

RECOMMENDED DRYWALL FINISH LEVEL FOR VRP® & GLASS DECO FABRIC INSTALLATIONS

When the substrate for VRP® and Glass Deco Fabric installations are drywall, please adhere to the following finish levels. These levels are predicated on industry-wide consensus document "Recommended Levels of Gypsum Board Finish" established by the Association of the Wall & Ceiling Industries International (AWCI), Ceiling & Interior Systems Construction Association (CISCA), Gypsum Association (GA) and Painting & Decorating Contractors of America (PDCA).

Level 3 is to be used for both "phantasy plus" and "aqua plus pigment" fabric styles with one exception. (Note: "aqua plus pigment" pattern #639 is recommended as requiring a level 4). This information will help architects and general contractors with specifications and assist the application contractor to present their most competitive bid.

LEVEL 3

All joints and interior angles shall have tape embedded in joint compound and one additional coat of joint compound applied over all joints and interior angles. Fastener heads and accessories shall be covered with two separate coats of joint compound. All joint compounds shall be smooth and free of tool marks and ridges. Note: It is recommended that the prepared surface be coated with a drywall primer prior to the application of all final finishes. See wall covering specifications in this regard.

Fabric style "aqua plus pigment pattern #639" is comparatively light weight with very little texture. It therefore needs the following recommended drywall finishing level.

LEVEL 4

All joints and interior angles shall have tape embedded in joint compound and three separate coats of joint compound applied over all joints, angles, fastener heads, and accessories. All joint compound shall be smooth and free of tool marks and ridges. Note: It is recommended that the prepared surface be coated with a drywall primer prior to the application of the final finishes. See wall covering specification in this regard.

A clarification to the above notes regarding drywall primer and the reason for its use: *Primer Sealer*: A paint material formulated to fill the pores and equalize the suction difference between gypsum and board surface paper as well as the compound used on finished joints, angles, fastener heads, accessories, and over skim coatings.