

## **LETTER OF CONFORMITY**

### **Introduction**

Thistle Multi-Finish is a gypsum finish plaster for use on a wide range of backgrounds. It provides a smooth, inert, high quality surface to internal walls and a durable base for the application of decorative finishes.

This letter of conformity substantiates the airborne sound insulation performance for the system described below when a nominally 2mm-thick layer of Thistle Multi-finish is applied to both sides of the partition.

System reference: Q606A044S

System description: Single layer 15mm Gyproc DuraLine each side of Gypframe 70AS50 AcouStuds (600mm centres), 25mm Isover APR in the cavity

From an extensive body of test evidence and experience in acoustic testing, the effect of applying a 2mm-thick layer of Thistle Multi-finish on the acoustic performance of the system can be estimated. The test evidence shows the magnitude of the effect of applying Thistle Multi-finish depends on the sound insulation spectral shape of the un-skimmed partition. By analysing the distribution of the adverse deviation compared to the rating curve the method derived shows that the effect of applying skim on the  $R_w$  rating can range from 0 to + 2dB.

The airborne sound insulation performance of the un-skimmed partition,  $R_w$  48dB

The estimated airborne sound insulation performance of the skimmed partition,  $R_w$  is 49dB.

The estimated Ctr-corrected airborne sound insulation performance,  $R_w + C_{tr}$  is 41dB.

This letter is issued on the basis of test data and information to hand at the time of issue. If contradictory evidence becomes available to British Gypsum then the letter will be unconditionally withdrawn. Similarly, the letter is invalidated if the proposed construction is subsequently tested since actual test data is deemed to take precedence over an expressed opinion.

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