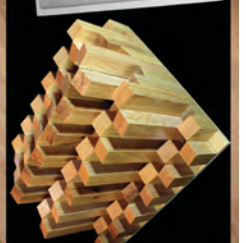
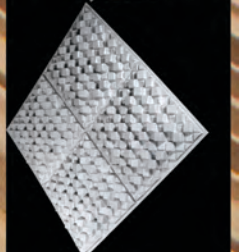
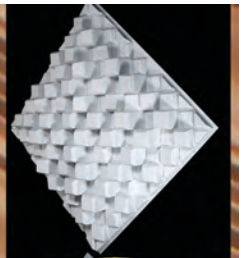
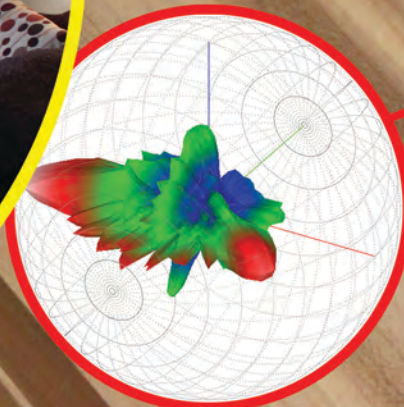
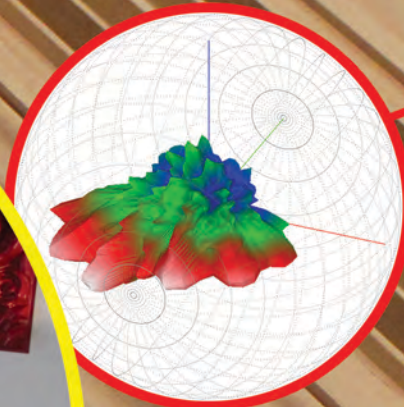
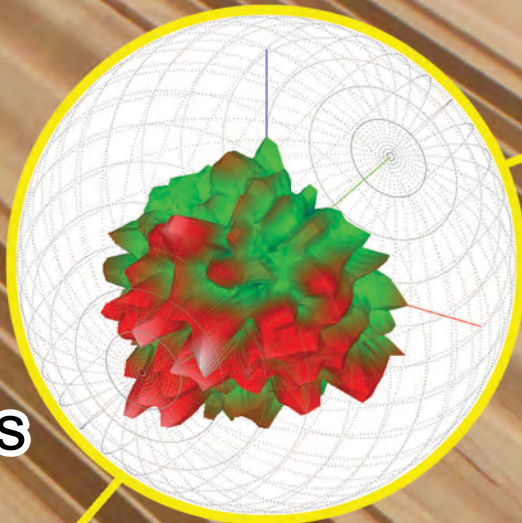




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## Diffuser Data

Acoustic Properties of  
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and more...



*Diffusion - Diffraction - Scattering - Reflection*

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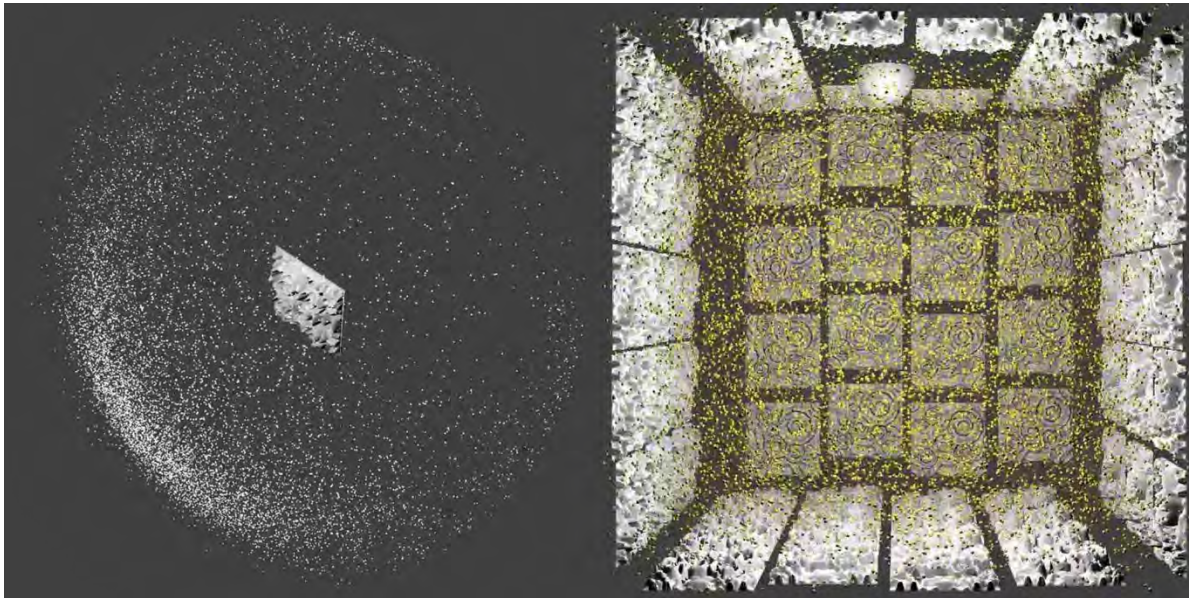
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The most important information about an acoustic device, such as a 'diffuser', is how that device affects sound. With technological advances accelerating at a staggering rate, we believed it would be advantageous to compile all of the measurable acoustic parameters of these devices, in order to develop an operating profile for each.

Sound absorption and sound reflection can both be measured with great accuracy, and in the absence of a universally excepted diffusion standard, Acoustics First is presenting the following data in good faith as we believe it represents the best of what is currently available.

Please note that we are using the word "diffusion", in the broadest possible context as it relates to Diffusion, Diffraction, Scattering and Reflection.



Computer generated 3D particle modeling to simulate the "diffusion" of acoustic energy after impacting a surface.

Left: A single Diffuse Reflection.

Right: Multiple Diffuse Reflections contributing to a Diffuse Field.

#### Excerpt from "Diffuse Reflections in Room Acoustics Modelling." - Heli Nironen. 2004

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"In room acoustics, the term diffusion denotes two conceptually different things. On one hand diffusion is a property of a sound field. It describes an isotropy of directional uniformity of sound propagation. Secondly, diffusion is an ability of a surface to scatter incident sound into non-specular directions. Although sound field diffusion may be a consequence of diffusely reflecting boundaries, both items must be well distinguished. The term scattering is somewhere used in connection with diffraction and elsewhere in connection with diffuse reflection. Others have considered different concepts used in context of diffuse reflection.

They have defined and grouped applied terms in the following way:


**Diffraction.** In a microscopic wave-theoretical view diffraction is one of the causes of diffuse reflection. In applied acoustics diffraction most often means edge diffraction from reflectors and similar objects.

**Scattering.** Often used in general linear acoustics for the result of diffraction. In applied acoustics this term is used for reflection from a surface with roughness in a more general way.

**Diffuse reflection.** The most appropriate term to describe the process of reflection from a diffusor or from a diffusive surface."



# What information is in this document, and how do you read it?



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## QuadraPyramid™ Diffuser

A patented, low-profile, geometric array diffuser. This diffuser is a proprietary array of 4 low-profile, offset pyramids, each quadrant rotated 90°. This provides a wide frequency range with a smooth and predictable response – without sacrificing the space of a larger diffuser.

**Construction:** Class A Thermofomed plastic with natural white finish.

**Nominal Size:** 2x2'

**Depth:** 2.75"

**Mounting:** Direct mount to wall/celling  
– OR – Fit into standard T-bar grids.

Modified 2D Geometric Diffuser  
Proprietary Offset Pyramid Array

Operational Parameters:  
Diffuser: Wide Mid - High band  
Primary: 150Hz - 15kHz  
Asymmetric Scatter Pattern (2D)  
Some Low Frequency Absorption  
Moderate Phase Scattering

Ceiling or Wall Mountable

Name, photograph, description, and materials.

Summary of Parameters.

Horizontal and vertical frequency maps.

Level of reflection (in dB) at each angle along the horizontal and vertical axis for every frequency tested.

**Color Key for Acoustic Energy (dB)**  
The colors correspond to energy in dB. It covers a 40 dB range, from the loudest 0 (White) to -40 (Black).

Sound Absorption Coefficients – QuadraPyramid™ Diffuser Performance							
Mounting	125 Hz	250 Hz	500 Hz	1000 Hz	2000 Hz	4000 Hz	NRC
Type A	0.23	0.58	0.05	0.04	0.04	0.11	0.20
E-600	0.26	0.17	0.09	0.07	0.10	0.14	0.10

### Sound Absorption Coefficients

### Polar Response - Traditional and Enhanced

**Traditional** - Displays the level of reflection at each angle along the horizontal or vertical axis at a specific frequency. Level follows a polar grid in dB - marked from 0 to -40 dB.

**Enhanced** - Displays the level of reflection at each angle along the horizontal or vertical axis, including adjacent samples, at a specific frequency. Level follows the same color key from above. (0 to -40 dB.)

### 3D Polar Balloon

This is how a 2000 Hz signal will reflect off of a QuadraPyramid™.

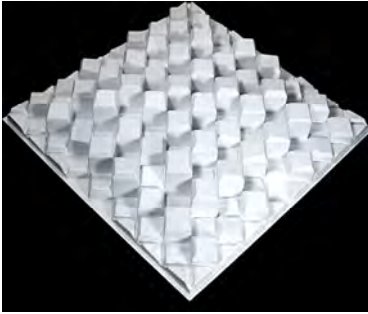
If we could see acoustic energy, this is what it might look like.

Displays full hemispheric acoustic level (dB) response in front of the surface, at specific frequencies. These use 1/3 octave smoothing.

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**Art Diffusor® Model C Diffusor**


A patented, two dimensional, quadratic, binary array diffusor. This diffusor improves sound clarity and ambience while increasing the overall perceived space of the room. The range of the Model C is extended over other designs by its unique angled end caps to further control specular reflections above 4 kHz.

**Construction:** Class A Thermoformed plastic with natural white finish.

**Nominal Size:** 2'x2'

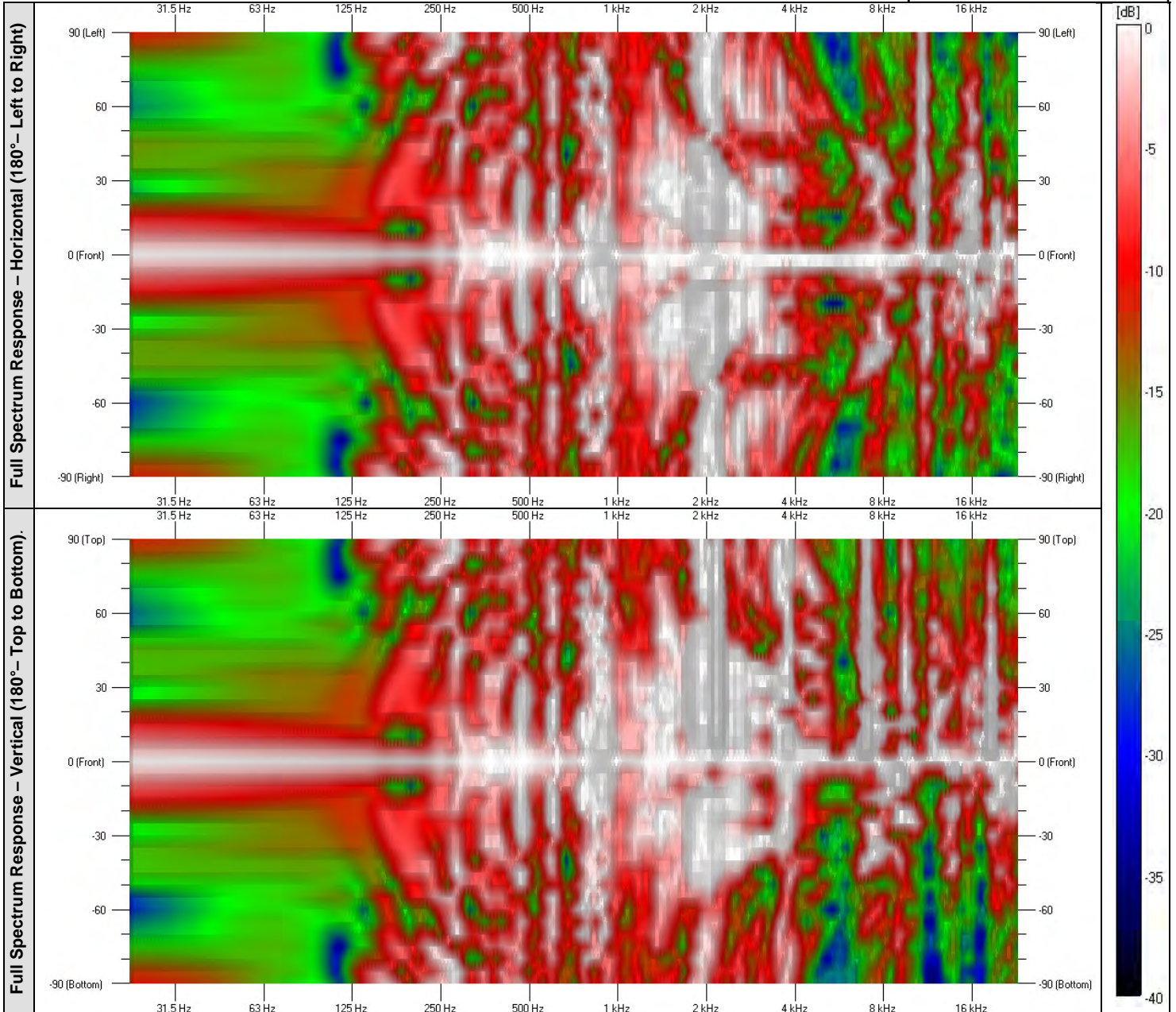
**Depth:** 4.5"

**Mounting:** Direct mount to wall/ceiling  
 – OR – Fit into standard T-bar grids.

Modified 2D Quadratic Diffuser  
 Binary Array / Angled Cap Design

Operational Parameters:  
 Diffusion: Mid to High band  
 Primary: 1K- 4k (extended to 16+K)  
 Hemispheric Pattern (2D)  
 Some Low Frequency Absorption  
 Moderate Phase Grating & Scattering

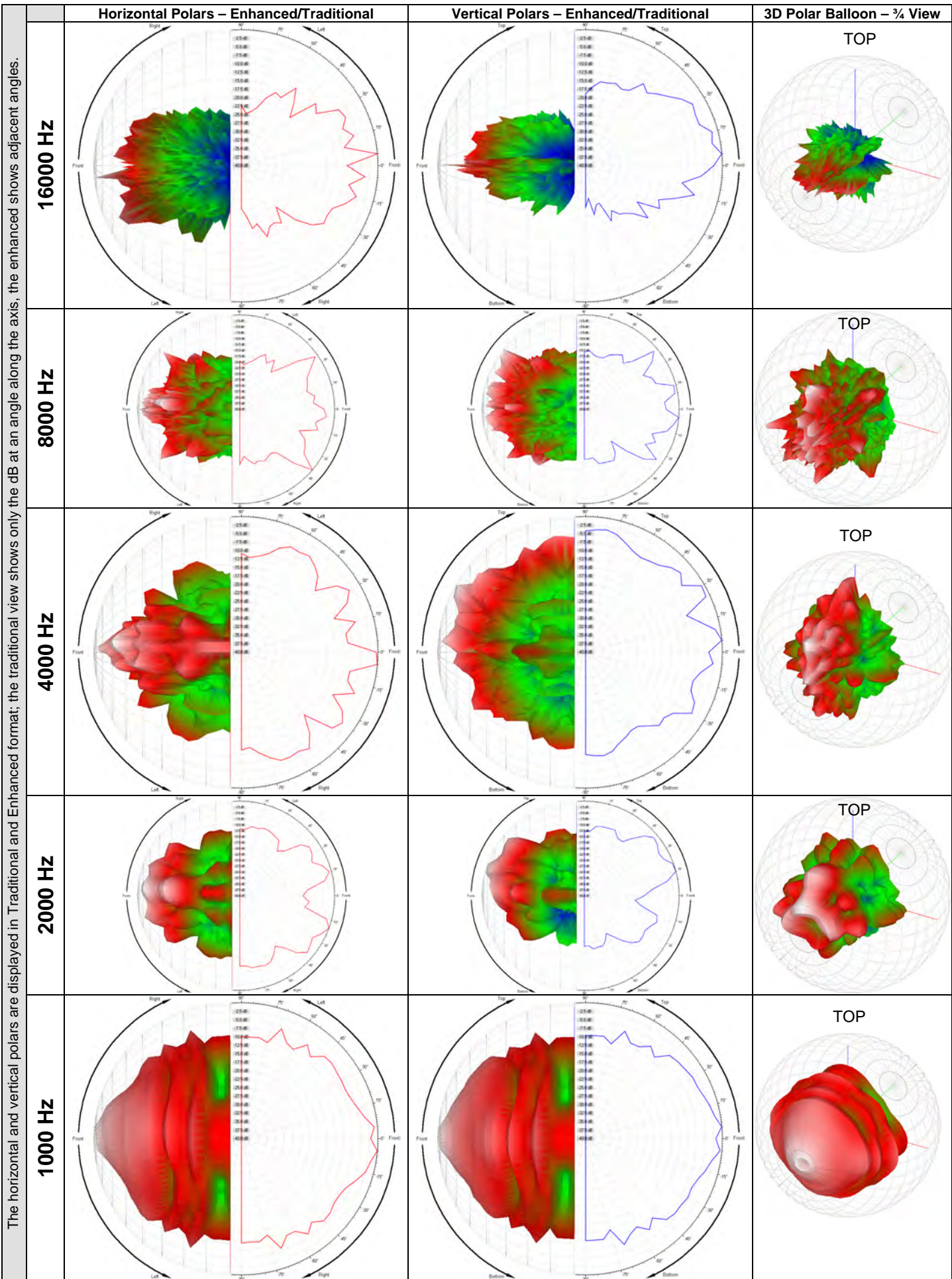
Ceiling or Wall Mountable


**Sound Absorption Coefficients – Art Diffusor® – Model C Performance**

Mounting	125 Hz	250 Hz	500 Hz	1000 Hz	2000 Hz	4000 Hz	NRC
Type A	0.32	0.20	0.10	0.29	0.20	0.16	0.20
E400	0.20	0.12	0.12	0.31	0.23	0.22	0.20



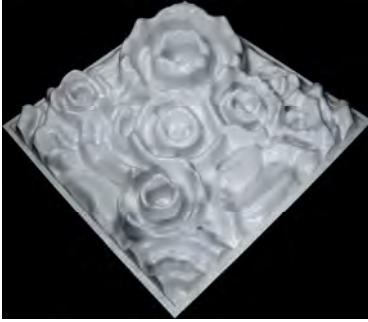
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Art Diffusor® Model D Diffusor



A patented, two dimensional, organic quadratic diffuser; this diffuser provides an asymmetric diffusion pattern to help you tune your acoustic space. A combination of QRD, Bicubic Interpolation, MLS and Boolean systems went into the unique organic curvature, and wide frequency control of this design.

**Construction:** Class A Thermoformed plastic with natural white finish.

**Nominal Size:** 2'x2'

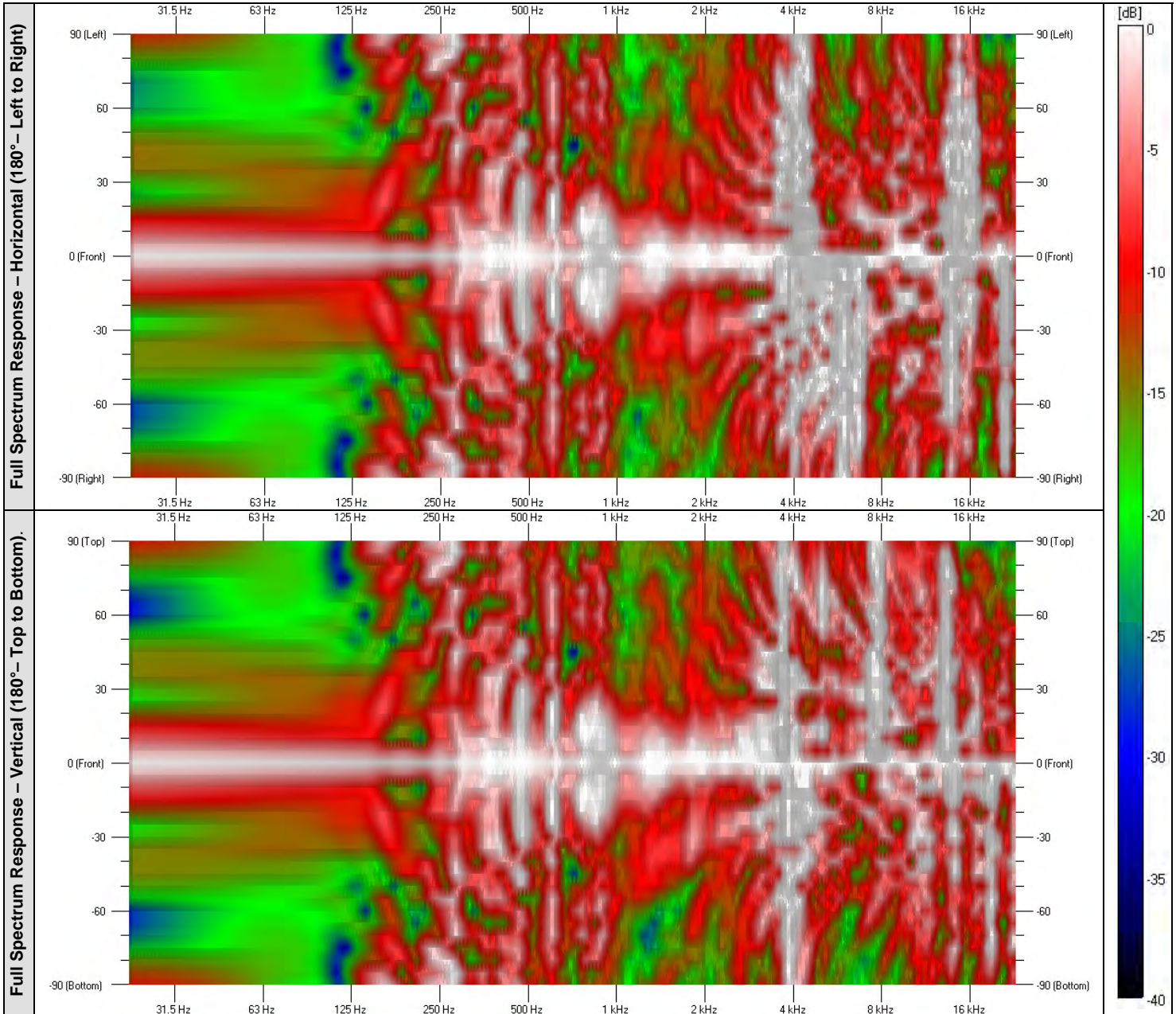
**Depth:** 4.1"

**Mounting:** Direct mount to wall/ceiling  
 – OR – Fit into standard T-bar grids.

Organic 2D Quadratic Diffuser  
 Proprietary Asymmetric Diffusion

Operational Parameters:  
 Diffusion: Mid to High band  
 Primary: 1KHz- 20KHz  
 Wideband Asymmetric Diffusion (2D)  
 Low Frequency Absorption & Scatter  
 Intense Phase Diffusion & Scatter

Ceiling or Wall Mountable

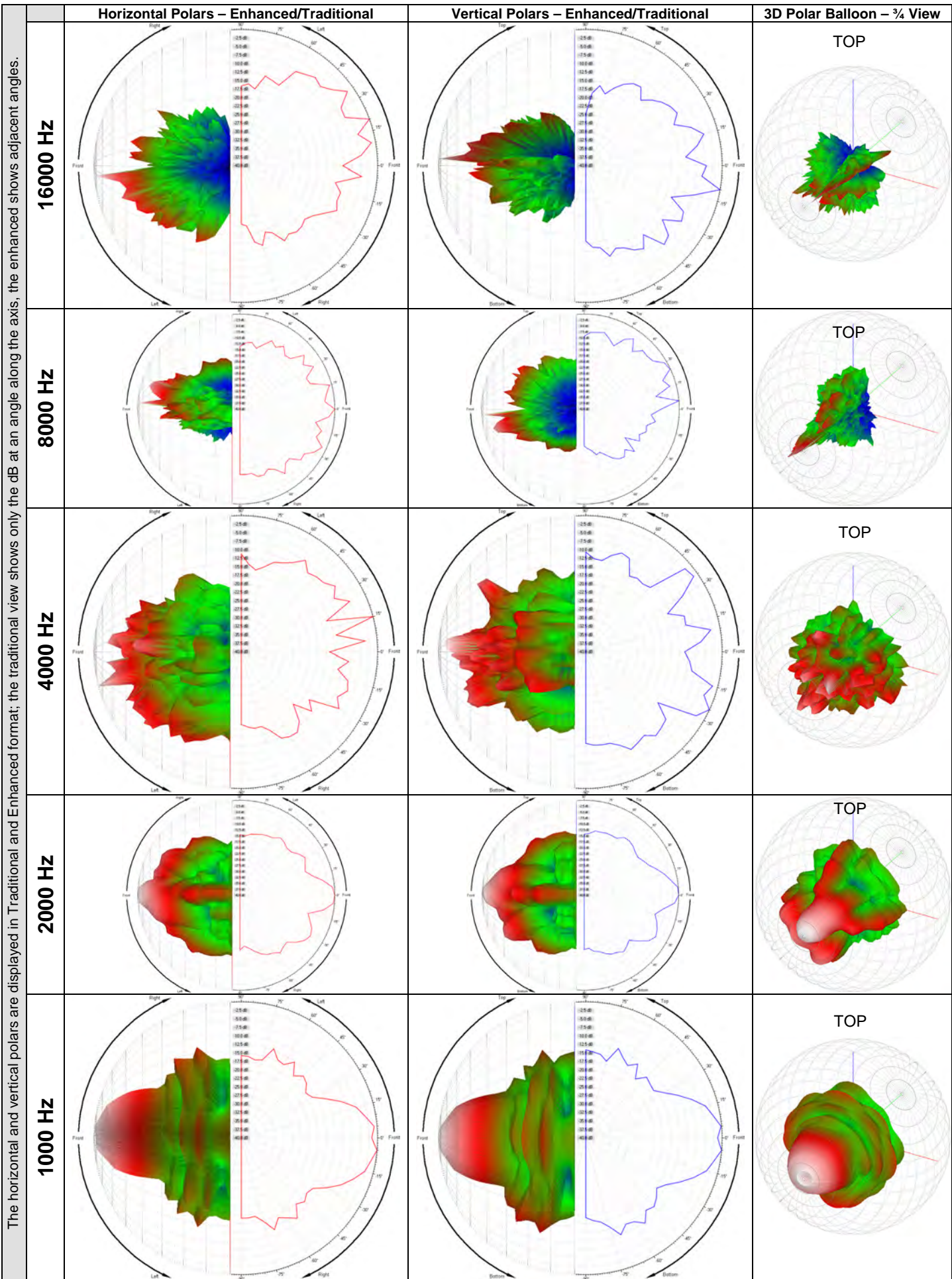


Sound Absorption Coefficients - Art Diffusor® – Model D Performance

Test	125 Hz	250 Hz	500 Hz	1000 Hz	2000 Hz	4000 Hz	NRC
Type A	0.23	0.08	0.05	0.19	0.20	0.11	0.15
E400	0.34	0.14	0.06	0.14	0.14	0.06	0.10



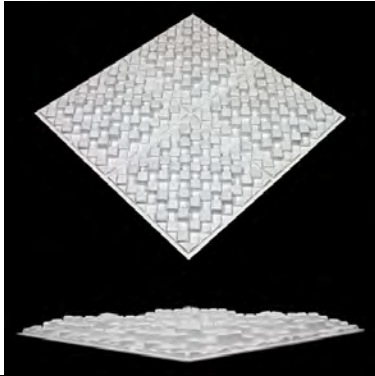
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## Art Diffusor® Model F Diffusor



A patented, two dimensional, quadratic, binary array diffusor. This diffusor improves sound clarity through the control of distracting, high-frequency, flutter echoes. The range of the Model F is extended over other designs by its unique angled end caps to further control specular reflections above 8 kHz.

**Construction:** Class A Thermoformed plastic with natural white finish.

**Nominal Size:** 2'x2'

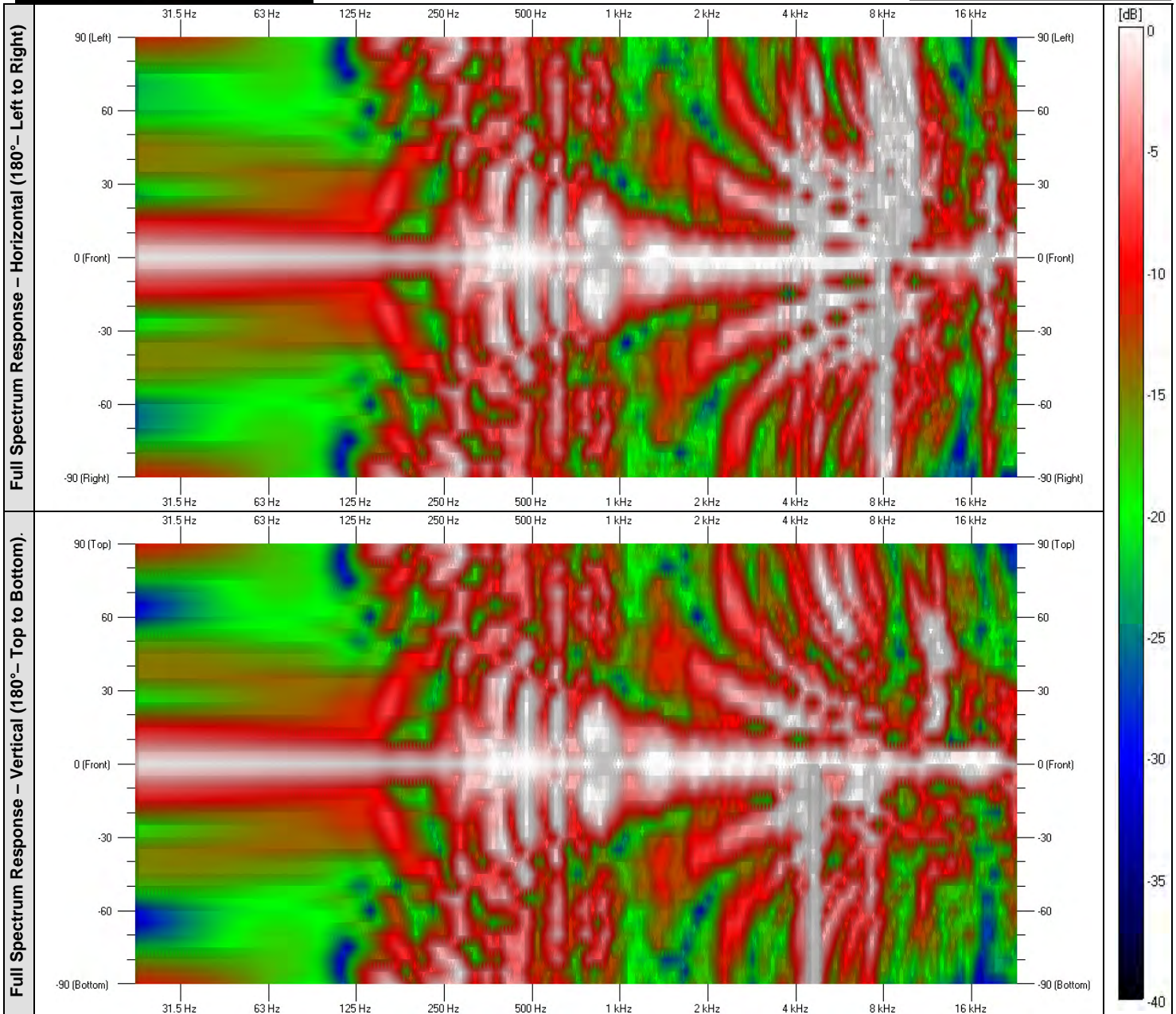
**Depth:** 2"

**Mounting:** Direct mount to wall/ceiling  
 – OR – Fit into standard T-bar grids.

Modified 2D Quadratic Diffuser  
 Binary Array / Angled Cap Design

Operational Parameters:  
 Diffusion: Upper Mid to High band  
 Primary: 2K- 8k (extended to 16+K)  
 Hemispheric Pattern (2D)  
 Some Low Frequency Absorption  
 Moderate Phase Grating & Scattering

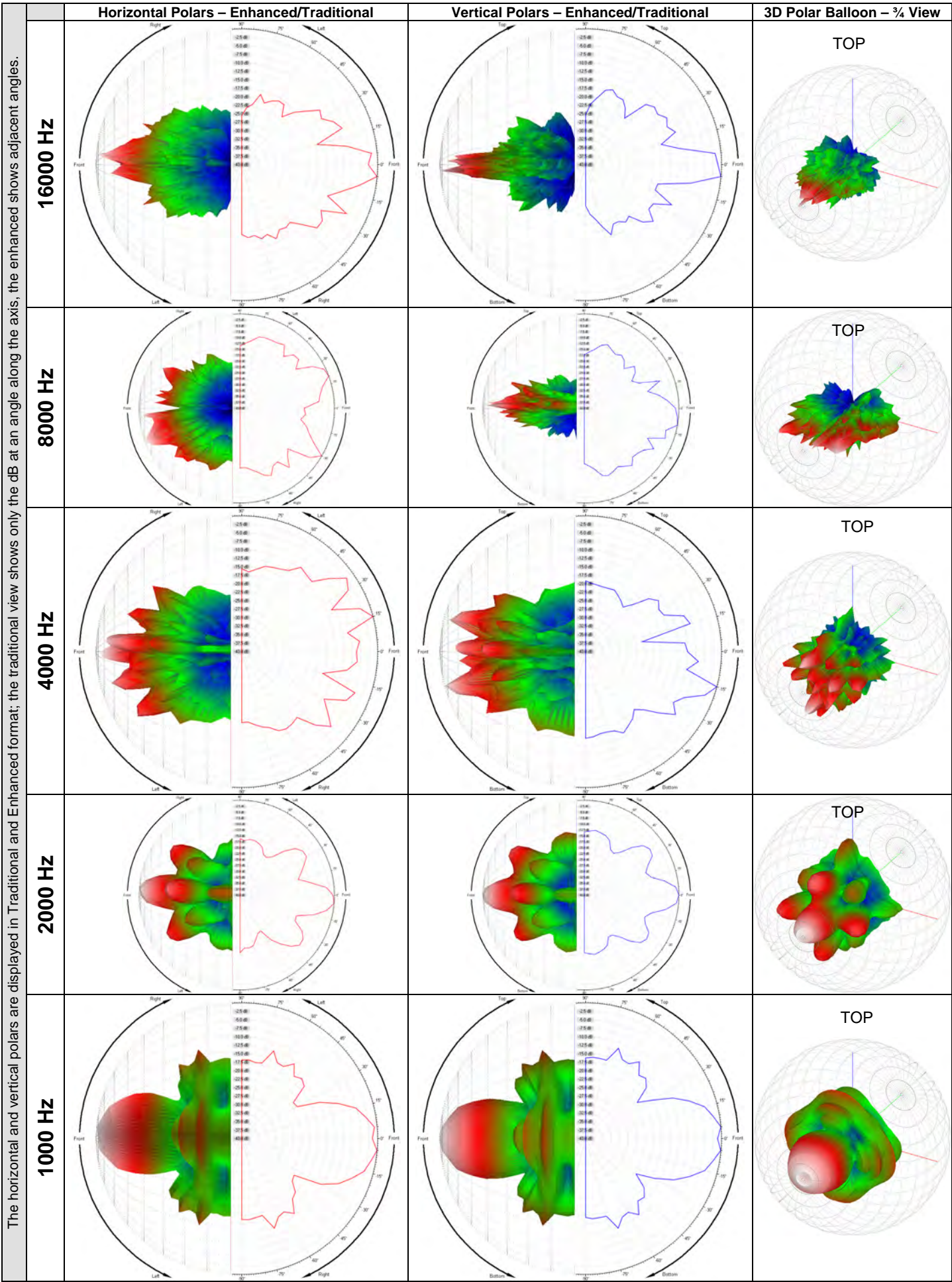
Ceiling or Wall Mountable



Sound Absorption Coefficients – Art Diffusor® – Model F Performance							
Mounting	125 Hz	250 Hz	500 Hz	1000 Hz	2000 Hz	4000 Hz	NRC
Type A	0.05	0.60	0.07	0.09	0.07	0.13	0.20
E400	0.20	0.10	0.06	0.05	0.06	0.14	0.05



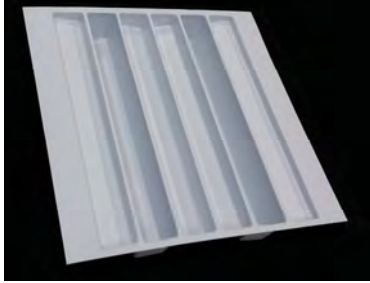
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## Art Diffusor® Model Q Diffusor



A one-dimensional, quadratic, well diffusor. This diffusor improves sound by incorporating quadratic residue number sequences to provide uniform broadband scattering. The range of the Model Q is extended over other designs by its unique angled well bottoms to further control specular reflections.

**Construction:** Class A Thermoformed plastic with natural white finish.

**Nominal Size:** 2'x2'

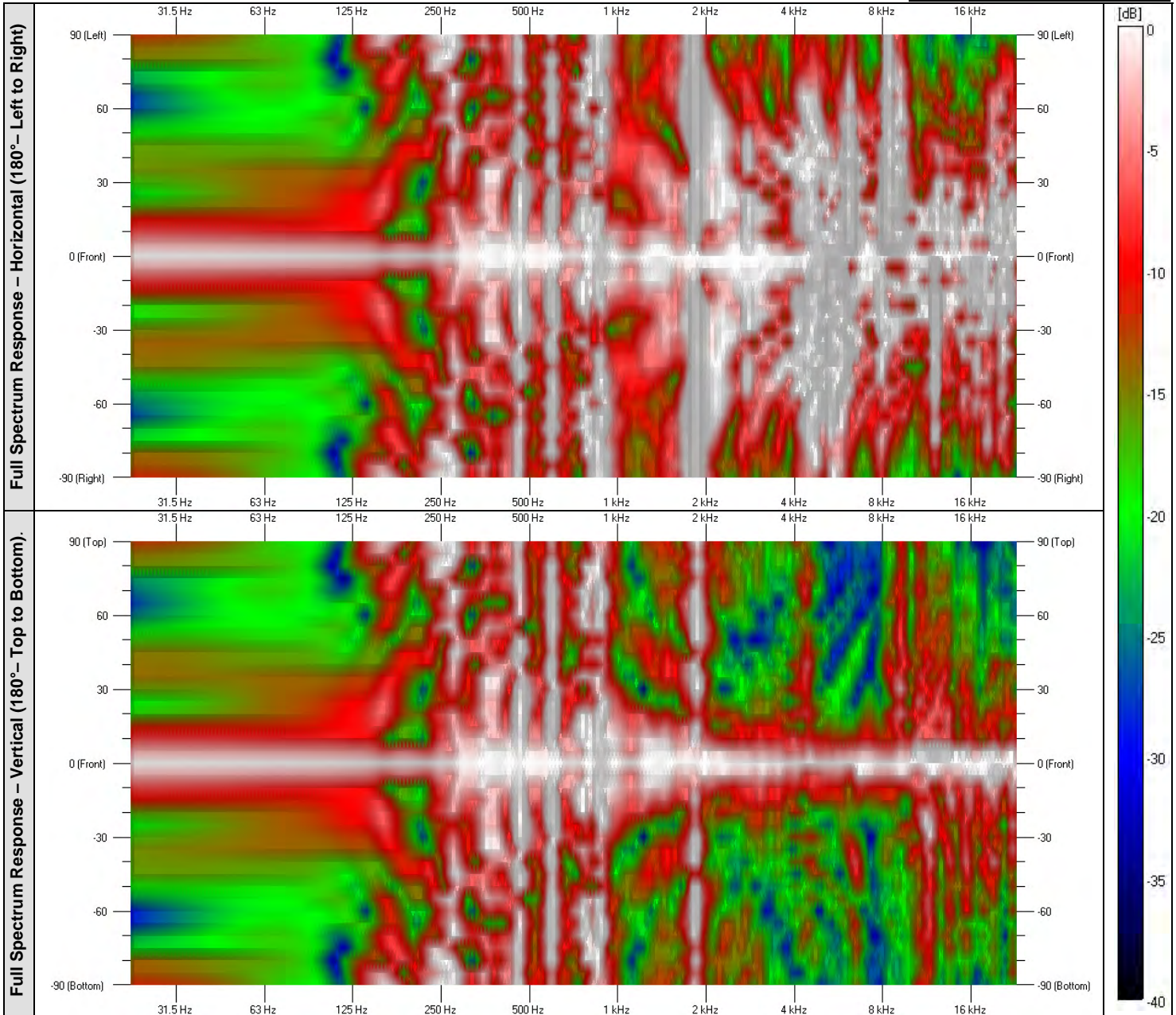
**Depth:** 4" (Nominal)

**Mounting:** Fit into standard T-bar grids.  
 – OR – Recessed mount to wall/ceiling

Modified 1D Quadratic Diffusor  
 Prime 7 / Angled Well Design

Operational Parameters:  
 Diffusion: Mid to Upper Mid band  
 Primary: Below 1K- 4k (ext. 16+K)  
 180° Scatter Pattern (1D)  
 Some Low Frequency Absorption  
 Moderate Phase Grating & Scattering

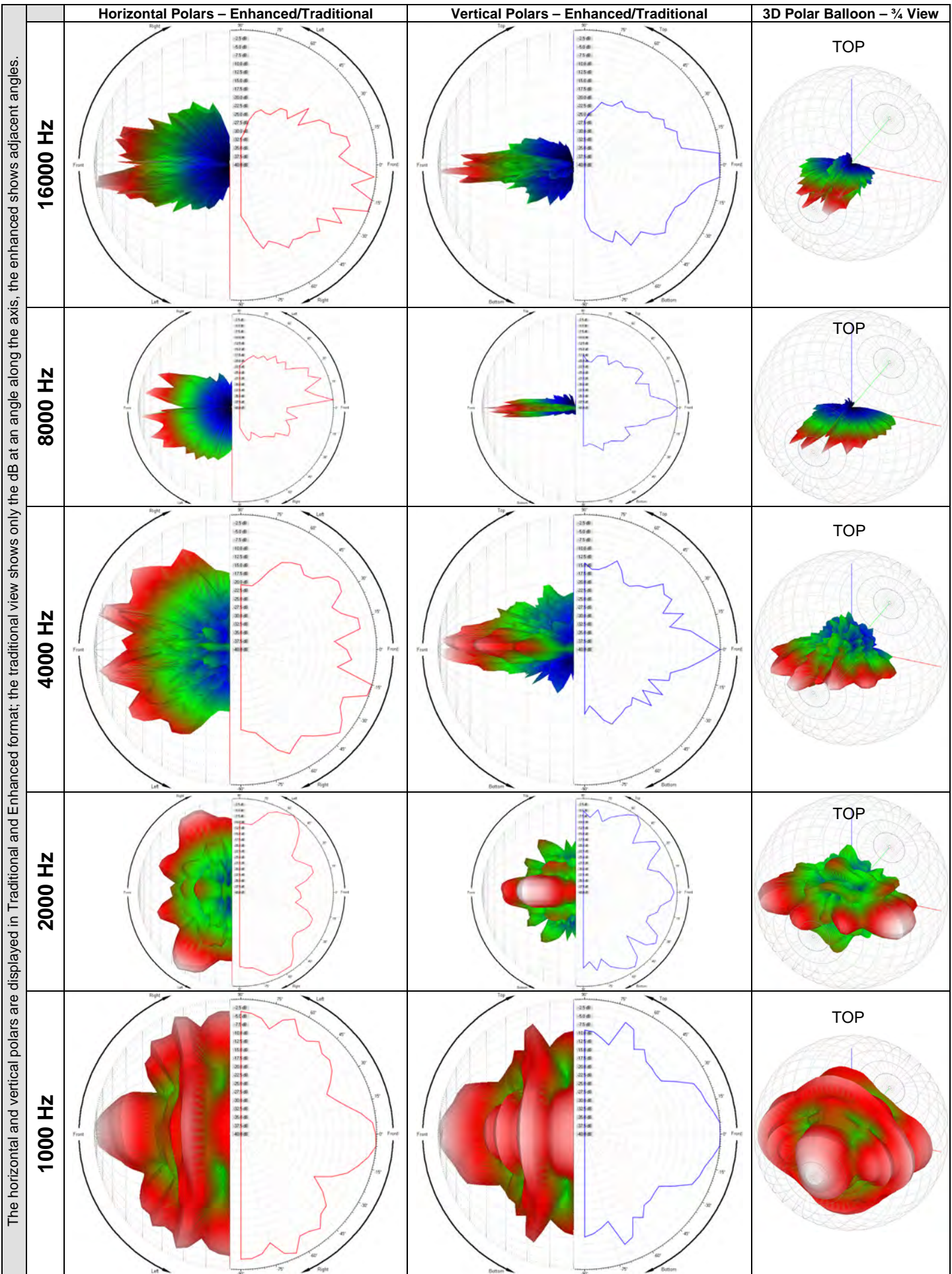
Ceiling Grid or Recessed Wall Mount



Sound Absorption Coefficients – Art Diffusor® – Model Q Performance							
Mounting	125 Hz	250 Hz	500 Hz	1000 Hz	2000 Hz	4000 Hz	NRC
E400	0.35	0.40	0.45	0.30	0.14	0.19	0.30
E400 <sup>W</sup> /Insulation	0.38	0.39	0.45	0.31	0.13	0.16	0.30



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Art Diffusor® Trim – Type A



A high-frequency, low-profile, quadratic diffusor. It improves sound using quadratic residue number sequences to provide uniform scattering. The range of the Trim is extended over other designs by its unique angled well bottoms to further control specular reflections.

**Construction:** Unfinished Maple.(Other woods and finishes available)

**Nominal Size:** 4" x 48" individual (2'x2' section tested)

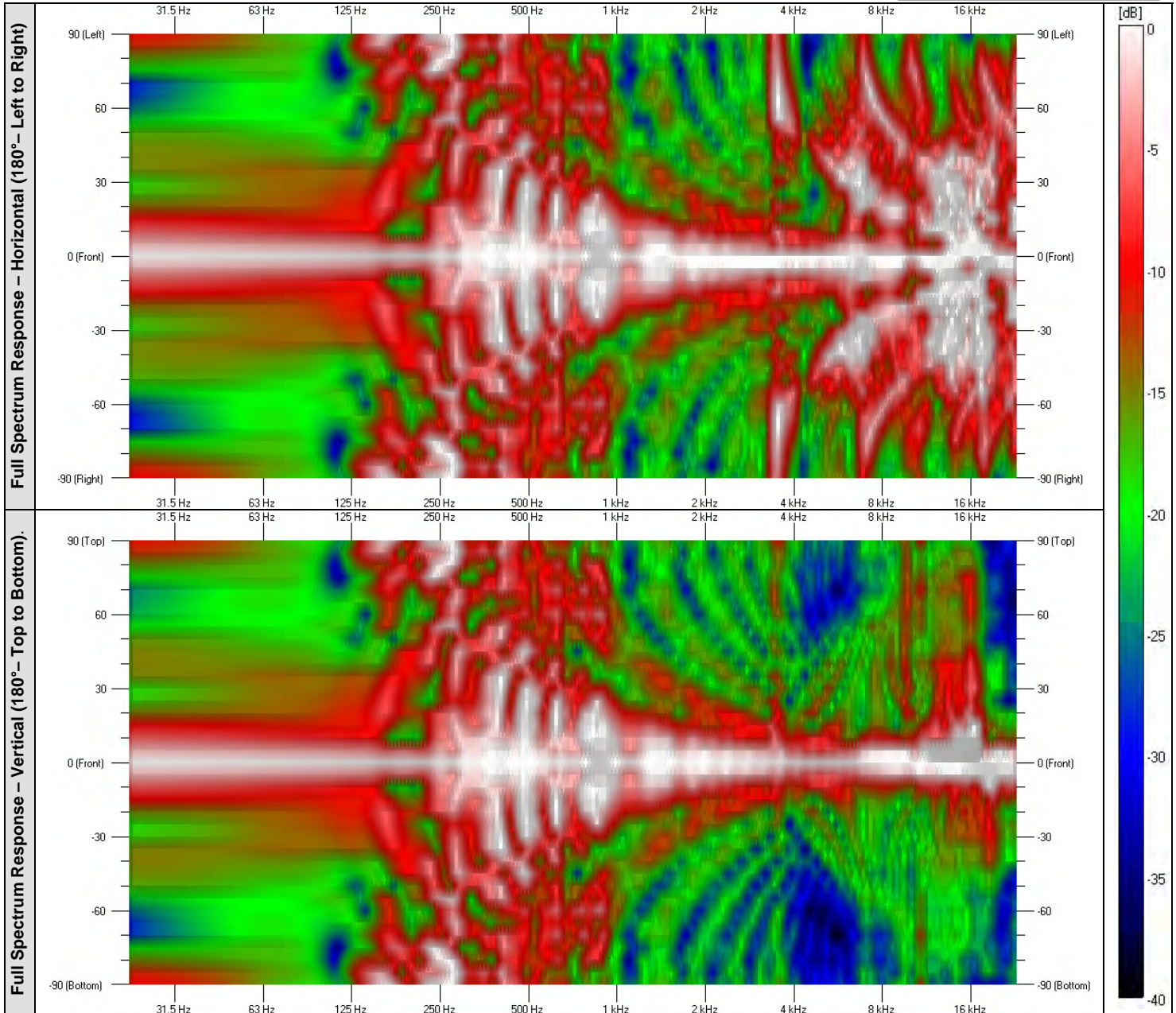
**Thickness:** 1.125" (Nominal)

**Mounting:** Direct mount to wall/ceiling.

Modified 1D Quadratic Diffusor  
Prime 7 / Angled Well Design

Operational Parameters:  
Diffusion: Upper Mid - High band  
Primary: 2KHz - 16+KHz  
180° Scatter Pattern (1D)  
Flutter Echo Control  
Subtle Phase Grating & Scattering

Ceiling or Wall Mountable

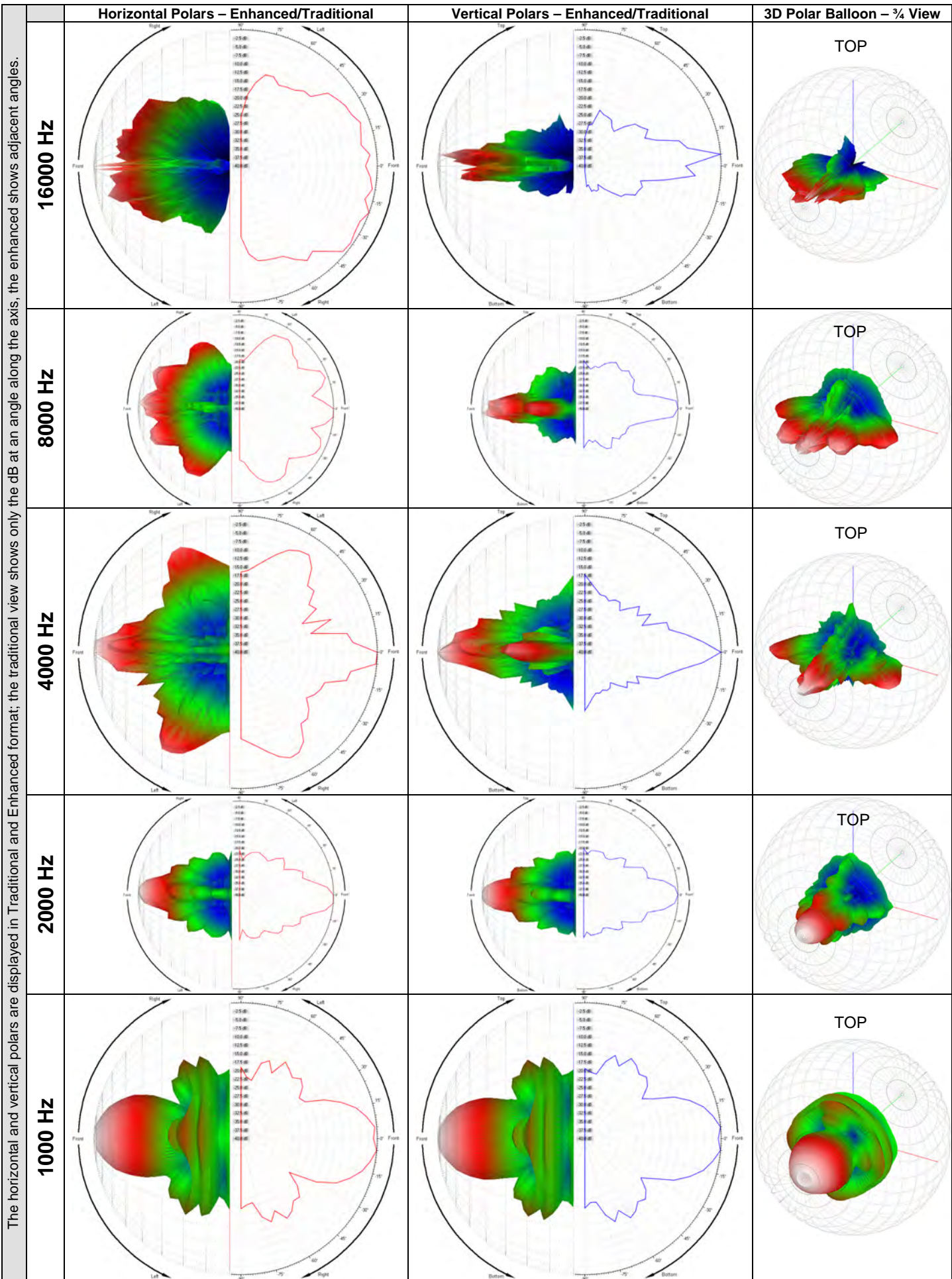


**Sound Absorption Coefficients – Art Diffusor® Trim – Type A Performance (Varies\*)**

Mounting	125 Hz	250 Hz	500 Hz	1000 Hz	2000 Hz	4000 Hz	NRC
-	*Sound Absorption for this product varies depending on many factors (wood species, finish, installation method, fastener type, length, etc.).						-
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**Art Diffusor® Trim – Type B**

**Type "B"**



A high-frequency, low-profile, quadratic diffusor. It improves sound using quadratic residue number sequences to provide uniform scattering. The range of the Trim is extended over other designs by its unique organic curve interpolation to further control specular reflections.

**Construction:** Unfinished Maple.(Other woods and finishes available)

**Nominal Size:** 4" x 48" individual (2'x2' section tested)

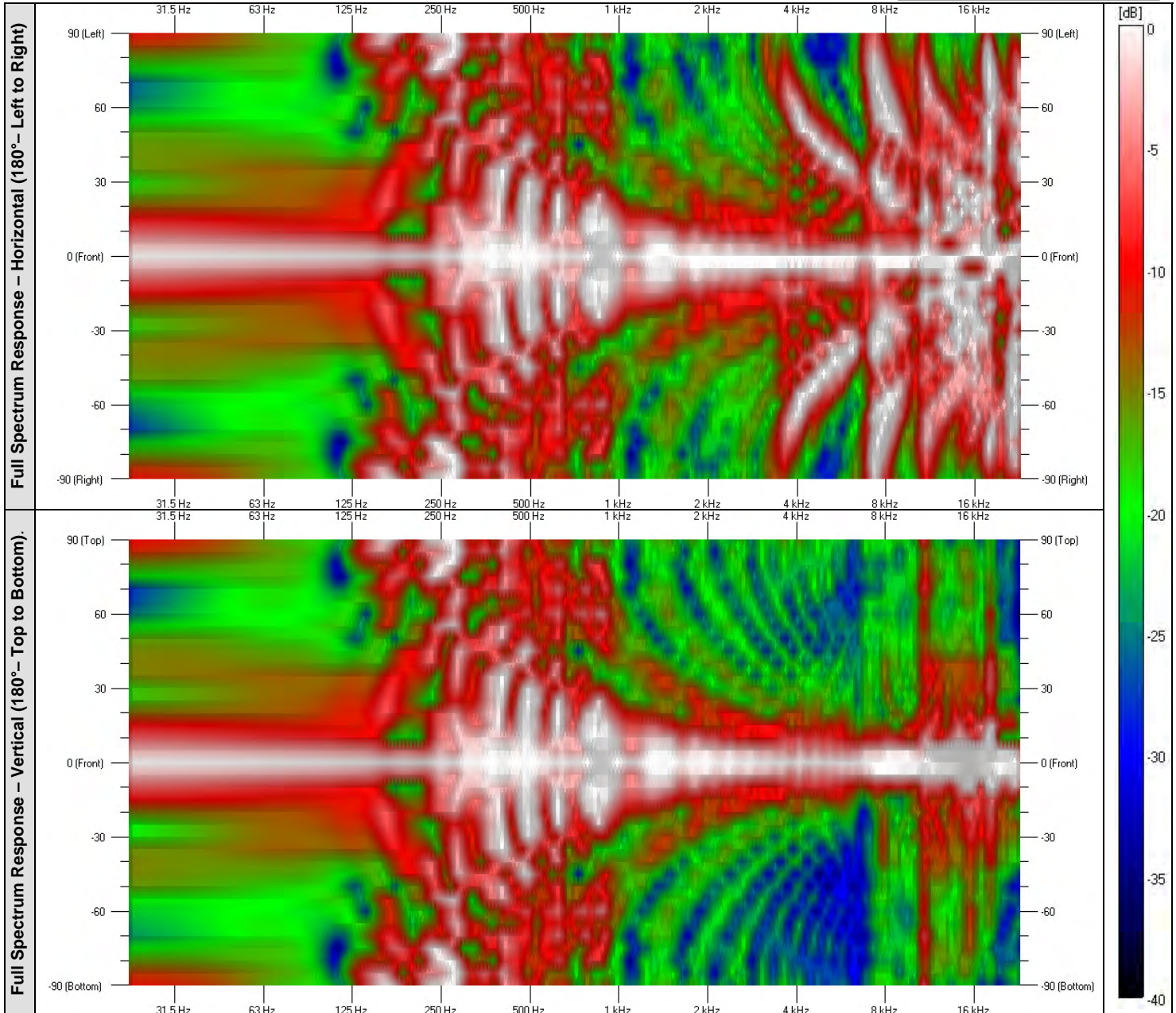
**Thickness:** 1.125" (Nominal)

**Mounting:** Direct mount to wall/ceiling.

Modified 1D Quadratic Diffuser  
Prime 7 / Organic Spline Design

Operational Parameters:  
Diffusion: Upper Mid - High band  
Primary: 2KHz - 16+KHz  
180° Scatter Pattern (1D)  
Flutter Echo Control  
Subtle Phase Grating & Scattering

Ceiling or Wall Mountable

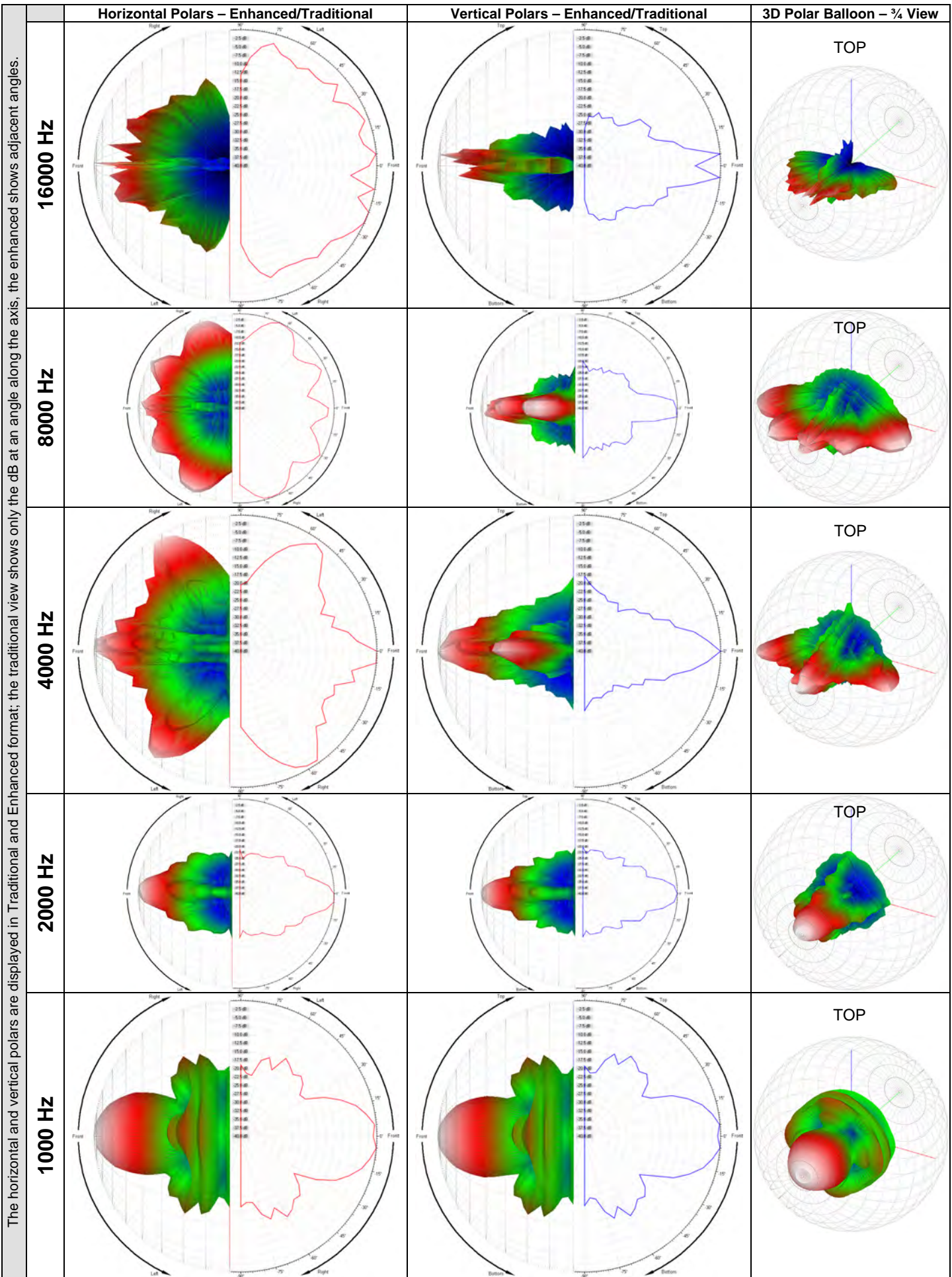


**Sound Absorption Coefficients – Art Diffusor® Trim – Type B Performance (Varies\*)**

Mounting	125 Hz	250 Hz	500 Hz	1000 Hz	2000 Hz	4000 Hz	NRC
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### Art Diffusor<sup>®</sup> Model W



A patented, binary array, quadratic diffusor. It improves sound using quadratic residue number sequences to provide uniform scattering. The range is extended using angled blocks, and further diffused through the alternating binary array configuration of the rows.

**Construction:** Poplar, Maple, Oak.(Other woods available)

**Nominal Size:** 15"x15" individual

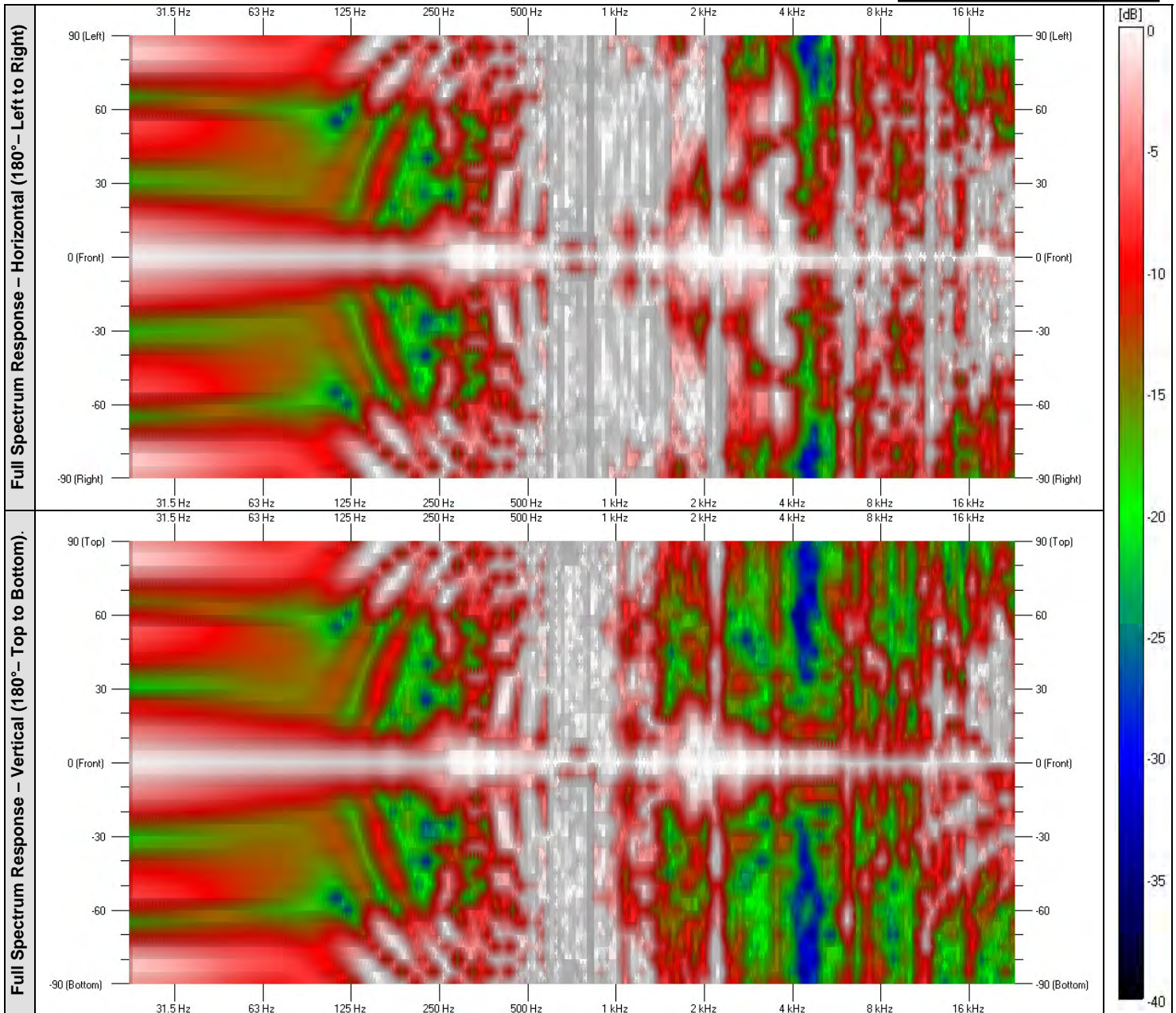
**Thickness:** 9.5" (Nominal)

**Mounting:** Direct mount to wall. Not recommended for ceiling.

Modified 1D Binary Array/Quadratic Angled Blocks, Alternating Rows

Operational Parameters:  
 Diffusion: Mid - High band  
 Primary: <1KHz - 16+KHz  
 1D Mid range - 2D Hemi High range  
 Flutter Echo Control  
 Moderate Phase Grating & Scattering

Wall Mountable (Heavy)

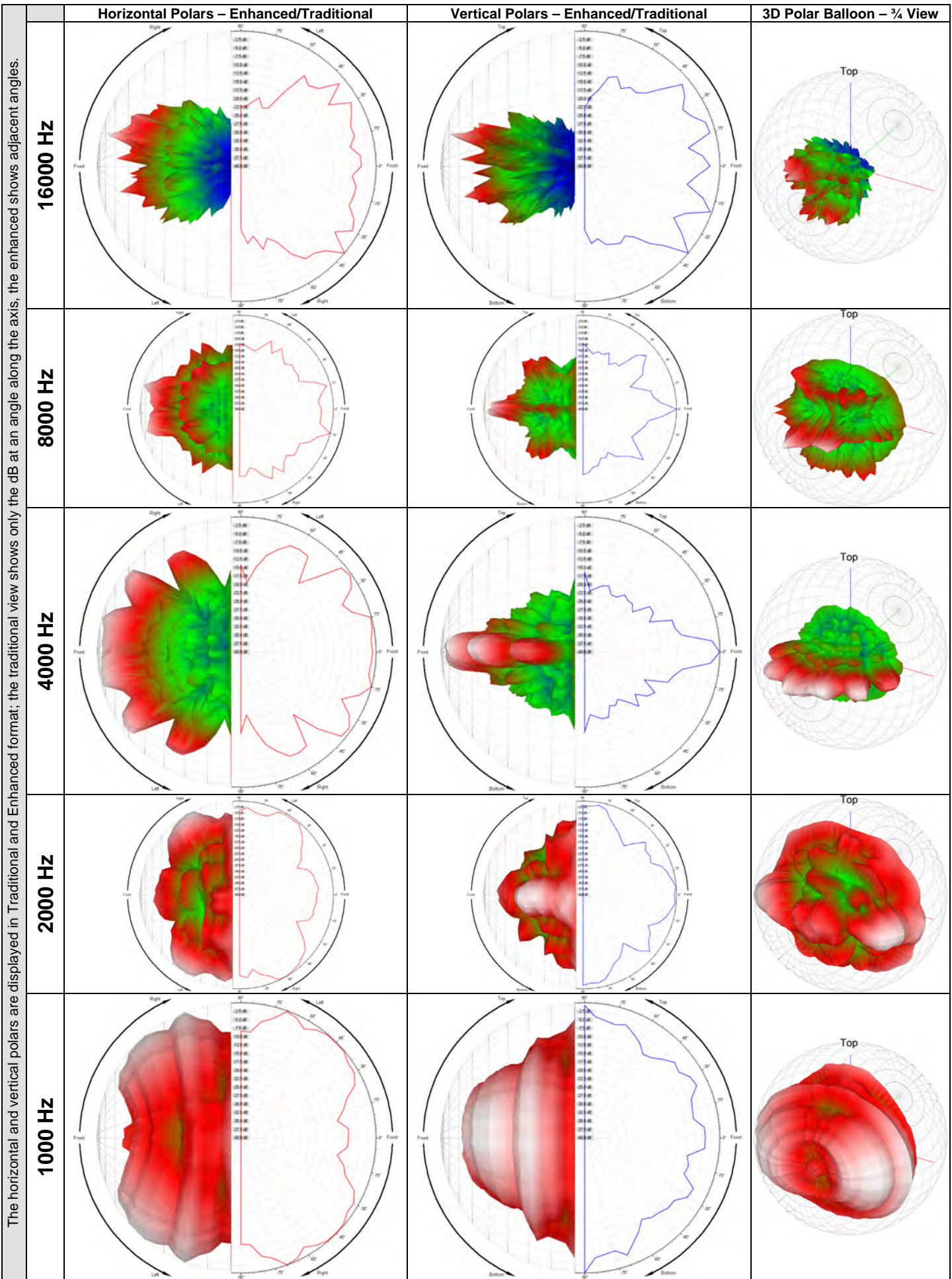


Sound Absorption Coefficients – Art Diffusor<sup>®</sup> Model W Performance (Varies\*)

Mounting	125 Hz	250 Hz	500 Hz	1000 Hz	2000 Hz	4000 Hz	NRC
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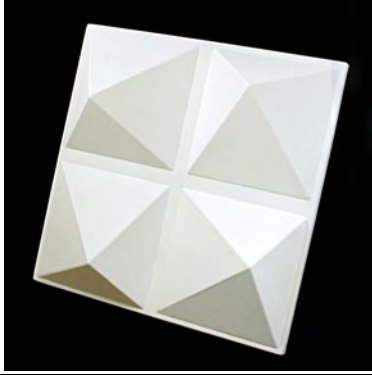
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A patented, low-profile, geometric array diffuser. This diffuser is a proprietary array of 4 low-profile, offset pyramids, each quadrant rotated 90°. This provides a wide frequency range with a smooth and predictable response – without sacrificing the space of a larger diffuser.

**Construction:** Class A Thermoformed plastic with natural white finish.

**Nominal Size:** 2'x2'

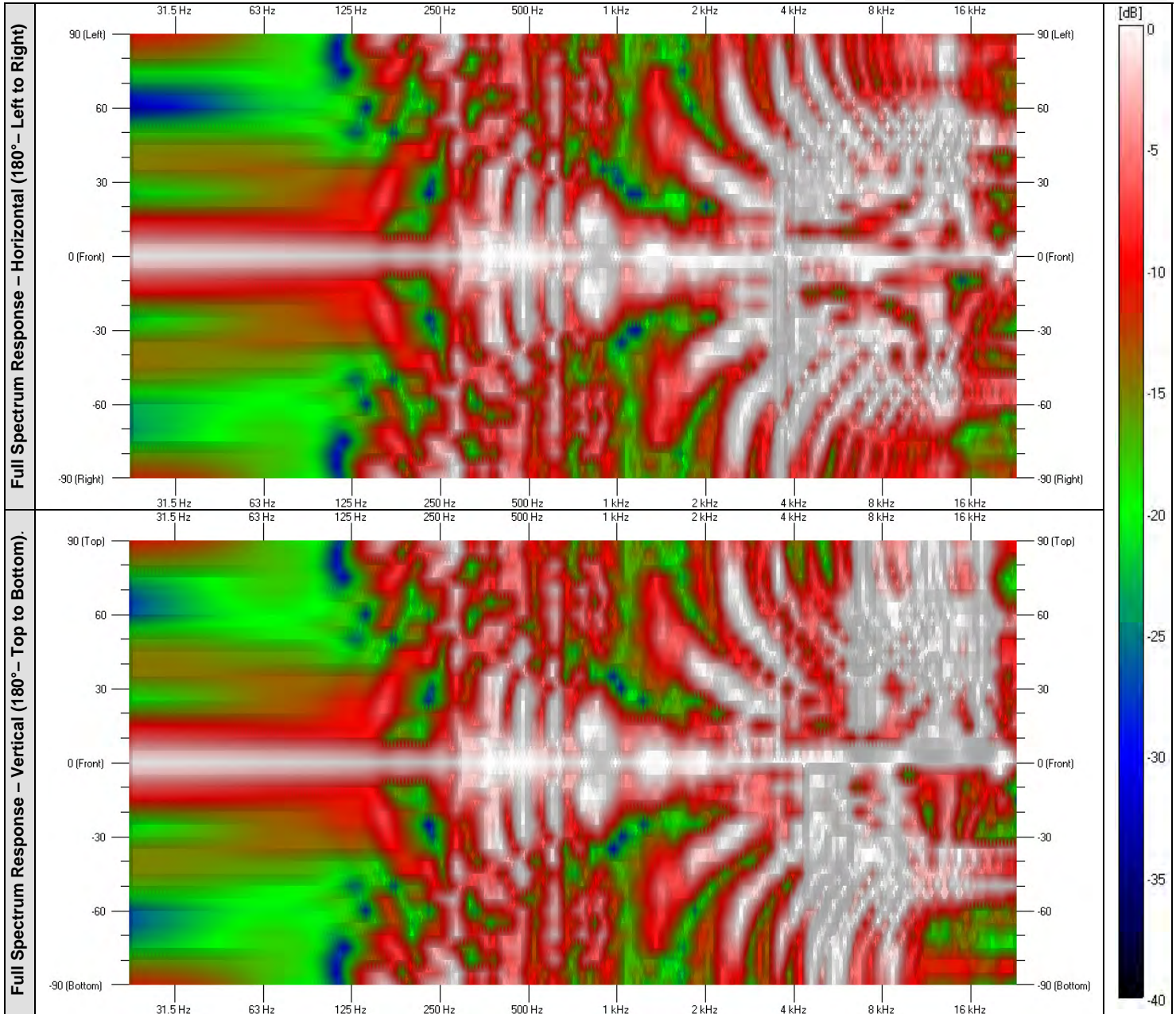
**Depth:** 2.75"

**Mounting:** Direct mount to wall/ceiling  
– OR – Fit into standard T-bar grids.

Modified 2D Geometric Diffuser  
Proprietary Offset Pyramid Array

Operational Parameters:  
Diffusion: Wide Mid - High band  
Primary: 1.5KHz- 16+KHz  
Asymmetric Scatter Pattern (2D)  
Some Low Frequency Absorption  
Moderate Phase Scattering

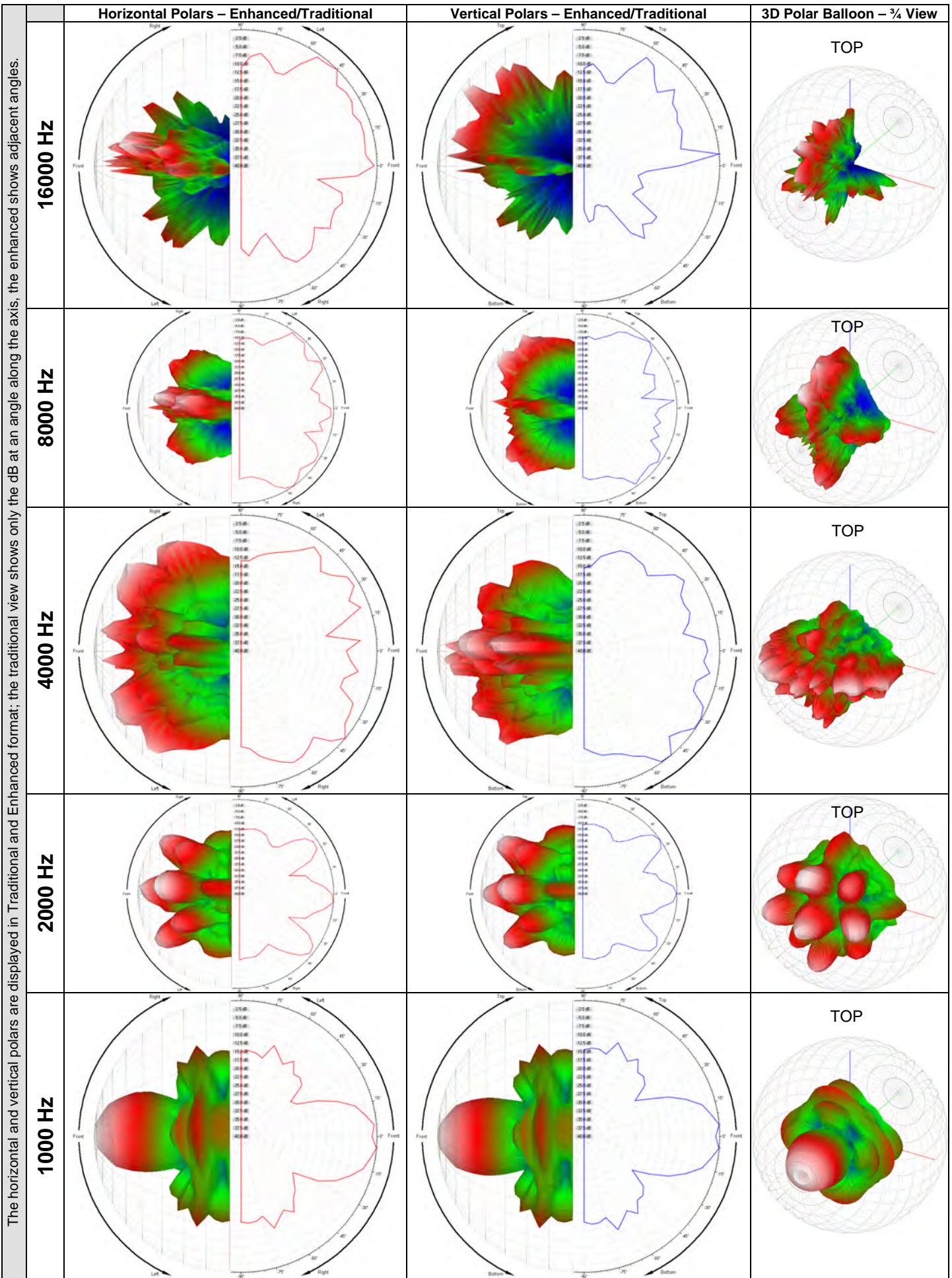
Ceiling or Wall Mountable



Sound Absorption Coefficients – QuadraPyramid™ Diffuser Performance							
Mounting	125 Hz	250 Hz	500 Hz	1000 Hz	2000 Hz	4000 Hz	NRC
Type A	0.23	0.58	0.05	0.04	0.04	0.11	0.20
E400	0.28	0.17	0.09	0.07	0.10	0.14	0.10



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2'X2' Pyramidal Diffuser



Pyramidal diffusers quickly and easily eliminate floor to ceiling standing waves. They reduce flutter echo while maintaining a warm room sound. Molded in a one-piece pyramid shape, their offset apex provides four different angles of reflection.

**Construction:** Class A Thermoformed plastic with natural white finish.

**Nominal Sizes:** 2'x2', 2'x4', 4'x4'

**Depth:** 8" – 13" (nominal)

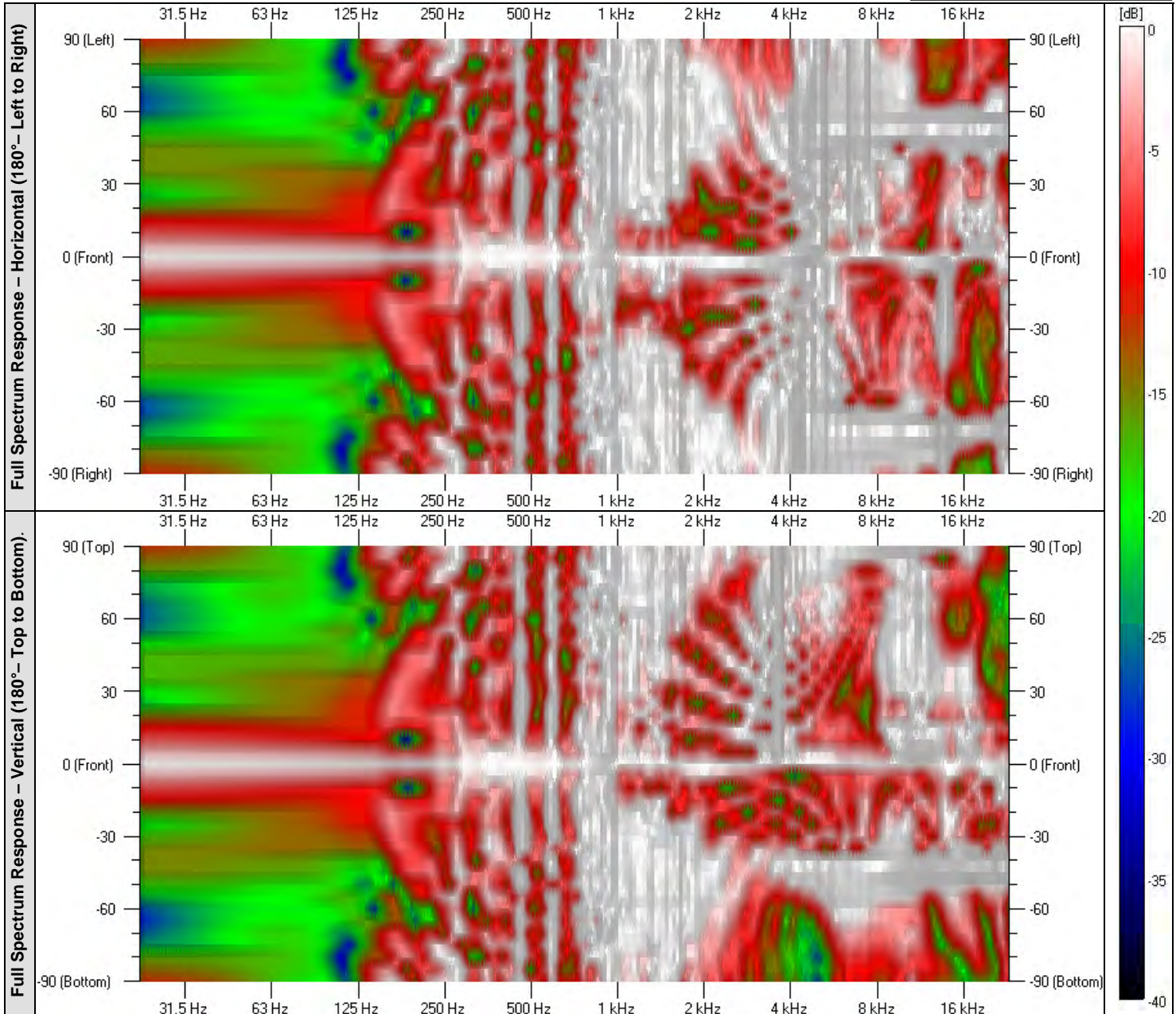
**Mounting:** L-Bracket for Direct mount to wall/ceiling  
 – OR – Manufactured to Fit into standard T-bar grids.

*Internal cavity can be lined with a 1½" thick layer of glass fiber batting to increase absorption and prevent resonance.*

Modified 2D Geometric Diffuser  
 Asymmetric Offset Pyramid

Operational Parameters:  
 Diffusion: Below <1KHz – 16+KHz  
 Asymmetric Scatter Pattern (2D)  
 Varied Low Frequency Absorption  
 Radical Phase Scattering

Ceiling or Wall Mountable  
 Various Sizes/Proportions/Options.

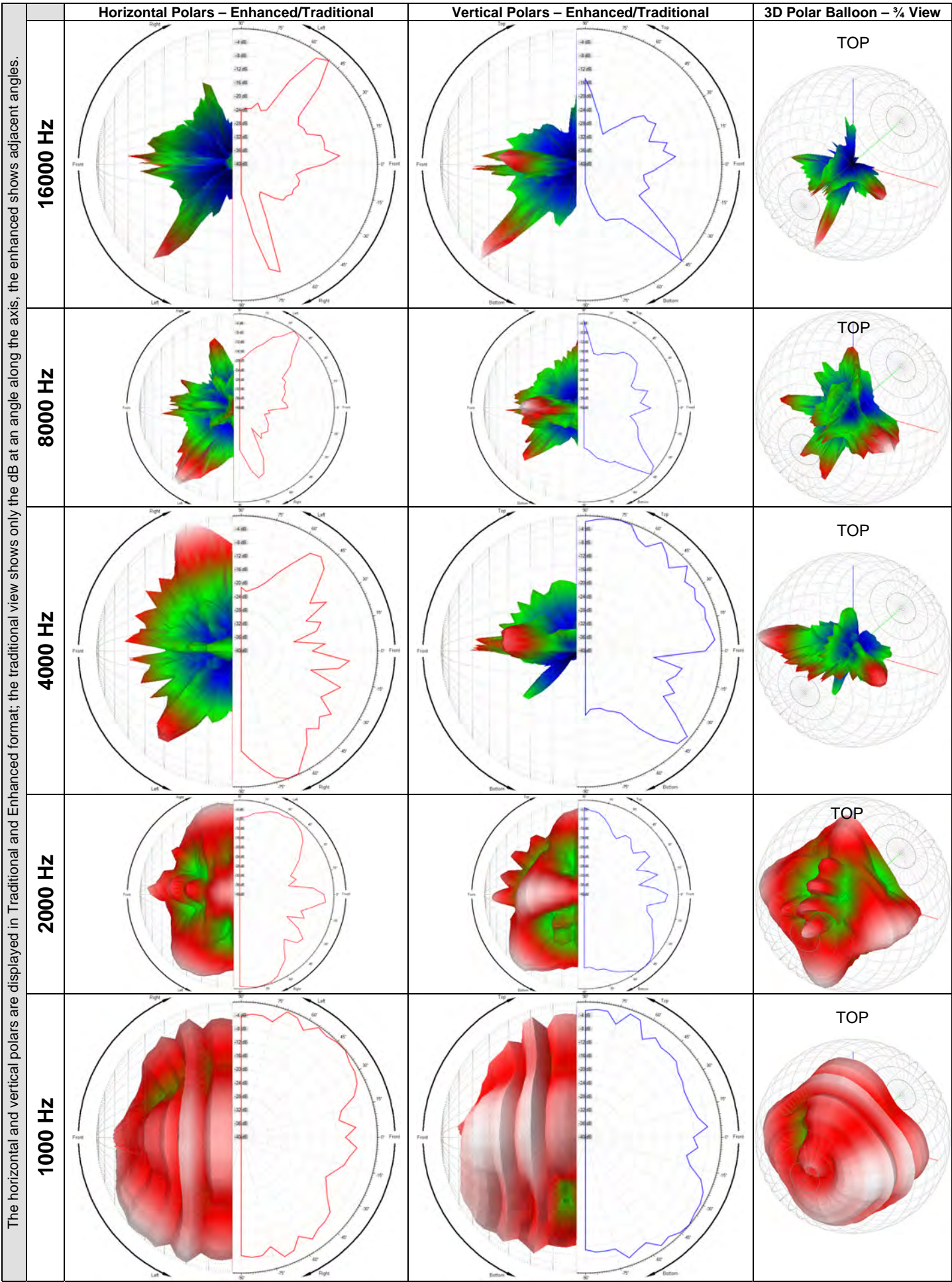


Sound Absorption Coefficients – Standard Pyramidal Diffuser

Size	Mounting	Weight	125Hz	250Hz	500Hz	1kHz	2kHz	4kHz	NRC
2'x2'	D-5	3.58lbs	0.22	0.22	0.17	0.08	0.08	0.06	0.15
2'x2'	E-400	3.58lbs	0.24	0.22	0.16	0.11	0.10	0.11	0.15
2'x2' w/insulation	D-5	4.23lbs	0.57	0.41	0.38	0.21	0.16	0.16	0.30
2'x2' w/insulation	E-400	4.23lbs	0.35	0.28	0.23	0.14	0.11	0.16	0.20



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2'x2' Double Duty™ Diffuser



Polycylindrical (barrel shaped) diffusers act to scatter sound in any location. Bass absorption will vary with size. A 2' X 4' has maximum absorption at 125 Hz. Increasing size to 4' X 8' lowers the point of maximum absorption to 63 Hz. Mid to high frequency absorption is typically 0.10 to 0.25.

**Construction:** Class A Thermoformed plastic with natural white finish.

**Nominal Sizes:** 2'x2', 2'x4', 4'x4' and 4'x8' (\*Molded Fiberglass only).

**Depth:** 7"

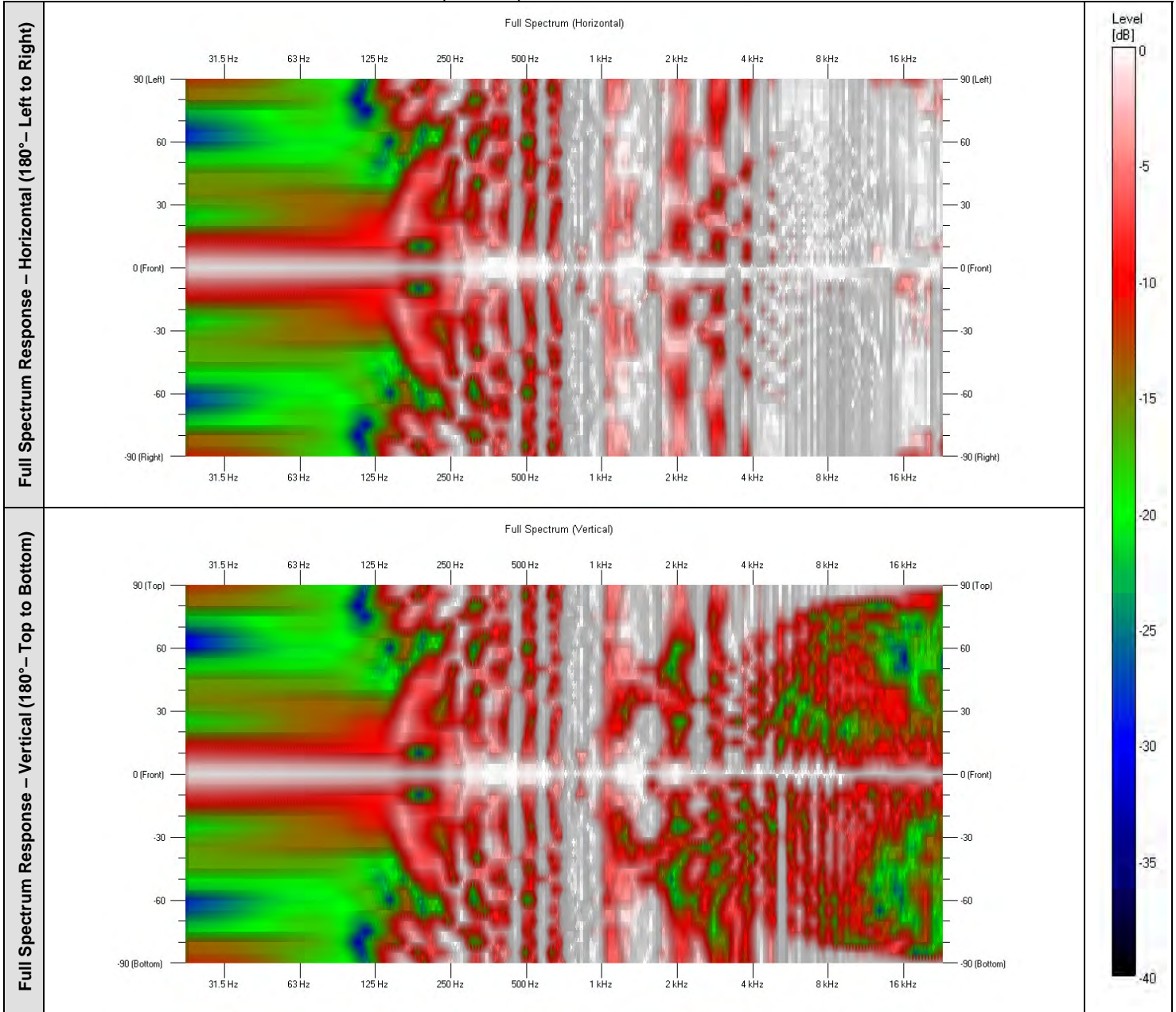
**Mounting:** L-Bracket for direct mount to wall/ceiling  
 – OR – Manufactured to fit into standard T-bar grids.

*Internal cavity can be lined with a 1½" thick layer of glass fiber batting to increase absorption and prevent resonance.*

Modified 1D Geometric Diffuser  
 Symmetric Design

Operational Parameters:  
 Diffusion: <500Hz – 16+KHz  
 Wide 180° Scatter Pattern (1D)  
 Varied Low Frequency Absorption  
 Smooth Phase Response

Ceiling or Wall Mountable  
 Various Sizes/Proportions/Options.



Sound Absorption Coefficients – Standard Double Duty™ Diffuser									
Size	Mounting	Weight	125Hz	250Hz	500Hz	1kHz	2kHz	4kHz	NRC
2'x2'	D-5	4 lbs.	0.41	0.22	0.19	0.15	0.12	0.05	0.15
2'x2'	E-400	4 lbs.	0.33	0.27	0.19	0.15	0.11	0.11	0.20
2'x2' w/insulation	D-5	4.7 lbs.	0.64	0.28	0.26	0.18	0.11	0.15	0.20
2'x2' w/insulation	E-400	4.7 lbs.	0.33	0.24	0.21	0.16	0.10	0.15	0.20



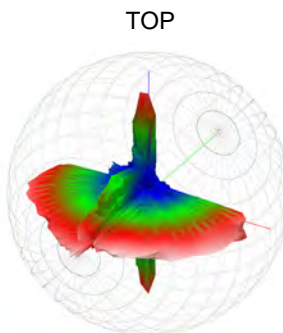
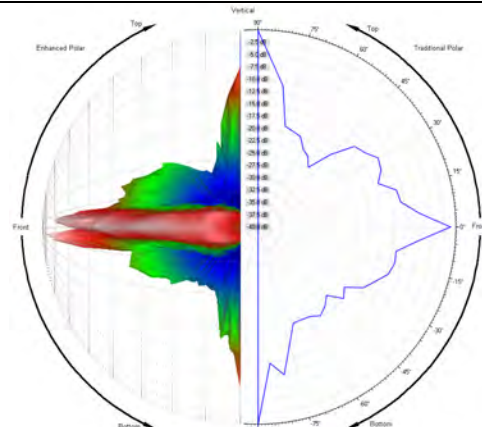
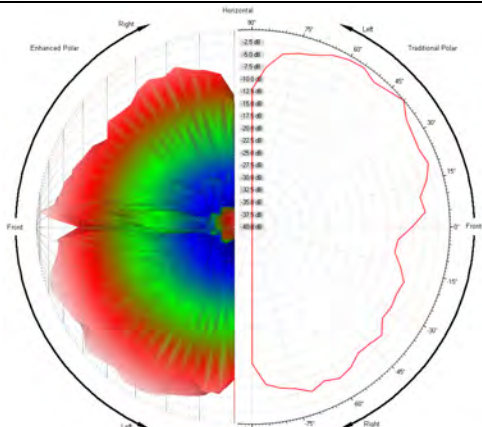
The horizontal and vertical polars are displayed in Traditional and Enhanced format; the traditional view shows only the dB at an angle along the axis, the enhanced shows adjacent angles.

**Horizontal Polars – Enhanced/Traditional**

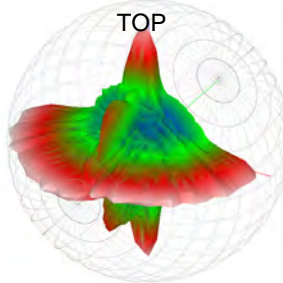
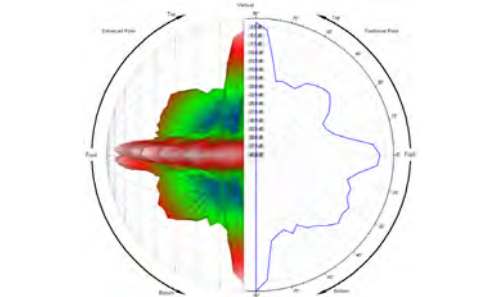
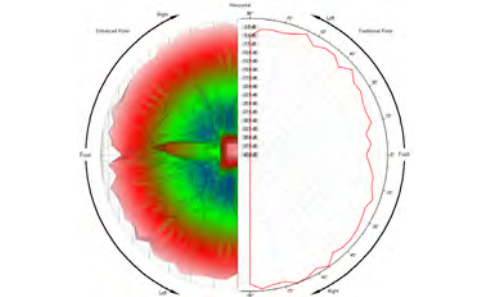
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**3D Polar Balloon – ¼ View**

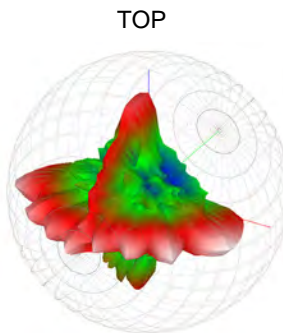
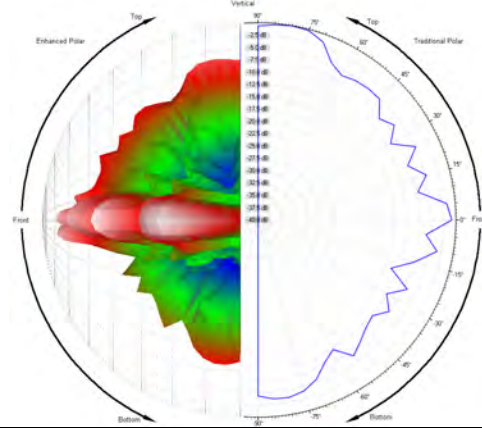
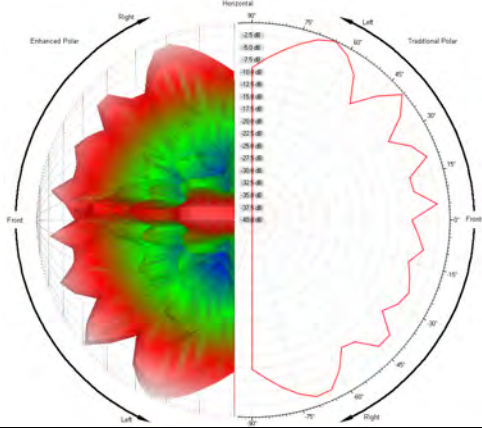
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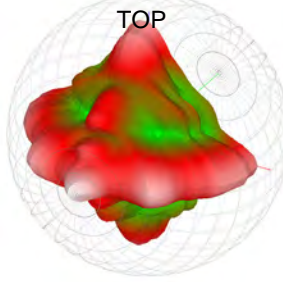
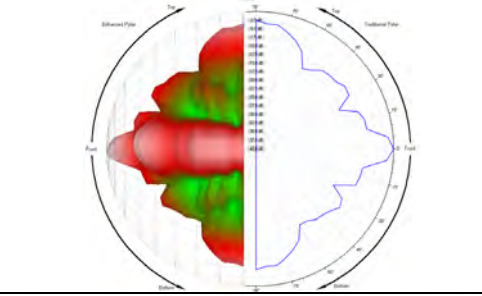
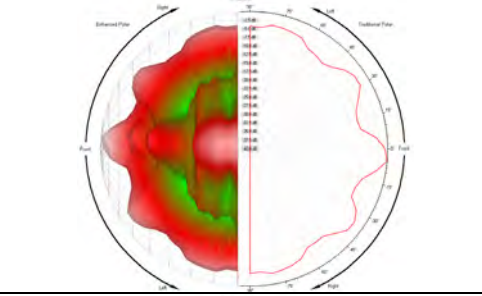
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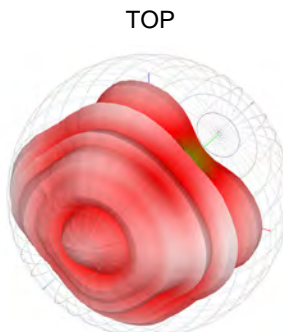
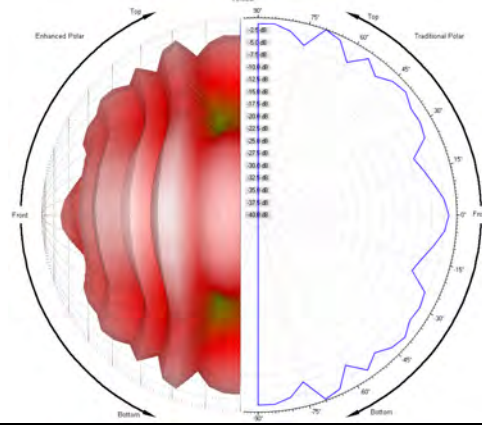
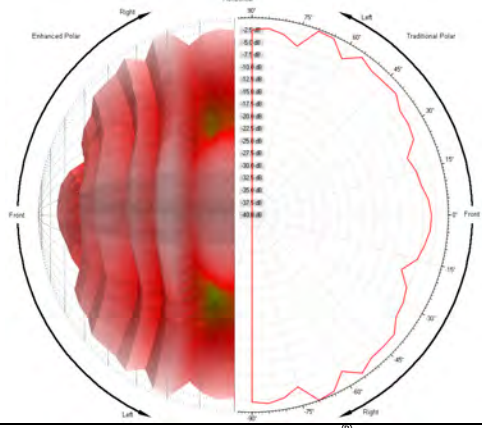
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**2000 HZ**



**1000 HZ**



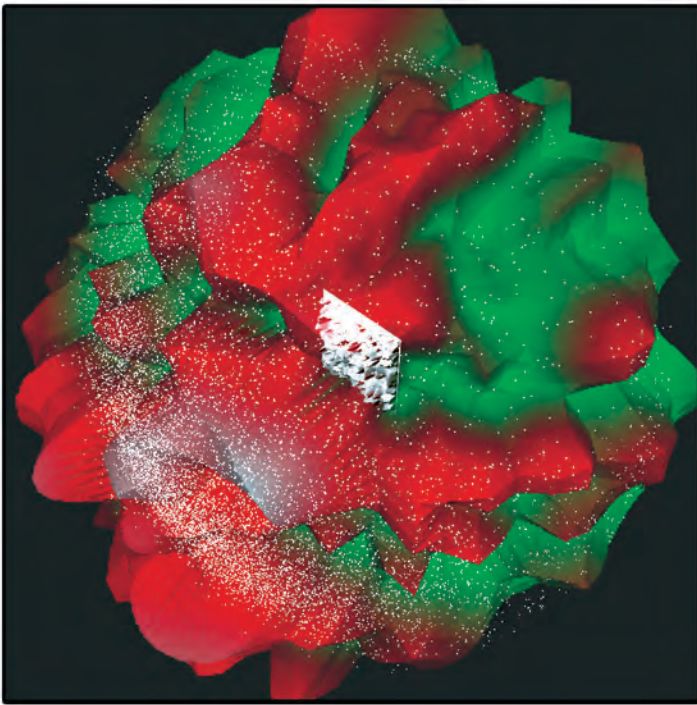


The information within this booklet is only part of the data currently available on the materials that were tested. An electronic component is also available upon request. This electronic data allows for access to the raw test results, enabling further refinement, including previously absent data describing the phase of the reflections, attenuation, and directionality with a granularity exceeding all prior published data.

This electronic data has been compiled for Acoustics First by NWAA Labs in Elma, WA.

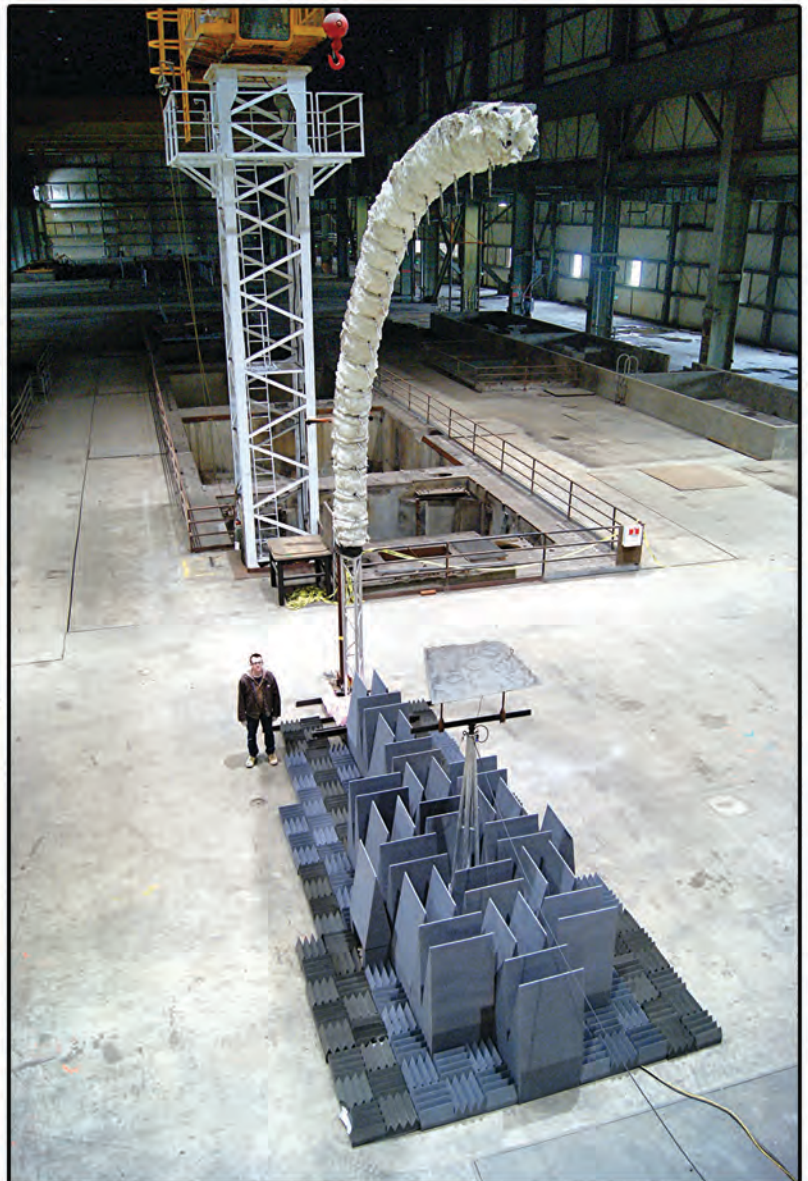
Acoustics First is offering this data without warranty, upon request, as no universally accepted standard currently exists.

Contact us for more information. Additional test data and product configurations appear on the web site. More information will be added as it becomes available.



Above: Virtual Testing developed by Acoustics First using particle modeling to illustrate the scattering of energy after impacting a surface - Overlaid with Real-World test balloon data for comparison.

Right: Real-world testing rig at NWAA Labs in Elma, WA, which collected much of the data contained in this work.



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