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Sound Absorption
RAL™-A21-471

CONDUCTED: 2021-09-09

ON: Flower Five - Helmholtz Absorption Span

TEST METHODOLOGY

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INFORMATION PROVIDED BY SPONSOR

The test specimen was designated by the sponsor as Flower Five - Helmholtz Absorption Span. The following nominal product information was provided by the sponsor prior to testing. The accuracy of such sponsor-provided information can affect the validity of the test results.

Specimen Under Test

Specimen Name:	Flower Five - Helmholtz Absorption Span
Fabricator:	University of Michigan

SPECIMEN MEASUREMENTS & TEST CONDITIONS

Through a full external visual inspection performed on the test specimen, Riverbank personnel verified the following information:

Base frame and support rods

Materials:	Flat grid of thirteen (13) equilateral triangles Twelve (12) support rods, each anchored at a vertex of the triangular grid
Dimensions:	1822 mm (71.75 in.) by 2102 mm (82.75 in.)
Frame Thickness:	19.25 mm (0.758 in.)
Installation:	Base frame placed on horizontal surface of test chamber Support rods used to hold test specimen panels
Overall Weight:	19.05 kg (42 lbs)

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Test Specimen

Materials:	Fourteen (14) glass hexagonal panels arranged in seven (7) pairs, one (1) pair of a flat panel and a curved panel, six (6) pairs of curved panels with various degrees of curvature, perforations on some curved panels
Panel Geometry:	Regular hexagons with side length @ 381 mm (15 in.)
Thickness:	Individual flat panel @ 4.06 mm (0.16 in.) Curved panel pairs @ various thicknesses
Installation:	Each pair comprised of a second panel stacked atop the first with no horizontal translation Seven (7) pairs of panels placed atop support rods in a hexagonal array Array consists of center pair, with other six (6) pairs evenly placed around center and with top surfaces of each parallel to a common horizontal plane Air spaces between each adjacent pair in array @ 10.97 mm (0.432 in.)
Overall Weight:	52.39 kg (115.5 lbs)

Test Environment

Room Volume:	291.98 m³
Temperature:	22.3 °C ± 0.1 °C (Requirement: ≥ 10 °C and ≤ 5 °C change)
Relative Humidity:	64.65 % ± 1.1 % (Requirement: ≥ 40 % and ≤ 5 % change)
Barometric Pressure:	99.0 kPa (Requirement not defined)

MOUNTING METHOD

Non-standard mounting: The specimen is an array of pairs of glass panels. The panels were supported by rods anchored to a base frame on the horizontal test surface such that the bottommost point of the curved panels was located approximately 381 mm (15 in.) from the horizontal test surface.

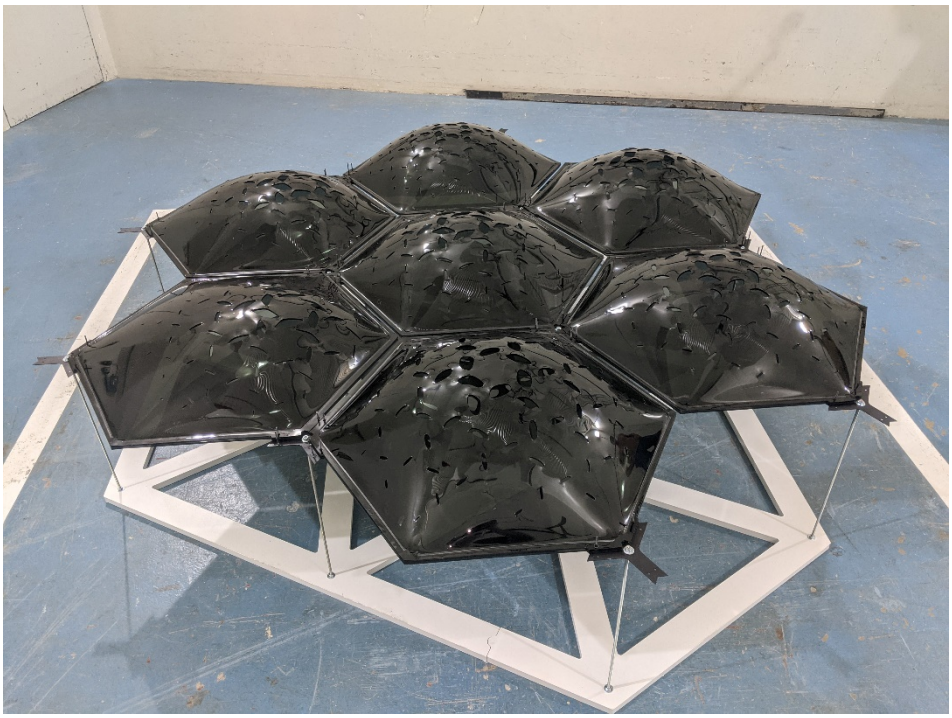

Figure 1 – Specimen mounted in test chamber

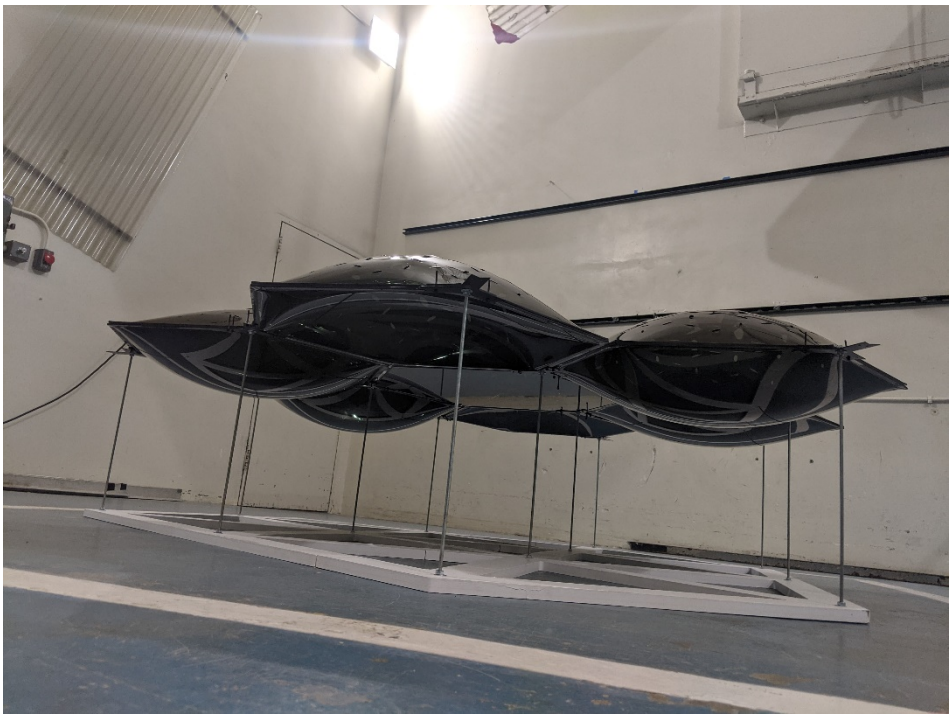

Figure 2 – Specimen mounted in test chamber

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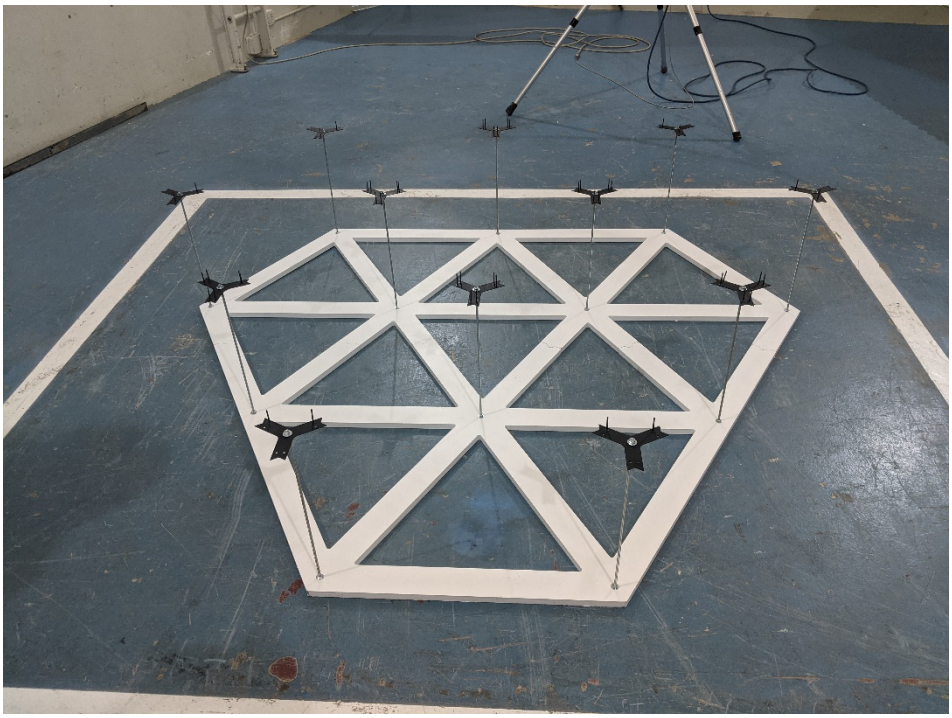

Figure 3 – Base frame and support rods in test chamber prior to installation of glass units

Figure 4 – Detail of support rod

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Figure 5 – Detail of curvature and perforations on some specimen glass panels

Figure 6 – Detail of air gap between adjacent pairs of glass plates

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TEST RESULTS

Note: The empty room absorption test, which is used as a correction factor for the specimen absorption test data, was conducted with the base frame and support rods in the test chamber to minimize the effect of these elements on the specimen absorption data. As such, the specimen absorption data should theoretically represent the acoustic absorption of only the glass panel elements.

1/3 Octave Center Frequency (Hz)	**Total Absorption** (m^2)	(Sabins)
100	0.07	0.80
** 125	0.59	6.37
160	0.87	9.34
200	1.08	11.63
** 250	1.26	13.53
315	0.40	4.30
400	0.26	2.76
** 500	0.57	6.10
630	0.38	4.09
800	0.43	4.64
** 1000	0.43	4.60
1250	0.37	3.99
1600	0.33	3.52
** 2000	0.25	2.72
2500	0.22	2.40
3150	0.27	2.88
** 4000	0.13	1.39
5000	0.14	1.53

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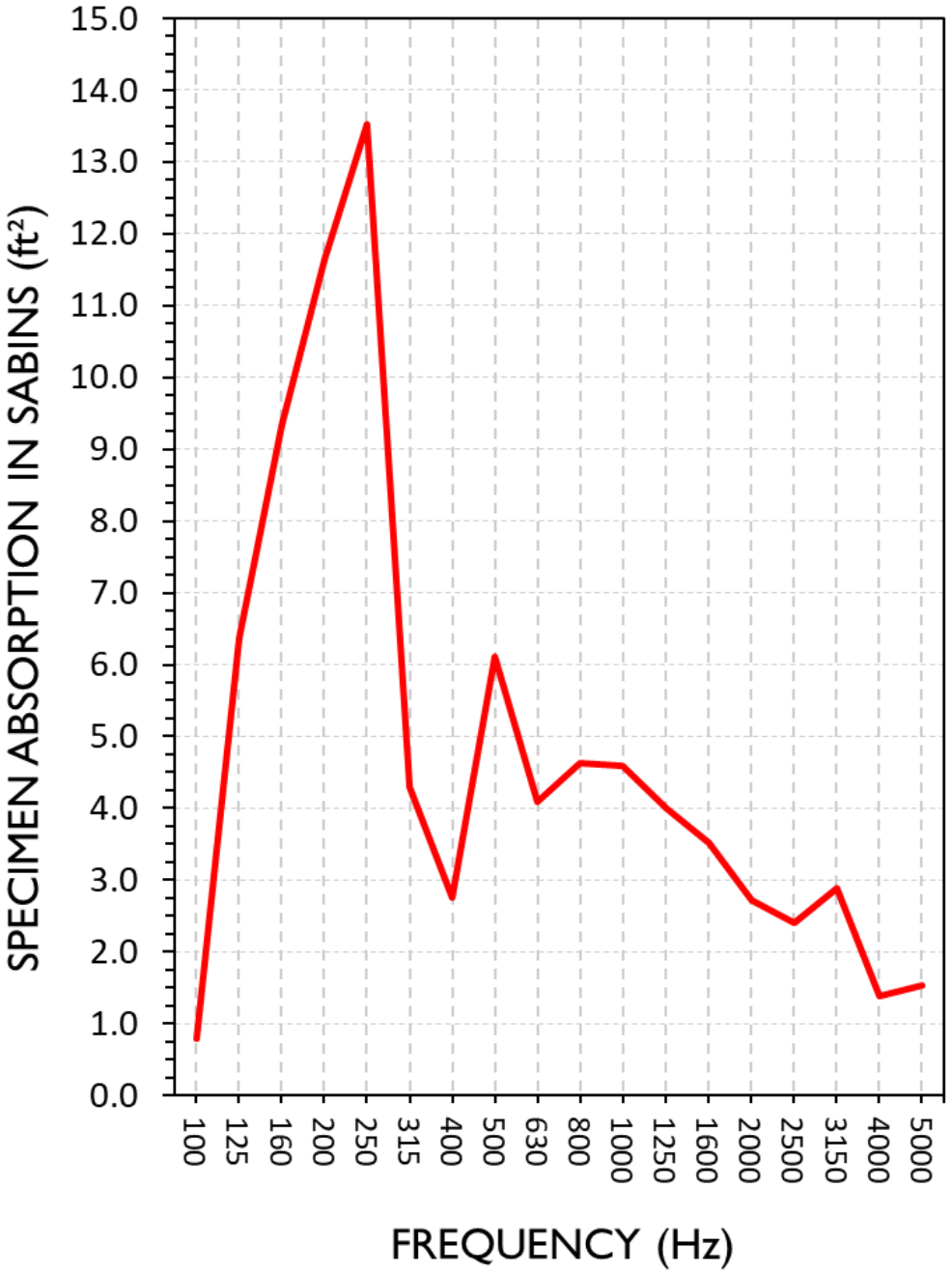

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APPENDIX A: Extended Frequency Range Data

Specimen: Flower Five - Helmholtz Absorption Span (See Full Report)

The following non-accredited data were obtained in accordance with ASTM C423-17, but extend beyond the defined frequency range of 100Hz to 5,000Hz. These unofficial results are representative of the RAL test environment only and intended for research & comparison purposes.

1/3 Octave Band Center Frequency (Hz)	Total Absorption (m^2)	Total Absorption (Sabins)
31.5	-0.09	-0.93
40	0.72	7.73
50	0.22	2.38
63	0.26	2.83
80	-0.01	-0.09
100	0.07	0.80
125	0.59	6.37
160	0.87	9.34
200	1.08	11.63
250	1.26	13.53
315	0.40	4.30
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4000	0.13	1.39
5000	0.14	1.53
6300	0.28	3.03
8000	0.04	0.43
10000	0.39	4.22
12500	-0.15	-1.62

APPENDIX B: Instruments of Traceability

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Description	Model	Serial Number	Date of Certification	Calibration Due
System 1	Type 3160-A-042	3160-106968	2021-07-01	2022-07-01
Bruel & Kjaer Mic And Preamp A	Type 4943-B-001	2311428	2020-09-30	2021-09-30
Bruel & Kjaer Pistonphone	Type 4228	2781248	2021-08-13	2022-08-13
EXTECH Hygro 639	SD700	A.103639	2020-12-18	2021-12-18

APPENDIX C: Revisions to Original Test Report

Specimen: Flower Five - Helmholtz Absorption Span (See Full Report)

Date	Revision
2021-12-08	Original report issued

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