FAQ’s
Q: What is extremegreen®?
A: extremegreen® is a high-density structural magnesium oxide cement board designed to replace plywood, OSB, fiber cement board and interior and exterior gypsum based sheet building products.

Q: What is extremegreen® made from?
A: extremegreen® is made from Magnesium Oxide (MgO).

Q: What is Magnesium Oxide?
A: Magnesium Oxide (MgO), is a naturally occurring inorganic mineral that is mined from the earth much like Portland cement.

Q: Is extremegreen® structural?
A: Yes, extremegreen® can be used in place of plywood, OSB, fire-treated plywood, fire-treated OSB, exterior gypsum board and interior gypsum board.

Q: Can extremegreen® be used externally?
A: Yes, extremegreen® can be used internally or externally.

Q: Where is extremegreen® most commonly used?
A: extremegreen® is most commonly used as exterior sheathing, interior wallboard, subflooring, ceilings, roof decking, fire-resistant wall and subfloor assemblies and tile backerboard.

Q: What sizes is extremegreen® available in?
A: extremegreen® is available in 3' x 5', 4' x 8', 4' x 9' and 4' x 10'.

Q: What thicknesses is extremegreen® available in?
A: extremegreen® is available in 1/4'', 1/2'', 5/8'' and 3/4''. Other thicknesses are available by special order.

Q: Is extremegreen® sheathing expensive and how much does it cost?
A: extremegreen® is a high-performance building material, so sheet for sheet it is more expensive than traditional gypsum board, but it is fire, water, mold and insect resistant and reduces the number of layers one needs in fire-fire-resistant assemblies, thus reducing material cost and labor.

extremegreen® is a far stronger, high impact product and requires fewer layers than gypsum, fire treated plywood or OSB in fire-rated assemblies, thus saving money in material in labor. Significant savings are also achievable when it comes to finishing. Typically, 50% less joint compound and paint is used to achieve a Level 5 finish.

Q: Is extremegreen® flooring expensive and how much does it cost?
A: extremegreen® flooring outperforms most other floor sheathing products on the market and can save 40% - 50% when compared to poured concrete. It also eliminates the need for lightweight gypsum concrete used in mid-rise, high-rise and multi-family construction projects.

Q: How do you install extremegreen®?
A: extremegreen® is installed in a similar fashion to gypsum board, plywood, or OSB.

Q: Can you nail extremegreen®?
A: extremegreen® can be nailed or screwed.

Q: Does extremegreen® feed mold?
A: extremegreen® is completely inorganic, does not rot, mold or feed mildew and has a 0/0/0 mold rating.

Q: Is extremegreen® flammable?
A: No, extremegreen® is non-combustible and is Class A fire rated, with a 0 flame spread and 0 smoke developed rating. No other plywood, OSB or gypsum based product can claim this.

Q: Is extremegreen® heavy?
A: No, a ½'' sheet of extremegreen® weighs approximately the same as ½'' gypsum board +/- 2.4 pounds per sq. ft.
Q: Is extreme® green® people safe?
A: Yes. extreme® green® is completely non-toxic. It is manufactured from 100% natural inputs and does not off-gas. It is exceptionally good for Asthma or chemically sensitive people.

Q: Is extreme® green® contractor friendly?
A: Yes, and the dust generated when cut with a circular saw is non-carcinogenic. extreme® green® does not contain known toxins such as formaldehyde, crystalline silica or fly ash.

Q: How do you cut extreme® green®?
A: extreme® green® can be scored and snapped like gypsum board, or you can use a circular saw.

Q: Is extreme® green® an approved building material?
A: Yes, extreme® green® is a listed and certified building product (UL and NTA Certified and Listed), and complies with the 2009, 2012 and 2015 International Building Code and International Residential Code.

Q: How do you finish extreme® green®?
A: extreme® green® is taped, mudded and painted in a similar fashion to gypsum board.

Q: Can you achieve a Level 5 finish with extreme® green®?
A: Yes, a Level 5 finish can be achieved with one coat of extreme® green® Primer and one coat of top coat.

Q: Is extreme® green® termite proof?
A: Yes, extreme® green® is completely resistant to all wood boring insects.

Q: Is extreme® green® waterproof?
A: extreme® green® is impervious to water, both fresh and salt. Being cementatious, it does however absorb some water.

Q: What happens when extreme® green® gets wet?
A: Nothing. It dries out and is unaffected by exposure to water.

Q: Is extreme® green® dimensionally stable when wet?
A: Yes. extreme® green® is one of the most dimensionally stable sheet building materials on the market.

Q: When should extreme® green® be used?
A: extreme® green® should be used wherever there is a need for a fireproof, mold proof, insect proof, waterproof and high impact alternative to gypsum board, plywood, OSB or fiber cement board.

Q: What kind of screws do I need to fasten extreme® green®?
A: Powder coated, yellow zinc or stainless steel #10 screws for fastening into steel framing or a #12 screws for fastening into wood framing are recommended. Raised nibs under the head of the screw help countersink the screw beneath the surface of the board and deliver a superior finish. Traditional bugle-head gypsum screws are not recommended, but are acceptable.

Q: Is pre-drilling necessary?
A: No, not with the recommended screws.

Q: Do I need blocking to hang pictures when using extreme® green®?
A: No. You can hang practically anything off extreme® green® with no additional blocking needed. (See Product Data Sheet for maximum fastener capacities).