# Technical Specifications Vibration Damping Tile





**Above:** a free-layer damping application. This is the most common and easiest form of damping. The vibrational energy is dissipated due to the extension and compression of the damping material due to the vibrational stress of the base layer.



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Vibration Damping Tiles are an easily applied damping layer for stopping reverberant "ringing" vibration in heavy plate constructions. Structural damping material consumes vibrational energy and transforms it into heat. It dissipates vibrational energy in the structure before it can build up and radiate as sound. Substrates upon which the tiles are commonly installed include: steel, aluminum, and fiberglass laminate. Vibration damping loss factor (n), at 1,000 Hz for the 3/8" tile, exceeds 0.10 on aluminum plate up to 0.40". Even greater damping values are obtained when the material is installed as a "constrained layer" treatment as shown on the bottom diagram to the left.

Typical applications on board vessel's include:

above propeller, engine bed girder's bulkheads, hull sides, decks, and tank tops.

Damping tiles and sheets are a polymeric product resistant to fuel, water, and fire. The product is optimized for use in the temperature range of 55° to 90° F. All product configurations meet the requirements of MIL-P-26353C 9 ships TYPE II Class 2 for damping performance and flammability as well as passing UL-94V and ASTM D-635 flame testing.

These damping materials are bonded to the treated structure using 100 percent solid epoxy systems such as the TA-30 resin supplied by Soundown Corp. Our 1/16", 1/8" and 1/4" damping material can also be supplied with pressure sensitive adhesive (PSA) for use on thinner substrates.

**Above:** a constrained-layer damping application. During vibrational distortion the system flexes creating sheer forces on the constrianing layer. It is these sheer forces that causes the energy to dissipate and turn into heat.



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The Material	Surface Density	Thickness
The standard material comes in 12"	0.45 lbs sq/ft (2.2km2)	1/6" (1.59mm)
x 12" tiles for the 3/8" and 5/8"	0.9 lbs sq/ft (4.39km2)	1/8" (3.17mm)
thick or 4.5' wide rolled sheet	1.9 lbs sq/ft (9.28km2)	1/4" (6.35mm)
goods for the thickness of 1/16",	2.7 lbs sq/ft (13.2mg2)	3/8" (9.52mm)
1/8' and 1/4"	3.6 lbs sq/ft (17.6kgm2)	5/8" (15.87mm)

### Typical Physical Properties

Density Nominal Kg / m3 (lb / ft3)	1490 (93)	Tensile Strength Kpa (psi) ASTM D638	13700 (1987)	System Loss Factor At 1000 Hz on 62 mil Aluminum Thickness cm (in) ASTM E756 93	
Flammability UL94	Meets V-O	Elongation (%) ASTM D638	23		
MVSS-302	Meets	Tear Strength kN/m (lbf/in) ASTM D1004-93	66 (375)	@ 0°C (32°F) @ 10°C (50°F)	η=.140 η=.270
Temperature Range °C (°F) Peak Performance2°C to 46°C (35°F to 115°F)Recommend Max Intermittent	107°C	@ 20°C (68°F)	η=.210		
	Intermittent	(225°F)	@ 30°C (86°F)	η=.120	

## Typical Acoustic Properties

