

PLASTERBOARDS

Health & Safety Data sheet

1. IDENTIFICATION OF THE SUBSTANCE OR PREPARATION AND COMPANY

Lafarge Acoustic Homespan
Lafarge Baseboard
Lafarge Contour Wallboard
Lafarge dBcheck Wallboard
Lafarge Echeck Wallboard
Lafarge Firecheck Wallboard
Lafarge Firecheck Coreboard
Lafarge Fresco Wallboard
Lafarge Hydrodeco Wallboard
Lafarge Lath
Lafarge Megadeco Wallboard
Lafarge Moisturecheck Wallboard
Lafarge Moisture Resistant Firecheck
Lafarge Plank
Lafarge Predeco Wallboard
Lafarge Standard Wallboard
Lafarge Toughcheck Wallboard
Lafarge Vapourcheck Baseboard
Lafarge Vapourcheck Wallboard

Supplier

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2. COMPOSITION/ INFORMATION OF INGREDIENTS

General composition:

Plasterboard: Calcium sulphate dehydrates encased within paper liners. Additionally nominal amounts of additives such as: starch, foaming agent and dispersants.
dBcheck and Contour: also contains some glass fibre.
Firecheck, Megadeco, Fresco and Firecheck Coreboard: also contains some glass fibre and vermiculite.
Moisturecheck, Hydrodeco, Moisture Resistant Firecheck and Firecheck Coreboard: also contains some wax.
Vapourcheck wallboards: are back with a metalised polyester film.

3. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

These products are defined as non-hazardous under CHIP 2000.
Sawing and sanding of plasterboard will generate gypsum dust, which may irritate skin, eyes and the respiratory system.

4. FIRST AID MEASURES

Inhalation:
Remove person to fresh air.

Skin contact:
Using clean water rinse and then wash using soap & water.

Eye contact:
Wash with clean water and seek medical advise if irritation occurs.

Ingestion:
Wash out mouth and drink plenty of clean water.

Please note:
Should any symptoms persist obtain medical assistance.

5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

Plasterboard has limited combustibility; however paper facings and packaging may burn.

All standard fire extinguishers are suitable, using normal fire fighting procedures.

6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Prevent these products from contaminating drains, watercourses, ground or soil.

7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

When manually handling plasterboards, consideration of the correct manual handling technique to limit risk, according to the Manual Handling Operations Regulations 1992.

Plasterboard is supplied shrink wrapped on a bearer support system. Packs should be moved using a folk lift truck or hydraulic trolley, care should be taken to ensure that the machinery is safely capable such movements and that the operator is trained and competent.

Plasterboard should be stored in dry flat conditions, if supported on bearers these should not exceed 450mm maximum centres.

Plasterboard is not a suitable product to be used as a platform or deck, it will not support body weight and therefore it is important that installers use an independent support mechanism.

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8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/ PERSONAL PROTECTION

Weights defined for reference

Occupational Exposure Limits

<u>Occupational Exposure Standard (OES)</u>		
Substance	Total inhalable	Total respirable
Gypsum	10 mg/m ³	4 mg/m ³
Limestone	10 mg/m ³	4 mg/m ³

<u>Maximum Exposure Limit (MEL)</u>	
Substance	MEL
Quartz	0.3 mg/m ³
Man Made Mineral Fibre	5 mg/m ³

Note: Based on 8 hour TWA period.

Personal protection

Respiratory:
Area should have adequate ventilation and dust extraction, if not a half face mask to EN 149 Class FFP1S should be used.

Eye:
Safety goggles to BS EN 166 2A5 are recommended when dust is likely to occur.

Skin:
Wear overalls and suitable clothing to avoid repeated skin contact.

Hands:
To limit the effect where protective gloves, a barrier cream can also be applied.

9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance

Paper faced flat sheet that are available in a range of thicknesses, widths and lengths, with edge profiles being either square or taper edged.
Paper colour varies depending on board type.

Board Type	Thickness mm	Weight Kgs/m ²
Acoustic Homespan	15	12.5 – 12.9
Baseboard	9.5	6.3 – 7.0
Contour	6	5.4 – 6.0
dBcheck	12.5	10.2 – 10.7
dBcheck	15	12.5 – 13.1
Echeck	12.5	10.0 – 10.5
Firecheck	12.5	10.0 – 10.4
Firecheck	15	12.0 – 12.8
F/C Coreboard	25	21.3 – 21.7
Fresco	15	12.0 – 12.8
Hydrodeco	12.5	11.5 – 11.8
Lath	9.5	6.3 – 7.0
Lath	12.5	8.4 – 9.3
Megadeco	12.5	10.7 – 11.3
Megadeco	15	12.7 – 13.3
Moisturecheck	12.5	8.0 – 8.7
Moisturecheck	15	9.6 – 10.4
M R Firecheck	12.5	10.0 – 10.4
M R Firecheck	15	12.0 – 12.8
Plank	19	13.6 – 14.0
Predeco	9.5	6.0 – 7.0
Predeco	12.5	8.0 – 8.7
Predeco	15	9.8 – 11.0
Standard	9.5	6.0 – 7.0
Standard	12.5	8.0 – 8.7
Standard	15	9.8 – 11.0
Toughcheck	12.5	12.0 – 13.0
V/C Baseboard	9.5	6.3 – 7.0
V/C Wallboard	9.5	6.0 – 7.0
V/C Wallboard	12.5	8.0 – 8.7
V/C Wallboard	15	9.8 – 11.0

10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Stable and non reactive with other building materials.

11. TOXICOLOGICAL EFFECTS

No known toxicological effects

12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Stable product with no known adverse effect

13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Authorised landfill site in accordance with current Waste Management Licensing Regulations.

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14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

Not classified as hazardous for transport.

15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

Products are not classified as hazardous under:

Occupational Exposure Limits EH40

Control of substances Hazardous to Health (COSHH) Regulations 2002

16. OTHER INFORMATION

This product is only intended for use as defined within current Lafarge Plasterboard Limited literature, please contact our Technical Enquiryline for further information.

This data sheet does not replace the users' own work place risk assessment.

This safety data sheet:

The user should be satisfied that the information data sheet is the current version, to confirm please telephone Lafarge Technical Enquiryline.

Based on our current best of knowledge and is intended to define our products with regards to the health and safety position. It is not intended for the purpose of precise product specification or warranty.