

Levelrock® Floor Underlayment

CSD® RH Early Exposure™

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Premium poured floor underlayment for use over corrugated galvanized steel deck and radiant heat systems

- Up to 55% lighter than 3 in. of concrete
- Lightweight floor design; reduces total dead load
- Ideal for buildings 4 to 10 stories high
- Allows trade traffic to resume the next day (conventional poured concrete requires 7–10 days)
- Streamlines trade scheduling – can now be installed much earlier in the building's construction schedule
- Specially formulated for radiant flooring
- UL designs available up to 2-hour fire rating, non-combustible
- Applied by USG LEVELROCK applicators

Description

LEVELROCK® CSD® RH EARLY EXPOSURE™ floor underlayment is a proprietary formulation designed for interior use in buildings with light-gauge steel frame construction, a corrugated steel deck (minimum 22 gauge) and radiant heat systems. LEVELROCK CSD RH EARLY EXPOSURE floor underlayment provides a robust 3500–5000 psi compressive strength and may be applied at a much lower thickness than poured-in-place concrete. This innovative hybrid cementitious formula provides high early strength and resists moisture. Average LEVELROCK CSD RH EARLY EXPOSURE floor underlayments weigh approximately 18.5 lbs./sq. ft. and require a minimum of 1 ½ in. above the top of the flutes. Encasing electrical radiant heat systems typically requires less material. There should be a minimum thickness of 1 in. of LEVELROCK CSD RH EARLY EXPOSURE floor underlayment above the hydronic tubes and electric cables.

LEVELROCK CSD RH EARLY EXPOSURE floor underlayment reduces material cost, as well as total project cost, by reducing the weight of the floor system and supporting structure. This product can also provide scheduling advantages and may increase floor space by allowing additional floors to be added due to the lighter-weight construction. This makes this product ideal for designing buildings between 4 – 10 stories where wood framing is typically not allowed and conventional structural concrete systems may be too expensive.

The tough compressive and surface strengths of LEVELROCK CSD RH EARLY EXPOSURE floor underlayment provides long-term resistance to trade activity typical of multi-family, mid-rise/light-commercial construction and it accepts virtually all types of floor coverings such as ceramic tile, carpeting and wood. The non-shrinking nature of LEVELROCK CSD RH EARLY EXPOSURE floor underlayment locks hydronic tubes and electric cables in place, preventing noise and tube chafing, while the special formulation is designed to be used within the elevated operating temperature ranges associated with radiant heat floors. In addition to locking the tubes and cables in place, the direct contact of LEVELROCK CSD RH EARLY EXPOSURE floor underlayment provides for an efficient transfer of heat to the underlayment by eliminating any air space that may act as an insulator and lower heat transfer efficiency.

USG® poured cementitious floor underlayment systems provide an economical way to achieve lightweight, fire-resistant, sound-rated, smooth and monolithic floors in residential and light-commercial mid-rise construction. Typical applications are less labor intensive than many other types of construction and provide high fire ratings characteristic of gypsum systems. Designed sound systems provide for improved STC and IIC ratings when used with LEVELROCK sound attenuation products.

Limitations

When considering the use of this floor system, a licensed structural engineer should first evaluate the building loads and framing system to determine whether this corrugated steel deck flooring system is appropriate.

LEVELROCK CSD RH EARLY EXPOSURE floor underlayment is not a structural element and does not provide any contribution to the floor diaphragm. The corrugated steel deck must be designed to address all floor diaphragm

requirements and must conform to Steel Deck Institute standards. Reference the *SDI Manual of Construction with Steel Deck, Section IX Special Considerations for Diaphragms*. For additional requirements, please see *LEVELROCK CSD and LEVELROCK CSD Early Exposure Floor Underlayment Design Guidelines for use with Corrugated Steel Deck Floor Systems* (IG1741). Contact your USG or ALCORP Marketing representative to request a copy.

1. Do not use in exterior applications.
2. Do not use as a wearing surface.
3. Do not use as a structural element.
4. Do not install below-grade.
5. Do not install at thicknesses greater than 2 in. (as measured from top of flute).
6. Do not install when indoor temperature is below 40 °F. Do not use a salamander-type heater.
7. Do not install in any system not meeting the minimum criteria set forth in *LEVELROCK CSD and LEVELROCK CSD Early Exposure Floor Underlayment Design Guidelines for use with Corrugated Steel Deck Floor Systems* (IG1741).
8. Structure shall be designed so that deflection does not exceed L/240 from combined dead and live loads and L/360 from live load. Furthermore, the design criteria for metal deck selection is so the live load deflection does not exceed L/480. Certain floor coverings such as marble, limestone, travertine and wood may have more restrictive deflection limits. Consult the appropriate floor covering manufacturer.
9. Do not install where continuous exposure to moisture is a possibility (for instance, exterior balconies or large commercial/institutional shower rooms).
10. Do not use with radiant heat systems having prolonged operation temperatures exceeding 140 °F.

Product Data

Approximate Compressive Strength (aggregated) ASTM C472 (modified): 3500-5000 psi*

Approximate Dry Density (aggregated): 119–127 lbs./cu. ft.

Note *Compressive strengths published herein were achieved under controlled laboratory conditions. Actual field results may differ due to environmental conditions, regional sand variations, inconsistent proportioning of field applied water, sand and LEVELROCK floor underlayment, as well as differences in mixing/pumping equipment.

Installation

LEVELROCK™ CSD™ floor underlayment primer applied at full strength to the corrugated galvanized steel deck and LEVELROCK CSD RH EARLY EXPOSURE floor underlayment must be applied only by a USG LEVELROCK applicator. In geographic areas not subject to freezing conditions, LEVELROCK CSD RH EARLY EXPOSURE floor underlayment can be poured up to 60 days before permanent windows and doors are installed (only up to 30 days in areas subject to freezing conditions).

If permanent windows, doors and a roof have not been installed before the time of pour, temporary windows and doors, plus a permanent deck and exterior sheathing, must be installed before the pour commences. Before, during and up to 3 days after installation of the underlayment, the building's interior temperature must be maintained above 40 °F and below 110 °F. The poured underlayment must be protected from wind until set has occurred, or a minimum of 4 hours after placing material.

LEVELROCK CSD RH EARLY EXPOSURE floor underlayment will set within 2–3 hours under normal conditions. Light foot traffic can occur after this time; normal trade traffic can resume the next day. LEVELROCK CSD RH EARLY EXPOSURE floor underlayment will typically require 22–25 days at a 1 ½ in. thickness from the top of the flute to dry completely. During this period, adequate ventilation and air movement must be provided to ensure uniform drying. High ambient humidity will delay the drying process. Apply the floor covering only when LEVELROCK CSD RH EARLY EXPOSURE floor underlayment is completely dry.

During the entire installation process, the building must be enclosed and temperature maintained at a 40 °F minimum until permanent heating is available. Ensure that all hydronic piping or radiant heat mats are firmly attached to the subfloor. Refer to *LEVELROCK Floor Underlayment Finished Floor Installation Guidelines* (IG1457) for floor covering installation.

For further details on installation requirements, specifications and the most up-to-date product information, please go to levelrock.com and usgdesignstudio.com.

UL Designs

G551, G553, G559, G564 and G571. Additional UL designs may be available. Contact your USG representative or see levelrock.com for the most up-to-date information.

Compliance

City of L.A. Research Report 25674; International Conference of Building Officials (ICBO) Report No. ER-5885*

*ESR pending.

Submittal Approvals

Job Name		
Contractor		Date

Product Information
See levelrock.com for the most up-to-date product information.

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Safety First!
Follow good safety/industrial hygiene practices during installation. Wear appropriate personal protective equipment. Read MSDS and literature before specification and installation.

