

**FRAME SPACING FOR DRYWALL CONSTRUCTION**

<b>Single-ply Gypsum Board Thickness (in.)</b>	<b>Application to Framing</b>	<b>Maximum o.c. Spacing of Framing (in.)</b>
<b>Ceilings:</b>		
$\frac{3}{8}$	Perpendicular*	16
$\frac{1}{2}$	Perpendicular	16
$\frac{1}{2}$	Parallel*	16
$\frac{5}{8}$	Parallel	16
$\frac{1}{2}$	Perpendicular*	24
$\frac{5}{8}$	Perpendicular	24
<b>Sidewalls:</b>		
$\frac{3}{8}$	Perpendicular or parallel	16
$\frac{1}{2}$	Perpendicular* or parallel	24
$\frac{5}{8}$	Perpendicular or parallel	24

\*On ceilings to receive a water-base texture material, either hand or spray applied, install gypsum board perpendicular to framing and increase board thickness from  $\frac{3}{8}$  to  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch for 16 inch o.c. framing and from  $\frac{1}{2}$  to  $\frac{5}{8}$  inch for 24 inch o.c. framing.  $\frac{3}{8}$  inch should not support thermal insulation.