

# SHEETROCK® Fiberglass Drywall Tape



**Unique cross-fiber construction provides greater drywall joint strength and crack resistance**

- Self-adhesive tape goes on quickly—eliminates bedding coat and provides smooth finished joints with just two coats.
- Use SHEETROCK® Brand DURABOND® Setting-Type Joint Compound or SHEETROCK® Brand EASY SAND™ Lightweight Setting-Type Joint Compound for first coat over tape.
- Provides 2-coat, 1-day joint finishing.

**Description**

SHEETROCK® Brand Fiberglass Drywall Tape is made with a unique cross-fiberglass construction to provide greater drywall joint strength than conventional fiberglass mesh tapes. SHEETROCK Fiberglass Drywall Tape resists shrinking, tearing, stretching and distortion. It also resists joint cracking that can occur when conventional fiberglass mesh tape is used. In reinforcing joints and corners in drywall interiors, setting-type joint compounds (not ready-mixed or powder drying-type joint compounds) are recommended for the first coat over SHEETROCK Fiberglass Drywall Tape. For the second coat, setting-type or drying-type (ready-mixed or powder) joint compounds may be used. SHEETROCK Fiberglass Drywall Tape is recommended for use with either setting-type or drying-type joint compounds to repair small cracks and holes in drywall and plaster surfaces.

**Advantages**

**Unique construction** Conventional fiberglass mesh tapes can stretch slightly when the joint is deflected. When stretching occurs, joints can crack. For this reason, conventional fiberglass tape is recommended only with special high-strength setting-type powder compounds such as SHEETROCK® Brand MH TUF-SET™ Setting-Type Joint Compound. In contrast, the unique leno weave construction of SHEETROCK Fiberglass Drywall Tape resists stretching to prevent cracking in drywall joints. Because it achieves greater joint strength than conventional fiberglass tapes, SHEETROCK Fiberglass Drywall Tape can be used with products such as DURABOND® Setting-Type or EASY SAND™ Lightweight Setting-Type joint compounds for the first coat, and either a setting-type or drying-type (powder or ready-mixed) joint compound for the second coat.

**Fewer coats of joint compound** SHEETROCK Fiberglass Drywall Tape is self-adhesive, eliminating the embedding or taping coat required with conventional paper tape.

**Simpler, quicker joint finishing** With DURABOND Setting-Type or EASY SAND Lightweight Setting-Type joint compounds, joint finishing can be completed in just one day.

**Ideal for patching** Use SHEETROCK Fiberglass Drywall Tape to easily patch small holes and cracks in drywall and plaster walls and ceilings.

**Application Joint Treatment**

Maintain minimum air, joint compound, tape, and surface temperature of 55 °F (13 °C) within working area until joints are completely dry. Provide adequate ventilation to carry off excess moisture. Be sure drywall surface is dry and clean.

Center and apply SHEETROCK Fiberglass Drywall Tape directly over joint, pressing tape firmly so it adheres evenly. Cut tape with drywall knife. To eliminate wrinkles and ensure maximum bond, press entire length of tape with drywall knife. Avoid overlapping tape at intersections. Cover with a layer of setting-type joint compound, forcing compound through the tape with a drywall knife/trowel to completely fill and level the joint. Failure to completely fill the joint may result in cracking. Let dry and sand lightly as required. Apply second coat of setting-type or drying-type (powder or ready-mixed) joint compound, feathering approximately two inches beyond first coat. Let dry and sand lightly as required.

To finish inside corners, bend the tape with your fingers to form a U. Apply tape along one side only. Press it into the corner for approximately 12 inches and then apply the other side. Work down the corner in this manner until tape is pressed firmly in place. Apply setting-type joint compound down the entire length of one side of the corner, then repeat on the other side. Force the compound through the tape, being careful not to cut the tape with drywall knife during the compound application. Let dry and sand lightly as required.

Apply second coat of setting-type or drying-type (powder or ready-mixed) compound, feathering approximately two inches beyond first coat. Let dry and sand lightly as required. Finish fastener heads, corner bead and trim with at least three coats of joint compound, (only two coats if using SHEETROCK® Brand Lightweight All Purpose Joint Compound, DURABOND Setting-Type Joint Compound or EASY SAND Lightweight Setting-Type Joint Compound) feathered out onto panel faces and sanded as required to a smooth surface.



**Finishing**

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

Where walls and ceilings will be subject to severe artificial or natural side lighting and/or decorated with gloss paint (eggshell, semi-gloss, or high-gloss), skim-coat gypsum panels with SHEETROCK Brand All Purpose Joint Compound or COVER COAT® Compound to improve fastener concealment and minimize decorating problems such as joint banding. Skim coating fills imperfections in joint work, smoothes the paper covering of drywall panels and provides a uniform surface for priming and painting.

**Product Data**

**Width:** 1-7/8" (47 mm) and 2-1/2" (63.5 mm).

**Coverage:** Approximately 370 ft/1000 ft<sup>2</sup> (121.4 m/100 m<sup>2</sup>) gypsum panels.

**Packaging:** The 75-ft roll (17/8" width only) is ideal for the occasional small drywall job, patching work, etc. The 250-ft roll is a popular size for hand-application joint treatment. Master cartons contain 24 ea. 75-ft rolls per carton, 20 ea. 250-ft rolls.

**Storage:** Shelf life up to nine months under good storage conditions. Store at a minimum temperature of 45 °F. (7 °C).

**Submittal Approvals:**

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

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