



# USG SHEETROCK® BRAND EASY SAND™ LIGHTWEIGHT SETTING-TYPE JOINT COMPOUNDS

## For one-day drywall finishing

- For interior gypsum panels and exterior gypsum ceiling boards
- Sanding ease similar to a ready-mixed, all-purpose joint compound
- Unique humidity resistance
- Exceptional bond with low shrinkage
- Crack resistance in heavy fills
- Easy mixing with smooth finishing

USG Sheetrock® Brand Easy Sand™ Lightweight Setting-Type Joint Compounds are chemically setting compounds for drywall interiors and exteriors that permit same-day joint finishing, and, usually, next-day decoration. Compounds weigh 25% less than conventional setting-type joint compounds for easy handling and sand easily for fast, smooth finishing. They are ideal for heavy fills and are virtually unaffected by extreme humidity. They provide low shrinkage and superior bond, which makes them excellent for laminating gypsum panels to gypsum panels, to sound-deadening boards and to above-grade concrete surfaces. In addition, they can be used for filling, smoothing and finishing interior concrete ceilings and above-grade concrete; and for finishing joints in exterior gypsum ceiling boards.

## PROFESSIONAL GRADES AND USES

To meet varying job requirements, a full line has been developed to provide a choice in setting times. The suffix number identifying each joint compound indicates an approximate working time.

Product	Working Time (mins.)	Setting Time (mins.)
USG Sheetrock® Brand Easy Sand™ 5	5	10-14
USG Sheetrock® Brand Easy Sand™ 20	20	25-35
USG Sheetrock® Brand Easy Sand™ 45	45	50-65
USG Sheetrock® Brand Easy Sand™ 90	90	95-120
USG Sheetrock® Brand Easy Sand™ 210	170	170-270

## LIMITATIONS

1. Setting action cannot be delayed or prevented by dilution with water.
2. Not to be applied over moist surfaces or surfaces likely to become moist, or on below-grade surfaces or surfaces projecting outside building structure unless protected from direct exposure to moisture.
3. Before using over new interior concrete surfaces, allow concrete to age 60 days or more. Remove protrusions, ridges, form or parting oils, grease and efflorescence.
4. 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.
5. Do not use setting-type joint compounds for thin skim coats.
6. If setting-type joint compound dries before it sets, bond failure may result.
7. Not to be mixed or combined with other products except for USG Standard Strength Accelerator or Retarder. Temperature of mixing water can affect setting times. Typically, cold water (below 55°) can increase and, inversely, hot water can decrease setting times.

**LIMITATIONS  
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8. Not recommended for use in mechanical tools.
9. Setting time is a range that can be affected by temperature, relative humidity and wet-thickness. Application to porous surface or at less than 1/8 in. thickness may prevent chemical setting and bond.

**DIRECTIONS  
MIXING**

In cold weather during gypsum panel joint finishing, minimum surface, water, mix and air temperature of 45°F must be ensured until joints are completely dry. Adequate ventilation shall be provided to carry off excess moisture. Mix what can be used within the working time. Use a clean container for each batch. Add 1 bag into approx. 5-6 qt. (4.7-5.6 L) clean water. Mix 1 minute or until smooth, scrape container sides. Add water if needed and remix approx. 1 minute or to preferred consistency. Do not retemper or mix with any other material.

**GYPSUM PANEL JOINT TREATMENT**

Position and apply USG Sheetrock® Brand Gypsum Panels in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations. Mix compound according to directions on bag. If using USG Sheetrock® Brand Gypsum Panels, SW Edge, prefill the "V" grooves formed by abutting tapered eased edges of the panels with USG Sheetrock® Brand Easy Sand™ Lightweight Setting-Type Joint Compound. Apply compound directly over "V" groove with a flexible 5" or 6" joint finishing knife. Wipe off excess compound that is applied beyond the groove. Allow prefill compound to harden prior to the next application (tape-embedding coat).

Cover joint with a thin layer of compound and embed tape, leaving about 1/32" of compound under feathered edge and a thin layer over the tape. After compound has set, apply second coat, feathering out approximately 2" beyond first coat. After setting, apply third coat, feathering out 2" beyond second coat. After each coat is applied, smooth away any tool lap marks or other imperfections prior to hardening action. Finish corner bead and inside corners as required with at least two coats, feathered and smoothed out onto panel faces.

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. A prime coat of USG Sheetrock® Brand First Coat™ Primer or a good quality interior latex flat wall paint should be applied undiluted and allowed to dry before decorating. Walls to be covered with wallpaper or vinyl wallcovering should be sealed per manufacturer's recommendations. To improve fastener concealment where gypsum panel walls and ceilings will be subjected to severe artificial or natural side lighting and be decorated with a gloss paint (eggshell, semigloss, or gloss), the gypsum panel surface should be skim-coated with ready mix conventional weight USG Sheetrock® Brand All Purpose Joint Compound or USG Sheetrock® Brand Lightweight All Purpose Joint Compound to equalize suction before painting (see publication J510).

**FILLING AND FINISHING OVER  
INTERIOR POURED CEILINGS**

Grind high plane differences in concrete level with adjacent area; also remove any form oil, efflorescence and greasy deposits. Prime exposed metal with a good rust-inhibitive primer. Fill offsets or voids with joint compound. Apply additional coats of joint compound as necessary, after each coat has set, but not necessarily dried. After the final coat of joint compound has dried, apply an undiluted coat of USG Sheetrock® Brand First Coat Primer or a good quality flat latex drywall primer with high pigment solids over entire surface and allow to dry.

**EXTERIOR JOINT TREATMENT**

Mix joint compound according to directions on the bag. Do not overmix or use at temperatures below 45°F (7°C). Prefill joints of Exterior Gypsum Ceiling Board with compound. After prefill has set, embed USG Sheetrock® Brand Joint Tape centered over joint. When compound has set, immediately apply fill coat. Apply compound over flanges, control joints, corner beads and metal trim. Spot fastener heads. After fill coat has set, apply finishing coat of compound. Completely cover all joints, angles, beads, control joints and fasteners. After the compound has dried, apply one coat of a good quality exterior primer. Then follow with at least one coat of a good quality exterior paint.

**LAMINATING**

Apply joint compound in the prescribed manner to back of face panels to be laminated. Laminate face panels to base layer panels using moderate pressure and temporary nailing or shoring to ensure adequate bond.

**FINISHING**

For painting and decorating, follow manufacturer's directions for materials used.

USE WITH USG GYPSUM ACCELERATOR

USG Gypsum Accelerator when added to USG Sheetrock® Brand Easy Sand Lightweight Setting-Type Joint Compounds will shorten the setting time. USG Gypsum Accelerator should be sprinkled in dry form into the mixed compound. For hand mixing, dry accelerator can be added either to the dry mix or mixed compound. Never add USG Gypsum Accelerator directly to water or mix it with water to form a solution before adding it to the compound. Doing so will significantly reduce its ability to accelerate the set.

Accelerator Amount		Approximate Set Time (minutes)		
Tablespoon Per Bag	Tablespoon Per Bread Pan	USG Sheetrock® Brand Easy Sand™ 90	USG Sheetrock® Brand Easy Sand™ 45	USG Sheetrock® Brand Easy Sand™ 20
1.0	0.22	40	20	10
2.0	0.44	30	10	—
6.0	1.33	20	—	—

- "Bread Pan" volume estimated at 10 cups (80 oz.)
- Wet-mixed volume of setting-type joint compounds approx. 2.8 gal. (45 cups) per bag

PRODUCT DATA

**Color:** Natural.

**Binder:** Vinyl.

**Filler:** Calcium Sulfate.

**Dilution (water):** Approximately 5 -6 qt. (4.7-5.6 L)/18 lb. (8.1 kg). Refer to bag for specific water dilution directions.

**Density (dry bulk):** 32 lb./ft.<sup>3</sup> (513 kg/m<sup>3</sup>).

**Freezing Sensitivity:** None after set, but not necessarily dry.

**Coverage:** Average 52 lb./1,000 sq. ft. (25.3 kg/100 sq. m) of gypsum panels.

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

**Storage:** Close open bags as tightly as possible and store in a dry place.

**Shelf Life:** Up to 12 months in controlled environmental conditions. Exposure to moisture or humidity during storage may have an adverse impact on product performance.

**Packaging:** 18 lb. (8.1 kg) bags for USG Sheetrock® Brand Easy Sand™ 5, 20, 45, 90 and 210; 3 lb. (1.3 kg) sealable bags for USG Sheetrock® Brand Easy Sand™ 5 and 90.

SUBMITTAL APPROVALS

Job Name	
Contractor	Date

PRODUCT INFORMATION

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