STRETCH CEILING VS DRYWALL CEILING

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CRITERION	STRETCH CEILING using the example of TEQTUM Euro film	DRYWALL (GYPSUM BOARD) CEILING
INSTALLATION	Easy and clean — can be done at any stage, even after the renovation is finished.	More complex. Best done during rough construction, before final finishing.
INSTALLATION TIME	About one day per room.	At least 3–4 days per room.
ADDITIONAL FINISHING	Not needed.	Required: filling, sanding, priming, painting.
DUST AND DIRT	Very little — can be installed in a furnished room.	A lot of dust from cutting, filling and sanding.
LOSS OF ROOM HEIGHT	3–5 cm.	At least 10–12 cm, more for multi-level designs.
MOISTURE	Moisture-resistant, no mould or fungus, can be wiped with a damp cloth. Suitable for bathrooms and kitchens.	Standard boards absorb moisture; mould can appear in humid rooms. Moisture-resistant boards cost more.
WATER LEAK FROM ABOVE	1 m² of TEQTUM ceiling holds up to 100 litres of water. After draining, the ceiling returns to its shape — furniture and floors stay dry.	Gets soaked and usually has to be replaced. Furniture, walls and floors are often damaged.
FIRE BEHAVIOUR	TEQTUM Euro: fire class **B-s1,d0** (EN 13501-1) — flame-retardant, does not spread flames, very low smoke, no burning droplets. Ask your installer for the EN 13501-1 classification report — not all stretch ceilings have one.	Standard gypsum board is non-combustible (class A2). Fire resistance of the whole system depends on the frame and boards; fire-rated boards increase the cost.
INDOOR AIR AND ODOUR	Quality film may have a slight smell right after installation that disappears quickly. A smell lasting for weeks is a sign of low-quality film. TEQTUM Euro has the A+ emission rating — the best class for indoor air quality.	Usually no smell.
SAFETY CERTIFICATES	TEQTUM Euro: CE marking, A+, REACH, RoHS and EN 71-3 (safety of materials for children). Many stretch ceilings have no such certificates. Ask your installer for certificates for the exact film.	Generally considered safe; ask the manufacturer for certificates.
AUTHENTICITY	Every TEQTUM ceiling gets a **ceiling passport** with a unique number from the TEQTUM system — check it on the TEQTUM website. Edge marking and UV marking are extra checks.	—
LIGHTING	Both ceilings allow built-in lighting: the space between the base ceiling and the film or boards holds wiring and fittings.	
DESIGN	• Matte, glossy and satin finishes • 12 designer colours based on RAL Design • Printing, backlighting, curved shapes	Smooth painted surface; multi-level shapes possible.
MAINTENANCE	Wipe with a damp cloth. No repainting; does not crack or flake.	Paint and joints can crack or flake and need periodic renovation.
MECHANICAL DAMAGE	Can be punctured by sharp objects.	Relatively resistant to knocks.
DIY / REPAIR	Installed and repaired by a professional with special tools. Film can be removed and stretched back again.	Possible for a skilled DIYer; small damage can be filled and repainted.
LIFESPAN	More than 20 years without repainting.	Long, but the finish needs periodic renovation.
COST	Depends on the country, the installer and the materials. Compare full quotes — including filling and painting for drywall — before deciding.	