

# WORKPLACE PRODUCTIVITY

## Why Acoustic Privacy Matters

Businesses throughout the world save thousands of dollars annually by recapturing lost man hours due to distractions in the workplace. Proactive acoustic management through sound masking and acoustic panels in workplace environments is a cost effective way to increase productivity and affect your bottom line.

## Speech Privacy Benefits Quantified

- Focus can be improved by 40%
- Distractions can be reduced by 51%
- Stress can be reduced by 27%
- Error rates can be reduced by 10%
- Productivity increased by 10% - 40%

10% 20% 30% 40% 50%

## Engaged Employees - Good for Business

As a leader, are you aware that your employees' workplace environment impacts their level of engagement? Engagement is statistically shown to impact the workplace productivity and profitability. **Engaged employees are 3x more creative, have 50% fewer accidents, and reduce overall healthcare costs.**

In terms of profitability and the bottom line, **engaged employees are 31% more productive, produce 37% higher sales, 3x higher profit margins, and improve operating income by 19.2%.**

Conversely, having employees with **low engagement can result in up to 32.7% worse operating income.**

## How to Increase Engagement and Productivity

Numerous studies have concluded that conversational distractions are the #1 cause of lost productivity, and therefore are the most important factor to control in building design. To ensure that employees have the acoustic environment to be fully engaged and do their work right, **the workplace needs the right design and materials.**

**Sound masking has been found to provide the most benefit per dollar spent.**

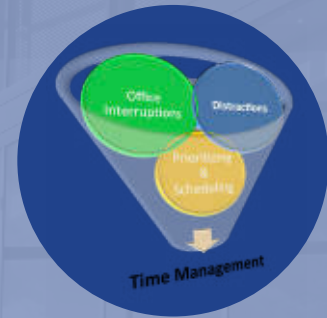
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# How to Achieve Speech Privacy

## Is Time Management the Solution?

Improving efficiency and productivity can't merely be improved by scheduling and prioritizing. This belief ignores the existence of office interruptions and distractions. Until we manage or mitigate those things that distract or derail workers, time management is a futile effort.



## The Solution is in the ABC's

For the past 30 years, the employment services and human resources industries have studied the changing workplace environment and surveyed businesses to find the predominant causes of workplace distractions. They have found workers overwhelmed, over-stimulated, and increasingly stressed, due to chaotic work environments that make it difficult to control noise. Like light, sound is a wave that spreads out in all directions from its source. Hard surfaces reflect it, walls block it, and soft surfaces absorb it. Other sounds can cover it up. But unimpeded, noise can travel pretty far.

## Modern Office Design + Technology Advances = *Conversational Distractions*

... the #1 cause of lost productivity in the workplace today!

Absorb, Block and Cover – “The ABCs of Speech Privacy” – represent the three ways you can improve your acoustic environment. Of the three, Covering typically offers the most improvement per dollar spent. So any acoustic privacy plan will typically begin with a modern sound masking system.

## MPS LLC provides the State-of-the-Art in Sound Masking and Speech Privacy

Acoustic panels provide visual and acoustic privacy through sound absorption and blocking. An ideal sound masking system using the ABCs makes speech beyond a 12' to 16' radius unintelligible so that workers can concentrate on individual tasks or collaborate with colleagues to improve their productivity. The most advanced systems increase privacy at targeted decibel levels, and adapt to each specific work environment by calculating the noise spectrum that must be used to emit a soft, uniform and non-disruptive masking sound.