Product Overview

DensGlass® Sheathing, with its recognizable GOLD color, has fiberglass mats for superior mold and moisture resistance compared to paper-faced sheathings.

- Fiberglass mats eliminate a potential food source for mold and may reduce remediation and scheduling delays associated with paper-faced drywall.
- Replaces traditional paper-faced sheathing.
- Backed with a limited warranty against delamination and deterioration for up to 12 months of exposure to normal weather conditions.*

*For complete warranty details, visit www.gpgypsum.com

When tested, as manufactured, in accordance with ASTM D 3273, DensGlass Sheathing has scored a 10, the highest level of performance for mold resistance under the ASTM D 3273 test method.

The score of 10, in the ASTM D 3273 test, indicates no mold growth in a 4-week controlled laboratory test. The mold resistance of any building product when used in actual job site conditions may not produce the same results as were achieved in the controlled, laboratory setting. No material can be considered mold proof. When properly used with good design, handling and construction practices, Dens® Brand gypsum products provide increased mold resistance compared to standard paper-faced wallboard. For additional information, go to www.buildgp.com/safetyinfo.

Available Sizes/Dimensions

DensGlass Sheathing is available in 1/2” (12.7 mm) thickness and DensGlass® Fireguard® Sheathing is available in 5/8” (15.9 mm) thickness. DensGlass Sheathing is manufactured in a 4’ (1219 mm) width and 8’ (2438 mm), 9’ (2743 mm) and 10’ (3048 mm) lengths. Other lengths are available upon request.
DensGlass® Sheathing

DensGlass® Sheathing is a preferred substrate under brick, stone, stucco, siding and Exterior Insulation and Finishing Systems (EIFS) because of its exemplary track record. DensGlass Sheathing should be specified for any project where flexibility and easy sheathing installation are paramount without the headaches and expense of delamination, deterioration, sagging and warping. Look for the distinctive GOLD color to ensure you’re using genuine DensGlass Sheathing.

Mold Resistance
In independent testing, DensGlass Sheathing, with its fiberglass mat design, has achieved a score of 10, the highest level of performance for mold resistance under ASTM D 3273. For additional information concerning mold resistance, go to www.buildgp.com/safetyinfo.

Strength
Fiberglass mats penetrate into the panel to make an integrated unit that offers superb strength; outstanding resistance to delamination, deterioration, warping and job site damage; and an excellent bonding surface for EIFS. The flexural strength of DensGlass Sheathing is approximately the same in both directions. This means DensGlass Sheathing can be installed either vertically or horizontally without sacrificing wall strength between studs. DensGlass panels also protect and help stabilize structural framing.

Stability
DensGlass Sheathing is extremely resistant to rippling, buckling and sagging, even under humid conditions—which makes it particularly suitable for soffits. In actual tests, DensGlass panels exceeded ASTM C 1396 standards for humidified deflection by a factor of five times over the standard for paper-faced gypsum sheathing.

Fire Resistance
DensGlass Sheathing is noncombustible as described and tested in accordance with ASTM E 136 or CAN/ULC S114. 5/8” (15.9 mm) DensGlass® Fireguard® Sheathing is included in a variety of UL and ULC listings and other designs in the GA-600 Fire Resistance Design Manual.

Superior Weather Protection
DensGlass Sheathing integrates a water-resistant, treated core with a fiberglass mat face and back to provide superb protection from the elements.
A water-resistive barrier is not required over DensGlass Sheathing to provide for the protection of the gypsum sheathing during installation. DensGlass Sheathing is the ideal substrate for a wide variety of air and water-resistive barriers including building wraps, fluid applied coatings, self-adhering membranes and spray foam applications. See page 10 for details.

Easy to Handle
DensGlass Sheathing is lightweight and easy to handle. It can be cut and fastened with standard drywall tools and fasteners. The product is much easier to work with than cement board, fiber cement sheathing or magnesium oxide sheathing which tend to be heavy and brittle.

Outstanding Warranty
DensGlass Sheathing is covered by a 12-month limited warranty for exposure to normal weather conditions, a five-year limited warranty against manufacturing defects and a 12-year limited warranty when used as a substrate for architecturally specified EIFS. For a copy of the limited warranty, visit our website at www.gpgypsum.com.

Standards and Code Compliance
DensGlass Sheathing is manufactured to meet ASTM C 1177. Application standards where applicable are in accordance with Gypsum Association Publication GA-253 for gypsum sheathing or ASTM C 1280.

Evaluated by:
- ICC ES: www.icc-es.org/reports/index.cfm?search=search
- CCMC: www.nrc-cnrc.gc.ca
- Florida Product Approval: www.floridabuilding.org
*Miami Dade HVHZ: www.miamidade.gov/building/pb-search_app.asp

The data relating to fire- and sound-tested assemblies is based on the characteristics, properties and performance of materials and systems obtained under controlled test conditions as set forth under the appropriate ASTM standard, such as E 119 (fire), E 90 (sound) or E 72 (structural).

*For use in select assemblies.
Georgia-Pacific Gypsum and Sustainability

Georgia-Pacific Gypsum’s definition of sustainability is meeting the needs of society today without jeopardizing our ability to do so in the future. We are committed to using resources efficiently to provide innovative products and solutions that meet the needs of customers and society, while operating in a manner that is environmentally and socially responsible, and economically sound.

We continue to focus on:

- Improving energy efficiency at our manufacturing plants
- Seeking out opportunities to reduce water use, and to reuse water more efficiently
- Finding cost effective ways to further reduce air emissions
- Recovering and reusing materials that otherwise would end up in landfills.

Green building codes, standards, and programs are establishing themselves across the country. They promote the use of products that contribute to the performance of the building, along with minimizing environmental and human health impacts over the life of the building or home. Because we embrace product performance and operate in an environmentally, socially, and economically sound manner, owners and architects can feel good about the structures they build using our products.

Many of our products contribute to LEED® and other green building codes, standards, or program credits or requirements. To find out more, please refer to the Sustainable Materials Data Sheets (SMDS) at www.gpgypsum.com for recycled content, regional materials, and low emitting materials information or use our on-line LEED calculator to calculate contribution for a specific credit.

For general information on sustainability, click the “Sustainability” tab on the website.

Architectural Specifications

Georgia-Pacific Gypsum’s 3-part guide specifications are downloadable, as rewritable Microsoft® Word documents, in both CSI and ARCOM MasterSpec® formats. Georgia-Pacific Gypsum specifications and 3-D Revit® compatible models can be found at www.gpdesignstudio.com. Downloadable specifications are also available online from Building Systems Design, Inc. at www.bsdsoftlink.com, and ARCOM Product Masterspec at www.masterspec.com.
### Physical Properties

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<td>Width, nominal⁶</td>
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<td>Bending radius (lengthwise)</td>
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<td>6’ (1829 mm)³</td>
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<td>Racking strength,⁴ lbs./ft. (dry) /Nm (Ultimate – not design value)</td>
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<td>Flexural strength,⁴ parallel, lbf. (N) (4’ weak direction)</td>
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<td>&gt;80’ (356)</td>
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<td>Linear expansion with moisture change in/in/%RH (mm/mm %RH)</td>
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<td>Surface burning characteristics (per ASTM E 84 or CAN/ULC-S102); flame spread/smoke developed</td>
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<td>Coefficient of thermal expansion in/in/°F (mm/mm/°C)</td>
<td>10 x 10⁻⁴ (18 x 10⁻⁴)</td>
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**Installation Instructions**

- **DensGlass® Sheathing** must be installed in accordance with the instructions in this brochure, Gypsum Association document GA-253 and ASTM C 1280. DensGlass Sheathing can be attached parallel or perpendicular to wood or metal framing. Use appropriate board orientation for specific fire assemblies and shear wall applications within this document, other reference documents or as required by designing authority. The framing width shall not be less than 1-1/2” (38 mm) wide for wood framing and 1-1/4” (32 mm) for steel framing. Framing members shall not vary more than 1/8” (3 mm) from the plane of the faces of adjacent framing.

- Fasteners should be driven flush with the panel surface (not countersunk) and into the framing system. Locate fasteners at least 3/8” (9 mm) from the ends and edges of the sheathing. Nails or screws, as listed in the fastener chart, may be used to attach DensGlass Sheathing to framing. When a pneumatic fastening system into metal is specified to attach DensGlass Sheathing, consult with manufacturer for application specifications and shear resistance data. DensGlass Sheathing is not to be used as a base for nailing or other fastening.

- Install DensGlass Sheathing with end joints staggered on horizontal applications. Ends and edges of the sheathing should fit tightly. DensGlass Sheathing panels shall not be less than 7’’ (178 mm) from the finish grade in fully weather- and water-protected siding systems, and not less than 12” (305 mm) from the ground for properly drained and ventilated crawl spaces. Consult with the design authority for control joint recommendations.
Wall Applications

Installing Cladding over DensGlass® Sheathing

Most conventional exterior sidings and wall coverings—including wood, vinyl, composition, metal, stone, brick, wood shingles, shakes and plywood panels—may be applied over DensGlass Sheathing. Consult your local building codes for water resistive barriers (WRB) requirements.

A. DensGlass Sheathing
B. Insulation
C. Framing
D. Water-Resistive/Air Barrier
E. Masonry Tie
F. 2” (50mm) Max. Air Space
G. Brick Masonry or Stone Veneer
H. Flashing and Weeps
I. Wood Shingles or Shakes
J. Plywood Siding
K. Vinyl Siding
L. Fiber Cement Siding
M. Metal Siding

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Brick Cavity Wall

Masonry or stone veneer can be applied over DensGlass Sheathing just as it would be over any other type of sheathing. Attach the masonry ties securely through the panels and into the steel or wood framing. Space the ties as required by masonry courses. Apply water-resistive/air barrier as required by building code or design authority.

Shingles, Shakes, Vinyl, Metal, Wood, Fiber Cement Siding

DensGlass Sheathing can be used in applications such as under wood shakes or shingles, plywood panel siding or other horizontal siding applications. All siding must be attached through the DensGlass Sheathing and into the steel or wood framing. Apply water-resistive/air barrier as required by building code or design authority.
Wall Applications continued

A. DensGlass® Sheathing
B. Insulation
C. Framing
D. Paper-Backed Metal Lath
E. Conventional Stucco
F. Minimum 1/4” (6 mm) Gap
G. Flashing

Conventional Stucco

Stucco systems may be applied over DensGlass Sheathing using paper-backed metal lath. Paper-backed metal lath must be mechanically attached through the DensGlass Sheathing into the steel or wood framing. Install stucco system in accordance with the manufacturer’s instructions, the Portland Cement Association guidelines and local building code requirements.

Exterior Insulation and Finish Systems (EIFS)

DensGlass Sheathing is an ideal substrate for adhesive or mechanical application of expanded polystyrene (EPS) or extruded polystyrene insulation in EIFS applications and is recommended for all climate zones.

DensGlass Sheathing is a preferred gypsum substrate for EIFS by EIMA (the EIFS industry members association). DensGlass panels are treated with a primer coating in our exclusive GOLD color. This coating, developed especially for DensGlass Sheathing, has several important advantages for EIFS applications:

- Eliminates the need for sealer/primer with adhesively applied EIFS.
- Strengthens the bond between panel and surfacing insulation product.
- Makes the panel more resistant to surface water.
- 12-year limited warranty when used in an architecturally specified EIFS application (see www.gpgypsum.com for complete warranty information).
- Maximum framing spacing 16” (406 mm) o.c. for 1/2” (12.7 mm) and 24” (610 mm) o.c. for 5/8” (15.9 mm) DensGlass® Fireguard® Sheathing.

A. DensGlass Sheathing
B. Water Resistive/Air Barrier
C. Polystyrene Insulation
D. Reinforcing Mesh Embedded in Base Coat
E. Finish Coat

High Velocity Hurricane Zone (HVHZ)

The ability to withstand the destructive winds and the impact of various objects during a hurricane in a coastal area is key to the survival of any exterior cladding system. DensGlass Sheathing from Georgia-Pacific Gypsum helps BASF, Sto Corp, Dryvit, Parex Lahabra, Inc. and Fiberweb, Inc. systems pass the strict Miami-Dade County and Florida Building Code requirements for High Velocity Hurricane Zones (HVHZ). The systems were independently tested to determine the performance against specific criteria for impact resistance, air and water infiltration resistance and wind load resistance. For more information, please visit Miami Dade HVHZ: www.miamidade.gov/building/pc-search_app.asp or contact the system manufacturer.
# Fastening and Framing

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1. Only for mechanically attached claddings. When specified behind EIFS, maximum framing spacing for 1/2” (12.7 mm) DensGlass® Sheathing is 16” (406 mm) o.c.
2. Fastener spacing around the perimeter of the wall and along intermediate vertical framing members. To meet the racking shear strength listed in the physical properties table, fastener spacing is 4” (102 mm) o.c. around the perimeter of each panel and 8” (203 mm) o.c. along vertical framing members.
3. For racking strength resistance, apply panel edges parallel with framing spaced a maximum of 16” (406 mm) o.c. for both 1/2” (12.7 mm) and 5/8” (15.9 mm) DensGlass Sheathing.
4. Fire-rated assemblies may require additional fasteners, see specific assembly details.

### Fastener

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<td>1-1/4” (32 mm)</td>
<td>1-5/8” (41 mm)</td>
<td>Bugle head, rust-resistant, coarse thread sharp point screw</td>
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<td>1-1/4” (32 mm)</td>
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<td>1-1/2” (38 mm)</td>
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<td>11-gauge, galvanized nail</td>
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*For screws, meet or exceed ASTM C 1002 or C954. Contact fastener manufacturer for correct amount of corrosion resistance.

### Negative Uniform Wind Load

#### 5/8” (15.9 mm) DensGlass® Fireguard® Sheathing Horizontally Applied

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*Maximum load capacity (not design load) of the 5/8” (15.9 mm) DensGlass Fireguard Sheathing applied horizontally. Apply appropriate safety factor from the design method used to calculate design load. For example, a safety factor of 3 applied to an ultimate load of 127 psf (6.08 kPa) results in a design load of 42 psf (2.01 kPa).

#### 1/2” (12.7 mm) DensGlass Sheathing and 5/8” (15.9 mm) DensGlass Fireguard Sheathing Vertically or Horizontally Applied

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**Soffit Applications, Fastening, Framing and Finishing**

**Method #1**
Embed 2” (51 mm) wide fiberglass mesh tape in 90 minute gypsum setting type joint compound over all joints. Upon setting, apply a skim coat of setting compound over the panels to achieve a uniform, smooth finish over the entire area. Prime with exterior-grade primer and finish with two coats of exterior-grade paint.

**Method #2**
Apply a synthetic-type Direct Applied Finish System in accordance with the coating manufacturer’s recommendation.

**Special conditions for both methods:**
1. Control joints are recommended a maximum of 30 feet (9144 mm) or closer as specified by the design authority.
2. The roof must be dried in or protection from the elements must be provided prior to installing DensGlass Sheathing in horizontal applications to prevent moisture from ponding or settling on top of the sheathing panel or within the finished soffit.
3. Sandable setting compounds are not acceptable for use over DensGlass Sheathing in exterior soffit applications.

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Water- and Air-Resistive Barriers

Evolving codes, standards and programs are requiring the use of water and air resistive barriers. In most cases, these barriers are applied over the exterior sheathing. DensGlass® Sheathing has been widely accepted as a preferred substrate for all recognized types of water and air resistive barriers.

- Self-adhered sheet materials
- Fluid applied membranes
- Spray polyurethane foam (medium density closed cell)
- Mechanically attached flexible sheet (includes #15 asphalt felt and synthetic wraps)
- Boardstock air barrier – rigid foam core

For a list of Air Barrier materials, accessories and components see the Air Barrier Association of America (ABAA) website (www.airbarrier.org).

Where joint protection is required or desired, two methods may be used: **Method 1** Apply minimum 3/8” (9 mm) bead of sealant to joints and trowel to provide a layer approximately 2” (51 mm) wide by 1/16” (2 mm) thick spanning the joint. Use backer rod for openings larger than 1/8” (3 mm). **Method 2** Apply glass mesh joint tape to all joints, overlapping at intersections by the width of the tape. Apply approximately 3/8” (9 mm) bead of caulk along the joint. Embed the caulk into the entire surface of the tape with a trowel. Use backer rod for openings larger than 1/8” (3 mm). Follow manufacturer’s installation recommendations for use with DensGlass Sheathing, and design authority specifications.

*Note: Consult with local building code, design professional, owner or cladding manufacturer for water-resistive barrier requirements and compatibility with the wall cladding.*

Protection of Penetrations

All penetrations should be protected to prevent air and water infiltration. Follow building code, door/window manufacturer or design authority’s recommendations for flashing around openings, abutments to dissimilar materials and wall terminations.
Fire-Rated Assemblies

5/8" DensGlass® Fireguard® Sheathing is UL and ULC classified as Type DGG and is included in numerous assembly designs investigated by UL and ULC for hourly fire resistance ratings.

In addition, 5/8" DensGlass Fireguard Sheathing is classified as “Type X” in accordance with ASTM C 1177 and may replace 5/8" gypsum sheathing specified as Type X in generic fire-rated wall assemblies. Generic systems in the GA-600 Fire Resistance Design Manual are applicable to the products of any manufacturer, including Georgia-Pacific Gypsum, provided they meet certain standards set forth in such manual, such as Type X gypsum board per applicable ASTM standard with specified thickness and size described in the design. “Type X” as used in this technical guide designates gypsum board manufactured and tested in accordance with specific ASTM standards for increased fire resistance beyond regular gypsum board. Please consult the ASTM standard for the specific product (for example, ASTM C 1177 for glass mat gypsum substrate for use as sheathing for further information and significance of use.

Proprietary GA-600 Designs: Assemblies listed as proprietary in the GA-600 Fire Resistance Design Manual only list one product per manufacturer and may not include all products referenced in the illustrations below. Please consult the specified UL, ULC, cUL or other fire listing or test for a complete list of approved products.

The following design assemblies are for illustrative purposes only. Consult the appropriate fire resistance directory or test report for complete assembly information. For additional fire safety information concerning DensGlass Sheathing, visit www.buildgp.com/safetyinfo.

1-Hour Fire Rating
Design Reference: UL U305, U337, WHI 495-0702, GA WP 5515

30-34 STC Sound Trans.
Test Reference: OR 64-8
Wall Thickness: 4-7/8" (124 mm)
Weight per Sq. Ft.: 7.5 (37 Kg/m²)
Exterior: 5/8" (15.9 mm) DensGlass Fireguard® Sheathing applied vertically (U337, W301, U305) or horizontally (U305) to 2 x 4 wood studs 16" (406 mm) o.c. with 1-3/4" (45 mm) galvanized roofing nails 7" (178 mm) o.c. for all framing members. Exterior surface covered with weather exposed cladding or finish system.
Interior: 5/8" (15.9 mm) DensArmor Plus® Fireguard® interior panels or 5/8" (15.9 mm) ToughRock® Fireguard X™ applied vertically (U337, U305) or horizontally (U305) to studs with 1-7/8" (48 mm) 6d coated nails 7" (178 mm) o.c. Stagger joints each side.

1-Hour Fire Rating
Design Reference: UL U309, cUL U309, GA WP 3510

35-39 STC Sound Trans.
Test Reference: NGC 35-39
Wall Thickness: 4-7/8" (124 mm)
Weight per Sq. Ft.: 7.5 (37 Kg/m²)
Exterior: 5/8" (15.9 mm) DensGlass Fireguard Sheathing applied vertically or horizontally to 2 x 4 wood studs spaced 24" (610 mm) o.c. with 1-7/8" (48 mm) galvanized roofing nails 7" (178 mm) o.c.
Interior: 5/8" (15.9 mm) DensArmor Plus Fireguard or 5/8" (15.9 mm) ToughRock® Fireguard X™ to framing with 1-7/8" (48 mm) 6d coated nails 7" (178 mm) o.c. Stagger joints each side.

2-Hour Fire Rating
Design Reference: UL U301, cUL U301

40-44 STC Sound Trans.
Test Reference: NGC-2363
Wall Thickness: 6-1/8" (156 mm)
Weight per Sq. Ft.: 12.5 (61 Kg/m²)
Exterior: Two layers 5/8" (15.9 mm) DensGlass Fireguard Sheathing applied vertically or horizontally to 2 x 4 wood studs 16" (406 mm) o.c. Base layer attached with 1-7/8" (48 mm) galvanized roofing nails 16" (406 mm) o.c. Face layer attached with 2-3/8" (60 mm) galvanized roofing nails 8" (203 mm) o.c. Face layer attached with 2-3/8" (60 mm) galvanized roofing nails 8" (203 mm) o.c. Stagger joints between layers and on base layer of both sides.
Interior: Two layers 5/8" (15.9 mm) DensArmor Plus Fireguard or 5/8" (15.9 mm) ToughRock® Fireguard X™ applied horizontally or vertically to framing. Base layer attached with 1-7/8" (48 mm) 6d cement coated nails 6" (152 mm) o.c. Face layer attached with 2-3/8" (60 mm) 6d cement coated nails 8" (203 mm) o.c. Stagger joints between layers and on base layer of both sides. Sound tested with studs 16" (406 mm) o.c. and nails for base layer spaced 6" (152 mm) o.c.
### 2-Hour Fire Fire Rating
**Design Reference:** UL U302, cUL U302, GA WP 8410

**Wall Thickness:** 10-1/8” (257 mm)

**Exterior:** One layer 1/2” (12.7 mm) DensGlass Sheathing applied vertically or horizontally to studs with 1-3/4” (45 mm) galvanized roofing nails 6” (152 mm) o.c. Face layer is 2” x 4” x 8” (51 mm x 102 mm x 203 mm) clay brick with 1” (25 mm) air space between brick and exterior sheathing. 20-gauge (30 mils) galvanized wire ties attached to each stud with 8d coated nails as described above, located at every sixth course of bricks.

**Interior:** Two layers 5/8” (15.9 mm) DensArmor Plus Fireguard or 5/8” (15.9 mm) ToughRock® Fireguard X™ applied vertically or horizontally to 2 x 4 wood studs 16” (406 mm) o.c. Base layer attached with 1-7/8” (48 mm) 8d coated nails 8” (203 mm) o.c. Face layer attached with 2-3/8” (60 mm) coated nails 8” (203 mm) o.c.

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### Generic 2-Hour Fire Rating
**Design Reference:** UC 12-21-67, GA WP 8420

**Wall Thickness:** 8-5/8” (219 mm)

**Exterior:** Base layer 5/8” (15.9 mm) DensGlass® Fireguard® Sheathing retardant treated 2 x 6 wood studs 16” (406 mm) o.c. with 6d coated nails, 1-7/8” (48 mm) long, 0.0915” (2 mm) shank, 1/4” (6 mm) heads, 12” (305 mm) o.c. and covered with a single layer fire resistant protective weather retarder paper stapled along each edge at 16” (406 mm) o.c. Galvanized self-furring wire mesh applied over sheathing with 8d galvanized roofing nails, 2-3/8” (60 mm) long, 0.113” (3 mm) shank, 9/32” (7 mm) heads, 6” (152 mm) o.c. Cement-stucco applied over wire mesh in two 1/2” (12.7 mm) thick coats with bonding agent applied between coats.

**Interior:** Base layer 5/8” (15.9 mm) DensArmor Plus® Fireguard® or 5/8” (15.9 mm) ToughRock® Fireguard X™ applied vertically to studs with 6d coated nails, 1-7/8” (48 mm) long, 0.0915” (2 mm) shank, 1/4” (6 mm) heads, 12” (305 mm) o.c. Face layer 5/8” (15.9 mm) DensArmor Plus Fireguard or 5/8” (15.9 mm) ToughRock® Fireguard X™ applied horizontally to studs with 8d coated nails, 2-3/8” (60 mm) long, 0.113” (3 mm) shank, 9/32” (7 mm) heads, 8” (203 mm) o.c. at edges and 12” (305 mm) o.c. at intermediate studs.

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### 1-Hour Fire Rating
**Design Reference:** UL U465, cUL U465, GA WP 1081

**Wall Thickness:** 4-7/8” (124 mm)

**Weight per Sq. Ft.:** 6 psf (29 Kg/m²)

**Exterior:** 5/8” (15.9 mm) DensGlass Fireguard Sheathing applied vertically to min. 3-5/8” (92 mm) corrosion resistant 25-gauge (18 mils) steel studs 24” (610 mm) o.c. with 1” (25 mm) corrosion resistant bugle head screws 8” (203 mm) o.c. at board edges and 8” (203 mm) at intermediate studs.

**Interior:** 5/8” (15.9 mm) DensArmor Plus Fireguard or 5/8” (15.9 mm) ToughRock® Fireguard X™ applied vertically to framing with 1” (25 mm) Type S bugle head screws 8” (203 mm) o.c. at board edges and 12” (305 mm) at intermediate studs. Sound tested with 3” mineral fiber, 2.5 psf, in stud space.

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### 1-Hour Fire Rating
**Design Reference:** UL U425, cUL U425

**Wall Thickness:** 4-3/4” (121 mm)

**Weight per Sq. Ft.:** 6 psf (29 Kg/m²)

**Exterior:** 5/8” (15.9 mm) DensGlass® Sheathing applied vertically to min. 3-1/2” (89 mm) corrosion resistant 20-gauge (30 mils) steel studs 24” (610 mm) o.c. with 1” (25 mm) Type S corrosion resistant bugle head screws 8” (203 mm) o.c.

**Interior:** 5/8” (15.9 mm) DensArmor Plus Fireguard or 5/8” (15.9 mm) ToughRock® Fireguard X™ applied vertically to framing with 1” (25 mm) Type S bugle head screws 12”(305 mm) o.c. Insulation to completely fill stud cavity.
1-Hour Fire Rating
Design Reference: GA WP 8122

Partition Thickness: 6” – 7” (152 – 178 mm) Varies based on insulation thickness
Weight per Sq. Ft.: 7.0 (34 Kg/m²)
Exterior: 5/8” (15.9 mm) DensGlass® Fireguard® Sheathing applied vertically to 3-5/8” (92 mm) 18-gauge (43 mils) steel studs 24” (610 mm) o.c. with #6 x 1-1/4” (32 mm) self-drilling, corrosion-resistant, bugle head, drywall screws 8” (203 mm) o.c. at edges and ends and 8” (203 mm) o.c. at intermediate studs. Proprietary polymer modified exterior insulation and finish system applied over sheathing. 2” (51 mm) maximum foam-on-plastic thickness.
Interior: 5/8” (15.9 mm) ToughRock® Fireguard X™ or 5/8” (15.9 mm) DensArmor Plus® Fireguard gypsum board applied vertically to studs with #6 x 1-1/4” (32 mm) self-drilling, bugle head drywall screws 8” (203 mm) o.c. at edges and ends and 12” (305 mm) o.c. at intermediate studs.

1-Hour Fire Rating
Design Reference: GA WP 8123

Partition Thickness: 6” – 9” (152 – 229 mm) Varies based on insulation thickness
Weight per Sq. Ft.: 7.0 (34 Kg/m²)
Exterior: 5/8” (15.9 mm) DensGlass Fireguard Sheathing applied vertically to 3-5/8” (92 mm) 18-gauge (43 mils) steel studs 24” (610 mm) o.c. with #6 x 1-1/4” (32 mm) self-drilling, corrosion-resistant, bugle head, drywall screws 8” (203 mm) o.c. at edges and ends and 8” (203 mm) o.c. at intermediate studs. Polymer-based exterior insulation and finish system applied over sheathing. 4” (102 mm) maximum foam-on-plastic thickness.
Interior: One layer 5/8” (15.9 mm) ToughRock® Fireguard X™ or 5/8” (15.9 mm) DensArmor Plus Fireguard gypsum board applied vertically to studs with #6 x 1-1/4” (32 mm) self-drilling, bugle head drywall screws 8” (203 mm) o.c. at edges and ends and 12” (305 mm) o.c. at intermediate studs.

2-Hour Fire Rating
Design Reference: UL U425, cUL U425, GA WP 1716

40-44 STC Sound Trans.
Test Reference: NGC-2250
Wall Thickness: 6” (152 mm)
Weight per Sq. Ft.: 11.0 psf (54 Kg/m²)
Exterior: Two layers 5/8” (15.9 mm) DensGlass Fireguard Sheathing applied vertically to min. 3-1/2” (89 mm) corrosion resistant 20-gauge (30 mils) steel studs 24” (610 mm) o.c. Base layer attached with 1” (25 mm) Type S-12 corrosion resistant bugle head screws 8” (203 mm) o.c. Face layer attached with 1-5/8” (41 mm) Type S-12 corrosion resistant bugle head screws spaced 8” (203 mm) o.c. Joints staggered.
Interior: Two layers 5/8” (15.9 mm) DensArmor Plus Fireguard or 5/8” (15.9 mm) ToughRock® Fireguard X™ applied vertically to framing. Base layer attached with 1” (25 mm) Type S-12 bugle head screws 12” (305 mm) o.c. Face layer attached with 1-5/8” (41 mm) Type S-12 bugle head screws spaced 12” (305 mm) o.c. Joints staggered. Insulation to completely fill stud cavity. (Load Bearing: 80% of design load)

2-Hour Fire Rating
Design Reference: UL U411, cUL U411

50-54 STC Sound Trans.
Test Reference: WHI 218
Wall Thickness: 5” (127 mm)
Weight per Sq. Ft.: 11.0 (54 Kg/m²)
Exterior: Two layers 5/8” (15.9 mm) DensGlass Fireguard Sheathing applied vertically to min. 2-1/2” (64 mm) corrosion resistant 25-gauge (18 mils) steel studs 24” (610 mm) o.c. Base layer attached with 1” (25 mm) Type S corrosion resistant bugle head screws 16” (406 mm) o.c. Face layer attached with 1-5/8” (41 mm) Type S corrosion resistant bugle head screws spaced 8” (203 mm) o.c. Joints staggered.
Interior: Two layers 5/8” (15.9 mm) DensArmor Plus Fireguard or 5/8” (15.9 mm) ToughRock® Fireguard X™ applied vertically to framing. Base layer attached with 1” (25 mm) Type S bugle head screws 16” (406 mm) o.c. Face layer attached with 1-5/8” (41 mm) Type S bugle head screws spaced 16” (406 mm) o.c. in the field and along vertical edges and 12” (305 mm) o.c. to the floor and ceiling runners. Joints staggered. Batt or blanket insulation optional. Sound tested with 2-1/2” fiberglass insulation.
Delivery, Handling and Storage

All materials shall be delivered in original bundles bearing the brand name, if any; applicable standard designation; and name of the manufacturer or supplier for whom the product is manufactured. The plastic packaging used to wrap gypsum panel products for rail and/or truck shipment is intended to provide temporary protection from moisture exposure during transit only and is not intended to provide protection during storage after delivery. Such plastic packaging shall be removed immediately upon receipt of the shipment. **WARNING:** Failure to remove protective plastic shipping covers can result in condensation which can lead to damage, including mold.

All materials should be kept dry. Gypsum panel products shall be neatly stacked flat with care taken to prevent sagging or damage to edges, ends and surfaces. Gypsum panel products and accessories shall be properly supported on risers on a level platform, and fully protected from weather, direct sunlight exposure, and condensation. Gypsum panel products shall be stacked flat rather than on edge or end. **WARNING:** Gypsum panel products stacked on edge or end can be unstable and present a serious hazard in the workplace should they accidentally topple.

Refer to **Handling Gypsum Panel Products**, GA-801, for proper storage and handling requirements.


**Recommendations and Limitations for Use**

The following recommendations and limitations are important to ensure the proper use and benefits of DensGlass Sheathing. Failure to strictly adhere to such recommendations and limitations may void the limited warranty provided by Georgia-Pacific Gypsum for such product. For additional details, please go to www.gpgypsum.com and select DensGlass Sheathing for warranty information.

DensGlass® Sheathing is resistant to normal weather conditions, but it is not intended for immersion in water. Cascading roof/floor water should be directed away from the sheathing until appropriate drainage is installed.

Avoid any condition that will create moisture in the air and condensation on the exterior walls during periods when the exterior temperature is lower than the interior. The use of forced air heaters creates volumes of water vapor which, when not properly vented, can condense on building materials. The use of these heaters and any resulting damage is not the responsibility of Georgia-Pacific Gypsum. Consult heater manufacturer for proper use and ventilation.

When DensGlass Sheathing panels are used in slanted wall applications, that portion of the wall must be temporarily protected from the elements by the use of a water-resistant barrier prior to application of the cladding. Do not allow water to pond or settle on sheathing. Also, exposed wall ends such as those that may be found in parapets must be covered to prevent water from infiltrating the cavity.

Georgia-Pacific Gypsum does not warrant and is not responsible or liable for the performance of any cladding, coating, finishes, coverings or other materials or exterior systems applied over DensGlass Sheathing. The suitability and compatibility of any system is the responsibility of the system manufacturer or design authority.

Brackets to support heavy cladding such as tile and marble should not be installed over DensGlass Sheathing.

Do not laminate DensGlass Sheathing to masonry surfaces, use furring strips or framing.

DensGlass Sheathing is not intended for roof applications. For roof applications, consult our DensDeck® Roof Board brochure.

DensGlass Sheathing is not intended for interior or exterior tile applications. For interior tile applications, consult our DensShield® Tile Backer brochure.

DensGlass Sheathing should not be used in lieu of plywood where required.

Do not apply DensGlass Sheathing below grade.

For all installations, design details such as fasteners, sealants and control joints per system specifications must be properly installed. Openings and penetrations must be properly flashed and sealed. Failure to do so will void the warranty.

Do not use DensGlass Sheathing as a base for nailing or mechanical fastening. Fasteners should be flush to the face of the board, not countersunk.
### Commonly Used Metric Conversions

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<td>DensGlass® Sheathing</td>
<td>The original and universal standard of exterior gypsum sheathing offers superior weather resistance, with a 12-month weather exposure limited warranty. Look for the familiar GOLD color. GREENGUARD listed for microbial resistance.</td>
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<td>DensGlass® Shaftliner</td>
<td>These specially-designed panels are perfect for moisture-prone vertical or horizontal shafts, interior stairwells, and area separation wall assemblies. 12-month weather exposure limited warranty. GREENGUARD listed for microbial resistance.</td>
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<td>DensArmor Plus® Interior Panel</td>
<td>High-performance interior panel accelerates scheduling because it can be installed before the building is dried-in. 12-month weather exposure limited warranty. GREENGUARD and GREENGUARD Gold certified for low VOC emissions. Listed in CHPS® High Performance Product Database as a low emitting product. GREENGUARD listed for microbial resistance.</td>
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<td>DensArmor Plus® Abse-Resistant Interior Panel</td>
<td>With the same benefits as the DensArmor Plus® Interior Panel, these also offer added resistance to scuffs, abrasions and surface indentations; ideal for healthcare facilities and schools. GREENGUARD and GREENGUARD Gold certified for low VOC emissions. Listed in CHPS® High Performance Product Database as a low emitting product. GREENGUARD listed for microbial resistance.</td>
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<td>DensArmor Plus® Impact-Resistant Interior Panel</td>
<td>With even greater durability than abuse-resistant panels, these have an embedded impact-resistant mesh for the ultimate resistance in high traffic areas; ideal for healthcare facilities, schools, and correctional institutions. GREENGUARD and GREENGUARD Gold certified for low VOC emissions. Listed in CHPS® High Performance Product Database as a low emitting product. GREENGUARD listed for microbial resistance.</td>
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