#### 3) <u>Testing Results</u>

The results of the measurements are presented in Table 1 below. Test results as presented below are for a 5ft x 5ft sample of the material and underlayment combination noted.

#### Table 1

Source Room/ Floor Material	Receiving Room	AIIC
Unit 1005: Living Room	Unit 005: Living Poom	56
Woodland View, color Flax. 12 mil, 2.5mm over Groundworks	Unit 905: Living Room	30
Unit 1005: Living Room	Unit 905: Living Room	53
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Unit 1005: Living Room	Unit 905: Living Room	56
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Metallix, 40mil, 5mm direct glue, no underlayment	Unit 905: Living Room	32
Unit 1005: Living Room	Unit 905: Living Room	56
TAS Tandem 20 mil	Offic 905. Living Room	5
Unit 1005: Bedroom	Unit 905: Bedroom	58
Arbor Crest, color Nickel, 20mil, 4mm float over Groundworks		
Unit 1005: Bedroom	Unit 905: Bedroom	57
Arbor Crest, color Nickel, 20mil, 4mm float over Hush II		5
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Please contact us if you have questions about the results or if you need additional information.

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Sincerely,

A3 Acoustics, LLP

Unit 1005: Bedroom

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**Bare Concrete** 

Matt Roe, PE

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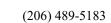
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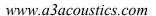
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Unit 905: Bedroom

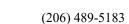
Unit 905: Bedroom







### Apparent Impact Insulation Class (AIIC) Western & University Source: 1005-Living Room Receiver: 905-Living Room AIIC: Flooring Assembly: 2.5mm Woodland View over Groundworks Underlayment 70 60 Normalized Impact Sound Pressure Level, dB (re 0.00002 N/m²) 50 40 30 20 10 100 125 200 250 1000 1250 1600 2000 2500 Third-Octave Band Frequency, Hz Impact SPL Curve – – Limiting AIIC Contour - o- Deficiences (Total: 26) Any single field measurement only represents the performance of the actual assembly tested and cannot be used alone to accurately predict how an identical or similar assembly might perform.





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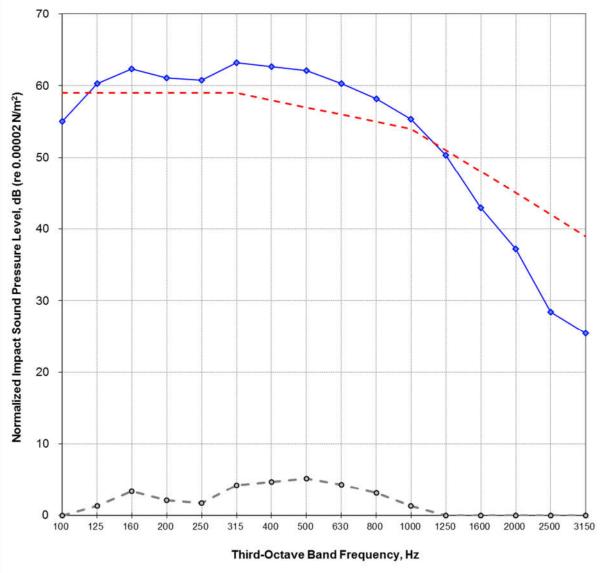
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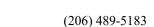
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AIIC: 53



- - - Limiting AIIC Contour - o- Deficiences (Total: 31)





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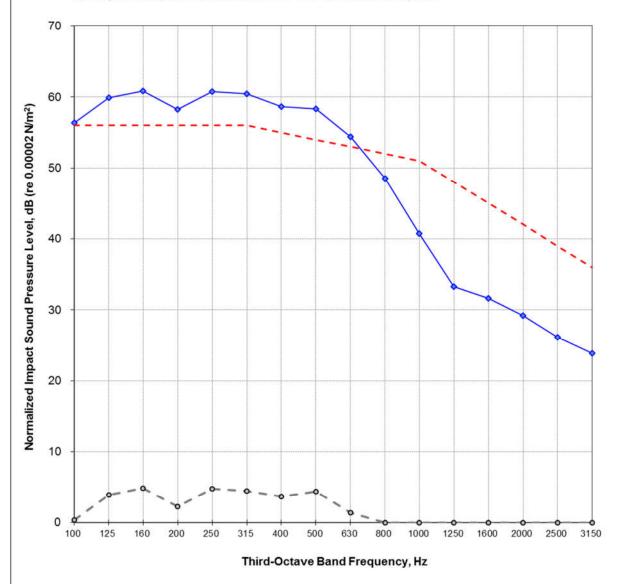
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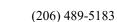
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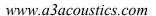


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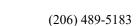






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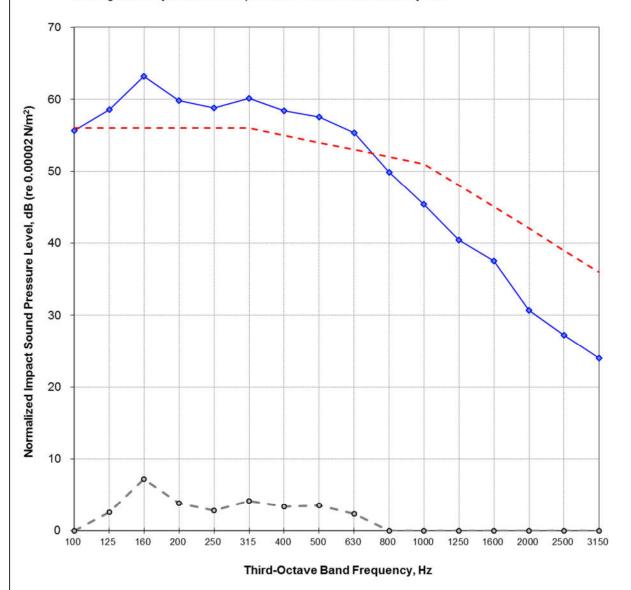
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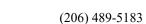
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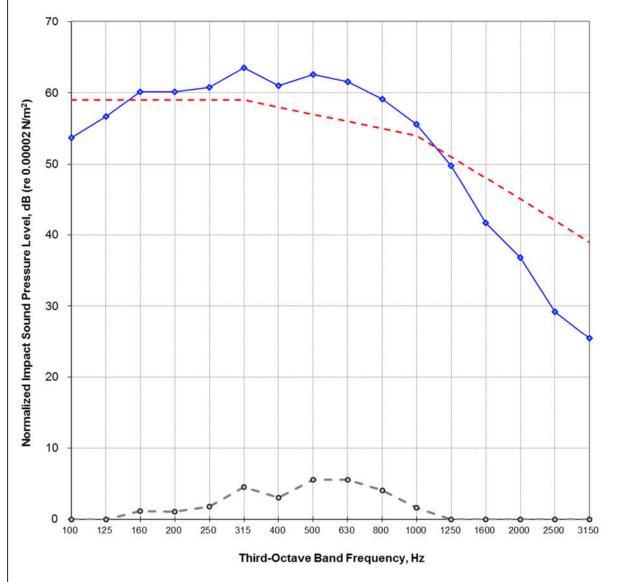
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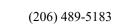
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AIIC: 53



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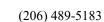


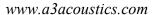




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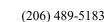
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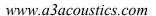






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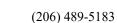




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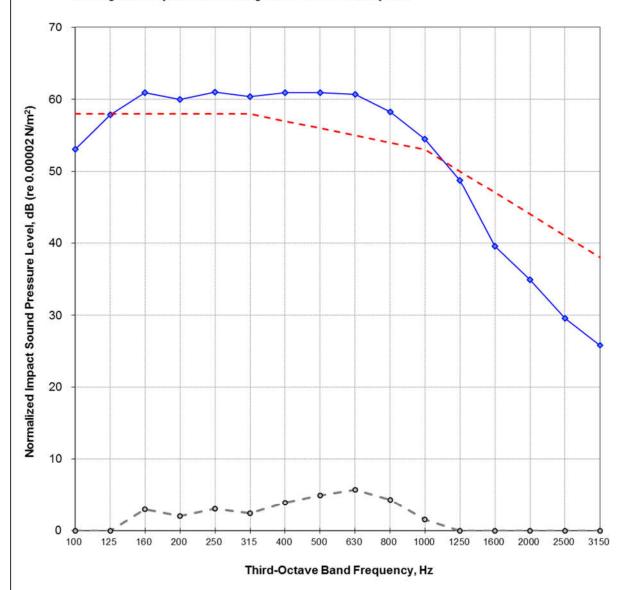
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Source: 1005-Living Room Receiver: 905-Living Room

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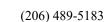
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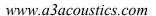


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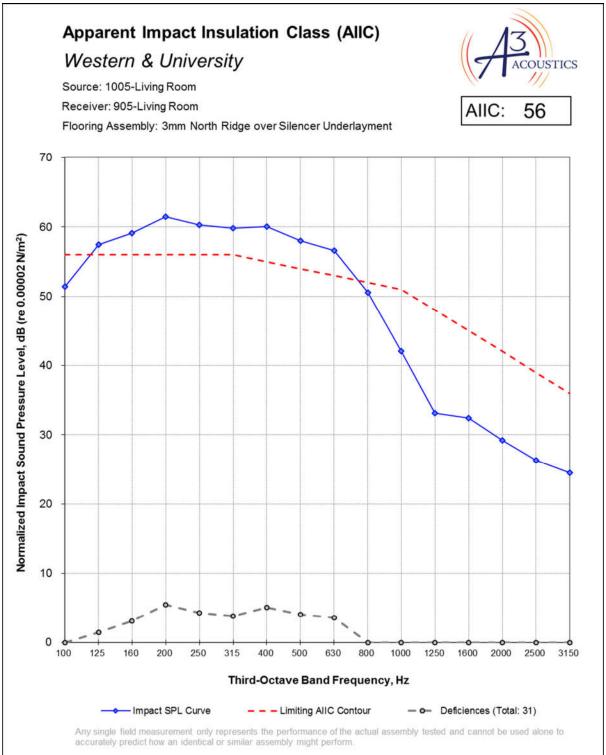
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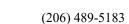
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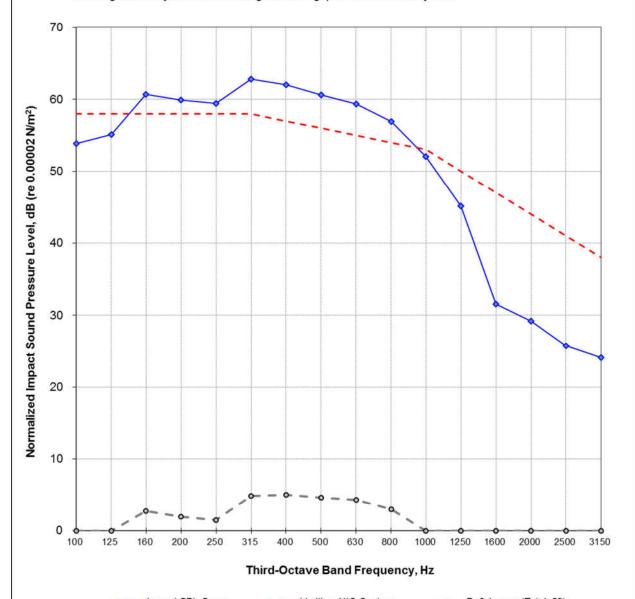
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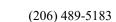
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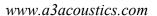


AIIC: 54



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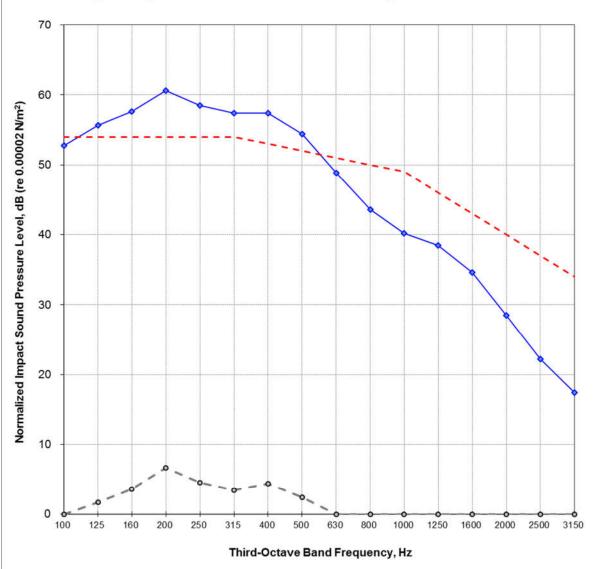
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Flooring Assembly: 4mm Arbor Crest over Groundworks Underlayment



AIIC: 58

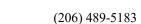


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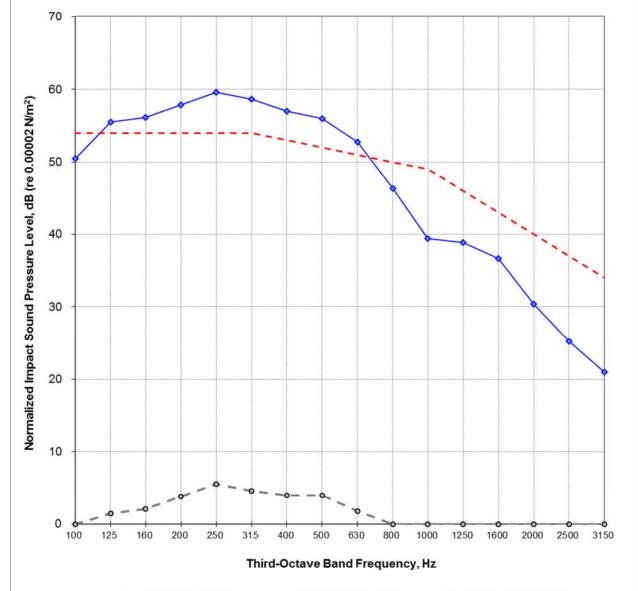
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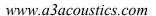


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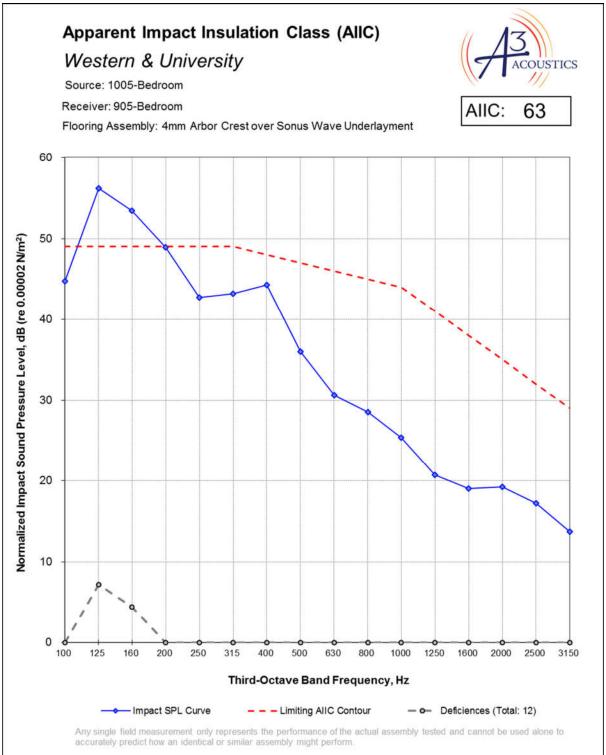


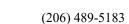
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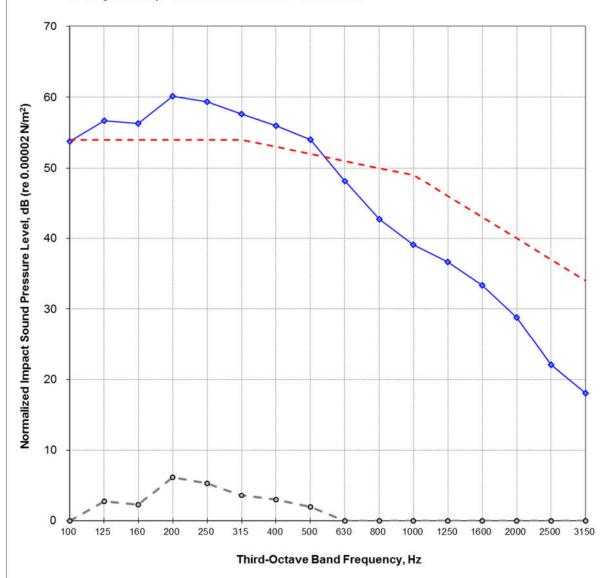
Source: 1005-Bedroom Receiver: 905-Bedroom

Flooring Assembly: 5mm Click Refresh over Groundworks



AIIC: 58

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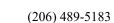
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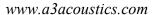






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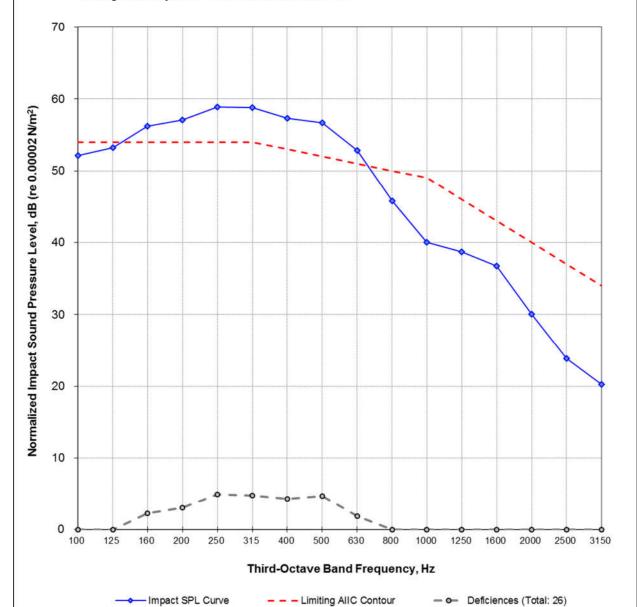
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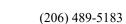


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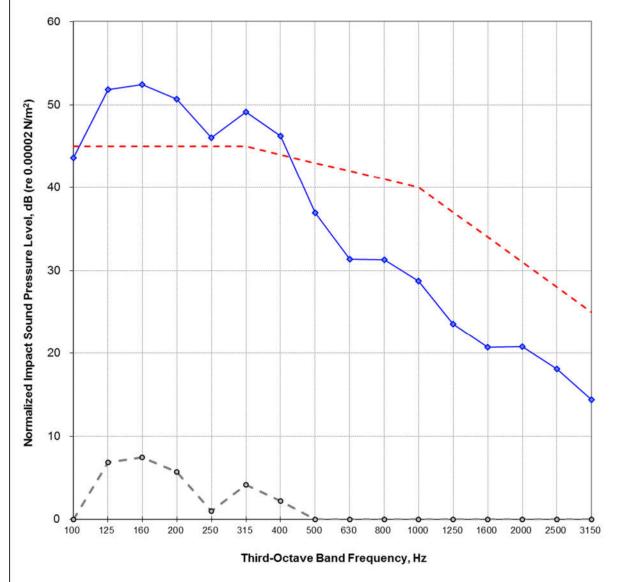
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Flooring Assembly: 5mm Click Refresh over Sonus Wave Underlayment



AIIC: 67



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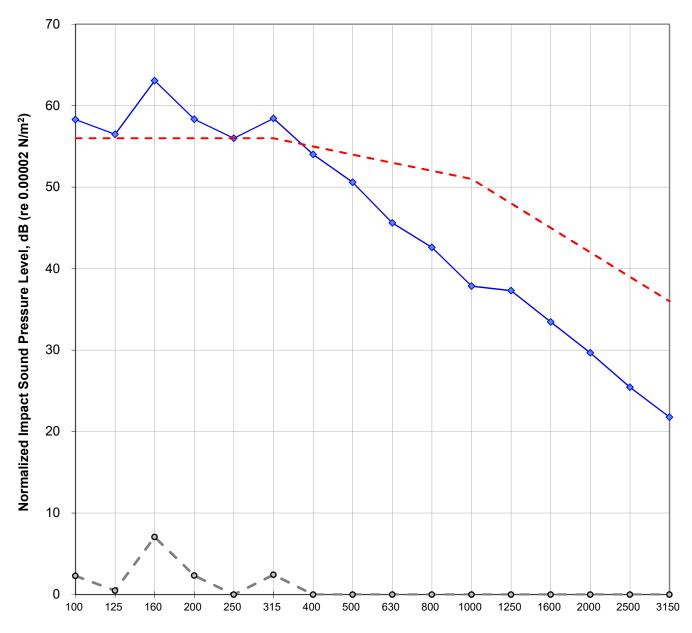
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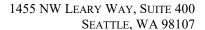


Third-Octave Band Frequency, Hz

→ Impact SPL Curve

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— • Deficiences (Total: 15)







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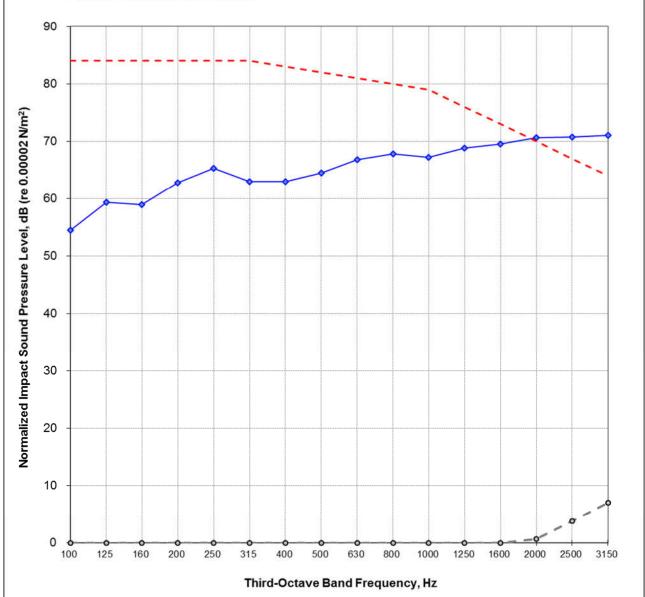
Flooring Assembly: Bare Concrete

- Impact SPL Curve



AIIC: 28

— o— Deficiences (Total: 12)



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