

RAPID DECO[®] **LEVEL 5** **SYSTEM**

**LEVEL 5 DRYWALL &
FINISHING SOLUTIONS**

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ACHIEVING A REVOLUTIONARY LEVEL 5 FINISH

Composed of Continental's factory-finished Level 5 **Bison Board™** drywall and complementary joint compound, the **Rapid Deco® Level 5 System** is the first of its kind in North America. The factory-applied coat ensures a level five finish every time.

RAPID DECO DRYWALL offers the highest level of quality while saving countless hours of preparation and skim coating. It is available in the following types:

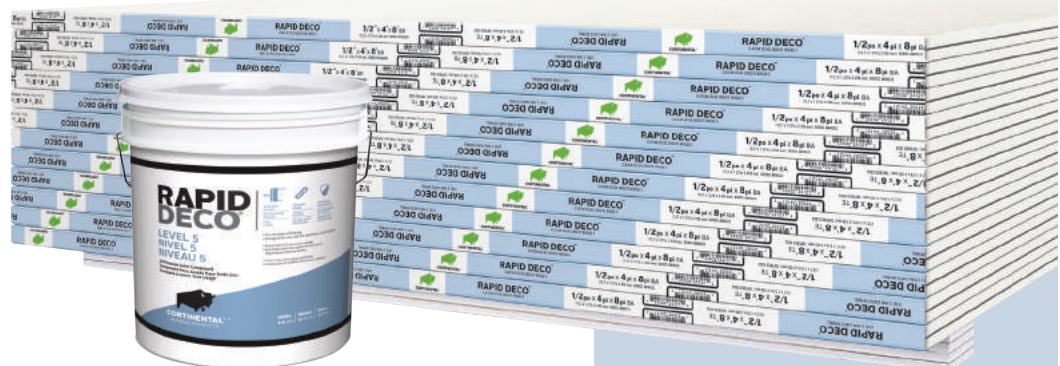
- Rapid Deco® Level 5 (1/2" thickness)
- Rapid Deco® Level 5 Type X (5/8" thickness)
- Rapid Deco® Level 5 with Mold Defense® (1/2" thickness)
- Rapid Deco® Level 5 Type X with Mold Defense® (5/8" thickness)

RAPID DECO JOINT COMPOUND is specially formulated to match the finish of Rapid Deco drywall, providing a uniformly smooth surface across finished walls and ceilings. Rapid Deco can also be used as a stand-alone compound for all phases of the drywall finishing process.

WHAT IS A LEVEL 5 FINISH?

A Level 5 finish is the highest degree of quality in drywall finishing. It requires all the operations of a Level 4 finish with the addition of a skim coat of joint compound applied to cover the entire wall or ceiling area to provide a uniformly smooth surface.

Rapid Deco enhances the elegant environment of the renowned Walters Art Museum in Baltimore, MD.



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EXCELLING IN CRITICAL LIGHTING CONDITIONS

Decorative wall and ceiling treatments can add life and atmosphere to a room, but they can also reveal the unsightly effects of a lower level finish. Incorporating Continental's Rapid Deco® Level 5 System into your design ensures an optimal surface for the ideal canvas.

Specialized lighting plans and high-end decorative finishes can be expensive and labor-intensive. The Rapid Deco Level 5 System addresses the performance and design requirements for critical lighting and specialized paint treatments. Specify Rapid Deco to enhance interior spaces and get the most out of your intended design.

RECOMMENDED APPLICATIONS:

- Any interior area where ASTM C 840 Level 5 is specified, or a higher level of finish beyond a standard Level 4 is desired
- Where large amounts of natural light or specialized lighting and paint treatments are to be used
- Hotel lobbies and large, interior public spaces
- Boardrooms and conference rooms
- Office atriums and hallways
- High-end residential housing

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WHY IS A LEVEL 5 FINISH BETTER?

Lighting and paint treatments look their best when surfaces are as uniform and consistent as possible. The final skim-coat phase of a Level 5 finish minimizes the possibility of unsightly joints, fastener fills and surface inconsistencies that might otherwise show through a finish. A Level 5 finish provides what a Level 4 finish cannot: a truly uniform surface both in terms of texture and absorption.

Rapid Deco offers a uniform finish that optimizes accents in any luxury home, such as the La Castille Model Home in Naples, FL.



THE RAPID DECO[®] SAVINGS ADVANTAGE

The Rapid Deco Level 5 System installs the same as a Level 4 finish, but produces the results of a Level 5 — saving time, labor, and money.

Continental's Rapid Deco factory-finished level 5 drywall and complementary joint compound produce consistently smooth walls and ceilings, finished in a fraction of the time it takes with standard Level 5 methods. Rapid Deco's skim coat is factory-applied as opposed to hand- or spray-applied. The result: a more consistent finish than could ever be achieved on site—from space to space and job to job, every time.

RAPID DECO LEVEL 5 SYSTEM ADVANTAGES:

- Reduces the time, materials, and labor required to achieve ASTM C 840 Level 5 specification
- Bison Board™ drywall is composed of 99% recycled content, contributing toward LEED® credits
- GREENGUARD® certified
- Available with Mold Defense® protection
- Surface abrasion resistant

HOW MUCH COULD YOU BE SAVING BY USING RAPID DECO?

Work with your local Continental supplier to complete the table and find out.

COST CALCULATOR*	HAND-APPLIED LEVEL 5	SPRAY-APPLIED LEVEL 5	RAPID DECO LEVEL 5
Drywall Materials			
Level 4 Installation	Same	Same	Same
Skim-Coat Materials			Unnecessary
Level 5 Skim/Sand Labor			Unnecessary
TOTAL COST**			

* Costs are calculated per square foot. ** Does not include cost of labor to hang drywall.

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WHY IS A 'STANDARD' LEVEL 5 FINISH SO COSTLY?

Once a Level 4 finish is complete, additional resources are required to achieve a Level 5 finish:

- **MORE MATERIALS** and supplies to accommodate the additional skim-coat phase.
- **MORE TIME** on the job to apply the skim coat and sand all surfaces smooth.
- **HIGHLY SKILLED LABOR** with the experience to hand-apply or spray-apply the skim coat.

This all adds significant cost to jobs that specify a 'Standard' Level 5 finish. With the Rapid Deco Level 5 System, the job would be complete at the Level 4 phase.

Rapid Deco provides consistently high surface performance in critical lighting environments, such as in the Opal Condominiums in Orange Beach, AL.



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