



Gypsum Products Development Association

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Product Compatibility Statement

Each of the three main UK gypsum plaster and plasterboard manufacturers, British Gypsum, Knauf and Etex Building Performance, agree the following statement through the offices of their trade association the Gypsum Products Development Association (GPDA). This statement refers to the compatibility of gypsum based finishing products from one or more of the above manufacturers which have been manufactured by them for the UK market.

For the purposes of preparation for decoration, gypsum based finishing products (e.g. jointing compounds and finishing plasters) can be applied to the front face of plasterboard manufactured in accordance with BS EN 520 2004 A1+ 2009, provided the products are manufactured in accordance with the current, relevant standard, e.g. Finishing Plaster – BSEN 13279-1: 2008. Jointing Materials – BSEN 13963:2014, except where:

- (1) colour matching is required between plasterboard and jointing.
- (2) as required by the manufacturer, Moisture Resistant plasterboard variants need to be primed prior to plastering.
- (3) specific finishing materials are required by the system warranty provider to maintain or achieve the system performances, for example, fire resistance and acoustic insulation.

Customers should refer to the relevant manufacturer for specific information in each of the three stated situations.

The following points should be noted when referring to the above:-

- This statement covers only plasterboards manufactured by the companies listed above and only applies to products manufactured by them in Great Britain (or produced by them with the same specification and imported for use in that market) and fixed in Great Britain.
- Plasterboards manufactured by third parties or manufactured for markets other than Great Britain may also be suitable for purpose or conform to the above standards. The manufacturer of each product used must have indicated (either on the product or in product literature) that it is suitable for the purpose for which it is intended and that it conforms with any relevant British and European standards.
- Installation and workmanship should be in strict accordance with any current relevant Code of Practice, Building Regulations and manufacturers' literature.

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The role of the Gypsum Products Development Association (GPDA) is to develop and encourage the understanding of gypsum based building materials and systems. The Association provides a cohesive package of advice and information on all developments affecting the gypsum industry, and communicates it to all aspects of the construction industry. Issues include the latest technical and product developments as well as training opportunities in the industry. Please check that you have the latest versions of our guidance notes by visiting www.gpda.com or email us on admin@gpda.com