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## Armstrong® Enhances Acoustical Performance of Ultima® Health Zone™ Ceiling Family

*Enhancements address increased concerns about speech privacy and HCAHPS in healthcare settings*



**LANCASTER, PA** — The Armstrong® family of Ultima® Health Zone™ ceilings now offers enhanced sound absorption and sound blocking performance to address the growing concern over noise control and speech privacy in healthcare settings.

### Improving Speech Privacy

To improve speech privacy in healthcare facilities, Armstrong has increased the CAC (Ceiling Attenuation Class) of Ultima Health Zone ceiling panels to 38. The enhanced CAC enables the ceiling panels to more effectively block sound transmission between adjacent spaces, further ensuring patient privacy. With an NRC (Noise Reduction Coefficient) of 0.70, the ceiling panels also provide high-performance sound absorption.

### Controlling Noise

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With an enhanced NRC of 0.80, Ultima Health Zone High-NRC ceiling panels can now absorb 80 percent of the sound that strikes them, enabling healthcare facilities to meet the need patients have expressed for improved noise control in HCAHPS (Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers Systems) surveys. With a CAC of 35, Ultima Health Zone High-NRC remains a high-performance sound blocker.

The combination of two high-performance acoustical properties makes Ultima Health Zone and Ultima Health Zone High-NRC ceilings ideal for use in patient rooms, treatment rooms, nurses' stations, emergency rooms, corridors, and other areas where noise control and speech privacy are needed.

### **Safe for Use with Disinfectants**

Designed to meet both the acoustical and hygienic demands of healthcare environments, Ultima Health Zone ceilings provide a water-repellant, washable, and scrubbable surface that is safe for use with disinfectants.

Ultima Health Zone ceilings exceed FGI Guidelines for acoustics and cleanability in healthcare spaces and are safe for use in Clean Room Assemblies. The smooth-textured panels are formulated to inhibit the growth of mold and mildew and contain an agent to resist odor and stain-causing bacterial growth.

For more information about the Ultima Health Zone ceiling family, visit [www.armstrong.com/ultimahealthzone](http://www.armstrong.com/ultimahealthzone).

Armstrong World Industries is a global leader in the design and manufacture of ceilings and floors. In 2014, Armstrong consolidated net sales from continuing operations totaled approximately \$2.5 billion. Based in Lancaster, PA, Armstrong operates 31 plants in eight countries and has approximately 7,400 employee worldwide.

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