

Gyprock® Product Datasheet



Gyprock® Wet Area Base Coat

Gyprock Wet Area Base Coat is a moisture resistant base compound used for the first and second coat in a three coat plasterboard jointing system in wet areas. Joints may be finished with any Gyprock topping or all-purpose compound and sanded smooth prior to decoration. Where walls are to be tiled, no finish coat is required.

Wet Area Base Coat is a low VOC, pre-mixed drying type compound, manufactured by Gyprock in Australia to stringent product specifications and is packed in a violet coloured bucket.



First and Second Coats

The formulation of Wet Area Base Coat gives it superior tape adhesion and joint strength for the tape coat and second coat in the jointing process.



Hand Tool Applied

Gyprock Wet Area Base Coat is easy to trowel and feather edges with hand tools.

Product Options

Gyprock Wet Area Base Coat is available in a pre-mixed form in a 15kg (approx. 9L) pail.

A smaller, 3kg (approx. 1.8L) pail is also available in the Gyprock DIY Compounds range.

Application

First Coat

1. Fill recess evenly and fully with compound.
2. Bed in Gyprock Perforated Paper Tape centrally over the joint and cover lightly with compound.
3. Bed tapes to butt joints and internal corner angles.
4. Cover all metal corner beads and fastener heads.
5. Allow compound to dry and harden before recoating.

Second Coat

1. Apply a second coat of Wet Area Base Coat to:
 - a. Recessed edge joints to a width of about 200mm.
 - b. Butt joints to a width of about 400mm.
 - c. Metal corner beads to a width of about 170mm.
 - d. Fastener heads.

2. Allow compound to harden and dry.
3. No finish coat is required in tiled areas. If required, a finish coat of any Gyprock topping or all-purpose compound should be applied and be sanded smooth prior to decoration.

NOTE: Where specified, a waterproof sealer/ membrane and other waterproofing should be applied in accordance with the relevant details.

More Installation Assistance

Comprehensive installation instructions for Gyprock plasterboard and compounds can be found under the [Resources](#) tab and include:

- [DIY installation guides](#)
- [DIY installation videos](#)
- [Professional installation guides](#)

For assistance with installation, try searching for a [Gyprock plasterer](#), [builder](#) or [repairer](#) under the [Locations](#) tab.

Product Availability			
Weight	Pack	Coverage-Approx Qty/100m ²	Shelf Life
15kg (approx. 9L)	Violet pail	18L	1 year from manufacture

To confirm product availability, please check with your local [Gyprock supplier](#), or contact [Gyprock customer service](#)

Product Manufacture

Gyprock Wet Area Base Coat is manufactured by Gyprock in Australia to stringent product specifications.

Plasterboard Installation

AS/NZS2589: Gypsum linings – Application and Finishing outlines the procedures for jointing and finishing of Gyprock plasterboard in conjunction with additional details contained in Gyprock Technical Literature.

Levels of Finish

A Level of Finish sets out the minimum specifications for installation processes from framing preparation to painting and decoration. The levels are defined in AS/NZS 2589.1, and are intended to provide builders, installers and homeowners with defined methods and practices necessary to meet expectations in terms of the Level of Finish.

The level of finish should be specified prior to construction as it can be affected at different stages of construction and tolerances must be adhered to:

- Frame construction
- Plasterboard fixing and backblocking
- Plasterboard jointing and setting

A Level 3 Finish is for areas that do not require painting and decoration such as above ceilings and inside service shafts.

A Level 4 Finish is the generally accepted level for domestic construction

A level 5 Finish should be specified wherever gloss, semi-gloss or dark coloured paints are to be used, or where critical glancing light conditions are likely.

More information on Levels of Finish can be found in the [Gyprock Residential Installation Guide](#)

Painting and Decoration

Finishes applied to plasterboard surfaces can have a significant effect on the perceived quality of the installation, particularly where critical lighting conditions exist.

- Textured or heavy patterned finishes tend to hide imperfections
- Matt finishes minimise imperfection visibility
- Semi-gloss and gloss finishes highlight imperfections
- Light colours are less likely to show imperfections and impact damage

Gyprock recommends paint systems consisting of one coat of a plasterboard sealer followed by two coats of finishing paint. Always follow the manufacturer's instructions for application and recoating.

Gyprock recommends decoration in line with [Master Painters Australia](#).

Physical and chemical properties	
Specific gravity (H2O=1)	1.4-1.8
VOC content (as specified by GBCA)	35 grams per Litre as VOC content per material
Ingredients	
Calcium Carbonate	
Acrylic emulsion	

Material Safety

MSDS

A [Material Safety Data Sheet](#) for Gyprock Wet Area Base Coat is available from the Gyprock website under the [Resources](#) tab.

Handling and storage

For guidelines on the safe handling of Gyprock products, reference should be made to the Gypsum Board Manufacturers of Australasia (GBMA) publication *“Move it the GBMA Way – A Safe Manual Handling Guide for the Plasterboard Industry – Training Guide”* (Reference SS172).

This product should be stored in its factory packaging in a dry area.



Gyprock products are manufactured for life with all CSR products designed to achieve optimal performance when part of a CSR integrated system



Low VOC

All Gyprock jointing products exceed the GBCA specification for Volatile Organic Compound content according to independent testing. Test certificates are available under the [Resources](#) tab.