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Description

ToughRock® Lite-Weight Veneer Plaster Base used for veneer plaster applications have a noncombustible (per ASTM E136), gypsum core. The face and long edges are a blue colored, highly absorbent paper. The surfacings on both sides and the long edges are 100% recycled paper. The back paper is gray in color. The face paper is specially designed for the application of gypsum veneer plasters meeting ASTM C587. The ends are square cut. Tradesmen often refer to ToughRock Lite-Weight Veneer Plaster Base as “Blue Board” because of the facing color.

Production Specification

ToughRock Lite-Weight Veneer Plaster Base is manufactured to meet the requirements of ASTM C1396 Section 10; CSA-A82.27-M; and Federal Specification SS-L-30D, Type VI, Grade R. This product conforms to the requirements of uniform IBC/IRC building codes for its intended use.

Limitations

- ToughRock Lite-Weight Veneer Plaster Base is a non-structural product and must not be used as a nailing base.
- ToughRock Lite-Weight Veneer Plaster Base is intended for interior applications only.
- ToughRock Lite-Weight Veneer Plaster Base must be kept dry and cannot be used where exposure to direct moisture is extreme or continuous.
- Do not use ToughRock Lite-Weight Veneer Plaster Base where there is prolonged exposure to temperatures exceeding 125°F (52°C) and/or continuous exposure to high humidity; e.g., adjacent to wood burning stoves, heating appliances, steam rooms, showers, gang shower rooms and swimming pools.

Installation

ToughRock Lite-Weight Veneer Plaster Base shall be installed in accordance with Gypsum Association Publication GA-216 “Recommended Specifications for the Application and Finishing of Gypsum Board” and ASTM C840 “Standard Specification for Application and Finishing of Gypsum Board” for non-fire rated construction.

Supplemental Materials

Fasteners: Nails, screws and/or adhesive.
Finish System: Mesh tape, veneer plaster.

Technical Data

Flame spread rating of 15 and smoke developed 0, when tested in accordance with ASTM E84. The core is non-combustible when tested in accordance with ASTM E136.

Application Standard

Install ToughRock Lite-Weight Veneer Plaster Base at right angles or parallel to framing using nails, screws, adhesives, or a combination thereof, in accordance with ASTM C844, “Application of Gypsum Base to Receive Gypsum Veneer Plaster.” Reinforce joints with mesh tape and gypsum veneer plaster applied in accordance with ASTM C843, “Application of Gypsum Veneer Plaster.”

Please refer to “Recommended Procedure for the Application and Finishing of Gypsum Panel Products (GA-216),” published by the Gypsum Association, and “Standard Specification for Application and Finishing of Gypsum Board, ASTM C840” for application procedures.

ToughRock Lite-Weight Veneer Plaster Base can be cut to the necessary size by scoring the face paper then snapping away from the cut face. Then, cut or break the back paper by snapping the board in the opposite direction. If necessary, smooth all cut edges and ends by rasping or other suitable means to form tight-fitting joints when installed.

Handling Precautions

Stack ToughRock Lite-Weight Veneer Plaster Base flat on a level surface. As individual sheets are removed for installation, they should be carefully raised up on edge and carried in a vertical position. (Appropriate handling is outlined in Gypsum Association publications GA-216 and GA-801.) Avoid impact, undue flexing and damage to board edges, ends and corners. Avoid scuffing the face to be finished.

Handling and Use—Caution

This product may contain fiberglass which may cause skin irritation. Dust and fibers produced during the handling and installation of the product may cause skin, eye and respiratory tract irritation. Avoid breathing dust and minimize contact with skin and eyes. Wear long sleeve shirts, long pants and eye protection. Always maintain adequate ventilation. Use a dust mask or NIOSH/MSHA approved respirator as appropriate in dusty or poorly ventilated areas.

Material Safety Data Sheet

Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) is available upon request or online at www.buildgpc.com/safetyinfo.

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Submittal Approvals

Job Name _____

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Date _____

Physical Properties

Properties	ToughRock® Lite-Weight Veneer Plaster Base
Thickness, nominal inches	1/2" (12.7 mm) ± 1/64" (0.4 mm)
Width, nominal	4' (1220 mm) + 0" -3/32" (2.4 mm)
Length	8' (2440 mm) to 12' (3658 mm) ± 1/4" (6 mm)
Weight ¹ , lbs./sq. ft., nominal (kg/m ²)	1.5 (7.3)
Edges	Tapered
Flexural strength ³ , minimum	
Parallel, lbf. (N)	≥36 (160)
Perpendicular, lbf. (N)	≥107 (476)
R Value ² , °F•ft ² •hr/BTU (m ² •K/W)	0.45 (0.08)
Nail Pull Resistance ³ , Minimum, lbf. (N)	≥77 (343)
Hardness, lbf. (N) (core, edge and end)	≥15 (67)
Humidified Deflection	10/8" (32 mm)
Packaging	Two pieces per bundle, face-to-face and end taped
Surface Burning Characteristics ⁴ (per ASTM E84)	
Flame Spread	15
Smoke Developed	0
(The core is noncombustible when tested in accordance with ASTM E136.)	

¹ Represents approximate weight for design and shipping purposes. Actual weight may vary depending on manufacturing location and other factors.

² Per Gypsum Association document GA-235.

³ Specified minimum values are as defined in ASTM C1396.

⁴ Products qualify for NFPA Class A or IBC Class 1.



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