



Applications

Soffitboard is designed to provide a sag- and fire-resistant exterior underside panel for both residential and commercial construction applications.

- Soffit side of eaves
- Carports and parking areas
- Breezeways
- Open porches
- Porticos and covered walkways

Advantages

Ease of Installation: Fast installation similar to regular drywall.

Fire Resistance: Non-combustible gypsum core helps protect building occupants and contents in case of fire.

Sag Resistance: Soffitboard will withstand indirect exposure to moisture and humidity without sagging.

Drywall for Exterior Soffits

SOFFITBOARD

Lafarge Soffitboard is a weather-resistant gypsum board for sheltered exterior ceiling and soffit areas such as carports, covered walkways, parking areas, open porches and the soffit side of eaves. The board is designed to withstand indirect exposure to moisture and enhanced to resist sagging. It also has some inherent fire resistance characteristics; however, this product should not be used to provide the levels of fire resistance required by various building codes and standards.

Soffitboard contains a non-combustible gypsum core, enhanced for strength (sag resistance). The core is covered with paper facings on the front, back and long edges.

Soffitboard can be used in building applications that require direct mechanical attachment to wood or metal ceiling frames. It will accommodate a variety of paints and textures after proper surface preparation, which includes two coats with an exterior primer.

Note: Soffitboard is suitable for protected exterior applications, and should not be used where it will come into direct contact with water. The board should also be protected from exposure to adverse conditions during storage and construction. The board should be vented to the exterior in accordance with local codes. Generally, provide at least 1 ft.² of ventilation for every enclosed bay or 150 ft.² of installed board.

JOB NAME:
CONTRACTOR:
DATE:



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.



*The federal specification for gypsum board, SS-L-30d, was withdrawn in 1984.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.



Physical Characteristics

Core: Non-combustible, dimensionally stable, inert gypsum, enhanced with glass fibers for strength

Paper: 100% recycled; Front and edges = ivory; Back = gray

Long Edges: Square or tapered with round edges

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

Standards and Codes

Soffitboard is formulated to perform in accordance with ASTM C 1396, Section 8 and C 931; 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-201, GA-216, or ASTM C 840. Refer to GA-214 for finishing recommendations.

Painting and Decorating

For best results, a good exterior primer should be applied in accordance with manufacturer's instructions before painting.

Handling and Finishing

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. Use of Lafarge Rapid Joint® setting-type compounds are recommended for joint finishing.

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.

Available Sizes:

Nominal thickness	1/2 in.
Nominal width	4 ft.
Standard length	8 ft. to 12 ft.
Nominal weight	1.7 lbs./ft. ²



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