The Acoustic Benefits of FlexForm Sound™ LVT

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Unwanted noise in the workplace is a significant contributor to stress, fatigue, illness and absenteeism.

Sound is one of the 10 Concepts in the WELL Building Standard (WELL v2). A study by Cornell University* indicated that workers in open-office environments exhibited increased levels of stress hormones, which made it more likely for them to become less motivated and less creative. In fact, data shows that productivity can go down by as much as 66%**.

The right floor covering choice, for the appropriate area can create an environment where sound levels are more comfortable, boost concentration, memory and focus and increase morale and productivity.



^{*} Evans, G.W. & Johnson, D. (2000). Stress and open-office noise. Journal of Psychology, 85 (5), 779-783

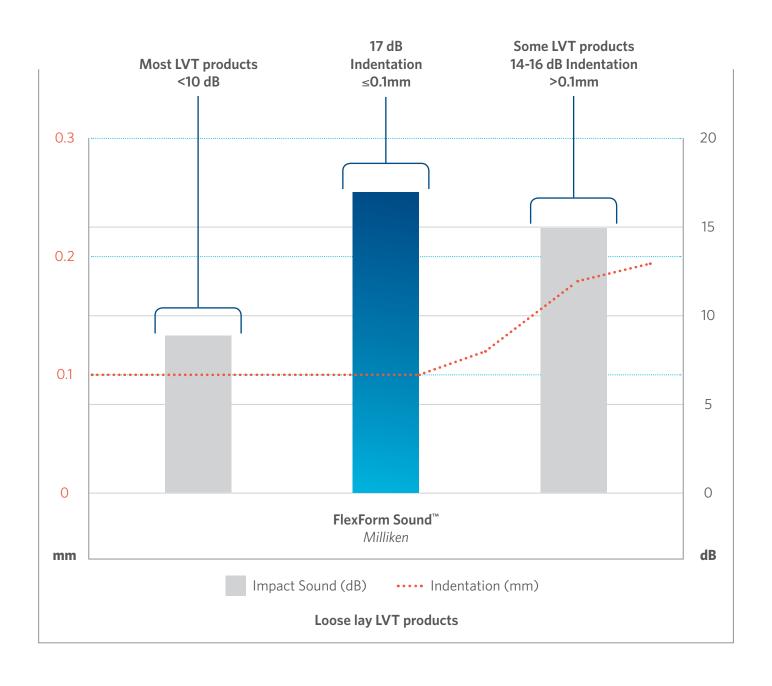
^{**} The 4 ways sound affects us, Julian Treasure, Talk at TEDGlobal 2009, July 2009

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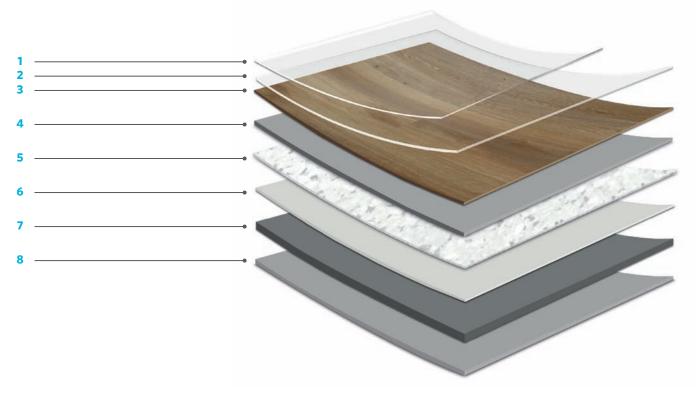
For improved acoustic performance our FlexForm Sound™ construction (as featured in our First Call and Change Agent LVT collections) incorporates a compact cushion layer to reduce impact sound. This innovative layer can **reduce impact sound by up to 17 dB** (this compares to as little as 2 dB for Standard Glue Down LVTs and typically 4-9 dB for Loose Lay LVTs without cushion layer).

FlexForm Sound[™] LVT provides an improved impact acoustic sound performance (≥17 dB) while not sacrificing its indentation performance (<0.1mm).

Minimising indentation is another key consideration for maintaining the long term appearance of your flooring installation, as furniture may be reconfigured multiple times, with changing office needs.



LOOSE LAY FLEXFORM SOUND™ FORMAT



- 1 ProGuard MAX™ Urethane Coating
 - Provides excellent stain and abrasion resistance, eliminates the need for wax, polishes and harsh chemicals—reduced maintenance costs and improved IAQ.
- 2 Transparent wear layer

0.55mm **embossed**, hard-wearing layer, provides long lasting appearance retention in heavy commercial traffic environments. Embossed for authentic appearance and increased levels of slip performance.

3 Printed layer

This layer utilises high definition print film for stunning, eye-perfect, authentic visuals.

4 Core layer

High performance, non rigid layer, that provides extra stability and durability.

5 FlexForm Sound™ Compact Cushion Layer Provides enhanced acoustic properties, reducing impact sound by 17 dB.

Located centrally for maximum protection, indentation resistance and dimensional stability.

6 Glass fibre layer

Minimises expansion and contraction under extreme temperatures.

7 Backing layer

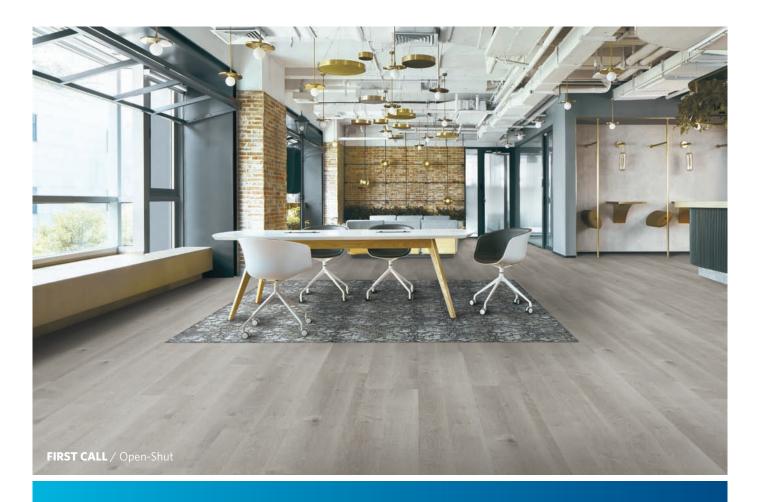
High vinyl content backing layer provides robust foundation and impact resistance.

8 Non-skid backing

Allows adhesive free installation and replacement.**

- * The diagram relates to Milliken's Change Agent and First Call LVT collections.
- ** See installation guide for full recommendations.

In a workplace with multiple floors, installing a floor covering that reduces impact sound, can dramatically reduce the intensity of sound on the floor below from both impact noise (eg walking) and background noise (eg telephones, conversations or office equipment.)



To transform, enhance and increase the well-being and acoustic performance in your space, view our entire FlexForm Sound™ LVT collection **here**





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