

Masonry 101

Introduction to Masonry

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Course Description

TMS will start a new Masonry Night School with a six session Masonry 101 course which will provide a comprehensive introduction to masonry materials and concepts for those who need a fast-track course, especially new designers and specifiers.

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Course Description

Night School gives a thorough review of masonry topics, with a progressive building of knowledge by the attendees. Future integration will allow for on-demand learning and a selection of specific topics of interest by those wishing to learn about various aspects and attributes of masonry. Masonry 101 is a full course intended to introduce those new to masonry to essential topics in a developing sequence, although attendees may participate in sessions individually if desired.

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Course Description

A total of 6 Sessions will be offered: These sessions will be offered live at 7 pm ET on the dates noted for 1 AIA LU credit each. Attend all six, or only those of interest to you.

- **Introduction to Masonry** by W. Mark McGinley, Ph.D., P.E., FASTM, FTMS, Professor of Civil Engineering at the University of Louisville on Wednesday, October 21
- **Introduction to Masonry Units** by Christine A. (Tina) Subasic, P.E., LEED AP, consulting architectural engineer in Raleigh, NC on Wednesday, October 28
- **Mortar** by Jamie Farny, Director, Building Marketing at the Portland Cement Association on Wednesday, November 4

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- **Reinforcement and Anchors** by Richard M. Bennett, Ph.D., P.E., FTMS, Professor at the University of Tennessee on Wednesday, November 11
- **Grout** by Jamie Farny, Director, Building Marketing at the Portland Cement Association on Wednesday, November 18
- **Masonry Assemblies** by W. Mark McGinley, Ph.D., P.E., FASTM, FTMS, Professor of Civil Engineering at the University of Louisville on Tuesday, November 24

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Learning Objectives

Introduction to Masonry

Learning Objectives include:

- Identify the terminology associated with masonry systems.
- Identify the common acronyms associated with masonry.
- Describe the performance attributes of masonry.
- List the key masonry codes, standards and resources.

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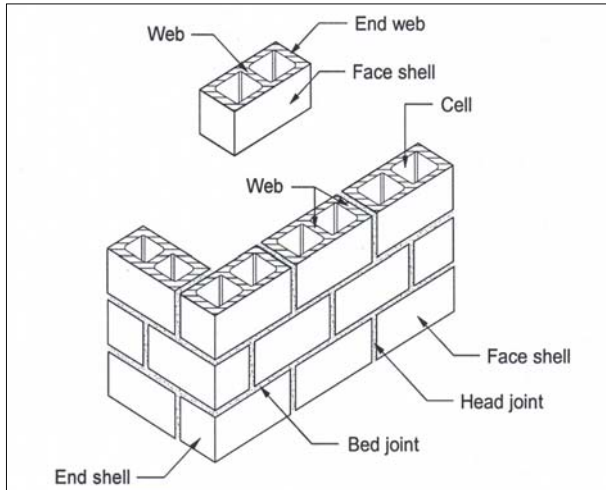
Basic Masonry Terminology

- Masonry is a system comprised of relatively small masonry units that are typically hand laid and bonded together with mortar. They are often grouted and reinforced.
- Can you identify:
 - Unit types, cmu, brick?
 - Bond type(s)?
 - Control Joint location?
 - Spacing of veneer ties?
 - Lintel Bearing?
 - Any other items shown?



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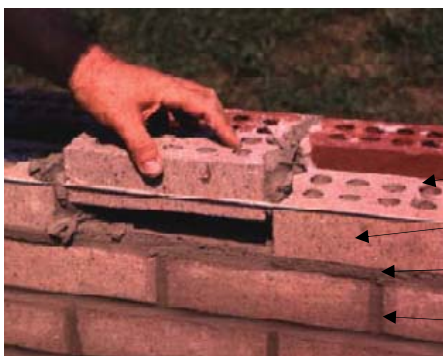
Basic Terms



- Concrete Masonry Unit Assemblies
- Typically hollow units

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Basic Terms



- Clay Masonry Unit (brick) Assemblies
- Typically solid units

Cores < 25% ignored

Unit - Solid

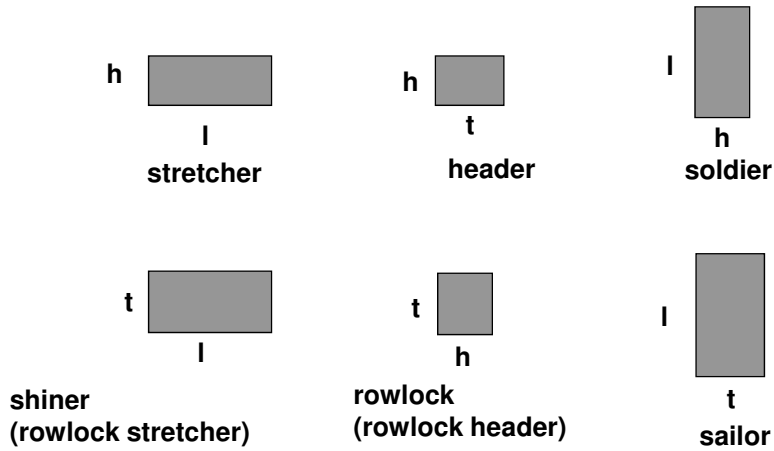
Bed Joint

Head Joint

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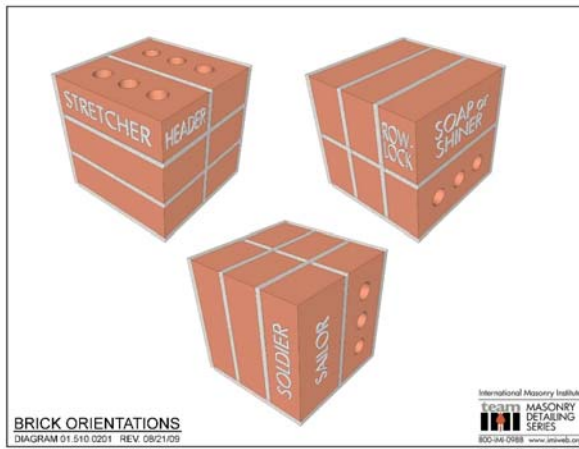
Basic Terms

- unit orientation (looking at wall)



Basic Terms

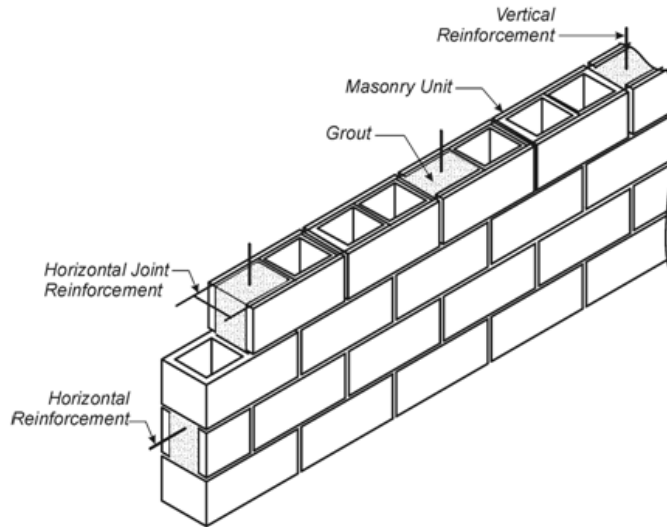
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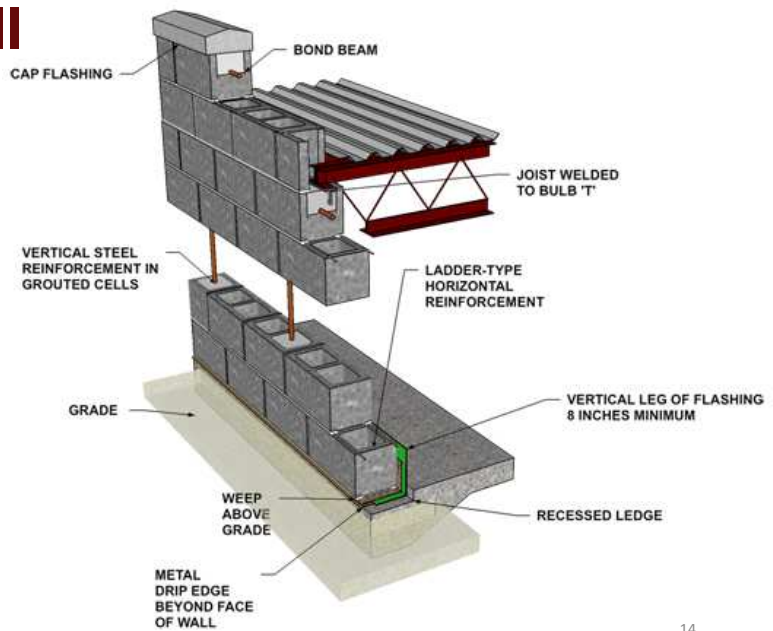
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Single Wythe Wall



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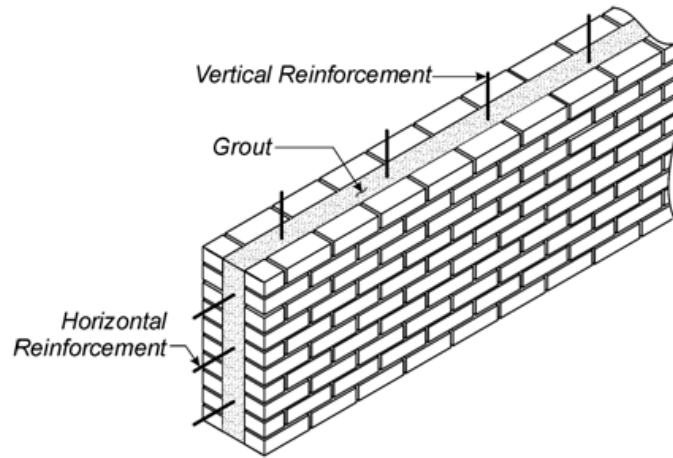
Single Wythe Wall



<http://www.masonrysystems.org/wall-systems/cavity-wall-concrete-block-veneer-reinforced-concrete-block/>

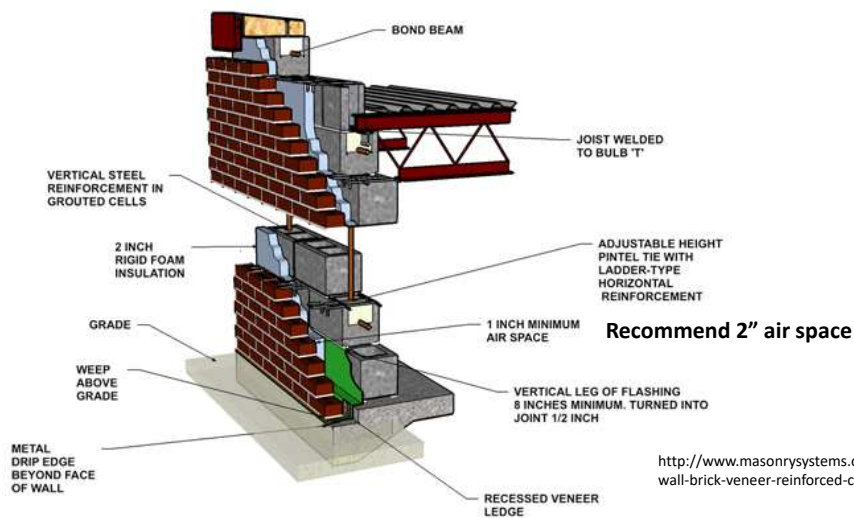
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Two Wythe Wall – Composite Wall



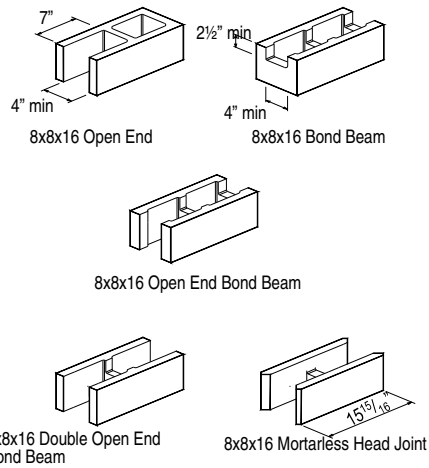
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Two Wythe Wall – Veneer Wall



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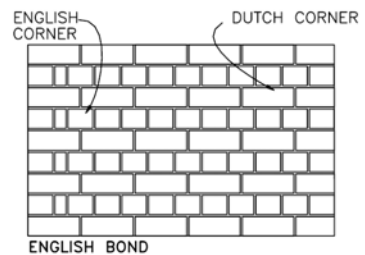
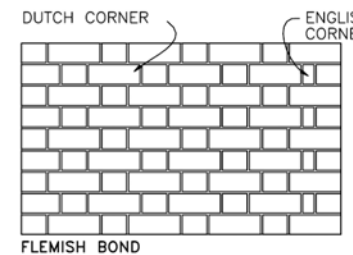
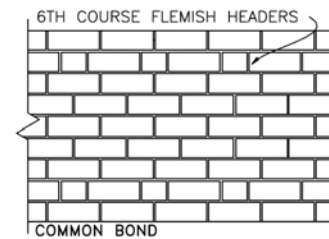
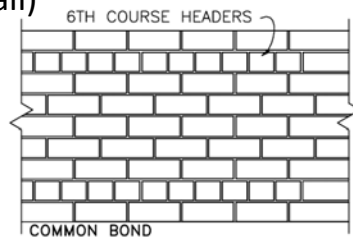
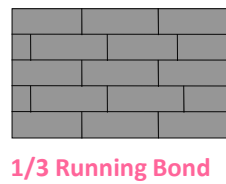
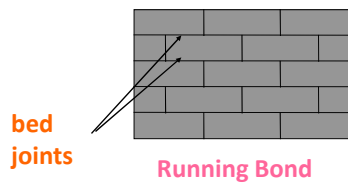
More Common for CMU to be Reinforced Masonry



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... basic terms

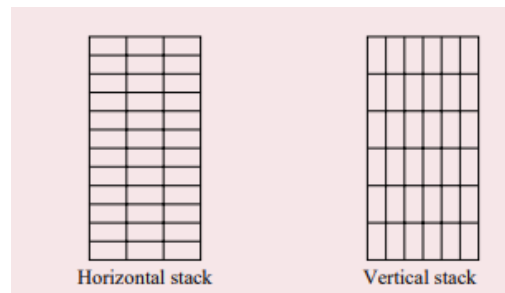
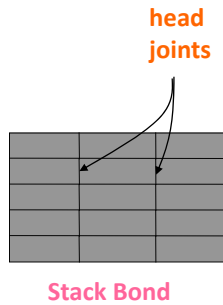
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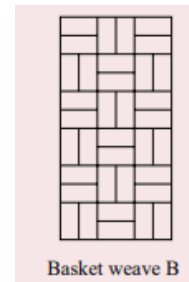
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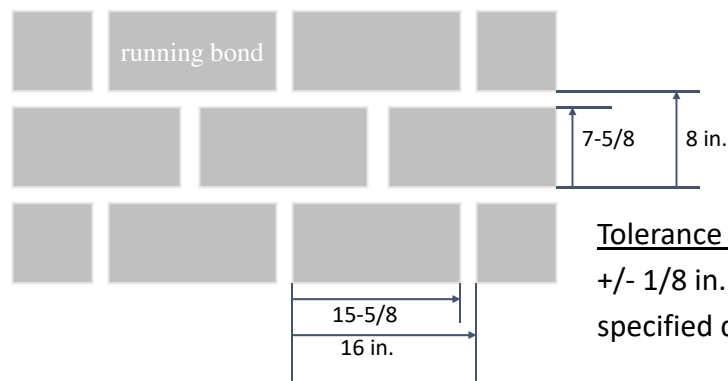
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Dimensions – Masonry Module

Nominal dimensions are equal to the specified dimensions plus the thickness of one mortar joint (typically 3/8 in.) – Masonry Module is most commonly 8 inches - that is - unit coursing and lengths multiples - Also 12" for some clay units



Tolerance Permitted:
+/- 1/8 in. from the specified dimensions

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Select Masonry Acronyms

<u>CJ</u>	Control Joint
<u>ACMV</u>	Adhered Concrete Masonry Veneer
<u>BAC</u>	Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers
<u>BIA</u>	Brick Industry Association - used to be called Brick Institute of America
<u>CCMPA</u>	Canadian Concrete Masonry Producers Association

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Select Masonry Acronyms

<u>CMAA</u>	Concrete Masonry Association of Australia
<u>CMU</u>	Concrete Masonry Units
<u>CMACN</u>	Concrete Masonry Association of California and Nevada
<u>ESCSI</u>	Expanded Shale, Clay & Slate Institute
<u>IMI</u>	International Masonry Institute
<u>IMS</u>	International Masonry Society
<u>MAC</u>	Masonry Advisory Council

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Select Masonry Acronyms

<u>MAC</u>	Masonry Advisory Council
<u>MAF</u>	Masonry Association of Florida
<u>MCAA</u>	Mason Contractors Association of America
<u>MCAC</u>	Mason Contractors Association of California
<u>MCRG</u>	Masonry Conservation Research Group
<u>MIA</u>	Masonry Institute of America

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Select Masonry Acronyms

<u>MSJC</u>	Masonry Standards Joint Committee
<u>MVMA</u>	Masonry Veneer Manufacturers Association
<u>MW</u>	Moderate Weather
<u>NAMC</u>	North American Masonry Conference
<u>NCMA</u>	National Concrete Masonry Association
<u>RBM</u>	Reinforced Brick Masonry
<u>PCA</u>	Portland Cement Association

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Select Masonry Acronyms

<u>SCG</u>	Self Consolidating Grouts
<u>SCIPI</u>	Structural Clay Products Institute
<u>SRWs</u>	Segmental Retaining Walls
<u>SW</u>	Severe Weather
<u>TMS</u>	The Masonry Society
<u>URM</u>	Un-Reinforced Masonry
WSCP	Western

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Performance Attributes of Masonry

- Durability – Properly maintained masonry will last for centuries.



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Hampton Court Palace
1515 - 1530

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Temple of Heaven



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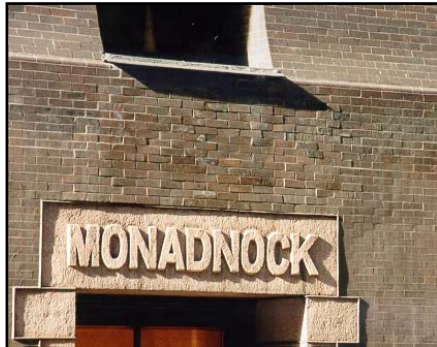


Hadrians Tomb 139

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Performance Attributes of Masonry

- Strength – Masonry can be designed to resist significant loads.



Monadnock Building,
Chicago, 1889
URM 16 stories LB
Unreinforced – 6 ft
thick a base



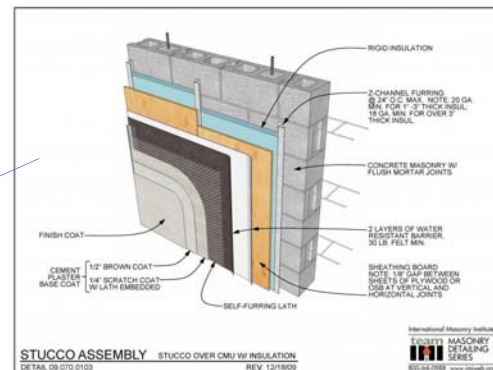
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Performance Attributes of Masonry

- Strength – Masonry can be designed to resist significant loads, especially if reinforced.



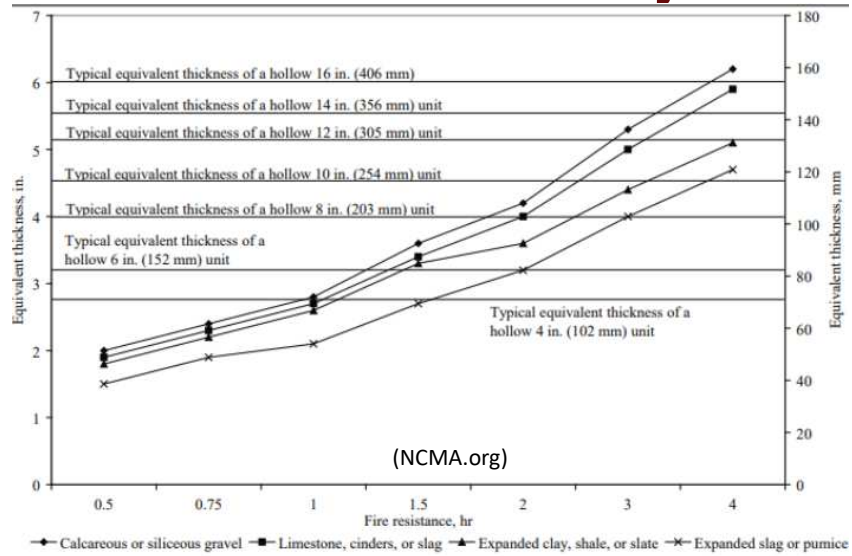
The four towers of the 28 story Excalibur Hotel Las Vegas –
Load bearing masonry – ncma.org



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Performance Attributes of Masonry

- Fire Resistance – Inherent resistance to fire - noncombustible – can be incorporated in passive fire protection



Performance Attributes of Masonry

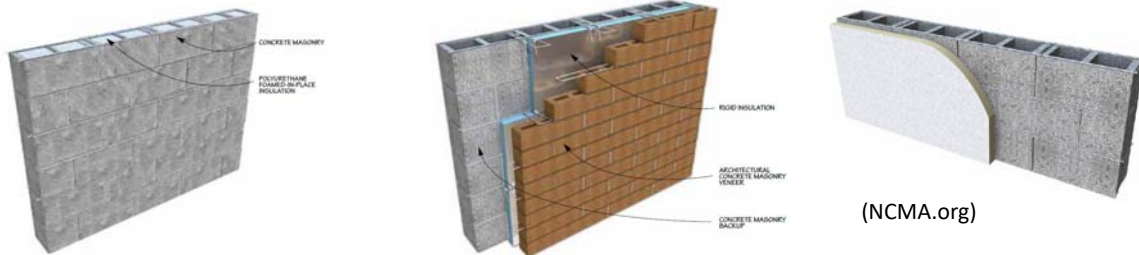
- Sound Resistance – High sound resistance as a result of the high density of the masonry assembly. Specialty units can increase this resistance.
- Security – Effective, durable barrier

Nominal unit thickness, in. (mm)	Density, pcf (kg/m ³)	STC ^a			
		Hollow unit	Grout-filled unit	Sand-filled unit	Solid unit
8 (203)	85 (1,362)	44	55	52	52
	95 (1,522)	45	55	52	53
	105 (1,682)	46	56	53	54
	115 (1,842)	47	56	54	55
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Performance Attributes of Masonry

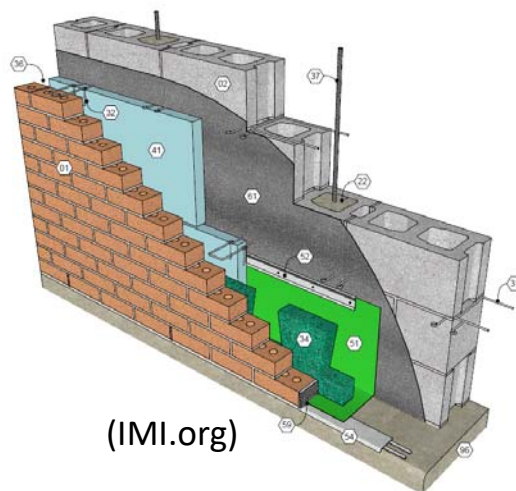
- Thermal Resistance; low thermal resistance can be increased with insulation and thermal mass improves resistance to diurnal temperature fluctuations



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Performance Attributes of Masonry

- Barrier to moisture and air movements
 - Detailing of wall assemblies critical in limiting air and moisture movement



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References . Codes, Standards, an Alphabet Soup

- IBC
- MSJC
- TMS 402
- ACI 530
- ASCE 5
- TMS 602
- ASTM

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Masonry Requirements in the IBC – most states require some version

Chapter 14 – Exterior Walls (Veneer)

Chapter 17 – Special Inspections & Tests

Chapter 21 – Masonry



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Masonry Requirements in the IBC – most states

- In the past, some “MSJC” provisions were duplicated in the IBC, making differences between MSJC and IBC hard to spot (same for ASTM Standards).
- Most duplicate provisions were removed from the 2009 & 2012 IBC’s, making differences easier to spot.
- More redundancy was removed from the 2015 IBC and the “MSJC” was changed to TMS 402/602 in the 2018 IBC



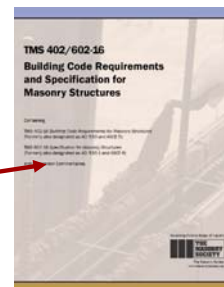
MSJC = Masonry Standards Joint Committee – aka ACI 530, ASCE 5, TMS 402. Now JUST TMS 402/602!

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Masonry Codes & Standards

- The IBC extensively references “Consensus” Design and Material Standards:
 - ASTM Standards for Materials
 - ASCE 7 for Loads (2016 or 2010)
 - ACI 318 for Concrete (2014)
 - “MSJC” (TMS 402/602) for Masonry

Most Recent Versions



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The TMS 402/602 (MSJC)

ACI
(ACI 530-13)
(ACI 530.1-13)

2013 MSJC
*Code and
Specification*

ASCE
(ASCE 5-13)
(ASCE 6-13)

Lead Sponsor
TMS
(TMS 402-13)
(TMS 602-13)

MSJC
"Masonry Standards
Joint Committee"



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MSJC. . . Now just TMS 402/602

- MSJC began in 1978
- MSJC developed Code and Specification under ANSI consensus procedures, for reference by model codes such as IBC, NFPA
- Had been supported by TMS, ACI and ASCE
- ACI and ASCE graciously relinquished their rights in 2013, so that the 2016 edition and future editions are solely sponsored by TMS. As such, they are now:

TMS 402/602



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Relationship between IBC & TMS 402/602 through the years...



- With each new edition of IBC, more and more provisions have been removed from IBC Chapter 21, as the issues are addressed in the MSJC/TMS 402/602.

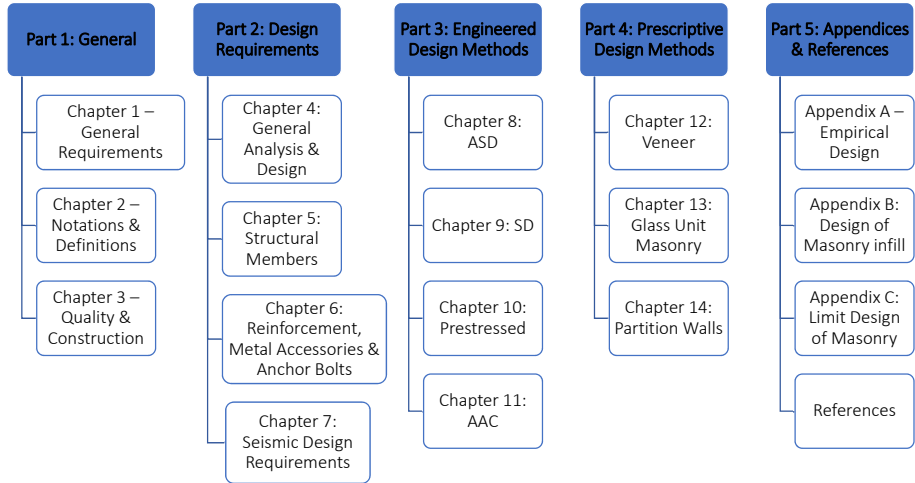
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... the MSJC (TMS 402/602) Code and Specification

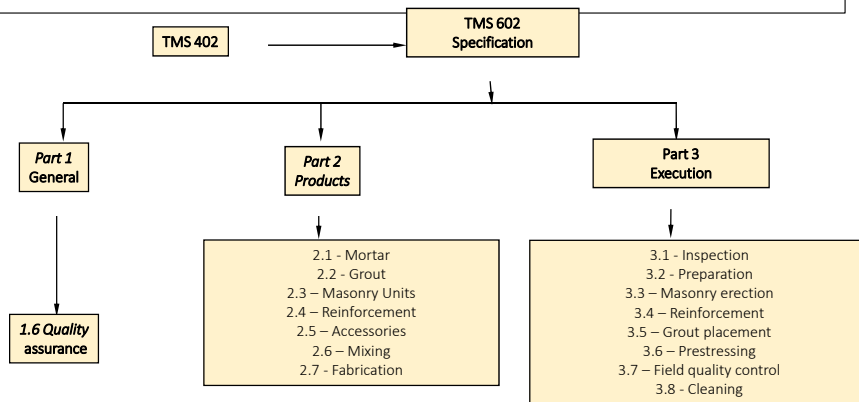
- 2013 edition is referenced by 2015 IBC
- 2016 edition is referenced by 2018 IBC as SOLELY TMS 402/602
- Next edition: 2022 (6-year cycle)

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TMS 402-13 & 16 Code Organization



... TMS 602 Specification



ASTM Standards

- Standards Define Materials and Methods (units, mortar, grout, etc.)

C216 – Specification for Exterior Clay Brick



Designation: C216 – 19

Standard Specification for Facing Brick (Solid Masonry Units Made from Clay or Shale)¹

This standard is issued under the label designation C216; the number immediately following the designation indicates the year of original adoption or, in the case of revision, the year of last revision. A number in parentheses indicates the year of last approval. A superscripted option (a) indicates an editorial change since the last revision or approval.

This standard has been approved for use by agencies of the U.S. Department of Defense.

1. Scope^a

- 1.1 This specification covers brick intended for use in masonry and supplying structural or facing components, or both, to the structure.
- 1.2 The requirements of this specification apply at the time of purchase. The use of results from testing of brick extracted from masonry structures for determining conformance or nonconformance to the requirements of this specification is beyond the intent of this specification.
- 1.3 The brick are prismatic units available in a variety of sizes, textures, colors, and shapes. This specification is not intended to provide specifications for paving brick (see Specification C902).
- 1.4 Brick are ceramic products manufactured primarily from clay, shale, or similar naturally occurring earthy substances and subjected to a heat treatment at elevated temperatures (firing). Additives or recycled materials are permitted to be included at the option of the manufacturer. The heat treatment must develop a fired bond between the particulate constituents to provide the strength and durability requirements of this specification (see Terminology C1235).
- 1.5 Brick are shaped during manufacture by molding, pressing, or extrusion, and the shaping method is a way to describe the brick.
- 1.5.1 This standard and its individual requirements shall not be used to qualify or corroborate the performance of a masonry unit made from other materials, or made with other forming methods, or other means of bonding the materials.
- 1.6 Three types of brick in each of two grades are covered.
- 1.7 The text of this specification references notes and footnotes that provide explanatory material. These notes and footnotes (excluding those in tables and figures) shall not be considered as requirements of the standard.

- 1.8 The values stated in inch-pound units are to be regarded as standard. The values given in parentheses are mathematical conversions to SI units that are provided for information only and are not considered standard.

1.9 This international standard was developed in accordance with internationally recognized principles on standardization established in the Decision on Principles for the Development of International Standards, Guides and Recommendations issued by the World Trade Organization Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) Committee.

2. Referenced Documents

- 2.1 ASTM Standards:²
 - C670/S670 Test Methods for Sampling and Testing Brick and Structural Clay Tile
 - C902 Specification for Pedestrian and Light Traffic Paving Brick
 - C1232 Terminology for Masonry
 - C1272 Specification for Heavy Vehicular Paving Brick

3. Terminology

- 3.1 Definitions—For definitions relating to masonry and facing brick, refer to Terminology C1232.

4. Classification

- 4.1 Grades—Grades classify brick according to their resistance to damage by freezing and thawing when saturated at a moisture content not exceeding the 24-h cold water absorption. Two grades of facing brick are covered and the requirements are given in SECTION 7.
 - 4.1.1 Grade SW (Severe Weathering)—Brick intended for use where high resistance to damage caused by cyclic freezing and thawing is desired.
 - 4.1.2 Grade MW (Moderate Weathering)—Brick intended for use where moderate resistance to cyclic freezing and thawing damage is permissible.

¹This specification is under the jurisdiction of ASTM Committee C15 on Masonry and is the direct responsibility of Subcommittee C15.07 on Brick and Structural Clay Tile.
Current edition approved Dec. 1, 2019. Published December 2019. Originally approved in 1947. Last previous edition approved in 2017 as C216 – 17a. DOI: 10.1520/C216-19.

²The referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, www.astm.org, or contact ASTM Customer Service at service@astm.org. For annual book of ASTM Standards volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

C90 – Specification for Concrete Masonry Units (CMU)



Designation: C90 – 16a

Standard Specification for Loadbearing Concrete Masonry Units¹

This standard is issued under the fixed designation C90; the number immediately following the designation indicates the year of original adoption or, in the case of revision, the year of last revision. A number in parentheses indicates the year of last approval. A superscripted letter (a) indicates an editorial change since the last revision or approval.
This standard has been approved for use by agencies of the U.S. Department of Defense.

1. Scope²

1.1 This specification covers hollow and solid (see 5.3 and 5.4) concrete masonry units made from hydraulic cement, water, and mineral aggregates with or without the inclusion of other materials. There are three classes of concrete masonry units: Normal Weight, Medium Weight, and Lightweight. These units are suitable for both loadbearing and nonloadbearing applications.

1.2 Concrete masonry units covered by this specification are made from lightweight or normal weight aggregates, or both.

Note 1—The requirements of this specification have been researched, evaluated, and established for over a century, resulting in the physical properties and attributes defined here. These requirements are unique and solely applicable to concrete masonry units manufactured on equipment using low or zero slump concrete and the constituent materials defined herein. Many performance attributes of concrete masonry units are indirectly accounted for or inherently reflected within the requirements of this specification without direct measurement, assessment, or evaluation. Applying the requirements of this specification to products that may be similar in appearance, use, or nature to those covered by this specification may not address all pertinent physical properties necessary to ensure performance or workability of the resulting construction as real-world applications under typical exposure circumstances. Products manufactured using alternative materials, manufacturing methods, or curing processes not covered by this specification should not be evaluated solely using the requirements in this specification; however, developers of new products can consider the property requirements of this specification as a beginning benchmark for unit performance. It is reasonable to test new products for system performance as well as unit performance.

1.3 The text of this specification references notes and footnotes which provide explanatory material. These notes and footnotes (excluding those in tables and figures) shall not be considered as requirements of the standard.

1.4 The values stated in inch-pound units are to be regarded as standard. The values given in parentheses are mathematical conversions to SI units that are provided for information only and are not considered standard.

Note 2—When particular features are desired such as surface textures

¹This specification is under the jurisdiction of ASTM Committee C13 on Manufactured Masonry Units and is the direct responsibility of Subcommittee C13.01 on Concrete Masonry Units and Related Units.

Current edition approved Jan. 15, 2016. Published January 2017. Originally approved in 1953. Last previous edition approved in 2010 as C90 – 15, C90, 15.1X329M16A.

for appearance or bond, finish, color, or particular properties such as density classification, higher compressive strength, fire resistance, thermal performance or acoustical performance, these features should be specified separately by the purchaser. Suppliers should be consulted as to the availability of units having the desired features.

2. Referenced Documents

- 2.1 *ASTM Standards:*³
- C130/C130M Specification for Concrete Aggregates
 - C140/C140M Test Methods for Sampling and Testing Concrete Masonry Units and Related Units
 - C150/C150M Specification for Portland Cement
 - C110/C110M Specification for Lightweight Aggregates for Concrete Masonry Units
 - C620 Test Method for Linear Drying Shrinkage of Concrete Masonry Units
 - C190/C190M Specification for Blended Hydraulic Cement
 - C618 Specification for Coal Fly Ash and Raw or Calcined Natural Pozzolan for Use in Concrete
 - C970/C970M Specification for Pigments for Integral Colored Concrete
 - C989/C989M Specification for Slag Cement for Use in Concrete and Mortar
 - C1157/C1157M Performance Specification for Hydraulic Cement
 - C1232 Terminology of Masonry
 - C1240 Specification for Silica Fume Used in Concretions Mixtures
 - C1314 Test Method for Compressive Strength of Masonry Prisms
 - E519/E519M Test Method for Diagonal Tension (Shear) in Masonry Assemblages
 - E72 Test Method of Conducting Strength Tests of Panels for Building Construction

3. Terminology

3.1 Terminology defined in Terminology C1232 shall apply for this specification.

²For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, www.astm.org, or contact ASTM Customer Service at service@astm.org. For Annual Book of ASTM Standards volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

C67 – Test Methods for Clay Units



Designation: C67/C67M – 20

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Officials Standard
ASTM No. C 67-20

Standard Test Methods for Sampling and Testing Brick and Structural Clay Tile¹

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This standard has been approved for use by agencies of the U.S. Department of Defense.

1. Scope²

1.1 These test methods cover procedures for the sampling and testing of brick and structural clay tile. Although not necessarily applicable to all types of units, tests include modulus of rupture, compressive strength, absorption, saturation coefficient, effect of freezing and thawing, efflorescence, initial rate of absorption and determination of weight, size, warpage, length change, and void area. (Additional methods of test pertinent to ceramic glazes include imperviousness, chemical resistance, opacity, and resistance to crazing.)

1.2 The text of this standard references notes and footnotes which provide explanatory material. These notes and footnotes (excluding those in tables and figures) shall not be considered as requirements of the standard.

Note 1—The testing laboratory performing this test method should be evaluated in accordance with Practice C1093.

1.3 The values stated in either SI units or inch-pound units are to be regarded separately as standard. The values stated in each system are not necessarily exact equivalents; therefore, to ensure conformance with the standard, each system shall be used independently of the other, and values from the two systems shall not be combined.

1.4 These test methods include the following sections:

Section Heading	Section
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Compressive Strength	7
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Initial Rate of Absorption (Sturdion) (Laboratory Test)	10
Efflorescence	11
Weight Per Unit Area	12

Section Heading	Section
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1.5 This standard does not purport to address all of the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate safety, health, and environmental practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.

1.6 This international standard was developed in accordance with internationally recognized principles on standardization established in the Decision on Principles for the Development of International Standards, Guides and Recommendations issued by the World Trade Organization Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) Committee.

2. Referenced Documents

- 2.1 *ASTM Standards:*²
- C150/C150M Specification for Portland Cement
 - C1093 Practice for Accreditation of Testing Agencies for Masonry
 - C1332 Terminology for Masonry
 - E4 Practices for Force Verification of Testing Machines
 - E6 Terminology Relating to Methods of Mechanical Testing
 - E177 Practice for Use of the Terms Precision and Bias in ASTM Test Methods

C140 – Test Methods for Concrete Units



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Standard Test Methods for Sampling and Testing Concrete Masonry Units and Related Units¹

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1. Scope²

1.1 These test methods provide various testing procedures commonly used for evaluating characteristics of concrete masonry units and related concrete units. Methods are provided for sampling, measurement of dimensions, compressive strength, absorption, unit weight (density), moisture content, flexural load, and ballast weight. Not all methods are applicable to all unit types, however.

1.2 Specific testing and reporting procedures are included in annexes to these test methods for the following specific unit types:

- Annex A1—Concrete masonry units (Specification C129, C128)
- Annex A2—Concrete and calcium sulfate brick (Specification C15, C75, C159)
- Annex A3—Impregnable masonry wall units (Specification C143)
- Annex A4—Concrete interlocking paving units (Specification C106/C106M)
- Annex A5—Concrete grid paving units (Specification C138)
- Annex A6—Concrete grid paving units (Specification C142)
- Annex A7—Concrete interlocking concrete block (Specification D1662)
- Annex A8—Segmental Concrete Paving Units (Specification C1760/C1760M)

1.3 The test procedures included in these test methods are also applicable to other types of units not referenced in these test methods, but specific testing and reporting requirements for those units are not included.

1.4 These test methods include the following sections:

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¹ These test methods are under the jurisdiction of ASTM Committee C13 on Manufactured Masonry Units and are the direct responsibility of Subcommittee C13.01 on Concrete Masonry Units and Related Units. Current edition approved June 1, 2020. Published June 2020. Originally approved in 1976. Last previous edition approved in 2019 as C140/C140M - 19. DOI: 10.1520/C140-C140M-20a.

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Concrete Grid Paving Units	Annex A6
Concrete Interlocking Concrete Block	Annex A7
Segmental Concrete Paving Units	Annex A8
Measure and Test Report for Concrete Masonry Units	Appendix A1

² Note 1—The testing laboratory performing these test methods should be evaluated in accordance with Practice C1095.

1.5 The text of this test method references notes and footnotes that provide explanatory material. These notes and footnotes (excluding those in tables and figures) shall not be considered as requirements of the standard.

1.6 The values stated in either SI units or inch-pound units are to be regarded separately as standard. The values stated in each system may not be exact equivalents; therefore, each system shall be used independently of the other. Combining values from the two systems may result in non-conformance with the standard.

1.7 This standard does not purport to address all of the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate safety, health, and environmental practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.

1.8 This international standard was developed in accordance with internationally recognized principles on standardization established in the Decision on Principles for the Development of International Standards, Guides and Recommendations issued by the World Trade Organization Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) Committee.

C270 – Specification for Mortar for Unit Masonry



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Standard Specification for Mortar for Unit Masonry¹

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1. Scope²

1.1 This specification covers mortars for use in the construction of non-reinforced and reinforced unit masonry structures. Four types of mortar are covered in each of two alternative specifications: (1) proportion specifications and (2) property specifications.

Note 1—When the property specification is used to qualify masonry mortars, the testing agency performing the test methods should be evaluated in accordance with Practice C1095.

1.2 The proportion or property specifications shall govern as specified.

1.3 When neither proportion or property specifications are specified, the proportion specifications shall govern, unless data are provided to and accepted by the specifier to show that mortar meets the requirements of the property specifications.

1.4 This standard is not a specification to determine mortar strengths through field testing (see Section 3).

1.5 The text of this specification references notes and footnotes which provide explanatory material. These notes and footnotes (excluding those in tables and figures) shall not be considered as requirements of the standard.

1.6 The terms used in this specification are identified in Terminology C1180 and C1232.

1.7 The values stated in inch-pound units are to be regarded as standard. The values given in parentheses are international conversions to SI units that are provided for information only and are not considered standard.

1.8 The following safety hazards caveat pertains only to the test methods section of this specification. This standard does not purport to address all of the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate safety, health, and environmental

practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.

1.9 This international standard was developed in accordance with internationally recognized principles on standardization established in the Decision on Principles for the Development of International Standards, Guides and Recommendations issued by the World Trade Organization Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) Committee.

2. Referenced Documents

- 2.1 ASTM Standards:²
 - C5 Specification for Quicklime for Structural Purposes
 - C91/C91M Specification for Masonry Cement
 - C109/C109M Test Method for Compressive Strength of Hydraulic Cement Mortars (Using 2-in. or [50-mm] Cube Specimens)
 - C110 Test Methods for Physical Testing of Quicklime, Hydraulic Lime, and Limestone
 - C125 Test Method for Relative Density (Specific Gravity) and Absorption of Fine Aggregate
 - C144 Specification for Aggregate for Masonry Mortar
 - C150/C150M Specification for Portland Cement
 - C188 Test Method for Density of Hydraulic Cement
 - C207 Specification for Hydrated Lime for Masonry Purposes
 - C303 Practice for Mechanical Mixing of Hydraulic Cement Pastes and Mortars of Plastic Consistency
 - C511 Specification for Mixing Rooms, Moist Cabinets, Moist Rooms, and Water Storage Tanks Used in the Testing of Hydraulic Cements and Concretes
 - C666/C666M Specification for Blended Hydraulic Cements
 - C780 Test Method for Preconstruction and Construction Evaluation of Mortars for Plain and Reinforced Unit Masonry
 - C952 Test Method for Bond Strength of Mortar to Masonry

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² For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, www.astm.org, or contact ASTM Customer Service at service@astm.org. For Annual Book of ASTM Standards volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

C476 – Specification for Grout



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Standard Specification for Grout for Masonry¹

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1. Scope²

1.1 This specification covers two types of grout, fine and coarse grout, for use in the construction of masonry structures. Each type (fine and coarse) is further classified as conventional grout (requiring mechanical consolidation by puddling or vibration when placed) and self-consolidating grout (not requiring mechanical consolidation when placed). Conventional grout is specified by (1) proportions or (2) strength requirements. Self-consolidating grout is specified by strength requirements.

1.2 The text of this specification references notes and footnotes that provide explanatory material. These notes and footnotes (including those in tables and figures) shall not be considered as requirements of this specification.

1.3 The values stated in inch-pound units are to be regarded as standard. The values given in parentheses are mathematical conversions to SI units that are provided for information only and are not considered standard.

1.4 This international standard was developed in accordance with internationally recognized principles on standardization established in the *Decision on Principles for the Development of International Standards, Guides and Recommendations* issued by the World Trade Organization Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) Committee.

2. Referenced Documents

- 2.1 ASTM Standards:³
 - C576 Specification for Quikrete for Structural Purposes
 - C596/C596M Test Method for Bulk Density ("Unit Weight") and Void in Aggregate
 - C1430/C1430M Test Method for Slump of Hydraulic-Cement Concrete

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² For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, www.astm.org, or contact ASTM Customer Service at service@astm.org. For Annual Book of ASTM Standards volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

- C1503/C1503M Specification for Portland Cement
- C207 Specification for Hydrated Lime for Masonry Purposes
- C750/C750M Specification for Air-Entraining Admixtures for Concrete
- C926 Specification for Aggregates for Masonry Grout
- C194/C194M Specification for Chemical Admixtures for Concrete
- C259/C259M Specification for Blended Hydraulic Cements
- C618 Specification for Coal Fly Ash and Raw or Calcined Natural Pozzolan for Use in Concrete
- C596/C596M Specification for Slag Cement for Use in Concrete and Mortar
- C1019 Test Method for Sampling and Testing Grout for Masonry
- C1157/C1157M Performance Specification for Hydraulic Cement
- C1602/C1602M Specification for Mixing Water Used in the Production of Hydraulic-Cement Concrete
- C1411/C1411M Test Method for Slump Flow of Self-Consolidating Concrete

3. Materials

3.1 Materials used as ingredients in grout shall conform to the requirements specified in 3.1.1–3.1.5.

3.1.1 *Cementitious Materials*—Cementitious materials shall conform to one of the following specifications:

- 3.1.1.1 *Portland Cement*—Type I, IA, II, BA, III, and IIIA of Specification C1503/C1503M.
- 3.1.1.2 *Blended Cements*—Type II, IS(70), IR, IT(S-70), or blended cements with special properties designated by (A), (MS), or (HS), or a combination of (A) and (MS) or (HS), as appropriate, of Specification C259/C259M.
- 3.1.1.3 *Hydraulic Cements*—Types III, III, MS, or HS of Specification C1157/C1157M.
- 3.1.1.4 *Quikrete*—Specification C576.
- 3.1.1.5 *Hydrated Lime*—Type S of Specification C207.
- 3.1.1.6 *Coal Fly Ash or Raw Calcined Natural Pozzolan*—Specification C618. Addition rates shall be in an amount governed by the portland-pozzolan cement category of Specification C596/C596M. The grout produced with blends of

C1019 – Tests for Grout



Designation: C1019 – 19

Standard Test Method for Sampling and Testing Grout for Masonry¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This test method covers procedures for both field and laboratory sampling and compression testing of grout used in masonry construction. Grout for masonry is specified under Specification C476.

Note 1—The testing agency performing this test method should be evaluated in accordance with Practice C1093.

1.2 The values stated in inch-pound units are to be regarded as standard. The values given in parentheses are mathematical conversions to SI units that are provided for information only and are not considered standard.

1.3 This standard does not purport to address all of the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate safety, health, and environmental practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.

1.4 This international standard was developed in accordance with internationally recognized principles on standardization established in the *Decision on Principles for the Development of International Standards, Guides and Recommendations* issued by the World Trade Organization Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) Committee.

2. Referenced Documents

- 2.1 ASTM Standards:²
 - C78/C78M Test Method for Compressive Strength of Cylindrical Concrete Specimens
 - C1430/C1430M Test Method for Slump of Hydraulic-Cement Concrete
 - C476 Specification for Grout for Masonry
 - C511 Specification for Mixing Rooms, Moist Cabinets, Moist Rooms, and Water Storage Tanks Used in the

Testing of Hydraulic Cements and Concrete

- C617 Practice for Capping Cylindrical Concrete Specimens
- C1064/C1064M Test Method for Temperature of Freshly Mixed Hydraulic-Cement Concrete
- C1097 Practice for Accreditation of Testing Agencies for Masonry
- C1411/C1411M Test Method for Slump Flow of Self-Consolidating Concrete

3. Significance and Use

3.1 Grout used in masonry is a fluid mixture of cementitious materials and aggregate with a high water content for ease of placement.

3.1.1 During construction, grout is placed within or between absorptive masonry units. Excess water must be removed from grout specimens in order to provide compressive strength test results more nearly indicative of the grout strength in the wall. In this test method, molds are made from masonry units having the same absorption and moisture content characteristics as those being used in the construction.

3.2 This test method is used to either help select grout proportions by comparing test values or as a quality control test for uniformity of grout preparation during construction.

3.3 The physical exposure condition and curing of the grout are not exactly reproduced, but this test method does subject the grout specimens to absorption conditions similar to those experienced by grout in the wall.

Note 2—Test results of grout specimens taken from a wall should not be compared to test results obtained with this test method.

4. Apparatus

- 4.1 *Maximum-Minimum Thermometer*
- 4.2 *Straightedge*, a steel straightedge not less than 6 in. (152.4 mm) long and not less than 1/16 in. (1.6 mm) in thickness.
- 4.3 *Tamping Rod*, a round, straight, steel rod with a diameter of 3/4 in. (19.0 ± 2 mm) and a length of 12 ± 4 inches (300 ± 100 millimeters). The rod shall have the tapering end or both ends rounded to a hemispherical tip of the same diameter as the rod.

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Helpful Resources, Websites

- ICC – International Code Council, www.iccsafe.org
- TMS – The Masonry Society, www.masonrysociety.org
- MIA – Masonry Institute of America
www.masonryinsitute.org
- BIA – Brick Industry Association, www.gobrick.com
- IMI - International Masonry Institute, www.imiweb.org
- NCMA – National Concrete Masonry Association,
www.ncma.org
- PCA – Portland Cement Association, www.cement.org

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