

# Micore® Mineral Fiber Board

## 160

**Versatile, high-performance core or substrate**

- Handles more easily than gypsum panels and particle board
- Outstanding versatility adapts to a variety of applications
- Simplified component assembly saves time and money
- Smooth, coated finish maintains tighter tolerance
- Exceptional tackability
- Good sound control
- Class A flame spread ratings are tested per ASTM E84; UL-classified
- STC ratings are tested per ASTM E90; classified in accordance with ASTM E413
- NRC is tested in accordance with ASTM C423
- Meets requirements for classrooms per Collaborative for High-Performance Schools (CHPS) Section 01350

**Description**

Used as a substrate or core, Micore® brand 160 mineral fiber board from USG improves the quality and performance of your design in various applications, such as open-plan partitions, office screens, dividers and tackboards. The board combines lightweight properties with the strength and stability of heavier boards.

**Advantages**

Micore 160 mineral fiber board is nearly 50% lighter than particle board, which allows for easier handling and lower freight rates. The inorganic mineral fibers resist moisture, minimizing expansion and warpage which are problems with particle board when it gets wet. Also, Micore outperforms gypsum panels in workability. And the board cuts quickly and easily to size and shape specifications using standard equipment while adapting readily to last-minute design changes. What's more, Micore 160 mineral fiber board outperforms particle board and other wood fiber boards for flame spread and sound absorption.

Sizes	Thickness and Weight	Thickness*	Weight
		3/8" (0.375)	0.50–0.63 pcf
1/2" (0.500)	0.67–0.83 pcf		
5/8" (0.625)	0.83–1.04 pcf		
3/4" (0.750)	1.00–1.25 pcf		

\*Density range of 18 ± 2 pcf

**Tolerances**

Thickness	±0.015" sanded and coated
Width and length (per 4 ft.)	±1/16" (0.0625")

**Physical Properties**

Surface burning characteristics	Flame spread <sup>1</sup>	25
	Smoke developed <sup>1</sup>	10
Density (pcf)	18 ± 2 lbs./cu. foot	
Modulus of rupture <sup>2</sup>	275 lbs./sq. inch	
Modulus of elasticity <sup>2</sup>	21,000 lbs./sq. inch	
Tensile strength (parallel to surface) <sup>2</sup>	125 lbs./sq. inch	
Hardness (Janka Ball) <sup>2</sup>	35 lbs.	
Hygrometric expansion (50% to 70% R.H.)	0.25%	
Thermal conductivity <sup>2</sup>	k Factor	0.39
	R Value (1/2" board)	1.27

1. Underwriters Laboratories, Inc. Classified as to surface burning characteristics (File No. R-11588).  
 2. Values shown are production averages.  
 3. All values shown are those at the time of manufacturing.



**Acoustical Performance<sup>4</sup>**

Thickness	STC Rating	NRC (min.)
3/8"	22	—
1/2"	24	0.30
5/8"	26	0.30
3/4"	26	0.50

4. Based on perforated product only. Published STC and NRC values are based on laboratory tests. Actual field acoustical performance may differ depending on acoustical performance of all other products and systems used with the MICORE panels as installed.

**Environmentally Friendly**

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**Storage and Handling**

All materials shall be delivered in their original unopened packages and stored in an enclosed shelter providing protection from damage and exposure to the elements. Damaged or deteriorated materials shall be removed from the premises.

**Limitations**

Exposure to excessive or continuous moisture should be avoided. Installation and occupancy conditions, not to exceed 85 °F/70% RH.

**Submittal Approvals**

<b>Job Name</b>	
<b>Contractor</b>	<b>Date</b>

**Warning**

Dust can cause irritation to eyes, skin and respiratory tract. Wear eye, skin and respiratory protection as necessary per working conditions. If cutting board with a power tool, use a wet or vacuum saw to reduce the amount of dust generated. If eye contact occurs, flush thoroughly with water for 15 minutes. Panels are heavy and can fall over, causing serious injury or death. Avoid creating a tripping hazard and do not exceed floor limit loads. Product safety information: **800-507-8899** or **usg.com**. **KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN.**

**Product Information**

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

**Note**

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