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A thermoformable acoustic sheet formed by a compressed fibrous web including high melt and adhesive thermoplastic fibres in which the adhesive fibres are at least partially melted so that in the compressed web the adhesive fibres at least partially coat the high melt fibres and reduce the interstitial space in the fibre matrix. Also included is a method of producing a thermoformable acoustic sheet which includes the steps of heating a fibre web including high melt and adhesive thermoplastic fibres to at least partially melt the adhesive fibres and compressing the web to form a sheet so that the adhesive fibres at least partially coat the high melt fibres to reduce the interstitial space in the fibre matrix.

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Sound Absorption versus Flow resistance
frequency 1000Hz, web weight 600g/m², 50mm air gap

