



# SHEETROCK® All Purpose Joint Compound

## TOTAL



**A truly complete-purpose compound providing professional-grade performance.**

- Smoother working.
- Sands more easily.
- Good open time.
- Ensures lower shrinkage.

### Description

This truly complete-purpose joint compound provides overall high performance, as well as superior working qualities and good open time. Compared to most other conventional-weight compounds, SHEETROCK® Brand All Purpose Joint Compound-TOTAL is smoother working, and sands more easily. It also offers excellent bond over bead, trim, and fastener concealments. The special vinyl formulation is an option for embedding tape as well as for filling, leveling, and finishing over plasterboard joints, fasteners, bead, and trim. SHEETROCK® Brand All Purpose Joint Compound-Total is also excellent for skim coating and hand-applying simple textures. Complies with ASTM C-475.

### Limitations

1. Protect container from freezing and extreme heat.
2. Prior to using any epoxy coating over any surface treated with joint compound, consult the epoxy coating manufacturer and follow manufacturer's specific recommendations regarding the preparation or suitability of substrates for the epoxy coating. Many epoxy coatings exert significant shear stress on the substrate as the strong epoxy film shrinks while curing/drying. This stress can cause the bond of the joint compound to fail, resulting in delamination problems.

### Preparation

Position and apply plasterboard in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations.  
In cold weather and during gypsum panel joint finishing, temperatures within the building shall be maintained at a minimum of 13° C (55° F). Adequate ventilation shall be provided to carry off excess moisture.  
Mix contents lightly without adding water. Use directly from container for covering fasteners and corner bead. For taping and finishing joints (especially for use in mechanical tools), thin as necessary. Add water in 250 ml increments to avoid overthinning. Remix lightly and test apply after each water addition.

### Application

Cover joint with a thin layer of compound and embed paper tape, leaving about 0.8 mm of compound under feathered edge. Let dry and sand lightly. Apply second coat, feathering approximately 50 mm beyond first coat. Let dry, sand lightly as required, and then apply third coat, feathering 50 mm beyond second coat. Sand lightly as required when dry. Finish fastener heads, corner bead, and inside corners as required with at least three coats of joint compound, feathered out onto panel faces and finished to a smooth surface. If sanding, use nothing coarser than 180-grit sandpaper, and avoid scuffing paper.

### Decorating

For priming and decorating with paint, texture, or wallcovering, follow manufacturer's directions for materials used. All surfaces must be dry, dust-free, and not glossy. Walls to be covered with wallpaper or vinyl wallcovering should be sealed per manufacturer's recommendations.  
To improve concealment where walls and ceilings will be subjected to severe artificial or natural critical lighting, the plasterboard surface should be sprayed with Level 5 SHEETROCK Brand Tuff-Hide® Primer-Surfacer before painting.

## Product Data

**Material:** Vinyl-type formulation.

**Types:** Hand or mechanical application.

**Freezing Sensitivity:** Protect from freezing.

**Coverage:** Approximately 61.0 to 73.2 kg/100 sq. m of plasterboard.

**Compliance with Standards:** Meets ASTM Standard C475.

**Storage:** Shelf life up to nine months under good storage conditions. Store compounds in protected place, because extreme heat or cold accelerates aging. Check product date-codes periodically. Rotate stock on first-in, first-out basis. Protect container from freezing, direct sunlight, and extreme heat. Keep tightly sealed.

**Packaging:** 26 kg (17 L) plastic pails and 21.7 kg (13.2 L) cartons.

### WARNING:

Dust generated from sanding product may cause eye, skin, nose, throat or respiratory irritation. Use wet-sanding to avoid creating dust. Avoid inhalation of dust and eye contact. If dusty, wear a NIOSH/MSHA-approved respirator.

Prolonged and repeated exposure to respirable mica may cause lung disease. Wear eye protection. Provide good general ventilation and local exhaust ventilation to avoid excessive amounts of dust. If eye contact occurs, flush thoroughly with water for 15 minutes. If irritation persists, call physician. Do not ingest. If ingested, call physician. Product safety information: Consult your USG sales office or representative for information.

### Keep out of Reach of Children.

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