

Solutions for Better Sounding Rooms

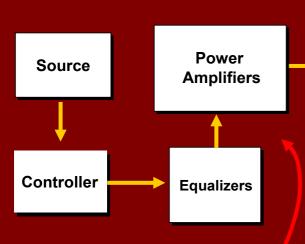


Introduction

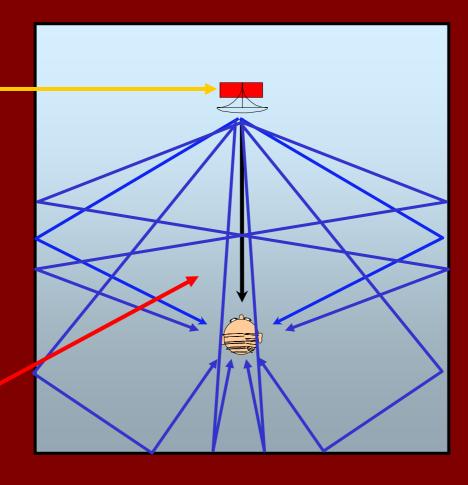
- Why talk about acoustics?
 - Acoustics are audible!
 - Contribute to over 50% of quality
 - Acoustics are fixable



The Acoustic Interface



- Electronics
 Interface is
 under control
- Take control of acoustic interface





What's Acoustics?

- It's about the speaker/room/listener interface
- It's the final frontier!



Enhancements from Acoustic Treatments

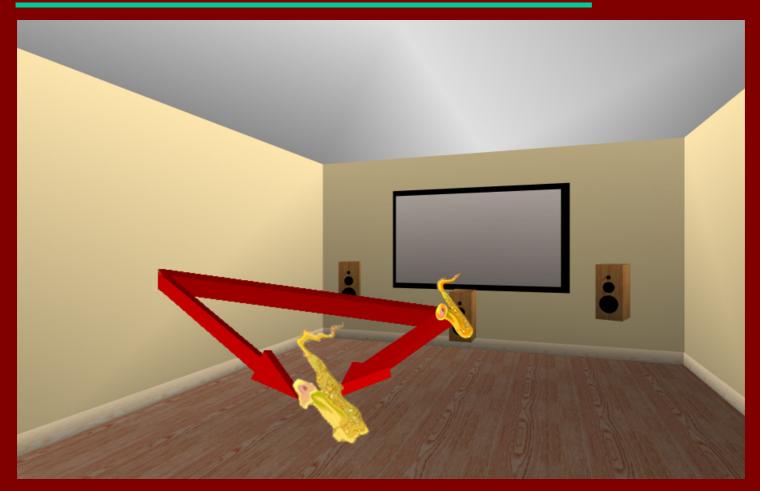
- Clear dialog
- Precise sound localization
- Spacious surround
- Smooth sound movement
- Even tonal balance
- Every seat a good seat





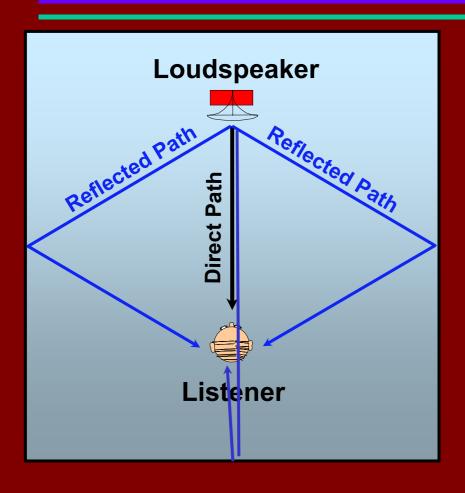
Room Reflections

Reflections = Distortion





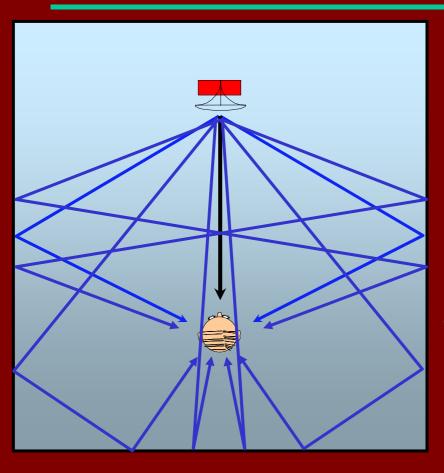
Room Reflections



 Sound reflections degrade sound quality and sound staging



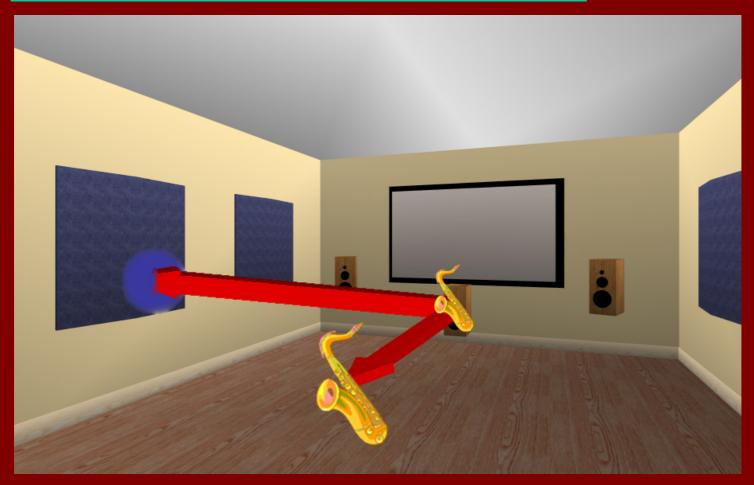
Room Reflections Did you Know?!



- At main seat you listen to more reflected sound than direct!
- The room plays an important part in the sound you hear
- Acoustic treatments take control of reflected sounds

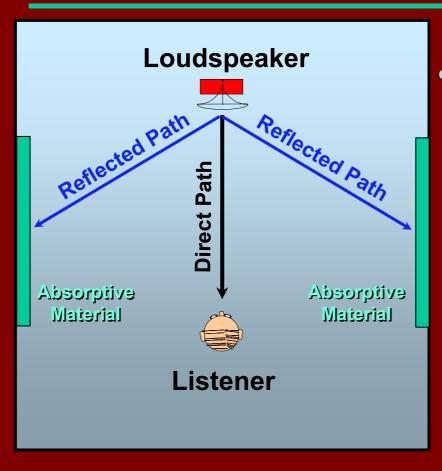


Solutions to Room Reflections Absorption





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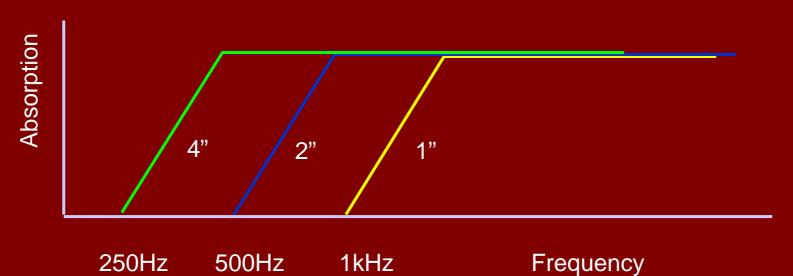


- Absorptive materials
 - CinePanel Absorber



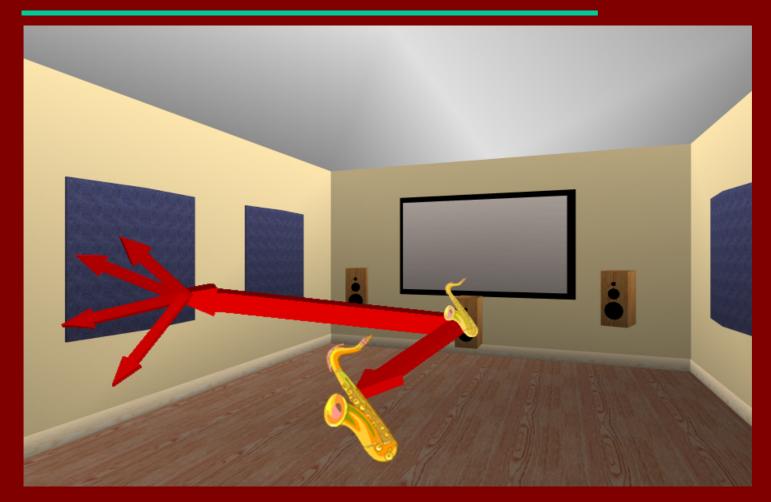
Acoustical Treatments Absorption Thickness

- 1" Panels work down to 1kHz
- 2" Panels work down to 500Hz (better)
- 4" CinePanel works down to 250Hz (best)



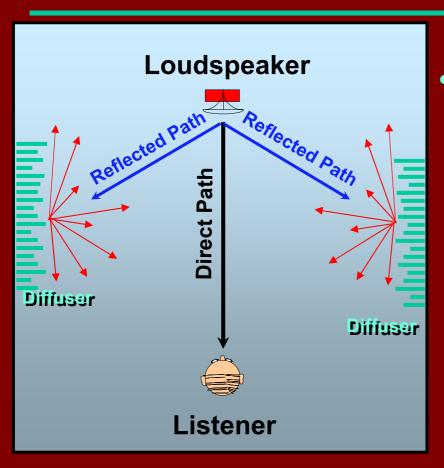


Solutions to Room Reflections Diffusion





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- Diffusive materials
 - CinePanel diffusers



Acoustical Treatments Diffusion

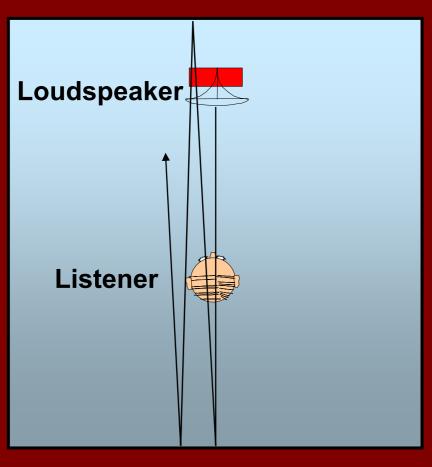
- Balance diffusion and absorption
- Keep some liveness to the room
- Need enough diffusion surface to "smooth out" the soundfield





Flutter Echoes

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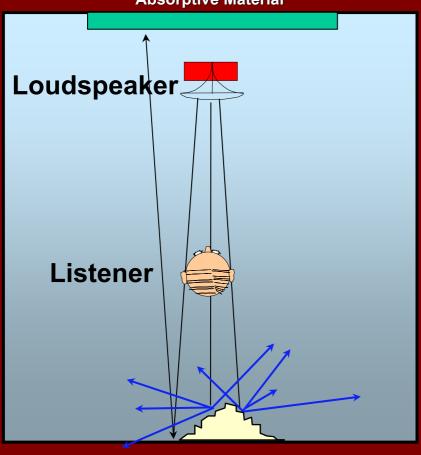


- Echoes are
 - Repeated reflections between two parallel surfaces
- Slap echoes cause
 - Degradation of soundtrack clarity and soundstaging
 - Bright, "zingy" sound



Solutions to Echoes Materials

Absorptive Material



- Absorptive
 - CinePanel Absorbers
- Diffusive
 - CinePanel Diffusers

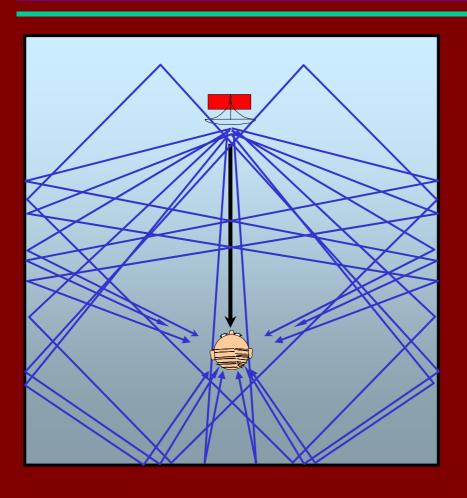




Reverberation

"Early Decay"

Reverberation



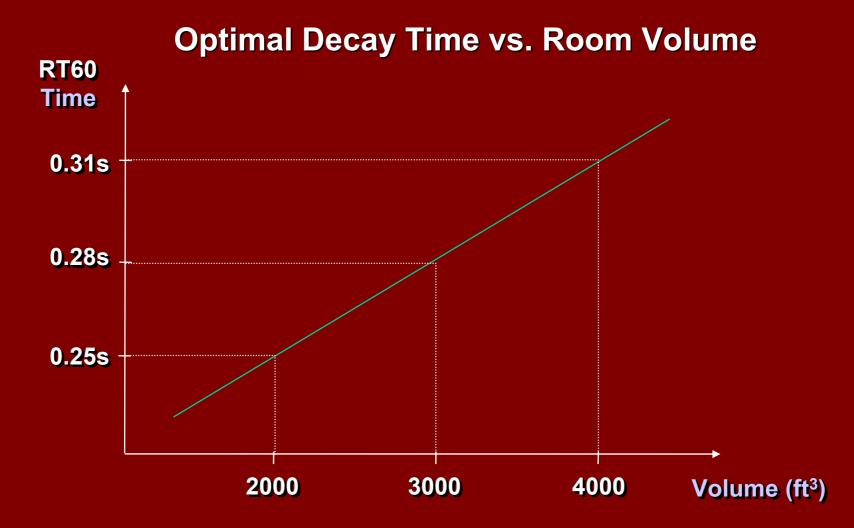
- Reverberation
 is the result of
 multiple
 reflections
- Reverb level and time length have to be just right

Reverberation Guidelines

- Research shows that most people like the same range of reverb time
- Decay time should be .2 to .4 seconds
- $T_m = 0.3 (V/3532)^{1/3} \pm 15\%$ where V=room volume in ft³



Reverberation Time



Reverberation Time Getting it right

- Use the right amount of absorption
- Calculate the amount with the Arau-Puchades equations
 - Know the absorption coefficient of materials
 - Be prepared to do lots of math



Reverberation Time Getting it right - Do the Math

The Arau- Puchades equation: Best and latest

RT60 =
$$\left[\frac{0.161V}{-\text{S ln}(1-\overline{\alpha}_x)} \right]^{\text{x/s}} \text{x} \left[\frac{0.161V}{-\text{S ln}(1-\overline{\alpha}_y)} \right]^{\text{y/s}} \text{x} \left[\frac{0.161V}{-\text{S ln}(1-\overline{\alpha}_z)} \right]^{\text{z/s}}$$

V is volume

S is total room surface area

α is area-weighted averaged absorption coefficient for each wall

x is area of Left +Right walls

y is area of Front + Rear walls

z is area of Floor + Ceiling



Reverberation Time Getting it right

- ... or simply use the CinePanel room size guidelines
 - We've already done the work for you!



CinePanel Kit Selections Optimized decay time for each room size

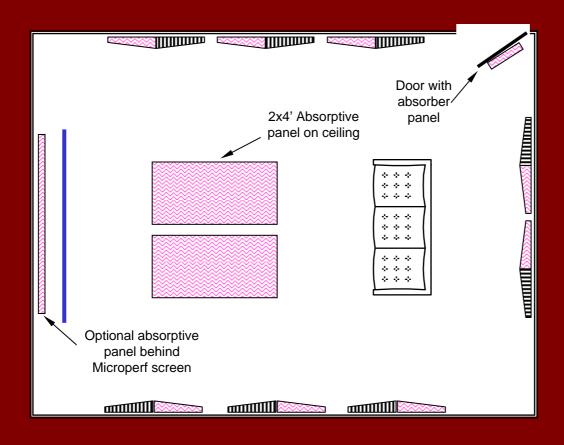
Room Size	Kit	Absorbers	Diffusers
180 ft ²	CP55	5	5
200 ft ²	CP66	6	6
300 ft ²	CP77	7	7
400 ft ²	CP88	8	8
500 ft ²	CP99	9	9
600 ft ²	CP1010	10	10





Example Layout

Example Treatment Layout CinePanel CP88P in 400 ft² room



CinePanel Diffuser

CinePanel Absorber

Asymmetrical placements prevent Flutter Echoes between diffusers

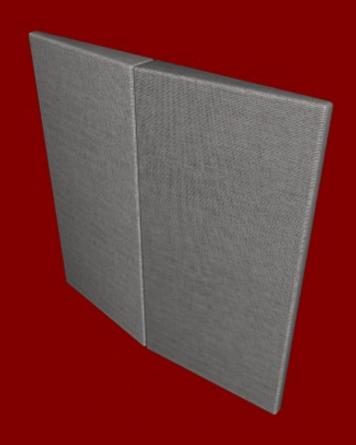




The Product Line



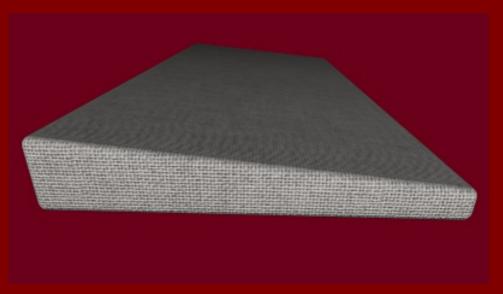
The CinePanel Building Block



- Absorber-Diffuser panel pair
- Each panel is 2'x4'



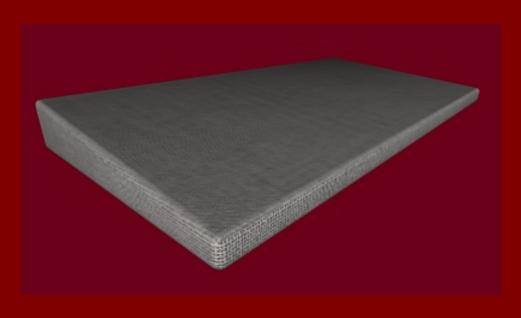
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- Wedge-shaped panels
- Taper from 2" to 4½"
- Benefit: wider response without the visual bulk



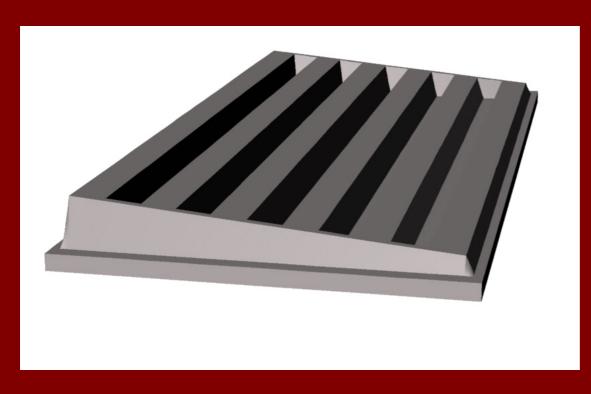
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- Absorber and diffuser Panels look identical
- Cores are different
- Absorber is dense mineral wool in fiberglass sheath



The CinePanel Diffuser



- Linear wells
- Different depths for broader frequency range
- Low resonancePolyethylene

Fabric Color Choices



- Guilford FR701 Fabric
- 48 Color choices



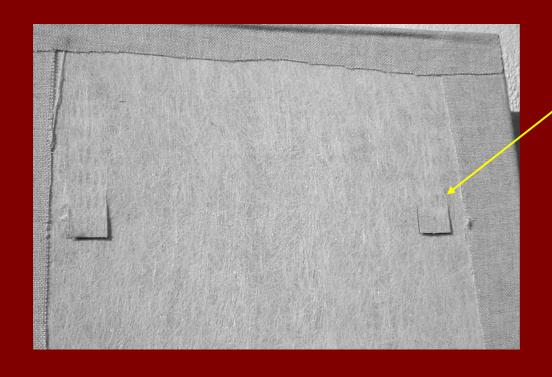
Installation Clips for Diffusers



- Clips
- V-Bar affixed to wall



Installation Clips for Absorbers



- Z-Clips
- V-Bar affixed to wall



Installation



- Panel hangs from clip bar
- Easy to install and remove



Installation Hanging the Panels



 Place absorbers and diffusers 2 ft up from floor



Lighting Option



- Place low voltage halogens on top of panel pair
- Increases architectural function

CinePanel Room in Gray



CinePanel Room in Blue



CinePanel Room in Red



CinePanel Kit Prices

Room Size	Kit	Retail
<180 ft ²	CP22	\$1300
180 ft ²	CP55	\$3,200
200 ft ²	CP66	\$3,700
300 ft ²	CP77	\$4,300
400 ft ²	CP88	\$4,800
500 ft ²	CP99	\$5,500
600 ft ²	CP1010	\$6,100



CinePanel "Plus" Kit Prices

Room Size	Kit	Retail
<180 ft ²	CP22P	\$1,600
180 ft ²	CP55P	\$3,500
200 ft ²	CP66P	\$4,100
300 ft ²	CP77P	\$4,600
400 ft ²	CP88P	\$5,500
500 ft ²	CP99P	\$6,200
600 ft ²	CP1010P	\$6,800



CinePanel Press Coverage

- Phenomenal!
- Home Theater Nov 2002
- Home Theater May 2003
- Sound and Vision May 2003, page 26
- Widescreen Review Issue 70, Page 25
- Cinema Chez Soi (France) November 2002
- Inside Track, Aug 28, 2003



Summary

- Room acoustics affect any audio system
- With basic science and care you can tame room acoustics
- CinePanel is the simple answer!

