

## Soffitboard

### Drywall for Exterior Soffits

#### Description

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<sup>2</sup> of ventilation for every enclosed bay or 150 ft<sup>2</sup> of installed board.

#### 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 edge

#### Available Sizes:

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

#### Standards and Codes

Soffitboard is formulated to perform in accordance with ASTM C 1396, 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. Use of Lafarge setting-type compounds are recommended.

#### 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.

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