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### **Product Compatibility Statement.**

Each of the three main UK gypsum plaster and plasterboard manufacturers, British Gypsum, Knauf and Etex Building Performance, agree the following statement through the offices of their trade association the Gypsum Products Development Association. This statement refers to the compatibility of gypsum based finishing products from one or more of the above manufacturers.

For the purposes of preparation for decoration, gypsum based finishing products (e.g. jointing compounds and finishing plasters) can be applied to the front face of plasterboard manufactured in accordance with BS EN 520 2004 A1+ 2009, provided the products are manufactured in accordance with the current, relevant standard, e.g. Finishing Plaster – BSEN 13279-1: 2008. Jointing Materials – BSEN 13963:2014, except where:

- (1) colour matching is required between plasterboard and jointing.
- (2) required by the manufacturer, Moisture Resistant plasterboard variants need to be primed prior to plastering.
- (3) specific finishing materials are required by the system warranty provider to maintain or achieve the system performances, for example, fire resistance and acoustic insulation.

Refer to the relevant manufacturer for specific information in each of the three stated situations.

#### **The following points should be noted when referring to the above:-**

- Products supplied by companies other than the companies listed above are not covered by this statement.
- The supplier of each product used must have indicated (either on the product or in product literature) that it is suitable for the purpose for which it is intended and that it conforms with any relevant British and European standards.
- Workmanship should be in strict accordance with any current relevant Code of Practice, Building Regulations and manufacturers' literature.
- This statement only applies to products manufactured in Great Britain (or produced by the three manufacturers with the same specification and imported for use in that market) and fixed in Great Britain.

#### **GPDA**

The role of the Gypsum Products Development Association (GPDA) is to develop and encourage the understanding of gypsum based building materials and systems. The Association provides a cohesive package of advice and information on all developments affecting the gypsum industry, and communicates it to all aspects of the construction industry. Issues include the latest technical and product developments as well as training opportunities in the industry. Please check that you have the latest versions of our guidance notes by visiting [www.gpda.com](http://www.gpda.com) or email us on [office@gpda.com](mailto:office@gpda.com)