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.