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## TEST REPORT

FOR: Verco Decking, Inc.  
Phoenix, AZ

Sound Absorption  
RAL™-A13-262

CONDUCTED: 3 September 2013

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ON: #31 B36 Web Perforated Metal Deck 0.75 pcf 2.375"x1.5" over 2 inch Rigid Fiberglass

### TEST METHOD

The test method conformed explicitly with the requirements of the ASTM Standard Test Method for Sound Absorption and Sound Absorption Coefficients by the Reverberation Room Method: ASTM C423-09a and E795-05. Riverbank Acoustical Laboratories has been accredited by the U.S. Department of Commerce, National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) under the National Voluntary Laboratory Accreditation Program (NVLAP) for this test procedure (NVLAP Lab Code: 100227-0). A description of the measuring procedure and room qualifications is available separately.

### DESCRIPTION OF THE SPECIMEN

The test specimen was designated by the manufacturer as #31 B36 Web Perforated Metal Deck 0.75 pcf 2.375"x1.5" over 2 inch Rigid Fiberglass. A visual inspection by Riverbank staff verified the manufacturer's description, further disclosing a fluted metal deck profile with perforations in the web sidelaps only. Strips of un-encapsulated 0.75 pcf fiberglass insulation (2.375 in. wide by 1.5 in. thick) were inserted into the entire length of each web. The entire metal deck specimen was backed by 2.0 inch thick, 3.0 pcf, semi-rigid fiberglass insulation board.

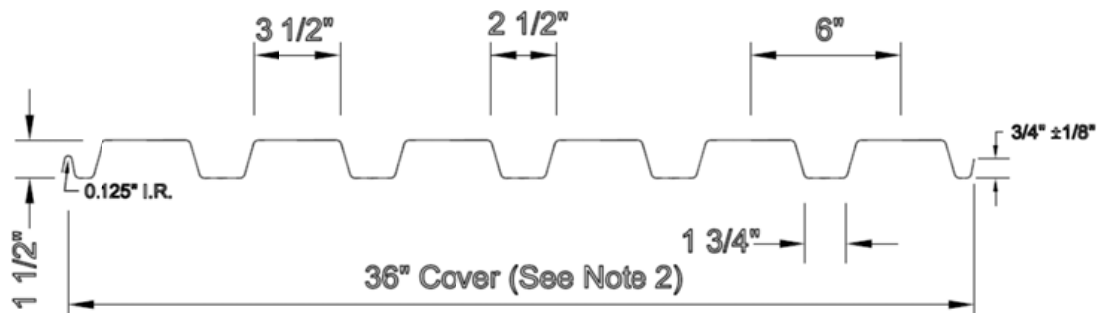


Figure 1 – Metal deck section drawing (supplied by client).



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The specimen consisted of 3 pieces laid as a single rectangular patch. The overall dimensions of the specimen as measured were 2.43 m (95.75 in.) wide by 2.74 m (108.00 in.) long and 88.90 mm (3.50 in.) thick. The area used in the calculations was 6.67 m<sup>2</sup> (71.80 ft<sup>2</sup>). The weight of the entire specimen as measured was 80.17 kg (176.75 lbs), an average of 12.01 kg/m<sup>2</sup> (2.46 lbs/ft<sup>2</sup>).

The specimen was tested in the laboratory's 292.0 m<sup>3</sup> (10,311.0 ft<sup>3</sup>) test chamber. The room temperature at the time of the test was 22±0°C (71±0°F) and 59±0% relative humidity. The barometric pressure was 745 mm of mercury.

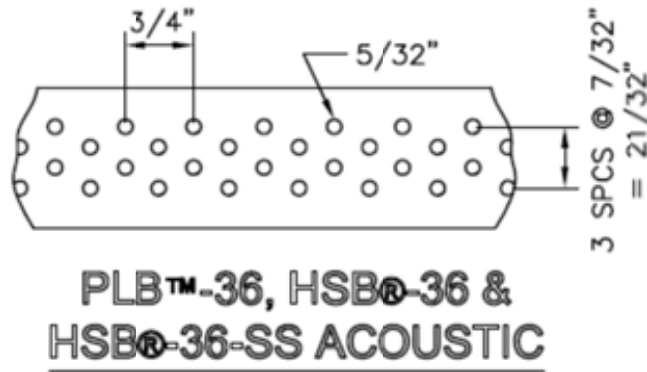


Figure 2 - Acoustical perforation detail (supplied by client).



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Figure 3 - Specimen mounted in the test chamber.



Figure 4 - Detail of the test specimen.



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### MOUNTING A

The test specimen was laid directly against the test surface. The perimeter was sealed using wood and metal framing.

### TEST RESULTS

1/3 Octave Center Frequency (Hz)	Absorption Coefficient	Total Absorption In Sabins
100	0.45	32.46
** 125	0.69	49.30
160	0.92	66.05
200	1.09	78.23
** 250	1.29	92.46
315	1.15	82.26
400	1.20	85.94
** 500	1.11	79.40
630	0.92	66.27
800	0.81	58.18
** 1000	0.71	51.25
1250	0.60	43.42
1600	0.49	35.26
** 2000	0.41	29.62
2500	0.37	26.30
3150	0.31	22.49
** 4000	0.22	15.46
5000	0.19	13.92

**SAA = 0.85**  
**NRC = 0.90**



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### TEST RESULTS (Continued)

The sound absorption average (SAA) is defined as a single number rating, the average, rounded to the nearest 0.01, of the sound absorption coefficient of a material for the twelve one-third octave bands from 200 through 2500 Hz, inclusive.

The noise reduction coefficient (NRC) is defined from previous versions of this same test method as the average of the coefficients at 250, 500, 1000, and 2000 Hz, expressed to the nearest integral multiple of 0.05.

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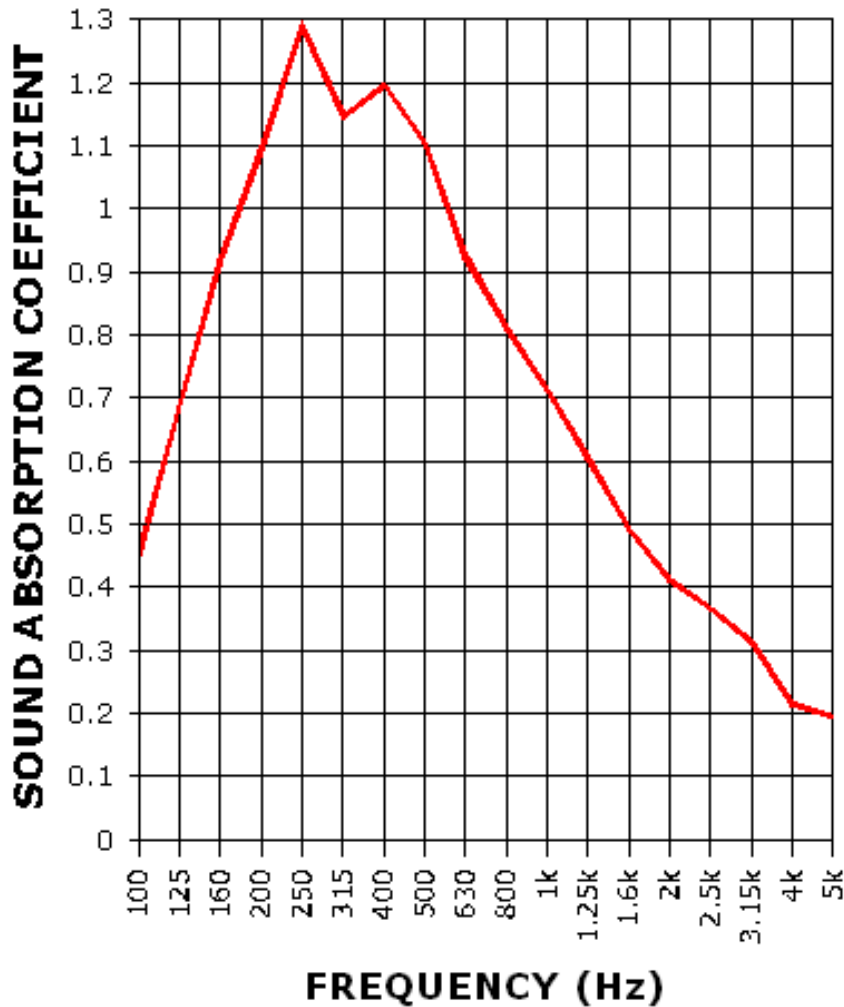
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Fiberglass



**SAA = 0.85**

**NRC = 0.90**



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### Appendix to ASTM C423 Sound Absorption Test **Extended Frequency Range Data**

Product Description: #31 B36 Web Perforated Metal Deck 0.75 pcf 2.375"x1.5" over 2 inch Rigid Fiberglass (See Full Report)

Riverbank Acoustical Laboratories is accredited to perform sound absorption coefficient measurements for the frequency range of 100Hz to 5,000Hz. However, we calculate sound absorption values at additional test frequencies as a service to our clients.

Although these measurements were made in accordance with the procedures described in ASTM C423-09a, they do not qualify as part of the standard. Since the results are representative of the test environment only, they are unofficial and intended for research and development guidelines rather than for commercial purposes. The sound absorption values at additional frequencies were as follows:

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1/3 Octave Center Frequency (Hz)	<u>Absorption Coefficient</u>	<u>Total Absorption</u> (Sabins)
40	-0.02	-1.65
50	0.18	13.04
63	0.11	7.96
80	0.05	3.65
6300	0.11	7.79
8000	0.06	4.12
10000	0.01	0.57



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