

GA-216 / ASTM C840

Gypsum Association / ASTM International

GA-216 and ASTM C840 describe how gypsum board is applied and finished: framing tolerance, board orientation, fastener spacing, joint treatment and the finish level a surface is meant to reach before paint.

What it covers

- Framing spacing and surface tolerance
- Board orientation, fastening and edge support
- Joint treatment and finish levels
- Control joint placement

What a field inspection looks at

- Fastener spacing and screw depth photographed before tape covers it.
- Fire and sound assemblies photographed with the rated detail visible.
- Finish level checked under raking light and photographed the same way.

Adoption varies by jurisdiction. Confirm the edition your authority having jurisdiction enforces before you run a walk against it.