

APPENDIX K

SOUND TRANSMISSION

SECTION AK101 GENERAL

AK101.1 General. Wall and floor-ceiling assemblies separating *dwelling units* including those separating adjacent *townhouse* units shall provide air-borne sound insulation for walls, and both air-borne and impact sound insulation for floor-ceiling assemblies.

SECTION AK102 AIR-BORNE SOUND

AK102.1 General. Air-borne sound insulation for wall and floor-ceiling assemblies shall meet a Sound Transmission Class (STC) rating of 45 when tested in accordance with ASTM E 90. Penetrations or openings in construction assemblies for piping; electrical devices; recessed cabinets; bathtubs; soffits; or heating, ventilating or exhaust ducts shall be sealed, lined, insulated or otherwise treated to maintain the required ratings. *Dwelling unit* entrance doors, which share a common space, shall be tight fitting to the frame and sill.

AK102.1.1 Masonry. The sound transmission class of concrete masonry and clay masonry assemblies shall be calculated in accordance with TMS 0302 or determined through testing in accordance with ASTM E 90.

SECTION AK103 STRUCTURAL-BORNE SOUND

AK103.1 General. Floor/ceiling assemblies between *dwelling units* or between a *dwelling unit* and a public or service area within a structure shall have an Impact Insulation Class (IIC) rating of not less than 45 when tested in accordance with ASTM E 492.

SECTION AK104 REFERENCED STANDARDS

ASTM E 90-04 Test Method for Laboratory
Measurement of Airborne Sound Transmission
Loss of Building Partitions and Elements AK102

ASTM E 492-04 Specification for
Laboratory Measurement of Impact Sound
Transmission through Floor-ceiling Assemblies
Using the Tapping Machine AK103

The Masonry Society

TMS 0302-07 Standard for Determining
the Sound Transmission Class Rating
for Masonry Walls. AK102.1.1

