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The flow resistance is one of the important factors which influence the sound absorption of a material. Materials with a very low flow resistance can be defined as sound transparent.

The quotient of the difference in air pressure Δp [Pa] between the two faces of a sheet of porous material by the particle velocity u [m/s] of airflow through the sheet is defined as the specific flow resistance:

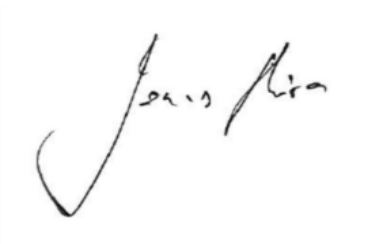
$$R_s = \Delta p / u \text{ [Pa s/m]}$$

The specific flow resistance of any porous material increases with an enlarging thickness of the absorber. As the defining parameter in relation with the specific thickness d [m], the length related flow resistance can be defined:

$$r = R_s / d \text{ [Pa s/m}^2\text{]}$$

The following materials show a very low specific flow resistance and are therefore applicable as speaker cloth or sound transparent screens:

| Material | R_s [Pa s/m] | Weight [g/m ²] |
|--------------------|----------------|----------------------------|
| Sheer Muslin | 12,5 | 90 |
| OPERA micro | 21 | 390 |
| Skylight 350g | 23,3 | 350 |
| Megastretch 450 | 34,5 | 95 |
| Skylight 290g | 37 | 290 |
| Banner Material CS | 72 | 150 |
| Kandel | 79 | 300 |
| Tristan | 107 | 200 |
| Bühnennessel CS | 212,5 | 300 |
| GERRA CS | 250 | 285 |



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