



# USG SHEETROCK® BRAND TOTAL™ LITE JOINT COMPOUND

**A versatile lightweight joint compound that can be utilized for all drywall joint finishing steps.**

- Superior working qualities, excellent bond, creamier off-the-knife properties
- Softer sanding and less shrinkage compared to conventional weight compounds
- Good open time and crater resistance
- GREENGUARD Gold certified and qualifies as a low VOC emitting material (CDPH Standard Method V1.1, also known as CA Section 01350)

## DESCRIPTION

USG Sheetrock® Brand Total™ Lite Compound is a ready-mixed, high-performance compound providing superior working qualities and good open time. Compared to conventional-weight compounds, it weighs up to 25% less, is easier working and sanding, and provides lower shrinkage for metal bead, trim, and fastener concealments. This special formulation makes it ideal for embedding tape and for filling, leveling, and finishing over gypsum panel joints, fasteners, bead, and trim. Also excellent for skim-coating and hand-applying simple textures. (When used as a texture finish, it should be overpainted when dry. Not washable unpainted.)

## LIMITATIONS

1. Protect container from freezing, extreme heat and exposure to direct sunlight.
2. Prior to using any epoxy coating over any surface treated with joint compound, consult the epoxy coating manufacturer and follow manufacturer's specific recommendations regarding the preparation or suitability of substrates for the epoxy coating. Many epoxy coatings exert significant shear stress on the substrate as the strong epoxy film shrinks while curing/drying. This stress can cause the bond of the joint compound to fail, resulting in delamination problems.

## PREPARATION

Position and apply USG Sheetrock® Brand Gypsum Panels in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations. In cold weather and during gypsum panel joint finishing, temperatures within the building shall be maintained at a minimum of 55°F (13°C). Adequate ventilation shall be provided to carry off excess moisture.

Prior to application, all gypsum panels shall be free of dirt, oil or other foreign matter to ensure proper bond of joint compounds.

Before applying joint compound, store at 55-95°F (13-35°C) for 24 hours. Remix contents before use. When taping and finishing joint, thinning with water may improve application. Add clean water in half-pint increments, remix and trial apply until preferred consistency is reached. Over-dilution causes abnormal shrinkage, poor bond and other negative effects. Do not mix with any other material.

## APPLICATION

Cover joint with a thin layer of compound and embed paper tape, leaving about 1/32 in. of compound under feathered edge. Let dry. Apply second coat, feathering approximately 2 in. beyond first coat. Let dry, then dry trowel/scrape or sand lightly to remove tool marks as required, and then apply third coat, feathering 2 in. beyond second coat. Sand lightly as required when dry. Finish fastener heads, corner bead and inside corners as required with at least three coats of joint compound, feathered out onto panel faces and finished to a smooth surface.

**Proper concealment (joints, fasteners, trims):** Using fill and finish coats of joint compound to properly conceal gypsum panel joints, fasteners and trim accessories makes it impossible to achieve a flat plane on a finished surface. However, a properly finished gypsum panel wall can minimize the appearance of joints, fasteners and trims. Its visual and aesthetic qualities help disguise the panel seams and points of fastener/trim installation from being easily visible across the substrate surface.

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## DECORATION

### PRODUCT INFORMATION

See [usg.com](http://usg.com) for the most up-to-date product information.

GREENGUARD Certified products are certified to GREENGUARD standards for low chemical emissions into indoor air during product usage. For more information, visit [ul.com/gg](http://ul.com/gg)

### CAUTION

Dust from sanding may cause irritation to eyes, skin, nose, throat and upper respiratory tract. Use only in a well-ventilated area, wear a NIOSH/MSHA-approved respirator. Use a sander with vacuum attachment or wet-sanding to reduce dust. Wear eye protection. If eye contact occurs, flush thoroughly with water for 15 minutes. If on skin: Wash with plenty of water. If swallowed or irritation persists, call a physician. Keep containers closed when not in use. For more information call Product Safety: 800 507-8899 or see the SDS at [usg.com](http://usg.com)

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**Finishing and properly concealing joints and fasteners rely on two techniques:** (1) using graduated arcs to prevent recesses or ridges, and (2) not applying joint compound flush or flat to the panel surface. Recesses or ridges can result in distinct shadows in critical light or other adverse visual conditions. Applying joint compound flush or flat to the surface does not properly conceal the panel and increases the likelihood of joints and fasteners showing through the decorated finish.

For more information, refer to USG literature *Finishing & Decorating Gypsum Panels* (J2010).

For priming and decorating with paint, texture or wallcovering, follow manufacturer's directions for materials used. All surfaces, including applied joint compound, must be thoroughly dry, dust free and not glossy before decorating.

**Drywall Primer:** A priming material applied over the entire prepared gypsum panel surface prior to decoration. The priming material must be suitable for the substrate and applied as recommended by the coating manufacturer. Where final appearance is critical, the application of a flat drywall primer with high pigment solids tends to minimize most decorating problems.

A prime coat of USG Sheetrock® Brand First Coat™ Primer or a good quality interior latex flat wall paint with a high pigment solids content should be applied undiluted and allowed to dry before decoration. Walls to be covered with wallpaper or vinyl wallcovering should have the surface treated per the wallcovering manufacturer's recommendation.

USG Sheetrock® Brand ready-mix joint compound products can be used in a skim coat operation when properly prepared as a skim coating material. Refer to USG literature *Finishing & Decorating Gypsum Panels* (J2010) for information regarding skim coating with USG Sheetrock® Brand ready-mix joint compounds.

Factors not covered in this publication may also affect the finished appearance of any surface.

## PRODUCT DATA

**Type:** A vinyl-based ready-mix drying type joint compound.

**Use:** Hand or mechanical tool application.

**Coverage:** Approximately 9.4 gal/1,000 sq. ft. (38.3 L/100 sq. m) of gypsum panels.

**Compliance with Standards:** Meets ASTM C475, *Standard Specification for Joint Compound and Joint Tape for Finishing Gypsum Board*.

**Storage:** Store at 55-95°F (13-35°C) in a dry location. Protect from freezing, extreme heat and exposure to direct sunlight. Keep container tightly sealed. Do not use if material is discolored or has an unpleasant odor.

**Shelf life:** Up to nine months from date of manufacture under proper storage conditions. Check production date codes periodically. Rotate stock on first-in, first-out basis.

**Packaging:** 3.5 gal. carton. Availability may vary by market.

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

**Low VOC Content:** 2 g/L

## FROZEN MATERIAL GUIDELINES<sup>1</sup>

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. This is not water and must be remixed into the compound.
4. Do not add water until the material is remixed. Once the material remixes to a smooth, lump-free consistency, water may be added per USG recommendations to obtain the desired working properties. Do not use if the material is not smooth or lump free after remixing.

### Note:

1. For more information, refer to USG literature *USG Sheetrock® Brand Ready-Mix Joint Compound Frozen Material Guidelines* (J2155).

## SUBMITTAL APPROVALS

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