

# EASY FINISH® BRAND READY MIX JOINT COMPOUND

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## DESCRIPTION

Easy Finish® BRAND Ready Mix Joint Compound is a pre-mixed vinyl base compound that may be used directly from the container.

## BASIC USES

Easy Finish BRAND Ready Mix Joint Compound is designed for tape application, fastener spotting and complete joint finishing of gypsum wallboard. It can also be used to repair cracks in plastered walls, to texture surfaces and to laminate wallboard to other surfaces such as masonry or other wallboard. It contains sufficient binder to secure the reinforcing tape and develops its strength and hardness by drying.

## ADVANTAGES

- Ready to use right from the container.
- Excellent adhesion/bond.
- All finishing can be completed with one compound.

## LIMITATIONS

- Protect from freezing and exposure to extreme heat and direct sunlight, conditions which will cause premature aging of the product.
- Do not overthin.
- Excessive mixing with an electric drill can cause undesirable changes in viscosity and in finished surface appearance.

## STORAGE

Storage life varies with climatic conditions, up to 6 months under good conditions. Store compound away from extreme cold or heat to avoid accelerated aging. Regularly check production dates and rotate inventory on a first-in, first-out plan.

If Easy Finish BRAND Ready Mix freezes, allow material to thaw at room temperature for at least 24 hours. When thawed, turn the container upside-down for at least 15 minutes. Turn pail right side up, remove lid, and immediately remix with an electric drill. Ready Mix should be lump free and ready to use within 1 minute. Discard all Ready Mix that does not remix to a lump free consistency.

## STACKING

Easy Finish BRAND Ready Mix pails or cartons should not be stacked more than two pallets in height.

## COMPOSITION & MATERIALS

Contains no asbestos. May contain any of the following:

Component	CAS No.
Limestone	1317-65-3
Plaster of Paris	10034-76-1
Gypsum	13397-24-5
Perlite	93763-70-3
Talc	14807-96-6
Mica	12001-26-2
Clay	1302-78-9
	1332-58-7
	66402-68-4
	8031-18-3
Starch	9005-25-8
Water*	7732-18-5
Latex*	

\*Present only in Ready Mixed products.

## ACCESSORIES

Joint tape  
Cornerbead  
Multi-Flex joint tape  
Arch cornerbead  
Casing beads  
E-Z Strip control joint

## PACKAGING

3 lb. pail (1.4 kg)  
12 lb. pail (5.4 kg)  
47 lb. carton (21.3 kg)  
58 lb. pail (26.3 kg)

## APPLICABLE STANDARDS

ASTM C 475  
Federal Specification SS-J-570B

## TECHNICAL DATA

Coverage: 130 - 140 lbs./1000 sq. ft. of wallboard\* (59-63 kg per 93 m<sup>2</sup>)

\* Coverage varies with number of cornerbeads and trims used.

## INSTALLATION

### APPLICABLE STANDARDS AND REFERENCES

ASTM C 840  
Gypsum Association GA-216  
Gypsum Association GA-214  
National Gypsum Co. Gypsum Construction Guide

### RECOMMENDATIONS

Installation of Easy Finish BRAND Ready Mix Joint Compound should be consistent with methods described in the noted standards and references and as indicated below.

Easy Finish BRAND Ready Mix Joint Compound may need a slight amount of mixing before use, and in any case should be lightly mixed before any water is added. Mixing may be done with a potato-masher-type tool or by use of a low-speed drill. Use directly from the container for treating fasteners and cornerbeads. Care should be taken when water is added to thin to a desired consistency.

A uniformly thin layer of Easy Finish BRAND Ready Mix Joint Compound should be applied over the joint approximately 4" wide. The tape is then centered over the joint and embedded into the

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compound, leaving sufficient joint compound under the tape to provide proper bond. A thin coat of compound should cover the tape to minimize wrinkling or curling. Ceiling, wall angles and inside corner angles are reinforced with the tape folded to conform to the angle and embedded into the compound.

After the compound is thoroughly dry (approximately 24 hours) the tape is covered with a coat of all purpose or topping compound spread over the tape approximately 3" on each edge. After this coat is thoroughly dry, another coat of all purpose or topping compound is applied with a slight, uniform crown over the joint. This coat should be smooth and the edges feathered approximately 3" beyond the preceding coat.

All inside corners are coated with at least two coats of compound with the edges feathered out.

All nail or screw head dimples should receive three coats. These coats may be applied as each coat is applied to the joints.

Allow each application of Easy Finish BRAND Ready Mix Joint Compound to dry thoroughly, then wet sand if necessary. If dry sanding is preferred, ventilate, using an approved respirator, and wear eye protection.

Flanges of wallboard cornerbead should be concealed by at least two coats of compound. The first coat should be all purpose compound and the second coat can be all purpose or topping compound feathered out approximately 9" on both sides of the exposed metal nose.

In cold weather (outside temperature below 50°F [10°C]), temperatures within the building should be maintained at a minimum 50°F (10°C), both day and night, during joint finishing. Adequate ventilation should be provided to eliminate excess moisture.

Wet/damp conditions slow the drying process. Subsequently, 24 hours drying time between coats may not be sufficient. Adequate drying time is essential to prevent unwanted conditions such as cracks from delayed shrinkage.

## DECORATION

Before paint, wallcovering or other decorating materials are applied, all areas must be thoroughly dry, dust free and treated with a coat of good-quality, high solids, flat latex primer.

The selection of a paint to give the specified or desired finished characteristics is the responsibility of the architect or contractor.

Gypsum Association GA-214, Recommended Specification for Levels of Gypsum Board Finish, should be referred to in order to determine the level of finishing needed to assure a surface properly prepared to accept the desired decoration.