



# Technical Bulletin

## *Joint Treatment of Non-Rated Construction*

The following recommendations are for the treatment or non-treatment of gypsum panel product joints where fire, smoke and sound ratings are not required.

- Non-Rated gypsum panel joints, fasteners, interior and exterior angles are ***not required*** to be treated with tape or joint compound regardless of orientation or framing member backing.
- Non-Rated gypsum panel joints, fasteners, interior or exterior angles are ***not required*** to be treated with tape or joint compound above ceilings where they are not visible unless specified in the construction documents.
- Non-Rated gypsum panel joints, fasteners, interior and exterior angles are required to be installed in accordance with the specifications in the GA-216 manual.
- Non-Rated gypsum panel joints, fasteners, interior and exterior angles that will be located in appearance areas should be finished in accordance to the GA-214 manual to the level specified in the construction documents.

