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**Test report of improvement of impact sound insulation  
by underlay for laminate floor covering XPS 3 mm**

**Nr pracy: 06087/15/R03NA (LA01-6087/15/R03NA)**

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DEPARTMENT OF ACOUSTICS

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## TEST REPORT N° LA01 - 6087/15/R03NA

Client: **Decora S.A.**  
Client address: **24a Prądzyńskiego str., 63-000 Środa Wielkopolska**

### Information concerning test item

Test object: ***Underlay for laminate floor covering XPS 3 mm***  
Date of receipt / sampling: **16-07-2015**  
N° of receipt /sampling protocol: **LA00-6087/15/R03NA**  
Receipt /sampling procedure: ***Procedure of ZLB management no. 18***

### Information concerning tests

Test commencement date: **16-07-2015**  
Test completion date: **28-07-2015**  
Test procedure: **Measurement of impact sound improvement carried out acc. to standard PN-EN ISO 10140-3:2011**

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**DESCRIPTION OF TEST OBJECT:**

The test object was 3 mm thick XPS underlay for laminate floor covering, manufactured by DECORA S.A. 24a Prądzyńskiego str, 63-000 Środa Wielkopolska, POLAND.

The measurement was carried out on a reference floor sized 265 cm x 435 cm with a floating floor (polyethylene foam 3 mm + screed 40 mm), on which the XPS underlay of 3 mm thickness and 32 kg/m<sup>3</sup> density, as well as laminate tiles of 7 mm thickness, were installed.

**TEST RESULTS:**

Measured value		Meas. result		
Improvement of impact sound insulation of a reference floor after installation of floor covering		ΔL <sub>w</sub> dB	ΔL <sub>in</sub> dB	page
Sample description	Meas. No.			
Underlay XPS under a Kronopol laminate floor covering (7 mm), on a reference floor with a floating floor. Floor underlay parameters: – thickness: 3 mm, – density: 32 kg/m <sup>3</sup> . Sample no. 1/ LA01-6087/15/R03NA	572.15 / 451.15	<b>22</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>3</b>

Single number index and its uncertainty U<sub>95</sub> determined  
in accordance with PN-EN ISO 12999-1:2014: ΔL<sub>n,w</sub> = 22 dB ± 1,1 dB

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**Reduction of impact sound pressure level according to PN-EN ISO 10140-3:2011**

Laboratory measurements of the reduction of transmitted impact noise by floor coverings on a heavyweight standard floor

Client: **Decora S.A.**

**ul. Prądyńskiego 24 A, 63-000 Środa Wlkp.**

Test specimen mounted by: **NA ITB**

Description of test facility, test specimen and test arrangement:

**Underlay XPS under a Kronopol laminate floor covering (7 mm), on a reference floor with a floating floor.**

**Floor underlay parameters:**

- thickness: 3 mm<sup>3</sup>.
- density: 32 kg/m<sup>3</sup>.

**Sample no. 1/LA01-6087/15/R03NA**

Mass per unit area: --- kg/m<sup>2</sup>

Test room: source receive

Volume, m<sup>3</sup>: **79.0 64.0**

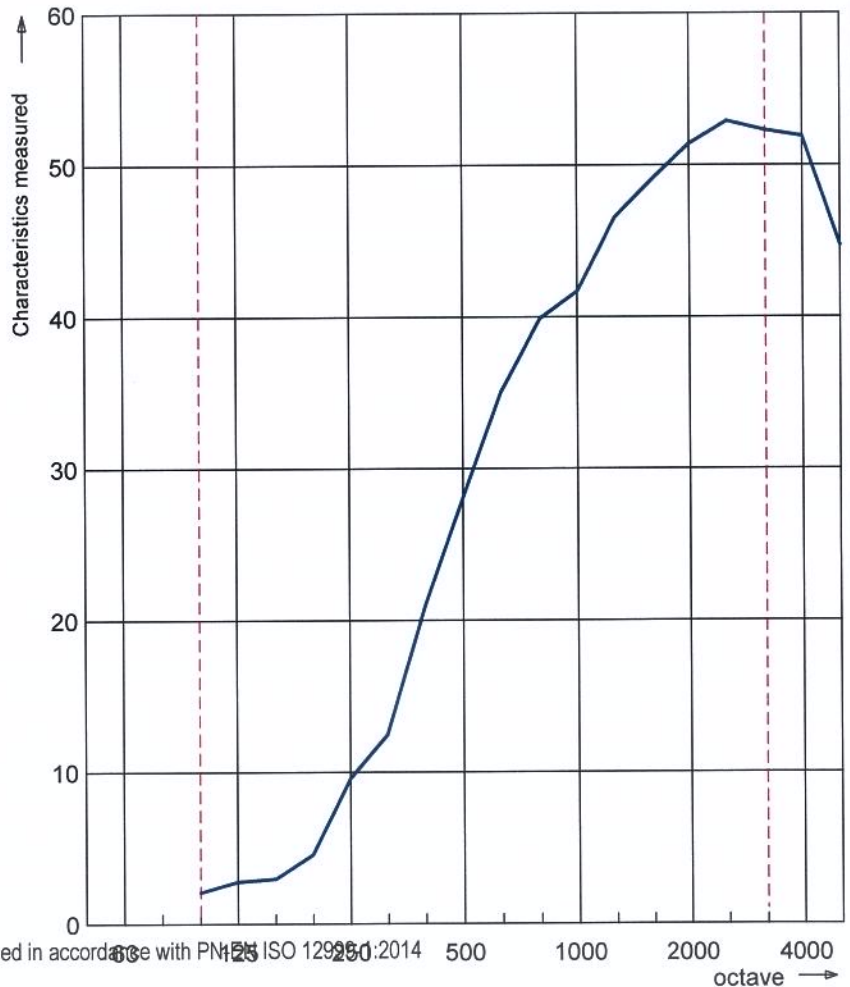
Air temperature, °C: --- **20.9**

Air humidity, %: --- **62.4**

--- Frequency, f, Hz

— Frequency range for rating according to PN-EN ISO 717-2:2013

f [Hz]	Frequency 1/3  D L [dB]	L <sub>n0</sub> 1/3  D L [dB]	L <sub>n,r</sub> 1/3  D L [dB]
50	---	---	---
63	---	---	---
80	---	---	---
100	<b>59.6</b>	<b>57.5</b>	<b>2.1</b>
125	<b>59.6</b>	<b>56.8</b>	<b>2.8</b>
160	<b>65.0</b>	<b>62.0</b>	<b>3.0</b>
200	<b>69.4</b>	<b>64.8</b>	<b>4.6</b>
250	<b>69.1</b>	<b>59.5</b>	<b>9.6</b>
315	<b>64.8</b>	<b>52.3</b>	<b>12.5</b>
400	<b>66.1</b>	<b>45.2</b>	<b>20.9</b>
500	<b>67.4</b>	<b>39.3</b>	<b>28.1</b>
630	<b>68.2</b>	<b>33.1</b>	<b>35.1</b>
800	<b>70.4</b>	<b>30.5</b>	<b>39.9</b>
1000	<b>70.0</b>	<b>28.3</b>	<b>41.7</b>
1250	<b>70.6</b>	<b>24.0</b>	<b>46.6</b>
1600	<b>71.6</b>	<b>22.5</b>	<b>49.1</b>
2000	<b>72.3</b>	<b>20.9</b>	<b>51.4</b>
2500	<b>73.8</b>	<b>20.9</b>	<b>52.9</b>
3150	<b>73.9</b>	<b>21.6</b>	<b>52.3</b>
4000	<b>73.4</b>	<b>21.5</b>	<b>51.9</b>
5000	<b>72.7</b>	<b>28.0</b>	<b>44.7</b>



Single number index and its uncertainty U#95# determined in accordance with PN-EN ISO 12925:2014  
 0.8  
 0.1 dB

Rating according to PN-EN ISO 717-2:2013

**$\Delta L_w = 22$  dB**

**$C_{I,\Delta} = -12$  dB**

**$L_{n,w,o}(C_{I,o}) = 79$  (-12) dB**

**$L_{n,w,r}(C_{I,r}) = 52$  (1) dB**

These results are based on test made with an artificial source under laboratory conditions (engineering method).

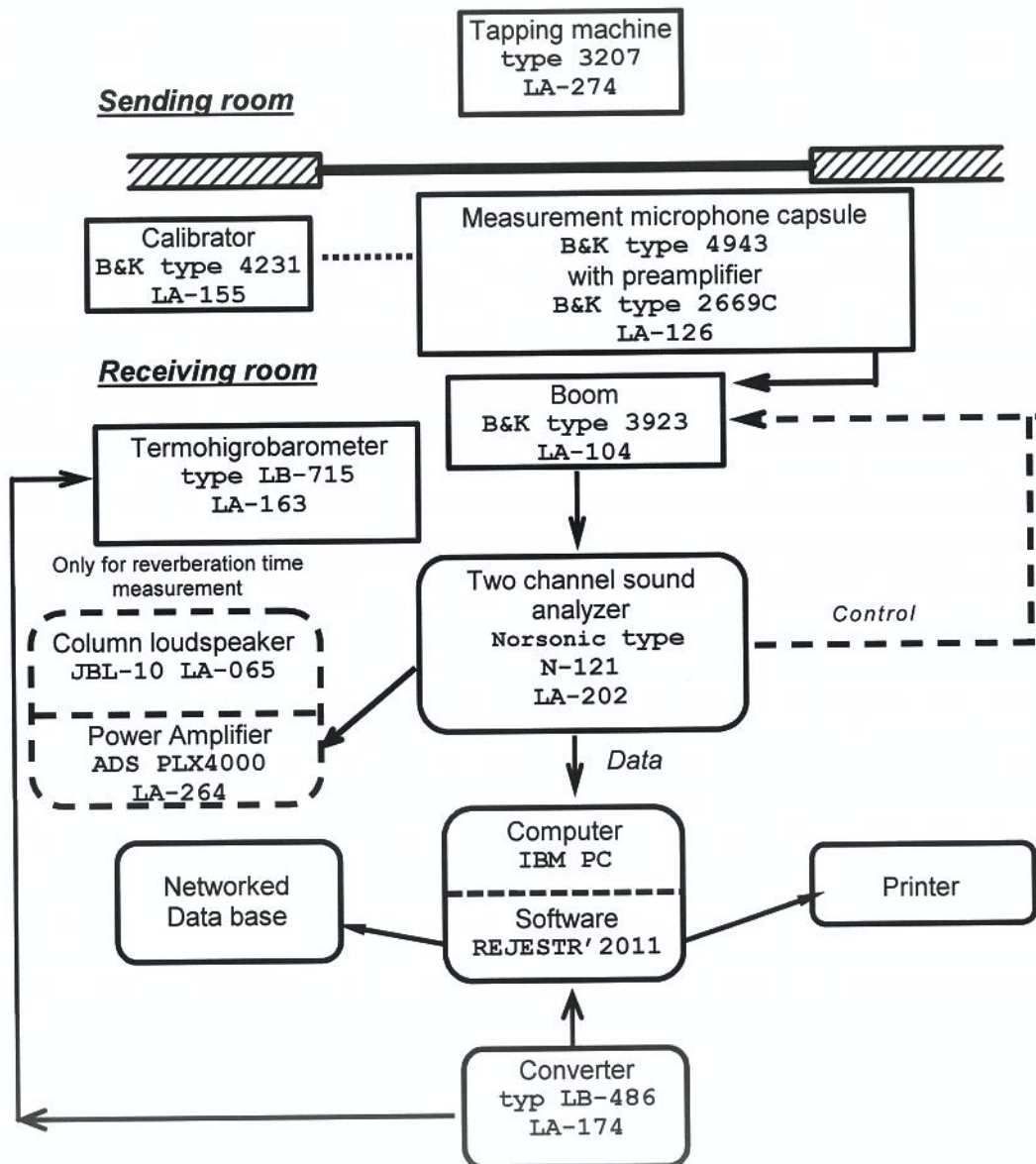
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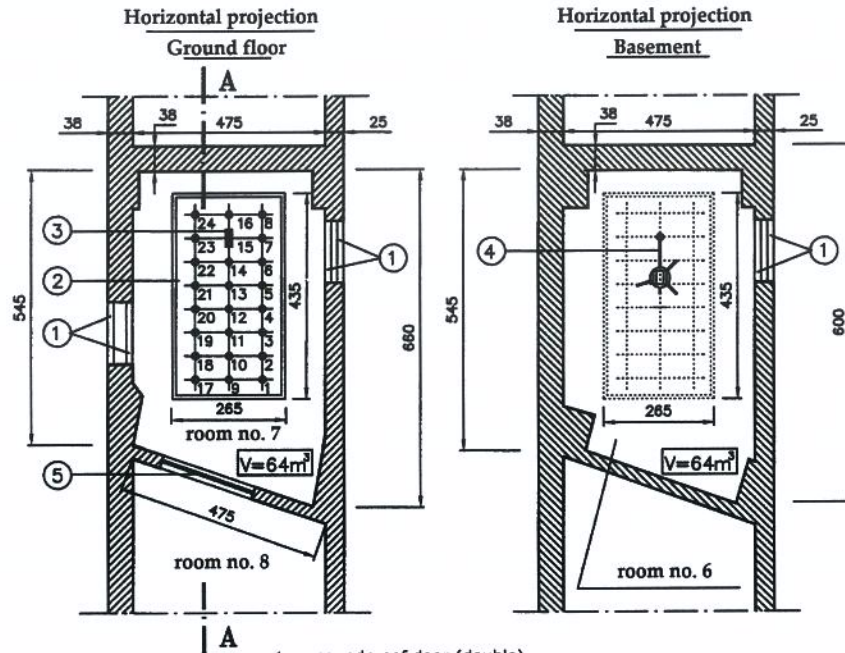
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## MEASUREMENT SYSTEM FOR IMPACT SOUND INSULATION ON MASSIVE REFERENCE FLOOR IN LABOLATORY CONDITIONS

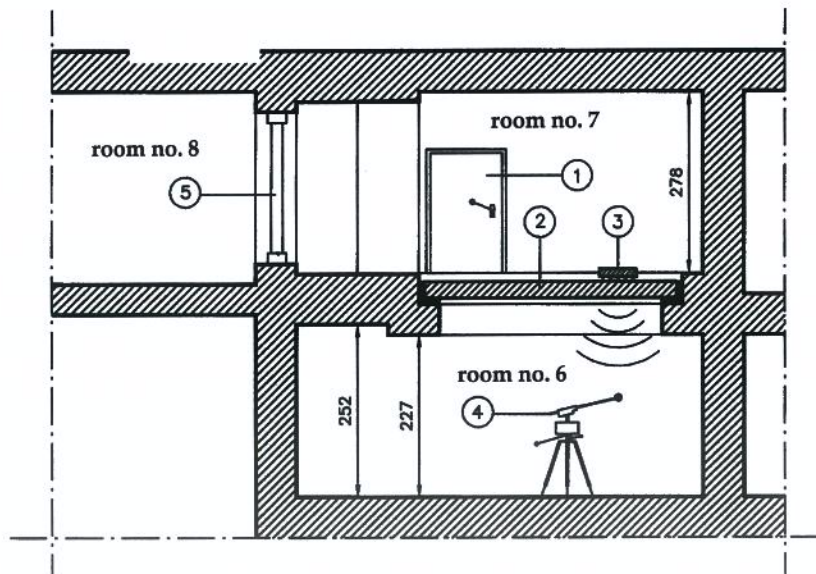


# LABORATORY TEST ROOMS FOR IMPACT SOUND INSULATION MEASUREMENTS



- 1 - soundproof door (double)
- 2 - reinforced concrete reference floor thickness = 14 cm
- 3 - tapping machine
- 4 - rotating microphone boom
- 5 - opening for test sample installation

Profile A - A



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**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING TEST PROCEDURE:****Method for testing of acoustic insulation:**

The sound source (standard tapping machine) is placed in 5 positions in the source room, in accordance with the standard's requirements. Average sound pressure level in 1/3 octave bands is measured in the receiving room with a continuously moving microphone. Average sound pressure level in the receiving room is obtained by integrating in (over?) time and space.

Reverberation time T is measured in the receiving room and allows for the calculation of the correction factor in the equation for the normalized impact sound pressure level  $L_n$  (Sabine's formula:  $A=0.16V/T$ , V – receiving room volume). Normalized impact sound pressure level is calculated using the following equation:

$$L_n = L_i + 10 \log \frac{A}{A_0} \text{ [dB]}$$

$L_i$  – average sound pressure level in one-third octave bands in the receiving room [dB] (reference pressure  $20\mu\text{Pa}$ ),

A – equivalent sound absorption area in the receiving room in  $\text{m}^2$  (calculated from Sabine's formula),

$A_0$  – reference equivalent sound absorption area in  $\text{m}^2$  ( $A_0 = 10 \text{ m}^2$ ).

Measurement of impact sound reduction was made on massive, reinforced concrete reference floor with thickness of 140 mm. Samples were installed on the test floor without being glued to the surface. Diagram of system used to measure air-borne sound insulation is shown on page no. 4.

Single-number quantities:  $\Delta L_w$ ,  $C_{i,\Delta}$  and  $\Delta L_{lin} = \Delta L_w + C_{i,\Delta}$  were calculated in accordance with standard EN ISO 717-2:2013.

Prior to measurements, routine calibration/inspection of the measuring system was carried out in accordance with the Instruction № 1 entitled "Routine Calibration/Inspection of the Acoustic Measuring System".

**Person in charge of the test:**

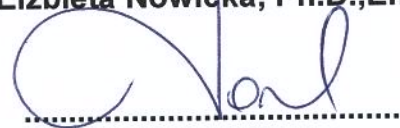
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**Person authorizing the report:**

**Elżbieta Nowicka, Ph.D., Eng.**



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**30th July 2015, Warsaw**

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