# **Developing Positive Sound**

For many years we have been promoting the benefits of good acoustics. We have worked with leading acoustic experts, offered a great product range and provided acoustic RIBA accredited training to hundreds and hundreds of architects, dealers and end users.

#### But we wanted MORE...



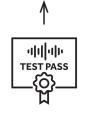


A history of working with experts to educate the market

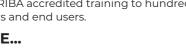


# **Positive** Sound

Presenting a comprehensive package of acoustic solutions for every working area



Providing fully tested products



Using our knowledge to create a detailed

· was more effective

colour choices

People, Place, Purpose,

installation system



development wish list



We wanted to create a new type of acoustic package that:

· followed our design principles of

· offered more fabrics and more

· had more shape and style options

· provided better value for money



about emotion.

and comprehensive acoustic solution.

· was more environmental with a higher

was simple to understand and easy

· was a comprehensive solution to

facilitate good acoustics in all styles

· was quick and easy to install

of working environments.

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to specify

Staying true to our design principles

Providing better

value for money



A good acoustic environment can improve effective interaction,

create a positive setting and aid wellbeing. Poor acoustics reduces

productivity, hinders enjoyment and increases stress - acoustics is

We have been on a development journey to create a new positive

Working with leading designers and acousticians



Creating a collection that is easy to specify

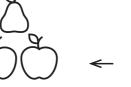




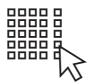
Offering 100% recycled products







Expanding customer choice



Increasing the colour and fabric choices

# Why Positive Sound



Products that are part of the Positive Sound collection are marked with the icon above.

### Acoustics is about emotion...

#### People:

Sound impacts on whether people have a negative or positive association with a space. A positive soundscape improves our effectiveness, aids our wellbeing and increases our enjoyment of a space. A negative acoustic environment inhibits our productivity, reduces our comfort and increases stress.

#### Place:

We must consider the place and its function to create an appropriate acoustic solution. Equally, the acoustic products should enhance the palette of the interior designer and not restrict the visual integrity of the scheme.

#### Purpose:

We can accept different soundscapes if they are appropriate to the task: the buzz of a breakout canteen encourages us to socialise and relax, whereas the same noise level would be disruptive in an office work area. The acoustics of an environment have to be appropriate to the purpose of the area.

### Technical

### Class A Full testing documentation Clearly presented technical data

### Creative

More choice
More shapes for endless configurations
Over 100 different colours available

### Comprehensive

Acoustic solutions specifically designed for different functions and areas

### Cost-effective

Superior acoustic properties means less product is required for optimum results.

### Supported

	More support for specification	
	Free space planning	
	Education programmes	
	RIBA CPDs	RIBA.
	Advice from highly qualified acousticians	ST IN
	4 week delivery times	E 244

#### **Environmental**

100% recycled content

### Simple to specify and install

New adjustable fixing system Easy to follow price list

# **Expert** Advice

To help you easily identify the acoustic properties of a product, an acoustician has provided clear descriptive icons.



#### ICON A - Absorb

This product is acoustically absorbent and reduces the reflection of sound off hard surfaces.



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#### ICON B - Block

This product is suitably dense to reduce the transmission of speech sounds from one area to another. Creating barriers to sound disrupts the sound path which means that sound travels less efficiently across the space.



#### ICON C - Cover

This product creates a pleasant, easily ignored sound that can be used to elevate background noise levels to reduce distraction and improve privacy.



#### ICON D - Divide

Individuals performing different tasks have different requirements, making it important to design effective working zones. It is critical to place areas of quiet contemplation away from noisy and disruptive zones. Visual and acoustic separation can be used to signal the function and behaviour appropriate to each space.



### **ICON Reverberation Control**

Rooms with too much reverberation (echo) can be uncomfortable and normal conversation may be difficult.

Additional absorption is required to reduce reverberation by preventing reflection off hard surfaces. Use this product, along with others, for the control of reverberation at speech frequencies.



#### **ICON Speech Privacy**

Distraction distance is perhaps the most important measure in open plan office acoustic assessments. When someone speaks, a certain number of people around them will be able to hear them clearly and will most likely be distracted by them. Use this product in conjunction with others to reduce distraction distance and improve speech privacy.



### **ICON Visual Privacy**

Visual distraction can be detrimental to our focus and concentration. In addition, our abilities to read visual cues help us to understand speech better and so increase the potential for distraction. Use this product to reduce visual distraction or improve visual privacy.



# **Acoustic** Free-standing Panels

Free-standing panels can be used in rooms to reduce reverberation where the installation of wall panels is not possible, for example, where partitions are glazed or where there is little available wall space. When several free-standing screens are used in open plan or breakout areas they can minimise distractions and therefore improve productivity.



















