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# LIGHTROC®

## Lightweight Gypsum Wallboard

### DESCRIPTION

LightRoc® gypsum wallboard is lighter in weight than traditional 1/2" drywall and is designed for use in wall and ceiling applications spaced no more than 24" o/c. LightRoc is approved to be applied parallel or perpendicular to ceiling framing spaced up to 24" o/c, even when a hand applied or water-based texture is used for decoration.

American Gypsum products contain no asbestos and no detectable levels of formaldehyde.

### GREENGUARD CERTIFIED FROM UL ENVIRONMENT

LightRoc gypsum wallboard has achieved UL Environment's GREENGUARD GOLD Certification. GREENGUARD Certified products are scientifically proven to meet some of the world's most rigorous, third-party chemical emissions standards, helping reduce indoor air pollution and the risk of chemical exposure while aiding in the creation of healthier indoor environments.

For more information, visit [www.ul.com/gg](http://www.ul.com/gg).

### BASIC USES

LightRoc gypsum wallboard is designed for interior walls or ceilings in new residential construction, renovation projects or commercial work and may be attached to wood or metal framing by the use of screws, nails or adhesive. Some benefits of selecting LightRoc include:

- Lighter than traditional 1/2" regular wallboard.
- Designed for use in wall and ceiling applications when the framing is spaced no more than 24" o/c.
- LightRoc is approved to be applied parallel or perpendicular to ceiling framing spaced up to 24" o/c, even when a hand applied or water-based texture is used for decoration.

The exceptional sag resistance of American Gypsum's LightRoc Lightweight Gypsum Wallboard panels have been independently verified by Progressive Engineering, Inc. when tested in accordance with ICC-ES AC417 (Acceptance Criteria for 1/2 Inch Sag-Resistant Gypsum Ceiling Board), and PEI Standard No. 94-9 - Large Scale Ceiling Board Load Test Procedure.

### LIMITATIONS

- LightRoc gypsum wallboard is intended for interior applications only.
- Ceiling insulation weight shall not exceed 2.2 lbs. per s/f.
- Spacing of ceiling or wall framing shall not exceed 24" o/c.
- Excessive or continuous moisture before, during and after installation, e.g., swimming pools, saunas or steam rooms are to be avoided. Eliminate any sources of moisture immediately.
- Avoid exposure to temperatures exceeding 125°F (52°C), e.g., located adjacent to wood burning stoves and or heating appliances.
- LightRoc drywall panels are a nonstructural product and shall not be used as a nailing base.

### STORAGE AND HANDLING

Gypsum board does not generate or support the growth of mold when it is properly transported, stored, handled, installed, and maintained. However, mold spores are present everywhere and when conditions are favorable; mold can grow on practically any surface.

GYPSUM BOARD MUST BE KEPT DRY to prevent the growth of mold, and stored in an area that protects it from adverse weather conditions, condensation, and other forms of moisture. Job site conditions that can expose gypsum board to water or moisture must be avoided. Gypsum board must be protected during transit with a weather-tight cover in good condition. Plastic shipping bags are intended to provide protection during transit only and must be promptly removed upon arrival of the load. Failure to remove the shipping bag can increase the likelihood of developing conditions favorable to the growth of mold. Gypsum board must be delivered to the job site as near to the time it will be used as possible. Individuals delivering gypsum board to jobsites should ensure that it is carried, not dragged, to place of storage/installation to prevent damage to finished edges.

Gypsum board must be stored off the ground and under protective cover. Sufficient risers must be used to assure support for the entire length of the wallboard to prevent sagging. Gypsum board shall always be stacked flat - NEVER on edge or end. Gypsum board stacked on edge or end is unstable and presents a serious hazard should it accidentally topple. Gypsum board should be placed so weight is evenly distributed and the floor is not overloaded.

Gypsum board that has visible mold growth must not be used. For additional information refer to Gypsum Association publication, "Guidelines for the Prevention of Mold Growth on Gypsum Wallboard" (GA-238).

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**GOOD BUILDING PRACTICES**

**Application - Ceilings (single layer)**

Maximum Spacing of Ceiling Framing	Approved Application Method (with our without water based texture)	Maximum Weight of Insulation
24" o/c	Parallel or Perpendicular	2.2 psf

**Fastener Spacing (single layer)**

Fastener Type	Application	Spacing
Nails, 1 1/4" (Meets ASTM C514)	Ceilings	7" (178mm)
	Walls	8" (203mm)
Drywall Screws, 1 1/4" (Meets ASTM C1002)	Ceilings	12" (305mm)
	Walls	16" (406mm)
Drywall Screws, 1 1/4" (Meets ASTM C1002)	1/2" Resilient Furring Channels (Ceilings or Walls)	12" (305mm)

**Application** – Gypsum board shall be installed per ASTM C840 and or GA-216. The design professional has the ultimate responsibility for location of control joints.

**Decoration** - The design professional, contractor and/or owner shall review Gypsum Association's document, "Recommended Levels of Gypsum Board Finish" (GA-214), in order to specify the proper level of drywall finishing needed to assure the desired results. For best painting results, all surfaces including joint compound, should be clean, dust-free and not glossy. To equalize the porosities between the face paper and joint compound and improve fastener and joint concealment, the surface shall be primed and sealed with a full-bodied drywall primer before texturing or final decoration. The selection of the proper paint to give the specified or desired finished characteristics is the responsibility of the design professional, contractor and or owner.

**APPLICABLE STANDARDS**

<b>Manufacturing</b>	ASTM C 1396 section 5 (C 36) Federal Specification SS-L-30D Type III
<b>Installation</b>	ASTM C 840 Gypsum Association GA-216 Gypsum Association GA-214
<b>Surface Burning Characteristics</b>	ASTM E 84 Flame Spread 0 Smoke Developed 0

**PRODUCT DATA**

Thickness	Widths	Lengths	Edge Type
1/2" (12.7mm)	4' (1219mm)	8' - 16' (2438mm-4877mm)	Tapered
1/2" (12.7mm)	54" (1372mm)	8' - 16' (2438mm-4877mm)	Tapered

Special lengths or edges may be available on special order. Consult your American Gypsum sales representative for details.  
Thermal Resistance "R" Value 1/2" = 0.50

**SUBMITTAL APPROVALS**

**Job Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contractor:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_