

USG Corporation Unveils Advanced Water-Durable Cement Board

New proprietary edge performance reduces screw spinout and crumbling during installation, saves construction time and costs

CHICAGO— (Jan. 30, 2018)—USG Corporation (NYSE:USG), an industry-leading manufacturer of building products and innovative solutions, is unveiling the newest innovation of its trusted USG Durock® Brand Cement Board with the redesigned USG Durock® Brand Cement Board with EdgeGuard™.

USG Durock® Brand Cement Board with EdgeGuard™ features wrapped edges which are formed smooth with a proprietary poly-propylene fabric and are square cut. The cement backerboard's reinforced proprietary edge reduces screw spinout and crumbling during installation, and offers architects, builders and tile contractors an improved, water-durable tile base for use in tub and shower area construction.

"The reinforced edge on our new cement board helps reduce blowouts during fastening; protects from edge damage; and creates less dust during installation, making wet-area jobs easier and safer," said Amy Klawitter, product manager, USG.

USG Durock® Brand Cement Board with EdgeGuard™ exceeds ANSI A118.9 standards for cementitious backer units (CBU) and specifications for CBU and ANSI A109.11 for interior installation, making it an ideal choice for tile and flooring in baths, kitchens and laundry rooms or as an underlayment for tile on floors and countertops in new construction and remodeling.

USG Durock® Brand Cement Board with EdgeGuard™ also exceeds ASTM C1325 standards for fiber-mat reinforced cementitious backer units and is also preferred by many applicators as a base for directly applied finishes, tile, stone and thin brick used in building exteriors.

Additionally, the five-eighths inch (15.9 mm) panels are Underwriters Laboratories Inc. (UL) Classified for fire resistance, and can be used in any UL Design where Type SGX panels are listed.

Benefits of USG Durock® Brand Cement Board with EdgeGuard™ include:

Enhanced proprietary edge performance reduces screw spinout and crumbling

Easy to cut and fasten

Water durable and mold-resistant

Warranted for interior and exterior applications

Exceptional tile bond

Noncombustible

USG Durock® Brand Cement Board with EdgeGuard™ will be on display at the USG Booth (#4931) at The International Surface Event in Las Vegas from Jan. 30 until Feb. 1, 2018. The cement backerboard is initially available in the U.S. Northeast region and will expand nationwide in mid-2018.

For additional information about the product, please visit usg.com/edgeguard

About USG Corporation

USG Corporation is an industry-leading manufacturer of building products and innovative solutions. Headquartered in Chicago, USG serves construction markets around the world through its United States Gypsum Company and USG Interiors, LLC subsidiaries and its international subsidiaries, including its USG Boral Building Products joint venture. Its wall, ceiling, flooring, sheathing and roofing products provide the solutions that enable customers to build the outstanding spaces where people live, work and play. Its USG Boral Building Products joint venture is a leading plasterboard and ceilings producer across Asia, Australasia and the Middle East. For additional information, visit www.usg.com.