

RAPID DECO[®] Level 5 System

Drywall and Finishing Solutions



Achieving a Revolutionary Level 5 Finish

COMPOSED OF CERTAINTEED'S FACTORY-FINISHED LEVEL 5 DRYWALL AND COMPATIBLE JOINT COMPOUND, THE RAPID DECO® LEVEL 5 SYSTEM IS THE FIRST OF ITS KIND IN NORTH AMERICA. THE FACTORY-APPLIED COAT ENSURES A LEVEL FIVE FINISH EVERY TIME.

Rapid Deco Drywall offers the highest level of quality while saving countless hours of preparation and skim coating. It is available in the following types:

- Rapid Deco® Level 5 (1/2" thickness)
- Rapid Deco® Level 5 Type X (5/8" thickness)
- Rapid Deco® Level 5 with M2Tech® (1/2" thickness)
- Rapid Deco® Level 5 Type X with M2Tech® (5/8" thickness)
- Rapid Deco® Level 5 Type X Extreme Abuse with M2Tech® (5/8" thickness)

Rapid Deco Joint Compound is specially formulated to match the factory-applied finish of Rapid Deco drywall, providing a uniformly smooth surface across finished walls and ceilings. Rapid Deco Joint Compound can also be used as a stand-alone compound for all phases of the drywall finishing process.

WHAT IS A LEVEL 5 FINISH?

A Level 5 finish is the highest degree of quality in drywall finishing. It requires all the operations of a Level 4 finish with the addition of a skim coat of joint compound applied to cover the entire wall or ceiling area to provide a uniformly smooth surface.





Rapid Deco® Level 5: Installs in the same manner as traditional drywall. No special tools or enhanced skills required.

Minimizes jobsite labor and reduces cost over a field-applied Level 5 finish.

Excelling in Critical Lighting Conditions

DECORATIVE WALL AND CEILING TREATMENTS CAN ADD LIFE AND ATMOSPHERE TO A ROOM, BUT THEY CAN ALSO REVEAL THE UNSIGHTLY EFFECTS OF A LOWER LEVEL FINISH. INCORPORATING CERTAINTEED'S RAPID DECO® LEVEL 5 SYSTEM INTO YOUR DESIGN ENSURES AN OPTIMAL SURFACE FOR THE IDEAL CANVAS.

Specialized lighting plans and high-end decorative finishes can be expensive and labor-intensive. The Rapid Deco® Level 5 System addresses the performance and design requirements for critical lighting and specialized paint treatments, such as semi-gloss, high-gloss, and dark colors. Specify Rapid Deco to enhance interior spaces and get the most out of your intended design.

RECOMMENDED APPLICATIONS

- Any interior area where ASTM C840 Level 5 is specified, or a higher level of finish beyond a standard Level 4 is desired
- Where large amounts of natural light or specialized lighting and paint treatments are to be used
- Hotel lobbies and large, interior public spaces
- Boardrooms and conference rooms
- Office atriums and hallways
- High-end residential housing
- Stair corridor walls

WHY IS A LEVEL 5 FINISH BETTER?

Lighting and paint treatments look their best when surfaces are as uniform and consistent as possible. The final skimcoat phase of a Level 5 finish minimizes the possibility of unsightly joints, fastener fills and surface inconsistencies that might otherwise show through a finish. A Level 5 finish provides what a Level 4 finish cannot: a truly uniform surface both in terms of texture and absorption.



Rapid Deco® Level 5 with M2Tech® offers enhanced protection against growth of mold and mildew compared to ordinary drywall products, achieving the highest possible score of 10, per ASTM D3273.

The Rapid Deco® Savings Advantage

THE RAPID DECO LEVEL 5 SYSTEM INSTALLS THE SAME AS A LEVEL 4 FINISH, BUT PRODUCES THE RESULTS OF A LEVEL 5 — SAVING TIME, LABOR, AND MONEY.

CertainTeed's Rapid Deco factory-finished level 5 drywall and complementary joint compound produce consistently smooth walls and ceilings, finished in a fraction of the time it takes with standard Level 5 methods. Rapid Deco's skim coat is factory-applied as opposed to hand- or spray-applied. The result: a more consistent finish than could ever be achieved on site—from space to space and job to job, every time.

RAPID DECO LEVEL 5 SYSTEM ADVANTAGES

- Reduces the time, materials, and labor required to achieve ASTM C840 Level 5 specification
- Rapid Deco drywall is composed of up to 99% recycled content, contributing toward LEED® credits
- GREENGUARD® Gold certified
- Available with M2Tech® technology
- Surface abrasion resistant

HOW MUCH COULD YOU BE SAVING BY USING RAPID DECO?

Work with your local CertainTeed supplier to complete the table and find out.

COST CALCULATOR*	HAND-APPLIED LEVEL 5	SPRAY-APPLIED LEVEL 5	RAPID DECO LEVEL 5
Drywall Materials			
Level 4 Installation	Same	Same	Same
Skim-Coat Materials			Unnecessary
Level 5 Skim/Sand Labor			Unnecessary
TOTAL COST**			

* Costs are calculated per square foot. ** Does not include cost of labor to hang drywall.

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.

CertainTeed cannot control the painting and decorating process. Architectural specifications for decoration and manufacturer's product application instructions must be strictly followed to obtain finish satisfaction.

CertainTeed recommends the use of job site mockups to identify finish and paint expectations for the job.

WHY IS A 'STANDARD' LEVEL 5 FINISH SO COSTLY?

Once a Level 4 finish is complete, additional resources are required to achieve a Level 5 finish:

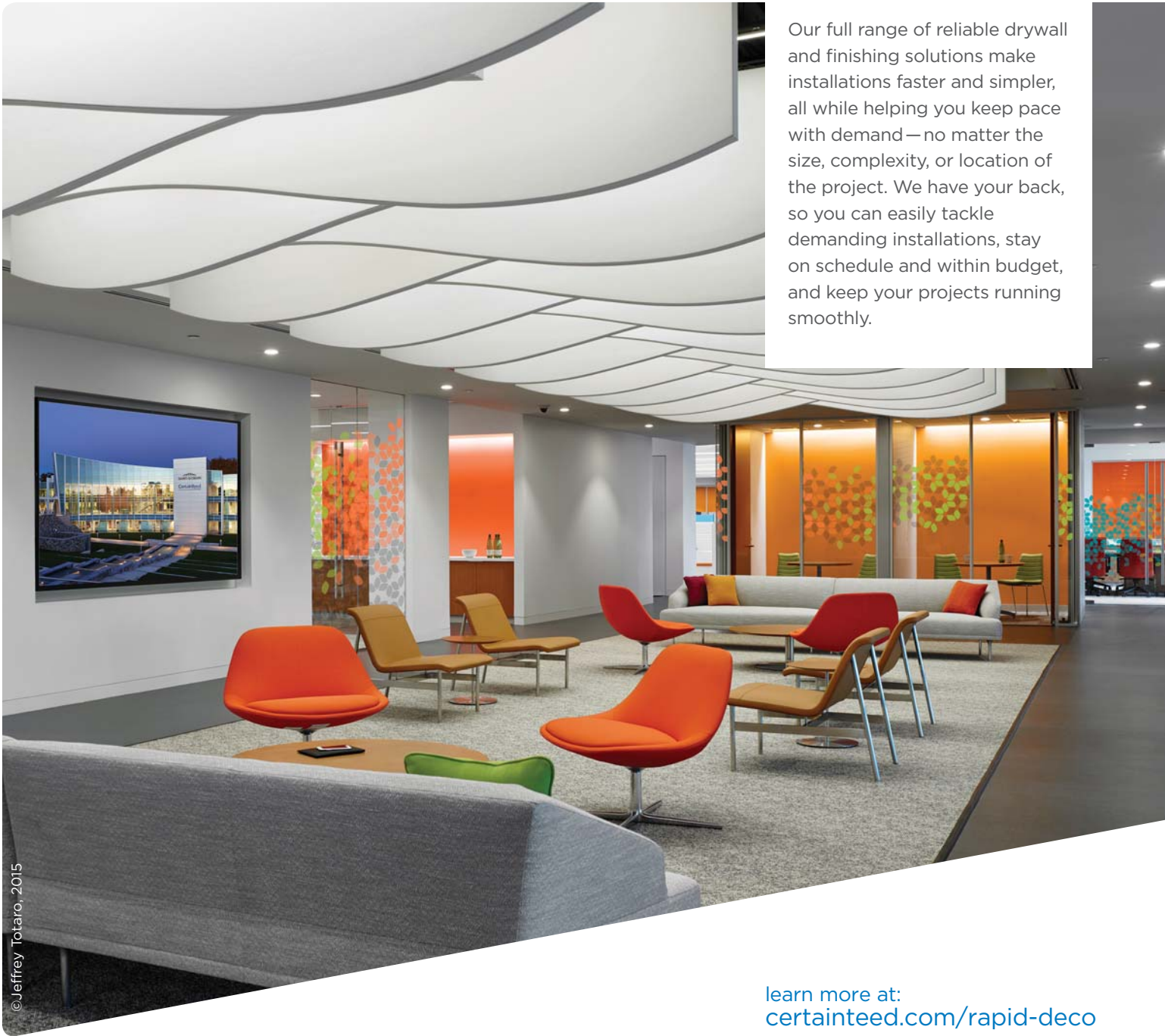
- MORE MATERIALS and supplies to accommodate the additional skim-coat phase.
- MORE TIME on the job to apply the skim coat and sand all surfaces smooth.
- HIGHLY SKILLED LABOR with the experience to hand-apply or spray-apply the skim coat.

This all adds significant cost to jobs that specify a 'Standard' Level 5 finish. With the Rapid Deco Level 5 System, the job would be complete at the Level 4 phase.



Rapid Deco Level 5 Type X
Extreme Abuse with M2Tech:
Ideal where a higher resistance
to abrasion, indentation and
impact penetration is required.

Our full range of reliable drywall and finishing solutions make installations faster and simpler, all while helping you keep pace with demand — no matter the size, complexity, or location of the project. We have your back, so you can easily tackle demanding installations, stay on schedule and within budget, and keep your projects running smoothly.



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