

# ProForm® Quick Set Lite™ Setting Compound

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## DESCRIPTION

ProForm® Quick Set Lite™ Setting Compound is a quick setting/hardening type joint compound that is 30% lighter than conventional setting compound that can be easily sanded, requires less time and effort with a true set time and is mold resistant.

## BASIC USES

### Applications

Quick Set Lite Setting Compound provides a lightweight, easy to sand finish for fast, smooth joint finishing. It is specially formulated to provide excellent joint strength, even in poor drying conditions. Quick Set Lite permits heavy fills and faster joint finishing with low shrinkage, is compatible with all types of gypsum board and may be used where a shortened joint finishing schedule is desired. Quick Set Lite is used as a prefill material for gaps in gypsum board construction that are wider than recommended and also in voids in above-grade interior concrete.

### Advantages

- Resists the growth of mold per ASTM D3273 with a score of 10, the best possible score.
- Resists the growth of mold per ASTM G21 with a score of 0, the best possible score.
- Hardens quickly and easy to sand, allowing faster joint finishing.
- Lightweight formula is 30% lighter than conventional ProForm setting joint compound.
- Low shrinkage.
- True snap set allows for product to continue working like new until the published set time.
- Greater joint strength with exceptional bond.
- Not affected by humidity and moisture when hardened and dried.
- Permits same-day joint finishing.
- Available in 5, 20, 45, 90 and 210 minute set times for greater flexibility.

### Delivery and Storage of Materials

All materials should be delivered in their original, unopened packages and stored off the ground, in an enclosed shelter and protected from weather. Damaged or deteriorated materials should be removed.

### Stacking

Quick Set Lite should not be stacked more than two pallets in height.



## INSTALLATION RECOMMENDATIONS

### General

Quick Set Lite is used for finishing joints on exterior soffit board and gypsum panel products in sheltered exterior ceiling and soffit areas. It is not recommended for use in exterior application on walls.

Installation of Quick Set Lite should be consistent with methods described in the noted standards and references and as indicated below. In cold weather (outside temperature below 50°F [10°C]), temperatures within the building should be maintained at a minimum 50°F (10°C), both day and night, during joint finishing. Adequate ventilation should be provided to eliminate excess moisture.

### Conventional Taping And Finishing

**Taping:** Fill joint and bed tape simultaneously. All flat gypsum board joints are to be filled and taped in one operation with Quick Set Lite, using ProForm® Paper Joint Tape in the conventional manner.

All inside corners may be taped using appropriate joint compounds. Quick Set Lite is used for the first coat on nail or screw heads and will decrease problems with fastener imperfections. If a two-trip application method is desired, Quick Set Lite may also be used for the first coat on cornerbead and for taping inside corners.

**First finishing coat:** As soon as Quick Set Lite used for taping has hardened, the first finishing coat may be applied on the flat joints even before they are dry. Any joint compound may be used for this operation, including Quick Set Lite and ProForm ready mix joint compounds. A second coat may be applied at this time to nail or screw heads; one coat on one side of the inside corners and a second coat on cornerbead if Quick Set Lite was used for the first coat.

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Job Name \_\_\_\_\_

Contractor \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Submittal Approvals: (Stamps or Signatures)

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## TECHNICAL DATA

### Physical Properties

**Packaging** **Bag:** 18 lbs. (8.2 kg)

### Approximate Working Time Versus Set/Hardening Time

Quick Set Lite	Working Time (Minutes)	Set/Hardening Time (Minutes)
5	3-5	10-20
20	15-20	20-40
45	35-45	45-70
90	70-90	90-125
210	180-210	210-280

### Materials Estimating and Coverage

Sq. Ft. of Wall/Ceiling	Gypsum Board Size			Joint Compound	Joint Tape/Ft.	Nails/Ct.
	4'x8'	4'x10'	4'x12'			
100	4	3	3	12-14 lbs. / 1.0 gal.	35	168
200	7	5	5	25-28 lbs. / 1.8 gal.	70	294
300	10	8	7	37-42 lbs. / 2.7 gal.	105	420
400	13	10	9	49-56 lbs. / 3.6 gal.	140	546
500	16	13	11	62-70 lbs. / 4.5 gal.	175	672
600	19	15	13	73-84 lbs. / 5.4 gal.	210	798
700	22	18	15	86-98 lbs. / 6.3 gal.	245	924
800	25	20	17	98-112 lbs. / 7.2 gal.	280	1,050
900	29	23	19	110-126 lbs. / 8.1 gal.	315	1,218
1,000	32	25	21	123-140 lbs. / 9.0 gal.	350	1,344
1,100	35	28	23	135-154 lbs. / 9.9 gal.	385	1,470
1,200	38	30	25	148-168 lbs. / 10.8 gal.	420	1,596
1,300	41	33	28	160-182 lbs. / 11.7 gal.	455	1,722
1,400	44	35	30	172-196 lbs. / 12.6 gal.	490	1,848
1,500	47	38	32	184-210 lbs. / 13.5 gal.	525	1,974

### Applicable Standards and References

ASTM C475 Standard Specification for Joint Compound and Joint Tape for Finishing Gypsum Board

ASTM C840 Standard Specification for Application and Finishing of Gypsum Board

ASTM E119 Standard Test Methods for Fire Tests of Building Construction and Materials

Gypsum Association, GA-214, Levels of Finish for Gypsum Panel Products

Gypsum Association, GA-216, Application and Finishing of Gypsum Panel Products

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**Second finishing coat:** As soon as the Quick Set Lite used for the previous steps has set, or the ready mix compound has thoroughly dried, a second finishing coat is applied to all flat joints using Quick Set Lite or joint compound. A third coat is applied over nail or screw heads and on cornerbead as required. The unfinished side of the inside corners is also finished at this time.

## Taping And Finishing With Mechanical Tools

**Taping:** Taping tools, such as the “banjo” and “hopper” types, are recommended for taping the flat joints with Quick Set Lite and the inside corners with ProFom® FasTrack® or Quick Set Lite setting compounds. Automatic taping tools are not recommended for use with Quick Set Lite because of the clean-up difficulties associated with hardening-type compounds. Mechanical tools can be used for taping the inside corners when a regular joint compound is used. When automatic taping tools are used for taping the flat joints, the flat joints and all space between the wallboard edges on the butt joints are prefilled with Quick Set Lite and allowed to harden (30 minutes longer than the set time designated on the bag) before taping with a regular joint compound.

**Finishing:** Mechanical-type finishing tools can be used in the normal manner for the finishing operations since conventional finishing compounds are used.

**Concrete:** Interior poured concrete ceilings must be properly prepared prior to filling and finishing. Grind high areas in concrete level with surrounding areas. Remove efflorescence, greasy deposits and any form of oil. Prime exposed metal with quality rust-inhibitive primer. Fill voids and level offsets with Quick Set Lite. Apply finishing coats of Quick Set Lite as necessary after each coat has hardened.

## Mixing

Quick Set Lite Compound is available in 5, 20, 45, 90 and 210 minute set times. Mix no more compound than can be applied in the designated set time. A plastic container is recommended because of its ease in cleaning between batches. **Do not use a wood or aluminum bucket.** Add the compound gradually to clean water while stirring. Use only fresh, clean water suitable for human consumption. Mix at the ratio of 11 to 12 pts. (5.2 to 5.7 L) of water to the 18 lb. (8.2 kg) bag. Mix the compound free of lumps with a mechanical mixer or by hand. Mechanical mixing is recommended. Allow to stand five minutes as a “wetting” period and remix to further improve the working qualities. If a slightly thinner compound is desired, add an additional pint of water, or less, after the compound is thoroughly mixed. Close opened bag as tight as possible or setting time may be affected.

## Decoration

Before applying paint, wall covering or other decorating materials, all areas must be thoroughly dry and dust-free and treated with a coat of good-quality, high solids, flat latex primer.

Selection of a paint to provide desired finish characteristics is the responsibility of the architect or contractor.

Refer to the Gypsum Association GA-214, *Levels of Finish for Gypsum Panel Products*, to determine the level of finishing needed to assure a surface properly prepared to accept the desired decoration.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

### Architectural Specifications

ProForm Finishing Products CSI MasterFormat® 3-part guide specifications are downloadable as editable Microsoft® Word documents at: [proformfinishing.com](http://proformfinishing.com).

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