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## What is an STC rating?

STC stands for Sound Transmission Class and represents a method of measuring sound loss through the wall (or barrier).

#### What does the number represent?

The ASTM E-90 test is used to determine the STC values (dc), which are based on the number of decibels of transmitted sound reduced by the wall.

#### STC ratings and privacy:

- 25 Normal speech easily understood
- 30 Normal speech audible, but unintelligible
- 35 Loud speech audible and understandable
- 38 Normal speech inaudible...loud speech audible, but not understandable
- 40 Loud speech audible, but unintelligible

45 Loud speech barely audible

50 Shouting barely audible

55 Shouting not audible

## What is the STC rating of KI's Genius® solid wall?

44 STC rating: Testing consisted of 3 sections of standard Genius solid panels constructed of

aluminum framing with ½" monolithic 22 gauge steel face tiles on both sides, exposed aluminum base trim, recessed steel ceiling channel with closed cell gasket, flush panel connectors, all voids filled with formaldehyde-free insulation

LIGHTLINE: 36 to 39 STC

GENIUS: 44 or 48 STC

(ceiling, panel, and base cavity) and no perimeter enhancements.

48 STC rating: Same test wall construction as 44 STC, except with flush ceiling channel.

#### How does KI wall STC compare with other construction methods?

STC Rating Method

36-42 4" drywall with one sheet of 5/8" gypsum on each side

37-41 Many competitors (solid panel) 45 4" face brick, mortared together

46 6" lightweight concrete block, two coats of paint each side

44 or 48 KI Genius wall (solid panel)

8" dense concrete block wall, two coats of paint each side

54 Double layer gypsum wall board, both sides, 3-5/8" metal studs, sound attenuation blanket

Listen to an STC demonstration via the following link: <a href="www.ki.com/products/genius-movable-wall/gw\_stc/">www.ki.com/products/genius-movable-wall/gw\_stc/</a>

#### What is the STC rating of Lightline glass wall?

STC ratings of Lightline are largely driven by the glass itself. See the table on the next page for average glass ratings (will vary slightly by vendor).

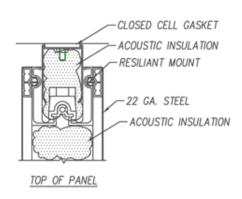


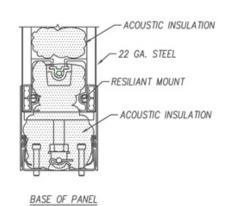
#### STC OVERVIEW continued

Single pane glass wall STC values by glass type and thickness:

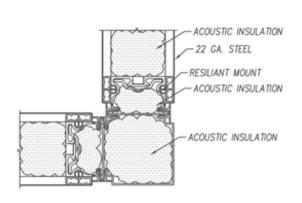
Riverbank	Nominal Thickness -	STC	OITC2	Rw	U-Value3	U-Value3	
Acoustical	(Configuration)				Summer	Winter	
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	Monolithic						
TL 85-169	1/4"	31	29	32	1.01	1.08	
TL 85-198	1/2"	36	33	37	0.97	1.03	(Lightline)
	Laminated						
TL 85-218	1/4" - (Lami - 0.030" - Lami)	35	31	35	I	1.06	
TL 85-170	1/4" - (1/8" - 0.030" - 1/8")	35	31	35	0.99	1.05	
TL 85-224	1/4" - (1/8" - 0.060" - 1/8")	35	32	35	0.97	1.03	
TL 85-234	1/4" - (1/8" - 0.045" - 1/8")	35	31	35	0.98	1.04	
TL 85-200	3/8" - (3/16" - 0.030" - 3/16")	36	33	36	0.97	1.03	
TL 85-229	3/8" - (1/4" - 0.030" - 1/8")	36	33	36	0.97	1.03	
TL 85-223	3/8" - (1/4" - 0.060" - 1/8")	37	33	37	0.95	I	
TL 85-225	1/2" - (1/4" - 0.030" - 1/4")	38	34	38	0.95	1.01	(Lightline)
TL 85-232	1/2" - (1/4" - 0.045" - 1/4")	38	34	38	0.94	0.99	(Lightline)
TL 85-228	1/2" - (1/4" - 0.060" - 1/4")	39	34	39	0.93	0.98	(Lightline)

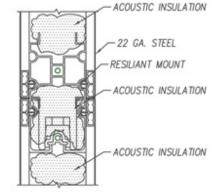
### Standard details for Genius wall:





### Enhanced details for Genius wall:





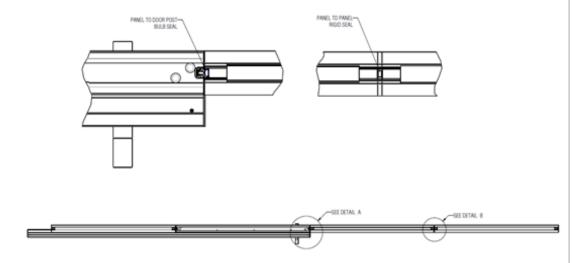
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HORIZONTAL SECTION OF PANEL

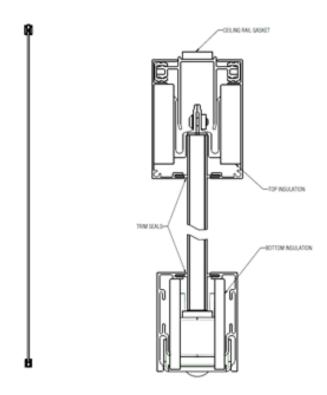


# STC OVERVIEW continued

# Standard details for Lightline wall:



# Enhanced details for Lightline wall:





#### STC OVERVIEW continued

# Enhanced details for Lightline wall (continued):

