

# SHEETROCK® Brand Setting-Type Joint Compounds

## DURABOND™

### Preparation

In cold weather during gypsum panel joint finishing, minimum surface, water, mix, and air temperature of 45 °F must be ensured until joints are completely dry. Adequate ventilation shall be provided to carry off excess moisture.

### Gypsum Panel Joint Treatment

Position and apply SHEETROCK® Brand Gypsum Panels in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations. Mix SHEETROCK Brand Setting-Type Joint Compound according to directions on bag. If using SHEETROCK Brand Gypsum Panels, SW Edge, prefill the "V" grooves formed by abutting tapered eased edges of the panels with DURABOND 45 or 90. Apply compound directly over "V" groove with a flexible 5" or 6" joint finishing knife. Wipe off excess compound that is applied beyond the groove. Allow the prefill compound to harden prior to the next application. Cover joint with a thin layer of compound and embed tape, leaving about 1/32" of compound under feathered edge and a thin layer over the tape. After compound has set, apply second coat, feathering out approximately 2" beyond first coat. After setting, apply third coat, feathering out 2" beyond second coat. After each coat is applied, smooth away any tool lap marks or other imperfections prior to setting action. Finish fastener heads with three coats of joint compound; finish corner bead and inside corners as required with at least two coats, feathered and smoothed out onto panel faces.

For priming and decorating with paint, texture, or wallcovering, follow manufacturer's directions for materials used. All surfaces must be dry, dust-free, and not glossy. A prime coat of SHEETROCK® Brand First Coat or a good-quality interior latex flat wall paint with high solids content should be applied undiluted and allowed to dry before decorating. Walls to be covered with wallpaper or vinyl wallcovering should be sealed per manufacturer's recommendations. To improve fastener concealment where gypsum panel walls and ceilings will be subjected to severe artificial or natural side lighting and be decorated with a gloss paint (eggshell, semigloss, or gloss), the gypsum panel surface should be skim-coated with joint compound to equalize suction before painting (see USG publication J510).

### Use with Veneer Plaster

Apply according to normal procedure. However, when building temperature/humidity conditions may result in rapid drying (see USG publication PM5), or when steel-framed systems at 24" o.c. with single-layer gypsum base and single-coat veneer plaster finish are specified in either rapid or normal drying conditions, use SHEETROCK® Brand Joint Tape embedded with SHEETROCK Brand DURABOND Setting-Type Joint Compound (90). A fill or cover coat that completely hides the tape is required. This cover coat must be allowed to set before plastering. Plaster prefill is not required over SHEETROCK Brand Setting-Type Joint Compound.

### Filling and Finishing over Interior Poured Concrete Ceilings

Grind high plane differences in concrete level with adjacent area; also remove any form oil, efflorescence, and greasy deposits. Prime exposed metal with a good rust-inhibitive primer. Fill offsets or voids with a SHEETROCK Brand Setting-Type Joint Compound. Apply additional coats of SHEETROCK Brand Setting-Type Joint Compound as necessary, after each coat has set, but not necessarily dried. After final coat of joint compound has dried, apply undiluted coat of SHEETROCK Brand First Coat or a good quality latex flat wall paint with high solids content over entire surface and allow to dry. For textured ceiling, apply SHEETROCK® Brand Ceiling Spray Texture—QT in a uniform coat at a rate not exceeding 10 ft.<sup>2</sup>/lb.

### Exterior Joint Treatment

Mix SHEETROCK Brand Setting-Type Joint Compound according to directions on the bag. Do not overmix or use in temperatures below 45 °F (7 °C). Prefill joints of SHEETROCK® Brand Exterior Gypsum Board with SHEETROCK Brand Setting-Type Joint Compound. After prefill has set, embed SHEETROCK Brand Joint Tape centered over joint. When compound has set, immediately apply fill coat. Apply SHEETROCK Brand Setting-Type Joint Compound over flanges of zinc control joints, corner beads, and metal trim. Spot fastener heads. After fill coat has set, apply finishing coat of SHEETROCK Brand Setting-Type Joint Compound. Completely cover all joints, angles, beads, control joints, and fasteners. After the SHEETROCK Brand Setting-Type Joint Compound joint has dried, apply one coat of a good-quality oil or latex exterior primer. Then follow with at least one coat of a good-quality latex exterior paint.

**Use with SHEETROCK Brand Gypsum Panels, Water-Resistant**

In areas to be tiled, for tapered edge joints, embed SHEETROCK Brand Joint Tape with SHEETROCK Brand DURABOND Setting-Type Joint Compound (45 or 90). When set, apply a fill coat of DURABOND 45 or 90. Take care not to crown the joint. Wipe excess joint compound from the panel surface before it sets. For butt joints and interior angles, embed SHEETROCK Brand Joint Tape with DURABOND 45 or 90. A fill coat is not necessary. Again, take care not to crown the joint. For fasteners, spot fastener heads at least once with DURABOND 45 or 90.

Fill and seal all openings around pipes, fittings, and fixtures with a thinned-down coat of tile adhesive. For best results, use Type I Ceramic Tile Adhesive that meets ANSI A136.1 both as a sealer and to set the tile. With a 1" brush, apply the thinned compound onto the raw gypsum panel core at cutouts, and allow area to dry thoroughly prior to application of tile. Before compound dries, wipe excess material from the surface of gypsum panels. For areas not to be tiled, embed tape with DURABOND 45 or 90 in the conventional manner. Finish with at least two coats of a SHEETROCK Brand Joint Compound to provide joint finishing for painting and wallpapering.

**Laminating**

Apply SHEETROCK Brand Setting-Type Joint Compound in the prescribed manner to back of face panels to be laminated. Laminate face panels to (base layer panels) (coreboard) using moderate pressure and temporary nailing or shoring to ensure adequate bond.

**Repairing Handball and Racquetball Court Walls**

Repair surface-damaged areas (gouges, scratches, surface imperfections) in handball and racquetball court walls and other interior wall and ceiling surfaces finished with U.S. Gypsum STRUCTO-BASE® and STRUCTO-GAUGE® Gypsum Plasters as follows. Clean surface of dust, residue, and other contaminants. Prepare DURABOND 45 or 90 by mixing into a solution of 1 part water and 1 part USG ACRI-ADD™ 100% Acrylic Add-Mix Fortifier. Use prepared mixture to refinish surface damage. Initial application over deep areas should be set and partially dry prior to application of subsequent coats. Finish to a smooth surface. This same procedure may be used in repair of surface-damaged areas of STRUCTOCORE® Security Wall Systems constructed using STRUCTO-BASE Gypsum Plaster and IMPERIAL® Finish Plaster per publication SA1119.

**Finishing**

For painting and decorating, follow manufacturer's directions for materials used.

**Use With USG Gypsum Accelerator**

USG Gypsum Accelerator (High Strength) when added to SHEETROCK Brand Setting Type Joint Compound (DURABOND) will shorten the setting time. USG Gypsum Accelerator should be sprinkled in dry form into the mixed compound. For hand mixing, dry accelerator can be added either to the dry mix or mixed compound. Never add USG Gypsum Accelerator directly to water or mix it with water to form a solution before adding it to the compound. Doing so will significantly reduce its ability to accelerate the set.

Accelerator Amount		Approximate Set Time (minutes)		
Tablespoon Per Bag	Tablespoon Per Bread Pan	DURABOND 90	DURABOND 45	DURABOND 20
1.0	0.22	40	20	10
2.0	0.44	30	10	
6.0	1.33	20		

- "Bread Pan" volume estimated at 10 cups (80 oz.)
- Wet Mixed Volume of Setting Type Joint Compounds approx. 2.8 gallons (45 cups) per bag.

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