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The Laboratory Measurement of the Sound  
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## 1.0 Description of Test

Tests have been done in SRL's Laboratory at Holbrook House, Sudbury, Suffolk, to determine the sound reduction index of stud wall systems in accordance with BS EN ISO 10140-2:2010.

The results are given in 1/3rd octave bands over the frequency range 50Hz to 10kHz, which is beyond that required by the test standard. Measurements outside the standard frequency range are not UKAS accredited.

### 1.1 Description of Sample

Various stud wall systems were tested – see Section 2.0, Data Sheets 1 to 7 and Drawings 1 to 7 for details.

Sampling plan:	Enough for test only
Sample condition:	New
Details supplied by:	Hadley Group
Sample installed by:	SRL Technical Services Ltd

### 1.2 Sample Delivery Date

14 February 2021

### 1.3 Test Procedures

The sample was mounted/located and tested in accordance with the relevant standard. The details of measurements are given in Appendix A. The method and procedure are described in Appendix B. The measurement uncertainty is given in Appendix C.

## 2.0 Results

The results of the measurements and subsequent analysis are given in Data Sheets 1 to 7 and summarised below.

Results relate only to the items as received and tested.

SRL Test No.	Description in Brief	R <sub>w</sub> (C;C <sub>tr</sub> )
1	2x15mm Gtec Fire Board, twin 50mm C studs @ 600mm centres, studs braced @ 1200mm centres with Hadley flat strap on each stud, 2x50mm APR, 2x15mm Gtec Fire Board. Overall width 200mm.	61 (-3;-8) dB
2	2x12.5mm Gyproc SoundBloc, twin 50mm C studs @ 600mm centres, studs braced @ 1200mm centres with Hadley flat strap on each stud, 2x50mm APR, 2x12.5mm Gyproc SoundBloc. Overall width 250mm.	63 (-2;-8) dB
3	2x12.5mm Gyproc SoundBloc, twin 50mm Hadley I studs @ 600mm centres, 2x50mm APR, 2x12.5mm Gyproc SoundBloc. Overall width 250mm.	65 (-2;-7) dB
4	2x15mm Gtec Fire Board, twin 50mm Hadley I studs @ 600mm centres, 2x50mm APR, 2x15mm Gtec Fire Board. Overall width 200mm.	63 (-1;-6) dB
5	2x15mm Gyproc SoundBloc, 60mm Hadley I studs @ 300mm centres staggered in 72mm channel, 50mm APR, 2x15mm Gyproc SoundBloc. Overall width 132mm.	60 (-2;-6) dB
6	2x15mm Knauf Soundshield Plus, 60mm Hadley I studs @ 300mm centres staggered in 72mm channel, 50mm APR, 2x15mm Knauf Soundshield Plus. Overall width 132mm.	58 (-3;-7) dB
7	2x15mm Gtec dB, 60mm Hadley I studs @ 300mm centres staggered in 72mm channel, 50mm APR, 2x15mm Gtec dB. Overall width 132mm.	56 (-2;-6) dB

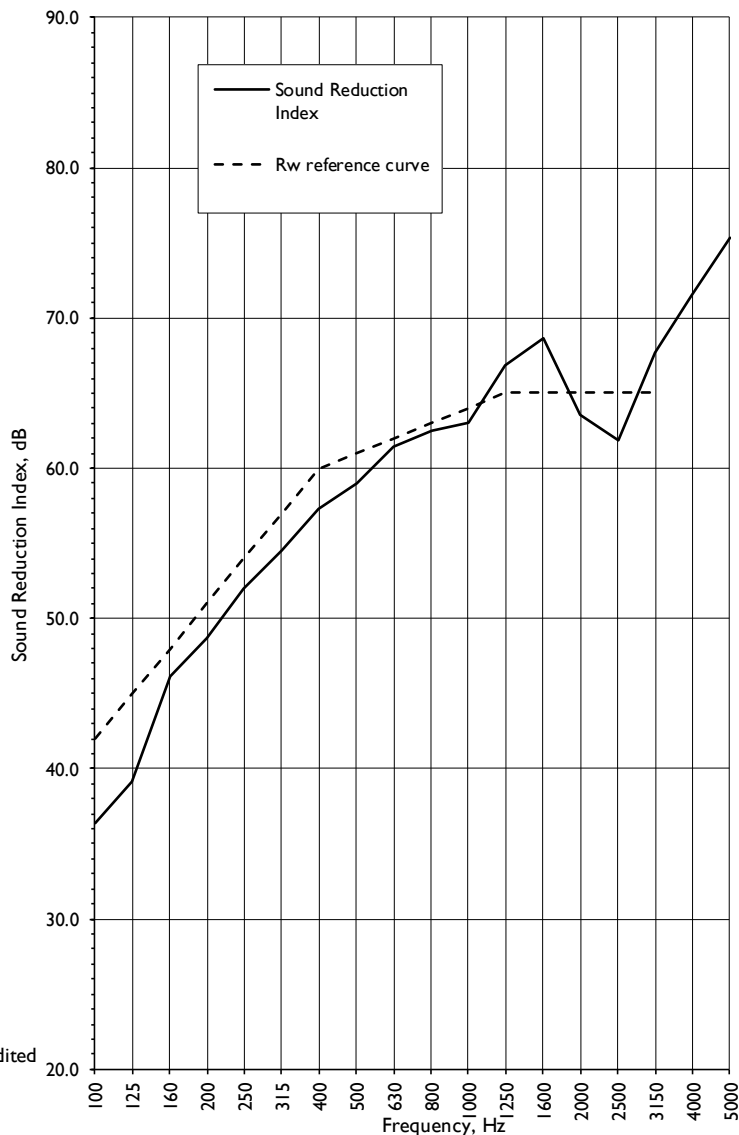
**Data Sheet I**

Laboratory Measurement of Sound Reduction Index to BS EN ISO 10140-2:2010

<b>Test Number:</b>	I	<b>Test Room:</b>	<b>Source</b>	<b>Receiving</b>
<b>Client:</b>	Hadley Group	<b>Air Temperature:</b>	9.7 °C	9.8 °C
<b>Test Date:</b>	15/02/2022	<b>Air Humidity:</b>	72 %	75 %
<b>Sample Height:</b>	2.62 m	<b>Volume:</b>	60.9 m <sup>3</sup>	57.4 m <sup>3</sup>
<b>Sample Width:</b>	4.18 m	<b>Air Pressure:</b>	996 mbar	
<b>Sample Weight:</b>	51.6 kg/m <sup>2</sup>			

**Product Identification:** 2x15mm Gtec Fire Board, twin 50mm C studs @ 600mm centres, studs braced @ 1200mm centres with Hadley flat strap on each stud, 2x50mm APR, 2x15mm Gtec Fire Board. Overall width 200mm.

Frequency Hz	Sound Reduction Index, dB	
	1/3 Oct	Octave
50+	21.0	24.7
63+	29.6	
80+	29.9	
100	36.4	39.0
125	39.1	
160	46.2	
200	48.7	51.1
250	52.0	
315	54.5	
400	57.3	58.9
500	59.0	
630	61.4	
800	62.5	63.7
1000	63.0	
1250	66.8	
1600	68.7	63.9
2000	63.6	
2500	61.9	
3150	67.7	70.5
4000	71.5	
5000	75.3	
6300+	78.8 *	78.7
8000+	80.5 >	
10000+	77.4 >	
Average 100-3150	56.8	



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**R<sub>w</sub>(C;C<sub>tr</sub>)= 61 (-3;-8) dB**

**Data Sheet 2**

Laboratory Measurement of Sound Reduction Index to BS EN ISO 10140-2:2010

<b>Test Number:</b>	2	<b>Test Room:</b>	<b>Source</b>	<b>Receiving</b>
<b>Client:</b>	Hadley Group	<b>Air Temperature:</b>	9.8 °C	9.9 °C
<b>Test Date:</b>	15/02/2022	<b>Air Humidity:</b>	73 %	76 %
<b>Sample Height:</b>	2.62 m	<b>Volume:</b>	60.9 m <sup>3</sup>	57 m <sup>3</sup>
<b>Sample Width:</b>	4.18 m	<b>Air Pressure:</b>	995 mbar	
<b>Sample Weight:</b>	47.2 kg/m <sup>2</sup>			

**Product Identification:** 2x12.5mm Gyproc SoundBloc, twin 50mm C studs @ 600mm centres, studs braced @ 1200mm centres with Hadley flat strap on each stud, 2x50mm APR, 2x12.5mm Gyproc SoundBloc. Overall width 250mm.

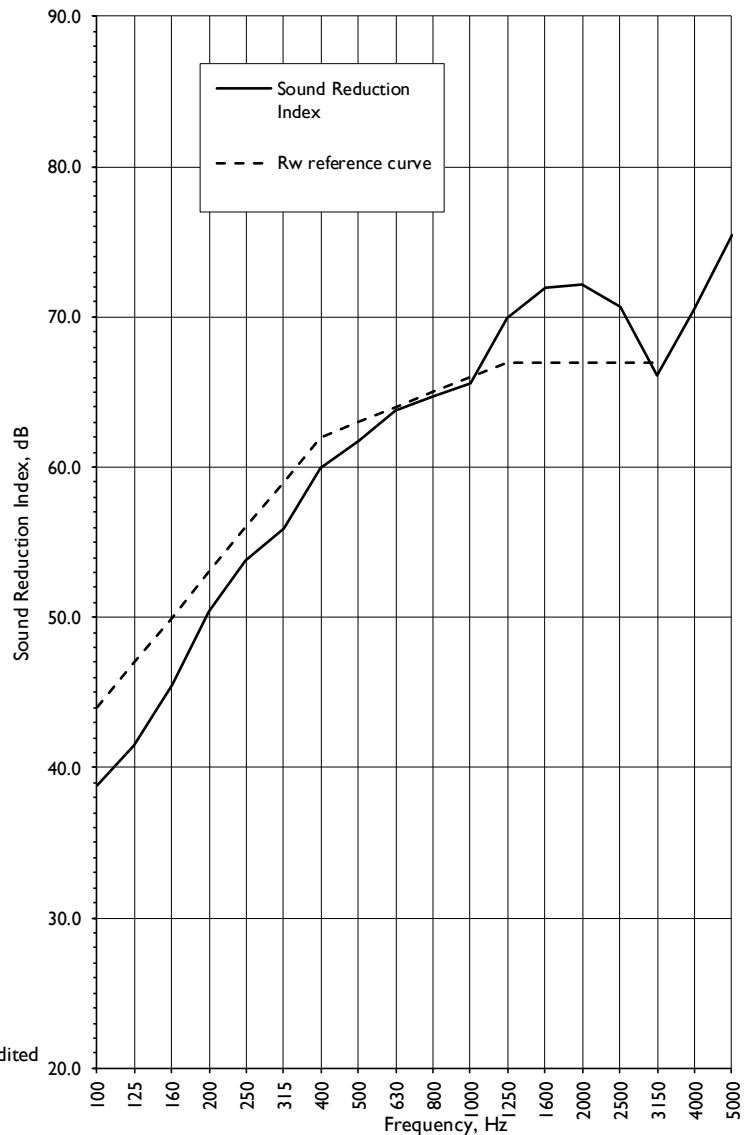
Frequency Hz	Sound Reduction Index, dB		
	1/3 Oct	Octave	
50+	22.1	26.0	
63+	30.1		
80+	33.9		
100	38.8	41.1	
125	41.5		
160	45.5		
200	50.4	52.8	
250	53.8		
315	55.9		
400	59.9	61.5	
500	61.8		
630	63.8		
800	64.7	66.2	
1000	65.6		
1250	69.9		
1600	71.9	71.6	
2000	72.2		
2500	70.7		
3150	66.1	69.2	
4000	70.5		
5000	75.4		
6300+	79.4	*	79.1
8000+	81.1	>	
10000+	77.5	>	
Average 100-3150	59.5		

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**R<sub>w</sub>(C;C<sub>tr</sub>)= 63 (-2;-8) dB**



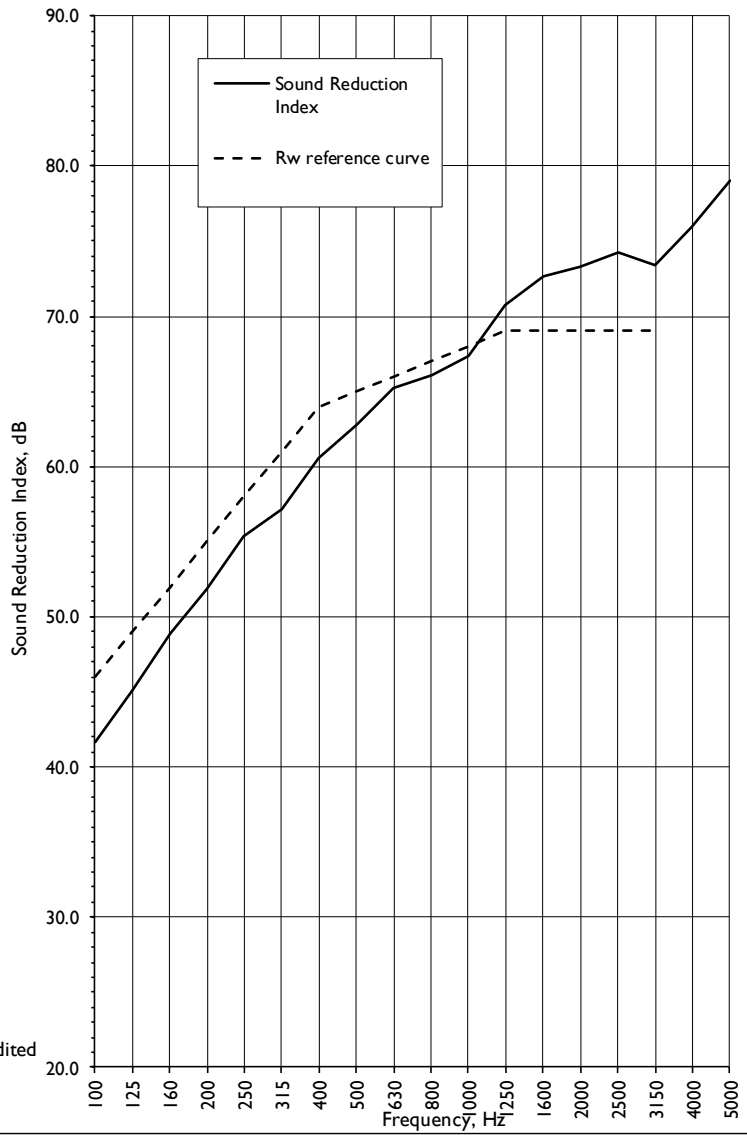
**Data Sheet 3**

Laboratory Measurement of Sound Reduction Index to BS EN ISO 10140-2:2010

<b>Test Number:</b>	3	<b>Test Room:</b>	<b>Source</b>	<b>Receiving</b>
<b>Client:</b>	Hadley Group	<b>Air Temperature:</b>	10 °C	9.9 °C
<b>Test Date:</b>	15/02/2022	<b>Air Humidity:</b>	74 %	77 %
<b>Sample Height:</b>	2.62 m	<b>Volume:</b>	60.9 m <sup>3</sup>	57 m <sup>3</sup>
<b>Sample Width:</b>	4.18 m	<b>Air Pressure:</b>	994 mbar	
<b>Sample Weight:</b>	47.2 kg/m <sup>2</sup>			

**Product Identification:** 2x12.5mm Gyproc SoundBloc, twin 50mm Hadley I studs @ 600mm centres, 2x50mm APR, 2x12.5mm Gyproc SoundBloc. Overall width 250mm.

Frequency Hz	Sound Reduction Index, dB	
	1/3 Oct	Octave
50+	25.7	29.4
63+	33.5	
80+	35.7	
100	41.7	44.3
125	45.1	
160	48.9	
200	51.8	54.2
250	55.3	
315	57.2	
400	60.6	62.5
500	62.8	
630	65.2	
800	66.1	67.6
1000	67.3	
1250	70.7	
1600	72.7	73.4
2000	73.3	
2500	74.2	
3150	73.4	75.5
4000	75.9	
5000	79.0 *	
6300+	81.6 *	80.0
8000+	81.8 >	
10000+	77.8 >	
Average 100-3150	61.6	



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**R<sub>w</sub>(C;C<sub>tr</sub>)= 65 (-2;-7) dB**



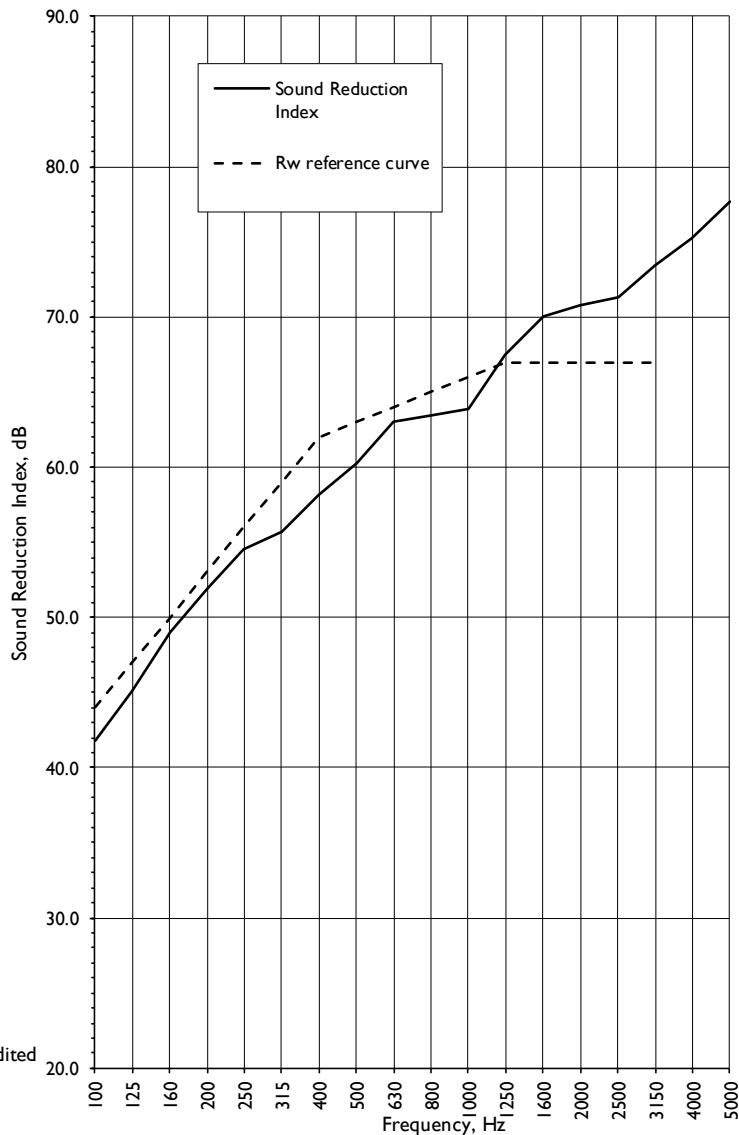
**Data Sheet 4**

Laboratory Measurement of Sound Reduction Index to BS EN ISO 10140-2:2010

<b>Test Number:</b>	4	<b>Test Room:</b>	<b>Source</b>	<b>Receiving</b>
<b>Client:</b>	Hadley Group	<b>Air Temperature:</b>	10.1 °C	10.1 °C
<b>Test Date:</b>	16/02/2022	<b>Air Humidity:</b>	79 %	82 %
<b>Sample Height:</b>	2.62 m	<b>Volume:</b>	60.9 m <sup>3</sup>	57.4 m <sup>3</sup>
<b>Sample Width:</b>	4.18 m	<b>Air Pressure:</b>	987 mbar	
<b>Sample Weight:</b>	51.6 kg/m <sup>2</sup>			

**Product Identification:** 2x15mm Gtec Fire Board, twin 50mm Hadley I studs @ 600mm centres, 2x50mm APR, 2x15mm Gtec Fire Board. Overall width 200mm.

Frequency Hz	Sound Reduction Index, dB	
	1/3 Oct	Octave
50+	26.1	29.9
63+	34.1	
80+	36.6	
100	41.8	44.4
125	45.1	
160	49.0	
200	51.9	53.7
250	54.5	
315	55.7	
400	58.1	60.0
500	60.3	
630	63.0	
800	63.5	64.6
1000	63.9	
1250	67.5	
1600	70.0	70.7
2000	70.8	
2500	71.3	
3150	73.4	75.1
4000	75.2	
5000	77.7 *	
6300+	79.5 *	72.7
8000+	75.1 *	
10000+	69.3 *	
Average 100-3150	60.0	



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**R<sub>w</sub>(C;C<sub>tr</sub>)= 63 (-1;-6) dB**

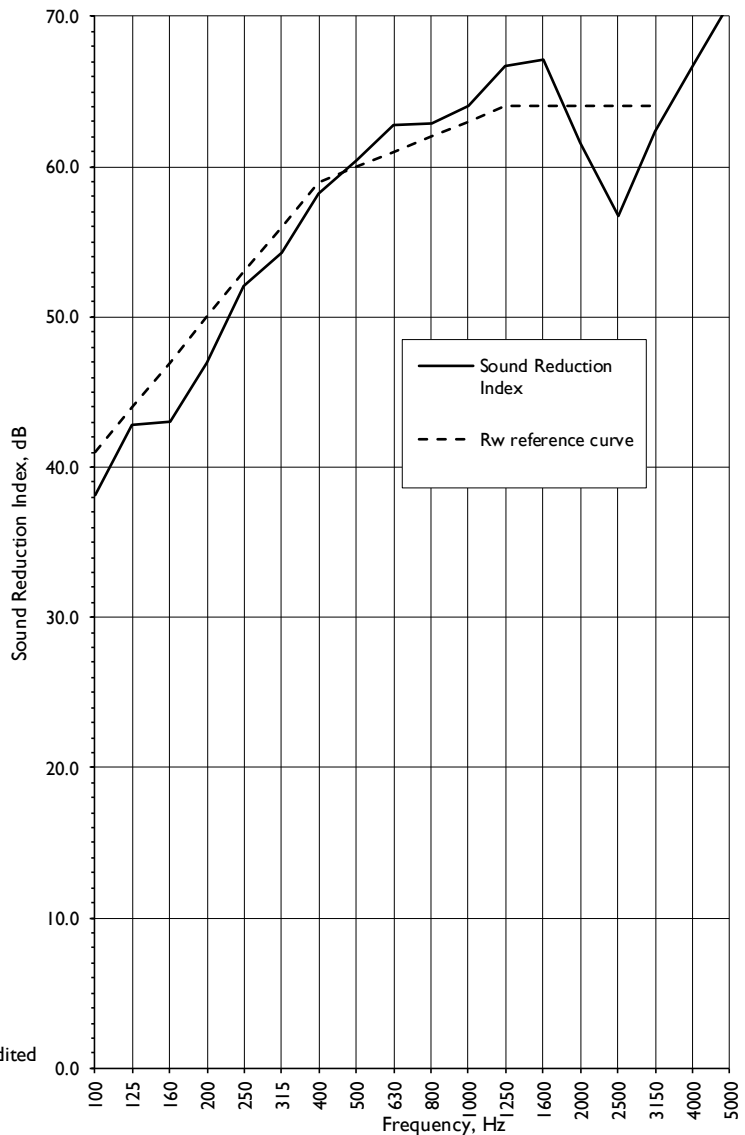
**Data Sheet 5**

Laboratory Measurement of Sound Reduction Index to BS EN ISO 10140-2:2010

<b>Test Number:</b>	5	<b>Test Room:</b>	<b>Source</b>	<b>Receiving</b>
<b>Client:</b>	Hadley Group	<b>Air Temperature:</b>	11.1 °C	11.1 °C
<b>Test Date:</b>	16/02/2022	<b>Air Humidity:</b>	86 %	88 %
<b>Sample Height:</b>	2.62 m	<b>Volume:</b>	60.9 m <sup>3</sup>	57.4 m <sup>3</sup>
<b>Sample Width:</b>	4.18 m	<b>Air Pressure:</b>	983 mbar	
<b>Sample Weight:</b>	61.4 kg/m <sup>2</sup>			

**Product Identification:** 2x15mm Gyproc SoundBloc, 60mm Hadley I studs @ 300mm centres staggered in 72mm channel, 50mm APR, 2x15mm Gyproc SoundBloc. Overall width 132mm.

Frequency Hz	Sound Reduction Index, dB	
	1/3 Oct	Octave
50+	19.9	23.5
63+	25.5	
80+	33.4	
100	38.1	40.7
125	42.8	
160	43.0	
200	47.0	
250	52.1	50.0
315	54.3	
400	58.2	
500	60.4	60.1
630	62.8	
800	62.9	
1000	64.1	64.3
1250	66.7	
1600	67.1	
2000	61.6	60.0
2500	56.7	
3150	62.4	
4000	66.6	65.4
5000	71.0	
6300+	75.1	
8000+	74.1	71.7
10000+	68.8	
Average 100-3150	56.3	



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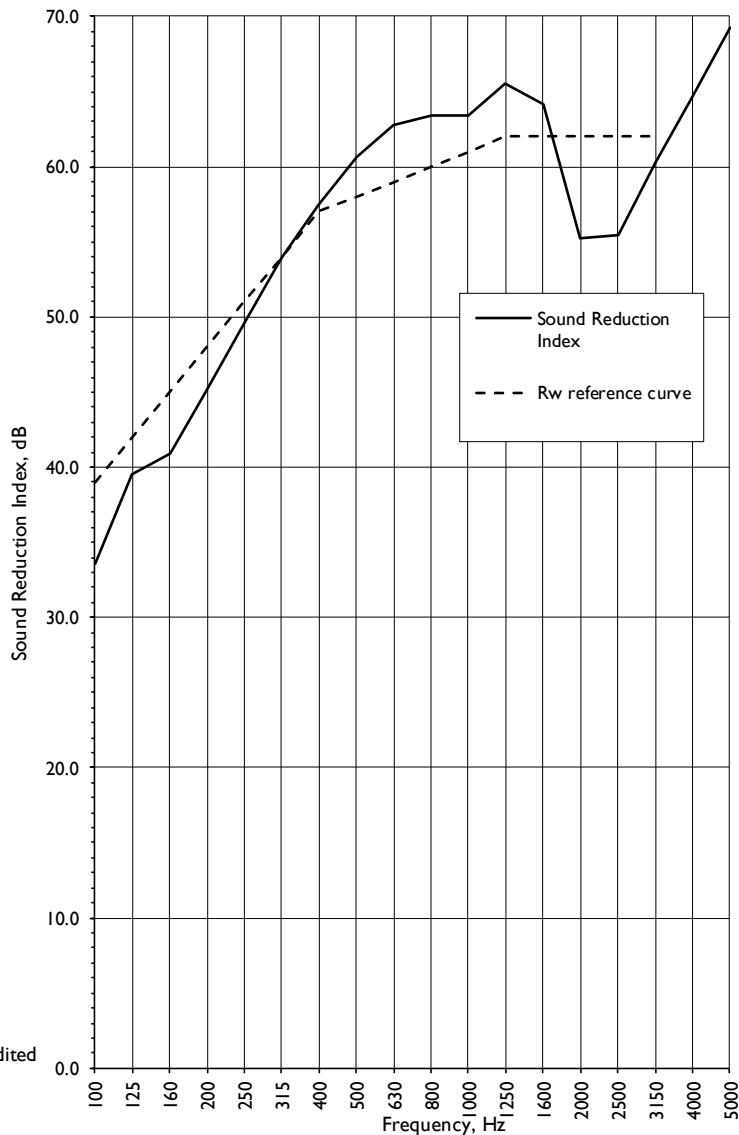
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**R<sub>w</sub>(C;C<sub>tr</sub>)= 60 (-2;-6) dB**

**Data Sheet 6**

Laboratory Measurement of Sound Reduction Index to BS EN ISO 10140-2:2010

<b>Test Number:</b>	6	<b>Test Room:</b>	<b>Source</b>	<b>Receiving</b>
<b>Client:</b>	Hadley Group	<b>Air Temperature:</b>	11 °C	11.1 °C
<b>Test Date:</b>	17/02/2022	<b>Air Humidity:</b>	76 %	76 %
<b>Sample Height:</b>	2.62 m	<b>Volume:</b>	60.9 m <sup>3</sup>	57.4 m <sup>3</sup>
<b>Sample Width:</b>	4.18 m	<b>Air Pressure:</b>	999 mbar	
<b>Sample Weight:</b>	53.8 kg/m <sup>2</sup>			
<b>Product Identification:</b>	2x15mm Knauf Soundshield Plus, 60mm I studs @ 300mm centres staggered in 72mm channel, 50mm APR, 2x15mm Knauf Soundshield Plus. Overall width 132mm.			

Frequency Hz	Sound Reduction Index, dB	
	1/3 Oct	Octave
50+	18.7	21.2
63+	20.9	
80+	29.3	
100	33.6	36.8
125	39.5	
160	40.9	
200	45.2	48.2
250	49.5	
315	54.0	
400	57.5	59.8
500	60.6	
630	62.8	
800	63.4	64.0
1000	63.4	
1250	65.5	
1600	64.2	56.8
2000	55.2	
2500	55.5	
3150	60.2	63.2
4000	64.6	
5000	69.2	
6300+	73.3	70.9
8000+	73.4 *	
10000+	68.2 *	
Average 100-3150	54.4	



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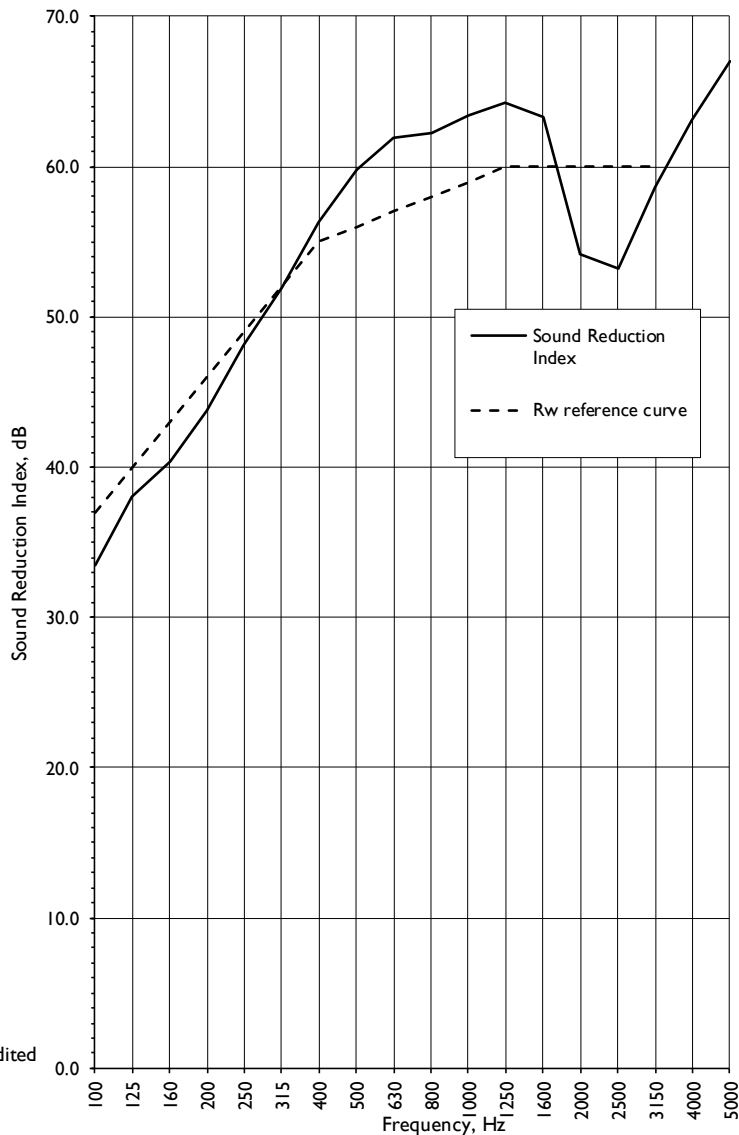
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**R<sub>w</sub>(C;C<sub>tr</sub>)= 58 (-3;-7) dB**

**Data Sheet 7**

Laboratory Measurement of Sound Reduction Index to BS EN ISO 10140-2:2010

<b>Test Number:</b>	7	<b>Test Room:</b>	<b>Source</b>	<b>Receiving</b>
<b>Client:</b>	Hadley Group	<b>Air Temperature:</b>	10.8 °C	10.9 °C
<b>Test Date:</b>	17/02/2022	<b>Air Humidity:</b>	70 %	67 %
<b>Sample Height:</b>	2.62 m	<b>Volume:</b>	60.9 m <sup>3</sup>	57.4 m <sup>3</sup>
<b>Sample Width:</b>	4.18 m	<b>Air Pressure:</b>	1001 mbar	
<b>Sample Weight:</b>	51.5 kg/m <sup>2</sup>			
<b>Product Identification:</b>	2x15mm Gtec dB, 60mm I studs @ 300mm centres staggered in 72mm channel, 50mm APR, 2x15mm Gtec. Overall width 132mm.			

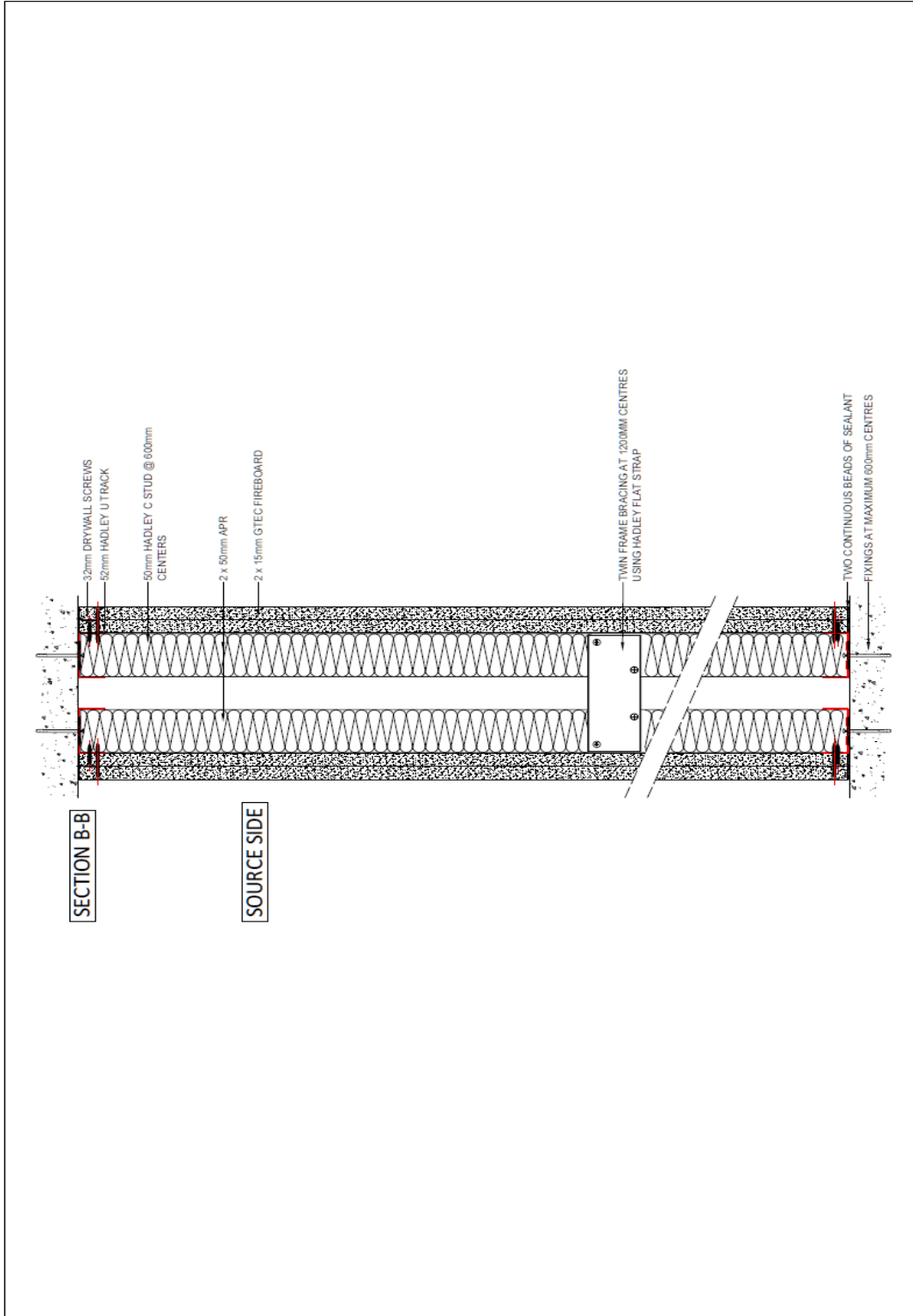
Frequency Hz	Sound Reduction Index, dB	
	1/3 Oct	Octave
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63+	23.5	
80+	30.0	
100	33.5	36.3
125	38.0	
160	40.4	
200	43.8	46.7
250	48.1	
315	51.9	
400	56.3	58.7
500	59.8	
630	61.9	
800	62.2	63.2
1000	63.4	
1250	64.3	
1600	63.3	55.2
2000	54.2	
2500	53.2	
3150	58.6	61.6
4000	63.1	
5000	67.0	
6300+	70.8	69.8
8000+	72.2 *	
10000+	67.6 *	
Average 100-3150	53.3	



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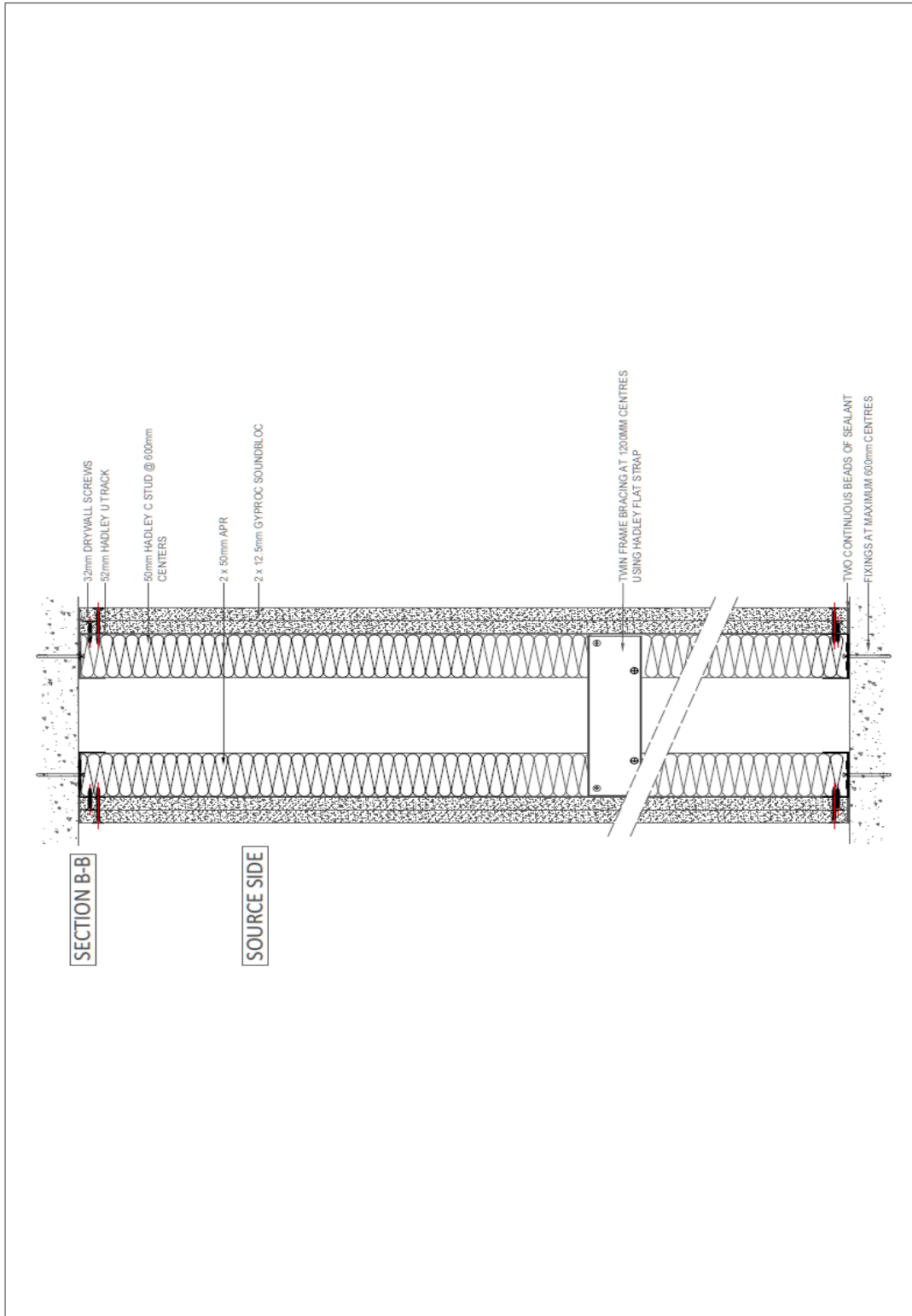
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**R<sub>w</sub>(C;C<sub>tr</sub>)= 56 (-2;-6) dB**

Drawing I – SRL Test I



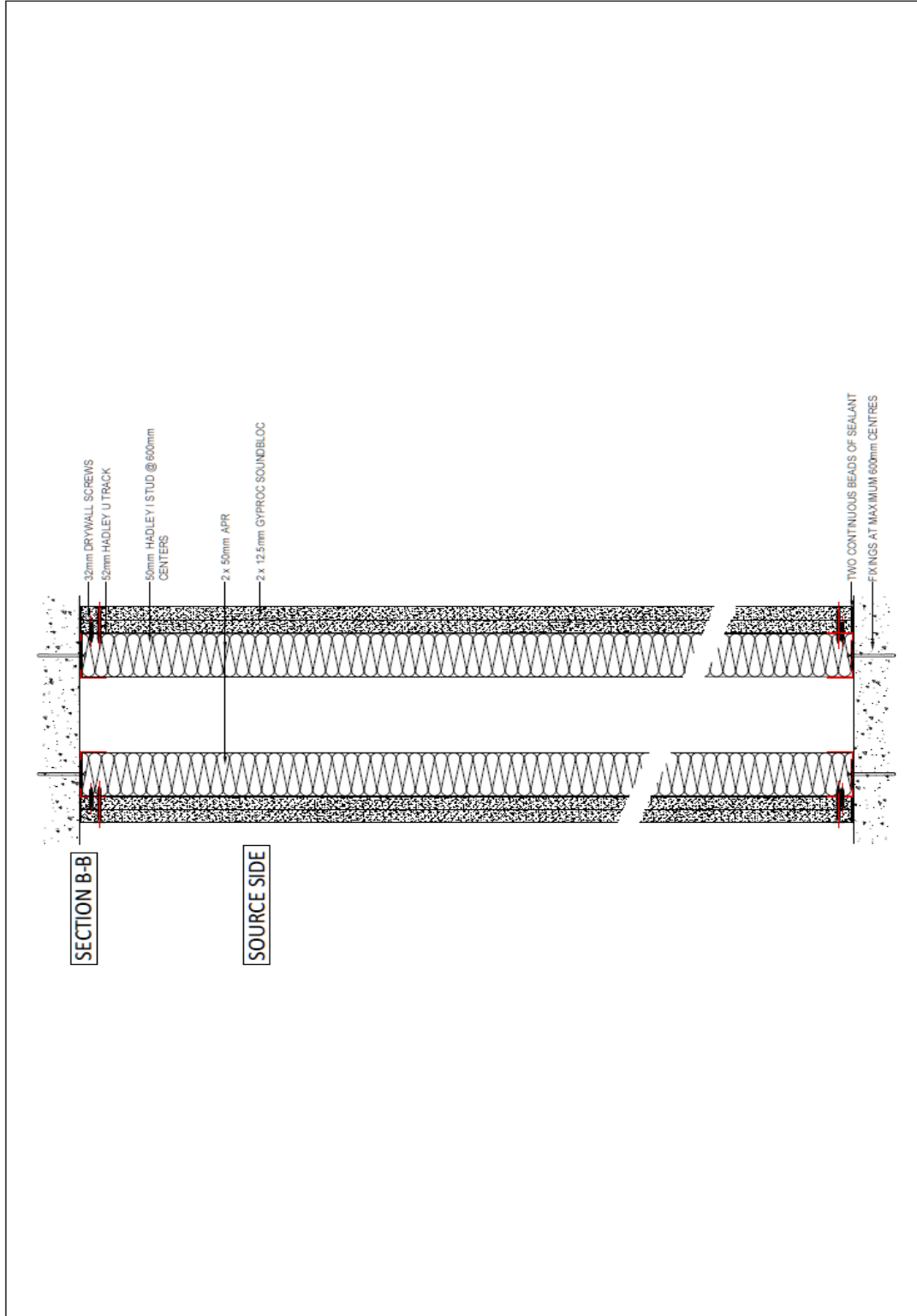
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Drawing 2 – SRL Test 2



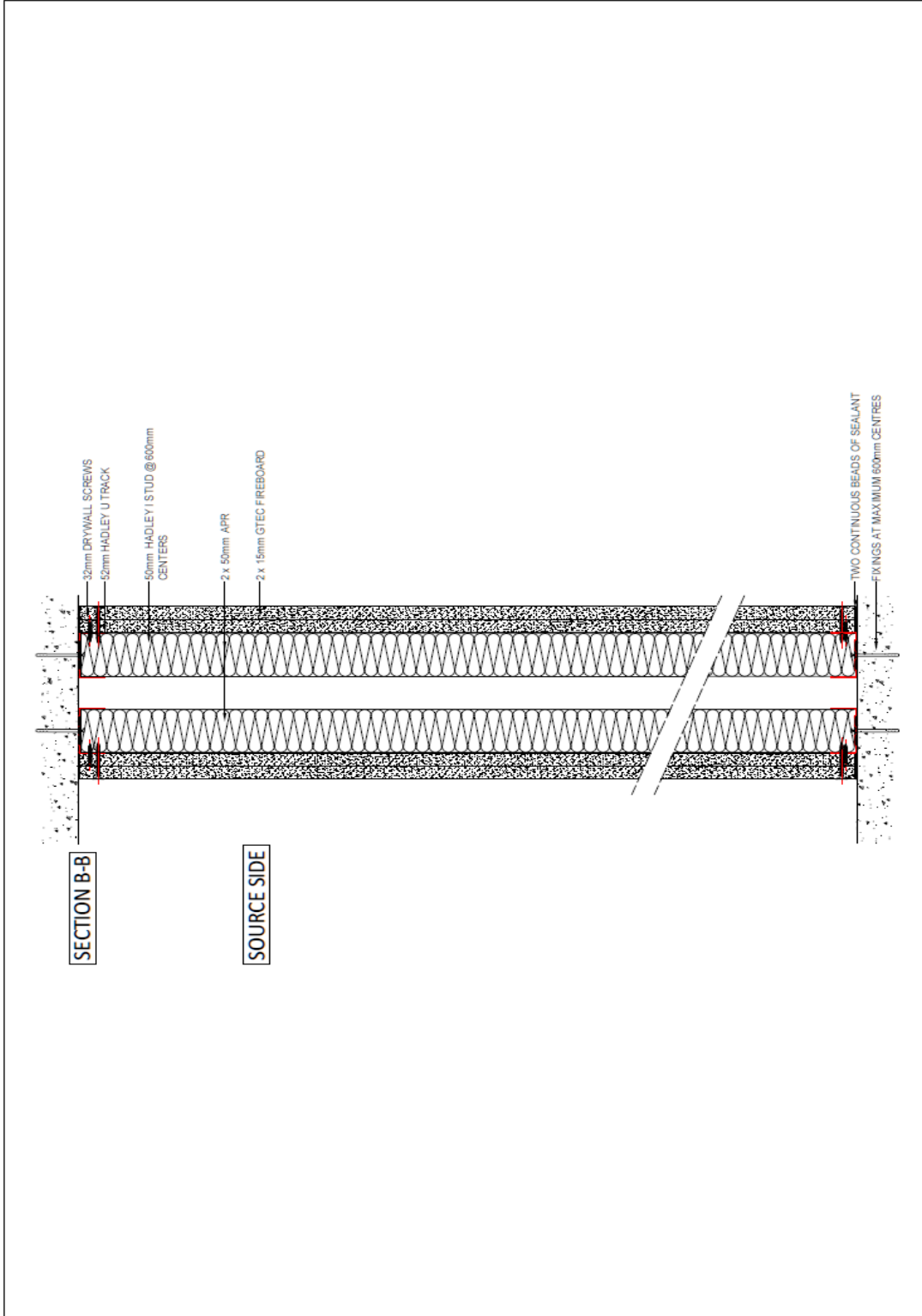
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<p>SYSTEM:  <b>2 x 12.5mm GYPROC SOUNDBLOC ON TWIN BRACED 50mm C STUDS AT 600mm CENTRES WITH 50mm APR IN THE CAVITY.</b></p>	

Drawing 3 – SRL Test 3



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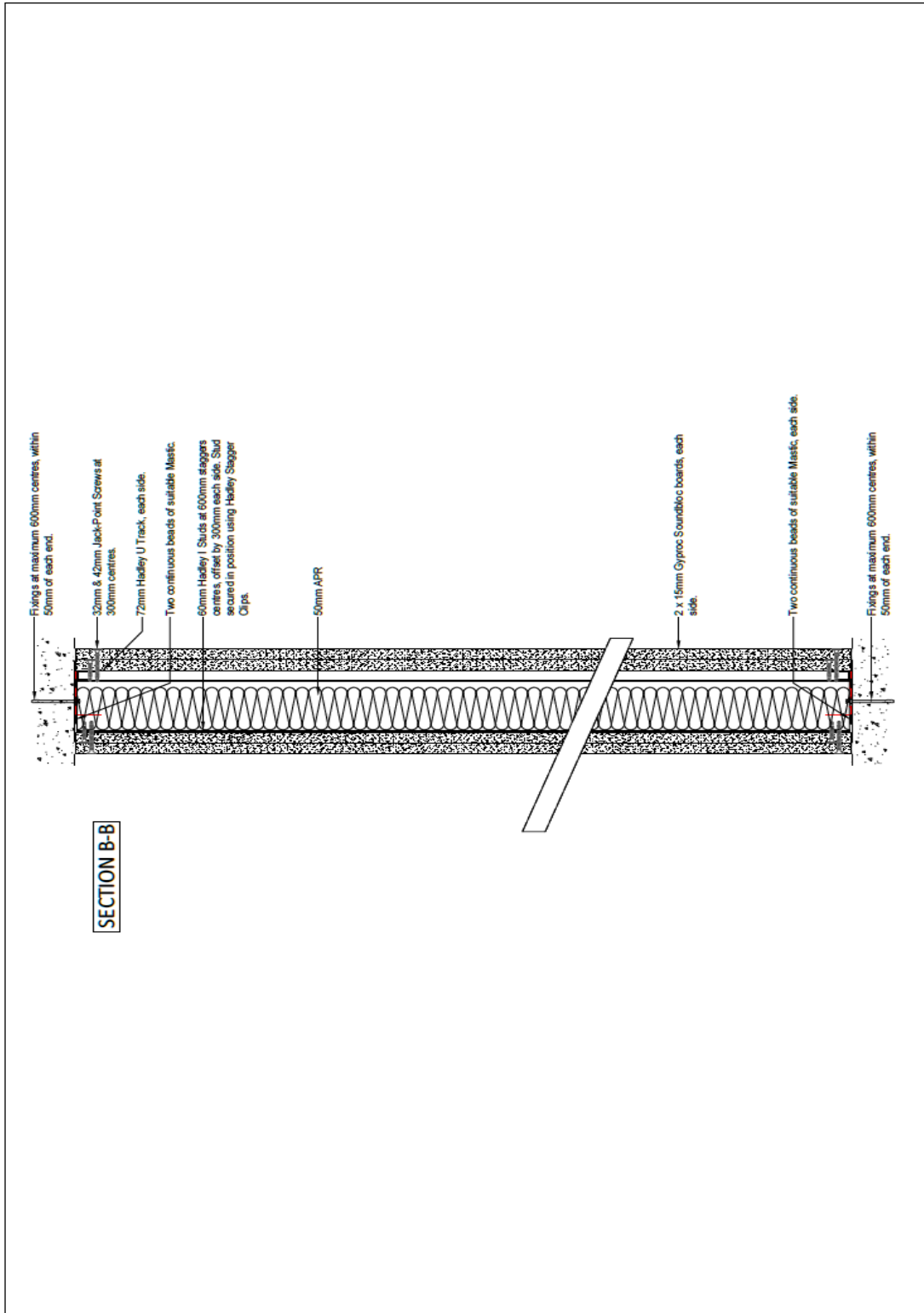
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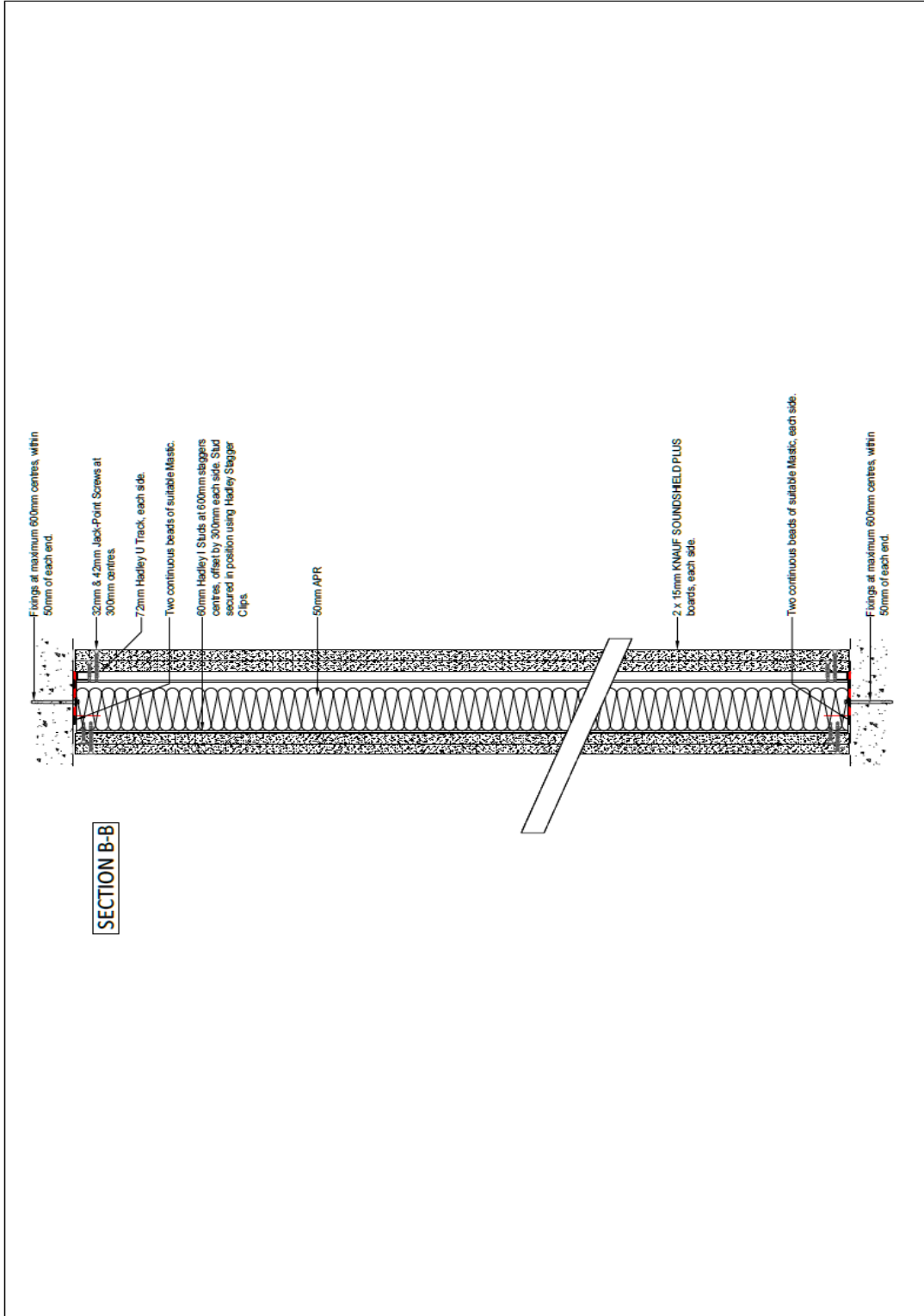


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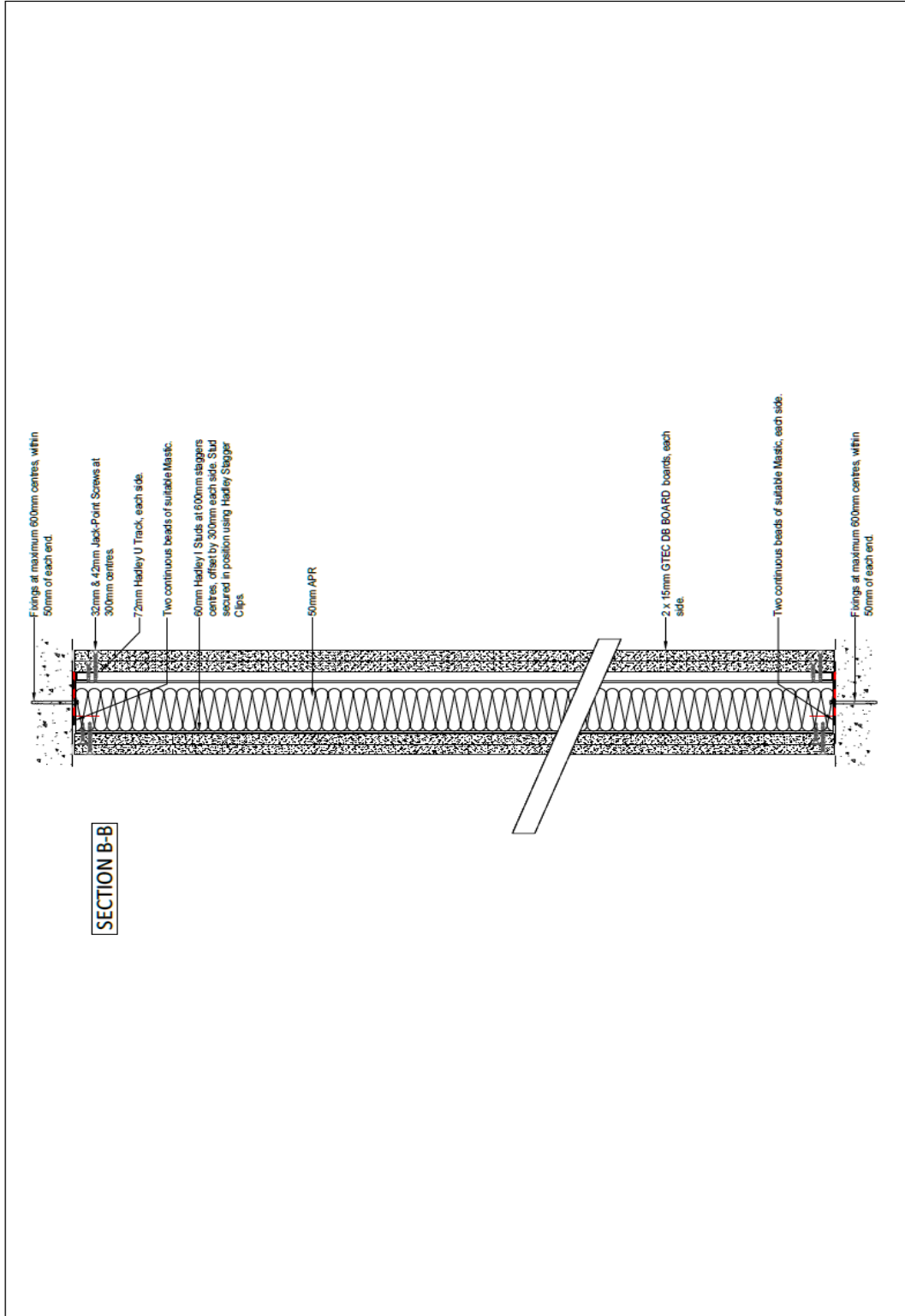
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Drawing 6 – SRL Test 6



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Drawing 7 – SRL Test 7



SECTION B-B

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<p>DATE: 15/02/2022</p>	<p>DRN: FM</p>
<p>TITLE: VERTICAL CROSS SECTIONS (SECTION B-B)</p>	
<p>SYSTEM: 2 x 15mm GTEC DB BOARD ON STAGGERED 60mm I STUDS AT 300mm CENTRES WITH 50mm APR IN THE CAVITY.</p>	

## Appendix A - Details of Measurements

### A1. Location

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### A2. Test Dates

15 - 17 February 2022

### A3. Testers

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### A4. Instrumentation and Apparatus Used

Make	Description	Type
Norsonic	Multichannel Sound Level Meter	Nor850
	Rotating microphone boom	Nor265
G.R.A.S	Microphone Pre-Amp	26AK
	Calibrator	42AB
	Microphone	40AR
dbx	Graphic Equaliser	131s

Crown	Class D Amplifier	XLS I502
ntek	Rotating microphone boom	MB01
Bruel & Kjaer	Omni directional loud speaker	4296
QSC Audio	Power Amplifier	RMX I450
National Geographic	Temperature & Humidity & Probe	9070600

**A5. References**

BS EN ISO 717-1:2013 Rating of sound insulation in buildings and of building elements. Airborne Sound Insulation.

BS EN ISO 10140-2:2010 Laboratory measurement of sound insulation for building elements – Part 2: Measurement of airborne sound insulation.

## Appendix B – Test Procedure

### Measurement of Sound Transmission in Accordance With

#### BS EN ISO 10140-2: 2010 – TP33

In the laboratory, airborne sound transmission is determined from the difference in sound pressure levels measured across a test sample installed between two reverberant rooms. The difference in measured sound pressure levels is corrected for the amount of absorption in the receiving room. The test is done under conditions which restrict the transmission of sound by paths other than directly through the sample. The source sound field is randomly incident on the sample.

The test sample forms the whole of a 4.18m wide x 2.62m high dividing wall between the two rectangular reverberant rooms, both of which are constructed from dense masonry blockwork with reinforced concrete floors and roofs.

One of the rooms is used as the receiving room and has a nominal volume of 52 cubic metres. It is isolated from the surrounding structure and the adjoining room by the use of resilient mountings and seals ensuring good acoustic isolation. The adjoining source room has a nominal volume of 62 cubic metres. Reverberation time measurements are done in the receiving room to calibrate it.

Broad band noise is produced in the source room from an electronic generator, power amplifier and loudspeaker. The resulting sound pressure levels in both rooms are sampled using a microphone mounted on an oscillating boom and connected to a real time analyser. The signal is filtered into one third octave band widths, integrated and averaged. The value obtained at each frequency is known as the average sound pressure level for either the source or the receiving room. The change in level across the test sample is termed the sound pressure level difference, i.e.

$$D = L_1 - L_2$$

where

- D is the equivalent Sound Pressure level difference, dB
- L<sub>1</sub> is the equivalent Sound Pressure level in the source room, dB
- L<sub>2</sub> is the equivalent Sound Pressure level in the receiving room, dB

The Sound Reduction Index (R), also known by the American terminology Sound Transmission Loss, is defined as the number of decibels by which sound energy randomly incident on the test sample is reduced in transmitting through it and is given by the formula:

$$R = D + 10 \log_{10} \frac{S}{A} \text{ in decibels}$$

where

S is the area of the sample, m<sup>2</sup>

A is the total absorption in the receiving room, m<sup>2</sup>

The Sound Reduction Index is an expression of the laboratory sound transmission performance of a particular element or construction. It is a function of the mass, thickness, sealing, method of mounting etc. and is independent of the overall area of the sample.

However, when an example of this construction is installed on site, the sound insulation obtained will depend upon its surface area, as well as the absorption in the receiving room. The larger the area the greater the sound energy transmitted. Also, the overall sound insulation is affected by the sound transmission through other building elements, some of which may have an inferior performance to the sample tested. In practice, therefore, the potential sound reduction index of a construction is not fully realised on site. Furthermore, the sound reduction index of a particular sample of that construction can only be measured accurately in a laboratory, because only under such controlled conditions can the sound transmission path be limited to the sample under test.

R<sub>w</sub>, C and C<sub>tr</sub> have been calculated in accordance with the relevant section of BS EN ISO 717-1:2013 from the results of laboratory tests carried out in accordance with BS EN ISO 10140-2:2010.

## Appendix C – Measurement Uncertainty

### BS EN ISO 10140-2: 2010 – TP33

The following values of uncertainty are based on a standard uncertainty multiplied by a coverage factor of  $k = 2$ , which provides a level of confidence of approximately 95%.

Frequency, Hz	Uncertainty, $\pm$ dB
100	3.2
125	2.9
160	2.5
200	2.5
250	1.8
315	1.8
400	1.5
500	1.5
630	1.2
800	1.2
1000	1.2
1250	1.2
1600	1.2
2000	1.2
2500	1.2
3150	1.2
Temperature	$\pm 0.8$ °C
Humidity	$\pm 10$ %RH
Static Pressure	$\pm 1$ mbar



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