

## INTERIOR SOUND ISOLATION AND SPEECH PRIVACY

The following are approximate degrees of subjective speech privacy between spaces based on the Sound Transmission Class (STC) ratings of the partitions separating them and typical levels of background noise in office spaces.

<u>STC Ratings</u>	<u>Subjective Degree of Speech Privacy</u>	<u>Description</u>
<35	None	Normal voice levels from adjacent space are audible. Continuous speech can be understood. Conversations are intelligible.
35 to 45	Minimal to Normal	Normal voice levels from an adjacent space are audible with occasional words being intelligible. Continuous speech is generally not intelligible.
45 to 55	Confidential	Normal voice levels from adjacent spaces are barely audible and are heard as an unintelligible mumble.
>55	Complete	Normal voice levels from adjacent spaces are audible only occasionally and are not intelligible.

FIGURE 4