

TEST REPORT



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PRODUCT EVALUATED: PlasterMax-IND
EVALUATION PROPERTY: Physical Properties

Report of PlasterMax-IND for compliance with selected requirements of the following criteria: ASTM C 587-04 *Standard Specification for Gypsum Veneer Plaster*

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2 Introduction

Intertek Testing Services NA Ltd. (Intertek) has conducted a testing evaluation for GigaCrete Inc. on a veneer plaster product. The evaluation was carried out to determine whether the material would comply with selected requirements of ASTM C 587-04 *Standard Specification for Gypsum Veneer Plaster*. This evaluation was completed during the months of February and March 2008.

3 Test Samples

3.1. SAMPLE SELECTION

Intertek representative, John Mulder, witnessed the mix of the veneer plaster components and randomly selected the final product on January 4 and 11, 2008 at GigaCrete Inc., 6775 Speedway Blvd, Suite M105, Las Vegas, Nevada. GigaCrete representative, Rick Phillips, applied the product at the Evaluation Center on February 12-13, 2008 as witnessed by Baldeep Sandhu, Intertek technical personnel. The material was selected in accordance with recognized independent sampling procedures.

3.2. SAMPLE AND ASSEMBLY DESCRIPTION

PlasterMax-IND is a decorative interior plaster coating that provides a protective finish over gypsum-based drywall. The PlasterMax-IND was applied to ½ in. veneer gypsum board using a trowel to a thickness of 1/8 in. of PlasterMax-IND material.

4 Testing and Evaluation Methods

4.1. CONDITIONING

Before testing, the test specimen materials were held in standard laboratory conditions for at least 21 days at a temperature of $23 \pm 2^{\circ}\text{C}$ and relative humidity of $50 \pm 5\%$.

4.2. JOINT STRENGTH

The requirement for this testing is specified in Section 4.1 of ASTM C 587-04. Two 8 in. x 12 in. (200 mm x 300 mm) pieces of gypsum base were cut for each specimen to be tested. With the two pieces of gypsum base face down with the paper-bound edges forming a joint a piece of pregummed tape was applied over the joint. The sample was then turned face up and drywall tape and drywall compound was applied along the tapered edges, allowed to dry and a second application was put on. Once cured, a 1/8 in. layer of PlasterMax-IND was applied to the test specimens. Flexural strength was tested in accordance with Test Methods ASTM C 473 Method B, with the load applied parallel to and directly over the back of the joint. The mean breaking load in pound force was reported.

5 Testing and Evaluation Results

5.1. RESULTS AND OBSERVATIONS

The product test results, together with the applicable requirements of ASTM C 587-04 are shown in Table 1 below (refer to Appendix A for a full set of test results).

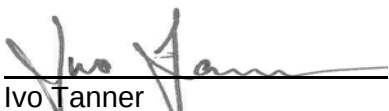
Table 1. PlasterMax-IND Physical Properties			
Property	Test Result	Requirement	Pass/Fail
Mean Joint Strength, lbf	41	Parallel to surface load not less than 36	Pass

6 Conclusion

The PlasterMax-IND product identified and evaluated in this report shown the physical properties as outlined in Section 5 of this report when tested in accordance with the selected requirements of ASTM C 587-04 *Standard Specification for Gypsum Veneer Plaster*.

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APPENDIX A: Test Data (1 page)



Test: **Joint Strength**
Date: 10-Mar-08
Client: GigaCrete Inc.
Product: PlasterMax IND over 1/2"Gypsum Veneer Base
Specimen Size: 12 x 16 in. (300 x 400 mm)
Test Method(s): ASTM C 587-04 Standard Specification for Gypsum Veneer Plaster
ASTM C 473-06 Standard Test Methods for Physical Testing of Gypsum Panel Products (Method B)
Equipment: Instron 8516 (Intertek ID D2651; Cal Due July 2008)
Test Speed: 1 in./min. (25 mm/min.)
Span: 14 in. (356 mm)
Product Thickness: 1/8" Thickness PlasterMax IND

Specimen	Breaking Load (lbf)	Breaking Load (N)
1	48	215
2	41	181
3	35	156
Mean	41	184
Sdev	7	29
Cov	16%	16%

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