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(54) Title: PANEL-FORM LOUDSPEAKER

$$\sqrt{\frac{\pi h}{4 f_{\max}} \left(\frac{E}{3\rho(1-\nu^2)} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \quad (I)$$

(57) Abstract

To overcome acoustic distortion caused by local resonance in panel core cells, a resonant multi-mode radiator element is provided for a panel form loud speaker with a functional upper frequency limit $f_{\max}$. The element has skins and a cellular based core, the skins have a thickness h , a Young's modulus E a Poisson's ratio of ν and a material density ρ , and the core has a cell size l_{cell} characterized in that the cell size l_{cell} is less than (I).