

# Design Tid-Bit

When designing cooling apertures in a shielded enclosure, we frequently must strike a balance between shielding performance for EMC and cooling performance for component functionality and reliability. When air-moving devices are used, they can be sped up to increase the airflow through an aperture, but at the cost of acoustical noise. For a typical fan and aperture, the noise level doubles with every 60% increase in fan speed. A good alternative in these cases is to make the aperture deeper so that the opening(s) can be wider. The deeper, wider aperture provides equivalent shielding performance as a thinner, narrower aperture, which helps the product achieve its EMC, thermal, and acoustical design goals.

—Sam Connor, IBM

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