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Standard Specification for Gypsum Sheathing Board¹

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1. Scope*

1.1 This specification covers gypsum sheathing with a water-resistant core, which is designed to be used as a sheathing on buildings.

NOTE 1—Specification C 1280 contains application procedures for gypsum sheathing board.

1.2 The values stated in either inch-pound or SI (metric) units are to be regarded separately as the standard. Within the text, the SI units are shown in brackets. The values stated in each system shall be used independently of the other. Values from the two systems shall not be combined.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:²

C 11 Terminology Relating to Gypsum and Related Building Materials and Systems

C 473 Test Methods for Physical Testing of Gypsum Panel Products

C 645 Specification for Nonstructural Steel Framing Members

C 1264 Specification for Sampling, Inspection, Rejection, Certification, Packaging, Marking, Shipping, Handling, and Storage of Gypsum Board

C 1280 Specification for Application of Gypsum Sheathing

E 119 Test Methods for Fire Tests of Building Construction and Materials

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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.

3. Terminology

3.1 Definitions used in this specification shall be in accordance with Terminology C 11.

4. Materials and Manufacture

4.1 Gypsum sheathing shall consist of a noncombustible water-resistant core, essentially gypsum, surfaced on both the face and the back with water-repellent paper bonded to the core.

4.2 *Gypsum Sheathing, Type X (Special Fire-Resistant)*, designates gypsum sheathing complying with this specification that provides not less than 1-h fire-resistance rating for boards $\frac{5}{8}$ in. [15.9 mm] thick or $\frac{3}{4}$ -h fire-resistance rating for boards $\frac{1}{2}$ 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 centers with 6d coated nails, $1\frac{1}{8}$ 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 gypsum sheathing joints staggered 16 in. [406 mm] on each side of the partition and tested in accordance with Test Methods E 119.

NOTE 2—Consult producers 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.

5. Physical Properties

5.1 Specimens shall be taken from the samples obtained in accordance with 8.1.

5.2 Specimens shall be tested in accordance with Test Methods C 473.

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

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