



Standard Specification for Sampling, Inspection, Rejection, Certification, Packaging, Marking, Shipping, Handling, and Storage of Gypsum Board¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers sampling; inspection; rejection; certification; packaging and marking; and shipping, handling, and storage of gypsum board.

2. Sampling

2.1 When specified by the purchase agreement, samples of gypsum board shall be taken at the place of manufacture or at the destination. If the samples are taken at the destination, such samples shall be taken within 24 h of the receipt of the material.

2.2 At least 0.25 % of the number of gypsum boards in a shipment, but not less than three boards, shall be so selected as to be representative of the shipment and shall constitute a sample for the purpose of tests by the purchaser or user.

3. Inspection

3.1 Inspection of the gypsum board shall be agreed upon between the purchaser and the producer or supplier as part of the purchase agreement.

4. Rejection

4.1 Rejection of gypsum board that fails to conform to the requirements of the specification shall be reported to the producer or supplier promptly and in writing. The notice of rejection shall contain a statement documenting how the

gypsum board has failed to conform to the requirements of the specification.

5. Certification

5.1 When specified in the purchase agreement, a producer's or supplier's report shall be furnished at the time of shipment certifying that the product is in compliance with the ASTM specification referencing this specification.

6. Packaging and Marking

6.1 Unless otherwise specified in the purchase agreement, each board or package shall have legibly marked thereon the following: the thickness; the name of the producer or supplier; the brand name, if any; and the ASTM specification for the product.

7. Shipping, Handling, and Storage

7.1 Gypsum board shall be shipped so as to be kept dry.

7.2 Gypsum board shall be stored so as to be kept dry, preferably inside a building, under a roof. Gypsum board shall be neatly stacked flat with care taken to prevent sagging or damage to edges, ends, and surfaces.

7.3 Where necessary to store gypsum board outside, it shall be stacked flat, off the ground, supported on a level platform, and fully protected from weather and direct sunlight exposure.

8. Keywords

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