Gyproc Joint Filler

INTRODUCTION

Overview
Gyproc Joint Filler is a gypsum based setting material for bulk and secondary filling of plasterboard joints, with low shrinkage and excellent workability.

Applications
Gyproc Joint Filler is used in the traditional three stage jointing process.

STANDARDS

Gyproc Joint Filler complies with EN 13963 type 1B, and is manufactured under a quality system independently audited and certified as conforming with ISO 9001: 2000.

PERFORMANCE

Effect of temperature
Ambient and background temperature must be maintained above 2°C until fully dry. Dry, bagged product is not affected by low temperatures. Once fully set and dry, Gyproc Joint Filler is only suitable for situations where the temperature does not exceed 49°C.

Effect of condensation and other moisture
Gyproc Joint Filler should be protected from continuous exposure to moisture. Prolonged or repeated exposure to moisture may cause a loss of strength and/or adhesion.

Coverage
On average 37 sqm per 12.5kg bag and 74 sqm per 25kg bag

Setting time
Mixture is workable for approximately 1 hour, and sets gradually – allow each coat to set before applying the next. Setting times vary slightly with changes in ambient temperature and water content. Full strength is only achieved when the product is completely dry, hence adequate ventilation must be provided, particularly where other wet materials are also present.

Water requirement
Approximately 6 litres of water per 12.5kg bag.
Approximately 12 litres of water per 25kg bag.

Minimum temperature
Ambient and background temperature must be maintained above 2°C until fully dry.

Pallet quantity
80 x 12.5kg bags = 1000kg
40 X 25kg bags = 1000kg

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INSTALLATION

Background preparation
Plasterboard surfaces should be reasonably dry, clean and protected from the weather. Boards should be securely fixed with no steps between adjacent boards. The correct fixings must be used and properly located with their heads just below the liner surface. Any protruding screw heads should be driven home with a hand screwdriver, prior to spotting and jointing. Gaps between boards greater than 3mm should be pre-filled prior to taping with Gyproc Joint Tape.

Storage
Bags should be stored dry, as absorption of water shortens the setting time, causes set lumps to form in the bags and may reduce the strength of the set product. If storing on a concrete floor, dry timber platforms should be provided. Gyproc Joint Filler stored correctly has a shelf life of 6 months and bags are marked with the ‘use by’ date in order to permit use in strict rotation.

Mixing
The powder should be added gradually to clean water in a clean mixing vessel, stirring continuously until a smooth creamy consistency is achieved. Excessive mechanical mixing should be avoided and only low-speed mixers used.

Once the material starts to set it must be used quickly or discarded, it cannot be remixed. Contamination from previous mixes can shorten the setting time and reduce the strength of the product when set.

Application
Apply Gyproc Joint Filler to the joint to embed the tape and immediately overcoat to fully fill the tapered board edges and just feather out onto the board surface. Allow to set — minimum 140 minutes — before applying the finishing coat.

Maintenance
If the product is correctly applied and not exposed to moisture or mechanical damage, it should not require any form of maintenance.

The water ratios quoted are those used in Formula’s standard test methods and are not necessarily those used in practice. The precise consistency to use will need to be adjusted to suit the individual application. Changes to water ratio will influence product performance, particularly setting time and strength. Unless otherwise stated, Formula’s standard test methods apply, to obtain a copy of the test method, please contact Formula directly.

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