EXPERTISE IN DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION

Our Commitment to Your Safety

USG Boral places safety in the highest regard. We strive to ensure safety for all our customers, from those who specify our products to those who build with our products, as well as those who live and work in environments where our products are assured. The design and installation of our fire-rated systems are all in accordance with our manufacturer’s instructions, and are strictly installed in accordance to relevant test standards.

Fire Regulation

The major concern when it comes to safeguarding lives against a catastrophic fire is the level of fire protection and the effectiveness of these protective measures.

Traditionally, designers follow a set of prescriptive Fire Code requirements in applying the required fire protection for a building. However, in recent years, performance-based fire safety engineering has gained popularity among designers, especially for big and complex buildings where more a cost-centric approach is required.

The table below shows the objectives and means of performance-based fire safety engineering:

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<td>To limit the risks of fire extension and consequences</td>
<td>Classification of construction products and systems</td>
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**FIRE-RATED PARTITIONS**

**Fire Safety Engineering**
USG Boral’s most commonly used fire-rated systems can be easily used in accordance with the performance-based principles of fire safety engineering. Our systems are tested and can be referenced across some of the most prestigious projects world-wide.

USG Boral’s technical gypsum board portfolio can be utilized as shown for a one-stop solution.

**Refuge Areas/Floors**
Fire engineers and designers often put in refuge areas to limit flame and smoke spread to protect lives or critical equipment. The area of refuge is set aside for situations when evacuation may not be possible or is otherwise unsafe.

For example, patients in a hospital may not be able to use a stairwell to exit the building when there is a fire. People can wait in the area of refuge safely until rescued by firefighters or emergency rescue teams. This area may also have the name “area of rescue assistance.”

The fire ratings in these floors are higher than usual and typically incorporate fire-rated ceilings or have fire corridor systems.
FIRE-RESISTANT GYPSUM BOARD

Protecting What’s Most Valuable to You

Features and Benefits: Fire-Resistant Gypsum Board

The gypsum that makes the core of USG Boral’s FireStop® Gypsum Board portfolio is specially formulated to resist the dehydration by heat in the event of a fire.

The non-combustible gypsum board core is tested to various standards such as British, American or European standards for the products and systems that provide minimum periods of fire resistance.

Application: Fire Resistance

The concept of fire resistance is the ability of a structure to maintain its structural capability and prevent the spread of flames or heat when exposed to fire conditions.

USG Boral’s fire-rated gypsum board portfolio and systems are tested to:

Non-combustibility, surface-burning characteristics:
- BS 476 : Part 4.6 and 7
- EN 13501-1
- ASTM C1396

System performance for 30 minutes and up to 4 hours:
- BS 476 : Part 22
- EN 13501-2
- ASTM E119

Fire compartmentation is a concept where the spread of fire within a building is restricted by partitioning walls or floors with fire resisting walls or ceilings. These partitions can also deter the spread of smoke which allows for a safe mode of escape during an emergency.
FIRE-RATED SYSTEMS

1-hour Fire-Rated Steel Stud - Vertical Fixing

- Top track
- C-studs @ 600mm max ctrs
- Acoustic insulation if required
- 1 layer of 16mm USG Boral FireStop® of WetStop + FireStop™ on each face
- Bottom track
- Do not fasten gypsum board to top and bottom track
- Tape and set joints to external layers only
- Vertical and horizontal joints to be staggered with adjacent and opposite boards
- Fasteners spaced at 300mm in field and at 200mm on the edges of the gypsum board
- Fasteners 10-16mm from edge of sheet

2-hour Fire-Rated Steel Stud - Vertical Fixing

- Top track
- C-studs @ 600mm max ctrs
- Acoustic insulation if required
- Stagger joints in layers
- 2 layers of 12.5mm USG Boral FireStop® of WetStop + FireStop™ on each face
- Bottom track
- Do not fasten gypsum board to top and bottom track
- Tape and set joints to external layers only
- Vertical and horizontal joints to be staggered with adjacent and opposite boards
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**Notes:**
- Limiting Heights shown are the lesser of Fire Height (f) without pressure, and Structural Limiting Height (in a non fire environment) at 0.25kPa governed by Deflection l/240 (d), Strength (s) or End Reaction (r). End reaction refers to the manner in which the stud is retained in the top and bottom track i.e. friction fit or rigidly fixed.
- Mid-span nogging is recommended for erection purposes in walls higher than 3600mm.
- Use of rock wool is optional for fire-rated partitions shown.
**FIRE-RATED SYSTEMS**

### 1-hour Fire-Rated Ceiling

- **USG Boral Suspension Clip (adjustable)**
- **USG Boral Main Runner @ 1200mm max ctrs**
- **USG Boral Joiner Clip**
- **USG Boral Suspension Rods @ 1200mm max ctrs**
- **End joints formed on furring channels, otherwise end joints on first layer must be back-blocked. Where applicable, end joints of second layer should be screw laminated to previous layer @ 200mm max ctrs**

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- **USG Boral Furring Channel @ 600mm max ctrs**
- **Tape and finish face layer only with USG Boral Jointing System**
- **Screw 10mm - 16mm from edges**

### 2-hour Fire-Rated Ceiling

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- **4 layers of USG Boral FireStop® (upper 2 layers transverse to roof or floor framing plus lower 2 layers running transverse to upper layers fixed in a secondary system of Furring Channels @ 600mm max ctrs). All sheets staggered min 200mm between layers**

**Gypsum Board fasteners**
- to be 200mm max ctrs in field and 150mm max ctrs at seat ends and butt joints (staggered)

All joints staggered min 200mm

Screw 10mm - 16mm from edges
ACOUSTIC GYPSUM BOARD

Acoustics that Enhance the Quality of Life

Features and Benefits: Acoustic Gypsum Board

Lightweight partition systems, made from acoustically enhanced gypsum boards have consistently proved to be excellent solutions to mask unwanted noise from an adjacent space.

The acoustically engineered systems exceed mass law predictions that demonstrate that adding mass is not the most economical answer to effective sound isolation.

Application: Acoustic Design

In recent years, multiple studies have proven that speech intelligibility is recognized as contributing factor in helping students achieve their full potential\(^1\). Hospitals and health centers also benefit from an acoustically well-designed environment to enhance rest and recovery.

In order to provide the best acoustic performances, USG Boral’s ArtSound™ Gypsum Board is specially designed to have sound absorption of up to NRC 0.7 as tested according to ASTM 423.

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\(^1\) Bradley, J.S., Oct 1986. Speech Intelligibility Studies in Classrooms

\(^2\) Masson, F.N et al. Sept 2016, Intelligibility in a Classroom : Coupling effects between outdoor noise and room acoustic response
MOISTURE-RESISTANT GYPSUM BOARD

Keeping You Dry and Comfortable

Application of the made-for-purpose moisture-resistant gypsum board in a bathroom ensures peace of mind when it comes to performance and comfort.

Features and Benefits: Moisture-Resistant Gypsum Board

USG Boral’s Moisture-Resistant Gypsum Board are manufactured to stringent requirements that repel moisture. The water-resistant core is formulated with water repellent additives and encased in specified moisture-resistant face and back liner papers.

These boards are also produced in fire-rated wet area formulations and form robust wet area systems when installed according to USG Boral Installation Manual. Ceramic tiles and natural marble, weighing up to 32 kg/sqm, may be directly adhered onto the USG Boral WetStop™ Gypsum Board.

Wet area gypsum boards are also available in fire-rated formulation known as USG Boral WetStop + FireStop™.

Application: Wet Area Design

Most building codes³ dictate that areas within a building, which are exposed to moisture such as laundries, pantries, kitchens, showers and sanitary compartments, should be constructed with building elements that are waterproof or water-resistant. USG Boral’s range of Moisture-Resistant Gypsum Board is designed to perform to these building codes and ensure appropriate protection against dampness.

³ AS 3740 : Waterproofing of Wet Areas within Residential Building
ABUSE-RESISTANT GYPSUM BOARD

Robustness and Extraordinary Lifespan

Some partitions have to be stronger and more durable than others, like this hospital corridor lined with USG Boral’s abuse-resistant gypsum board.

Features and Benefits: Abuse-Resistant Gypsum Board

Impact resistance on walls typically takes into account collisions in the form of soft body, abrasive and hard body under the BS 5234 and ASTM C1629 tests. USG Boral’s MultiStop™ and ImpactStop® Gypsum Board range from heavy duty systems that not only achieve heavy to severe duty performance, but can also be engineered to resist damage from door slamming and heavyweight anchorages of wash basins.

Application: Resisting Crowd Pressure

USG Boral Abuse-Resistant Gypsum Board can be used in areas such as corridors where a solid partition is desired as shown in the table below:

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<td>Medium</td>
<td>• Business offices</td>
<td>• Some chance of accident and misuse&lt;br&gt;• Spaces are moderately used&lt;br&gt;• Persons exercise some care</td>
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<td>Heavy</td>
<td>• Industrial areas&lt;br&gt;• Light to medium crowd traffic</td>
<td>• Some chance of accident and misuse&lt;br&gt;• Chance of accident or misuse occurring&lt;br&gt;• Area is highly used&lt;br&gt;• Persons exercise minimal care</td>
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<td>Severe</td>
<td>• Heavy industrial areas&lt;br&gt;• High traffic public areas</td>
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