

DensElement® Barrier System Provided by Georgia-Pacific Gypsum, LLC

Drop In Specification Language

*(**Specifier Note:** The purpose of this guide specification language is to assist the specifier in correctly specifying fire-resistance rated gypsum board products and their installation. The specifier needs to edit these guide specifications to fit the needs of each specific project. Contact Georgia-Pacific Gypsum, LLC to assist in appropriate product selections.)*

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*The language provided is not adequate as a complete stand-alone specification section. Recommended section numbers and titles where this information may be included: **Section 06 16 43 – Sheathing** or **Section 09 21 16 - Gypsum Board Assemblies** or **Section 09 29 00 Gypsum Board**. Language that the specifier may elect to include in each of the 3-Parts has been provided. Article numbering is only for navigating this document and language should be incorporated into the appropriate Article heading in the desired section.*

Specifier Notes included in (italicized red text) are included to provide assistance in selecting appropriate text for inclusion in a Specification. [Bold text] indicates a selection is required. Text in the brackets may not be the only options available but are recommended or common selections.)

PART 1 - GENERAL *(no special language is required in Part 1 for this product)*

PART 2 - PRODUCTS

2.1 MANUFACTURER/PRODUCTS

- A. Air-Barrier and Water-Resistive Glass-Mat Gypsum Sheathing: ASTM C1177/C1177M, Type X, fiberglass mat gypsum sheathing with integral weather-resistant barrier and air barrier complying with ASTM E2178 and ICC-ES AC 212.
1. Basis-of-Design Product: Subject to compliance with requirements, provide Georgia-Pacific Gypsum, LLC; [DensElement Barrier System](#)
 2. Thickness: **5/8 inch (15.9 mm)** thick.
 3. Board Type: Type X.
 4. Size: **48 by 96 inches (1219 by 2438 mm)** for vertical and horizontal installation.
 5. Air- and Water-Resistive Flashing Thickness: Minimum **16-mil (0.41-mm)** wet film thickness.
 6. Edges: Square.
 7. Flashing and Transition Strips: As acceptable to sheathing manufacturer.
 8. Air Permeance: Maximum **0.004 cfm/sq. ft. (0.2 L/s x sq. m)** pressure difference when tested in accordance with ASTM E2178.
 9. Vapor Permeance: Minimum [**25 perms (1436 ng/Pa x s x sq. m)**] [**30 perms (1724 ng/Pa x s x sq. m)**] when tested in accordance with ASTM E96/E96M, Water Method, Procedure B.
 10. Sheathing Assembly Air Leakage: Maximum [**0.04 cfm/sq. ft. of surface area at 1.57 lbf/sq. ft. (0.2 L/s x sq. m of surface area at 75 Pa)**] <Insert value> when tested in accordance with ASTM E2357.
 11. Fire Propagation Characteristics: Complies with NFPA 285 testing as part of an approved assembly.
 12. Combustion Characteristics; ASTM E84: Class A.
 13. Board Product Antifungal Properties; ASTM D3273: 10; zero defacement.
 14. VOC Content - Fluid-Applied Flashing: 50 g/L or less.

15. UV and Weathering Resistance: Can be exposed to sunlight and weather for 12 months in accordance with manufacturer's written instructions.
16. Provide primers, transition strips, termination strips, joint reinforcing fabric and strips, joint sealants, counterflashing strips, flashing sheets and metal termination bars, termination mastic, substrate patching materials, adhesives, tapes, foam sealants, lap sealants, and other accessory materials that are recommended in writing by sheathing manufacturer to produce a complete air-barrier assembly and that are compatible with primary air-barrier material and adjacent construction to which they may seal.
 - a. General: Provide compatible air-barrier accessory materials furnished or recommended by air-barrier manufacturer as required by Project conditions to produce a complete air-barrier assembly identical to tested assemblies meeting performance requirements.
 - b. Joint Backing: See Section 079200 "Joint Sealants" for backing materials.
17. Fluid-Applied Air Barrier Flashing: Site-applied for application to joints, fasteners, penetrations, openings, and material transitions.
 - a. Basis-of-Design Product: Subject to compliance with requirements, provide Georgia-Pacific Gypsum LLC; DensDefy Liquid Flashing.
 - b. Color: Gold.
18. Flashing and Transition Strip: Self-adhered membrane, 25 mils (0.64 mm) thick.
 - a. Basis-of-Design Product: Subject to compliance with requirements, provide Georgia-Pacific Gypsum LLC; DensDefy Transition Membrane.
19. Liquid-Applied Air-Barrier Membrane: Site-applied for full application to sheathing surface or CMU surfaces.
 - a. Basis-of-Design Product: Subject to compliance with requirements, provide Georgia-Pacific Gypsum LLC; DensDefy™ Liquid Barrier.

PART 3 - EXECUTION (COORDINATE Preparation and Installation requirements with the prescribed exterior building envelope assembly.)

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