USG LEVELROCK® BRAND
PERIMETER ISOLATION STRIP

Lightweight foam strips for use with USG Levelrock® Brand sound systems
- Isolates USG Levelrock® Brand floor systems to reduce horizontal transmission of airborne and impact noise
- Helps minimize effect of gypsum expansion and cracking
- Available in 2.5 in. (64 mm) and 4.0 in. (102 mm) widths
- Installed by USG Levelrock authorized applicators

To achieve the desired effectiveness in a sound system, a perimeter isolation strip is necessary. USG Levelrock® Brand Perimeter Isolation Strip is a thin band of lightweight foam material used for minimizing sound transmissions between the floor and the wall. USG Levelrock Perimeter Isolation Strip is designed for use with all USG Levelrock® SAM-N™ Sound Attenuation Mat Series, SRM-25™ Ready Seam™ Sound Reduction Mat and D20 PLUS™ Low Profile Sound mat.

USG Levelrock Perimeter Isolation Strip can also be used in various USG Levelrock and USG Durock™ Brand gypsum applications to minimize the effect of gypsum expansion and cracking on outside corners.

1. Do not use in exterior applications.
2. Do not install where continuous exposure to moisture is a possibility.

Install the USG sound attenuation product to a clean floor, leaving a 1/4 in. (6 mm) space (gap) at all wall intersections. When pouring before drywall applications, the sound attenuation product is installed exactly the same way, except the gap will be between the sound attenuation product and the bottom plate of the studded wall.

Install USG Levelrock 2.5 or 4.0ab Perimeter Isolation Strip directly to the vertical surface of the bottom plate or the drywall so that the bottom edge of the strip is level with the top surface of the sound attenuation product. USG Levelrock 2.5 Perimeter Isolation Strip must be attached to the wallboard using either staples, spray adhesive or a high quality duct tape (USG Levelrock 4.0ab Perimeter Isolation Strip is adhesive backed so staples or duct tape are not necessary). In all cases, the attachment points must be above the final poured USG Levelrock surface.

Fold duct tape in half (along the length), applying one half of the tape to the vertical surface of the strip and the other half of the tape to the horizontal surface of the sound attenuation product. Make sure the tape adheres tightly to both surfaces. Any creases or improper positioning of the tape could allow USG Levelrock slurry to leak into the gap which will cause a “short circuit” in the sound reduction system.
Install the USG sound attenuation product to a clean floor, leaving a 1⁄4 in. (6 mm) space (gap) at all wall intersections. When pouring before drywall application, the sound attenuation product is installed exactly the same way, except the gap will be between the sound attenuation product and the bottom plate of the studded wall.

Using the USG Levelrock 4.0ab Perimeter Isolation Strip (the 2.5 strip cannot be used for this method), create an “L” shape along the length of the strip. Apply the longer portion of the strip to the wallboard utilizing the adhesive backing and apply the shorter portion of the strip on top of the sound attenuation product (maintaining the “L” shape). Seal the edge of the perimeter isolation strip to the sound attenuation product using high quality duct tape.

Make sure the tape adheres tightly to both surfaces. Any creases or improper positioning of the tape could allow USG Levelrock slurry to leak into the gap which will cause a “short circuit” in the sound reduction system.

When pouring before drywall application, the strip is attached to the studs using the method described above. In all cases, the attachment points must be above the final poured USG Levelrock surface.

NOTE Adhesives may not adhere well in cold weather. In that case, the perimeter isolation strip should be stapled to the wall with the staples above the final USG Levelrock floor underlayment surface. After the underlayment has set, cut off the excess strip and remove the staples. It is critical that all joints are sealed properly to keep USG Levelrock floor underlayment from seeping under the strip and reducing the effectiveness of the sound system.

When pouring USG Levelrock and USG Durock™ gypsum floor underlayment over concrete or wood subfloors, USG Levelrock 2.5 Perimeter Isolation Strip should be installed along any vertical transition including the entire perimeter of the room.

To minimize the effect of gypsum expansion and cracking in USG Levelrock and USG Durock™ gypsum underlayment applications, wrap USG Levelrock Perimeter Isolation Strip 2.5 (1/4 in. (6 mm) thick) around all door jambs, columns and pipes. For outside corners, the strip should extend a minimum of 24 in. (610 mm) from the corner on both sides.

For further details on installation requirements, specifications and the most up-to-date product information, please see usg.com, pourlevelrock.com and usgdesignstudio.com.

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| SUBMITTAL APPROVALS |
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USG Perimeter Isolation Strip
Preferred Installation Method

- stud
- base plate
- wallboard
- 2½" (2.5) or 4" with adhesive (4.0ab) perimeter isolation strip
- USG acoustical sealant (caulk)
- high quality duct tape to seal seam
- USG sound attenuation product
- wood subfloor
- ½" gap between sound attenuation product and wall surface

USG Perimeter Isolation Strip
Alternate 4.0ab Installation Method

- stud
- base plate
- wallboard
- 4" with adhesive (4.0ab) perimeter isolation strip only
- USG acoustical sealant (caulk)
- high quality duct tape to seal seam
- USG sound attenuation product
- wood subfloor
- ½" gap between sound attenuation product and wall surface
PRODUCT INFORMATION
See usg.com or pourlevelrock.com for the most up-to-date product information.

CAUTION
Dust may cause irritation to eyes, skin, nose, throat and upper respiratory tract. Wear eye protection. If eye contact occurs, flush thoroughly with water for 15 minutes. Remove contact lenses and continue rinsing. If on skin: Wash with plenty of water. If irritation persists, call physician. For more information call Product Safety: 800-507-8899 or see the SDS at usg.com

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SAFETY FIRST!
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