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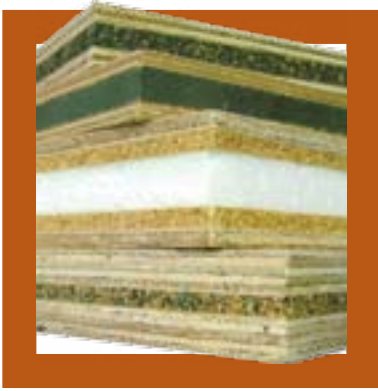
composite acoustic panels ...with a difference!

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Pyrotek
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Pyrotek's innovative engineering and material process uses a unique combination of viscoelastic cores, lamination technology and outer layer materials to produce high performing composite panels at lower weights. An improvement over conventional manufacturing techniques, these panels now maximise noise reduction (STC rating) and effectively reduce the transfer of vibration (dB/sec decay rating) throughout the structure.

Subdue

Subdue® is a lightweight multi-layered panel offering exceptional acoustic properties. The outer layers of the sandwich panel are constructed from a choice of lightweight but rigid and strong high-quality materials, such as plywood, glass-reinforced plastic or metals, with a range of sound insulating materials as inner cores. Subdue was developed to meet noise reduction requirements in marine, rail, industrial and OEM markets. The panels are specially designed to optimise acoustic solutions at lower weights and are an ideal choice in weight-sensitive applications where strength and good sound insulation properties are required. The panels can be supplied in standard or custom-designed modular sizes for ease of installation, offering labour, cost and time savings.

Applications

- Marine – bulkhead, deck heads and flooring systems
- Mass transport and recreational vehicles – lightweight floors and partitions
- Architectural fit-out panels
- Used in conjunction with an isolation mount to create floating wall, floor and ceiling systems
- Lightweight cabinetry panels, tables and speaker boxes
- Fabrication of acoustic doors
- Machinery and other enclosures
- Suitable for exterior end uses

Features

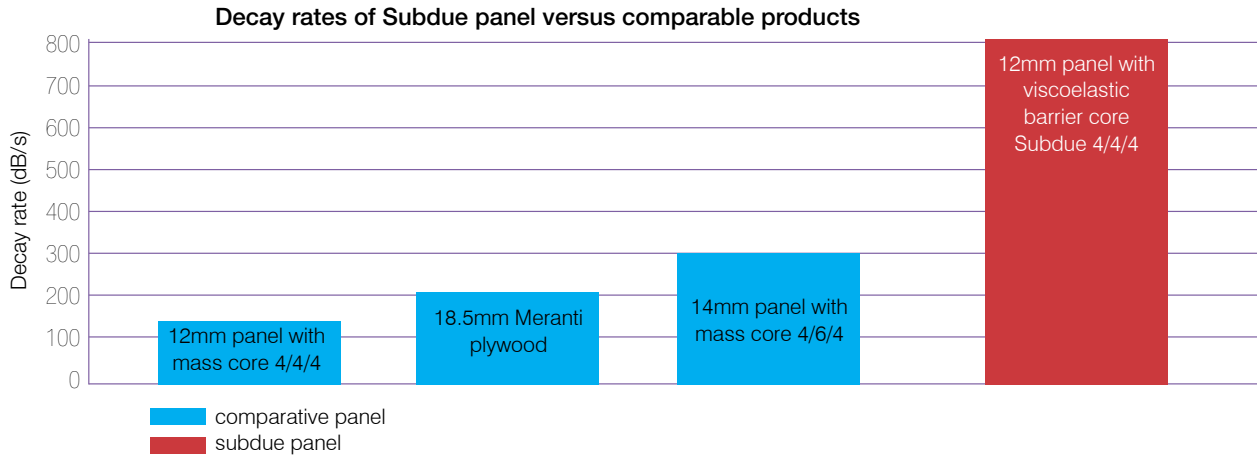
- Available in a range of lightweight marine grade plywood tested to BS1088.
- Tested to EN717-2 for Formaldehyde emission achieving results well below class E-1.
- Thin and lightweight panels offering economical performance -fuel, cost and labour efficient.
- High strength to weight ratio with superior transmission loss performance.
- Tested and proven superior damping properties to standard plywood and similar panels.
- Improved thermal conductivity compared to standard plywood.
- Bonded using water-resistant glues, Weather and Boil Proof (WBP) according to BS1088.
- Simple to saw-cut, fabricate using conventional woodworking tools.
- Quick and easy to install.
- Custom-designed parts, including curved panels for modular designs.
- Wide range of decorative finishes.



Internal damping of subdue panels

To prevent vibration within the structure from spreading throughout the assembly, a minimum decay rate of 300dB/sec is required - all Subdue products achieve over 600dB/sec. Subdue's unique construction provides very high internal damping. Testing has shown that Pyrotek's panels outperform similar products.

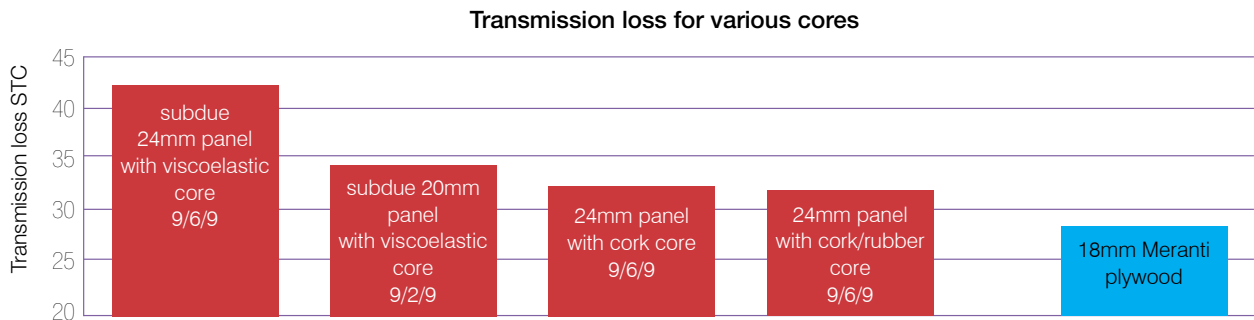
Using a well-damped product will result in maximum noise reduction in terms of vibrational energy being converted to airborne noise. This is critical in many applications where structure-borne vibration from machinery or other noise sources is present.



Transmission loss of Subdue panels

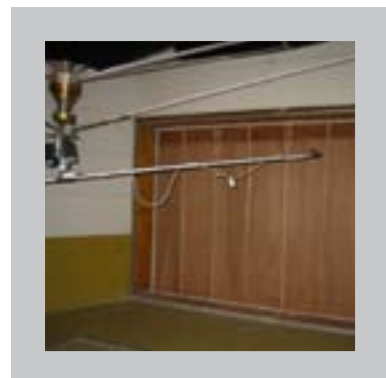
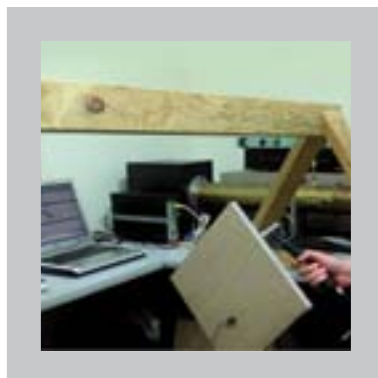
As shown in the graph below, our viscoelastic core gives superior acoustic performance over lighter cores or standard plywood of similar thickness. When designing solutions requiring high transmission losses our range of subdue panels with a viscoelastic core is recommended.

(Refer to our website www.pyroteknc.com or consult our Pyrotek representative for our full range of Subdue panels)

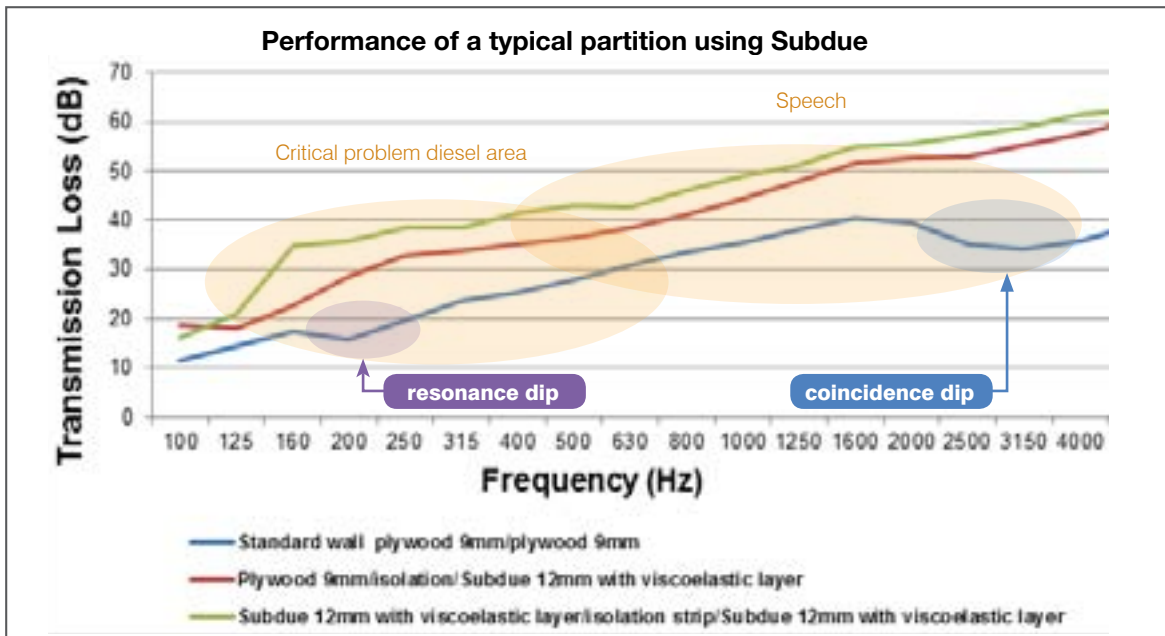
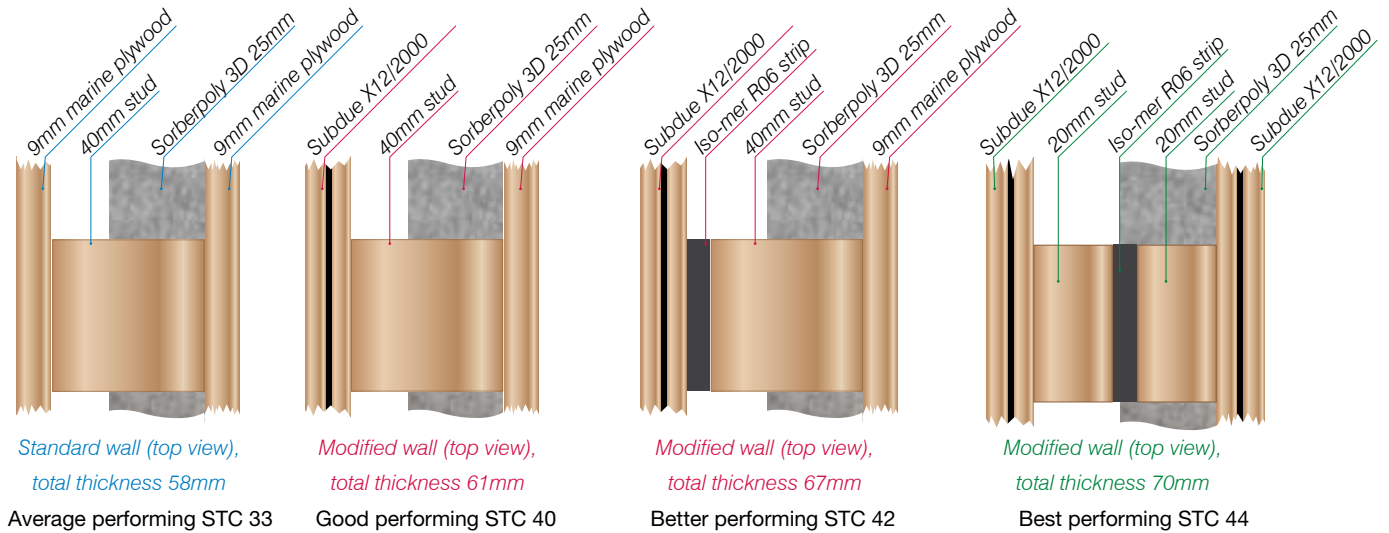


Testing

The Subdue brand not only represents quality and leading edge technology, but also performance that is backed up by an extensive testing program undertaken at the University of Auckland and Canterbury, New Zealand. Our quality construction and materials will ensure that our noise control products will offer a long-life solution. In addition to superior acoustic performance, all our Subdue panels are tested for mechanical properties such as flexural and compressive strength.



Typical partition wall construction



Subdue's unique viscoelastic core significantly increases the performance of a partition and raises the [coincidence dip](#) to a frequency where the effect is reduced. The [resonance dip](#) is also flattened due to the unique construction of Subdue.

Typical partition wall comparisons			
Wall system	STC rating*	Rating difference	Performance (normal speech)
9mm plywood, 40mm timber frame, 9mm plywood, no cavity infill	28	-	Clearly audible
9mm plywood, 40mm timber frame, 9mm plywood, with cavity infill	33	5	Audible
9mm Plywood, 40mm timber frame, Subdue X12/2000, with cavity infill	40	12	Just audible
9mm Plywood, 40mm timber frame, Subdue X12/2000, with cavity infill and vibration isolation on one side	42	14	Barely audible
Subdue X12/2000, 20mm timber frame, vibration isolation, 20mm timber frame, Subdue X12/2000, with cavity infill	44	16	Not audible

* R_w values are available on request



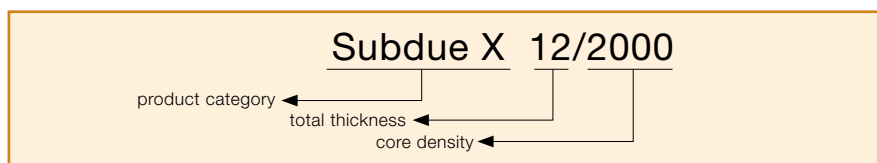
Subdue range

Subdue panels are supplied in a range of cores, core densities and outer layers with varying thicknesses depending on acoustic and construction requirements. Subdue panels are offered under product categories 'L', 'M' and 'X' based on varying inner core densities ranging from 60kg/m³ up to 2400kg/m³.

Core range	
Standard	Viscoelastic noise barrier
	Cork
	Cork and rubber
	Crumbed rubber
Extended	Honeycomb - Polypropylene, Aluminium, Paper
	Polystyrene foam
	Balsa
	PVC Foam

Outer layers range	
Marine BS1088 Plywood	Okoume
	Meranti
	Ultralight
Extended	Metals: Aluminium/Stainless Steel/Galvanised Steel
	GRP (or Fibreglass reinforced plastic)
	Fire-rated Calcium Silicate

Nomenclature



SURFACE FINISHES

A wide selection of decorative finishes: colours, patterns, high pressure laminates and natural veneers based on outer face material. Standard panels can be treated with standard paints, lacquers, varnishes and protection treatments applicable to plywood.

AVAILABILITY

Dimensions: 2440mm X 1220mm (untrimmed) standard, 2400mm X 1200mm (trimmed) available on request. Panel thickness varies from 10mm to 100mm.

Installation

Subdue is supplied as a ready-to-use panel and can be installed the same way as standard plywood, with no special requirements or precautions, using standard woodworking tools. Simple to cut and handle, Subdue is easily fixed or fastened, reducing build times.

