

# SHEETROCK® Fiberglass Drywall Joint Tape



## Unique cross-fiber construction provides greater drywall joint strength and crack resistance than conventional fiberglass mesh tapes.

- Self-adhesive tape goes on quickly—eliminates bedding coat and provides smooth finished joints with just two coats.
- Use SHEETROCK® Brand DURABOND® Setting-Type Joint Compound or SHEETROCK® Brand EASY SAND™ Lightweight Setting-Type Joint Compound for first coat over tape.
- Provides 2-coat, 1-day joint finishing.

### Description

SHEETROCK® Brand Fiberglass Drywall Tape's unique cross-fiberglass construction provides greater plasterboard joint strength and crack resistance than conventional fiberglass mesh tapes. SHEETROCK Fiberglass Drywall Tape resists shrinking, tearing, stretching and distortion.

### Advantages

**Unique construction** Conventional fiberglass mesh tapes can stretch slightly when the joint is deflected. When stretching occurs, joints can crack. In contrast, the unique leno weave construction of SHEETROCK Fiberglass Drywall Tape resists stretching to prevent cracking in drywall joints. Because it achieves greater joint strength than conventional fiberglass tapes, SHEETROCK Fiberglass Drywall Tape is to be used with DURABOND® Setting-Type or EASY SAND™ Lightweight Setting-Type joint compounds for the first coat, and either a setting-type or drying-type (powder or ready-mixed) joint compound for the second coat.

**Fewer coats of joint compound** SHEETROCK Fiberglass Drywall Tape is self-adhesive, eliminating the embedding or taping coat required with conventional paper tape.

**Simpler, quicker joint finishing** With DURABOND Setting-Type or EASY SAND Lightweight Setting-Type joint compounds, joint finishing can be completed in just one day.

**Ideal for patching** Use SHEETROCK Fiberglass Drywall Tape to easily patch small holes and cracks in plasterboard walls and ceilings.

### Application Joint Treatment

Maintain minimum air, joint compound, tape, and surface temperature of 13 °C (55 °F) within working area until joints are completely dry. Provide adequate ventilation to carry off excess moisture. Be sure drywall surface is dry and clean.

Center and apply SHEETROCK Fiberglass Drywall Tape directly over joint, pressing tape firmly so it adheres evenly. Cut tape with drywall knife. To eliminate wrinkles and ensure maximum bond, press entire length of tape with drywall knife. Avoid overlapping tape at intersections. Cover with a layer of DURABOND Setting-Type or EASY SAND Lightweight Setting-Type joint compound, forcing compound through the tape with a drywall knife/trowel to completely fill and level the joint. Failure to completely fill the joint may result in cracking. Let dry and sand lightly as required. Apply second coat of EASY SAND Lightweight Setting-Type or drying-type (powder or ready-mixed) joint compound, feathering approximately 50 mm beyond first coat. Let dry and sand lightly as required.

To finish inside corners, bend the tape with your fingers to form a U. Apply tape along one side only. Press it into the corner for approximately 300 mm and then apply the other side. Work down the corner in this manner until tape is pressed firmly in place. Apply EASY SAND Lightweight Setting-Type joint compound down the entire length of one side of the corner, then repeat on the other side. Force the compound through the tape, being careful not to cut the tape with drywall knife during the compound application. Let dry and sand lightly as required.

Apply second coat of EASY SAND Lightweight Setting-Type or drying-type (powder or ready-mixed) compound, feathering approximately 50 mm beyond first coat. Let dry and sand lightly as required. Finish fastener heads, corner bead and trim with at least three coats of joint compound, (only two coats if using EASY SAND Lightweight Setting-Type Joint Compound) feathered out onto panel faces and sanded as required to a smooth surface. If sanding, use nothing coarser than 180-grit sandpaper, and avoid scuffing paper.



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**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.

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**Product Data**

**Width:** 47 mm.

**Coverage:** Approximately 121 m/100 m<sup>2</sup> of plasterboard.

**Packaging:** 76 m rolls, 20 rolls per carton.

**Storage:** Shelf life up to nine months under good storage conditions. Store at a minimum temperature of 8°C (45 °F.)

**Note**

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