

# EASY FINISH™ BRAND TOPPING COMPOUND

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## DESCRIPTION

### BASIC USES

Easy Finish® BRAND Topping Compound is designed specifically as a finish used over joint compound. It exhibits easy working and spreading characteristics and is suitable for "floating" or finishing taped joints, spotting nail or screw heads and the finish coats over cornerbead. Its sanding characteristics make it preferable as a finishing compound.

### ADVANTAGES

- Ready to use right from container.
- Easy to sand.

### LIMITATIONS

- Not recommended for embedding paper tape or as the first coat over cornerbeads.
- Protect from freezing and exposure to extreme heat and direct sunlight, conditions which may 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 Topping Compound 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. Easy Finish BRAND Topping Compound should be lump free and ready to use within 1 minute. Discard all Easy Finish BRAND Topping Compound that does not remix to a lump free consistency.

### STACKING

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

### COMPOSITION AND MATERIALS

Contains no asbestos. Easy Finish Topping Compound 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,<br>1332-58-7,<br>66402-68-4,<br>8031-18-3 |
| Starch           | 9005-25-8  |
| Water*           | 7732-18-5  |
| Latex*           |  |

\*Present only in Ready Mixed products.

**Caution:** CONTAINS MICA. Do not take internally. KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN.

### ACCESSORIES

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

### PACKAGING

47 lb. (21.3 kg) carton  
58 lb. (26.3 kg) pail

### APPLICABLE STANDARDS

ASTM C 475  
Federal Specification SS-J-570B

### TECHNICAL DATA

Coverage: Approximately 130 - 140 lbs. per 1,000 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 Topping Compound should be consistent with methods described in the noted standards and references and as indicated below.

Easy Finish BRAND Topping 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.

Care should be taken when water is added to thin to a desired consistency.

A joint compound such as Easy Finish BRAND All Purpose Ready Mix should be used to embed joint tape, first and second coats, and for the first coat on cornerbead and other beads as well as on fastener heads.

When the coats of Easy Finish BRAND All Purpose Ready Mix covering joint tape have thoroughly dried, a coat of Easy Finish BRAND Topping Compound should be 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 inner corners should be coated with topping compound with the edges feathered out.

All nail or screw head dimples should receive finishing coats of topping compound.

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

Finish wallboard cornerbead with a coat of topping compound feathered out approximately 9" on both sides of the exposed metal nose.

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Job Name \_\_\_\_\_

Contractor \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Submittal Approvals: (Stamps or Signatures)

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.