

# CertainTeed

## Rapid Deco®

### Level 5 Gypsum Board

#### Product Data and Submittal

#### Product Description

CertainTeed Rapid Deco Level 5 drywall is a gypsum board pre-finished with a specially formulated skim-coat material to facilitate finishing to a Level 5 finish. This skim coat is factory-applied to provide a consistent and uniform finish.

Rapid Deco drywall is installed in the same manner as traditional drywall and finished with Rapid Deco Level 5 joint compound to easily and quickly produce a Level 5 finish (Please refer to the Rapid Deco Level 5 joint compound submittal sheet for technical information).

Rapid Deco drywall is designed for use in applications that require direct mechanical attachment to wood or metal wall or ceiling framing, or attachment to existing surfaces using fasteners or adhesives. May also be used as a thermal barrier in roof assemblies when specified by the roofing manufacturer.

While Rapid Deco drywall has some inherent fire-resistant characteristics, this product should not be used to provide the levels of fire resistance required by various building codes and standards. For fire resistance, use Rapid Deco Type X drywall. When properly sealed and used in a certified sound-rated assembly, Rapid Deco drywall will contribute to the required sound transmission classification (STC) values.

Note: Rapid Deco drywall 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.

#### Rapid Deco Level 5 System:

Consists of a skim-coated drywall and a specially formulated, matching joint compound. Used together, they create an equivalent substitution to a field-applied Level 5 finish (per ASTM C840).

#### Basic Uses

Rapid Deco drywall is the best solution for areas specified for a Level 5 finish, such as:

- Hotel lobbies and interior public spaces
- Board rooms and conference rooms
- Office atriums and hallways
- High-end residential housing
- Any area where critical lighting or gloss paints are specified in which a smooth finish is desired
- Ceiling framing spacing should not exceed 16" (406mm) o.c.

#### Advantages

- Provides an equivalent to a field-applied Level 5 finish in the same number of steps as a Level 4 finish

- Creates a uniform surface and the highest-quality finish
- Provides consistent job results
- Minimizes jobsite application labor and reduces cost over a field-applied Level 5 finish
- Installs in the same manner as traditional drywall — no special tools or enhanced skills required
- Superior Level 5 results in less time
- Very low flame spread
- Meets Level 3 for abrasion resistance per ASTM C1629
- GREENGUARD Gold certified

#### Product Data

**Thicknesses:** 1/2" (12.7 mm)

**Widths:** 4' (1220 mm) standard

**Lengths:** 10' and 12' (3048 mm and 3658 mm)

**Weight:** 1.8 lb/ft.<sup>2</sup> (8.79 kg/m<sup>2</sup>)

**Core:** Non-combustible, dimensionally stable, inert gypsum

**Paper:** 100% recycled; Face paper coated with a specially formulated skim-coat material; Edges = white, back = gray

**Edges:** Tapered

**Packaging:** Two pieces per bundle, face-to-face and end-taped

Custom lengths may be available on special order. Consult your CertainTeed sales representative.

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Job Name

Contractor

Date

Products Specified:

Submittal Approvals  
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## Technical Data

### Surface Burning Characteristics

UL classified for surface burning (File No. R3660) (per ASTM E84) Flame spread = 15; Smoke developed = 0; Meeting IBC, Section 803.1, Class A and (per CAN/ULC-S102) 0/0.

Core combustibility (per ASTM E136) Non-combustible

### Applicable Standards and References

Manufactured to meet ASTM C1396/C1396M, Section 5, Gypsum Wallboard; Factory Finished per ASTM C840 Level 5; ASTM C1629, Surface Abrasion Level 3; and CAN/CSA-A82.27-M.

## Installation

### Limitations

Rapid Deco is designed to replicate a field-applied skim coat. A skim coat will not approximate a plastered surface. For an entirely smooth, blemish-free surface, a veneer plaster or hard-wall plaster system is recommended. See Gypsum Association publication GA-214 for additional details on skim coating.

CertainTeed cannot control the workmanship of the installed or finished product. Finish satisfaction will only be obtained when proper installation practices are followed and products are properly used. Care must be taken to ensure all joints, trim and fasteners are properly treated and are flat to the plane of the board surface.

A jobsite mock-up shall be used to determine the level of workmanship needed at each stage of finishing. It is recommended that a visual inspection be done prior to painting

to confirm that proper finishing practices have been followed to avoid anomalies in the painting and decorating process. A flat drywall primer with a minimum volume solids content of 34% is recommended. Under no circumstances should an all-in-one paint and primer or a sealer-type primer be used.

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.

### Recommendations

Install according to Gypsum Association GA-216 or ASTM C840. Rapid Deco Level 5 joint compound should be used for best match to Rapid Deco drywall. Refer to GA-214 for more finishing recommendations.

### Decoration

It is recommended that a visual inspection be done prior to painting to confirm that proper finishing practices have been followed to avoid anomalies in the painting and decorating process. For best results, a good gypsum board primer should be applied in accordance with manufacturer's instructions before painting or before any texture material is applied.

### Safety Precautions

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

Safety Data Sheets (SDS) are available for all CertainTeed products upon request.

## BIM/CAD Information

The BIM and CAD UL fire rated assemblies and sound assemblies can be found on CertainTeed's BIM and CAD Design Studio at [certainteed.concora.com](http://certainteed.concora.com). CertainTeed's BIM and CAD Design Studio provides BIM and CAD details to many UL fire rated assemblies and sound assemblies in easy to view experience. Plus, downloadable Revit and DWG and PDF CAD Details are available.

## Sustainability

Can contribute to the U.S. Green Building Council's LEED Credit Qualification in several credit categories to assist in obtaining LEED certification.

Sustainable documentation, including recycled content, EPD's, HPD's, VOC Certifications, can be found at [certainteed.ecomedes.com](http://certainteed.ecomedes.com).

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