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Acoustics Environment Analysis

Ensuring Safe, Healthy and Habitable Vehicle Acoustic Environments

Acoustics and Noise Control Laboratory

The JSC Acoustics and Noise Control Laboratory (ANCL) is part of the Johnson Space Center Acoustics Office. The ANCL is the principal facility located in Building 241 for acoustics research and flight hardware certification. The Acoustics Office is responsible for ensuring safe, healthy and habitable vehicle acoustic environments, in which astronaut crews can live, communicate, and work. This means ensuring that space vehicle environments are not too noisy, do not have irritating audible sounds (except when trying to get the crew's attention), and do not have startling bursts of acoustic energy.

Services Provided:

- Acoustic Emissions Testing
- Acoustic Flight Materials Development
 and Testing
- Noise Diagnostics and Control
- Acoustic Modeling
- Reverberation Time Measurement





- Acoustic Environment Demonstrations
- On-orbit Measurement and Monitoring
- Quiet Fan Tool Development and Support
- Transmission Loss Measurement
- Acoustic Absorption Measurement
- Space Suit Interior Acoustic Environment Assessments



Our customer-friendly process lends itself to streamlined business relationships. We are eager to share our unique capabilities with your organization and invite your inquiries regarding application or adaptation of our offerings to satisfy your special requirements. Briefings on general or specific subjects can be arranged at JSC or at your business site.

Facilities, Tools and Equipment	Size/Features	Purpose	
Anechoic Chamber	16 ft. x 19.5 ft. x 12 ft.	Use for certifying hardware for flight from payload to rack level	
Acoustic Test Chamber	9 ft. x 9 ft. x 9 ft.	Use for certifying hardware for flight at payload level	
ISS Mock-up	8 ft. x 8 ft. x 15 ft.	Use for assessing acoustic environments and validating acoustic models	
Orion Mock-up	15 ft. diameter / 11 ft. tall	Use for assessing acoustic environments and validating acoustic models	A Comment
Impedance/ Transmission Loss Measurement	B&K Type 4206	Use for acoustic material testing (absorption and transmission loss tests)	
Quiet Fan Tool Database	Over 80+ fans tested and included in database	Use to help and guide hardware developers choose the optimal and quietest fan for their system or payload	



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