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630-232-0104

## Test Report

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**Sound Absorption**  
**RAL™-A23-041**

CONDUCTED: 2023-02-21  
ON: Polygon Cloud (12" space)

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### TEST METHODOLOGY

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### INFORMATION PROVIDED BY SPONSOR

The test specimen was designated by the sponsor as Polygon Cloud (12" space). 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.

#### **Product Under Test**

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Product Name: Polygon Cloud  
Manufacturer: Kirei

### SPECIMEN MEASUREMENTS & TEST CONDITIONS

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

#### **Test Specimen**

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Materials: PET felt  
Dimensions: 848 mm (33.375 in.) by 848 mm (33.375 in.)  
Depth: 241 mm (9.5 in.)  
Felt Thickness: 11.84 mm (0.466 in.)  
Overall Weight: 16.67 kg (36.75 lbs)

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### Physical Measurements (per object)

Dimensions: 0.85 m (33.375 in) wide by 0.85 m (33.375 in) long  
Thickness: 0.24 m (9.5 in)  
Weight: 1.85 kg (4.08 lbs)

### Test Environment

Room Volume: 291.98 m<sup>3</sup>  
Temperature: 19.9 °C ± 0.2 °C (Requirement: ≥ 10 °C and ≤ 5 °C change)  
Relative Humidity: 58.6 % ± 0.6 % (Requirement: ≥ 40 % and ≤ 5 % change)  
Barometric Pressure: 98.1 kPa (Requirement not defined)

### MOUNTING METHOD

Type J Mounting: The specimen is an array of 9 spaced sound absorbing objects suspended from cables such that the closest face is located approximately 1461 mm (57.5 in.) from the horizontal test surface. The objects were distributed in three groups of three objects each, with 304.8 mm (12 in.) of space between each group of objects

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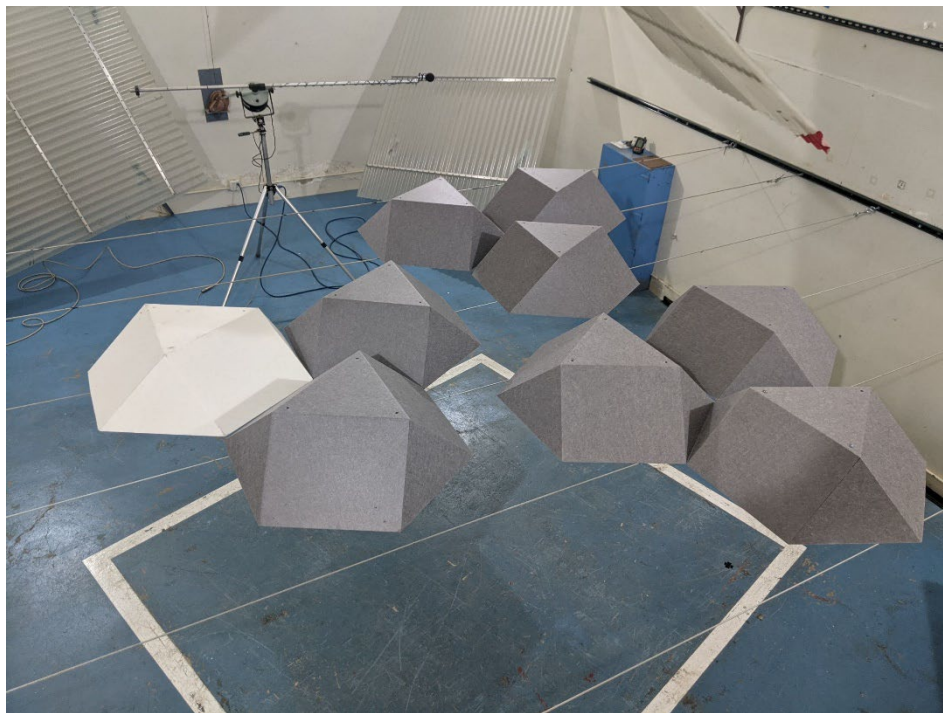


Figure 1 – Specimen mounted in test chamber

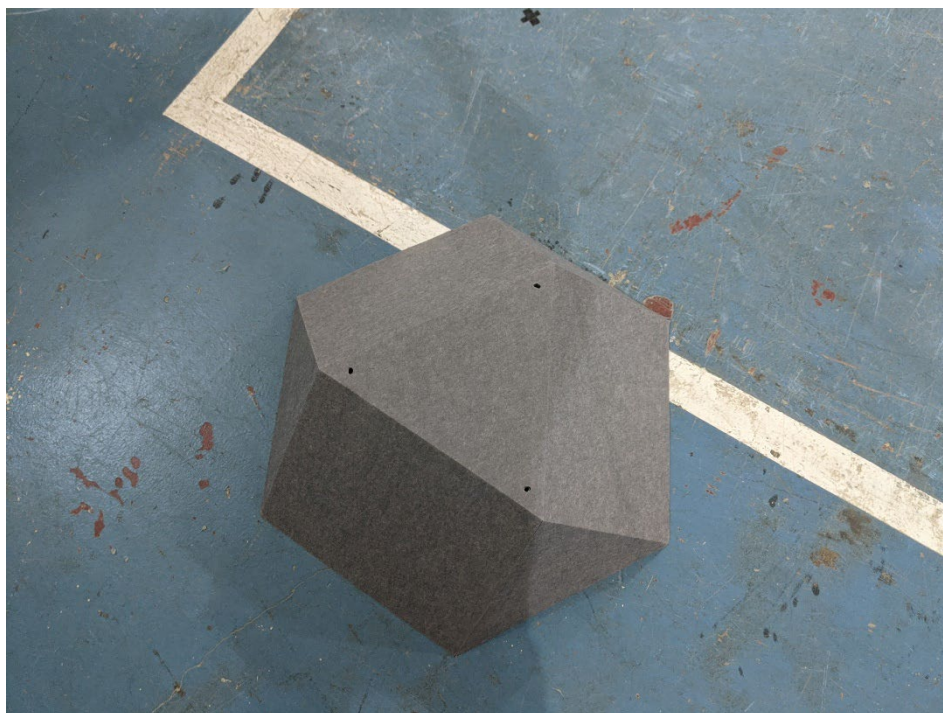


Figure 2 – Individual specimen object

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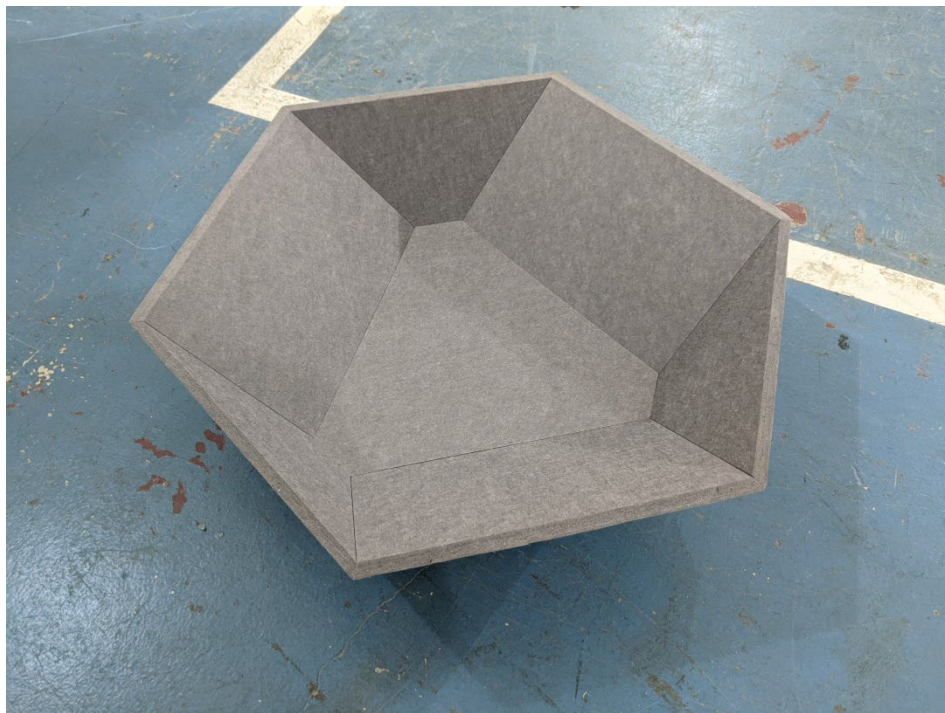


Figure 3 – Individual specimen object



Figure 4 – Detail of specimen material

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### TEST RESULTS

Note: There is currently no standardized method for calculating Absorption Coefficients from spaced object absorbers. The sound absorption performance of spaced object absorbers should not be compared directly with specimens tested as a single rectangular area (e.g. mounting types A, E, etc.).

1/3 Octave Center Frequency (Hz)	Total Absorption		Absorption per Object	
	(m <sup>2</sup> )	(Sabins)	(m <sup>2</sup> / Object)	(Sabins / Object)
100	1.16	12.48	0.13	1.39
** 125	2.32	24.98	0.26	2.78
160	2.95	31.71	0.33	3.52
200	3.95	42.50	0.44	4.72
** 250	4.42	47.59	0.49	5.29
315	4.79	51.54	0.53	5.73
400	5.14	55.36	0.57	6.15
** 500	5.80	62.40	0.64	6.93
630	6.15	66.24	0.68	7.36
800	6.46	69.53	0.72	7.73
** 1000	6.76	72.79	0.75	8.09
1250	7.28	78.37	0.81	8.71
1600	7.68	82.69	0.85	9.19
** 2000	8.17	87.96	0.91	9.77
2500	8.64	92.99	0.96	10.33
3150	8.93	96.13	0.99	10.68
** 4000	9.07	97.61	1.01	10.85
5000	9.45	101.67	1.05	11.30


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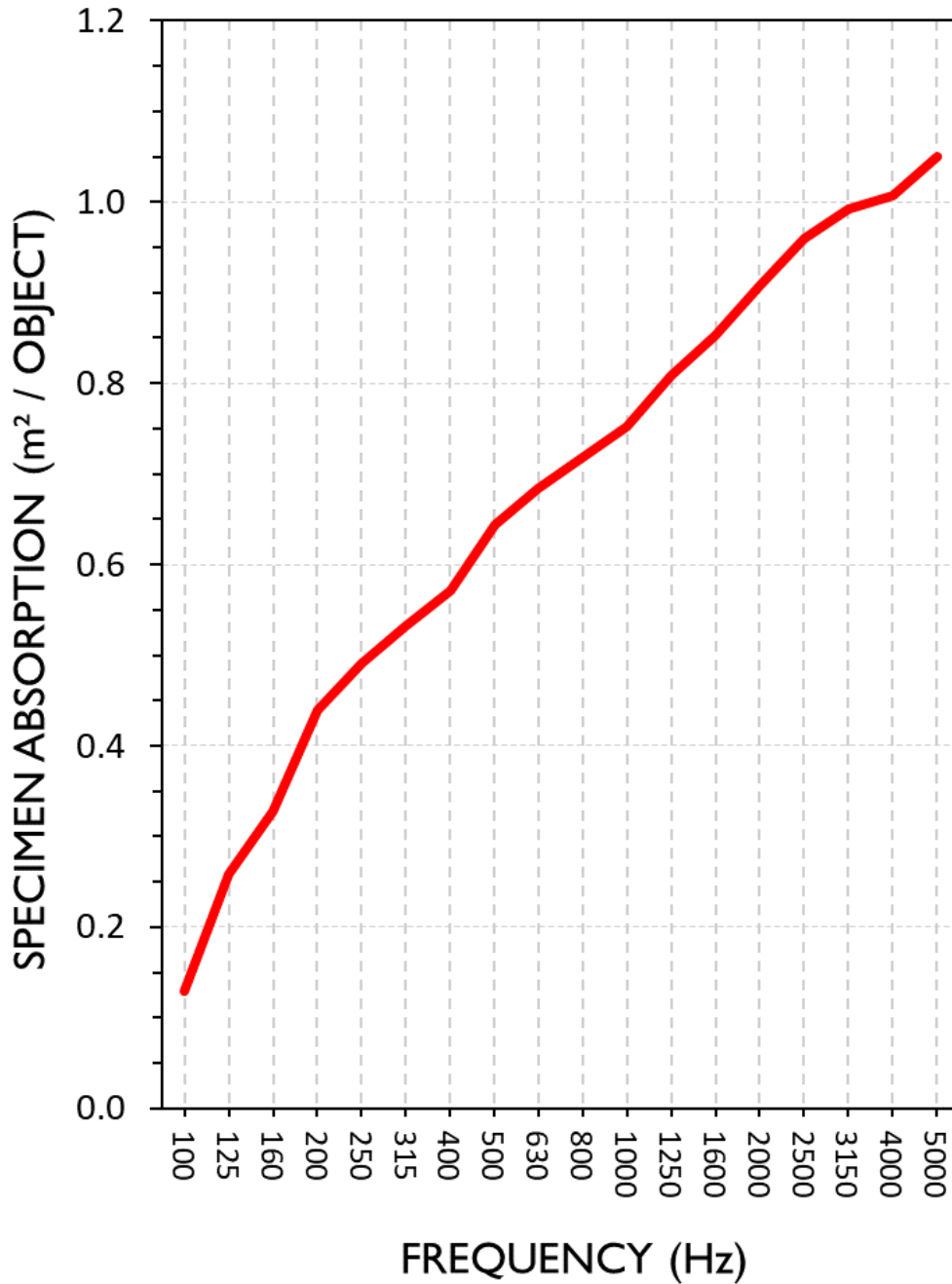
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SOUND ABSORPTION REPORT  
Polygon Cloud (12" space)



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### APPENDIX A: Extended Frequency Range Data

Specimen: Polygon Cloud (12" space) (See Full Report)

*The following non-accredited data were obtained in accordance with ASTM C423-22, 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		Absorption per Object	
	(m <sup>2</sup> )	(Sabins)	(m <sup>2</sup> / Object)	(Sabins / Object)
31.5	0.40	4.32	0.04	0.48
40	0.82	8.83	0.09	0.98
50	0.15	1.65	0.02	0.18
63	0.23	2.44	0.03	0.27
80	0.91	9.82	0.10	1.09
100	1.16	12.48	0.13	1.39
125	2.32	24.98	0.26	2.78
160	2.95	31.71	0.33	3.52
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400	5.14	55.36	0.57	6.15
500	5.80	62.40	0.64	6.93
630	6.15	66.24	0.68	7.36
800	6.46	69.53	0.72	7.73
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3150	8.93	96.13	0.99	10.68
4000	9.07	97.61	1.01	10.85
5000	9.45	101.67	1.05	11.30
6300	9.85	105.99	1.09	11.78
8000	10.10	108.66	1.12	12.07
10000	10.27	110.59	1.14	12.29
12500	11.15	120.07	1.24	13.34

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### APPENDIX B: Instruments of Traceability

Specimen: Polygon Cloud (12" space) (See Full Report)

<u>Description</u>	<u>Model</u>	<u>Serial Number</u>	<u>Date of Certification</u>	<u>Calibration Due</u>
System 1	Type 3160-A-042	3160-106968	2022-07-12	2023-07-12
Bruel & Kjaer Mic and Preamp F	Type 4943-B-001	2525857	2023-01-12	2024-01-12
Bruel & Kjaer Pistonphone	Type 4228	2781248	2022-07-22	2023-07-22
EXTECH Hygro 959	SD700	A099959	2022-03-22	2023-03-22

### APPENDIX C: Revisions to Original Test Report

Specimen: Polygon Cloud (12" space) (See Full Report)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Revision</u>
2023-03-02	Original report issued

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### **Appendix D to ASTM C423 Sound Absorption Test**

Non-standard calculation of equivalent NRC Rating and Absorption Coefficients from spaced absorbers

At this time, ASTM C423 does not provide a standard method for determining absorption coefficients of spaced object absorbers. Tests of a set of sound absorbing objects spaced apart from each other will yield higher absorption rates than a specimen joined together as a single patch (A-Mount or E-Mount). For this reason it is unfair to provide NRC or absorption coefficient ratings for specimens that consist of a spaced set of absorbers. Despite this, the architectural industry has expressed great demand for a simple "single number" rating for these treatments. Likewise, acoustical consultants desire equivalent absorption coefficient data for use in acoustical modeling software. The following is an attempt to appease these demands until ASTM develops a standard method for calculation. Several alternate non-standard calculation methods are provided. Riverbank Acoustical Laboratories prefers method 1. Rating titles for these methods are prepended with the word "Apparent". These rating names and their associated acronyms are provided by RAL and shall not be misconstrued as originating from any current standard.

#### **Method 1) Apparent Sound Absorption Coefficient calculated from extended test specimen envelope**

The total sound absorption yielded by the specimen is divided by the surface area of the test surface covered by the suspended objects, including intermediate spaces, with additional added area to allow theoretical extrapolation for larger arrays. The object rigging covered 8.59 m<sup>2</sup> (92.5 ft<sup>2</sup>) of horizontal test surface area. With an extra 305 mm (12 in.) of width and 305 mm (12 in.) of length to approximately account for the space between the tested array and what would be the next objects in a larger array, the total covered surface area comes to 10.5 m<sup>2</sup> (113 ft<sup>2</sup>). Apparent sound absorption coefficients, and subsequently the Apparent Noise Reduction Coefficient (A\*NRC) and Apparent Sound Absorption Average (A\*SAA) ratings, are calculated using this surface area based on the methods described in ASTM C423-22. This may be the most accurate method for comparing object arrays to ceiling tile products. The apparent sound absorption coefficient data can be assigned to a single horizontal surface or plane in acoustical modeling software for approximation of object array performance. Such approximations rely on the assumptions that object spacing is similar to that of the tested array across the entire surface, that gaps are negligibly small between adjacent rows of objects if the test specimen consists of a single row, and that the installation occurs over a perfectly reflective surface material.

#### **Method 2) Apparent Sound Absorption Coefficient calculated from total exposed surface area of specimen**

The total sound absorption yielded by the specimen is divided by the total surface area of all exposed specimen faces (1.35 m<sup>2</sup> (14.5 ft<sup>2</sup>) per object x 9 objects = 12.1 m<sup>2</sup> (130 ft<sup>2</sup>) total surface area). These surface area values are sponsor-provided information. The accuracy of such sponsor-provided information can affect the validity of the test results. Apparent sound absorption coefficients, and subsequently the Apparent Noise Reduction Coefficient (A\*NRC) and Apparent Sound Absorption Average (A\*SAA) ratings, are calculated using this surface area based on the methods described in ASTM C423-22. This method shows the actual absorption occurring at the exposed surfaces but does not provide a fair comparison with materials mounted as a uniform patch (in A-mount or E-mount).

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#### **Appendix D (continued)**

##### **Method 3) Apparent Sound Absorption Coefficient calculated from one face per object**

The total sound absorption yielded by the specimen is divided by the surface area of one side of one large face for each object in the specimen. This method is not applicable in this case. Apparent sound absorption coefficients, and subsequently the Apparent Noise Reduction Coefficient (A\*NRC) and Apparent Sound Absorption Average (A\*SAA) ratings, are calculated using this surface area based on the methods described in ASTM C423-22. This method is favored by some material manufacturers since it yields very high NRC figures, but does not provide a fair comparison with other ceiling tile or wall panel products. Riverbank Acoustical Laboratories recommends that results obtained from this method be used for research and comparison purposes only; such results should not be used for marketed claims of product performance.

##### **Method 4) Apparent Sound Absorption Coefficient calculated from specimen envelope without extension**

The total sound absorption yielded by the specimen is divided by the rectangular test surface area covered by the suspended objects, including intermediate spaces. The object rigging covered 8.59 m<sup>2</sup> (92.5 ft<sup>2</sup>) of horizontal test surface area. Apparent sound absorption coefficients, and subsequently the Apparent Noise Reduction Coefficient (A\*NRC) and Apparent Sound Absorption Average (A\*SAA) ratings, are calculated using this surface area based on the methods described in ASTM C423-22. While similar in concept to Method 1, attempting to model any array larger than the tested specimen using these results would imply instances of adjacent objects with zero spacing scattered throughout the extrapolated array. Riverbank Acoustical Laboratories recommends that results obtained from this method be used for research and comparison purposes only; such results should not be used for marketed claims of product performance.

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**Appendix D: Data** Note: See full test report for details of mounting position, spacing, and configuration, as these parameters greatly affect sound absorption performance.

Specimen Absorption (ft <sup>2</sup> )			Method 1	Method 2	Method 3	Method 4
Freq. (Hz)	Sabins	Sabins / Object	Apparent Abs. Coefficient From Extended Coverage Area (113 ft <sup>2</sup> )	Apparent Abs. Coefficient From Total Exposed Surface Area (130 ft <sup>2</sup> )	Apparent Abs. Coefficient From One Face per Object N/A	Apparent Abs. Coefficient From Unextended Coverage Area (92.5 ft <sup>2</sup> )
31.5	4.32	0.48	0.04	0.03	N/A	0.05
40	8.83	0.98	0.08	0.07	N/A	0.10
50	1.65	0.18	0.01	0.01	N/A	0.02
63	2.44	0.27	0.02	0.02	N/A	0.03
80	9.82	1.09	0.09	0.08	N/A	0.11
100	12.48	1.39	0.11	0.10	N/A	0.13
125	24.98	2.78	0.22	0.19	N/A	0.27
160	31.71	3.52	0.28	0.24	N/A	0.34
200	42.50	4.72	0.38	0.33	N/A	0.46
250	47.59	5.29	0.42	0.36	N/A	0.51
315	51.54	5.73	0.46	0.40	N/A	0.56
400	55.36	6.15	0.49	0.42	N/A	0.60
500	62.40	6.93	0.55	0.48	N/A	0.67
630	66.24	7.36	0.59	0.51	N/A	0.72
800	69.53	7.73	0.62	0.53	N/A	0.75
1,000	72.79	8.09	0.65	0.56	N/A	0.79
1,250	78.37	8.71	0.70	0.60	N/A	0.85
1,600	82.69	9.19	0.73	0.63	N/A	0.89
2,000	87.96	9.77	0.78	0.67	N/A	0.95
2,500	92.99	10.33	0.82	0.71	N/A	1.01
3,150	96.13	10.68	0.85	0.74	N/A	1.04
4,000	97.61	10.85	0.87	0.75	N/A	1.06
5,000	101.67	11.30	0.90	0.78	N/A	1.10
6,300	105.99	11.78	0.94	0.81	N/A	1.15
8,000	108.66	12.07	0.96	0.83	N/A	1.17
10,000	110.59	12.29	0.98	0.85	N/A	1.20
12,500	120.07	13.34	1.06	0.92	N/A	1.30
Apparent NRC:			<b>0.60</b>	<b>0.50</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>0.75</b>
Apparent SAA:			<b>0.60</b>	<b>0.52</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>0.73</b>

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