

FAQs

What type of compound should I use with FibaTape/FibaFuse?

Although FibaTape and FibaFuse products can be used with all types of compounds, we do have some recommendations for the best results.

When taping regular, tapered edge seams with Perfect Finish or Extra Strength tape we recommend heavy weight all-purpose ready-mixed compound for those that prefer all-purpose compounds. If the temperature is warm and stable and humidity is low you can also use the heavy weight compound with our other FibaTape products. FibaFuse works with all compounds but we also recommend heavy weight all-purpose if you prefer all-purpose compound. Taping and setting compounds are also great to use with our FibaTape and FibaFuse products. We suggest staying away from lightweight compounds when embedding any type of tape. Remember to always refer to the compound manufacturer's instructions for recommended drying times.

What tape should I use on cement board?

Cement board or similar products are typically the substrate for tile which is often set in a thin-set type mortar. FibaTape Cement Board Tape is alkali-resistant and the only tape that should be used for cement applications with dry or thin-set mortar. This tape is made from the same vinyl-coated fabric that is embedded in the face of some cement boards to give the board added strength and crack resistance.

Which tape do I use where cement board meets green board?

The best tape to use if the seam connecting the green board to the cement board is Mold-X10 if the seam is going to be coated with joint compound. This would be done if the seam will not be covered with tile, which means it has to be properly concealed with joint compound so that the area can be painted. If the seam is going to be covered with tile which is most likely the case then use FibaTape's Cement Board tape. The seam will then be coated with thin-set as the tile is applied.

When do I use FibaFuse Wall Reinforcement and when do I use FibaTape Super Crackstop™?

Both products really accomplish the same thing. It would be a matter of personal preference. The FibaFuse is embedded in compound that is applied first. The Super Crackstop is self-adhesive and is applied to the wall or ceiling first and is then coated with joint compound.

What type of patch should I use on a ceiling?

The perforated aluminum patch works great for smaller holes in ceilings. The aluminum adds some rigidity/strength to the patch. If you were to use just a mesh patch and coat with joint compound the weight

of the compound could cause the area where the damage is to sag. This will not happen when using the aluminum patch. They are available in 4x4, 6x6, and 8x8 sizes.

What tape should I use on butted seams?

There really are three type of tape that you can use:

FibaTape mesh tapes: Perfect Finish or Extra Strength tape are the two best mesh tapes for butted seams. Embed in an all-purpose heavy weight compound or a setting compound.

FibaFuse tape: Works great on butted seams. Embed in an all-purpose heavy weight compound or a setting compound. One added benefit is that because FibaFuse fuses with the compound instead of setting on top of the embedding compound like paper tape does, less of a bump is created making it easier to finish.

Paper tape: Embed in an all-purpose heavy weight compound or a setting compound.

Do I need to add thin set to each screw when using cement board and FibaTape?

Do you do not need to coat the screws holding the cement board in place because the screws are made special for attaching cement board. Do not use drywall screws. Also the screws do not have to set below the surface of the cement board you should instead set the screws flush with the surface.

Where are FibaTape and FibaFuse products manufactured?

All our FibaTape and FibaFuse tapes are made in the USA except for Perfect Finish which is made in Canada.

Where can I buy FibaFuse?

FibaFuse can be found at Home Depot, Lowes, Menards, Sherwin Williams, True Value, Ace, Do-it-Best and other local hardware stores throughout US and Canada. All products can also be found online for purchase. Click [here](#) to visit our Where to Buy page.

Where can I find LEED information on your FibaTape and FibaFuse products?

Sustainability reports exist for both FibaTape and FibaFuse products and are available upon request

What other differences exist between Clear Advantage and standard screen?

In Clear Advantage, the fiberglass strand is a finer gauge which helps make the average weight of the product 30% lower than the industry standard.

Will American Road Patch hold-up against a snow plow?

American Road Patch has been installed on pavements throughout the US, performing through multiple seasons, freeze-thaw cycles, ice, and snow. When specific guidelines and instructions are followed, we have not seen snow plows dislodge the patches. American Road Patch is not indestructible but is incredibly durable when applied properly.

What specialty equipment or training is required for installation?

There is no specialized equipment required to install American Road Patch and no specific training needed. Application instructions are available with each roll.

What is the recommended type of pothole fill material?

American Road Patch works well with hot asphalt and all types of cold patch products.

Can American Road Patch be installed in snow or rain?

American Road Patch should not be installed in rain, snow or icy conditions as the pavement surface needs to be clean and dry for proper adhesion

How long must the roadway be closed after installation of American Road Patch?

The roadway can be opened to traffic immediately after installation. Traffic enhances the embedment of American Road Patch because it is designed to become part of the pavement

Does the “fill” material need to gas off ‘volatiles’ prior to placing an American Road Patch?

Gassing or the lack of gassing has no effect on American Road Patch itself.

What is the installation repair time required to fix a pothole with American Road Patch?

Repair time on average takes 10-20 minutes, depending on the type and size of the repair

Is American Road Patch available in different “colors” for different types/ages of

asphalt and or concrete?

Not at this time.

Are there concerns with friction and American Road Patch?

The synthetic aggregate surface of American Road Patch is similar to that of a traditional Chipseal surface treatment and provides adequate friction for traffic. The surface will wear similarly to that of a Chipseal surface and provide several years of wearing surface

Can American Road Patch be butted or lapped for larger or irregular shapes?

Yes, a 3" overlap is recommended whenever an irregular or a large repair is required

Is American Road Patch available in narrower strip sizes for asphalt crack repairs?

Not at this time.

How much does a roll of American Road Patch weigh?

Average roll weight is 70 lbs.

What is the approximate square footage of a roll of American Road Patch?

Approximately 69 square feet per roll.

How thick is the American Road Patch product?

The average thickness is 1/8" – 3/16".

What is the minimum order from an American Road Patch distributor?

Please check with your local distributor

Is there a recommended primer or sealer for American Road Patch installation?

Some examples of primers are: Carlisle CCW-702 WB, Carlisle CCW-715 (must dry before applying

American Road Patch), Henry HE203–Roll Roofing Adhesive. Be sure to follow the primer manufacturer instructions as stated on each individual product.

Can seal coat such as driveway sealer, slurry seal, or Chipseal be used over top of American Road Patch?

Yes, once installed American Road Patch can be sealed with driveway sealer, slurry seal, or Chipseal.

How easy is it to cut American Road Patch?

Using a utility knife, it is recommended to cut from the bottom or release paper side as it will cut cleaner through the bitumen and aggregate.

Can American Road Patch be milled?

Yes, American Road Patch will mill up with pavement milling operations.

Can the top (aggregate surface) or bottom (bitumen side) of American Road Patch be heated with a torch?

It is acceptable to lightly heat the top (aggregate surface) of the patch to soften the bitumen before embedment. Apply torch 8” – 12” away, constantly moving the torch evenly over the surface, as to avoid burning or melting the surface. Holding the torch in one place will melt the surface. Do not heat or torch the bottom (bitumen side) of the patch. Doing so may result in damage to the bitumen preventing it from installing properly. It is best to heat the pavement directly in front of the patch as the patch is placed on the pavement, as noted in the instructions.

What is the best way to deal with a patch that doesn't embed into the pavement surface or starts to peel up?

If a patch does not adequately embed into the pavement or peels up after installation – either completely or partially – it does not mean the patch cannot be used. Pull up the patch, or cut out the section that did not adhere properly, clean and remove any dust and debris, dry the patch material and reapply following the installation instructions. It may not be necessary to remove the entire patch.

How do I apply FibaTape?

FibaTape drywall tapes are self-adhesive fiberglass mesh tapes. As long as the surface is dry and dust free the tape will stick by pressing into place by hand or with a taping knife. The tape is now ready to be coated with joint compound.

Does FibaTape need to be embedded?

Yes. FibaTape has to be embedded in joint compound but not in the same manner as paper tape or FibaFuse tape. FibaTape is self-adhesive and should be pressed into place over the seams or in inside corners before any joint compound is applied. The compound is applied over the tape and because it is a mesh tape the compound actually is forced through the tape. This is one of the reasons for the popularity of FibaTape, the ability to put all the tape in place and then embed.

What is the difference between the white and yellow FibaTape?

Our White and Yellow FibaTape products are the same tape. The color is a matter of personal preference. The yellow tape offers a little more guidance to make sure you have enough mud to cover the tape and to make sure that you don't sand down too low.

Can I use Mold-X10 on cement board in my shower?

No. The Mold-X10 fiberglass mesh tape is made for drywall seams and intended to be coated with joint compound. FibaTape's Cement Board Tape is the product for cement board. The alkali-resistant coating protects the fiberglass from degradation that can occur with thin-set mortar.

Can cement board tape be used on regular drywall?

No. Cement board tape is made to be embedded in thin-set mortar not joint compound. We do not suggest using it on regular drywall.

Can I use FibaTape or FibaFuse on an inside corner?

Yes. FibaTape can be used to tape inside corners. Just fold it with one hand and press into the corner with the other. The tape is self-adhesive so it can be applied to all the inside corners before any joint compound is applied. Make sure the tape is tight into the corner without being slightly rounded. If it is rounded then it is not tight into the corner. So when a taping knife is used to apply and smooth the joint compound the taping knife could accidentally cut through the tape. FibaTape does make a special tool for placing the tape into the inside corners. The dispenser type tool holds a roll of tape and actually rolls the tape tight into the corner and cuts it to the desired length. A must have tool for larger taping jobs.

FibaFuse is pre-creased for corners. While you can use a taping knife, we suggest using a corner trowel for installation to prevent cutting the tape.

What is the best way to use FibaTape when repairing cracks in plaster and is one particular version of FibaTape preferred?

Just sticking FibaTape over the crack and concealing with joint compound may work, but most likely the

crack will return to some degree. Creating a V groove along the crack will allow you to actually fill in the crack and repair deep into the crack. The extreme cracks should be covered with Extra Strength FibaTape. The tape can be applied over the V groove and when compound is applied make sure to apply enough pressure with the taping knife to force compound through the tape filling the V groove. You could also prefill with compound and cover with the tape. Perfect Finish™ FibaTape is also good for the repairs because it is quite strong and is also the thinnest product making less of a bump for an easier to conceal repair.

What is the drying time needed for the joint compound in the complete wall repair kit?

Most repairs take 2 to 3 coats of compound to complete. The first coat embeds the tape or repair patch, the second coats blends and fills around the repaired area, and the finish coat is just a thin coat that completes the blending in of the repair. The compound in the repair kit is an air drying compound so it will typically take about 24 hours to dry. Thinner or thicker coats of compound drying times will differ. Just a side note: make sure the compound is completely dry before decorating. Always follow the joint compound manufacturer's instructions for recommended drying times.

Where can I buy FibaTape?

FibaTape can be found at Home Depot, Lowes, Menards, Sherwin Williams, True Value, Ace, Do-it-Best and other local hardware stores throughout US and Canada. All products can also be found online for purchase. Click [here](#) to visit our Where to Buy page.

Does FibaTape meet ASTM Specifications?

Yes. FibaTape products meet the following ASTM standards: D-3775, C-474, D-17777, C-475 and D-3776. Other ASTM standards may be met with our specialty tape products.

How do you install FibaFuse MAX?

Embed the tape in ready-mix joint compound. Once dry, apply a second coat of compound wider than the first. Apply additional coats if needed. Sand with a fine grit sandpaper or sponge. Be sure to apply FibaFuse MAX with the color side down.

When would I use Extra Strength screen over standard Fiberglass screen?

Extra Strength Screen is most useful in areas where more strength is needed such as large openings, or anywhere that children or pets may bump into.

What do I use to cut FibaLath?

FibaLath can be cut with a utility knife or large pair of shears

Does FibaLath meet the International Building Code (IBC) and the International Residential Code (IRC)?

Yes, FibaLath is compliant with both of these codes per Intertek CCRR-0249

In what applications can FibaLath be used?

FibaLath can be used for stucco (1 coat and 3 coat), manufactured stone and thin brick façade

Can FibaLath be used for interior applications?

Yes, FibaLath can be used for interior manufactured stone and brick façade

What substrate can FibaLath be attached to?

FibaLath can be attached to OSB, plywood or gypsum sheathing per Intertek CCRR-0249

What is used to attach FibaLath to a substrate?

Wood framing – ¾” crown by 1-1/4” 16 gage staples Metal framing – #6 x 1-1/4” type S .032” diameter head screws or 1-1/4” x .10” diameter VersaPIN Gripshank fasters with 1-1/4” Wind-Lock Lath Plates

How much overlap is required during installation?

A min. of 3” overlap is required for all vertical and horizontal edges as well as flange and trim accessories when installing FibaLath.

In which direction does FibaLath need to be installed?

FibaLath can be installed vertically or horizontally.

Can FibaLath be used with open frame construction or soffits?

No, FibaLath must be attached to an approved sheathing substrate.

What is the maximum weight that can be applied to FibaLath?

The maximum allowable weight is 15lbs per square foot of FibaLath

Is FibaLath alkali-resistant?

Yes, FibaLath is alkali-resistant.

Where can I buy FibaLath?

FibaLath is available through special order at your local big box store and in select building distribution yards

How much FibaLath do I need for the job?

A 150' of FibaLath roll will cover 492 sq. ft. Plan for additional material based on job complexity

What benefits of a hybrid screen product?

P3 is manufactured with both fiberglass and polyester yarns, giving you the best characteristics both have to offer. This combination provides additional strength from the polyester yarns, while maintaining the visibility with the fiberglass yarns. Additionally, P3 is much easier to install compared to other heavy duty polyester products.

Is the P3 construction different from standard Pool & Patio Screen?

No, the construction for P3 remains 18x14. The hybrid construction keeps the screen thin for easy installation.

Will these same tools work for my porch?

You will still need a spline tool and spline, however, depending on the spline channel itself, you may require a round spline with a different diameter. We recommend .140' for normal channels, but .125', .160', .175', .190' and .220' are also available.

Will this prevent my pet or child from running through the screen?

No. This will withstand light pressure and will resist tears.

Why is ADFORS screen flame resistant and the competition's screen is not?

ADFORS screen was tested per the ASTM standard test for flame resistance. Our coating is specially formulated to contain flame-resistant properties.

What are ASTM tests D3656 and D6413?*

These two tests measure the flame time, flame height, and char length of the screen when exposed to a flame source and after removal of the flame source. *Testing results available upon request

How much allergen protection does this screen offer over other screens?

Pollen Guard screen blocks up to 50% more particles than standard fiberglass screen.

Is airflow blocked as well as pollen and dust particles?

No. This unique knit design allows air to flow through while blocking pollen, dust and other particles

Pollen Guard is made from what type of material?

Pollen Guard is manufactured using polyester yarn

What makes ADFORS screen safer?

Stiff Screen is ortho-phthalate free and does not contain any substances covered under California Prop 65. We have maintained the same great aesthetics, properties and processibility that our screen has always had. We have also achieved GREENGUARD Gold certification on this product, which certifies that the product has low chemical emissions.

What is the difference between Sun Guard 85 and Sun Guard 90?

The two products are manufactured with different constructions meaning they each have different amounts of yarn per square inch. Sun Guard 90 has more yarns per square inch and therefore will block a higher % of the sun's rays.

Because of the tighter weave, does Sun Guard block all airflow and light?

No, it doesn't. Sun Guard screen cloths still contain a good amount of open area to allow for airflow and light filtering

Why upgrade to ViPer?

For a very small investment per window or door, you can have a screen that is much easier to see through providing better curb appeal.

Does thinner yarn mean that the screen will tear easily?

No, not at all. ViPer screen was specially engineered to maintain optimal strength while allowing for a better outward view

Does Clear Advantage meet industry standards?

Technically there are no industry standards for such a fine screen product (.008'). Clear Advantage exceeds minimum industry standards in both tensile strengths and bursting strengths.

How is Clear Advantage less visible than standard fiberglass screen?

Our use of color and unique design allows for increased light absorption and less light reflection creating lower glare and making the product less visible to the naked eye.

What is the difference between Extra Strength screen and Pet Resistant screen?

Extra Strength screen is made from Fiberglass yarn and was specifically engineered to perform well in large openings. Pet Resistant screen is made from a flexible polyester yarn that helps resist tears from animal claws.

Does a stronger screen mean that it is more difficult to see through?

No. In addition to increased durability, ADFORS Extra Strength screen offers excellent outward visibility.

Does the hybrid polyester/fiberglass input fibers have an adverse reaction together when exposed to the elements?

No, after numerous state of the art weathering and durability testing, the combination of both fibers does not sag, shrink or exhibit abnormal behavior when installed properly and subject to normal environmental conditions.

What other materials are needed to install Pool & Patio Screen into my enclosure system?

You will need a spline tool and flat spline.

What diameters is flat spline available in?

Pool enclosure channels are standard within this system, but are unique to typical window channels. Flat spline is offered in one standard size to fit almost any pool enclosure.

Can I use speciality screen in my enclosure?

Absolutely. The use of speciality screens will provide you with a customized enclosure that meets all your needs.

How do I clean Pollen Guard?

Apply gentle pressure using a mild detergent with a soft bristle brush or sponge. Thoroughly rinse with a gentle spray of clean water. DO NOT USE a high pressure washer!

You used to carry a screen called “No-See-Um.” Do you still carry it?

Yes. We replaced “No-See-Um” screen with “Small Insect.” We made this name change because Small Insect screen not only blocks no-see-ums from entering a home or patio, but other tiny, hard to see insects as well.

What is a No-See-Um?

A no-see-um is an extremely tiny insect that typically inhabits low, marshy coastal areas such as Florida, as well as mountainous and wooded areas. They often bite leaving red swollen marks on humans.

How does Small Insect screen stop these tiny insects from moving through openings?

Small Insect screen was engineered with a thicker yarn and tighter weave than most fiberglass screens to

prevent most small insects from entering

What is the difference between standard Stiff Screen and ViPer Stiff Screen?

ViPer Stiff Screen is designed with a thinner yarn than standard Stiff Screen which allow you to be able to see through it more clearly, with a less obstructed view. The thinner yarn combined with a tighter weave provides the illusion of a virtually invisible screen.

How is ViPer less visible than standard fiberglass?

ViPer is designed with a thinner fiberglass yarn to allow you to be able to see through it more clearly. The thinner yarn combined with a tighter weave provide the illusion of a virtually invisible screen.

What percentage of the sun does each Sun Guard product block?

Sun Guard 90 features a 40x40 weave and blocks up to 85%, while Sun Guard 85 features a 54x18 weave and blocks up to 75%

Because of the tighter weave, does Sun Guard block all airflow and light?

No, it doesn't. Sun Guard screen cloths still contain a good amount of open area to allow for airflow and light filtering