



# USG SHEETROCK® BRAND PAPER JOINT TAPE

## For strength and crack resistance in drywall joint treatment

- High tensile strength to resist tearing, stretching and distortion
- Wafer-thin paper for easier joint treatment
- Roughened surface for superior bond
- Accurately center-creased to improve corner treatment

## DESCRIPTION

USG Sheetrock® Brand Paper Joint Tape is a special fiber tape designed for use with USG joint compounds to reinforce joints and corners in gypsum drywall interiors. Also recommended for joint treatment in veneer finish systems subject to rapid drying conditions and where framing exceeds 16" (406 mm) spacing. USG Sheetrock® Brand Paper Joint Tape resists cracking and stretching and is lightly sanded for increased bond.

USG Sheetrock® Brand Paper Joint Tape is manufactured from special cross-fibered tape with high tensile strength, both with and across the paper grain. Its high porosity produces a superior bond while eliminating the need for perforations. It also provides exceptional wet strength, resists stretching, wrinkling and other distortions, lies flat and resists tearing under tools. Easy to apply, the positive center creasing and uniform winding promote accurate and trouble-free application to angles as well as flat joints.

## LIMITATIONS

In cold weather and during gypsum panel application and joint finishing, temperatures within the building shall be maintained at a minimum of 55°F (13°C). Adequate ventilation shall be provided to carry off excess moisture.

## APPLICATION

Position and apply USG Sheetrock® Brand gypsum panels in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations. Prepare joint compound following directions on container. Cover joint with a thin layer of compound and embed paper joint tape, leaving about 1/32" (0.7 mm) of compound under feathered edge. While embedding the tape, remove excess compound from edge and apply a thin coat over the tape. Let dry and sand lightly as required. Apply second coat, feathering approximately 2" (50 mm) beyond first coat. Let dry, sand lightly as required and then apply third coat, feathering 2" (50 mm) beyond second coat. Sand lightly as required when dry. Finish fastener heads, corner bead and inside corners as required with at least three coats of joint compound, feathered out onto panel faces and sanded as required to a smooth surface.

For painting and decorating, follow manufacturer's directions for materials used. All surfaces, including applied joint compound, must be thoroughly dry, dust-free and not glossy before decorating. A prime coat of USG Sheetrock® Brand First Coat™ Primer or a good quality interior latex flat wall paint with high solids content should be applied undiluted and allowed to dry before painting, texturing or wallpapering.

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 USG Sheetrock® Brand conventional weight all purpose joint compound to equalize suction before priming and painting, or spray wall with USG Sheetrock® Brand Tuff-Hide™ Primer-Surfacer.

## PRODUCT DATA

**Material:** Cross-fibered paper.

**Coverage:** Approx. 370 ft. per 1,000 sq. ft. (112 m/93 m<sup>2</sup>) gypsum panels.

## PACKAGING

Type	Width in. (mm)	Length ft. (m)	No. of Units/ Master Carton	Application
Roll	2-1/16 (52)	75 (22.8)	24 rolls	Ideal for the occasional small drywall job, patching work, etc.
		250 (76.2)	20 rolls	Popular size for hand-application joint treatment. Weighs approximately 1-1/4 lbs. (0.6 kg) per roll.
		500 (152.4)	10 rolls	Designed to fit easily into taping machines with fewer roll changes. Weighs approximately 2-1/2 lbs. (1.2 kg) per roll so machine balance is not disturbed.

**Note:** Tape is available in other lengths and widths by special order. Contact your local USG Company sales office or representative for information on lead times and minimum quantity requirements.

## SUBMITTAL APPROVALS

Job Name	
Contractor	Date

### PRODUCT INFORMATION

See [usg.com](http://usg.com) for the most up-to-date product information.

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