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Standard Specification for Glass Mat Gypsum Substrate for Use as Sheathing¹

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1. Scope*

1.1 This specification covers glass mat gypsum substrate, which is designed to be used as an exterior substrate for a weather barrier.

1.2 The values stated in either SI units or inch-pound units are to be regarded separately as standard. Within the text, the SI units are shown in brackets. The values stated in each system may not be exact equivalents; therefore, each system shall be used independently of the other. Combining values from the two systems may result in non-conformance with the standard.

1.3 The text of this standard references notes and footnotes that provide explanatory material. These notes and footnotes (excluding those in tables and figures) shall not be considered as requirements of the standard.

1.4 *This international standard was developed in accordance with internationally recognized principles on standardization established in the Decision on Principles for the Development of International Standards, Guides and Recommendations issued by the World Trade Organization Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) Committee.*

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 *ASTM Standards:*²

[C11 Terminology Relating to Gypsum and Related Building Materials and Systems](#)

[C22 Specification for Gypsum](#)

[C473 Test Methods for Physical Testing of Gypsum Panel Products](#)

[C645 Specification for Nonstructural Steel Framing Members](#)

[C1264 Specification for Sampling, Inspection, Rejection, Certification, Packaging, Marking, Shipping, Handling,](#)

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² For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, www.astm.org, or contact ASTM Customer Service at service@astm.org. For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

[and Storage of Gypsum Panel Products](#)

[D3273 Test Method for Resistance to Growth of Mold on the Surface of Interior Coatings in an Environmental Chamber](#)

[E119 Test Methods for Fire Tests of Building Construction and Materials](#)

3. Terminology

3.1 Definitions shall be in accordance with Terminology C11.

3.2 *Definitions of Terms Specific to This Standard:*

3.2.1 *weather barrier, n*—a material that prevents the passage of rain, sleet and snow.

4. Materials and Manufacture

4.1 *Glass Mat Gypsum Substrate* shall consist of a noncombustible water-resistant core, essentially gypsum complying with Specification C22, surfaced with glass mat partially, or completely embedded in the core.

4.2 *Glass Mat Gypsum Substrate, type X (special fire-resistant)* designates glass mat gypsum substrate complying with this specification that provide not less than 1-h fire resistance rating for substrate $\frac{5}{8}$ in. [15.9 mm] thick or $\frac{3}{4}$ -h fire resistance rating for substrate $\frac{1}{2}$ in. [12.7 mm] thick, applied parallel with and on each side of load bearing 2 by 4 wood studs spaced 16 in. [406 mm] on center with 6d coated nails, 1 $\frac{7}{8}$ in. [48 mm] long, 0.0915 in. [2.3 mm] diameter shank, $\frac{1}{4}$ in. [6.4 mm] diameter heads, spaced 7 in. [178 mm] on center with glass mat gypsum substrate joints staggered 16 in. [406 mm] on each side of the partition and tested in accordance with Test Methods E119.

NOTE 1—Consult manufacturers for independent test data on assembly details and fire resistance ratings for other types of construction. See fire test reports or listings from recognized fire testing laboratories for assembly particulars, materials, and ratings.

4.3 Glass mat gypsum substrate, mold resistant, designates gypsum panels having not more than 20 % mold growth, based on surface area coverage, when tested in accordance with Test Method D3273.

5. Physical Properties

5.1 Specimens shall be taken from the samples obtained in accordance with Specification C1264.

*A Summary of Changes section appears at the end of this standard

5.2 Specimens shall be tested in accordance with Methods **C473**.

5.2.1 *Flexural Strength*—The specimens shall be tested face up and face down. The average breaking load shall not be less than the following:

Thickness, in. [mm]	Method B	
	Load, lbf [N] Bearing edges perpendicular to the substrate edge	Load, lbf [N] Bearing edges parallel to the substrate edge
¼ [6.4]	50 [222]	40 [178]
⅞ [11.1]	88 [394]	70 [314]
½ [12.7]	100 [445]	80 [356]
⅝ [15.9]	140 [623]	100 [445]

5.2.2 *Humidified Deflection*—Specimens shall have an average deflection of not more than the following:

Thickness, in. [mm]	Humidified deflection, eighths of an in. [mm]
¼ [6.4]	not required
⅞ [11.1]	3 [9]
½ [12.7]	2 [6]
⅝ [15.9]	1 [3]

5.2.3 *Core, End and Edge Hardness*—Specimens shall have an average hardness of not less than 15 lbf [67 N] when tested in accordance with Method B:

5.2.4 *Nail Pull Resistance*—Specimens shall have an average nail pull resistance of not less than the following when tested in accordance with Method B:

Thickness, in. [mm]	Nail pull resistance, lbf [N]
¼ [6.4]	40 [178]
⅞ [11.1]	70 [314]
½ [12.7]	80 [356]
⅝ [15.9]	90 [400]

5.2.5 *Water Resistance*—The three specimens selected shall have an average water absorption of not more than 10 weight % after a 2-h immersion.

6. Dimensions and Tolerances

6.1 Specimens shall be taken from the samples obtained in accordance with Specification **C1264**.

6.2 *Thickness, width, length and end squareness* shall be determined in accordance with Test Methods **C473**.

6.2.1 *Thickness*—The nominal thickness shall be ¼ in., ⅞ in., ½ in., or ⅝ in. [6.4 mm, 11.1 mm, 12.7 mm, or 15.9 mm], with tolerances in the nominal thickness of ±⅓₂ in. [±0.8 mm], and with local variations of ±⅓₁₆ in. [±1.6 mm] from the nominal thickness.

6.2.2 *Width*—The nominal width shall be up to 48 in. [1220 mm], with tolerance of ⅓ in. [3 mm] under the specified width.

6.2.3 *Length*—The tolerance in length shall be ±¼ in. [±6 mm]

6.2.4 *End Squareness*—Corners shall be square with a tolerance of ±⅓ in. [±3 mm] in the full width of the substrate.

6.3 *Edges and Ends*—The edges and ends shall be straight and either square, beveled, featured, tapered, or featured and tapered.

7. Finish and Appearance

7.1 Glass mat gypsum substrate shall be free of any cracks and imperfections that would render it unfit for its designed use.

8. Sampling, Inspection, Rejection, Certification, Packaging, Marking, Shipping, Handling, and Storage

8.1 Shall be in accordance with Specification **C1264**.

9. Keywords

9.1 core; exterior substrate; fire-resistant classification; flexural strength; glass mat; glass mat gypsum substrate; gypsum; hardness; humidified deflection; nail pull resistance; noncombustible; sheathing; substrate; type X; water resistance; weather barrier

APPENDIX

(Nonmandatory Information)

This Appendix gives general information and also suggestions for inclusions to be made elsewhere by the specifier. They are not part of this specification.

The definitions of type X as given in 4.2 and the alternate definition given in this appendix, are intended only as a test to define glass mat gypsum substrate for use as sheathing as meeting the requirements of type X. These tests do not indicate a preferred application nor do they limit the use of the product in other fire related assemblies.

All gypsum panel products for which type X is defined, except gypsum lath and gypsum shaftliner board, use the same test for type X products, therefore the type X designation indicates a consistent level of fire resistance.

X1. ALTERNATE DEFINITION FOR TYPE X

X1.1 Glass mat gypsum substrate, type X (special fire-resistant) designates glass mat gypsum substrate providing a greater fire resistance than regular glass mat gypsum substrate of the same thickness. Type X (special fire-resistant) glass mat gypsum substrate, when tested in accordance with Test Meth-

ods **E119**, shall provide the following minimum fire resistance ratings for the assemblies described: