

## GTEK™ COMPOUND TECHNICAL SHEET

GTEK™ All Purpose Lightweight is a lightweight compound that can be used as a base coat or as a topping compound and is suitable for hand or machine application. Specially formulated, it has a smooth base for ease of handling and is crack resistant with strong tape adhesion qualities. Joint finishing is fast, easy and smooth, reducing labour costs and improving the appearance and quality of any plastering job.

### GTEK™ All Purpose Lightweight

- ▶ Pre mixed and ready to use
- ▶ Suitable for hand or machine application
- ▶ Sands easily with low shrinkage
- ▶ Excellent tape adhesion
- ▶ Available in 17kg and 20kg buckets
- ▶ Complies with AS 2589
- ▶ Complies with ASTM C475



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### Preparation

Stir contents lightly, if necessary to achieve consistency. If liquid has separated from the compound, stir thoroughly to desired consistency. Use directly from the container when covering embedded fasteners, corner beads and trim. If necessary, add 250ml of water, remix gently and apply. Do not add any other material. Keep container covered when not in use.

### Application / By Machine

Fill the recess evenly with All Purpose Lightweight. Apply a second coat using a 200mm finishing box and apply a topping coat if required using a 300mm finishing box ensuring 24 hours drying time between coats.

### By Hand / First Coat

Fill the recesses evenly with All Purpose Lightweight. Bed the paper tape in the middle of the joint and cover lightly with the compound. Bed in paper tape to all butt joints and corners and ensure all metal beads and fasteners are covered. Allow All Purpose Lightweight to dry for at least 24 hours.

### Second Coat

Apply a 2nd coat of All Purpose Lightweight the recessed edge joints to a width of 180mm, butt joints to a width of 400mm and metal corner beads to a width of 200mm.

Ensure all fasteners heads are covered and allow 24 hours to dry.

### Final Coat

Apply a final thin coat of All Purpose Lightweight wide enough to conceal the previously coated joint. Soften the edges of the final coat with a damp brush and then feather the edges with a trowel.

Add the final coat to all joints except where tiles will be applied. Cover the previously coated fastener heads overlapping by 25mm. It is important that sufficient compound remains under the tape to ensure good bond of the tape to the board surface. Allow All Purpose Lightweight to dry for at least 24 hours and sand smooth using 180 grit sandpaper.

