

Climate Recovery Duct System Planning Guide – Sound



Overview

Climate Recovery has previously employed the Swedish Statens Provningsanstalt (SP Certification) to perform measurements of the CR Duct sound-absorbing properties. Recently, complimentary measurements were performed with the help of Swegon, a Swedish air-handling manufacturer. All current measurements confirm those previously performed, though to a more definitive degree. All measurements were performed on the 1/3rd octave band level. The lowest sound damping values of all measurements were chosen.

CR Duct reduction rate

Sound transmitted through the walls of CR Ducts and corresponding round sheet metal ducts have similar values.

The table below shows the results of CR’s lab tests. The maximum sound level transferred from fans and air-handling units, specifically for dimensions 125 to 315, into rooms where a full-length CR Duct has been installed is lower than 25 dBA. From these values, we can infer that considerations for acoustic calculations are unnecessary when using CR Ducts.

CR Duct sound reduction goes in both directions, from duct into room and room into duct.

CR Duct Sound Reduction, L_w room – L_w duct								
Octave band, Hz	63	125	250	500	1000	2000	4000	8000
CR 125, 2.35 m	22	30	33	37	40	47	55	60
CR 160, 2.35 m	21	29	32	36	39	46	54	59
CR 200, 2.35 m	20	28	31	35	38	45	53	58
CR 250, 2.35 m	19	27	30	34	37	44	52	57
CR 315, 2.35 m	18	26	29	33	36	43	51	56

Sound Planning – Ducts and Bends

Damping in a CR Duct – 2.35 m								
Octave band, Hz	63	125	250	500	1000	2000	4000	8000
CR 125, 2.35 m	5	4	6	20	43	31	16	8
CR 160, 2.35 m	5	5	8	36	48	25	15	8
CR 200, 2.35 m	4	3	8	36	41	20	10	7
CR 250, 2.35 m	3	4	10	28	39	20	12	7
CR 315, 2.35 m	2	9	15	29	35	19	11	6

As the above tables demonstrate, CR Ducts possess noticeable damping in lower frequencies and excellent damping in commonly heard frequency levels.

Damping in a CR 90° Bend								
Octave band, Hz	63	125	250	500	1000	2000	4000	8000
CR 125, Bend 90°	1	1	1	2	3	9	7	3
CR 160, Bend 90°	1	1	1	1	3	7	7	3
CR 200, Bend 90°	1	0	1	2	5	7	7	3
CR 250, Bend 90°	1	0	2	5	9	9	5	2
CR 315, Bend 90°	0	0	2	5	10	11	5	2

Damping in a CR 45° Bend								
Octave band, Hz	63	125	250	500	1000	2000	4000	8000
CR 125, Bend 45°	0	2	1	1	2	4	4	3
CR 160, Bend 45°	1	1	0	0	1	3	3	3
CR 200, Bend 45°	1	2	2	2	3	5	5	2
CR 250, Bend 45°	0	1	1	1	4	5	4	2
CR 315, Bend 45°	1	1	2	4	6	6	3	2

Sound Planning – T-Pieces

Damping in CR T-Piece – Straight flow								
Octave band, Hz	63	125	250	500	1000	2000	4000	8000
CR 125/125 T	1	0	1	0	1	2	4	4
CR 160/160 T	0	2	2	2	3	5	6	4
CR 200/200 T	-1	1	2	1	2	7	5	6
CR 250/250 T	0	2	2	1	3	6	6	3
CR 315/315 T	0	1	1	2	4	9	7	3

Damping in CR T-Piece – Branch flow								
Octave band, Hz	63	125	250	500	1000	2000	4000	8000
CR 125/125 T	3	3	2	1	1	7	8	6
CR 160/160 T	2	2	2	2	4	6	10	6
CR 200/200 T	1	2	2	1	6	8	9	5
CR 250/250 T	0	2	1	1	4	8	8	5
CR 315/315 T	-1	1	1	3	5	9	8	4

The overwhelming difference comes from the CR Duct.

Room-to-room transfer

What is apparent from the tables above is that the damping qualities through duct walls, as well as along the internal duct length, of CR Ducts function in the frequencies with which we commonly notice and function: 500 Hz to 4000 Hz. 2.35 meters of CR Duct works to a similar extent as a market standard sound damping device.

Sound calculation

A simple estimate of the sound damping in a CR Duct System can be done by adding the respective component damping values at all frequencies, performed from source to outlet. By subtracting these damping values from air-handling unit or fan sound levels, you can obtain the sound level that exists at the connection to the outlet.

If exact projections and measurements will be performed for your installation, we request that acoustic professionals use the values above.



Notes

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