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## AIRBORNE SOUND INSULATION IN FIVE OFFICE BUILDINGS ACCORDING TO REQUIREMENTS OF ITALIAN REGULATIONS AND WELL BUILDING STANDARD

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### ABSTRACT

In the recent years there has been a surge of interest around the activity-based offices and the application of Building Performance Certification Programs (LEED, WELL, BREEAM) in the Italian modern offices. In this framework, the relevance of acoustic comfort is increasing for occupants and building owners. In the enclosed offices used for video conferences, meetings and focused activities, adequate speech privacy is highly required by users. Sound that transmits from adjacent rooms through partitions can be distracting or disturbing and speech privacy can be impaired, mainly in receiving rooms where background noise is particularly low. The sound insulation performance of partitions is highly influenced by construction and constraints imposed by pre-existing conditions and modern design, such as curtain walls, glass fins and ducts crossings. On-site measurement campaigns regarding Airborne Sound Insulation, Reverberation Time and Background Noise Levels were performed in 5 different office buildings in Italy for 33 pairs of rooms. The analysis of results was carried out comparing the acoustic requirements of UNI 11367:2023 and WELL Building Standard. Moreover, the impact of construction, project constraints and different acoustic solutions has been investigated.

**Keywords:** *enclosed office, speech privacy, airborne sound insulation, on-site measurements, well building standard.*

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

The acoustic comfort in modern office buildings play a crucial role in shaping the productivity, well-being and satisfaction of occupants. Open workspaces are commonly designed to enhance communication, collaboration, and the sharing of knowledge [1]. However, the decreased privacy, both in terms of visibility and sound, can lead to interruptions and lack of concentration. Denielsson [2] found that noise disturbance was higher in large open-plan offices than in cellular ones. Activity-based offices are designed in order to provide open zones for different types of activities, for example open spaces for collaboration works, silent rooms for focused tasks that require concentration, spaces for phone calls and rooms for formal and informal meeting [3]. In this framework, Building Performance Certification Programs (LEED, WELL, BREEAM) define indexes for acoustic comfort assessment. In particular, WELL Building Standard introduces a mandatory pre-requirement to define label acoustic zones according to the activity types in the design and planning process. Furthermore, the improvement of speech privacy between adjacent rooms represents an important goal in the WELL sound concept. Despite the acoustic is the less accounted domain in the protocols [4], these protocols can represent an important tool to improve the relevance of acoustic comfort in Italy since the strong interest on the part of owners to have certified buildings. Indeed, the mandatory Italian regulations for private buildings (D.P.C.M. 5/12/1997) does not impose the requirements in terms of airborne sound insulation between adjacent rooms, reverberation time and background noise levels inside the office spaces. The technical Regulation, such as the UNI 11367:2023 [5], UNI EN ISO 3382-3:2022 [6] and ISO 22955:2021 [7] are emerging as guidelines for acoustic





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comfort assessment, but their application in office design process is voluntary.

In the design process of office building, the acoustic consultants frequently face challenges imposed by the absence of mandatory regulations, pre-existing conditions, electrical and mechanical constraints and the main trends in contemporary architecture. Indeed, previous studies demonstrate the effects of the workmanship and lightweight buildings on sound transmission [8-10].

The present study involved 33 pairs of rooms in order to evaluate the effects of construction, pre-existing or designed constraints (i.e. light façade, ducts and cable tray crossings) and different acoustic solutions on airborne sound insulation and speech privacy. A comparison between requirements of UNI 11367:2023 and WELL Building Standard has been carried out in the analysis of results.

## 2. METHODOLOGY

### 2.1 Measurement procedure

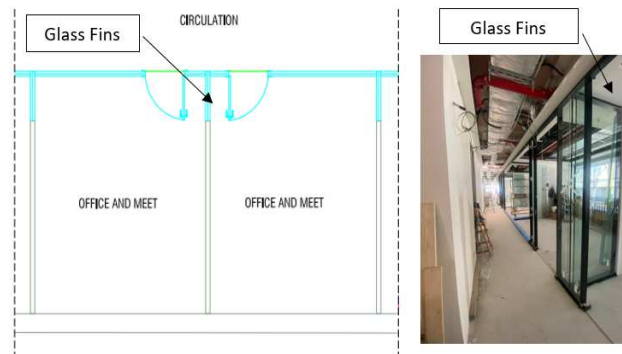
Measurements of airborne sound insulation were performed in accordance with UNI EN ISO 16283-1:2018- Part 1 [5]. Sound pressure levels were measured in third octave bands in the frequency range from 50 Hz to 5000 Hz using class 1 sound level meter devices. An omnidirectional (dodecahedron) white noise source was used in two positions. For each source position, five fixed microphone positions were identified, where possible, considering the presence of the furniture.

Measurements of reverberation time were performed in accordance with UNI EN ISO 3382-2:2008 [11] using impulse response method and a clapper.

### 2.2 Case study

The measurement campaigns involved 33 pairs of rooms in five Italian office buildings located in Milan and Rome. They are multi-storey buildings characterized by the floor-to-ceiling glazing façade (except for one office) and open workspace that includes enclosed areas dedicated to specific functions (i.e. meeting, video conferences and focused activities). The sizes of the enclosed rooms analyzed vary from large ( $250 \div 100 \text{ m}^3$ ) to medium ( $100 \div 50 \text{ m}^3$ ) to small ( $50 \div 10 \text{ m}^3$ ). The 33 pairs of rooms have been selected in order to have a representative set of partitions with different characteristics. In particular, Table 1 shows the variety of partitions in terms of materials and the weighted sound reduction index ( $R_w$ ), when it was possible to calculate. The list of types of junctions between partition and upper, lower and lateral elements is reported in Table 2. Figure 1 shows a

schematic drawing and a picture of the glass fins, that are a typical T joint between the partition and lateral elements in modern buildings. The characteristics of the doors, the ceiling and the sound absorbing materials installed on walls are reported in Table 3, Table 4 and Table 5, respectively. Acoustic performance of the elements in terms of weighted sound reduction index ( $R_w$ ) and weighted sound absorption coefficient ( $\alpha_w$ ) come mainly from laboratory certificates.



**Figure 1.** An example of glass fins.

**Table 1.** Types of partitions

| ID   | Description                                                                                                                                         |
|------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| PL4  | single 75 mm metal frame with mineral wool and 4 standard plasterboard layers ( $R_w=54 \text{ dB}$ )                                               |
| PL4h | single 75 mm metal frame with mineral wool and 4 plasterboard layers: 2 high density and 2 standard gypsum boards ( $R_w = 56 \div 60 \text{ dB}$ ) |
| PL5  | double 50 mm metal frame with mineral wool and 4 standard plasterboard layers + 1 plasterboard layer in the middle ( $R_w \sim 60 \text{ dB}$ )     |
| OPB  | operable partition ( $R_w=50 \div 55 \text{ dB}$ )                                                                                                  |
| BRI  | brick wall (variable thickness)                                                                                                                     |
| GL2  | double glazed laminated glass ( $R_w= 44 \div 45 \text{ dB}$ )                                                                                      |
| GL1  | single glazed laminated glass ( $R_w=38 \text{ dB}$ )                                                                                               |



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**Table 2.** Types of junction elements

| ID                       | Description                                                                                        |
|--------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Upper and lower elements |                                                                                                    |
| FS <sub>B</sub>          | raised floor with acoustic barrier under the floor - structural slab                               |
| FS                       | heavy raised floor without acoustic barrier under the floor - structural slab/plasterboard barrier |
| SS                       | structural slab - structural slab                                                                  |
| Lateral elements         |                                                                                                    |
| a                        | glazed facade mullion - glass walls/fins                                                           |
| b                        | glazed facade mullion - plasterboard wall                                                          |
| c                        | massive facade - glass walls/fins                                                                  |
| d                        | massive facade - plasterboard/brick wall                                                           |
| e                        | plasterboard wall - glass wall                                                                     |
| f                        | plasterboard wall - plasterboard wall                                                              |

**Table 3.** Types of doors

| ID  | Description                                                             |
|-----|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| OPd | opaque door ( $R_w = 40$ dB) with drop-down seal not properly installed |
| GLd | glass wall without drop-down seal                                       |
| SLd | sliding door                                                            |

**Table 4.** Types of ceiling

| ID | Description                                                                                              |
|----|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 0  | no false ceiling                                                                                         |
| 1  | false ceiling in microperforated metal panels with polyester fiber in the cavity ( $\alpha_w \sim 0.7$ ) |
| 2  | suspended panels in polyester fiber ( $\alpha_w = 0.8$ ) or felt ( $\alpha_w \sim 0.4$ )                 |
| 3  | false ceiling in acoustic plaster ( $\alpha_w = 1.0$ )                                                   |

**Table 5.** Types of sound-absorbing material on wall

| ID | Description                                                                        |
|----|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 0  | no sound-absorbing panels                                                          |
| 1  | microperforated MDF panels with polyester fiber in the cavity ( $\alpha_w = 0.7$ ) |
| 2  | panel in polyester fiber ( $\alpha_w = 0.8$ ) or felt ( $\alpha_w \sim 0.4$ )      |

## 3. RESULTS

### 3.1 Acoustic parameters used in the analysis

The list of parameters used in the analysis is reported below:

- **LA90**: the A-weighted level of background noise exceeded for 90% of the specified period due to HVAC systems.
- **T<sub>30,mid</sub>**: the average of reverberation time values from 500 Hz to 1 kHz.
- **D<sub>nT,w</sub>**: weighted standardized level difference between source and receiving rooms.
- **SPP**: speech privacy potential.

SPP values are calculated as the sum of  $D_{nT,w}$  and LA90. Indeed, WELL Performance Verification Guidebook (last version: Q4 2024) specifies that  $D_w$  can be calculated assuming a room reverberation time of 0.5 seconds unless the reverberation time is known through evaluation of credit S04 (Reverberation Time). Moreover, LA90 measurements are also indicated to evaluate background noise levels.

The limit values of WELL v.2 Standard (last version: Q3-Q4 2024) are reported in Table 6. Since the enclosed rooms are used for both in-person meeting, conferencing (i.e. video/phone call to communicate with external people) and focused activities the minimum SPP values vary. In the present study the limit related to intended use category of conferencing is used (see Tab.6).

The  $D_{nT,w}$  has been selected compared to  $R'_w$  since it represents a direct link to the subjective perception of airborne sound insulation [5]. Regards to office spaces, the Italian regulation does not indicate the mandatory limit values of airborne sound insulation between adjacent room belonging to the same property unit. Therefore, the requirements set by UNI 11367:2023 for  $D_{nT,w}$  in hospitals, schools and care homes are used as reference in the present study (see Tab.6).

**Table 6.** Limit values of airborne sound insulation for each standard. Both requirements, baseline and superior performance, are listed in accordance with UNI 11367:2023.

| UNI 11367:2023          |          | WELL v.2 Standard                     |                                     |
|-------------------------|----------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Minimum $D_{nT,w}$ [dB] |          | Minimum SPP                           |                                     |
| baseline                | superior | between enclosed areas x conferencing | between enclosed area and open area |
| 45                      | 50       | 85                                    | 75                                  |



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The limit values reported in the Appendix B of UNI 11367:2023 are used as reference for the pairs of rooms separated by partition with door (see Tab.7).

**Table 7.** Limit values of  $D_{nT,w}$  indicated in the Appendix B of UNI 11367:2023 for common spaces of the building connected through accesses or openings to rooms of a single property unit.

| UNI 11367:2023 |                         |
|----------------|-------------------------|
| Performance    | Minimum $D_{nT,w}$ [dB] |
| optimum        | 40                      |
| good           | 36                      |
| baseline       | 32                      |
| poor           | 28                      |

### 3.2 Effects of construction, pre-existing or designed constraints and acoustic solutions on airborne sound insulation

The results are presented by grouping pairs of rooms separated by similar partitions in terms of composition, junctions and acoustic treatment on crossings of ducts, cable tray and holes for monitor installation (labeled as electrical and mechanical systems in the tables). SPP values are not indicated in the rooms in which background noise levels were not measured.

Table 8 shows the results related to pairs of rooms separated by partitions composed of plasterboard wall and glass fins for T joint towards circulation (see Fig.1). Moreover, the partitions reach the light façade and they are crossed by ducts, cable tray and holes for monitor, which are acoustically treated during the workmanships according to the demands of the acoustic consultant. As can be observed in Table 8 the speech privacy is inadequate in the pairs of rooms separated by fins composed of single glazed laminated glass, as reflected by lower  $D_{nT,w}$  and SPP values. Indeed, SPP less than to 60 represents a complete lack of privacy [12]. The presence of double glazed laminated glass fins between four pairs of adjacent rooms provides  $D_{nT,w}$  values lower than minimum values imposed by UNI11367:2023. Nevertheless, SPP values from 79 to 91,

was found. These results are adequate for rooms where confidential and total speech privacy is required. However, in these two pairs of rooms (Ed.2\_A and E) background noise levels are higher compared to limit values imposed by WELL Standard itself ( $L_{Aeq} = 35 \div 40$  dBA). The highest value of  $D_{nT,w}$  equal to 44 dB is obtained in the following conditions: in the absence of crossing of ducts, cable tray and holes for monitor installation; and in the presence of massive façade and double glazed laminated glass fins.

Table 9 shows results related to pairs of rooms separated by operable partition that rest on plasterboard wall on both lateral sides. Despite the high acoustic performance of operable walls ( $R_w = 50 \div 55$  dB),  $D_{nT,w}$  values (33 and 35 dB) are significant lower than limit values. These results are mainly caused by the presence of air gap between gasket and plasterboard joint, and between drop-down seal and floor. In a pair of rooms (Ed.2\_D), the SPP value is equal to 76, corresponding excellent speech privacy. However, this result is influenced to high background noise levels ( $LA_{90} = 43$  dBA and  $L_{Aeq} = 44$  dBA).

Table 10 shows results related to pairs of rooms separated by partitions with the presence of glass or opaque door. Different types of junctions are present. Ducts and cable tray crossings are acoustically treated in one building on two, i.e. in the office building called Ed.5. The presence of glass door without drop-down seal and sliding door leads to a poor airborne sound insulation ( $D_{nT,w} = 20$  dB  $\div$  25 dB), in addition to the absence of acoustic treatments in ducts and cable tray crossings. Totally lack of privacy between enclosed rooms and open area is also demonstrated by SPP less than to 60. It can be noted that the  $D_{nT,w}$  slightly increase in the pair of rooms in which the portion of opaque wall is higher in terms of square meters (Ed.4\_E). However, sound airborne insulation rests poor ( $D_{nT,w} = 29$  dB). As previous results, good speech privacy (SPP equal to 71) is obtained when the background noise levels ( $LA_{90}/L_{Aeq} = 42$  dBA) increase beyond limit values of WELL Standard itself ( $L_{Aeq} = 35 \div 40$  dBA). Furthermore, the choice of opaque door with  $R_w$  equal to 40 dB and the proper acoustically treatment of ducts leads to an increase of  $D_{nT,w}$  values, equal to 32 dB  $\div$  36 dB (see Tab.10). Consequently, the baseline and good performance level set by UNI11367:2003 were obtained. In all these cases, the drop-down seals were not properly installed, as observed during in-field measurements.



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**Table 8.** Results related to pairs of rooms separated by plasterboard wall (PL), glass fins (GL) and joint with light façade (a). Electrical (El) and mechanical (Mec) systems are acoustically treated. Values of  $D_{nT,w}$  and SPP that respect the limit values are reported in bold.

| ID partition | Volume room [m <sup>3</sup> ] |    | Partition type               | $R_{w,m}^1$ [dB] | Joint type         | Ceiling | Wall panel | El/Mec systems           | $L_{A90}$ [dB] | $T_{30}$ [s] | $D_{nT,w}$ [dB] | SPP       |
|--------------|-------------------------------|----|------------------------------|------------------|--------------------|---------|------------|--------------------------|----------------|--------------|-----------------|-----------|
|              | S                             | R  |                              |                  |                    |         |            |                          |                |              |                 |           |
| Ed.1_A       | 85                            | 42 | PL4+GL1 (13 m <sup>2</sup> ) | 48               | FS <sub>B</sub> /a | 1       | 2          | ducts                    | 27             | 0.47         | 30              | 58        |
| Ed.1_B       | 42                            | 42 | PL4+GL1 (13 m <sup>2</sup> ) | 47               | FS <sub>B</sub> /a | 1       | 2          | ducts                    | 27             | 0.47         | 27              | 55        |
| Ed.2_A       | 49                            | 49 | PL5+GL2 (13 m <sup>2</sup> ) | 51               | FS/a               | 1       | 2          | ducts cable tray         | 44             | 0.53         | 42              | <b>86</b> |
| Ed.2_E       | 35                            | 35 | PL5+GL2 (10 m <sup>2</sup> ) | 51               | FS/a               | 1       | 2          | ducts cable tray monitor | 52             | 0.34         | 39              | <b>91</b> |
| Ed.2_F       | 35                            | 35 | PL4+GL2 (10 m <sup>2</sup> ) | 50               | FS/a               | 1       | 2          | ducts cable tray         | 41             | 0.40         | 38              | 79        |
| Ed.3_C       | 74                            | 43 | BRI+GL2 (11 m <sup>2</sup> ) | -                | FS <sub>B</sub> /c | 2       | -          | -                        | 39             | 0.67         | 44              | 83        |

<sup>1</sup>  $R_{w,m}$  is the composite  $R_w$  of partition composed of different elements.

**Table 9.** Results related to pairs of rooms separated by operable partition (OPE). Electrical (El) and mechanical (Mec) systems are acoustically treated.

| ID partition | Volume room [m <sup>3</sup> ] |    | Partition type           | $R_w$ [dB] | Joint type | Ceiling | Wall panel | El/Mec systems   | $L_{A90}$ [dB] | $T_{30}$ [s] | $D_{nT,w}$ [dB] | SPP |
|--------------|-------------------------------|----|--------------------------|------------|------------|---------|------------|------------------|----------------|--------------|-----------------|-----|
|              | S                             | R  |                          |            |            |         |            |                  |                |              |                 |     |
| Ed.2_D       | 70                            | 54 | OPE (16 m <sup>2</sup> ) | 55         | FS/f       | 1       | 2          | ducts cable tray | 43             | 0.55         | 33              | 76  |
| Ed.5_E       | 75                            | 75 | OPE (17 m <sup>2</sup> ) | 50         | FS/f       | 3       | 0          | ducts            | -              | 0.78         | 35              | -   |
| Ed.5_F       | 75                            | 75 | OPE (17 m <sup>2</sup> ) | 50         | FS/f       | 3       | 0          | ducts            | -              | 0.71         | 35              | -   |

**Table 10.** Results related to pairs of rooms separated by glass (GL) or plasterboard wall (PL) with glass or opaque door (GLd and OPd, respectively). Electrical (El) and mechanical (Mec) systems are acoustically treated in the building called Ed.5. They are identified with an asterisk (\*). Values of  $D_{nT,w}$  that respect the limit values are reported in bold. The compliance with the highest requirement (good performance) is reported in bold underlined.

| ID partition n | Volume room [m <sup>3</sup> ] |    | Partition type               | $R_{w,m}$ [dB] | Joint type         | Ceiling | Wall panel | El/Mec systems | $L_{A90}$ [dB] | $T_{30}$ [s] | $D_{nT,w}$ [dB] | SPP |
|----------------|-------------------------------|----|------------------------------|----------------|--------------------|---------|------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|-----------------|-----|
|                | S                             | R  |                              |                |                    |         |            |                |                |              |                 |     |
| Ed.4_C         | 193                           | 43 | GL2+OPd (11 m <sup>2</sup> ) | -              | FS <sub>B</sub> /g | 0       | 0          | cable tray     | 29             | 0.28         | 22              | 51  |



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|        |     |     |                                  |    |                    |   |   |                      |    |      |           |    |
|--------|-----|-----|----------------------------------|----|--------------------|---|---|----------------------|----|------|-----------|----|
| Ed.4_D | 193 | 14  | PL4+GLd<br>(6 m <sup>2</sup> )   | -  |                    | 2 | 0 | ducts,<br>cable tray | 27 | 0.34 | 25        | 52 |
| Ed.4_E | 193 | 90  | PL4+GLd<br>(20 m <sup>2</sup> )  | -  | FS <sub>B</sub> /b | 2 | 0 | ducts                | 42 | 0.31 | <b>29</b> | 71 |
| Ed.4_L | 160 | 12  | PL4+GLd<br>(5 m <sup>2</sup> )   | -  | FS <sub>B</sub> /d | 0 | 0 | ducts,<br>cable tray | 32 | 0.41 | 20        | 52 |
| Ed.5_A | 121 | 58  | PL4h+OPd<br>(21 m <sup>2</sup> ) | 49 | SS/b               | 3 | 0 | ducts*               | -  | 0.69 | <b>32</b> | -  |
| Ed.5_B | 121 | 121 | PL4h+SLd<br>(21 m <sup>2</sup> ) | -  | SS/b               | 3 | 0 | ducts*               | -  | 0.63 | 21        | -  |
| Ed.5_C | 150 | 58  | PL4h+OPd<br>(21 m <sup>2</sup> ) | 49 | SS/b               | 3 | 0 | ducts*               | -  | 0.58 | <b>35</b> | -  |
| Ed.5_D | 121 | 121 | PL4h+OPd<br>(21 m <sup>2</sup> ) | 49 | SS/b               | 3 | 0 | ducts*               | -  | 0.69 | <b>36</b> | -  |

Table 11 overleaf shows results related to pairs of rooms separated by opaque partitions with differences in terms of electrical and mechanical systems. Poor airborne sound insulation ( $D_{nT,w} = 27 \text{ dB} \div 36 \text{ dB}$ ) is found when the ducts and cable tray crossings are not acoustically treated. The lowest performances involve the smallest portions of opaque walls in terms of square meters. The limit values for both baseline and superior performance of UNI 11367:2023 ( $D_{nT,w} = 45 \text{ dB}$  and  $50 \text{ dB}$ , respectively) are reached between adjacent rooms where ducts and cable tray crossings are absent or they are acoustically treated. SPP values from 82 to 93 represent exemplary privacy, especially in the cases where the background noise levels are lower than  $40 \text{ dBA}$  (Ed.3\_A, Ed.3\_B, Ed.3\_E, Ed.4\_H). The presence of false ceiling in mineral wool could have improved the sound airborne insulation in these cases. As can be also observed in Table 11,  $D_{nT,w}$  values slightly lower ( $D_{nT,w} = 41 \text{ dB} \div 44 \text{ dB}$ ) than baseline performance values are found despite high-performing opaque partitions ( $R_w = 54 \text{ dB} \div 60 \text{ dB}$ ) and the absence of weaknesses caused by electrical and mechanical systems.

## 4. CONCLUSIONS

The present study aims to evaluate the effects of construction, pre-existing or designed constraints (i.e. light façade, ducts and cable tray crossings) and different acoustic solutions. In five Italian office buildings 33 pairs of rooms have been selected in order to have a representative set of partitions with different characteristics. The results are analyzed comparing the requirements of UNI 11367:2023 and WELL Building Standard. Regards to sound airborne insulation the study highlights that the lack of speech privacy is caused by the presence of fins composed of single glazed laminated glass,

sliding doors and glass doors without drop-down seals. Pre-existing and designed constraints related to ducts and cable tray crossings can generate a negative impact on sound airborne insulation. However, the proper acoustic treatments of these points of weakness can significantly reduce the transmission loss between adjacent rooms. Even in some cases where  $R_w$  values respect the recommendation of WELL Building Standard [12], the measurements lead to results of airborne sound insulation slightly lower than baseline performance set by UNI 11367:2023. These results demonstrate the importance of the effect of workmanship, confirming the conclusion of previous studies [8].

Regards to comparison between the requirements of UNI 11367:2023 and WELL Building Standard the study highlights that a good and excellent speech privacy can be obtained although values of  $D_{nT,w}$  are lower than limits of baseline performance. Speech Privacy Potential can be a useful parameter to evaluate the degree of privacy between adjacent rooms. However, it is necessary to verify that adequate speech privacy is not achieved at the price of increasing background noise levels beyond limit values, which are recommended to reduce noise disturbance caused by the HVAC systems. The present study suffers from some limitations. Accelerometer measurements would be useful to understand the contribution of each point of weakness on the transmission loss. Variation due to the measurement procedure performed by different operators can be influenced the results. Furthermore, a subjective analysis through questionnaires submitted to occupants could support the objective data. The frequency responses of  $D_{nT,w}$  will be investigated in future studies.



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**Table 11.** Results related to pairs of rooms separated by opaque wall (PL and BRI) subdivided into two groups based on differences in electrical (EI) and mechanical (Mec) systems. Values of  $D_{nT,w}$  and SPP that respect the limit values are reported in bold. The compliance with the highest requirements is reported in bold underlined.

| ID<br>partition                                            | Volume<br>room [m <sup>3</sup> ] |     | Partition<br>type               | R <sub>w</sub> /R <sub>w,m</sub><br>[dB] | Joint<br>type      | Ceiling | Wall<br>panel | El/Mec<br>systems    | L <sub>A90</sub><br>[dB] | T <sub>30</sub><br>[s] | D <sub>nT,w</sub><br>[dB] | SPP       |
|------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----|---------------------------------|------------------------------------------|--------------------|---------|---------------|----------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|-----------|
|                                                            | S                                | R   |                                 |                                          |                    |         |               |                      |                          |                        |                           |           |
| Electrical and mechanical systems not acoustically treated |                                  |     |                                 |                                          |                    |         |               |                      |                          |                        |                           |           |
| Ed.4_A                                                     | 43                               | 42  | PL4<br>(12 m <sup>2</sup> )     | 54                                       | FS <sub>B</sub> /d | 0       | 0             | ducts,<br>cable tray | 29                       | 0.28                   | 36                        | 57        |
| Ed.4_B                                                     | 42                               | 14  | PL4<br>(7 m <sup>2</sup> )      | 54                                       | FS <sub>B</sub> /d | 0       | 0             | cable tray           | 27                       | 0.34                   | 30                        | 51        |
| Ed.4_F                                                     | 13                               | 13  | PL4<br>(6 m <sup>2</sup> )      | 54                                       | FS <sub>B</sub> /e | 2       | 0             | ducts,<br>cable tray | 27                       | 0.38                   | 28                        | 55        |
| Ed.4_G                                                     | 13                               | 13  | PL4<br>(6 m <sup>2</sup> )      | 54                                       | FS <sub>B</sub> /e | 2       | 0             | ducts,<br>cable tray | 28                       | 0.38                   | 27                        | 55        |
| Ed.4_M                                                     | 26                               | 25  | PL4<br>(10 m <sup>2</sup> )     | 54                                       | FS <sub>B</sub> /d | 0       | 0             | ducts,<br>cable tray | 36                       | 0.30                   | 34                        | 70        |
| Electrical and mechanical systems acoustically treated     |                                  |     |                                 |                                          |                    |         |               |                      |                          |                        |                           |           |
| Ed.1_C                                                     | 19                               | 19  | PL4<br>(8 m <sup>2</sup> )      | 56                                       | FS <sub>B</sub> /e | 1       | 2             | ducts                | 25                       | 0.48                   | 44                        | 70        |
| Ed.2_B                                                     | 41                               | 27  | PL4<br>(8 m <sup>2</sup> )      | 54                                       | FS/e               | 1       | 1             | ducts                | 41                       | 0.40                   | 41                        | 82        |
| Ed.2_G                                                     | 250                              | 70  | PL5<br>(12 m <sup>2</sup> )     | 60                                       | FS/h               | 1       | 1             | ducts,<br>cable tray | 44                       | 0.41                   | <b>49</b>                 | <b>93</b> |
| Ed.3_B                                                     | 79                               | 58  | PL4+BRI<br>(17 m <sup>2</sup> ) | -                                        | FS <sub>B</sub> /d | 2       | 0             | ducts,<br>cable tray | 39                       | 0.79                   | <b>48</b>                 | <b>87</b> |
| Ed.3_E                                                     | 44                               | 28  | PL4+BRI<br>(10 m <sup>2</sup> ) | -                                        | FS <sub>B</sub> /d | 1       | 0             | ducts                | 38                       | 0.65                   | <b>45</b>                 | 83        |
| Ed.5_G                                                     | 89                               | 89  | PL5<br>(21 m <sup>2</sup> )     | 60                                       | SS/i               | 3       | 0             | ducts                | -                        | 0.70                   | 43                        | -         |
| Ed.5_H                                                     | 89                               | 121 | PL5<br>(21 m <sup>2</sup> )     | 60                                       | SS/i               | 3       | 0             | ducts                | -                        | 0.71                   | <b>50</b>                 | -         |
| Ed.5_I                                                     | 250                              | 58  | PL5<br>(21 m <sup>2</sup> )     | 60                                       | SS/i               | 3       | 0             | ducts                | 43                       | 0.68                   | <b>48</b>                 | <b>91</b> |
| Absence of electrical and mechanical systems               |                                  |     |                                 |                                          |                    |         |               |                      |                          |                        |                           |           |
| Ed.2_C                                                     | 54                               | 27  | PL5<br>(9 m <sup>2</sup> )      | 60                                       | FS/e               | 1       | 1             | -                    | 41                       | 0.40                   | 44                        | <b>85</b> |
| Ed.3_A                                                     | 87                               | 79  | PL4+BRI<br>(17 m <sup>2</sup> ) | -                                        | FS <sub>B</sub> /d | 2       | 0             | -                    | 39                       | 0.84                   | <b>50</b>                 | <b>89</b> |
| Ed.4_H                                                     | 35                               | 34  | PL4<br>(6 m <sup>2</sup> )      | 54                                       | FS <sub>B</sub> /f | 0       | 0             | -                    | 36                       | 0.36                   | <b>51</b>                 | <b>87</b> |



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