Applications

Plasterbase is designed as a base layer for veneer plaster systems in both residential and commercial construction applications.

- Interior walls
- Interior ceilings

Advantages

Ease of Installation: Fast installation similar to regular drywall.

Compatibility: Provides a strong bonding surface for gypsum veneer plasters that meet ASTM C 587.

Identification: Dark blue face paper clearly distinguishes Plasterbase from regular drywall.

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Drywall for Veneer Plaster Finishes

PLASTERBASE

Lafarge Plasterbase is a base layer gypsum board for interior veneer plaster-finished walls and ceilings. The board has a non-combustible gypsum core, covered with paper facings on the front (blue), back, and long edges. The special-bonding blue veneer face paper creates an optimum plaster "working" rate and increases plaster adhesion. The board will accommodate up to two veneer plaster finish coats.

Plasterbase is designed for use in applications that require direct mechanical attachment to wood or metal framing. For best plasterworking and adhesion properties, the veneer plaster should be applied as soon as possible after board installation.

While Plasterbase has some inherent fire resistance characteristics, this product is not intended to provide levels of fire resistance required by various building codes and standards and should not be used for such purposes. For fire resistance, use Lafarge Firecheck® Plasterbase Type X.

Note: Plasterbase is suitable for interior applications only, and should not be used where temperatures exceed 125° F for extended periods or in areas of extreme humidity. Likewise, the board should be protected from exposure to adverse conditions during storage and construction. The special facing paper is unsuitable as a base for adhesive applications such as tiles or paint.

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Sustainability

Can contribute to the U.S. Green Building Council's LEED Credit Qualification in several credit categories to assist in obtaining LEED certification. Visit www.lafargenorthamerica.com for more details on specific credit contribution and documentation.

Physical Characteristics

Core: Non-combustible, dimensionally stable, inert gypsum

Paper: 100% recycled; Front and edges = blue, back = gray

Long Edges: Tapered

Asbestos free; GREENGUARD certified, listed as a low-emitting material

Available Sizes:

Nominal thickness	1/2 in.
Nominal width	4 ft.
Standard length	8 ft. to 12 ft.
Nominal weight	1.6 lbs./ft.^{2}

Standards and Codes

Plasterbase is formulated to perform in accordance with ASTM C 1396, Section 10 and C 588; *Federal Specification SS-L-30d, Type VI, Grade R; and CAN/CSA-A82.27-M.

Technical Specifications

UL classified for surface burning (File No. R16102) (tested in accordance with ASTM E 84) Flame spread = 10; Smoke developed = 0

Core combustibility (tested in conformance with ASTM E 136) Non-combustible

Installation

Install according to Gypsum Association GA-216 or ASTM C 844. See ASTM C 843 for gypsum veneer plaster finishing recommendations.

Painting and Decorating

For best results, a good gypsum board primer should be applied to the finished plaster surface in accordance with manufacturer's instructions before painting.

Handling Recommendations

Stack flat, keep dry and lift (do not drag) to avoid scuffing. Avoid damage to edges. For detailed recommendations, refer to GA-216 and GA-801.

Safety Precautions

Wear safety glasses and NIOSH-approved respirators during cutting, breaking, rasping or other dust-producing activities.

Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) are available for all Lafarge products upon request.

*The federal specification for gypsum board, SS-L-30d, was withdrawn in 1984. It is provided here for information only and should not be referenced for new construction.

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