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## Test report P-BA 73/2012e

# Determination of the Acoustic Performance of a Wastewater Installation System in the Laboratory

**Client:** Pipelife Sverige AB  
514 84 ÖLSREMMA  
SWEDEN

**Test specimen:** Two different wastewater installation systems: "Pipelife Stilla" plastic pipes and fittings (manufacturer: Pipelife) mounted with pipe clamps "Bismat 1000" (manufacturer: Walraven) respectively "Pipelife Smartline" plastic pipes and fittings (manufacturer: Pipelife) mounted with pipe clamps "Bismat 1000" (manufacturer: Walraven).

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# Determination of the installation sound level $L_{In}$ in the laboratory

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Table 1

**Client:** Pipelife Sverige AB, 514 84 ÖLSREMMA, SWEDEN

**Test specimen:** Wastewater installation system (test specimen S 10474-01) consisting of "Pipelife Stilla" plastic pipes and fittings (manufacturer: Pipelife) mounted with pipe clamps "Bismat 1000" (manufacturer: Walraven).

**Test set-up:**

- The pipe system was mounted according to figures 6 and 8 (see also Annex A).
- The system consisted of wastewater pipes (nominal size OD 110), three inlet tees (88°), one 90° basement bend and a horizontal drain section. The inlet tees in the basement and in the ground floor were closed by lids supplied by the manufacturer. The pipe system was mounted by a technical firm.
- Pipe system "Pipelife Stilla": Three layer pipe, nominal size OD 110, material inner layer PP Co (PP copolymer) filled with BaSO<sub>4</sub> 35%, outer layer PP Co. Wall thickness 3.4 mm, density 1.25 g/cm<sup>3</sup>. One layer fittings, nominal size OD 110, material PP Co filled with BaSO<sub>4</sub> 35%. Wall thickness 3.4 mm, density 1.25 g/cm<sup>3</sup> (values are manufacturer's information). Connection of the pipes by plug-on socket connection.
- Acoustic pipe clamps "Bismat 1000" (figure 8): Structure born sound insulating support attachment consisting of supporting (SL) and fixing clips (SX). In each storey (EG and UG) respectively two pipe clamps were installed. A loose clamp in the upper wall area and a Bismat 1000 double clamp in the lower wall area. Two prevent contact to the pipe, the supporting clamp (SL) and the loose clamp were mounted with 10 mm space between the locking tabs of the clamp (two spacers on each side). The clamps were fixed to the installation wall with dowels and thread rods.

**Test facility:** Installation test facility P12, mass per unit area of the installation wall: 220 kg/m<sup>2</sup>, installation rooms: sub-basement (KG), basement (UG) front, ground floor (EG) front and top floor (DG), measuring rooms: UG front, UG rear (details in Annex P and EN 14366: 2005-02)

**Test method:** The measurements were performed following German standard DIN 4109 and EN 14366; noise excitation by constant water flow with 0.5 l/s, 1.0 l/s, 2.0 l/s and 4.0 l/s (details in Annexes A and F).

**Results:**

Waste water system "Pipelife Stilla" with pipe clamps "Bismat 1000" (mounting details see test set-up)					
	Flow rate [l/s]	0,5	1,0	2,0	4,0
Installation sound level $L_{In}$ [dB(A)] measured in the basement test-room UG front		46	51	54	56
Installation sound level $L_{In}$ [dB(A)] measured in the basement test-room UG rear		<10	14	19	25
Airborne sound pressure level $L_{p,A}$ [dB(A)] <sup>1)</sup>		46	51	54	56
Structure-borne sound characteristic level $L_{sc,A}$ [dB(A)] <sup>1)</sup>		<10	12	17	23

<sup>1)</sup> Evaluation according to EN 14366.

**Date of tests:** March 6, 2012

**Comments:**

- The requirements of DIN 4109 only apply for the test room UG rear.
- For the experimental setup investigated in the test facility the used supporting and fixing clips Bismat 1000 normally doesn't guarantee a realistic load transmission. Consequently, in case of practical application in a real building significant higher levels of installation noise may be expected.
- Sound levels below 10 dB(A) are not mentioned in the test report, since they are subject to an increased measurement uncertainty and moreover are not noticeable in a normal living environment.

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# Determination of the installation sound level $L_{In}$ in the laboratory

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Table 2

**Client:** Pipelife Sverige AB, 514 84 ÖLSREMMA, SWEDEN

**Test specimen:** Wastewater installation system (test specimen S 10474-02) consisting of "Pipelife Smartline" plastic pipes and fittings (manufacturer: Pipelife) mounted with pipe clamps "Bismat 1000" (manufacturer: Walraven).

**Test set-up:**

- The pipe system was mounted according to figures 7 and 9 (see also Annex A).
- The system consisted of wastewater pipes (nominal size OD 110), three inlet tees (88°), two 45° basement bends and a horizontal drain section. The inlet tees in the basement and in the ground floor were closed by lids supplied by the manufacturer. The pipe system was mounted by a technical firm.
- Pipe system "Pipelife Smartline": One layer pipe, nominal size OD 110, material PP Co, wall thickness 3.4 mm, density 1.14 g/cm<sup>3</sup>. One layer fittings, nominal size OD 110, material PP Co, wall thickness 3.4 mm, density 0.9 g/cm<sup>3</sup> (values are manufacturer's information). Connection of the pipes by inboard sockets (Smartline system).
- Acoustic pipe clamps "Bismat 1000" (figure 9): Structure born sound insulating support attachment consisting of supporting (SL) and fixing clips (SX). In each storey (EG and UG) respectively two pipe clamps were installed. A loose clamp in the upper wall area and a Bismat 1000 double clamp in the lower wall area. Two prevent contact to the pipe, the supporting clamp (SL) and the loose clamp were mounted with 10 mm space between the locking tabs of the clamp (two spacers on each side). The clamps were fixed to the installation wall with dowels and thread rods.

**Test facility:** Installation test facility P12, mass per unit area of the installation wall: 220 kg/m<sup>2</sup>, installation rooms: sub-basement (KG), basement (UG) front, ground floor (EG) front and top floor (DG), measuring rooms: UG front, UG rear (details in Annex P and EN 14366: 2005-02)

**Test method:** The measurements were performed following German standard DIN 4109 and EN 14366; noise excitation by constant water flow with 0.5 l/s, 1.0 l/s, 2.0 l/s and 4.0 l/s (details in Annexes A and F).

**Results:**

Waste water system "Pipelife Smartline" with pipe clamps "Bismat 1000" (mounting details see test set-up)					
	Flow rate [l/s]	0,5	1,0	2,0	4,0
Installation sound level $L_{In}$ [dB(A)] measured in the basement test-room UG front		51	55	58	61
Installation sound level $L_{In}$ [dB(A)] measured in the basement test-room UG rear		15	21	24	28
Airborne sound pressure level $L_{a,A}$ [dB(A)] <sup>1)</sup>		51	55	58	61
Structure-borne sound characteristic level $L_{sc,A}$ [dB(A)] <sup>1)</sup>		13	19	22	26

<sup>1)</sup> Evaluation according to EN 14366.

**Date of tests:** March 6, 2012

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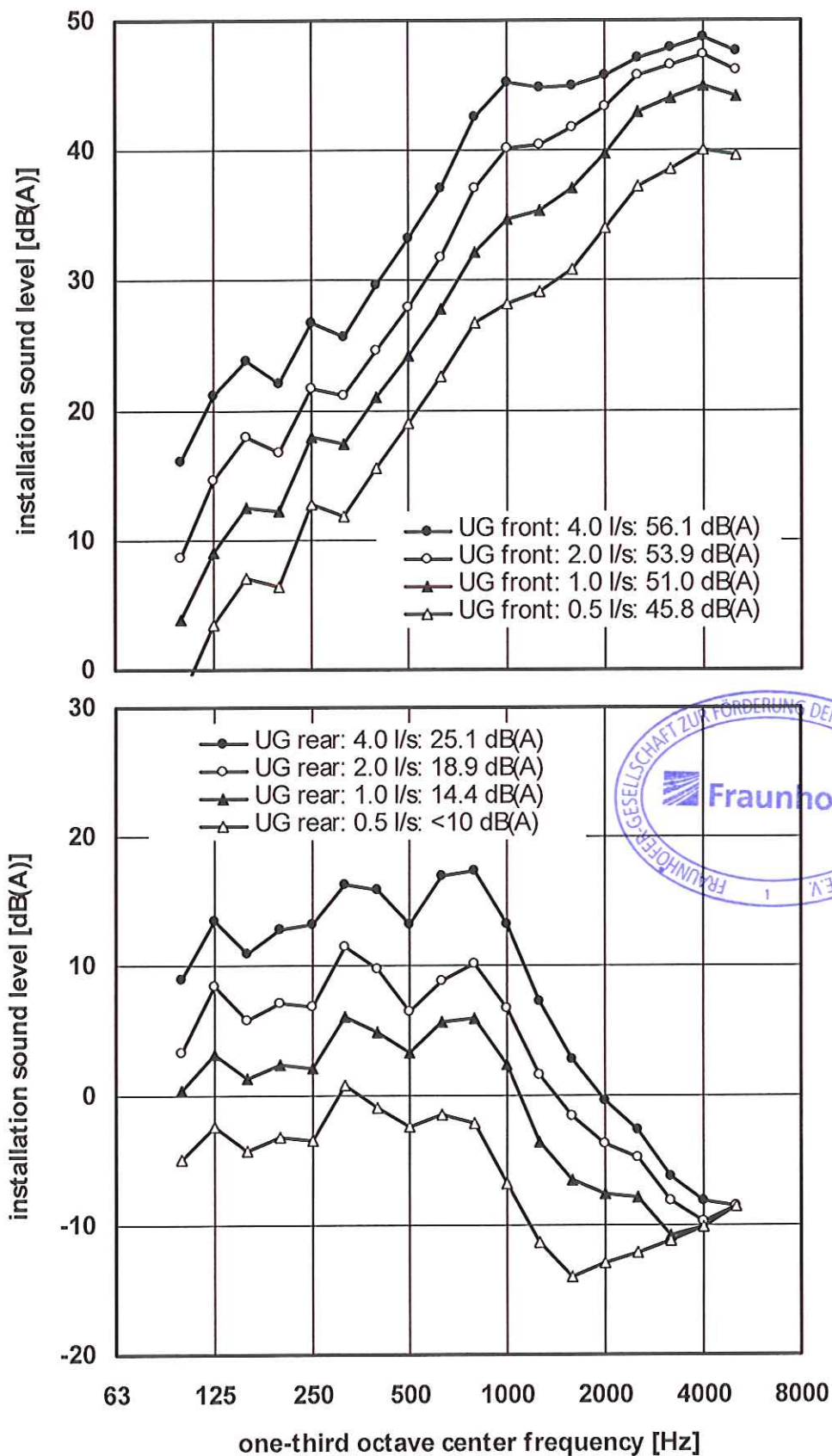
- The requirements of DIN 4109 only apply for the test room UG rear.
- For the experimental setup investigated in the test facility the used supporting and fixing clips Bismat 1000 normally doesn't guarantee a realistic load transmission. Consequently, in case of practical application in a real building significant higher levels of installation noise may be expected.

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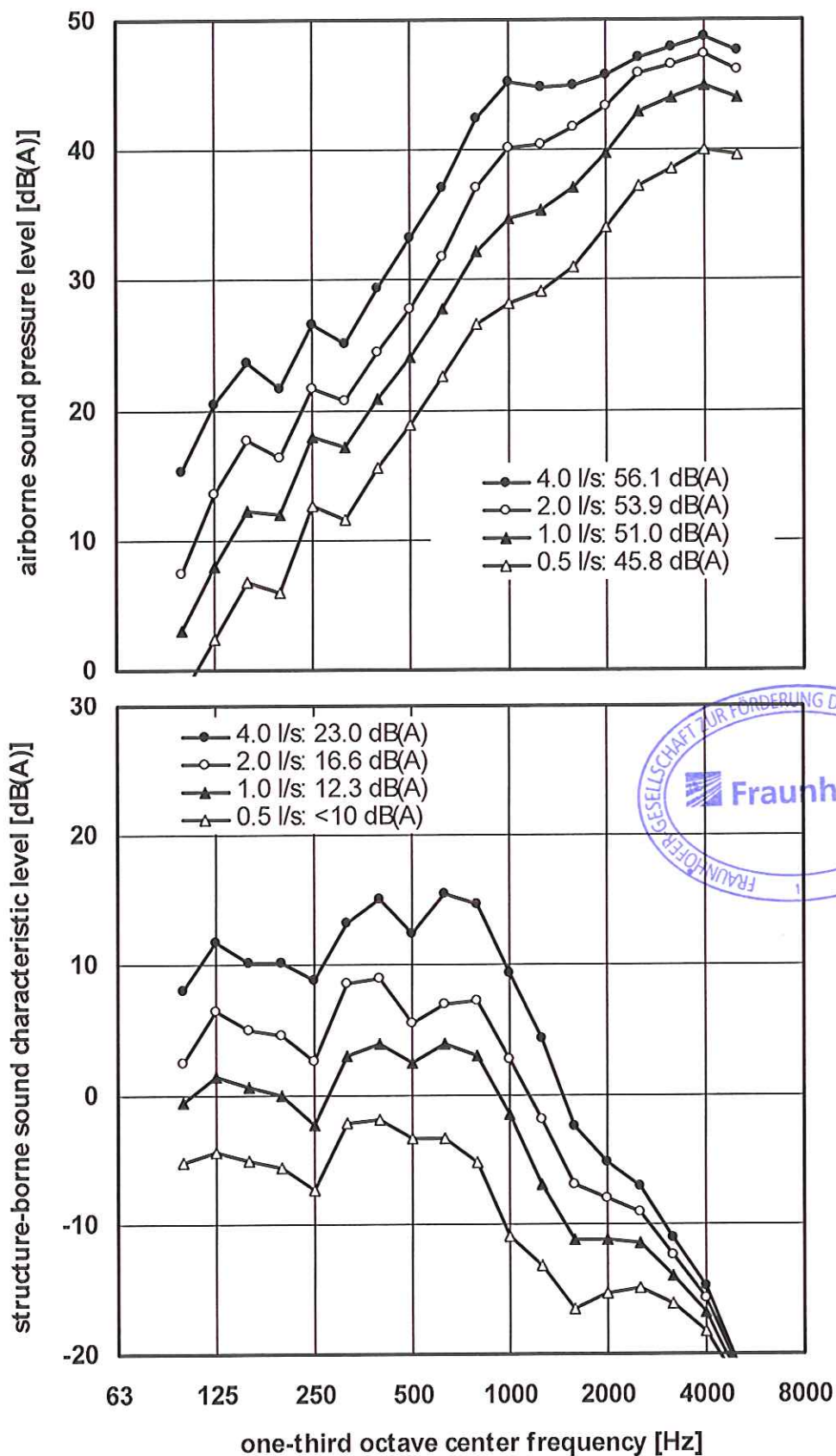
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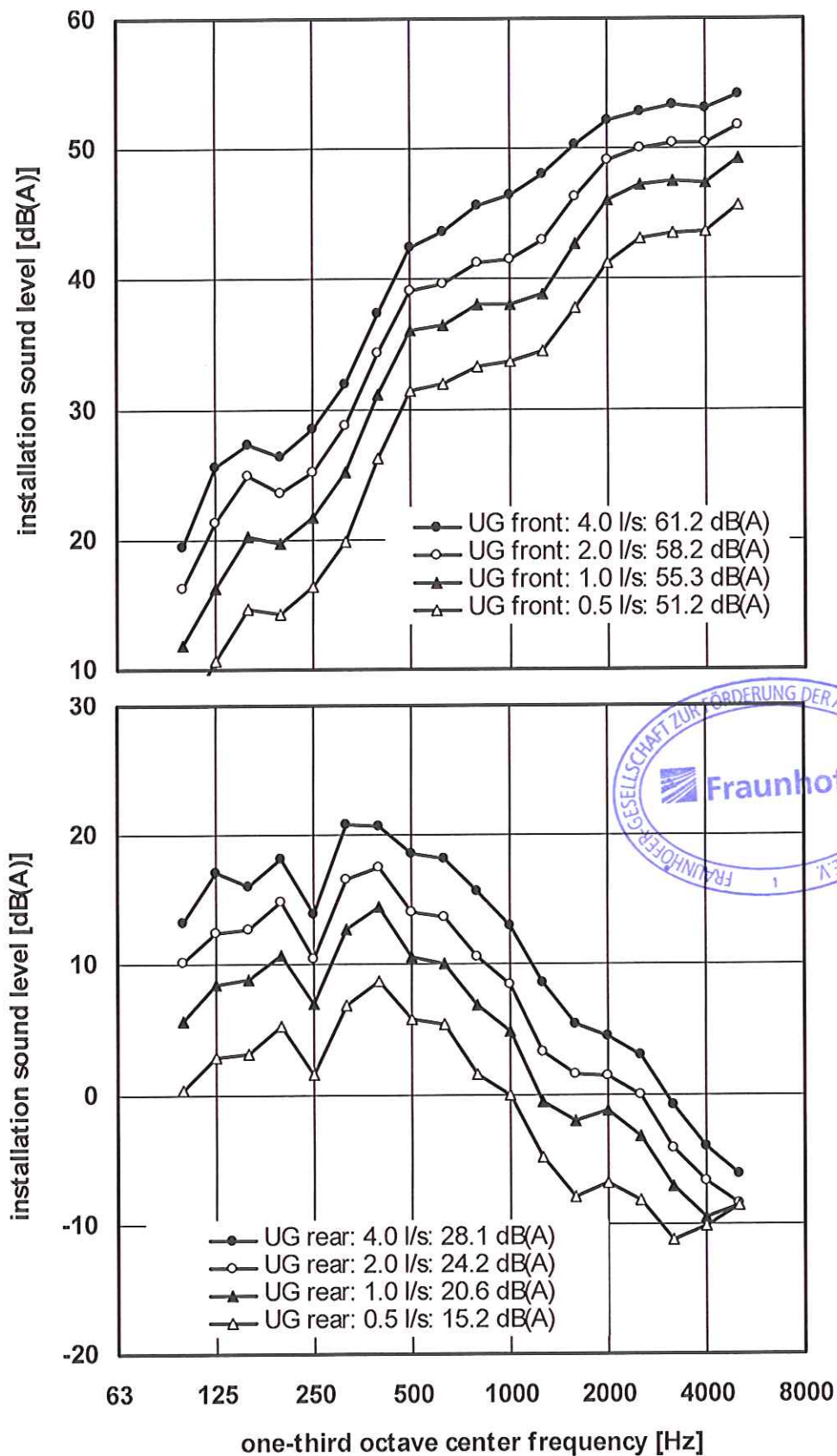
**Figure 1** Wastewater pipe system "Pipelife Stilla" mounted according to figures 6 and 8, using pipe clamps "Bismat 1000" (mounting details see test set-up). The installation sound level  $L_{in}$  was measured at various flow rates in the test rooms UG front (above) and UG rear (below).

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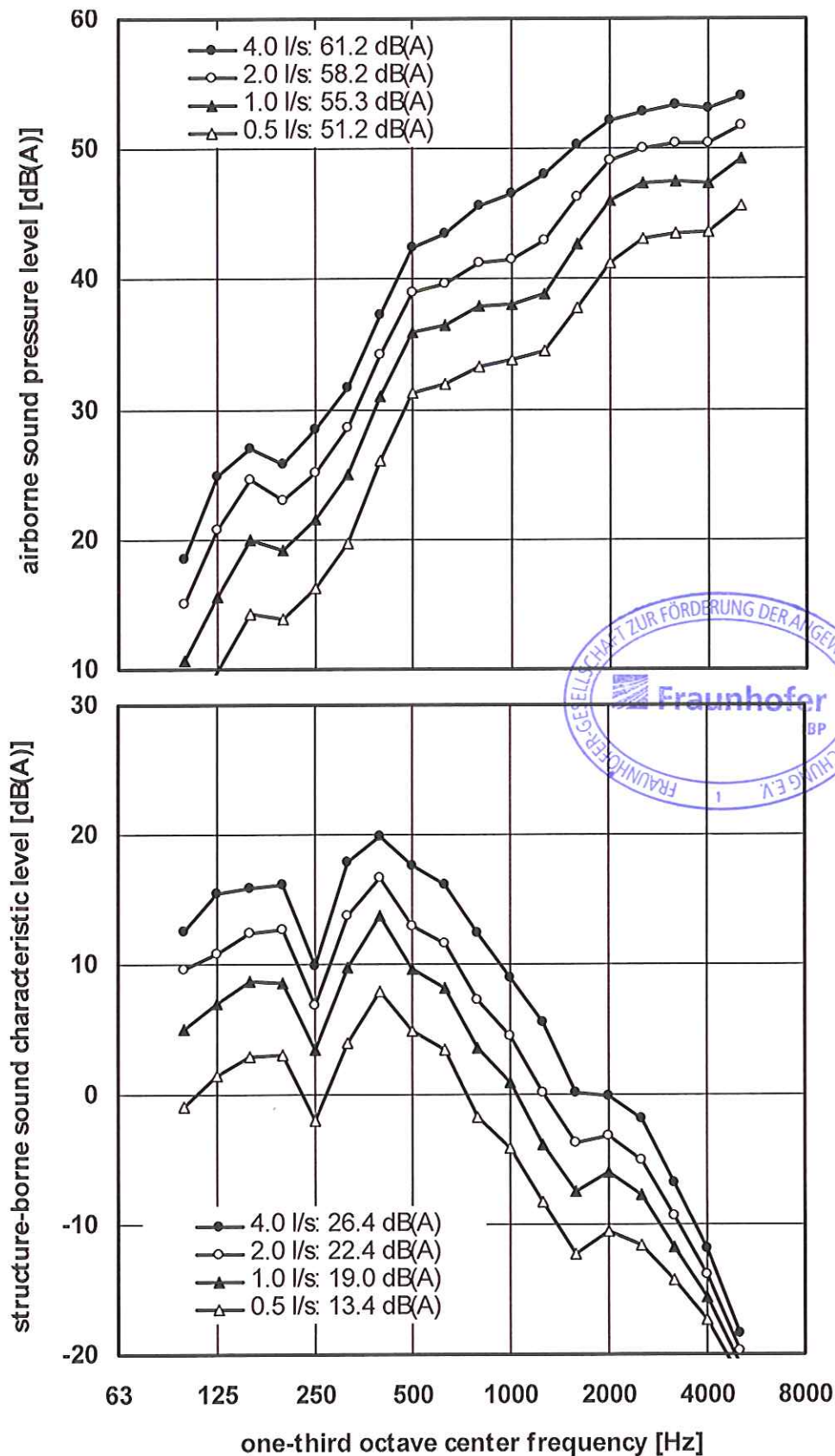
**Figure 2** Wastewater pipe system "Pipelife Stilla" mounted according to figures 6 and 8, using pipe clamps "Bismat 1000" (mounting details see test set-up). Airborne sound pressure level (above) and structure-borne sound characteristic level (below) measured at various flow rates according to DIN EN 14366.

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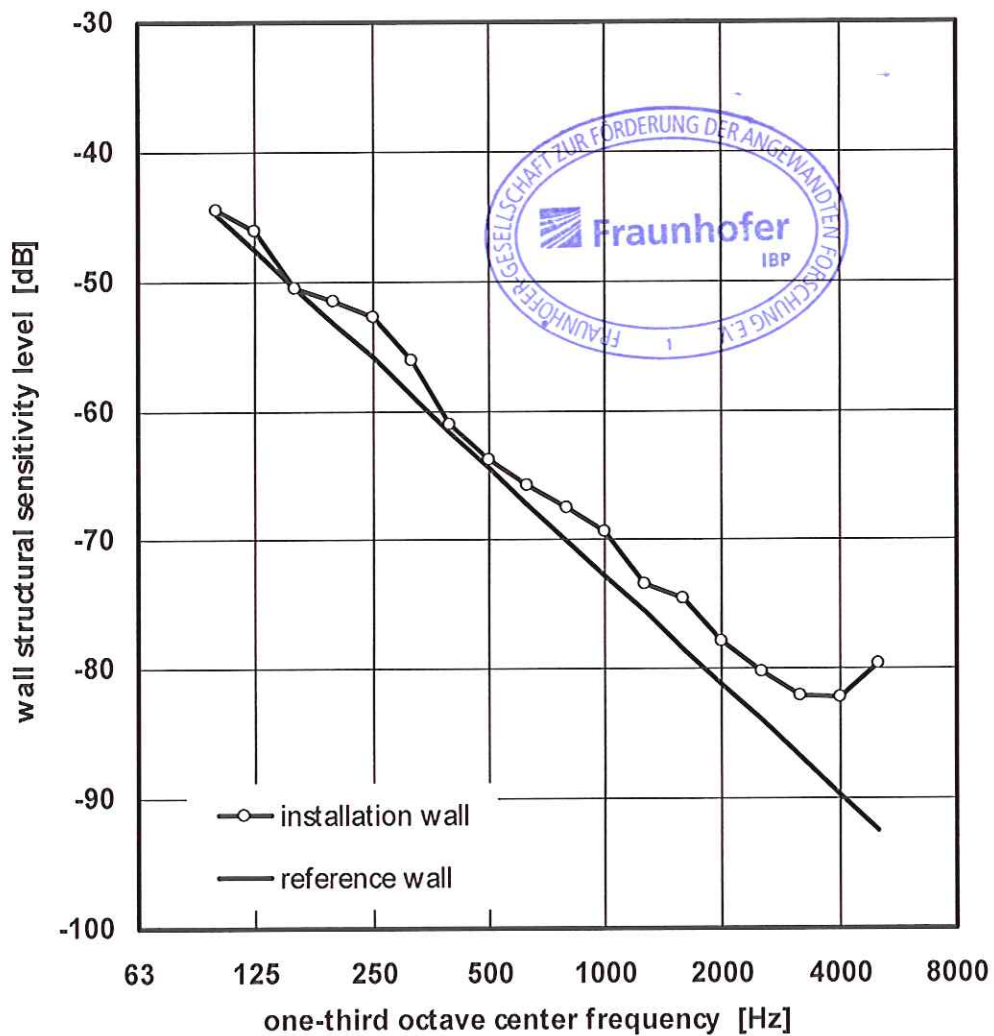
**Figure 3** Wastewater pipe system "Pipelife Smartline" mounted according to figures 7 and 9, using pipe clamps "Bismat 1000" (mounting details see test set-up). The installation sound level  $L_n$  was measured at various flow rates in the test rooms UG front (above) and UG rear (below).

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**Figure 4** Wastewater pipe system "Pipelife Smartline" mounted according to figures 7 and 9, using pipe clamps "Bismat 1000" (mounting details see test set-up). Airborne sound pressure level (above) and structure-borne sound characteristic level (below) measured at various flow rates according to DIN EN 14366.

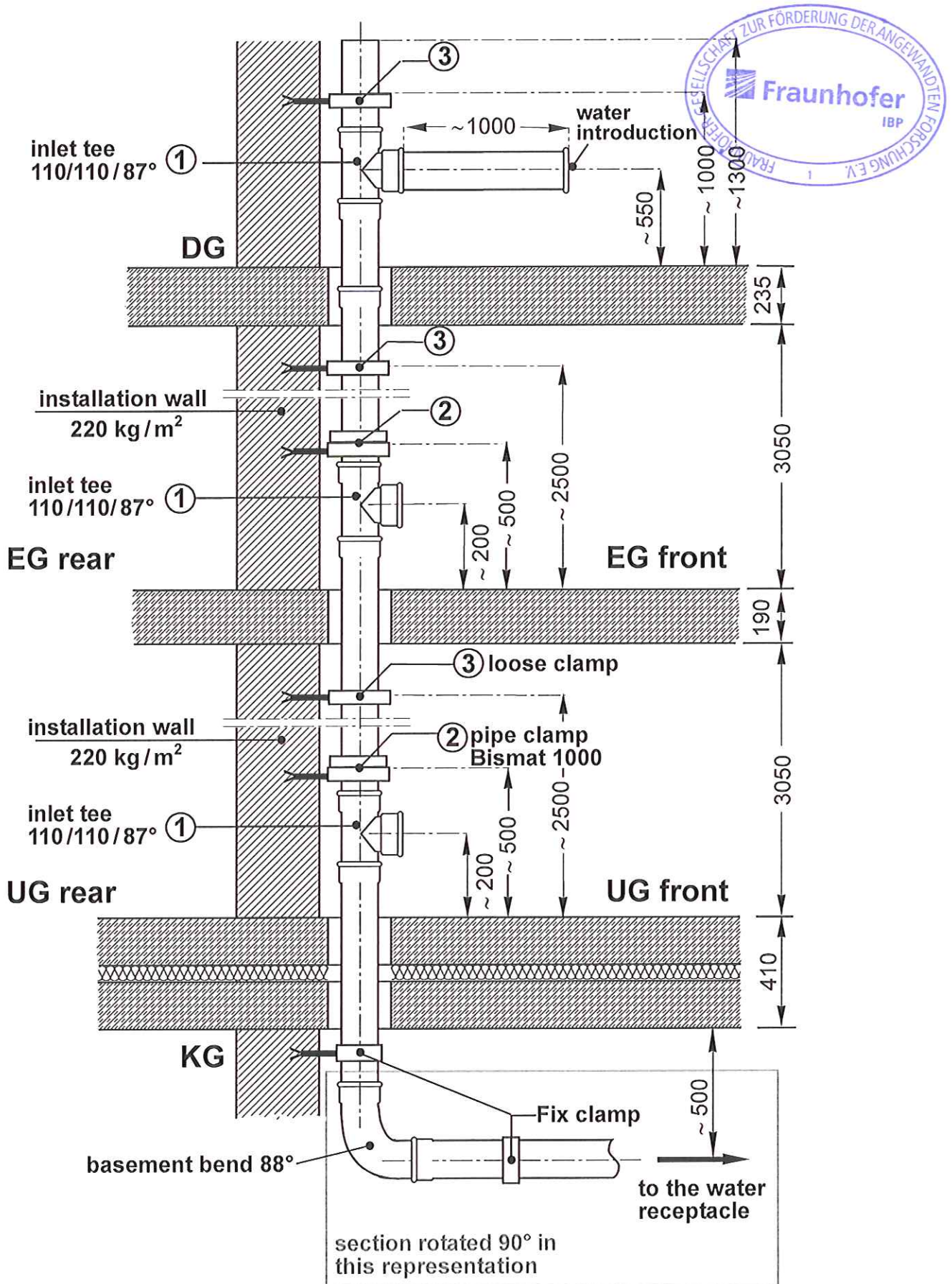
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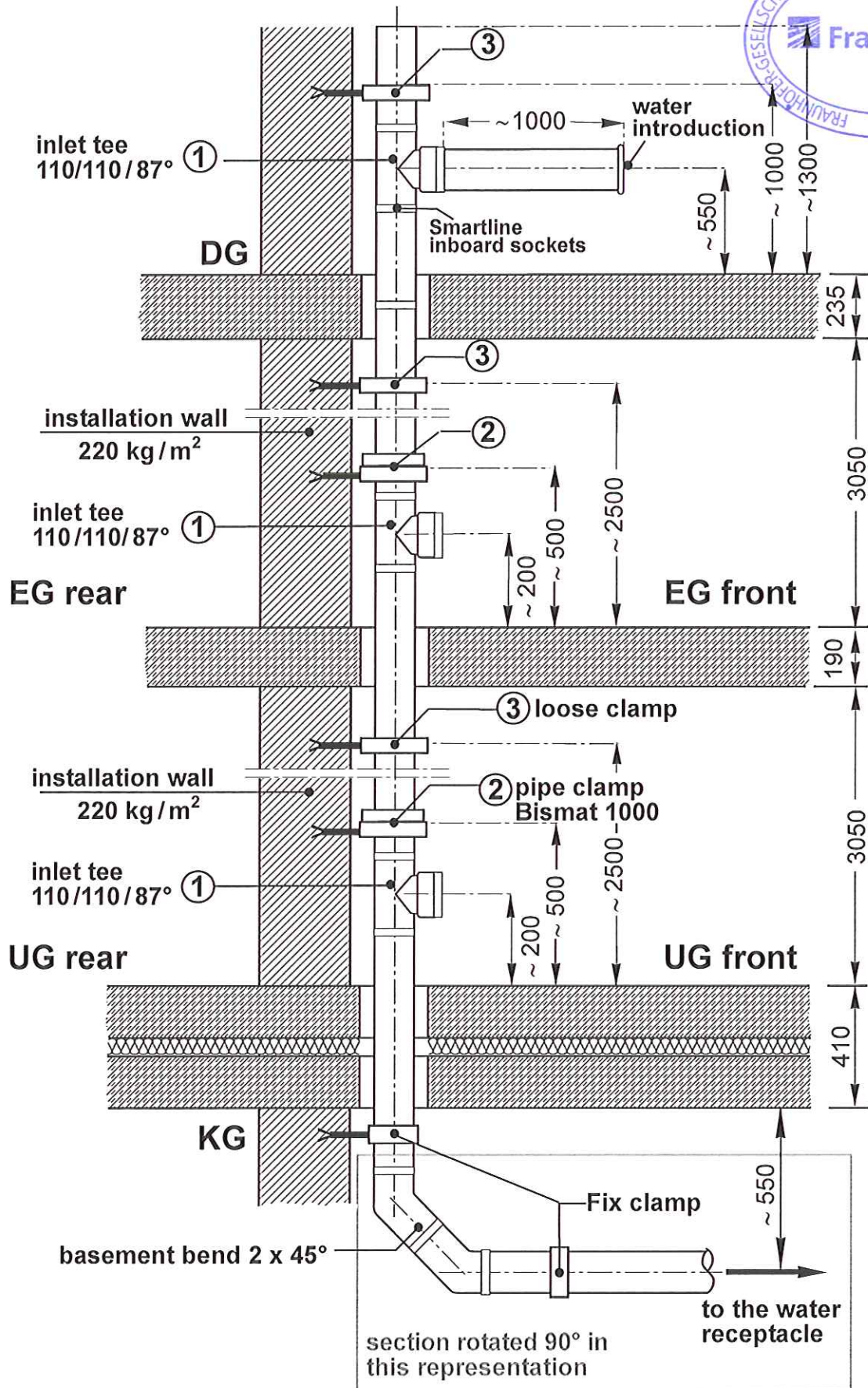
**Figure 5** Wall structural sensitivity level  $L_{SS}$  of the installation wall between the test rooms UG front and UG rear in the installation test facility in the Fraunhofer-Institute of Building Physics. The installation wall consists of lime stones (thickness 115 mm, ceiled on both sides) with a mass per unit area of 220 kg/m<sup>2</sup>. The indicated structural sensitivity level  $L_{SS}$  refers to the mounting position of the waste water system according to figures 6 and 7. For comparison the wall structural sensitivity level  $L_{SSR}$  of the reference wall is also indicated (evaluation according to DIN EN 14366).

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**Figure 6** Installation plan of the pipe system "Pipelifix Stilla", mounted with pipe clamps "Bismat 1000" (mounting details see test set-up). Drawing not to scale, dimensions in mm.



**Figure 7** Installation plan of the pipe system "Pipelife Smartline", mounted with pipe clamps "Bismat 1000" (mounting details see test set-up). Drawing not to scale, dimensions in mm.



**Figure 8** Waste water system "Pipelife Stilla" with pipe clamps "Bismat 1000" (mounting details see test set-up).  
Upper picture: Loose clamp "Bismat SL" in the upper wall area.  
Lower picture: Double clamp "Bismat SL and Bismat SX" in the lower wall area.



**Figure 9** Waste water system "Pipelife Smartline" with pipe clamps "Bismat 1000" (mounting details see test set-up).  
Upper picture: Loose clamp "Bismat SL" in the upper wall area.  
Lower picture: Double clamp "Bismat SL and Bismat SX" in the lower wall area.

## Measurement set-up, noise excitation and evaluation parameters

### Measurement set-up

In the water-installation test-facility run by the Fraunhofer Institute of Building Physics, a down pipe is installed leading from the top floor (DG) down to the sub-basement (KG) (for further details, please see Annex P). This down pipe is connected to a (OD 110) water inlet pipe on the top-floor level. The water is introduced through an S-shaped bend according to the standard EN 14366. In the sub-basement, the down pipe is connected to a bend (2 x 45 degree, usually) and merges into a horizontal discharge section, which in turn is joined to a water receptacle. The waste-water pipe on the ground floor (EG) and in the basement (UG) is fitted with conventional branches from main lines (usually, OD 110). Pipes and fittings are mounted according to the instructions given by the manufacturer. The air gaps between the tube and floor in the entrance and exit openings are stuffed with porous absorber in order to prevent any structure-borne sound bridges influencing the building. The waste-water piping is fastened to the installation wall (mass per unit surface  $m'' = 220 \text{ kg/m}^2$ ) by means of pipe clamps supplied by the Client, which are adapted to the external diameter of the pipes. The locations of the fixation points and further dimensions are specified in the installation plan that is included in the test report.

### Noise excitation and evaluation parameters

Any defined and metrological reproducible noise excitation requires steady state flow conditions inside the waste-water pipes. As the noise generation in waste water systems depends on the flow rate, noise measurements are performed at several flow rates  $Q$  which are typically encountered in practice:

- (1)  $Q = 0.5 \text{ l/s}$ , corresponding to  $Q = 30 \text{ l/min}$ ,
- (2)  $Q = 1.0 \text{ l/s}$ , corresponding to  $Q = 60 \text{ l/min}$ ,
- (3)  $Q = 2.0 \text{ l/s}$ , corresponding to  $Q = 120 \text{ l/min}$ ,
- (4)  $Q = 4.0 \text{ l/s}$ , corresponding to  $Q = 240 \text{ l/min}$ .

Here, a flow rate of  $Q = 2.0 \text{ l/s}$  roughly corresponds to the average flow rate required for flushing a toilet. According to Prandtl-Colebrook, the highest flow rate used results from the admissible hydraulic charge of the horizontal pipe sections, which is  $Q_{\text{max}} = 4 \text{ l/s}$  for OD 110 pipes.

The measurements take place in the installation room (UG front) and in the room behind the installation wall (UG rear). The water flow generates vibrations of the wastewater pipe. These vibrations are transmitted to the installation wall through pipe clamps and/or other structure-borne sound bridges (e.g. fire protection sleeves), and then radiated by the wall (and to a lesser extent, also by the adjoining building parts) as airborne sound into the test room behind the installation wall. In the test room UG front additionally the airborne sound which is radiated from the waste water system is measured. According to EN ISO 140-3 the sound pressure level is picked up at six points in the room, to be space and time-averaged and corrected for the background noise. With this value the airborne sound pressure level  $L_{a,A}$  and the structure-borne sound characteristic level  $L_{sc,A}$  is calculated according to EN 14366. The installation sound level is determined following Annex F. Thereby the rounded  $L_{AF,10}$  is equivalent to the installation sound level  $L_{in}$  (or  $L_{AFmax,n}$ ) according to DIN 52219, DIN EN ISO 10052, DIN 4109-11 and DIN 4109.

## Evaluation of Measurements

### Stationary noise

The measured sound pressure level is given as time and space averaged one-third octave spectrum in the frequency range between 100 Hz and 5 kHz. First, the measured value is corrected for background noise. Subsequently, it is normalized to an equivalent sound absorption area of  $A_0 = 10 \text{ m}^2$  and A-weighted:

$$(1) \quad L_{n,AF,10} = 10 \cdot \lg \left( 10^{\frac{L_{n,F}}{10}} - 10^{\frac{L_{n,S}}{10}} \right) + 10 \cdot \lg \frac{A_n}{A_0} + k(A)_n \quad [\text{dB(A)}]$$

$L_{n,F}$	space and time averaged sound pressure level in one-third octave band n (time constant: fast)	[dB]
$L_{n,S}$	background noise level in one-third octave band n	[dB]
$A_n = \frac{0.16 \cdot V}{T_n}$	sound absorption area of test room for one-third octave band n	[m <sup>2</sup> ]
$V$	volume of test room	[m <sup>3</sup> ]
$T_n$	reverberation time of test room in one-third octave band n	[s]
$k(A)_n$	A-weighting for one-third octave band n	[dB]

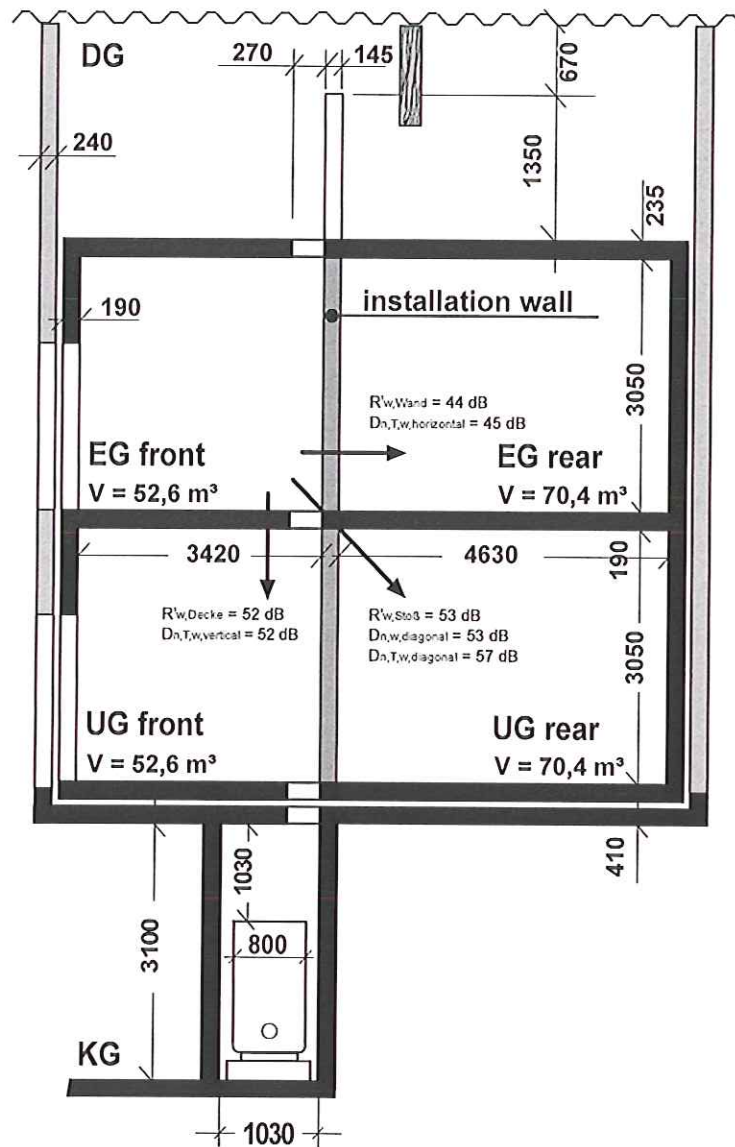
If the difference between the measured one-third octave level and the background noise level is less than 3 dB, the correction for background noise will not be performed. Instead, the measured background noise level will be used as test result (as largest possible value). The total sound pressure level is obtained by energetically adding the one-third octave values.

$$(2) \quad L_{AF,10} = 10 \cdot \lg \left( \sum_{n=1}^{18} 10^{\frac{L_{n,AF,10}}{10}} \right), \quad [\text{dB(A)}]$$

where n indicates the number of one-third octave bands from 100 Hz to 5 kHz. The calculated level  $L_{AF,10}$  corresponds to the sound pressure level that would arise in a sparsely furnished reception room under otherwise equal conditions. The value ( $L_{AF,10}$ ) represents the installation sound level  $L_{in}$  (or  $L_{AFmax,n}$ ) in the test facility.

### Time-dependent noise

In this case, the measurement signal consists of a series of one-third octave spectra (frequency range from 100 Hz through 5 kHz) which are consecutively measured at the same place with a time interval of 0.128 s. The evaluation is performed in the same way as in the case of stationary noise, with the exception that background noise correction is not performed. After evaluation the maximum value ( $L_{AF,10,max}$ ) is determined from the measured time response.



Sectional drawing of the installation test facility in the Fraunhofer-Institute of Building Physics (dimensions given in mm). The test facility comprises two couples of rooms in the ground floor (EG) and in the basement (UG) that are located above each other. Due to this construction, including the top floor (DG) and the sub-basement (KG), it is possible to perform tests on installation systems which extend across several floors, e.g. waste-water installation systems. The installation walls in the ground floor and in the basement can be substituted according to actual requirements. In the standard case, single-leaf solid walls with a mass per unit area of 220 kg/m<sup>2</sup> (according to German standard DIN 4109) are used. Since the sound insulation of these walls do not meet the requirements to be fulfilled by a wall separating different occupancies within the same building ( $R'_{w} \geq 53$  dB), the next adjacent rooms to be protected from noise are located diagonally above or below the installation room (in case of a usual design of the ground plan). Due to its double-leaf construction with an additional structure-borne sound insulation, the installation test facility is particularly suited for measuring low sound pressure levels. The measuring rooms are designed in such a way that the reverberation times are between 1 s and 2 s within the examined frequency range. The flanking walls, with an average mass per unit area of approximately 440 kg/m<sup>2</sup>, are made of concrete.