



**Buildings**

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**Report of Materials and  
Equipment Acceptance Division**

Pursuant to Administrative Code Section 27-131, the following equipment or material has been found acceptable for use subject to the terms and conditions contained herein.

**MEA 52-08-M**

- Manufacturer:** CertainTeed Gypsum, Inc.  
4300 West Cypress Street, Suite 500  
Tampa, FL 33607
- Trade Name(s):** GlasRoc Tile Backer
- Product:** Backer board for ceramic tile underlayment in wet areas  
MEA Index #440-330 – Wall Panels
- Pertinent Code Section(s):** Article 4, Section 27-335 and  
Article 5, Section 27-348E
- Prescribed Test(s):** UPITT Testing  
ASTM E84 Surface Burning Characteristics
- Laboratory:** Southwest Research Institute (SwRI)  
Underwriters Laboratories, Inc. (UL)
- Test Report(s):** SwRI: Project No. 01.13539.02.017 dated 12/31/2007.  
UL: File R4166 dated 11/9/2007.

**Description:** Tile backer with reinforcing glass mats, fully-embedded into a water-resistant gypsum core positioned beneath a paperless polymer modified gypsum surface, and a protective acrylic coating on the exterior face, meeting ASTM C1178. It is used behind tiles in wet areas.

GlasRoc Tile backer is available in 1/2" thickness and GlasRoc Tile Backer Type X is available in 5/8" thickness. Both types are available in various sizes with the standard size being 48" x 96".

Flame Spread Rating: 0  
Smoke Developed Rating: 0

**Terms and Conditions:** The above-described material, having a Class A flame spread rating and smoke developed rating as indicated above, is accepted provided that:

1. Upon exposure to fire, the material does not produce products of decomposition or combustion that are more toxic than those given off by wood or paper when decomposing or burning under comparable conditions.
2. All shipments and deliveries of such material shall be provided with a certificate or label, suitably placed, certifying that the material shipped or delivered is equivalent to that tested and accepted for use, as provided in Section 27-131 of the New York City Building Code.

NOTE: In accordance with Section 27-131(d), all materials tested and accepted for use shall be subject to periodic retesting as determined by the Commissioner; and any material which upon retesting is found not to comply with Code requirements or the requirements set forth in the approval of the Commissioner shall cease to be acceptable for the use intended. During the period for such retesting, the Commissioner may require the use of such material to be restricted or discontinued if necessary to secure safety.

Final Acceptance December 12, 2008

Examined By Simon Derfner