

# USG SHEETROCK® BRAND BLUE IQ™ SPACKLING COMPOUND



Goes on blue, dries  
white when ready



Fast drying,  
paint same day



One coat, won't  
shrink or crack

#### PRODUCT INFORMATION

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**KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN.**

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#### PRODUCT OVERVIEW

USG Sheetrock® Brand Blue IQ™ Spackling Compound is a smart solution for patch and repair of interior or exterior surfaces. This conventional weight spackling compound features a unique dry-time color-change indicator that goes on blue and dries white when the surface is ready. In as little as one-coat, USG Sheetrock® Brand Blue IQ™ provides an easy-to-use, fast-drying solution that won't crack or shrink and delivers a strong, durable bond on almost any surface.

#### LIMITATIONS

1. Protect container from freezing, extreme heat and exposure to direct sunlight.
2. Do not mix with any other material.
3. **Do not use as a skim coat.**
4. Do not use if material is discolored or has an unpleasant odor.

#### PREPARATION

Before applying, store at room temperature 55-95°F (13-35°C) in a dry location for 24-hours. Do not thin down with water as it may delay drying, cause abnormal shrinkage or other negative effects. Surface should be clean, dry and dust-free.

#### RECOMMENDED REPAIRS

Formulated to fill defects on drywall, wood, stone, brick, or metal (for metal surfaces prime with a high-quality primer prior to patching).

#### APPLICATION

Using a 1-4" clean putty knife, apply USG Sheetrock® Brand Blue IQ™ Spackling Compound on the area requiring repair. For small repairs, one coat is typically sufficient. For repairs deeper than 1/8" apply additional coats until flush with the surface. Maintain minimum air, compound and surface temperature of 55°F (13°C) until repair is completely dry before painting or re-coating.

Applied product will change from blue to white when area can be re-coated or painted and should be dry within 1 to 5-hours. Dry time will depend on repair depth and environmental conditions. For repairs deeper than 1/16" a light yellow/green color may remain after the compound is fully dry (this will not affect the final painted surface). **Do Not Use as a Skim Coat.**

After compound dries, sand with a wet sponge to eliminate dust. A 150-grit or finer sandpaper or 220-grit of finer abrasive mesh cloth may also be used for sanding. If scratch marks are present, use a finer sandpaper or mesh cloth. After use, wash tools and skin with clean water.

#### FINISHING

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 USG Sheetrock® Brand First Coat™ or a good-quality interior latex flat wall paint should be applied undiluted and allowed to dry before decorating.

For exterior applications, always topcoat with a high-quality exterior paint within 24-hours of application. Do not apply if rain is expected.

#### PRODUCT DATA

**Storage:** Store at 55-95°F (13-35°C) in a dry location.

**Shelf Life:** Up to 12 months from date of manufacture under proper storage conditions.

**Packaging:** Pint (16 fl. oz.), Quart (32 fl. oz.) and 1-Gallon (128 fl. oz.) pails.

**Cleanup:** Wash tools and skin with warm, soapy water. Wipe tools dry to prevent rusting.

#### FROZEN MATERIAL GUIDELINES

1. In the event the material is frozen, allow it to thaw completely.
2. Do not apply any form of heat to container.
3. Open the container carefully to prevent spilling any separated liquid. Remix separated liquid back into compound until creamy.
4. Do not use if the material is not smooth or lump free after remixing.