



# Technical Bulletin

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## DAP® Lightweight Wallboard Joint Compound – Ready to Use

- Shrinks less
- Saves time
- Sands easily

**Packaging:** 1 Gallon Tub (3.78 L)  
**Color:** White  
**UPC Numbers:** 7079810114

### Company Identification:

**Manufacturer:** DAP Products Inc., 2400 Boston St., Ste. 200, Baltimore, Maryland 21224  
**Usage Information:** Call 1-888-DAP-TIPS or visit [dap.com](http://dap.com) & click on "Ask the Expert"  
**Order Information:** 800-327-3339  
**Fax Number:** 410-534-2650

### Product Description:

DAP® Lightweight Joint Compound is a ready-to-use lightweight joint compound for smooth, high quality finishing of gypsum panel joints, nailheads and metal corner beads. It shrinks less, so it requires fewer coats than other joint compounds. It works faster with less effort and weighs up to 30% less than conventional compounds for easier handling.

### Suggested Uses:

For smooth, high quality finishing of gypsum panel joints, nailheads and metal corner beads.

### Surface Preparation & Application:

1. Prepare surface by recessing nails or screws into panels 1/32".
2. Fill the space between panels with DAP® Lightweight Wallboard Joint Compound.
3. Center wallboard joint tape over joint and press into fresh compound with a 5" application knife.
4. Remove excess and cover embedded tape with a thin layer of compound.
5. Apply compound to all nailheads and spread smooth with long strokes parallel to joint.
6. After compound dries, smooth uneven areas with a damp sponge.
7. Apply a second coat of joint compound with a 10" knife along joints and over nailheads, smoothing out 2" beyond first coat. Smooth uneven areas with damp sponge again after the compound has dried.
8. If necessary, apply a thin finish coat of compound over joints, smoothing out 2" beyond second coat.
9. **To finish inside corners**, apply joint compound to both sides of corner, fold tape along center crease and press into position. Embed tape with a 5" knife or inside corner trowel and apply a thin coat of compound over tape. After compound has dried, smooth uneven areas with a damp sponge and apply a second coat of compound over one side only. Let dry and then cover the other side.

10. **To finish outside corners**, fasten metal corner bead and apply first coat of compound smoothing onto panel surface 4” to 6”. Allow compound to dry and smooth uneven areas with a damp sponge. Apply 2 more coats in same manner.
11. For a textured finish, apply ample amount of DAP® Lightweight Wallboard Joint Compound with a paint brush or roller. If desired, texture surface immediately using paint rollers, a sponge, stiff bristled brush or even crumpled paper, depending on desired effect. Allow compound to dry thoroughly before decorating or painting.

***For Best Results:***

- *Allow approximately 24 hours between applications before decorating.*
- *Allow compound to dry before sanding.*
- *Wiping while wet may leave unwanted smears. For best results, wet sand uneven areas with a damp sponge after joint compound has dried.*

**Physical & Chemical Characteristics:**

Vehicle:	Latex Emulsion
Volatile:	Water
Filler:	Expanded Silicate
Odor:	Mild
Weight/Gallon:	10.0 +/- 0.5 lbs.
Solids:	50-52%
Application Temperature:	50°F Minimum
Service Temperature:	-20° F to 120°F
Shelf Life:	6 Months
Freezing:	Protect from freezing
Drying Time:	24 hours
Coverage:	1 gallon finishes approximately 30-40 linear feet when applied as a skim coat.
MSDS No.:	00079967001

**Clean Up & Storage:**

Wash tools immediately after use with soapy water. Be sure container is closed and tightly sealed. Store in a cool, dry place.

**Safety:**

See product label and Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) for safety information. You can request an MSDS by visiting our website at [dap.com](http://dap.com) or by calling 1-888-DAP-TIPS.

**Satisfaction Guaranteed:**

If you are not completely satisfied with this product’s performance when used as directed, return the sales receipt and used container to DAP Inc., Technical Customer Service, 2400 Boston St., Baltimore, MD 21224 for product replacement or sales price refund. DAP will not be liable for incidental or consequential damages.

