

# USG SHEETROCK® BRAND FIRECODE® C PANELS



## DESCRIPTION

### Specially formulated mineral core provides superior fire resistance for ceiling applications

- 1/2 in. and 5/8 in. Type C panels for use on walls and ceilings
- Feature a noncombustible gypsum core encased in 100% recycled face and back papers
- Underwriters Laboratories Inc. (UL) Classification as to fire resistance, surface-burning characteristics and noncombustibility
- Comply with ASTM C1396, *Standard Specification for Gypsum Board*, for 1/2 in. and 5/8 in. Type X
- Achieved GREENGUARD Gold Certification and qualifies as a low VOC emitting material (meets CA 01350)

## INTENDED FOR

Available in 1/2 in. and 5/8 in. thicknesses, USG Sheetrock® Brand Firecode® C Panels feature a specially formulated mineral core that provides superior fire resistance for ceiling applications. These panels feature a noncombustible gypsum core encased in 100% recycled face and back papers that form a high strength composite design. The natural finish face paper is folded around the long edges to reinforce and protect the core, and the ends are cut square and even. The long edges of the panels are tapered, allowing joints to be reinforced and concealed with USG Sheetrock® Brand joint treatment systems. The panels are UL Classified for fire resistance and can be used in any UL Design in which Type C panels are listed. On the face along the long edge of each panel, the UL Type Designation is printed for easy identification after installation by building inspectors.

- Commercial or residential applications where Type C panels are required
- New or repair and remodel construction
- Fire-rated wall and ceiling assemblies
- Single-layer, fire-rated ceiling assemblies with insulation in the plenum
- Protection of load-bearing and non-load-bearing wood- or steel-framed fire-rated walls

## LIMITATIONS

1. Avoid exposure to sustained temperatures exceeding 125 °F (52 °C).
2. Avoid exposure to excessive, repetitive or continuous moisture before, during and after installation. Eliminate sources of moisture immediately.
3. Must be stored off the ground and under cover in accordance with Gypsum Association's *Handling and Storage of Gypsum Panel Products (GA-801)*.

## INTERIOR INSTALLATION, FINISHING AND DECORATING INSTALLATION

USG Sheetrock® Brand Firecode® C Panels install and finish just like standard 1/2 in. and 5/8 in. USG Sheetrock® Brand gypsum panels.

### Maximum Frame Spacing Drywall Construction

Direct Application	Panel Thickness	Location	Application Method <sup>1</sup>	Maximum Frame Spacing OC
Single-layer	1/2 in. (12.7 mm)	Ceilings	Perpendicular	24 in. (610 mm) <sup>2</sup>
			Parallel <sup>3</sup>	16 in. (406 mm)
	5/8 in. (15.9 mm)	Ceilings	Perpendicular	24 in. (610 mm)
			Sidewalls	Parallel or perpendicular
Double-layer	1/2 in. (12.7 mm)	Ceilings	Parallel or perpendicular	24 in. (610 mm) <sup>4</sup>
			Sidewalls	Perpendicular
	5/8 in. (15.9 mm)	Ceilings	Parallel or perpendicular	24 in. (610 mm) <sup>4</sup>
			Sidewalls	Perpendicular

### Notes:

1. Long edge position relative to framing.
2. Maximum spacing 16 in. OC if water-based texturing material is to be applied.
3. Not recommended if water-based texturing material is to be applied.
4. Maximum spacing 16 in. OC if fire rating required.

## FINISHING AND DECORATING

For high-quality finishing results, USG recommends USG Sheetrock® Brand finishing products.

Painting products and systems should be used that comply with recommendations and requirements in Appendices of ASTM C840. For priming and decorating with paint, texture or wall covering, follow manufacturer's directions for materials used. Gypsum Association's *Recommended Specification for Levels of Gypsum Board Finish (GA-214)* should be referred to in order to determine the level of finishing needed to ensure a surface properly prepared to accept the final decoration.

All surfaces, including applied joint compound, must be thoroughly dry, dust-free and not glossy. Prime with USG Sheetrock® Brand First Coat™ Primer or with an undiluted, interior latex flat paint with high-solids content. Allow to dry before decorating.

To improve fastener concealment where gypsum panel walls and ceilings will be subjected to severe artificial or natural side lighting, or will be decorated with a gloss paint (eggshell, semigloss or gloss), the gypsum panel should be skim coated with joint compound. This equalizes suction and texture differences between the drywall face paper and the finished joint compound before painting. As an alternative to skim coating, or when a Level 5 finish is required, use USG Sheetrock® Brand Tuff-Hide™ Primer-Surfacers.

For more information, refer to USG literature *Finishing & Decorating Gypsum Panels White Paper (J2010)*.

### PRODUCT INFORMATION

See usg.com for the most up-to-date product information.

GREENGUARD Certified products are certified to GREENGUARD standards for low chemical emissions into indoor air during product usage. For more information, visit [ul.com/gg](http://ul.com/gg).

### CAUTION

Dust may cause irritation to eyes, skin, nose, throat and upper respiratory tract. Cut and trim with a utility knife or hand saw to minimize dust levels. Power tools must be equipped with a dust collection system. Wear eye, skin and respiratory protection if necessary. If eye contact occurs, flush thoroughly with water for 15 minutes. If irritation persists, call a physician. Do not swallow. If swallowed, call a physician. For more information call Product Safety: 800 507-8899 or see the SDS at [usg.com](http://usg.com)

**KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN.**

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### SAFETY FIRST!

Follow good safety and industrial hygiene practices during handling and installation of all products and systems. Take necessary precautions and wear the appropriate personal protective equipment as needed. Read Safety Data Sheets and related literature on products before specification and/or installation.



## PRODUCT DATA

	UL Type C	
Thickness	1/2 in. (12.7 mm)	5/8 in. (15.9 mm)
Lengths	8-14 ft. (2438-4267 mm)	8-14 ft. (2438-4267 mm)
Width <sup>5</sup>	4 ft. (1219 mm), 54 in. (1372 mm)	4 ft. (1219 mm), 54 in. (1372 mm)
Weight <sup>6</sup> , nominal	2.0 lb./sq. ft. (9.8 kg/sq. m.)	2.5 lb./sq. ft. (12.2 kg/sq. m.)
Edges	Tapered	Tapered
Packaging	Two panels per bundle	Two panels per bundle

### Notes:

- Other sizes available by special order. Check with your local USG representative for availability.
- Represents approximate weight for design and shipping purposes. For specific product weight in your area, contact your local USG representative or call the Customer Service Center at 800 950-3839.

## COMPLIANCE

- Comply with ASTM C1396 for 1/2 in. and 5/8 in. Type X
- Classified as a Class A Interior Finish Material per Section 803.1 of the International Building Code® (IBC®)
- UL Classification as to fire resistance, surface-burning characteristics and core combustibility
- Achieved GREENGUARD Gold Certification and qualifies as a low VOC emitting material (meets CA 01350)

## SUBMITTAL APPROVALS

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Contractor	Date

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