



MASS TIMBER ACOUSTICS & APPLICATIONS

standards, connection details and implications on sound transmission & the flanksound project





- Laboratory testing
- On-site testing
- Flanksound project
- Characterization of resilient interlayers
- Friction

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• Next steps and future developments



Wooden structures like all lightweight constructions, do not have a high acoustic performance at low frequincies.





Flanking transmission



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The profile works like a **spring** + **damper** system.

The elastic component (spring) dissipates energy **"bouncing"** (obviously if the system is too loaded or too little, the spring does not activate), the damping component stops the spring from bouncing and **transforms the motion into viscous friction**. The lack of one of the two components would result in the lack of energy dissipation.



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DESOLIDARISATION: construction technique or action which keeps elements isolated or separated when contact would allow the transmission of vibrations and, therefore, noise.







MASS SYSTEM - SPRING - MASS

Every material has a different dynamic stiffness value and can be outlined like a mass system - spring - mass.

A floating mass system can be associated with this type of system, in which the structural floor or system sub-floor represents the base mass, the impact sound insulation product is the spring and the supporting mass and flooring constitute the upper mass. In this context, the element that serves as the spring is defined as the "resilient layer" and is attributed the "dynamic stiffness s' [MN/m3]".

The dynamic stiffness s' [MN/m3] expresses the elastic deformation capacity of a impact sound insulation product subject to dynamic stress and is measured in the lab based on EN ISO 29052-1. This parameter includes the elastic and damping characteristics of the material, including those of the air enclosed within it





DYNAMIC STIFFNESS AND AIR INSIDE THE MATERIALS

One element that can influence this behaviour is the air contained inside the materials. In fact, dynamic stiffness is the sum of two factors:

where:

- s' real dynamic stiffness
- s't apparent dynamic stiffness
- s'a dynamic stiffness for surface unit of the gas contained inside the material

OPEN CELL MATERIALS

Fibrous and open cell materials allow for air to pass within them. In general, for these it is necessary to always consider the real dynamic stiffness value, which includes the contribution of the air.

CLOSED CELL MATERIALS

Closed cell materials or homogeneous and isotropic materials are considered impermeable to air, and therefore airflow can be ignored, obtaining s' = s't [MN/m^3].







IMPACT SOUND NOISE INSULATION



CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS





From a theoretical point of view, these types of product aim to **create a decoupled system** and reduce the amount of energy (vibrations) that is transferred from the system. **The system is decoupled if the resonant frequency is exceeded.** The resonant frequency depends on how the material is loaded. In the formula below, it is noted that the load (m ') is a necessary parameter for the calculation of the resonance frequency.



If we don't impose a load range, we cannot know the resonance frequency and it is impossible to guarantee that the system is decoupled and consequently a negative transmissibility value.



XYLOFON 35 SHORE TABLE OF USE ^[1]

Code	APPLICABLE C [N/r	COMPRESSION nm ²]	DEFOR [n	MATION 1m]	APPLICABLE LINEAR LOAD [kN/m]		
	from	to	min	max	from	to	
XYL35080			0.00		2,16	22,00	
XYL35100	0.027	0.275		0.00	2,70	27,50	
XYL35120	0,027	0,275	0,06	0,60	3,24	33,00	
XYL35140					3,78	38,50	



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- **Compressive modulus in static conditions** and not the dynamic elastic modulus (which is generally used for dynamic loads like in bridges or under service equipment).
- According to ISO 12354, measurements and calculating models are not reliable at low frequencies due to the hypothesis of homogeneous sound field distribution, which is not verified at low frequencies.
- The thicker is the acoustic profile, the higher is the deformation and the less is the **stiffness of the building**. As consequence it is needed multiplying the number of brackets and connectors to compensate the stiffness/resistance loss.
- Laboratory measurements of the vibration reduction index
 Kij in accordance with the EN ISO 10848 and experimental data suitable for the acoustic design.



Flanksound Project

AIM

Creation of a dataset of K_{ij} for CLT junctions

MEASUREMENT CAMPAIGN

- Seven CLT manufacturers
- L, T, X vertical and horizontal junctions
- Influence of kind and number of screws, hold-down, angle brackets
- Resilient interlayer at the wallfloor junction







FLANKSOUND PROJECT



THE FLANKSOUND PROJECT

EXPERIMENTAL MEASUREMENTS OF K_{ij} FOR CLT JUNCTIONS

Rothoblaas has funded a research aimed at measuring the vibration reduction index K_{ij} for a variety of junctions between CLT panels, with the twofold aim of providing specific experimental data suitable for the acoustic design of CLT buildings and of contributing to development of the calculation methods.



The vibration reduction index measurements were carried out in compliance with EN ISO 10848.

Test setup

CLT panels were provided by seven different manufacturers and therefore underwent different production processes, showing different characteristics such as the number and thickness of the planks, the side gluing of the layers, and whether there are anti-shrinkage cuts in the core. Different kinds of screws and connectors were tested, as well as different resilient layers at the wall-floor junction.

HIGHLIGHTS

7 different CLT manufacturers

L, T, X vertical and horizontal junctions

influence of type and number of screws

influence of type and number of angle brackets

influence of type and number of holddowns

use of resilient layers

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Test setup





Test setup





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Test setup







Measurement equipment



- Vibration velocity level shaker, pink noise filtered at 30 Hz
- Structural reverberation time 10848 Impulse Response









Accelerometers

Screws

Magnets

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Resilient interlayers

WALL-WALL JUNCTION Product: Compressible EPDM sealing gasket for regular junctions







FASTENING SYSTEM Screws HBS Ø8 X 240 mm (HBS8240) step 400 mm

RESILIENT PROFILE NO



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RESILIENT PROFILE CONSTRUCTION SEALING







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FASTENING SYSTEM Screws HBS Ø8 X 240 mm (HBS8240) step 400 mm



RESILIENT PROFILE NO



f (Hz)	100	125	160	200	250	315	400	500	630	800	1000	1250	1600	2000	2500	3150	AVG 200-1250
K ₁₄ (dB)	13,1	12,4	13,7	10,8	13,2	12,2	12,8	14,4	15,9	17,0	19,7	21,2	25,0	27,9	29,7	32,6	15,2
K ₁₂ (dB)	9,9	10,4	8,7	8,0	9,8	7,7	8,4	9,4	11,2	10,1	11,5	12,3	15,0	16,8	18,0	21,2	9,8
K ₁₃ (dB)	12,5	12,1	12,7	12,3	14,6	13,3	11,9	14,0	16,8	16,8	20,5	21,7	23,9	27,5	28,3	31,6	15,8
K ₄₂ (dB)	12,9	11,2	11,6	9,8	12,7	12,5	11,6	11,9	13,8	12,6	13,4	13,9	16,8	18,6	20,7	22,9	12,5

FASTENING SYSTEM Screws HBS Ø8 X 240 mm (HBS8240) step 400 mm



RESILIENT PROFILE CONSTRUCTION SEALING



f (Hz)	100	125	160	200	250	315	400	500	630	800	1000	1250	1600	2000	2500	3150	AVG 200-1250
K ₁₄ (dB)	11,4	8,5	6,9	10,1	14,1	10,9	14,6	17,1	16,9	20,9	22,0	22,8	28,7	33,4	37,2	39,3	16,6
K ₁₂ (dB)	5,9	6,3	7,3	6,3	8,4	6,1	8,5	11,6	12,2	13,6	12,8	16,5	17,6	19,6	23,6	25,1	10,7
K ₁₃ (dB)	13,4	12,3	11,0	12,9	15,5	14,6	17,0	17,5	19,7	26,4	25,1	28,1	27,4	35,4	39,9	39,6	19,6
K ₄₂ (dB)	9,5	8,1	9,0	8,2	12,7	11,5	14,3	13,3	17,1	18,5	17,3	20,5	23,9	24,4	29,2	32,8	14,8



Resilient interlayers

WALL-FLOOR JUNCTION

Product: Resilient soundproofing profile in monolithic polyurethane mixture









FASTENING SYSTEM Screws HBS Ø8 X 240 mm (HBS8240) step 300 mm



RESILIENT PROFILE NO





RESILIENT PROFILE

















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Number and type od screws

WALL-WALL JUNCTION Product: HBS (partial threated screw) vs VGZ (full threaded screw)





















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-> (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5RM-2Vgs65Y

LJUNCTIONS



 $K_{12} = K_{21}$

T JUNCTIONS



 $\begin{array}{ll} {\sf K}_{14}=\;{\sf K}_{41} & {\sf K}_{43}=\;{\sf K}_{34} \\ {\sf K}_{13}=\;{\sf K}_{31} \end{array}$



X JUNCTIONS

 $\begin{array}{ll} {\sf K}_{14}={\sf K}_{41} & {\sf K}_{13}={\sf K}_{31} \\ {\sf K}_{12}={\sf K}_{21} & {\sf K}_{42}={\sf K}_{24} \end{array}$



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Software implementation





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AIRBORNE SOUND

AIRBORNE NOISE: the medium carrying the sound energy is air.





IMPACT SOUND

STRUCTURAL NOISE: the sound crosses the structure carrying the vibrations from room to room, even when not contiguous.

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Wall + Window





Proper installation of windows





Rehabilitation of a facade



Proper sealing of the joint between structure and window



Rehabilitation of a facade





THREE LEVELS OF PROTECTION

The three level method, which is used often in most European countries, identifies thermal and acoustic insulation levels for proper placement of doors and windows. To obtain maximum performance, it is important to take care in all design stages.





New measurement



R'_w = 47 dB

 $R'_{w(SF)} = 57 \text{ dB}$

 $R'_{w} = 51 dB + 4dB$ $R'_{w(SF)} = 67 dB + 10dB$



Characterization of resilient interlayers

Additional testing fire resistance, mechanical resistance of the junction, water uptake







INTERACTION STRUCTURAL BEHAVIOUR



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Variation in mechanical shear resistance based on the soundproofing profile







Variation in mechanical shear resistance based on the soundproofing profile

TITAN TTF200

Configurations	sp [mm]	F _{15 mm} [kN]	∆F _{15 mm}	K _{5 mm} [kN/mm]	∆K _{5 mm}
TTF200	-	68,4	-	9,55	-
TTF200 + ALADIN STRIPE SOFT red.*	3	59,0	-14 %	8,58	-10 %
TTF200 + ALADIN STRIPE EXTRA SOFT red.*	4	56,4	-18 %	8,25	-14 %
	5	55,0	-20 %	7,98	-16 %
TTF200 + XYLOFON PLATE	6	54,3	-21 %	7,79	-18 %
	7	47,0	-31 %	7,30	-24 %



*reduced thickness: profile height reduced due to the corrugated section and consequent crushing induced by the nail head during use.

The results obtained indicate a reduction in the resistance and stiffness of the devices following the insertion of the sound-insulating profiles. This change is heavily dependent on the thickness of the profile. To limit the reduction in force and stiffness to around 20%, profiles must be selected with real thicknesses less than or equal to 6 mm, approximately.



Table B.4: Force F_{2/3}, 1 angle bracket / connection timber to timber

		Num	Number of Timber				
TI	TAN Type	Iaste	ners		F _{2/3,Rk} [kN	7]	
		number n _v	number n _H	Nails Ø4 x 60	Screws Ø5 x 50	Screws Ø8 x 80	K _{2/3,ser} [KN/mm]
TTN160		24	24	19,3	24,0	-	-
TTN200		30	30	28,0	34,7	-	-
TTN240		36	36	37,9	46,7	-	-
TTN240 + X	ylofonplate	36	36	24,8	22,8	-	-
TTN240 + A	ladin Stripe Soft	36	36	28,9	27,5	-	-
TTN240 + A	ladin Stripe Extrasoft	36	36	27,5	25,8	-	-
TTS140		8	8	-	-	10,7	-
TTS195		11	11	-	-	17,1	-
TTS240		14	14	-	-	60,0	5,6
TTS240 + X	ylofonplate	14	14	-	-	12,5	-
TTS240 + A	adin Stripe Soft	14	14	-	-	14,7	-
TTS240 + A1	adin Stripe Extrasoft	14	14	-	-	13,9	-
TTF200, h=9	cm ¹⁾	30	30	35,5	42,5	-	-
TTF200, h=8	cm ¹⁾	25	25	31,0	37,2	-	-
TTF200, h=7	cm ¹⁾	15	15	20,9	25,1	-	-
TTF200, h=6	cm ¹⁾	10	10	15,1	18,1	-	-
TTF200 + X	ylofonplate	30	30	17,2	15,8	-	-
TTF200 + AI	adin Stripe Soft	30	30	20,0	19,0	-	-
TTF200 + A1	adin Stripe Extrasoft	30	30	19,0	17,9	-	-
TTV240 full		36	$30 + 2^{2}$	59,7	59,7	-	Full nailing: 6,6
TTV240 part	ial	24	$24 + 2^{3}$	51,5	51,5	-	Partial nailing: 4,8



*Calculated values



LOAD-BEARING CAPACITY AND STIFFNESS OF CONNECTIONS BETWEEN CLT PANELS MADE WITH HBS PARTIALLY THREAD SCREWS AND XYLOFON WASHERS

Through experimental testing and analytical approaches, the mechanical and deformation performance of connections between CLT panels — made with 8x280 HBS screws installed with/without XYLOFON WASHER separating washers — was analysed with and without the use of resilient, intermediate XYLOFON35 decoupling profiles.



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SERIES	F _{mean} ⁽¹⁾	$F_{R,k}$	pre-tens. ⁽²⁾	Kser	K
	[kN]	[kN]	[kN]	[N/mm]	[N/mm]
T-T	52,9	44,0	0	30252	3524
	61,4	52,4	30	42383	4090
TV	54,4	40,1	0	7114	3629
1-7	70,9	60,5	30	9540	4726
T-X-W	65,0	48,3	0	6286	4330
	76,2	63,4	30	7997	5080

⁽¹⁾ Average value for 3 tests.

Preload forces of 30 kN were applied to simulate the operating load.

The experimental test results show that fastener load-bearing capacity is affected by the presence of the resilient XYLOFON35 profile (T-X series), recording a reduction of about 9% in F_{Rk}. However, adding the XYLOFON WASHER (T-X-W series) separating washers recorded a 10% increase in F_{Rk} due to the increase in the axial strength of the connection (cable effect).



Friction

Test c/o TU Graz and UIBK to evaluate the friction of the junction with/without the resilient profile Xylofon









Friction

We investigated the friction between Xylofon and CLT and the influence of the following parameters:

- Wood moisture (12% and 14)
- CLT surface (narrow and side face
- Counter material (spruce and birch
- Normal force:
- Xylofon hardness

The coefficient can be considered only if the perfect contact between wood and Xylofon is guarantee.



Friction

Results:

- Wood moisture (12% and 14%): the coefficient of static friction has no significant difference
- CLT surface (narrow and side face): no clearly distinguishable difference on static friction coefficient
- Counter material (spruce and birch): the material of CLT does not give a clear difference between static friction coefficient
- Normal force: the coefficient of static friction increases with the normal force
- Xylofon hardness: the coefficient of the static friction decreases with Xylofon hardness.

The whole investigation of the parameter's combination was not possible and not investigated parameters could also have some influence on the friction coefficient.



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MATERIAL



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Wooden structures, like all lightweight constructions, do not have a high acoustic performance at **low frequencies**. This is particularly true concerning impact sounds and the transmission of structural vibration through the structure. For this purpose, we must stop the propagation of vibrations in order to obtain a **reduction of noise** transmission using resilient products employed according to the principle of desolidarisation.





Mechanical performance





Fire resistance



XYLOFON XYLOFON XYLOFON SEALANT 1 XYLOFON SEALANT 1 SEALANT 2





Fire resistance



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Fire resistance

5 Conclusions

The following conclusions can be drawn on the basis of the fire test carried out for the purpose to test and assess the performance in fire of a joint with XYLOFON stripe from the company Rotho Blass AG:

- The fire unexposed surface at all did not show any temperature increase until the fire test was stopped after 60 minutes of standard ISO/EN fire exposure (criteria I fulfilled).
- The fire unexposed side of the specimen did not show any change in colour nor any integrity failure. Moreover, no burn-through was observed until the fire test was stopped after 60 minutes (criteria E fulfilled).



Durability







Durability













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ACOUSTIC PERFORMANCE

INTERACTION WITH CONNECTORS

MECHANICAL PERFORMANCE



FIRE RESISTANCE



DURABILITY

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