

2021 Virginia Construction Code

CHAPTER 25 GYPSUM BOARD, GYPSUM PANEL PRODUCTS AND PLASTER

SECTION 2510 LATHING AND FURRING FOR CEMENT PLASTER (STUCCO)

2510.1 General.

Exterior and interior *cement plaster* and lathing shall be done with the appropriate materials listed in [Table 2507.2](#) and [Chapter 35](#).

2510.2 Weather protection.

Materials shall be stored in such a manner as to protect them from the weather.

2510.3 Installation.

Installation of these materials shall be in compliance with [ASTM C926](#) and [ASTM C1063](#).

2510.4 Corrosion resistance.

Metal lath and lath attachments shall be of corrosion-resistant material.

2510.5 Backing.

Backing or a lath shall provide sufficient rigidity to permit plaster applications.

2510.5.1 Support of lath.

Where lath on vertical surfaces extends between rafters or other similar projecting members, solid backing shall be installed to provide support for lath and attachments.

2510.5.2 Use of gypsum backing board.

Gypsum backing for cement plaster shall be in accordance with [Section 2510.5.2.1](#) or [2510.5.2.2](#).

2510.5.2.1 Gypsum board as a backing board.

Gypsum lath or *gypsum wallboard* shall not be used as a backing for *cement plaster*.

Exception: Gypsum lath or *gypsum wallboard* is permitted, with a *water-resistive barrier*, as a backing for self-furred metal lath or self-furred wire fabric lath and *cement plaster* where either of the following conditions occur:

1. On horizontal supports of ceilings or roof soffits.
2. On interior walls.

2510.5.2.2 Gypsum sheathing backing.

Gypsum sheathing is permitted as a backing for metal or wire fabric lath and *cement plaster* on walls. A *water-resistive barrier* shall be provided in accordance with [Section 2510.6](#).

2510.5.3 Backing not required.

Wire backing is not required under expanded metal lath or paperbacked wire fabric lath.

2510.6 Water-resistive barriers.

Water-resistive barriers shall be installed as required in [Section 1403.2](#) and, where applied over wood-based sheathing, shall [comply with Section 2510.6.1](#) or [2510.6.2](#).

2510.6.1 Dry climates.

One of the following shall apply for dry (B) climate zones:

1. The water-resistive barrier shall be two layers of 10-minute Grade D paper or have a water resistance equal to or greater than two layers of water-resistive barrier complying with [ASTM E2556](#), Type I. The individual layers shall be installed independently such that each layer provides a separate continuous plane and any flashing, installed in accordance with [Section 1404.4](#) and intended to drain to the water-resistive barrier, is directed between the layers.
2. The water-resistive barrier shall be 60-minute Grade D paper or have a water resistance equal to or greater than one layer of water-resistive barrier complying with [ASTM E2556](#), Type II. The water-resistive barrier shall be separated from the stucco by a layer of foam plastic insulating sheathing or other nonwater absorbing layer, or a drainage space.

2510.6.2 Moist or marine climates.

In moist (A) or marine (C) climate zones, *water-resistive barrier* shall comply with one of the following:

1. In addition to complying with Item 1 or 2 of [Section 2510.6.1](#), a space or drainage material not less than $\frac{3}{16}$ inch (4.8 mm) in depth shall be applied to the exterior side of the *water-resistive barrier*.

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2. In addition to complying with Item 2 of Section 2510.6.1, drainage on the exterior side of the *water-resistive barrier* shall have a minimum drainage efficiency of 90 percent as measured in accordance with ASTM E2273 or Annex A2 of ASTM E2925.

2510.7 Preparation of masonry and concrete.

Surfaces shall be clean, free from efflorescence, sufficiently damp and rough for proper bond. If the surface is insufficiently rough, *approved* bonding agents or a Portland cement dash bond coat mixed in proportions of not more than two parts volume of sand to one part volume of Portland cement or plastic cement shall be applied. The dash bond coat shall be left undisturbed and shall be moist cured not less than 24 hours.