

## MAINTAINING PLASTERBOARD

As an interior wall and ceiling lining product, plasterboard is typically used as a substrate material for further decoration, such as paint finishes, tiles or wall paper. Maintenance of the decorative finish is in general more critical than the maintenance of the plasterboard substrate.



### During installation

Plasterboard is to be installed in accordance with AS/NZS 2589:2007 and also Knauf's technical literature.

Additionally the plasterboard must be:

- Installed in a building that is weather tight.
- Installed in a well ventilated environment.
- Protected from condensation forming on the front and back of the plasterboard.
- Protected from excessive moisture conditions above 90% relevant humidity.
- Not exposed to temperatures above 52°C for prolonged periods.

### After installation

Regular checks (suggested annually) should be made of Knauf's wall and ceiling lining products to assess whether maintenance is required for:

- Physical damage (dents, scratches)
- Structural damage (cracks, compression fractures)
- Fire damage
- Water damage (including moisture effected plasterboard and mould growth)
- Re-painting (as and when desired)
- Cleaning (as and when desired)

For complete instructions and detailed information on fire rated and acoustic systems, refer to the latest Knauf Technical Manual on the website or contact Technical Services on 1300 724 505.

Regular maintenance should be conducted in accordance with the recommendations of the manufacturer of the decorative finish. Where paint is used as the decorative finish, the paint manufacturer's recommendations should be followed for maintenance and cleaning. Similarly, if tiles or wall paper are used then manufacturers recommendations for the specific product should be followed. This relates to both the cleaning procedures and the suitable materials/products which should be used.

Maintenance of plasterboard is likely to be necessary only as required. Should damage occur to the plasterboard itself, repairs should be conducted in a way that maintains the installation requirements of AS/NZS 2589:2007 and Knauf's technical literature. Any damage that occurs to a fire rated or acoustic system may impair that system's performance. Repairs must be conducted in a manner that restores and maintains the integrity of the system's performance.