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1: Estimating sound transmission through building elements

Sound that travels through the ceiling space and into the adjacent dwelling next door is characterized as "flanking" transmission insofar as the sound travels around the end of the wall, above or below it, through the floor structure.

Validation of the proposed single number ratings in listening tests, requires not only adequate auralisation and laboratory conditions with sufficiently low background sound levels, but also appropriate psychoacoustic methods. This contribution presents an overview of the research done in relation to laboratory listening tests used in building acoustic context. Next, the choice of the psychoacoustic method and its impact on the subjective assessment of airborne sound transmission is discussed. Finally, results on the effect of temporal and spectral features of the presented stimuli on loudness perception are presented. A comparison is made between 1 original daily life signals, auralized as they would sound after being transmitted through a wall between neighboring apartments, 2 a time reversed version of the signals, and, 3 noise stimuli filtered to have the spectrum of particular sounds. Since , she has been active in different fields of building physics in general and building and room acoustics, environmental and virtual acoustics and perception of sound in particular. She has contributed to 3 monographies, she is author of one book on Psychoacoustics, 4 book chapters, 3 course text books, 14 papers in peer reviewed international journals, over 25 other scientific papers, and over proceeding articles. She has given more than 70 talks at conferences, of which 2 plenaries and 40 invited. The study 1 concerns a large socio-acoustic survey conducted in 28 Finnish multi-storey buildings []. Occupants were mainly annoyed by living sounds which are not primarily low-frequency sounds. Study 2 [3] concerns a listening experiment where 59 subjects rated the annoyance of various kinds of living sounds heard through various kinds of walls. Findings suggested that it is not necessary to include frequencies Hz to the single-number quantity SNQ of airborne sound reduction index used to rate the sound insulation in residential buildings. Study 3 [4] used the data of study 2 to determine a SNQ or reference levels Li for the band Hz which best predicts the annoyance caused by neighboring living sounds. The reference levels Li of optimized reference spectrum were 10 dB smaller than for C of ISO within frequencies Hz. Within Hz, the optimized Li values conformed the Li-values of C Short Vita Hongisto is a leader of the indoor environment IE research group focusing on acoustics and ventilation. The research involves physical modeling and measurement of IEs, modeling and development of IE products, perception of IE in laboratory conditions psychophysics and long-term effects of IE on humans in various environments cognitive and environmental psychology. Floor impact noise is regarded as the most irritating noise among all noises in multi-story residential buildings. In , the Korean Government enacted building regulation on floor impact noise. The building regulation was consisted of 4-grade classification system and established based on the field measurement data and some survey results. In order to improve floor impact noise isolation performance and to increase the sound comfort in apartment building for the occupants, regulations based on an objective and easily understood measurement and evaluation method are required. However single number quantity was not proposed in ISO. In the draft of acoustic classification scheme for dwelling, classification system on the Rubber Ball was not included. For the evaluation of low frequency impact sound isolation performance, classification for the Rubber Ball should be included. In addition, research on the verification should be conducted. Also research plans to verify the SNQ and develop a classification for the Rubber Ball will be discussed. Jeong is a researcher at the Fire Insurers Laboratory of Korea. His research focuses on fire safety, specifically on evacuation signals and human behaviour, and on building and room acoustics. Whether these measurands are the most appropriate should be researched in depth. Many sources are nowadays time variant which complicates the acoustic planning. In this talk, examples will be given on predictions, measurements and assessments of structure-borne sound from a washing machine and a household freezer respectively. Participants will be invited to discuss, how the ISO standards should be applied, which frequency and time resolution should be used. Short Vita Christian Simmons has made applied research, consultancy and standardization work within the field of building acoustics for more than 25 years. The main focus has been on sound classification of multi-family residential buildings. Sound insulation has been in focus, but noise from road traffic as well as service equipment is now getting more attention. Much work remains in this field, to gain experience with predictions, measurements and ratings of the variety of types of noise, especially with respect to tonality and time variant sources. Predictions for lightweight constructions Michel Villot, CSTB, Center for Building Science and Technology, Grenoble, France Abstract The subject of this lecture is focused on predicting the acoustic performance of lightweight buildings typically steel or wood framed lightweight elements as opposed to heavier masonry or concrete elements from the performance of elements, i. The corresponding CEN and ISO standards exist but their application has been so far mainly restricted to heavy buildings. The corresponding and necessary modifications, the underlying physical principles and the resulting limitations are presented in this lecture, where both airborne and impact sound insulation as well as sound levels due to service equipment are considered. He received his engineering degree in mechanics from Ecole Centrale de Lyon in His work was mainly in the field of measurement and prediction methods in building acoustics with a focus on structure borne noise and ground borne vibration. After retiring in he began as a consultant. Michel is also the Associate Editor of Acta Acustica. In the latest draft of this standard and the draft of ISO with the related measurement methods more detailed information is given on the application to lightweight buildings systems, such as solid or framed timber construction. Both methods of ISO , the so-called direct and indirect method, will be outlined and discussed for the special case of building junctions made from framed and solid timber floors and walls. With the indirect method, the sound reduction index of a single flanking path is determined from the sound pressure level difference between rooms, by suppressing all other path by adding shielding. With the direct method the structure-borne sound transmission at a junction is determined from the velocity level difference measured at coupled building elements. To predict the flanking sound insulation in this case, further input data, i. Hereby the radiation efficiency for airborne and structural excitation plays a key role to obtain the resonant transmission component below the coincidence frequency. The classical approach, where the radiation efficiency is determined from the radiated sound power in the room, as well as a more advanced measurement method, where the radiated sound power is calculated from the velocity distribution on the element surface, will be presented and compared. He is expert on direct and flanking sound transmission through building elements and building structures - in particular specialized on lightweight construction. Afterwards he gained field experience as a consultant engineer in building physics. In he was awarded a Ph. There he conducted, amongst others, research on low frequency impact sound transmission in timber frame buildings and lead the building acoustic research in a multidisciplinary project with the goal to increase the allowable building height of wooden buildings in Canada. Predicting and measuring sound transmission in buildings at low frequencies Carl Hopkins, Acoustics Research Unit, School of Architecture, University of Liverpool Abstract In recent years there has been a debate about the importance of considering low-frequencies in the rating of airborne and impact sound insulation. However, in order to consider regulatory requirements that include low-frequencies in the rating it is first necessary to assess what is currently achievable in terms of measurement and prediction. This presentation will review low-frequency sound fields in rooms and link this to what is achievable in laboratory and field measurements of sound insulation according to current International standards. In terms of predicting direct and flanking sound transmission, models using analytical approaches, finite elements, statistical energy analysis will be used to illustrate what is feasible, and the associated uncertainty. He is a Fellow of the Institute of Acoustics and a chartered engineer. In Carl was awarded the Tyndall Medal by the Institute for his achievements and services in the field of acoustics. His research considers both sound and structure-borne sound in the built environment for which he has published a sole-author book on sound insulation in buildings and over journal and conference papers.

2: Minnesota Sustainable Housing Initiative

transmission of sound through structures A typical noise control application involves a combination of absorption of sound and transmission of sound energy by a variety of airborne and stucture-borne paths.

Rating methodology[edit] The ASTM sound transmission loss test methods have changed every few years. Thus, STC results posted before may not produce the same results today, and the differences become wider as one goes further back in timeâ€"the differences in the applicable test methods between the s and today being quite significant. These Transmission Loss values are then plotted on a sound pressure level graph and the resulting curve is compared to a standard reference contour. Although it is worthwhile to discuss the utility of sound transmission loss data that lies outside the standard frequency range especially in the low-frequency region , for simplicity results will be primarily be presented and discussed within these standard limitations. These double-stud walls vary in sound isolation performance from the mid STCs into the high STCs depending on the presence of insulation and the gypsum wallboard type and quantity. Each of these framing characteristics have an effect on the sound isolation of the partition to varying degrees. However, absorptive interior surface treatments do not significantly improve the sound isolation from one room to another through demising partitions over the typical frequency range measured currently. In contrast, adding standard fiberglass insulation to an otherwise empty cavity in light-gauge gauge or lighter steel stud partitions can result in a nearly 10 STC-point improvement. As the stud gauge becomes heavier, the presence and type of insulation matters less. Mass[edit] The effect of adding multiple layers of gypsum wallboard to a frame also varies depending on the framing type and configuration. Temperate climates and hurricane- or tornado-prone areas may, however, require the use of masonry walls for structural stability. Decoupling[edit] Structurally decoupling the gypsum wallboard panels from the partition framing can result in a large increase in sound isolation when installed correctly. Examples of structural decoupling in building construction include resilient channels, sound isolation clips and hat channels, and staggered- or double-stud framing. The STC results of decoupling in wall and ceiling assemblies varies significantly depending on the framing type, air cavity volume, and decoupling material type. The shear loading of a highly visco-elastic interlayer sandwiched between two more rigid constraining layers causes decreased displacement due to vibration, reducing the amount of sound energy radiated through a panel between enclosures. It is important to note that there are nearly infinite field conditions that will affect sound isolation in situ when designing or remodeling building partitions and enclosures. Partitions that are inadequately or inappropriately sealedâ€"that contain back-to-back electrical boxes, untreated recessed lighting, and unsealed pipes to name just a fewâ€"provide flanking paths for sound. Sound flanking paths include any sound transmission path other than the wall or ceiling partition itself. Great care and caution must be applied to any acoustically-treated building partition to ensure that the field sound isolation performance more closely approaches laboratory-tested values see data from the National Research Council of Canada. However, not all jurisdictions use the IBC for their building or municipal code. In jurisdictions where IBC is used, this requirement may not apply to all dwelling units. For example, a building conversion may not need to meet this rating for all walls. STC 65 to 70 walls are often designed into luxury multifamily units, dedicated home theaters, and high end hotels.

3: Sound transmission class - Wikipedia

As sound energy travels through a building, it changes from one type of transmission to the other and back, losing energy in each transition. Because of its rigidity, wood framing is a very good transmitter of low-frequency sound and hollow wall cavities and thin doors do little to reduce sound transmission.

The influence of typical window characteristics on sound transmission are discussed. Introduction In addition to their primary function as visual openings, windows also transmit sound. This is of concern not only for the exterior surfaces of a building, but also for interior applications ranging from office doors to control booths in recording studios. Sound transmitted through windows often limits the overall acoustical insulation. Sound transmission through windows is governed by the same physical principles that affect walls,1 but practical noise control measures are influenced by the properties of glass and the characteristics of window assemblies. Increasing the glass thickness, for example, gives greater noise reduction at most frequencies, but the stiffness of glass limits the improvement. As with other building assemblies, transmission of sound through cracks may drastically reduce the effective noise reduction. This is of particular concern for openable windows: Most of the data presented in this Digest are for sealed windows. A procedure to estimate the change in noise reduction caused by air leakage is presented at the end. The acoustical terms used in this Digest such as decibels abbreviated dB , were discussed in detail in Canadian Building Digest General trends are presented here in terms of the sound transmission class STC , which is the single figure rating of sound transmission most commonly used in North America. Although the STC rating of building elements is generally satisfactory for ranking their reduction of noise from sources such as the human voice, it does not properly rate insulation against sources with strong low frequency content. Because most outdoor noise sources such as aircraft and road traffic are in this category, STC ratings are not sufficient for assessing noise reduction by exterior surfaces, as noted in the Standard defining the STC. Although single glazing does approach this "mass law" behaviour at some frequencies, the stiffness of glass and the limited size of typical windows cause significant deviations from this prediction. Mass law predictions and actual TL curves for two examples of sealed single glazing are presented in Figure 1. The mass law predicts more change in TL with increasing frequency than is measured for real windows. Sound transmission loss TL for sealed single glazing At lower frequencies the measured TL is higher than the mass law prediction; this occurs because of edge constraints and the size of the window relative to the wavelength of sound waves. These effects are generally insignificant for large surfaces such as the walls separating rooms, but they increase the TL for small panels such as typical windows. How much the TL is increased depends both on the size and shape of the window and on how the glass is mounted in the frame. At higher frequencies, the measured TL drops far below the mass law prediction. This sharp decrease in the measured TL is commonly called the "coincidence dip". The frequency at which this occurs is inversely proportional to the thickness of the glass. For 2 mm thick glass, the coincidence dip would be near 5 kHz. For 18 mm glass, the coincidence frequency is in the Hz band, as shown in Figure 1. Near Hz, the TL for 18 mm glass is actually lower than that for 4 mm glass. For frequencies above Hz, the measured TL for 18 mm glass is far below the performance predicted by mass law. Because of this effect, the STC rating for single glazing increases very little with increasing glass thickness. Above the coincidence frequency, laminated glass consisting of two or more layers of glass bonded together by thin plastic interlayers can provide much higher TL than solid glass. Laminated glass may closely approach mass law performance above the coincidence frequency. This improvement is apparently due to damping dissipation of vibrational energy by the plastic interlayers. It should be noted, however, that damping is normally temperature dependent. Transparent plastic including impact resistant polycarbonate is sometimes used instead of glass. Typical plastics provide noise reduction similar to that for glass of the same mass. For example, the TL for 8 mm thick plastic resembles that shown in Figure 1 for 4 mm glass, which has approximately the same weight. Sealed Double Glazing The TL of double glazing is strongly dependent on the features of the cavity between the two layers of glass. The STC rating of typical sealed double glazing increases as the air space increases Figure 2. For each doubling of the air space, the STC increases by approximately 3. The STC also increases with increasing glass thickness.

Sound transmission class STC versus interpane spacing for double glazing 6 If the separation between the two layers of glass is small, the STC rating is only slightly higher or may actually be lower than that for a single layer of the same glass. This occurs because the air in the space between the two layers of glass acts like a spring transferring vibrational energy from one layer to the other. This causes an abrupt decrease in the TL that is commonly called the mass-air-mass resonance. The frequency at which this resonance occurs is given by the expression: The resonance falls within the frequency range of to Hz for typical factory-sealed double glazing, as illustrated in Figure 3. Much of the sound energy from aircraft or road traffic falls within this frequency range. By increasing the airspace and using heavier glass, the resonance frequency can be lowered to improve the insulation against such noise sources. The effect of a small airspace on TL of double glazing Below the mass-air-mass resonance frequency, the double glazing has the same TL as single glass with the same total glass thickness. Far above the resonance frequency, the TL is higher than that for either layer by itself, and increases like the STC approximately 3 dB for each doubling of the airspace. Sealed Triple Glazing Despite the widespread belief that adding another layer of glass must be beneficial, triple glazing provides essentially the same noise reduction as double glazing, unless the interlayer separation is very large. Figure 4 compares TL data for a double-glazed window with that for a triple-glazed window of similar total thickness. At higher frequencies, the TL curves are almost identical. The STC ratings for the two windows are the same. TL of double and triple glazed windows The small difference between the TL of double and triple glazing is not restricted to factory-sealed glazing mounted in a single sash where total air space is normally 15 mm or less. Unless both airspaces are much larger than this, the STC of triple windows is very similar to that of double windows. For a double window with a large airspace, replacing one of the layers of glass with factory-sealed double glazing gives only a small increase in the STC. Designing for Noise Control In cases where substantial noise reduction is required, double glazing is the most sensible choice. The airspace should be sufficiently large to provide the desired TL. Using different thicknesses of glass for double or triple glazing gives greater noise reduction. The highest STC values shown in Figure 2 are for double 6 mm glass; windows with 3 mm glass substituted for one of the layers of 6 mm glass would have equal or higher STC ratings. Using different glass thicknesses is effective because resonances for each layer fall at different frequencies. A ratio of about 2 in thickness of the glass layers is most effective. Transmission of sound energy through the window frame can limit the noise reduction, especially for windows with high TL. The STC data in Figure 2 are for glass mounted in wood sashes supported in a wood frame 40 mm thick; tests showed that transmission through the frame was insignificant. Some tests with lightweight metal frames have given lower STC results, apparently due to vibrations transmitted by the window frame. In general, the use of lightweight frames should be avoided. If very high TL is required, using separate frames supported by structurally independent walls eliminates the problem of transmission through the frame. Although filling the interior cavity with sound absorbing material such as glass fibre can significantly increase the STC for double layer walls, this is impractical for windows because of the need for transparency. Some noise reduction can be achieved by adding absorptive material to cover the surface of the frame around the perimeter of the cavity. This increases the STC only slightly, although increases of up to 10 dB may be achieved at high frequencies. Although non-parallel mounting of the glass is a well established practice for windows in recording studios, no acoustical benefits of this practice are discernible in careful laboratory measurements. The TL of windows with slanted glass is essentially identical to that for parallel glazing with the same average interpane space. Parallel glazing at the maximum spacing permitted by the supporting wall gives optimum noise reduction. Openable Windows Sound transmission through cracks around openable windows reduces their TL relative to that for sealed windows, In general, the reduction in TL tends to be greatest for the high frequency bands. For a window with good weatherstripping, the STC is usually from 3 to 5 lower that that for an equivalent sealed window. The higher the STC of a sealed window, the more it is decreased by a given sound leak. The approximate reduction in the STC is given by the expression: Factors affecting sound transmission loss. Introduction to building acoustics. Controlling sound transmission into buildings. Influence of damping on the transmission loss of laminated glass. Measurements of the sound transmission loss of windows. Sound transmission through windows: Single and double glazing. Journal of the Acoustical Society of America, Vol.

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UBC requirements for walls, ceilings, and floors are as follows: STC rating of 50 if tested in a laboratory or 45 if tested in the field. Sound Paths Even with a high STC rating, any penetration or air-gap in a partition, or "flanking path" around the partition, can seriously degrade the sound isolation quality of that assembly. Flanking paths are the means for sound to transfer from one space to another without traveling directly through the assembly. Sound can flank over, under, or around a wall. Sound can also travel through common ductwork, plumbing, or corridors. Noise will travel between spaces at the weakest points. This means that the added investment in a wall with a high STC rating can easily be lost unless all the weak points are also controlled. Windows and doors are typically the weak links in exterior walls. They generally have lower STC ratings than common exterior walls and provide flanking paths for sound around the wall. The presence of windows and doors can compromise the sound control of otherwise high-STC assemblies. However, the actual dB reduction windows and doors provide varies over a range of frequencies. At mid to high frequencies, windows and doors generally provide 10 to15 dB less sound attenuation than common exterior walls. But at low frequencies, the wall itself becomes the weak link and windows and doors generally provide 5 dB more sound attenuation. Figure 1 Weak links in a typical wall over a range of frequencies Increasing the STC Rating Adding Insulation in the Partition Adding insulation or other sound-absorptive material to a partition is a low-cost method to increase its STC rating. Usually, insulation is added between structural studs or between the studs and a finish layer, such as gypsum board. Increasing or Adding an Air Gap in the Partition Adding an air space within a partition can also help to increase sound attenuation. An air space effectively creates two independent walls. A common method to add an air space is with resilient channels and another layer of gypsum board. In general, the wider the air space is, the greater its effectiveness. Adding Mass to the Partition The mass of a partition is a key factor in its ability to block sound. For example, a heavy concrete wall will block more sound than a lightweight 2x4 wall with gypsum board. Mass is commonly added to existing walls by adding additional layers of gypsum board. When the mass of a barrier is doubled, the isolation quality STC rating increases by approximately 5 dB, which is clearly noticeable. For Windows There are several strategies to increase the sound attenuation of windows. Other strategies for improving the STC ratings of windows include using thicker panes of glass, using panes of glass with differing thicknesses, using laminated glass, and adding additional frame seals.

5: CBD Sound Transmission Through Windows - NRC-IRC

Price, A. J. and Crocker, M. J. () Sound transmission through double panels using statistical energy analysis. Journal of the Acoustical Society of America, 47,

Light traffic at 50 metres Loud speech Busy street, pub or restaurant Vacuum cleaner or hairdryer In buildings, sound energy can be transmitted directly or indirectly from one side of a wall or floor to the other. Indirect transmission is where sound travels by alternative pathways through separating or flanking walls or floors or along service pipes or conduits that circulate through a building. The diagram overleaf illustrates the various routes sound can take through a building structure. It can be seen that the shortest direct line of travel between the source and receptor does not necessarily create the loudest noise. Alternative pathways for sound transmission should always be carefully considered as there is little point in raising the sound insulation in one part significantly beyond the level of the insulation value in an adjacent part. The majority of the Approved Documents that apply in England and Wales deal with health and safety matters. Approved Document Part E, however, is an exception: In Approved Document Part E, the following areas of sound transmission are considered: Part E gives a minimum performance standard for acceptable noise transmission through separating structures walls, floors and stairs etc in terms of dB decibel level for both airborne sounds and impact sounds. The ideal for airborne sound is dB, while the ideal for impact sound is dB for residential conversions or refurbishments. The issue of sound transmission is brought into sharp focus when historic buildings are refurbished, subdivided or converted for a new use, such as for residential apartments, offices or hotel accommodation. Sound level requirements for different types of use vary widely, and the ability to meet current standards will be affected by the type of structure; converting a redundant or abandoned factory is likely to present very different challenges to those posed by the subdivision of a country mansion, for example. Old industrial-type buildings normally have a robust construction with generous headroom sufficient to provide a suspended ceiling system able to accommodate new service installations and insulation. Part E recognises the difficulties associated with adapting historic buildings which are undergoing material change of use and the need to conserve special characteristics, and allows special dispensation as follows: This does, nevertheless, impose significant requirements: The conversion or adaptation of historic buildings can present a range of challenges and the issue of sound insulation should not be considered in isolation. There are several other aspects that have equal or greater weighting in terms of the performance and working of a building, namely: Moreover, these concerns impact on each other. A simple rule of thumb is that the thicker or more dense a material, the better its sound insulating performance. This is basically because the heavier or stiffer a material, the more difficult it is to set up vibrations within it and the sound waves simply rebound. Heavy concrete floors and walls therefore have very good sound insulation properties, whereas thin single-glazed windows and lightweight timber walls are comparatively poor. Conversely, the more resilient or flexible the fixing used in composite and layered systems, the better the insulation performance for absorbing impact sounds. Sound is quickly dissipated in high humidity environments and can be absorbed by soft furnishings, clothing or people. Prime examples of good sound absorbing materials are mineral wool, upholstered furniture, thick carpeting, curtains and porous fibreboards. All these have open, air-filled pores which allow friction between the air and the material, converting the kinetic energy in the air particles into heat energy in the material. The weighted sound reduction index, Rw, is a number value given in decibels which describes the sound insulation performance of a material as determined by laboratory testing. This value is sometimes adjusted to cater for typical footstep noise with a term CI added. Technical data sheets for manufactured or processed material will normally give a sound performance rating. British Gypsum, for example, has various plaster-based products in their Gypfloor and Gypwall range of boarding systems that are soundproof rated dependent on the overall panel thickness and fixing method. Many suppliers offer special acoustic quilts, foams, or lagging products that can reduce sound transfer. However, wall lining systems are likely to impact significantly on the important internal features found in historic buildings, such as architraves, plaster cornices and other mouldings, and are therefore contentious. As an alternative, small well-targeted measures can make a big difference. Installing draught-proof strips to gaps under doors and skirtings is a good starting point, while open letterboxes and keyholes can easily be fitted with covers. Consideration should be given to the fitting of baffles within airbricks and redundant chimney flues. The baffles or diffusers allow the passage of air but reflect and dissipate noise. Care must always be taken not to overly restrict the free flow of air within rooms as this could encourage condensation and mould growth on cold surfaces. It may sometimes be appropriate to apply sound proofing measures in rooms at the front noisier side of a house and not at the rear. The weakest part of external walls in terms of sound resistance will be the window units, but these are often the most important features in the facades of historic buildings. From a conservation perspective it is unacceptable to remove and replace original window units unless the frames are seriously defective and beyond reasonable repair. Small enhancements can however be made quickly and easily to raise the sound insulation value by fitting a proprietary draught-proofing strip to the opening lights, and by providing beading or caulking to seal around the frame. In extremely noisy environments the fitting of secondary glazing units or demountable shutters may be advantageous. However, in most cases, the best measure is simply to hang heavy curtains set close to the wall which can be drawn as necessary. It should be kept in mind that on hot summer days windows are often left open to allow in fresh air. Weaknesses in party walls and separating compartment walls allowing indirect transmission of noise can be a major problem. Open cavities within the flanking walls and in roof spaces can be stopped off with an inert fibrous material such as Rockwool. This acts as an effective barrier to both sound and fire spread. Suspended wooden floors are likely to have an existing Rw rating of between 36 and 40dB for airborne sound and a Lwn rating of between 76 and 82dB for impact sound depending on the form of construction and ceiling type. The double joist or fully framed deep floors which are often found in larger dwellings will inherently provide better soundproofing characteristics. Even so, the sound insulation performance can be improved by introducing infill to the hidden floor void. Traditionally the infill would have been any readily available material such as sawdust, sand or lime pugging. However, many of these materials are now considered a fire hazard and they can initiate rot as they trap moisture. The preferred choice is an inert silicate cotton glass wool material in loose fibre or mat form. Insulation can be installed from above by lifting the floor boards, which will negate the need to disturb any fragile ceilings beneath, and then supported by netting or carried on battens nailed to the side face of joists. Increasing the dead weight of floors will not, on its own, significantly improve the impact sound insulation properties. A better solution is to provide a resilient layer that is isolated from and not fixed to the base structural floor and which incorporates a sound and shock absorbing material such as rubber composite or cellular foam. A floating floor will improve both airborne and impact sound insulation qualities. A heavier floating floor screed would normally comprise a 1: A problem associated with all floating floor systems, however, is that they can raise the finished floor level significantly, resulting in the need to then raise skirting boards and to trim the base of doors and architraves. Sound insulation measures may also increase the floor loads significantly. Checks may be necessary to verify that an old floor structure, which may have deteriorated or suffered damage over time, has the reserve strength capacity to carry any increased loading and not deflect significantly. The introduction of service routes, conduits and pipe runs will always create pathways for sound transmission. It is necessary, therefore, to ensure that workmanship is to a high standard, with penetrating holes fully masked and sealed tight with a flexible grommet or filler prior to concealment.

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6: Sound Insulation in Historic Buildings

Sound Transmission Class (or STC) is an integer rating of how well a building partition attenuates airborne www.enganchecubano.com the USA, it is widely used to rate interior partitions, ceilings/floors, doors, windows and exterior wall configurations (see ASTM International Classification E and E90).

Noise is pressure waves transmitted through the air. Sound pressure is measured in decibels dB. The range of human hearing is from about 0 dB, the threshold of our hearing, to dB, which is above the threshold of pain. Sound perception Sound perception is individual i. Sound pressure decreases as distance from the source increases. High frequency noise is considered more harmful to hearing than low frequency noise, but it is more difficult to reduce the impact of low frequency noise such as from a bass guitar or traffic. Sound paths Sound can reach the receiver by: Sound is able to pass through gaps and cracks, which means that any break in a sound barrier will reduce its effectiveness. Examples include gaps around doors, keyholes, ceiling spaces above walls, gaps or cracks around partitions, windows that do not seal well, degraded seals around glazing panes, power outlets, light switches and pipework penetrations. All of the ways in which sound can enter a space must be considered. Sound is dampened by passing through materials of high mass, therefore lightweight materials such as lightweight doors do not dampen sound as much as heavy materials, such as solid doors. Sound is blocked by the acoustic-insulated wall but passes through an open ceiling space. Sound will travel through any break in an acoustic system such as back-to-back power outlets. This will reduce the effectiveness of the acoustic system. Reverberation Reverberation is the sound that continues to reflect off surfaces after the noise has stopped at source. Reverberation time is the time that sound continues to be reflected. A long reverberation time three seconds or more will mask the original sound and become background noise that makes conversation difficult. Sound reverberates from hard surfaces such as walls and hard floors, whereas soft surfaces such as carpets, curtains and soft furnishings absorb sound instead of reflecting it. A room with a lot of sound-absorbent material will seem to be quieter than a room with hard surfaces. Measuring sound transmission The amount of noise that a building element such as a wall, floor, door or sheet of glass is capable of stopping is expressed as a sound transmission class STC rating. The higher the STC number, the greater the noise reduction. For example, a wall with an STC rating of: Other sound transmission ratings are:

7: Architects - AIA

Estimating sound transmission through building elements. Introduction. The algorithms on these pages estimate values of sound transmission class for stud walls of various configurations.

8: Acoustic transmission - Wikipedia

As with other building assemblies, transmission of sound through cracks may drastically reduce the effective noise reduction. This is of particular concern for openable windows: even windows with good weatherstripping have reduced noise reduction because of air leakage.

9: How to minimise noise - building

The low-frequency (Hz) airborne sound transmission of single partitions is investigated. Three theoretical models are used for the prediction: an infinite plate model, a baffled plate model and a room-plate-room model.

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