

# INTERNAL PARTITIONS AND WALLS

Highly versatile lightweight, non-loadbearing partition systems. A full range of lightweight partition and wall systems for use in new and existing buildings. They cover all applications, from simple space division to high performance walls.

We offer a full range of lightweight partition and wall systems. Our systems are non-loadbearing and constructed using modern, drylining techniques. Our metal framed partitions and walls can be used in all types of new and existing buildings, including private and social housing, apartments, healthcare, educational facilities, recreational and industrial properties.

They cover all applications, from simple space division, through to high performance walls designed to meet the most demanding fire resistance, sound insulation, impact and height requirements.

Our partition systems are constructed using lightweight materials, which can offer significant savings in structural design compared to masonry alternatives. Benefits also include the speed of installation and reduction to overall build costs.



There are specifications within this system that qualify for our **SpecSure®** warranty. For more information, contact us through [british-gypsum.com](https://british-gypsum.com)

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When specifying partitions, a number of performance characteristics are normally used to determine the required solution.

Depending on the project or construction type, these performance parameters could be set by minimum regulatory standards, or a client or customer requirement for buildings that offer the highest standards of performance and comfort.

## Additional information

Try out The White Book Specification Selector, an online tool designed to help find the ideal solutions for your project needs. Additional information such as BIM data (Revit), Technical Specifications, CAD drawings and other associated items can be downloaded. Visit [british-gypsum.com](http://british-gypsum.com)



### GypWall Single Frame

Create all the rooms you need with the industry's original lightweight non-loadbearing drywall partition system.  
**See page 4.19.**



Fire resistance  
**30-240 mins**

Sound rating  
**34-63 R<sub>w</sub>dB**

Duty rating  
**medium to severe**

### GypWall Single Frame Enhanced

Keep busy areas in great condition with robust partitions.  
**See page 4.27.**



Fire resistance  
**30-120 mins**

Sound rating  
**38-60 R<sub>w</sub>dB**

Duty rating  
**severe**

### GypWall Twin Frame Braced

Keep the peace by reducing sound transmission through separating walls.  
**See page 4.63.**



Fire resistance  
**60-120 mins**

Sound rating  
**59-64 R<sub>w</sub>dB**

Duty rating  
**severe**

### GypWall Twin Frame Audio

Build an acoustic sanctuary without losing floor space.  
**See page 4.75.**



Fire resistance  
**60-120 mins**

Sound rating  
**67-80 R<sub>w</sub>dB**

Duty rating  
**severe**

### GypWall Resilient

Improve acoustic performance of your partitions and separating walls with minimal loss of floor space.  
**See page 4.39.**



Fire resistance  
**60-120 mins**

Sound rating  
**61-65 R<sub>w</sub>dB**

Duty rating  
**severe**

### GypWall Twin Frame Independent

Reduce sound transmission without the need for pre-completion testing.  
**See page 4.51.**



Fire resistance  
**90-120 mins**

Sound rating  
**65-70 R<sub>w</sub>dB**

Duty rating  
**severe**

### GypWall Staggered

Space-saving sound insulation.  
**See page 4.89.**



Fire resistance  
**30-90 mins**

Sound rating  
**49-63 R<sub>w</sub>dB**

Duty rating  
**heavy to severe**

### GypWall Secure

Build secure spaces with attack-resistant walls.  
**See page 4.101.**



Fire resistance  
**120 mins**

Sound rating  
**40 R<sub>w</sub>dB**

Duty rating  
**severe**

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## Good practice specification guidance

- To maximise the performance achieved on site, consider the following good practice specification guidance:
- Consider flanking transmission at the design stage and ensure construction detailing is specified to eliminate, or at least to minimise, any downgrading of the acoustic performance
  - Small openings such as gaps, cracks or holes will conduct airborne sounds and can significantly reduce the sound insulation of a construction. For optimum sound insulation a construction must be airtight
  - When designing the layout of rooms requiring separation by sound insulating walls abutting structural steelwork, consideration should be given to the potential loss of sound insulation performance through the steelwork

- Deflection heads, by definition, must be able to move and, therefore, achieving an airtight seal is very difficult without incorporating sophisticated components and techniques. Air leakage at the partition heads will have a detrimental effect on acoustic performance of any partition. Where acoustic performance is a key consideration, steps must be taken to minimise this loss of performance
- A common mistake made when designing a building is to specify a high performance element and then incorporate a lower performing element within it; for example, a door within a partition. Where the difference between insulation is relatively small (7dB or less), there needs to be a comparatively large area of the lower insulation element before the overall sound insulation is significantly affected. However, where there is a greater difference in sound insulation performance between the two elements, this would usually result in a greater reduction of overall sound insulation performance

Table 1 – Sound insulation performance for residential specification			
Approved Document E (England and Wales)	On-site	Laboratory**	
	$D_{nT,w} + C_{tr}$ dB	Minimum solution $(R_w + C_{tr})$ dB	Recommended solution $(R_w + C_{tr})$ dB
Separating walls between new homes	45	(49)	(54)
Separating walls between purpose-built rooms for residential purposes and rooms created by a change of use or conversion	43	(47)	(52)
Technical Standards Section 5 (Scotland)	On-site	Laboratory**	
	$D_{nT,w} + C_{tr}$ dB	Minimum solution $R_w$ dB	Recommended solution $R_w$ dB
Separating walls between new homes, purpose-built for residential purposes and conversions (not including traditional buildings*)	56	60	63
Separating walls between rooms created by a change of use or conversion (traditional buildings*)	53	57	60

\* Definition of traditional buildings – A building or part of a building of a type constructed before or around 1919:  
a) using construction techniques that were commonly in use before 1919; and  
b) with permeable components, in a way that promotes the dissipation of moisture from the building fabric.

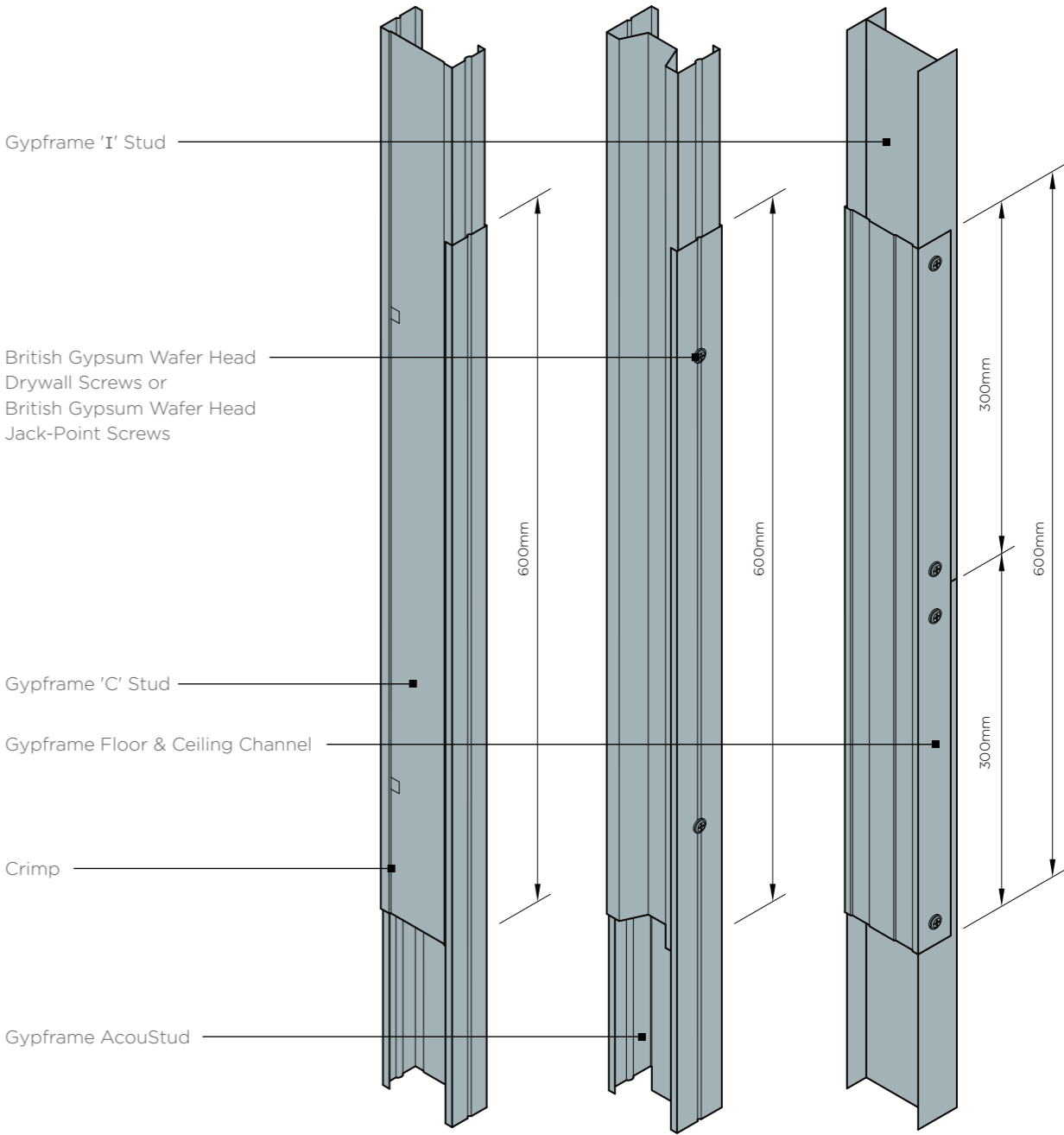
\*\* Minimum solutions provide little or no margin of safety to allow for reduction in performance due to flanking transmission. Recommended solutions have greater potential to satisfy the requirements of Building regulations.

# GypWall partitions

## Construction details

To be read in conjunction with system specific details. Refer to relevant system sections.

### 1. Stud splicing detail

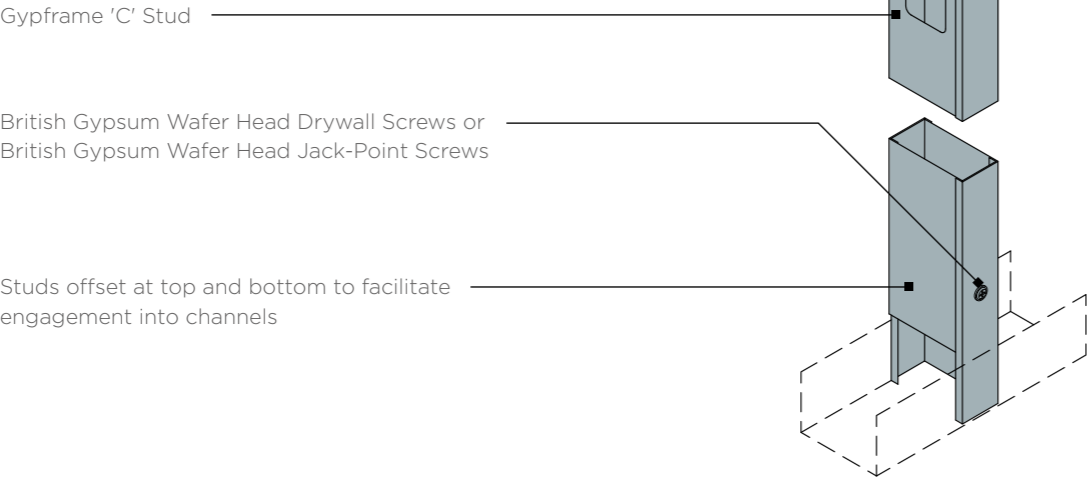


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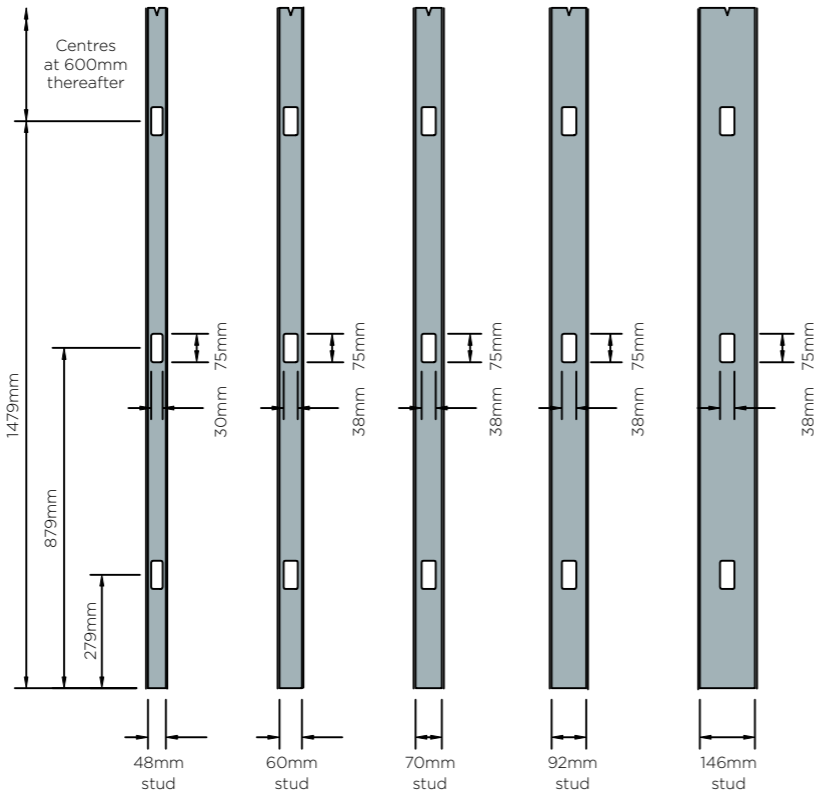
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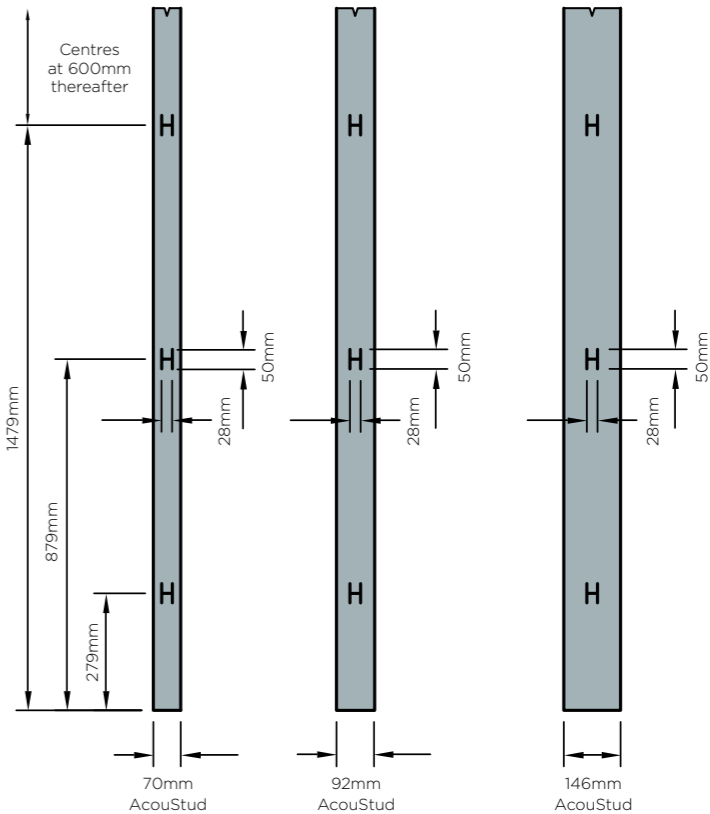
### 2. Fully boxed Gypframe 'C' Stud



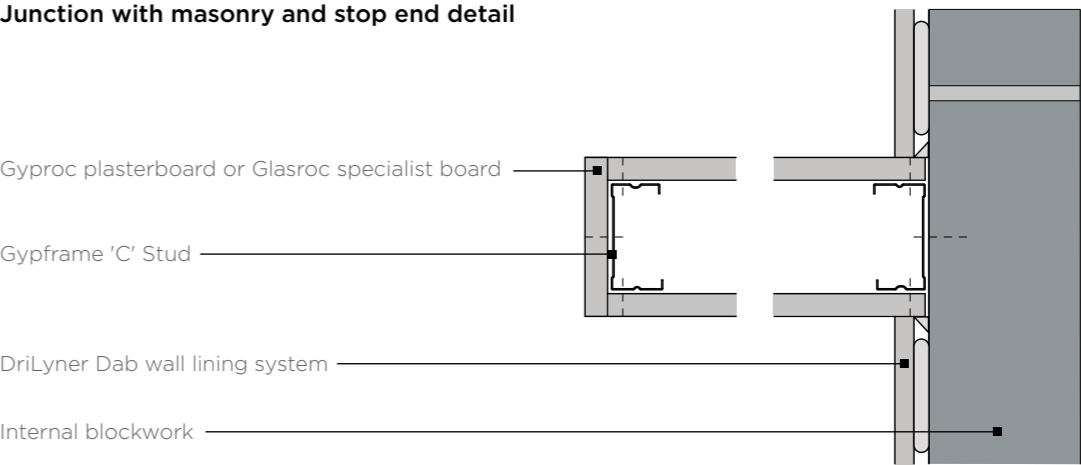
### 3a. Service cut-outs Gypframe 'C' and Gypframe 'I' Studs



### 3b. Service cut-outs Gypframe AcouStuds



### 4. Junction with masonry and stop end detail

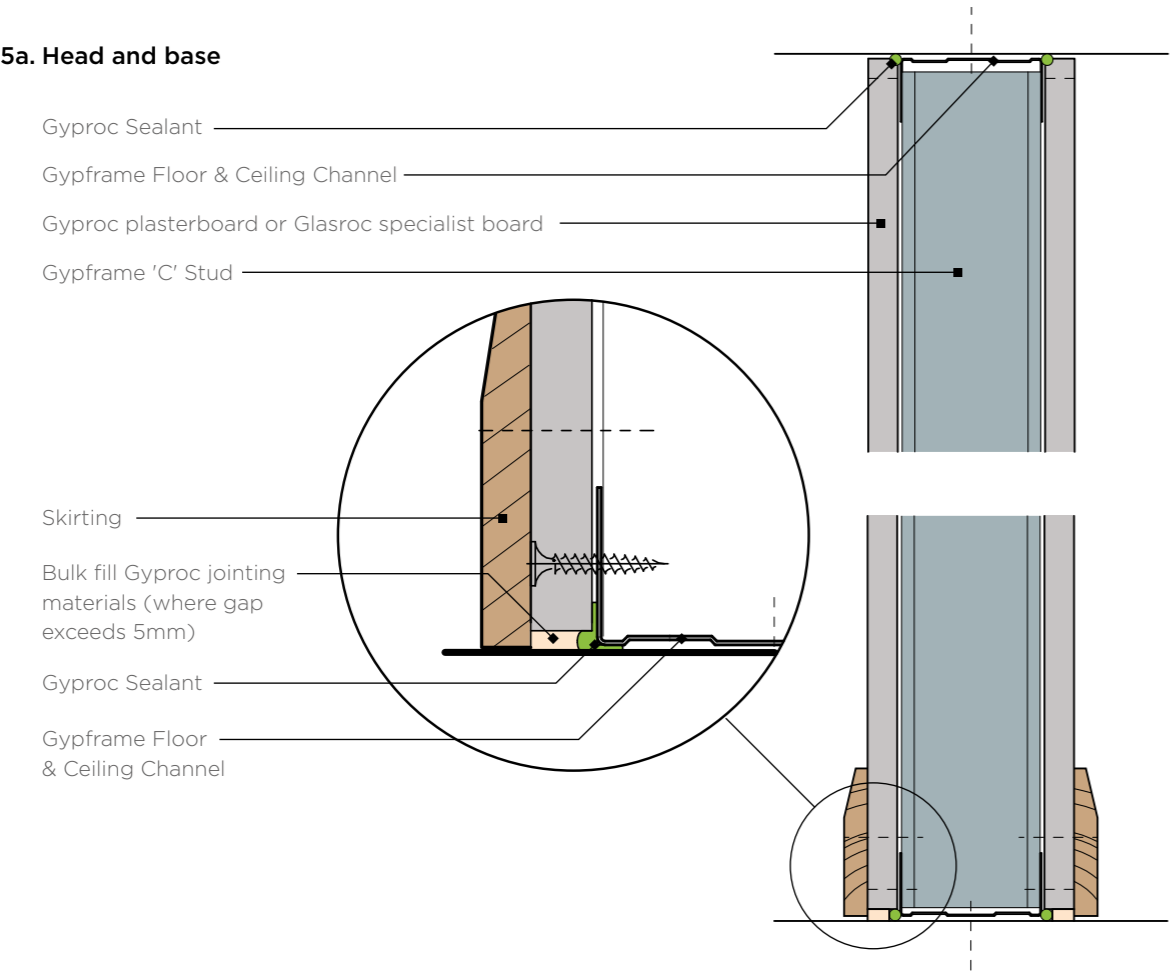


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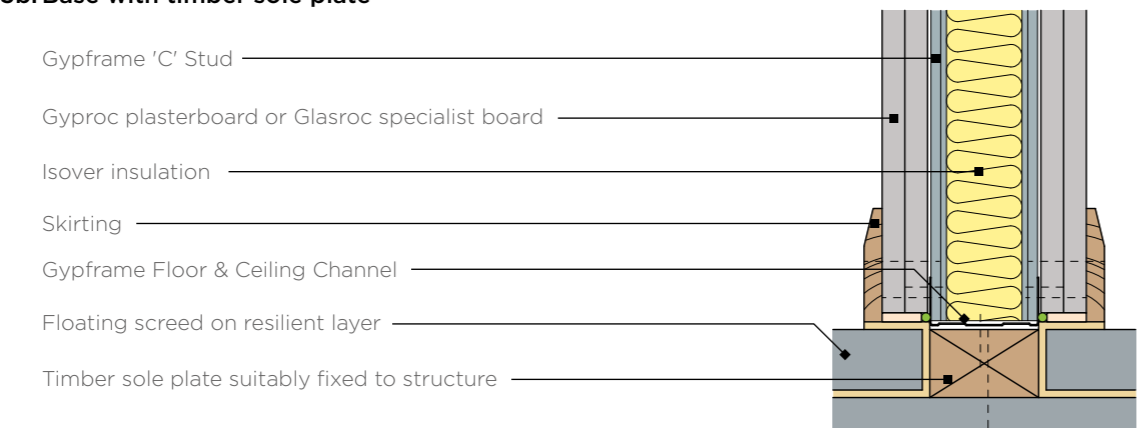
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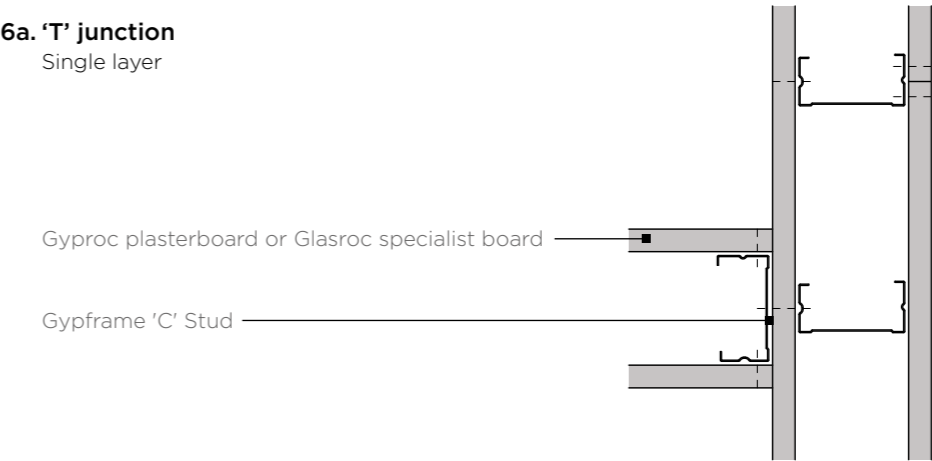
5a. Head and base



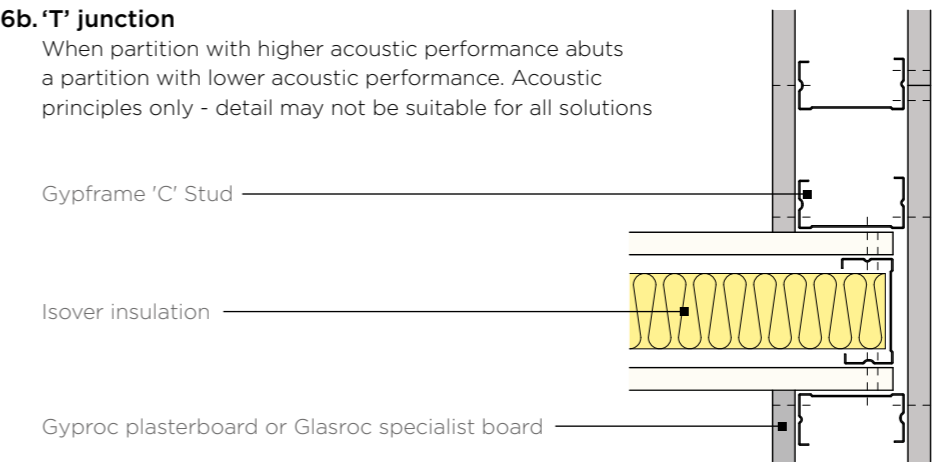
5b. Base with timber sole plate



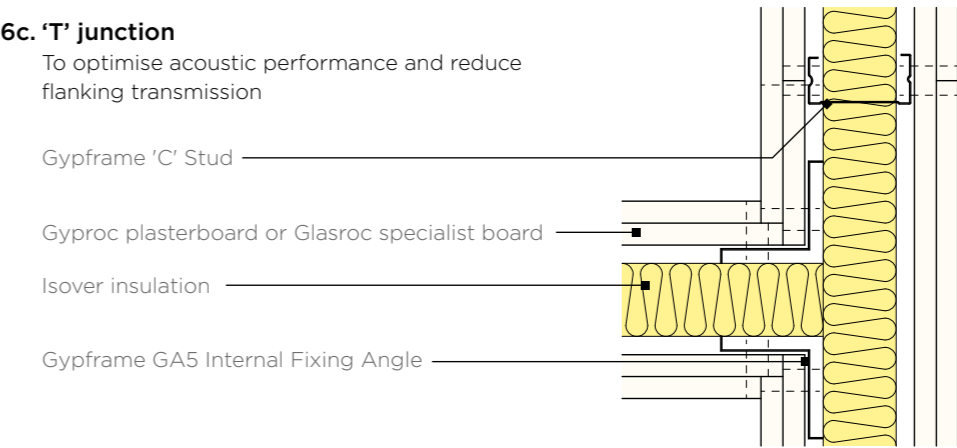
6a. 'T' junction  
Single layer



6b. 'T' junction  
When partition with higher acoustic performance abuts a partition with lower acoustic performance. Acoustic principles only - detail may not be suitable for all solutions



6c. 'T' junction  
To optimise acoustic performance and reduce flanking transmission



Guidance must be sought from the relevant approval authority e.g. Building Control to establish if a cavity barrier is required (Approved Document B)

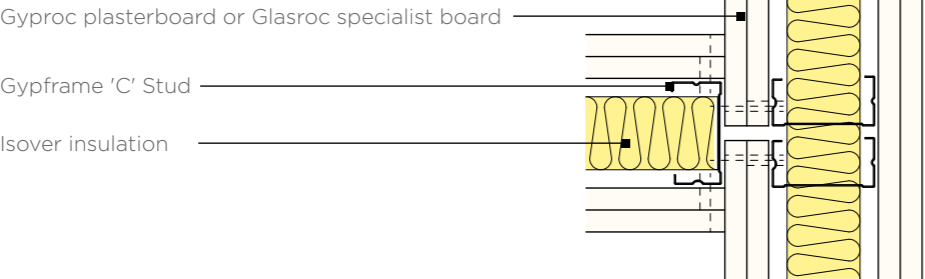
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## Construction details

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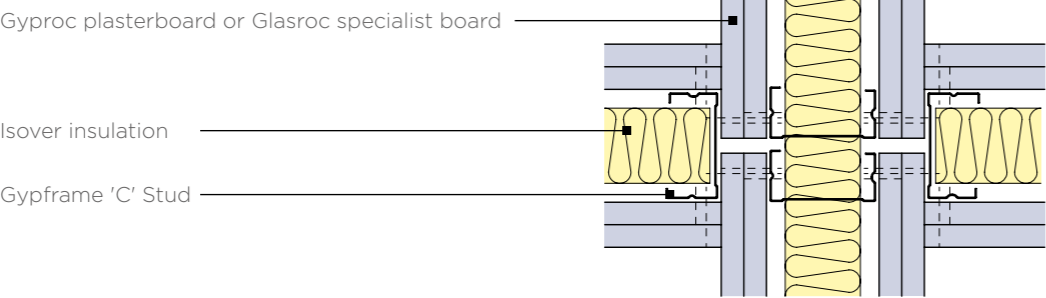
### 6d. 'T' junction

To optimise acoustic performance and reduce flanking transmission

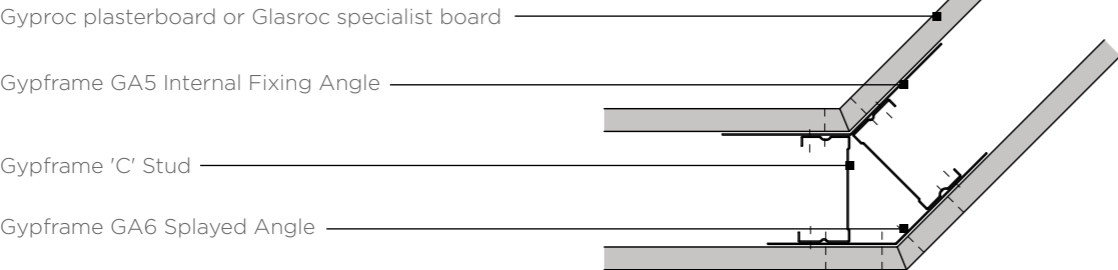


### 7. Four way junction

To optimise acoustic performance and reduce flanking transmission

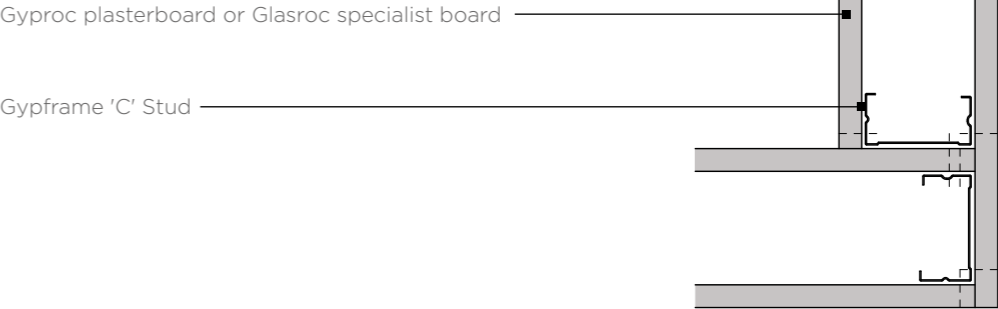


### 8. Splayed corner



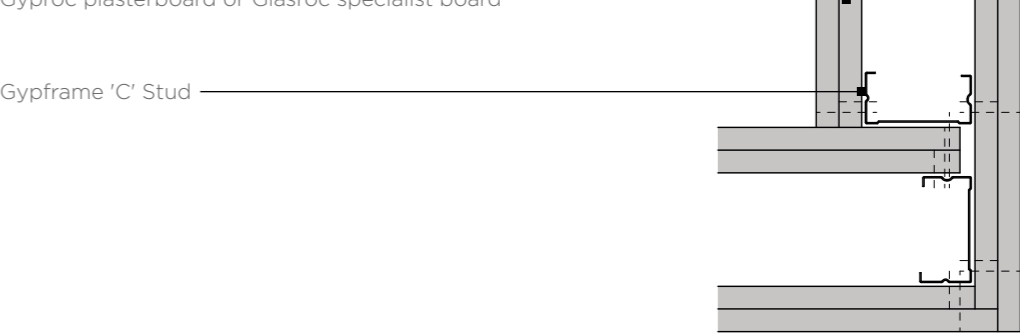
### 9. Corner detail

Single layer

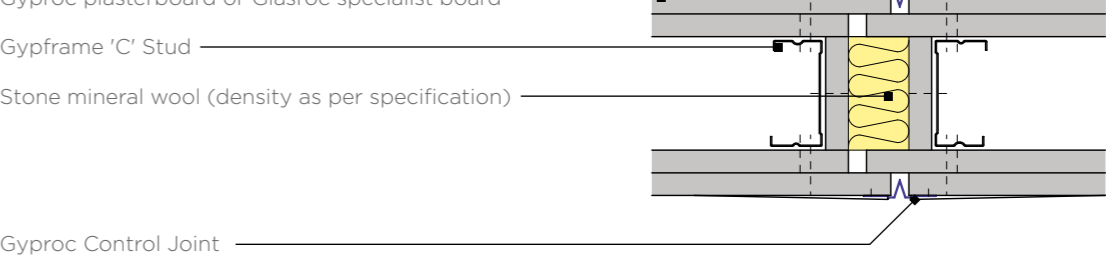


### 10. Corner detail

Double layer



### 11. Typical control joint



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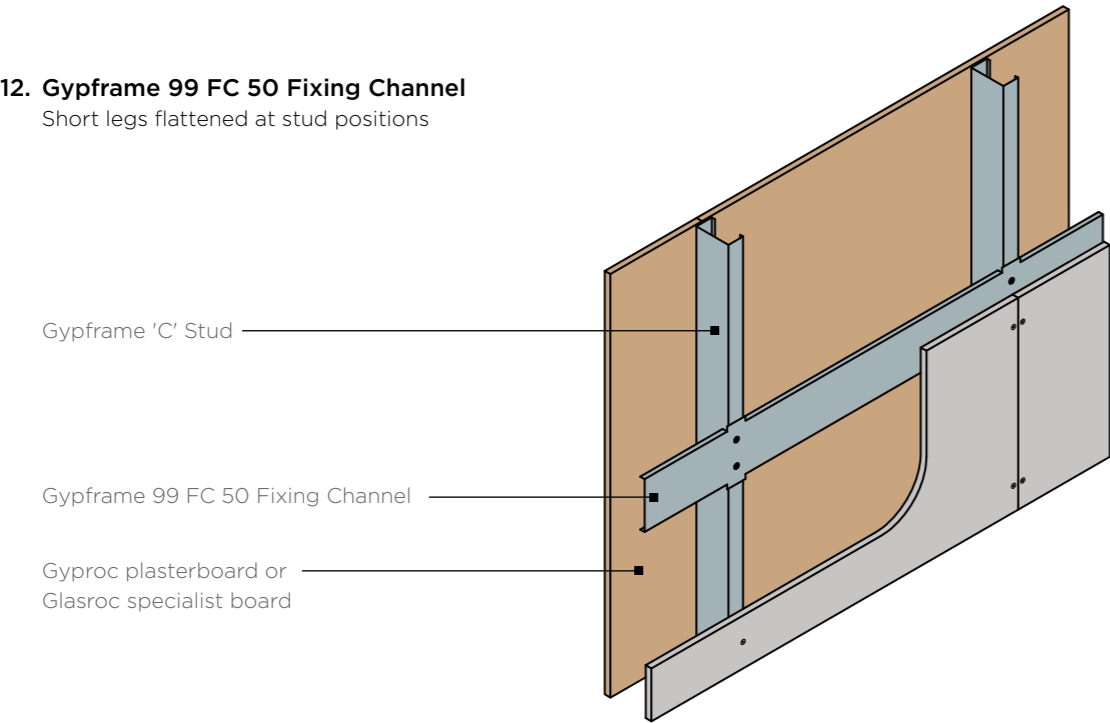
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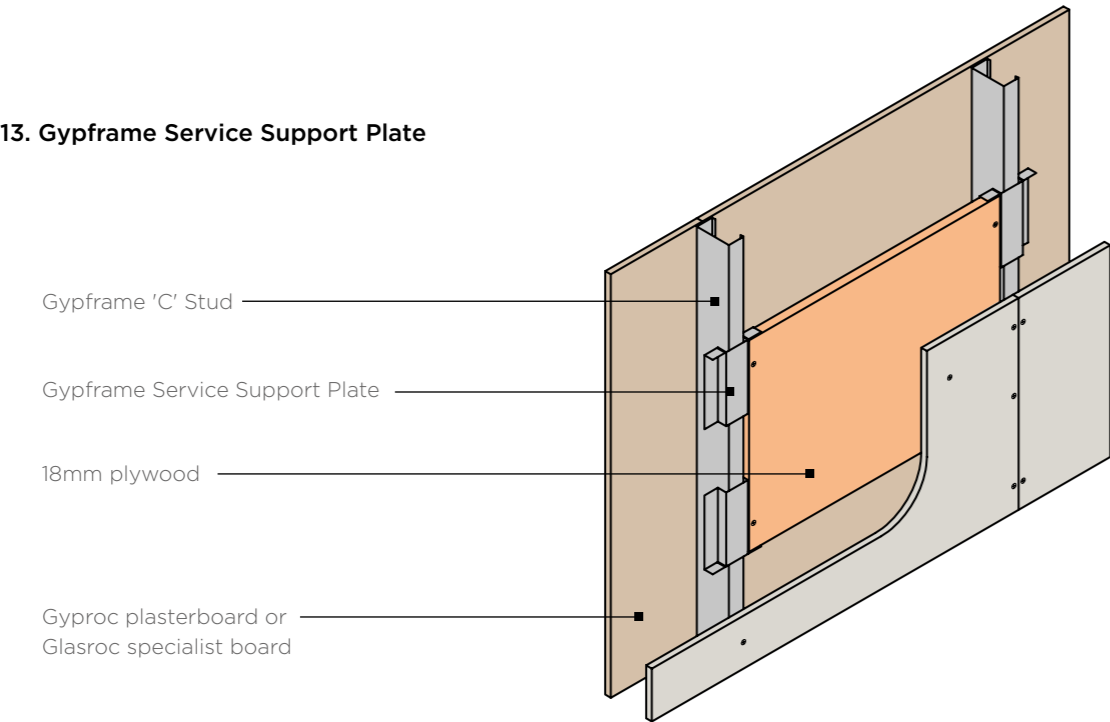
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### 12. Gypframe 99 FC 50 Fixing Channel

Short legs flattened at stud positions



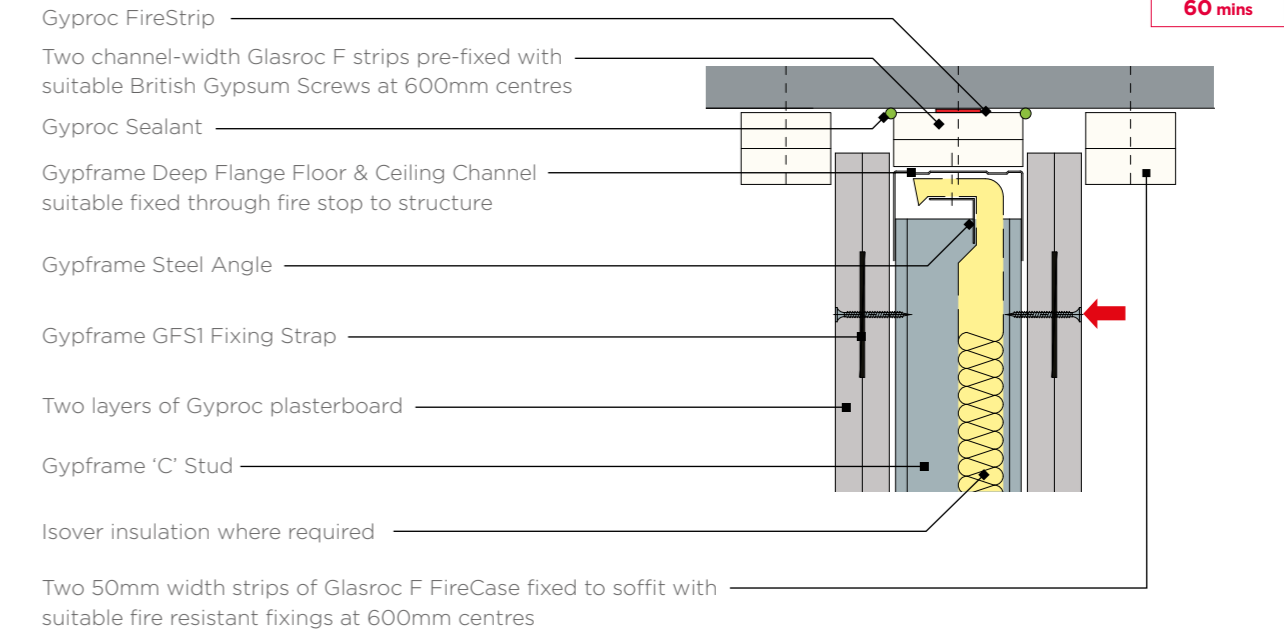
### 13. Gypframe Service Support Plate



Installing the screw into the side of the Gypframe Service Support Plate and the web of the Gypframe 'C' Stud will avoid creating excessive distortion to the lining board.

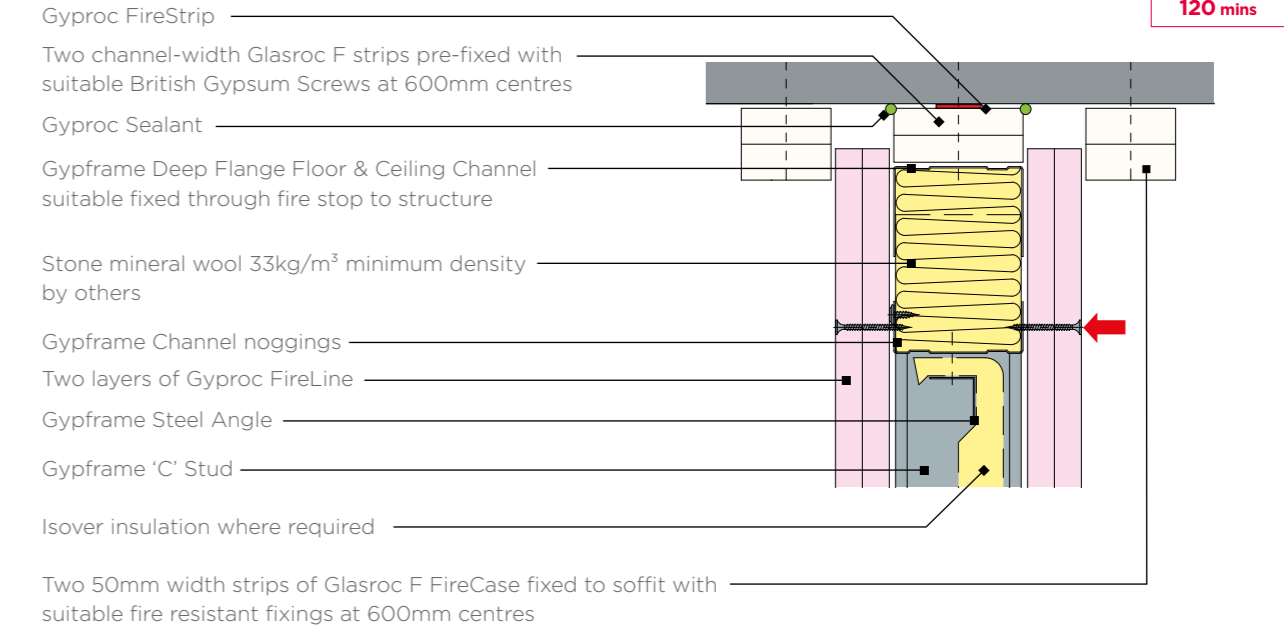
### 14. Deflection head

25mm downward movement and 60 minutes fire resistance to BS EN 1364-1



### 15. Deflection head

25mm downward movement and 120mins fire resistance to BS EN 1364-1



N.B. No fixings should be made through the boards into the flanges of the head channel. The arrow (➡) denotes the position of the uppermost board fixing, which should be made into Gypframe GFS1 Fixing Strap. Continuous Gyproc FireStrip must be installed as shown to maintain fire performance.

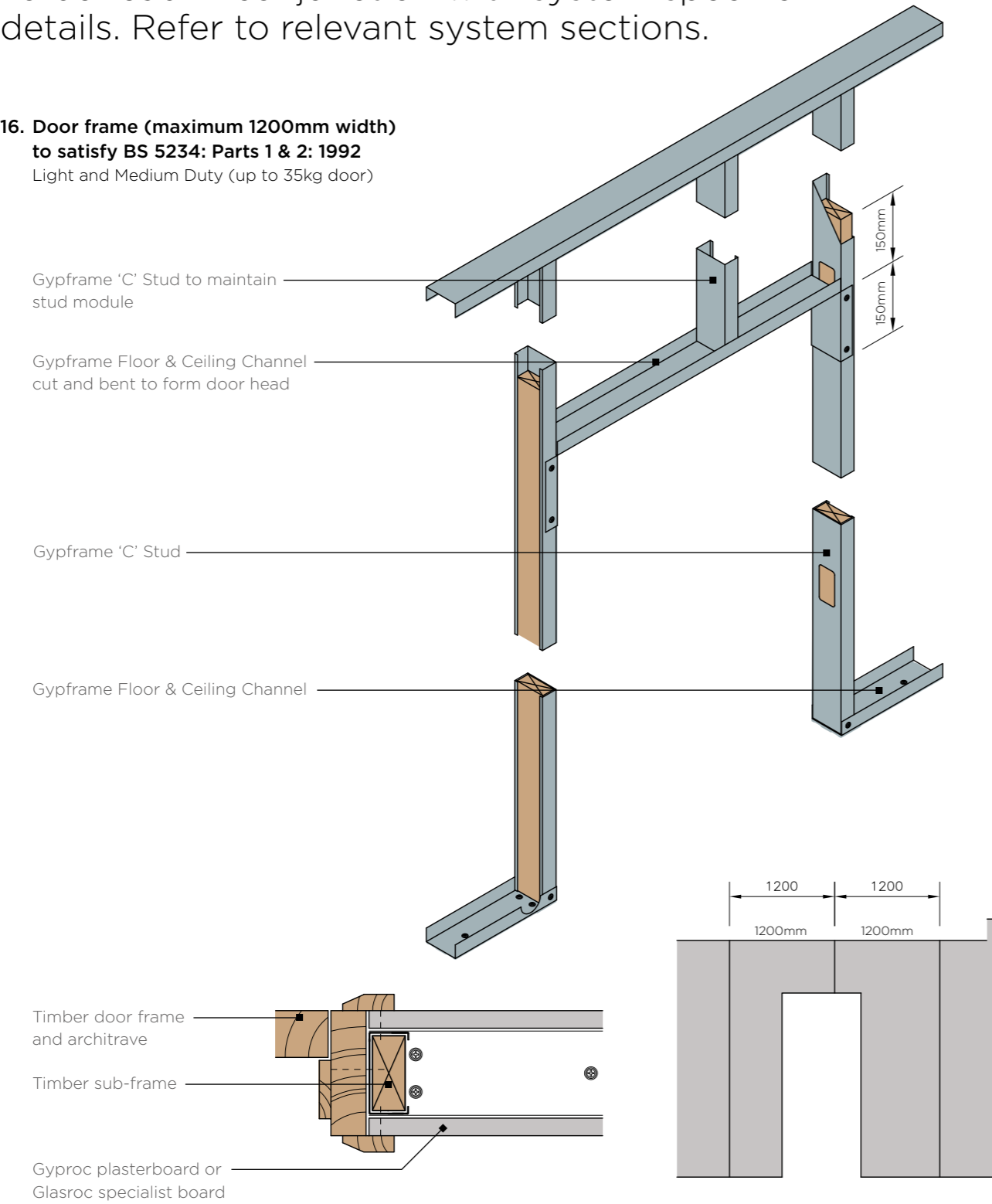
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## Construction details

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### 16. Door frame (maximum 1200mm width) to satisfy BS 5234: Parts 1 & 2: 1992

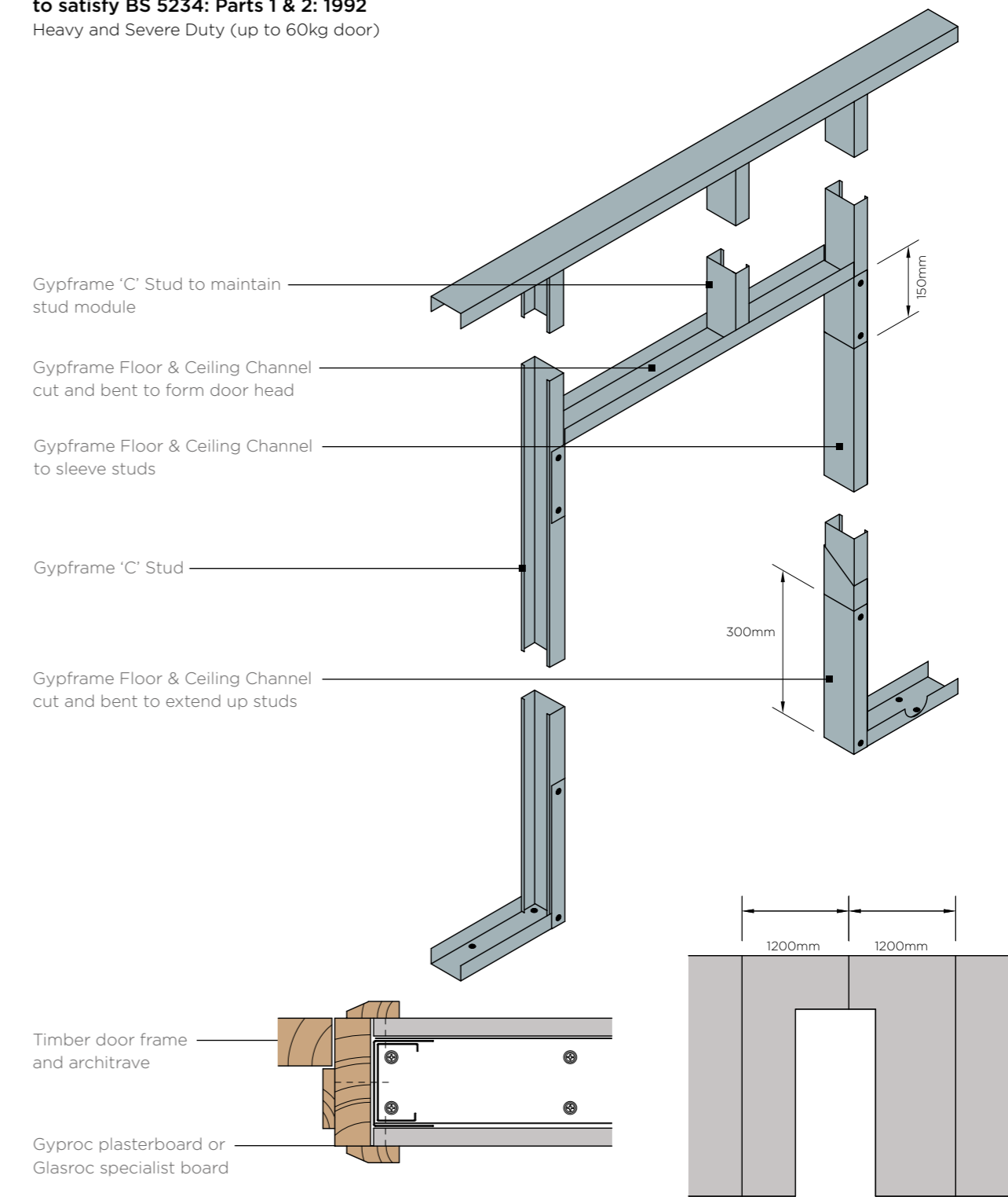
Light and Medium Duty (up to 35kg door)



Advice should be sought from the door manufacturer before the construction of these details.

### 17. Door frame (maximum 1200mm width) to satisfy BS 5234: Parts 1 & 2: 1992

Heavy and Severe Duty (up to 60kg door)



Advice should be sought from the door manufacturer before the construction of these details. At the base, the channel is cut and bent to extend 300mm up the studs and fixed each side with two British Gypsum Wafer Head Drywall Screws. The studs each side of the opening are sleeved full height of opening with Gypframe Floor & Ceiling Channel.

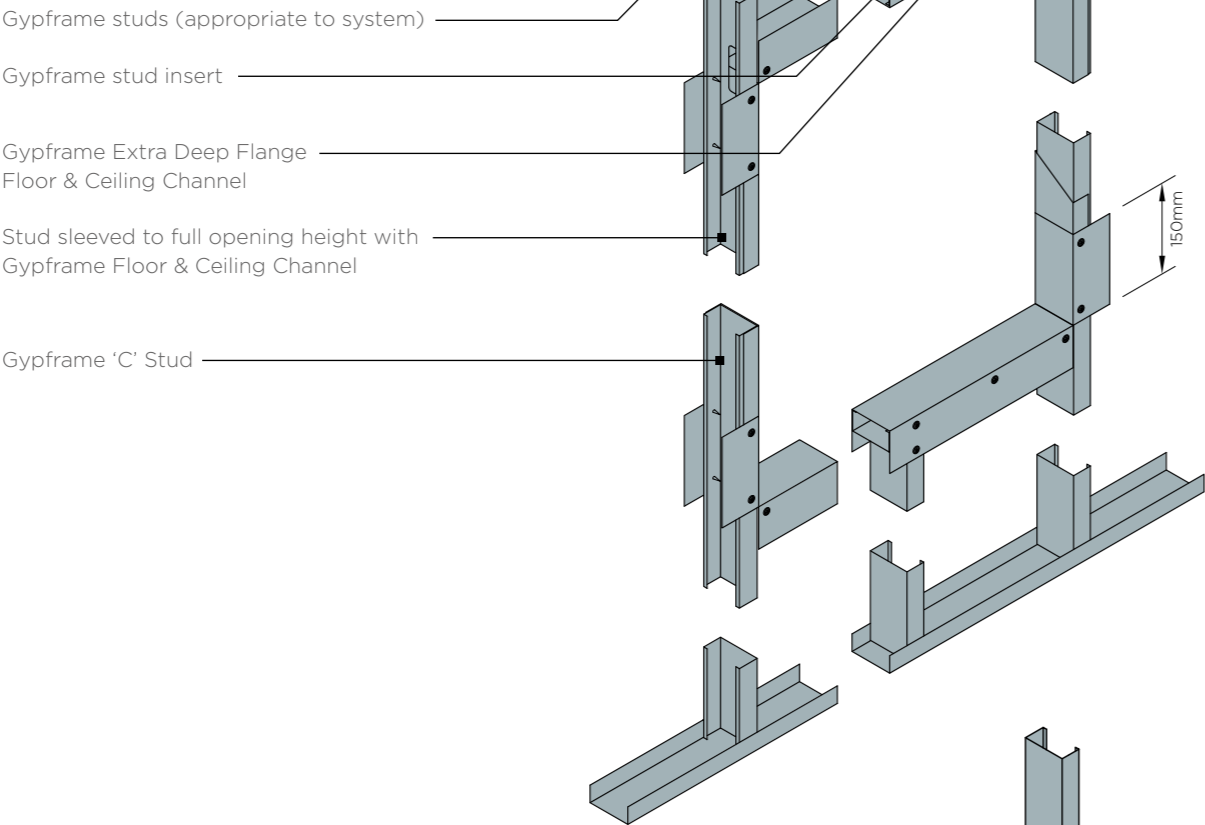
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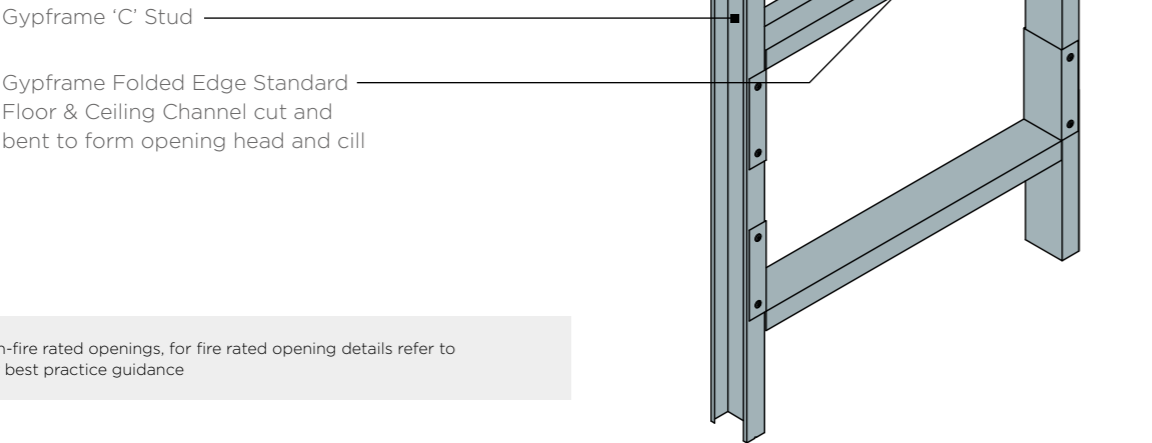
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### 18a. Openings

1201-3300mm wide, for example double doors or large windows

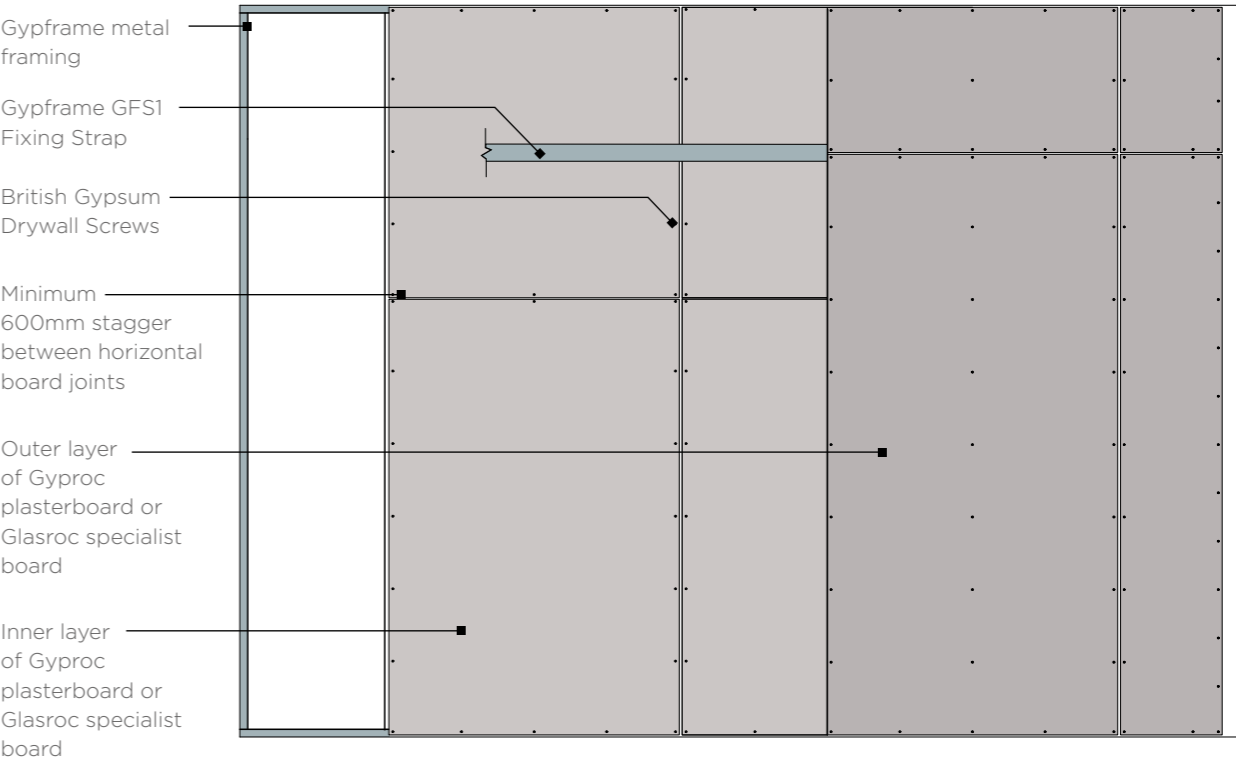


### 18b. Opening up to 600mm wide for services

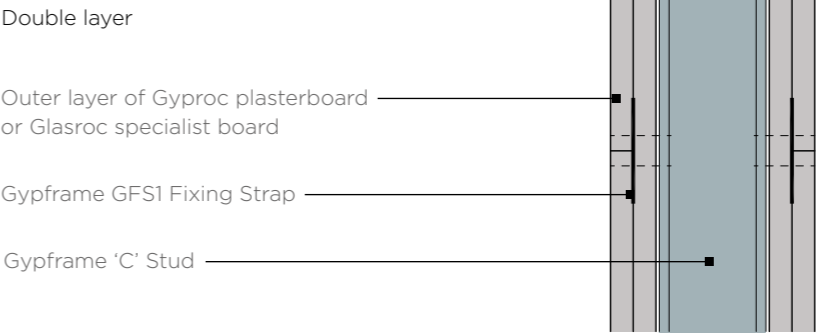


Non-fire rated openings, for fire rated opening details refer to our best practice guidance

### 19. Board layout - typical configuration



### 20. Horizontal board joint



### 23. Horizontal board joint



# GypWall Secure

## Identification

### Build secure spaces with attack-resistant walls.

GypWall Secure is a robust yet lightweight non-loadbearing security wall. It resists determined attack, making it ideal for cash desks, data centres and pharmacy stores. Glasroc F MultiBoard's excellent mechanical properties, combined with the stiffness and resilience of Gypframe Security Sheet, make GypWall Secure a formidable barrier to entry. It resists attacks that use hand tools, and even offers some resistance against power tools.

This system can be skim finished with ThistlePro® PureFinish which contains ACTIVair®. ACTIVair makes indoor air healthier by eliminating up to 70% of formaldehyde present in indoor air.



### Design considerations

#### Security

Glasroc F MultiBoard's excellent mechanical properties, combined with Gypframe Security Sheet's stiffness and resilience, make GypWall Secure a formidable barrier to entry. It provides a high resistance to 'determined attack' using hand tools, and good resistance to attack using power tools.

#### Head and base fixing

Fix Gypframe GA4 Steel Angles to the structure at 300mm centres. For further information please refer to Technical Support on [british-gypsum.com](https://www.british-gypsum.com)

#### Services

Do not install services or penetrations in this system.

#### Board finishing

Refer to [british-gypsum.com](https://www.british-gypsum.com) for our full range and guidance surrounding board finishing products.

### Handy hint

If horizontal board joints are necessary, stagger between layers by a minimum of 600mm, to avoid downgrading performance. For alternative stud types/sizes, to increase maximum partition height, further options are available. Refer to the White Book Specification Selector on the British Gypsum website.

Fire resistance  
120 mins

Sound rating  
40 R<sub>w</sub>dB

Duty rating  
severe

### Why specify GypWall Secure?

Prevents attack for safer spaces

Comes with our **SpecSure®** lifetime warranty

Up to 120 minutes fire resistance

Reduces sound transmission by up to 40 dB

Severe Duty rated

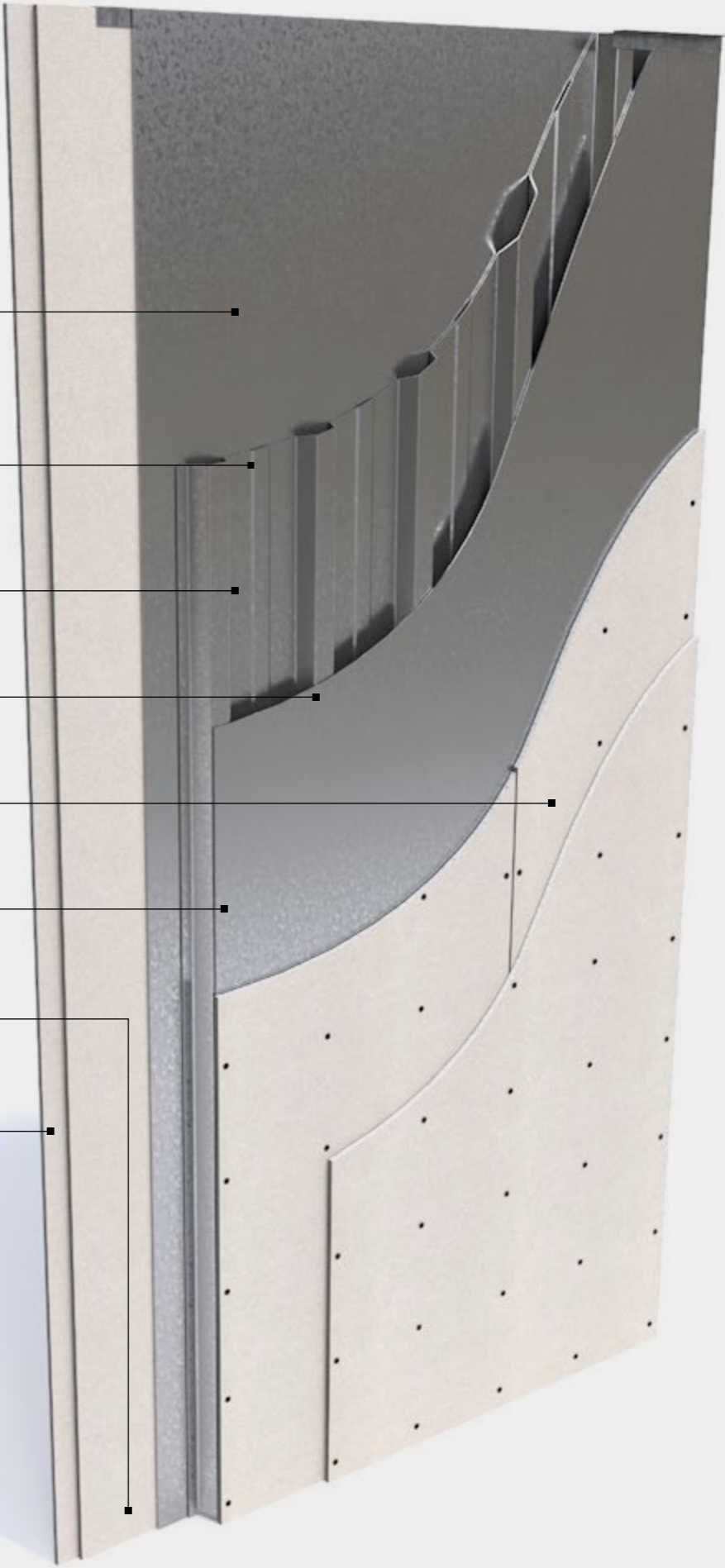
Achieves even better security when you add more steel sheets

Frees up floor space with its narrow footprint

Speak to our Technical Support Team about blast-resistant specifications



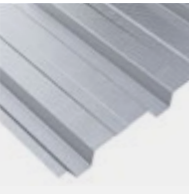
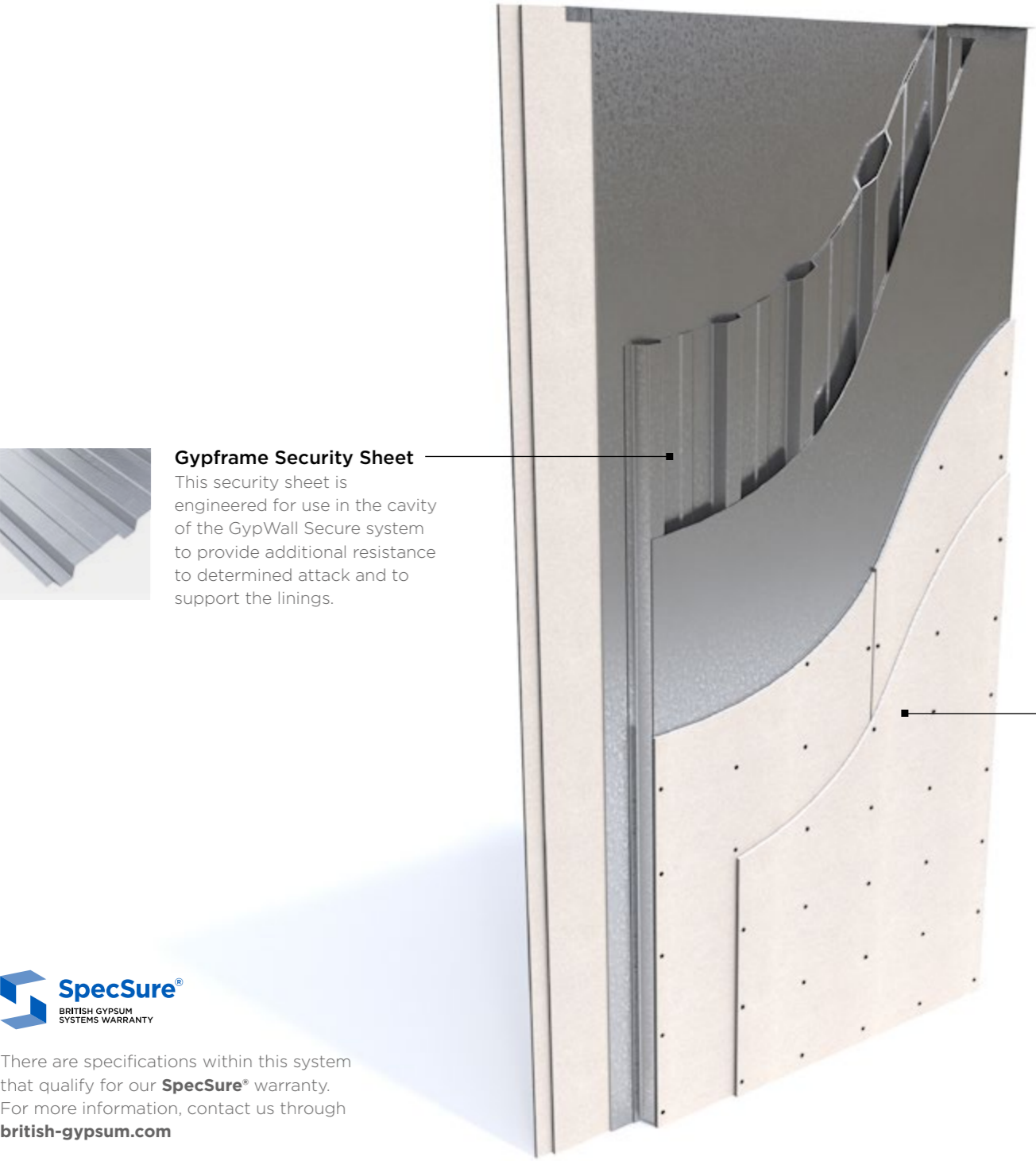
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# GypWall Secure

## System components

Build secure spaces with attack-resistant walls.



**Gypframe Security Sheet**  
This security sheet is engineered for use in the cavity of the GypWall Secure system to provide additional resistance to determined attack and to support the linings.



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### Looking for performance selection tables?

We're committed to providing technical information that is transparent, clear, accurate, and always up-to-date. So you can rely on it when making decisions at any stage of the design, specification, installation, use, maintenance and disposal process.

Due to the secure nature of this product, limited performance data is now available to view and download on our website:

**british-gypsum.com/Systems/internal-partitions-walls/gypwall-secure**

For more detail refer to Technical Support on **british-gypsum.com**.

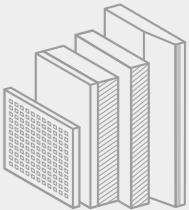


**Glasroc F MultiBoard**  
Glasroc F MultiBoard is a highly versatile, non-combustible glass-reinforced gypsum board. Use it for all forms of partitions and ceilings, including curved applications, giving high levels of fire and impact protection. Can be used in semi-exposed situations such as eaves, canopies and carport under linings.

Careful product choice is central to maintaining system integrity, performance requirements and eligibility for our **SpecSure®** warranty. **Ensure an optimum standard of build by considering...**

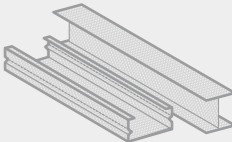
### What are you fixing?

Our market leading range of plasterboard linings for walls, ceilings, floors, partitions and encasements for any building type. See **british-gypsum.com** for more details.



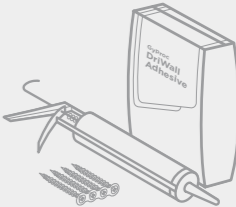
### What are you fixing to?

Our Gypframe metal profiles provide a strong and versatile structure for fixing our partition lining, floor and ceiling systems. See **british-gypsum.com** for more details.



### What are you fixing with?

Our fixings offer guaranteed compatibility with our systems, and are rigorously tested to meet the highest quality standards. See **british-gypsum.com** for more details.



### What are you finishing with?

**Plaster**  
Our wide range of Thistle plasters and Thistle accessories give you everything you need to finish a job to the highest possible standard. See **british-gypsum.com** for more details.



**Finishing products**  
Our Gyproc jointing range gives you everything you need to complete a wall lining, partition or ceiling system, whatever the size and complexity of the project. See **british-gypsum.com** for more details.

**Where defined performance requirements are required see our White Book Specification Selector on british-gypsum.com**