

# SHEETROCK® Primer



## For uniform concealment of substrate

- Excellent hiding properties.
- Use on new drywall, concrete, plaster, and previously painted surfaces.
- Dries to a white color in 60 minutes.
- Vinyl acrylic latex based.

## Description

SHEETROCK® Primer is a vinyl acrylic latex based primer for application over new drywall, concrete, and previously painted surfaces. Excellent hiding properties uniformly conceal the substrate. Dries to a white color in approximately 60 minutes.

## Directions

### Surface Preparation

Substrate must be sound, dry, clean, and free of oil, grease, mildew, and efflorescence. Product, air, and surface temperatures must be maintained at a minimum of 55 °F (13 °C) throughout the finishing process.

**Drywall:** Treat all joints, fasteners, and accessories with a recommended SHEETROCK® Joint Treatment System. The minimum level of joint finish should meet or exceed the level finish recommended for the selected decoration. Refer to Gypsum Association GA-214-96 titled "Recommended Levels of Gypsum Board Finish."

**Concrete:** Concrete surfaces should age at least 60 days before finishing. Remove all form oils and efflorescence and grind down form lines. Fill cracks and holes and level concrete surfaces with SHEETROCK® Setting-Type Joint Compound (DURABOND® or EASY SAND™) or COVER COAT® Compound and let dry.

**Painted Surface:** Lightly sand to dull any sheen and develop "tooth" for good bond. Wash surface with a strong detergent from the bottom up to remove any dust, dirt, or sheen. Follow manufacturer directions on the detergent container. Rinse thoroughly and let dry.

### Mixing

SHEETROCK Primer is ready to use right out of the container. However, if thinning is necessary, add up to 4 ounces of water per gallon of primer. Stir gently to avoid over-agitation. Overthinning will reduce performance.

## Application

Apply a full coverage coat. Maintain 55 °F (13 °C) minimum product, air, and surface temperatures during application and until surface is dry.

**Brush:** Use a high-quality, professional paintbrush for latex paint.

**Roller:** Use a high-quality professional roller and cover with a 1/4" to 1/2" nap for smooth and semismooth surfaces.

**Airless Spray:** Use professional equipment that meets or exceeds the following rating when spraying through 50 ft. of 1/4" i.d. high-pressure hose: output at least 3/4 gallon per minute; pump pressure rated at 2700-3000 psi; and accommodates a 0.021" spray tip at 2000 psi. GRACO ULTRA II™ or ULTRA PLUS™ models 1500, 1000, and 750 are approved airless pumping equipment. Use a 30 or 60 mesh filter located in the high-pressure manifold. Use a GRACO REVERSE-A-CLEAN™ spray gun or equivalent that accommodates RAC IV 517 (0.017"), RAC IV 519 (0.019"), or RAC IV 521 (0.021") tip.

### Drying Time

Dries to the touch in approximately 60 minutes under normal drying conditions (77 °F/50% r.h.). Let dry before recoating. High humidity and/or cold temperature will slow drying.

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| Coverage | Approximately 250-450 ft. <sup>2</sup> per gallon. Coverage should be considered only an estimate. Actual coverage can vary depending on factors such as substrate surface condition, product dilution, spray techniques, procedures, coating uniformity, and thickness. |
| Cleanup  | Wipe up drips and spills immediately with damp cloth. Clean tools with warm soapy water. Close container after each use.                                                                                                                                                 |

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**WARNING**  
Spraying mist or dust created from product may cause eye, skin, nose, throat, or upper respiratory irritation. Use in a well ventilated area. Wear a NIOSH/MSHA-approved respirator when dusty or misty, or if spray applying. Use proper ventilation to reduce mist/dust exposure. Prolonged and repeated exposure to respirable crystalline silica may cause lung disease. Wear eye protection. If eye contact occurs, flush thoroughly with water for 15 minutes. If irritation persists, consult physician. Wear long-sleeved work clothing to prevent skin irritation. Wash thoroughly with soap and water after use. Keep container closed when not in use. Do not ingest. If ingested, call physician. Product safety information: (800) 507-8899.  
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