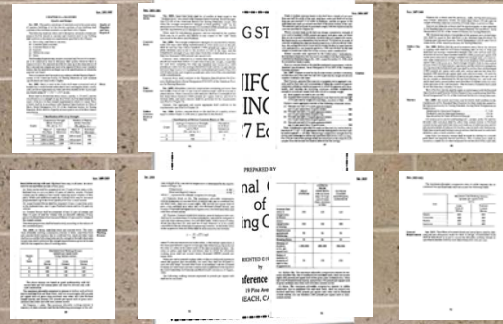


## BACKGROUND

### The Complicated Part

### Masonry Detailing and Construction



### Masonry Detailing and Construction



Administration

Design

Material Standards

### Masonry Detailing and Construction



### Masonry Detailing and Construction



### Masonry Detailing and Construction

- You Didn't Make This Stuff Up

$$l_a = \frac{0.13d_b^2 f_y Y}{K \sqrt{f'_m}} \quad \epsilon = 1.0 - \frac{2.3A_{sc}}{d_b^{2.5}} \quad F_a = (1/4)f'_m \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{h}{140r} \right)^2 \right]$$

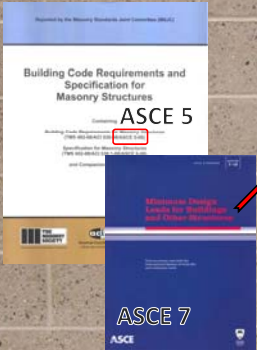
$$P_n = 0.80 \left\{ 0.80A_n f'_m \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{h}{140r} \right)^2 \right] \right\} \quad f_v = \frac{VQ}{I_n b} \quad F_a = (1/4)f'_m \left( \frac{70r}{h} \right)^2$$

$$P_n = 0.80 \left[ 0.80A_n f'_m \left( \frac{70r}{h} \right)^2 \right] \quad M_u = \phi M_{u0} \quad P_e = \frac{\pi^2 E_m I_n}{h^2} \left[ 1 - 0.577 \left( \frac{e}{r} \right)^3 \right]$$

$$V_{nm} = \left[ 4.0 - 1.75 \left( \frac{M_u}{V_u d_v} \right) \right] A_{nv} \sqrt{f'_m} + 0.25 P_u \quad \phi = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{P_u}{A_n f'_m \left( \frac{70r}{h} \right)^2}}$$



### Masonry Detailing and Construction



**ASCE 5**  
Building Code Requirements and Specification for Masonry Structures

**ASCE 7**  
Minimum Design Loads for Buildings and Other Structures

- 14.4.3 Modifications to Chapter 1 of TMS 402/ACI 530/ASCE 5
- 14.4.4 Modifications to Chapter 2 of TMS 402/ACI 530/ASCE 5
- 14.4.5 Modifications to Chapter 3 of TMS 402/ACI 530/ASCE 5
- 14.4.6 Modifications to Chapter 6 of TMS 402/ACI 530/ASCE 5
- 14.4.7 Modifications TMS 602/ACI 530.1/ASCE 6

### Masonry Detailing and Construction

2011 MSJC CODE ...

**Chapter 1 - General Requirements**

**Chapter 2**  
Allowable Stress Design

2.1 - General ASD  
2.2 - URM  
2.3 - RM

**Chapter 3**  
Strength Design

3.1 - General SD  
3.2 - URM  
3.3 - RM

**Chapter 4**  
Prestressed Masonry

**Ch. 5**  
Empirical Design

**Ch. 6**  
Veneer

6.1 - General  
6.2 - Anchored  
6.3 - Adhered

**Ch. 7**  
Glass Block

Appendix A - AAC

**MSJC Specification**

### Masonry Detailing and Construction

2011 MSJC SPECIFICATION ...

**MSJC Code**

**MSJC Specification**

**Part 1**  
General

- 1.1 Summary
- 1.2 Definitions
- 1.3 Reference standards
- 1.4 System description
- 1.5 Submittals
- 1.6 Quality assurance
- 1.7 Delivery, storage, handling
- 1.8 Project conditions

**Part 2**  
Products

- 2.1 - Mortar
- 2.2 - Grout
- 2.3 - Masonry Units
- 2.4 - Reinforcement
- 2.5 - Accessories
- 2.6 - Mixing
- 2.7 - Fabrication

**Part 3**  
Execution

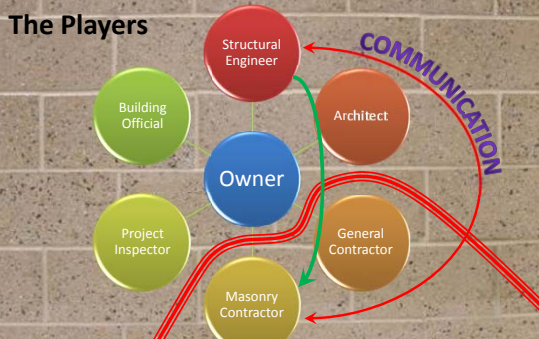
- 3.1 - Inspection
- 3.2 - Preparation
- 3.3 - Masonry erection
- 3.4 - Reinforcement
- 3.5 - Grout placement
- 3.6 - Prestressing
- 3.7 - Field quality control
- 3.8 - Cleaning

## THE PLAYERS

Communication = Working Together

### Masonry Detailing and Construction

#### The Players



### Masonry Detailing and Construction

#### Type of Arrangement

- Traditional Contract
- General Contractor = Project Manager
- Design-Build





### Masonry Detailing and Construction

- I Can Design It.



### Masonry Detailing and Construction

- Can You Build It?



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## UNDERSTAND THE DESIGN

### A MESSAGE TO THE CONTRACTOR

### Masonry Detailing and Construction

- How about the 'plastic hinge zone'?

#### ASCE 7 Section 14.4, Masonry Detailing Requirements

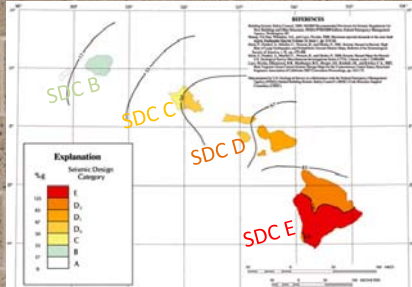
*Lap splices shall not be used in plastic hinge zones of special reinforced masonry shear walls. The length of the plastic hinge zone shall be taken as at least 0.15 times the distance between the point of zero moment to the point of maximum moment.*

- Applies to Special Reinforced Masonry Shear Walls
- SDC D-Participating Element



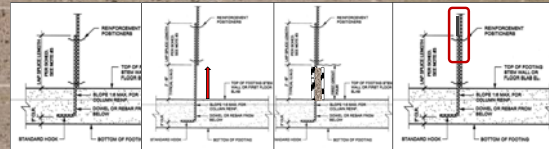
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- How about the 'plastic hinge zone'?
  - TMS 402-11, Sec 1.18.4.4.2 → Sec. 1.18.3.2.6
  - ASCE 7-10 Modification Sec. 18.4.4.2.2



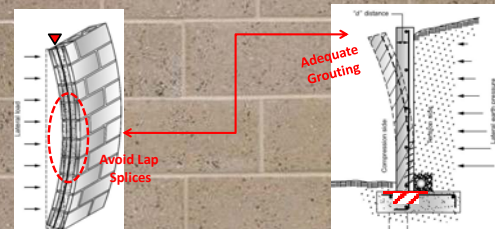
### Masonry Detailing and Construction

- Maximum Design Moment



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### Masonry Detailing and Construction

- RFI from Masonry Contractor to SE

*Requirement For Block Strength of 3,750 PSI. Which is Classified Ultra High Strength by CMU Manufacturer, whom has Supplied CMU for A Dozen or so CVS's This Year and This Would Be the First One Using U.H.S. Masonry Units . I think The Question is Worth asking Because the Block Production time will be reduced with normal strength Units . The reason is that Once the Block is Manufactured they must cure and reach design strength before they Leave CMU Manufacturer and Obviously the Curing time Is reduced with Normal strength Units. We may need to Consult an Engineer as the overall Masonry assembly Design Strength is Stated At F'M = 2,500 PSI. (Page S-0.1 masonry note # 4) Request Reduction to Typical F'M = 1,500 PSI.*

Really Happened!

### UNDERSTAND THE CONSTRUCTION

#### A MESSAGE TO THE DESIGNER

## Masonry Detailing and Construction

- How much can fit into a small space?



## Masonry Detailing and Construction

- How much can fit into a small space?



## Masonry Detailing and Construction

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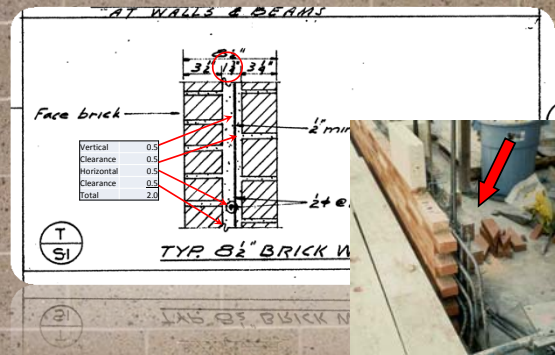
**2114.6 Grouted masonry.**

### 2114.6.1 General conditions...

Reinforcement and embedded items shall be clean properly positioned and securely anchored against moving prior to grouting. Bolts shall be accurately set with templates or by approved equivalent means and held in place to prevent dislocation during grouting. Reinforcement, embedded items and bolts shall be solidly embedded in grout. ...



## Masonry Detailing and Construction



## CRITICAL COMPONENTS

## Masonry Detailing and Construction

- Critical Components
  - Acceptable Foundation
  - Grout Space at Base of Wall
  - Location of Reinforcement
  - Grout
  - Connections, Including Anchor Bolts



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## Critical Components

- What's really important?

Preparation of Foundation

First Course Layout

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## Critical Components

- What's really important?

Reinforcement Placement

Grouting

## DESIGN ISSUES

### INSIDE THE WALL

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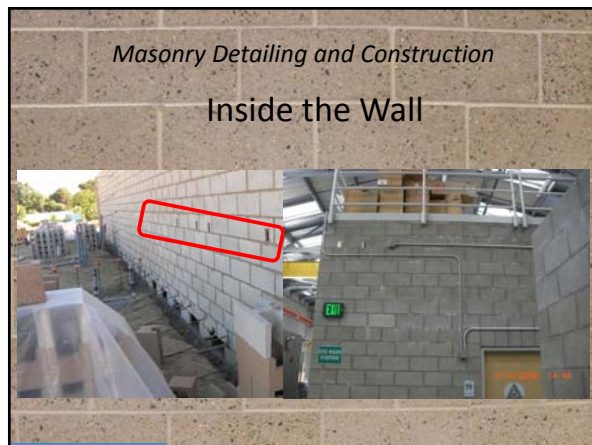
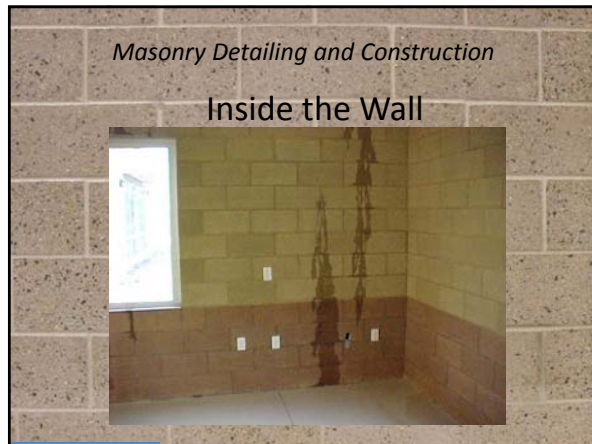
## Inside the Wall

- What's Inside the Masonry Wall?
  - Reinforcement
  - Grout
- But Don't Forget
  - Electrical
  - Plumbing
  - Penetrations (HVAC)
  - Embeds

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## Inside the Wall

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Masonry Detailing and Construction

- What the Code (TMS 402-11) Says:

CODE	COMMENTARY
<p><b>1.20.2.1</b> Conduits, pipes, and sleeves shall not be considered to be structural replacements for the displaced masonry. The masonry design shall consider the structural effects of this displaced masonry.</p>	<p><b>1.20.2.1</b> Conduits, pipes, and sleeves not harmful to mortar and grout may be embedded within the masonry, but the masonry member strength should not be less than that required by design. Effects of reduction in section properties in the areas of conduit, pipe, or sleeve embedment should be considered.</p> <p>For the integrity of the structure, conduit and pipe fittings within the masonry should be carefully positioned and assembled. The coupling size should be considered when determining sleeve size.</p> <p>Aluminum should not be used in masonry unless it is effectively coated or covered. Aluminum reacts with ions, and may also react electrolytically with steel, causing cracking and/or spalling of the masonry. Aluminum electrical conduits present a special problem since stray electric current accelerates the adverse reaction.</p> <p>Pipes and conduits placed in masonry, whether surrounded by mortar or grout or placed in unfilled spaces, need to allow unrestrained movement.</p>

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Congestion

- For an 8 inch wall
  - Maximum Bar Area
    - 5 in. x 6 in. = 30 in<sup>2</sup> x 4% = 1.2 in<sup>2</sup>
  - Maximum Bar Size
    - #8 bar = 0.78 in<sup>2</sup>
  - Most Reinforcement in Cell
    - 2 - #7 bars = 1.00 in<sup>2</sup>
    - 4 - #5 bars = 1.24 in<sup>2</sup>



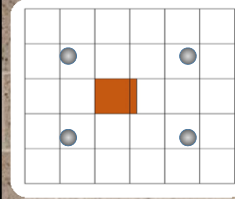
## Masonry Detailing and Construction

### • What the Code (TMS 402-11) Says:

CODE	COMMENTARY
<b>3.3.3 Reinforcement requirements and details</b> <b>3.3.3.1 Reinforcing bar size limitations</b> — Reinforcing bars used in masonry shall not be larger than No. 9 (M #29). <b>The nominal bar diameter shall not exceed one-eighth of the nominal member thickness</b> , and shall not exceed one-quarter of the least clear dimension of the cell, course, or collar joint in which the bar is placed. The area of reinforcing bars placed in a cell or in a course of hollow unit construction <b>shall not exceed 4 percent of the cell area</b> .	<b>3.3.3 Reinforcement requirements and details</b> <b>3.3.3.1 Reinforcing bar size limitations</b> — The limit of using a No. 9 (M #29) bar is motivated by the goal of having a larger number of smaller diameter bars to transfer stresses rather than a fewer number of larger diameter bars. Some research investigations have concluded that in certain applications masonry reinforced with more uniformly distributed smaller diameter bars performs better than similarly configured masonry elements using fewer larger diameter bars. While not...

## Masonry Detailing and Construction

### Congestion



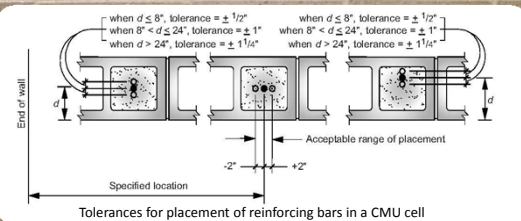
## DESIGN ISSUES

### REINFORCEMENT AND SPLICES

## Masonry Detailing and Construction

### Reinforcement

#### • Location



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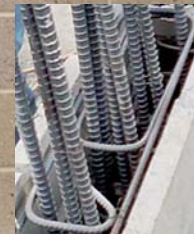
### Reinforcement



## Masonry Detailing and Construction

### Reinforcement


#### • Congestion



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## Reinforcement

- Congestion



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## Reinforcement

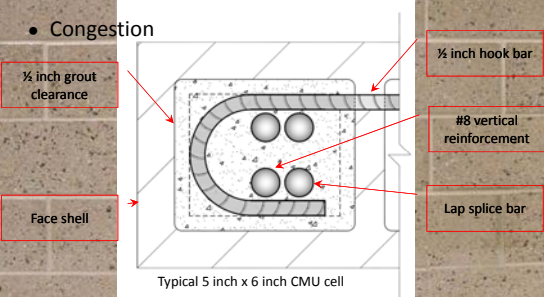
- TMS 402, Section 3.3.3 Reinforcement requirements and details

**3.3.3.2.1** Except at wall intersections, the end of a horizontal reinforcing bar needed to satisfy shear strength requirements of Section 3.3.4.1.2 shall be bent around the edge vertical reinforcing bar with a 180-degree hook. The ends of single-leg or U-stirrups shall be anchored by one of the following means:...

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## Reinforcement

- Congestion



Typical 5 inch x 6 inch CMU cell

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## Lap Splices


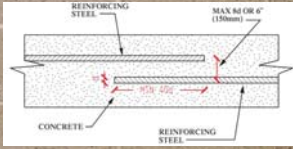
- How Long Should a Lap Splice Be?

- $l_d = 0.002 d_b f_s$  (UBC ASD)
- $l_d = l_{de} / \phi$ ,  $l_{de} = \frac{0.15 d_b^2 f_y}{K \sqrt{f'_m}} \leq 52 d_b$  (UBC SD)
- $l_d = \frac{0.13 d_b^2 f_y \gamma}{K \sqrt{f'_m}}$  (TMS 402-08 ASD Override)
- $l_d = \frac{0.13 d_b^2 f_y \gamma}{K \sqrt{f'_m}}$ , but  $\epsilon = 1.0 - \frac{2.3 A_c}{d_b^2}$  where  $\frac{2.3 A_c}{d_b^2} \leq 1.0$  (TMS 402-11 ASD Override)  
( $\epsilon$  is multiplier when transverse bars cross lap splice)

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## Lap Splices

- How Much Contact is Required for a Lap Splice to be Effective?

Do the bars need to be tied? ...or can they just be in the neighborhood?

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## Lap Splices

- How Much Contact is Required for a Lap Splice to be Effective?

**Reinforced Concrete Design, K Leet (1991)**...Although bars joined by a lap splice are usually wired together with their sides in direct contact, forces can also be transferred effectively between bars whose transverse spacing does not exceed one-fifth of the lap length  $l$ , or 6 in (152 mm), whichever is smaller.

**ACI 318-11 Building Code Requirements for Structural Concrete (2011) - 12.4.2.3** Bars spliced by noncontact lap splices in flexural members shall not be spaced transversely farther apart than the smaller of one-fifth the required lap splice length, and 6 in.



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### Lap Splices

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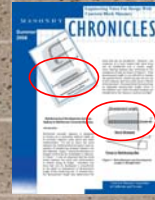
**TMS 402-11 Building Code Requirements for Masonry Structures (2011) – Sections 2.1.7.7.1.3 and 3.3.3.3.1** Bars spliced by noncontact lap splices shall not be spaced transversely farther apart than one-fifth the required length of lap nor more than 8 in. (203 mm).

**TMS 602-11 Specification for Masonry Structures (2011) – Article 3.4 B.9 Noncontact lap splices** – Position bars spliced by noncontact lap splices no farther apart transversely than one-fifth the specified length of lap nor more than 8 in. (203 mm).

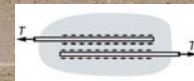
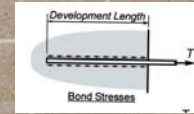
## Masonry Detailing and Construction

### Lap Splices

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## Masonry Detailing and Construction

### Lap Splices

- How Much Contact is Required for a Lap Splice to be Effective?

**TMS 602-08 Specification for Masonry Structures (2008) – Article 3.4 B.1 Support** and fasten reinforcement together to prevent displacement beyond the tolerances allowed by construction loads or by placement of grout or mortar.

**TMS 602-11 Specification for Masonry Structures (2011) – Article 3.4 B.1** Support reinforcement to prevent displacement caused by construction loads or by placement of grout or mortar, beyond the allowable tolerances.

## Masonry Detailing and Construction

### Lap Splices

- How Much Contact is Required for a Lap Splice to be Effective?



## Masonry Detailing and Construction

### Lap Splices

- Keep it simple and consistent
- Class of splice (ACI 318) NOT Required
- Try to Limit Congestion
- Tying Splices is Not a Code Requirement
- Consider Staggering Splices for Highest Seismic Applications

## CRITICAL COMPONENTS

### ANCHOR BOLTS

## Masonry Detailing and Construction

### Anchor Bolts

- A Real Dilemma
  - Anchor Bolts Should Be Embedded as Deep as Possible for Maximum Efficiency
  - There Isn't Much Room Inside the Cell

#### 3.4 D. Anchor bolts...

- For anchor bolts placed through the face shell of a hollow masonry unit... maintain a clear distance between the bolt and the face of masonry unit and between the head or bent leg of the bolt and the formed surface of grout of at least  $\frac{1}{4}$  in. (6.4 mm) when using fine grout and at least  $\frac{1}{2}$  in. (12.7 mm) when using coarse grout.

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### Anchor Bolts

- A Real Dilemma

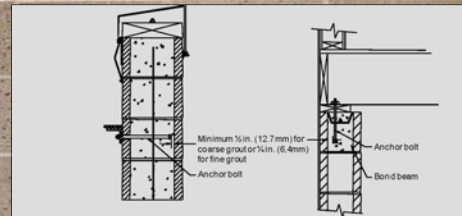
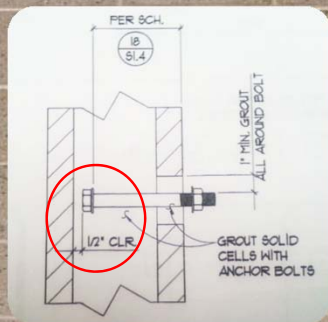
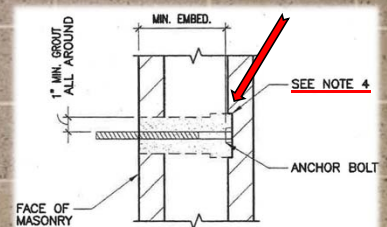


Figure SC-14 — Anchor bolt clearance requirements for headed anchor bolts — bent-bars are similar

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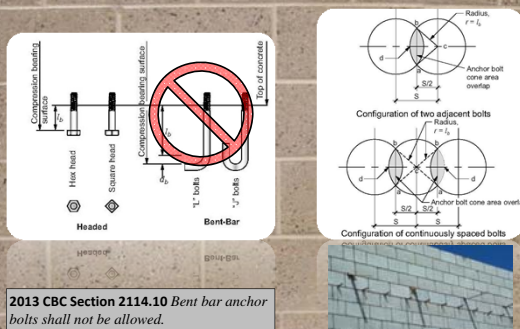
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#### NOTES:

- MINIMUM BOLT SPACING SHALL BE 16 BOLT DIAMETERS WITH A MINIMUM EDGE DISTANCE OF 12 DIAMETERS, UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE.
- PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL 2" OF EMBEDMENT FOR ANCHOR BOLTS LOCATED IN THE TOP OF COLUMNS.
- ANCHOR BOLTS SHALL BE HEX HEADED WITH THE DIMENSIONS OF THE HEX CONFORMING TO ANSI/ASME B18.2.1 BENT BAR ANCHORS SHALL NOT BE USED.
- PARTIALLY CORE CMU FACE SHELLS AS REQUIRED TO ATTAIN PROPER ANCHOR BOLT EMBEDMENT.

## Masonry Detailing and Construction



2013 CBC Section 2114.10 Bent bar anchor bolts shall not be allowed.

## DESIGN ISSUES



### GROUTING



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## Grouting

- Cells should be reasonably clean






Unacceptable Cells      Ready for Grouting

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## Grouting



- Placement of Grout

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## Grouting


- Placement of Grout

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## Grouting

- Consolidation and Reconsolidation



*Communication Between the Structural Engineer and Masonry Contractor*

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  - A lot of water is NOT a bad thing (up to 11" slump)
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  - A lot of water is NOT a bad thing (up to 11" slump)
  - Aggregates must be smaller
  - Not Too Much Cement
  - Fly Ash and Slag are Good (Longer Strength Gain)
  - No Plasticizers as Water Replacement
  - Masonry Grout has a unique ASTM Standard

## Communication Between the Structural Engineer and Masonry Contractor

**ROBERTSON'S**  
ROCK \* SAND \* BASE MATERIALS  
READY MIX CONCRETE

Date: 6/25/2014 Masonry Grout  
Concrete Mix Design #: RS300042

Project: OC School of Arts, Dance, Music & Science Center - Santa Ana  
Contractor: Frester Masonry, Inc.  
Description: 3000 psi Grout Mix  
Strength (f'): 3000 psi  
Slump: 8" - 10" - 11"  
Max. Size of Agg.: 3/8"  
Pump Type: 2" line pump  
ALL CONCRETE IS MIXED AND DELIVERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH ASTM C-94. GROUT SHOULD BE PER ASTM

Aggregate Weights are SSD. Moisture in Aggregates Must be Considered When Determining Total Wt.

Contents:	MIX DESIGN PROPORTIONS			
	Batch Wt.	Vol.	Sp. Gr.	Wt. Gr.
Cement (ASTM C-150)	100	3.15	3.35	
Fly Ash-Class F (ASTM C-618)	0	2.33	0.00	
Sand	1885	70	2.62	11.41
1-1/2" x 3/4"	0	0	2.87	0.00
1" x #4	0	0	2.87	0.00
Water	408	30	2.65	4.69
Entrained Air	408.2			6.54
WT =	3726			27.00
Vol =				19.7 cu

ADmixtures: WRODA 64 (ASTM C-494) 3.0 gal/bat

## Communication Between the Structural Engineer and Masonry Contractor

**NATIONAL READY MIXED CONCRETE LABORATORY**  
1881 East Hamilton Drive, Duarte, CA 91010  
Laboratory Phone: (909) 388-8888 Fax: (909) 388-8871

PROJECT INFORMATION  
30" 2000 psi Grout

Customer: Masonry Concepts, Inc. Concrete Mix No.: 300042  
Project: Newmark C-4 LBR02 Date: November 25, 2013  
Address: 3331 Van Vleet Ave., Long Beach, CA  
City: Long Beach, CA  
Concrete Supplier: National Ready Mix  
Design Compressive Strength: 2000 psi @ 28 days  
W/C + P Ratio: 0.74 Slump Range: 8.00 to 10.00  
Evaporation Content Factor: 0.00 (ASTM C-138) General Contractor

NOTE: All aggregate weights are saturated surface dry (SSD) weights and the moisture content of the aggregates at the time of testing must be considered when determining the total water in the mix.

Material	Source	Batch Wt. (lb)	Batch Vol. (cu ft)	Sp. Gr.
Cement Type IV	ASTM C150	479	2.44	3.15
Flash Type F	ASTM C618	0	0.00	2.33
Water	30.0 gal	415.5	4.68	1.00
No. 4 Agg.	30 %	845	5.00	2.65
Washed Coarse Sand	30 %	786.4	11.87	2.65
Air Content	1.2 %		0.32	
Plastic Unit Wt.	148.4 pcf		27.00 cu ft	

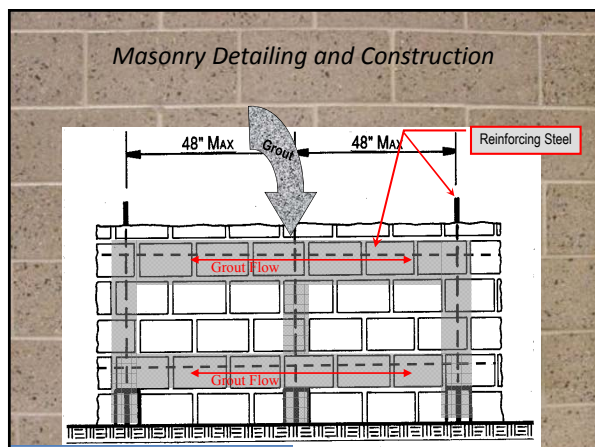
PROPOSED AGGREGATE GRADATIONS

Size	1/2" (12.5 mm)	3/4" (19.0 mm)	No. 4 (4.75 mm)	No. 10 (2.0 mm)	No. 20 (0.85 mm)	No. 40 (0.425 mm)	No. 60 (0.25 mm)	No. 100 (0.15 mm)	Passing
1/2" (12.5 mm)	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
3/4" (19.0 mm)	0	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
No. 4 (4.75 mm)	0	0	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
No. 10 (2.0 mm)	0	0	0	100	100	100	100	100	100
No. 20 (0.85 mm)	0	0	0	0	100	100	100	100	100
No. 40 (0.425 mm)	0	0	0	0	0	100	100	100	100
No. 60 (0.25 mm)	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	100	100
No. 100 (0.15 mm)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	100

ADmixtures: \* Masonry grout design may be adjusted for slumps between 8 to 10 inches  
\* If the grout is to be used in a confined space, the grout may be adjusted to a higher slump to facilitate placement.

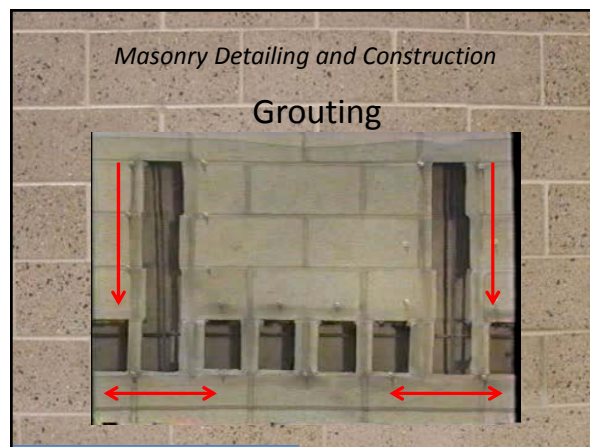
SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS: \* Submit Grout Test Results \* Submit Grout Test Results \* Submit Grout Test Results

## Masonry Detailing and Construction



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## Grouting



## DESIGN ISSUES

## MORTAR – A THORN IN THE SIDE

## Masonry Detailing and Construction

- The Root of the Problem
  - ASTM C270 - Standard Specification for Mortar for Unit Masonry
  - ASTM C780 - Standard Test Method for Preconstruction and Construction Evaluation of Mortars for Plain and Reinforced Unit Masonry
  - ASTM C1586 - Standard Guide for Quality Assurance of Mortars



### Masonry Detailing and Construction

#### • The Root of the Problem – ASTM C270

ASTM C 270 TABLE 1– PROPORTION SPECIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

MORTAR	TYPE	PROPORTIONS BY VOLUME (cementitious materials)								AGGREGATE MEASURED IN A DAMP, LOOSE CONDITION
		Portland cement or blended Cement	Masonry cement			Mortar cement			HYDRATED LIME OR LIME PUTTY	
			M	S	N	M	S	N		
Cement-Lime	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	¼ Over ¼ to ½ Over ½ to 1¼ Over 1¼ or 2½	Not less than 2¼ and not more than 3 times the sum of the separate volumes of cementitious materials
	S	1	-	-	-	-	-	-		
	N	1	-	-	-	-	-	-		
	O	1	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Mortar cement	M	1	-	-	-	-	1	-		
	M	-	-	-	-	1	-	-		
	S	½	-	-	-	-	1	-		
	S	-	-	-	-	-	1	-		
	N	-	-	-	-	-	1	-		
	O	-	-	-	-	-	1	-		
For Field Mortar										

For Field Mortar

### Masonry Detailing and Construction

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ASTM C270, TABLE 2, PROPERTY SPECIFICATION REQUIREMENTS<sup>A</sup>

Mortar	Type	Avg. Compressive Strength at 28 Days, min psi	Water Retention, Min. %	Air Content, Max %	Aggregate Ratio
Cement-Lime	M	2500 (17.2)	75	12	Not less than 2¼ and not more than 3½ times the sum of the separate volumes of cementitious materials
	S	1800 (12.4)	75	12	
	N	750 (5.2)	75	14	
	O	350 (2.4)	75	14	
Mortar Cement	M	2500 (17.2)	75	12	Not less than 2¼ and not more than 3½ times the sum of the separate volumes of cementitious materials
	S	1800 (12.4)	75	12	
	N	750 (5.2)	75	14	
	O	350 (2.4)	75	14	
Masonry Cement	M	2500 (17.2)	75	18	Not less than 2¼ and not more than 3½ times the sum of the separate volumes of cementitious materials
	S	1800 (12.4)	75	18	
	N	750 (5.2)	75	20	
	O	350 (2.4)	75	20	

<sup>A</sup> Laboratory prepared mortar only

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### Masonry Detailing and Construction

#### • The Root of the Problem – ASTM C270

- 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,...
- 3.1 Specification C270 is not a specification to determine mortar strengths through field testing.
- 3.3 The compressive strength values resulting from field tested mortars do not represent the compressive strength of mortar as tested in the laboratory nor that of the mortar in the wall.

### Masonry Detailing and Construction

#### • The Root of the Problem – ASTM C780

- 1.4 The test results obtained under this test method are not required to meet the minimum compressive values in accordance with the property specifications in Specification C270.
- 5.2.6 ...Mortar compressive strength test values are not representative of the actual compressive strength of mortar in the assembly and are not appropriate for use in predicting the compressive strength that would be attained by the mortar in the masonry assembly.
- A6.1.1 ...Strength values for mortars obtained through these testing procedures are not required, nor expected, to meet strength requirements of laboratory Specification C270 mortars.

### Masonry Detailing and Construction

- The Root of the Problem – ASTM C1586

4.1 Use Specification C270 to specify masonry mortar by either the Proportion or Property Specifications of that standard, but not both. If neither the Proportion nor Property specification is given, Specification C270 the Proportion specification to be used.

4.2 *Proportion Specifications*—These Specifications direct the mason to produce the masonry mortar using designated volumetric proportions of cementitious materials and aggregate as set forth in Table 1, Proportion Specifications, of Specification C270 for the Type of mortar specified. This procedure of specifying mortar requires no sampling and testing of mortar, and hence, no measurement of mortar properties in the laboratory or the field is required. All that is necessary is field confirmation of the proper proportions of the mixes used in construction.

### Masonry Detailing and Construction

- The Root of the Problem – ASTM C1586

4.3.2 Do not use the Specification C270 Property Specifications requirements to evaluate construction site-produced mortars. Due to the higher amount of water necessary for actual masonry construction, mortar produced and sampled in the field will typically have lower compressive strength than that produced in the laboratory per Specification C270.

5.5.3 Measurement of construction site masonry mortar compressive strength using Test Method C780, Annex A7, is not the appropriate test method to determine the compliance of the mortar with the compressive strength requirements of Specification C270; however it may have some value in the determination of mortar uniformity.



## THE BAD STUFF

### When Things Go South

### Masonry Detailing and Construction

- Coordination with Penetrations
  - Multiple Openings Interrupting Reinforcement



### Masonry Detailing and Construction

- Coordination with Penetrations
  - Multiple Openings Interrupting Reinforcement



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### *Masonry Detailing and Construction*

- Coordination with Penetrations
  - Penetrations at Beam Supports



### *Masonry Detailing and Construction*

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### *Masonry Detailing and Construction*

- Coordination with Underground
  - Base Wall Conditions



### *Masonry Detailing and Construction*

- Coordination with Underground
  - Interface with Dowels, Conduits, Piping



### *Masonry Detailing and Construction*

- Difficult Grouting Conditions
  - Top of Wall



### *Masonry Detailing and Construction*

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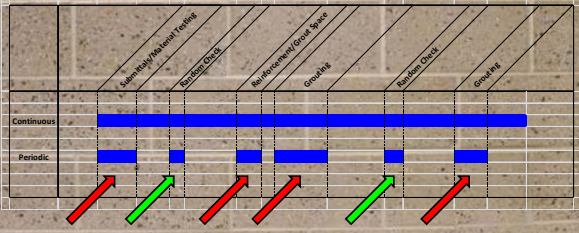
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**CONFUSION ON BOTH SIDES**

*Masonry Detailing and Construction*

- Frequency of Inspection
  - How Much is Enough?



*Masonry Detailing and Construction*

**Periodic Inspection—How Much?**

- (2012 IBC) Code Definition

**SPECIAL INSPECTION.** Inspection of construction requiring the expertise of an *approved special inspector* in order to ensure compliance with this code and the *approved construction documents*.

**Continuous special inspection.** Special inspection by the *special inspector* who is present when and where the work to be inspected is being performed.

**Periodic special inspection.** Special inspection by the *special inspector* who is intermittently present where the work to be inspected has been or is being performed.

*Not much help*

*Masonry Detailing and Construction*

**Periodic Inspection—How Much?**

- Need to Quantify 'Periodic' – TMS 602 Commentary

**3.1 — Quality Assurance program**

...The level of required quality assurance depends on whether the masonry was designed in accordance with Part 3, Appendix B, or Appendix C (engineered) or in accordance with Part 4 or Appendix A (empirical or prescriptive).

**Quality Assurance Tables 3.1.2 and 3.1.3** require inspection tasks to be performed on a continuous or periodic basis. The Architect/Engineer should define the required timing of periodic inspections so that they are sufficient to verify a representative sample of the materials and workmanship. The frequency of periodic inspection varies depending on the size and complexity of the project.



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## Bad Test Reports? – Don't Panic


- Case where prisms were capped out-of-tolerance



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## Bad Test Reports? – Don't Panic

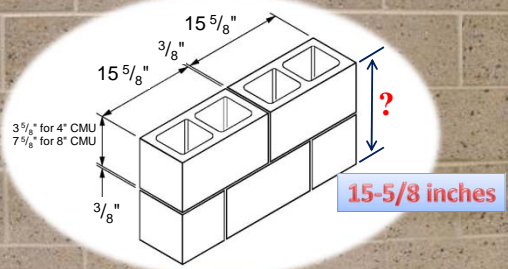
- Testing procedure done incorrectly



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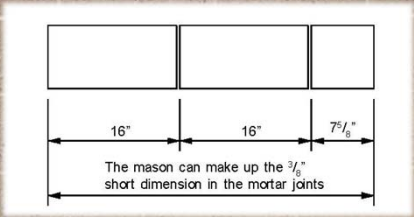
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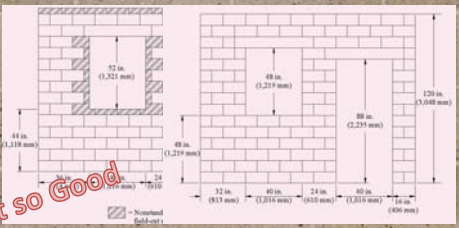
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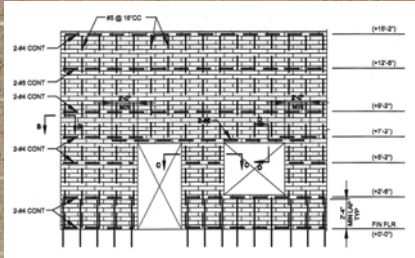
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### Masonry Detailing and Construction

- Masonry Dimensioning



### Masonry Detailing and Construction

- Masonry Dimensioning
  - Reinforcing Steel Must be Spaced in 8 inch increments
    - Vertically and Horizontally
  - Any wall dimension is possible, but...
    - Things look best when designed in 8 inch modules
  - You can hide stuff (electrical, plumbing) inside wall, but..
    - Be careful not to compromise the structural integrity
- When All is Said and Done
  - ASTM C90 says look at the wall from 20 feet away

## FINDING HELP

### Industry Resources

### Masonry Detailing and Construction

- Industry Resources
  - NCMA TEK Notes
  - MasonrySystems.org
    - Google Sketchup
  - BIM-M
  - Local Resources

### Masonry Detailing and Construction

- National Concrete Masonry Association
  - [www.ncma.org](http://www.ncma.org)
  - TEK Notes



National Concrete Masonry Association — Association Website.mhtml

### Masonry Detailing and Construction

- [www.MasonrySystems.org](http://www.MasonrySystems.org)



MasonrySystems.org - Masonry join systems, technical notes, masonry designs, project galleries and more online.



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*Masonry Detailing and Construction*

- BIM-M [www.BIMforMasonry.org](http://www.BIMforMasonry.org)

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- Local Resources
  - Masonry Institute of Hawaii  
[www.masonryhawaii.com](http://www.masonryhawaii.com)
- Cement and Concrete Products Institute  
[www.ccpihawaii.org](http://www.ccpihawaii.org)

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- Other Valuable Resources
  - Masonry Institute of America  
[www.masonryinstitute.org](http://www.masonryinstitute.org)
- Concrete Masonry Association of CA and NV  
[www.cmacn.org](http://www.cmacn.org)


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*Masonry Detailing and Construction*

- Reinforced Masonry Engineering Handbook
- Design of Reinforced Masonry Structures
- Masonry Designers Guide
- Direct Design Handbook









**THE RIGHT SPECIFICATION**

*Masonry Detailing and Construction*

- Common on Structural Notes
  - Specifying Mortar by Properties and Proportion
  - Listing Grades and Types for CMU
  - Confusion about  $f'_m$
  - Not Understanding the Difference Between Grout Lift and Grout Pour
  - Conflicts Between Architectural Specifications and Structural Notes

### Masonry Detailing and Construction

#### • One Example

##### SECTION 5: MASONRY

5-1 BLOCK MASONRY UNITS SHALL BE SINGLE OR DOUBLE OPEN-END BOND BEAM UNITS CONFORMING TO ASTM C90, LATEST REVISION, TYPE I.

5-2 MINIMUM  $f'_m$  UNO:      8" CMU = 1500 psi  
12" CMU = 2000 psi

##### (2012 IBC) Code Definition

$f'_m$  = Specified compressive strength of masonry at age of 28 days, psi (MPa).

### Masonry Detailing and Construction

#### • One Example

##### SECTION 5: MASONRY

5-3  $f'_m$  SHALL BE DETERMINED PER THE CBC (IBC), SECTION 2105. PROVIDE SUBMITTALS, TESTING AND INSPECTIONS AS REQUIRED BY CBC (IBC) SECTION 1704.5.2.

5-4 IN NO CASE SHALL COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH OF BLOCK UNITS BE LESS THAN 125% OF SPECIFIED  $f'_m$ . IN NO CASE SHALL GROUT FOR THE BLOCK UNITS HAVE A COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH LESS THAN 2000 psi AND 125% OF SPECIFIED  $f'_m$  AT 28 DAYS. MORTAR SHALL BE TYPE "S" OR "M".

### Masonry Detailing and Construction

#### • One Example

##### SECTION 5: MASONRY

5-5 MINIMUM LAP OF REINFORCING STEEL SHALL BE PER C/5.03.

5-6 THE FIRST COURSE OF BLOCK FOR BLOCK LIFTS EXCEEDING 5'-0" SHALL HAVE CLEANOUTS CONSISTING OF DOUBLE OPEN END BOND BEAM BLOCK. SEE DETAIL N5.03.

##### (2011 TMS 402) Definition

*Grout lift* — An increment of grout height within a total grout pour. A grout pour consists of one or more grout lifts.

*Grout pour* — The total height of masonry to be grouted prior to erection of additional masonry. A grout pour consists of one or more grout lifts.

### Masonry Detailing and Construction

#### • One Example

##### SECTION 5: MASONRY

5-7 GROUT POURS SHALL BE TO THE FULL HEIGHT OF THE BLOCK LIFT. MAXIMUM GROUT POUR HEIGHT SHALL COMPLY WITH TABLE 1.19.1 OF ACI 530-08. GROUT POURS EXCEEDING 5'-0" IN HEIGHT SHALL CONSIST OF MULTIPLE GROUT LIFTS OF 5'-0" OR LESS IN HEIGHT. CONSOLIDATE AND RECONSOLIDATE EACH GROUT LIFT BY MEANS OF MECHANICAL VIBRATION IN COMPLIANCE WITH ACI 530.1 SECTION 3.5.E. A GROUT LIFT SHALL NOT BE PERMITTED TO SET PRIOR TO PLACEMENT AND CONSOLIDATION OF SUBSEQUENT GROUT LIFT.

### Masonry Detailing and Construction

#### • Common on Structural Notes

##### SECTION 5: MASONRY

5-8 HORIZONTAL CONSTRUCTION JOINTS BETWEEN GROUT POURS SHALL BE LOCATED 1" ± 1/2" BELOW A MORTAR JOINT.

5-9 MINIMUM GROUTING: FILL ALL CELLS.

5-10 ALL BOLTS IN MASONRY SHALL BE CENTERED IN CELLS ± 2 INCHES.

##### (2011 TMS 602)

##### 3.5 F. Grout key —.....

1. Form a grout key by terminating the grout a minimum of 1½ in. (38.1 mm) below a mortar joint.

### Masonry Detailing and Construction

## The Right Specification

#### Structural Notes Said

Block masonry units shall be single or double open-end bond beam units conforming to ASTM C90, latest revision, Type 1.

#### Should Have Been

Block masonry units shall be single or double open-end bond beam units conforming to ASTM C90, latest revision.

*ASTM C90 for Concrete Block is published at least once a year. Grades (M, S) were dropped in 1991 and Types (I, II) were dropped in 2000, both in favor of the more stringent requirement.*



## Masonry Detailing and Construction

### The Right Specification

#### Structural Notes Said

$f'_m$  shall be determined per IBC Section 2105.

#### Should Have Been

Verification of  $f'_m$  shall be determined per IBC Section 2105.

*The term  $f'_m$  is a design strength, not an actual strength. The designer needs a verification that the actual masonry strength meets or exceeds the design strength to assure that the installed product is safe.*

## Masonry Detailing and Construction

### The Right Specification

#### Structural Notes Said

The first course of block for block lifts exceeding 5'-0" shall have cleanouts consisting of double open-end bond beam block.



#### Should Have Been

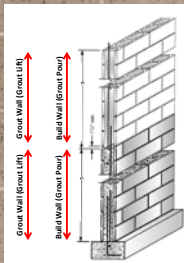
When grout pours exceed 5'-0", the first course of block shall consist of inverted double open-end bond beam block. Provide cleanouts for access to every cell with vertical reinforcement.

*Assumption: Solidly grouted masonry – The most important concept is to invert the bond beams on the first course to provide access for cleaning the cells and to maximize grout contact with foundation. Technicality-the note is referring to grout pours, not grout lifts.*

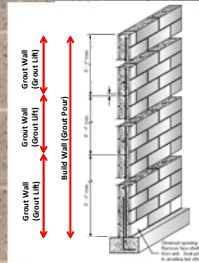
## Masonry Detailing and Construction

### The Right Specification

Grout Lift or Grout Pour?



Low Lift Grouting



High Lift Grouting

## Masonry Detailing and Construction

### The Right Specification

#### Structural Notes Said

A grout lift shall not be permitted to set prior to placement and consolidation of subsequent grout lift.

#### Should Have Been

When grout pours exceed 5'-0", a grout lift shall not be permitted to set prior to placement and consolidation of subsequent grout lift.

*When grout pours do not exceed 5'-0" (low-lift grouting) the grout must set prior to the erection of additional masonry.*

## Masonry Detailing and Construction

### The Right Specification

#### Structural Notes Said

Cleanouts at the bottom of all cells shall be used unless the lift is 4'-0" or less. Grout for each pour shall be stopped 1½" below the top of a block course except...

#### Should Have Been

Provide cleanouts for access to all cells when grout pours exceed 4'-0". Grout for each pour shall be stopped a minimum of 1½" below the top of a block course except...

*Cleanouts relate to grout pours, not grout lifts. The grout key is intended to be a minimum dimension, not an exact dimension.*

## Masonry Detailing and Construction

### The Right Specification

#### Structural Notes Said

Concrete masonry units (CMU) shall develop the following minimum 28 day prism compressive strengths in accordance with the building code.

MINIMUM 28 DAY COMPRESSIVE STRENGTHS			
Location	$f'_m$	Type S Mortar	Grout
All CMU UNO	1500 psi	1900 psi	2000 psi

#### Should Have Been (without table)

Verify compliance with the masonry design strength,  $f'_m$ , by the prism test method.

*The code is clear that verification of the compressive strength is to be by the prism test method or the unit strength method, not both.*

## MOVING FORWARD

### Masonry Detailing and Construction

## What is the Strength of Masonry?

- Methods of Determination
  - Prism Test Method *OR*
  - Unit Strength Method
  - Testing Prisms from Constructed Masonry
- What About Mortar?
  - (Implication) Stronger is Not Better
  - Less Cement = Better Bond = Better Performance

### Masonry Detailing and Construction



Unit Strength



### Masonry Detailing and Construction

#### Prism Test Method

- CMU strength, 1,900 psi minimum
- Assume high strength unit = 3,750 psi
- Type S Mortar
- Grout = 3,750 psi

#### Unit Strength Method

- CMU strength, 1,900 psi minimum
- Assume high strength unit = 3,750 psi
- Type S Mortar
- Grout = 3,750 psi

Will test between  
3,200 and 3,500 psi



Table verifies 2,500 psi  
(≈ 30% less)

### Masonry Detailing and Construction



## Moving Forward

- Masonry Unit Strength Table Recalibration (2013 TMS 402)
- Based on Unrecognized Strength of Masonry
- ASTM C90-Standard Specification for Loadbearing Concrete Masonry Units
  - C90-13 – Compressive Strength 1,900 psi
  - C90-14 – Compressive Strength 2,000 psi

### Masonry Detailing and Construction

## Moving Forward

ASTM C90-13, Table 2 Strength, Absorption and Density Classification Requirements

Density Classification	Oven-Dry Density of Concrete, lb/ft <sup>3</sup> (kg/m <sup>3</sup> )	Maximum Water Absorption lb/ft <sup>3</sup> (kg/m <sup>3</sup> )		Minimum Net Area Compressive Strength, lb/in <sup>2</sup> (Mpa)	
	Average of 3 Units	Average of 3 Units	Individual Units	Average of 3 Units	Individual Units
Lightweight	Less than 105 (1680)	18 (288)	20 (320)	1900 (13.1)	1700 (11.7)
Medium Weight	105 to less than 125 (1680-2000)	15 (240)	17 (272)	1900 (13.1)	1700 (11.7)
Normal Weight	125 (2000) or more	13 (208)	15 (240)	1900 (13.1)	1700 (11.7)



## Masonry Detailing and Construction

### Moving Forward

ASTM C90-14, Table 2 Strength, Absorption and Density Classification Requirements

Density Classification	Oven-Dry Density of Concrete, lb/ft <sup>3</sup> (kg/m <sup>3</sup> )	Maximum Water Absorption lb/ft <sup>3</sup> (kg/m <sup>3</sup> )		Minimum Net Area Compressive Strength, lb/in <sup>2</sup> (Mpa)	
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## Masonry Detailing and Construction

### Masonry Unit Strength Recalibration

- Verification of masonry compressive strength
  - Prism test method
  - Unit strength method
  - Testing prisms from constructed masonry
  - (Masonry prism test record—No longer available)
    - Uniform Building Code exclusive
    - At least 30 historic prisms required
    - Test record results required to be at least  $1.33 f'_m$

## Masonry Detailing and Construction

### 1973 Uniform Building Code

1973 UBC Table 24-J ASSUMED COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH OF BRICK MASONRY

COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH OF MASONRY UNITS, (psi)	ASSUMED COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH OF BRICK MASONRY, $f'_m$ , psi		
	TYPE M MORTAR	TYPE S MORTAR	TYPE N MORTAR
Special Inspection Required →	Yes / No	Yes/No	Yes/No
14,000 plus	4600 / 2300	3900 / 1950	3200 / 1600
10,000	3400 / 1700	2900 / 1450	2400 / 1200
6,000	2200 / 1100	1900 / 950	1600 / 800
2,000	1000 / 500	900 / 450	800 / 400

- Section 2404 (c).2.d.3 Assumed ultimate compressive strength  
Hollow Concrete Units—Grade N..... $f'_m = 1350$  psi

## Masonry Detailing and Construction

### 1988 Uniform Building Code (thru 1997)

1988 UBC Table 24-C SPECIFIED COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH OF MASONRY,  $f'_m$ , (psi) BASED ON SPECIFYING THE COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH OF MASONRY UNITS

Specified Strength of Clay Masonry Units (psi)	Specified Compressive Strength of Masonry, $f'_m$	
	Type M or S Mortar (psi)	Type N Mortar (psi)
14,000 or more	5,300	4,400
12,000	4,700	3,800
10,000	4,000	3,300
8,000	3,350	2,700
6,000	2,700	1,100
4,000	2,000	1,600
Specified Strength of Concrete Masonry Units (psi)	Specified Compressive Strength of Masonry, $f'_m$	
	Type M or S Mortar (psi)	Type N Mortar (psi)
4,800 or more	3,000	2,800
3,750	2,500	2,350
2,800	2,000	1,850
1,900	1,500	1,350
1,250	1,000	950

## Masonry Detailing and Construction

### 2011 TMS 602, Specification for Masonry Structures

Table 2—Compressive strength of masonry based on the compressive strength of concrete masonry units and type of mortar used in construction

Net area compressive strength of concrete masonry units, psi		Net area compressive strength of masonry, psi
Type M or S mortar	Type N mortar	
---	1,900	1,350
1,900	2,150	1,500
2,800	3,050	2,000
3,750	4,050	2,500
4,800	5,250	3,000

## Masonry Detailing and Construction

### 2013 TMS 602, Specification for Masonry Structures - Proposed

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1,900	2,150	1,500
2,800 2,000	3,050 2,000	2,000
3,750 2,500	4,050 2,500	2,500
4,800 3,835	5,250 ---	3,000
4,875	---	3,500
5,500	---	4,000

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2013 TMS 602, Specification for Masonry Structures -  
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2,800 2,000 2,000	2,050 2,000 2,650	2,000
3,750 2,500 3,250	4,050 2,500 4,350	2,500
4,800 3,835 4,500	5,250 ---	3,000
4,825	---	3,500
5,500	---	4,000

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1,900	2,350	1,900
2,000	2,650	2,000
3,250	4,350	2,500
4,500	---	3,000

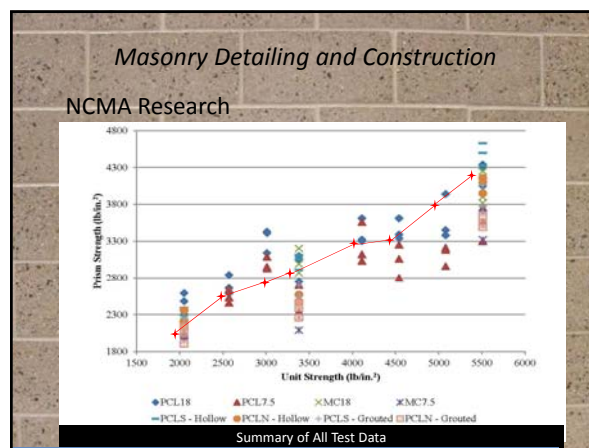
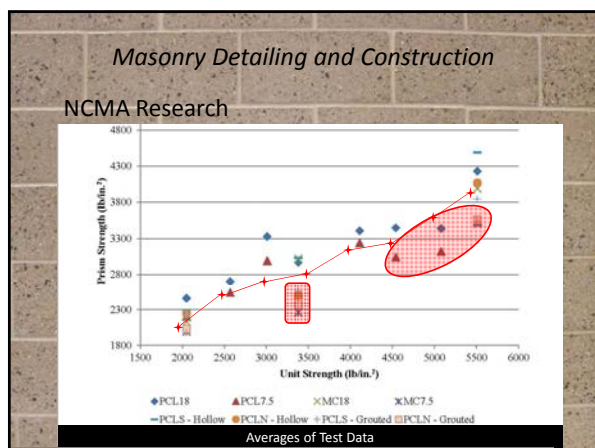
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**Table 2—Compressive strength of masonry based on the compressive strength of concrete masonry units and type of mortar used in construction**

Net area compressive strength of concrete masonry, psi	Net area compressive strength of concrete masonry units, psi	
	Type M or S mortar	Type N mortar
1,700	---	1,900
1,900	1,900	2,350
2,000	2,000	2,650
2,250	2,660	3,400
2,500	3,250	4,350
2,750	3,900	---
3,000	4,500	---

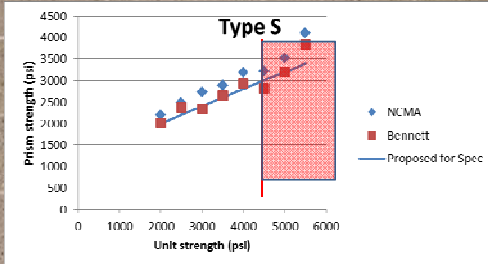
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- Background
- How did we get there?
    - Research – NCMA
    - Proposal – TMS 602/MSJC Committee
    - Rejection – TMS 602/MSJC Committee
    - Task Group – Assigned by MSJC
      - Iteration
      - Compromise
    - Successful Ballot – TMS 602/MSJC Committee





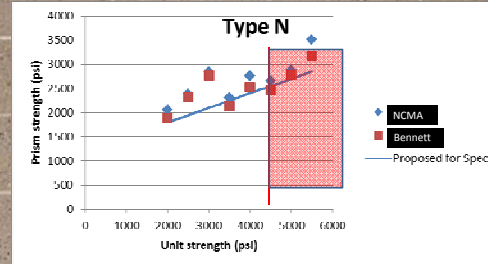
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#### ASTM C90 Modification

- In concert with ASTM C90
  - There is a new change in ASTM C90-14 - Raise minimum average CMU strength requirement from 1,900 psi to 2,000 psi
  - Original Unit Strength change proposal assumed ASTM C90 change would be published
  - Unit Strength Table accommodates both 1,900 psi and 2,000 psi block strength during transition

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#### Benefits

- **Design** – 2,000 psi, up from 1,500 psi
- **Material** – Recognized for improved manufacturing methods and increased quality control
- **Verification** – Moves results of two verification methods somewhat closer together while maintaining implied requirement for Prism Test Method on higher strength masonry

### Masonry Detailing and Construction

#### Strength Verification Method

- **Unit Strength** Verification is easily applied for design strengths of up to 2,500 psi, maybe 3,000
- **Prism Test** Verification may be applied for any strength masonry, but is the reasonable choice for higher design strength and the only choice for very high design strength

### Masonry Detailing and Construction

#### Unit Strength Task Group

Many thanks to our Task Group

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- Base design of masonry ( $f'_m$ ) has been 1,500 psi
  - Why? – Verification of design strength ( $f'_m$ )
  - Low value on Unit Strength Table is 1,500 psi

(TMS 602) Table 2—Compressive strength of masonry based on the compressive strength of concrete masonry units and type of mortar used in construction

Net area compressive strength of concrete masonry units, psi (MPa)		Net area compressive strength of masonry, psi (MPa)
Type M or S Mortar	Type N Mortar	
---	1,900 (13.10)	1,350 (9.31)
1,900 (13.10)	2,150 (14.82)	1,500 (10.34)
2,800 (19.31)	3,050 (21.03)	2,000 (13.79)
3,750 (25.86)	4,050 (27.92)	2,500 (17.24)
4,800 (33.10)	5,250 (36.20)	3,000 (20.69)

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- Changes coming – increase in CMU strength
  - ASTM C90-14 requires CMU to be 2,000 psi

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Net area compressive strength of concrete masonry, psi (MPa)	Net area compressive strength of concrete masonry units, psi (MPa)	
	Type M or S Mortar	Type N Mortar
1,700 (11.72)	---	1,900 (13.10)
1,900 (13.10)	1,900 (13.10)	2,350 (16.20)
2,000 (13.79)	2,000 (13.79)	2,650 (18.27)
2,250 (15.51)	2,600 (17.93)	3,400 (23.44)
2,500 (17.24)	3,250 (22.41)	4,350 (28.96)
2,750 (18.96)	3,900 (26.89)	---
3,000 (20.69)	4,500 (31.03)	---

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- Not so fast—not everything gets increased by  $\frac{1}{3}$ <sup>rd</sup>
- For example-Reinforcement development length

$$l_d = \frac{0.13 a_b^2 f_y \gamma}{K \sqrt{f'_m}} = 23 \text{ in. (for 2000 psi), 20 in for (1,500 psi)}$$

**+ 15%**

- And ASD in-plane shear stress

$$1.5 \sqrt{f'_m} = 58 \text{ psi (for 2000 psi), 67 psi for (1,500 psi)}$$

**+ 15.5%**

### Masonry Detailing and Construction

#### Moving Forward

- Some Thoughts to Ponder
  1. If a low bidder is really low, a higher level of QA verification may be required
  2. Many contractors are willing to go the extra mile if they know where that extra mile is
  3. Communication leads to Quality

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