

MEASUREMENT REPORT

**ON-SITE MEASUREMENT TO DETERMINE  
THE PERFORMANCE OF  
SOUND LEVEL INSULATION OF DES ENCLOSED BLIND**

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## **1. INTRODUCTION**

DES Building Innovate Sdn. Bhd. commissioned SIRIM Berhad to measure performance of the 6 enclosed blinds samples. The measurements were carried out at DES Building Innovate Sdn. Bhd. (Address: 6, Jalan IKS Juru Jaya, Taman IKS Juru Jaya, 14100 Simpang Ampat, Pulau Pinang, Malaysia) testing cell (refer to Appendix 1 for the cell setup and dimensions) from 20<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> January 2015.

## **2. OBJECTIVE**

The objective of this measurement is to determine the performance of DES enclosed blinds sound (noise) level insulation (reduction).

## **3. DESCRIPTION OF THE SAMPLES**

Six (6) samples were mounted in a vertical aperture on a wall between two side-by-side rooms. The sound levels in these two rooms were measured and calculated to determine the sound transmission loss from source room to receiving room. The samples are:

- I. Sample 1 (EB1) : 4mm tempered clear glass + 19mm air space with Enclosed Blind + 4mm tempered clear glass
- II. Sample 2 (EB2) : 4mm tempered clear glass + 19mm air space with Enclosed Blind + 5mm tempered light green glass
- III. Sample 3 (EB3) : 4mm tempered clear glass + 19mm air space with Enclosed Blind + 6.38mm laminated clear float glass
- IV. Sample 4 (DG4) : 4mm tempered clear glass + 19mm air space + 6.38mm laminated clear float glass
- V. Sample 5 (DG5) : 4mm tempered clear glass + 8mm air space + 6.38mm laminated clear float glass
- VI. Sample 6 (DG6) : 4mm tempered clear glass + 8mm air space + 4mm tempered clear glass

Refer Appendix 2 for detail of samples description.

#### 4. MEASUREMENT PROCEDURE

Enclosed blind samples were mounted in a vertical aperture as shown in Figure 4.1 enclosed blinds setup.

The measurement procedures involved a noise source fed to loudspeakers in the source room and sound levels were being measured in both the Source and Receiver rooms. The detail of test cell specification including build dimension is shown in Appendix 1.

Noise was generated via an amplifier output to a loudspeaker. The loud speaker was positioned in the top corner of the source room opposite the sample under measure. Figure 4.2 shows the loudspeakers location. The noise level of the source was varied from frequency 50Hz to 5,000Hz.

Sound Level Meter Positions: Two sound level meters were placed in the centre of the source and receiving rooms.

Figure 4.3 shows the sound level meter. Two sound level meters were used: TES 1350A; Serial No. 120303890, 131011245; Calibrated Date: 24 Oct 2014, Due Date: 24 Oct 2015.

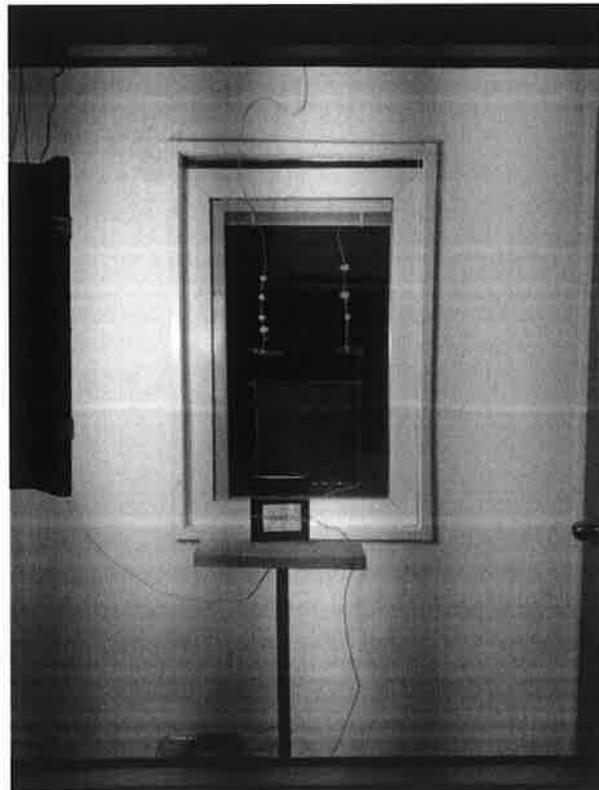
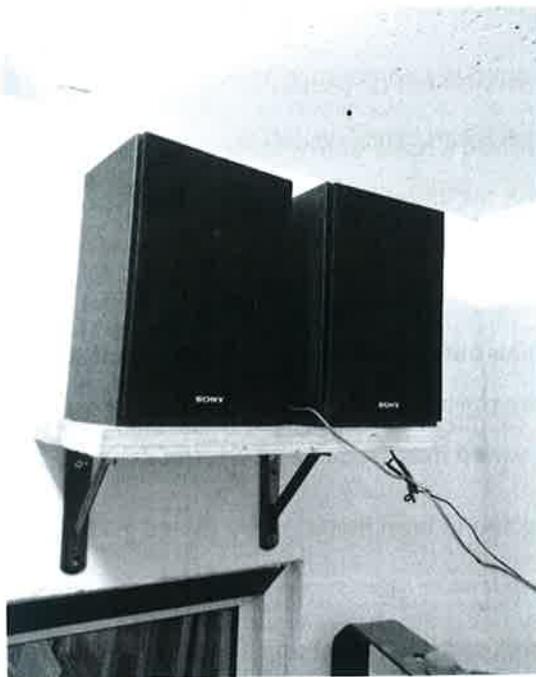


Figure 4.1 Enclosed Blinds Setup



**Figure 4.2 Loudspeakers Location**



**Figure 4.3 Sound Level Meter**

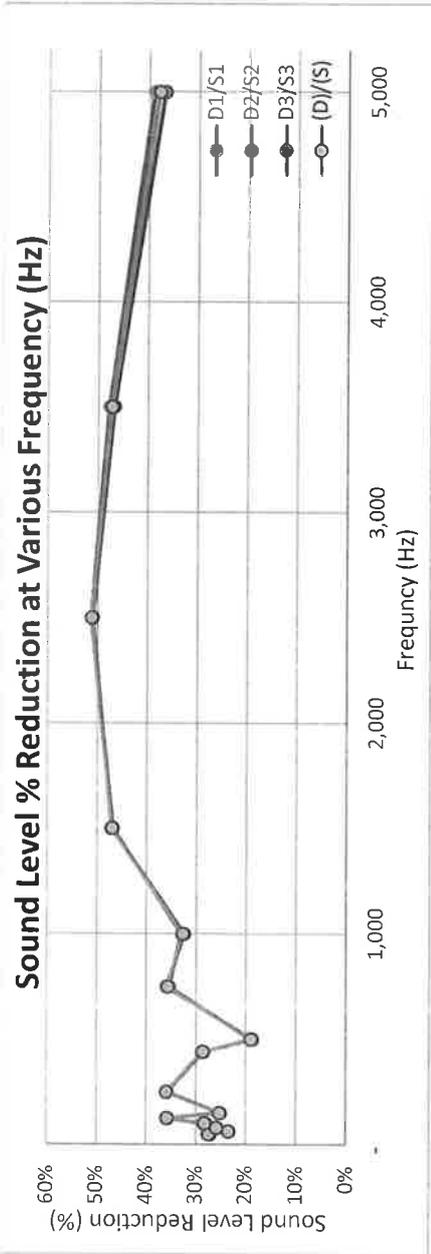


5. RESULTS  
5.1 Sample 1

Client : DES Building Innovate Sdn. Bhd.	Date measured: 21-Jan-15
Test Sample : 1	Type of measurement: Field measurement of sound level at a source room and a receiving room provided by DES
Description : 4mm tempered clear + 4mm tempered clear (19mm gap)	
Sound Level Meter: TES 1350A, Serial No. 120303890, 131011245	
Calibrated Date: 24 Oct 2014, Due Date: 24 Oct 2015	

No	Source (S) dB			Receiving (R) dB			Reduction (S)-(R) dB			% Reduction			Average Reduction					
	S1	S2	S3	Aver	R1	R2	R3	Aver	S1-R1	S2-R2	S3-R3	(S)-(R)	D1/S1	D2/S2	D3/S3	(D)/(S)	%	
1	88.2	89.0	88.6	88.6	63.8	64.8	64.3	64.3	24.4	24.2	24.3	24.3	28%	27%	27%	27%	27%	27%
2	63	66.7	66.4	66.4	51.1	50.8	51.0	50.8	15.6	15.6	15.6	15.6	23%	23%	23%	23%	23%	23%
3	80	73.5	73.4	73.5	54.5	54.4	54.5	54.5	19.0	19.0	19.0	19.0	26%	26%	26%	26%	26%	26%
4	100	73.5	73.1	73.3	52.6	52.6	52.6	52.6	20.9	20.5	20.7	20.7	28%	28%	28%	28%	28%	28%
5	125	81.5	81.6	81.6	52.4	52.3	52.4	52.4	29.1	29.3	29.2	29.2	36%	36%	36%	36%	36%	36%
6	150	104.5	104.8	104.7	77.9	78.4	78.2	78.2	26.6	26.4	26.5	26.5	25%	25%	25%	25%	25%	25%
7	250	81.5	81.7	81.6	52.3	52.3	52.3	52.3	29.2	29.4	29.3	29.3	36%	36%	36%	36%	36%	36%
8	440	89.0	88.6	88.8	63.6	63.2	63.4	63.4	25.4	25.4	25.4	25.4	29%	29%	29%	29%	29%	29%
9	500	83.7	83.2	83.5	67.7	67.6	67.7	67.7	16.0	15.6	15.8	15.8	19%	19%	19%	19%	19%	19%
10	750	92.7	92.6	92.7	59.9	59.3	59.6	59.6	32.8	33.3	33.1	33.1	35%	36%	36%	35%	35%	35%
11	1,000	87.8	87.7	87.8	58.9	59.3	59.1	59.1	28.9	28.4	28.7	28.7	33%	32%	32%	33%	32%	32%
12	1,500	100.4	100.2	100.3	53.4	53.0	53.2	53.2	47.0	47.2	47.1	47.1	47%	47%	47%	47%	47%	47%
13	2,500	105.1	105.0	105.1	51.2	51.4	51.3	51.3	53.9	53.6	53.8	53.8	51%	51%	51%	51%	51%	51%
14	3,500	104.5	103.2	103.9	54.6	54.9	54.8	54.8	49.9	48.3	49.1	49.1	48%	47%	47%	47%	47%	47%
15	5,000	84.6	82.0	83.3	51.6	51.8	51.7	51.7	33.0	30.2	31.6	31.6	39%	37%	37%	38%	38%	38%



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### 5.2 Sample 2

Client : DES Building Innovate Sdn. Bhd.  
 Test Sample : 2  
 Description : 4mm tempered clear + 5mm tempered light green (19mm gap)  
 Sound Level Meter: TES 1350A; Serial No. 120303890, 131011245  
 Calibrated Date: 24 Oct 2014, Due Date: 24 Oct 2015

Date measured: 21-Jan-15  
 Type of measurement: Field measurement of sound level at a source room and a receiving room provided by DES

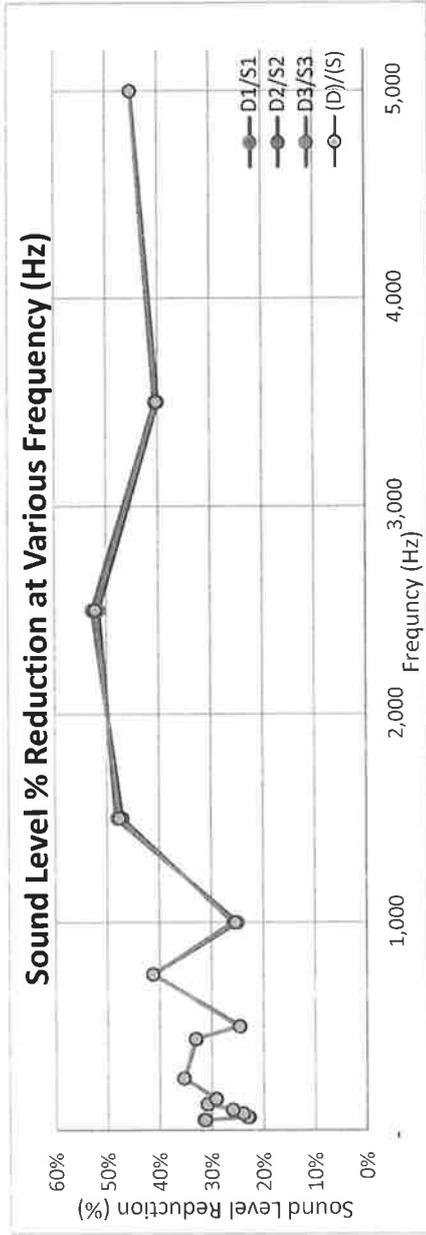
No	Freq Hz	Source (S) dB		
		S1	S2	S3
1	50	83.9	82.7	83.3
2	63	67.3	66.9	67.1
3	80	69.3	69.2	69.3
4	100	74.0	73.6	73.8
5	125	74.1	74.0	74.1
6	150	97.6	96.6	97.1
7	250	89.0	88.7	88.9
8	440	94.6	94.1	94.4
9	500	82.2	82.5	82.4
10	750	89.9	89.7	89.8
11	1,000	93.2	94.0	93.6
12	1,500	103.1	101.7	102.4
13	2,500	109.1	109.1	109.1
14	3,500	90.8	91.2	91.0
15	5,000	95.8	95.4	95.6

R1	R2	R3	Receiving (R) dB	
			Aver	Min
57.8	56.6	57.2	57.2	57.1
51.7	51.6	51.7	51.7	51.1
52.7	52.6	52.7	52.7	Max
54.7	54.5	54.6	54.6	70
51.1	51.2	51.2	51.2	
69.2	68.4	68.8	68.8	
57.5	57.3	57.4	57.4	
63.4	62.9	63.2	63.2	
61.9	62.3	62.1	62.1	
52.8	52.7	52.8	52.8	
70.0	69.8	69.9	69.9	
53.4	53.8	53.6	53.6	
52.9	51.5	52.2	52.2	
54.5	54.2	54.4	54.4	
52.5	52.3	52.4	52.4	

Reduction (S)-(R) dB		Average Reduction (S)-(R) dB	
S1-R1	S2-R2	S3-R3	(S)-(R)
26.1	26.1	26.1	26.1
15.6	15.3	15.5	15.5
16.6	16.6	16.6	Max
19.3	19.1	19.2	19.2
23.0	22.8	22.9	22.9
28.4	28.2	28.3	28.3
31.5	31.4	31.5	31.5
31.2	31.2	31.2	31.2
20.3	20.2	20.3	20.3
37.1	37.0	37.1	37.1
23.2	24.2	23.7	23.7
49.7	47.9	48.8	48.8
56.2	57.6	56.9	56.9
36.3	37.0	36.7	36.7
43.3	43.1	43.2	43.2

% Reduction		Average Reduction (D)/(S) %	
D1/S1	D2/S2	D3/S3	(D)/(S)
31%	32%	31%	31%
23%	23%	23%	23%
24%	24%	24%	Max
26%	26%	26%	26%
31%	31%	31%	31%
29%	29%	29%	29%
35%	35%	35%	35%
33%	33%	33%	33%
25%	24%	25%	25%
41%	41%	41%	41%
25%	26%	25%	25%
48%	47%	48%	48%
52%	53%	52%	52%
40%	41%	40%	40%
45%	45%	45%	45%

Reduction (S)-(R) dB		Average Reduction (S)-(R) dB	
S1-R1	S2-R2	S3-R3	(S)-(R)
26.1	26.1	26.1	26.1
15.6	15.3	15.5	15.5
16.6	16.6	16.6	Max
19.3	19.1	19.2	19.2
23.0	22.8	22.9	22.9
28.4	28.2	28.3	28.3
31.5	31.4	31.5	31.5
31.2	31.2	31.2	31.2
20.3	20.2	20.3	20.3
37.1	37.0	37.1	37.1
23.2	24.2	23.7	23.7
49.7	47.9	48.8	48.8
56.2	57.6	56.9	56.9
36.3	37.0	36.7	36.7
43.3	43.1	43.2	43.2

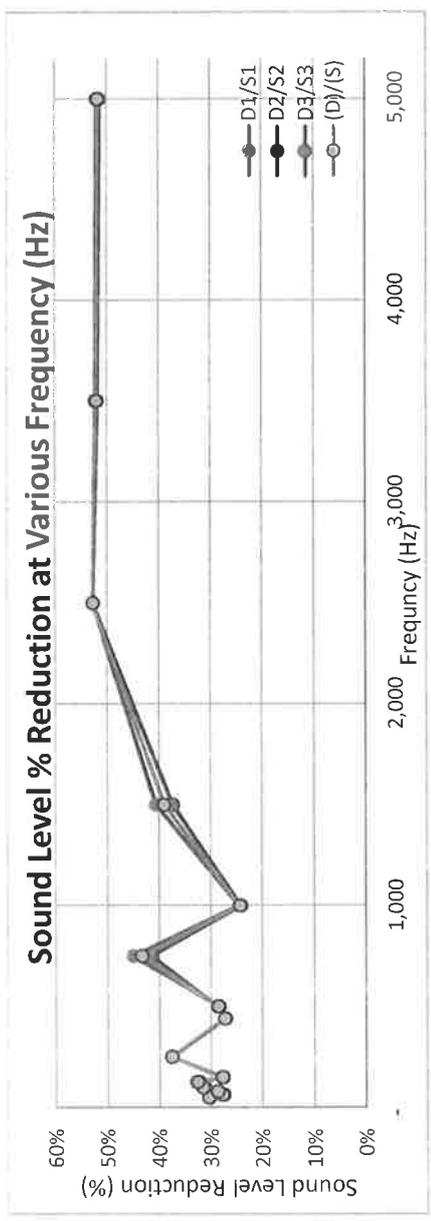


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### 5.3 Sample 3

Client : DES Building Innovate Sdn. Bhd. Date measured: 21-Jan-15  
 Test Sample: 3 Type of measurement: Field measurement of sound level at a source room and a receiving room provided by DES  
 Descriptor: 4mm tempered clear + 6.38mm laminated clear (19mm gap)  
 Sound Level Meter: TES 1350A; Serial No. 120303890, 131011245  
 Calibrated Date: 24 Oct 2014, Due Date: 24 Oct 2015

No	Freq Hz	Source (S) dB			Receiving (R) dB			Reduction (S)-(R) dBAverage Reduction				% Reduction				Average Reduction			
		S1	S2	S3	Aver	R1	R2	R3	Aver	S1-R1	S2-R2	S3-R3	(S)-(R)	D1/S1	D2/S2	D3/S3	(D)/(S)	%	
1	50	81.5	81.0	81.3	81.3	56.8	56.3	56.6	56.6	24.7	24.7	24.7	24.7	30%	30%	30%	30%	30%	30%
2	63	67.2	66.7	67.0	66.7	48.3	48.3	48.3	47.6	18.9	18.4	18.7	18.7	28%	28%	28%	28%	28%	28%
3	80	69.0	68.8	68.9	68.9	49.2	49.0	49.1	49.1	19.8	19.8	19.8	19.8	29%	29%	29%	29%	29%	29%
4	100	73.4	73.1	73.3	73.3	50.1	50.2	50.2	50.2	23.3	23.2	23.1	23.1	32%	31%	32%	32%	32%	32%
5	125	72.2	71.6	71.9	71.9	48.4	48.5	48.5	48.5	23.8	23.1	23.5	23.5	33%	32%	33%	33%	33%	33%
6	150	95.3	95.0	95.2	95.2	68.9	68.5	68.7	68.7	26.4	26.5	26.5	26.5	28%	28%	28%	28%	28%	28%
7	250	87.8	87.6	87.7	87.7	54.8	54.6	54.7	54.7	33.0	33.0	33.0	33.0	38%	38%	38%	38%	38%	38%
8	440	92.3	92.1	92.2	92.2	67.2	66.9	67.1	67.1	25.1	25.2	25.2	25.2	27%	27%	27%	27%	27%	27%
9	500	83.5	83.6	83.6	83.6	59.8	59.6	59.7	59.7	23.7	24.0	23.9	23.9	28%	29%	29%	29%	29%	29%
10	750	88.0	88.2	88.1	88.1	48.3	51.5	49.9	49.9	39.7	36.7	38.2	38.2	45%	42%	42%	43%	43%	43%
11	1,000	96.0	96.7	96.4	96.4	72.4	73.3	72.9	72.9	23.6	23.4	23.5	23.5	25%	24%	24%	24%	24%	24%
12	1,500	96.3	96.8	96.6	96.6	57.1	60.6	58.9	58.9	39.2	36.2	37.7	37.7	41%	37%	37%	39%	39%	39%
13	2,500	107.6	107.5	107.6	107.6	50.8	50.8	50.8	50.8	56.8	56.7	56.8	56.8	53%	53%	53%	53%	53%	53%
14	3,500	99.3	99.7	99.5	99.5	47.8	47.6	47.7	47.7	51.5	52.1	51.8	51.8	52%	52%	52%	52%	52%	52%
15	5,000	100.6	101.3	101.0	101.0	48.9	48.6	48.8	48.8	51.7	52.7	52.2	52.2	51%	52%	52%	52%	52%	52%



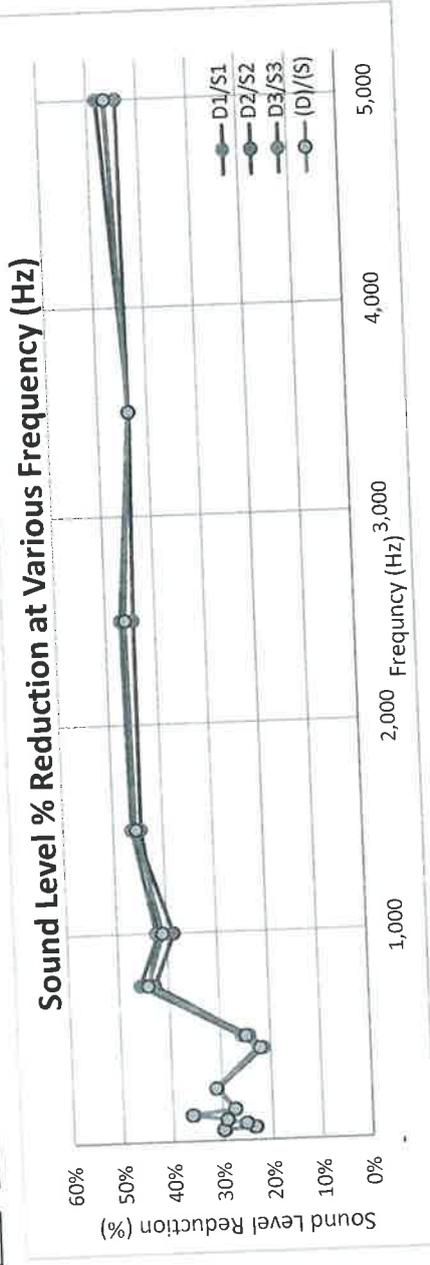
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5.4 Sample 4

Client : DES Building Innovate Sdn. Bhd.  
 Date measured: 20-Jan-15  
 Type of measurement: Field measurement of sound level at a source room and a receiving room provided by DES  
 Test Sample : 4  
 Description : 4mm tempered clear + 6.38mm laminated clear (double glaze)  
 Sound Level Meter: TES 1350A; Serial No. 120303890, 131011245  
 Calibrated Date: 24 Oct 2014; Due Date: 24 Oct 2015

No	Freq Hz	Source (S) dB			Receiving (R) dB			Reduction (S)-(R) dB			% Reduction			Average Reduction (D)/(S) %			
		S1	S2	S3	Aver	R1	R2	R3	Aver	S1-R1	S2-R2	S3-R3	Average	(D1/S1)	(D2/S2)	(D3/S3)	(D)/(S)
1	50	87.2	87.9	88.2	87.8	61.4	61.6	62.0	61.7	25.8	26.3	26.2	26.1	30%	30%	30%	30%
2	63	66.4	66.6	66.1	66.4	50.9	50.7	50.8	49.5	15.5	15.9	15.4	15.6	23%	24%	23%	23%
3	80	72.7	72.4	72.1	72.4	54.2	54.1	54.0	54.1	18.5	18.3	18.1	18.3	25%	25%	25%	25%
4	100	72.5	72.7	72.6	72.6	51.5	51.5	51.4	51.5	21.0	21.2	21.2	21.1	29%	29%	29%	29%
5	125	79.9	80.8	80.7	80.5	51.4	51.5	51.5	51.5	28.5	29.3	29.2	29.0	36%	36%	36%	36%
6	150	105.6	105.5	105.2	105.4	76.7	76.5	76.3	76.5	28.9	29.0	28.9	28.9	27%	27%	27%	27%
7	250	82.8	82.4	82.2	82.5	56.9	56.7	56.8	56.8	25.9	25.7	25.4	25.7	31%	31%	31%	31%
8	440	86.1	86.4	85.8	86.1	66.6	67.3	67.3	67.1	19.5	19.1	18.5	19.0	23%	22%	22%	22%
9	500	82.7	82.9	82.8	82.8	61.4	62.4	62.7	62.2	21.3	20.5	20.1	20.6	26%	25%	24%	25%
10	750	96.8	95.5	94.8	95.7	44.3	40.8	41.5	42.2	44.3	40.8	41.5	42.2	46%	43%	44%	44%
11	1,000	88.3	86.7	85.5	86.6	52.5	54.7	53.3	53.5	36.8	33.5	36.0	35.4	42%	39%	42%	41%
12	1,500	94.0	97.7	98.0	96.6	51.5	53.2	49.5	51.4	43.6	45.4	46.6	45.2	44%	46%	46%	45%
13	2,500	96.6	97.2	97.4	97.1	52.2	52.0	51.9	52.0	41.8	45.7	46.1	44.5	46%	47%	47%	46%
14	3,500	97.2	94.4	90.7	94.1	54.4	54.5	54.7	54.5	42.2	42.7	42.7	42.5	44%	44%	44%	44%
15	5,000					50.3	50.4	50.5	50.4	46.9	44.0	40.2	43.7	48%	47%	44%	46%

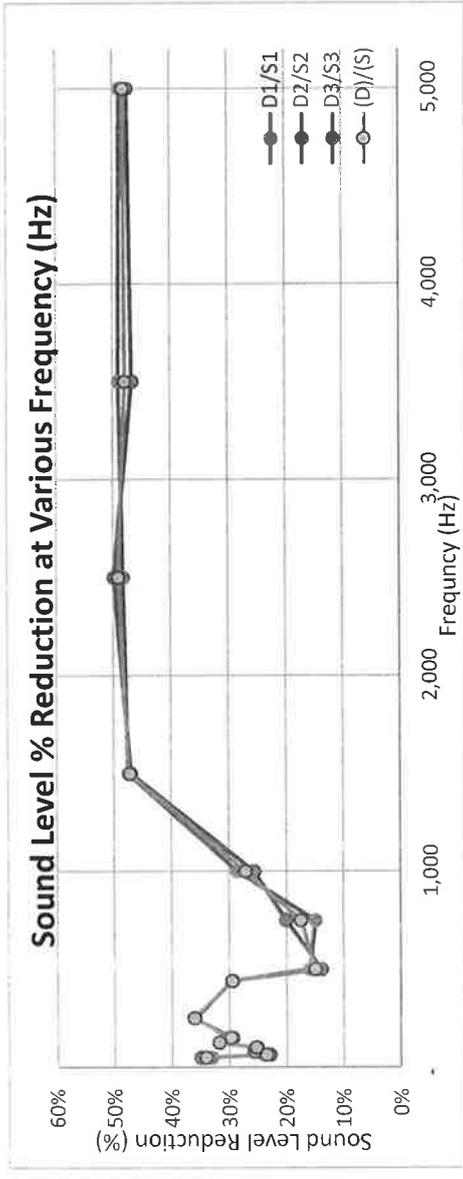


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### 5.5 Sample 5

Client : DES Building (Innovate Sdn. Bhd.) Date measured: 20-Jan-15  
 Test Sample : 5 Type of measurement: Field measurement of sound level at a source room and a receiving room provided by DES  
 Description : 4mm tempered clear + 6.38mm laminated clear (double glaze)  
 Sound Level Meter: TES 1350A, Serial No. 120303890, 131011245  
 Calibrated Date: 24 Oct 2014, Due Date: 24 Oct 2015

No	Freq. Hz	Source (S) dB			Receiving (R) dB			Reduction (S)-(R) dB					% Reduction			Average Reduction (D)/(S) %				
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1	50	81.9	83.5	82.7	54.3	54.5	54.5	54.5	27.2	29.2	28.2	28.2	33%	35%	33%	34%	34%	24%	24%	
2	63	68.2	67.1	67.7	51.8	51.8	50.9	51.8	16.4	15.4	15.9	15.9	26%	23%	26%	25%	26%	26%	26%	
3	80	73.7	73.1	73.4	54.7	54.6	54.7	54.7	19.0	18.5	18.8	18.8	25%	25%	25%	25%	25%	25%	25%	
4	100	72.2	71.5	71.9	53.8	53.5	53.7	53.7	18.4	18.0	18.2	18.2	32%	32%	32%	32%	32%	32%	32%	
5	125	76.6	76.6	76.6	52.2	52.2	52.2	52.2	24.4	24.4	24.4	24.4	30%	29%	30%	30%	30%	30%	30%	
6	150	102.9	104.5	103.5	71.7	73.7	72.7	72.7	30.8	30.8	30.8	30.8	30%	29%	30%	30%	30%	30%	30%	30%
7	250	85.5	85.3	85.4	54.7	54.4	54.6	54.6	30.8	30.9	30.9	30.9	30%	29%	30%	30%	30%	30%	30%	30%
8	440	79.1	74.7	76.9	55.7	52.7	54.2	54.2	23.4	22.0	22.7	22.7	16%	14%	16%	15%	16%	16%	16%	
9	500	88.0	84.9	86.5	68.4	64.7	73.6	73.6	14.0	11.8	12.9	12.9	15%	20%	14%	17%	15%	15%	15%	
10	750	80.4	80.9	80.7	69.7	71.2	70.5	70.5	12.0	16.2	14.1	14.1	29%	26%	29%	27%	29%	29%	29%	
11	1,000	97.8	95.7	96.7	68.4	64.7	73.6	73.6	27.9	24.5	26.2	26.2	47%	47%	47%	47%	47%	47%	47%	
12	1,500	101.5	97.5	99.5	53.3	51.6	52.5	52.5	48.2	45.9	47.1	47.1	48%	48%	48%	48%	48%	48%	48%	
13	2,500	103.8	109.0	107.4	54.7	54.6	54.7	54.7	51.1	54.4	52.8	52.8	49%	47%	49%	48%	49%	49%	49%	
14	3,500	106.4	101.3	103.9	54.2	54.0	54.1	54.1	52.2	47.3	49.8	49.8	49%	47%	48%	48%	49%	47%	48%	
15	5,000	100.0	97.0	98.5	51.2	50.9	51.1	51.1	48.8	46.1	47.5	47.5	48%	48%	48%	48%	48%	48%	48%	



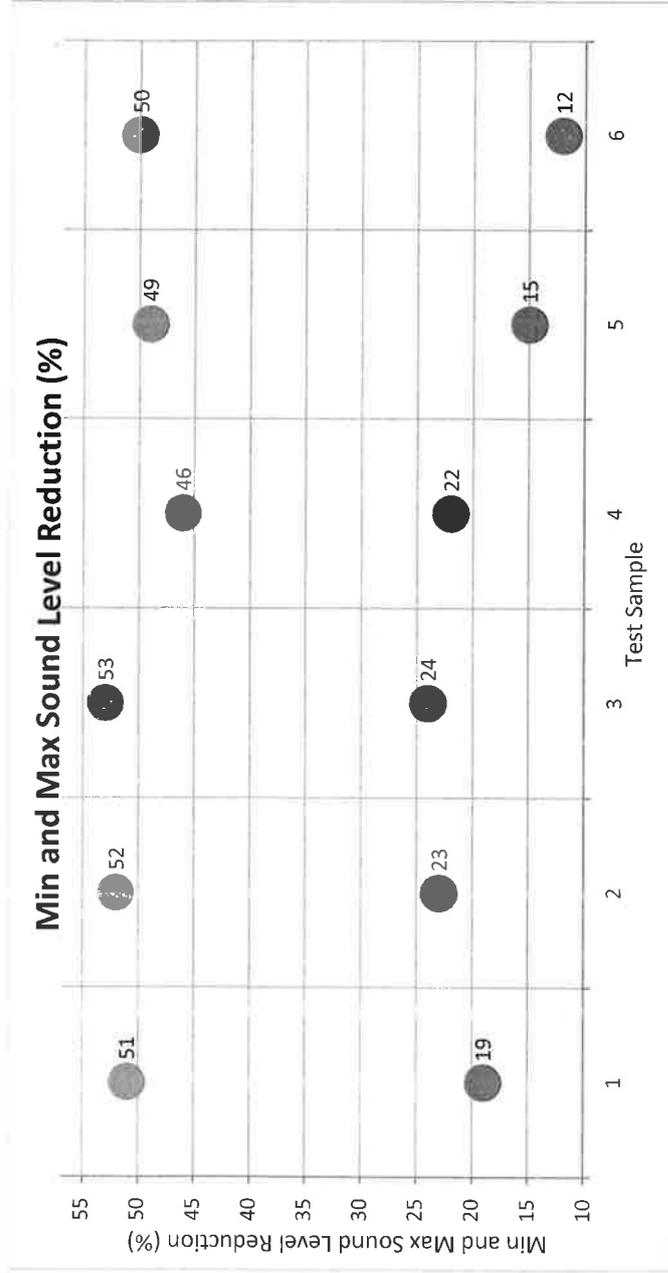
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**6. SUMMARY**

The minimum and maximum sound level insulations (reductions) for each sample are tabulated as follows:

Sound % reduction	Test sample					
	1	2	3	4	5	6
Min	19	23	24	22	15	12
Max	51	52	53	46	49	50



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The percentages of sound insulation (reduction) for each sample at various frequencies are tabulated as follows:

No	Freq Hz	Sample 1		Sample 2		Sample 3		Sample 4		Sample 5		Sample 6	
		(D)/(S) %	min										
1	50	27%	19%	31%	23%	30%	24%	30%	22%	34%	15%	30%	12%
2	63	23%	19%	23%	23%	28%	24%	24%	22%	24%	15%	24%	12%
3	80	26%	51%	24%	52%	29%	53%	25%	46%	26%	49%	26%	50%
4	100	28%	51%	26%	52%	32%	53%	29%	46%	25%	49%	29%	50%
5	125	36%	36%	31%	31%	33%	33%	36%	34%	32%	32%	34%	34%
6	150	25%	36%	29%	28%	28%	27%	27%	27%	30%	30%	27%	27%
7	250	36%	36%	35%	38%	38%	31%	36%	38%	36%	38%	38%	38%
8	440	29%	33%	33%	27%	27%	22%	22%	26%	30%	30%	26%	26%
9	500	19%	33%	25%	29%	29%	25%	25%	15%	15%	12%	12%	12%
10	750	36%	41%	41%	43%	43%	44%	44%	17%	17%	17%	21%	21%
11	1,000	33%	25%	25%	24%	24%	41%	41%	27%	27%	27%	27%	27%
12	1,500	47%	48%	48%	39%	39%	45%	45%	47%	47%	47%	45%	45%
13	2,500	51%	52%	52%	53%	53%	46%	46%	49%	49%	49%	50%	50%
14	3,500	47%	40%	40%	40%	52%	44%	44%	48%	48%	48%	46%	46%
15	5,000	38%	45%	45%	45%	52%	46%	46%	48%	48%	48%	47%	47%



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The commonly stated range of human hearing frequency is 20Hz to 20,000Hz. However, humans are most sensitive to frequencies between 2,000 and 5,000Hz. Thus, the measurements were carried out applying noise frequencies ranging from 50Hz to 5,000Hz. Sound reductions have more fluctuation at lower frequencies and more stable when above 2000Hz.

From the measurements collected, DES enclosed blinds are capable of insulating noise, in the percentage range from 38%-53%, for frequencies between 2,000 and 5,000Hz.

It is observed that the most efficient sound insulation for all the enclosed blinds is at frequency 2,500Hz, ranging from 46-53% reduction. At the frequencies between 2,000 and 5,000Hz, sample 3 has the best sound insulation. Sample 5 has the second highest sound reduction percentage at 3,500Hz and 5,000Hz.

Details rankings are shown in table below.

Freq Hz	Sample 1	Sample 2	Sample 3	Sample 4	Sample 5	Sample 6	Reduction Ranking (1 best, 6 lowest)					
	Sound reduction						1	2	3	4	5	6
2,500	51%	52%	53%	46%	49%	50%	Sample 3	Sample 2	Sample 1	Sample 6	Sample 5	Sample 4
3,500	47%	40%	52%	44%	48%	46%	Sample 3	Sample 5	Sample 1	Sample 6	Sample 4	Sample 2
5,000	38%	45%	52%	46%	48%	47%	Sample 3	Sample 5	Sample 6	Sample 4	Sample 2	Sample 1

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