

DEXcell FA VSH™ Glass Mat Roof Board (1 of 3)

Description

DEXcell FA VSH™ Glass Mat Roof Board has a reinforced gypsum panel with a gypsum core and heavy-duty coated glass mat facers. It meets or exceeds ASTM C1177 for moisture resistance and both ASTM G21 and ASTM D3273 for mold resistance.¹ It is extremely durable and is tested and approved according to the FM Approvals Simulated Hail Damage Test Procedure for Very Severe Hail.² It can be used as a substrate board, thermal barrier, and/ or cover board for commercial roofing applications.

The precoated facers' sealed surface technology can help improve the coverage and performance of membrane adhesives as compared with systems with no coverboard. DEXcell FA VSH™ Glass Mat Roof Boards may also eliminate the need for a field primer; for more information, please consult the applicable specification manual for the system being installed, available at gaf.com. DEXcell FA VSH™ Glass Mat Roof Boards score and cut easily, and are specially coated on the front, back, and sides to help reduce fiber fly and irritation — making for easy handling.

DEXcell FA VSH™ Glass Mat Roof Boards can be used in a wide variety of roofing systems — including adhered single-ply, modified bitumen, liquid-applied membrane or coatings, and spray foam — as well as with metal roofs. They can also be used as a UL Class A thermal barrier, as fire protection from below.

Primary Uses

- Substrate board and thermal protection in roofing assemblies providing increased fire resistance pursuant to ANSI/UL 790 and increased protection from sound transmission as compared with systems with no cover board
- Substrate for a vapor retarder and/or continuous substrate for the application of roofing membranes
- Insulation cover board in roofing assemblies to protect and support the roof membrane and provide protection against membrane damage due to roof traffic and hail or other impact pursuant to FM 4470³

Advantages

Scores and snaps easily

Standards and Codes Approvals/ Certifications

- Meets ASTM C1177
- Tested and approved according to the FM Approvals Simulated Hail Damage Test Procedure for Very Severe Hail. Refer to RoofNav.com for actual Very Severe Hail assemblies.
- Meets FM Class 1 per FM 4470 and UL Class A fire ratings for roofing systems up to unlimited slope per UL 790/ULC S107. Refer to FM Approvals at RoofNav.com and UL Product iQ (productiq.ulprospector.com) for actual assemblies.
- Approved component in specific UL fire-rated designs. Refer to UL Product iQ (productiq.ulprospector.com) for actual assemblies.
- Tested in accordance with ULC CAN-S126 and FM 4450 for use as part of a class A, B, or C roof covering assembly, requiring no additional thermal barrier as per IBC 2603.4.1.5
- Tested in accordance with ASTM D3273 for Resistance to Growth of Mold

Recommendations and Limitations General

- Examine and inspect deck substrate to which roof boards are to be applied. Correct defects prior to installation.
- Provide minimum ¹/₄ in. (6.4 mm) clearance between boards and adjacent concrete or masonry to minimize wicking of moisture
- Install fire-rated assemblies in accordance with the details found in the UL Fire Resistance Directory; consult UL Product IQ at productiq.ulprospector.com



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¹ GAF warranties and guarantees do not warrant or guarantee moisture resistance or provide coverage against mold or other biological growth. Refer to gaf.com for more information on warranty and guarantee coverage and restrictions.

² Refer to RoofNav.com for actual Very Severe Hail assemblies.

³ GAF warranties and guarantees do not provide coverage against hail or other impact. See applicable guarantee or warranty, available at gaf.com, for complete coverage and restrictions. Hail or puncture resistance coverage may be available for purchase for eligible systems. Contact GAF for more information.



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Recommendations and Limitations Cont.

- See Physical Properties chart for maximum flute span when panels are applied directly over metal decking
- Do not use panels as a nailing base (they are nonstructural)

Wind Uplift⁴

- DEXcell FA VSH™ Glass Mat Roof Boards are included in numerous assemblies evaluated by Factory Mutual Global (FM) and other independent laboratories for wind-uplift performance. For information concerning such assemblies, please visit roofnav.com.
- Install using fasteners or adhesives specified in accordance with system requirements. Install approved fasteners with plates into the board. Install fasteners and adhesives in compliance with GAF installation recommendations and FM Property Loss Prevention Data Sheet 1-29. Proper fastener spacing or adhesive application is essential to achieve wind-uplift performance. For full application instructions, please consult the applicable system specification manual (available at gaf.com).
- Locate board edge joints on, and end joints parallel to, metal deck ribs.
 Stagger end joints of adjacent lengths of DEXcell FA VSH™ Glass Mat Roof Board. In typical installations, butt board edges and ends loosely.

Safety

- Consult the SDS for this product, available at gaf.com, before use
- Installers should wear long pants and a long-sleeved, loose-fitting shirt
- Use protective gloves and special eye protection (goggles or safety glasses with side shield). Do not use a power saw to cut these products.
- Caution: Because this product contains fiberglass, dust and glass fibers may be released during normal handling, which could result in eye or skin irritation or cause difficulty in breathing. Whenever possible, avoid contact with the skin and eyes and avoid breathing dust or fibers that may be released during installation.

Standards and Code Approvals/ Certifications

- Meets UL Class A fire ratings for roofing systems up to unlimited slope per UL 790 and ULC CAN-S107; consult UL Product IQ at productiq.ulprospector.com
- Classified in roof deck constructions in accordance with FM 4450, ANSI/ UL1256, and ULC CAN-S126 to resist fire from within a building; consult UL Product IQ at productiq.ulprospector.com and refer to FM Approvals at RoofNav.com for actual assemblies
- ⁵/₈ inch (15.9 mm) DEXcell FA VSH™
 Glass Mat Roof Board is UL Classified for use in numerous hourly rated UL assemblies, including UL "P" roof assemblies; consult UL Product IQ at productiq.ulprospector.com
- Meets Type X per ASTM C1177
- Complies with requirements of FM 4450 and FM 4470. Meets FM Class 1. Refer to FM Approvals at RoofNav.com for actual assemblies.

Handling and Use

- DEXcell FA VSH™ Glass Mat Roof Boards are engineered to perform within a properly designed roof system. Their suitability for use in a particular roofing system is the responsibility of the design professional.
- Roof assemblies containing DEXcell FA VSH™ Glass Mat Roof Boards should be designed to control vapor drive and moisture
- Although DEXcell FA VSH™ Glass
 Mat Roof Boards are engineered with
 coated fiberglass facers and high density gypsum cores, the presence
 of free moisture can have an adverse
 effect on product performance and may
 compromise the installation of additional
 roofing system components
- Moisture accumulation may also significantly decrease wind uplift and vertical pull resistance in the system or assembly. DEXcell FA VSH™ Glass Mat Roof Boards that contain disproportionate free moisture content may require replacement.
- ⁴ GAF warranties and guarantees provide coverage for wind speeds up to 55 miles per hour only. See applicable guarantee or warranty, available at gaf.com, for complete coverage and restrictions. Enhanced wind coverage may be available for purchase for eligible systems. Contact GAF for more information.

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Handling and Use Cont.

- Do not expose to inclement weather conditions, dew, improper installation techniques, or moisture drive conditions that may have adverse effects on the performance of the roof system
- Apply only as much as can be covered by a watertight roof covering the same day
- Do not apply to wet roofing substrates
- Avoid water exposure during shipping, handling, storage, installation, and after installation of roof boards
- Remove non-breathable shipping wrap material upon receiving and storing roof boards
- Store off the ground and under cover. Store flat. Use sufficient supports extending under the entire length of roof boards to prevent sagging.
- Keep dry to minimize the potential for mold growth. Take adequate care while transporting, storing, applying, and maintaining roof boards.
- Do not apply roof boards with visible signs of moisture damage or mold growth

For full application instructions, please consult the applicable specification manual for the system being installed, available at gaf.com. For additional information on application, contact GAF Technical Support at 1-877-GAF-ROOF or technicalquestions@gaf.com

NOTE: Any protective plastic factory packaging that is used to wrap DEXcell FA VSH™ Roof Boards for shipment is intended to provide temporary protection from exposure to moisture only, and is not intended to provide protection during storage after delivery.

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Physical Properties* 5/8" DEXcell FA VSH™ Glass Mat	
Thickness ¹ , Nominal	5/8" (15.9 mm)
Width¹, Nominal	4' (1,219 mm)
Length ¹ , Standard	4' (1,219 mm), 8' (2,438 mm)
Weight, Nominal	2.9 lbs./sq. ft. (14 k/m²)
Edges ¹	Square
Flexural Strength ¹ , Parallel	≥ 100 lbf. (445 N)
Humidified Deflection ¹	≤ 1/8" (3.2 mm)
Nail Pull Resistance ¹	≥ 90 lbf. (400 N)
Hardness¹ - Core, Edges, and Ends	≥ 15 lbf. (67 N)
Bending Radius	8' (2,438 mm)
Thermal Resistance⁴	R = .5
Permeance ⁵	23 perms
Water Absorption ¹ (% of Weight)	≤ 5%
Surfacing	Coated Fiberglass
Flute Spanability ⁶	8" (203 mm)
Compressive Strength ⁷	900 psi
Mold Resistance ⁸ , ASTM D3273	Score of 10
Product Standard Compliance	ASTM C1177
Fire-Resistance Characteristics	
Core Type	Regular
UL Type Designation	FSW-6
Combustibility ²	Non-combustible
Surface Burning Characteristics ³	Class A
Flame Spread ³	0
Smoke Development ³	0
Fire Classification	UL Classified, FM Approved
Applicable Standards and References	

ASTM C473 Standard Test Methods for Physical Testing of Gypsum Panel Products ASTM C518 Standard Test Method for Steady-State Thermal Transmission Properties by Means of the Heat Flow Meter Apparatus

ASTM C1177 Standard Test Method for Glass Mat Gypsum Substrate for Use as Sheathing

ASTM D3273 Standard Test Method for Resistance to Growth of Mold on the Surface of Interior Coatings in an Environmental

Chamber ASTM E84 Standard Test Method for Surface Burning Characteristics of Building Materials

ASTM E96 Standard Test Methods for Water Vapor Transmission of Materials ASTM E119 Standard Test Methods for Fire Tests of Building Construction and Materials.

ASTM E136 Standard Test Method for Behavior of Materials in a Vertical Tube Furnace at 750°C

ASTM E661 Standard Test Method for Performance of Wood and Wood-Based Floor and Roof Sheathing Under Concentrated Static and Impact Loads Gypsum Association, GA-238, Guidelines for Prevention of Mold Growth on Gypsum Board

Gold Bond Building Products, LLC Manufacturer Standards, NGC Construction Guide

- Specified values per ASTM C1177, tested in accordance with ASTM C473.
- ² Tested in accordance with ASTM E136. 3 Tested in accordance with ASTM E84.
- 4 Tested in accordance with ASTM C518
- 5 Tested in accordance with ASTM E96. Tested in accordance with ASTM E661.
- ⁷ Tested in accordance with ASTM C473, annex X3.
- 8 Tested in accordance with ASTM D3273 and rated in accordance with ASTM D3274.

5/8"
44
704
2,152
15,488
47,344
5/8"
30
960
2,880
15,360
46,080

^{*} Values stated are approximate and subject to normal manufacturing variation. These values are not quaranteed and are provided solely as a quide.

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