Ruco® Drywall Joint Tape is a quality tape for use with joint compound to reinforce Gypsum Board joints and corners prior to painting, texturing, or wallpapering. Ruco Drywall Joint Tape is designed for Banjo-style taping machines, automatic taping systems, and hand-taping. Ruco Drywall Joint Tape is available in 250’ and 500’ rolls.

**ADVANTAGES**

**DURABILITY:** Ruco Drywall Joint Tape is manufactured from a special fibered-paper with added tensile strength to help prevent tearing, wrinkling, or stretching.

**EASY APPLICATION:** Ruco Drywall Joint Tape has a precision-match center-crease for easy and accurate corner applications.

**SUPERIOR BOND:** Ruco Drywall Joint Tape is roughed on both sides and cross-fibered for superior bonding and holding power.

**PRECAUTIONS:** If dry-sanding or otherwise working in a dusty environment containing this material, ventilate or use a dust collector. It is also recommended that eye protection and a respirator, which is NIOSH approved, be worn. Wet sanding or sponging finished joints is recommended to avoid creating dust.

**WARRANTY:** Job conditions and methods of application such as: temperature, humidity, and over-thinning are beyond the control of SWP Inc. Its warranties of fitness and merchantability as well as any other warranties expressed or implied shall be effective if this product is applied according to SWP Inc. directions and specifications. Maximum liability shall be limited to replacement of material only.

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**PRODUCT DATA**

**MATERIAL:** Cellulose Fiber  
**TYPE:** Cross-fibered Paper  

**PRODUCT SENSITIVITY:** When applying Ruco Drywall Joint Tape, follow the printed instructions of the compound. Apply tape only within their minimum and maximum temperature range.  

**COVERAGE:** Ruco Drywall Joint Tape is 2-1/16” [52.4mm] wide and available in 250’ [76.2 m] and 500’ [152.4 m] lengths.  

**STORAGE:** Ruco Drywall Joint Tape should always be stored in closed cartons at room temperature in an enclosed dry area.  

**PACKAGING**

250’ tape is packed 20 rolls per carton. 500’ tape is packed 10 rolls per carton.

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**ARCHITECTURAL SPECIFICATIONS**

**PART 1: GENERAL**  

1.01 **Scope** - Specify to meet project requirements.  

1.02 **Qualifications** - Southern Wall Products, Inc. and approved manufacturers shall manufacture all Gypsum Wallboard finishing materials. The materials shall be installed in accordance with the Association of Wall and Ceiling Industries, “Recommended Levels of Gypsum Board Finish.”  

1.03 **Delivery and Storage** - Store in an enclosed shelter in the original unopened packages.  

1.04 **Project Conditions** -  

**A.** Install interior gypsum wallboard finishing materials only after building is enclosed.  

**B.** Ventilation:  

1. Provide ventilation during and following joint treatment application.  

2. Use temporary air circulators in enclosed areas lacking natural ventilation.  

3. Allow additional drying time between coats of joint treatment, under slow drying conditions.  

4. Protect installed materials from drafts during hot, dry weather.  

**C.** Temperature:  

Maintain a minimum surface, mix, and air temperature of 50°F - 100°F until all joints have dried completely.  

**PART II: PRODUCTS**  

2.01 **Materials** -  

**A.** Joint Reinforcement - Ruco® Reinforcing Tapes  

**B.** Joint Treatment  

1. Ruco® Ready Mixed Joint Compounds  

2. Ruco® Set Type Joint Compounds  

**C.** Ceiling and Wall Textures  

1. Ruco® Styrene Spray Textures  

2. Ruco® Design Texture  

**D.** Surface Equalizers  

1. RuCoat® Equalizer  

2. RuCoat® Equalizer Plus  

**D.** Acrylic Textures  

1. RuCoat® Acrylic Texture  

**PART III: EXECUTION**  

3.01 **Installation** - Use all products in accordance with Southern Wall Products’ printed package instructions.  

3.02 **Application - Joint Compound**  

Levels of finish are to be determined in accordance with “Recommended Levels of Gypsum Board Finish” as developed by AWCI, Gypsum Association, and PDCA. ASTM recognizes the “Recommended Levels of Gypsum Board Finish” in ASTM C840.  

- **A.** Level 1  
  Intended for plenum areas above ceilings, areas where assembly is concealed by final construction, smoke barriers, and separation walls in attic.  

- **B.** Level 2  
  Intended for water resistant gypsum board for tile substrate, garages, warehouses, and other areas where appearance is not of primary concern.  

- **C.** Level 3  
  Intended for appearance areas receiving heavy or medium texture finishes or where heavy grade wallcoverings are to be applied as final finish.  

- **D.** Level 4  
  Intended for appearance areas receiving flat paints, light texture finishes, or light or medium weight wallcovering.  

- **E.** Level 5  
  Intended for appearance areas receiving flat, low-luster, semi-gloss, gloss, or enamel finish paints or coatings, light texture finishes, light or medium weight wallcovering, un-backed vinyl wallcoverings, or severe light conditions.