



BEHIND OUR WALLS

National 
Gypsum

Industry Leadership
Building Products Experience



Full line producer

National Gypsum plants have produced gypsum wallboard for homes and commercial buildings in the United States for 85 years under the Gold Bond® BRAND.

The company uses an abundant mineral – gypsum – to form a fire-resistant core in each wall panel it manufactures. This means a layer of protection surrounds each room constructed with gypsum board.

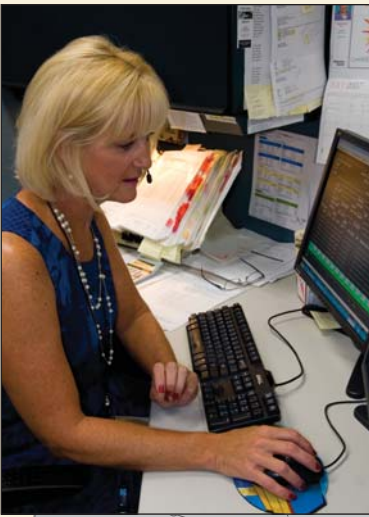
To complement its full line of wallboard product offerings, National Gypsum produces interior finishing products including ProForm® BRAND ready mix joint compound, tape, textures, and setting compounds. ProForm is the fastest growing joint compound brand in the industry.

A third business unit produces PermaBase® BRAND Cement Board. This product is used most often as underlayment for tile installed on walls, floors, and countertops, however, it also is used as a substrate for exterior walls. The tapered, reinforced edges ensure better joints and easier handling and installation.

To better control quality, the company owns its natural gypsum rock supplies, including the world's largest gypsum quarry located in Halifax, Nova Scotia. It also manufactures the facing paper used in gypsum board production. The paper is produced from 100 percent recycled stock such as old boxes, magazines, cardboard, and trimmings from printing companies.



AN INDUSTRY LEADER

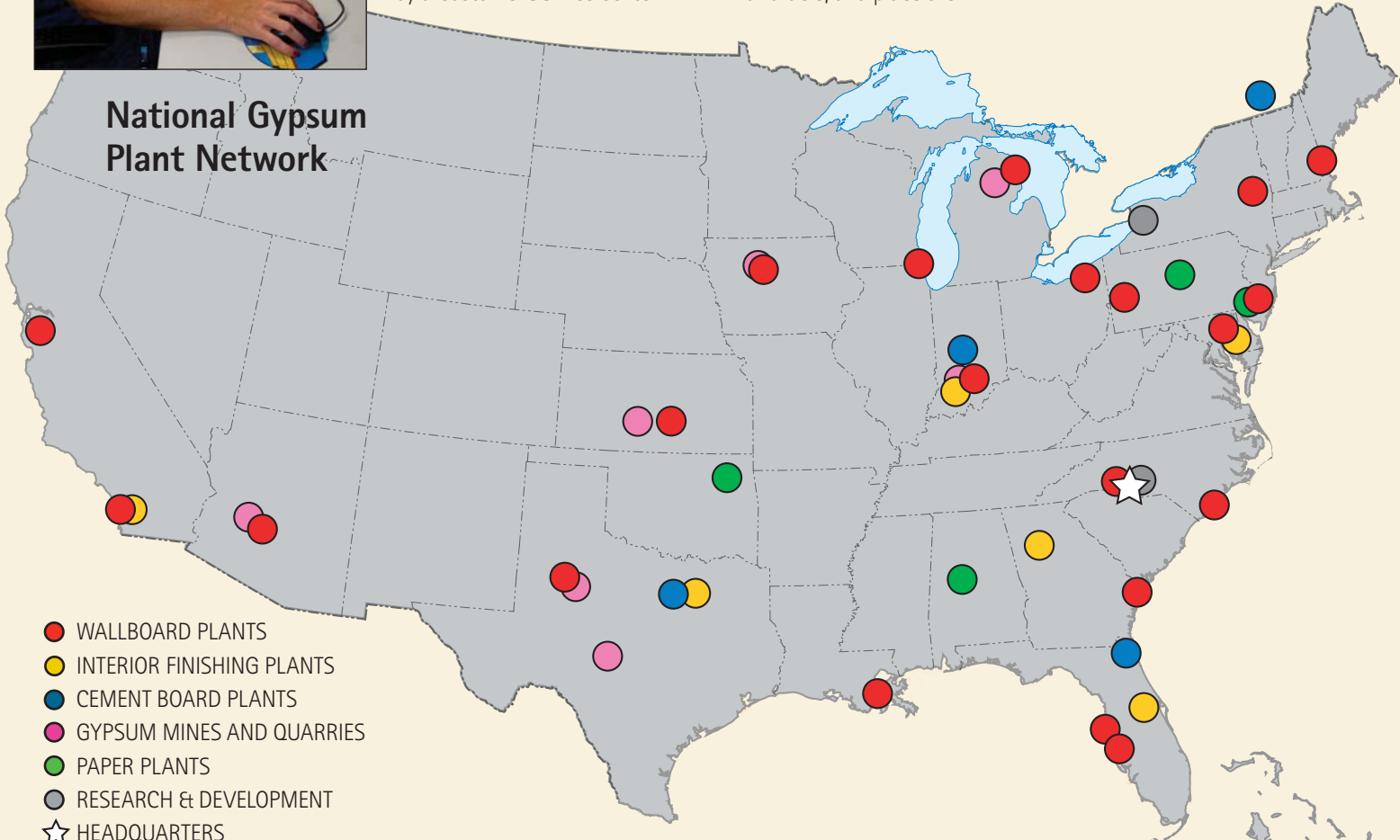


Customer service

A strategic nationwide network of manufacturing facilities allows National Gypsum to provide the best in customer service with plants located near major metropolitan areas. The company sales representatives are supported by a Customer Service Center

where customers receive personal attention when placing orders and scheduling deliveries. This service is enhanced by a website – ngc4me.com – which allows customers to monitor their order history, check the progress of orders, and place them

electronically. Architects and contractors who need detailed technical information about wall assemblies, product applications, and code requirements can call 1-800-NATIONAL®.



National Gypsum has nearly 40 operating plants, mines, quarries, and support facilities throughout the US and Canada. The company's 21 gypsum plants are strategically located to serve metropolitan areas.



PROVIDING ESSENTIAL



Manufacturing excellence

National Gypsum invests continuously in its plants to maintain state-of-art manufacturing facilities. A sophisticated Automatic Data Collection system monitors and analyzes process and quality data. In real time, the system is capable of collecting 800 data points and storing them for comparison. National Gypsum's manufacturing locations have won industry awards for excellence in safety, productivity, quality, and environmental excellence. One of National Gypsum's newest wallboard plants and one that was 26 years old each have earned *IndustryWeek* Magazine's 10 Best Manufacturing Plants Award. The company also has been named one of the safest companies in the United States.



Green by choice

National Gypsum's processes and products support the growing green/sustainability movement. A portion of the company's wallboard is made from gypsum produced from a process used to remove sulfur dioxide from emissions at coal-fired power plants.

After the power plant removes fly ash and other impurities from the coal combustion process, the remaining stack emissions are fed through a limestone slurry. The byproduct of this process is calcium sulfate the chemical name for gypsum. National Gypsum uses it to produce gypsum board from a waste product that would otherwise go to landfills. Byproduct gypsum typically has higher purity than natural gypsum rock, though both forms are chemically identical.

The company's wallboard products, ProForm drywall finishing products, and PermaBase Cement Board have earned GREENGUARD® Certification, the most stringent standard for indoor air quality in the United States.

National Gypsum's new web site, ngc-green.com, includes information on LEED credits, manufacturing practices, and a gallery of green building projects using National Gypsum products.



BUILDING MATERIALS



Innovation and new products

National Gypsum's Gold Bond XP® product line represents the latest in mold, mildew, and moisture resistance. This technology includes the most sophisticated mold inhibitors for building products available. The multiple mold inhibitors have individually been approved to meet the Environmental Protection Agency's most stringent standards.

XP Gypsum Board installs and finishes like standard wallboard, and the distinctive National Gypsum Purple™ color makes it easy to identify.

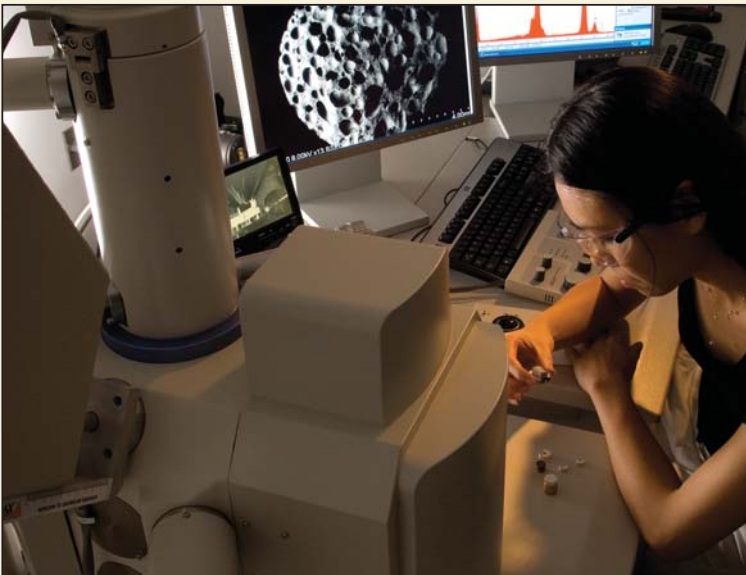
The XP family includes regular gypsum board, XP Fire-Shield® and Fire-Shield C, XP Hi-Impact®, and XP Hi-Abuse®. SoundBreak® XP Gypsum Board offers mold and mildew resistance and superior sound

dampening qualities for media centers and other applications.

e²XP® Extended Exposure Sheathing, also finished in National Gypsum Purple™, offers mold, mildew and moisture protection just as other XP products, but it is produced with a fiberglass mat and designed to withstand extreme weathering on external surfaces. It also is available in a shaftliner and interior products.

To provide the ultimate in mold resistance, National Gypsum also produces ProForm® XP Ready Mix to use in combination with XP gypsum board.

Most National Gypsum gypsum board products, including XP, have tiny "Xs" printed on the surface to guide contractors installing the board. These marks are applied by a process patented only by National Gypsum and are known as GridMarX®.



Research and development

National Gypsum is committed to product and process innovation as well as product, material, and application testing. The company's Technology Innovation Center, located near its headquarters in Charlotte, NC, brings together the disciplines of research, manufacturing, and marketing. Laboratories located in Buffalo, NY, provide sophisticated fire and acoustical testing services for the company and other businesses. Through these testing facilities, National Gypsum has established a comprehensive portfolio of documented fire and sound assemblies.

IN INNOVATION





National Gypsum's Values

Customer satisfaction
as our priority



Honesty, integrity,
fairness and respect



Communications and
openness with all those
with whom we deal



Work hard, be safe,
and have fun

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