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Interior
Panel &
Finishing
Solutions

USG SHEETROCK® BRAND
MOLD TOUGH® PANELS
FIRECODE® X AND FIRECODE® C

- Moisture- and mold-resistant gypsum panels for use on walls and ceilings
- Score and snap easily; no special handling required
- Underwriters Laboratories Inc. (UL) Classification as to fire resistance, surface-burning characteristics and noncombustibility
- Install and finish as easily as standard drywall
- Complies with ASTM C1396 for water-resistant gypsum wallboard and exterior gypsum soffit board

DESCRIPTION

USG Sheetrock® Brand Mold Tough® Panels are available in Firecode® X and Firecode® C formulations. Both panels feature a noncombustible, moisture-resistant gypsum core that is encased in moisture- and mold-resistant, 100% recycled green face and brown back papers. The panels also feature tapered long edges for easy finishing.

USG Sheetrock® Brand Mold Tough® Panels Firecode® X (UL Type SCX): Available in 5/8″ thickness and UL Classified for fire resistance.

USG Sheetrock® Brand Mold Tough® Panels Firecode® C (UL Type C): Available in 1/2″ and 5/8″ thicknesses and UL Classified for fire resistance, these panels feature a specially formulated mineral core that provides fire resistance superior to that offered by 5/8″ USG Sheetrock® Brand Mold Tough® Panels Firecode® X.

INTENDED FOR

- Commercial or residential applications where moisture- and mold-resistance is required
- New or repair and remodel construction
- USG Sheetrock® Brand Mold Tough® Panels Firecode® X and Firecode® C are UL Classified for use in fire-rated wall and ceiling assemblies
- Can be used in protected exterior soffit and ceiling applications
- Can be used as an interior tile substrate in dry locations or areas with limited water exposure

LIMITATIONS

1. Avoid sustained exposure to temperatures exceeding 125˚F (52˚C).
2. Avoid exposure to excessive, repetitive or continuous moisture before, during and after installation. Eliminate sources of moisture immediately.
3. Maximum frame spacing for walls is 24″ o.c. Maximum frame spacing for ceilings is 24″ o.c. for installations perpendicular to framing and 16″ o.c. parallel to framing.
4. Must be stored off the ground and under cover in accordance with Gypsum Association publication GA-801, *Handling and Storage of Gypsum Panel Products*.
5. Not suitable for use as a substrate for tile in wet areas such as tubs and showers, gang showers and other areas subject to direct water exposure.
6. Use as a tile substrate is limited to tile installed according to the most current TCNA and ANSI specifications. Please consult with the adhesive and tile manufacturers for their recommendations for maximum size and weight parameters for use with gypsum board.
7. Not recommended for exterior soffits and ceilings that project upwards and away from the building proper.

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Maximum Frame Spacing Drywall Construction

Direct Application	Panel Thickness[a]		Location	Application Method[b]	Max. Frame Spacing o.c.	
	in.	mm			in.	mm
Single-Layer	1/2	12.7	Ceilings	Perpendicular	24[d]	610
				Parallel[c]	16	406
			Sidewalls	Parallel or Perpendicular	24	610
				Parallel[c]	16	406
	5/8	15.9	Ceilings	Perpendicular	24	610
			Sidewalls	Parallel or Perpendicular	24	610
Double-Layer	1/2 and 5/8	12.7 and 15.9	Ceilings	Parallel or Perpendicular	24[e]	610
			Sidewalls	Perpendicular	24[e]	610

(a) 5/8″ thickness is recommended for single-layer construction, providing increased resistance to fire and transmission of sound.
(b) Long edge position relative to framing.
(c) Not recommended if water-based texturing material is to be applied.
(d) Max spacing 16″ o.c. if water-based texturing material is to be applied.
(e) Max spacing 16″ o.c. if fire rating required.

For high-quality finishing results, USG recommends the following products:
• USG Sheetrock® Brand Ready-Mixed Joint Compounds
• USG Sheetrock® Brand Setting-Type Joint Compounds
• USG Sheetrock® Brand Joint Tape
• USG Sheetrock® Brand First Coat™ Primer
• USG Sheetrock® Brand Paper-Faced Metal Drywall Bead and Trim

Painting products and systems should be installed in accordance with recommendations and requirements in appendixes of ASTM C840. For priming and decorating with paint, texture or wall covering, follow manufacturer's directions for materials used. Refer to Gypsum Association GA-214, *Recommended Specification for Levels of Gypsum Board Finish*, in order to determine the level of finishing needed to assure a surface properly prepared to accept the final decoration.

All surfaces, including applied joint compound, must be thoroughly dry, dust-free and not glossy. Prime with USG Sheetrock® Brand First Coat™ Primer or with an undiluted interior latex flat paint with high-solids content. Allow to dry before decorating.

To improve fastener concealment, where gypsum panel walls and ceilings will be subjected to severe artificial or natural side lighting or decorated with a gloss paint (eggshell, semigloss or gloss), the gypsum panel surface should be skim coated with joint compound. This equalizes suction and texture differences between the drywall face paper and the finished joint compound before painting.

1″ x 4″ wood furring may be used in non-fire-rated construction for screw application where support member spacing is 24″ o.c. maximum. Furring of 2″ nominal thickness should be used in non-fire-rated construction for nail application of board or where framing spacing is from 24″ to 48″ o.c. maximum.

Installation of grillage should be the same as for single-layer drywall application. Refer to *USG Drywall Suspension System Brochure* (AC3152) or contact the Steel Stud Manufacturers Association for application information.

At the perimeter and vertical penetrations, the exposed core of panels must be covered with a J-stop trim or securely fastened moldings. In areas subject to freezing temperatures and other severe weather conditions, shingled roofs should be installed in accordance with good roofing practices. Fascia boards should extend at least 1/4″ below the ceiling board or adjacent trim moldings, whichever is lower, to provide a drip edge.

INTERSECTIONS

Where ceiling board expanse exceeds 4′, a space of at least 1/4″ should be provided between edge of ceiling board and adjacent walls, beams, columns and fascia. This space may be screened or covered with molding but should not be caulked.

CONTROL JOINTS

USG Sheetrock® Brand Mold Tough® Panels Firecode® X and Firecode® C, like other building materials, are subject to structural movement, expansion and contraction due to changes in temperature and humidity.

Install a 093 Zinc Control Joint or a control joint consisting of two pieces of J-stop trim back-to-back in ceiling board where expansion or control joints occur in the exterior wall or roof. Where aluminum H-moldings are used, they will serve as control joints, provided the board is not tightly inserted.

FINISHING AND DECORATING

Treat joints with USG Sheetrock® Brand Durabond® or Easy Sand™ Joint Compounds and USG Sheetrock® Brand Fiberglass Joint Tape. These setting-type joint compounds are hardening-type products developed to provide faster finishing of drywall, even under slow drying conditions. Rapid chemical hardening and low shrinkage permit same-day finishing and usually next-day decoration. They also feature exceptional bond; virtually unaffected by humidity extremes.

TEST DATA
MOISTURE AND MOLD RESISTANCE

Per ASTM C473, the average water absorption for USG Sheetrock® Brand Mold Tough® Panels Firecode® X and Firecode® C is not greater than 5% by weight after two-hour immersion.

In independent lab tests conducted on USG Sheetrock® Brand Mold Tough® Panels Firecode® X and Firecode® C at the time of manufacture per ASTM D3273, *Standard Test Method for Resistance to Growth of Mold on the Surface of Interior Coatings in an Environmental Chamber*, the panel scores were 10.

This ASTM lab test may not accurately represent the mold performance of building materials in actual use. Given unsuitable project conditions during storage, installation or after completion, any building material can be overwhelmed by mold. To manage the growth of mold, the best and most cost-effective strategy is to protect building products from water exposure during storage and installation and after completion of the building. This can be accomplished by using good design and construction practices.

PRODUCT DATA

	UL Type SCX	UL Type C	UL Type C
Thickness	5/8″	1/2″	5/8″
Lengths and Widths	48″ wide— 8′, 9′, 10′, 12′	48″ wide— 8′, 9′, 10′, 12′	48″ wide— 8′, 9′, 10′, 12′
Weight[1]	2.2 lbs./sq. ft.	1.9 lbs./sq. ft.	2.2 lbs./sq. ft.
Edges	Tapered	Tapered	Tapered
Packaging	Two panels per bundle	Two panels per bundle	Two panels per bundle

1. Represents approximate weight for design and shipping purposes. For specific product weight in your area, contact your local USG sales representative or call the Customer Service Center at 800 950-3839.

COMPLIANCE

Manufactured to meet or exceed ASTM C1396 section 7 and section 8.

Class A, as defined in IBC section 803.1, flame spread is 15, smoke developed is 0, when tested in accordance with ASTM E84. The gypsum core meets code requirements for noncombustible construction.

UL Classification as to fire resistance, surface-burning characteristics and noncombustibility. Can be used in fire-rated designs where USG Company panels are listed, including:
• 5/8″ USG Sheetrock® Brand Mold Tough® Panels Firecode® X (UL Type SCX)
• 1/2″ and 5/8″ USG Sheetrock® Brand Mold Tough® Panels Firecode® C (UL Type C)

SUBMITTAL APPROVALS

Job Name	
Contractor	Date

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