# CoreGuard<sup>™</sup> Inc. Security Wall System

# **Product Description**

*CoreGuard* Security Wall System is shipped as a high impact, one-piece, laminated panel consisting of polycarbonate sheet and gypsum board. Rigidity is supplied by the gypsum board surfacing, with penetration resistance offered by the polycarbonate backing.

## Basic Use

*CoreGuard* walls provide security for psychiatric institutions, hospitals, correctional facilities, schools and similar structures where high impact wall strength is required. The product is designed as a non-structural, non-load-bearing wall surface that will provide resistance to penetration.

## **Composition and Materials**

The *CoreGuard* system is composed of 0.081-inch (2.4-mm) *Lexan*<sup>®</sup> LT300W sheet bonded with adhesive to 3/4" (19 mm) or 5/8" (16 mm) gypsum board with tapered edges.

## Sizes

*CoreGuard* is supplied in standard 4' x 8' (1219 mm x 2438 mm) sheets with gypsum board thicknesses of 3/4" (19 mm) or 5/8" (16 mm). 1/2" (13 mm) gypsum and lengths to 10 feet (3048 mm) are available as special orders.

## **PHYSICAL PROPERTIES**

Weight, 0.081" *Lexan* LT300W sheet, lb/ft<sup>2</sup> (kg/m<sup>2</sup>) ... 0.58 (3) Weight, *Coreguard* with 3/4" gypsum wallboard, lb/ft<sup>2</sup> (kg/m<sup>2</sup>) ... 3.34 (16) Weight, *CoreGuard* with 5/8" gypsum wallboard, lb/ft<sup>2</sup> (kg/m<sup>2</sup>) ... 2.28 (14) Impact resistance, 3/4" or 5/8" gypsum wallboard with 0.081" *Lexan* LT300W sheet, ft-lb ... 600+

# **Technical Data**

## Penetration Resistance

Lexan LT3000W is virtually unbreakable and provides superior penetration resistance.

## Environmental Impact

The *Lexan* polycarbonate sheet used in the *CoreGuard* Security Wall System is manufactured from 100% recycled materials.

## Fire Rating

As tested in conformance with ASTM E-84, "Standard Method of Test of Surface Burning Characteristics of Building Materials, "*Lexan* LT300W has a flame spread of 35 and smoke density of 230, and a NFPA Class B flame spread classification. Testing per UP 263 (ASTM E-119) has been conducted and the product is UL classified for one-hour applications. Two hour classification has been obtained when a second gypsum sheet is installed. The *CoreGuard* Security Wall System is classified as limited combustible materials per NFPA 259 and NFPA 101 total BTU pound content limitations.

### **UL Fire Ratings**

Independent fire tests conducted have confirmed the performance of the *CoreGuard* system. To date, the system has received Underwriters Laboratories (UL) classification for one-and two-hour fire resistance Nonbearing Wall Ratings (Design No. U495).

- The one-hour classifications were awarded by UL to a system comprised of 0.081" (2.4 mm) *Lexan* LT300W sheet plastic adhered to 5/8" (16 mm) Type C or 3/4" (19 mm) *Ultracode*<sup>M 3</sup> gypsum wallboard, using an approved adhesive, with the finished panel's plastic surface screwed to the steel studs.

- The two-hour classification was awarded to a system comprised of a 5/8" (16 mm) or 3/4" (19 mm) *CoreGuard* panel with a second piece of 5/8" (16 mm) Type C gypsum wallboard installed on site.

## Approvals

## California

The State of California Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development has approved the *CoreGuard* Security Wall System, as specified in UL Design Number U495, as a substitute for plywood-backed gypsum board walls meeting the US listing limitations.

#### New York

The State of New York Office of Mental Health, Office of General Services, and Division of Youth specified *CoreGuard* security wall system. New York MEA number 389-93-M.

## **Cost Comparison**

The economic advantages of the *CoreGuard* system relate directly to a contractor's ability to capitalize on the reduced steps required for single-panel handling and installation. Additionally, because *CoreGuard* panels feature standard tapered edges, they are finished using the same techniques as those required for standard gypsum wallboard installations.

## Installation

The *CoreGuard* security wall is a one-component system for ease of installation. *CoreGuard* is installed using the same techniques used for gypsum board. Standard power tools utilized for cutting wood are adequate for cutting the *CoreGuard* panel.

*CoreGuard* is secured to the steel studs using 1-1/4" (32 mm) or longer self-tapping bugle-head screws.

Finishing procedures, such as taping and spackling, are the same as for standard gypsum board.

- Lexan is a registered trademark of GE Plastics
- <sup>3</sup> Ultracode is a trademark of U.S. Gypsum.

## **Guide Specifications**

#### I. General

Furnish and install CGS, tape, compound, and fasteners as required by drawings and as specified herein.

#### **II. Product**

Submit the following for approval:

- 4" x 4" (101 mm x 101 mm) *CoreGuard* Security Wall System with *Lexan* LT300W, 0.081" (2.4 mm) thickness as specified.

- Most recent copy of manufacturer's literature applicable to products and specifications including test reports and recommended installation guidelines.

- Provide data from manufacturer demonstrating wall panel impact resistance meets or exceeds 600 foot pounds.

- Provide data from Underwriters Laboratories indicating product is UL classified for one hour and two hour fire test.

#### Performance Requirements

- The polycarbonate sheet manufacturer must perform all operations in house to ensure the quality and impact resistance.

- The polycarbonate sheet manufacturer must have a minimum five year history of successfully manufacturing impact resistance sheet.

- The polycarbonate sheet manufacturer must be ISO 9002 registered to ensure a commitment to quality manufacturing processes.

- The gypsum manufacturer's sheet must be individually classified by UL for each thickness specified.

- The laminated panel system comprised of polycarbonate, gypsum, and adhesive must be classified as a system by UL for one hour and two hour ratings.

#### Storage and Handling

- Store panels flat in packaging on pallets and covered out of direct sunlight, moisture, and water.

- Store in locations with low humidity and temperatures below 80°F.

- Handle material in the same manner as gypsum to prevent damage: DO NOT SLIDE, DRAG,

#### OR DROP COREGUARD PANELS.

#### American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM)

- 1. D-696: Thermal specifications for coefficient of thermal expansion.
- 2. D-1529: Flammability specification for ignition temperature of LT 300W.
- 3. D-2843: Smoke density specification including research report.
- 4. E-84/E-119: Standard method of test of surface burning.

*Underwriters Laboratories* 1. UL263 (ASTM E-119)

Approved Manufacturers

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#### **III.** Execution

- 1. Install in accordance with instructions of security panel manufacturer.
- 2. When required, cut panel in accordance with manufacturer's instructions.
- 3. Install wall system using specified self-tapping screws.
- 4. Finish joints with vinyl, dry or premixed joint compound and 2" wide paper tape.

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