

# USG SHEETROCK® BRAND ECOSMART PANELS

# Highly sustainable and ultralightweight 5/8 in. Type X wall and ceiling gypsum panels for interior applications

- Meet Architecture 2030 Challenge for Products
  - Up to 25% less global warming potential (GWP)<sup>1</sup>
  - Up to 25% less water used in the manufacturing process<sup>1</sup>
  - Up to 22% less weight reduces transportation fuel energy by up to 20%1
- Living Building Challenge™ Red List Free
- Contains 100% USDA certified biobased content
- Up to 94.6% recycled content (regionally available)
- Achieved GREENGUARD Gold Certification and qualifies as a low VOC emitting material (meets CA 01350)
- USGBC® LEED® v4.0—may assist in achieving 1-1/2 additional credits (up to 10 total credits)
- Underwriters Laboratories Inc. (UL) Classification as to fire resistance, surface-burning characteristics and noncombustibility
- Comply with ASTM C1396 specification for 5/8 in. Type X gypsum wallboard
- Offer comparable sound, strength, sag and impact resistance to standard 5/8 in. Type X
- Listed by UL in the most widely specified wall, column, floor-ceiling and roof-ceiling assemblies (refer to specific UL designs for complete details)

### Note

1. Compared to standard 5/8 in. Type X gypsum panels as presented in the Gypsum Association's 5/8 in. Type X Environmental Product Declaration (FPI/GA/01/2014) with fresh water usage updated to be in accordance with ISO 14046.

### **DESCRIPTION**

USG Sheetrock® Brand EcoSmart Panels Firecode® X represent a revolution in wallboard manufacturing, significantly reducing the need for natural resources and impact on the environment. These 5/8 in. Type X lightweight gypsum panels have been formulated to achieve all of the strength and performance characteristics as standard 5/8 in. USG Sheetrock® Brand Firecode® X Panels at a significantly lower environmental impact and reduced weight. They feature an innovative noncombustible gypsum core encased in 100% recycled face and back papers that form a high strength-to-weight ratio 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 UltraLight Innovation Type X (ULIX™) panels are listed. On the face along the long edge of each panel, the UL Type Designation is printed for easy identification after installation.

### INTENDED FOR

- Commercial or residential applications where 5/8 in. Type X panels are required
- · New or repair and remodel construction
- Load-bearing and non-load-bearing wood- or steel-framed fire-rated walls
- Wall, column, floor-ceiling and roof-ceiling assemblies (refer to specific UL designs for complete details)



### **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. Maximum frame spacing for walls is 24 in. OC.
- **4.** UL Type ULIX<sup>™</sup> requires the use of insulation for single-layer, steel-framed UL fire-rated assemblies.
- **5.** 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 EcoSmart Panels Firecode® X install and finish just like standard 5/8 in. USG Sheetrock® Brand Firecode® X Panels. Fastener type and spacing requirements are the same as for standard 5/8 in. Type X.

### Maximum Frame Spacing Drywall Construction

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

### Notes

- 2. Long edge position relative to framing.
- Maximum 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 critical artificial or natural 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. When a Level 5 finish is required, use USG Sheetrock® Brand Tuff-Hide™ Primer-Surfacer. See USG Sheetrock® Brand Tuff-Hide™ Primer-Surfacer Submittal Sheet (J1613) for limitations and application instructions.

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

### TEST DATA

Property  Noncombustibility		ASTM Test Method	ASTM C1396 Specification 5/8 in. Wallboard	UL Type ULIX™ Pass
		E136	Pass	
Surface-burning characteristics	Flame Spread	E84	Flame Spread Index, not greater than 25	5
	Smoke Developed	E84	Smoke Developed Index, not greater than 450	5
	Classification	E84	_	Class A
Core hardness (lbf)	Field	C473 (B)	Not less than 11	Meets or exceeds
	End	C473 (B)	Not less than 11	Meets or exceeds
	Edge	C473 (B)	Not less than 11	Meets or exceeds
Flexural strength (lbf)	Parallel	C473 (B)	Not less than 46	Meets or exceeds
	Perpendicular	C473 (B)	Not less than 147	Meets or exceeds
Humidified deflection (in.)		C473	Not greater than 5/8 in.	Less than
Nail pull resistance (lbf)		C473 (B)	Not less than 87	Meets or exceeds

 $\textbf{Note:} \ \ \text{For more information on sound performance, see USG literature } \textit{USG Sheetrock*} \textit{Brand EcoSmart Panels Sound Performance Selector Guide (WB2880)}.$ 

### **PRODUCT DATA**

### Thickness 5/8 in. (15.9 mm) Lengths 8-16 ft. (2438-4877 mm) 4 ft. (1219 mm), 54 in, x 12 ft. (1372 mm x 3658 mm) Width4 Weight⁵, nominal 1.8 lb./sq. ft. (8.8 kg/sq. m.) Edges Packaging Two panels per bundle

**UL Type ULIX™** 

- 4. Other sizes available by special order. Check with your local USG representative for availability.
- 5. 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.
- Meet or exceed ASTM C1396 Section 5 for 5/8 in. gypsum wallboard, 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
- Meet Architecture 2030 Challenge Criteria for Products
- Living Building Challenge™ Red List Free
- · USDA Certified Biobased Product
- Achieved GREENGUARD Gold Certification and qualifies as a low VOC emitting material (meets CA 01350)

### **SUBMITTAL APPROVALS**

Job Name	
Contractor	Date

### **COMPLIANCE**

### PRODUCT INFORMATION

e 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

### 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

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