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## **SOUND MASKING**

Today's interiors often feature very low levels of background sound, leaving occupants trying to work in 'pin-drop' environments in which they can easily hear conversations and noises. Although we tend to describe them as noisy, these spaces are actually too silent. Their background sound level needs to be raised in a controlled way, so that it's capable of covering disturbances.

A sound's ability to cover other sounds is an effect we often experience—due to running water, rustling leaves or the murmur of a crowd, for example—but rarely think about in the context of the indoor environment. Yet, when handled correctly, a non-informational broadband sound not only minimizes the disruptive impact of noise and protects the privacy of conversation, but does so unobtrusively.

That's sound masking's role. It's an engineered sound of the type that forms the backdrop of our daily lives—perfected for our acoustic comfort.

# **OUR COMMITMENT**

Perfection is the goal we've pursued throughout our 40-year history.

Why? Because the benefits a sound masking system delivers depend on its ability to create the required masking spectrum or 'curve' throughout your space.

The more the sound deviates from that curve, the less effective and less comfortable it becomes. And even small differences mean big changes in results. Each decibel decrease in overall masking volume can reduce performance by 10%. Failing in a key frequency can reduce it by 5%. So, precision and consistency are essential.

How do we deliver sound that works? By using all the tools in the toolbox.

A masking system's performance is heavily influenced by the size of its control zones—groups of loudspeakers for which a technician can establish individual volume and frequency settings. The smaller the zones, the more test and adjustment points the design offers.

The LogiSon Acoustic Network exclusively uses a networked-

decentralized architecture, meaning its control zones are between one and three loudspeakers in size, covering an area of 225 to 675 ft<sup>2</sup> (21 to 63 m<sup>2</sup>). Using single loudspeaker zones provides optimal control. Expanding to three loudspeakers per zone offers a budgetfriendly compromise for open plans, without risking the tuning challenges and resulting performance sacrifices exhibited by larger zones.

# **DECENTRALIZED**

**SOUND GENERATION** 

Each zone features a dedicated generator, which produces a truly random sound covering the full masking spectrum, typically specified between 100 and 10,000 hertz (Hz).

#### **PRECISE VOLUME** CONTROL

Each zone offers 100 volume settings in nearly imperceptible 0.5 decibel (dB) steps, permitting fine adjustment and preventing the need to compromise between effectiveness and occupant comfort.

### **SMALL CONTROL ZONES**

Zones are 1 to 3 loudspeakers in size, maximizing local control across your entire workplace. We can adjust the masking sound exactly where needed to achieve the desired curve.

#### THIRD-OCTAVE **FREQUENCY** CONTROL

Each zone's equalizer covers 63 to 10,000 Hz, providing third-octave frequency control beyond the range of the typical masking spectrum.

#### **FULL-RANGE LOUDSPEAKERS**

4-inch (10 cm) loudspeakers are compact, yet large enough to produce the low frequencies needed for comfort and to mask a wider range of noises.

WHY INVEST **IN ACOUSTICS?** 









Lack of speech privacy is the greatest source of employee dissatisfaction

Because the sound interacts with various elements within the facility's interior, no masking system can consistently achieve the desired effect from the moment it's powered on.

Successfully delivering masking across your space is only possible if the sound is professionally adjusted or 'tuned' post-installation to meet the required spectrum—called a curve. The more precisely and consistently the curve is met, the better your result.

While others might take shortcuts—because this process is time-consuming, they haven't been properly trained or mistakenly believe direct-field loud-speakers eliminate the need for it—LogiSon technicians use precision sound analyzers meeting Type 1 standards and follow detailed written procedures. They measure at seated ear height, tuning within each closed room and every 225 to 675 ft² (21 to 63 m²) of open space. And they provide you with a written report of the results.

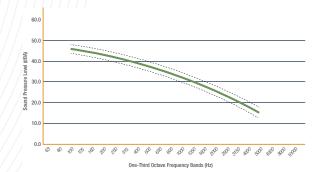
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#### **AUTO-TUNING SOFTWARE**

We also equip our technicians with TARGET—an application that third-octave tunes each small control zone to the desired curve in a matter of seconds, and with a previously unachievable level of precision.

#### THE CURVE

The LogiSon Acoustic
Network's output is
typically tuned to meet an
independently-proven curve
provided by the National
Research Council (NRC).
However, TARGET can also
tune to your acoustician's
preferred spectrum.



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## **SUPPORT**

The LogiSon Acoustic Network is exclusively provided through a global network of select distributors whose core focus is sound masking. Their experience with this technology ranges from a decade to more than thirty-five years. They're uniquely positioned to provide an exceptional level of customer service from start to finish, as well as ongoing support.

To contact the representative nearest you, visit logison.com.

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