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Posted by [Paul](#) on Wed, 03 May 2006 11:39:59 GMT

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Posted by [Don Nafe](#) on Wed, 03 May 2006 12:37:35 GMT

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Posted by [Deej \[1\]](#) on Wed, 03 May 2006 12:50:27 GMT

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Posted by [IOUOI](#) on Wed, 03 May 2006 13:08:45 GMT

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I'm agreeing with Don... those things, while fairly thick, are also fairly lightweight. Not enough density to make that much of a difference across the board with regard to bandwidth.

If you're looking for a solution that you can hang or drape, then theater curtains (usually these are VERY heavy) work well, IMO... I did some production work at a PBS tv station some years ago & they used these for studio partitions, so I can personally attest to their effectiveness. Only problem is, they're so thick & heavy you have to have a very well-reinforced hanging system. Also, while they're very expensive to have made, if you can find someone who does want to get rid of a set, you can often get them for next to nothing, because if a theater or a school has replaced theirs, the old ones are usually just sitting around collecting dust.

Check the TV stations in your area that have a newscast or other large studio area... it was a very common old-school method of partitioning one portion of the set from another, before many stations went to the "open newsroom" on-air format that's much more prevalent these days.

However, if you ARE just looking to cut down on some reflections, flutter echos, etc., from walls & whatnot, IMO a much more attractive alternative to the moving blankets would be something like this (go to this site & look for "wallhangings"

under "Products"):

<http://www.elpasosaddleblanket.com/>

Now, those guys are wholesale-only online, but if you see something you like, I can go to their retail outlet here & buy it for you & have it shipped. A few of these things on your walls will look a helluva lot better than moving blankets.

Neil

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Posted by [Deej \[1\]](#) on Wed, 03 May 2006 13:14:03 GMT

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Subject: Re: Temporary Acoustic Treatment with Moving Blankets?
Posted by [Don Nafe](#) on Wed, 03 May 2006 15:02:43 GMT
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I'd think a few well placed grommets, shower curtain hooks and a nice rod
suspended from the ceiling would do the trick nicely.

You might want to consider framed Corning 703 panels wrapped in a nice
fabric and mounted on stands for portability. Definitely more expensive but
will do a much better job of taming the highs and lows than packing blankets
and if you take your time making them they could be mounted on your walls
and be quite "attractive"

(I don't believe I just said that)

Don "designer guy" Nafe

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Posted by [EK Sound](#) on Wed, 03 May 2006 15:09:52 GMT

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Check around your area for commercial office auctions and pick up some free standing office dividers. They will be cheap and do a good job.

If you get creative, you can make longer legs to get them off the ground. They can then be placed flat up against a wall when not in use.

David.

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Posted by [Deej \[1\]](#) on Thu, 04 May 2006 01:09:36 GMT

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