



### Advantages

- Specially formulated to reduce texture and absorption variations when used with Rapid Deco Level 5 drywall, resulting in a superior, monolithic surface (per ASTM C840)
- Premixed and ready to use right out of the container
- Excellent bond and adhesion
- Smooth application
- Sands easily
- Superior durability & abrasion resistance
- Designed specifically for professional use

### Rapid Deco Level 5 System

Consists of a factory-applied level 5 drywall and a specially formulated, matching joint compound. Used together, they create an equivalent substitution to a field-applied Level 5 finish (per ASTM C840).

## SPECIALLY FORMULATED FOR USE WITH THE RAPID DECO LEVEL 5 SYSTEM

# RAPID DECO<sup>®</sup> LEVEL 5 JOINT COMPOUND

**Continental Building Products** Rapid Deco Level 5 Joint Compound is an all-purpose, professional-grade joint compound, specifically formulated to give optimum results when used with Rapid Deco Level 5 drywall (Please refer to the Rapid Deco Level 5 drywall submittal sheet for technical information). This product is ideal for all phases of gypsum board finishing: taping, finishing, skim coating, texturing, filling corner beads and trim, concealing nail or screw dimples and can also be used as a traditional skim-coat material for non-coated gypsum board.

### Physical Characteristics

**Material:** Acrylic-based formulation; Asbestos free

VOC (Volatile Organic Compound) content < 2 g/L

**Coverage:** Approx. 9 U.S. gallons / 34 liters per 1000 ft.<sup>2</sup> Coverage will depend on the number of beads and the amount of trim.

**Drying Time:** Approx. 4 hours to harden; thoroughly dry in approx. 24 hours. Drying times will vary with temperature and humidity (See GA-236).

**IMPORTANT:** For interior use only. Maintain a minimum 55° F (13° C) working temperature during application and drying. For optimum drying, maintain room temperature between 68° -77° F (20° - 25° C) and provide adequate ventilation.

**Storage:** Up to 9 months if protected from extreme heat and cold. Maintain storage temperature above 32° F (0° C).

**Available Sizes:\***

PAIL: 4.5 U.S. Gal./17 L

\*Some sizes may be available by special order only.

**Color:** White

### Standards and Codes

Manufactured to conform to ASTM C475/C475M and fulfills ASTM C840 Level 5.

### Application

Apply according to Gypsum Association publications GA-214 and GA-216.

JOB NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTRACTOR: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

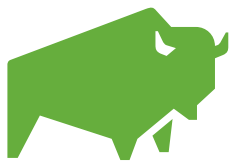
## Sustainability

Can contribute to the U.S. Green Building Council's LEED Credit Qualification in several credit categories to assist in obtaining LEED certification.



## Product and Safety Precautions

- Apply to clean and dry surfaces.
- Protect from freezing, extreme heat and direct sunlight.
- Maintain minimum 55° F (13° C) working temperature.
- Do not mix with any other product or material (such as chemical setting compounds or Plaster of Paris).
- If separation exists, re-mix thoroughly, taking care not to introduce air bubbles.
- If thinning is required, such as for machine applications, water may be added in small (4 oz.) increments. Excessive thinning of the product may cause cracking, increased shrinkage or other undesirable results.
- Allow compound to dry thoroughly between coats and before painting.
- Keep container tightly closed between uses.
- Wear safety glasses at all times.
- Wear a NIOSH-approved respirators during sanding or other dust-producing activity due to potential for dust to exceed exposure limits. Exhaust ventilation may be required during dust-producing activities in areas with poor ventilation.
- Safety Data Sheets (SDS) are available for all Continental products upon request.



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## Taping and Finishing Joints

**Step 1** Using a taping knife (4–6 in.), generously apply joint compound to the surface you want to finish (tapered edge). Then press joint tape firmly into the compound, removing any excess material behind the tape and creating a good bond with the gypsum board. Allow compound to dry thoroughly.

**Step 2** Using a finishing knife, trowel or mechanical tool (8–10 in.), apply a fill coat of joint compound over embedded tape. Remove excess material by feathering the center and the edges of the joint. Allow compound to dry thoroughly.

**Step 3** Using a finishing knife, trowel or mechanical tool (10–12 in.), apply a thin coat of joint compound over Step 2 at a width adequate to fill any voids or shallow spots. Remove excess material by feathering the center and the edges of the joint. Allow compound to dry completely before sanding or painting.

Note: Not recommended for use with mesh tape. For finishing with mesh tape, use Rapid Joint® setting-type compounds as a tape-setting material, following with finish coats of Rapid Deco Level 5 joint compound.

## Finishing Inside Corners

Using a steel finishing knife (4"– 6"), generously apply Rapid Deco joint compound to both sides of the inside corner. Fold joint tape along center crease and press firmly into center of the inside corner. Remove any excess material behind the tape and create a good bond with the gypsum board. Allow compound to dry thoroughly. Apply second coat to one side, allow to dry and apply to opposite side. Allow compound to dry thoroughly before sanding or painting.

## Fastener Heads and Trim

Rapid Deco Level 5 joint compound can be applied to fill corner beads and nail/screw dimples. A second coat may be applied, if necessary, when dry.

## Cleanup

Rapid Deco Level 5 joint compound washes off easily with warm water. Tools should be dried thoroughly to prevent rusting.

## Sanding

Sanding is not required between applications unless the work is rough. Sand lightly after Step 3 application is completely dry. If dry-sanding, use minimum 150-grit sandpaper. Avoid over-sanding, which can scuff gypsum board paper.

## Skim Coating

Rapid Deco Level 5 joint compound can be used to skim coat regular uncoated gypsum board as a replacement for standard joint compound or other specifically manufactured skim-coat materials. A skim coat leaves a thin film of joint compound over the entire gypsum board surface, fills imperfections and eliminates texture differences between the gypsum board and the joint compound. Skim coating is recommended for rooms with critical lighting conditions, or where gloss or semi-gloss paints are used.

## Painting and Wallpapering

Painting should not proceed until joint compound is thoroughly dry (See GA-236). For best results, a good quality gypsum board primer should be applied, in accordance with manufacturer's instructions, before painting or wallpapering.

## Texturing

Rapid Deco Level 5 joint compound can also be used to texture walls and ceilings. For best results, apply a high-quality gypsum board primer before texturing, making sure to follow the manufacturer's instructions. Joint compound can be applied (up to 1/4 in. thick) with a roller, sponge, brush or trowel to create the desired effect. Paint over when dry.

