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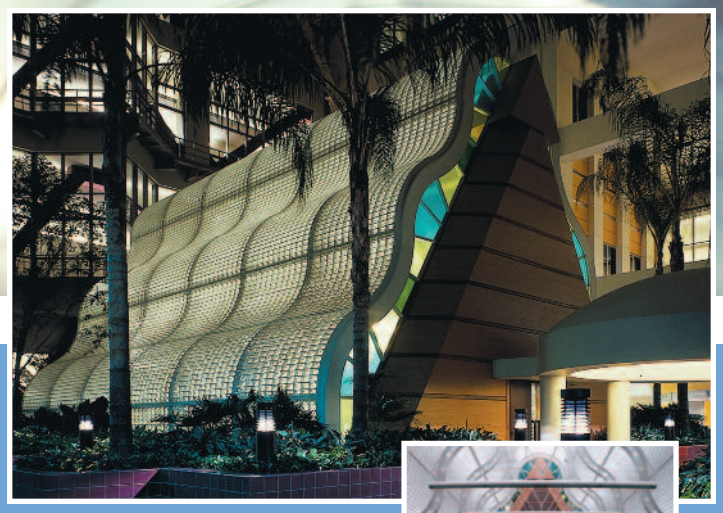
GLASS BLOCK PRODUCTS



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PITTSBURGH CORNING GLASS BLOCK

Pittsburgh Corning Corporation has been manufacturing Pittsburgh Corning Glass Block products since 1937 and today is the only domestic manufacturer in North America. The company recognizes its responsibility to provide a variety of products and to furnish accurate descriptive and technical information which will help the design professional select and specify Pittsburgh Corning Glass Block products.

The comprehensive variety of patterns, styles and sizes available have been designed to work together in your projects as a total system. Pittsburgh Corning stands behind all its glass block when used exclusively with Pittsburgh Corning accessory products by offering a limited five-year warranty.

pittsburghcorning.com features application photos, product information, specifications, installation case histories, and much more information on how to design with Pittsburgh Corning Glass Block products.

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"We selected the glass block to create a visually stunning separation between the research and clinical pavilions. It enabled the transmission of natural daylight into the labs and treatment areas while still maintaining the appropriate degree of privacy. The use of glass block greatly contributed to the Hillman Cancer Center's artful expression of both the functional and emotional needs of the clinical pavilion dedicated to healing, and the opportunity for interaction and flexibility of a research pavilion dedicated to finding a cure."
~ Mihai Marcu, AIA, President, IKM Inc.

CIRCLE OF DESIGN EXCELLENCE AWARD WINNER
Sponsored by Pittsburgh Corning, this program recognizes those designs where glass block forms a prominent architectural feature of a building, either interior or exterior.

Hillman Cancer Center, Pittsburgh, PA // Architect: IKM Inc.

"This building is going to be used for everything from black tie parties to basketball games. So every inch of this place has to endure years of hard wear – and look great doing it. VISTABRIK® Glass Block has the perfect balance of durability, security and sheer beauty to make this place special." *~ Lisa Armstrong, AIA, Architect, Armstrong Kaulbach Architects*

Lloyd Hall, Philadelphia, PA // Architect: Armstrong Kaulbach Architects // VISTABRIK® Solid Glass Block, VUE® Pattern

ON THE COVER: Veteran's Administration Hospital Chapel, Detroit, MI // Architect: Smith, Hinchman & Grylls, Inc. // DECORA® Pattern

GLASS BLOCK BENEFITS & APPLICATIONS

Beauty and Versatility

Extraordinarily versatile and available in many aesthetically pleasing sizes and styles, glass block offers virtually limitless design possibilities. Glass block walls, partitions and windows combine the delicate beauty and light transmission of glass with the strength of glass block.

(l to r): Exempla Good Samaritan Medical Center, Lafayette, CO
DECORA® and VUE® Patterns

Stillwell Avenue Terminal/New York City Transit – Coney Island, Brooklyn, NY
VISTABRIK® Stippled and Solid Glass Blocks

University of Toledo - Nitschke Auditorium
ARGUS® Pattern and VUE® Pattern

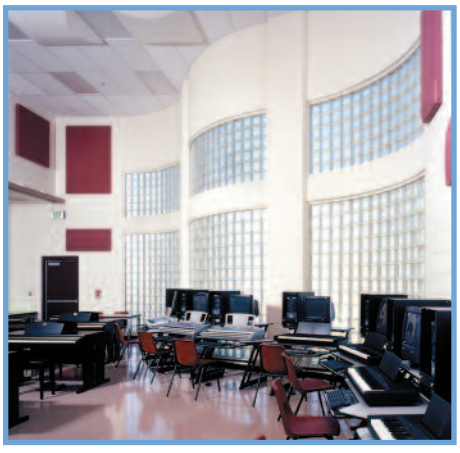
Impact and Ballistic Resistant

Pittsburgh Corning Glass Blocks are inherently stronger than conventional glass because of the thickness of the faces and the mortar that binds the blocks together. As a result the glass blocks are more difficult to break and therefore provide resistance and are a deterrent to forced entry. Our solid 3" VISTABRIK® Glass Block resists penetration from high-impact ballistics, including 9mm and .357 magnum bullets. VISTABRIK® glass blocks are UL® tested and component recognized for ballistic levels 1, 2, and 6.

Regional Transit District Station, Denver, CO
VISTABRIK® Solid Glass Block, VUE® Pattern

Visibility/Light Transmission

Glass block provides exceptional visibility in compliance with ADA guidelines for enclosed areas and has a dynamic relationship with light, both natural and artificial. As light changes, so does the material's appearance and in turn the surrounding environment. It is also scratch-resistant and transmits up to 80% of available light in both directions without any yellowing, clouding or weathering.



Lovonya DeJean Middle School, Richmond, CA
DECORA® Pattern

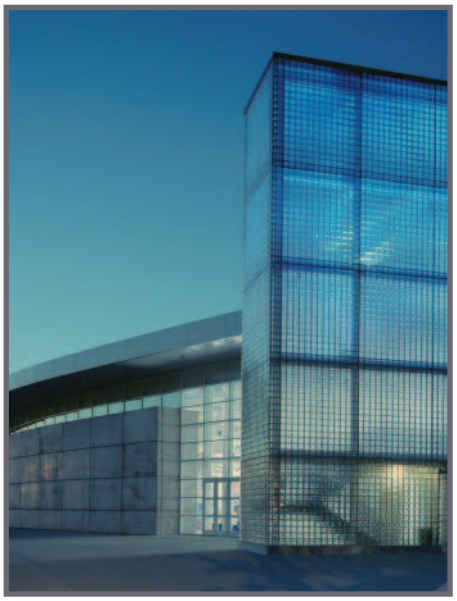
Security

When top architects need to add security to their projects, Pittsburgh Corning answers with a range of solutions:

Premiere Series
Available in the widest range of sizes, shapes and patterns, these blocks offer enhanced resistance to impact, fire, sound transmission, graffiti and weather.

THICKSET® Series
These thicker-faced blocks offer all the performance features of our Premiere Series but with an extra reduction in sound transmission and increased fire resistance available in 60- or 90-minute ratings.

VISTABRIK® Glass Block
Three inches of solid glass block make this the top-performing product offering the highest ballistic ratings, resistance to impact and sound transmission while still transmitting 80% of available light.



University of New Hampshire // DECORA® Pattern

GLASS BLOCK BENEFITS & APPLICATIONS

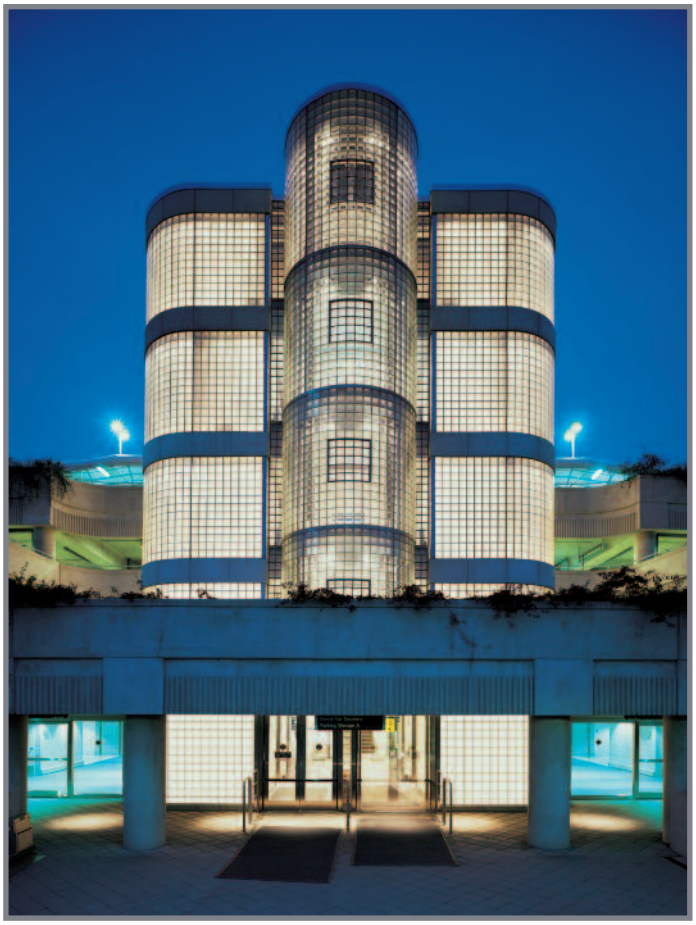
Beacon Hill Station, Seattle, WA // VISTABRIK® Solid Glass Block

Energy Conservation

Glass block can provide more than double the thermal resistance (R-Value) of single-glaze $^{1}/_{8}$" thick plate glass. The differences between the shading coefficient of glass block and flat sheet glass is also significant. Contributing to this is the louvering effect of glass block's horizontal mortar joints, which helps reduce light transmission from the higher summer sun. The size and orientation of the block can greatly affect the amount of shading that can occur.

Graffiti Resistant

Glass block resists damage and is easy to clean.



Terminal A Parking Garage, Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport, Washington, D.C.
Architect: Hartman-Cox Architects (In association with HNTG Corporation)
DECORA®, ESSEX® AA and VUE® Patterns

"We started with the vertical elements of the garages – the elevator towers – nd using the VUE® pattern, turned it into a virtual wayfinder system. Then, we continued that theme with small wayfinder devices – information pylons using ESSEX® AA – throughout the garages."

– Graham Davidson, Architect

Chula Vista Police Department Headquarters/City of Chula Vista, Chula Vista, CA
Architect: Carrier Johnson // ESSEX® AA and VISTABRIK® Patterns

School of Performing Arts/Pittsburgh City Schools
VUE® Pattern

Earthquake Resistance

The Northridge, CA earthquake on January 17, 1994 was the largest earthquake in the United States to have its epicenter in an urban area. A detailed survey was made of the performance of structures containing Pittsburgh Corning glass block panel applications. In all sites visited, the glass block walls and panel systems that were designed and constructed in accordance with Pittsburgh Corning specifications and the provision of the Uniform Building Code resisted the seismic forces without failure.

Noise Resistant

Three inches of solid glass makes VISTABRIK® a dense barrier to sounds from trains, traffic, crowds, sirens, and machinery with a 53 STC level. THICKSET® Series Block STC ranges between 48-50, and Premiere Series Glass Block 35 to 40.

Sustainable Design

Glass block, made largely from sand and limestone, is 100 percent recyclable, inert, low maintenance, and highly durable, lasting 50 years or more. Yet its dynamic relationship with light gives architects the opportunity to create both aesthetically pleasing and energy efficient spaces.

Pittsburgh Corning glass block not only supports LEED® building certification, it also contributes to sustainable design in other ways:

North Hollywood Police Station, N. Hollywood, CA
Architect: Meyer & Allen Associates // ARGUS® Pattern and HEDRON® Corner Block

"This building had to embody the LAPD's more open, community-oriented mission. The ARGUS® pattern glass block was really critical in creating that openness. It gives us the perfect balance of light and security." ~ *Clifton Allen, Architect*

1. Safety and Security

- Glass block is noncombustible
- Glass block combines visibility with security

2. Environmentally Preferable Materials and Products

- Glass block is made largely from sand, an abundant raw material
- Glass block is recyclable
- Glass block is durable
- Glass block has low construction waste

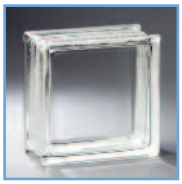
3. Visual Comfort

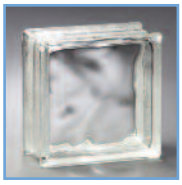
- Certain glass block products may help avoid glare

Glass Block Solar Wall Tubes
Fort Hamilton - Gebhart Center, Cincinatti, OH // FOCUS™ Pattern

Fire Resistant

An important feature of glass block, critical to safe building design, is the product's inherent fire-resistance property. By varying the face thickness of the product and conforming to installation specifications, Pittsburgh Corning is able to offer a family of fire rated products approved and rated according to Underwriters Laboratory (UL®), standards. Glass block are available in 45-, 60- and 90-minute ratings for window assemblies. See page 11 for additional technical information. Visit our website at **www.pittsburghcorning.com** for electronic details.



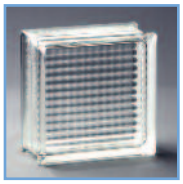


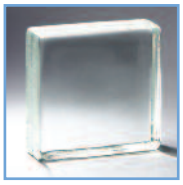
PREMIERE SERIES

- Includes the largest selection of patterns and sizes for the utmost in design flexibility.
- All patterns are classified by UL®, for use in 45-minute rated window assemblies.
- All sizes available are rated except 12" x 12" and shapes.
- Nominal face thickness: 0.25"

THICKSET® 60 Block

- Classified by UL®, for use as 45-or 60-minute rated window assemblies.
- Nominal face thickness: 0.375"





THICKSET® 90 Block

- Classified by UL®, for use as 45-, 60- or 90-minute rated window assemblies.
- Nominal face thickness: 0.75"

VISTABRIK® Solid Glass Block

- The ultimate glass block solution, 3 solid inches of glass which resists bullets, fire, noise, and graffiti.
- Classified by UL®, for use as 45-, 60- or 90-minute rated window assemblies.
- Actual face thickness: 3.0"

PITTSBURGH CORNING GLASS BLOCK PRODUCTS

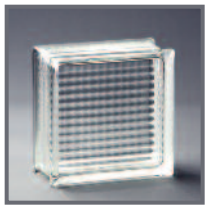
HIGH PERFORMANCE LINE – Pittsburgh Corning's High Performance Line of glass block products is comprised of products that offer the highest value, performance features and benefits related to improved safety, energy efficiency, aesthetics and decorative choices.

THICKSET® Block

Cutaways show the greater face thickness of the THICKSET® Series Block. THICKSET® 60 Block on left vs. the THICKSET® 90 Block on right.

THICKSET® 90 Block DECORA® Pattern

THICKSET® 90 block provides a 90-minute fire rating. The DECORA® pattern provides maximum light transmission with subtle visual distortion. The nondirectional faces make installation quick.



THICKSET® 90 Block ENDURA™ Pattern

THICKSET® 90 block provides a 90-minute fire rating. The ENDURA™ pattern's narrow flutes provide moderate light transmission/maximum privacy.

THICKSET® 90 Block VUE® Pattern

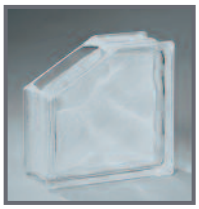
THICKSET® 90 block provides a 90-minute fire rating. The VUE® pattern transmits maximum light and allows ultimate visibility.

THICKSET® 60 Block DECORA® Pattern

THICKSET® 60 block provides a 60-minute fire rating. The DECORA® pattern provides maximum light transmission with subtle visual distortion. The nondirectional faces make installation quick.

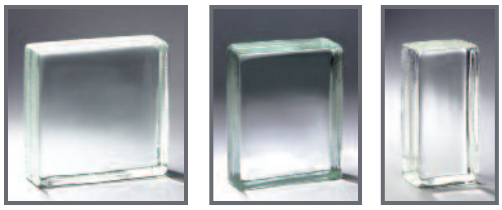
THICKSET® 60 Block VUE® Pattern

THICKSET® 60 block provides 60-minute fire rating. The VUE® pattern transmits maximum light and allows ultimate visibility.



DECORA® LX Pattern

Fibrous glass insert adds moderate thermal and light characteristics. Maximum privacy. *Please note: The "LX" fibrous glass insert is available in other patterns and sizes by special order. Minimum order quantities apply.*

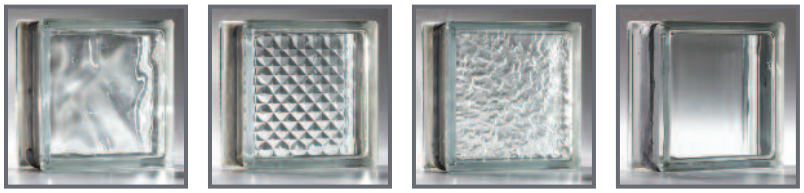


VISTABRIK® Solid Glass Block

3" solid glass block. Clear visibility, durable, impact, vandal and bullet resistant, low maintanance and aesthetically attractive. Excellent light transmission. Available in 8" x 8", 6" x 8" and 4" x 8" sizes.

Glass Block Solar Wall Tubes

An easy way to let light into a structure that is built with multi-wythe walls. The Solar Wall Tubes replace standard masonry units and allow light transmissin for LEED contribution. Improved thermal performance. Available in various sizes with choice of privacy levels.

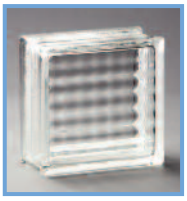


Energy Efficient Glass Block

Blocks out the sun's heat and ultraviolet light – to help keep interiors cooler in the summer. In winter, improved insulating ability helps keep interiors warmer. The blocks are available in DECORA®, DELPHI®, IceScapes®, and VUE® patterns.

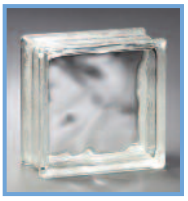
SIGNATURE LINE – Pittsburgh Corning's Signature Line of glass block products is comprised of high quality Premiere Series products and the largest selection of patterns and shapes. This line has become the standard in the industry and provides the most design flexibility in the selection and use of glass block for walls, windows, partitions, and showers in residential and commercial applications.

Premiere Series Glass Block



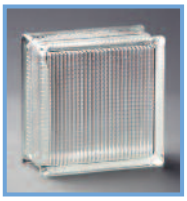
ARGUS® Pattern

Rounded perpendicular flutes diffuse light while allowing maximum light transmission and a medium degree of privacy.



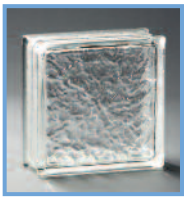
DECORA® Pattern

The trademark wavy undulations of this pattern provides maximum light transmission with subtle visual distortion. The nondirectional faces make installation quick.



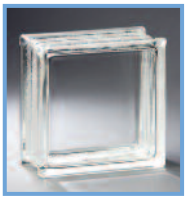
ESSEX® AA Pattern

The fine grid design of the closely spaced ridges in this pattern offers moderate light transmission and a maximum degree of privacy.



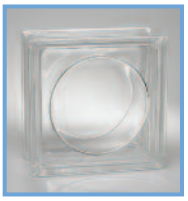
IceScapes® Pattern

Non-directional pattern lets light in without sacrificing privacy. Maximum light transmission/medium to maximum privacy.



VUE® Pattern

Faces are smooth and undistorted to transmit the most light and allow ultimate visibility. This is your best choice for passive solar collection and visual clarity.

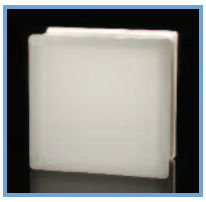


FOCUS™ Pattern

This new circular pattern gives an exciting new way to bring more light and drama to any project.

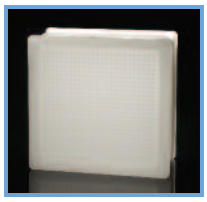
SIGNATURE LINE – (continued)

Premiere Series Glass Block (continued)



Opal Plain

With a smooth finish both inside and out, this style emits a softly diffused light over an entire area.



Opal Silk

This fine grid pattern on the inner surface provides an elegant setting as it gently spreads light.

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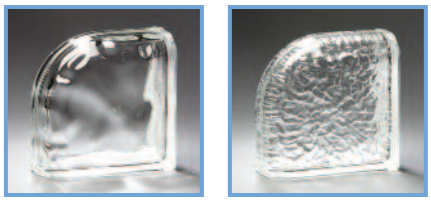
Visit our new website which was designed specifically to help you to imagine the possibilities.

Shapes and Finishing Units

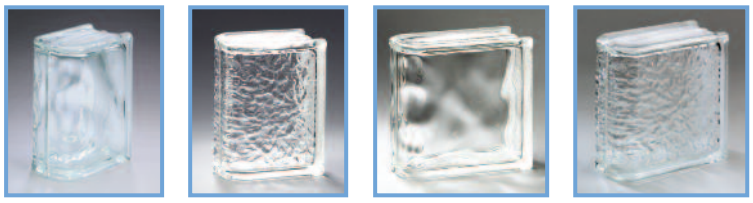
ARQUE® Block
DECORA® and IceScapes® Patterns

ARQUE® Block is a brilliant way to create smooth, graceful curves and columns. ARQUE® Block forms a consistent, tight curve ideally suited for columns.



ENCURVE® Block,
DECORA® and IceScapes® Patterns

Arched, soft edges to round out your design options or finish panels. Use with 8" x 8" EndBlock™ Finishing Units for a stepped panel.

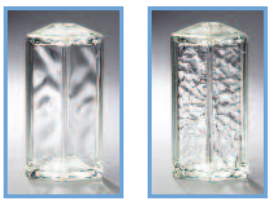


EndBlock™ Finishing Unit DECORA® and IceScapes® Patterns 6" x 8" and 8" x 8"

The rounded, finished surface on one edge of these blocks makes them virtually disappear when used vertically or horizontally on the edges of panels, walls or dividers.

HEDRON® Corner Block
DECORA® and IceScapes® Patterns

Hexagonal corner unit allows you to form 90-degree corners resulting in a gently rounded continuous glass face.

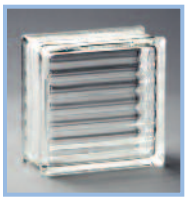


TRIDRON 45° Block®
DECORA® and IceScapes® Patterns

The unique shape of this block lets you create everything from 45-degree angles to full circles.

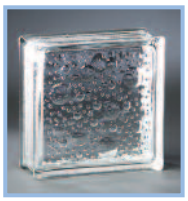
MADE TO ORDER PRODUCTS – Items listed below are subject to minimum order quantities and lead times.

Premiere Series Glass Block



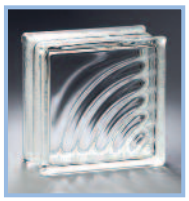
ARGUS® Parallel Fluted Pattern

Rounded parallel flutes on each face diffuse light while allowing maximum light transmission and a medium degree of privacy. Compliments the SPYRA® pattern.



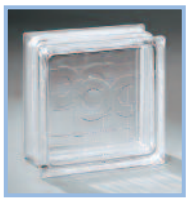
SeaScapes™ Pattern

The three dimensional circles appear to float within the glass block. The pattern lets in light and also provides a degree of privacy.



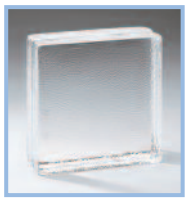
SPYRA® Pattern

SPYRA® Pattern gives you many options for decorative patterns, such as bold circles, rounded corners and the illusions of waves. Maximum light transmission and minimal privacy.



PC® Custom Signature Block

Custom manufactured with your corporate logo or other design pressed into one or both inside surfaces of an eight inch square, standard unit.



VISTABRIK® Stippled Glass Block

Solid 3" thickness of glass with a stippled finish to add privacy. Durable, impact, vandal and bullet resistant, low maintenance and aesthetically attractive. Good light transition/ medium privacy.

HEDRON® LX Corner Block, DECORA® Pattern

Hexagonal corner unit allows you to form 90-degree corners resulting in a gently rounded continuous glass face.

PHYSICAL & DESIGN DATA

PITTSBURGH CORNING GLASS BLOCK PRODUCTS

	Pattern	Nominal Size[1] (Actual size is 1/4" less than nominal; mm shown is actual)	Weight (lb/ft²) installed with mortar	Heat Transmission[2] U Value (Btu/hr ft² °F)	Thermal Resistance[2] R Value (hr ft² °F/Btu)	Visible Light Transmission[3] (%)	Shading Coef.[4]	Sound Transmission S.T.C.	Solar Heat Gain Coefficient[5]
HIGH PERFORMANCE LINE	**THICKSET® Block — Nominal Thickness = 4"; Actual Thickness = 3⅞" (98mm)**								
	THICKSET® 60 Block— DECORA® & VUE®	8" x 8" (197mm)	25	0.51	1.96	VUE®=75 DECORA®=49	0.65	48	.66-.68[5]
	THICKSET® 90 Block— DECORA® & VUE®	8" x 8" (197mm)	30	0.51	1.96	VUE®=70 DECORA®=38	0.65	50	.66-.68[5]
	THICKSET® 90 Block— ENDURA™	8" x 8" (197mm)	30	0.51	1.96	38	0.65	50	.66-.68[5]
	Glass Block with "LX" Fibrous Glass Inserts — Nominal Thickness = 4"; Actual Thickness = 3⅞" (98mm)								
	DECORA® "LX" Filter	6" x 6" (146mm) †	20	0.48	2.06	44	0.45[4]		.56
		8" x 8" (197mm)	20	0.48	2.06	44	0.45[4]	40	.56
		12" x 12" (299mm) †	20	0.48	2.06	44	0.45[4]		.56
	VISTABRIK® Solid Glass Block — See Nominal/Actual Sizes Listed								
	VISTABRIK® Solid Glass Block	8" x 8" x 3" Nominal 7⅞" x 7⅞" x 3" Actual (194mm x 194mm x 76mm)	40	0.87	1.15	90		53 (NRC=0.05)	.75-.78[5]
		6" x 8" x 3" Nominal 5⅝" x 7⅞" x 3" Actual (143mm x 194mm x 76mm)	40	0.87	1.15	90			.75-.78[5]
		4" x 8" x 3" Nominal 3⅝" x 7⅞" x 3" Actual (92mm x 194mm x 76mm)	40	0.87	1.15	90			.75-.78[5]
	STIPPLE Finish	8" x 8" x 3" Nominal 7⅞" x 7⅞" x 3" Actual (194mm x 194mm x 76mm) †	40	0.87	1.15	83		53 (NRC=0.05)	.75-.78[5]
	Energy Efficient Glass Block — See Nominal/Actual Sizes Listed								
	DECORA®, DELPHI®, Ice Scapes®, and VUE®	8" x 8" x 3½" Nominal 7 ¾" x 7 ¾" x 3½" Actual (197mm x 197mm x 89mm)	40	.45	2.22	63 33 50 76			.32
SIGNATURE LINE	**Standard Premiere Series Block — Nominal Thickness = 4"; Actual Thickness = 3⅞" (98mm)**								
	ARGUS®	6" x 6" (146mm)	20	0.51	1.96	55	0.65	37	.66-.68[5]
		8" x 8" (197mm)	20	0.51	1.96	55	0.65	39	.66-.68[5]
		12" x 12" (299mm)	20	0.51	1.96	55	0.65	35	.66-.68[5]
	DECORA®	6" x 6" (146mm)	20	0.51	1.96	75	0.65	37	.66-.68[5]
		8" x 8" (197mm)	20	0.51	1.96	75	0.65	39	.66-.68[5]
		12" x 12" (299mm)	20	0.51	1.96	75	0.65	35	.66-.68[5]
		4" x 8" (95 x 197mm)	20	0.51	1.96	75	0.65		.66-.68[v]
		6" x 8" (146 x 197mm)	20	0.51	1.96	75	0.65		.66-.68[5]
	ESSEX® AA	8" x 8" (197mm)	20	0.51	1.96	45	0.45	39	.66-.68[5]
	FOCUS™	8" x 8" (197mm)	20	0.51	1.96	92	0.65	39	.66-.68[5]
	IceScapes®	8" x 8" (197mm)	20	0.51	1.96	67	0.65	39	.66-.68[5]
		12" x 12" (299mm)	20	0.51	1.96	67	0.65	35	.66-.68[5]
		4" x 8" (95 x 197mm)	20	0.51	1.96	67	0.65		.66-.68[5]
		6" x 8" (146 x 197mm)	20	0.51	1.96	67	0.65		.66-.68[v]
	Opal Plain	8" x 8" (197mm)	20			19			
	Opal Silk	8" x 8" (197mm)	20			17			
	SeaScapes™	8" x 8" (197mm) †	20	0.51	1.96	64	0.65	39	.66-.68[5]
	VUE®	6" x 6" (146mm)	20	0.51	1.96	91	0.65	37	.66-.68[5]
		8" x 8" (197mm)	20	0.51	1.96	91	0.65	39	.66-.68[v]
		12" x 12" (299mm)	20	0.51	1.96	91	0.65	35	.66-.68[5]
		4" x 8" (95 x 197mm)	20	0.51	1.96	91	0.65		.66-.68[5]
		6" x 8" (146 x 197mm)	20	0.51	1.96	91	0.65		.66-.68[5]
	⅛" FLAT SHEET GLASS COMPARISON (3mm)			1.04	0.96	90	1.00	28	

1 Size: Block are manufactured to a ± 1/16" (2mm) tolerance.

2 Heat Transmission/Thermal Transmission: Winter night values. To calculate instantaneous heat gain through glass panels, see ASHRAE HANDBOOK OF FUNDAMENTALS, 2005, Section 31.3.

3 Light Transmission: Based on test results.

4 Shading Coefficient: Estimated figures based on accumulated data.

5 SHGC: Default values as interpreted from International Energy Conservation Code.

† **MTO** – *Made to Order items subject to minimum order quantities and lead times.*

Installed Panel Weight

Refer to Table on page 8 for weight of panels installed with mortar. Glass block panels installed with the ProVantage® Glass Block Installation System are up to 25% lighter per square foot than panels installed with mortar. Local building codes should be consulted for any limits on panel sizes or installation details.

Non-load Bearing

Glass block panels are non-load bearing; adequate provisions must be made for support of construction above these panels. Panels are mortared at the sill, with jamb and head details designed to accommodate for building movement and lintel deflection. The compressive strength (for information purposes only) of all hollow glass block is 400 to 600 psi.; THICKSET® Series Glass Block is 2500 psi.; and VISTABRIK® Series is 80,000 psi.

Thermal Expansion Coefficient

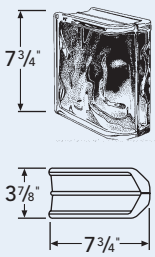
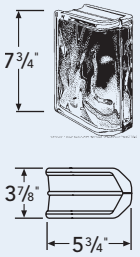
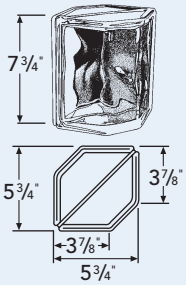
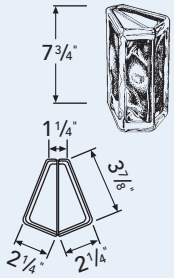
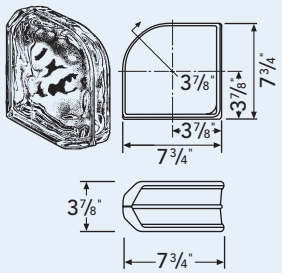
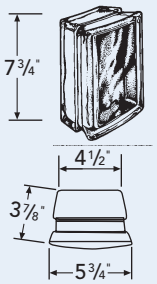
The thermal expansion coefficient of glass block is 47 x 10^{-7} /(°F).

Detailed Drawings

Structural members illustrated on page 14 and other "detail" pages indicate general principles of construction. Member sizes should be determined by structural analysis to avoid excessive deflections. Maximum deflection for supports shall not exceed L/600.

FINISHING UNITS

PREMIERE SERIES

EndBlock™ Finishing Units		HEDRON® Corner Unit	TRIDRON 45° Block® Unit	ENCURVE® Finishing Unit	ARQUE® Block Unit
					
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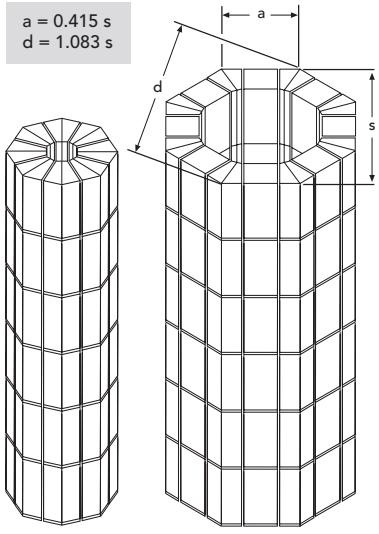


Columns can be All-TRIDRON 45° Block® (left) or interspersed with 4" x 8" or 8" x 8" glass block.

NOTE: All mortar joints are 1/4".

Glass Block between TRIDRON 45° Block®

	a (in.)	s (in.)	d (in.)
None	4.75	11.45	12.40
1-4"x8"x4"	8.75	21.08	22.83
1-6"x8"x4"	10.75	25.90	28.05
1-8"x8"x4"	12.75	30.72	33.27
1-4"x8"x4" + 1-8"x8"x4"	16.75	40.36	43.71
2-8"x8"x4"	20.75	50.00	54.15
1-4"x8"x4" + 2-8"x8"x4"	24.75	59.64	64.59
3-8"x8"x4"	28.75	69.28	75.03

Maximum Panel Dimensions

	Premiere Series			Thinline® Series			VISTABRIK®		
	A (Sq.Ft.)	H (Ft.)	W (Ft.)	A (Sq.Ft.)	H (Ft.)	W (Ft.)	A (Sq.Ft.)	H (Ft.)	W (Ft.)
EXTERIOR*	144	20	25	100	10	15	100	10	10
INTERIOR	250	20	25	150	10	15	150	10	15

A = Area H = Height W = Width

* All exterior areas and dimensions are based on 20 psf design windload with 2.7 safety factor.

Mortar Mix and Estimating Tables

An optimum mortar mix for installing Pittsburgh Corning Glass Block is:

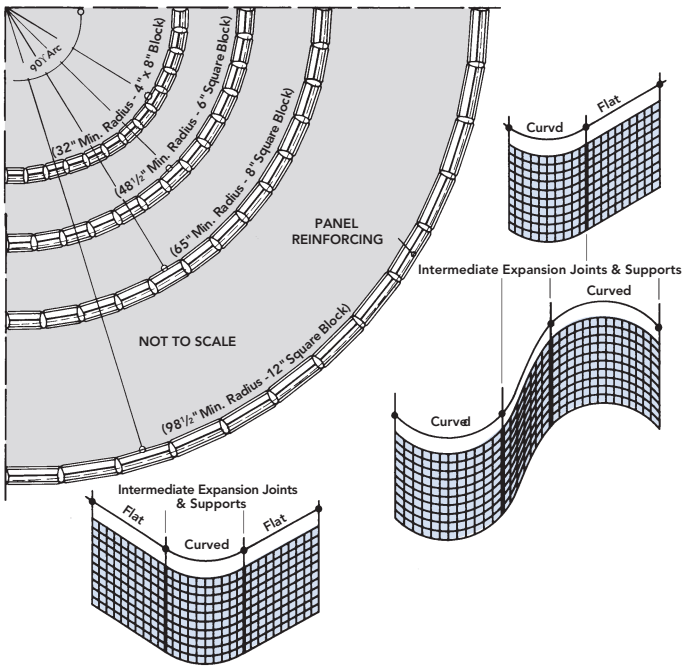
Portland Cement	Lime	Sand
1 Part	½ Part	3.4 Parts
1.0 cubic foot	0.5 cubic foot	3.4 cubic feet

Number of Block for 100 Sq. Ft. Panel

Block Sizes (Nominal)	6"	8"	12"	4" x 8"	6" x 8"
Number of Block	400	225	100	450	300

PHYSICAL & DESIGN DATA

INSIDE RADIUS MINIMUMS FOR CURVED PANEL CONSTRUCTION

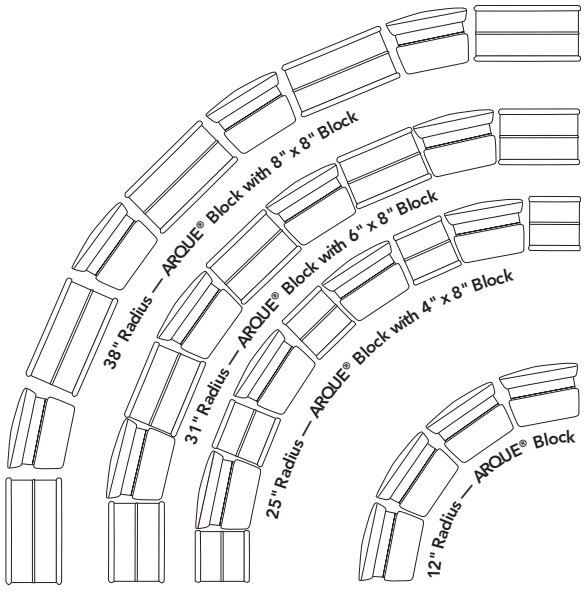


RADIUS MINIMUMS FOR CURVED PANEL CONSTRUCTION

Block Size	Inside Radius Inches	Number of Blocks in 90° Arc	Vertical Joint Thickness In Inches	
			Inside	Outside
4" x 8"	32	13	1/8	5/8
6" x 6"	48½	13	1/8	5/8
8" x 8"	65	13	1/8	5/8
12" x 12"	98½	13	1/8	5/8

NOTES:

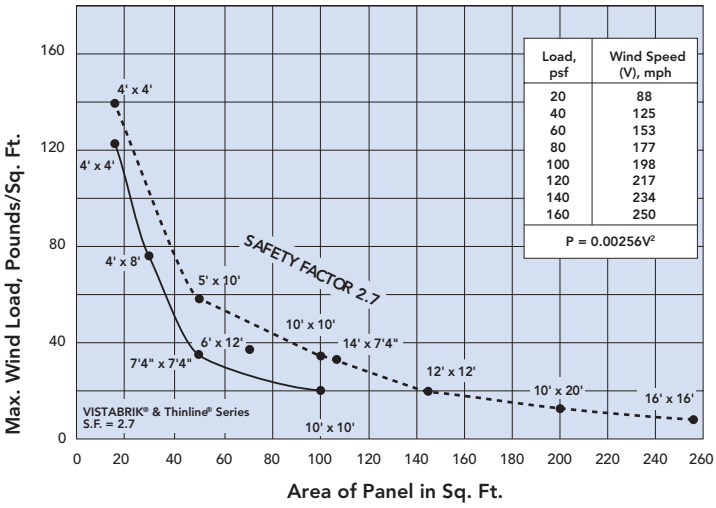
1. It is suggested that curved areas be separated from flat areas by intermediate expansion joints and supports, as indicated in these drawings.
2. When straight, ladder-type reinforcing is used on curved walls, the innermost parallel wire may be cut periodically and/or bent to accommodate the curvature of the wall.

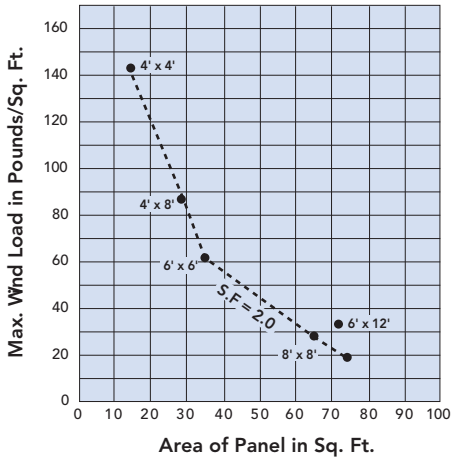


ARQUE® Block used along with other Pittsburgh Corning Block sizes, allows you to form consistent curves of various radii. Radii shown are to inside face of curve.

WIND LOAD RESISTANCE – MORTAR SYSTEM

(Based on Standard Nominal 4" Thick Premiere Series Glass Block. Installed with mortar. Based on 2.7 Safety Factor)

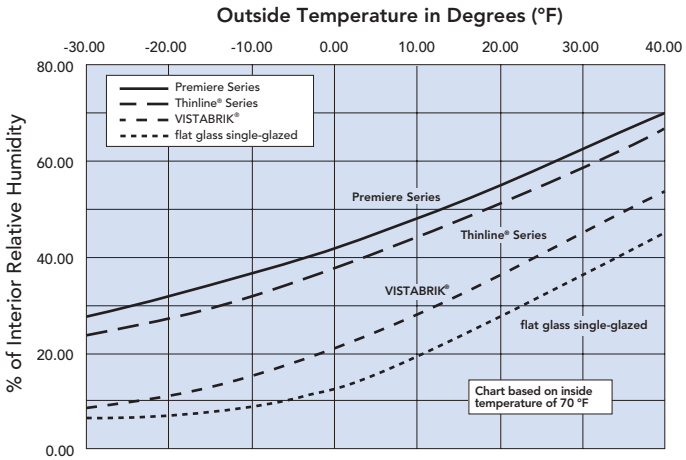




WIND LOAD RESISTANCE – PROVANTAGE® SYSTEM

(Based on Standard Nominal 4" Thick Premiere Series Glass Block Installed with ProVantage® Silicone System). Based on 2.0 Safety Factor.

RESISTANCE TO SURFACE CONDENSATION



Example: At a relative humidity of 40%, an outside temperature of approximately -3 °F will cause condensation on Premiere Series Glass Block or approximately 3 °F above zero on Thinline® Series block. Under the same conditions, condensation will form on a single-glazed flat glass window at 34 °F above zero.

FIRE RATINGS & CODE INFORMATION

All sizes (exceptions listed below) of Premiere Series and Thinline® Series glass blocks have at least a 45 minute fire rating when used as a window assembly within a one hour fire-rated wall assembly. All THICKSET® 90 (thick-faced) and solid glass blocks have fire ratings of up to 90 minutes, and the THICKSET® 60 and ESSEX® AA Pattern glass blocks have fire ratings of up to 60 minutes, when used as window assemblies and where permitted by code.

Pittsburgh Corning Glass Block units that are not fire-rated:

- All 12" x 12" sizes
- All DELPHI®, pattern block
- All HEDRON® Corner block, TRIDRON 45° Block® units, EndBlock®, ENCURVE® and ARQUE® finishing units
- All paver units
- VISTABRIK® Corner Block

PANEL SIZES AND DIMENSION LIMITATIONS

Pittsburgh Corning Glass Block listed above have been tested and classified by Underwriters Laboratories® (UL®) for use as fire-rated window assemblies to panel sizes and dimension limitations listed below:

- With the exception of all 12" x 12" sizes, finishing blocks, corner blocks and the DELPHI® pattern block, all Premiere Series and Thinline® Series glass blocks in panels up to 120 square feet in masonry walls or 94 square feet in non-masonry walls are classified by Underwriters Laboratories, for use as 45-minute rated window assemblies.
- These panels are usually acceptable as window assemblies for use in fire separation walls that are rated one hour or less.
- THICKSET® 60 Block are listed for use as 45- or 60-minute fire rated window assemblies in panels up to 100 square feet.
- THICKSET® 90 Block and VISTABRIK® Solid Glass Block are all listed for use as 45-, 60- or 90-minute fire rated window assemblies in panels up to 100 square feet.
- Where permitted by building codes, glass block fire-rated window assemblies having a fire resistance rating of not less than 45 minutes may be used as "opening protectives". These assemblies shall not exceed 25% of the wall areas separating a tenancy from a corridor or a corridor from an enclosed vertical opening or one fire-rated area from another fire-rated area.
- **Exception:** Although glass block masonry systems have been tested as window assemblies (not wall assemblies), they may be used as one hour fire partitions as required for corridors in the enclosure of atriums only when sprinkler protection is provided on occupied sides.

45- AND 60-MINUTE RATED CONSTRUCTION

- All 45- and 60-minute rated Pittsburgh Corning Glass Block may be used in both masonry and non-masonry (steel or wood stud framing with gypsum board) walls.
- These rated glass block windows may be framed and anchored with either PC® Panel Anchor construction or channel-type restraints.
- The use of a fire retardant type sealant for head and jamb locations is required.
- Specifications and construction details for such panels are as per Pittsburgh Corning Corporation recommendations.
- Non-masonry, fire-rated steel stud with gypsum board wall assemblies must conform to UL® listed wall assembly #U465.
- Framing and support of the rated glass block window assembly shall be provided with double-studding at the jamb locations with height of supporting wall limited to no more than 3 feet.

90-MINUTE RATED CONSTRUCTION

- Where permitted by building codes, all 90-minute rated Pittsburgh Corning Glass Block may be used in masonry walls only.
- 90-minute rated glass block window assemblies must be framed and anchored with 1/4" thick steel (not aluminum) channel-type restraints or masonry chases. The use of panel anchor construction is not permitted.
- The use of a fire retardant type sealant for head and jamb locations is required.
- Specifications and construction details of such panels are as per Pittsburgh Corning Corporation recommendations.
- Twice the typical thickness (3/4" total) of expansion material is required at head and jamb locations.

45-MINUTE RATED CURVED CONSTRUCTION

- The glass blocks noted under 90-minute rating and those 8" x 8" x 4" sized glass block noted under 45-minute rating are classified for use in masonry walls as curved window assemblies, provided that the radius of the assembly is at least twice the opening width (i.e. chord length).

CODE COMPLIANCE

All of our fire-rated glass block products are listed in the Underwriters Laboratories current issue of the Fire Resistance Directory – Volume 3. A listing of our products can also be viewed on the Underwriters Laboratories Website at www.ul.com.

- U.L. Classification: R2556 (For Glass Block)
- U.L. Classification: R18572 (For Plastic Spacers)
- In accordance with NFPA 80, Chapter 14

CITY CODE APPROVALS

- New York City Materials and Equipment Acceptance MEA 406- 90-M. Vol.IV
- Los Angeles Research Report RR-24486
- Dade County Acceptance
  07-0626.10
  04-0301.01
  04-0824.01
  05-1107.02
  08-0731.08
- State of Florida Approvals
  FL 1363
  FL 1366
  FL 5357
  FL 8039
  FL 11669
- Texas Department of Insurance WIN #s 62, 63, 64, and 540

BUILDING CODE AND NATIONAL STANDARDS REFERENCES:

- International Building Code (IBC)
- International Residential Code (IRC)
- Canadian Standards Association (CSA) A371-94 "Masonry Construction for Buildings"
- Canadian Standards Association (CSA) S304.1-94 "Masonry Design for Buildings"
- TMS 402/ACI 530/ASCE 5 "Building Code Requirements and Specification for Masonry Structures"

Fire Ratings — Glass Block Assemblies

Premiere Series Glass Blocks, THICKSET® 60 Blocks, THICKSET® 90 Blocks and 3" thick VISTABRIK® Solid Glass Block units have been tested and classified by Underwriters Laboratories (UL®) for use in fire-rated window assemblies to panel sizes and dimension limitations as listed.

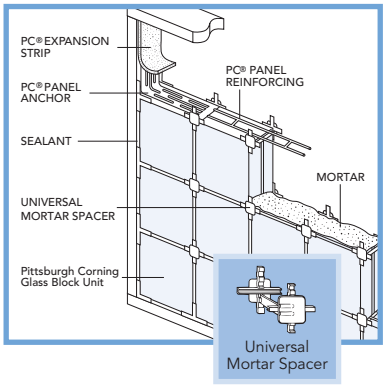
	Masonry Wall Construction					Non-Masonry Wall Construction			
	Panel Limitations		Fire Rating			Panel Limitations		Fire Rating	
Product	Max. Area/Panel	Max Ht. or Width	45 Min.	60 Min.	90 Min.	Max. Area/Panel	Max Ht. or Width	45 Min.	60 Min.
Thinline® Series**	120	12	X			94	10.75	X	
Premiere Series**	120	12	X			94	10.75	X	
THICKSET® 60 and ESSEX® AA Pattern**	100	10	X	X		94	10.75	X	X
THICKSET® 90	100	10	X	X	X*	94	10.75	X	X
VISTABRIK®	100	10	X	X	X*	94	10.75	X	X

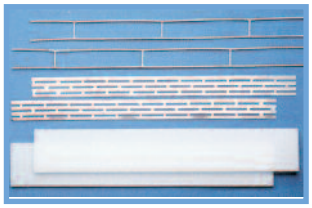
* 1/4" steel channel. 3/4" thick expansion material at head and jambs, and fire retardant sealant are required.
** Includes "LX" option.

ACCESSORIES

PANEL CONSTRUCTION USING UNIVERSAL MORTAR SPACERS

The all plastic Universal Mortar Spacer speeds construction, assures uniform placement and helps keep panel flush. Can now be used in fire-rated panels. Special spacers are available for the VISTABRIK® and ARQUE® Block.





PC® PANEL REINFORCING, PANEL ANCHORS & EXPANSION STRIPS

PC® Panel Reinforcing (top) — in panels — is embedded horizontally in the mortar joints between every other course. **PC® Panel Anchors** (middle) are used to tie Pittsburgh Corning Glass Block panels into the surrounding framework when channels are not used. **PC® Expansion Strips** (bottom), made of white polyethylene, are inserted at the head and jambs. The strips replace mortar at these locations to cushion the glass block and allow the panel to expand and contract freely.

OTHER ACCESSORIES

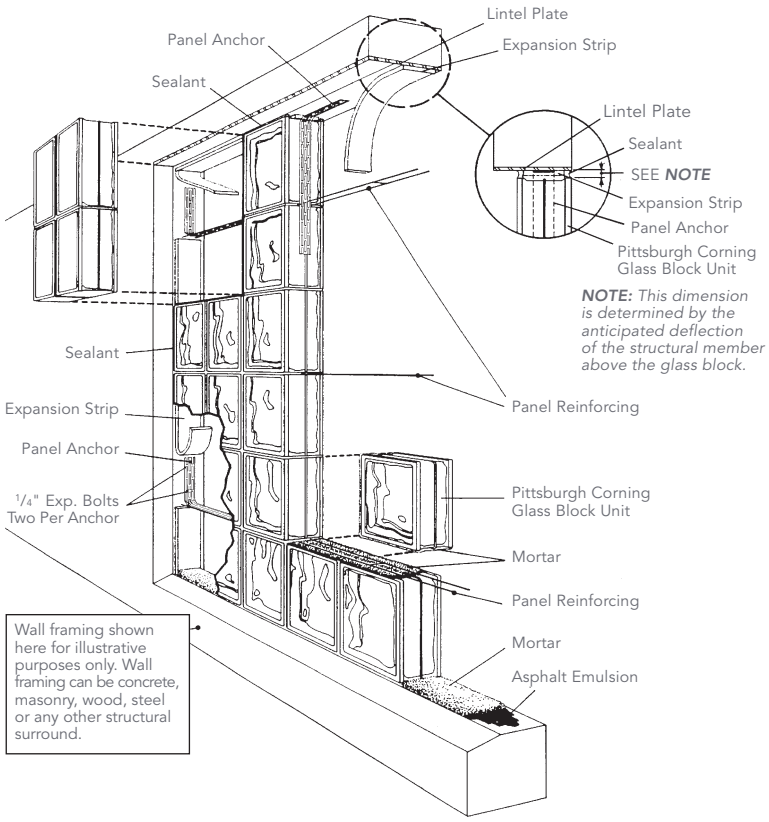
Additional materials — such as mortar, channels or framing, packing, sealants and asphalt emulsion are available from other manufacturers.

PROVANTAGE® INSTALLATION SYSTEM

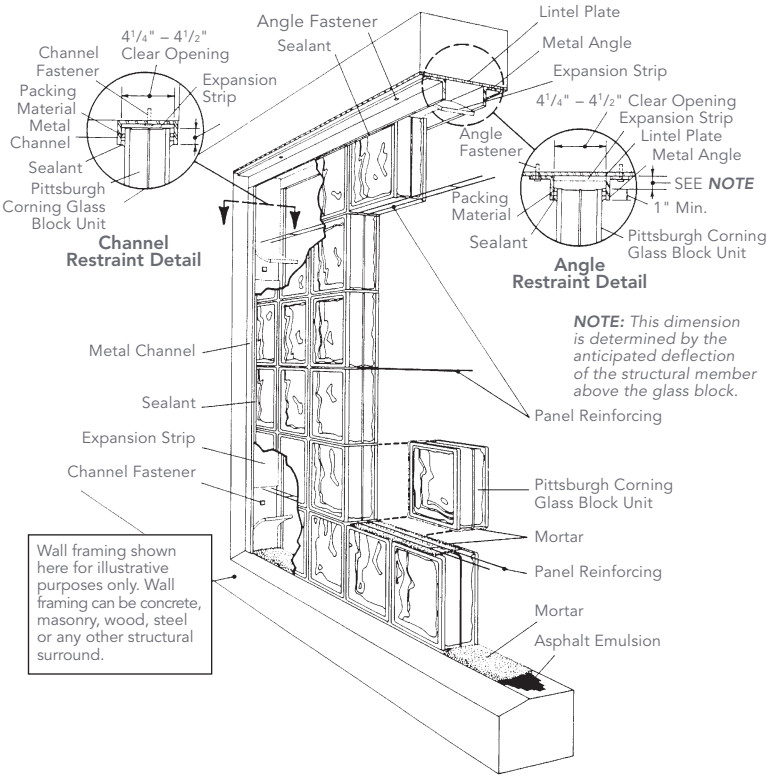
Unlike previous systems using sealant and spacers, the new ProVantage® Installation System for use with Premiere Series glass blocks, can turn corners, make radius walls, build showers and is suitable for interior or exterior applications. The system utilizes spacers to align and hold the blocks in place for easy assembly. Sealant is used to bond the spacer and blocks together. The consistent, even-spaced joints are then finished with a special tile grout resulting in a clean, smooth professional look. For smaller straight wall panels, with 3-side support, sealant can be used in the joints to provide an all-glass look.

TYPICAL CONSTRUCTION DETAILS

PANEL ANCHOR CONSTRUCTION



CHANNEL-TYPE RESTRAINT CONSTRUCTION



GLOSSARY OF TERMS (Detail Drawings pages 13-18)

BLDG – Building
CMU – Concrete Masonry Unit (concrete block)
CONT STL – Continuous Steel (used to reinforce wall)
ELEV – Elevation (side view of building)
GYP BD – Gypsum Board
HM – Hollow Metal (door frame)
INT – Interior
MAX HT – Maximum Height (for Pittsburgh Corning Glass Block panel 20ft./6m)
SILL – Bottom of Panel
TYP – Typical (detail)
CLG – Ceiling
CONC – Concrete
EIFS – Exterior Insulation Finishing System
EXT – Exterior
HEAD – Top of Panel
HORIZ – Horizontal
JAMB – Side of Panel
PLAN – View of Building from above, typically the floor
STL – Steel
WD – Wood

Materials shown other than glass block are for illustration purposes only as examples of typical construction details.

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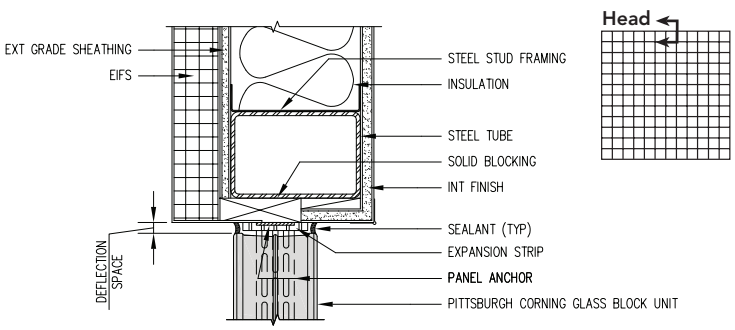
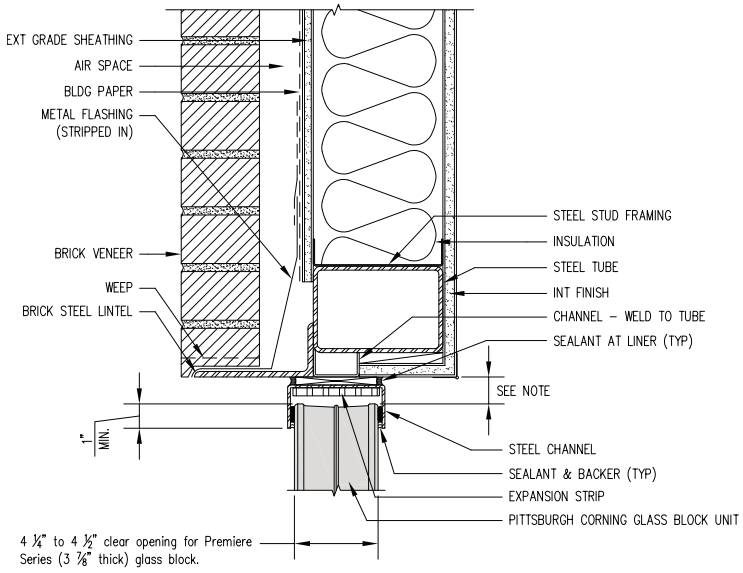
TYPICAL HEAD DETAILS (Exterior Openings)



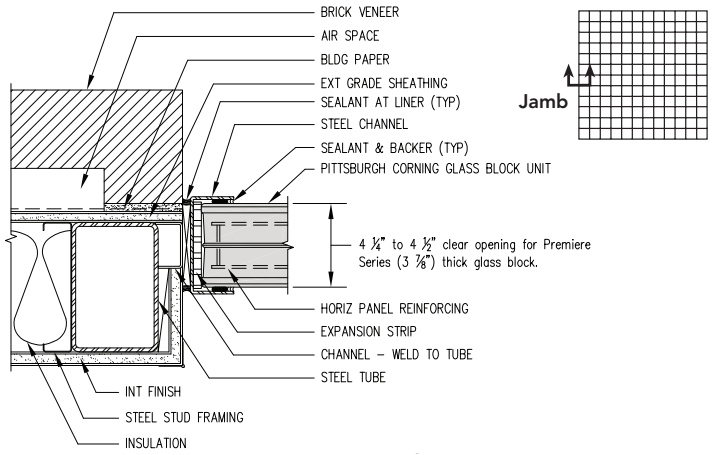
(PCD 031) Head – Glass Block in Steel Stud Wall with Synthetic Plaster Finish



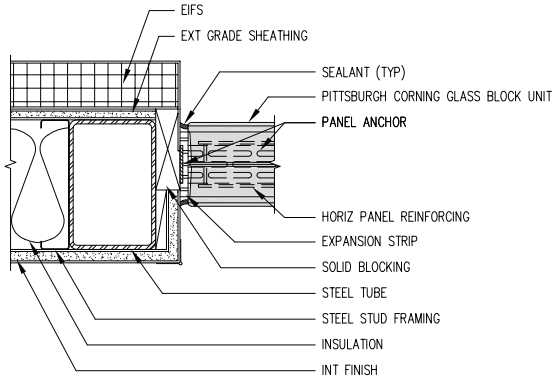
NOTE: This dimension is determined by the anticipated deflection of the structural member above the glass block.

(PCD 061) Head – Glass Block in Steel Stud Wall with Brick Veneer

TYPICAL JAMB DETAILS (Exterior Openings)

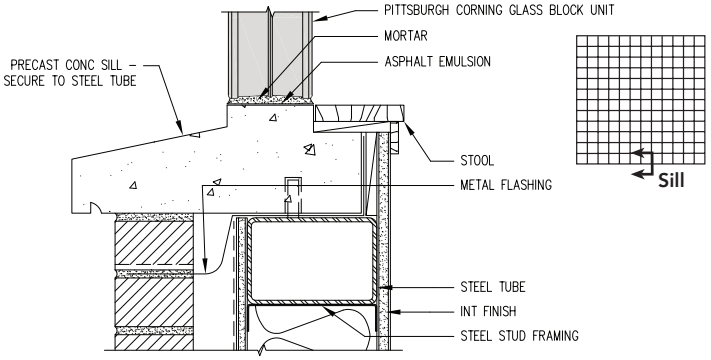


(PCD 062) Jamb – Glass Block in Steel Stud Wall with Brick Veneer

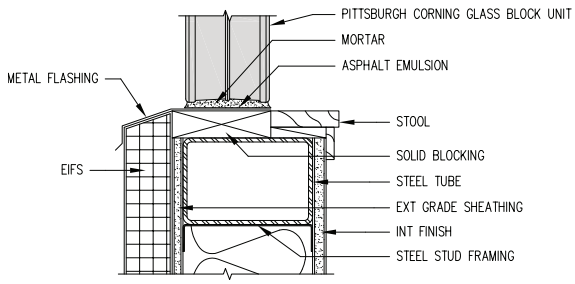


(PCD 032) Jamb – Glass Block in Steel Stud Wall with Synthetic Plaster Finish

TYPICAL SILL DETAILS (Exterior Openings)



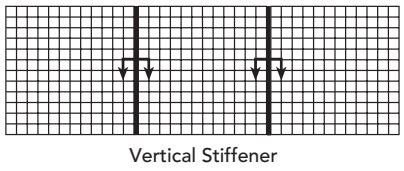
(PCD 063) Sill – Glass Block in Steel Stud Wall with Brick Veneer

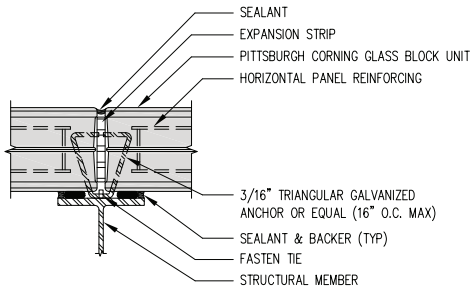


(PCD 033) Sill – Glass Block in Steel Stud Wall with Synthetic Plaster Finish

TYPICAL CONSTRUCTION DETAILS

TYPICAL STIFFENER DETAILS
Continuous Panels ≤ 144 Sq. Ft. Each





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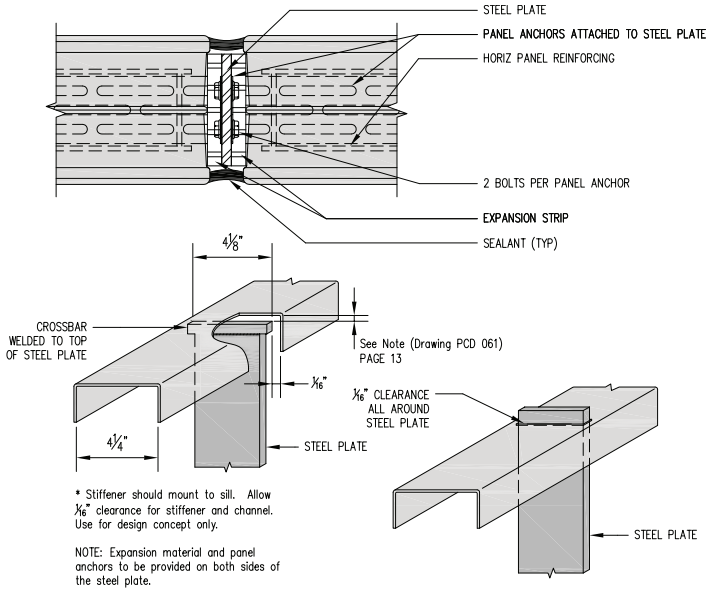

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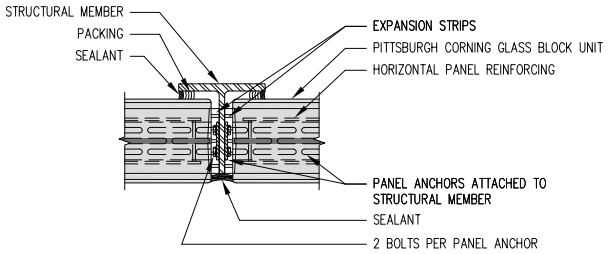

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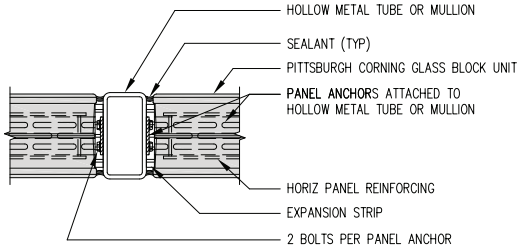

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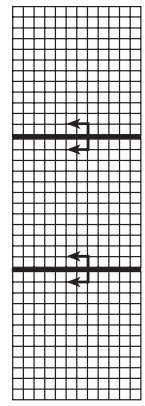
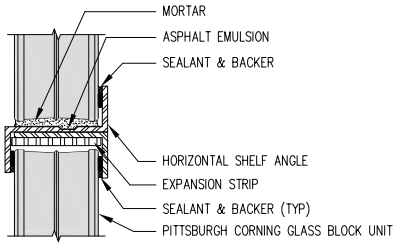
Continuous Panels ≤ 144 Sq. Ft. Each





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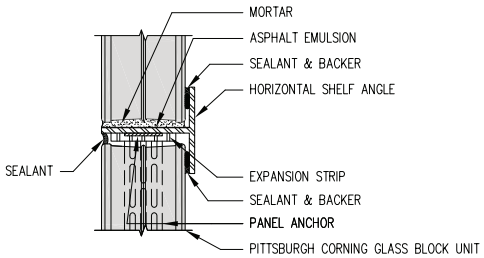

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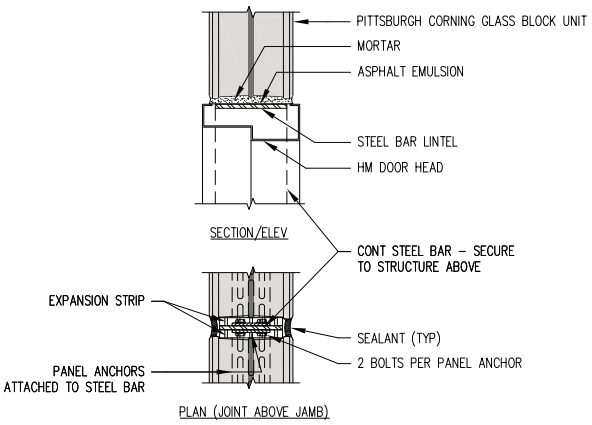
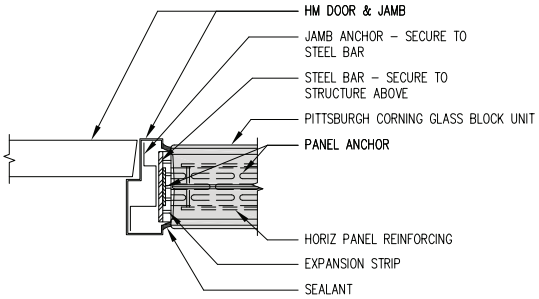
HOLLOW METAL DOOR FRAME DETAILS



(PCD 153) Head – Hollow Metal Door Frame at Glass Block



(PCD 154) Jamb – Hollow Metal Door Frame at Glass Block

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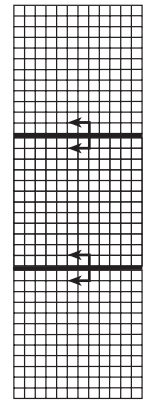

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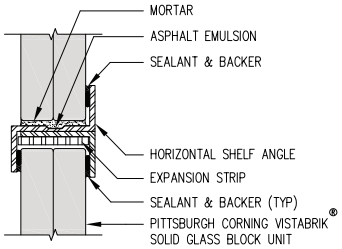

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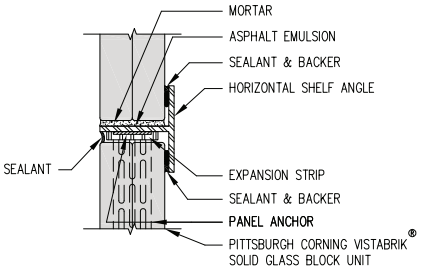

(PCD 131) Intermediate Horizontal Support in Multiple Vertical Panels

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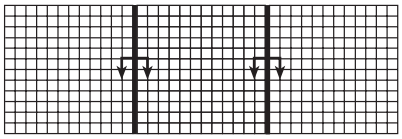

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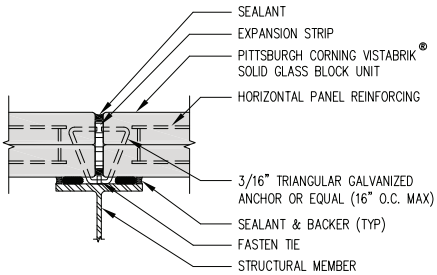
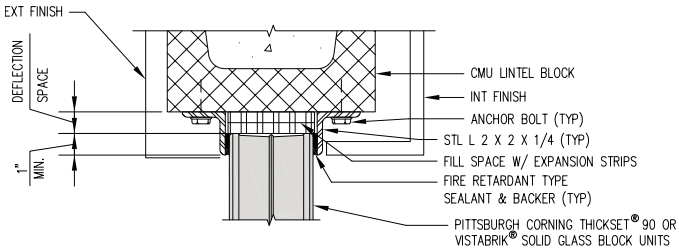
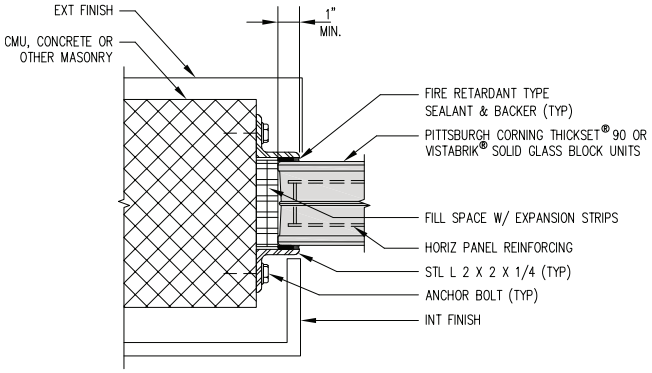


(PCD 133) Intermediate Vertical Support in Multiple Horizontal Panels

DETAILS FOR FIRE RATED CONSTRUCTION



(PCD 004) Head – 90 Minute Fire Rated Glass Block in CMU Wall



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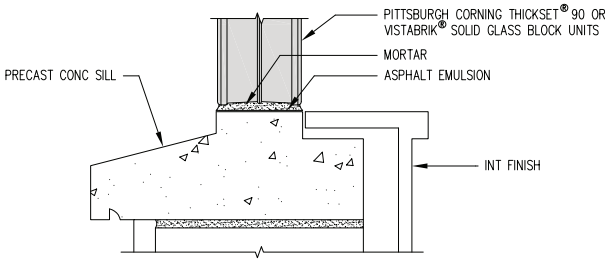

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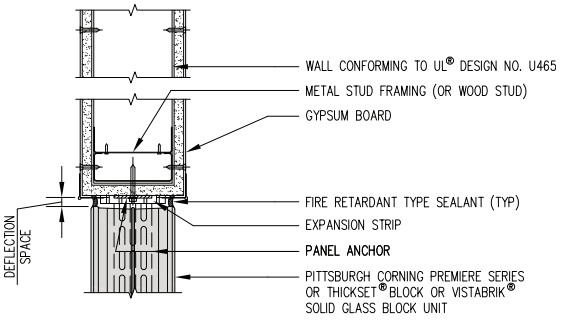
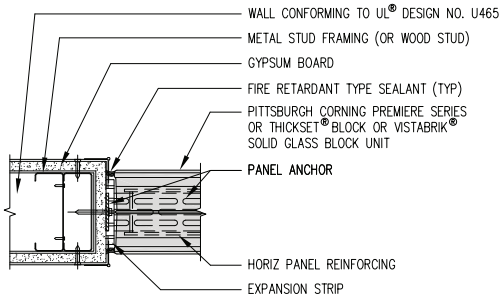


(PCD 159) Head – 45 & 60 Minute Fire Rated Glass Block Panel



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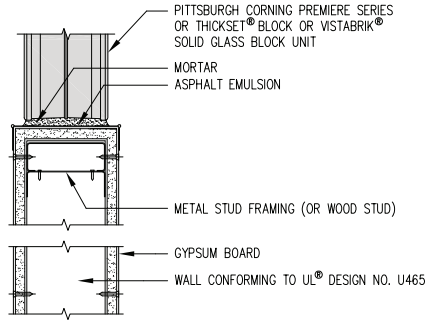
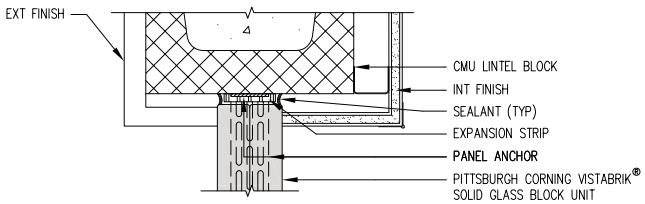


(PCD 161) Sill – 45 & 60 Minute Fire Rated Glass Block Panel

TYPICAL CONSTRUCTION DETAILS

VISTABRIK® SOLID GLASS BLOCK DETAILS



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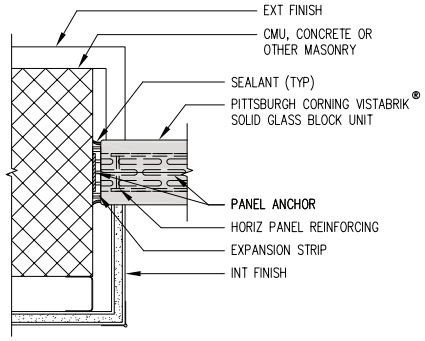

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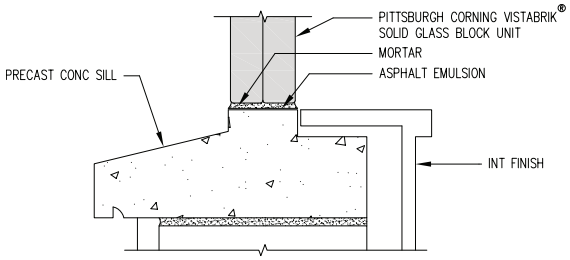

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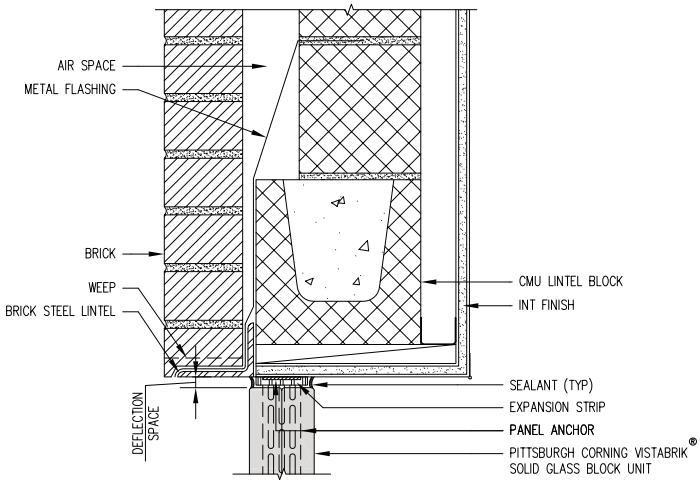

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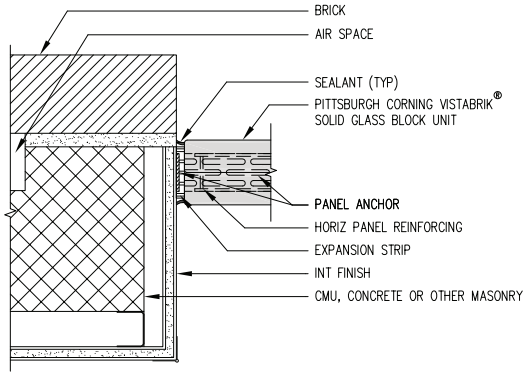

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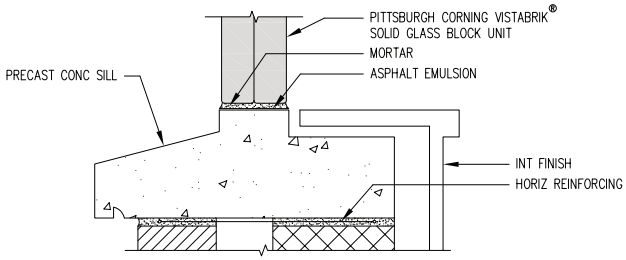

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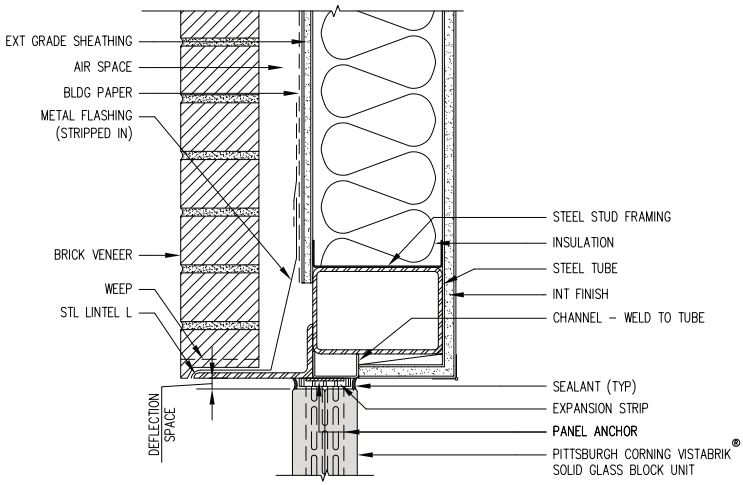

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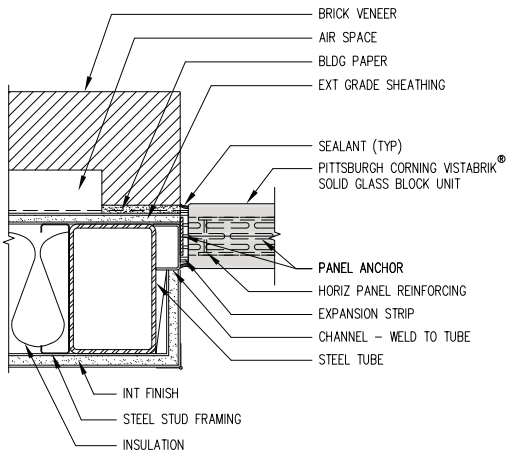
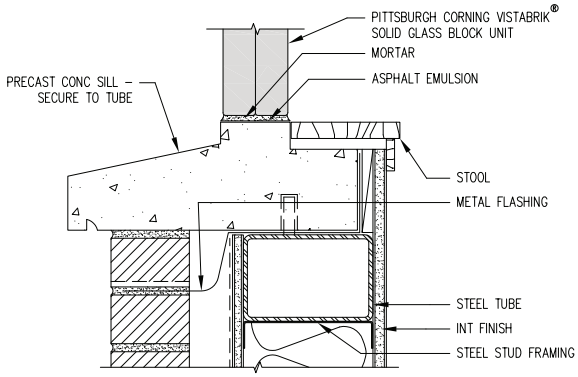


(PCD 044) Jamb – Solid Glass Block in Steel Stud Wall with Brick Veneer

VISTABRIK® SOLID GLASS BLOCK DETAILS (continued)



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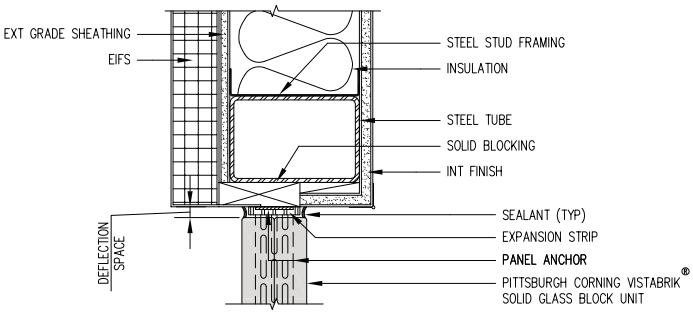
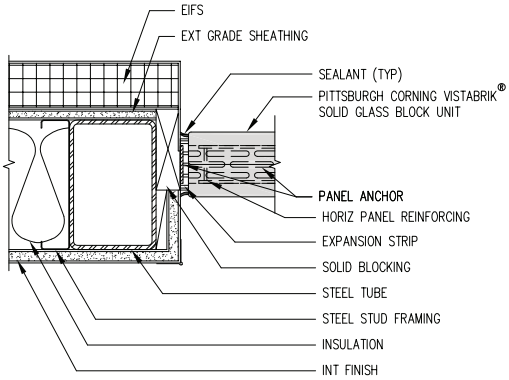


(PCD 049) Head – Solid Glass Block in Steel Stud Wall with Synthetic Plaster Finish



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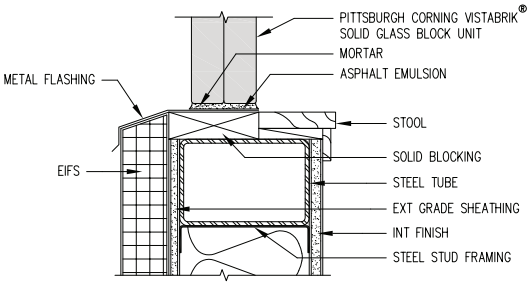

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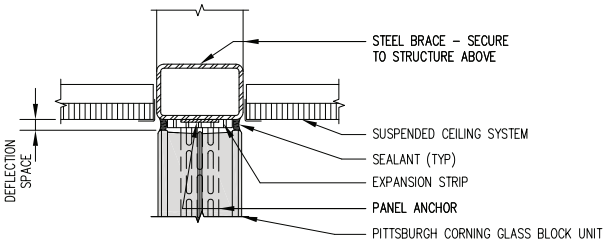
MISCELLANEOUS INTERIOR DETAILS



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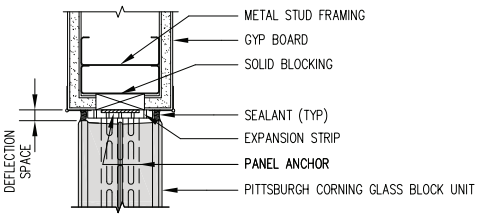
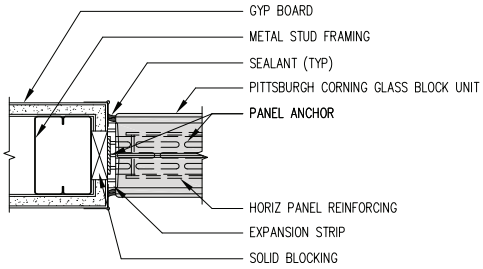


(PCD 149) Head – Glass Block in Partition



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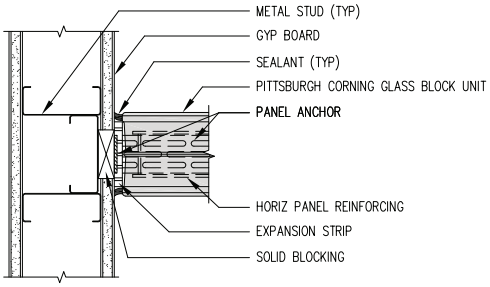
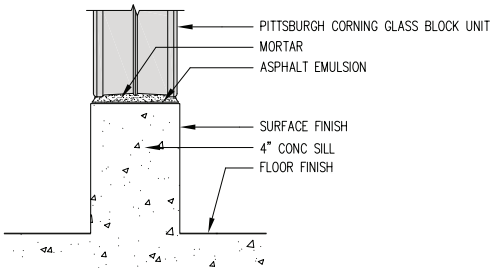


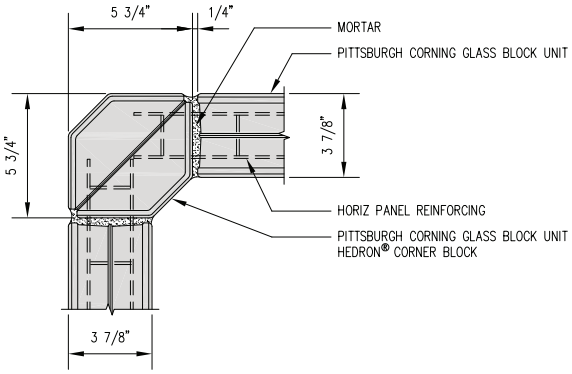
(PCD 151) Jamb – Glass Block Perpendicular to Partition



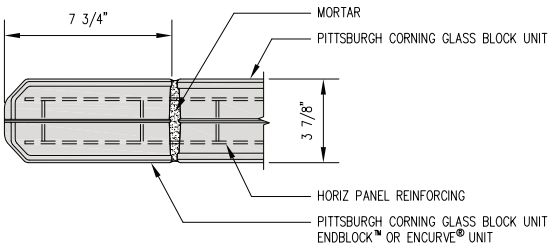
(PCD 241) Sill – Interior Concrete Floor Slab

TYPICAL CONSTRUCTION DETAILS

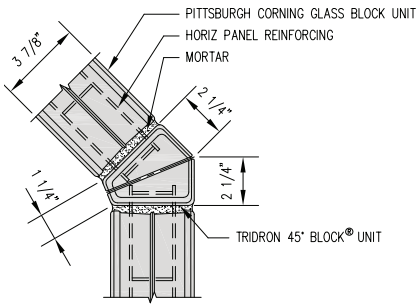
PREMIERE SERIES FINISHING UNITS DETAILS



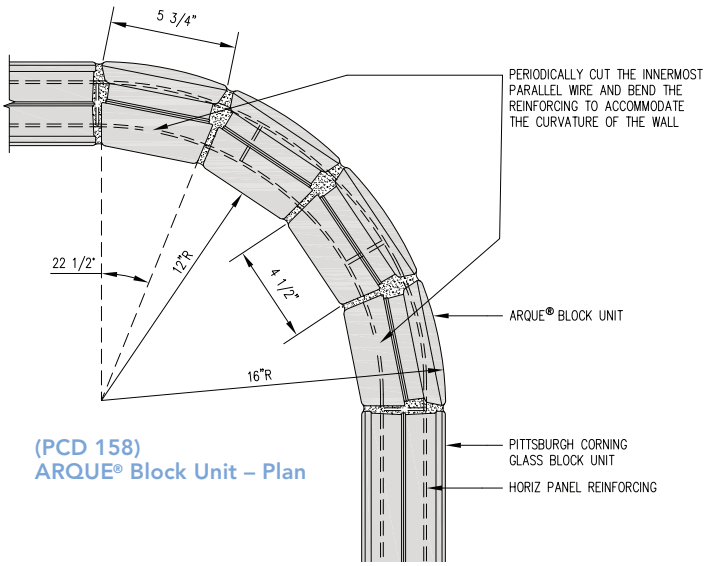
(PCD 155) Glass Block at Corner – Plan



(PCD 156) EndBlock™ or
ENCURVE® Finishing Block – Plan



(PCD 157) TRIDRON 45° Block® Unit – Plan



(PCD 158)
ARQUE® Block Unit – Plan

STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS

DIVISION 4 – MASONRY, SECTION 04270 GLASS UNIT MASONRY

PART 1 – GENERAL

1.01 Summary
This specification has been prepared by Pittsburgh Corning Corporation using generally accepted and appropriate technical information but is not intended to be solely relied upon for the specification design or technical applications. Having no control over the elements of design, installation, workmanship or site conditions, Pittsburgh Corning assumes that the actual design choices and installation will be made by persons trained and qualified in the appropriate disciplines. Therefore, Pittsburgh Corning disclaims all liability potentially arising from the use or misuse of this specification.

1.02 Section Includes
A. Glass Block Units, hollow or solid
B. Integral Joint Reinforcement
C. Mortar

1.03 Related Sections
A. Steel Channels
B. Sills, lintels, jambs
C. Sealant (caulk)
D. Packing Material

1.04 References
A. ASTM A82—Spec. for Cold Drawn Steel Wire
B. ASTM A153—Class B-2, Spec. Zinc Coating (Hot dip) on Iron and Steel Hardware (Canada same)
C. ASTM A167, Spec. for Stainless and Heat-Resisting Chromium-Nickel Steel Plate, Sheet and Strip
D. ASTM A580, Spec. for Stainless Steel Wire
E. ASTM C144, Spec. for Aggregate for Masonry (Canada – A179-94)
F. ASTM C150, Spec. for Portland Cement (Canada – CAN/CSA-A5-93)
G. ASTM E2010 and NFPA 257, Fire Test of Window Assemblies (equivalent to UL® 9 and CAN 4-S106-M80)
H. ASTM C207, Spec. for Hydrated Lime for Masonry Purposes (Canada same)
I. ASTM C270, Spec. for Mortar for Unit Masonry (Canada – A179-94)
J. ASTM D1187, Type II—Spec. for Asphalt-Base Emulsions (For Metal Surfaces)
K. ASTM D1227, Type III—Spec. for Emulsified Asphalt (For Porous Surfaces)

1.05 System Description
Knowledge of the following basic information is essential for proper installation of Pittsburgh Corning Glass Block units:
1. Glass block panels shall not be designed to support structural loads.
2. Maximum deflection of structural members supporting glass block panels shall not exceed L/600
3. Sills of all panels must be painted with a heavy coat of asphalt emulsion and must cure for two hours before first mortar bed is placed.
4. Provision for expansion, movement and isolation of the glass units from the surrounding frame, must be made at jambs and heads of all panels. Mortar must not bridge expansion spaces.
5. Mortar should be mixed and applied in accordance with the recommendations of Pittsburgh Corning Corporation. See Mortar Materials. Because glass block will not absorb water, mortar must be considerably stiffer than mortar for ordinary masonry. The consistency can be described as "mashed potatoes" or "peanut butter" and be clay-like. The joints must be full and struck smooth, not sponged.
6. Design and installation of glass block projects should be done by whole units since cutting glass block is not recommended.

1.06 Submittals
A. Product Data
Submit two (2) copies of manufacturer's literature and two (2) copies of manufacturer's installation instructions.
B. Samples
1. Submit two (2) glass block units of each type specified, showing size, design and pattern of faces.
2. Submit representative samples of (panel reinforcing), (panel anchors), (expansion strips), and (sealant).
C. Test Reports —
Fire Tests
Submit documents verifying glass block units are classified for a 3/4, 1 or 1 1/2-hour fire exposure according to ASTM E2010, Underwriters Laboratories of Canada CAN 4-S106-M80, UL® 9, or NFPA 257 "Fire Tests of Window Assemblies." All such glass block unit cartons shall carry appropriate UL® labels.

1.07 Storage and Protection
A. Store unopened cartons of glass block in a clean, cool, dry area.
B. Protect opened cartons of glass block against windblown rain or water run-off with tarpaulins or plastic covering.

1.08 Project/Site Conditions
A. Do not install glass block units when temperature is 40°F (4°C) and falling. Maintain the temperature of glass unit masonry above 40°F (4°C) for the first 48 hours after construction.

1.09 Warranty
A. Pittsburgh Corning Corporation offers a limited 5-year warranty on Pittsburgh Corning Glass Block units.

PART 2 – PRODUCTS

2.01 Acceptable Manufacturers
A. The drawings and specifications are based on catalog data, specifications and products of Pittsburgh Corning Corporation and designate the type and quality of work intended under this section.
1. Products of other manufactures proposed as equivalent quality must be submitted through the bidding contractors for written approval of the architect ten days prior to the bid date.
2. Supporting technical data, samples, published specifications and the like must be submitted for comparison.

3. Contractor shall warrant that proposed substitutions, if accepted, will provide performance equivalent to the materials specified herein.
4. These specifications have been developed by Pittsburgh Corning Corporation based on extensive tests of panels composed of Pittsburgh Corning Premiere Series Glass Block masonry units as manufactured by Pittsburgh Corning Corporation. These specifications do not apply to panels made from glass block masonry units produced by any other manufacturer.

2.02 Glass Block Units

A. Glass block units, nominally _____ inch x _____ inch x _____ inch thick shall be partially evacuated hollow units made of clear, colorless glass with a polyvinyl butyral edge coating.
Pattern type:
_____.

B. Thick faced glass block units, nominally _____ inch x _____ inch x _____ inch thick shall be partially evacuated hollow units made of clear, colorless glass with a polyvinyl butyral edge coating. Pattern type: THICKSET® 60 or 90
_____.

C. Solid glass units, nominally _____ inch x _____ inch x _____ thick made of clear colorless glass with a polyvinyl butyral edge coating. Pattern type: VISTABRIK® Solid Glass Block.

NOTE: Pittsburgh Corning Corporation offers a polyvinyl butyral edge coating for better bonding and to provide for an expansion/contraction mechanism for each block.

2.03 Accessories

A. Panel Reinforcing: two parallel 9 gauge wires either $1\frac{5}{8}$ inch or 2 inch on center with electrically butt-welded crosswires spaced at regular intervals, hot dipped galvanized after welding or Type 304 stainless steel, by Pittsburgh Corning Corporation.

B. Panel Anchors: 20 gauge perforated steel strips 24 inches long by $1\frac{3}{4}$ inches wide, hot dipped galvanized after perforation or 22 gauge by 16 inches long by $1\frac{3}{4}$ inches wide of Type 304 stainless steel, by Pittsburgh Corning Corporation.

C. Expansion Strips: made of polyethylene foam with a thickness of $\frac{3}{8}$ inch, by Pittsburgh Corning Corporation.

D. Asphalt Emulsion: a water-based asphalt emulsion, by Karnak Chemical Corp. (Karnak 100, 1-800-526-4236), or equal.

E. Sealant (caulk): non-staining, waterproof mastic, (silicone), (urethane), (_____) type.
Below is a list of the toll-free telephone numbers of the Technical Departments of the following sealant manufacturers:
- Dow Corning Corporation, 1-800-248-2481 in Midland, MI
- General Electric, 1-800-255-8886, in Waterford, NY
- Sonneborn Building Products, 1-800-243-6739 in Minn., MN
- Tremco Incorporated, 1-800-321-7906 in Beachwood, OH Below is information on the fire retardant sealant used on glass block fire tests:
- Fyre-Sil Silicone Sealant (for fire-rated construction), by Tremco, Inc. (1-800-321-7906)

F. Packing (Backer Rods): polyethylene foam, neoprene, fibrous glass or equal as approved by sealant manufacturer.

G. Channels (Aluminum): Available from Julius Blum & Company, Inc., 1-800-526-6293 in Carlstadt, NJ.
- Premiere Series (4" Glass Block) Use: $4\frac{1}{2}$" x 2" x $\frac{1}{8}$" size.
- VISTABRIK® and Thinline® Series (3" Glass Block) Use: 4" x $1\frac{1}{2}$" x $\frac{1}{8}$" size.

2.04 Mortar Materials

Mortar: Limit cementitious materials in mortar to Portland Cement and lime. Type S in accordance with ASTM C270. Mortar shall be 1 part Portland Cement, $\frac{1}{2}$ part lime, and sand equal to $2\frac{1}{4}$ to 3 times the amount of cementitious material (cement plus lime), all measured by volume. (For exterior glass block panels, an integral type waterproofer should be added to the mortar mix.) **No antifreeze compounds or accelerators allowed.**

NOTE: All model building codes also accept the use of Type N mortar.

1. Portland Cement: Type I in accordance with ASTM C150. If a waterproof Portland Cement is used, the integral type waterproofer shall be omitted. (Masonry Cement is not recommended.) Color:_____
2. Lime: Shall be a dolomitic pressure-hydrated lime, special hydrate, Type S, in accordance with ASTM C207.
3. Sand: A clean, white quartzite or silica type, essentially free of iron compounds, in accordance with ASTM C144, not less than 100% passing a No. 8 sieve.
4. Integral Type Water-repellent. Stearate type by The Euclid Chemical Company (Integral Waterpeller® Powder, **Not Liquid**, 1-800-321-7628), or approved equal. Note: Add Integral Waterpeller® powder to dry mortar mix. Do not add powder to wet mortar mix.
5. External Type Water proofer: Water based silane sealer type by BASF Corporation (HYDROZO ENVIROSEAL™ 40, 1-800-243-6739). Note: Remove excess sealer from glass surfaces soon after application.

PART 3 – EXECUTION

3.01 Preparation

A. Verify that (channels), (panel anchors) have been provided at head and jambs for the purpose of providing panel support within the opening.

B. Mix all mortar components to a consistency that is drier than mortar for ordinary masonry. **(See Section 1.05, Item 5).** Retempering the mortar after it has taken its initial set shall not be permitted. **Do not use antifreeze compounds or accelerators.**

C. ***Freshly mixed mortar may create skin irritation. Avoid direct contact where possible and wash exposed skin areas promptly with water. If any mortar gets into the eyes, rinse immediately with water and get prompt medical attention.***

3.02 Installation

A. Cover sill area with a heavy coat of asphalt emulsion. Allow emulsion to cure at least 2 hours before placing mortar.

B. Where panel anchors are used at jambs and heads in lieu of channel or chase surrounds, install panel anchors in the same joints (16 inches o.c. maximum starting after first course) where panel reinforcing will be laid. Panel anchors are to be embedded a minimum of 12 inches into the mortar joints.

C. Place or adhere expansion strips to jambs and head. Make certain expansion strip extends to sill and covers leg of panel anchor that is attached to jambs and head.

D. Set a full mortar bed joint, applied to sill.

E. Set lower course of block. Maintain a uniform joint width of $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{3}{8}$ inch plus or minus $\frac{1}{8}$ inch. All mortar joints must be full and not furrowed. Steel tools must not be used to tap blocks into position. (Place a rubber crutch tip on end of trowel to tap block into position.) Do not realign, tap or otherwise move block after initial placement. For VISTABRIK® Solid Glass Block units, typical mortar joint is $\frac{3}{8}$ inch. Special VISTABRIK® spacers that provide a $\frac{3}{8}$ inch thick mortar joint are available.

F. Install panel reinforcing every 16 inches o.c. maximum (starting after the first course) in the horizontal mortar joints. Run reinforcing continuously from end to end of panels. Lap reinforcing not less than 6 inches whenever it is necessary to use more than one length. NOTE: In corrosive atmospheres (i.e. saline air, chlorine air, etc.), the use of stainless steel channels, reinforcing and panel anchors should be considered. Consult local building codes in coastal areas. For VISTABRIK® Solid Glass Block, use $1\frac{5}{8}$ inch wide reinforcing (same as Thinline® Series glass block). Do not bridge expansion joints with reinforcing. Install reinforcing as follows:
- **Place lower half of mortar in bed joint. Do not furrow.**
- **Press panel reinforcing into place.**
- **Cover panel reinforcing with upper half of mortar bed and trowel smooth. Do not furrow.**

G. Place full mortar bed for joints not requiring panel reinforcing – do not furrow. Maintain uniform joint width.

H. Set succeeding courses of block. Spaces at head of panel and jambs must remain free of mortar for caulking with sealant.

I. Use only wooden or rubber tipped tools when tapping glass blocks into place.

J. Strike joints smooth while mortar is still plastic and before final set. Remove surplus mortar from faces of glass blocks and wipe dry. (See Section 3.03). Tool joints smooth and concave before mortar takes final set. At this time, remove and clean out all excess mortar from jambs, head and other locations.

K. After final mortar set (approximately 24 hours), install packing tightly between glass block panel and jamb and head locations. Leave space for sealant.

L. Apply sealant evenly to the full depth of recesses as indicated on the drawings and in accordance with the manufacturers' published application manual and instructions.

M. *All exterior glass block panels shall be well sealed to prevent water entry.*

3.03 Cleaning

A. Remove surplus mortar from the faces of the glass block at the time joints are struck or tooled. **Mortar should be removed while it is still plastic** using a clean, wet sponge or an ordinary household scrub brush with stiff bristles.

B. **Do not use harsh cleaners, acids (of any strength), abrasives or alkaline materials while cleaning glass block. Never use a wire brush to remove mortar from glass block surfaces.**

C. Final mortar removal is accomplished with a clean, wet sponge or cloth. Rinse sponge or cloth frequently in clean water to remove abrasive particles **that could scratch glass surfaces**. Allow any remaining film on the block to dry to a powder.

D. After all sealants, caulking, etc., have been applied, remove excess caulking materials with commercial solvents such as xylene, toluene, mineral spirits or naptha and follow with normal wash and rinse. Be careful not to damage caulking by overgenerous application of strong solvents. Comply with solvent manufacturers' printed directions on label for toxicity and flammability warnings.

E. Final cleaning of glass block panels is accomplished after they are completely installed. Wait until panels are not exposed to direct sunlight. Start at the top of the panel and wash with generous amounts of clean water. Dry all water from the glass block surface. Change cloth frequently to eliminate dried mortar particles or aggregate **that could scratch the glass surface**. To remove the dry powder from the glass surfaces, use a clean, dry, soft cloth. For stubborn or hard to remove powder or stains, the use of an "extra fine" steel wool (grades 000 or 0000) is suggested. Try this first in an unobtrusive area.

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