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## Foreword

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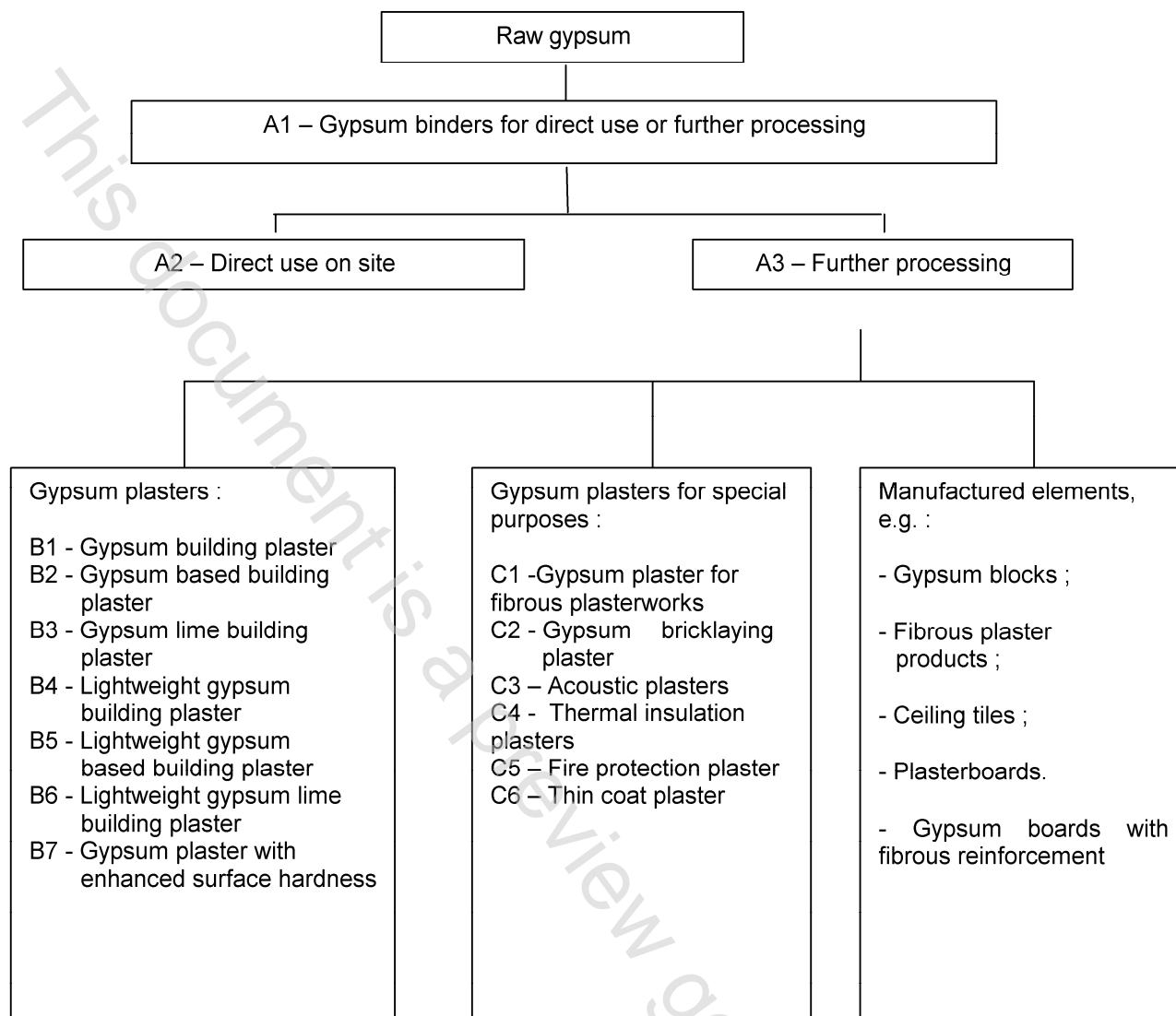
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- *Part 1: Gypsum boards with mat reinforcement*
- *Part 2: Gypsum fibre boards*

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**Diagram 1 — Families of gypsum products**

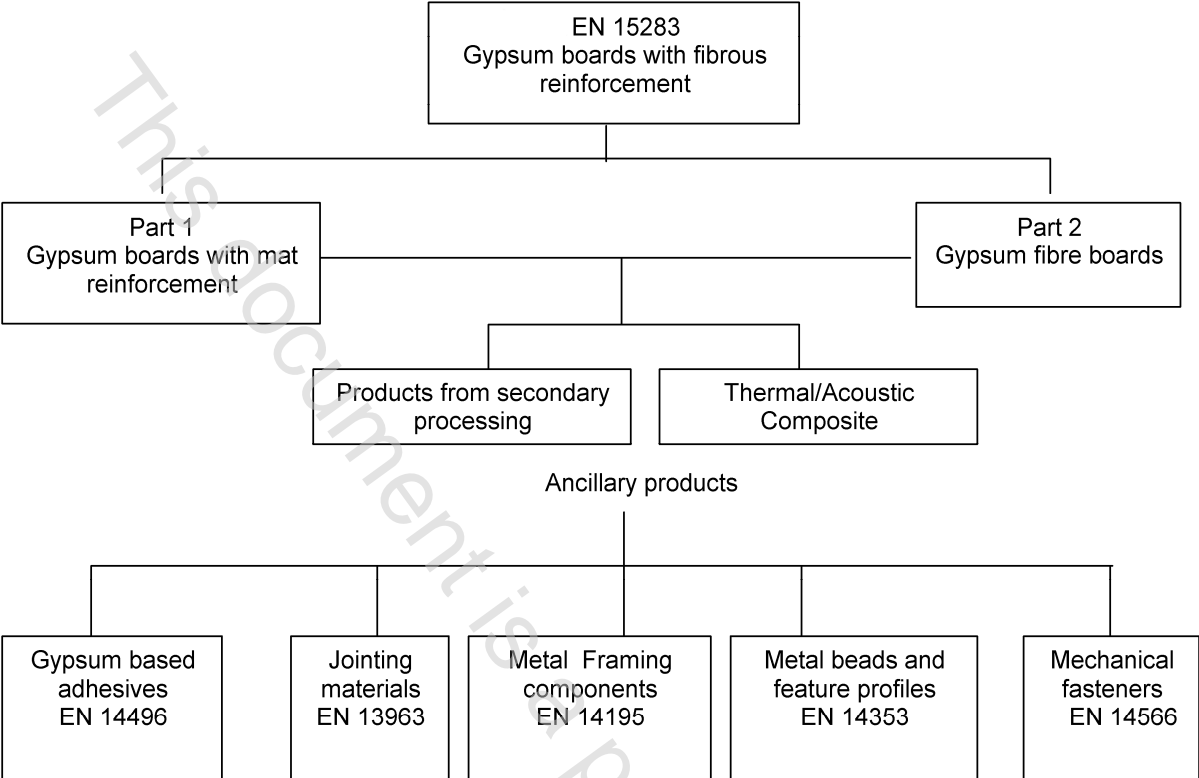


Diagram 2 — Family of ancillary products



## Introduction

Gypsum boards with mat reinforcement are composed of set gypsum plaster core reinforced with fibres which may be inorganic and/or organic, and are arranged in a woven or non-woven mat to form flat rectangular boards. Admixtures, fillers and fibres dispersed in the core may also be present. They are usually continuously produced on an industrial scale.

The properties of gypsum boards with mat reinforcement make them particularly suitable for use in situation where there are requirements for fire protection, sound, thermal insulation or racking strength.

Gypsum boards with mat reinforcement can be fixed by various methods e.g. nailing, screwing, stapling or sticking with gypsum based or other adhesives. They can also be inserted in a suspended ceiling system or laid in floor constructions.

Gypsum boards with mat reinforcement can be finished with direct surface decoration or gypsum plaster.

They can be further processed into a range of other products.

## 1 Scope

This European Standard specifies the characteristics and performance of gypsum boards with mat reinforcement intended to be used in building construction works including those intended for secondary manufacturing operations. It includes boards designed to receive either direct surface decoration or gypsum plaster.

Gypsum boards with mat reinforcement are selected for use according to their type, size, thickness and edge profile. The boards can be used for example to provide dry lining finishes to walls, to fixed and suspended ceilings, to partitions, or as cladding to structural columns and beams. Other uses can be for floors, ventilation and smoke extraction ducts, cable trays and sheathing applications.

This European Standard covers the following product performance characteristics: reaction to fire, water vapour permeability, flexural strength, and thermal resistance.

The following performance characteristics are linked to systems assembled with gypsum boards with mat reinforcement: shear strength, fire resistance, impact resistance, direct airborne sound insulation, acoustic absorption. If required, tests should be done according to the corresponding European test methods on assembled systems simulating the end use conditions.

This European Standard also covers additional technical characteristics that are of importance for the use and acceptance of the product and the reference tests for these characteristics. It provides for the evaluation of conformity of the product to this EN.

This European Standard does not cover gypsum boards with mat reinforcement which have been subject to any secondary manufacturing operations (e.g. insulating composite panels, boards with thin lamination etc.).

Products covered by EN 520 or EN 13815 are excluded.

## 2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

EN 520:2004, *Gypsum plasterboards — Definitions, requirements and test methods*

EN 12524, *Building materials and products — Hygrothermal properties — Tabulated design values*

EN 12664, *Thermal performance of building materials and products — Determination of thermal resistance by means of guarded hot plate and heat flow meter methods — Dry and moist products of medium and low thermal resistance*

EN 13501-1, *Fire classification of construction products and building elements — Part 1: Classification using data from reaction to fire tests*

EN 13501-2, *Fire classification of construction products and building elements — Part 2: Classification using data from fire resistance tests, excluding ventilation services*

EN 13823, *Reaction to fire tests for building products — Building products excluding floorings exposed to the thermal attack by a single burning item*

EN 13963, *Jointing materials for gypsum plasterboards — Definitions, requirements and test methods*

EN 14195, *Metal framing components for gypsum plasterboard systems — Definitions, requirements and test methods*

EN ISO 140-3, *Acoustics - Measurement of sound insulation in buildings and of building elements — Part 3: Laboratory measurements of airborne sound insulation of building elements (ISO 140-3:1995)*

EN ISO 354, *Acoustics — Measurement of sound absorption in a reverberation room (ISO 354:2003)*

EN ISO 717-1, *Acoustics - Rating of sound insulation in buildings and of building elements — Part 1: Airborne sound insulation (ISO 717-1:1996)*

EN ISO 9001, *Quality management systems — Requirements (ISO 9001:2000)*

EN ISO 12572, *Hygrothermal performance of building materials and products — Determination of water vapour transmission properties (ISO 12572:2001)*

ISO 7892, *Vertical building elements — Impact resistance tests — Impact bodies and general test procedures*

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

#### 3.1

##### **gypsum boards with mat reinforcement**

board composed of a gypsum core firmly bonded to a woven or non-woven sheet of inorganic or organic fibres located on or just below the surfaces. The sheet may consist of single or multiple layers and may be reinforced by filaments or webs of fibre strands. The surfaces may vary according to the use and the core can also contain fibres, additives and/or fillers to impart additional properties. Gypsum boards with fibrous mat reinforcement are usually continuously produced on an industrial scale.

The surfaces and edge profiles vary according to the use of the particular type of board.

For the purposes of identification these boards receive the designation GM

#### 3.2

##### **Additional features of gypsum fibre boards**

##### 3.2.1

##### **additional features of gypsum boards with mat reinforcement**

performance of the types of gypsum boards with mat reinforcement defined below can be combined in one board in which case the letter identifying each type of performance satisfied is given in the designation

##### 3.2.2

##### **gypsum boards with mat reinforcement with reduced water absorption rate**

gypsum boards with mat reinforcement can have additives to reduce the water absorption rate which make them suitable for special applications in which reduced water absorption properties are required to improve the performance of the board. For the purpose of identification these boards are designated GM-H1, GM-H2 with different water absorption performance

##### 3.2.3

##### **gypsum boards with mat reinforcement with enhanced surface hardness**

boards can have enhanced surface hardness for special applications. For the purpose of identification these boards receive the designation GM-I

##### 3.2.4

##### **gypsum boards with mat reinforcement with enhanced strength**

boards can have enhanced strength for special applications. For the purpose of identification these boards receive the designation GM-R