



## OCEAN 21-22 CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION



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### SOUND CONTROL INFORMATION

In establishing a policy regarding the installation of sound absorbing material in conjunction with the installation of all “hard surface” flooring in the residential units of OCEAN 21-22 CONDOMINIUMS, the OCEAN 21-22 ASSOCIATION, INC. Board of Directors offers the following specific comments for your information and adherence.

The association established a **MINIMUM** rating for sound absorbent material at a **Sound Transmission Classification (STC) of 75** and an **Impact Isolation Classification (IIC) of 75**. These minimums are for material as installed and tested on an 8” concrete slab construction without acoustical ceilings

Product specifications must, therefore, contain the notion that it meets or exceeds an STC of 75 **AND** IIC of 75. These ratings **MUST** be printed on the packaging or information paperwork from the manufacturer.

**WARNING:** *The association assumes no responsibility for ensuring that the owner’s contractor delivers and installs the proper products. The **association staff WILL inspect** the materials as they are delivered to the property.*

Experience has proven that **the most important factor** in any product meeting the published ratings is **strict adherence to the proper installation of material**, especially ensuring vertical isolation at the intersection of floor and walls. Only when the proper method (as noted in the product specifications) of **vertical isolation** is employed, along with adherence to the required thickness of the product application, can one even hope to approach the minimum ratings claimed.

Both the minimum sound-absorption requirements established by the association and these foregoing comments are offered to the owners for their protection against future claims by their neighbors.

By insisting that their contractors conscientiously and stringently follow the installation guidelines included in product specifications and by making sure that the management office is provided with all supporting documentation for their unit files, owners can be confident that they have taken the appropriate steps that will minimize future complaints of sound transmission from their units.