10.7.2 Determination of airborne sound insulation ratings

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The Rw + Ctr sound insulation rating *required* by 10.7.1(1)(a) must—

(a) be determined in accordance with AS/NZS ISO 717.1, using results from laboratory measurements; or

(b) comply with 10.7.5 to 10.7.8 and the relevant provisions of 10.7.3.

Explanatory Information

R_w is a measure of airborne sound insulation. C_{tr} is a spectrum adjustment factor that adjusts for low frequency sound levels. C_{tr} has been chosen in recognition of the problems caused by the high bass frequency outputs of modern home theatre systems and music reproduction equipment used by occupants of Class 1 buildings.

The wall configurations described in 10.7.5 to 10.7.8 are typical examples. Other proprietary methods are available via testing to AS/NZS ISO 717.1 for meeting the $R_w + C_{tr}$ requirements of 10.7.1.

10.7.3 Construction of sound insulated walls

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To achieve the appropriate level of sound insulation, walls must be constructed as follows:

(a) Stud wall junction — junctions of sound insulated walls with any perimeter walls and roof cladding must be sealed in accordance with Figure 10.7.3a.

(b) Masonry — units must be laid with all joints filled solid, except for articulation joints complying with 5.6.8, including those between the masonry and any adjoining construction.

(c) Concrete panels — must have joints between panels and any adjoining construction filled solid.

(d) Plasterboard sheeting —

(i) If two layers are *required*, the second layer joints must not coincide with those of the first layer (see Figure 10.7.3b).

(ii) Joints between sheets including the outer layer or between sheets and any adjoining construction must be taped and filled solid.

(e) Steel framed construction — steel framing and perimeter members must be installed as follows:

(i) Steel framing members must be not less than 0.6 mm thick.

(ii) Studs must be not less than 63 mm in depth unless another depth is specified in 10.7.5 to 10.7.8.

(iii) All steel members at the perimeter of the wall must be securely fixed to the adjoining structure and the joints must be caulked so that there are no voids between the steel members and the wall.

(f) Timber-framed construction — timber studs and perimeter members must be installed as follows:

(i) Noggings and like members must not bridge between studs supporting different wall leaves.

(ii) All timber members at the perimeter of the wall must be securely fixed to the adjoining structure and the joints must be caulked so there are no voids between the timber members and the wall.