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Determination of sound absorption coefficients in a reverberation room according to ISO 354 and ISO 11654 (8 appendices)

Client

Ovacon AB

Test object

Sound absorption panels delivered by Ovacon AB and made by fiberglass materials applied by SprayTec technology. The panels were tested in 8 different thicknesses.

Date of test

 November 30th and December 1st, 2020.

Results

The sound absorption coefficient (α_s) and the practical sound absorption coefficient (α_p) are given in the enclosures 1-8. The weighted sound absorption coefficient (α_w) and the sound absorption classes have been calculated according to ISO 11654 and the results are given in table 1 below.

Table 1 – Summary of results

Test object:	ISO 11654		Enclosure
	Absorption class	α_w	
Spray-Tech-G, thickness 30 mm	C	0,70 (MH)	1
Spray-Tech-G, thickness 40 mm	B	0,85 (H)	2
Spray-Tech-G, thickness 50 mm	A	0,95	3
Spray-Tech-G, thickness 63 mm	A	1,00	4
Spray-Tech-G, thickness 75 mm	A	1,00	5
Spray-Tech-G, thickness 104 mm	A	1,00	6
Spray-Tech-G, thickness 150 mm	A	1,00	7
Spray-Tech-G, thickness 200 mm	A	1,00	8

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Each test object consisted of 16 parts that were placed on the floor in the reverberation room in a rectangular shape. For practical reasons, the fiberglass material were applied on 12,5 mm plasterboards as a base on each part.

The thickness of the test objects are reported as a mean value from five measurements on each part taken randomly. The thickness is the distance from the upper side of the plasterboard to the top side of the sound absorber material.

In table 2 the area mass of the test object including plasterboard is presented together with the estimated density of the fibre glass material. The density is based on assumption that the area mass of the plasterboard is 9 kg/m².

Table 2 – Measured area mass and density of the test objects

Test object:	Area mass incl. plasterboard kg/m ²	Estimated density fibre glass kg/m ³
Spray-Tech-G, thickness 30 mm	10,6	54,2
Spray-Tech-G, thickness 40 mm	11,4	69,6
Spray-Tech-G, thickness 50 mm	12,7	74,4
Spray-Tech-G, thickness 63 mm	13,4	69,6
Spray-Tech-G, thickness 75 mm	13,7	62,5
Spray-Tech-G, thickness 104 mm	15,6	63,1
Spray-Tech-G, thickness 150 mm	19,1	67,2
Spray-Tech-G, thickness 200 mm	21,0	60,1

The area mass of the 12,5 mm plasterboard is estimated to 9 kg/m².

Measurement method

The measurements have been carried out according to ISO 354:2003, which is equivalent to EN ISO 354 and SS-EN ISO 354. The evaluation has been carried out according to ISO 11654, which is equivalent to EN ISO 11654 and SS-EN ISO 11654. 4 loudspeaker positions and 6 microphone positions have been used giving 24 different combinations for the reverberation time measurements. For empty room 3 decays have been used for averaging the time and for test objects 5 decays have been used, for each combination of loudspeaker and microphone.

The absorption coefficient α_S has been evaluated from:

$$\alpha_S = \frac{55.3 V}{c \cdot S} \left(\frac{1}{T_2} - \frac{1}{T_1} \right)$$

where

- V = Volume of the reverberation room (m³)
- S = Area of the test object (m²)
- c = Speed of sound in air (m/s)

$$c = 331 + 0.6t$$

t = Temperature in the air ($^{\circ}\text{C}$)

T_1 = Reverberation time of the room without test object (s)

T_2 = Reverberation time of the room with test object (s)

The reverberation time of the empty room in each frequency band is expressed by the arithmetic mean of the total number of reverberation time measurements made in that frequency band. In table 3 the reverberation time for the empty room, T_1 , is given.

Table 3 – The reverberation time of the empty reverberation room measured November 30th and December 1st respectively.

Frequency [Hz]	T_1 [s]	T_1 [s]
50	10,87	10,80
63	13,21	12,76
80	9,22	8,74
100	7,96	8,11
125	6,29	6,36
160	6,26	6,14
200	6,68	6,55
250	6,49	6,62
315	6,16	6,09
400	5,67	5,73
500	5,12	5,12
630	5,10	5,02
800	5,52	5,42
1000	5,63	5,54
1250	5,44	5,30
1600	4,99	4,90
2000	4,48	4,43
2500	3,86	3,80
3150	3,44	3,38
4000	3,00	2,95
5000	2,53	2,46

Measurement uncertainty

From a world wide Round Robin¹⁾, in which SP took part, with 23 participating laboratories from 11 countries, the measurement uncertainties in table 3 has been calculated.

Table 3

Frequencies (Hz)	Uncertainty
100-630	$\pm 0,15$
800-1250	$\pm 0,10$
1600-2500	$\pm 0,15$
3150-5000	$\pm 0,20$

¹⁾ The figures are calculated from twice the standard deviations, rounded to the nearest 0,05. The data from the Round Robin is documented in a letter from the ASTM to the participating laboratories.

Pictures of the test objects

Picture 1 – Shows Spray-Tec-G with thickness 150 mm mounted on the floor in the reverberation room.



Picture 2 – Spray-Tec -G with thickness 200 mm.

Test room

A reverberation room with the dimensions 7,64 m x 6,16 m x 4,25 m giving the volume 200 m³ and the total surface area 211 m² was used.

Mounting

The panels were placed on the floor and the edges were sealed with a wooden frame and a tape (made of an elastic woven material) to prevent air leakage. The mounting depth is the distance between the floor and the front surface (upper) of the test objects.

List of instruments

Instrument	Manufacturer	Type	Serial no/SP no.
Microphone	Brüel & Kjaer	4943	BX41346
Microphone	Brüel & Kjaer	4943	503326
Microphone	Brüel & Kjaer	4943	503324
Microphone	Brüel & Kjaer	4943	503325
Microphone	Brüel & Kjaer	4943	503323
Microphone	Brüel & Kjaer	4943	503322
Microphone Preamplifier	Brüel & Kjaer	2619	502246
Microphone Preamplifier	Brüel & Kjaer	2619	502244
Microphone Preamplifier	Brüel & Kjaer	2619	502259
Microphone Preamplifier	Brüel & Kjaer	2619	502217
Microphone Preamplifier	Brüel & Kjaer	2619	502225
Microphone Preamplifier	Brüel & Kjaer	2619	503322
Analyzer	Norsonic	850	BX41346
Hygrometer/ Temperature meter	Testo	605i	BX80648
Microphone	Brüel & Kjaer	4943	BX41346
Microphone	Brüel & Kjaer	4943	503326
Microphone	Brüel & Kjaer	4943	503324
Microphone	Brüel & Kjaer	4943	503325
Loudspeakers	SP	HGT2, HGT7, HGT4, HGTTak	

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Appendices

Appendix 1
Sound absorption coefficient according to EN-ISO 11654

Measurement of sound absorption coefficient in a reverberation room

 Client: Ovacon AB Date of test: 2020-12-01
 Description: Spray-Tec-G 30 mm

Object:

Empty reverberation room:

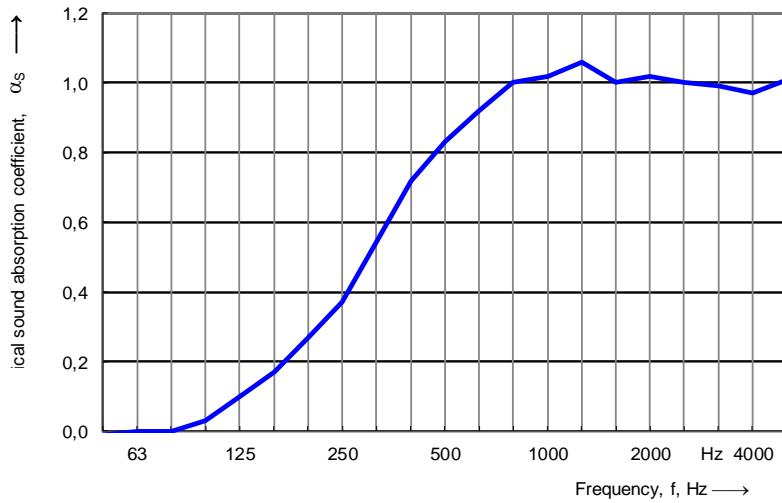
 Relative humidity: 81,2 %
 Temperature: 19,4 °C
 Barometric pressure: 99,5 kPa

Reverberation room with object:

 Relative humidity: 80,4 %
 Temperature: 19,6 °C
 Barometric pressure: 99,6 kPa

 Surface area: 11,82 m²
 Room volume: 200,0 m³
 Total room area S_t: 211,4 m²

Frequency f [Hz]	α_s 1/3 octave
50	-0,01
63	0,00
80	0,00
100	0,03
125	0,10
160	0,17
200	0,27
250	0,37
315	0,54
400	0,72
500	0,83
630	0,92
800	1,00
1000	1,02
1250	1,06
1600	1,00
2000	1,02
2500	1,00
3150	0,99
4000	0,97
5000	1,01



Appendix 1
Sound absorption coefficient according to EN-ISO 11654

Measurement of sound absorption coefficient in a reverberation room

 Client: Ovacon AB
 Description: Spray-Tec-G 30 mm

Date of test: 2020-12-01

Object:

Empty reverberation room:

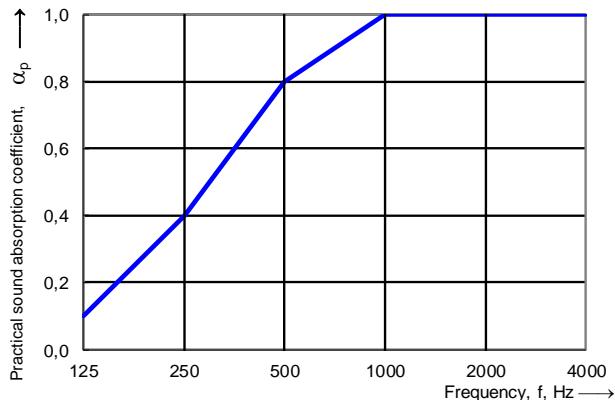
 Relative humidity: 81,2 %
 Temperature: 19,4 °C
 Barometric pressure: 99,5 kPa

Reverberation room with object:

 Relative humidity: 80,4 %
 Temperature: 19,6 °C
 Barometric pressure: 99,6 kPa

 Surface area: 11,82 m²
 Room volume: 200,0 m³
 Total room area S_r: 211,4 m²

Frequency f [Hz]	α_p 1/1 octave
100	
125	0,10
160	
200	
250	0,40
315	
400	
500	0,80
630	
800	
1000	1,00
1250	
1600	
2000	1,00
2500	
3150	
4000	1,00
5000	



Weighted sound absorption coefficient according to ISO 11654

 $\alpha_w = 0,70 \text{ (MH)}$

Classification: C

Appendix 2

Sound absorption coefficient according to EN-ISO 11654

Measurement of sound absorption coefficient in a reverberation room

Client:	Ovacon AB	Date of test:	2020-12-01
Description:	Spray-Tec-G 40 mm		

Object:

Empty reverberation room:

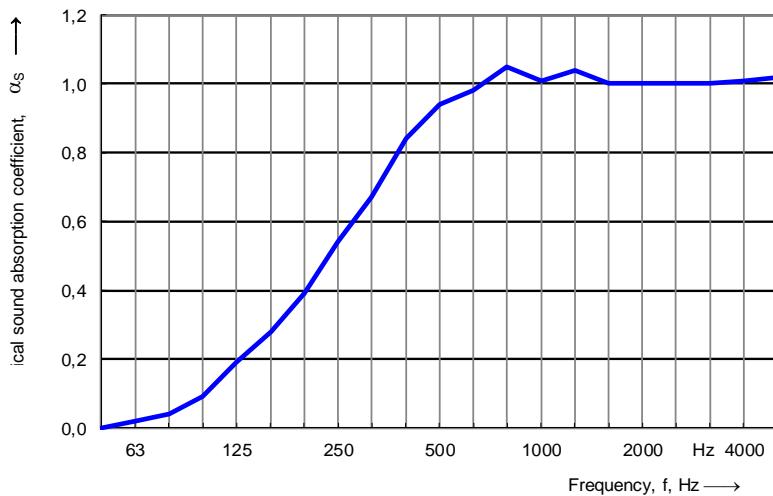
Relative humidity:	81,2 %
Temperature:	19,4 °C
Barometric pressure:	99,5 kPa

Reverberation room with object:

Relative humidity:	79,6 %
Temperature:	19,6 °C
Barometric pressure:	99,6 kPa

Surface area:	11,81 m ²
Room volume:	200,0 m ³
Total room area S _r :	211,4 m ²

Frequency f [Hz]	α_s 1/3 octave
50	0,00
63	0,02
80	0,04
100	0,09
125	0,19
160	0,28
200	0,39
250	0,54
315	0,67
400	0,84
500	0,94
630	0,98
800	1,05
1000	1,01
1250	1,04
1600	1,00
2000	1,00
2500	1,00
3150	1,00
4000	1,01
5000	1,02



Appendix 2
Sound absorption coefficient according to EN-ISO 11654

Measurement of sound absorption coefficient in a reverberation room

 Client: Ovacon AB
 Description: Spray-Tec-G 40 mm

Date of test: 2020-12-01

Object:

Empty reverberation room:

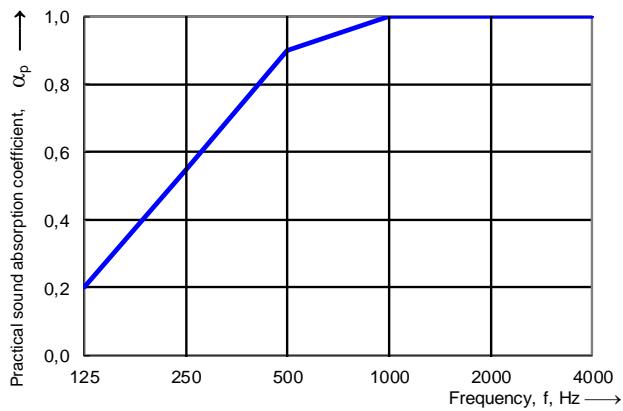
 Relative humidity: 81,2 %
 Temperature: 19,4 °C
 Barometric pressure: 99,5 kPa

Reverberation room with object:

 Relative humidity: 79,6 %
 Temperature: 19,6 °C
 Barometric pressure: 99,6 kPa

 Surface area: 11,81 m²
 Room volume: 200,0 m³
 Total room area S_r: 211,4 m²

Frequency f [Hz]	α_p 1/1 octave
100	
125	0,20
160	
200	
250	0,55
315	
400	
500	0,90
630	
800	
1000	1,00
1250	
1600	
2000	1,00
2500	
3150	
4000	1,00
5000	



Weighted sound absorption coefficient according to ISO 11654

 $\alpha_w = 0,85 \text{ (H)}$

Classification: B

Appendix 3
Sound absorption coefficient according to EN-ISO 11654

Measurement of sound absorption coefficient in a reverberation room

 Client: Ovacon AB Date of test: 2020-11-30
 Description: Spray-Tec-G 50 mm

Object:

Empty reverberation room:

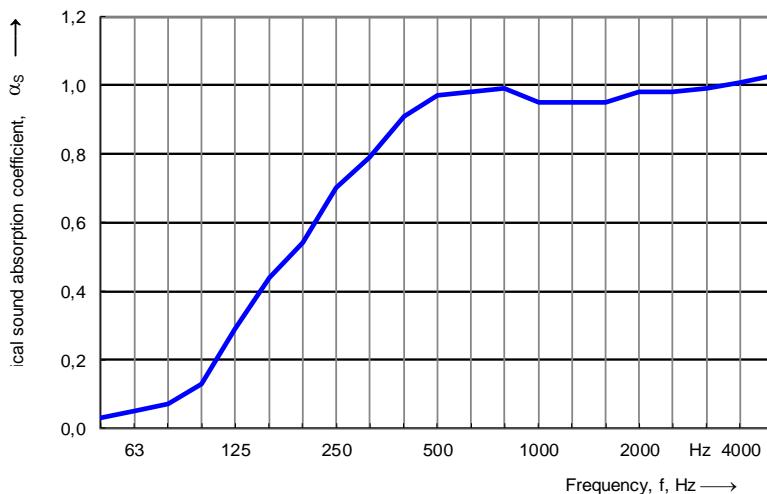
 Relative humidity: 83,0 %
 Temperature: 19,2 °C
 Barometric pressure: 99,8 kPa

Reverberation room with object:

 Relative humidity: 80,3 %
 Temperature: 19,6 °C
 Barometric pressure: 99,7 kPa

 Surface area: 12,16 m²
 Room volume: 200,0 m³
 Total room area S_t: 211,4 m²

Frequency f [Hz]	α_s 1/3 octave
50	0,03
63	0,05
80	0,07
100	0,13
125	0,29
160	0,44
200	0,54
250	0,70
315	0,79
400	0,91
500	0,97
630	0,98
800	0,99
1000	0,95
1250	0,95
1600	0,95
2000	0,98
2500	0,98
3150	0,99
4000	1,01
5000	1,03



Appendix 3
Sound absorption coefficient according to EN-ISO 11654

Measurement of sound absorption coefficient in a reverberation room

 Client: Ovacon AB Date of test: 2020-11-30
 Description: Spray-Tec-G 50 mm

Object:

Empty reverberation room:

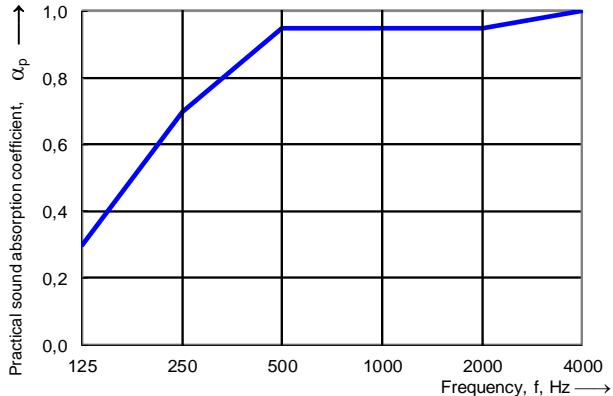
 Relative humidity: 83,0 %
 Temperature: 19,2 °C
 Barometric pressure: 99,8 kPa

Reverberation room with object:

 Relative humidity: 80,3 %
 Temperature: 19,6 °C
 Barometric pressure: 99,7 kPa

 Surface area: 12,16 m²
 Room volume: 200,0 m³
 Total room area S_i: 211,4 m²

Frequency f [Hz]	α_p 1/1 octave
100	
125	0,30
160	
200	
250	0,70
315	
400	
500	0,95
630	
800	
1000	0,95
1250	
1600	
2000	0,95
2500	
3150	
4000	1,00
5000	



Weighted sound absorption coefficient according to ISO 11654

 $\alpha_w = 0,95$

Classification: A

Appendix 4
Sound absorption coefficient according to EN-ISO 11654

Measurement of sound absorption coefficient in a reverberation room

 Client: Ovacon AB
 Description: Spray-Tec-G 63 mm

Date of test: 2020-11-30

Object:

Empty reverberation room:

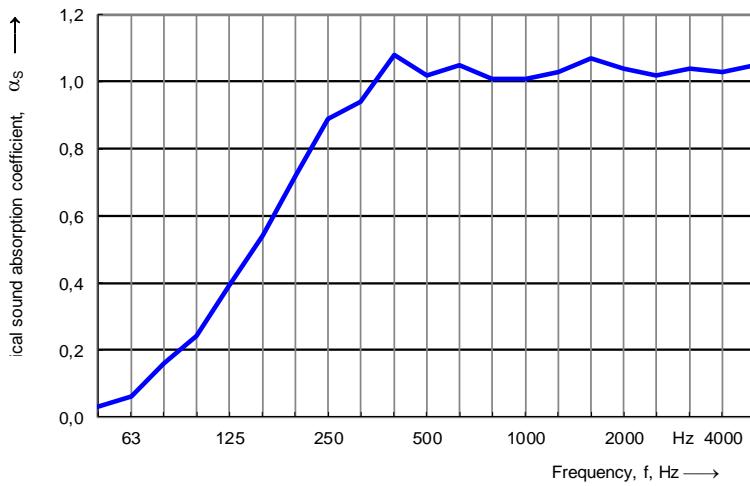
 Relative humidity: 83,0 %
 Temperature: 19,2 °C
 Barometric pressure: 99,8 kPa

Reverberation room with object:

 Relative humidity: 82,2 %
 Temperature: 19,6 °C
 Barometric pressure: 99,7 kPa

 Surface area: 12,23 m²
 Room volume: 200,0 m³
 Total room area S_t: 211,4 m²

Frequency f [Hz]	α_s 1/3 octave
50	0,03
63	0,06
80	0,16
100	0,24
125	0,39
160	0,54
200	0,72
250	0,89
315	0,94
400	1,08
500	1,02
630	1,05
800	1,01
1000	1,01
1250	1,03
1600	1,07
2000	1,04
2500	1,02
3150	1,04
4000	1,03
5000	1,05



Appendix 4
Sound absorption coefficient according to EN-ISO 11654

Measurement of sound absorption coefficient in a reverberation room

 Client: Ovacon AB
 Description: Spray-Tec-G 63 mm

Date of test: 2020-11-30

Object:

Empty reverberation room:

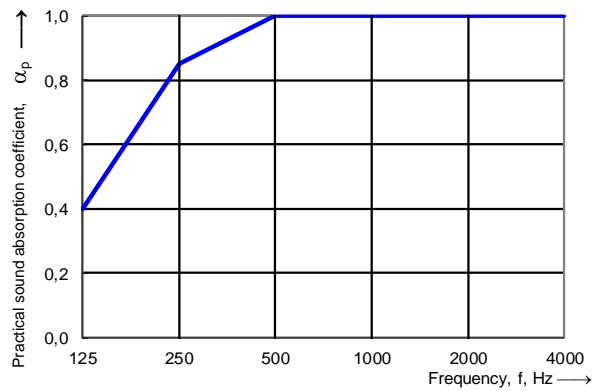
 Relative humidity: 83,0 %
 Temperature: 19,2 °C
 Barometric pressure: 99,8 kPa

Reverberation room with object:

 Relative humidity: 82,2 %
 Temperature: 19,6 °C
 Barometric pressure: 99,7 kPa

 Surface area: 12,23 m²
 Room volume: 200,0 m³
 Total room area S_t: 211,4 m²

Frequency f [Hz]	α_p 1/1 octave
100	
125	0,40
160	
200	
250	0,85
315	
400	
500	1,00
630	
800	
1000	1,00
1250	
1600	
2000	1,00
2500	
3150	
4000	1,00
5000	



Weighted sound absorption coefficient according to ISO 11654

 $\alpha_w = 1,00$

Classification: A

Appendix 5

Sound absorption coefficient according to EN-ISO 11654

Measurement of sound absorption coefficient in a reverberation room

Client: Ovacon AB
 Description: Spray-Tec-G 75 mm

Date of test: 2020-11-30

Object:

Empty reverberation room:

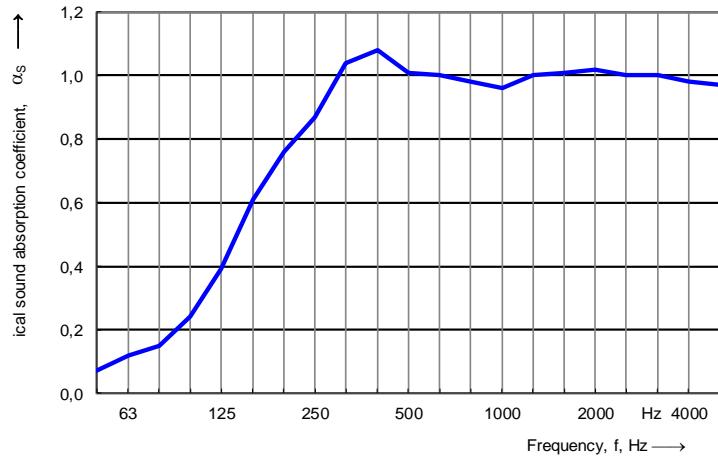
Relative humidity: 83,0 %
 Temperature: 19,2 °C
 Barometric pressure: 99,8 kPa

Reverberation room with object:

Relative humidity: 81,4 %
 Temperature: 19,6 °C
 Barometric pressure: 99,7 kPa

Surface area: 12,37 m²
 Room volume: 200,0 m³
 Total room area S_t: 211,4 m²

Frequency f [Hz]	α_s 1/3 octave
50	0,07
63	0,12
80	0,15
100	0,24
125	0,39
160	0,61
200	0,76
250	0,87
315	1,04
400	1,08
500	1,01
630	1,00
800	0,98
1000	0,96
1250	1,00
1600	1,01
2000	1,02
2500	1,00
3150	1,00
4000	0,98
5000	0,97



Appendix 5
Sound absorption coefficient according to EN-ISO 11654

Measurement of sound absorption coefficient in a reverberation room

 Client: Ovacon AB
 Description: Spray-Tec-G 75 mm

Date of test: 2020-11-30

Object:

Empty reverberation room:

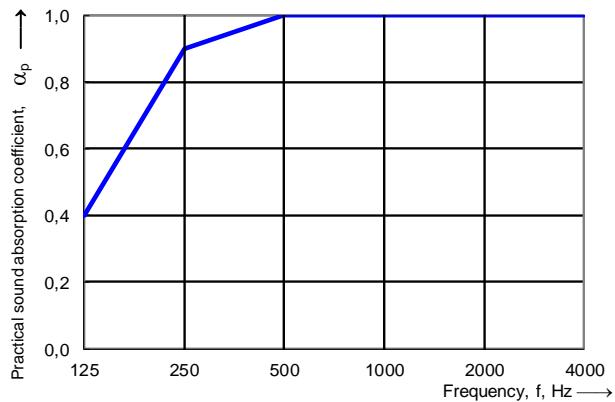
 Relative humidity: 83,0 %
 Temperature: 19,2 °C
 Barometric pressure: 99,8 kPa

Reverberation room with object:

 Relative humidity: 81,4 %
 Temperature: 19,6 °C
 Barometric pressure: 99,7 kPa

 Surface area: 12,37 m²
 Room volume: 200,0 m³
 Total room area S_r: 211,4 m²

Frequency f [Hz]	α_p 1/1 octave
100	
125	0,40
160	
200	
250	0,90
315	
400	
500	1,00
630	
800	
1000	1,00
1250	
1600	
2000	1,00
2500	
3150	
4000	1,00
5000	



Weighted sound absorption coefficient according to ISO 11654

 $\alpha_w = 1,00$

Classification: A

Appendix 6
Sound absorption coefficient according to EN-ISO 11654

Measurement of sound absorption coefficient in a reverberation room

 Client: Ovacon AB
 Description: Spray-Tec-G 104 mm

Date of test: 2020-11-30

Object:

Empty reverberation room:

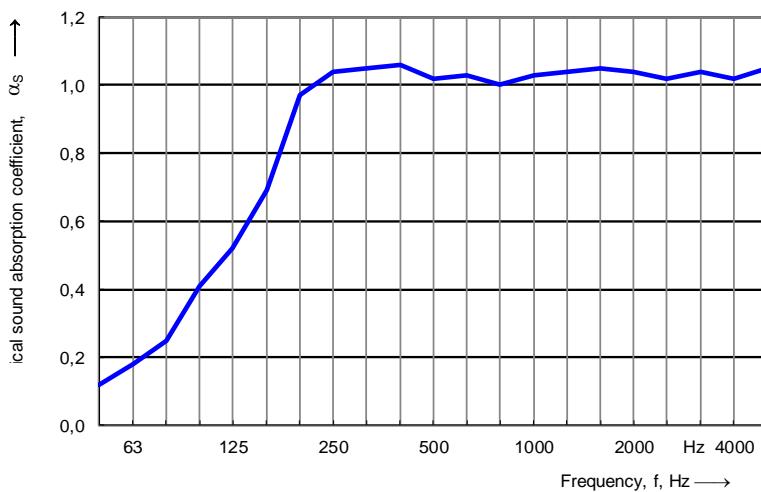
 Relative humidity: 83,0 %
 Temperature: 19,2 °C
 Barometric pressure: 99,8 kPa

Reverberation room with object:

 Relative humidity: 81,0 %
 Temperature: 19,6 °C
 Barometric pressure: 99,7 kPa

 Surface area: 12,45 m²
 Room volume: 200,0 m³
 Total room area S_r: 211,4 m²

Frequency f [Hz]	α_s 1/3 octave
50	0,12
63	0,18
80	0,25
100	0,41
125	0,52
160	0,69
200	0,97
250	1,04
315	1,05
400	1,06
500	1,02
630	1,03
800	1,00
1000	1,03
1250	1,04
1600	1,05
2000	1,04
2500	1,02
3150	1,04
4000	1,02
5000	1,05



Appendix 6
Sound absorption coefficient according to EN-ISO 11654

Measurement of sound absorption coefficient in a reverberation room

 Client: Ovacon AB
 Description: Spray-Tec-G 104 mm

Date of test: 2020-11-30

Object:

Empty reverberation room:

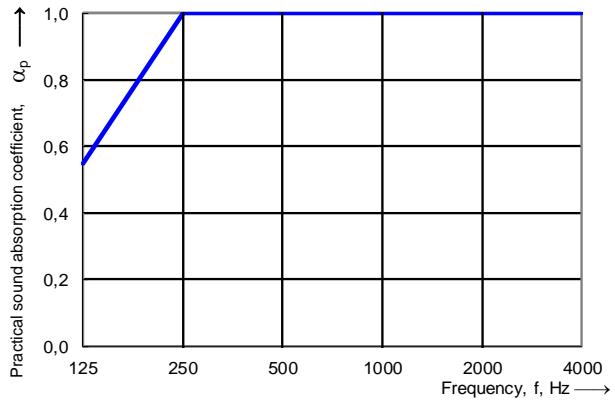
 Relative humidity: 83,0 %
 Temperature: 19,2 °C
 Barometric pressure: 99,8 kPa

Reverberation room with object:

 Relative humidity: 81,0 %
 Temperature: 19,6 °C
 Barometric pressure: 99,7 kPa

 Surface area: 12,45 m²
 Room volume: 200,0 m³
 Total room area S_r: 211,4 m²

Frequency f [Hz]	α_p 1/1 octave
100	
125	0,55
160	
200	
250	1,00
315	
400	
500	1,00
630	
800	
1000	1,00
1250	
1600	
2000	1,00
2500	
3150	
4000	1,00
5000	



Weighted sound absorption coefficient according to ISO 11654

 $\alpha_w = 1,00$

Classification: A

Appendix 7
Sound absorption coefficient according to EN-ISO 11654

Measurement of sound absorption coefficient in a reverberation room

 Client: Ovacon AB
 Description: Spray-Tec-G 150 mm

Date of test: 2020-11-30

Object:

Empty reverberation room:

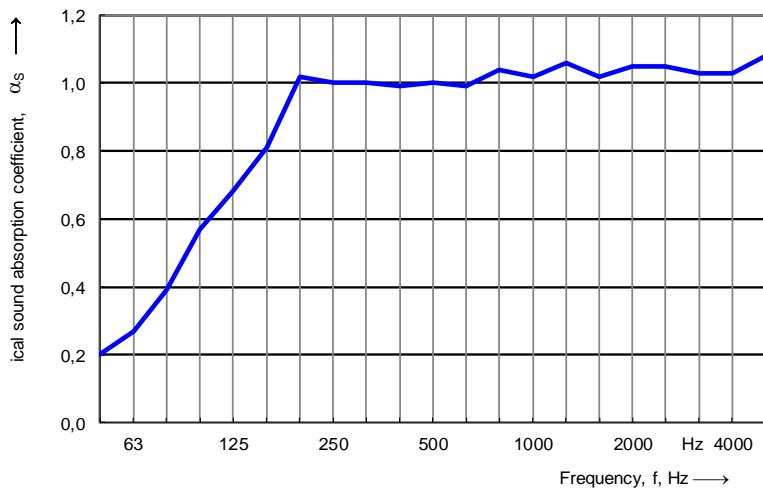
 Relative humidity: 83,0 %
 Temperature: 19,2 °C
 Barometric pressure: 99,8 kPa

Reverberation room with object:

 Relative humidity: 83,0 %
 Temperature: 19,6 °C
 Barometric pressure: 99,7 kPa

 Surface area: 12,34 m²
 Room volume: 200,0 m³
 Total room area S_r: 211,4 m²

Frequency f [Hz]	α_s 1/3 octave
50	0,20
63	0,27
80	0,39
100	0,57
125	0,68
160	0,81
200	1,02
250	1,00
315	1,00
400	0,99
500	1,00
630	0,99
800	1,04
1000	1,02
1250	1,06
1600	1,02
2000	1,05
2500	1,05
3150	1,03
4000	1,03
5000	1,08



Appendix 7
Sound absorption coefficient according to EN-ISO 11654

Measurement of sound absorption coefficient in a reverberation room

 Client: Ovacon AB Date of test: 2020-11-30
 Description: Spray-Tec-G 150 mm

Object:

Empty reverberation room:

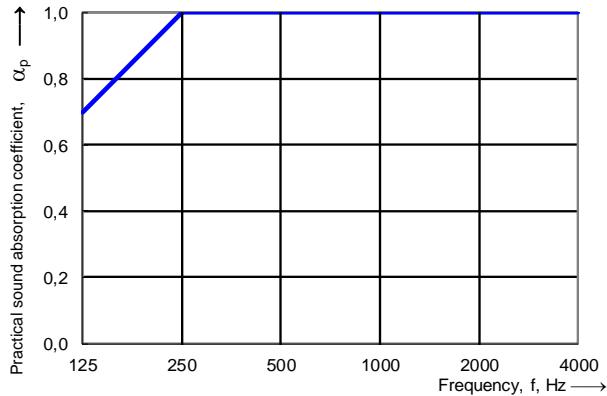
 Relative humidity: 83,0 %
 Temperature: 19,2 °C
 Barometric pressure: 99,8 kPa

Reverberation room with object:

 Relative humidity: 83,0 %
 Temperature: 19,6 °C
 Barometric pressure: 99,7 kPa

 Surface area: 12,34 m²
 Room volume: 200,0 m³
 Total room area S_r: 211,4 m²

Frequency f [Hz]	α_p 1/1 octave
100	
125	0,70
160	
200	
250	1,00
315	
400	
500	1,00
630	
800	
1000	1,00
1250	
1600	
2000	1,00
2500	
3150	
4000	1,00
5000	



Weighted sound absorption coefficient according to ISO 11654

 $\alpha_w = 1,00$

Classification: A

Appendix 8

Sound absorption coefficient according to EN-ISO 11654

Measurement of sound absorption coefficient in a reverberation room

Client: Ovacon AB
 Description: Spray-Tec-G 200 mm

Date of test: 2020-12-01

Object:

Empty reverberation room:

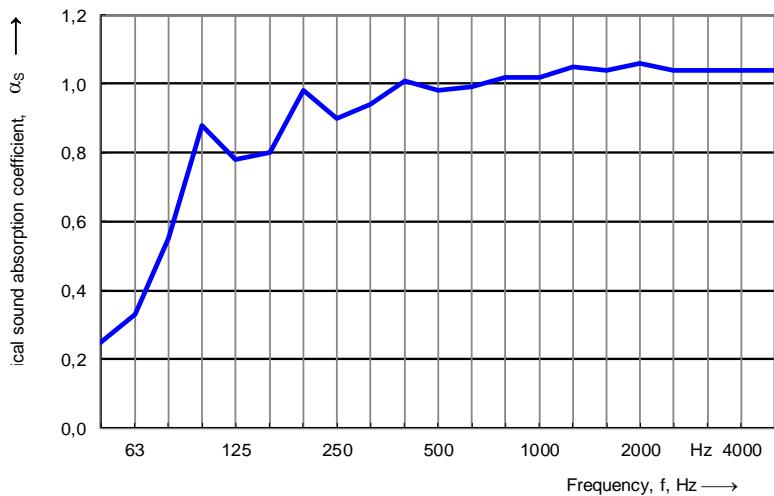
Relative humidity: 81,2 %
 Temperature: 19,4 °C
 Barometric pressure: 99,5 kPa

Reverberation room with object:

Relative humidity: 78,6 %
 Temperature: 19,6 °C
 Barometric pressure: 99,6 kPa

Surface area: 12,26 m²
 Room volume: 200,0 m³
 Total room area S_r: 211,4 m²

Frequency f [Hz]	α_s 1/3 octave
50	0,25
63	0,33
80	0,55
100	0,88
125	0,78
160	0,80
200	0,98
250	0,90
315	0,94
400	1,01
500	0,98
630	0,99
800	1,02
1000	1,02
1250	1,05
1600	1,04
2000	1,06
2500	1,04
3150	1,04
4000	1,04
5000	1,04



Appendix 8

Sound absorption coefficient according to EN-ISO 11654

Measurement of sound absorption coefficient in a reverberation room

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Description:	Spray-Tec-G 200 mm		

Object:

Empty reverberation room:

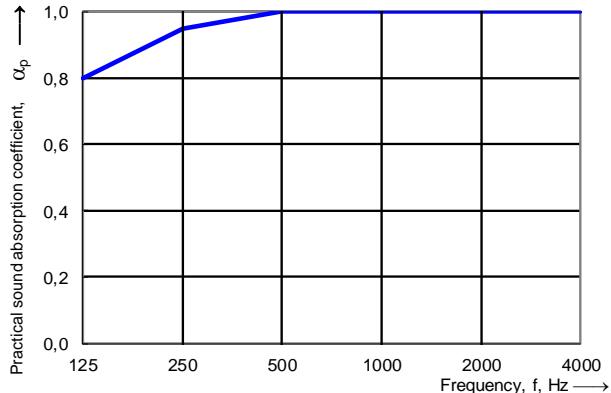
Relative humidity:	81,2 %
Temperature:	19,4 °C
Barometric pressure:	99,5 kPa

Reverberation room with object:

Relative humidity:	78,6 %
Temperature:	19,6 °C
Barometric pressure:	99,6 kPa

Surface area:	12,26 m ²
Room volume:	200,0 m ³
Total room area S _r :	211,4 m ²

Frequency f [Hz]	α_p 1/1 octave
100	
125	0,80
160	
200	
250	0,95
315	
400	
500	1,00
630	
800	
1000	1,00
1250	
1600	
2000	1,00
2500	
3150	
4000	1,00
5000	



Weighted sound absorption coefficient according to ISO 11654

$\alpha_w = 1,00$

Classification: A