

# MARCO® SPARK·PERF®

## DRYWALL JOINT TAPE

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Contractor \_\_\_\_\_

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### PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

Marco® Spark-Perf® Drywall Joint Tape is a paper tape designed for use with joint compound to reinforce gypsum board joints and corners prior to painting, texturing or wallpapering.

### FEATURES AND BENEFITS

- Tape is manufactured from a special fibred paper with added tensile strength to help prevent tearing, wrinkling or stretching.
- Joint tape is available in three styles: Non Spark (no perforations), Spark-Perf or Slotted perforations, which helps to prevent blistering.
- Tape is roughened on both sides for superior bonding and holding power.
- Tape has precision-matched centre crease for easy and accurate corner applications.
- Designed for use with all quality joint and taping compounds available on the market today.
- GREENGUARD Gold Certified.

### STORAGE

Tape should always be stored in closed cartons at normal room temperatures in an enclosed dry area.

### ENVIRONMENTAL LIMITATIONS

When applying drywall joint tape, follow the printed recommendations of the compound manufacturer. Apply tape only within their recommended minimum and maximum temperature range. Adequate ventilation is required to avoid any excess moisture.

### WORKING WITH THE PRODUCT

#### APPLICATION

Designed to be used by both hand and automatic tool applications.

Install gypsum board by following the published Installation Guide. Follow the printed instructions on the joint compound container for mixing and use of compound prior to and during the tape application.

For hand taping, apply a first coat of joint compound over the joint with a four-inch knife. Press the joint tape firmly into the compound by pressing the knife over the tape. Squeeze out excess compound, making sure that there is enough joint compound under the tape to ensure a good bond. Allow each coat to dry thoroughly before applying the next coat. If the tape does lift along the edges after drying, simply cut out the affected area in the shape of a canoe before applying the next coat. If the tape lifts in the centre, tear out the affected area and re-tape. Apply a second and third coat, ensuring that all joints and fasteners are completely concealed by feathering each subsequent coat beyond the last. Sand between coats where necessary and finish until a smooth surface is achieved.

Once primed, the finished interior walls and ceilings can be painted, wallpapered or textured as desired. Follow all manufacturers' instructions.



### PRODUCT DATA

PRODUCT STYLE	LENGTHS	PACKAGE SIZE
NON SPARK	75' (23 m)	20 Roll/Master Pack
NON SPARK	250' (76 m)	20 Roll/Master Pack
NON SPARK	500' (153 m)	10 Roll/Master Pack
SPARK	75' (23 m)	20 Roll/Master Pack
SPARK	250' (76 m)	20 Roll/Master Pack
SPARK	500' (153 m)	10 Roll/Master Pack
SLOTTED	75' (23 m)	20 Roll/Master Pack
SLOTTED	250' (76 m)	20 Roll/Master Pack
SLOTTED	500' (153 m)	10 Roll/Master Pack

All Marco Joint Tape is 2-1/16" (52.38 mm) wide.

### TECHNICAL DATA

APPLICABLE STANDARDS AND REFERENCE	
Product Standard	ASTM C475
Installation Guidelines	ASTM C840 / GA-216 /GA-214

## SANDING

For dry sanding use 150 grit sand paper or finer. Lightly sand imperfections while being careful to avoid scuffing the paper. When dry sanding, wear a NIOSH approved dust mask and eye protection.

## DECORATION

Ensure that all surfaces to be decorated are thoroughly dry and dust free. Either a good quality drywall primer or an undiluted latex wall paint with a high solids content should be applied prior to painting, texturing or wallpapering. Adhere to all manufacturers' specific directions for painting and decorating materials.

## CLEANING

Clean tools immediately after each use with warm, soapy water then wipe the tool surfaces dry to prevent rust. Leftover compound should be sealed and stored appropriately.

## SDS

Safety Data Sheets are available on our web site, [www.CertainTeed.com](http://www.CertainTeed.com).

## WARNING

Dust generated from sanding joint compound may cause eye, skin, nose, throat or respiratory irritation. Use wet-sanding to avoid creating dust. Avoid inhalation of dust and eye contact. Joint compound may contain silica. Inhalation of respirable silica dust can cause silicosis, a potentially disabling lung disease, known to cause lung cancer.

When sanding, drilling or abrading product during installation or handling: (1) Ensure adequate ventilation. (2) Wear a dust mask or, if dust may exceed PEL, use NIOSH/MSHA approved respirator. (3) Warn others in area. (4) Wear eye protection. If eye contact occurs, flush with lukewarm, gently flowing water for 5 minutes or until particle/dust is removed.

For further information, refer to Safety Data Sheet or consult manufacturer by calling 1-800-233-8990.

**KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN.**

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