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## TESTED<sup>®</sup> DEVICE

Knauf Ceiling Solutions  
Thermatex dB Acoustic  
**Report No. KN 2405-1523**

Statement of  
Qualification

Single product  
Particle Emission

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Customer	Knauf Ceiling Solutions GmbH & Co. KG Elsenthal 15 94481 Grafenau Germany
Component tested	
Category:	Cleanroom Facilities
Subcategory:	Wall/Ceiling/Floor/Door
Product name:	Thermatex dB Acoustic (manufacturing date: 8/16/2024; color: white; article number: 713606; batch number: GR-L-11-01; size: 1200 x 1200 x 30 mm; grid system: KCS T 24)
Random sampling of particle emissions (airborne) at representative sites under atmospheric conditions	
Standards/Guidelines:	ISO 14644-1, -14 The norms stated generally refer to the version valid at the time of the tests.
Test devices:	Optical particle counter: LasAir II 110 and LasAir III 110 with measuring ranges $\geq 0.1\text{ }\mu\text{m}$ , $\geq 0.2\text{ }\mu\text{m}$ , $\geq 0.3\text{ }\mu\text{m}$ , $\geq 0.5\text{ }\mu\text{m}$ , $\geq 1.0\text{ }\mu\text{m}$ and $\geq 5.0\text{ }\mu\text{m}$
Test environment parameters:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Cleanroom Air Cleanliness Class (according to ISO 14644-1):..... ISO 1</li><li>Airflow velocity:.....0.45 m/s</li><li>Airflow pattern:..... vertical laminar flow</li><li>Temperature: .....22 °C <math>\pm</math> 0.5 °C</li><li>Relative humidity: ..... 45 % <math>\pm</math> 5 %</li></ul>
Test procedure parameters:	The ceiling system was subjected to stress as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Structure-borne noise: ..... approx. 50 Hz</li><li>Oscillation velocity (<math>\varnothing</math>):.....v = 3.0645 mm/s</li><li>Oscillation acceleration (<math>\varnothing</math>):.....a = 1.1558 m/s<sup>2</sup></li><li>Deflection of the system (<math>\varnothing</math>):..... s = 0.1162 mm</li></ul>

Test result / Classification

When operated under the specified test conditions, the ceiling system Thermatex dB Acoustic is suitable for use in cleanrooms fulfilling the specifications of the following Air Cleanliness Class according to ISO 14644-1:

Test parameter(s)	Air Cleanlines Class
Structure-borne noise = approx. 50 Hz	4
Overall result	

It must be pointed out, that according to ISO 14644-1 cleanrooms classes 1 to 5 have a high filter occupancy, with the result that large-surface ceiling systems cannot be used in some cases. Cleanrooms with a horizontal displacement flow form an exception to this.

The test result may be influenced by the surrounding ceiling system, in particular the material pairing between the light and ceiling frame, as well as other assembly accessories. Particle emission behavior should be re-assessed in the respective assembly situation.

The cut edges/back are made of very porous material. Therefore, the use of the test piece in clean/hygienic areas is considered to be critical.

Please note: Transport damages, incorrect installation, aging behavior, corrosion etc. can influence the test result.


The measuring devices used for the qualification tests are calibrated at regular intervals; their results can be traced back to national and international standards. In cases where no national standards exist, the test procedure implemented complies with the technical regulations and norms applicable at the time of the test. The relevant documentation can be viewed on request at any time.

Detailed information and parameters of the test environment can be found in the Fraunhofer IPA test report.

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