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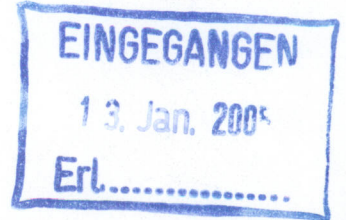
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Test Report Order-No. 279631

Customer: Kronotex Fussboden GmbH & Co KG
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Date of order: October 27th, 2004

Order: Testing of walking noise

Institution: eph – Laboratory Material and Product Testing (WPQ)

Engineer in charge: Dr.- Ing. R. Emmler

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Head of laboratory WPQ

The test report contains 4 pages and an annex with 4 pages. Every duplication in part requires a permit of **eph**. The test results are only related to the tested material.

1 Instruction

The Laboratory Material and Product Testing Holztechnologie Ltd. (**eph**) was instructed by Kronotex Fussboden GmbH & Co KG, Heiligengrabe to carry out tests on the emission of walking noise on 2 different floorings and to compare the results with the ihd-reference flooring (DPL-laminate flooring (7 mm), PE-foam (3 mm), PE-foil (0,2 mm)) and with reference floorings provided by the costumer.

2 Test material

The costumer made the following samples (2400 mm x 2000 mm) available to the **eph**-laboratory:

- Var. 1: laminate flooring „Dynamic Clic Sound Design“ with integrated insulation underlay
- Var. 2: laminate flooring „Dynamic Clic“, loose 3 mm thick PE-foam underlay
- Var. 3: laminate flooring „Robusto Clic Sound Design“ with integrated insulation underlay
- Var. 4: laminate flooring „Robusto Clic“, loose 3 mm thick PE-foam underlay

The cutting of the test pieces was done by the **eph**.

3 Determination of the room acoustical properties

The test was performed in a test room, where a reinforced concrete slab (2.40 m x 2.00 m) of a thickness of 12 cm is installed.

There were carried out at least 15 measurements of the walking noise, which was emitted while a test person walked consistently on the installed floor. The proband has had high-heeled shoes (hard rubber sole) on for the test.

For the characterisation of the room acoustical properties the 1st step of the test person on the floor is consulted. As measures for the emitted noise the A-weighted total sound pressure level (frequencies from 25 Hz to 12500 Hz) in dB(A) and the psycho acoustical loudness in Sone were used. Those were estimated according to the **ihd** norm 431 in the version 04/2003 and the therein described methods.

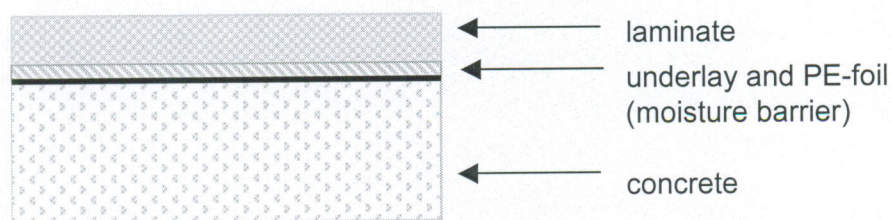


Figure 1: test setup

4 Test results

In table 1 and 2 the variables of the variants are comparing opposed.

The result is given as the difference of the total sound pressure level / loudness of the tested variant and the according values of the reference flooring.

The differences of the total sound pressure levels are to be assessed as follows:

- + 0,5 dB (A) - variations only perceptible under very good acoustical conditions
- + 1,0 dB (A) - perceptible threshold for improvements
- + 3,0 dB (A) - bisection of the signal energy
- + 6,0 dB (A) - bisection of the sound pressure level
- + 10,0 dB (A) - bisection of the subjective sound intensity

The changing of the linear measure **loudness (N)** is calculated in relation to the reference using the term:

Percentage changing:
$$\frac{(N_{ref} - N_j)}{N_{ref}} * 100\%$$

This value gives the increasing (negative value) or decreasing (positive value) of the loudness perception in percent.

Tab. 1: A-weighted total sound pressure level

Var.	Reference (averaged spectrum) ([L _{total, ref}]=dB (A))	Sample (averaged spectrum) ([L _{total, j}]=dB (A))	Difference $\Delta L = L_{total, ref} - L_{total, j}$ ([ΔL]=dB (A))
1	73.1 (ihd)	67.0	6.1
3		68.0	5.1
1	74.3 (Var. 2)	67.0	7.3
3	73.0 (Var. 4)	68.0	5.0

Tab. 2: Loudness

Var.	Reference (averaged spectrum) ([N _{ref}]=Sone)	Sample (averaged spectrum) ([N _j]=Sone)	Difference of the loudness-values in Sone / rel. difference in %
1	22.2 (ihd)	17.8	4.4 / 19.8
3		17.5	4.7 / 21.2
1	24.4 (Var. 2)	17.8	6.6 / 26.9
3	23.6 (Var. 4)	17.5	6.1 / 25.8

5 Summary

The test results can be valuated as follows:

- Compared to the references improvements of the room acoustical behaviour could be verified for the var. 1 and 3 (5.0 dB(A) and 7.3 dB(A)). The reduction of the loudness value was determined to be 26.9 % for var. 1 and 25.8 % for var. 3.
- Tests on var. 1 gave slightly larger improvement in comparison to the reference than var. 3.

A graphical presentation of the measured sound pressure levels and loudness-values is enclosed in the annex.

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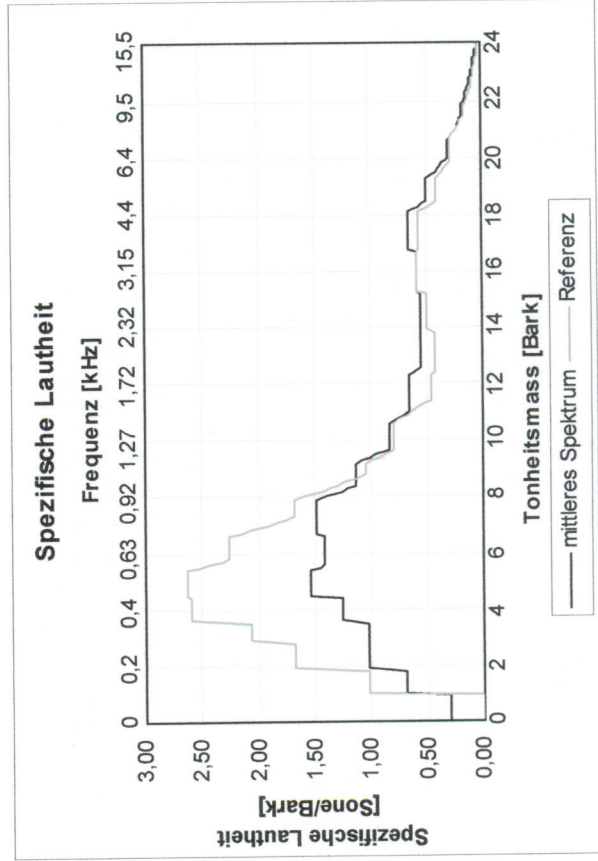
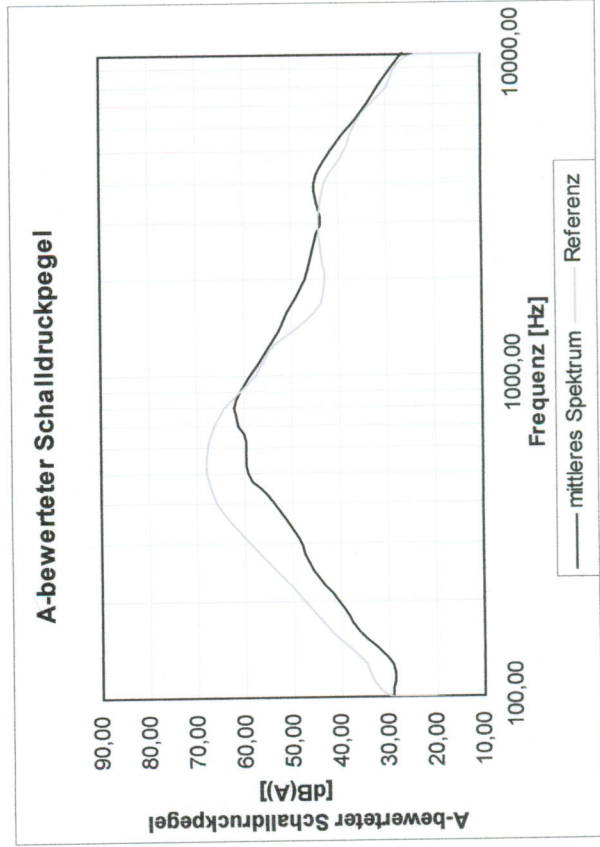
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- Differenz des SPL(A) der Referenz und des mittleren Spektrums [dB(A)]:

67,0
73,1
6,2

Lautheitsmessung :

- Lautheit des mittleren Spektrums [Sone]:
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17,8
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4,4
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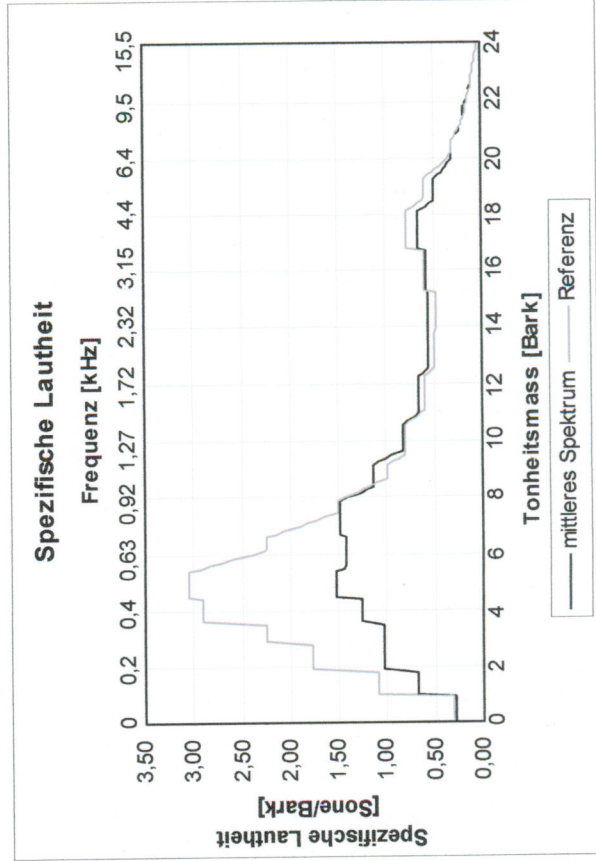
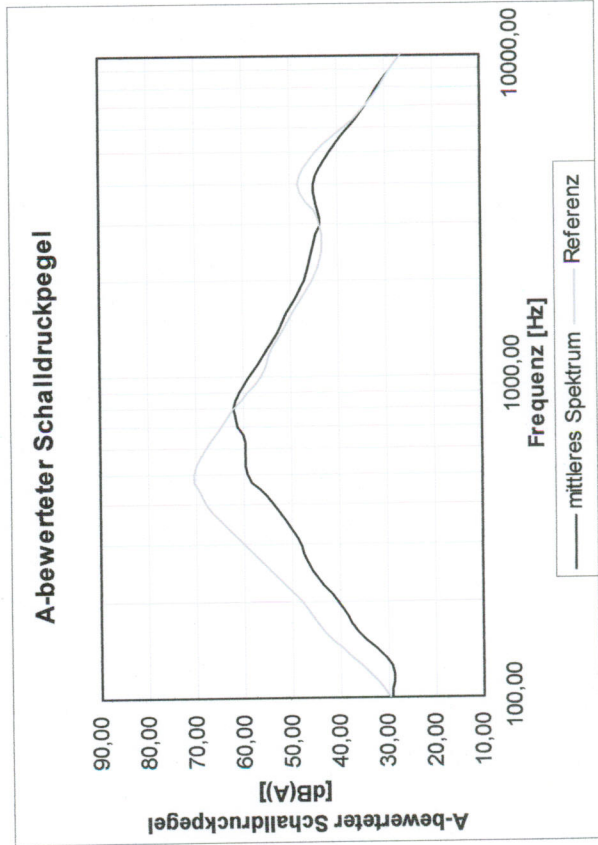
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17,8
24,4
6,6
26,9



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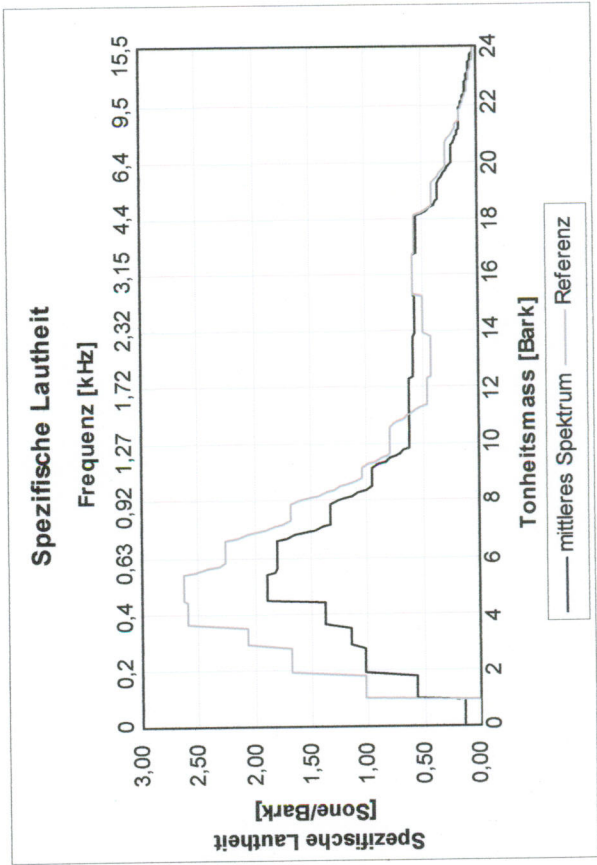
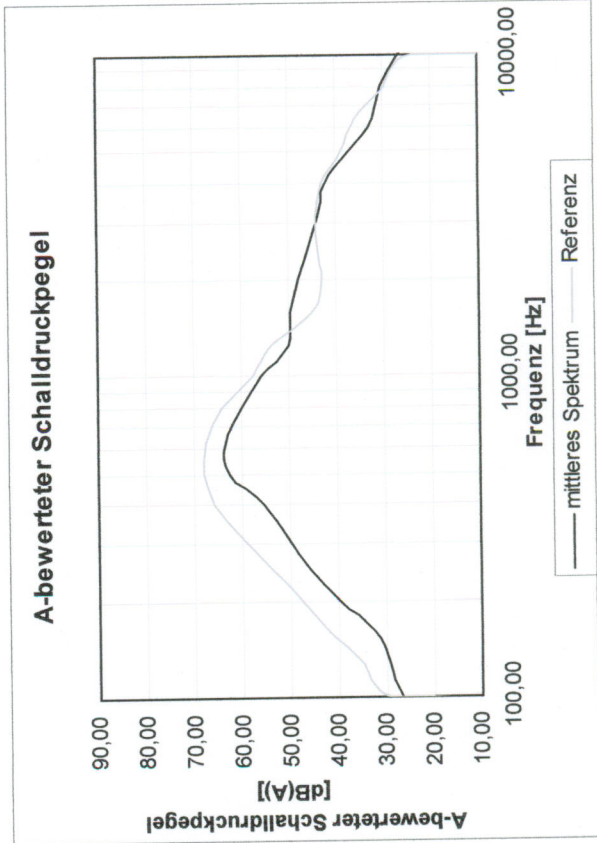
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Differenz der Lautheiten der Referenz und des mittleren Spektrums [Sone]:

Relative Differenz der Lautheiten der Referenz und des mittleren Spektrums [%]:

- 17,5
- 23,6
- 6,1
- 25,8

