

## Description

ProForm® BRAND Lite-Blue Joint Compound is a vinyl base ready mix lightweight joint compound.

## Basic Uses

### APPLICATIONS

Lite-Blue Joint Compound is used for finishing joints and cornerbead, spotting fasteners and textures.

### ADVANTAGES

- Reduces shrinkage by up to 33%.
- Lessens pocking and pinholing
- Pulls and sands easily.
- Provides superior finish
- Covers metal beads in two coats.

## Installation Recommendations

To ensure the best results, use only National Gypsum products together in your construction systems. We do not recommend mixing our products with other brands. All National Gypsum joint compounds are formulated without asbestos and therefore comply with Consumer Product Safety Standards.

### GENERAL

Install Ready Mix Joint Compound according to the methods described in "Applicable Standards And References" and as indicated in this section. Lightly mix before using and before adding water. (Add water carefully to thin to desired consistency.) Mix with a potato-masher-type tool or with a low-speed drill.

Use directly from the container for treating fasteners and cornerbeads or for taping and finishing joints. Apply a uniformly thin layer of joint compound over the joint approximately 4 in. (102 mm) wide. Then center the tape over the joint and embed into the compound, leaving sufficient joint compound under the tape to provide a proper bond. Cover the tape with a thin coat of compound to minimize wrinkling or curling.

Reinforce ceiling, wall angles and inside corner angles with the tape folded to conform to the angle and embedded into the compound. Once the compound is thoroughly dry (approximately 24 hours), cover the joint tape with a coat of all-purpose joint compound or topping compound spread approximately 3 in. (76.2 mm) on each side and feathered out at the edges. After this coat is thoroughly dry, apply another coat of lite-blue joint compound or topping compound with a slight, uniform crown over the joint. This coat should be smooth and the edges feathered approximately 3 in. (76.2 mm) beyond the preceding coat. Coat all inside corners with at least two coats of compound with the edges feathered out.

Apply three coats of compound to all nail or screw head dimples. Apply these coats as applying each coat to the joints. Conceal flanges of gypsum board cornerbead by at least two coats of compound. The first coat should be all-purpose compound. The second coat can be all-purpose or lite-blue compound feathered out approximately 9 in. (229 mm) on both sides of the exposed metal nose.



In cold weather (outside temperature below 50°F or 10°C), maintain temperatures within the building at a minimum of 50°F (10°C), day and night, during joint finishing. Provide adequate ventilation to eliminate excess moisture. Wet or damp conditions will slow the drying process. Subsequently, 24 hours drying time between coats may not be sufficient. Adequate drying time is essential to prevent unwanted conditions, such as cracks, from delayed shrinkage.

### DECORATION

Before applying paint, wall covering or other decorating materials, all areas must be thoroughly dry and dust free and treated with a coat of good-quality, high solids, flat latex primer.

Selection of a paint to provide desired finish characteristics is the responsibility of the architect or contractor.

Refer to the Gypsum Association, GA-214, Recommended Specification for Levels of Gypsum Board Finish, to determine the level of finishing needed to assure a surface properly prepared to accept the desired decoration.

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Job Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contractor: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Submittal Approvals: (Stamps or Signatures)

**TECHNICAL DATA**

**PHYSICAL PROPERTIES**

**PROFORM LITE-BLUE**

<b>Packaging</b>	Pail:	4.5 gal. (17 L)
	Carton:	3.5 gal. (13.2 L)
		4.5 gal. (17 L)

**JOINT COMPOUND DRYING TIMES**

**Approximate Drying Times**

Relative Humidity	Temperature						
	32°	40°	50°	60°	70°	80°	100°
0%	38/H	28/H	19/H	13/H	9/H	6/H	3/H
20%	2/D	34/H	23/H	16/H	11/H	8/H	4/H
40%	2.5/D	44/H	29/H	20/H	14/H	10/H	5/H
50%	3/D	2/D	36/H	24/H	17/H	12/H	6/H
60%	3.5/D	2.5/D	42/H	29/H	20/H	13.5/H	8/H
70%	4.5/D	3.5/D	2.25/D	38/H	26/H	19.5/H	10/H
80%	7/D	4.5/D	3.25/D	2.25/D	38/H	27/H	14/H
90%	13/D	9/D	6/D	4.5/D	3/D	49/H	26/H
98%	53/D	37/D	26/D	18/D	12/D	9/D	5/D

**NOTE:** D = Days (24-hour period) H = Hours  
 The chart above is a helpful guide in determining the approximate drying times for joint compounds under a variety of humidity/temperature conditions. Shaded area is below the minimum application temperature requirement of 50°F (10°C) and is not recommended for the application of joint compound.

**MATERIALS ESTIMATING AND COVERAGE**

Sq. Ft. Of Wall/Ceiling	Gypsum Board Size			ProForm Topping	Joint Tape/ Ft.	Nails/Ct.
	4'x8'	4'x10'	4'x12'			
100	4	3	3	12-14 lbs. /1.0 gal.	35	168
200	7	5	5	25-28 lbs. / 1.8 gal	70	294
300	10	8	7	37-42 lbs. / 2.7 gal.	105	420
400	13	10	9	49-56 lbs. / 3.6 gal.	140	546
500	16	13	11	62-70 lbs. / 4.5 gal.	175	672
600	19	15	13	73-84 lbs. /5.4 gal.	210	798
700	22	18	15	86-98 lbs. / 6.3 gal.	245	924
800	25	20	17	98-112 lbs. / 7.2 gal.	280	1,050
900	29	23	19	110-126 lbs. / 8.1 gal.	315	1,218
1,000	32	25	21	123-140 lbs. / 9.0 gal.	350	1,344
1,100	35	28	23	135-154 lbs. / 9.9 gal.	385	1,470
1,200	38	30	25	148-168 lbs. / 10.8 gal.	420	1,596
1,300	41	33	28	160-182 lbs. / 11.7 gal.	455	1,722
1,400	44	35	30	172-196 lbs. / 12.6 gal.	490	1,848
1,500	47	38	32	184-210 lbs. / 13.5 gal.	525	1,974

**APPLICABLE REFERENCES AND STANDARDS**

<b>ASTM C475</b>	<i>Standard Specification for Joint Compound and Joint Tape for Finishing Gypsum Board</i>
<b>ASTM C840</b>	<i>Standard Specification for Application and Finishing of Gypsum Board</i>
<b>ASTM E119</b>	<i>Standard Test Methods for Fire Tests of Building Construction and Materials</i>
<b>Gypsum Association, GA-214</b>	<i>Recommended Levels of Gypsum Board Finish</i>
<b>Gypsum Association, GA-216</b>	<i>Application and Finishing of Gypsum Panel Products</i>
<b>National Gypsum Company</b>	<i>NGC Construction Guide</i>
<b>National Gypsum Company</b>	<i>ProForm® BRAND Interior Finishing Products Construction Guide</i>

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#### SUSTAINABLE DESIGN

- Achieves GREENGUARD Certification. GREENGUARD Certified products are certified to GREENGUARD standards for low chemical emissions into indoor air during product usage. For more information, visit: [ul.com/gg](http://ul.com/gg).

## Limitations

#### STORAGE

- Shelf life up to 9 months under good storage conditions (see production code date).
- Maintain temperature at a minimum 50°F (10°C) and protect container from exposure to extreme heat and sunlight to prevent spoilage and freezing.

#### FROZEN READY MIX

- Allow material to thaw at room temperature for at least 24 hours.
- Once thawed, turn the container upside-down for at least 15 minutes.
- Turn pail right side up, remove lid and immediately remix with an electric drill.
- Ready mix should be lump free and ready to use within 1 minute.
- Discard all ready mix that does not remix to a lump-free consistency.

#### STACKING

- Do not stack ready mix pails or cartons more than two pallets in height.

#### GENERAL

- Do not overthin ready mix.
- Do not overmix with an electric drill. This can cause undesirable changes in viscosity and in the finished surface appearance.

## Handling And Project Conditions

#### ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS

Varying weather conditions can impact both the quality and appearance of taped gypsum board joints. Relative humidity, plus temperature, will affect the working characteristics of all joint compounds.

Minimize the potential for finishing and decorating problems when temperature, humidity and airflow remain constant and as close to occupancy environmental conditions as possible. Continuously maintain a minimum temperature of 50°F (10°C) for 48 hours prior to and throughout the finishing process until applied materials are thoroughly dry.

For example, cool, wet weather will slow down the drying process while hot, dry weather hastens the drying process. Exposure to winds, breezes or drafts while drying can also affect the performance of joint compounds. Typical problems from improper drying can be cracking, excessive shrinkage, ridging and beading, banding or bond failure. A further explanation of these conditions is outlined in the "Problems And Solutions" section of the ProForm® BRAND *Interior Finishing Products Construction Guide*.

Always take proper precautions at the jobsite to minimize the adverse effects of weather on drying. These precautions will ultimately reduce the application time and expense from callbacks and rework.

#### PLANNING AND PREVENTION: MOLD AND MILDEW RESISTANCE

Planning and prevention is the most effective way to avert the growth of mold or mildew. Deliver gypsum board and finishing products to a jobsite as near to the time they will be used as possible. Once delivered to a jobsite, place gypsum board under cover immediately and properly protect it. Do not expose it to outside elements, such as rain, snow or other high moisture conditions. If building materials get wet from any moisture source, identify and correct that source. If mold or mildew growth occurs, or if you suspect it might occur due to environmental conditions and moisture, either attempt to dry and clean the affected areas or replace the affected materials. If you do not have the training or experience to recognize and to make the proper decisions about repair or removal, consult a professional. A proper evaluation must be made.

No material can be considered "mold-proof," nor is it certain that any material will resist mold or mildew indefinitely. When used in conjunction with good design, handling and construction practices, XP® Ready Mix with Dust-Tech® can provide increased mold resistance versus standard ready mix compounds. As with any building material, avoid water exposure during handling, storage, installation and after installation is complete. This is the best way to avoid the formation of mold or mildew.

## For More Information

#### ARCHITECTURAL SPECIFICATIONS

National Gypsum Company's CSI Master Format® 3-part guide specifications are downloadable as editable Microsoft® Word documents at: [nationalgypsum.com](http://nationalgypsum.com).

#### LATEST INFORMATION AND UPDATES

For the latest technical information and updates, call NGC Construction Services: **1-800-NATIONAL (628-4662)** or visit our website: [nationalgypsum.com](http://nationalgypsum.com).



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