

## OVERVIEW

Handycoat Gypsum Joint Compound is a ready to use filler for use as a jointing compound and skim coat for gypsum boards. It can also be used as a skim coat for most building surfaces including sand/cement render. It gives a smooth, uniform surface for painting and is especially suitable for repairing and touching up interior surfaces, both old and new, prior to painting. Handycoat Gypsum Joint Compound can be used to fill in joints, hairline cracks, etc. It does not flake off, is permanent and retains its adhesion.

## PROPERTIES

Handycoat Gypsum Joint Compound is made from a selected blend of polymers and graded fillers. It has the following properties.

- Easy to sand and fast drying
- Easy to use
- Good adhesion
- Good jointing properties
- Vapour permeable
- Environmentally friendly

## AREAS OF USE

Handycoat Gypsum Joint Compound can be used as a jointing compound or as a skim coat for following Interior surfaces:

- Gypsum boards
- Cement boards
- Concrete walls
- Plastered concrete block walls

## PREPARATION OF SURFACE

Ensure that dust, dirt and foreign matter are brushed away. Ridges and form oil must also be removed. Paper and gypsum burrs due to board cutting to be removed from the edges. Protruding screw heads to be driven home. Handycoat Gypsum Joint Compound to be applied to the vertical and horizontal gaps. Jointing tape is embedded onto this layer.

When applying Handycoat Gypsum Joint Compound to old painted surfaces, first wash down with soda/water solution, rinse and allow to dry before application of Handycoat Gypsum Joint Compound.

## MIXING

Ensure that the tools used for the application are clean. Mix thoroughly before application of the material. Do not mix any other product with this material.

## PRIMING

To stabilize a surface which shows signs of flaking or dusting the use of Terraco Penetrating Primer is recommended.

## APPLICATION & CLEANING OF TOOLS

- Apply the first layer (150 mm wide) of Handycoat Gypsum Joint Compound and level out. Upon drying, apply the second layer (200 mm wide) and allow to dry. Apply the third layer (275 mm wide) and make it even. After drying, lightly sand to remove any imperfections and remove the dust from the joint.
- The same method should be followed for corners. For the corners, the jointing tape should be folded to form a right angle and used. Drywall screw spots should also receive equal number of applications.

Clean tools and equipment with water after use.

## HEALTH & SAFETY

Avoid prolonged contact with eyes and skin. For detailed information refer to relevant material safety data sheet.

## PACKAGING & STORAGE

Handycoat Gypsum Joint Compound is supplied in 5 kg and 28 kg plastic pails.

Store containers in a clean dry area protected from direct sunlight and extreme heat and cold. Unopened containers can be stored for 12 months.  
Use oldest material first.

<b>Product</b>	Ready-mixed quick drying filler of inert extenders
<b>Binder</b>	Vinyl co-polymer
<b>Fillers</b>	Precisely graded marble
<b>Dilution</b>	Water if required
<b>Coverage</b>	Approximately 70 m <sup>2</sup> per 28kg (as joint compound), 25 to 35 m <sup>2</sup> per 28kg depending on substrate conditions when applied as skim coat.
<b>Density</b>	1.75
<b>Application</b>	By spatula
<b>Colour</b>	White
<b>Durability</b>	Negligible shrinkage
<b>Toxicity</b>	Non-toxic
<b>Packaging</b>	5kg and 28kg plastic pails
<b>Storage</b>	12 months in original unopened containers

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