

# SHEETROCK® Lightweight All Purpose Joint Compound



## TOTAL LITE™

### For professional drywall finishing

- High performance compound.
- Minimizes cratering.
- Excellent workability (including better slip and pull).
- Low shrinkage, easy sanding.

### Description

SHEETROCK® Brand Lightweight All Purpose Joint Compound – TOTAL LITE™ is a high-performance compound specifically formulated for the professional plasterboard finisher. It weighs up to 25% less than conventional-weight compounds and provides superior workability, including slick application, good open time, excellent crack resistance and easy sanding. Special vacuum processing and patented formulation technology eliminate entrained air to minimize cratering and minor surface imperfections. Vinyl formulation ensures professional quality finishing as well as low shrinkage; metal such as corner bead and fasteners usually can be covered with just two coats, saving time and money. The special vinyl formulation is an option for embedding tape as well as filling and finishing coats in interior plasterboard applications. Also for covering corner bead, fasteners and trim, for skim-coating plasterboard surfaces and for hand-applying simple textures.

### Advantages

**SHEETROCK Brand quality** In addition to the cost-saving benefits described above, this vinyl-based compound offers all the advantages of high-quality SHEETROCK Brand Ready-Mixed Joint Compound.

**Faster mixing time** When additional water is necessary, SHEETROCK Brand Lightweight All Purpose Joint Compound – TOTAL LITE accepts water more quickly to reduce solution time and mixes with less effort than conventional compounds.

**Better slip, excellent bond** Provides superior ease of handling, good crack resistance and excellent adhesion.

**More open time** Facilitates working back, even in fast-drying conditions, by providing more wet-edge life to prevent rolling and tearing of previously laid compound; also eliminates nuisance of crusted compound flaking from open container walls.

**Low shrinkage for faster, finer finishing** Factory-controlled low-shrinkage formulation allows finer finished work and usually requires only two coats over metal bead and fasteners, saving time and money.

**Minimized cratering** Special vacuum processing and patented formulation technology eliminate entrained air to minimize cratering and minor surface imperfections.

### 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 plasterboard 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 two 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:** 38.3L/100 sq. meters.

**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:** 17L plastic pail; 13.2L carton

### WARNING!

Dust generated from sanding product may cause eye, skin, nose, throat or upper respiratory irritation. Avoid irritation by reducing exposures to dust. Use wet-sanding to reduce dust generation. Use in a well-ventilated area or provide sufficient local ventilation. If dusty, wear a NIOSH/MSHA-approved respirator. Wear eye protection. If eye contact occurs, flush thoroughly with water for 15 minutes. If irritation persists, call physician. Wash thoroughly with soap and water after use. Do not ingest. If ingested, call physician. Do not use if material has spoiled, i.e., there is a moldy appearance or an

unpleasant odor. Close container and discard properly. Product safety information: Consult your USG sales office or representative for information.

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