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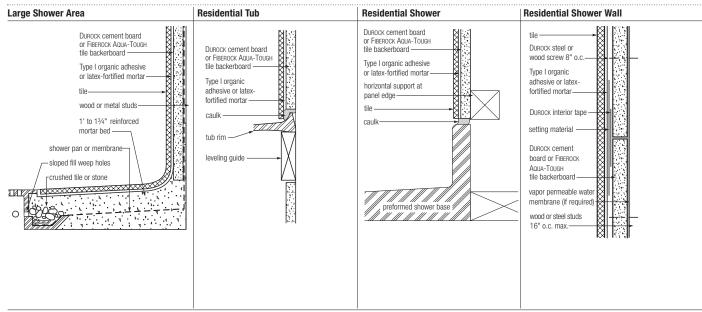
# Tiling Installation



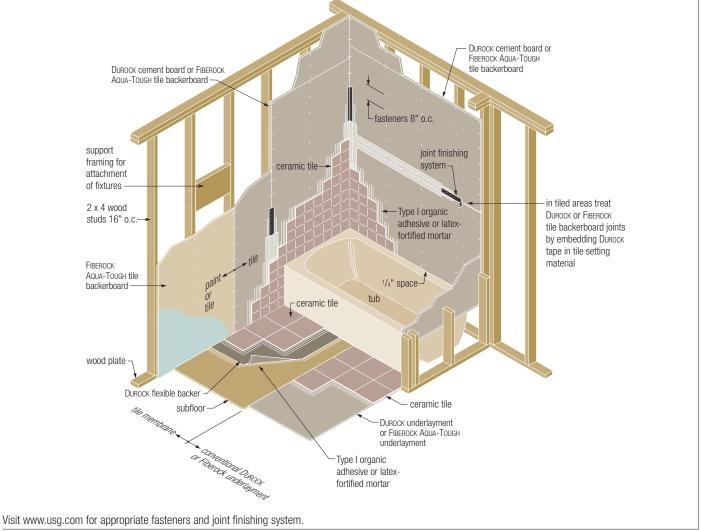
# Components

	This comprehensive system solution includes substrates, tile membrane, mortars, mastics, grouts and accessories that work together flawlessly to ensure the integrity of every installation.					
Tile Backerboards	This flat, durable base for premium finishes is suitable for glass and ceramic mosaics, ceramic and quarry tile, lugged tile, and thin stone and brick. It does not deteriorate in the presence of water, and because it is mold- and moisture-resistant, it is extremely durable in areas such as baths, kitchens and laundry rooms. 30-year warranty for interior applications.  **Durock** brand cement board**					
	A uniquely engineered gypsum/cellulose-fiber backerboard that offers superior performance and tile bond because of its integral water-resistant core. Suitable for ceramic tile wall and tub surround applications in intermittently wet and dry areas. Fiberock® brand Aqua-Tough™ tile backerboard					
Underlayments	An ideal substrate for floor and countertop ceramic tile installations, this 5/16" underlayment can be applied directly over old floor substrates and countertops to save time. It exceeds tile industry standards for tile shear and for resistance to bacteria and fungus growth.  Durock® brand underlayment					
	Engineered to meet water-, mold- and indentation-resistance needs under resilient flooring, ceramic tile, carpeting, hardwood flooring, and laminate flooring, this all-purpose underlayment has a uniform, water-resistant composition that helps prevent the problems typically associated with plywood, oriented strand board (OSB) and lauan underlayments.  Fiberock® brand Aqua-Tough™ underlayment					
Mortars	Superior durability for interior or exterior applications. A family of products that can handle all tile absorption rates and a variety of tiling conditions.  Durock™ latex-modified fast-set high-performance mortar  Durock™ latex-modified medium-set high performance mortar  Durock™ latex-modified multi-purpose mortar					
Flexible Mortar	A durable flexible mortar with good freeze/thaw stability that can withstand deflection up to I/360. Excellent for interior or exterior applications with ceramic, porcelain, granite, slate, marble and limestone.  Durock™ latex-modified flexible thin-set high performance mortar					
Tile Mastics	These convenient, ready-mixed mastics provide a range of water resistance and bond strengths to fit your needs.  Durock™ high-performance tile mastic  Durock™ multi-purpose tile mastic  Durock™ commercial grade tile mastic					
Tile Grouts	These grouts are perfect for all types of ceramic tile, ceramic mosaics, porcelain, slate, granite, cultured marble, and many other types of tile in interior and exterior, vertical and horizontal applications.  Durock™ latex-fortified sanded tile grout  Durock™ latex-fortified unsanded tile grout					
Floor Protector Paper	This strong, heavy duty, durable paper made from 100% recycled materials is excellent for covering finished floors or making templates.  Fiberock™ floor protector paper					
Tile Membrane	This lightweight membrane provides superior tile bond while protecting water-sensitive substrates. More convenient and less expensive than other membrane products because it is easy to carry, easy to cut and easy to install.  Durock™ flexible backer					
Joint Reinforcement Tapes	Alkali-resistant glass-fiber tapes especially designed to reinforce the joints and corners of Durock cement board, Fiberock underlayment and Fiberock tile backerboard.  Durock™ interior and exterior tapes					

### **Details**



#### **Typical Bathtub Installation**



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#### **Testing Results**

#### **ASTM D3273**<sup>a</sup>

A "0" rating on D3273 means excessive mold growth on wall or ceiling panel surfaces, while a "10" rating indicates that no mold grew on the panel. This grade is determined by inspecting the panel with a microscope and comparing the findings with standardized photographs of allowable growth for each score level. With this stringent method, a panel may not receive the top "10" rating even if mold growth is invisible to the naked eye.

FIBEROCK AQUA-TOUGH tile backerboard	10	
FIBEROCK AQUA-TOUGH underlayment	10	
Durock cement board	10	
Durock underlayment	10	

#### **Typical Physical Properties**

Property Test	ASTM	Durock Cement Board	Durock Underlayment	FIBEROCK AQUA-TOUGH TILE Backerboard	FIBEROCK AQUA-TOUGH Underlayment	
		1/2"	5/16"	1/2"	1/4"	3/8"
Weight (psf)	C473-00	3	2	2.6	2.6	2.9
Surface burning characteristics (flame/smoke)	E84	0/0	NA	5/0	5/0	5/0
Thermal "R"/k value	C177	0.26/1.92	0.16/1.92	0.41/1.214	0.3	0.4
Min. bending radius <sup>c</sup> (ft.)	C473-00	8	_	25	30	30
Edge		square	square	square	square	square

#### **Interior Application**

	Function	Finish	Water Barrier	Product
			Required	
Interior floor	Intermittent wet	Ceramic tile		FIBEROCK AQUA-TOUGH underlayment/
	underlayment			Durock underlayment
	Wet	Ceramic tile	•	Durock underlayment/Durock cement board
Interior wall	Intermittent wet cavity	Ceramic tile		FIBEROCK AQUA-TOUGH tile backerboard
	Wet	Ceramic tile	•6	Durock cement board
	Paint or tile			FIBEROCK AQUA-TOUGH Interior panel
Kitchens	Countertops	Ceramic tile	•	Durock cement board/
				FIBEROCK AQUA-TOUGH tile backerboard
Bathrooms	Walls	Paint or tile		Fiberock Aqua-Tough interior panel
Steam rooms or saunas <sup>d</sup>	Walls	Ceramic tile	•	Durock cement board
Swimming pool rooms <sup>d</sup>	Walls or ceilings	Ceramic tile/ext. finish	•	Durock cement board

#### Notes

(a) The numbers obtained with this test method cannot predict how long a building material would be free of mold growth after installation. (b) Where K = Btu – in./hr. – °F – sq. ft. and R = hr. – °F – sq. ft./Btu. (c) Requires special framing. Details available on request. For Aoux–Toush panels, bending two 1/4" pieces successively permits radii shown for 1/4" gypsum board. (d) Dew Point Analysis and Vapor Retarder Analysis required. (e) Dunocx Cement Board is vapor permeable and does not deteriorate in the presence of water. For interior applications, if a vapor retarder or waterproof construction is specified, a separate barrier must be applied over or behind the Dunocx Cement Board. For exterior applications, see SA700, Exterior System Substrates.

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