

# SHEETROCK® Brand Lightweight Topping Joint Compound



## Provides all the benefits of a conventional product with some exclusive advantages

- Weighs up to 35% less than conventional compounds.
- Excellent crack-resistance.
- Low shrinkage.
- Easier sanding.

## Description

SHEETROCK® Brand Lightweight Topping Joint Compound (TOPPING LITE) is a high performance vinyl formulation for filling, leveling and finishing coats over gypsum panels. Compared to conventional-weight topping compounds, it weighs up to 35% less, provides increased crack-resistance and lower shrinkage, and is easier to sand.

**Note:** Do not use SHEETROCK Brand TOPPING LITE Joint Compound for the following purposes: to embed joint tape; to skim coat; or as a texture. For these applications, use SHEETROCK® Brand Taping or Lightweight Taping or Lightweight All Purpose (PLUS 3™) Joint Compound (to embed tape only), or SHEETROCK® Brand All Purpose or TOTAL™ Joint Compound.

## Advantages

**Finer finishing results.** Provides increased crack-resistance and lower shrinkage than conventional-weight compounds. Provides finer finished work without the extra labor normally required with conventional-weight compounds.

**Lighter in weight.** Weighs up to 35% less than conventional compounds. Handling and applying is simpler, easier and faster.

**Easier sanding.** Sands easier and faster than conventional-weight compounds.

## Limitations

- 1 Protect container from freezing and extreme heat.
- 2 Prior to using any epoxy coating over any surface treated with joint compound, consult the epoxy coating manufacturer and follow manufacturer's specific recommendations regarding the preparation or suitability of substrates for the epoxy coating. Many epoxy coatings exert significant shear stress on the substrate as the strong epoxy film shrinks while curing/drying. This stress can cause the bond of the joint compound to fail, resulting in delamination problems.

## Preparation

Position and apply SHEETROCK® Brand Gypsum Panels in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations.

In cold weather and during gypsum panel joint finishing, temperatures within the building shall be maintained at a minimum of 55 °F (13 °C). Adequate ventilation shall be provided to carry off excess moisture.

Mix contents lightly without adding water. Use directly from container for covering fasteners and corner bead. For finishing joints (especially for use in mechanical tools), thin as necessary. Add water in half-pint increments to avoid overthinning. Remix lightly and test apply after each water addition.

## Application

After taping compound coat has dried, apply fill coat of SHEETROCK Brand TOPPING LITE Joint Compound along joints and over fasteners, smoothing out 2" beyond taping (first) coat. Spread smooth with long, parallel strokes. When dry, if necessary, sand lightly. Apply thin finish coat of SHEETROCK Brand Topping Lite Compound to joints and fasteners. When dry, sand lightly, if needed.

To finish inside corners, use 5" knife to apply SHEETROCK Brand TOPPING LITE Joint Compound to one side only over previously applied taping compound. Let dry, then cover other side. When dry, sand lightly, if necessary.

To finish outside corners, use SHEETROCK Brand TOPPING LITE directly from container. Apply fill coat over metal beads and trim and first coat over fasteners. After first fill coat over metal corner bead has dried, apply another coat of SHEETROCK Brand TOPPING LITE Joint Compound. Let dry and, if necessary, apply another coat. Feather each coat slightly beyond prior coat. When final coat is dry, sand lightly, if needed.

Avoid sanding if possible. If sanding is needed, best results are achieved by sanding with a wet sponge to eliminate dust and scuffing of surface paper. After compound feels dry, wring out only enough water from sponge to eliminate dripping. Rub joints gently using a sweeping motion to remove high spots with as few strokes as possible. Clean sponge often. If dry sanding, use 150-grit sandpaper, 220-grit abrasive mesh cloth or finer. Avoid scuffing paper.

Wash tools with warm, soapy water. Wipe tools dry to prevent rusting.

**Decorating**

For priming and decorating with paint, texture, or wall covering, follow manufacturer's directions for materials used. All surfaces, including applied joint compound, must be thoroughly dry, dust-free, and not glossy before decorating. A prime coat of SHEETROCK® Brand First Coat or a good quality interior latex flat wall paint with a high solids content should be applied undiluted and allowed to dry before decoration. Walls to be covered with wallpaper or vinyl wall covering should be sealed per manufacturer's recommendation.

To improve fastener concealment, where gypsum panel walls and ceilings will be subjected to severe artificial or natural side lighting and be decorated with a gloss paint (eggshell, semigloss, or gloss), the gypsum panel surface should be skim coated with SHEETROCK Brand All Purpose Joint Compound to equalize suction before priming and painting.

**Product Data**

**Material:** Vinyl-type non-asbestos formulation.

**Types:** Hand- or mechanical-application.

**Freezing Sensitivity:** Protect from freezing.

**Coverage:** 3.5 gal. (13.2 L) of joint compound finishes approx. 143 lin. ft. (43 m).

**Compliance with Standards:** Meets ASTM Standard C475.

**Storage:** Keep tightly sealed. Store in a dry location at room temperature. Protect from freezing, exposure to extreme heat and direct sunlight.

**Packaging:** 3.5 gal. (13.2 L) carton. Protect container from freezing, direct sunlight and extreme heat.

**Submittal Approvals:**

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

**WARNING**

When applying or sanding, wear safety glasses or goggles. If eye contact occurs, flush thoroughly with water for 15 minutes to remove particles. If irritation continues, consult physician. Use wet-sanding technique to avoid creating dust. If dry sanding, wear a NIOSH-approved dust mask. Dust created from dry sanding may cause eye, nose, throat or upper respiratory irritation. Do not take internally. If child ingests, stay calm; material is nontoxic. If there is any discomfort, consult physician. Emergency product safety information: (312) 606-4542.

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