

RUCO Ready Mixed Joint Compound

Frozen Material Guidelines

Good storage conditions allow for RUCO Ready Mixed Joint Compounds to have up to a 12-month shelf life. This includes protecting material from direct sunlight and temperatures exceeding 120 °F or below freezing. These can cause thinning and/or premature aging of the product. Do not use material if it has discolored or developed a bad odor.

If ambient conditions are below freezing, RUCO Ready Mixed products should be transported and stored to minimize the product's time exposed to sub-freezing temperatures. The amount of time for RUCO products to freeze will vary with temperature, humidity, air movement, and other factors.

Southern Wall Products does not guarantee the fitness of material that has been previously frozen; however, the following steps can maximize the recovery and performance of previously frozen material.

1. Do not expose the container to direct heat in an attempt to speed thawing process.
2. Allow the material to thaw slowly at room temperature for 24-48 hours.
3. Do not drain off any liquid that may have separated. This liquid contains valuable performance enhancing additives that are necessary for proper workability of RUCO Ready Mixed Joint Compounds.
4. Carefully mix back in any separated liquid until material has a smooth, lump-free consistency. Do not add any water before first thoroughly mixing back in any separated liquid.
5. Check material for signs of remaining ice. If no ice is present, and material still will not return to a uniform, smooth consistency, the material should be discarded.