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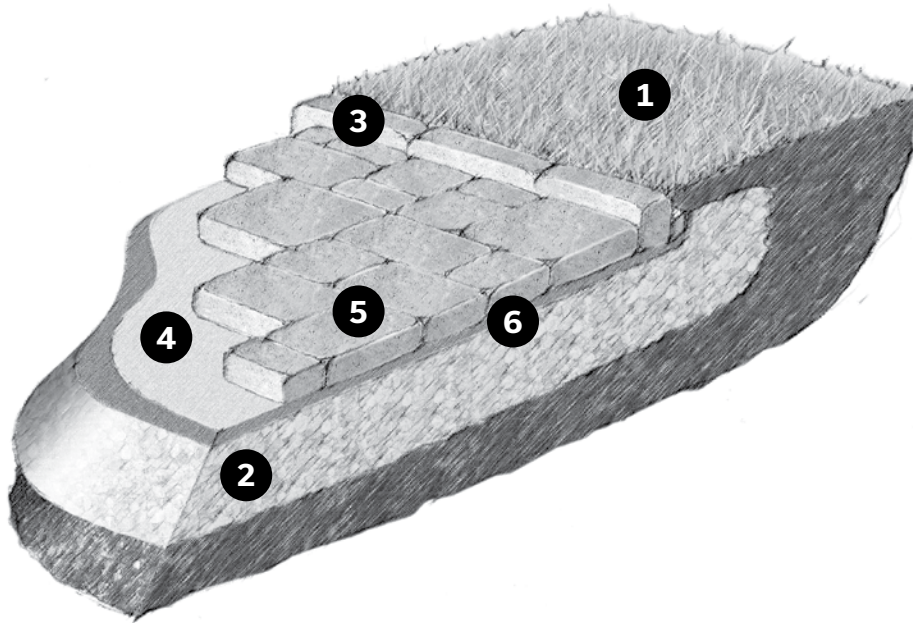
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# Pavers

## PAVER INSTALLATION (GENERIC)



### TOOLS REQUIRED

- > 1 wheelbarrow
- > A few pegs
- > 2 rigid pipes with a diameter of 25 mm - 1 in x 3 m - 10 ft
- > 1 plank: 25 mm x 150 mm x 2.4 m - 1 in x 6 in x 8 ft.
- > 1 plumb line
- > 1 level
- > 1 bricklayer's line: 15 m long - 50 ft
- > 1 shovel
- > 1 chalk line
- > 1 measuring tape
- > 1 broom
- > 1 rake
- > 1 guillotine or concrete saw (available from rental stores)
- > 1 vibrating plate (compacting tool available from tool rental stores)

### OPTIONAL TOOLS

- > Jumping jack

The jumping jack should not be used to compact pavers. It should only be used for the foundation.

## 1 EXCAVATION

If pipes or wires are located in the area to be excavated, contact the representatives of the company concerned before the work is started.

To ensure adequate drainage, excavate the soil to obtain a minimum 2% slope (20 mm per metre or 1/4 inch per foot). The slope can be reduced to 1% if the drainage of all the landscaping is well controlled. In case of doubt, obtain an expert's assistance for a detailed analysis of everything concerning drainage (slopes of the ground, soil type, landscaping, etc.).

The excavation contour should extend beyond the surface to be paved by at least 300 mm - 12 in. Ideally, this distance should be 1 to 1 1/2 times the thickness of the foundation. The stability of the project depends on this measurement, which ensures that the paving stones at the edge will be as well supported as those in the centre.

Level the bottom of the excavation with a rake and if the soil is sandy, compact it with a vibrating plate or roller. It is preferable not to pack clay soil at this stage. In this case, the use of a geotextile membrane placed between the natural soil and the foundation is recommended to prevent foundation contamination by clay and ensure greater stability. Refer to the chart EXCAVATION DEPTH AND MINIMUM FOUNDATION to get the minimum excavation required (ref: photo #1).

## 2 FOUNDATION

Spread and compact the 20 to 0 mm - 0 to 3/4 in. stone in 100 mm - 4 in. layers. Lightly water the 20 to 0 mm - 0 to 3/4 in. stone to make tamping easier. To ensure an adequate foundation, compact the stone several times with a vibrating plate, roller, or a jumping jack (ref: photo #2). Once this stage is completed, you will be able to see what the final result will look like. You can verify the final level of the pavers by placing a paver on a guide (ref: photo #3). Refer to the typical installation drawings (see page 6).

## 3 CURB

If you install a curb of the Universal Curb or Celtik Mega Curb type, proceed with installation of the curbs immediately before completing the foundation. Start by laying the first side of the curb. Before installing the other side of the curb, temporarily place a row of pavers on the ground to determine the ideal distance and the position of the other curb, and thus minimize the size of the pavers. If you install a Melville curb, a Lafitt curb or a Celtik curb or even a plastic curb, refer to LAYING PAVERS.

## 4 INSTALLATION BED

Spread between 15 mm - 5/8" in. and 25 mm - 1 in. of concrete sand or screening (ref: photo #4). Bear in mind that a 25 mm - 1 in. bed will be reduced down to 15 mm - 5/8 in. in thickness once compacting is completed and after the paving stones are installed.

Level the concrete sand using two (2) 25 mm - 1 in. diameter pipes and a straight plank (ref: photo #5). Any significant variation in bed thickness may cause irregularities in the paved surface.

Make sure you do not compact the screenings or the sand before laying the pavers on the installation bed. Fill the holes left by the pipes.

## 5 LAYING THE PAVERS

Arrange the paving stones according to the pattern chosen with a 90° angle if possible. Proceed by walking on the paving stones (ref: photo #6).

Paving stones are manufactured with side spacers that will set a space of 3 mm - 1/8 in. between each paver. A space of 2 mm must be allowed for paving stones without spacers.

To obtain an even distribution of colour and texture, it is recommended that you choose paving stones from more than one cube at a time. Moreover, working across each cube always gives the best results.

Check the alignment of the pavers (after every five rows installed) and adjust them, if necessary, using a screwdriver.

Install paving stones up to the last row. To avoid having to cut paving stones later, determine the position of the curbs to finish with a complete paving stone.

If necessary, you can cut the paving stones using a cold chisel or specialized tools such as guillotine or a concrete saw (ref: photo #7). It is recommended that you use a chalk line to mark the paving stones to be cut. If you have to use a guillotine to cut the stones, make sure that the cut is at a slight angle as pavers cut this way are much easier to install. If you use a concrete saw, keep away from the paving stones already installed, since the dust and dirt from the sawing will permanently stain them. Wear safety glasses when cutting concrete products.

Proceed immediately with installation of Melville curbs, Lafitt Curbs, Celtik curbs or plastic curbs on the perimeter of the paved surface (ref: photo #8). The curbs are laid directly on the densified granular foundation.

### 6 FILLING THE JOINTS

Once you have finished laying the paving stones, stabilize them using a vibrating plate (ref: photo #9). This operation will settle the stones into the bed while levelling the surface. Begin by brushing a thin uniform layer of joint-filling sand over the paving stones and into the joints (ref: photo #10), and then use a vibrating plate. For best results, run the plate two or three times in each direction. This operation will allow the sand to penetrate suitably into the joints and the paving stones to settle approximately 10 mm - 3/8 in. into the bed. (For improved performance, use Techniseal polymeric sand in accordance with the instructions provided on the bag).

The installation of a detachable neoprene sole (or layer) has been proven to be an additional protection against the risk of concrete spalls when filling the joints of paving stones.

Repeat the sand-spreading and vibrating procedures until all of the paving-stone joints have been filled. Remove the excess sand with a brush. The final level of the sand in the joints should be about 3 mm - 1/8 in. lower than the level of the paving stones.

If, after a few days, some joints are not properly filled, repeat the procedure. It is recommended to perform an annual maintenance of the joints between the paving stones.

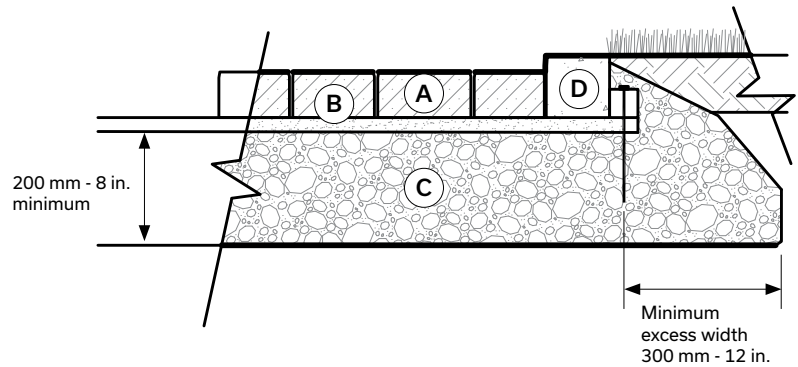
**WE SUGGEST SETTING ASIDE A NUMBER OF PAVING STONES FOR REPLACEMENT.**



## TYPICAL CROSS-SECTION - PAVERS

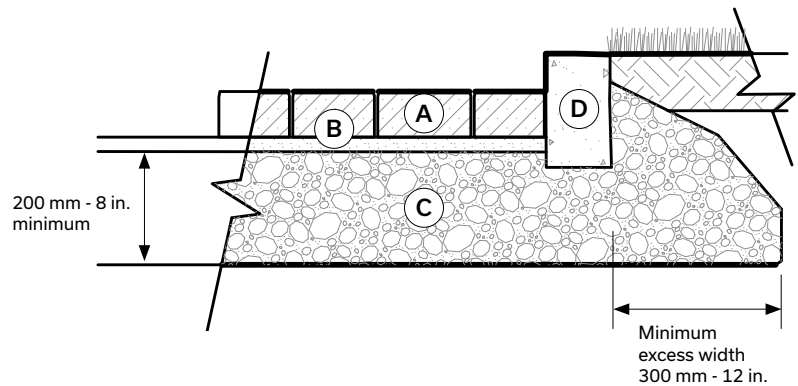
### TYPICAL PAVER INSTALLATION WITH MELVILLE, LAFITT OR CELTIK CURB

- (A) Paving stones
- (B) Laying bed 25 mm - 1 in. (concrete sand)
- (C) Compacted granular foundation 0 to 20 mm - 0 to 3/4 in.
- (D) Melville, Lafitt or Celtik curb



### TYPICAL PAVER INSTALLATION WITH MEGA CELTIK OR UNIVERSAL CURB

- (A) Paving stones
- (B) Laying bed 25 mm - 1 in. (concrete sand)
- (C) Compacted granular foundation 0 to 20 mm - 0 to 3/4 in.
- (D) Mega Celtik or Universal curb



## EXCAVATION DEPTH AND MINIMUM FOUNDATION<sup>(3)</sup>

NATURE OF PROJECT	GARAGE ENTRANCE		PATIO OR SIDEWALK	
NATURE OF SOIL	Clay <sup>(2)</sup>	Sandy	Clay	Sandy
MINIMUM EXCAVATION REQUIRED	400 mm 16 in.	300 mm 12 in.	350 mm 14 in.	250 mm 10 in.
MINIMUM FOUNDATION THICKNESS 0 TO 20 MM - 0 TO 3/4 IN. CRUSHED STONE	300 mm 12 in.	200 mm 8 in.	250 mm 10 in.	150 mm 6 in.
MINIMUM/MAXIMUM UNCOMPACTED INSTALLATION <sup>(1)</sup> BED	15 to 25 mm 5/8 in. to 1 in.	15 to 25 mm 5/8 in. to 1 in.	15 to 25 mm 5/8 in. to 1 in.	15 to 25 mm 5/8 in. to 1 in.
THICKNESS OF PAVING STONE	60 mm or 80 mm 2 3/8 in. or 3 1/8 in.	60 mm or 80 mm 2 3/8 in. or 3 1/8 in.	60 mm or 80 mm 2 3/8 in. or 3 1/8 in.	60 mm or 80 mm 2 3/8 in. or 3 1/8 in.

The information in this table shows the minimum required for a job well done. Anything above this level means improved stability for the whole.

<sup>(1)</sup> Once compacted, a 25 mm - 1 in. bed will be reduced down to 15 mm - 5/8 in.

<sup>(2)</sup> For certain areas where clay soil is unstable, the minimum excavation required is 600 mm - 24 in. and the minimum foundation is 525 mm - 21 in.

<sup>(3)</sup> Conforms to the recommended ICPI standard (Interlocking Concrete Pavement Institute).



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## PACKAGING

For product packaging information, please refer to our Product Data Guide on our website.

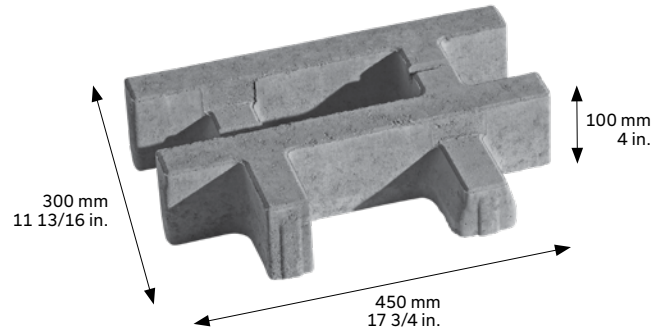
## LAYING IDEAS

You will find a reference chart gathering the ideas to use for each type of paver on page 17.

NOTE: Please note that only pavers with specific notes are included in the guide. For information on our entire product line, please see our product guide.

# Cassara Verde Paver

## SPECIFIC DETAILS



## RESIDENTIAL VEHICULAR VEGETATED PAVEMENTS INCORPORATING PAVERS WITH MULTI-CAVITY

### ADVANTAGES

- > Significantly reduces heat island effects
- > Better management of rainwater: slow-down of runoff water
- > Improves air quality
- > Create more natural and soothing spaces for the population

### APPLICATIONS

- > Residential parking, driveways, picnic areas and pedestrian walkways

### IMPLEMENTATION

**Filling paver cells:** Soil mix for grassing, sodding and tree planting. Professional blend composed of mineral soil, sand, fibrous black earth and compost. Available at bulk landscape suppliers, specialized garden centres and soil mix manufacturers. Fill the cells. Pass vibrating plate. Water the surface. Spread the grass seeds.

GRASS SEED : two recommended brands

**Minimum maintenance blend** (2-week germination):

63% Fescue, 20% Perennial Ryegrass, 17% Kentucky Bluegrass

**Sports field blend** - high traffic resistance (3-week

germination): 65% Kentucky Bluegrass, 20% Fescue, 15%

Perennial Ryegrass

### SEED BED

Cover the grass seeds with a maximum of 10 mm of soil mix for grassing, sodding and tree planting, then water slightly.

**FERTILIZERS:** NITROGEN (N), PHOSPHORUS (P), POTASSIUM (K)

Application of fertilizers is recommended for the first year. An organic-based fertilizer is adequate. The following ratios (N-P-K) may be used: 4-1-2, 3-1-1, 2-1-1 (formulation example: 19-6-4)

### GERMINATION COVER FOR SEED BED PROTECTION

A woven fabric designed to protect the seed bed allows moisture retention and prevents soil erosion during heavy rains.

### IRRIGATION

During the first year of implementation, you must provide an irrigation system for 7 to 8 weeks.

Then irrigate as needed in the morning such that the soil throughout the depth of the cells is moistened.

## PLANTING DIAGRAM OF LAWN GRASSES IN CASSARA VERDE PAVERS



Soil mix for grassing,  
sodding and tree  
planting

COMPACT



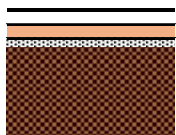
WATER



Fertilizers  
and seeds



Seed bed



WATER

### STAGES OF FILLING AND ESTABLISHMENT OF GRASS

- > Fill the cells with soil mix for grassing, sodding and tree planting
- > Spread without compacting
- > Level with the paver surface
- > Apply (vibrating plate with rubberized protection)
- > Compact the pavers (vibrating plate with rubberized protection)
- > Water to obtain soil packing enabling the addition of the seed bed
- > Ensure 5-10 mm of clearance under the paver surface and adjust (if required)
- > Spread out fertilizers and seeds
- > Spread the seed bed and level
- > Water lightly to moisten the seed bed

NOTE: The seed bed is the soil mix for grassing, sodding and tree planting. Shown here on left are the grass filling and planting steps. The succession of steps should prevent the seeds from being more than 10 mm below the seed bed so that they do not rot.

## MAIN INTERVENTION TO MAINTAIN THE INITIAL VEGETATION IN PLACE

### EXTENSIVE APPROACH WITH MINIMAL MAINTENANCE REQUIRED:

- > A traditional vegetation planting approach: selection of undemanding plants
- > One fertilization per year: from irrigation process to planting
- > Minimal interventions for natural growth of the vegetation in the cells

### INTENSIVE APPROACH WITH MULTIPLE INTERVENTIONS (GREATER CHANCE OF SUCCESS):

- > A traditional approach of planting vegetation (grass)
- > Regular irrigations in season (mandatory in drought period)
- > Periodic manual weeding (preferred)
- > Replacement of vegetation as needed (reseeding)
- > Addition of soil mix annually. Regular fertilization in season.

## USE OF HERBACEOUS PERENNIALS TO REPLACE LAWN GRASSES

It is important to note that the turf installed in the Cassara Verde pavers is demanding in terms of water and fertilizer and is not very resistant to dryness. Intensive maintenance interventions approach increase the chances of success. In addition, hardy ground cover crops that are very drought-resistant and low in fertilizer may provide a better alternative.

In this sense, several plants were selected and tested to establish their drought resistance and their demand for water and fertilizer. Overall, the plants that we propose here exceed the potential of the more demanding lawn. The use of these plants should be considered when an extensive approach

(minimal maintenance interventions) is recommended.

- > Veronica Repens
- > Pilosella aurantiacum (hawkweed)
- > Sedum album *Coral Carpet*
- > Thymus serpyllum *Magic Carpet*
- > Sedum acre

### TIPS

- > Use plants produced in multi-cell at the rate of 2 per single alveolus
- > Cutting implantation (for SEDUM) is possible and takes root more quickly
- > Plants exposed to full sun will have smaller leaves than normal because they adapt
- > Plants are available in specialized horticultural centers (Aux Aubepines for example)
- > The substrate (potting soil) to be considered must not contain an excessive mineral component

## MAINTENANCE RECOMMENDATION

### SEASONAL IRRIGATION

Irrigation is necessary during the first year of planting

### MOWING

Mowing to 8-10 cm - 3 and 4 in. is recommended for the entire growing season. Avoid mowing during drought periods.

### WEEDING CONTROL

Extensive approach: leave what nature provides

Intensive approach: manual weeding can be performed in season

### FERTILIZATION PROGRAM (N-P-K)

Proceed with at least one fertilization per year (extensive approach). For optimal results, three fertilizations per year are required.

### ADDING SOIL MIX

Addition of soil mix is performed from the end of August to mid-September as well as in the spring. It maintains fertility and restores the filling level (if packing is observed) for optimum clearance (6 to 10 mm) below the paver surface.

### RESEEDING

Increases grass density. The dense presence of vegetation associated with a strong root system avoids compaction.

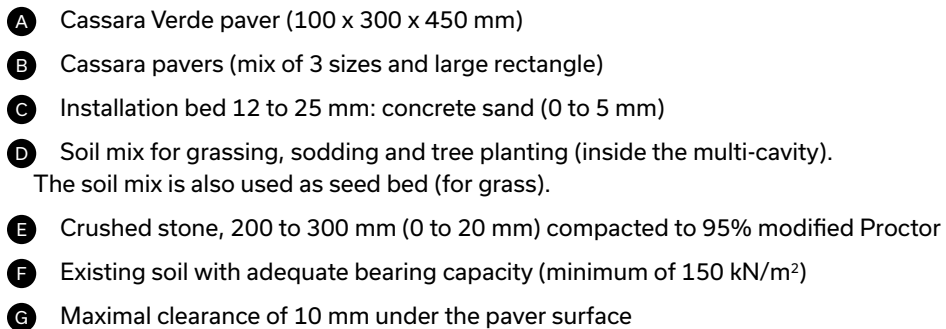
Reseeding is performed at the same time as the addition of soil mix, between mid-August and mid-September and in the spring.

### WINTER

De-icing salts application is prohibited. Ice clumps under vehicles are also a threat to the plants. Snow removal height must be adapted to leave a tamped snow cover of 2 to 4 cm, which will protect the plants from cold spells and prevent their uprooting during snow removal.



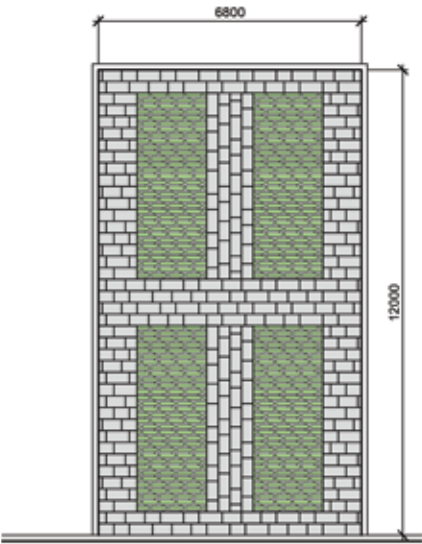
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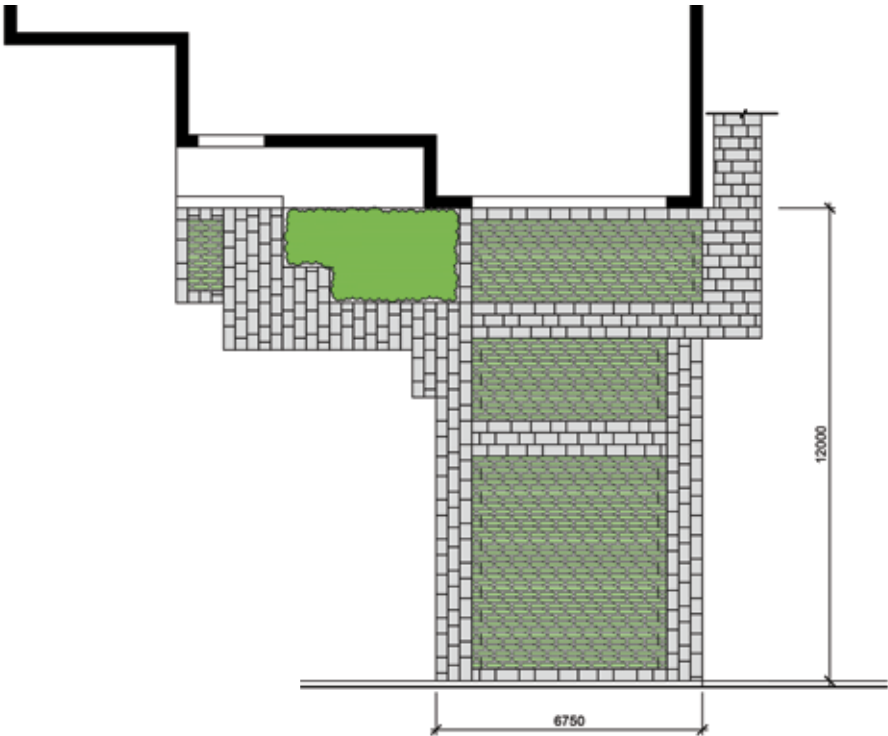
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EXAMPLE OF INSTALLATION

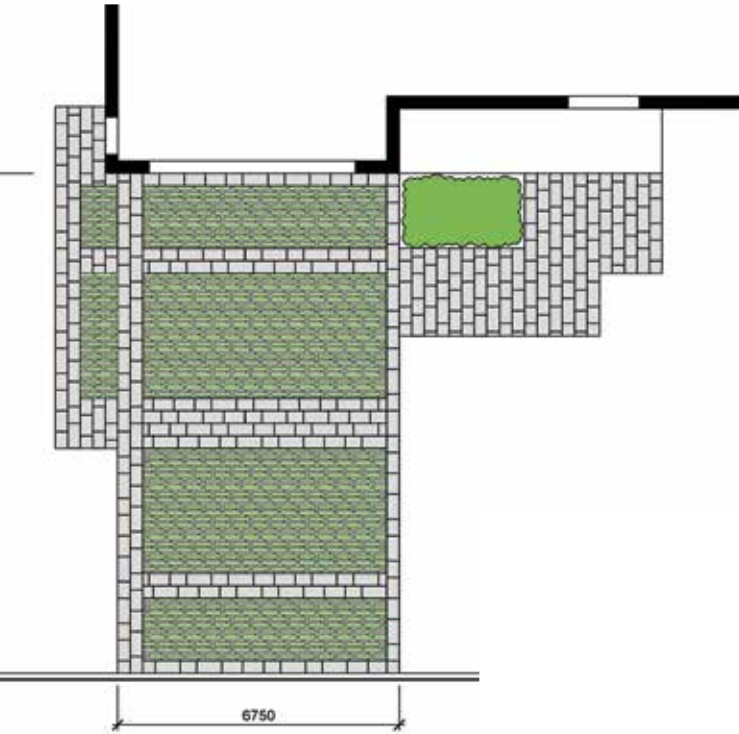
Residential driveway. Cassara Verde paver and Cassara paver



OPTION ①



OPTION ②



OPTION ③

# Residential Permeable Pavement



## SPECIFIC DETAILS

### ROLE OF PERMEABLE PAVEMENT

The objective, when building a permeable pavement system, is to allow rainwater to infiltrate the underlying soil. The stormwater will be stored in the subbase of the paved area instead of running off to the sewer system. The open graded subbase material will provide storage for the runwater that is collected and will be held for a period of time. Subsequently, the natural permeability of the soil beneath the subgrade will allow the accumulated water to gradually return to the ground table, thus pursuing its natural cycle.

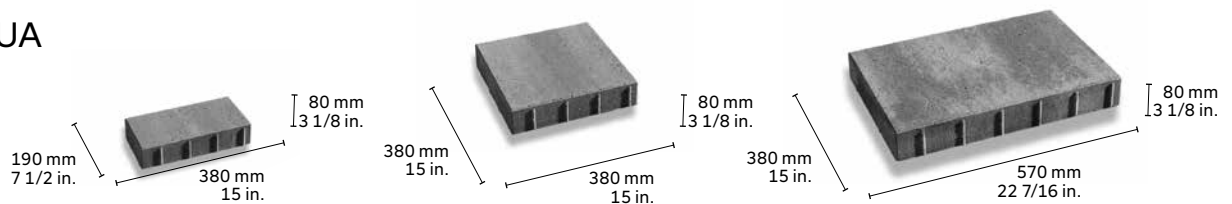
### CONCRETE PAVERS USED IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF PERMEABLE PAVEMENT

Specifically designed concrete pavers can be used for the construction of a permeable pavement. The joints between the pavers, which are filled with a permeable granular material, have the required porosity to channel water into the system.

### DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION

Before undertaking any construction work, an engineer experienced in the field of hydrology should be consulted, in order to obtain an accurate history of local precipitation and the amount of rainwater or drainage from neighbouring surfaces that will run through the permeable paved area.

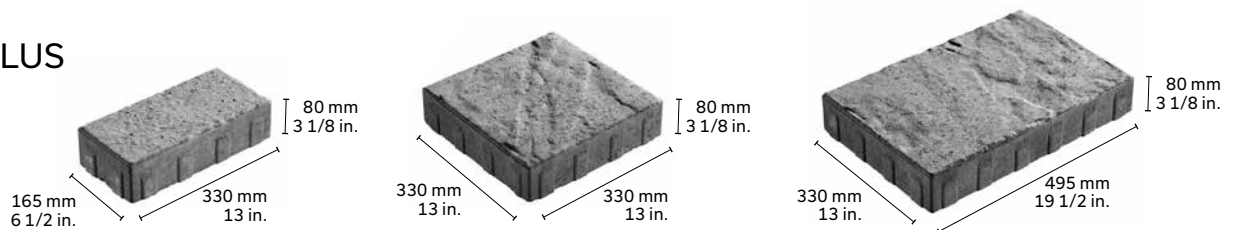
#### MELVILLE AQUA PAVERS



#### MONDRIAN PLUS PAVERS



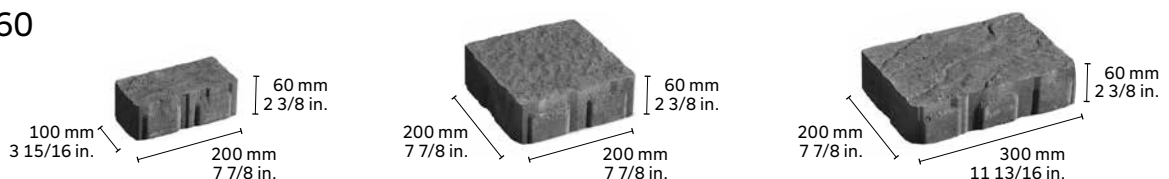
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#### TRAFALGAR 60 PAVERS



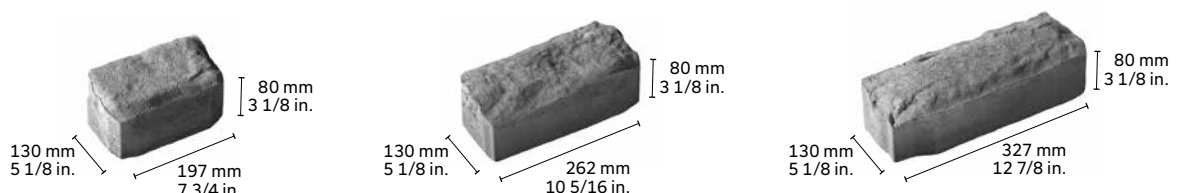
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#### VENDOME PAVERS



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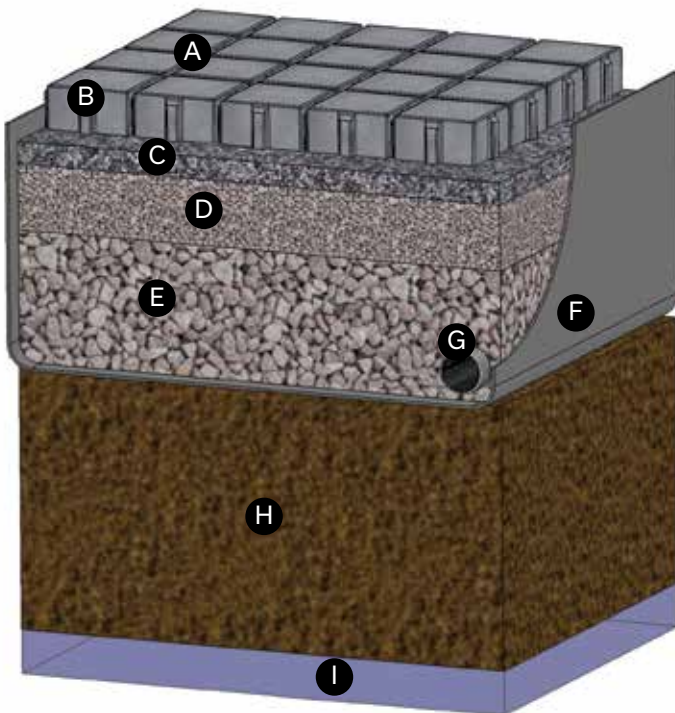
## TECHNOLOGY - DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION

A detailed study is also required to determine the permeability of the undisturbed soil present beneath the permeable materials, as well as proximity to the groundwater table, rock bed, etc. The technical data gathered will make it possible to design effective permeable pavement\*\*, i. e., pavement where the volume of the subgrade's intergranular basin is sufficient to collect the projected amount of rainwater, and where the permeability of the soil is adequate (permeability coefficient exceeding  $2 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m/sec.}$  or 0.27 inches/hour) to allow the water to return naturally to the groundwater table before another major rainfall. Failing this, it will be necessary to build a drainage system into the subbase, perhaps even on the surface of the pavement (which should

always have a minimum 1% slope) as a complementary measure to evacuate residual rainwater and avoid any overflow or flooding of the structure in service. Melting snow and winter rains must also be taken into account.

Construction must be carried out by a competent contractor in strict compliance with plans and specifications. Moreover, materials must be selected with considerable care to obtain the required permeability. (The minimum requirement for the permeability of the pavers is 100 in/hr).

## TYPICAL CROSS-SECTION OF A PERMEABLE PAVEMENT



- A** Joint filler - 2.5 to 5 mm crushed stone
- B** Permeable paver
- C** Compacted bedding (50 mm max.) 2.5 to 10 mm crushed stone
- D** Compacted upper subbase (100 to 150 mm) 14 to 28 mm crushed stone
- E** Compacted lower subbase (min. 300 mm) 40 to 80 mm crushed stone
- F** Geotextile
- G** Optional perforated drain (see ICPI recommendations)
- H** Subgrade (thickness: min. 600 mm)
- I** Groundwater table (or cliff)

\* Permacon strongly recommends the ICPI website (Interlocking Concrete Pavement Institute) at the following address [www.icpi.org](http://www.icpi.org) (items: permeable pavers) before undertaking any studies or work on permeable pavement using concrete pavers.

\*\* Application software has been developed for this purpose. See the ICPI website.





## ADVANTAGES AND BENEFITS

These can be summarized as follows:

- > Excellent way of avoiding the construction of new impermeable surfaces
- > Significantly reduces the volume of rainwater channelled to a storm sewer
- > Eliminates the need to dig catch basins for surface water
- > Reduces the quantity of toxic and suspended matter in the storm system
- > Improves the comfort and safety of users during rainfalls (survival of the natural environment, plants, trees, etc.)
- > Actively contributes to reloading the groundwater table
- > Reduces occasional risk of flooding paved areas
- > Reduces the risk of soil erosion by reducing the runoff speed of surface water
- > Reduces development costs in new sectors, by avoiding oversized rainwater management works
- > Provides a durable concrete paver structure capable of withstanding freeze-thaw cycles and deicing salts
- > Favours sustainable development - possibility of earning 2 LEED points (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) from the Canada Green Building Council) - in the area of ecological site development, paragraph 6. 1 *Flow and Quantity* and paragraph 6. 2 *Water Treatment*

**A MINIMAL SEASONAL MAINTENANCE ALLOWS AN ADEQUATE PERFORMANCE OF THE STRUCTURE THAT CAN EXCEED 25 YEARS.**

## PERMEABLE PAVEMENT LIMITATIONS

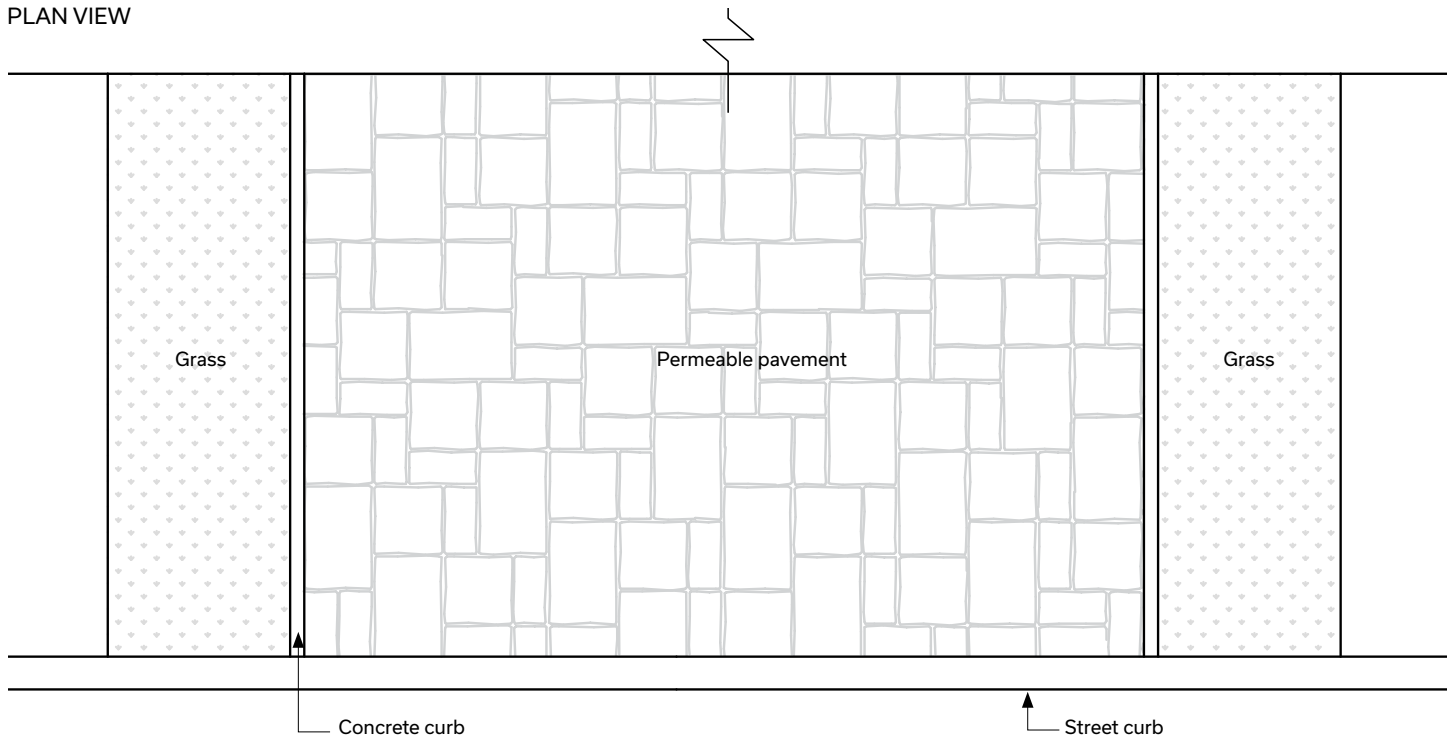
While permeable pavement provides many advantages, it should be recalled that it is not the solution for every project that comes up. It does have its shortcomings, as shown below:

- > Requires greater design and construction expertise
- > A solution that should be avoided in the presence of rock or a groundwater table too close to the surface [distance of less than 600 mm - 24 in.]
- > A solution that should be avoided where there are steep slopes near the permeable pavement (slopes exceeding 20%)
- > A solution that should be avoided when the permeable pavement's slope exceeds 5%
- > High risk of contaminating the groundwater reservoir near the draining subgrade (minimum 30-metre protective strip required, in keeping with prevailing regulations)
- > High risk of progressive clogging of the drainage layers over the long term, because of the significant quantity of fine particles in suspension. These result in particular from the application of road abrasives rich in fine particles, and which could, over time, reduce the structure's permeability. With a minimum of seasonal maintenance, the structure could perform effectively for more than 25 years.
- > A solution that should be avoided when a road's standard base course is too close to the drainage layer (minimum 6 m protective zone required)

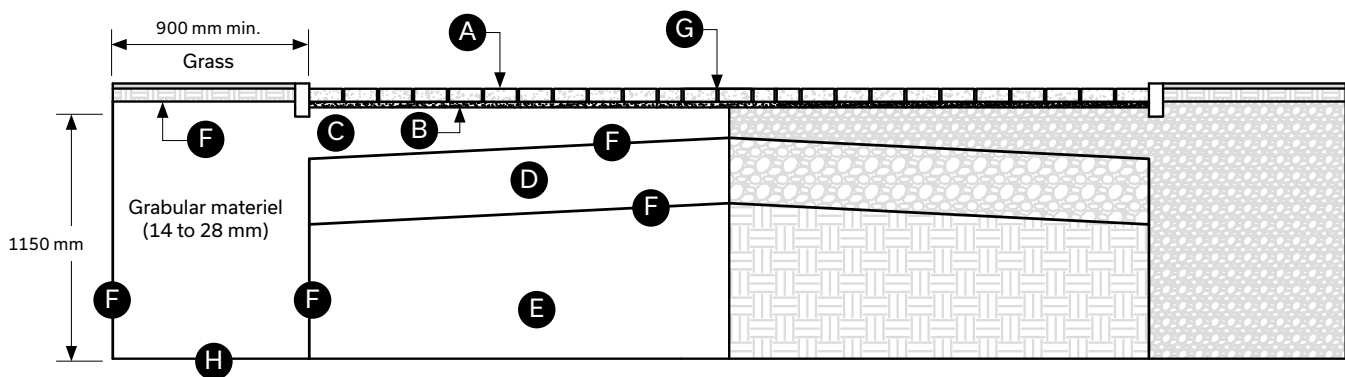


## PERMEABLE PAVEMENT CROSS-SECTION (RESIDENTIAL)

PLAN VIEW






























































CROSS-SECTION



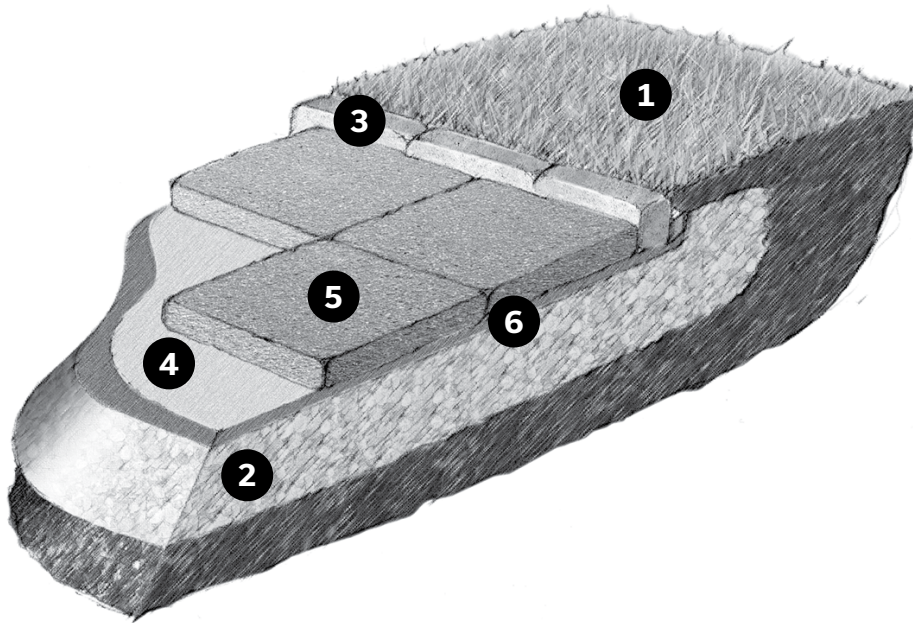
- Ⓐ Permeable paver 60 or 80 mm (Melville Aqua, Mondrian Plus, Trafalgar, Vendome)
- Ⓑ Open-graded bedding course 25 to 50 mm (open-graded aggregate 2.5 to 5 mm)
- Ⓒ Upper base, open-graded aggregate 100 to 150 mm (clear crushed stone 14 to 28 mm)
- Ⓓ Lower aggregate base 300 to 450 mm (0 to 20 mm crushed stone) compacted to 95% modified Proctor density
- Ⓔ Existing soil with adequate bearing capacity (minimum of 150 kN/m<sup>2</sup>)
- Ⓕ Geotextile membrane (with 2% minimum slope, if required)
- Ⓖ Permeable joint material (open-graded aggregate 2.5 to 5 mm)
- Ⓗ Existing soil with a minimum infiltration rate of 3 in/hour (to be validated with tests)

# Table of Laying Ideas – Pavers

PRODUCTS	LAYING IDEAS				
	PATHWAY	BANDING	INSERTION	GARAGE ENTRANCE	PERMEABLE
CASSARA					
CASSARA VERDE					
ESBELTO 80 TEXTUREGUARD					
KENSINGTON					
KENSINGTON SMOOTH					
LEXA 330 X 495					
MEGA-MELVILLE					
MELVILLE 60 SMALL RECTANGLE					
MELVILLE 80					
MELVILLE 80 SMALL RECTANGLE					
MELVILLE 80 TEXTUREGUARD					
MELVILLE AQUA					
MELVILLE CLASSIC AND NIAGARA					
MELVILLE PLANK 80					
MONDRIAN PLUS 60 SMALL RECTANGLE					
MONDRIAN PLUS 80					
MONDRIAN PLUS 80 SMALL RECTANGLE					
PALEO PLUS					
TRAFALGAR 60					
VENDOME 60					
VENDOME 80					

# Slabs

## SLAB INSTALLATION (GENERIC)



### TOOLS REQUIRED

- > 1 wheelbarrow
- > A few pegs
- > 2 rigid pipes with a diameter of 25 mm - 1 in. x 3 m - 10 ft.
- > 1 plank: 25 mm x 150 mm x 2.4 m - 1 in. x 6 in. x 8 ft.
- > 1 plumb line
- > 1 level
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- > 1 shovel
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- > 1 guillotine or concrete saw (available from rental stores)
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### OPTIONAL TOOLS

- > Jumping jack

The jumping jack should not be used to compact slabs. It should only be used for the foundation.



## 1 EXCAVATION

If pipes or wires are located in the area to be excavated, contact the company representative concerned before the work is started.

To ensure sufficient drainage, excavate the soil to obtain a minimum incline of 2% (20 mm/m or 1/4 inch per foot). The slope may be further reduced to as little as 1% if there is good overall drainage on the site. When in doubt, obtain a detailed analysis of the site drainage (slopes, soil type, layout, etc.) from an expert.

The excavation contour should extend beyond the surface to be paved by at least 300 mm - 12 in. Ideally, this distance should be 1 to 1 1/2 times the thickness of the foundation. The stability of the project depends on this measurement, which ensures that the slabs at the edge will be as well supported as those in the centre.

Level the bottom of the excavation area with a rake and if the soil is sandy, compact it with a vibrating plate or roller. It is preferable not to pack clay soil at this stage. In this case, the use of a geotextile membrane placed between the natural soil and the foundation is recommended to prevent foundation contamination by clay and ensure greater stability. Refer to the chart to get the minimum excavation required (ref: photo #1)

## 2 FOUNDATION

Spread and compact the 0 to 20 mm - 0 to 3/4 in. stone in 100 mm - 4 in. layers. Lightly water the 0 to 20 mm - 0 to 3/4 in. stone to make tamping easier. To ensure an adequate foundation, compact the stone several times with a vibrating plate or a jumping jack (ref: photo #2). Once this stage has been completed, you will be able to see what the final result will look like; the surface should be uniform, with no bumps or depressions greater than 13 mm - 1/2 in. in 3 m - 10 ft. You can verify the final level for the slab installation by placing a slab on a guide (ref: photo #3). Adjust the surface, if necessary, with compacted 0 to 20 mm - 0 to 3/4 in. stone.

## 3 CURB

Installing Universal or Mega Celtik curb: Before you finish the foundation, proceed immediately with the installation of the curb. Begin by installing the curb on one side. Before installing the curb on the other side, temporarily place a row of slabs in order to determine the ideal distance and thus to determine the position of the other curbs and avoid having to cut slabs later. Installing Celtik curb, Melville curb or even a plastic curb: to install these types of curbs, see #5 LAYING THE SLABS on this page.

## 4 INSTALLATION BED

Spread the first layer of concrete sand between two 25 mm - 1 in. diameter steel pipes placed parallel to each other on the granular foundation (ref: photo #4). Level the material by sliding a straight plank across the two pipes (ref: photo #5). Compact the layer between the two pipes using a vibrating plate, without moving the pipes. Spread a second layer of uncompacted sand between the pipes to fill the space left by the compaction (approximate depth of 6 mm or 1/4 in.) and level once again using the straight plank. This method will facilitate the subsequent installation of the slabs. Fill the spaces left by the pipes which were used as levelling guides.

Repeat the same steps for the entire surface of the work. Any significant variation in the bed thickness may cause irregularities in the paved surface. Never use installation-bed material to make important corrections to the compacted granular foundation.

## 5 LAYING THE SLABS

Arrange the slabs according to the pattern chosen with a 90° angle if possible. Proceed by walking on the slabs (ref: photo #6).

Slabs are manufactured with side spacers that will set a space of 3 mm - 1/8 in. between each slab. A space of 2 mm must be allowed for slabs without spacers. The use of a bricklayer's line, a level, a square, and a specialized handling tool (possibly including vacuum lifting equipment) will be required.

To obtain an even distribution of colour and texture, it is recommended that you choose slabs from more than one cube at a time. Moreover, working across each cube always gives the best results.

Check the alignment of the slabs after every five rows installed and adjust them, if necessary, using a screwdriver. Also, check the uniformity of the surface regularly, and use a soft-head mallet to correct any units which do not meet the required degree of uniformity.

Install slabs up to the last row. To avoid having to cut slabs later, determine the position of the curbs to finish with a complete slab.

If necessary, you can cut the slabs using specialized tools such as guillotine or a concrete saw. It is recommended that you use a chalk line to mark the slabs to be cut. If you have to use a guillotine to cut the slabs, make sure that the cut is at a slight angle as slabs cut this way are much easier to install. If you use a concrete saw, keep away from the slabs already installed, since the dust and dirt from sawing will permanently stain them. Wear safety glasses when cutting concrete products.

At the perimeter of the slab-covered surface, proceed with installing the Melville curb, Lafitt curb, Celtik curb or a plastic curb (ref: photo #7). The curbs should be installed directly on the compacted granular foundation.

## 6 FILLING THE JOINTS

Spread Techniseal polymeric sand on the slabs, then make it penetrate the joints by sweeping it in all directions (ref. photo # 8). (Follow the instructions indicated on the sand bags). Pass a small vibrating plate (see NOTE), protected by a rubber or neoprene membrane, over the entire surface to pack the sand solidly. Pass the vibrating plate a second time over the entire surface. Remove the surplus sand from the surface with a push broom. Level the surface of the joint with a leaf blower, then wet the surface to stabilize the polymer sand.

If, after a few days, some joints are not properly filled, repeat the procedure.

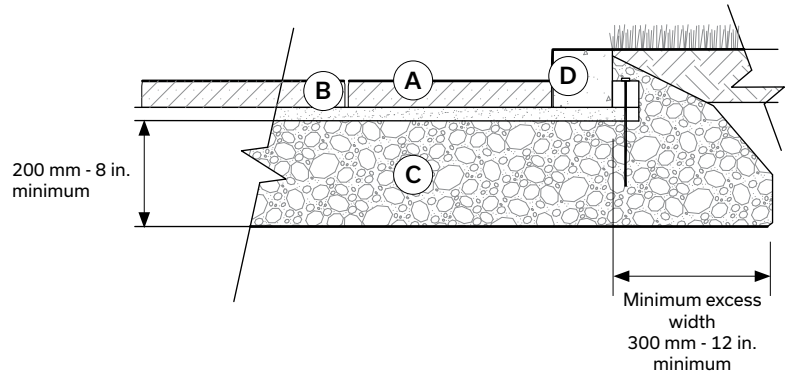
WE SUGGEST SETTING ASIDE A NUMBER OF SLABS FOR REPLACEMENT.

NOTE: For very large slabs and in places where a vibrating plate cannot be used, proceed with manual compaction of the sand by means of a rubber mallet, hammering vigorously on the four corners and the contour of each slab. Shearing the sand joints (manual compaction with an appropriate tool, such as a pointing trowel) may be necessary to ensure better densification.



## TYPICAL SLAB INSTALLATION

- (A) Slabs
- (B) Laying bed 25 mm - 1 in. (concrete sand)
- (C) Compacted granular foundation 0 to 20 mm - 0 to 3/4 in.
- (D) Melville, Lafitt, Celtik curb or other



## EXCAVATION DEPTH AND MINIMUM FOUNDATION<sup>(3)</sup>

NATURE OF PROJECT	PATIO OR SIDEWALK	
NATURE OF SOIL	Clay	Sandy
MINIMUM EXCAVATION REQUIRED	350 mm 14 in.	250 mm 10 in.
MINIMUM FOUNDATION THICKNESS 0 TO 20 MM - 0 TO 3/4 IN. CRUSHED STONE	250 mm 10 in.	150 mm 6 in.
MINIMUM/MAXIMUM UNCOMPACTED INSTALLATION <sup>(1)</sup> BED	15 to 25 mm 5/8 in. to 1 in.	15 to 25 mm 5/8 in. to 1 in.
THICKNESS OF SLAB	Varies depending on selected slab	

The information in this table shows the minimum required for a job well done. Anything above this level means improved stability for the whole.

<sup>(1)</sup> Once compacted, a 25 mm - 1 in. bed will be reduced down to 15 mm - 5/8 in.

<sup>(2)</sup> For certain areas where clay soil is unstable, the minimum excavation required is 600 mm - 24 in. and the minimum foundation is 525 mm - 21 in.

<sup>(3)</sup> Conforms to the recommended ICPI standard (Interlocking Concrete Pavement Institute)

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## Slab

Rosebel

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## PACKAGING

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## LAYING IDEAS

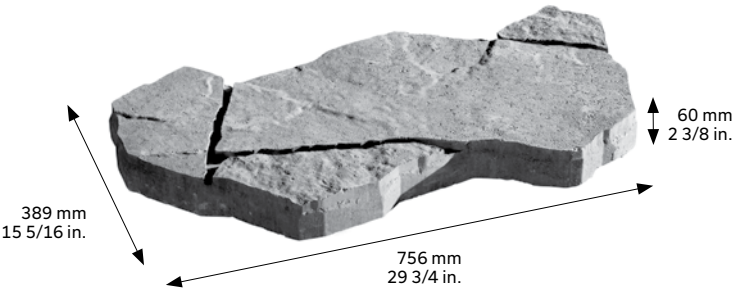
You will find a reference chart gathering the ideas to use for each type of slab on page 25.

NOTE: Please note that only pavers with specific notes are included in the guide. For information on our entire product line, please see our product guide.

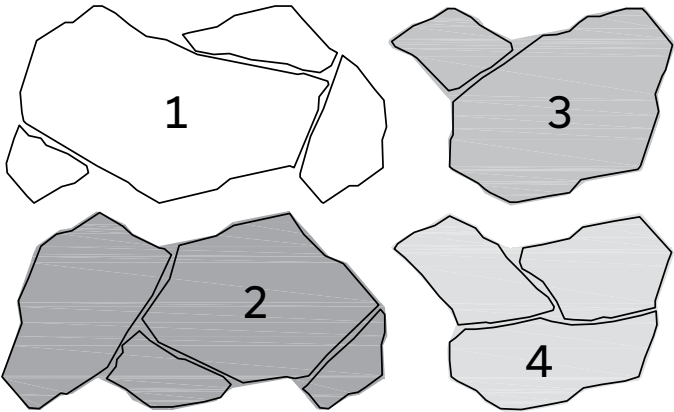
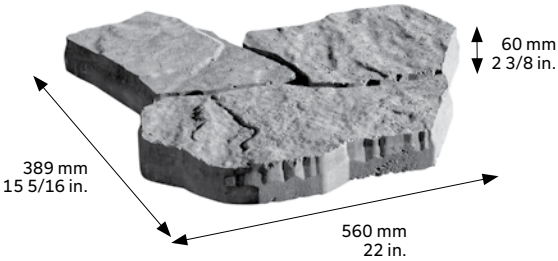
# Rosebel Slab

## SPECIFIC DETAILS

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B

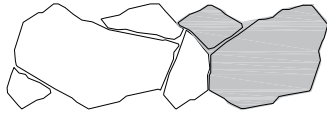


2 sizes of slabs, each with a different texture

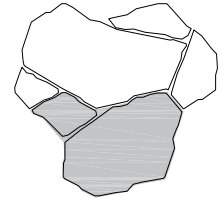
## INSTALLATION OF SLABS

**BASIC PRINCIPLES:** build a duo (pair) using both available slabs to reproduce a paving surface more accurately :

**DUO A:** Horizontal linear  
(one after each other)

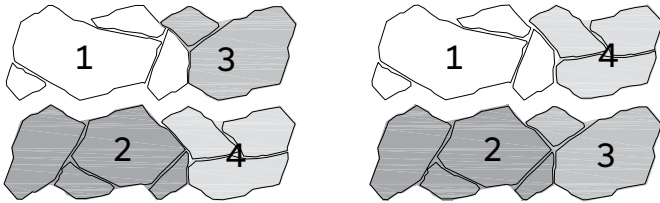


**DUO B:** Vertical linear  
(one under each other)

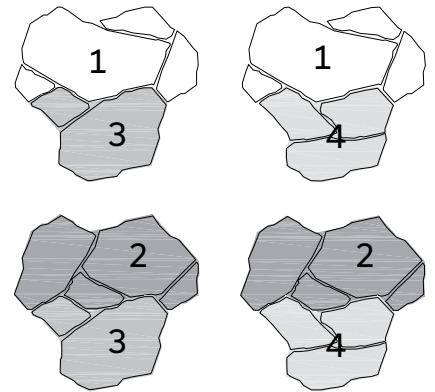


You can create 4 different duos (pairs) for each type using four different formats: 1-3, 1-4, 2-3, 2-4

**DUO A**



**DUO B**

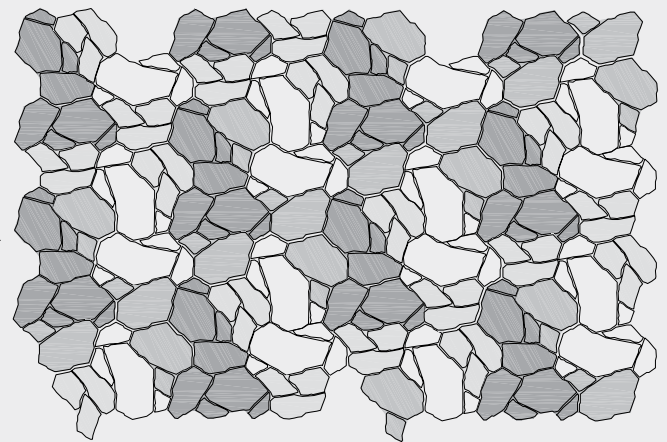
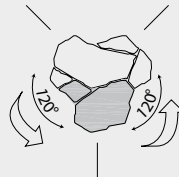


IF PLACED RANDOMLY, YOU CAN CREATE THREE DIFFERENT TYPES OF PATTERNS

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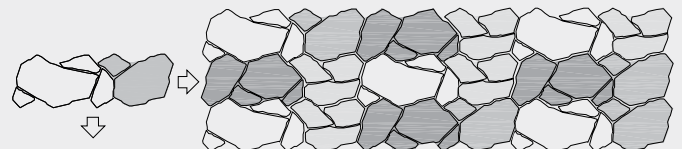
Duo B turned on themselves with a 120° angle (1/3 turn) in one way or the other, then put in place at 30° one from the other. This will give less linear repetition of the joints.

Permacon recommends this installation method.



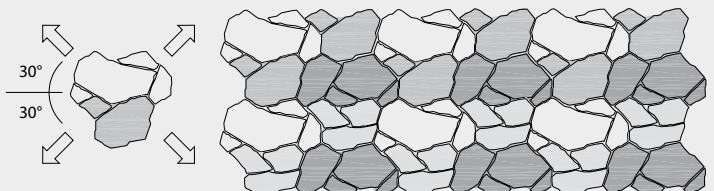
**2**

Install Duo A horizontally and vertically.

































**3**

Duo B installed at 30° from each other.



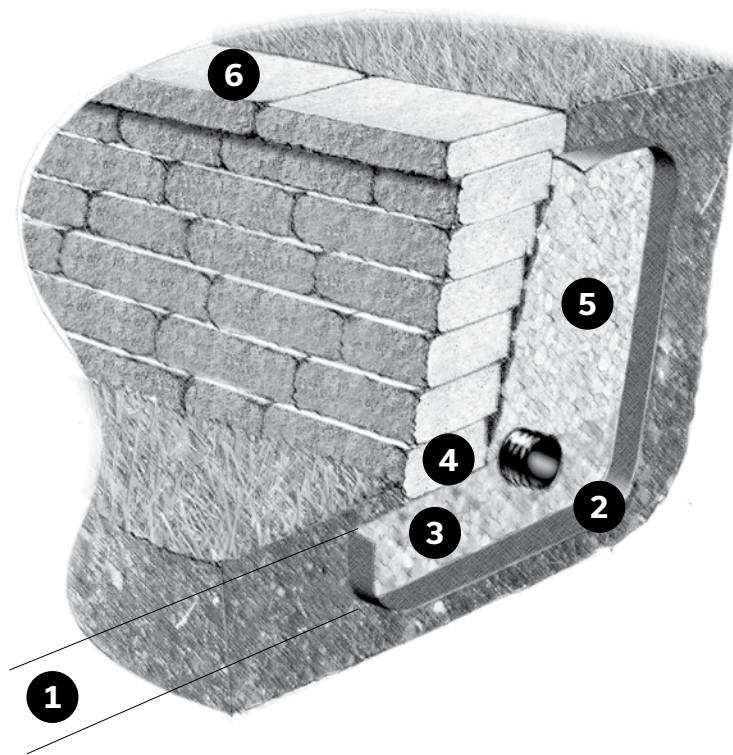
# Table of Laying Ideas – Slabs

PRODUCTS	LAYING IDEAS			
	PATHWAY	BANDING	INSERTION	STEPPING STONE
CASSARA				
CITY 500 X 750				
ESBELTO 60 TEXTUREGUARD				
LEXA				
MEGA-MELVILLE				
MEGA-MONDRIAN PLUS				
MELVILLE 24 X 24				
MELVILLE 50 AND 60				
MELVILLE TEXTUREGUARD				
MÉTRIK				
MONDRIAN PLUS 50				
MONDRIAN PLUS 60				
ROSEBEL				



# Walls

## WALL INSTALLATION



### TOOLS REQUIRED

- > 1 wheelbarrow
- > A few pegs
- > 1 plumb line
- > 1 level
- > 1 bricklayer's line 15 m long - 50 ft
- > 1 shovel
- > 1 chalk line
- > 1 measuring tape
- > 1 broom
- > 1 rake
- > 1 guillotine or concrete saw (available from rental stores)
- > 1 vibrating plate or jumping jack (compacting tool available from tool rental stores)

## 1 EXCAVATION

Dig a trench. The excavation depth must allow for a granular foundation of a minimum thickness of 150 mm - 6 in., as well as the buried depth of the first rows of units of the wall being built. Also calculate that 10% of the total height of the wall (150 mm or 6 in. minimum) should be buried in the ground. The width of the trench will depend on the type of block selected. You should also leave a space of at least 30 cm - 12 in. at the back of the wall to build a drainage system (see photo #1).

## 2 PREPARATION OF THE BASE

Cover the rear and bottom of the trench with a geotextile membrane to prevent soil from blocking the drainage system (see illustration section). The membrane should project about 300 mm - 12 in. beyond the top of the slope so it can be folded back on the drainage system when in place. The geotextile membrane can sometimes be placed right behind the wall (to be undertaken following step 4).

## 3 FOUNDATION

Prepare a 150 mm - 6 in. foundation of 0 to 20 mm - 0 to 3/4 in. stone (see photo #2). In the case of clay soils, we strongly recommend increasing the excavation depth. Compact with a jumping jack or vibrating plate (see photo #3). Level the surface.

## 4 FIRST ROW

Lay the first row of blocks, level them on the compacted foundation according to your layout (see photo #4). On this foundation, at the back of the wall, install a 100 mm - 4 in. diameter perforated drain and connect it to the existing drainage system. The drain can be wrapped in a geotextile membrane (see photo #5). The drain should be covered with 20 mm - 3/4 in. clean stone or sand during step 5.

## 5 BACKFILLING THE WALL

Fill in the space behind the wall. The backfill can be composed of 20 mm - 3/4 in. clean stone as shown in the illustration section, or of draining sand (see photo #6). The geotextile membrane must be installed at this stage (behind the wall as shown in photo #6 or at the rear of the trench as in the illustration section).

## 6 CONSTRUCTION AND COMPLETION

Lay the next rows and backfill the space at the back (step 5) approximately every 200 mm - 8 in. (see photos #7 and #8).

Use capping units to top off the wall if available for your selected type of wall (see photos #9 and #10). We recommend using Techniseal concrete adhesive to secure them.

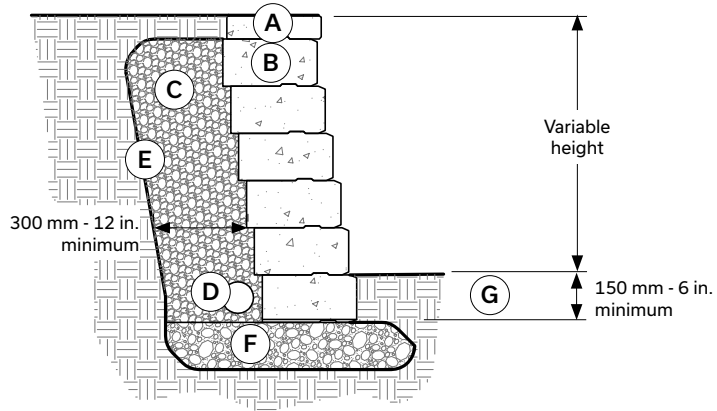
### NOTE:

This guide describes the installation of a standard gravity wall of a given maximum height. (Consult the table of wall specifications on page 30 to check the approved height of wall selected). Some walls can be made higher with geogrid reinforcement. Consult a specialized engineer or your Permacon Sales Representative to find out more on the design specifications for your wall.



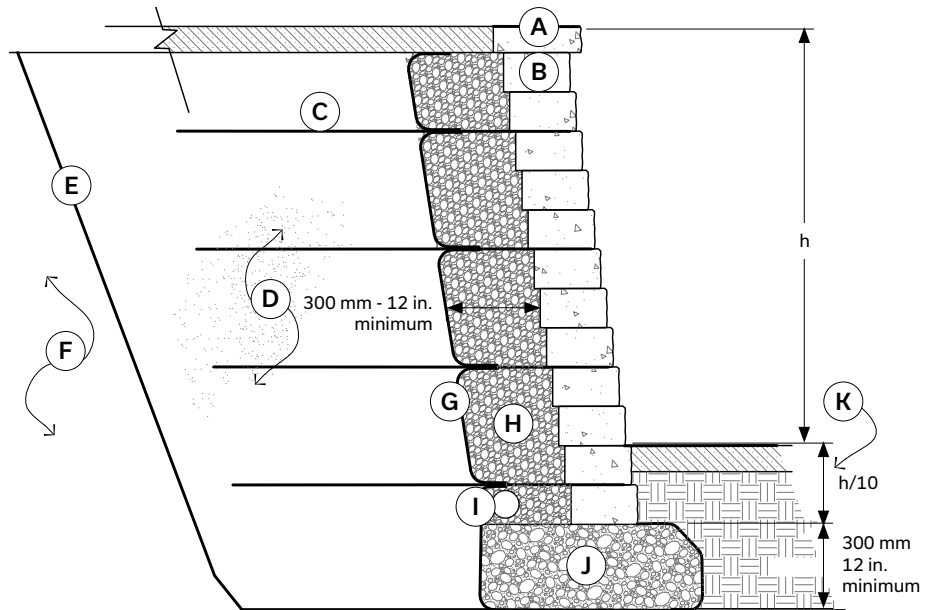
## GRAVITY WALL

- (A) Capping unit
- (B) Block
- (C) 20 mm - 3/4 in. clean stone
- (D) Perforated drain 100 mm - 4 in. Ø connected to services
- (E) Geotextile
- (F) Compacted granular foundation 0 to 20 mm - 0 to 3/4 in. 300 mm - 12 in. minimum
- (G) Buried depth 150 mm - 6 in. minimum



## REINFORCED WALL

- (A) Capping unit
- (B) Block
- (C) Typical geogrid (consult your Permacon Sales Representative)
- (D) Compacted reinforced zone, class A sand
- (E) Excavation slope
- (F) Existing soil
- (G) Geotextile
- (H) 20 mm - 3/4 in. clean stone
- (I) Perforated drain 100 mm - 4 in. Ø connected to services
- (J) Compacted granular foundation 0 to 20 mm - 0 to 3/4 in.
- (K) Largest minimum buried depth: 200 mm - 8 in. or  $h/10$



# Wall Characteristics

TYPE OF BLOCK	INSTALLATION	MAXIMUM HEIGHT AT THE TOP OF WALL INCLUDING BURIED UNIT WITH- OUT OVERLOAD		MINIMUM POSSIBLE RADIUS		WALL ANGLE	AMOUNT OF WALL UNITS REQUIRED	
		FT	M	FT	M		/FT <sup>2</sup>	/M <sup>2</sup>
Universal* Slope block	Without joints	4.00	1.20	5.0	1.5	15	35	3.2
	50 mm - 2 in. joints	3.25	1.00	5.0	1.5	15	28	2.6
	100 mm - 4 in. joints	2.75	0.80	5.0	1.5	15	24	2.2
Split-face Universal* Slope block	Without joints	5.0	1.5	5.0	1.5	10	35	3.2
	50 mm - 2 in. joints	4.25	1.3	5.0	1.5	10	28	2.6
	100 mm - 4 in. joints	3.7	1.1	5.0	1.5	10	24	2.2
Grande wall (see note)	Units 375, 750 and 1125	8.5	2.6	65	20	0	5	0.46
	Units 375, 750 and 1125	10.5	3.2	65	20	9	5	0.46
	Units 375, 750 and 1125	13.1	4.0	65	20	17	5	0.46
Keystone System (see note)	Compact	3.0	0.9	4.0	1.2	0 or 9	22 and/ or 11	2 and/ or 1
Celtik* 90 wall	Angled	3.5	1.1	3.0	0.9	9	variable	variable
	Vertical	2.2	0.67	3.0	0.9	0	variable	variable
Tandem System 90- 180 (Lafitt, Melville)	Angled	3.5	1.1	4.0	1.2	9	variable	variable
	Vertical	2.2	0.67	4.0	1.2	0	variable	variable
Urbano wall	Angled	2.4	0.72	-	-	3	variable	variable
	Vertical	2	0.60	-	-	0	variable	variable
RB wall	Angled	2.4	0.60	-	-	9.6	3.10	33.40
Wallstone wall	Angled	16	0.40	-	-	14	3.10	33.40
	Vertical	16	0.40	-	-	0	3.10	33.40
Wedgestone wall	Angled	16	0.40	2.0	0.6	14	variable	variable
	Vertical	16	0.40	2.0	0.6	0	variable	variable

NOTE: The walls can be installed with other height and overload specifications than those above. Specific designs for special project conditions are available. Consult your Permacon Sales Representative for details.



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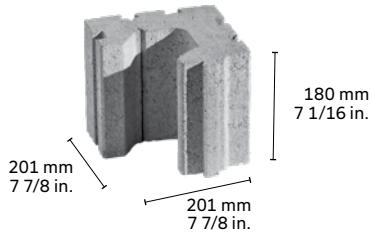




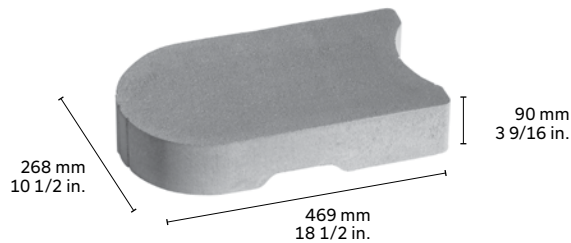
# Tandem® Next System

## SYSTEM ELEMENTS

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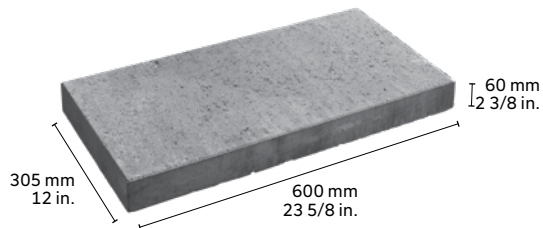
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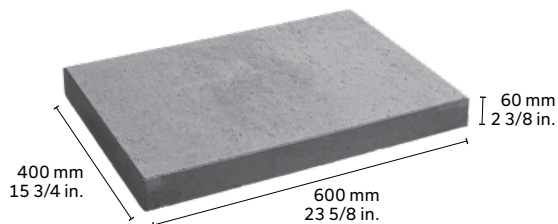
### TANDEM NEXT UNIVERSAL CONNECTOR



### MELVILLE PLUS STRAIGHT CAPPING UNIT

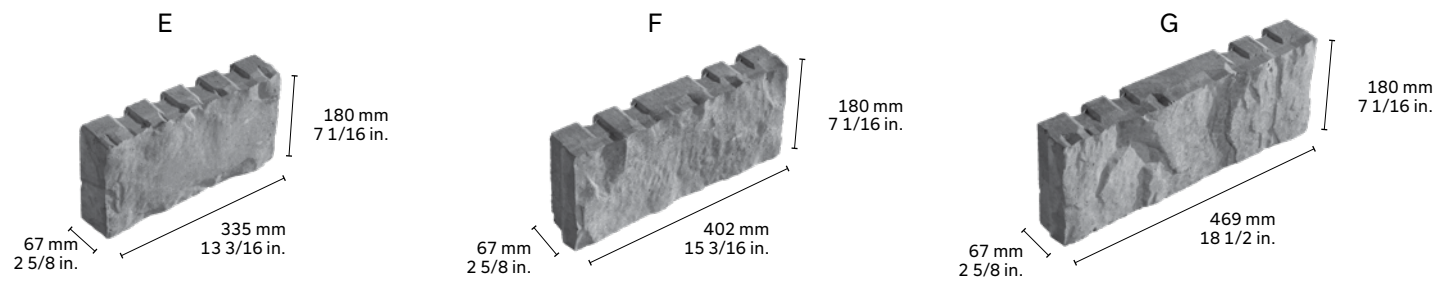


### MELVILLE PLUS STEP UNIT (FOR DOUBLE-SIDED WALL CAPPING)

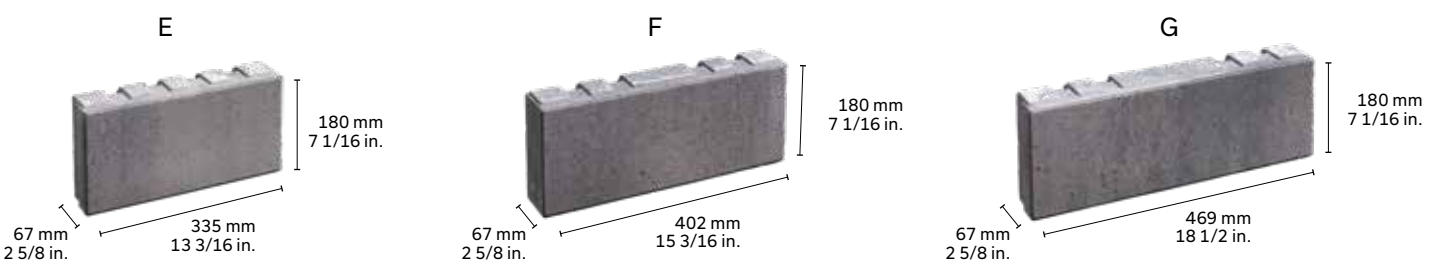


SYSTEM ELEMENTS (CONT'D)

LAFITT TANDEM VENEER UNITS 180 mm



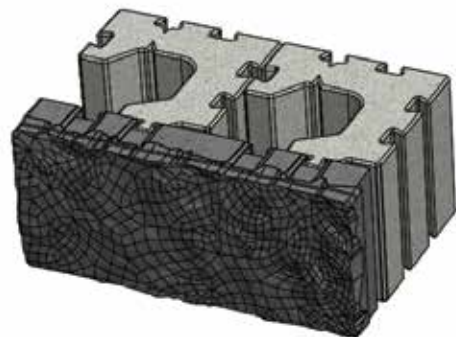
MELVILLE TANDEM VENEER UNITS 180 mm



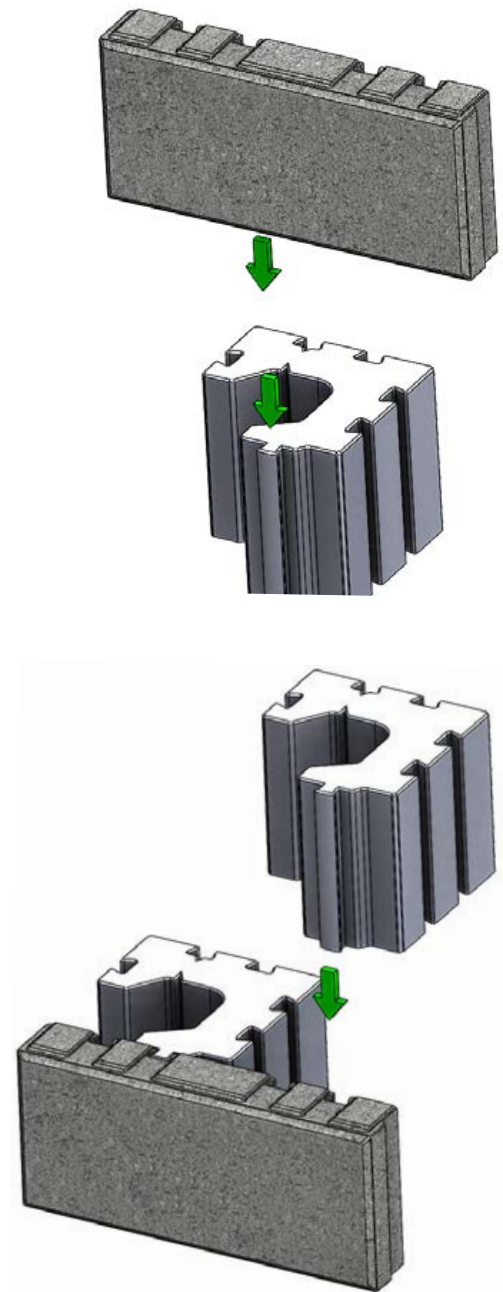
## DESCRIPTION

The new Tandem Next 180 mm wall system allows the creation of retaining walls, double-sided walls, columns and stairs.

It applies the principle of interlocking a veneer unit into a structural unit with a dovetail joint (tenon and mortise or interlocking male/female system). Each structural unit has a vertical tenon (male side) and each veneer unit has at least two mortises (female side). The veneer units are joined to the structural units by simply sliding their tenon into the mortises to form the Tandem Next units.



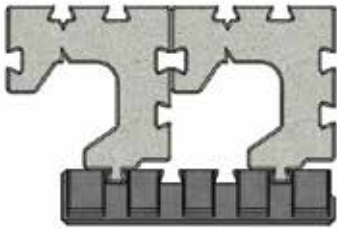
TANDEM VENEER  
(LAFITT, MELVILLE)



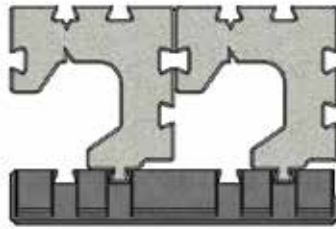
## ASSEMBLY

Assembly of Tandem Next elements always requires the use of two structural units for one veneer unit, Melville and Lafitt Tandem. The structural units obviously must be positioned so that the tenons are always located behind a veneer unit.

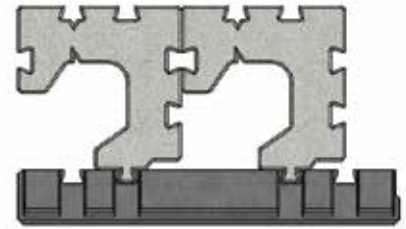
### MURET TANDEM NEXT AVEC VENEERS TANDEM SYSTEM (LAFITT, MELVILLE)



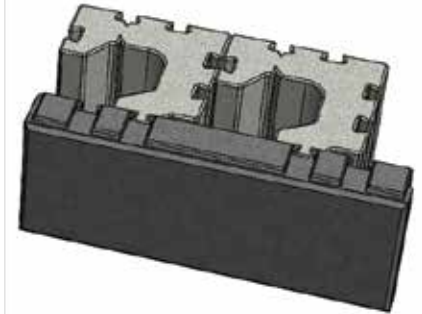
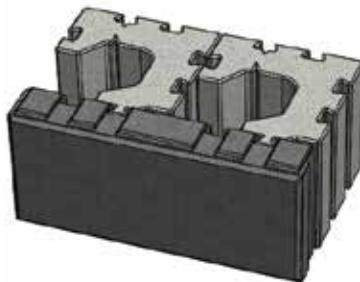
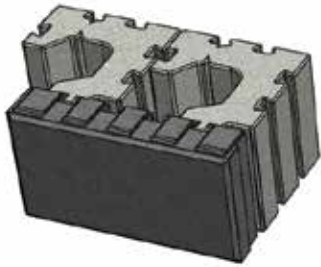
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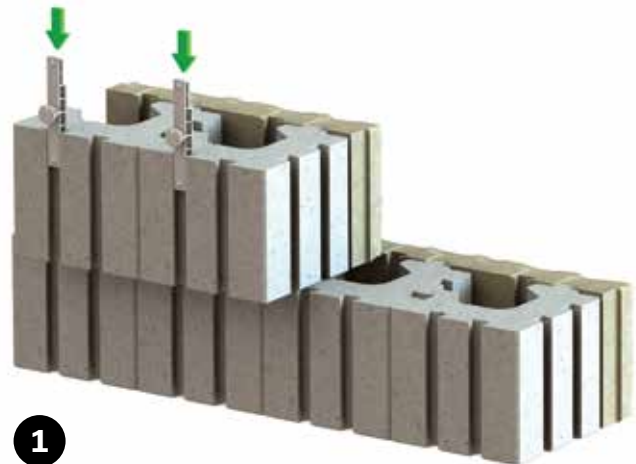


The structural units are reversible and the back can be oriented to the left or right depending on the veneer format used. It is recommended to place the structural units in the mortises farthest from a veneer whenever possible.

## SLOPED WALL

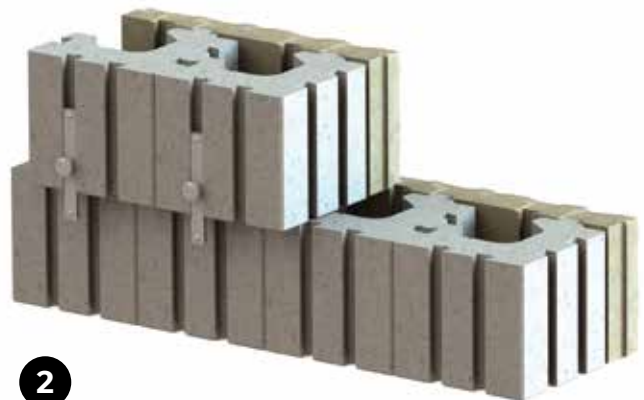
The Tandem Next wall system allows construction of vertical or sloped walls using the universal connector specially designed for this purpose. This connector is inserted in one of the two grooves located on the back of the structural units. The connectors are slid from the top of the grooves until they overlap the structure unit located below by a few centimetres. In general, one universal anchor is required for each structural unit.

To build a sloped wall, the connector must be placed as shown in the drawing. Simply push the Tandem Next unit forward until the connector locks it. This will form a setback of about 9 mm relative to the lower unit.



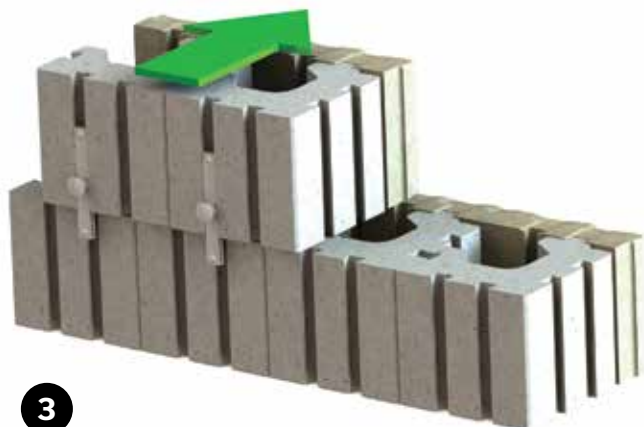
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Slide the universal connector as follows  
(one connector per unit)



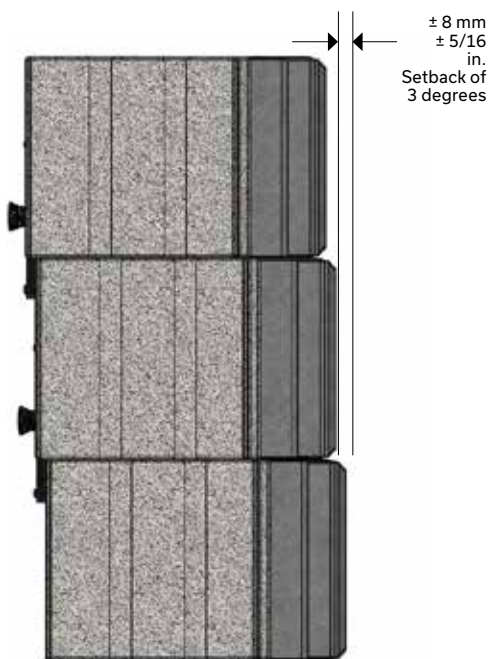
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Exceed the lower part of the  
connector with the unit underneath



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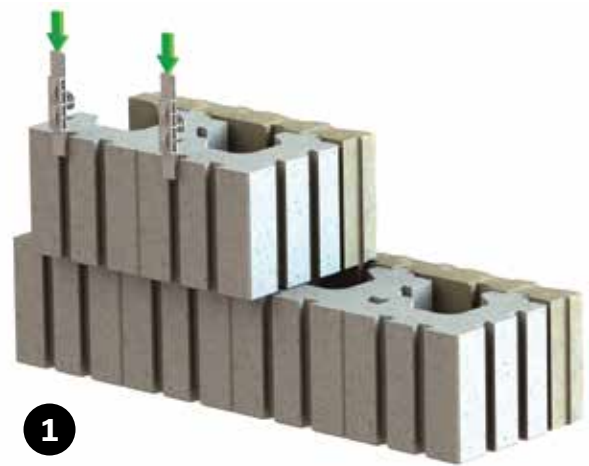
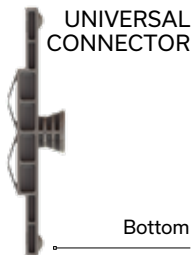
Push the unit forward until it locks



CROSS-SECTIONAL VIEW

## VERTICAL WALL

A vertical wall applies the same principle as a sloped wall, with the difference that the universal connector is simply turned 180 degrees (see the drawing). After insertion in a groove as far as the overlap with the unit underneath, the connector slopes slightly relative to the vertical. The Tandem Next unit then is pushed forward until it locks, to create a vertical wall.



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Slide the universal connector as follows (one connector per unit)



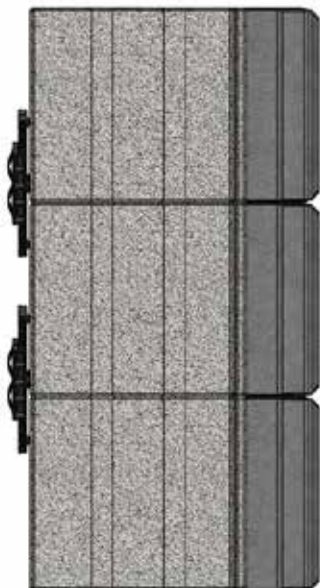
2

Exceed the lower part of the connector with the unit underneath



3

Slightly rotate the universal connector



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4

Push the unit forward until it locks

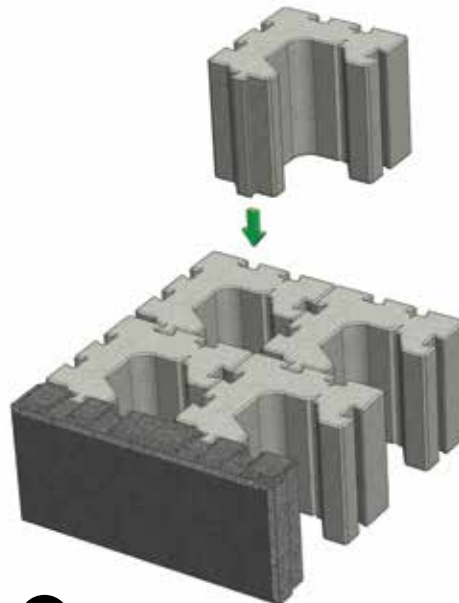


## REINFORCING WALLS

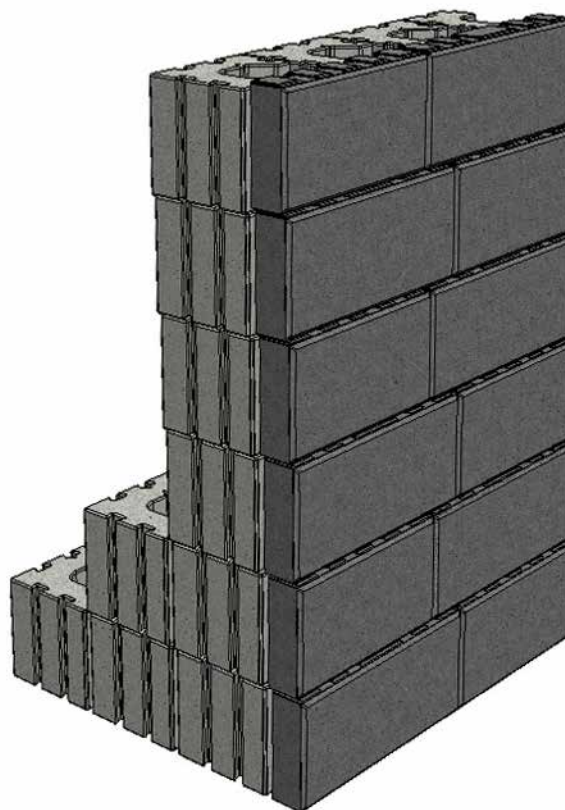
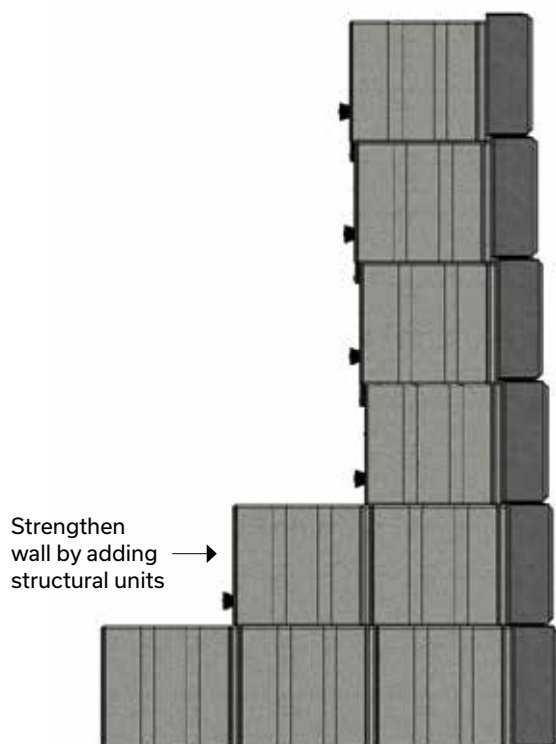
## WALL MORE RESISTANT TO LOADS

The maximum above-ground height of a Tandem Next retaining wall is 900 mm - 36 in. for a sloped wall and 560 mm - 22 in. for a vertical wall. A portion of the wall at least 150 mm - 6 in. high must be buried in the ground to ensure its stability.

The flexibility of the Tandem Next system allows interconnection of structural units by using Tandem Next universal connectors. This has the advantage of being able to build stronger walls by adding units in the back.

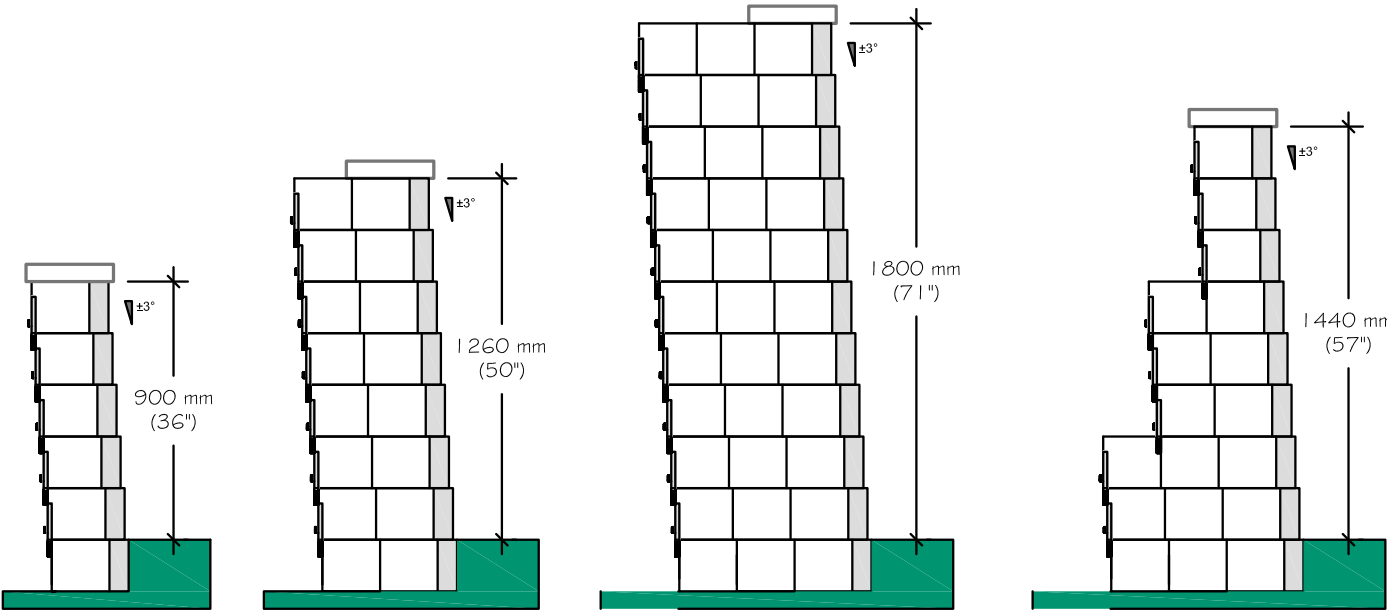
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Install an additional structural unit by sliding the vertical tenon (male side) in the mortise (female side)

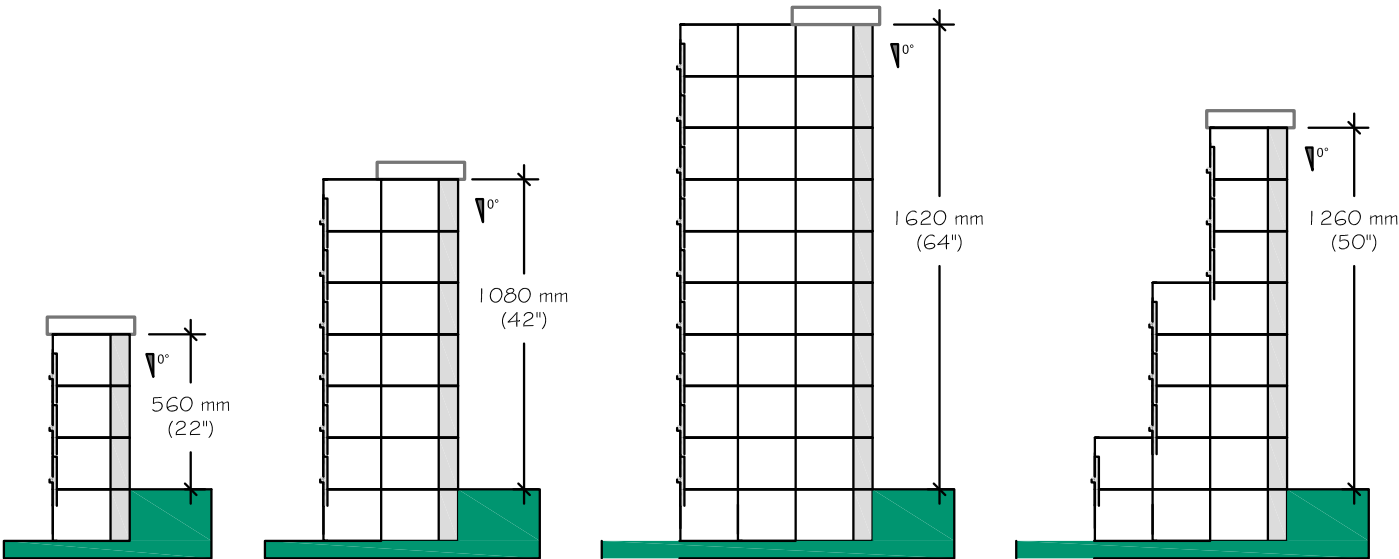


REINFORCING WALLS (CONT'D)

SLOPED TANDEM NEXT WALL

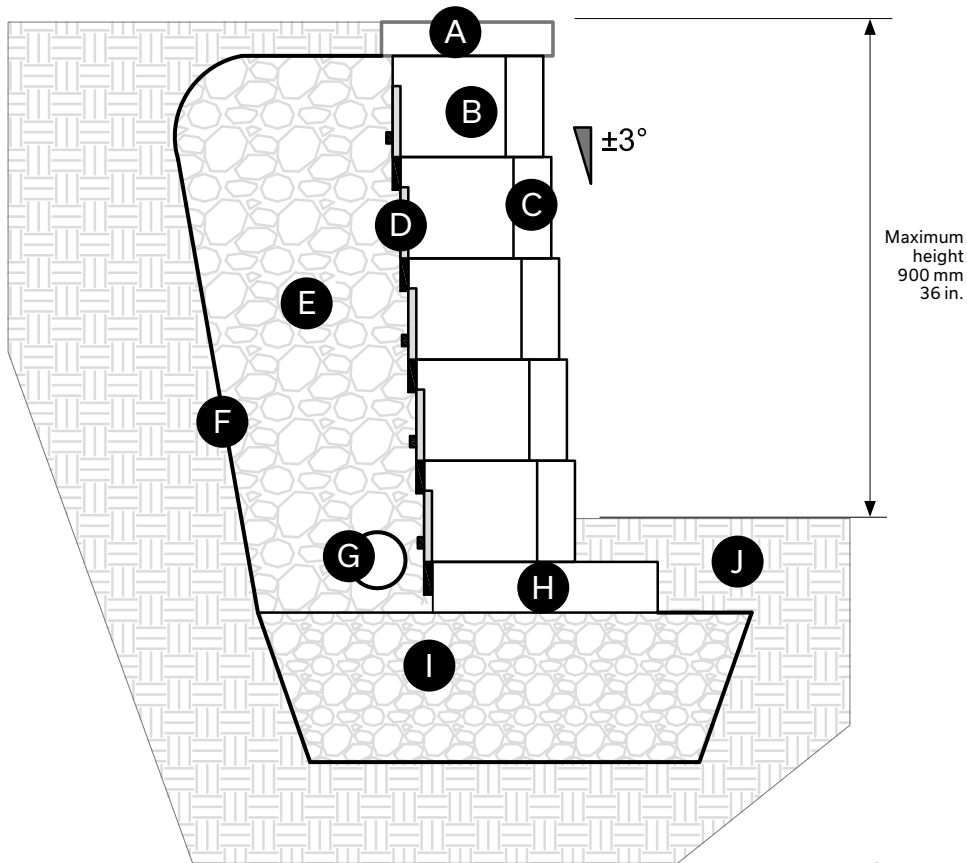


VERTICAL TANDEM NEXT WALL



**CROSS-SECTION - TANDEM NEXT RETAINING WALL WITH INCLINATION**

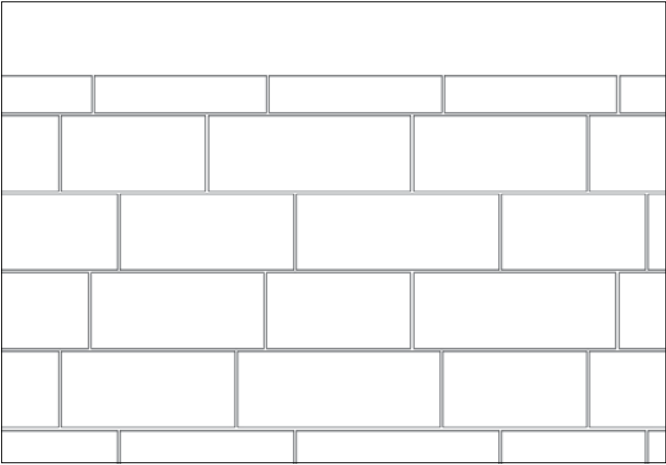
Here we present the general typical construction cross-section of a Tandem Next wall. The width of a Tandem Next retaining wall is 268 mm - 10 1/2 in.



- A** Melville Plus capping unit (or other)  
60 x 305 x 600 mm - 2 3/8 x 12 x 23 5/8 in.
- B** Tandem Next wal structural unit  
180 x 201 x 201 mm - with 20 mm - 3/4 in.  
clear crushed stone
- C** 180 mm veneer unit (Tandem System)
- D** Tandem Next universal connector
- E** 20 mm - 3/4 po clear stone 300 mm  
minimum
- F** Geotextile membrane
- G** Perforated drain 100 mm - 4 in. Ø  
connected to services
- H** Starter unit 90 x 268 x 469 mm -  
3 1/2 x 10 1/2 x 18 1/2 in.
- I** 0 to 20 mm - 0 to 3/4 in. compacted granular  
foundation 300 mm - 12 in. minimum
- J** Minimum buried depth 150 mm - 6 in.

LAYING PATTERN

LINEAR PATTERN  
100 % Tandem 180



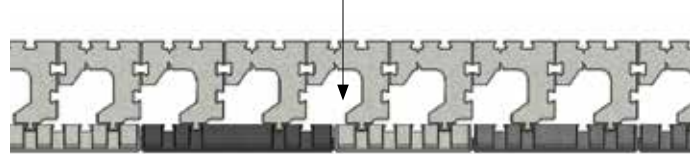
## CONSTRUCTION OF A RETAINING WALL

## STRAIGHT WALL

The construction of a Tandem Next wall begins with the placement of the starter units installed side by side (the longest side).

Install a first row of structural units at random on the starter units, using all the formats in equal proportions and following the indications for the typical cross-section. Then insert the veneer units in the structural units as described previously, and provide for the placement of the universal connectors depending on the chosen slope of the wall. The next rows are installed in the same way, avoiding alignment of the vertical joints of one row to another.

Clean stone must be installed behind the structural units. It is also recommended to install clean stone **in the empty spaces** of the structural units.

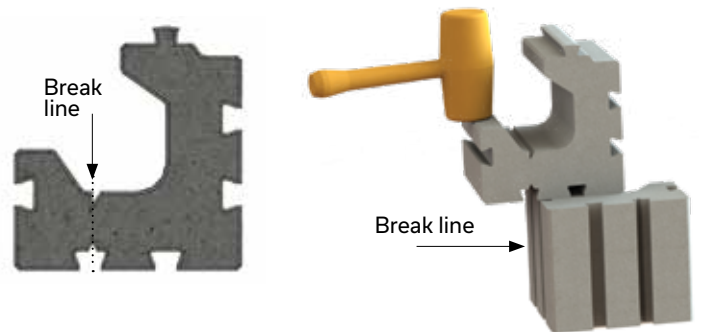


Melville and Lafitt Tandem

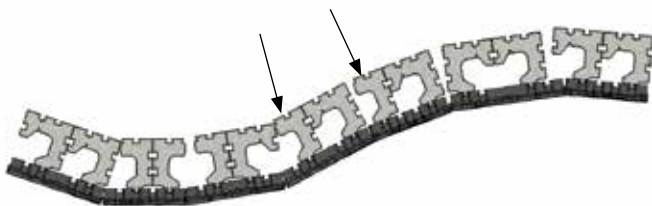
## CURVED WALL

The construction of a Tandem Next curved wall begins with the placement of the starter units installed side by side (the longest side), bevelling the units to form the required curve.

Building a concave or convex curved walls is possible with the Tandem Next system. The use of smaller veneer units allows reduction of the bending radius. The back part of the structural units sometimes must be cut as illustrated to create the bevelled elements necessary for the construction of curved walls. The minimum bending radius of a Tandem Next wall is 2.4 m - 8 ft.



To close a concave curve, break the end of the unit with a hammer



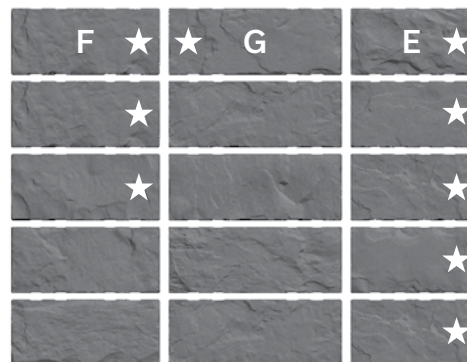
## CONSTRUCTION OF A RETAINING WALL (CONT'D)

## BUILDING A 90° OUTER CORNER

It is recommended to always begin a wall with a corner. A 90° outer corner is produced by using the veneers specially designed for this purpose, depending on the chosen type of veneer. The veneer units all contain integrated corners, but in different proportions depending on the chosen type of veneer.

A Lafitt Tandem 180 veneer cube contains 8 units with one 90° corner side per row. All the Melville Tandem 180 veneer units contain one corner side.

Stacking position on pallets  
(with a textured end)

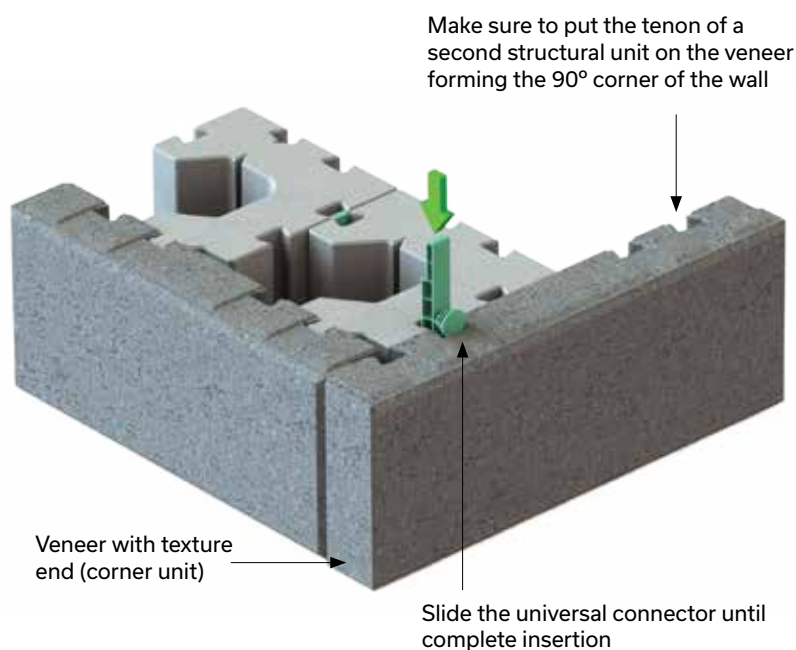


LAFITT TANDEM - 180 MM UNITS

## 90° CORNER WALL PRINCIPLE

The veneer units are reversible to form left or right corners. For each row, the veneer that forms the corner is affixed to the structural unit using a Tandem Next universal anchor. The position of the veneer is alternated 90° from one row to the next. We recommend gluing the elements used to make the corner of each row, using concrete adhesive. Spread the adhesive on the veneer units or the structural units or both. Only one universal anchor per row is required to form a corner. Long veneers must be affixed to the structural unit following the corner (tenons and mortise).

It is possible to add other structural units in the corners of a wall to strengthen it, if required.

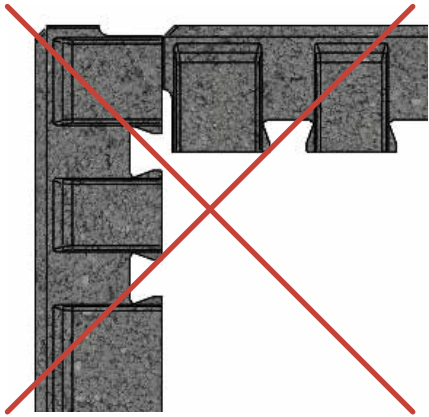
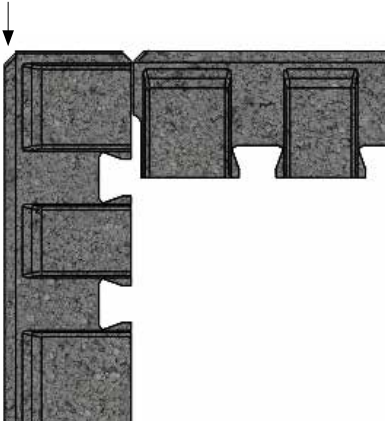




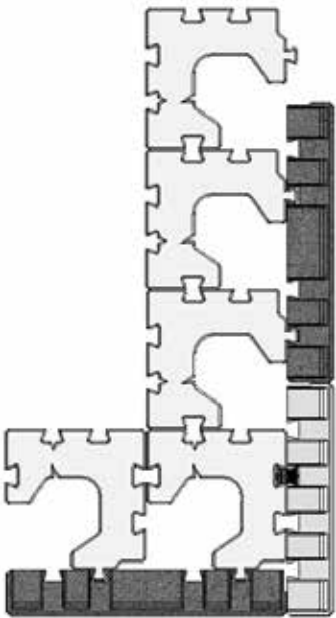
CONSTRUCTION OF A RETAINING WALL (CONT'D)

BUILDING AN OUTER 90° CORNER WITH TANDEM VENEER (MELVILLE, LAFITT)

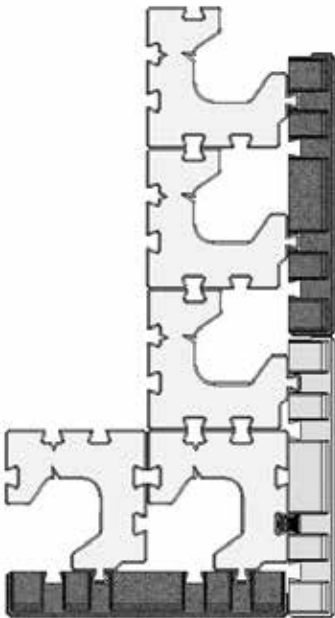
Always use veneers with texture end (corner unit) to build a corner



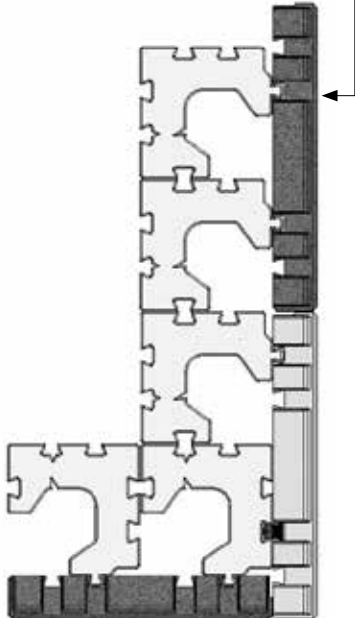
Make sure to put the tenon of a second structural unit on the veneer forming the corner of the wall



WITH VENEER E



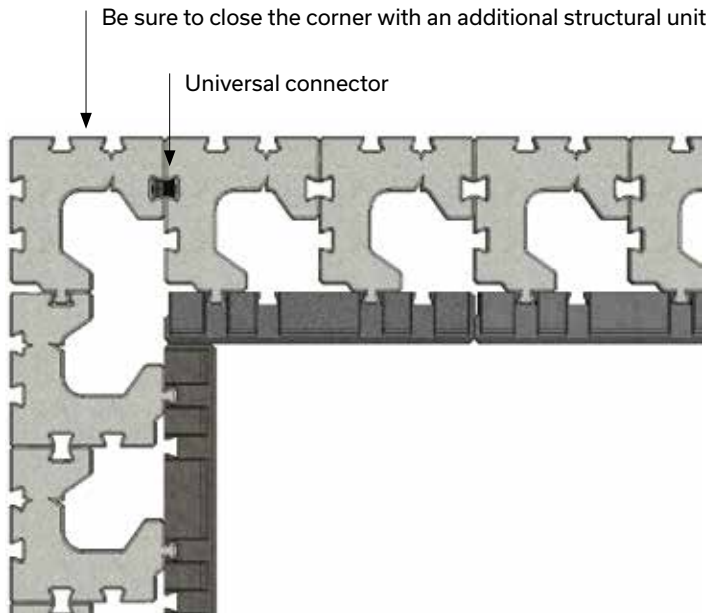
WITH VENEER F



WITH VENEER G

**CONSTRUCTION OF A RETAINING WALL (CONT'D)****BUILDING A 90° INNER CORNER**

Building an inner corner is based on the principle illustrated opposite. The solidity of an inner corner is assured by the placement of a structural unit forming the back corner of the wall. This additional unit is anchored to the others with a Tandem Next universal connector.



MELVILLE AND LAFITT TANDEM VENEER

**TANDEM NEXT RETAINING WALL CAPPING**

Tandem Next retaining walls can be capped with different types of products:

- > Melville Plus 60 capping unit
- > Lafitt Plus 90 capping unit
- > Celtik Plus Straight 90 capping unit

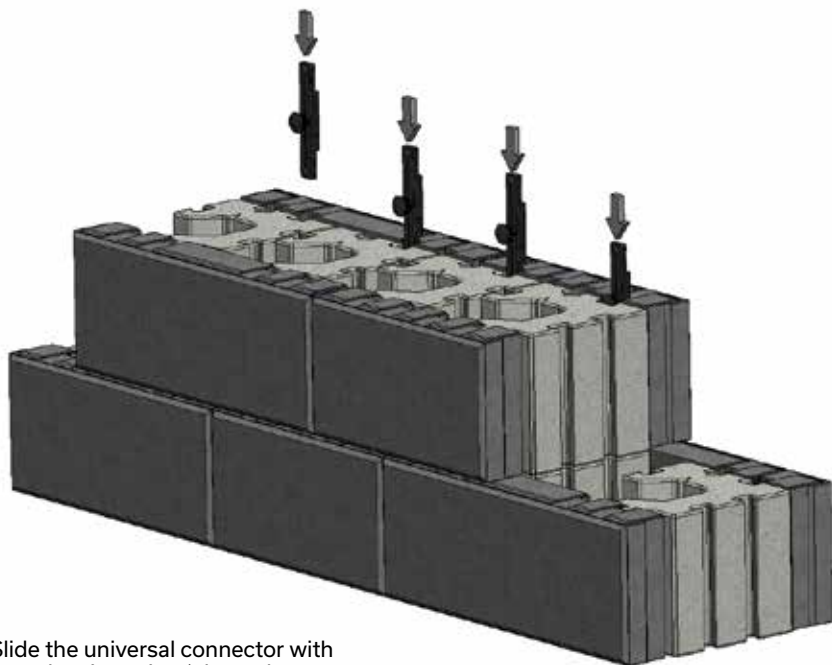
The capping units must be glued to the last row of units, using an appropriate concrete adhesive. For the curved parts, certain elements must be bevelled to follow the curve of the wall.

## TANDEM NEXT DOUBLE-SIDED WALL

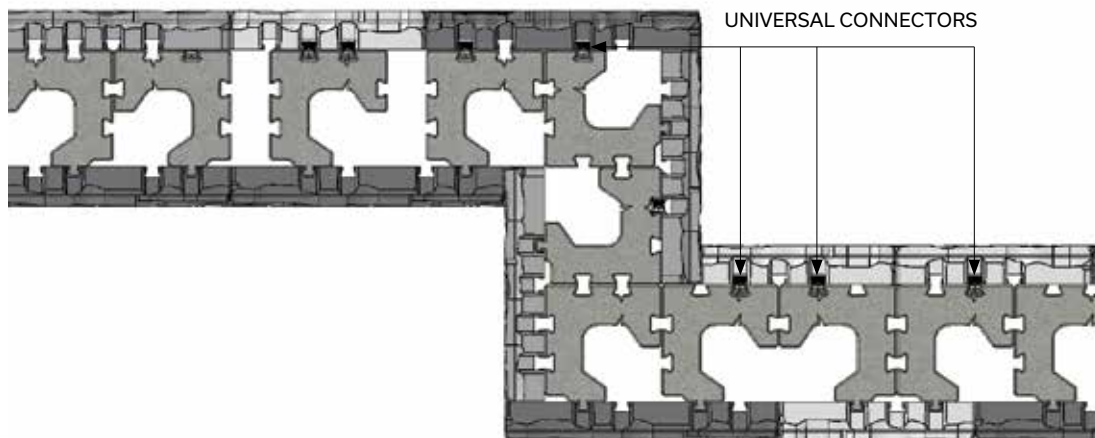
A double-sided wall is built without a slope and thus is vertical. Installation of a Tandem Next double-sided wall requires the use of veneer units, which are affixed to each side of the Tandem Next structural units. The basic principle is to build a Tandem Next wall and add veneer units in the back, affixing them with Tandem Next universal connectors in the vertical

position. The outer corners of a double-sided wall must be built by using corner veneer units. The flexibility of the Tandem Next system is based on the fact that the structural units can be positioned in several ways, ensuring that each veneer can be affixed to them by tenons or by universal connectors.

## TANDEM NEXT DOUBLE-SIDED WALL WITH TANDEM VENEER (MELVILLE, LAFITT)



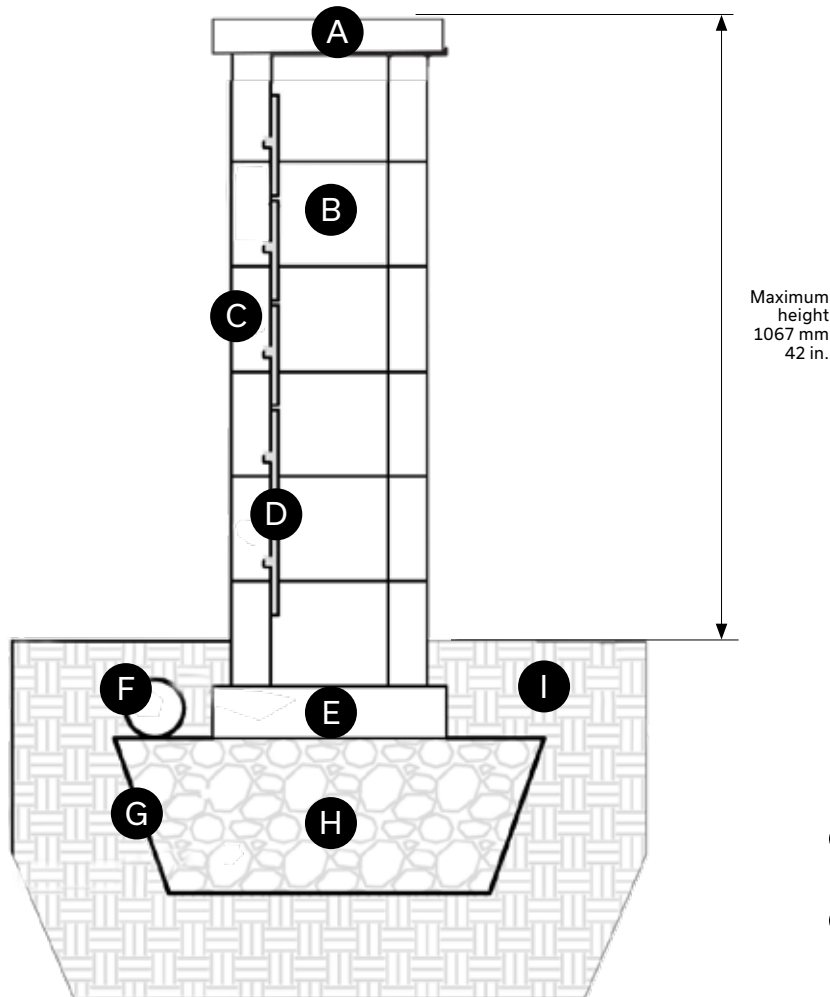
Slide the universal connector with complete insertion (always have two connectors per veneer)



**CROSS-SECTION - TANDEM NEXT DOUBLE-SIDED WALL**

A typical cross-section of a double-sided wall is shown here. A Tandem Next double-sided wall rests on a first base course made with starter units installed side by side (the longest side). The units are placed at random, avoiding alignment of

the vertical joints of one row to another. It is essential to glue each row together (including the base course), using concrete adhesive. Spread the adhesive on the veneer units or the structural units or both.



- Ⓐ Melville Plus wall step unit  
60 x 400 x 600 mm - 2 3/8 x 15 3/4 x 23 5/8 in.
- Ⓑ Tandem Next wall structural unit  
180 x 201 x 201 mm with clear crushed stone  
20 mm - 3/4 in.
- Ⓒ 180 mm veneer unit (Tandem System)
- Ⓓ Universal connector Tandem Next
- Ⓔ Starter unit 90 x 268 x 469 mm -  
3 1/2 x 10 1/2 x 18 1/2 in.
- Ⓕ 100 mm Ø - 4 in. perforated drain pipe  
connected to sewer services
- Ⓖ Geotextile membrane
- Ⓗ 0 to 20 mm - 0 to 3/4 in. compacted granular  
foundation 300 mm - 12 in. minimum
- Ⓘ Minimum buried depth 150 mm - 6 in.

## TANDEM NEXT DOUBLE-SIDED WALL END

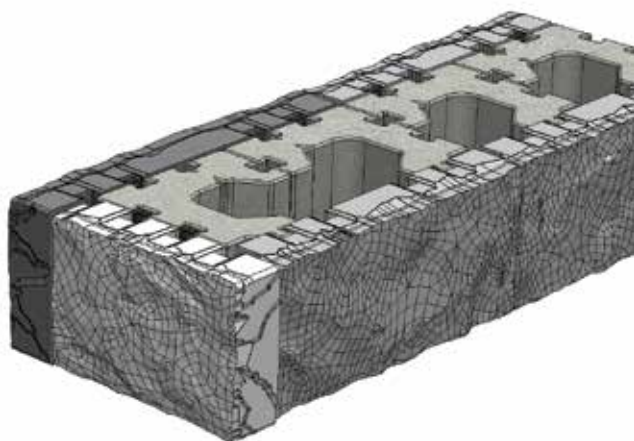
The construction details of a double-sided wall end are shown here. The veneer units must be cut to 268 mm - 10 1/2 in. to allow their installation. Only the smallest veneer unit must be used to finish a double-sided wall (unit A Tandem Next and unit E for Tandem veneers). It will be necessary to use two universal anchors to affix these elements. It is suggested to use concrete adhesive to glue together the elements forming the end of a wall, at each row.

The width of a Tandem Next double-sided wall is 335 mm - 13 3/16 in. and its maximum above-ground height is 1067 mm - 42 in.

### DOUBLE-SIDED TANDEM NEXT WALL CAPPING

Tandem Next double-sided walls can be capped with different types of products: Melville Plus 60 step and Melville Plus 90 step.

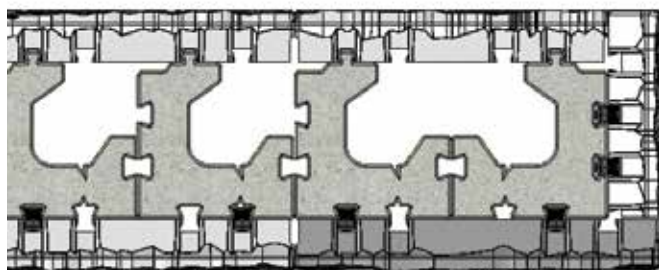
## END OF WALL WITH TANDEM SYSTEM



Veneer with texture at the end (corner unit)

End of wall with veneers E and F

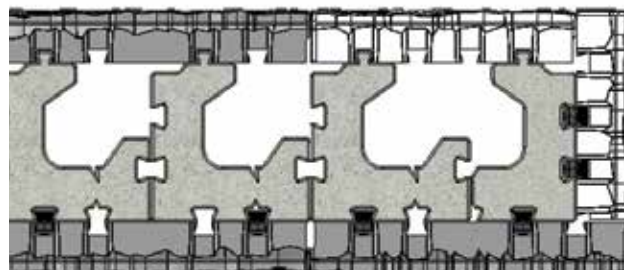
veneer E



veneer F

End of wall with veneers F and G

veneer F



veneer G

## TANDEM NEXT COLUMN

Columns can be built with the Tandem Next system. The veneer units are secured to the structural units with their tenon and with universal connectors. It is possible to create a space in the centre of the column so that a post can be inserted. However, this post must not be structural (for example, the post can serve as a lamppost).

Four column formats are possible:

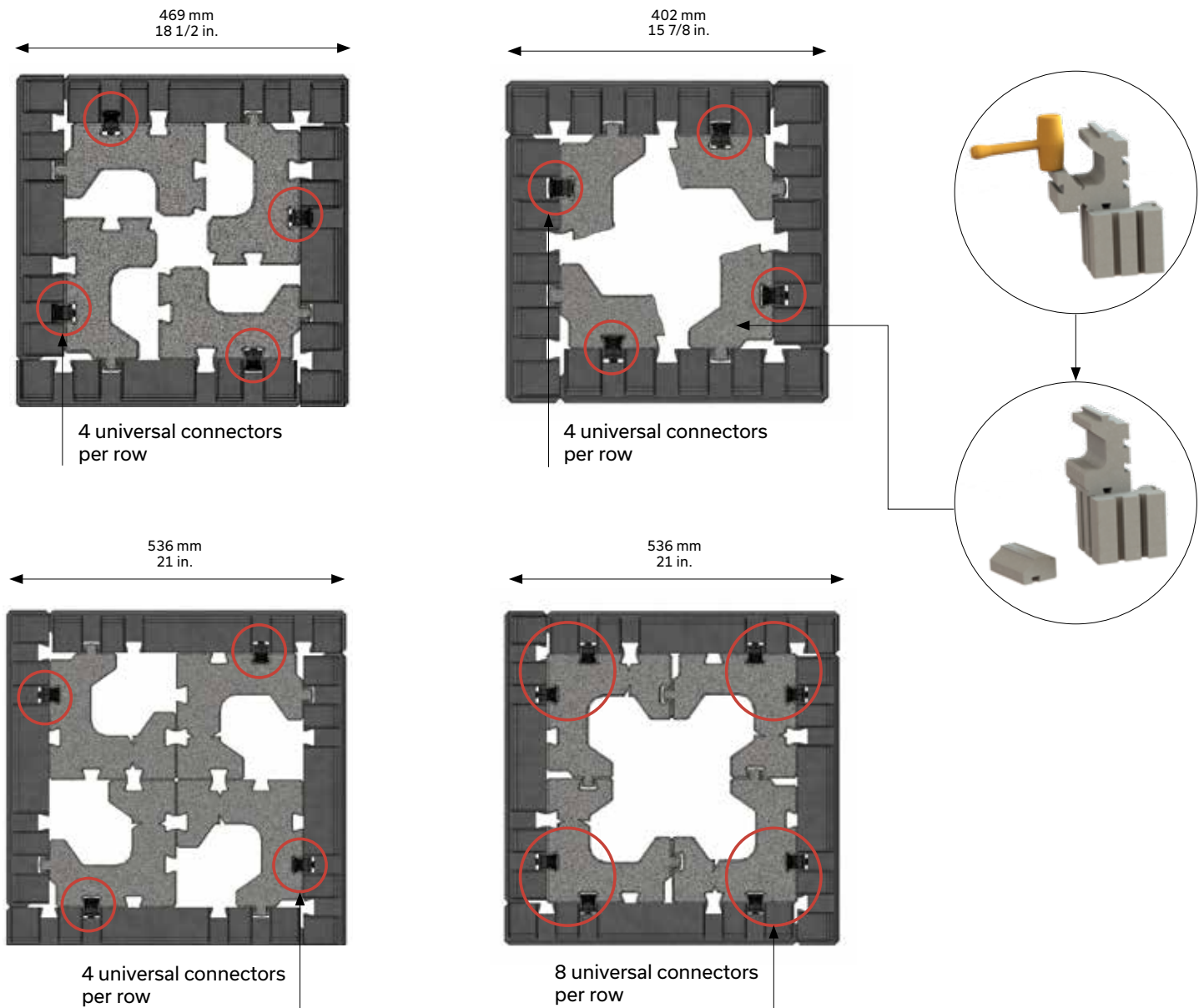
- > 402 x 402 mm - 15 7/8 x 15 7/8 in.
- > 469 x 469 mm - 18 1/2 x 18 1/2 in.
- > 536 x 536 mm - 21 1/4 x 21 1/4 in.

A Tandem Next doubled-sided wall rests on a first base course made with starter units. We propose five types of construction of columns in different formats. This type of construction requires the creation of 90° corners. The position of the veneer is alternated by 90° from one row to another. It is essential to glue each row together (including the base course), using concrete adhesive. Spread the adhesive on the veneer units or the structural units or both. The construction of Tandem Next columns will require that only units with the same format be used. This will leave surpluses in the other formats on the same pallet.

The smallest column formats require cutting of the structural units (see drawings). To increase the overall solidity of a column, it is possible to install universal connectors at the centre of a column 536 x 536 mm (21 x 21 in.) that joins the four structural units. The empty spaces at the centre of the column must be filled with clean stone. The maximum height of a column is limited to 1080 mm - 42 1/2 in., which includes a portion buried in the ground of at least 150 mm - 6 in.

NOTE: We recommend using only Melville Tandem veneers to build columns.

MELVILLE TANDEM NEXT VENEER COLUMN

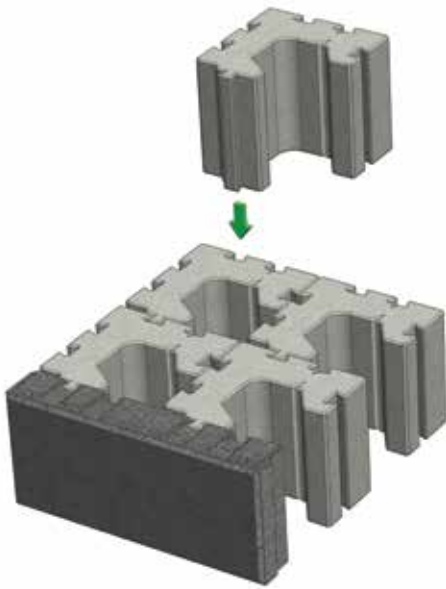


NOTE: The structural units can be joined with additional universal anchors in the centre to increase the strength of the column.

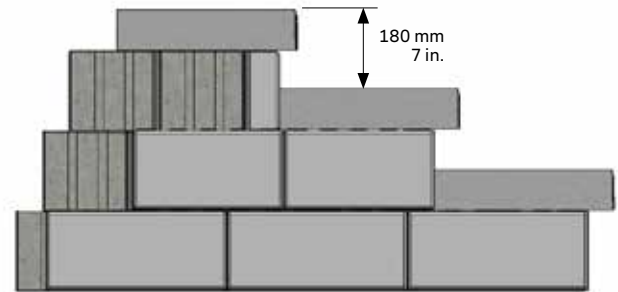


## BUILDING OF STAIRS

The Tandem Next system allows the building of stairs. The construction of Tandem Next landings at each level of the stairs ensure maximum stability of the entire structure. We show the basic principles here.

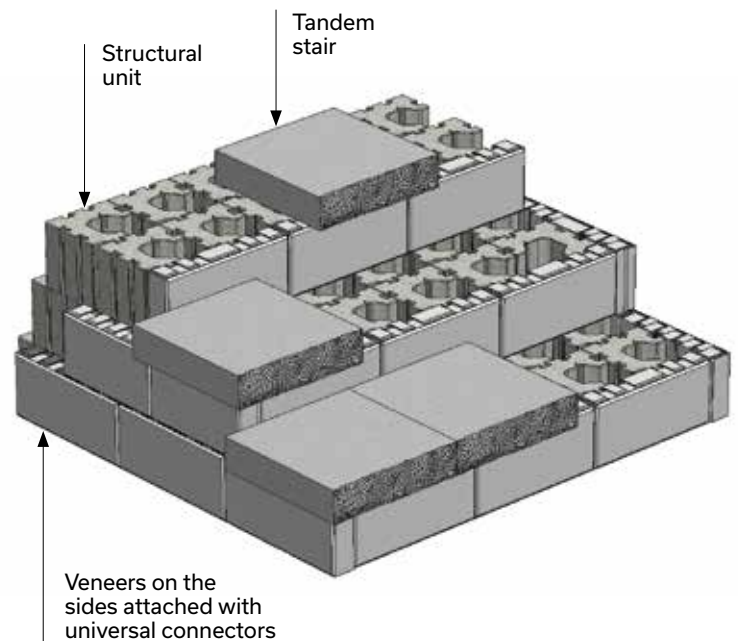


Install an additional structural unit by sliding the vertical tenon (male side) into the mortise (female side)



SIDE VIEW

A first landing is installed with the structural units attached together with universal connectors. The size of this landing varies with the number of stairs to be constructed. The veneer units are then placed all around and secured with universal anchors. A second landing is constructed above according to the same procedure by installing a series of stairs in front, secured with concrete adhesive. Construction continues until the last stair. The Tandem Next System stairs can be produced using different products: Melville Plus 60 step, Melville Plus 90 step and Lafitt Plus 90 step.



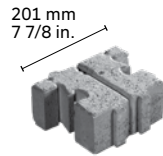
# Tandem System®

## SYSTEM ELEMENTS

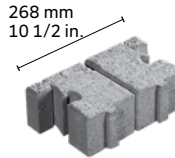
### 90 MM VENEER UNITS

#### STRUCTURAL

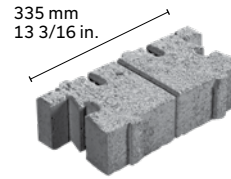
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Depth: 155 mm - 6 1/8 in.



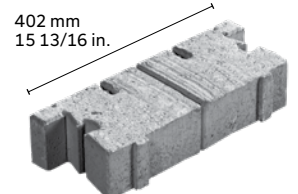
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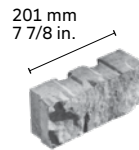
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#### LAFITT

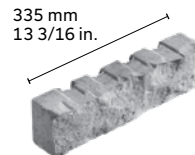
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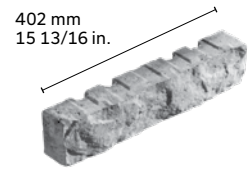
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#### MELVILLE

Height: 90 mm - 3 9/16 in.  
Depth: 67 mm - 2 5/8 in.



A



B



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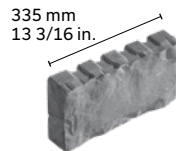


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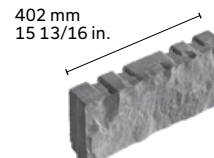
### 180 MM VENEER UNITS

#### LAFITT

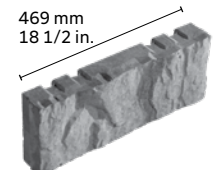
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Depth: 67 mm - 2 5/8 in.



E



F



G

#### MELVILLE

Height: 180 mm - 7 1/16 in.  
Depth: 67 mm - 2 5/8 in.



E



F

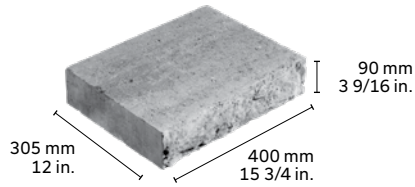


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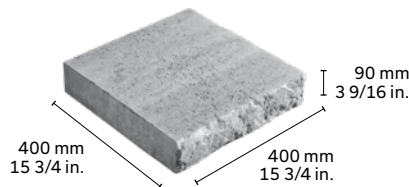
## SYSTEM ELEMENTS

### OTHER UNITS (SOLD SEPERATELY)

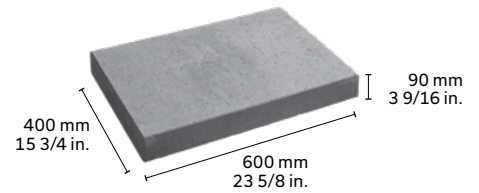
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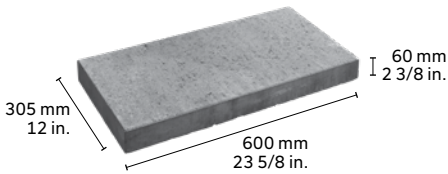
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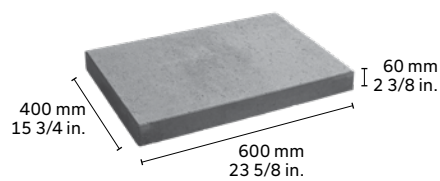
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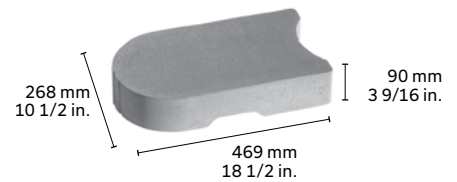
#### MELVILLE PLUS STRAIGHT CAPPING



#### MELVILLE PLUS 60 STEP



#### STARTER UNIT



### ANCHORS AND CONNECTORS

#### SETBACK ANCHOR



#### DOUBLE-SIDED CONNECTOR



#### CORNER ANCHOR



#### TANDEM GRID CONNECTOR

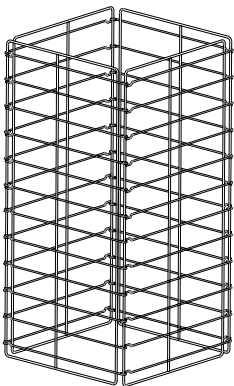


#### DOUBLE-SIDED CONCRETE CONNECTOR

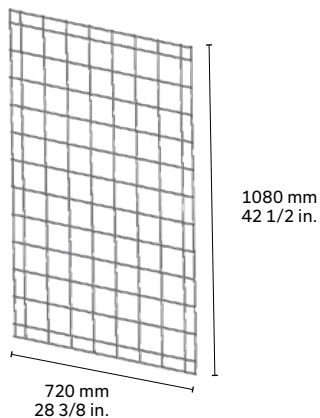


### OTHERS

#### TANDEM GRID PILLAR KIT



#### TANDEM MODULAR GRID



#### TANDEM SHELF ANGLE

64 x 64 x 2439 mm  
2 1/2 x 2 1/2 x 8 in.



Each Tandem Grid Pillar Kit comes with 1 bag of 200 Tandem grid connectors.

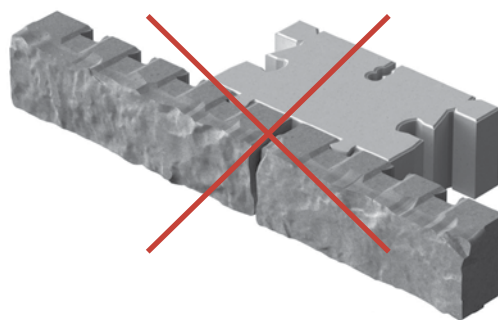
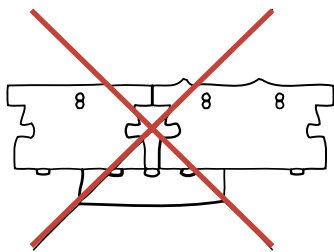
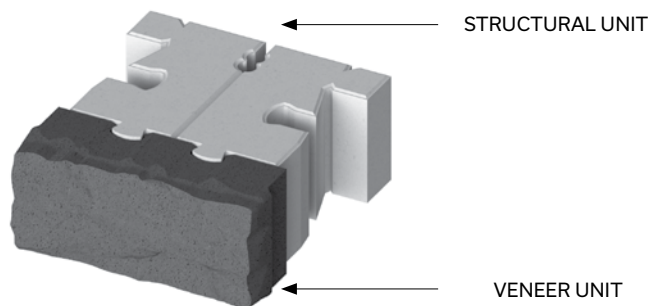
Each Tandem Modular Grid comes with 1 bag of 60 Tandem grid connectors, 10 screws #10 x 1 1/4 in. and 10 loop clamps.

## UNIT ASSEMBLY



## TANDEM 90

Tandem 90 units are 3 9/16 in. (height). For each structural unit, there is a veneer unit of the same length and height. The unit can be assembled using the dovetail joint (an interlocking male/ female system). Each structural unit has two vertical tenons (male side) and each veneer unit has at least two mortises (female side). The veneer units are joined to the structural units by simply sliding the mortises into the tenons to create the Tandem unit. There are two types of veneer units, Lafitt and Melville Tandem units. The total depth of the unit is 222 mm - 8 3/4 in.



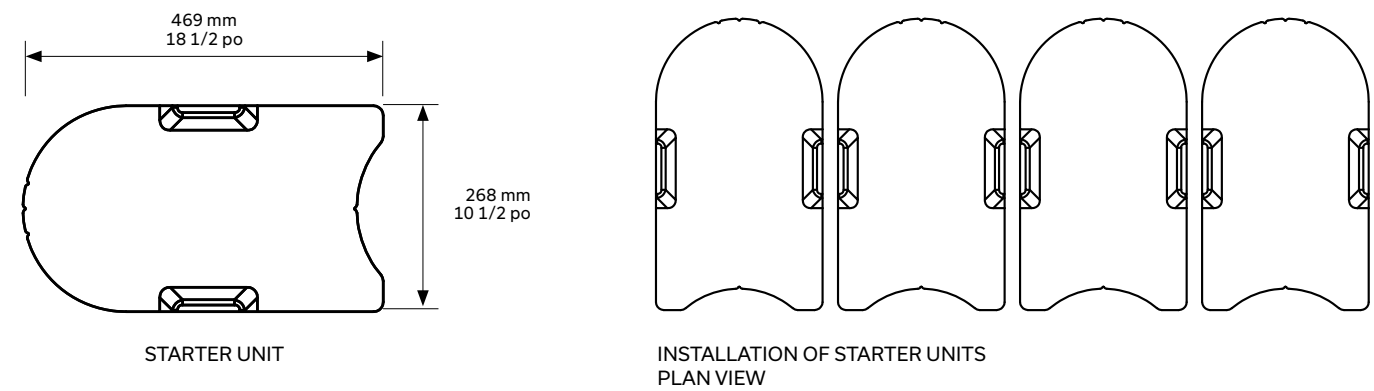
**ATTENTION:** In general, do not overlap two veneer units on a single structural unit of the same height, and do not overlap two structural units on a single veneer unit.

# Building a Tandem Retaining Wall

## STARTER UNIT

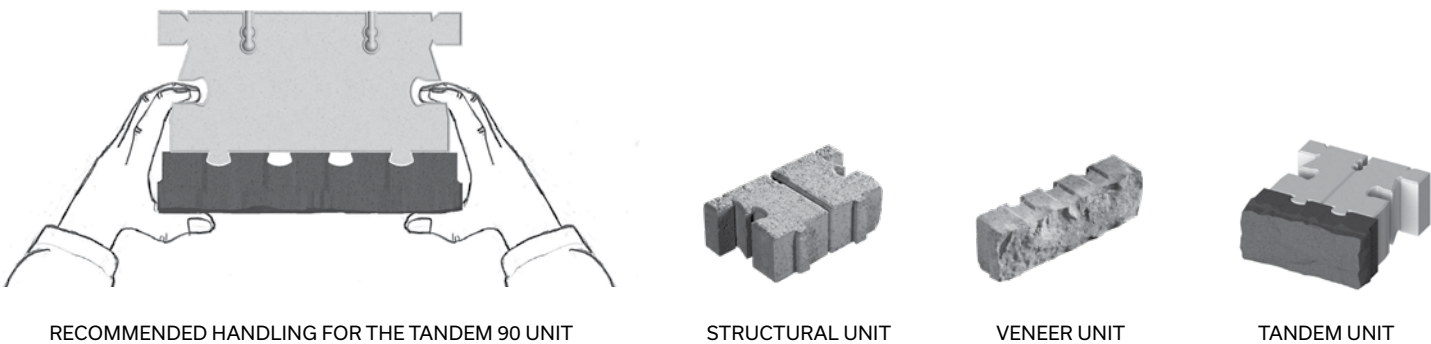
The first course of the Tandem wall is built using the Tandem wall starter unit. This is to be installed directly on the granular base foundation and levelled. The unit is bevelled to make it easy to install curved walls.

The use of starter units is strongly recommended given that the Tandem units (structural and veneer units) can then be placed on a uniform base ensuring overall wall stability.



## PREASSEMBLY

90 unit: It is best to pre-assemble veneer and structural units before beginning to stack them in building the wall. Once pre-assembled, Tandem units are randomly installed on starter units, using the four different sizes.



## ANCHOR SYSTEM

The way in which the setback anchor is positioned in the Tandem wall system determines the slope of the wall. This positioning is what allows for either vertical or sloped walls.

Generally, at least one setback anchor must be installed per Tandem 90 unit, to make sure the wall is stable. Setback anchors come with or without blades. No-blade setback anchors are used in curved walls. Both types of anchor can be used in straight walls.

Allowable heights<sup>1</sup>: 650 mm - 26 in. without a slope (0°, vertical);  
1 050 mm - 42 in. with a slope of 9°

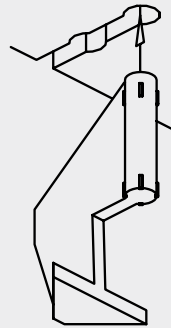
For a 9° of slope, the setback per row of 90 mm is 14 mm - 9/16 in.

<sup>1</sup> Maximum height of the wall including the buried portion of 150 mm - 6 in. without additional load or embankment above the wall

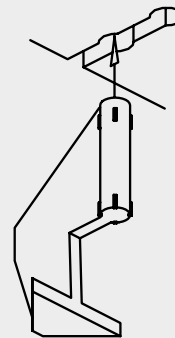
### THERE ARE SEVERAL WAYS TO BUILD A TANDEM RETAINING WALL:

- > By using only Lafitt or Melville Tandem 90 units
- > By using only Lafitt or Melville Tandem 180 units
- > By combining Lafitt or Melville Tandem 90 and 180 units together, to make a single wall

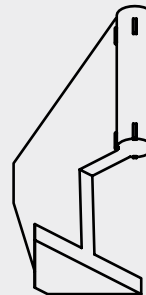
It is possible to use Lafitt and Melville Tandem Veneer units in the same wall.



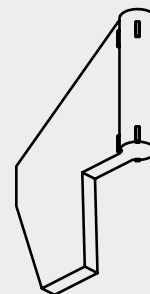
Position for building a wall on a 9° slope.  
Maximum height of 1.05 m - 42 in.



Position for building a vertical wall.  
Maximum height of 0.65 m - 26 in.



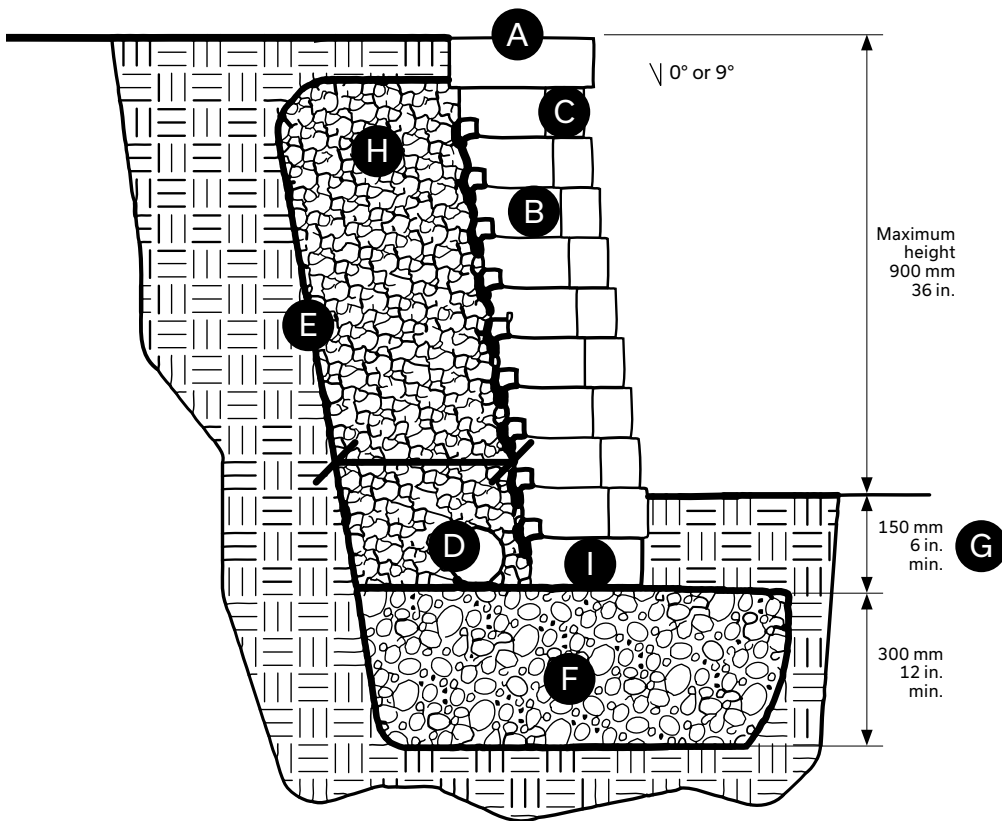
C1 - Base model



C2 - Model without blades

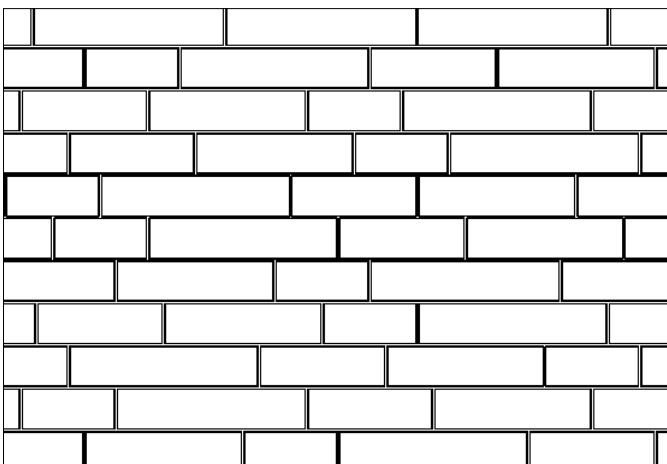


## CROSS-SECTION - LAFITT AND MELVILLE TANDEM 90 WALL



### LAYING PATTERN

LINEAR PATTERN  
100% Tandem 90



- A** Straight capping unit  
90 x 305 x 400 mm - 3 9/16 x 12 x 15 3/4 in. OR  
60 x 305 x 600 mm - 2 3/8 x 12 x 23 5/8 in.
- B** Structural unit 90 x 155 mm x variable  
(201, 268, 335 ou 402 mm) - 3 9/16 x 6 1/8 in. x  
variable (7 7/8, 10 1/2, 13 3/16, 15 13/16 in.)
- C** Veneer 90 mm unit (Tandem System)
- D** 100 mm Ø - 4 in. perforated drain pipe  
connected to sewer services
- E** Geotextile membrane
- F** 0 to 20 mm - 0 to 3/4 in. compacted granular  
foundation 300 mm - 12 in. minimum
- G** Minimum buried depth 150 mm - 6 in.
- H** Clean stone 20 mm - 3/4 po, 300 mm minimum
- I** Starter unit 90 x 268 x 469 mm -  
3 1/2 x 10 1/2 x 18 1/2 in.

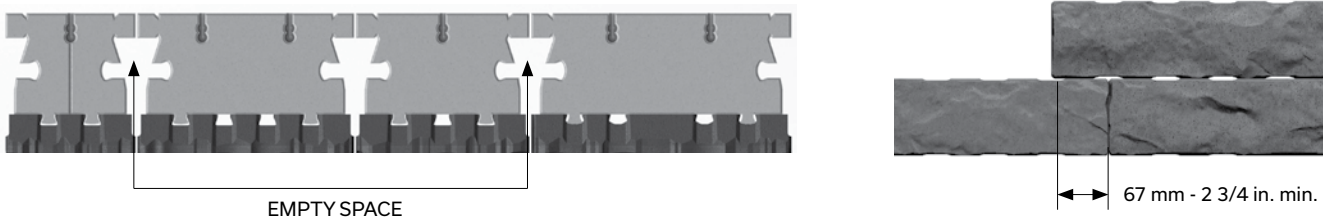
BUILDING A RETAINING WALL

STRAIGHT WALL

To build straight Tandem walls, install the units randomly, using equal numbers of all umt sizes according to the typical cross-section and installation pattern associated with each type of walls.

When building a Tandem wall, avoid aligning vertical joints between rows as much as possible. Allow a minimum overlap of about 67 mm - 2 3/4 in. between units to make sure the vertical joints do not line up.

Lafitt Tandem wall (plan view)



CURVED WALL

Using some Tandem units yields the minimum following curves:

	LAFITT TANDEM 90	MELVILLE TANDEM 90
Convex curves (outside)	1.5 m - 5 ft.	1.8 m - 6 ft.
Concave curves (inside)	1.2 m - 4 ft.	1.8 m - 6 ft.

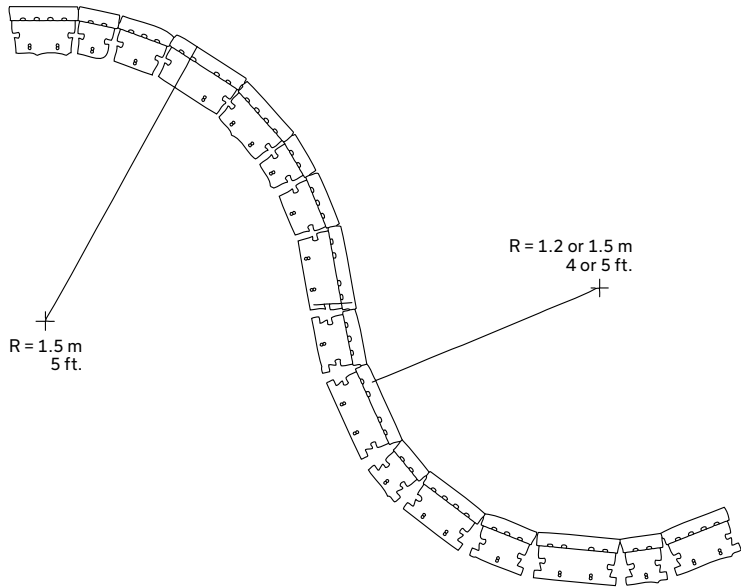
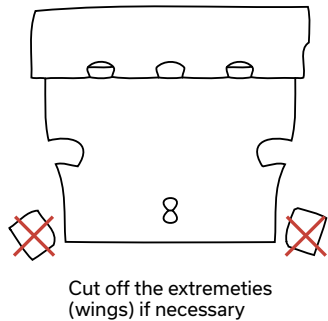
Curved sections of walls must generally be built using the smallest units.

For a curved Tandem 90 wall, use units A, B and C. Their ends are bevelled to make it easier to install the curved wall.

Since Melville Tandem Veneers all have a textured side, the minimum bend radius is greater.

Remember that there will be a surplus of longer units for the remainder of the wall.

In building convex curves (outer curve), the wings of structural units may have to be cut off.



BUILDING A RETAINING WALL

90° CORNER WALL

When building a retaining wall, it is best to start with a corner to avoid breaks and alignment of vertical joints. Specially designed veneer units are needed to build a 90° corner. These units are called textured end units or corner veneer units.

LAFITT TANDEM

A Lafitt Tandem 90 cube contains 18 textured end veneer units per row. To form the corner, use B, C or D veneer units.

MELVILLE TANDEM

All of Melville Tandem Veneers have one textured side.

Stacking position on pallets (with a textured end)

★ C	★ B	★ A	D	★
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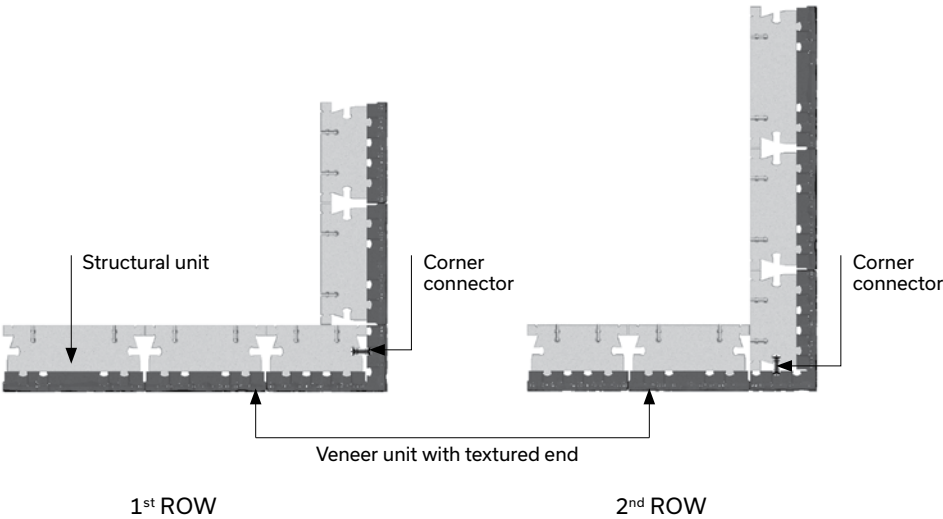
LAFITT TANDEM – 90 MM UNITS

LAFITT AND MELVILLE 90 MM 90° OUTER CORNER - BASIC PRINCIPLES

An outer corner is created using veneer units with the textured end out.

These units are reversible to form both left and right corners. For each course, the veneer that forms the corner is affixed to the structural unit using corner connectors designed specifically for this purpose. It is simply a question of alternating the placement of units from one course to the next. We recommend adhering the elements used to make the corner of each row using Techniseal concrete adhesive.

Spread the adhesive on the veneer units, or the structural units or on both

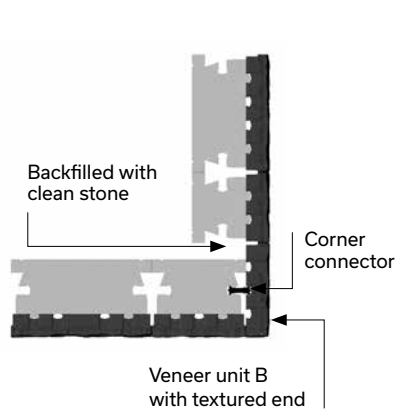


## LAFITT AND MELVILLE 90 MM 90° OUTER CORNER - DETAILS

There are three ways of building a corner using Tandem 90 mm units:

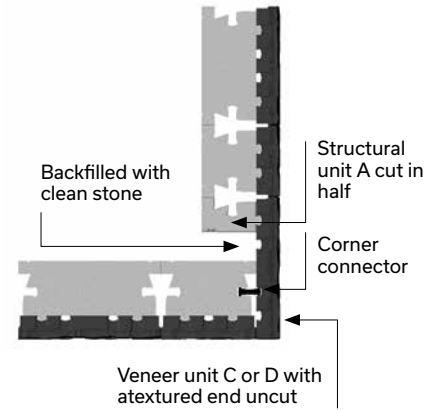
### OPTION 1

Use a corner veneer unit with a textured end B uncut and begin the wall perpendicularly, leaving an empty space that will be backfilled with clean stone.



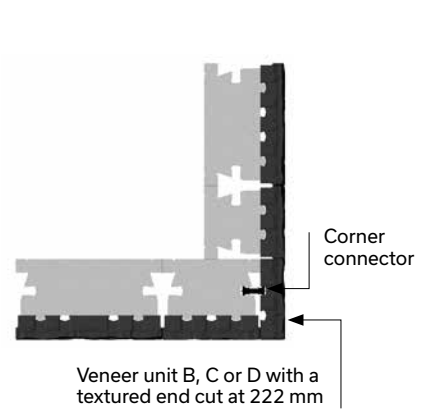
### OPTION 2

Use a corner veneer unit with a textured end C or D, uncut, attached to a structural unit A cut in half.



### OPTION 3

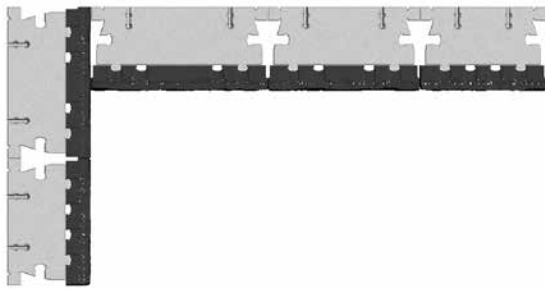
Use a corner veneer unit with a textured end B, C or D, cut at 222 mm - 18 3/4 in. and begin the wall perpendicularly, pressing it up against the existing wall. Gently hammer the freshly cut side to obtain a similar finish as the other sides.



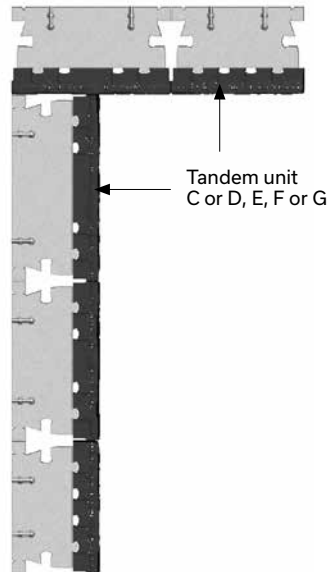
## BUILDING A RETAINING WALL

### INTERIOR CORNER - BASIC PRINCIPLES

Build a Lafitt and Melville Tandem inner corner according to the principle shown here using Tandem 90 units C or D and 180 units E, F or G.



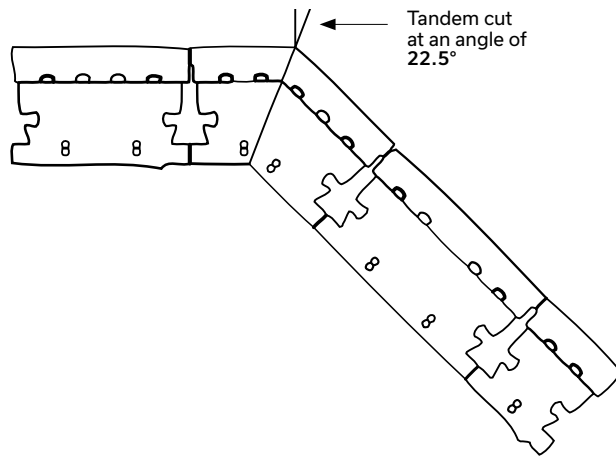
1<sup>st</sup> ROW



2<sup>nd</sup> ROW

#### 45° CORNER

It is also possible to build corners on a 45° angle. Simply cut each Tandem unit used to make the corner on a 22.5° angle. These Tandem units must be adhered together using Techniseal concrete adhesive on the horizontal and vertical sides.



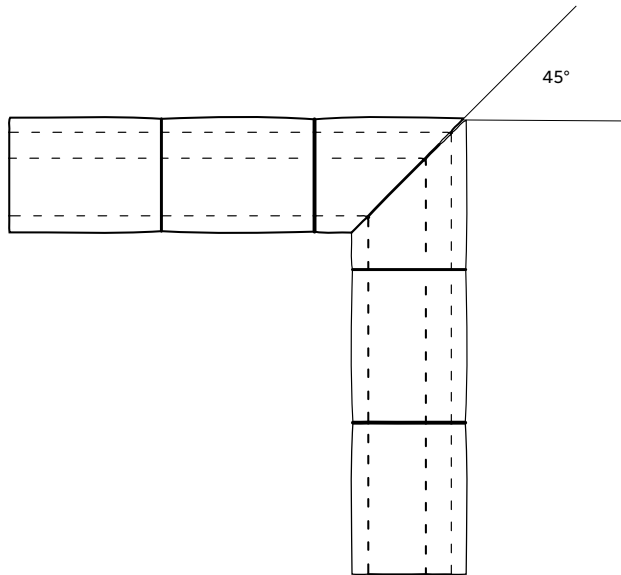
### RETAINING WALL CAPPING

#### LAFITT AND MELVILLE TANDEM WALLS

The Lafitt Tandem retaining wall is completed using **Lafitt capping units** (90 x 305 x 400 mm).

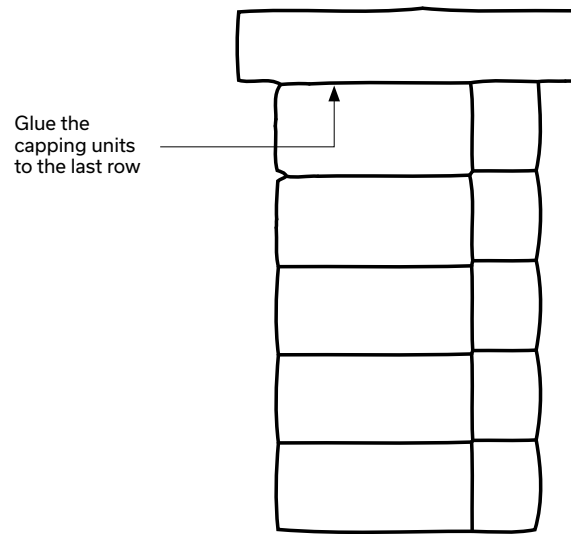
The Melville Tandem wall is finished with the use of **Melville capping units** (60 mm x 305 mm x 600 mm).

To cap a wall with a 90° corner, capping units must be cut at a 45° angle (see illustration).



**Lafitt or Melville capping units** are also used to cap curved walls. The units must be bevelled on site to match the final shape of the wall.

**OPTIONS:** Straight capping units from the Celtik wall system unit can also be used to highlight the wall's finish (different colours and textures).



NOTE: All capping units must be glued to the last row of Tandem units using Techniseal concrete adhesive. Make sure the surface is clean, so that the capping can be glued to the top course with Techniseal concrete adhesive.



# Building a Double-Sided Wall

## DOUBLE-SIDED TANDEM UNIT ASSEMBLY



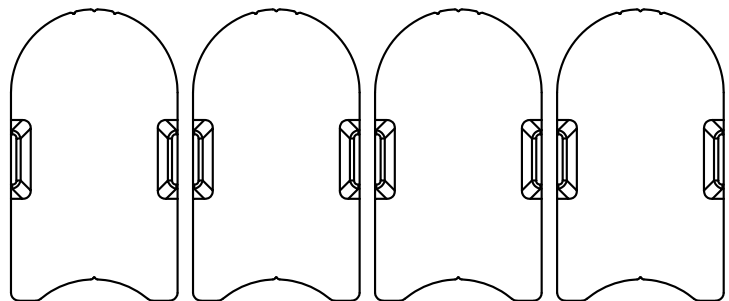
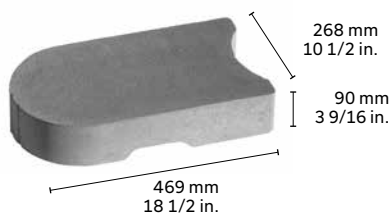
Installing a double-sided wall requires the use of two veneer units held together using connectors. Connectors are inserted into the mortises on the veneer units thus connecting them two by two in order to create the double-sided Tandem unit. The work is complete once 20 mm - 3/4 in. clean stone is placed between the veneers of every other course, and the capping unit is installed. Lafitt and Melville Tandem 90 and 180 veneer units can be used to build straight or curved double-sided walls, as well as 90° corners.

### ALLOWABLE HEIGHTS

The Tandem wall system can be used to build a double-sided wall with a maximum above-ground height of 711 mm - 28 in. The wall is built completely vertical without a slope.

## STARTER UNITS

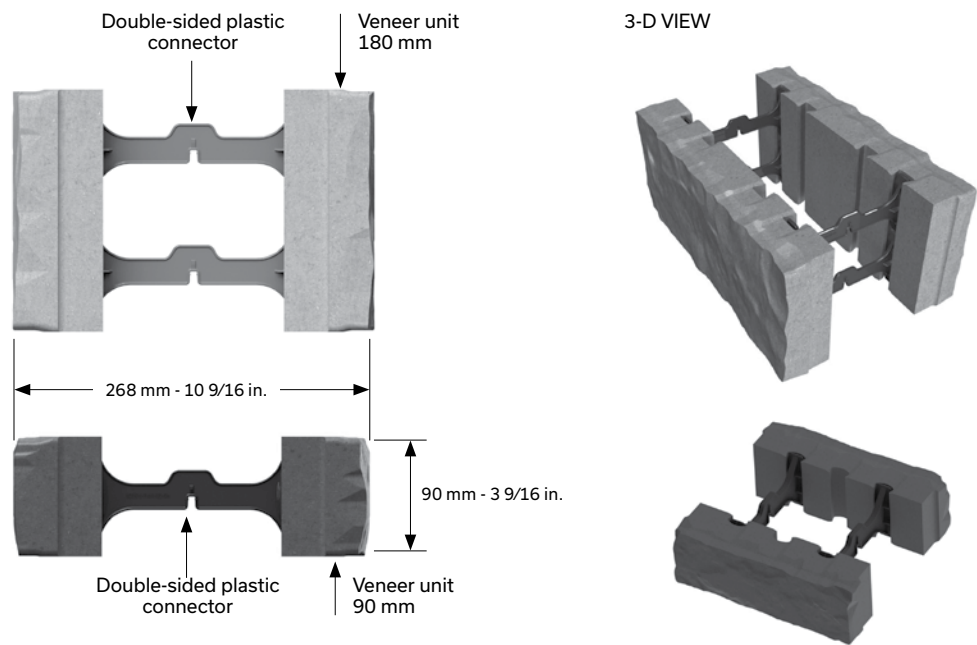
To build the double-sided Tandem wall, begin by placing the starter unit directly on the granular base perpendicular to the wall and leveling it.



INSTALLATION OF STARTER UNITS  
PLAN VIEW

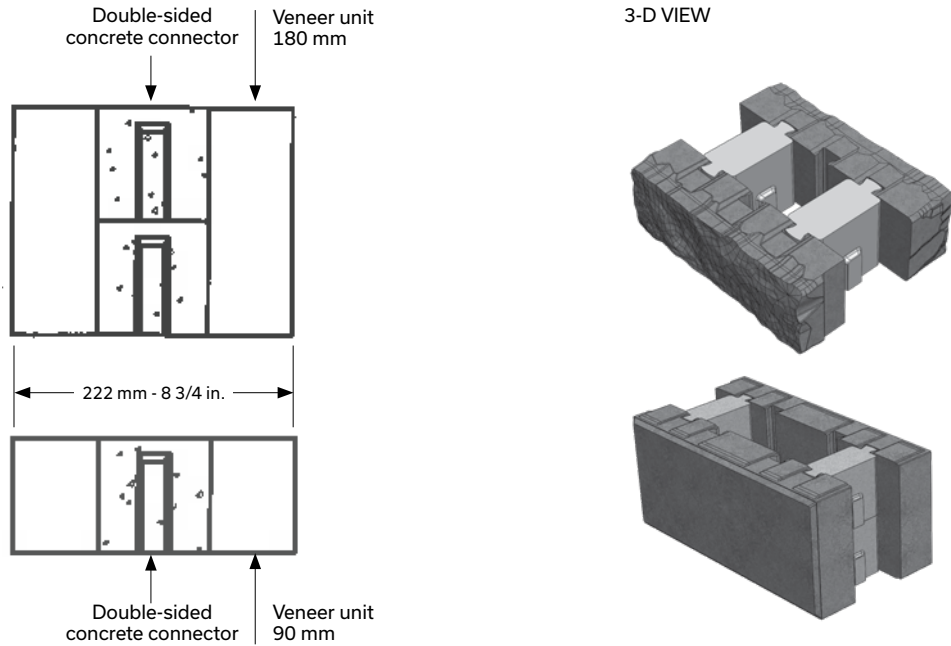
PLASTIC CONNECTORS

TANDEM DOUBLE-SIDED UNITS 90 AND 180 mm



CONCRETE CONNECTORS

TANDEM DOUBLE-SIDED UNITS 90 AND 180 mm



NOTE: Lafit and Melville Tandem 180 mm walls must be assembled using pairs of double-sided concrete connectors one on top of the other for greater stability.

DETAILS

THERE ARE SEVERAL WAYS TO BUILD A DOUBLE-SIDED WALL:

- > Using only Lafitt or Melville Tandem 90 units
- > Using only Lafitt or Melville Tandem 180 units
- > Using a combination of Lafitt or Melville Tandem 90 and 180 units together

To build a solid structure, the empty space inside the double-sided Tandem unit with plastic connectors must be filled with 20 mm - 3/4 in. clean stone on every second row. Before installing the capping, tap lightly on each side of the wall with a rubber hammer to help compact the aggregate between the veneer units. If you use concrete connectors instead, it is not necessary to fill the void with clean stone.

Double-sided Tandem units are randomly installed on starter

units, using an equal number of all units. The same installation patterns as for retaining walls are used here (see the installation patterns in the RETAINING WALL section). Each veneer unit of the first row must be glued to the starter units with Techniseal concrete adhesive.

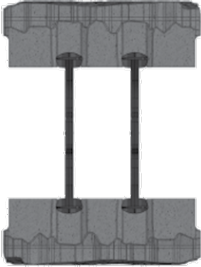
QUANTITY OF CONNECTORS REQUIRED:

- Lafitt and Melville Tandem 90 wall**  
7 connectors per sq. ft of double-sided wall (74 connectors per m²) based on one of the sides of the wall.
  - Lafitt and Melville Tandem 180 wall**  
5.5 connectors per sq. ft of double-sided wall (57 connectors per m²) based on one of the sides of the wall .
- WE RECOMMEND GLUING ALL OF THE ROWS TOGETHER FOR A DOUBLE-SIDED WALL USING LAFITT AND MELVILLE TANDEM.


90 mm STRAIGHT DOUBLE-SIDED WALL

DOUBLE-SIDED LAFITT AND MELVILLE TANDEM WALL WITH 90 mm VENEER UNITS AND PLASTIC CONNECTORS

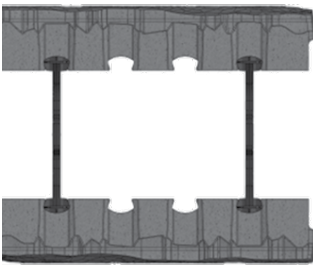
When building a straight wall, assemble veneer units of the same size using the double-sided connector. Because the veneer units come in different lengths, several layouts are possible.



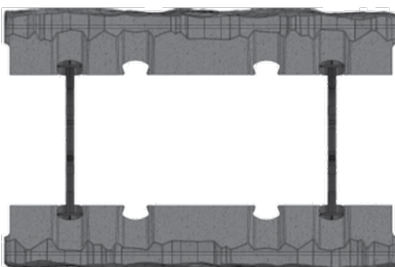
UNITS A-A  
90 x 67 x 201 mm  
3 9/16 x 2 5/8 x 7 7/8 in.



UNITS B-B  
90 x 67 x 268 mm  
3 9/16 x 2 5/8 x 10 1/2 in.

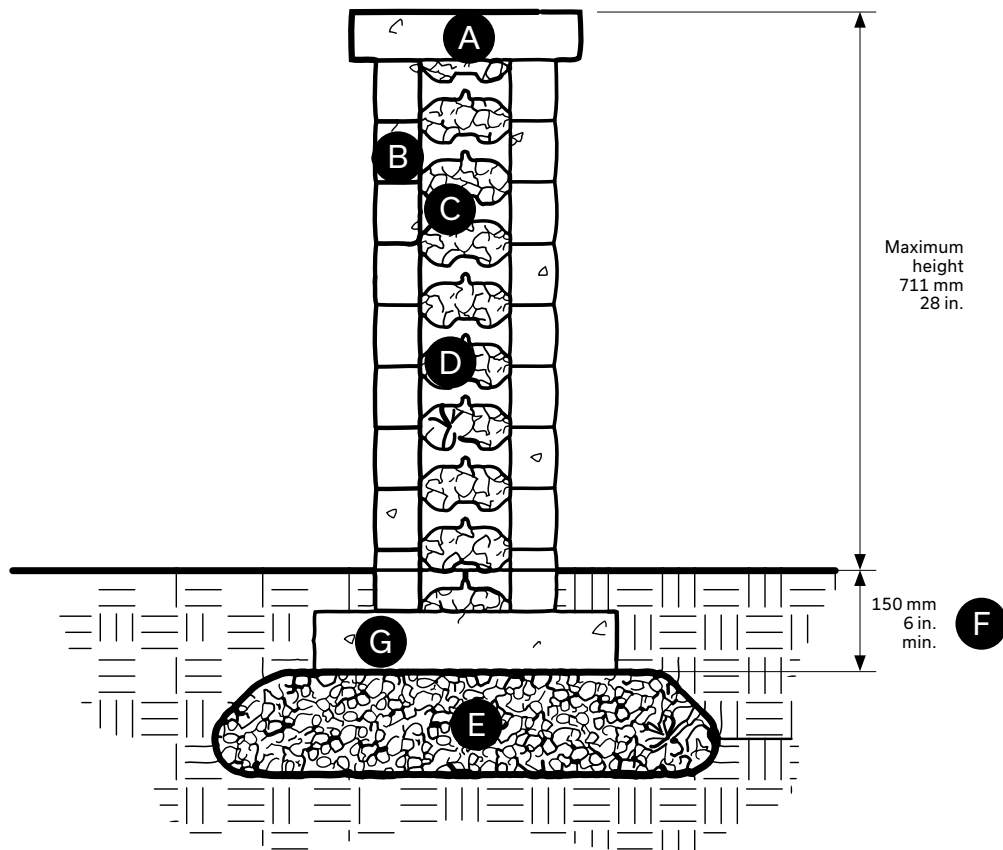


UNITS C-C  
90 x 67 x 335 mm  
3 9/16 x 2 5/8 x 13 3/16 in.



UNITS D-D  
90 x 67 x 402 mm  
3 9/16 x 2 5/8 x 15 13/16 in.

## TYPICAL CROSS-SECTION - DOUBLE-SIDED 90 mm VENEER UNITS



- A** Melville Plus capping unit  
60 x 305 x 600 mm - 2 3/8 x 12 x 23 5/8 in.
- B** 90 mm veneer unit (Tandem System)
- C** Double-sided connector
- D** Clean stone 20 mm - 3/4 in., 300 mm minimum
- E** 0 to 20 mm - 0 to 3/4 in. compacted granular foundation 300 mm - 12 in. minimum
- F** Minimum buried depth 150 mm - 6 in.
- G** Tandem Next starter unit 90 x 268 x 469 mm - 3 9/16 x 10 1/2 x 18 1/2 in.

## BUILDING A DOUBLE-SIDED WALL

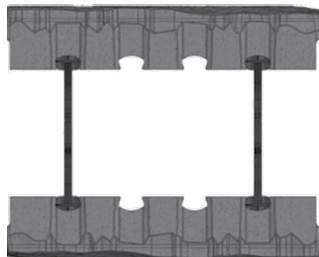
### 180 mm STRAIGHT DOUBLE-SIDED WALL

#### DOUBLE-SIDED LAFITT AND MELVILLE TANDEM WALL WITH 180 mm VENEER UNITS AND PLASTIC CONNECTORS

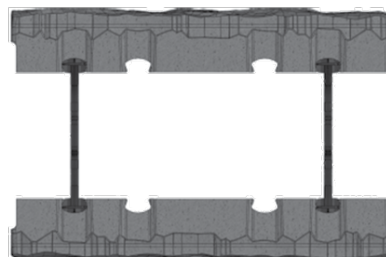
When building a straight wall, assemble veneer units of the same size using the double-sided connector. Because the veneer units come in different lengths, several layouts are possible.



UNITS E-E  
180 x 67 x 335 mm  
7 1/16 x 2 5/8 x 13 3/16 in.



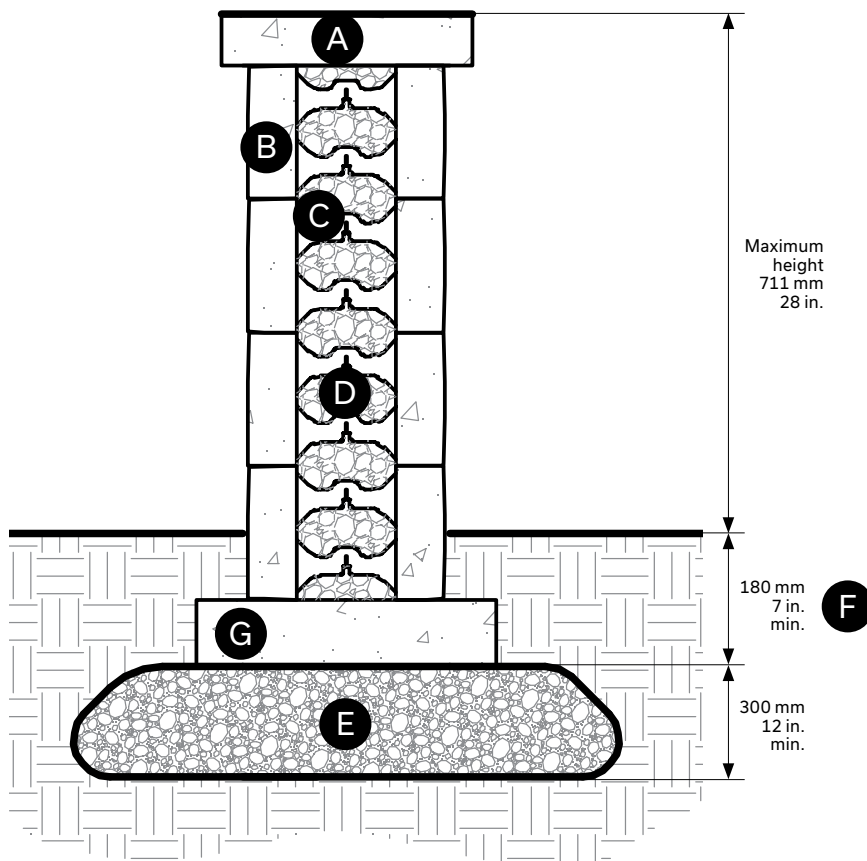
UNITS F-F  
180 x 67 x 402 mm  
7 1/16 x 2 5/8 x 15 3/16 in.



UNITS G-G  
180 x 67 x 469 mm  
7 1/16 x 2 5/8 x 18 1/2 in.

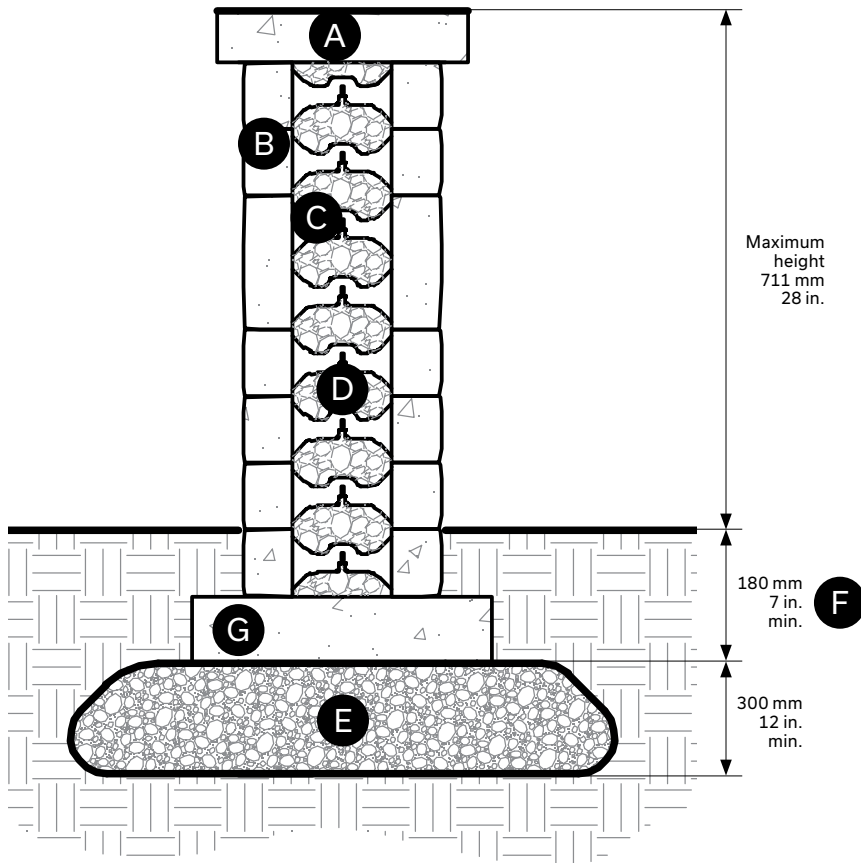
NOTE: Tandem 180 wall units must be assembled using pairs of double-sided connectors installed one on top of the other for greater stability.

### TYPICAL CROSS-SECTION - DOUBLE-SIDED 180 mm VENEER UNITS



- A** Melville Plus capping unit  
60 x 305 x 600 mm - 2 3/8 x 12 x 23 5/8 in.
- B** 180 mm veneer unit (Tandem System)
- C** Double-sided plastic connector
- D** Clean stone 20 mm - 3/4 in., 300 mm minimum
- E** 0 to 20 mm - 0 to 3/4 in. compacted granular foundation 300 mm - 12 in. minimum
- F** Minimum buried depth 150 mm - 6 in.
- G** Tandem Next starter unit 90 x 268 x 469 mm - 3 9/16 x 10 1/2 x 18 1/2 in.

## TYPICAL CROSS-SECTION - DOUBLE-SIDED 90 mm and 180 mm VENEER UNITS



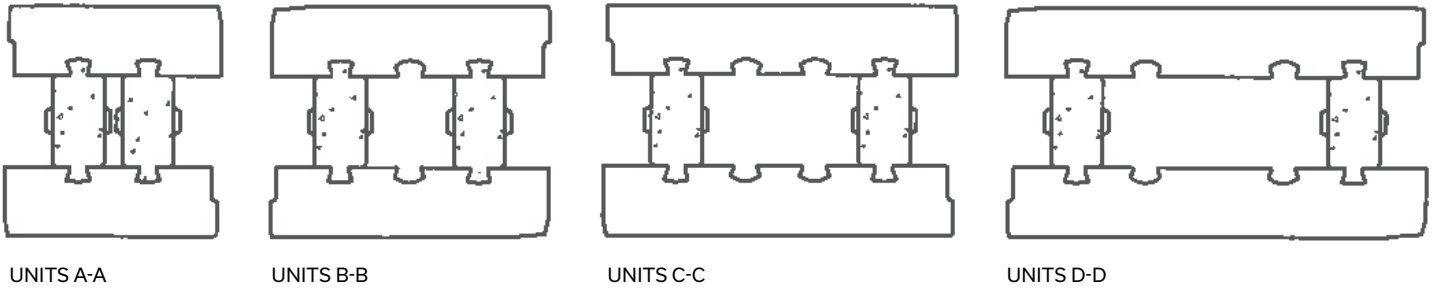
- A** Melville Plus capping unit  
 60 x 305 x 600 mm - 2 3/8 x 12 x 23 5/8 in.
- B** 90 mm or 180 mm veneer unit (Tandem System)
- C** Double-sided plastic connector
- D** Clean stone 20 mm - 3/4 in., 300 mm minimum
- E** 0 to 20 mm - 0 to 3/4 in. compacted granular foundation 300 mm - 12 in. minimum
- F** Minimum buried depth 150 mm - 6 in.
- G** Tandem Next starter unit 90 x 268 x 469 mm - 3 9/16 x 10 1/2 x 18 1/2 in.



## BUILDING A DOUBLE-SIDED WALL

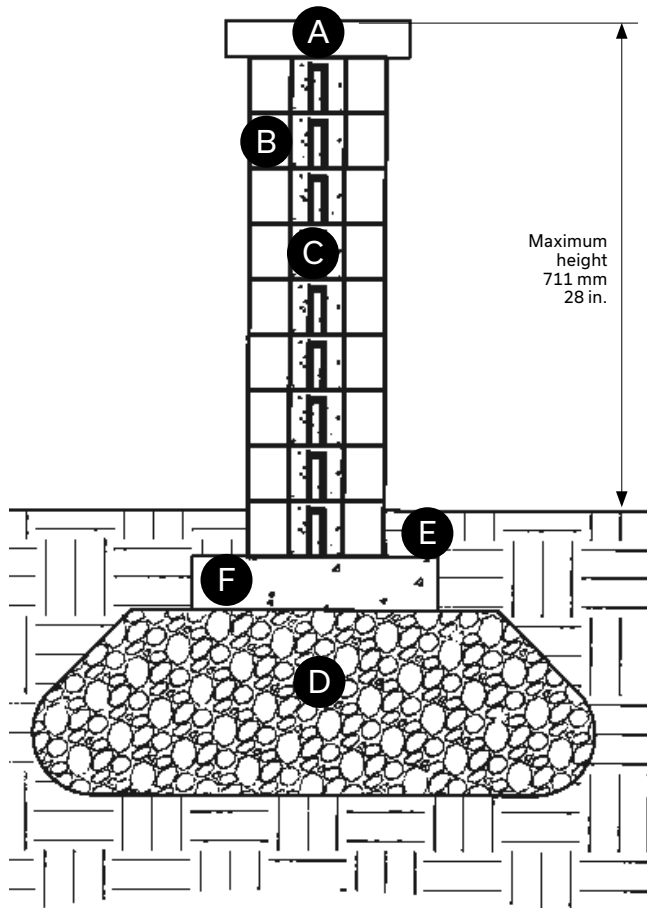
### 90 mm STRAIGHT DOUBLE-SIDED WALL

### DOUBLE-SIDED LAFITT AND MELVILLE TANDEM WALL WITH 90 mm VENEER UNITS AND CONCRETE CONNECTORS



NOTE: A double-sided Tandem wall with concrete connectors doesn't need the use of clean stone.

### TYPICAL CROSS-SECTION - DOUBLE-SIDED 90 mm VENEER UNITS

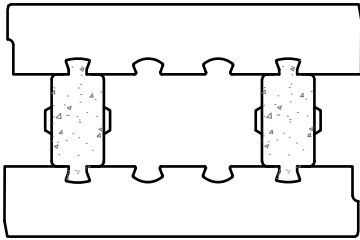


- Ⓐ Melville Plus capping unit  
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- Ⓑ 90 mm veneer unit (Tandem System)
- Ⓒ Double-sided concrete connector
- Ⓓ Clean stone 20 mm - 3/4 in., 300 mm minimum
- Ⓔ 0 to 20 mm - 0 to 3/4 in. compacted granular foundation, 300 mm - 12 in. minimum
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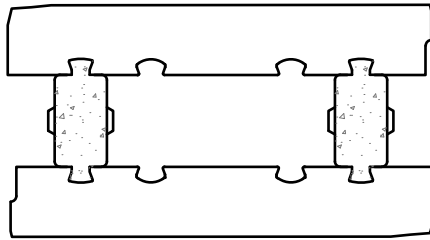
## BUILDING A DOUBLE-SIDED WALL

### 180 mm STRAIGHT DOUBLE-SIDED WALL

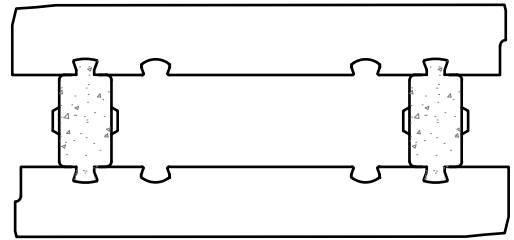
#### DOUBLE-SIDED LAFITT AND MELVILLE TANDEM WALL WITH 180 mm VENEER UNITS AND CONCRETE CONNECTORS



UNITS E-E



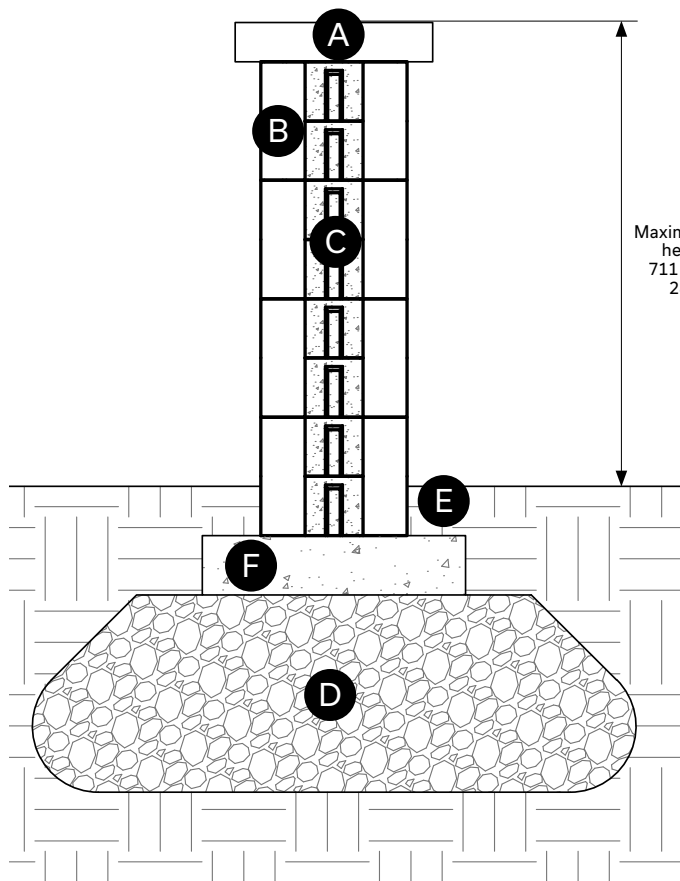
UNITS F-F



UNITS G-G

NOTE: A double-sided Tandem wall with concrete connectors doesn't need the use of clean stone.

### TYPICAL CROSS-SECTION - DOUBLE-SIDED 180 mm VENEER UNITS



- A** Melville Plus capping unit  
60 x 305 x 600 mm - 2 3/8 x 12 x 23 5/8 in.
- B** 180 mm veneer unit (Tandem System)
- C** Double-sided concrete connector
- D** Clean stone 20 mm - 3/4 in., 300 mm minimum
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## 90 mm CURVED DOUBLE-SIDED WALL

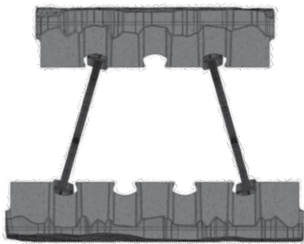
### CURVED DOUBLE-SIDED LAFITT AND MELVILLE TANDEM WALL WITH 90 mm VENEER UNITS AND PLASTIC CONNECTORS

To build a curved double-sided wall, while maximizing results and minimizing sizes, only the following pairs of veneer units are recommended for use:

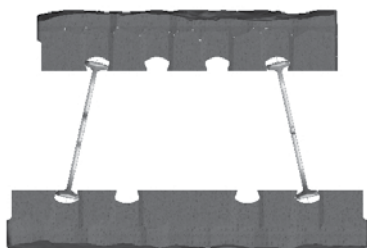
A-A, A-B, B-B and B-C for 90 mm units and E-E, E-F, F-F and F-G for 180 mm units. Consequently, there will be more D veneer units for the remainder of the wall. Some units may have to be cut to fit perfectly into the selected curve. The design flexibility of double-sided units means that connectors can be inserted in all unit mortises, providing for better adjustment in creating curves with different radii.



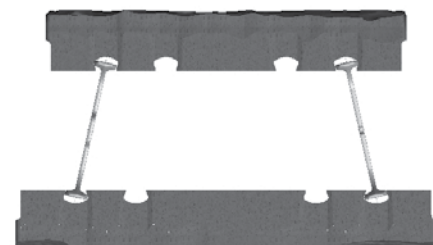
UNITS A-B



UNITS B-C



UNITS E-F

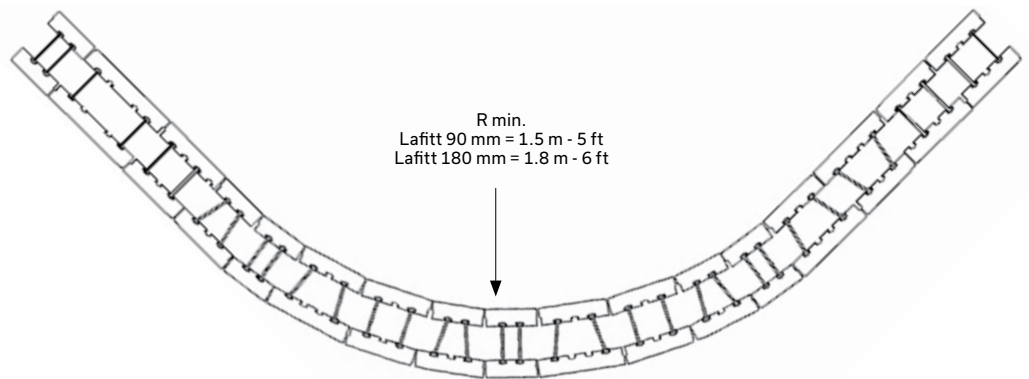


UNITS F-G

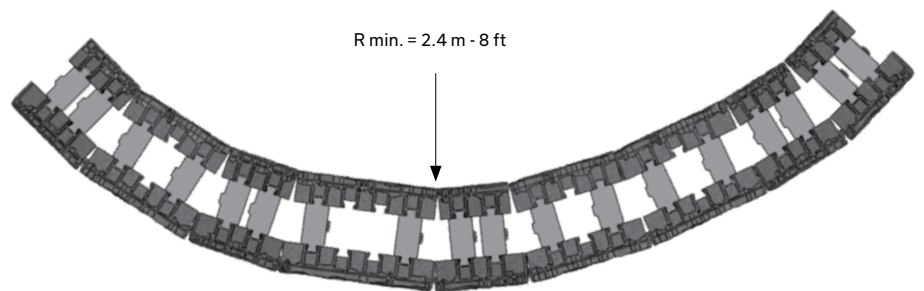
The minimum curves possible for the Lafitt Tandem wall:

90 mm = 1.5 m - 5 ft

180 mm = 1.8 m - 6 ft



CURVED TANDEM WALL WITH PLASTIC CONNECTORS



CURVED TANDEM WALL WITH CONCRETE CONNECTORS

NOTE: Lafitt and Melville Tandem 180 wall units must be assembled using pairs of double-sided connectors installed one on top of the other for greater stability.

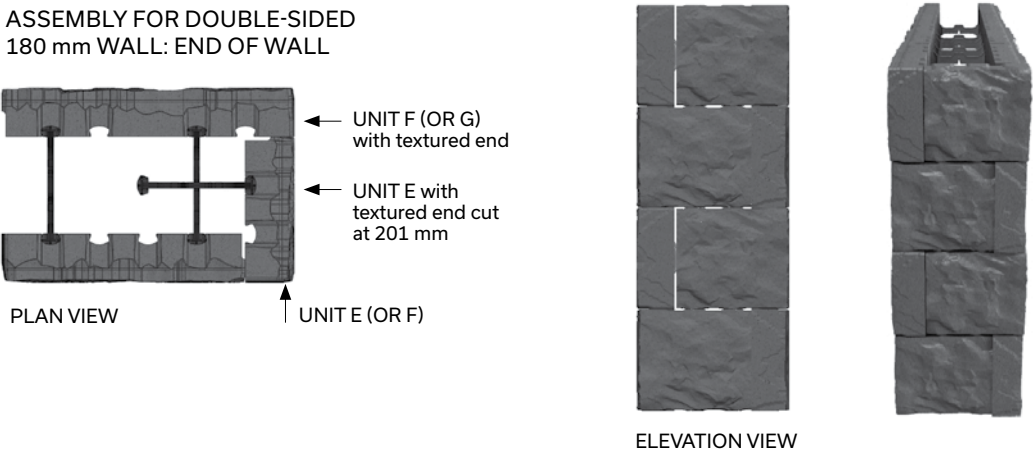
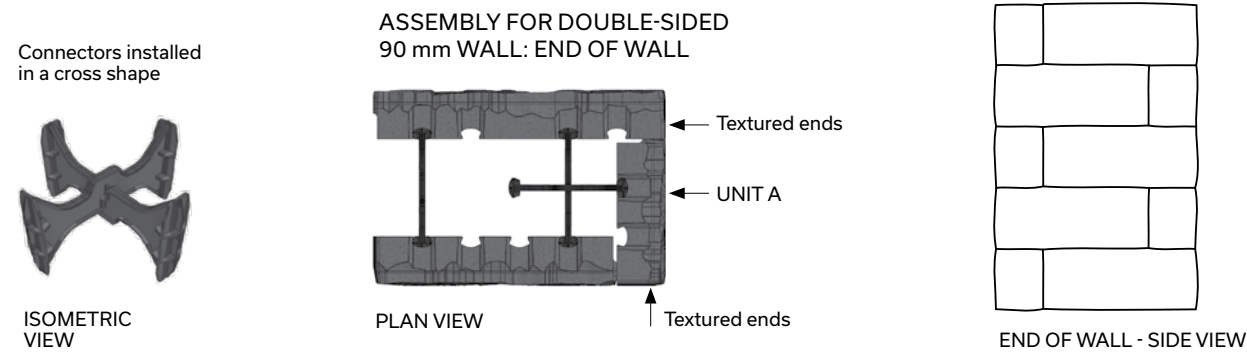
90 mm DOUBLE-SIDED WALL END

END OF DOUBLE-SIDED LAFITT AND MELVILLE TANDEM WALL WITH PLASTIC CONNECTORS

The end of a double-sided Tandem 90 wall is built using a textured end veneer unit A installed on the end of the wall.

To ensure solid corner assembly, two double-sided connectors are overlapped in a cross shape and inserted into the mortises on the veneer units. The first connector connects the two double-sided wall veneer units, while the perpendicular connector connects the textured end veneer unit that forms the end of the wall. Glue every course forming the end of the wall using Techniseal concrete adhesive.

The end of a double-sided Tandem 180 wall is built using a textured end veneer unit E cut at 201 mm and installed on the end of the wall.

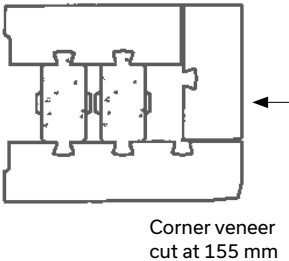


END OF A DOUBLE-SIDED LAFITT AND MELVILLE TANDEM DOUBLE 90 AND 180 WALL

The end of a double-sided 90 and 180 wall is built by smoothly combining the two kinds of construction (90 and 180) for a wall end, described previously in this document. To build an end for a wall that mixes Tandem 90 and 180 units in the same wall, for each given row height, use units of the same height.

END OF DOUBLE-SIDED TANDEM WALL AND CONCRETE CONNECTORS

The end of a double-sided tandem wall is produced by using a veneer unit with a textured side, cut at 155 mm - 6 1/4 in. Make sure to glue each row.



## BUILDING A DOUBLE-SIDED WALL

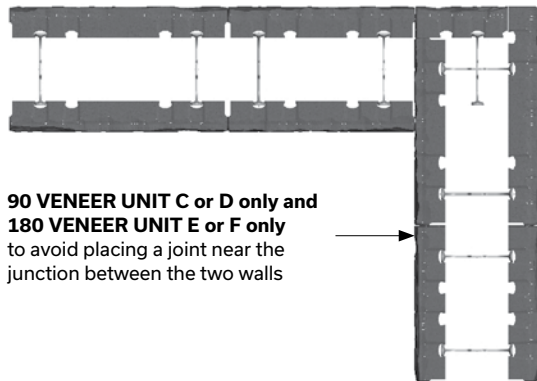
### DOUBLE-SIDED WALL WITH 90° CORNERS

#### DOUBLE-SIDED WALL WITH 90° CORNERS AND PLASTIC CONNECTORS

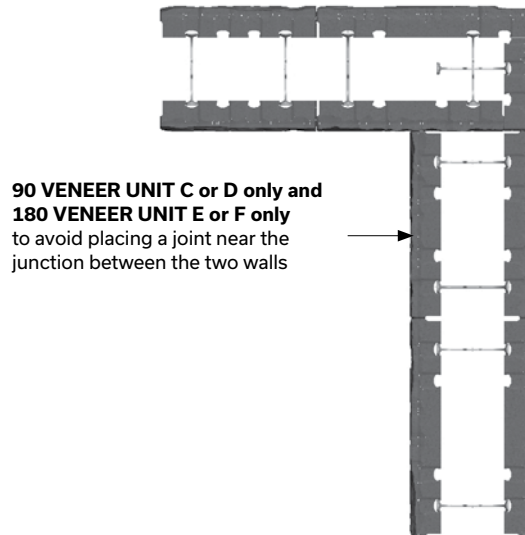
Building a 90° corner on a Lafitt and Melville Tandem wall requires installing a wall end (described earlier), then juxtaposing a second wall perpendicular to it. Glue every course in the wall corner using Techniseal concrete adhesive.

Once again, for a natural look, avoid aligning vertical joints from one row to the next on all visible surfaces.

##### PLAN VIEW



1<sup>st</sup> COURSE and all odd courses

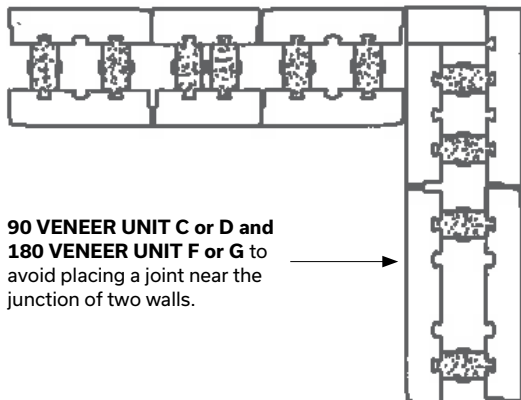


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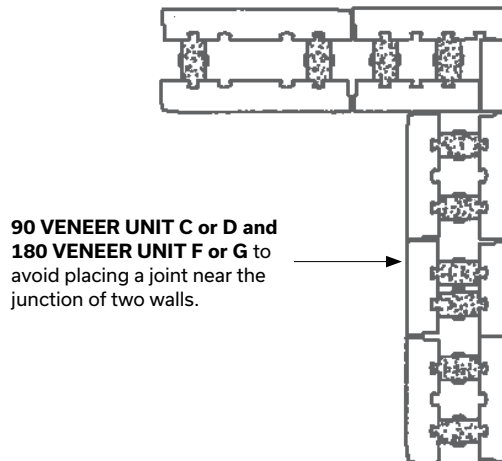
#### DOUBLE-SIDED WALL WITH 90° CORNERS AND CONCRETE CONNECTORS

The construction of a double-sided tandem wall corner with a concrete connector is possible by starting a second wall perpendicular to the first and ending with a wall end, as described previously. Glue all the units forming the corners, on each row, with Techniseal concrete adhesive.

##### PLAN VIEW



1<sup>st</sup> COURSE and all odd courses



2<sup>nd</sup> COURSE and all even courses

### DOUBLE-SIDED WALL WITH 90° CORNERS (CONT'D)

#### 90° CORNER IN A DOUBLE-SIDED 90 mm AND 180 mm WALL

Building a 90° corner on a wall requires installing a wall end (described earlier), then juxtaposing a second wall perpendicular to it. The second wall can be built starting with double-sided Tandem 90 or 180 units. Adhere every course in the wall corner using Techniseal concrete adhesive.

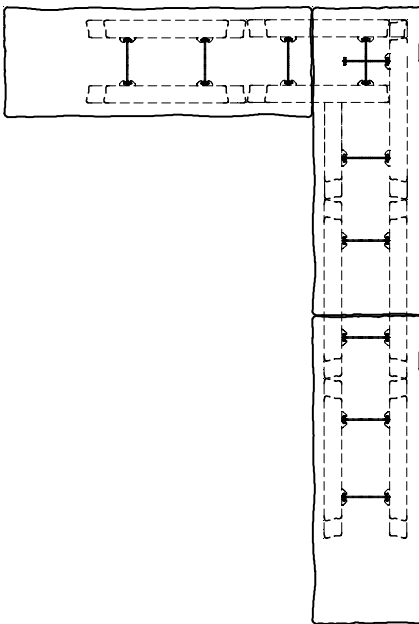
Corners are built using the options available for that height (90 or 180). These options were illustrated and explained earlier in this document. The selection of corner unit heights and their positioning in the wall is a matter of aesthetics. The 90 and 180 units must be inserted in a similar proportion to the remainder of the wall so that they harmonize.

#### CAPPING A DOUBLE-SIDED WALL

Double-sided Tandem walls are completed using Melville Plus capping (60 mm x 305 mm x 600 mm) laid side by side. To cap a 90° corner, simply install two capping units at a 90° angle. For curved walls, capping units must be bevelled on site to match the final shape of the wall.

Options: Celtik wall system capping units and Melville capping units can also be used.

PLAN VIEW



Note that all capping units must be attached to the last row of Tandem units using Techniseal concrete adhesive.

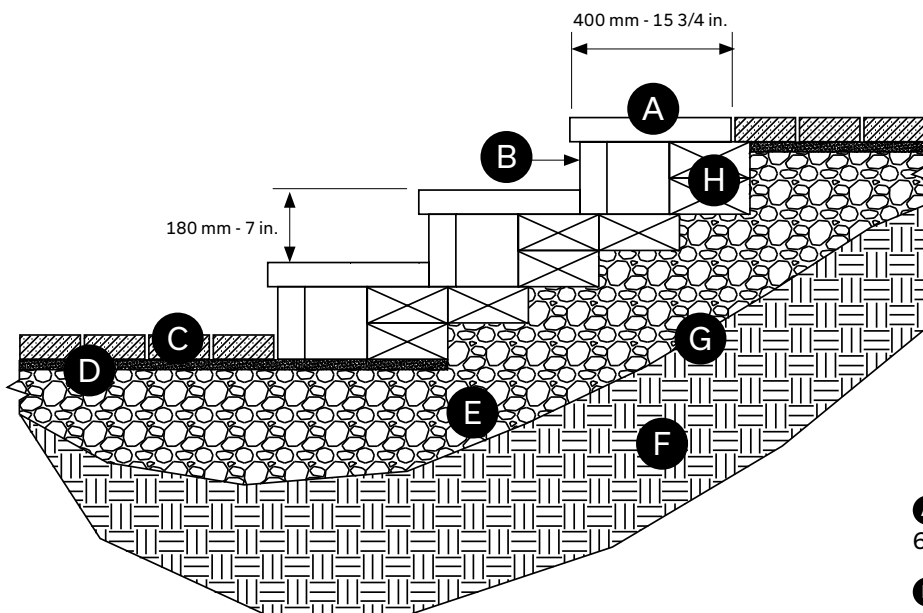


# Building Stairs



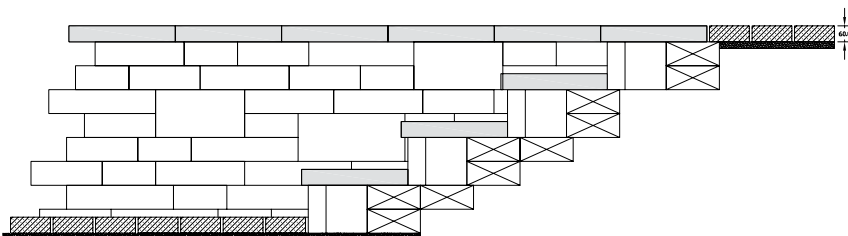
MELVILLE 60 STEPS

To build Melville Plus 60 stairs, we suggest using Melville Plus 60 units combined with Melville Tandem Plus 180 units used as risers, as shown here:



- A** Melville Plus 60 step  
60 x 400 x 600 mm - 2 3/8 x 15 3/4 x 23 5/8 in.
- B** Structural and veneer Melville Tandem 180 unit
- C** Concrete paver 60 mm - 2 3/8 in.
- D** Installation bed 25 mm - 1 in.
- E** 0 to 20 mm - 0 to 3/4 in. compacted granular foundation
- F** Existing soil
- G** Geotextile membrane
- H** Starter unit 90 x 268 x 469 mm - 3 1/2 x 10 1/2 x 18 1/2 in.

## MELVILLE TANDEM 60 STEP UNITS STAIR INTEGRATION / TANDEM WALL



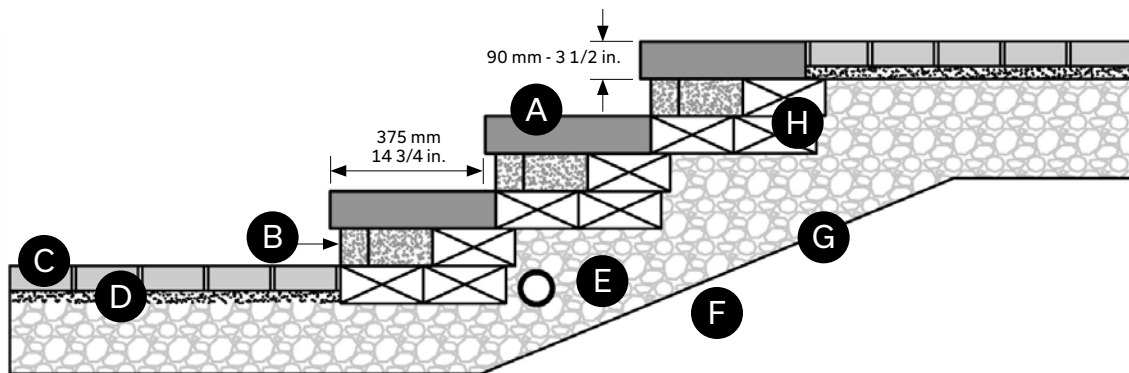
All step and riser units must be glued together using Techniseal concrete adhesive.





**MELVILLE 90 STEPS**

To build Melville Plus 90 stairs, we suggest using Melville Plus 90 units combined with Melville 90 units used as risers, as shown here:

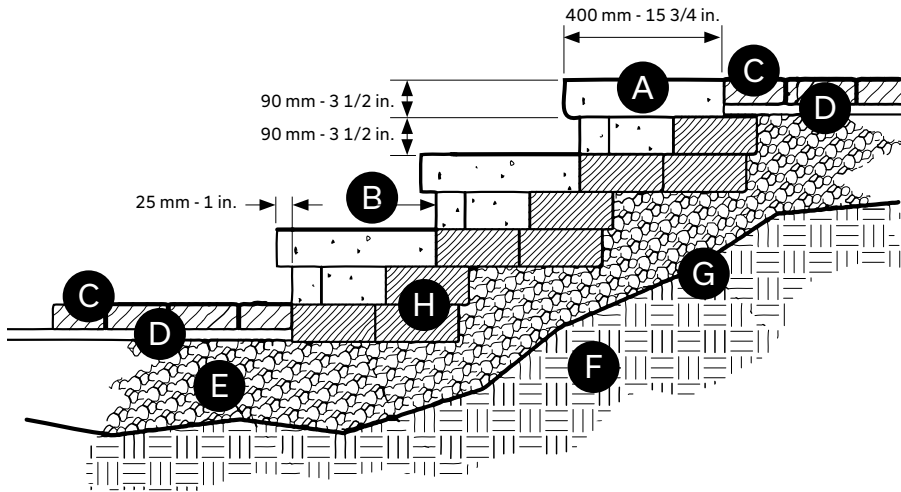


- A** Melville Plus 90 step  
60 x 400 x 600 mm - 2 3/8 x 15 3/4 x 23 5/8 in.
- B** Structural and veneer Melville Tandem  
90 unit
- C** Concrete paver 60 mm - 2 3/8 in.
- D** Installation bed 25 mm - 1 in.
- E** 0 to 20 mm - 0 to 3/4 in. compacted  
granular foundation
- F** Existing soil
- G** Geotextile membrane
- H** Starter unit 90 x 268 x 469 mm -  
3 1/2 x 10 1/2 x 18 1/2 in.

All step and riser units must be glued together  
using Techniseal concrete adhesive.

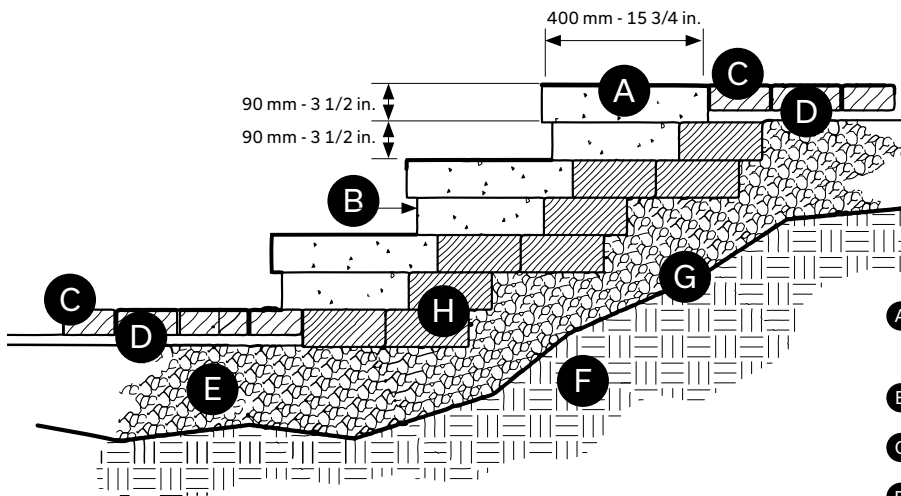
## LAFITT 90 STEPS

To build Lafitt Tandem stairs, it is recommended that the step unit be used in combination with one of the following options for the riser:



### OPTION 1

Structural unit and Lafitt Tandem veneer  
90 x 222 mm x variable - 3 9/16 x 8 3/4 x variable



### OPTION 2

Lafitt straight capping unit  
90 x 305 x 400 mm - 3 1/2 x 12 x 15 3/4 in.

- Ⓐ Lafitt Plus 90 step unit  
90 x 400 x 400 mm - 3 1/2 x 15 3/4 x 15 3/4 in.
- Ⓑ **OPTION 1** or **OPTION 2**
- Ⓒ Concrete paver 60 mm - 2 3/8 in.
- Ⓓ Installation bed 25 mm - 1 in.
- Ⓔ 0 to 20 mm - 0 to 3/4 in. compacted granular foundation
- Ⓕ Existing soil
- Ⓖ Geotextile membrane
- Ⓗ Starter unit 90 x 268 x 469 mm - 3 1/2 x 10 1/2 x 18 1/2 in.

All step and riser units must be glued together using Techniseal concrete adhesive.

# Building Pillars

## DIFFERENT TYPES OF TANDEM PILLARS



This section discusses the different types of pillars which can be built using the Tandem system, namely:

- > Tandem pillars with steel pillar grids
- > Tandem pillars with structural units

Tandem Veneer units are used for the exterior facing of the pillar. The interior core of the column serves a structural function and can be built in accordance with one of the following two methods: using structural units (regular Tandem system) or using a steel pillar grid instead of structural units (Tandem pillar grid).

## TANDEM PILLARS WITH PILLAR GRIDS

This type of pillar is built with Lafitt and Melville Tandem Veneer units only. The building of this type of column begins with the use of a steel pillar grid which provides structural support for the veneer units. The units are fastened to the pillar grid using specially-designed connectors.

The essential details for building this type of pillar are described below.

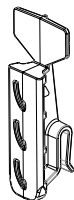
### 90 mm LAFITT AND MELVILLE TANDEM COLUMN WITH PILLAR GRID ASSEMBLY

With this material you can construct one pillar of 670 x 670 mm - 26 3/8 x 26 3/8 in. to a maximum height of 1080 mm - 42 1/2 in.

One pillar requires the use of 2.6 m<sup>2</sup> - 28 ft<sup>2</sup> of veneer units.

One cube contains 10 pillar grids and 10 bags of 200 grid connectors.

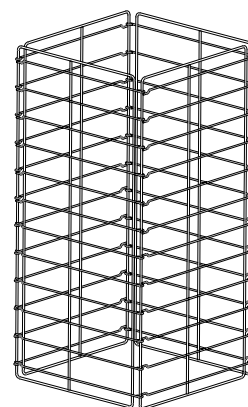
#### MATERIAL NEEDED:



GRID CONNECTORS  
Bag of 200 units

#### LAFITT or MELVILLE TANDEM veneer units:

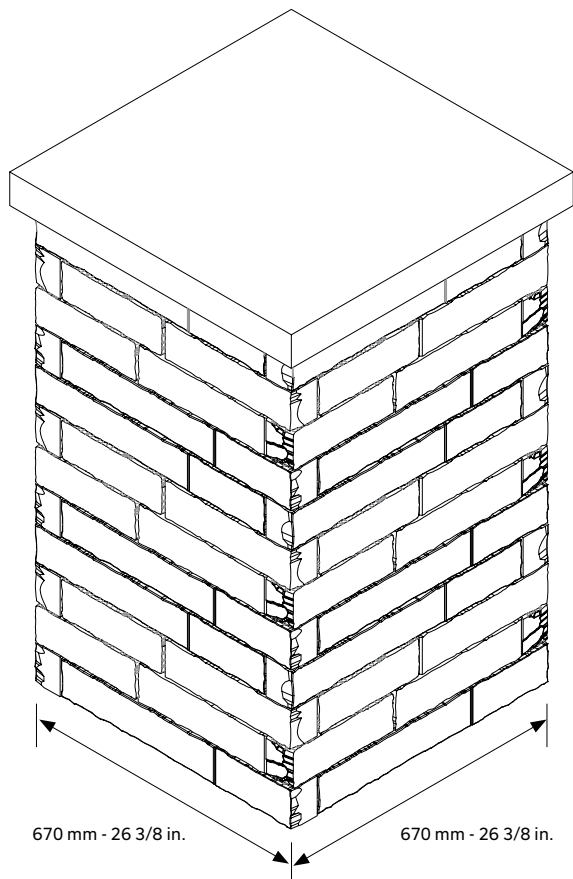
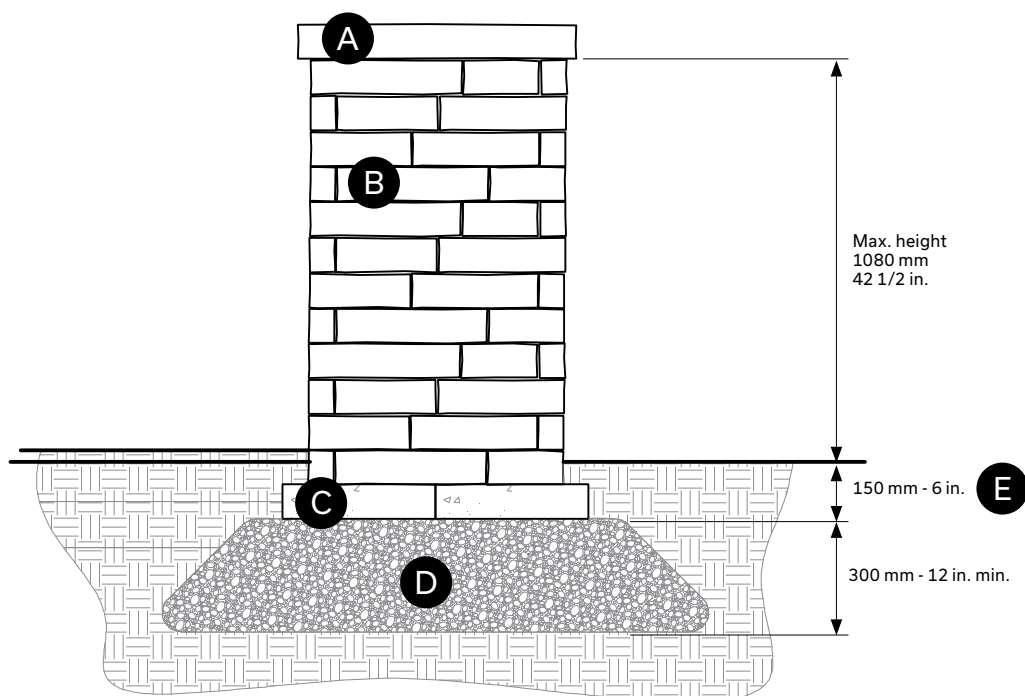
- > 48 regular units  
(12a, 12b, 12c, 12d)
- > 48 textured end corner units  
(12a, 12b, 12c, 12d)



TANDEM PILLAR GRID

NOTE: All Melville veneer units come with one textured end (corner units)

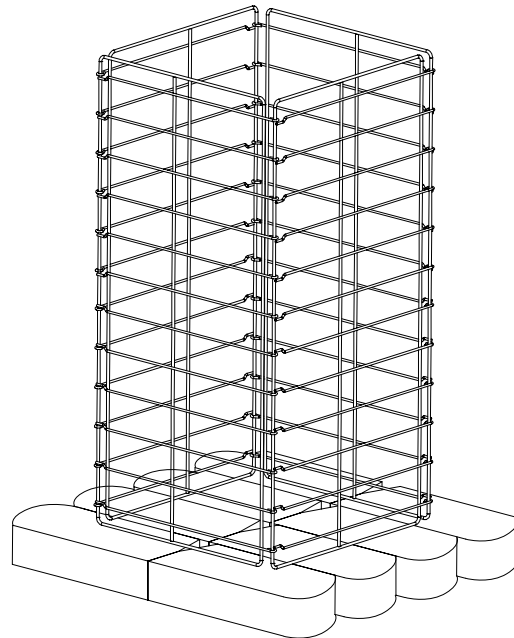
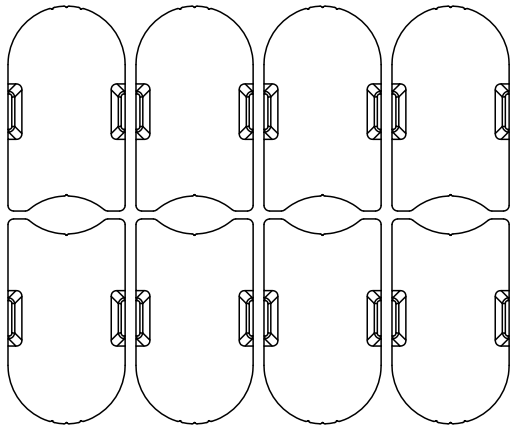
## CROSS-SECTION - LAFITT OR MELVILLE TANDEM PILLAR GRID



- A** Natural stone pillar capping unit 29 x 29 in.
- B** 90 mm Lafitt or Melville Tandem veneer unit
- C** Starter unit 90 x 268 x 469 mm - 3 1/2 x 10 1/2 x 18 1/2 in.
- D** 0 to 20 mm - 0 to 3/4 in. compacted granular foundation, 300 mm - 12 in. minimum
- E** Minimum buried depth 150 mm - 6 in.

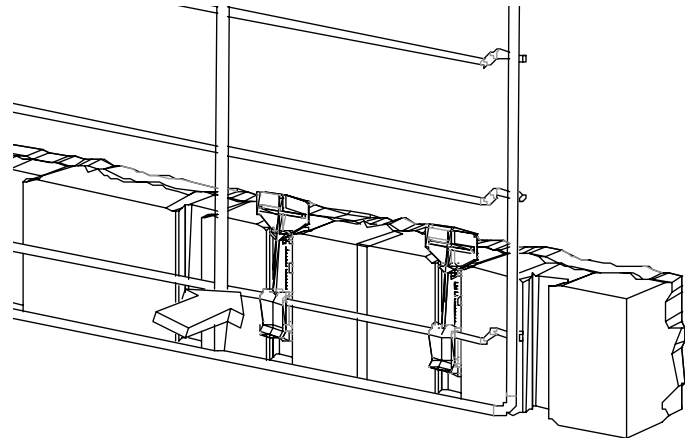
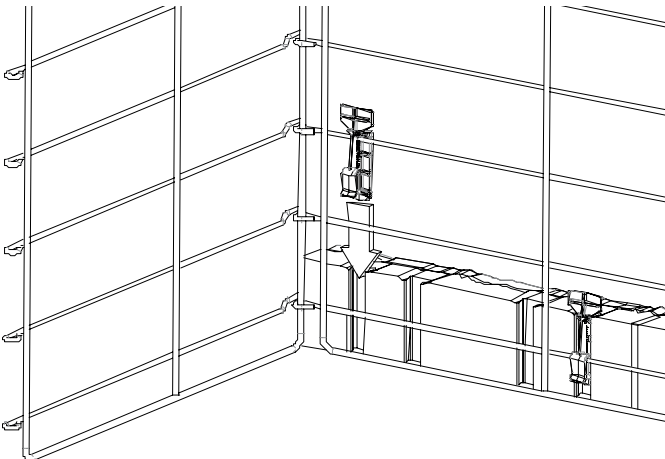
## LAFITT OR MELVILLE TANDEM PILLAR ASSEMBLY

Begin by placing a row (8 units) of starter units on a base of compacted crushed stone. Unfold the steel pillar grid and place it on the prepared surface.



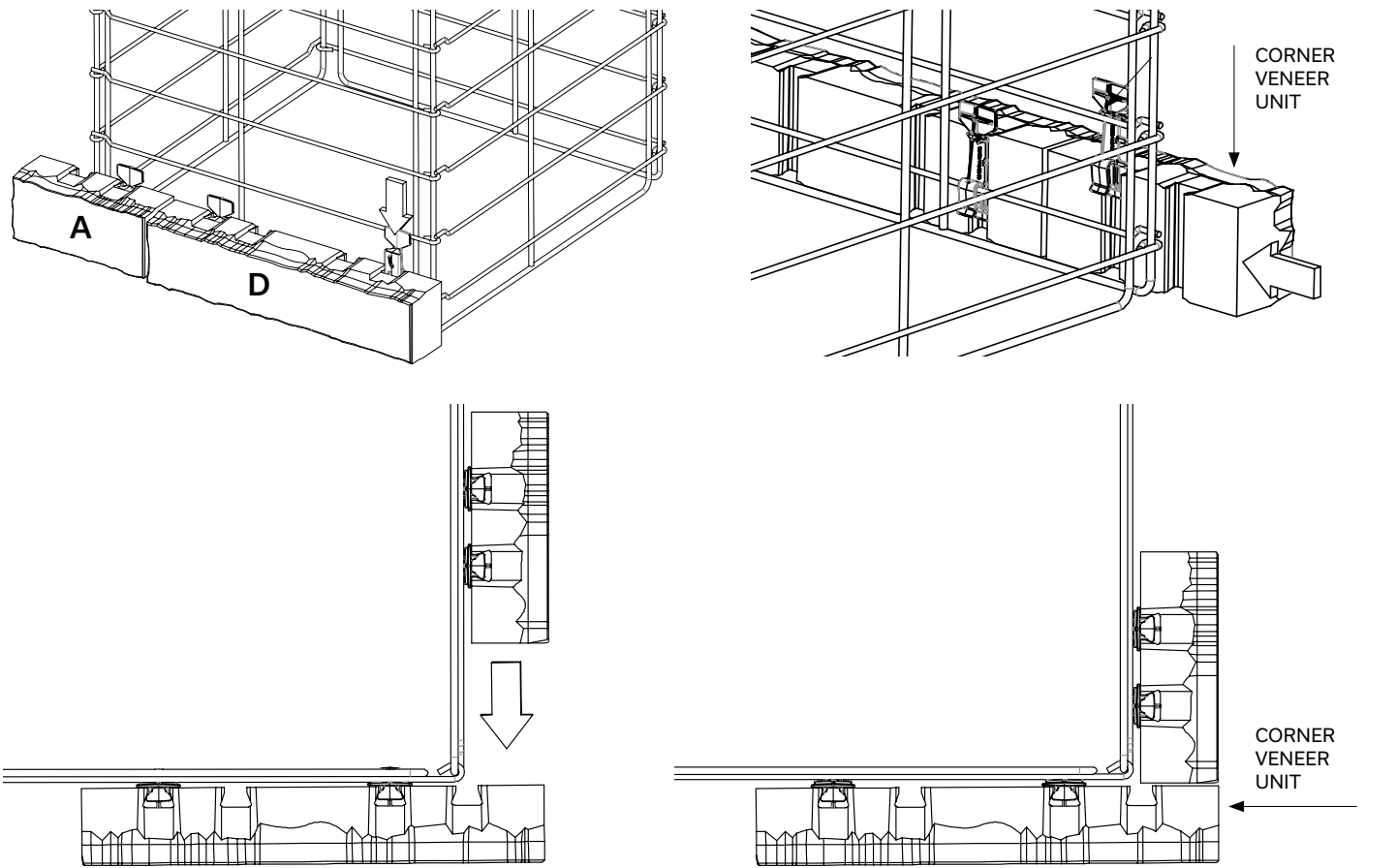
1st ROW OF STARTER UNITS

Insert the pillar connectors (using 2 connectors for each unit) into the veneer units which form the first row of the pillar. Place the veneer units for the first row around the steel pillar grid, making sure to "click" the connectors onto the horizontal wires (refer to the recommended installation pattern for the veneer units which have been selected).



LAFITT OR MELVILLE TANDEM PILLAR ASSEMBLY (CONT'D)

The corners of the pillar can be built easily by sliding the units along the wire until they line up with the corner unit which was installed previously.



LAYING PATTERNS

TANDEM PILLAR WITH 90 mm UNITS  
First 4 rows (over the starter units) 360 mm - 14 in.

D	A	D	4 <sup>th</sup> ROW
C	B	C	3 <sup>rd</sup> ROW
B	C	B	2 <sup>nd</sup> ROW
A	D	A	1 <sup>st</sup> ROW

Installation pattern to repeat up to DESIRED HEIGHT

90 mm TANDEM PILLAR WITH 180 mm UNITS  
First 5 rows (over the starter units) - for reference only

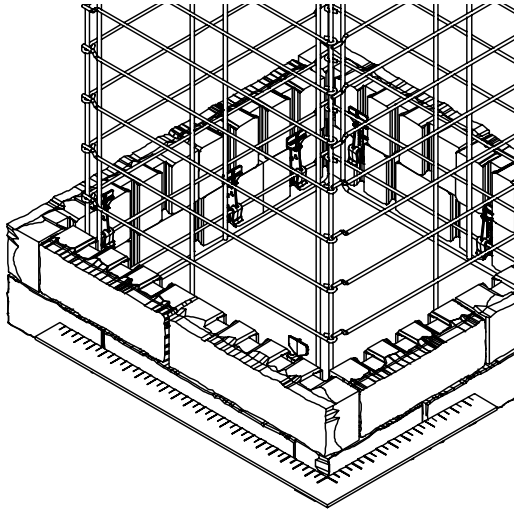
	B	B	5th ROW	
F		A	E	4th ROW
		B		3rd ROW
B	C		B	2nd ROW
A	D	A	1st ROW	

Installation pattern to repeat up to DESIRED HEIGHT

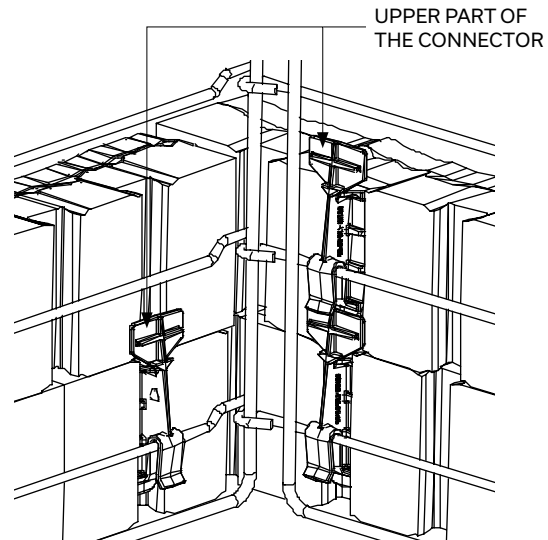


## LAFITT OR MELVILLE TANDEM 90 mm PILLAR ASSEMBLY

Once the first row has been completed, fill the interior space with clean 20 mm aggregate, and then use a square to ensure that the corner units are perpendicular to each other. Repeat this step after every second row has been completed. Install subsequent rows in the same manner, up to the desired height.

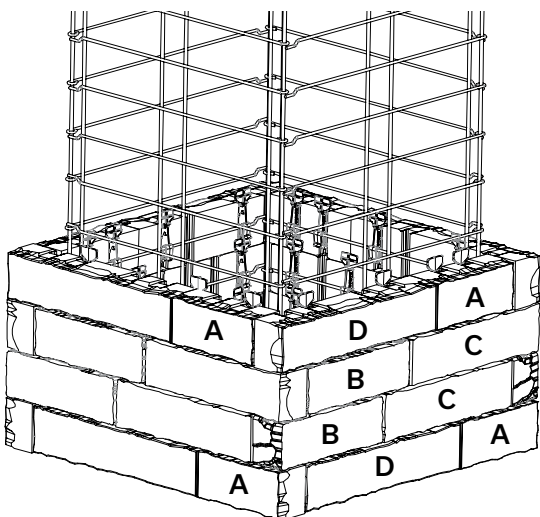


Ensure that the upper part of each connector is firmly in place behind the veneer unit, since it will serve as a support for the unit which will be installed above it.



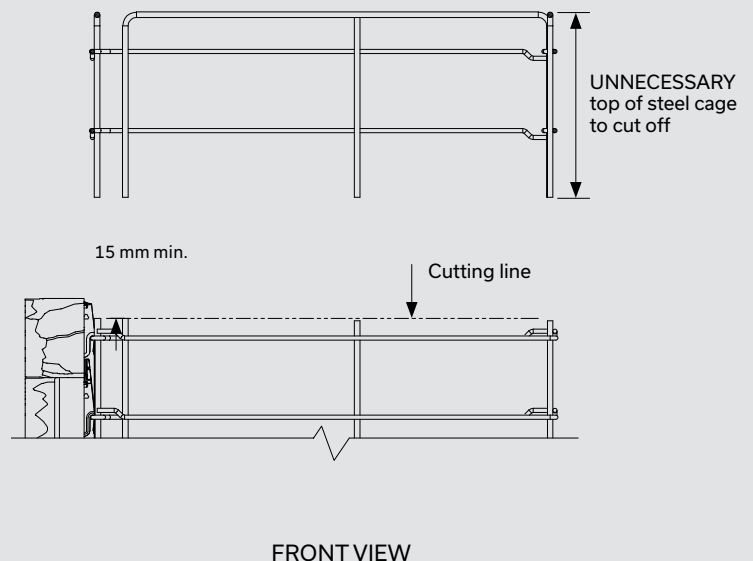
This is the recommended installation procedure for building the first four rows of a pillar. It makes optimal use of the veneer formats within a pallet: 16 regular veneers and 16 veneers with a texture end.

Repeating this pattern two more times will build a pillar with 12 rows and a height of 42 1/2 inches.



### CUTTING INSTRUCTION OF PILLAR GRID

To build a pillar which is shorter than 1067 mm - 42 in., simply cut away the excess portion of the steel pillar grid with a grinder.

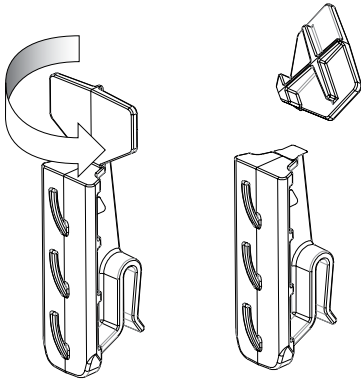
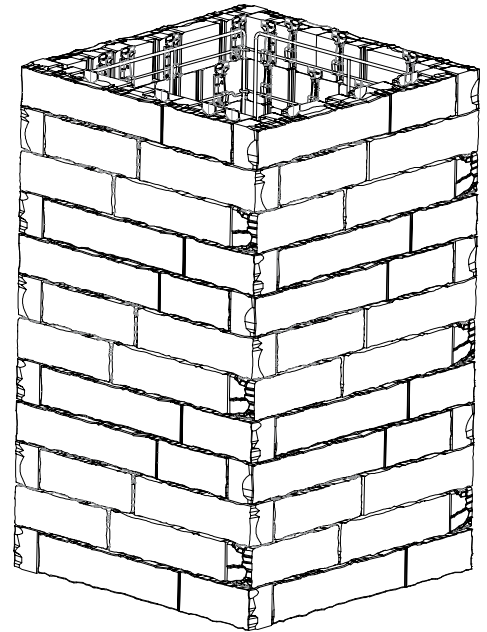




## LAFITT OR MELVILLE TANDEM 90 mm PILLAR ASSEMBLY (CONT'D)

A full steel pillar grid can be used to build a pillar with an overall height above ground, including the capping unit of 1067 mm - 42 in.

When the last row is reached, cut off the tops of the connectors with sheet-metal shears or twist them off by hand. Then install the capping unit on the pillar\*, adhering it in place with glue.

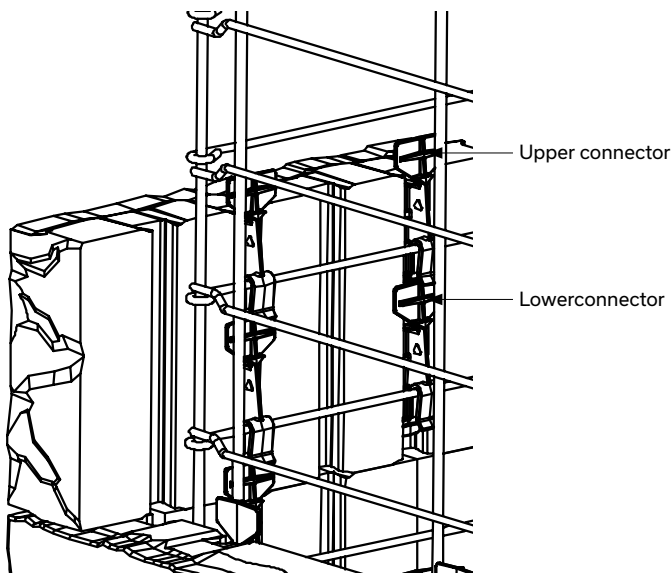


**\* VERY IMPORTANT:** the capping unit must rest on the veneer units and not on the steel pillar grid.

## LAFITT OR MELVILLE TANDEM PILLAR 90 mm AND 180 mm VENEER UNITS

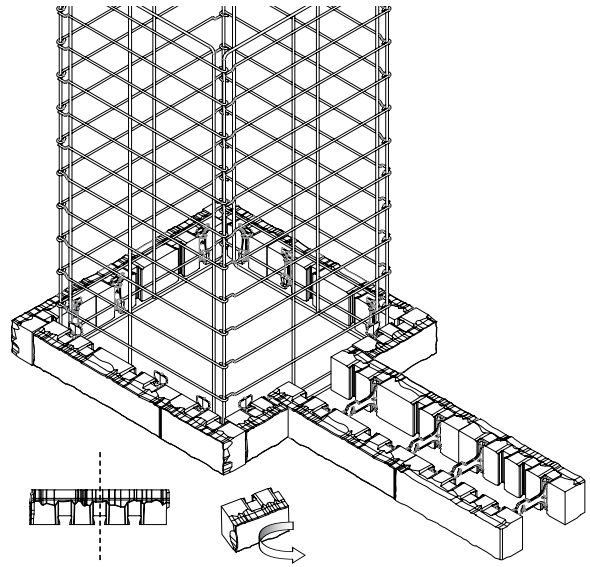
When using 180 mm high veneer units, use four connectors as shown below, beginning with the two lower ones and ending with the two upper ones.

To integrate 180 mm units into a pillar, use only 180 mm E and F units with textured corners. Carefully place the veneer units so that the joints are staggered, and ensure that you place at least one 180 mm unit on each side of the pillar, and not more than two.

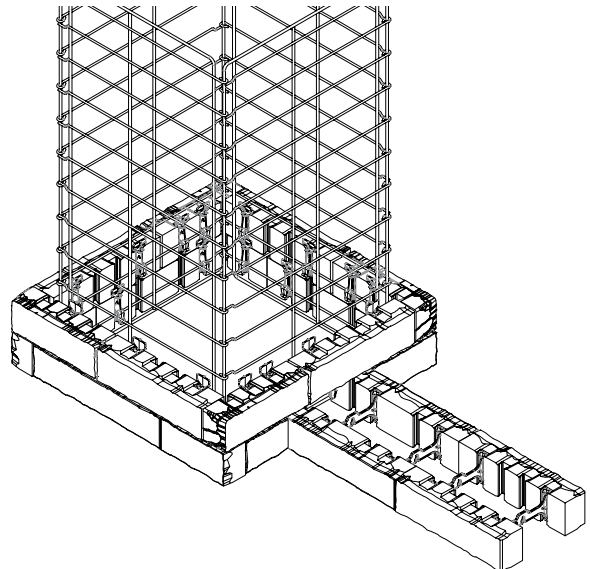


### JOINING A DOUBLE-SIDED WALL TO A PILLAR

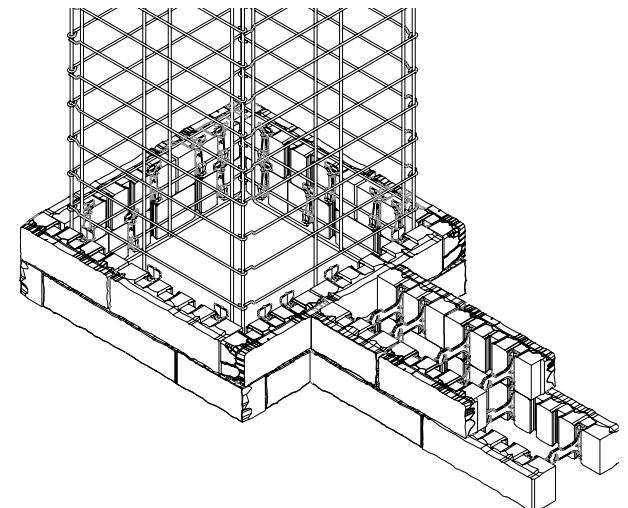
To join a double-sided wall to a pillar, you must cut the veneer unit for the pillar at every second row. Cut it at the centre of the dovetail recess.



For the second row, run the unit across the double-sided wall.



Begin the second row of the double-sided wall from the face of the pillar.



LAFITT AND MELVILLE TANDEM PILLAR WITH STRUCTURAL UNITS

Two typed of pillars can be built:

- > Lafitt Tandem
- > Melville Tandem

Pillars are built by placing Tandem units at 90' angles to create a square. Corners can then be completed by adding the appropriate textured veneer units. These veneers are attached using a corner connector as mentioned in the section on building a corner. It is advisable to glue each unit together for every course.

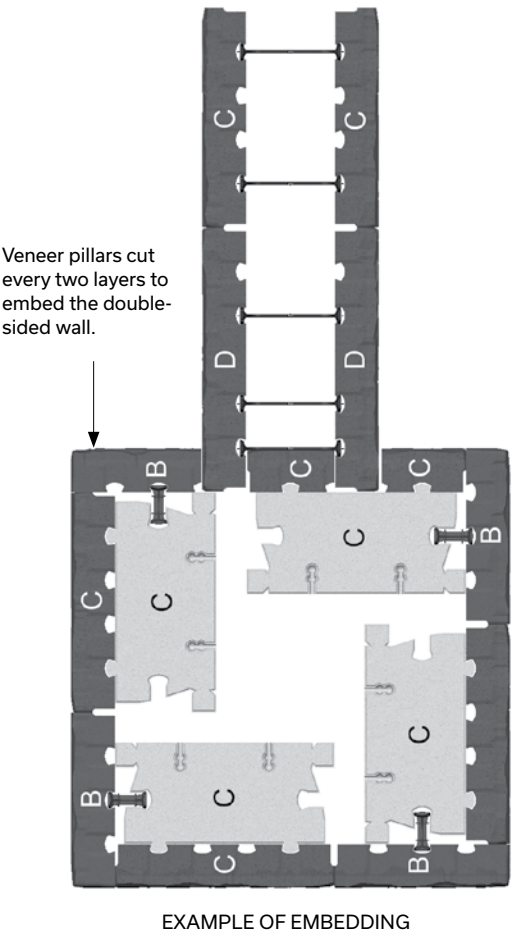
Maximum pillar height ranges from 1200 to 1500 mm - 4 to 5 ft. above ground level with a minimum buried depth of 150 mm - 6 ft. Capping is completed using a natural stone glue on last row. See table.

The predetermined installation patterns which are provided are intended to facilitate the building of each type of pillar. They also permit the optimal use of the different Tandem units and the textured veneer units.

In all cases, it is important to avoid aligning vertical joints from one row to the next on all visible facades. For these reasons. some combinations should be avoid from row to another.

Note that for some combinations, you need to use a structural unit A cut in two and fitted together with the veneer units.

When a double-sided wall ends at a pillar, the pillar must be modified to ensure it is solidly embedded, as in the illustration shown here.



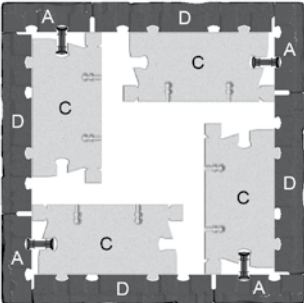
EXAMPLE OF EMBEDDING

90 PILLAR UNIT	MAXIMUM HEIGHT
670 x 670 mm 26 3/8 x 26 3/8 in.	1200 mm - 4 ft
737 x 737 mm 29 x 29 in.	1500 mm - 5 ft

LAFITT AND MELVILLE TANDEM PILLAR WITH 90 mm UNITS

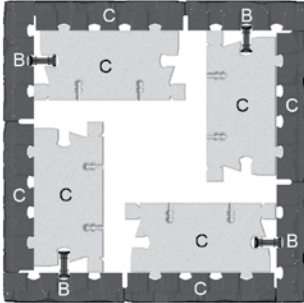
PILLAR  
670 x 670 mm - 26 3/8 x 26 3/8 in.

1<sup>st</sup> ROW



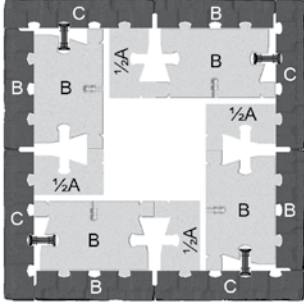
Veneer A with textured end

2<sup>nd</sup> ROW



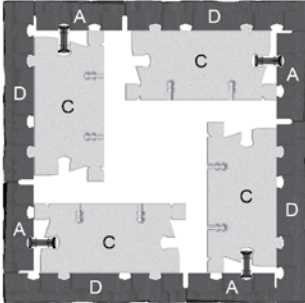
Veneer B with textured end

3<sup>rd</sup> ROW



Veneer C with textured end

4<sup>th</sup> ROW

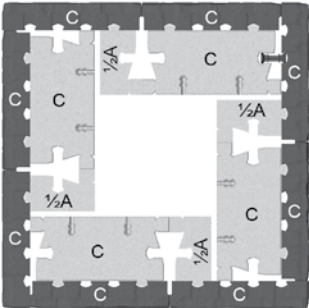


Veneer D with textured end

LAFITT AND MELVILLE TANDEM PILLAR WITH 90 mm UNITS (CONT'D)

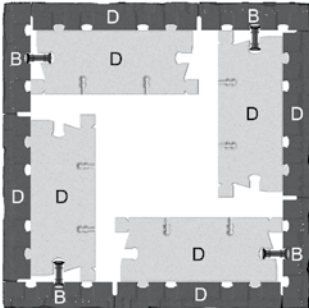
PILLAR  
737 x 737 mm - 29 x 29 in.

1<sup>st</sup> ROW



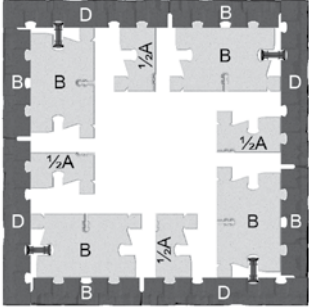
Veneer C with textured end

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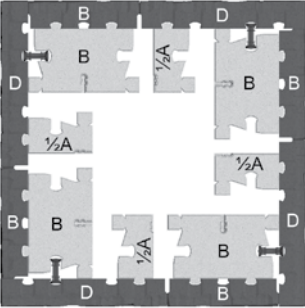
Veneer B with textured end

3<sup>rd</sup> ROW



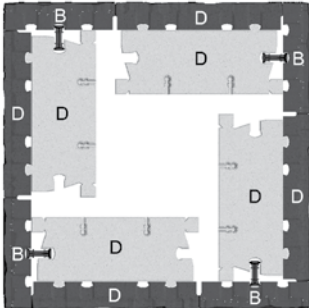
Veneer D with textured end

4<sup>th</sup> ROW



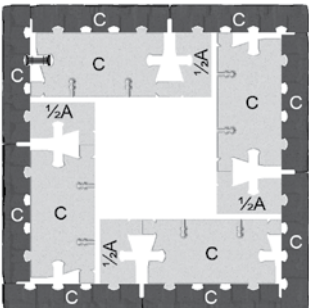
Veneer D with textured end

5<sup>th</sup> ROW



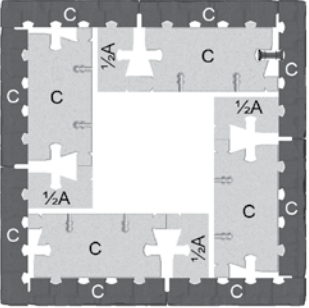
Veneer B with textured end

6<sup>th</sup> ROW



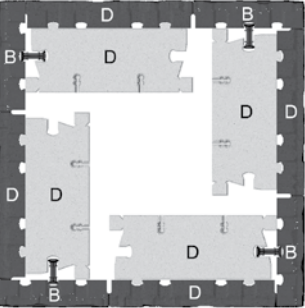
Veneer C with textured end

7<sup>th</sup> ROW



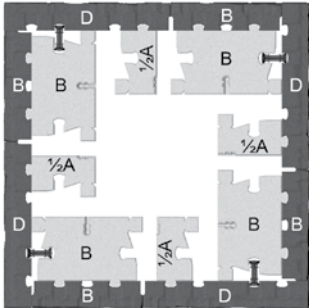
Veneer C with textured end

8<sup>th</sup> ROW



Veneer B with textured end

9<sup>th</sup> ROW



Veneer D with textured end

LAYING PATTERN

TANDEM 90 mm PILLAR  
First 9 rows (over starter units)  
810 mm - 31 7/8 in.

LEGEND

D

Veneer D with textured end

C

Veneer C with textured end

B

Veneer B with textured end

A

Veneer A with textured end

Installation pattern to repeat up to  
DESIRED HEIGHT

D	B	D	9 <sup>th</sup> ROW
B	D	B	8 <sup>th</sup> ROW
C	C	C	7 <sup>th</sup> ROW
C	C	C	6 <sup>th</sup> ROW
B	D	B	5 <sup>th</sup> ROW
D	B	D	4 <sup>th</sup> ROW
D	B	D	3 <sup>rd</sup> ROW
B	D	B	2 <sup>nd</sup> ROW
C	C	C	1 <sup>st</sup> ROW



# Outdoor Living Components

## CONSTRUCTION OF OUTDOOR LIVING COMPONENTS WITH THE TANDEM MODULAR GRID (GENERALITY)

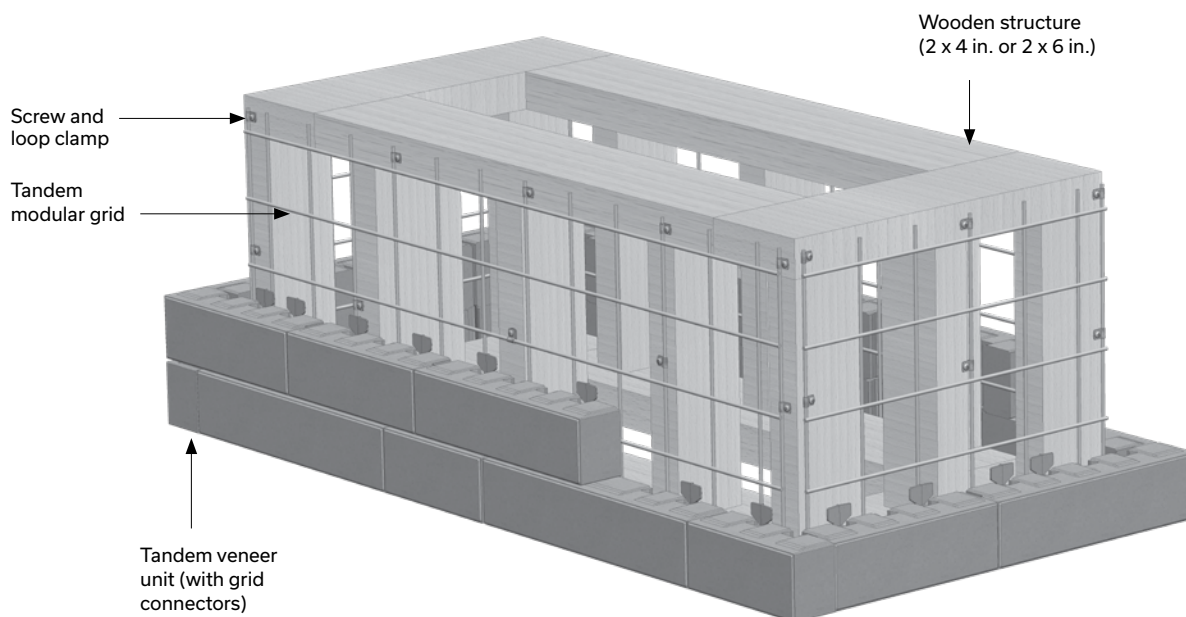


The Tandem system allows you to install different outdoor living components such as outdoor kitchens (barbecue, fridge, bar), patio furniture (bench and table), flower box, outdoor gas fireplace, privacy wall, fencing and deck skirting.

Indeed, you can easily build all these features by using the Tandem modular grid.

Our system has multiple benefits:

- > Provides a unified look for all the features of the landscaping design
- > Provides a durable, economical and maintenance-free solution
- > Offers great flexibility and unrestricted creativity regarding the configuration and size of components to be constructed
- > Offers a solution to difficult issues (e.g. deck skirting)
- > Eliminates the use of cementitious products (mortar)



## BASIC PRINCIPLES

A set of Tandem modular grids is attached to a structure of treated wood to which are attached Tandem veneer units (Lafitt or Melville). Since veneer units are manufactured in multiples of 67 mm, the overall dimensions of outdoor units should always be a multiple of 67 mm in order to avoid cuts. The wooden structure should be built taking into account the modular design of Tandem veneers. The same applies to the height, which must be a multiple of 90 mm. The item is finished off with an appropriate capping unit. You can construct a range of outdoor units of various dimensions.

### MAIN COMPONENTS OF THE SYSTEM

- > Tandem modular grid, 720 x 1080 mm - 28 x 42 1/2 in., including stainless steel screws and loop clamps for fastening. A modular grid covers a facing surface of 0.78 m<sup>2</sup> - 8.40 sq.ft.). Each modular grid includes a kit of 60 connectors, 10 x 1 1/4 in. screws and 10 loop clamps.
- > Tandem veneer units (Lafitt or Melville)
- > Galvanized shelf angle (for deck skirting, privacy walls and fences) 64 x 64 x 2439 mm - 2 1/2 x 2 1/2 x 8 ft. (min 10 gauge, Z275 G90 galvanized steel, ASTM A653 Grade 33)
- > Permacon concrete capping unit (Lafitt, Melville et Mondrian Plus along with Celtik capping)

### OTHER COMPONENTS NOT SUPPLIED BY PERMACON

- > Treated Wood: 2 x 4, 2 x 6 and 2 x 8 boards, 4 x 4 or 6 x 6 posts, 4 x 8 plywood sheets (all wood should be treated against rot and must be category S-P-F #1 or better). Refer to the various suppliers' specific application sheets for details.
- > Fiber cement panels 1220 x 2240 x 12 mm (48 x 96 x 1/2 in.)
- > # 10 screws of varying lengths, nuts, bolts and washers where required, all in stainless steel. It is not recommended to use treated wood screws (green ceramic) or metal plated screws (zinc, copper or other)
- > Hilti Kwik Bolt-type anchors (for concrete deck skirting)
- > Simpson Strong-Tie-type hardware for construction of wood frame for deck
- > Custom countertops made of granite, quartz, marble and natural stone as alternatives to concrete tops



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## WOOD FRAMING

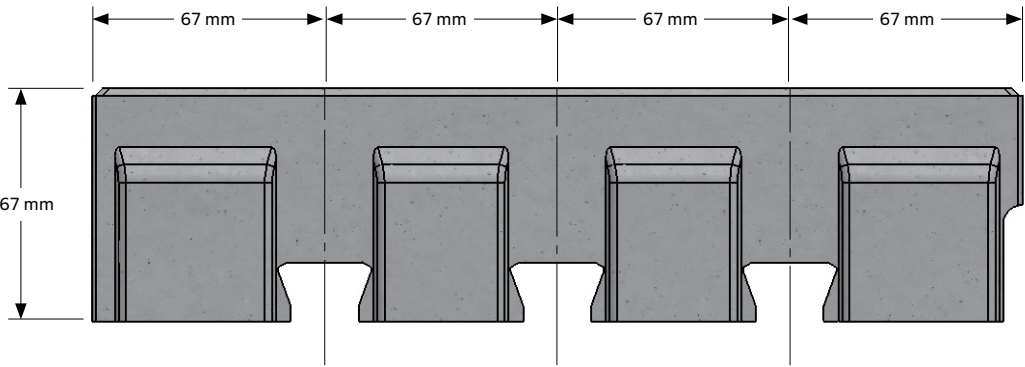
You must always take the modular design of Tandem Veneers into account when constructing wood framing. The overall dimensions of outdoor units must always be a multiple of 67 mm in length and width and 90 mm in height. When installing the framing, remember that grids need a 16 mm - 3/8 in. space between the veneer and the frame.

Bearing this in mind, the following tables show detailed measurements for the framing of units. These tables are very useful for quickly calculating the actual dimensions of the wood framing and the unit to be constructed to build the component without any veneers cut.

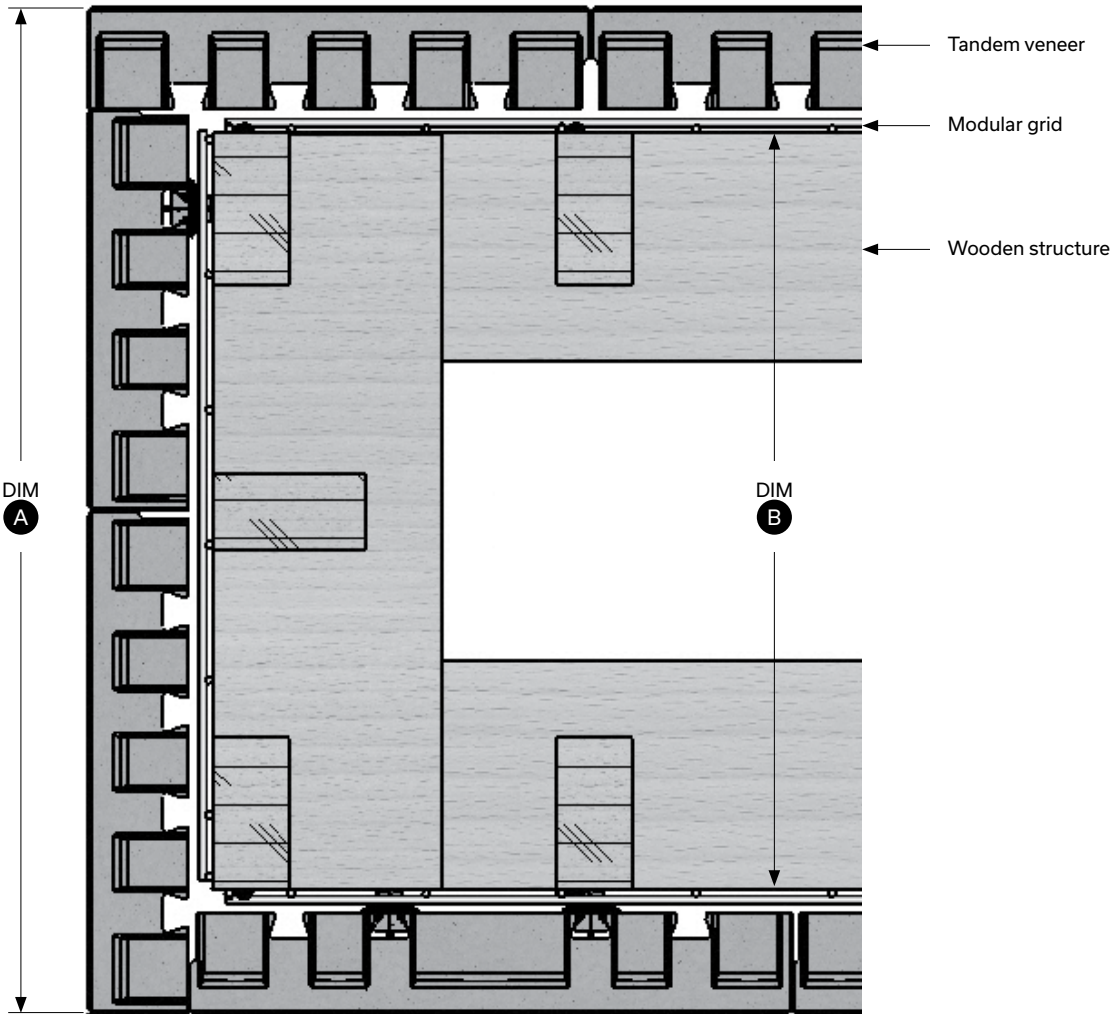
**TABLE OF COMPONENTS AND WOOD FRAME DIMENSIONS  
BASED ON THE MODULAR FORMAT OF VENEERS**

DIM A (mm)	DIM A (in.)	DIM B (mm)	DIM B (in.)
201	7 15/16	35	1 3/8
268	10 9/16	102	4
335	13 3/16	169	6 5/8
402	15 13/16	236	9 5/16
469	18 7/16	303	11 15/16
536	21 1/8	370	14 9/16
603	23 3/4	437	17 3/16
670	26 3/8	504	19 13/16
737	29	571	22 1/2
804	31 5/8	638	25 1/8
871	34 5/16	705	27 3/4
938	36 15/16	772	30 3/8
1005	39 9/16	839	33 1/16
1072	42 3/16	906	35 11/16
1139	44 13/16	973	38 1/4
1206	47 1/2	1040	40 15/16
1273	50 1/8	1107	43 9/16
1340	52 3/4	1174	46 1/4
1407	55 3/8	1241	48 7/8
1474	58 1/16	1308	51 1/2
1541	60 11/16	1375	54 1/8
1608	63 5/16	1442	56 3/4
1675	65 15/16	1509	59 3/8
1742	68 9/16	1576	62 1/16
1809	71 1/4	1643	64 5/8
1876	73 7/8	1710	67 5/16
1943	76 1/2	1777	69 15/16
2010	79 1/8	1844	72 5/8
2077	81 3/4	1911	75 1/4
2144	84 7/16	1978	77 7/8
2211	87 1/16	2045	80 1/2
2278	89 11/16	2112	83 1/8
2345	92 5/16	2179	85 3/4
2412	94 15/16	2246	88 7/16
2479	97 5/8	2313	91 1/16
2546	100 1/4	2380	93 11/16
2613	102 7/8	2447	96 5/16
2680	105 1/2	2514	99

TANDEM VENEERS -MODULAR DESIGN

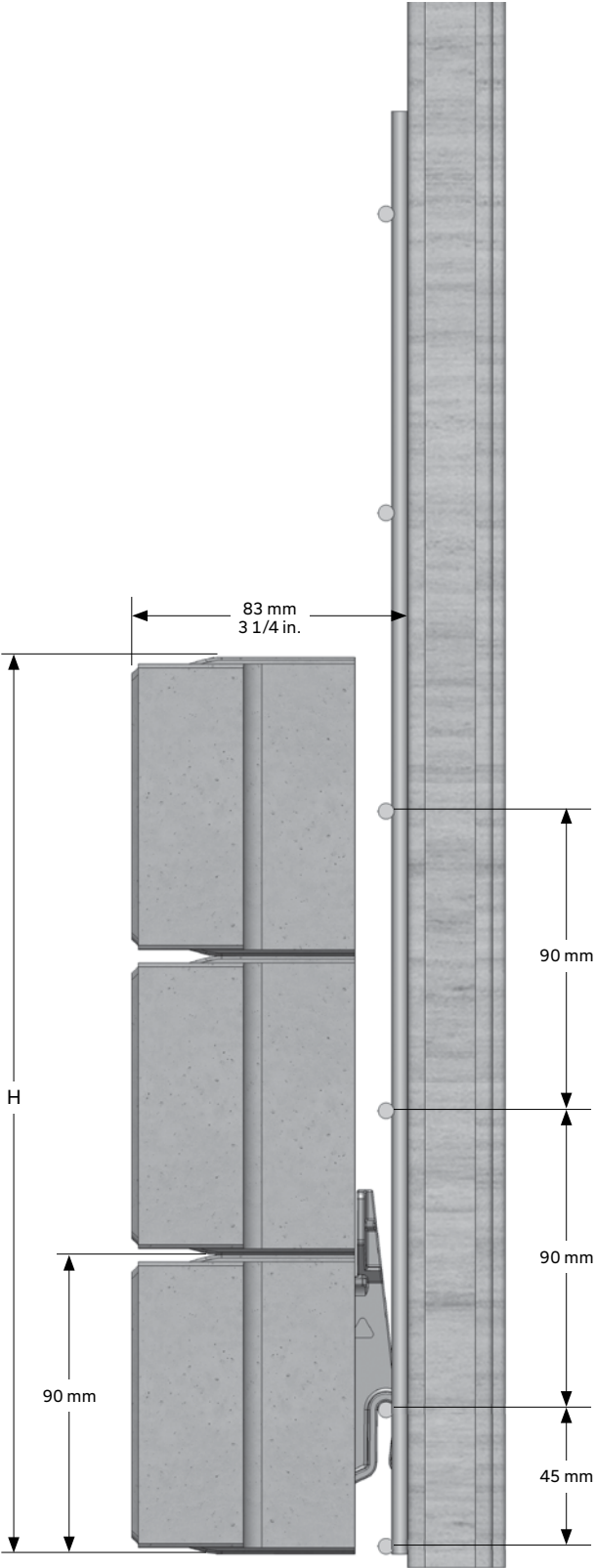


TYPICAL COMPONENT - PLAN VIEW

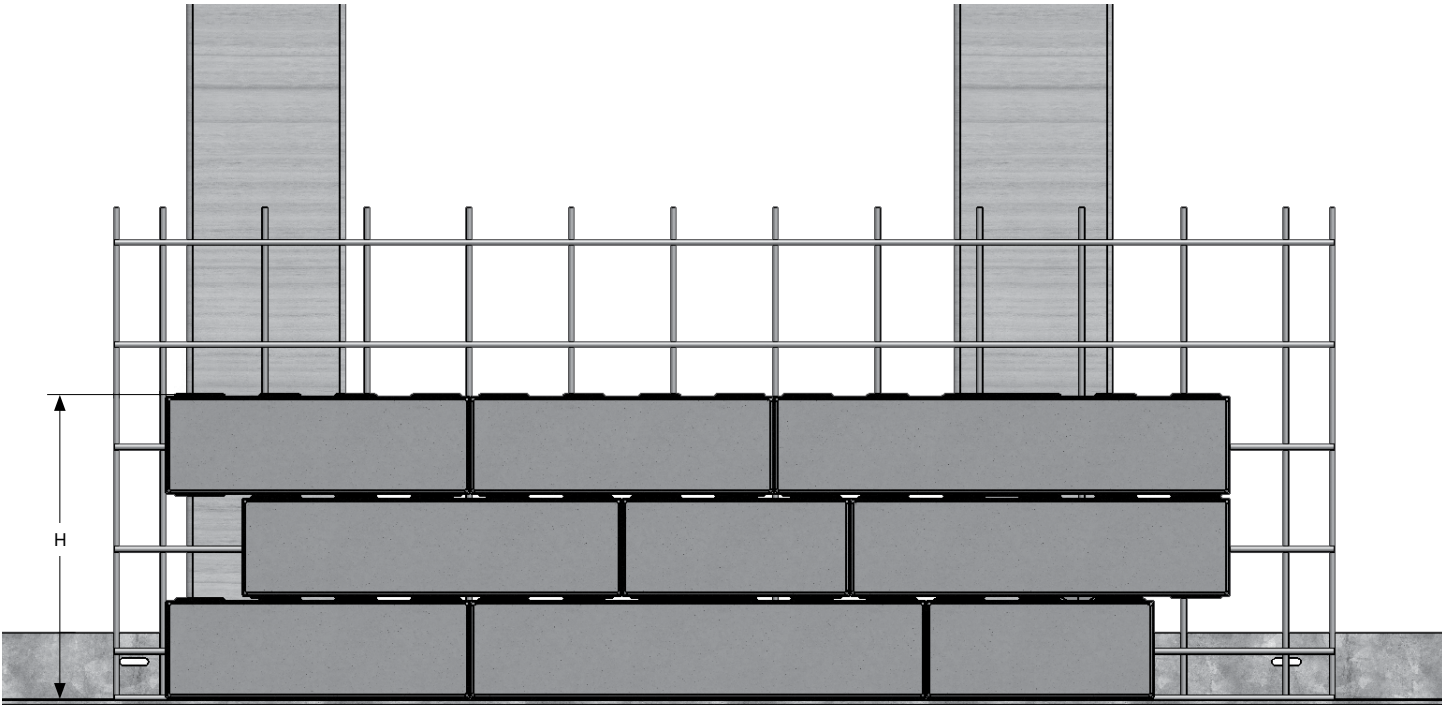


TYPICAL COMPONENT - SIDE VIEW

HEIGHT OF COMPONENTS AND WOOD FRAME ACCORDING TO THE MODULAR DESIGN OF 90 mm VENEER UNITS		
NUMBER OF ROWS	HEIGHT (mm)	HEIGHT (in.)
2	180 mm	7 1/16
3	270 mm	10 5/8
4	360 mm	14 3/16
5	450 mm	17 11/16
6	540 mm	21 1/4
7	630 mm	24 13/16
8	720 mm	28 1/3
9	810 mm	31 1/8
10	900 mm	34 5/8
11	990 mm	39
12	1080 mm	42 1/2



TYPICAL COMPONENT - FRONT VIEW



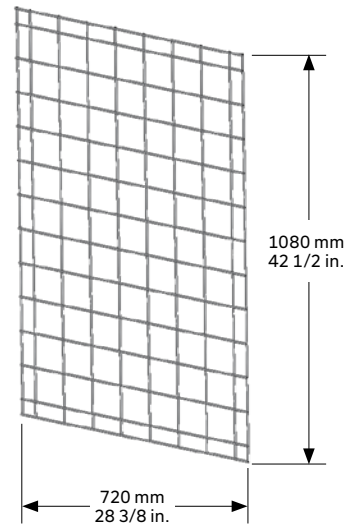
## TANDEM MODULAR GRID - DETAIL 1

It is important to note that the units to be constructed must always be straight and have corners (inner and outer) forming a 90° angle. Therefore, making a corner is a common element in all construction plans. You can also refer to the plan view detail (page 44) to see how to make a 90° corner, taking into account the modular design of Tandem veneers and grids. When building the wood frame, keep in mind that you have to install Tandem grids. The flexibility of the grid means that you can install it in either direction, horizontally or vertically.

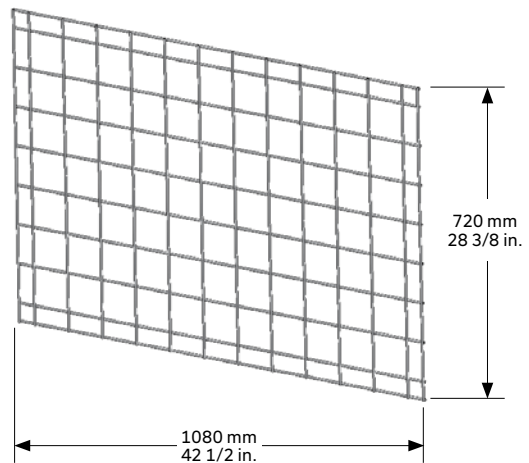
You have to cut the grids when the unit you're building is smaller in size (height or length) than a complete grid of 28 in. or 42 1/2 in. It may be helpful to decide the direction of the grid so as to minimize cuts. To cut a grid, use any suitable tool like a grinder or bolt cutters.

To avoid making cuts in the veneers, simply follow the dimensions based on the modular design of the veneers shown in the previous tables.

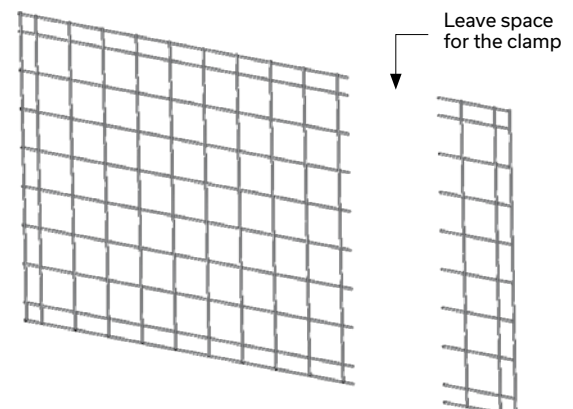
DETAIL 1



VERTICAL INSTALLATION



HORIZONTAL INSTALLATION



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## TANDEM MODULAR GRID - DETAIL 2

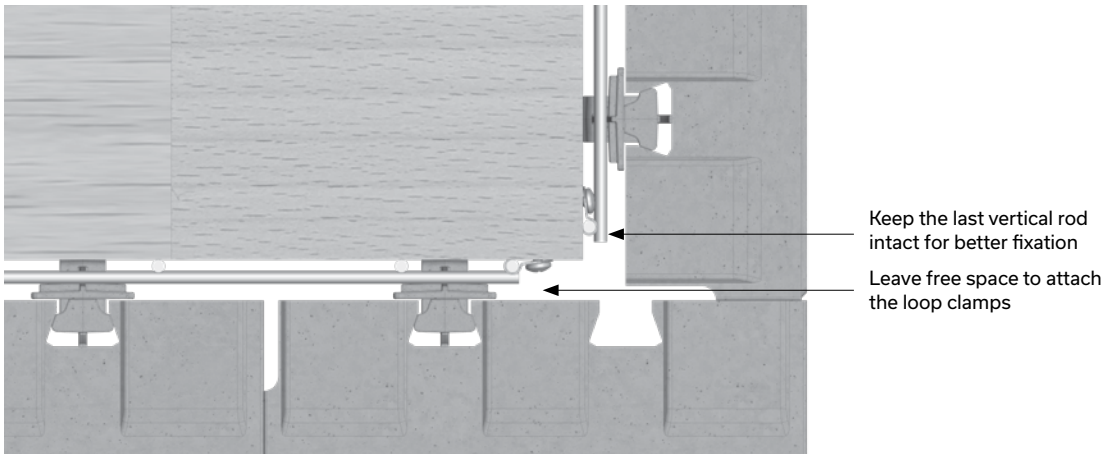
The grid is attached with the loop clamps and screws supplied. Simply place the loop clamps around the vertical rods of the grid and then insert a screw into the wood frame. There are 10 loop clamps per Tandem grid.

To secure a grid, the loop clamps should be evenly positioned, starting with the edge of the grid and moving towards the center. To ensure the solidity of the grid, use approximately one fastener (screw and loop clamps) per square foot of grid or 10 fasteners per square meter. To attach a grid to the wood frame, the vertical rods must be placed directly against the structure.

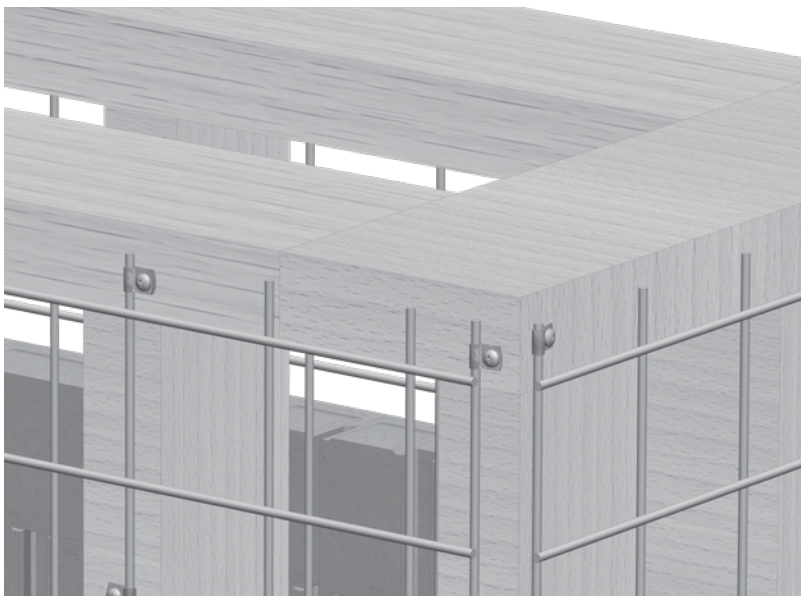
Since the metal rods of the grids are spaced every 90 mm, it's helpful if the intermediate posts of the wood framing are multiples of 90 mm. This will increase the available attachment area for the grid. A continuous attachment area like plywood sheeting can also be used to provide a larger surface for attaching the Tandem grid.

When a unit requires more than one grid either horizontally or vertically, they should be installed one after the other in both directions.

### DETAIL 2



MODULAR GRID CUTTING INSTRUCTIONS (PLAN VIEW)



ISOMETRIC VIEW



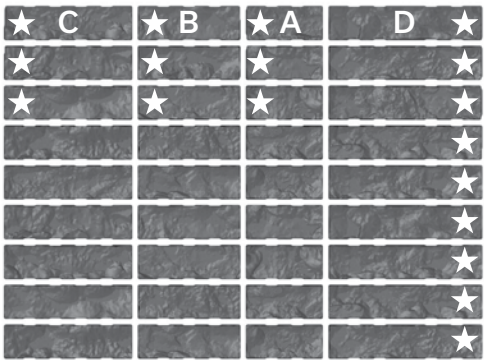
TANDEM VENEERS

When the grids have been installed, just insert the veneers into the unit using the connectors specially designed for this purpose. We recommend using 2 connectors per veneer for a solid job, but sometimes a connector cannot be inserted due to the geometry of the grid. You must then secure the veneer by gluing it to surrounding veneers with Techniseal concrete adhesive.

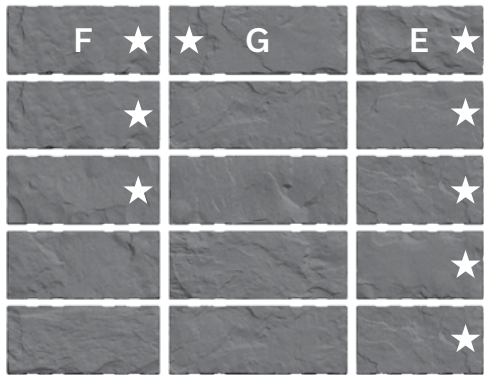
Normally, for a standard project, all formats of the veneer units are used randomly. As for retaining walls, always keep in mind the principle of staggering the vertical joints from one row to another. For the corners, you need corner units just like constructing a pillar with steel grids (see BUILDING PILLARS section). But it should be noted that sometimes the construction of a short unit requires a larger quantity of the same format veneers, especially corner units (for Lafitt Tandem, the amount of veneer corner units is in a proportion of about 1/2 of a pallet. For Melville Tandem, all veneer units have a textured corner. It is important to check this when calculating the quantity so as to have enough of the appropriate veneers on hand.

It is also possible to use 180 mm veneers when constructing a unit, the same as for a retaining wall or a column.

Stacking position on pallets (with a textured end)



LAFITT TANDEM - UNITS 90



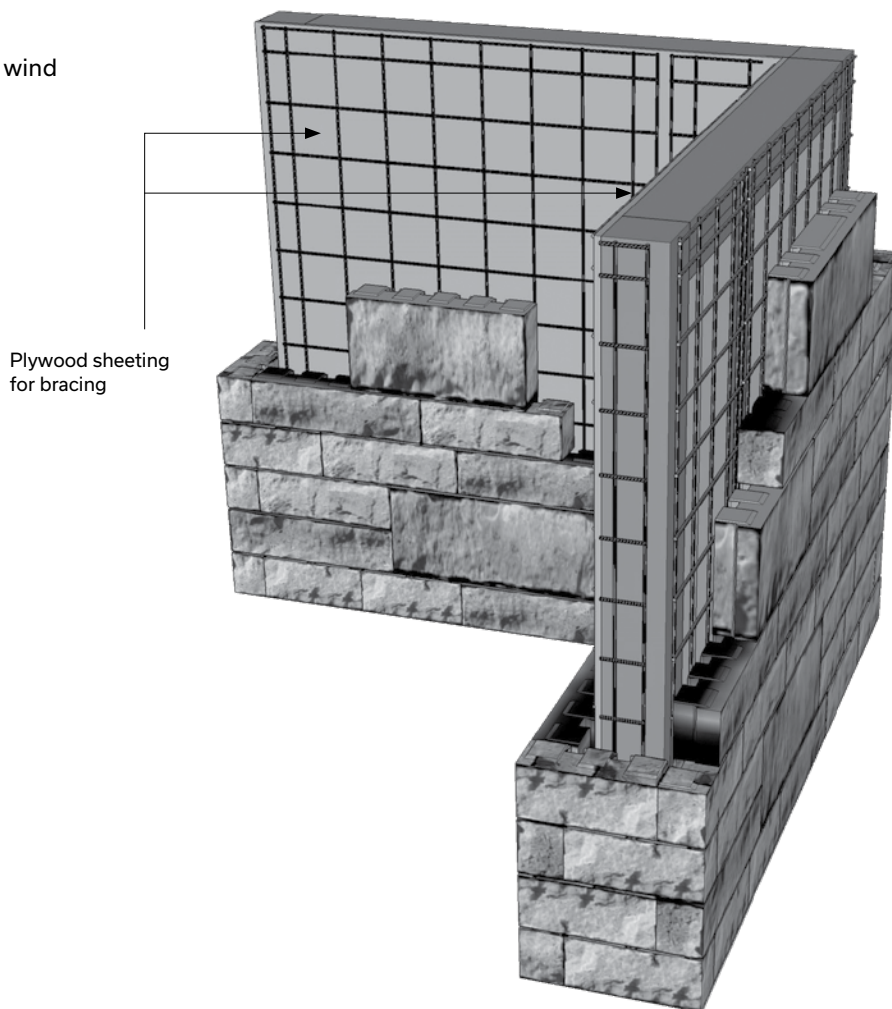
LAFITT TANDEM - UNITS 180



## BRACING

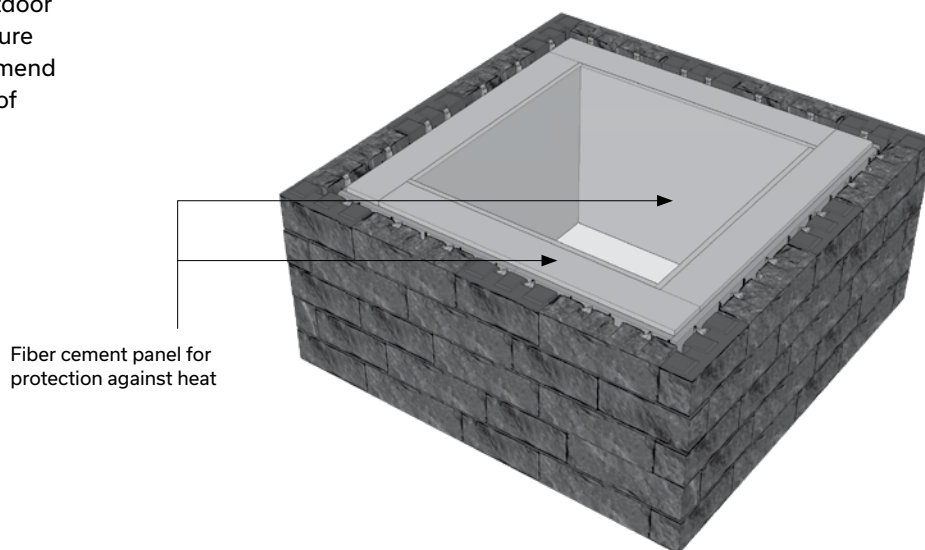
Some items require bracing panels like plywood sheeting, especially for privacy walls, fencing and deck skirting. These panels are needed to strengthen the unit to withstand stress such as wind and to limit distortion under regular loads.

EXAMPLE OF BRACING (privacy wall)



Other units require the installation of fiber cement panels for heat insulation (barbecues and outdoor gas fireplaces) or as protection against moisture (flower boxes). In these situations, we recommend fiber cement panels of a minimum thickness of 12 mm - 1/2 in.

EXAMPLE OF A HEAT PROTECTION SET-UP

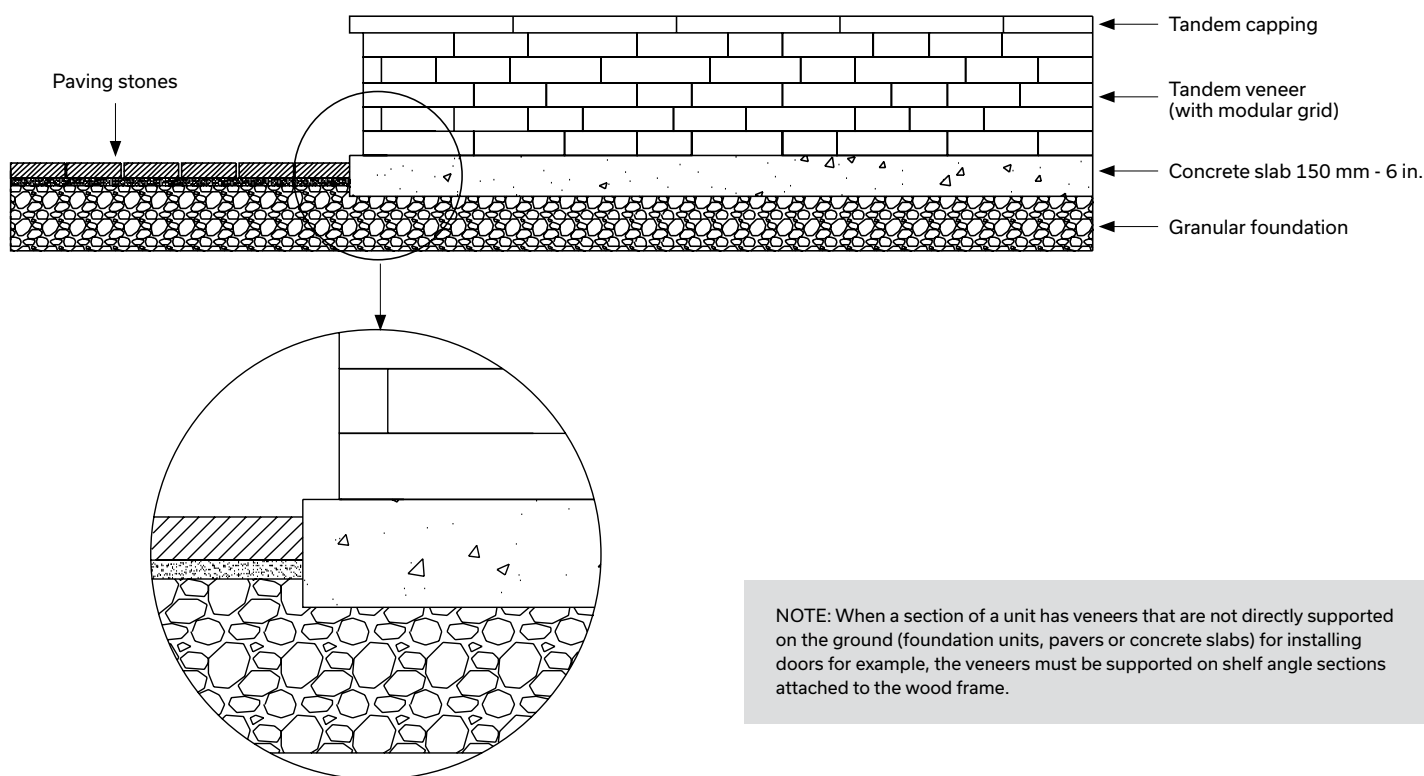


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## BASE SUPPORT FOR OUTDOOR UNITS

Outdoor units like a bench, flower box or outdoor fireplace can usually be built on a base of concrete foundation (starter units) or placed directly onto concrete pavers. A granular base of compacted crushed stone should be laid before the foundation. However, we recommend that long or heavy units be supported on a concrete slab (minimum thickness of 150 mm or 6 in. We also recommend that units like barbecues or tables with a single granite, quartz or marble top over their entire surface be supported on a reinforced concrete slab to prevent the top from breaking if the ground shifts. In each case, a compacted granular base should underlie the concrete slab.

## CROSS SECTION - COMPONENTS SUPPORTED ON A CONCRETE SLAB



## CONSTRUCTION LUMBER

Building the different units in this guide requires construction lumber for the framing: 2 x 4, 2 x 6 and 2 x 8 boards, 4 x 4 and 6 x 6 posts and plywood sheets. We recommend that all wood used outdoors be treated against rot according to established procedures approved by Health Canada. You should use S-P-F #1 or #2 wood or better. This type of wood usually has a minimum life of 15 years without maintenance in normal outdoor conditions.

NOTE: Wooden components that have been cut or sawed should be treated with an anti-rot product.

## COMPLIANCE WITH CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS

In all circumstances, units to be constructed must always comply with the requirements of the National Building Code (version specific to your region) and local municipal bylaws and regulations.

# Building an Outdoor Gas Fireplace

## CONSTRUCTION OF AN OUTDOOR GAS FIREPLACE

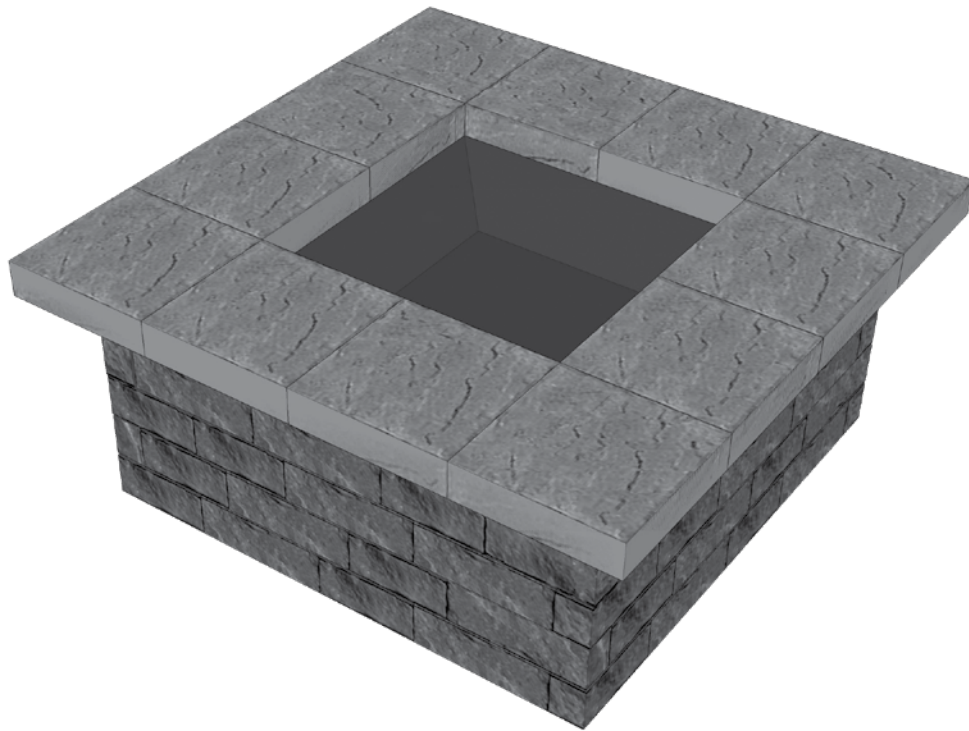
Note that the only type of fireplace recommended for this type of construction is a propane gas or natural gas fireplace. A wood fireplace is not permitted.

Construction should begin with laying a solid foundation that is leveled, compacted and well drained.

The wood framing must be built according to the type of fireplace chosen. Dimensions are calculated using the data on shop drawings provided by the fireplace manufacturer. It may be necessary to add some extra parts like plywood shims for adjusting to the exact modular dimensions of the fireplace (Tandem modular veneers according to the wood frame design).

It is essential to install heat insulation. A fiber cement panel of a minimum thickness of 12 mm - 1/2 in. is recommended for adequate protection. The panels must be installed all around the heating element (burner).

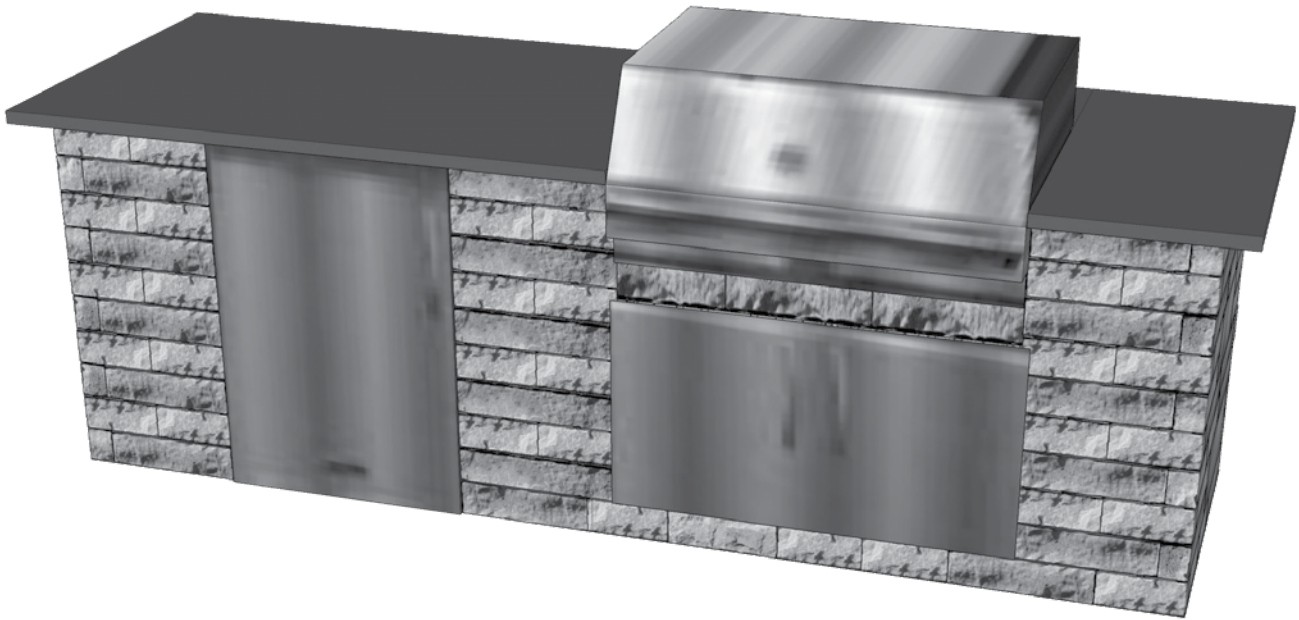
You must also plan to install conduits in the ground for gas pipes and for electric cables if required.



# Building an Outdoor Kitchen

## BUILDING AN OUTDOOR KITCHEN - BARBECUE, REFRIGERATOR, BAR

The wood frame must be constructed according to the type of barbecue chosen. Dimensions are calculated using data on the shop drawings provided by the barbecue manufacturer. Additional accessories such as a fridge or integrated cabinet doors are also possible. Naturally, you have to plan on adding pieces of wood to attach accessories to the wooden structure, like a frame in the case of doors. When purchasing supplies, you will usually find moldings to finish the edges of the various units.



It is essential to install protection from heat and sparks. A fiber cement panel of a minimum thickness of 12 mm - 1/2 in. or a double-skinned steel section if provided by the BBQ manufacturer is recommended for adequate protection. The panels must be installed all around the heating element (burner).

Finish off with concrete coping or panels of granite, quartz, marble or natural stone. The panels must be made to measure by specialized companies. You must make special provisions for handling and installation to avoid possible breakage. The panels are attached on top of the plywood with silicone adhesive to prevent movement.

Provide adequate means for venting gases when constructing the barbecue. (Refer to the barbecue manufacturer's recommendations for the position and size of the ventilation grid required).

You should also plan to install conduits for gas pipes and electric cables. The conduits may in certain cases be installed in the ground.

# Building Patio Furniture

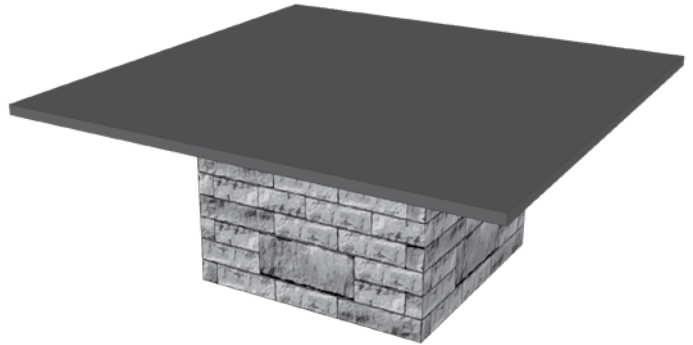
## BUILDING PATIO FURNITURE (TABLE AND BENCH) AND FLOWER BOX

### TABLE

You can make a table by building a Tandem unit (grid and veneers) to form the base and then adding a tabletop. The tabletop can be wood, granite, quartz, marble or natural stone.

Dimensions may vary. It is essential to leave a minimum space between the table edge and the base. At least 460 mm - 18 in. is needed for leg room.

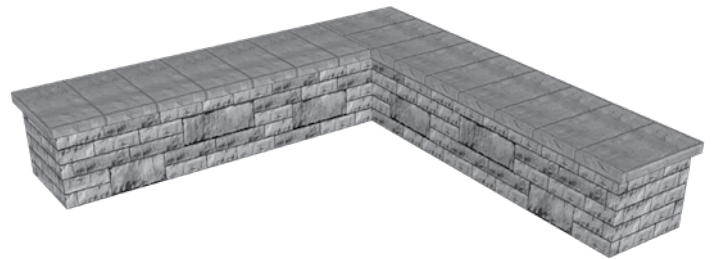
Granite, quartz or marble tabletop: the tabletop must be attached to the veneers with a silicone adhesive. We recommend that a tabletop resting on a Tandem unit be made from a single piece to increase rigidity and stability. This allows you to avoid adding a metal fastener to secure the tabletop to the structure for increased stability and extra protection where necessary. For very large tabletops, it is recommended to install steel supports (angles) to better stabilize the whole unit. You should enquire from the tabletop supplier what are the optimal sizes and thicknesses for stability and security and to avoid possible breakage.



### BENCH

You can make a bench by building a structure for the base and simply adding a concrete coping unit for the seat. Bench dimensions can vary, but it may be helpful to make your decision based on available coping units in order to avoid cuts. For a typical bench, the coping will be of the Melville Plus type.

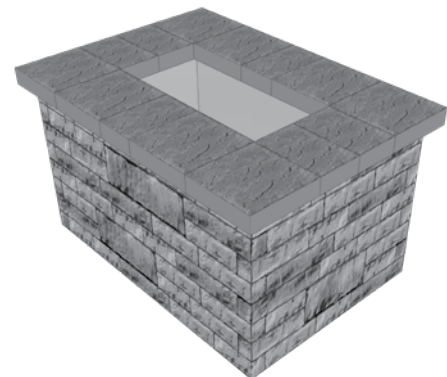
Bench minimum width is 21 in.



### FLOWER BOX

It is recommended to install a fiber cement panel and a geotextile membrane to protect the wood against deterioration caused by vegetable and mineral materials (plants and soil). You should provide water drainage when building the structure.

For the coping, use the following products for retaining walls: Mondrian 50, Lafitt Plus Tandem, Melville Plus and Celtik capping.





# Building Privacy Walls and Fences

## CONSTRUCTION OF A PRIVACY WALL AND A FENCE

When building a fence or when wanting to hide or conceal various pieces of equipment (e.g. pool filter, heat pump) or utility items (e.g. trashcans or storage bins), the Tandem modular grid system is just what you need.

Fencing is mostly built with treated wood posts (structural, select quality) supported by cast-in-place concrete foundations (Sonotubes) for the main structure. An intermediate structure in treated wood boards is then installed between the posts to attach the fence components of Tandem modular grids and veneers. A shelf angle is fixed to the base of the structure to provide continuous support for the weight of the veneers. The shelf angle (2 1/2 x 2 / 12 x 8 in.) is attached to the base of the structure (wood poles and boards forming the stringer) with suitable screws (#10 x 3 1/2 in.) every 200 mm - 8 in. The shelf angle can be cut to the size of the unit under construction.

The wooden structure between the posts, combined with the shelf angle, supports the weight of the walls and transfers it to the foundations. Fences and privacy walls must rest on pillars (Sonotubes) and concrete foundations to transfer the weight of the walls to the ground. The foundations are also necessary to prevent the walls from collapsing due to the force of the wind.

The dimensions of the foundations in this guide were calculated to respect the weight-bearing capacity of the soil and to limit irregular subsidence that could lead to distortions in the wall. Calculations were made for soil conditions of low weight-bearing

capacity. For different soil conditions, we recommend consulting a qualified engineer. The foundation must be built to withstand local frost conditions. The depth of frost in this guide is 1.8 m - 6 in. The use of screw piles is not recommended for this type of application.

Privacy walls are made with the same main structure to which a perpendicular section is added to obscure non-aesthetic items.

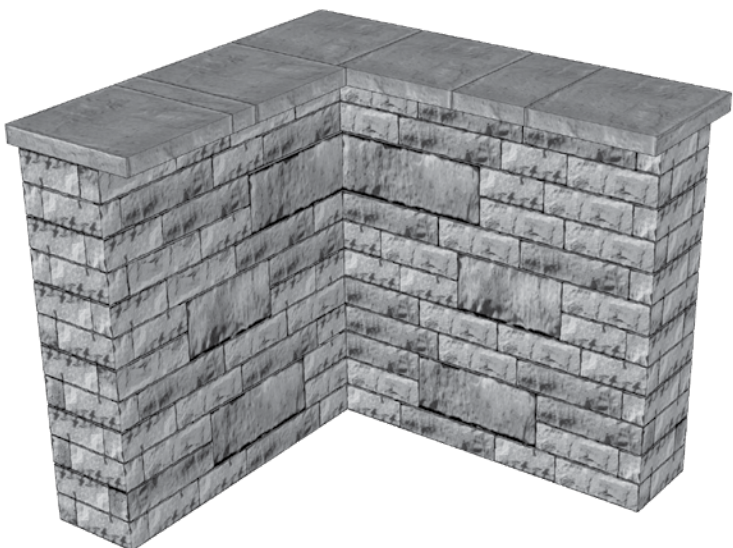
The maximum height of a fence or a privacy wall is limited to 1.8 m - 6 ft.

The maximum length of a wall facade between posts is 2.4 m - 8 ft.

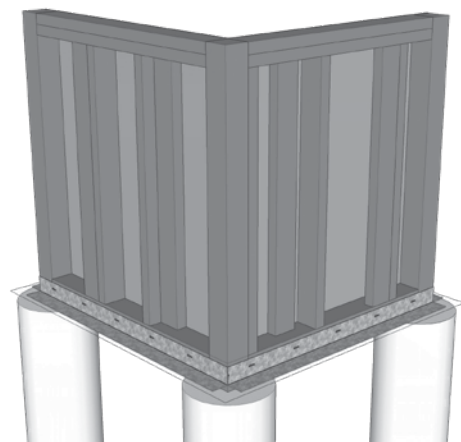
The unit can be built to display its aesthetic appearance on one side or both sides simultaneously.

The wood frame must integrate a bracing panel such as a sheet of 12 mm - 1/2 in. treated plywood to provide a continuous attachment area and stabilize the structure to withstand loads. To finish the walls, attach a cap on top of the wood frame, either in concrete (sizes to be decided on site) or metal (custom bent by a specialized company). Tandem Melville Plus steps can be used to finish the top of a fence or privacy wall.

The capping unit is fixed with a suitable concrete adhesive spread on the wooden structure and the top of veneers. It may be useful to fix the wooden structure to the concrete cap with a metal attachment to provide additional wind protection.



PRIVACY WALL



PRIVACY WALL on concrete pillar (Sonotube) - construction details of wooden structure

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## DESIGN DATA FOR FENCES

Since unit components will vary according to height from 0 to 1.8 m - 6 in., we present the main minimum requirements in table form.

FENCE WITH VENEER ON ONE SIDE					
FENCE HEIGHT	Ø PILASTER	FOOTING	EMBEDDING POST	POST	STRUCTURE
0 to 4 ft. OPTION 1	300 mm - 12 in.	Ø 600 mm - 24 in.	600 mm - 24 in.	4 x 4*	2 x 4
OPTION 2	300 mm - 12 in.	400 x 400 mm - 16 x 16 in.	600 mm - 24 in.	4 x 4*	2 x 4
OPTION 3	600 mm - 24 in.	N/A	600 mm - 24 in.	4 x 4*	2 x 4
4 to 5 ft. OPTION 1	300 mm - 12 in.	Ø 600 mm - 24 in.	600 mm - 24 in.	6 x 6**	2 x 6
OPTION 2	300 mm - 12 in.	400 x 400 mm - 16 x 16 in.	600 mm - 24 in.	6 x 6**	2 x 6
5 to 6 ft. OPTION 1	300 mm - 12 in.	Ø 600 mm - 24 in.	600 mm - 24 in.	6 x 6**	2 x 6
OPTION 2	300 mm - 12 in.	500 x 500 mm - 20 x 20 in.	600 mm - 24 in.	6 x 6**	2 x 6
FENCE WITH VENEER ON BOTH SIDES					
0 to 4 ft. OPTION 1	300 mm - 12 in.	Ø 600 mm - 24 in.	600 mm - 24 in.	4 x 4*	2 x 4
OPTION 2	300 mm - 12 in.	500 x 500 mm - 20 x 20 in.	600 mm - 24 in.	4 x 4*	2 x 4
4 to 5 ft. OPTION 1	300 mm - 12 in.	Ø 600 mm - 24 in.	600 mm - 24 in.	6 x 6**	2 x 6
OPTION 2	300 mm - 12 in.	500 x 500 mm - 20 x 20 in.	600 mm - 24 in.	6 x 6**	2 x 6
5 to 6 ft. OPTION 1	300 mm - 12 in.	Ø 600 mm - 24 in.	600 mm - 24 in.	6 x 6**	2 x 6
OPTION 2	300 mm - 12 in.	550 x 550 mm - 22 x 22 in.	600 mm - 24 in.	6 x 6**	2 x 6

N/A: Not Applicable \* 4 x 4 SFP wood select structural \*\* 6 x 6 #1 SFP wood

It should be noted that the base of concrete pillars should normally have a wider section in the ground for a footing. The footing can take two shapes, square or round. There are round footings on the market, sold as BIGFOOT, which can be used for the construction of pillars. Square footings must be made on site with wooden formwork.



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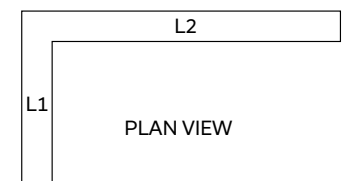
## CAMOUFLAGE SCREEN DESIGN DATA

As the components of an element vary according to height (from 0 to 1.8 m - 6 ft.) we present in table form the main minimum criteria to consider.

WALL WITH VENEER ON ONE SIDE					
WALL HEIGHT	Ø PILASTER	FOOTING	EMBEDDING POST	POST	STRUCTURE
<b>L1 and L2 configuration = 1.2 m - 4 ft.</b>					
0 to 3 ft.	400 mm - 16 in.	N/A	600 mm - 24 in.	4 x 4*	2 x 4
3 to 6 ft. OPTION 1	600 mm - 24 in.	N/A	600 mm - 24 in.	6 x 6	2 x 6
OPTION 2	300 mm - 12 in.	400 x 400 mm - 16 x 16 in.	600 mm - 24 in.	6 x 6	2 x 6
OPTION 3	300 mm - 12 in.	Ø 600 mm - 24 in.	600 mm - 24 in.	6 x 6	2 x 6
<b>L1 configuration = 2.4 m - 8 ft. and L2 = 1.2 m - 4 ft.</b>					
0 to 4 ft. OPTION 1	600 mm - 24 in.	N/A	600 mm - 24 in.	4 x 4*	2 x 4
OPTION 2	300 mm - 12 in.	400 x 400 mm - 16 x 16 in.	600 mm - 24 in.	4 x 4*	2 x 4
4 to 5 ft. OPTION 1	600 mm - 24 in.	N/A	600 mm - 24 in.	6 x 6**	2 x 6
OPTION 2	300 mm - 12 in.	400 x 400 mm - 16 x 16 in.	600 mm - 24 in.	6 x 6**	2 x 6
OPTION 3	300 mm - 12 in.	Ø 600 mm - 24 in.	600 mm - 24 in.	6 x 6**	2 x 6
5 to 6 ft. OPTION 1	300 mm - 12 in.	400 x 400 mm - 16 x 16 in.	600 mm - 24 in.	6 x 6**	2 x 6
OPTION 2	300 mm - 12 in.	Ø 600 mm - 24 in.	600 mm - 24 in.	6 x 6**	2 x 6
WALL WITH VENEER ON BOTH SIDES					
<b>L1 and L2 configuration = 1.2 m - 4 ft.</b>					
0 to 4 ft.	400 mm - 16 in.	N/A	600 mm - 24 in.	4 x 4*	2 x 4
4 to 6 ft. OPTION 1	300 mm - 12 in.	400 x 400 mm - 16 x 16 in.	600 mm - 24 in.	6 x 6	2 x 6
OPTION 2	300 mm - 12 in.	400 x 400 mm - 16 x 16 in.	600 mm - 24 in.	6 x 6	2 x 6
<b>L1 configuration = 2.4 m - 8 ft. and L2 = 1.2 m - 4 ft.</b>					
0 to 3 ft. OPTION 1	600 mm - 24 in.	N/A	600 mm - 24 in.	4 x 4*	2 x 4
3 to 4 ft. OPTION 1	300 mm - 12 in.	400 x 400 mm - 16 x 16 in.	600 mm - 24 in.	4 x 4*	2 x 4
OPTION 2	300 mm - 12 in.	Ø 600 mm - 24 in.	600 mm - 24 in.	4 x 4*	2 x 4
4 to 6 ft. OPTION 1	300 mm - 12 in.	400 x 400 mm - 16 x 16 in.	600 mm - 24 in.	6 x 6**	2 x 6
OPTION 2	300 mm - 12 in.	Ø 600 mm - 24 in.	600 mm - 24 in.	6 x 6**	2 x 6

N/A: Not Applicable \* 4 x 4 SFP wood select structural \*\* 6 x 6 #1 SFP wood

It should be noted that the base of concrete pillars should normally have a wider section in the ground for a footing. The footing can take two shapes, square or round. There are round footings on the market, sold as BIGFOOT, which can be used for the construction of pillars. Square footings must be made on site with wooden formwork.



## DESIGN ASSUMPTIONS

The construction of privacy walls or fences must take into account the following assumptions:

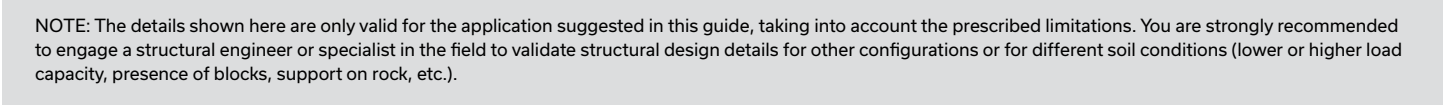
- > Wall weight (grid and veneers): 28 lbs/ft<sup>2</sup> (1.35 kN/m<sup>2</sup>)
- > Wind: 20 lbs/ft<sup>2</sup> (1 kPa)
- > Minimum allowable bearing capacity of soil: 1575 lbs/ft<sup>2</sup> (75 kPa)
- > Density of soil around pillars and foundations (γ): 18 kN/m<sup>3</sup>
- > Backfill must be compacted around Sonotubes and spread footings

> Minimum depth of foundations: 6 ft ( 1.8 m} away from frost (consult an engineer to check the typical depth of frost for your area) It may be necessary to consult an engineer.

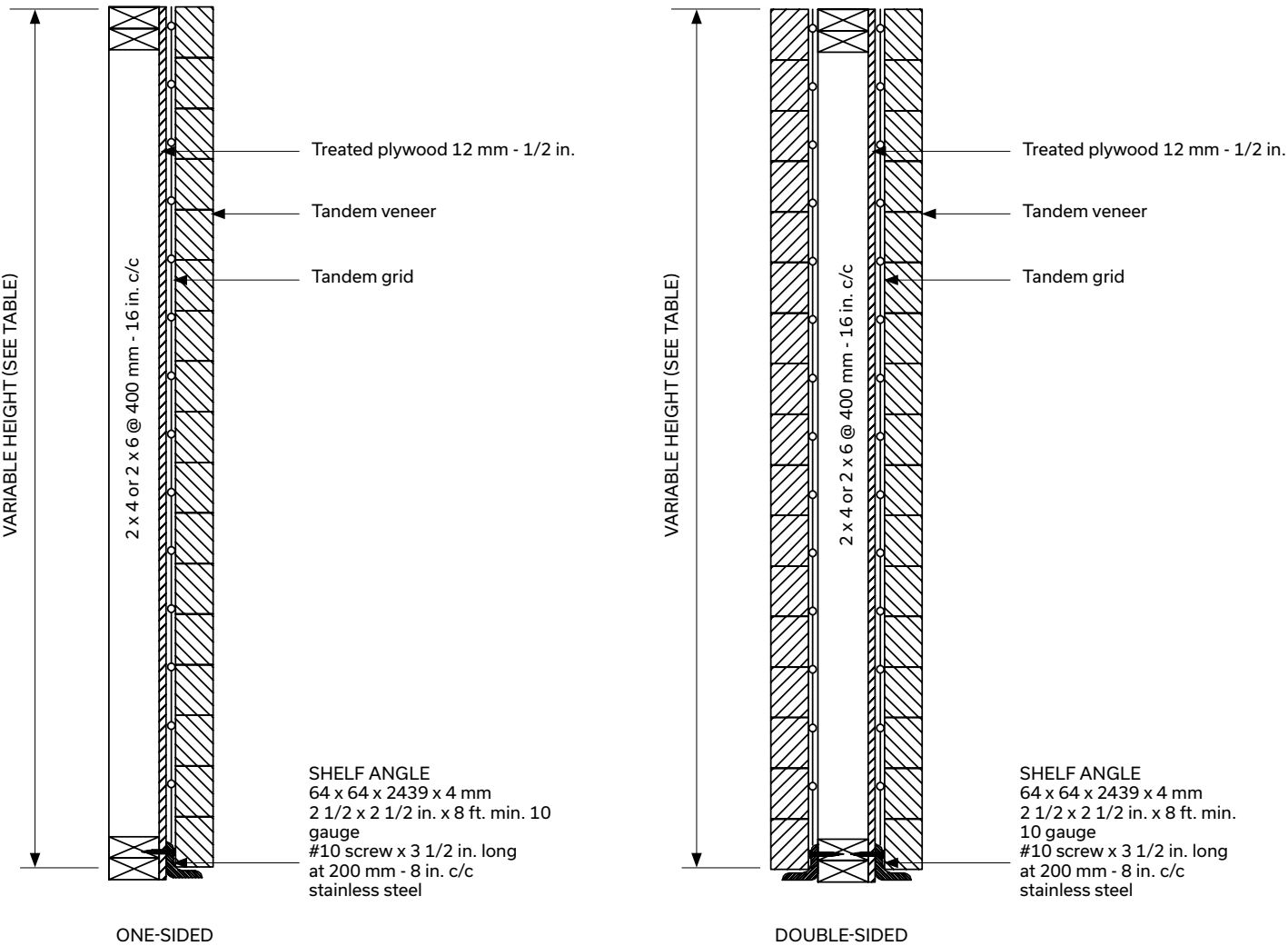
Leave a free space under the Tandem wall of at least 75 mm - 3 in. to ensure proper ventilation and adequate room for the potential effects of freezing and thawing.

NOTE: Design assumptions do not take into account earthquake effects. It may be necessary to consult an engineer.

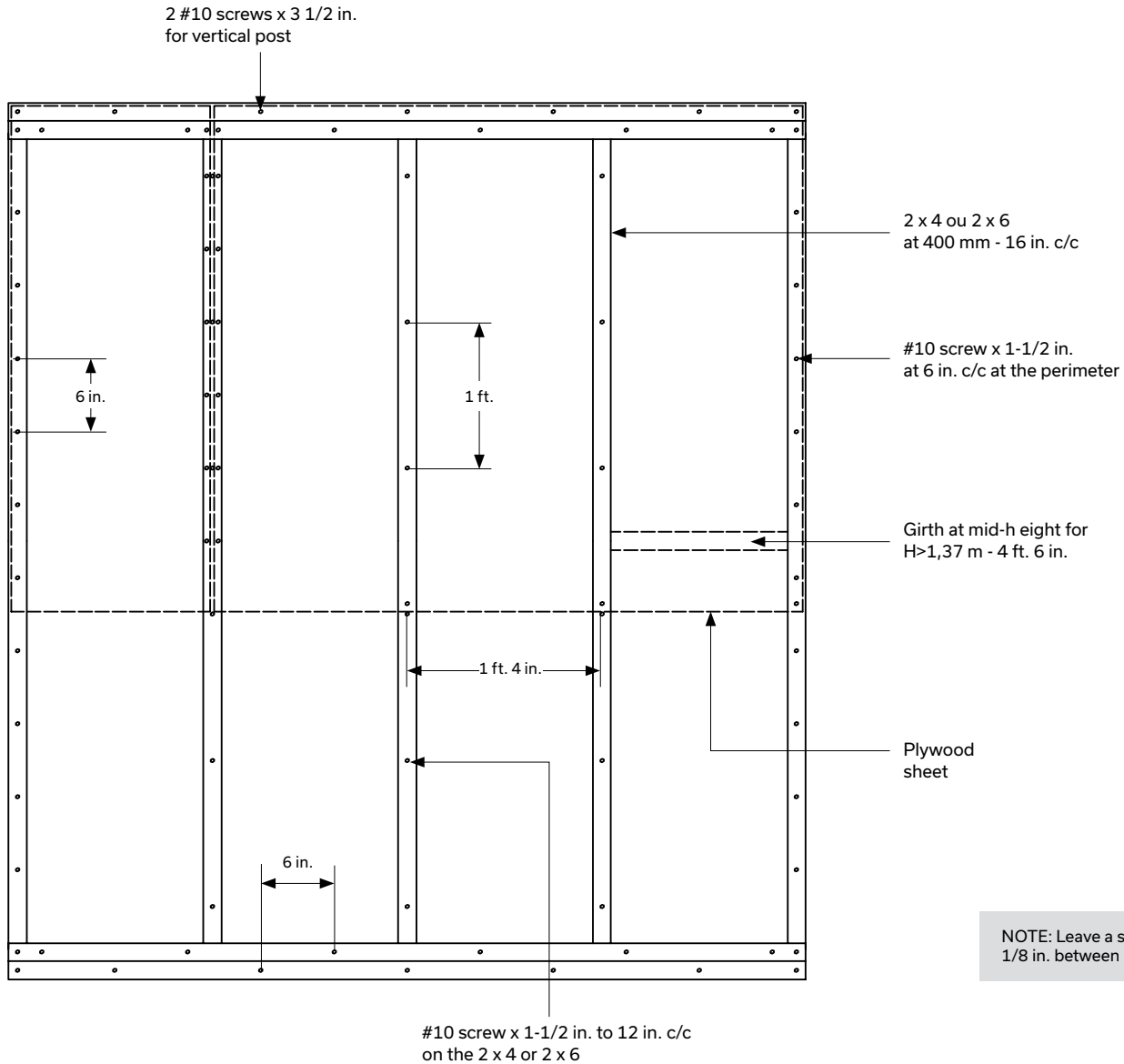
### PRIVACY WALL AND FENCE -TYPICAL FRONT VIEW



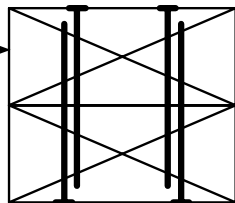
PRIVACY WALL AND FENCE - CROSS-SECTION A-A



## WOODEN STRUCTURE SCREW DIAGRAM OF COMPONENTS



Double rail 2-2 x 4 or 2-2 x 6 screwed together at 200 mm - 8 in. c/c



Assembly 2-2 x 4 or 2-2 x 6  
#10 screw x 3 1/2 in. long staggered

## BUILDING DECK SKIRTING

## APPLICATIONS:

## NEW WOOD OR CONCRETE DECKS OR EXISTING CONCRETE DECKS

Another application of the Tandem grid consists of covering the free space under a deck by building a Tandem wall around it. Tandem veneers are supported by a galvanized shelf angle and a wood frame fixed to the deck (wood or concrete). The wood frame consists of treated plywood to provide a continuous attachment area for the grid, and vertical bracing to stabilize the structure and withstand lateral loads such as the wind. The whole structure is supported by appropriate foundations (screw piles for wooden decks and concrete foundations for concrete decks).

**MAXIMUM HEIGHT OF TANDEM WALL:** 1.5 m - 5 fl.

To install deck skirting on existing concrete structures, you must first ensure that the initial structure (the deck itself) can bear the additional weight of new covering components, wooden structure, shelf angle and Tandem veneers.

For this kind of project, it is strongly recommended to engage a structural engineer or specialist in the field to validate the structural design details for adequate load bearing.

In all cases, it is necessary to minimally comply with the design criteria shown below:

- > Wall weight (grid and veneers): 1.35 kN/m<sup>2</sup> (28 lb/sq.ft.)
- > Wind: 1 kPa (21 lb/sq.ft.)
- > Overload: 1.9 kPa (40 lb/sq.ft.)

**MINIMUM ALLOWABLE BEARING CAPACITY OF SOIL:**  
75 KPA (1575 lbs/sq.ft.)

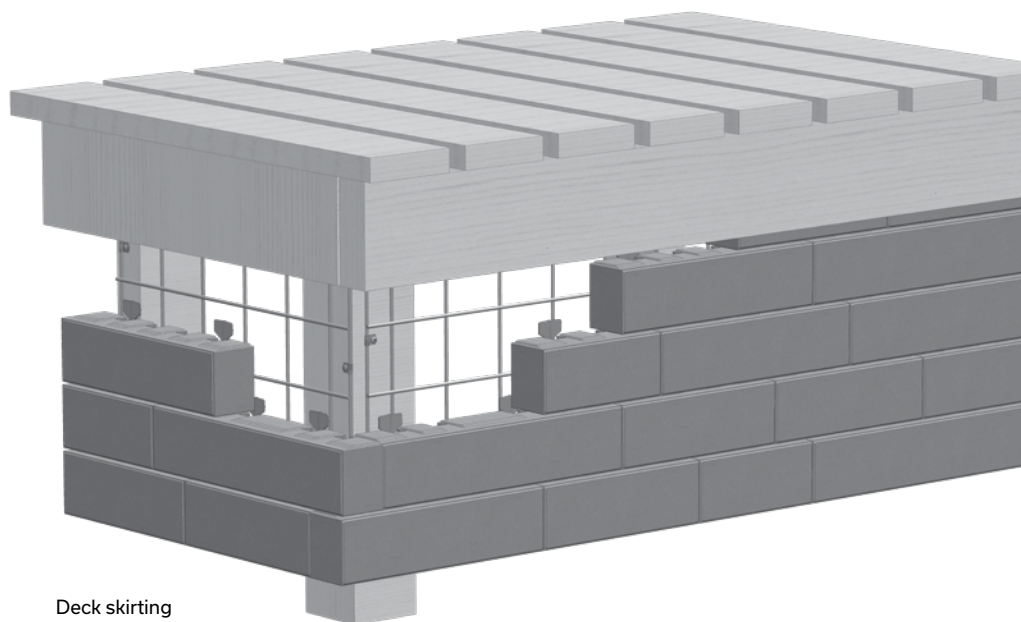
NOTE: Design assumptions do not take into account earthquake effects. It may be necessary to consult an engineer.

Minimum depth of foundations in soil: 1.8 m - 6 ft. away from frost (consult an engineer to check the typical depth of frost for your area).

Leave a free space of at least 75 mm - 3 in. under the Tandem wall.

NOTE: As there is no direct access from the top of a unit (since the Tandem wall is built under the deck), it will be impossible to attach the last row of veneers to the Tandem grid with connectors. Simply glue the last row of veneers to the second-to-last row with Techniseal concrete adhesive.

The sketches shown here have been designed to withstand the additional loads of Tandem walls. The details shown are valid for applications suggested in this guide. It is strongly recommended to engage a structural engineer or specialist in the field to validate structural design details for other configurations.



Deck skirting  
ISOMETRIC VIEW

# CONSTRUCTION OF OUTDOOR LIVING COMPONENTS WITH THE TANDEM MODULAR GRID

## CONCRETE DECK

To cover a concrete deck, you must comply with additional minimum design criteria detailed below:

THE MINIMUM THICKNESS OF THE SLAB should be 140 mm - 5 1/2 in.

The slab should be reinforced with a minimum IOM reinforcement at 300 mm - 12 in. c / c in both directions and positioned at the center of the slab. The concrete deck should be supported by pillars of reinforced concrete (Sonotubes), 200 mm - 8 in. in diameter with a minimum footing of 600 mm - 24 in. or larger in diameter.

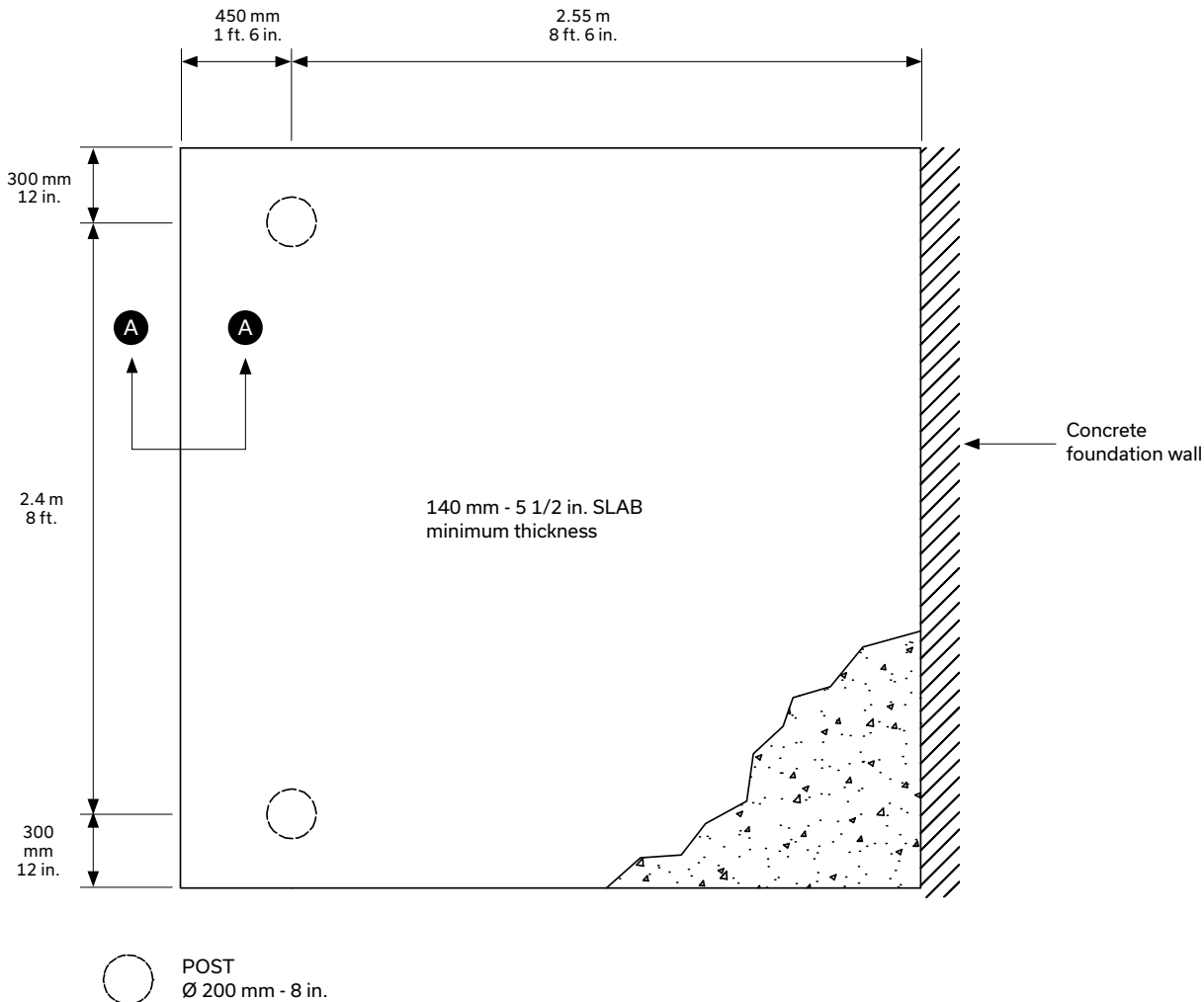
The compressive strength of the concrete (slab and pillars) must be at least 30 MPa with 5% to 8% entrained air.

MAXIMUM DISTANCE BETWEEN PILLARS: 2400 mm - 8 ft.

MAXIMUM OVERHANG OF CONCRETE SLAB: 600 mm - 2 ft.

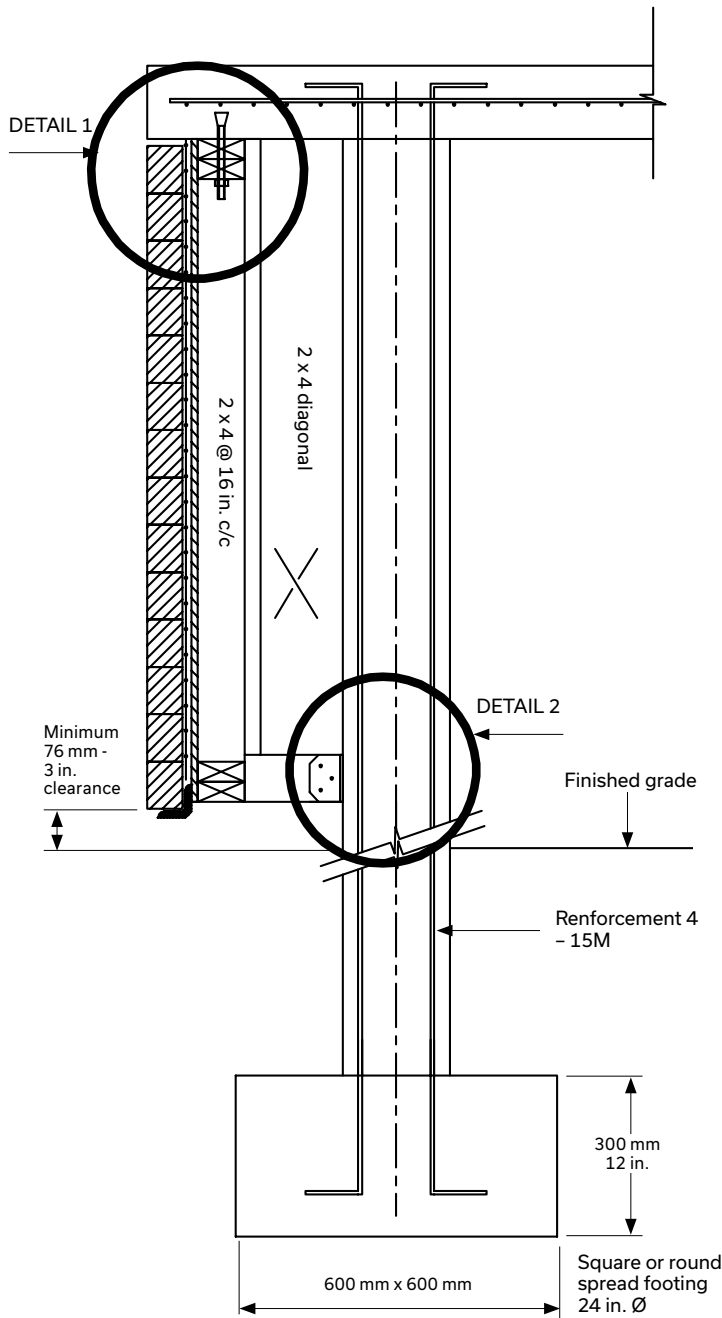
To attach the components of the wooden structure to the concrete slab, you should use mechanical anchors like Hilti Kwik Bolt TZ (12 mm diameter by 140 mm long) or equivalent (not supplied by Permacon).

Leave a space of at least 12 mm - 1/2 in. between the top of the Tandem wall and the underside of the concrete slab.



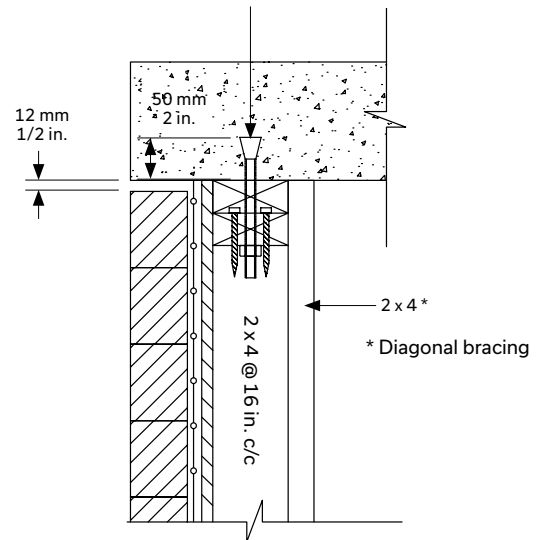
Concrete deck skirting  
PLAN VIEW

## CONCRETE DECK SKIRTING - CROSS-SECTION A-A



DETAIL 1

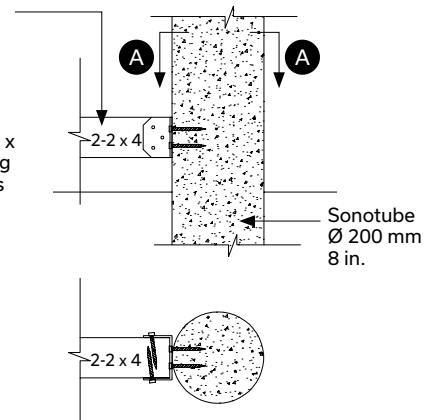
300 mm - 12 in. c/c KB-TZ 1/2 5-1/2 in. concrete anchors with washer - Kwik Bolt  
12 mm - 1/2 in. Ø de Hilti or equivalent - sunk 50 mm - 2 in. in concrete



DETAIL 2

Simpson Strong Tie BC40 type galvanized fastener or equivalent

Tapcon type #10 x 90 mm - 3 in. long concrete anchors



CROSS-SECTION A-A



## WOOD DECK

**WARNING: We recommend installing a Tandem wall only for new wooden decks to be built according to the minimum specifications and data detailed below.**

The wooden deck should be built with a structure composed of 2 x 8 joists spaced every 400 mm - 16 in. or less. The deck beams must be made of at least two 2 x 8 boards.

The beams are supported on 89 x 89 mm - 4 x 4 in. wooden posts. The posts themselves are supported on screw piles designed for this purpose (helical piles).

**MAXIMUM LENGTH OF WOOD JOISTS IN BOTH DIRECTIONS: 2400 mm - 8 ft.**

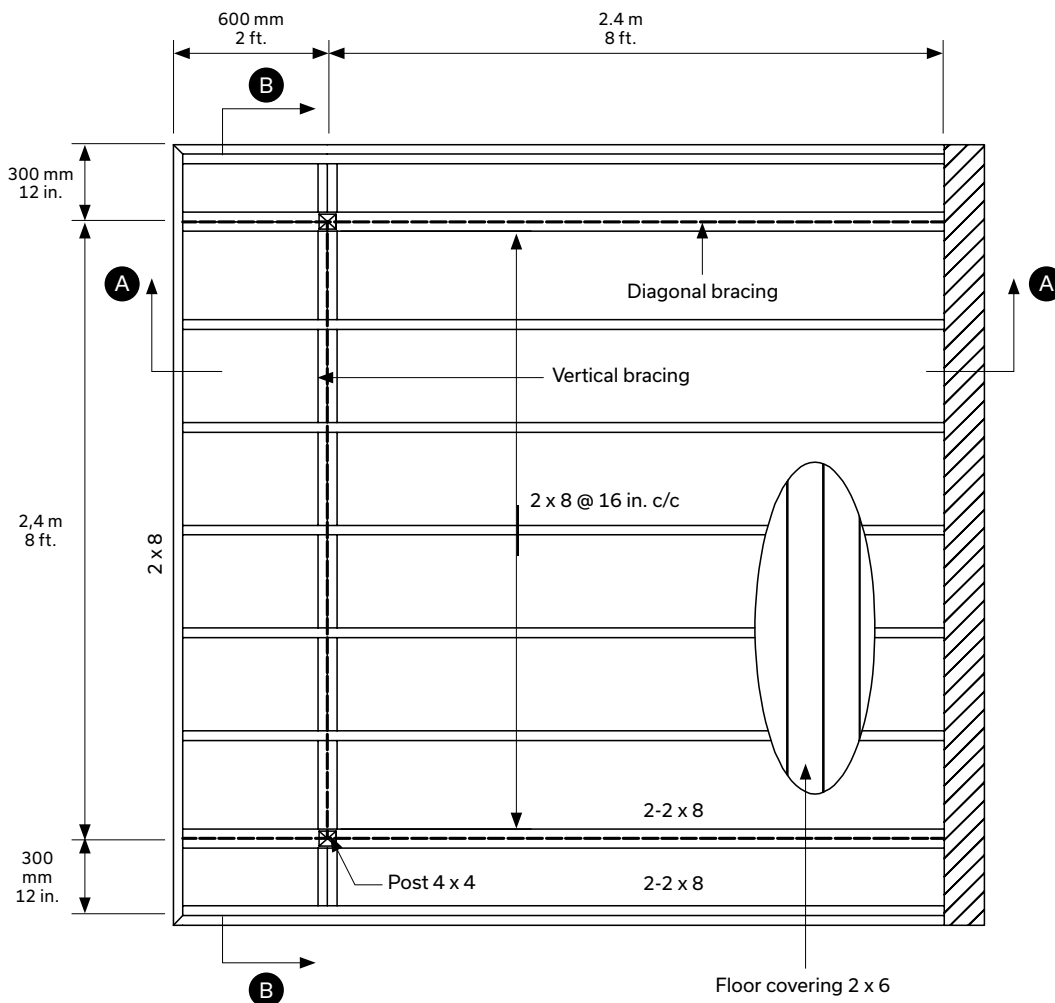
**MINIMUM OVERHANG of 300 mm - 12 in. and MAXIMUM OVERHANG of 600 mm - 2 ft.**

To attach the components of the wooden structure to the deck joists, you should use #10 stainless steel wood screws.

Simpson Strong-Tie hardware (or equivalent) should be used.

A waterproofing membrane must be installed on top of the wood frame to protect the wood from water saturation and rot (in the case of wood board flooring with free space). The membrane can be omitted for waterproof deck flooring such as fiberglass.

It is recommended to leave a space of 1/8 to 1/4 in. between the wooden boards of the deck for ventilation under the deck so as not to trap moisture.

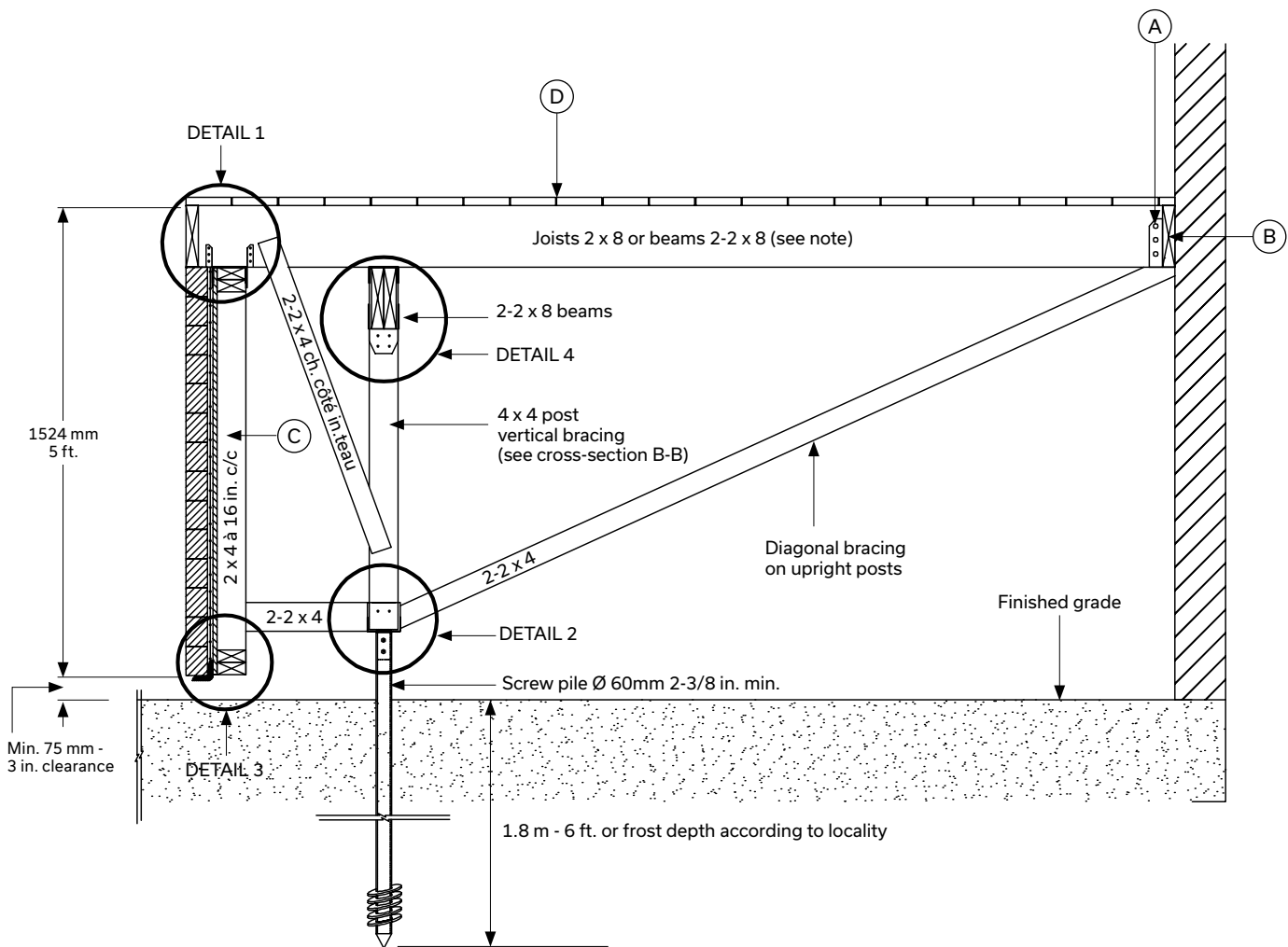


Floor structure - PLAN VIEW

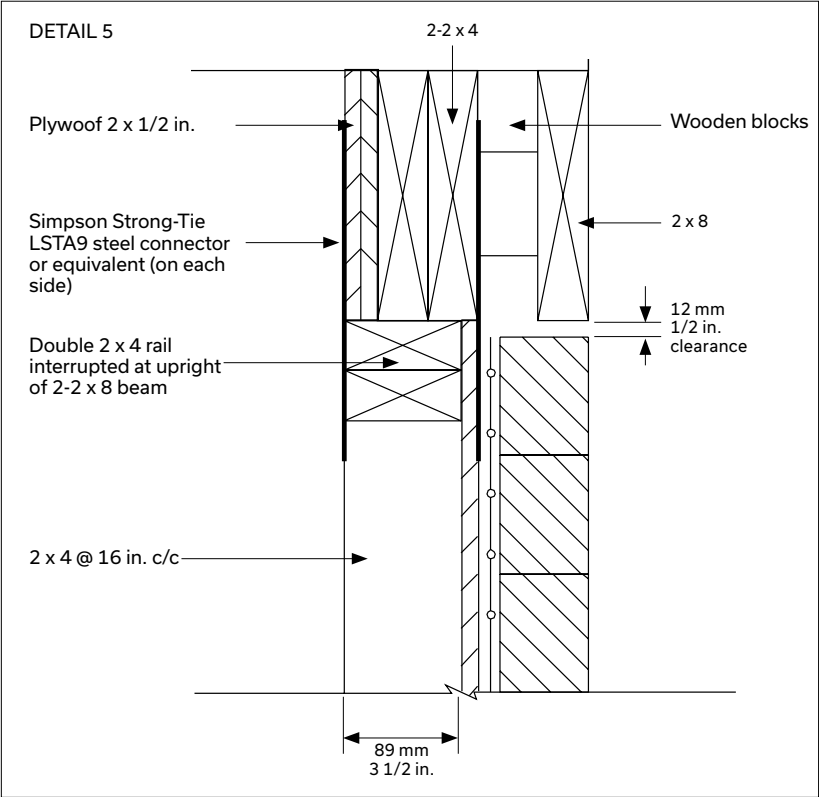
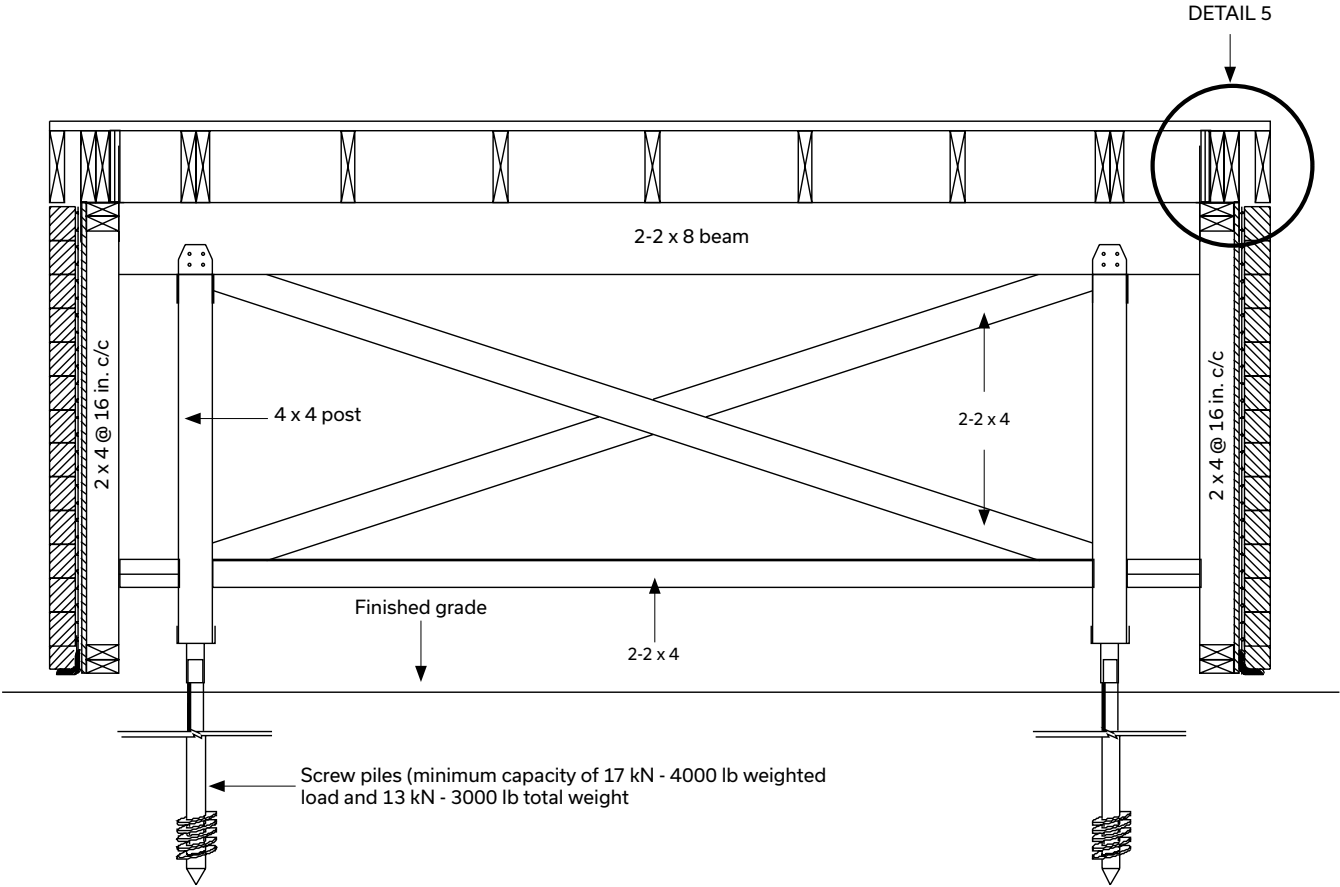
## WOODEN DECK SKIRTING - CROSS-SECTION A-A

- A Simpson Strong-Tie LUS 26 and LUS 26-2 (GA 18) galvanized steel joist hangers or equivalent
- B 2x8 continuous rail attached to foundation wall with Hilti KB-TZU 12 x 140 mm - 1/2 in. x 5 1/2 in. anchors or equivalent  
*Alternative: joists resting on foundation wall*
- C Diagonal brace at mid-height for wall over 1200 mm - 4 in. tall
- D Floor coverings 2 x 6 spaced at 6 mm - 1/4 in.

NOTE: During construction, 2 x 4 posts should face floor joists to enable assembly construction.

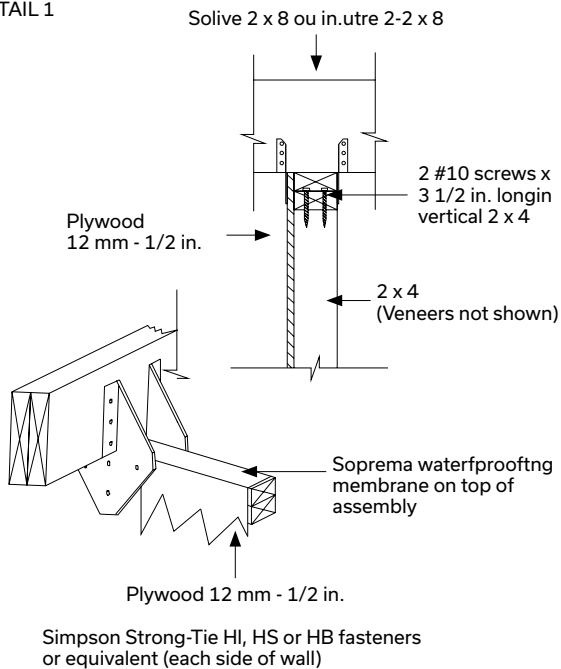


WOODEN DECK SKIRTING -CROSS-SECTION B-B

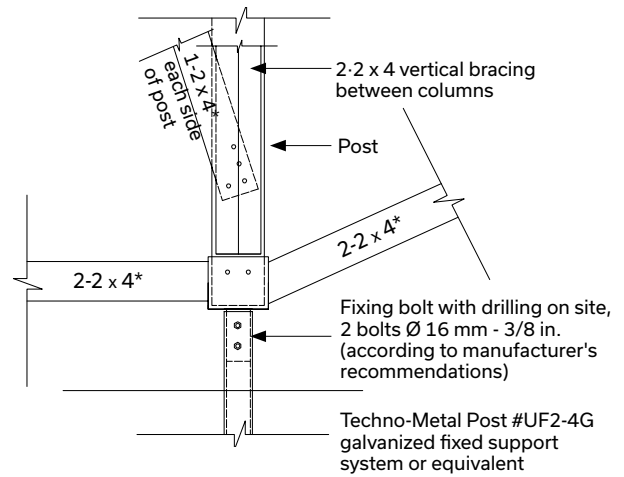


## WOODEN DECK SKIRTING DETAILS -CROSS-SECTION A-A

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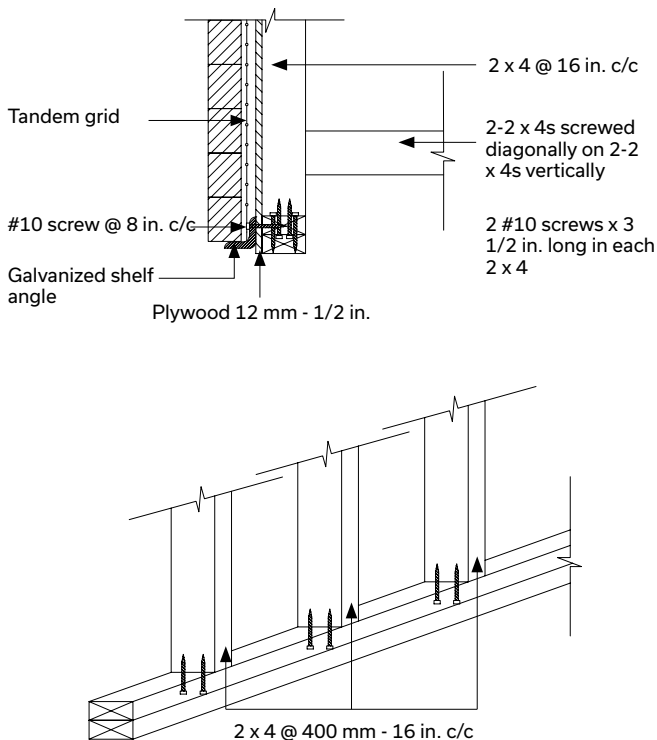


DETAIL 2

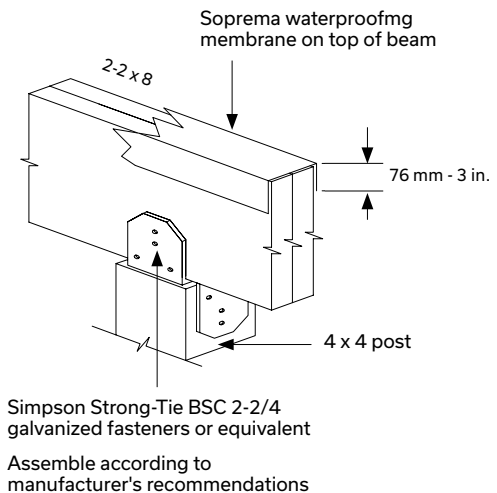


\* Screwed diagonally on the 4 x 4 post with #10 screws 3 1/2 in. long 4 screws minimum per assembly

DETAIL 3



DETAIL 4



# Urbano Wall™

## DESCRIPTION

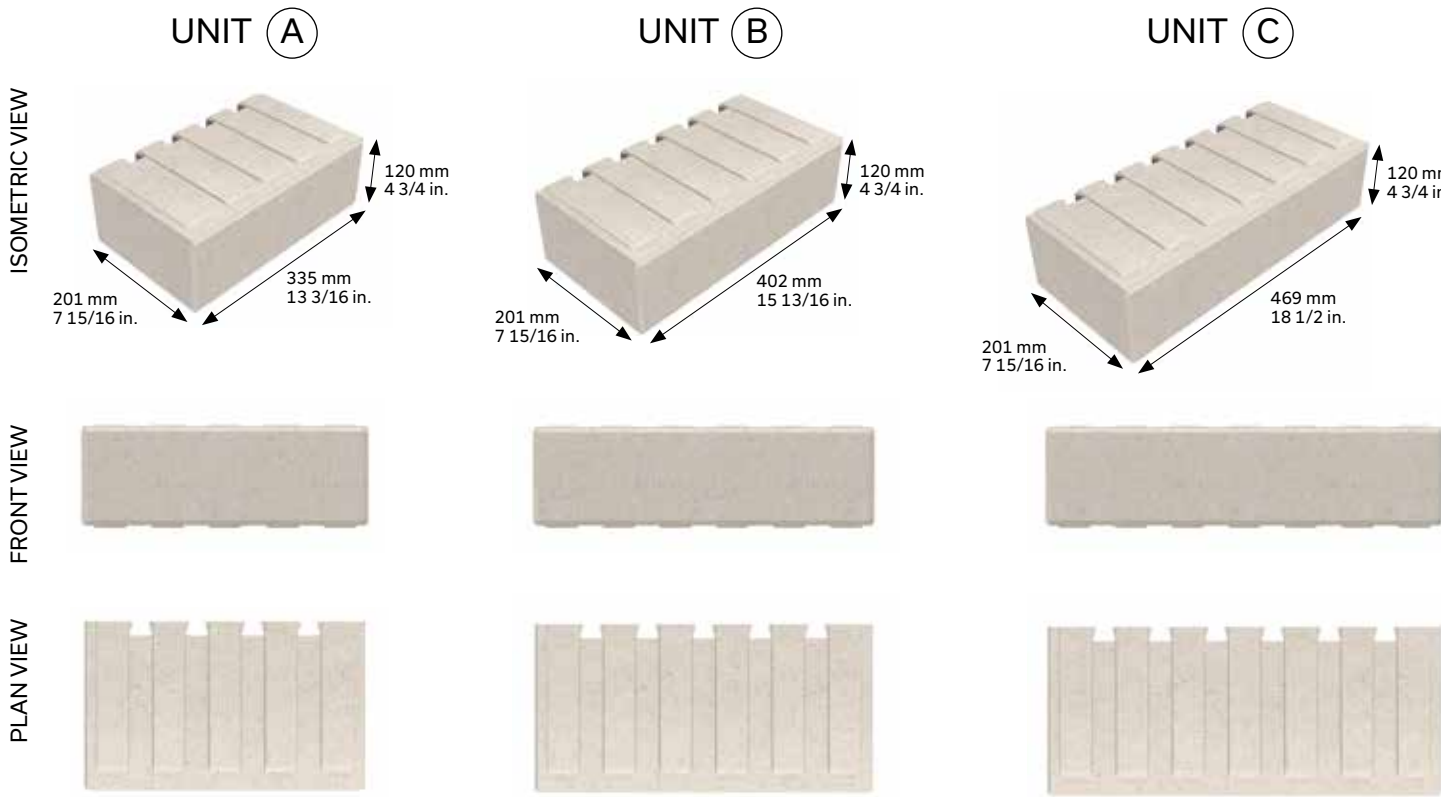


Offering a contemporary look, the Urbano wall is distinguished by its refined, elongated formats and varying lengths. The integrated corner of each wall unit allows you to design a high-quality landscape project. With the Urbano wall, you can also quickly create flowerbeds or firepits. Available in trendy colors, the Urbano wall helps to enhance any landscape design.

### ADVANTAGES:

- > Modern and refined finish
- > Quick and easy to install
- > Integrated corner on each unit
- > 120 mm height with multiple lengths for a slim design
- > Available in three trendy colours

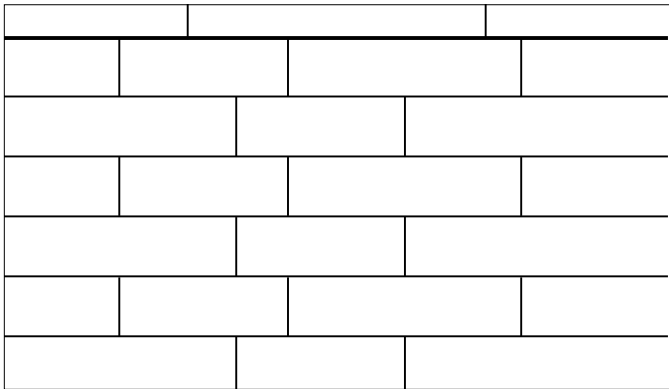
UNITS



Note that units A, B and C are packaged on the same cube.

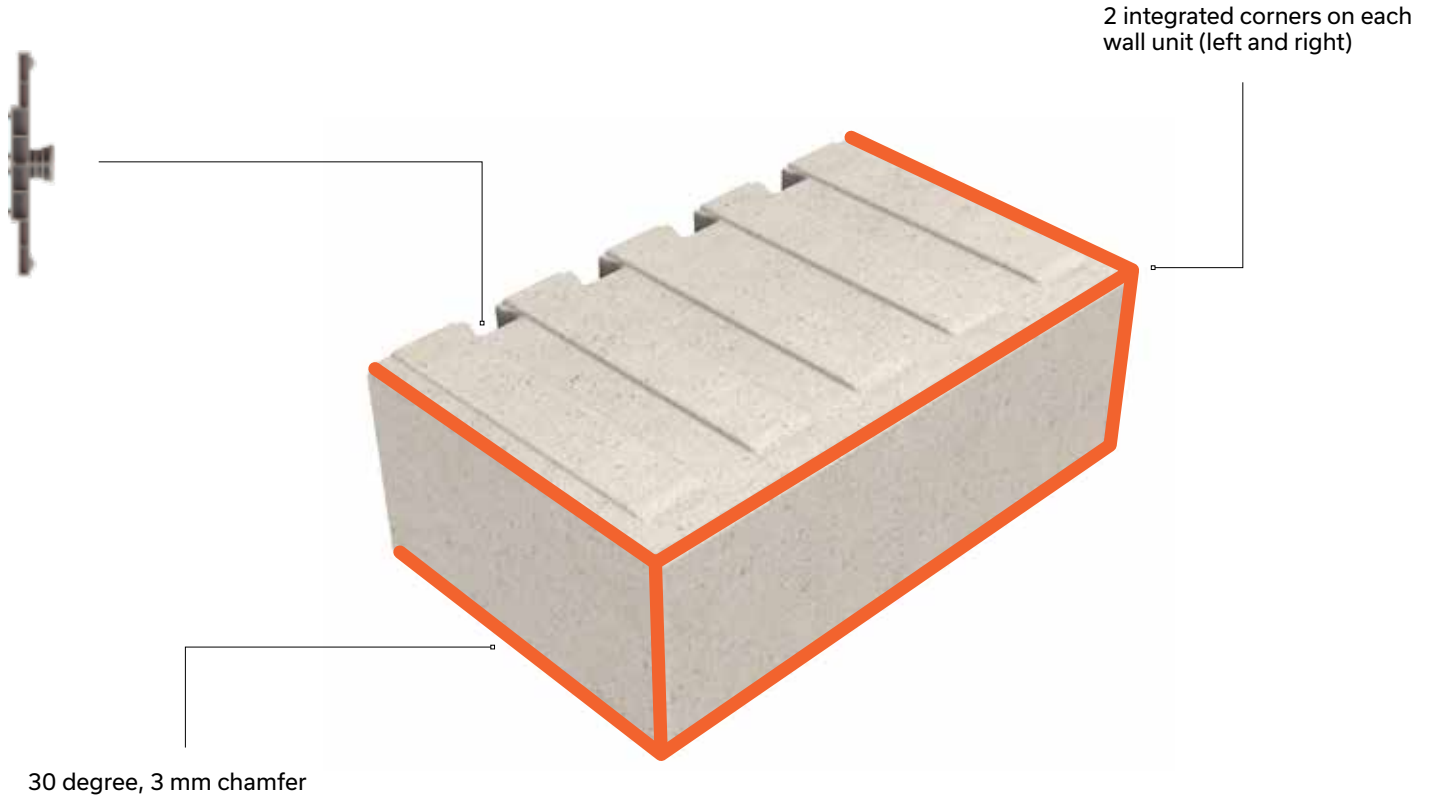
LAYING PATTERN

LINEAR PATTERN



## BASIC PRINCIPLES

Universal anchor that fits into the dovetails.  
Vertical or setback installation.



## UNIVERSAL ANCHOR

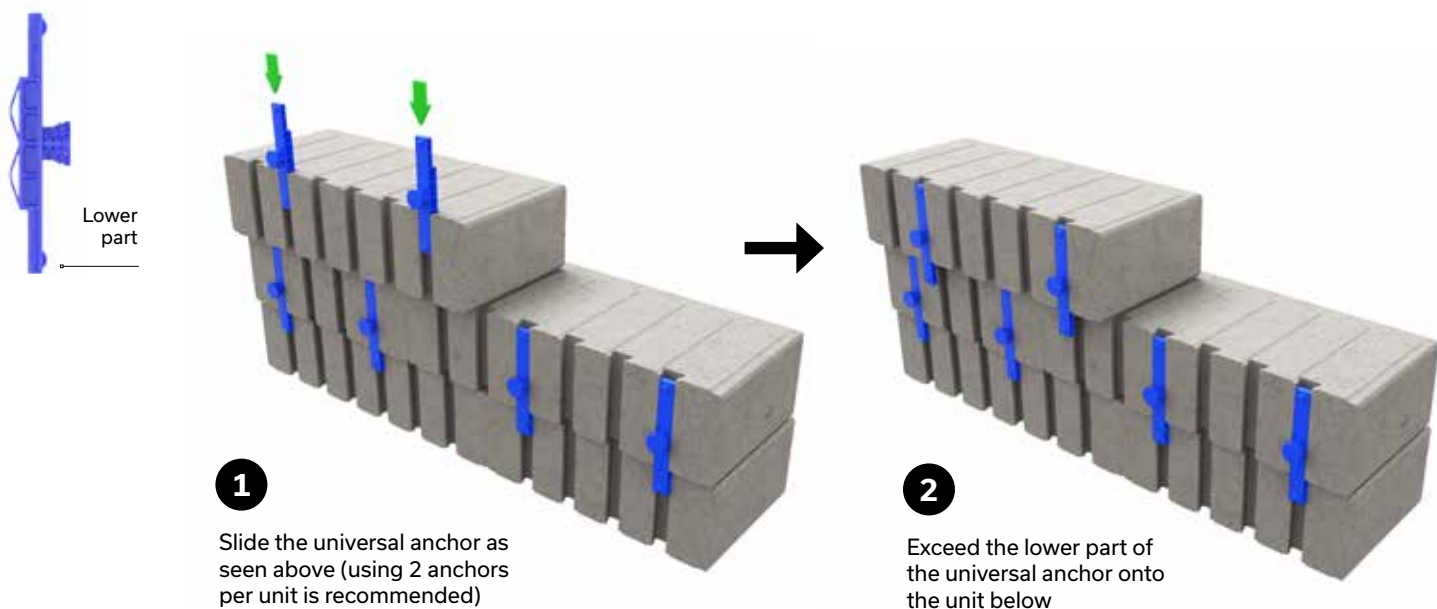
The Urbano wall anchoring system is designed to facilitate the construction of a vertical or 3 degree setback wall. This anchoring system enables the installation and alignment of the wall units. Note that the anchor box is located inside the pallet between the 2 central wooden slats as shown in the image below.



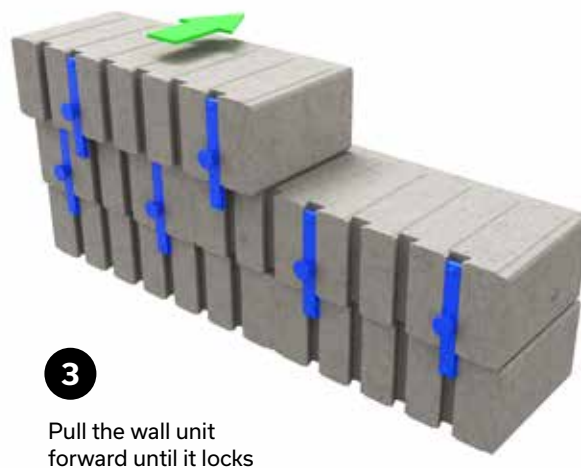


## SETBACK WALL

The Urbano wall can be installed either vertically or with a setback using the universal anchor designed specifically for this purpose. This anchor is inserted into one of the grooves located at the back of the units. Anchors must be slid from the top of the grooves until they overlap the wall unit below by a few centimeters. Two universal anchors are generally recommended for each Urbano wall unit. To build a setback wall, the anchor must be placed as shown in the illustration in STEP 1. Once the anchor is in place, simply push the wall unit forward until the anchor locks it in place, creating a setback of approximately 8 mm from the lower unit.

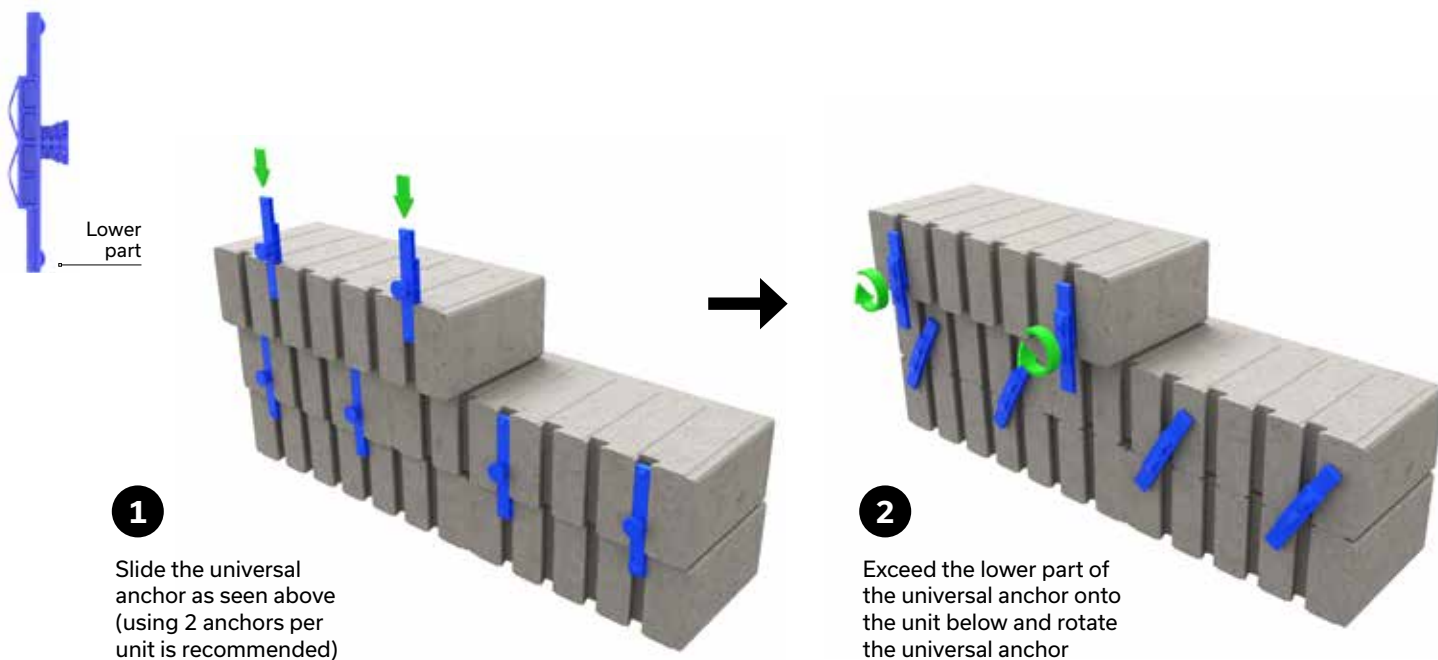


### CROSS-SECTION VIEW

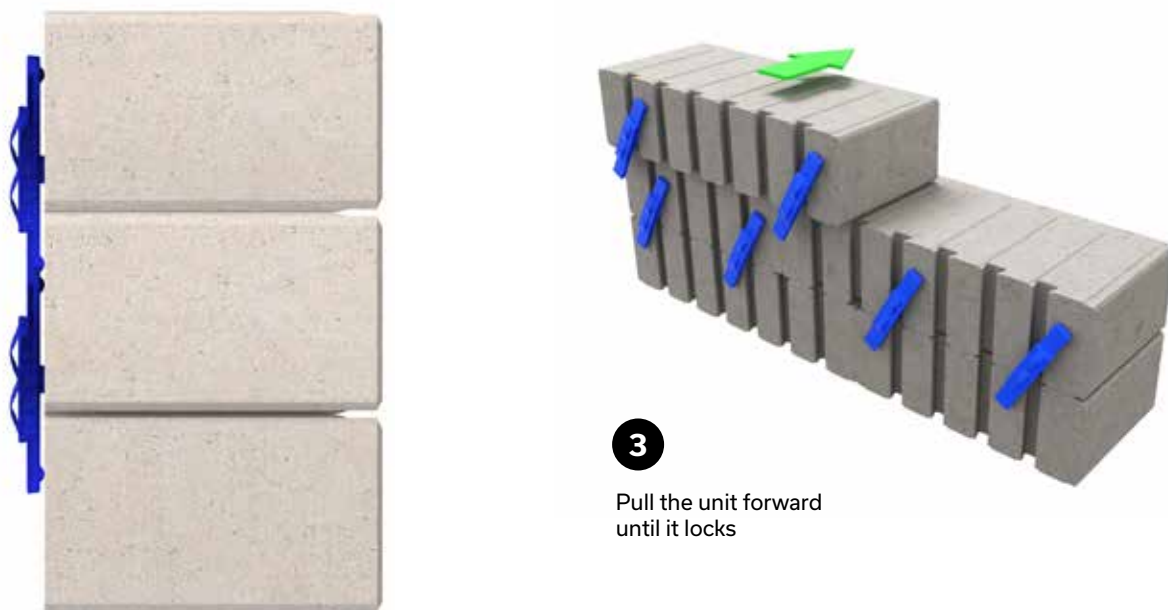


## VERTICAL WALL

The vertical wall applies the same principle as the setback wall except that the universal anchor is installed on the opposite side and must be rotated 45 degrees. The Urbano wall unit is then pushed forward until it locks, creating a vertical wall.



### CROSS-SECTION VIEW

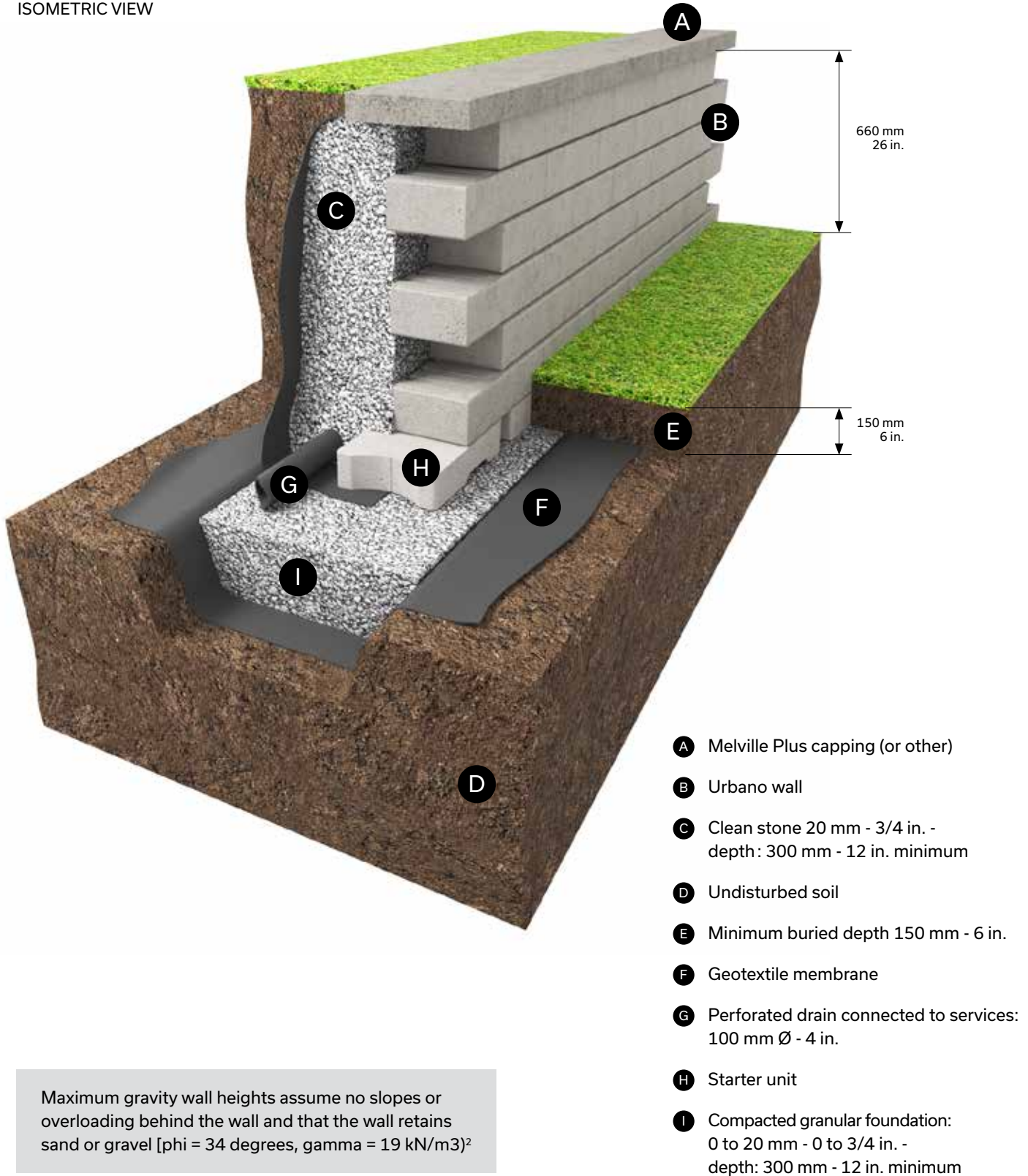


# URBANO WALL

## CROSS-SECTION -SETBACK WALL

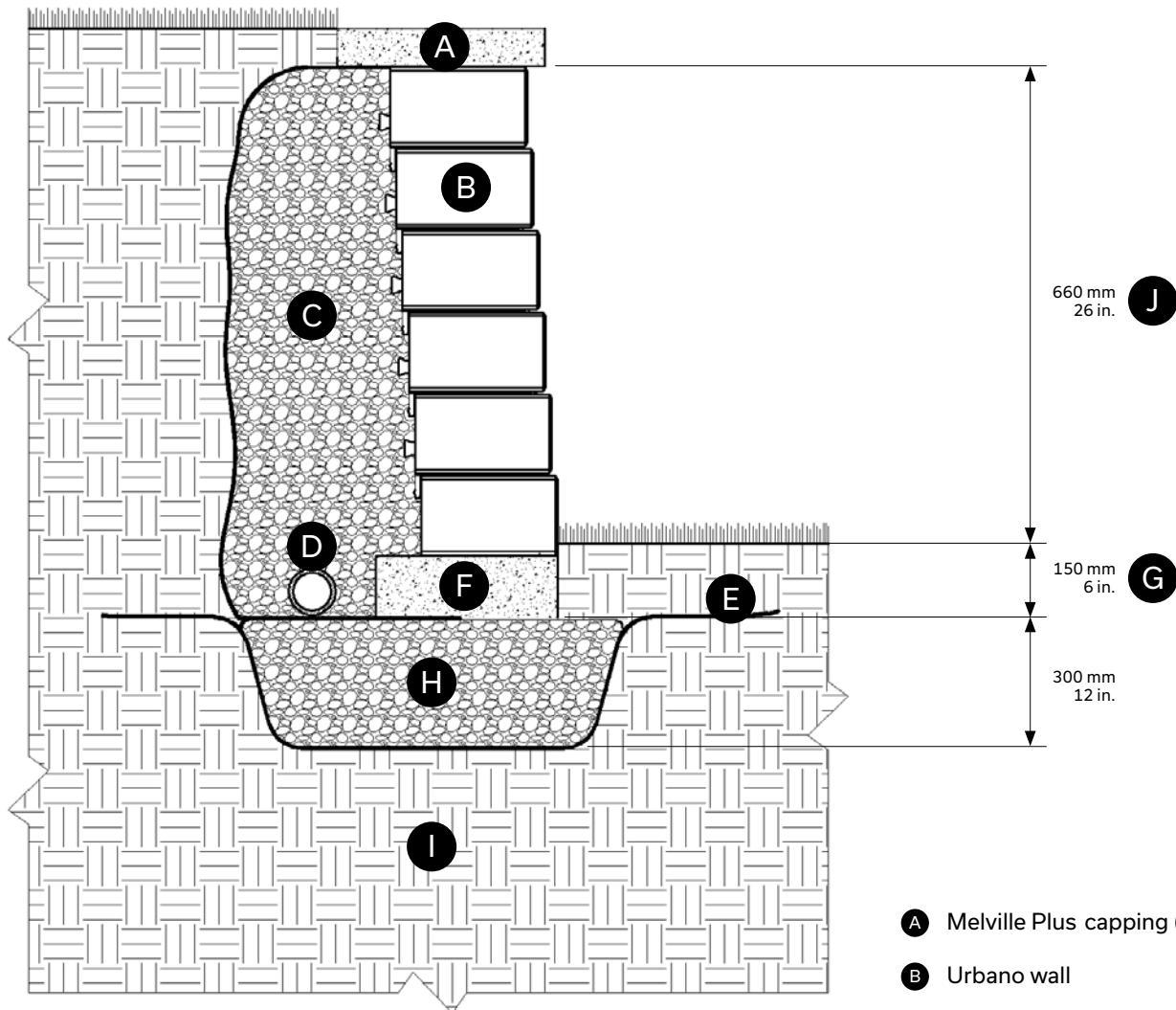
The following is a general cross-section of an Urbano wall construction. The height of an Urbano wall unit is 120 mm - 4 3/4 in. The maximum height of the setback Urbano wall is 6 rows.

### ISOMETRIC VIEW



Maximum gravity wall heights assume no slopes or overloading behind the wall and that the wall retains sand or gravel [ $\phi = 34$  degrees,  $\gamma = 19 \text{ kN/m}^3$ ]

CROSS-SECTION -SETBACK GRAVITY WALL



- Ⓐ Melville Plus capping (or other)
- Ⓑ Urbano wall
- Ⓒ Clean stone 20 mm - 3/4 in. - depth: 300 mm - 12 in. minimum
- Ⓓ Perforated drain connected to services: 100 mm Ø - 4 in.
- Ⓔ Geotextile membrane
- Ⓕ Starter unit
- Ⓖ Minimum buried depth 150 mm - 6 in.
- Ⓗ Compacted granular foundation: 0 to 20 mm - 0 to 3/4 in. - depth: 300 mm - 12 in. minimum
- Ⓘ Undisturbed soil
- Ⓙ Maximum height without surcharges or slopes behind the wall, excluding the buried units and capping

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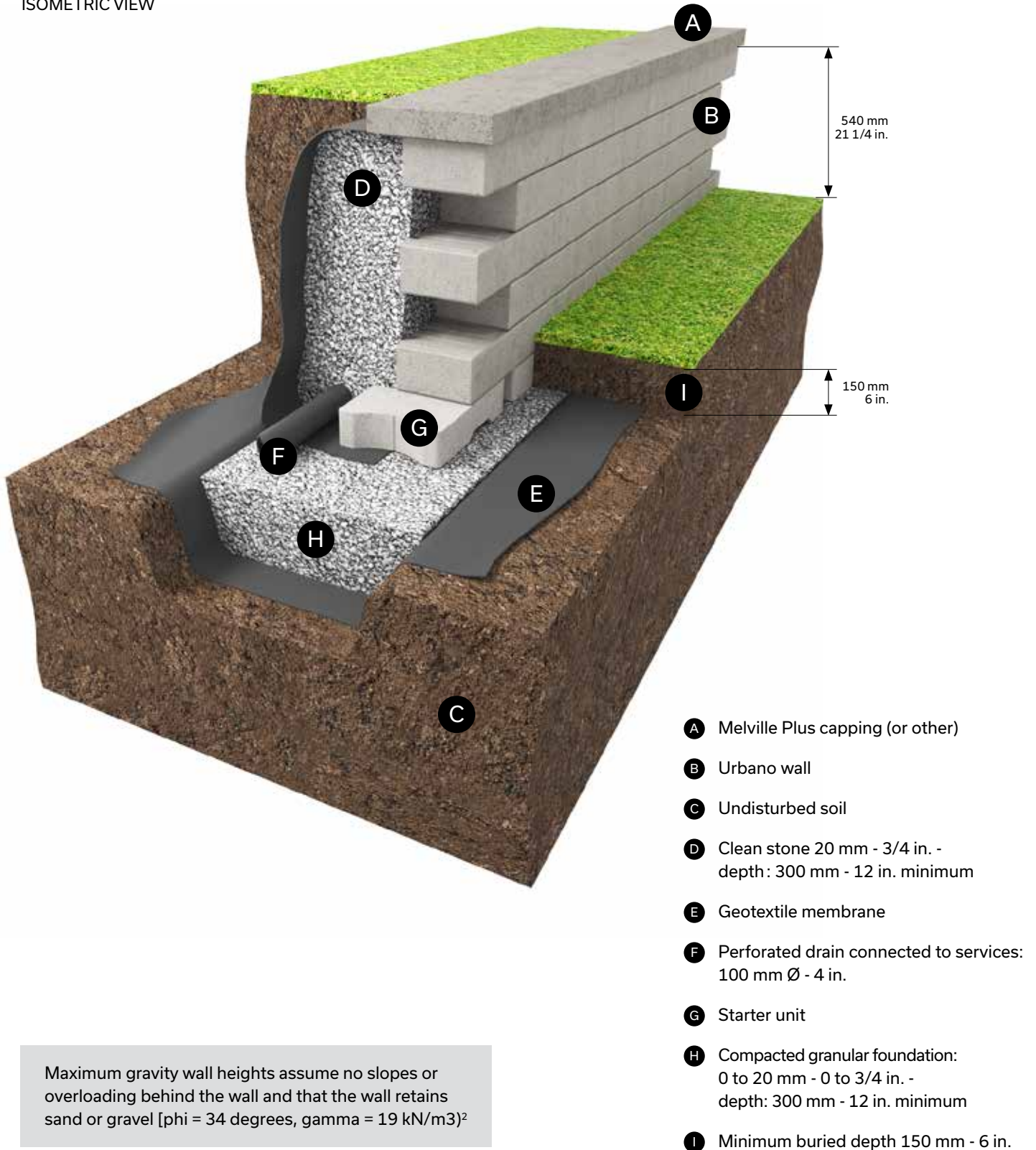


# URBANO WALL

## CROSS-SECTION - VERTICAL WALL

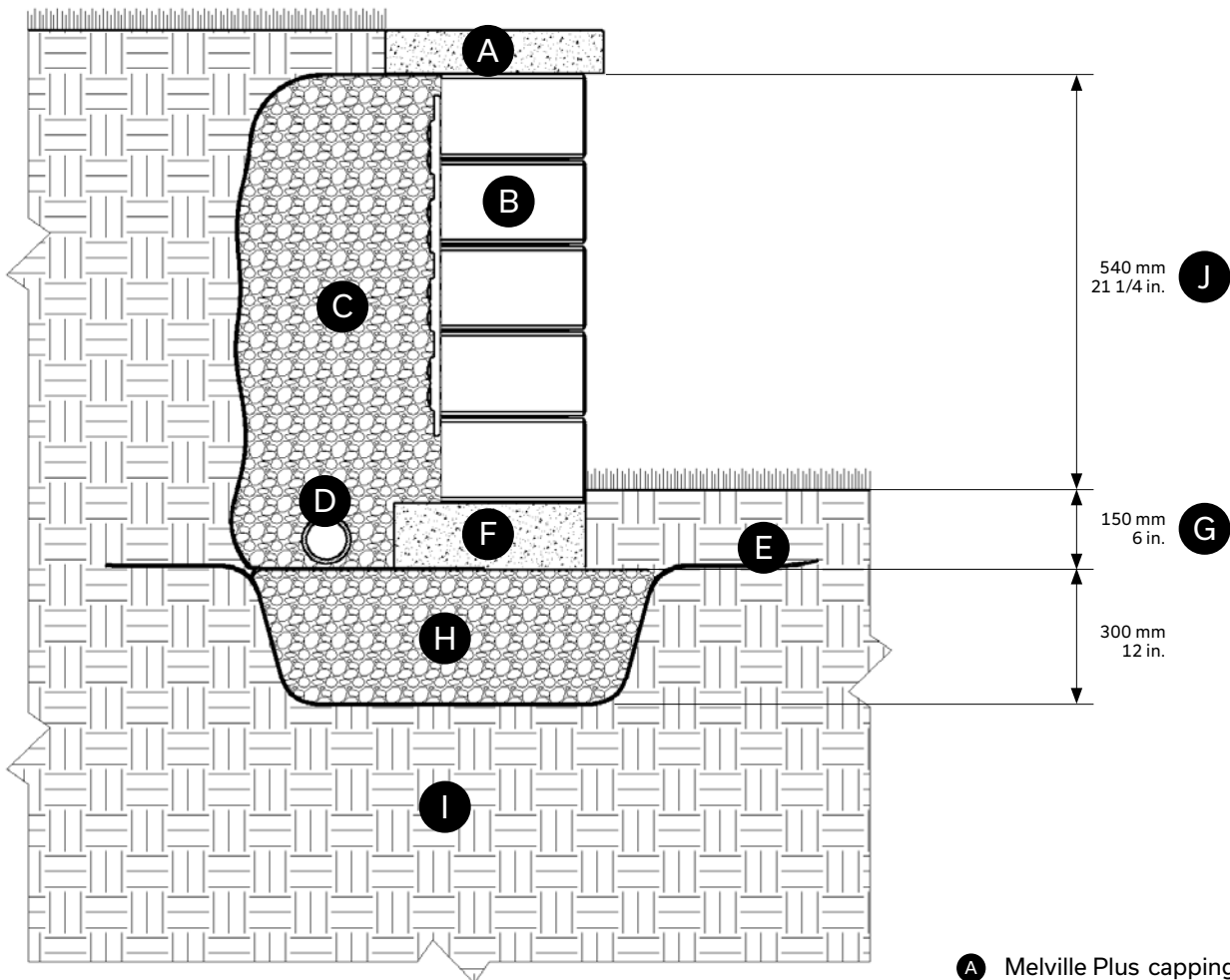
The maximum height of the Urbano vertical wall is 5 rows.

### ISOMETRIC VIEW



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CROSS-SECTION - VERTICAL GRAVITY WALL



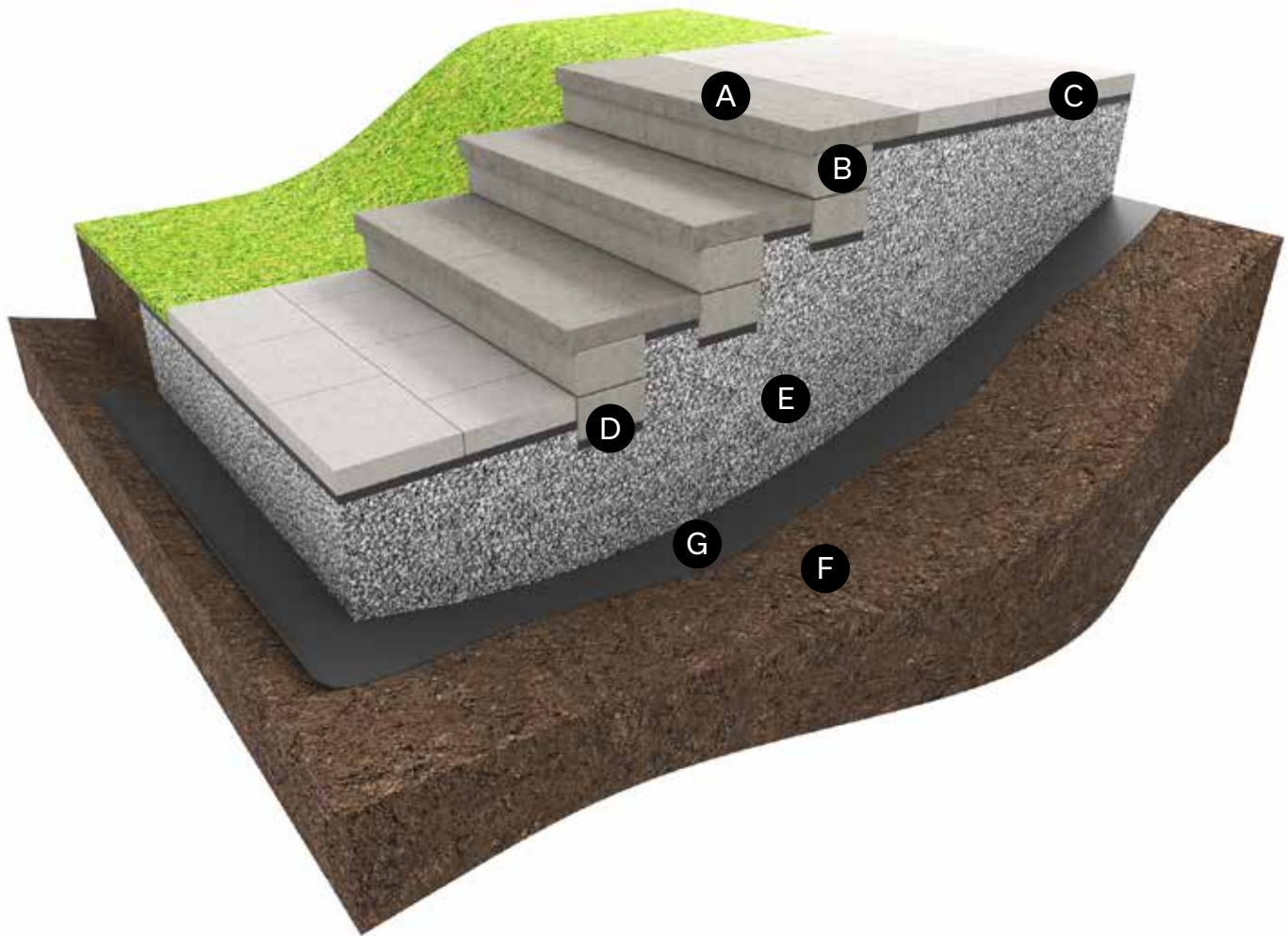
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## CROSS-SECTION -CREATING URBANO WALL STEPS

To create stairs, install the Melville 60 step combined with the Urbano wall units used as risers, as detailed below:

### ISOMETRIC VIEW

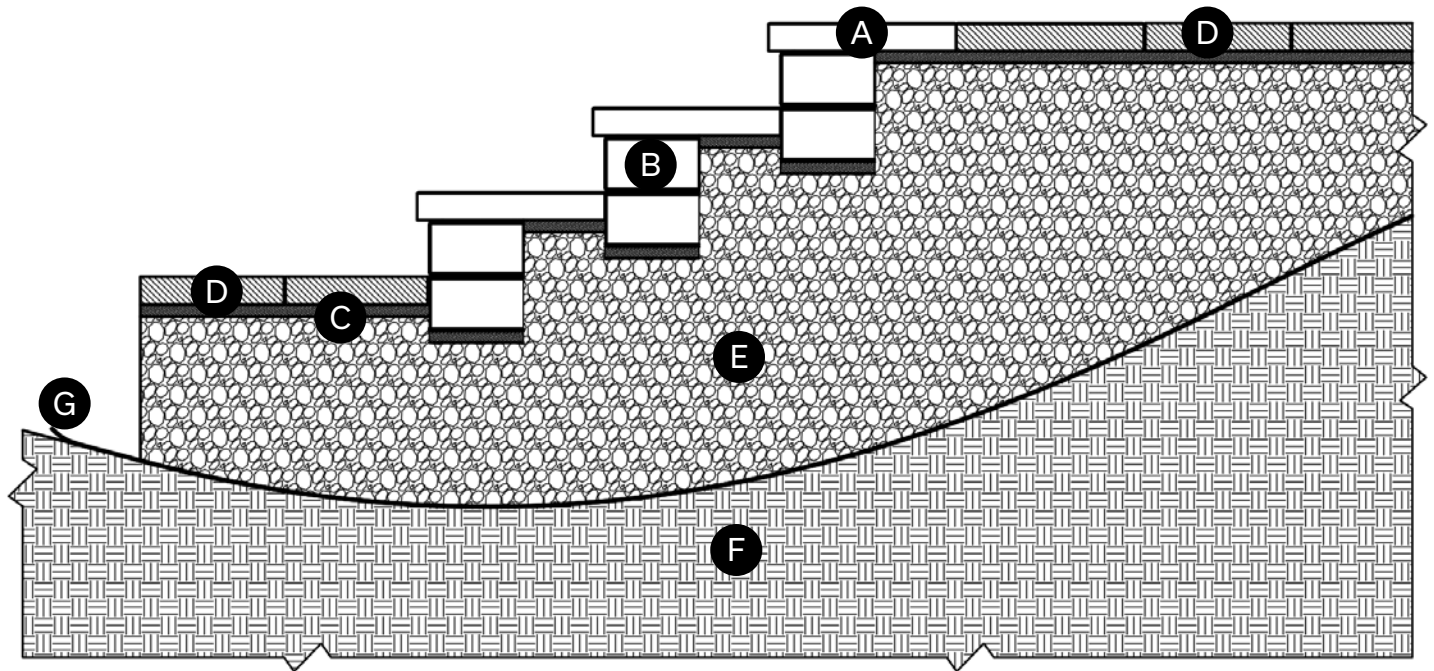


- A** Melville Plus capping (or other)
- B** Urbano wall
- C** Concrete slab: 60 mm -2 3/8 in.
- D** Laying bed: 25 mm -1 in.
- E** Compacted granular foundation:  
0 to 20 mm - 0 to 3/4 in. -  
depth: 300 mm - 12 in. minimum
- F** Soil in place
- G** Geotextile membrane

All step and riser units must be bonded together with Techniseal concrete adhesive.



CROSS-SECTION - WALL STEP INSTALLATION



All step and riser units must be bonded together with Techniseal concrete adhesive.

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- Ⓑ Urbano wall
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## CREATING OUTER AND INNER CORNERS

### ISOMETRIC VIEW - OUTER CORNER

It is recommended to always begin the construction of a retaining wall with a corner in order to avoid cuts and an alignment of vertical joints from one row to another. All Urbano wall units can be used to create a corner.



### ISOMETRIC VIEW - INNER CORNER

The creation of an inner corner is based on the principle illustrated below using units A, B or C.

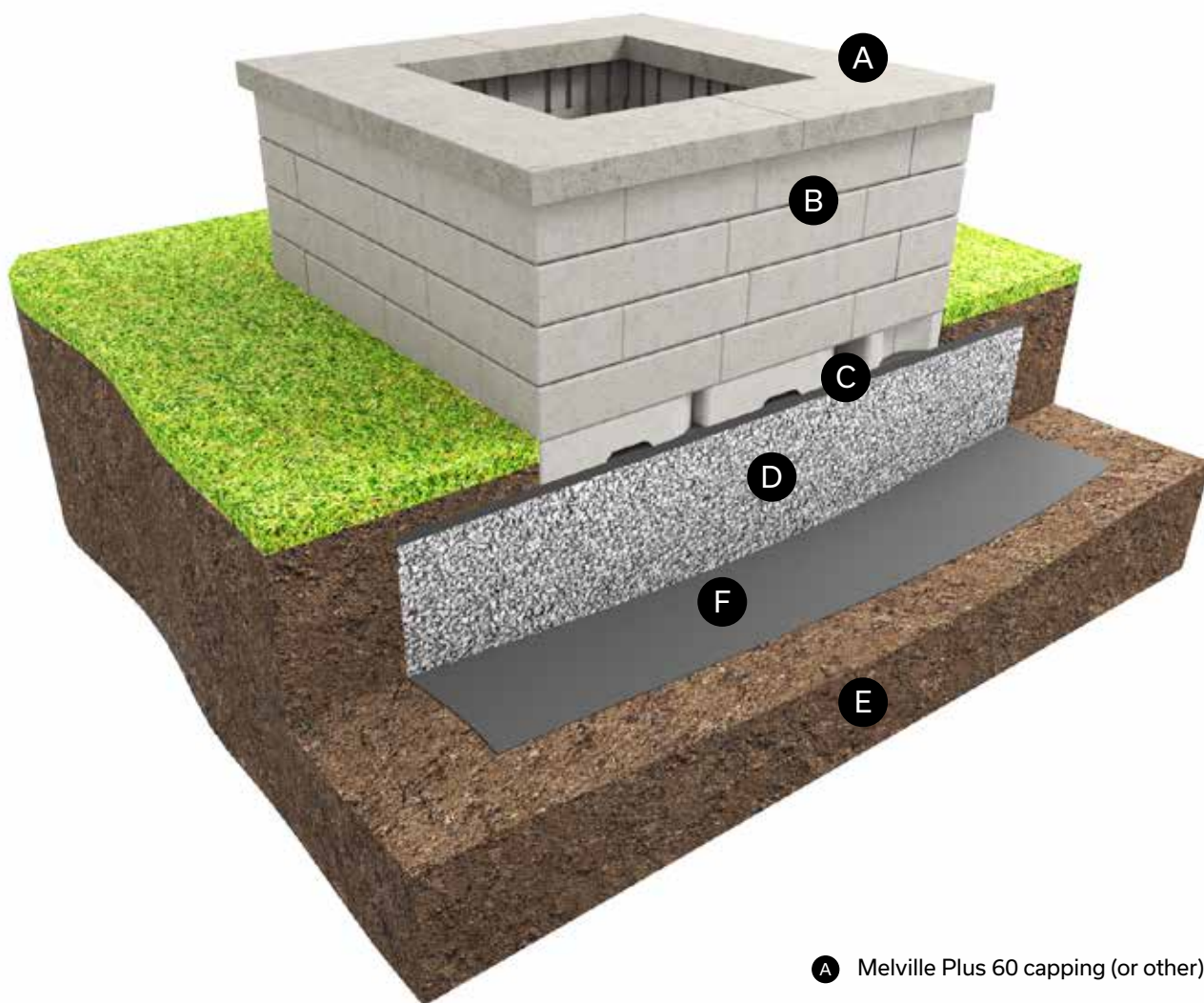


## BUILDING A SQUARE FIREPIT

The Urbano wall can be used to create many types of firepits: propane gas, natural gas, ethanol and wood. Construction begins with the installation of a proper foundation (levelled and densified). For a wood-burning firepit, a minimum 12 mm - 1/2 in. thick fiber cement board\* or refractory firebrick\* is recommended to ensure adequate protection. These elements must be installed all around the interior walls of the firepit.

For a gas fire pit, it is necessary to install conduits in the ground to carry the gas pipes or even electrical wires. The suggested size below is for reference; actual dimensions will vary depending on the selected unit.

### ISOMETRIC VIEW



- A** Melville Plus 60 capping (or other)
- B** Urbano wall
- C** Laying bed 25 mm - 1 in.
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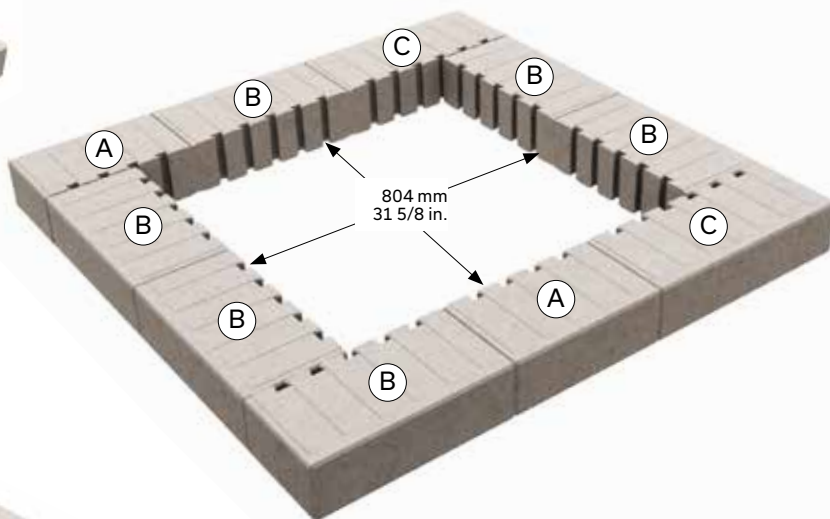
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**SQUARE FIREPIT- WALL UNITS INSTALLATION**



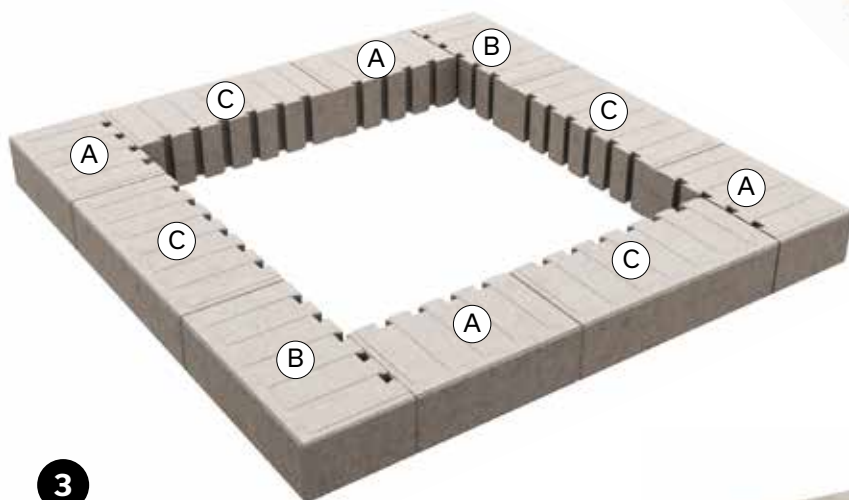
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Begin installation with starter units



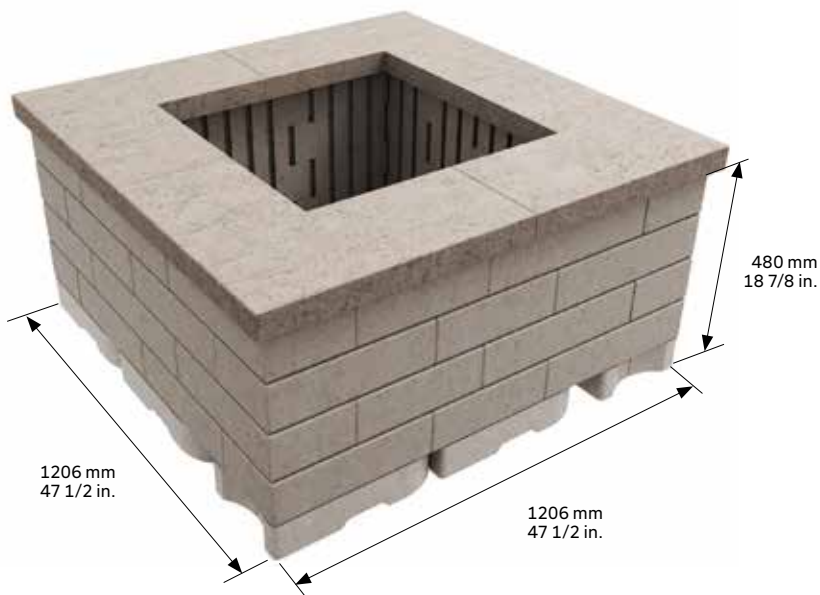
**2**

2nd row: install Urbano wall units by following this diagram



**3**

3rd row: proceed with installation by following this diagram



**4**

4th row: proceed with installation by repeating 2nd row diagram

**5**

5th row: proceed with installation by repeating 3rd row diagram

**6**

Complete your firepit with Melville 60 caps

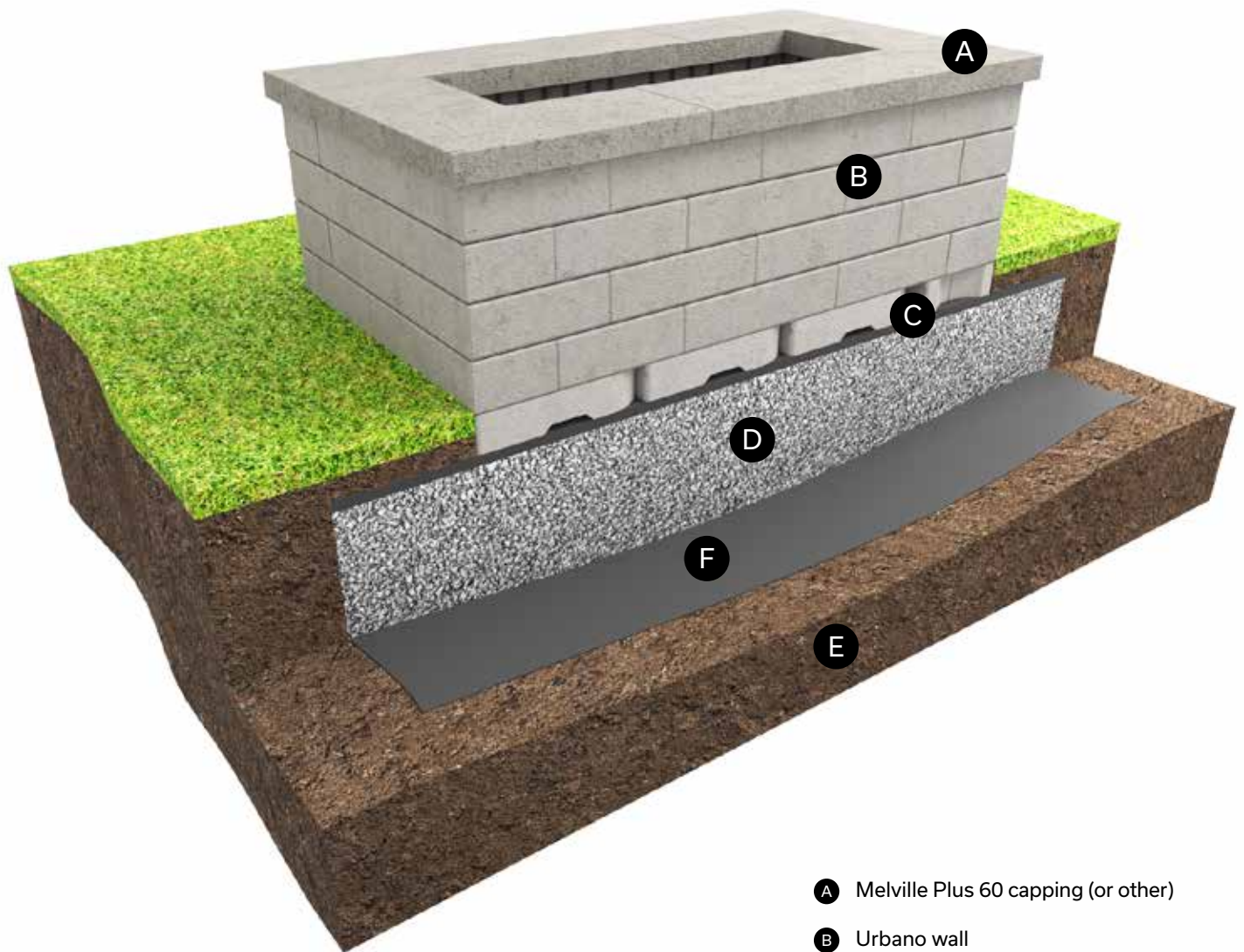


## BUILDING A RECTANGULAR FIREPIT

The rectangular format is primarily geared toward a propane or natural gas firepit. Its dimensions will need to be adapted according to the type of firepit selected. We recommend that you consult with a gas fitter or inquire about local codes and regulations before proceeding with a gas firepit installation.

In addition, it will be necessary to install conduits in the ground to carry gas pipes or even electrical wires, if required.

### ISOMETRIC VIEW

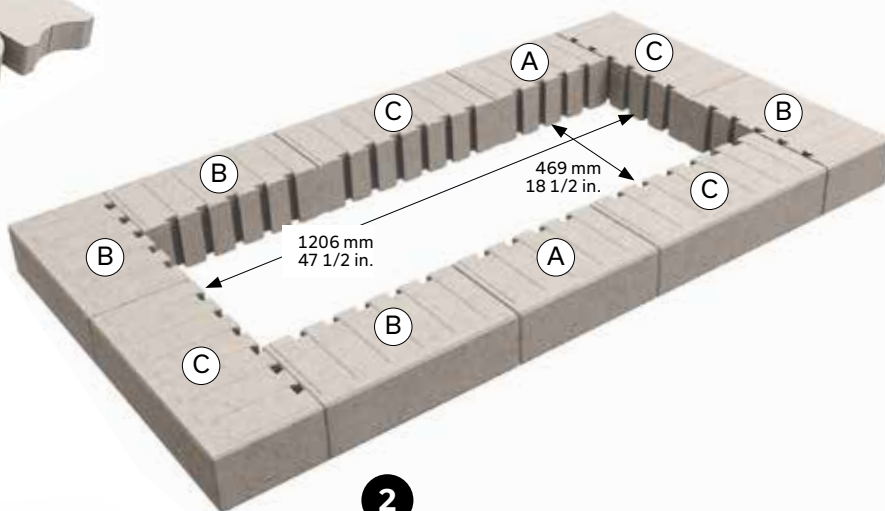


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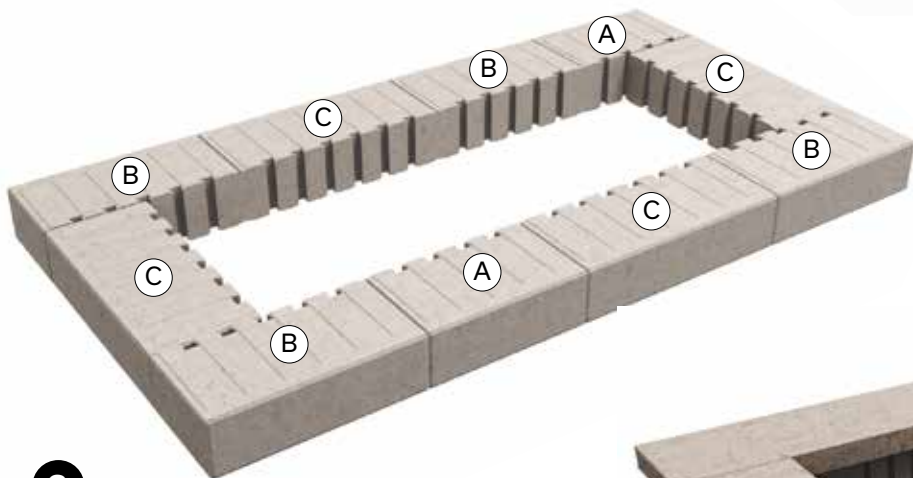
RECTANGULAR FIREPIT-WALL UNITS INSTALLATION



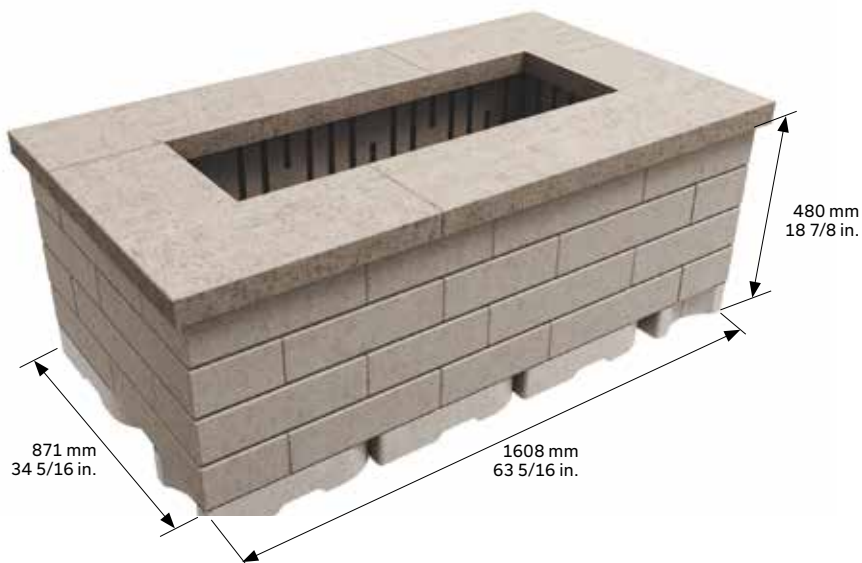
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**2**  
2nd row: install Urbano wall units by  
following this diagram



**3**  
3rd row: proceed with installation by  
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**4**  
4th row: proceed with installation by  
repeating 2nd row diagram



**5**  
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**6**  
Complete your firepit with Melville 60 caps

# Celtik® Plus 90 Wall

## DESCRIPTION

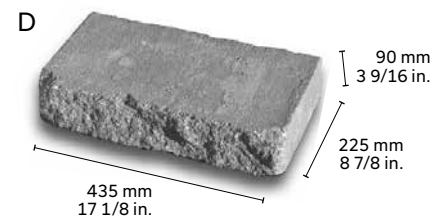
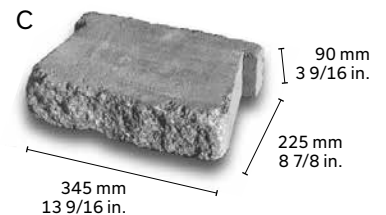
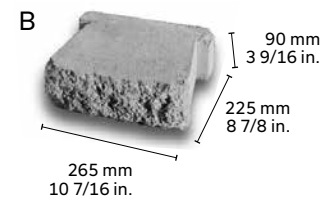
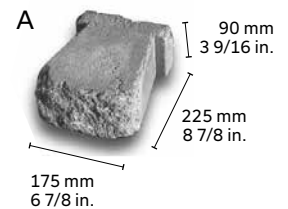


With a maximum height of 42 inches, the Celtik wall is reminiscent of old stone structures typical of the Irish and Scottish countryside. Its rich texture and variety of units gives you a choice between the uneven look of cut stone and the more linear look of a brick.

### ADVANTAGES:

Patented anchor pin system located at the back of the block makes it possible to:

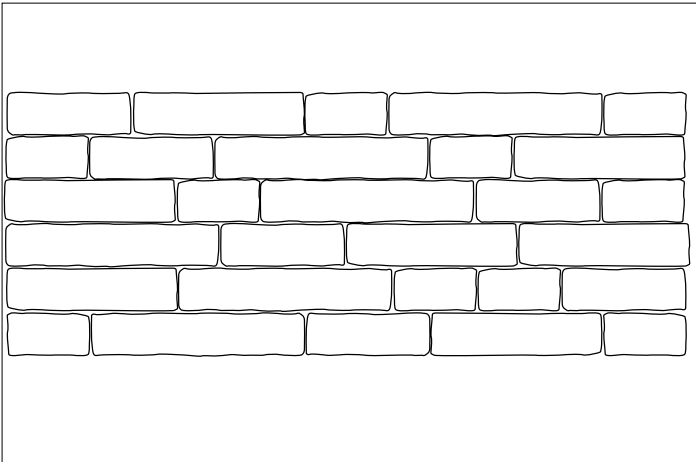
- > build sloped or vertical walls with minimum cutting, chiselling or using a guillotine
- > easily create a radius or curves





LAYING PATTERN

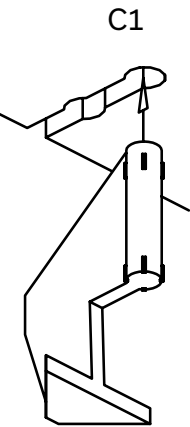
LINEAR PATTERN



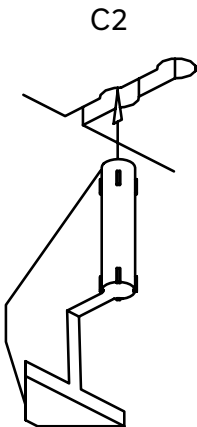
ANCHOR PIN SYSTEM

The Celtik wall anchor pin system is designed to facilitate the construction of walls with a maximum height of 42 in - 1.1 m. The special pin system is designed to stabilize the overall structure and guide the installation of units. The dual-position system allows for the construction of vertical or 9° sloped walls. Units are delivered with two different anchor pins: a regular pin with blades (C1) and a second pin without blades (C2), designed for the construction of corners.

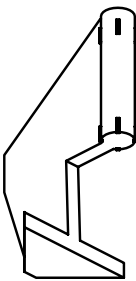
For a 9° of slope, the setback per row of 90 mm is 14 mm - 9/16 in.



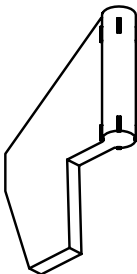
Position for building a wall on a 9° slope.  
Maximum height of 1.05 m - 42 in.



Position for building a vertical wall.  
Maximum height of 0.65 m - 26 in.

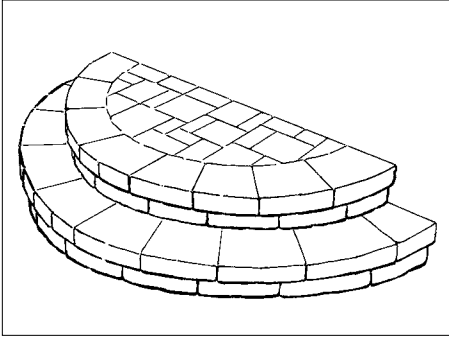


C1 - Base model

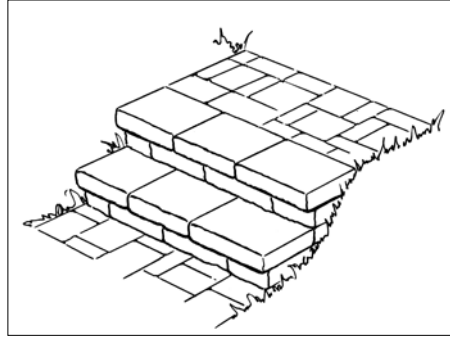


C2 - Model  
without blades

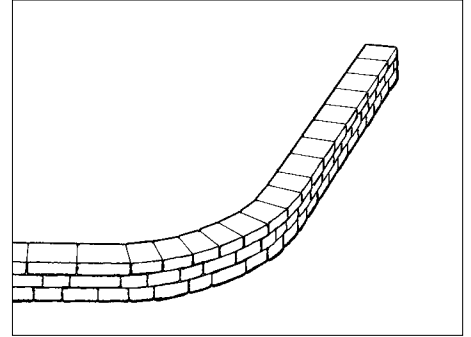
LAYING IDEAS



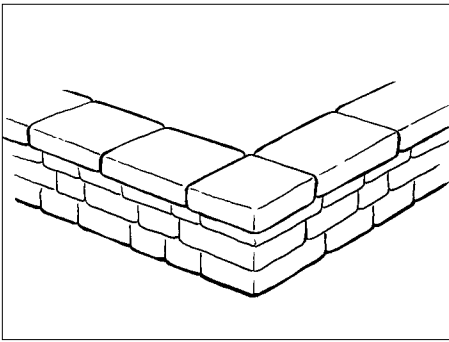
CURVED STEPS using 90 mm



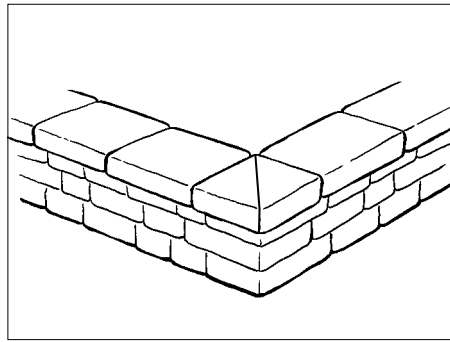
STRAIGHT STEPS



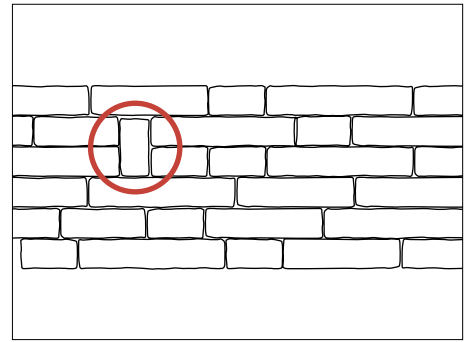
CURVED AND STRAIGHT WALL



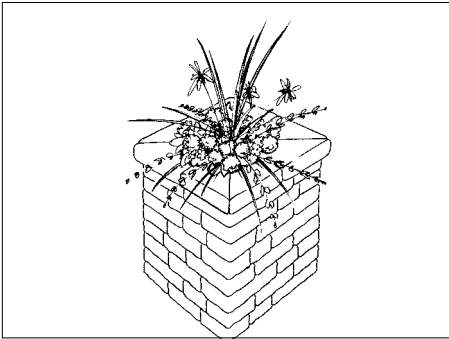
CORNER WITH STRAIGHT CUT



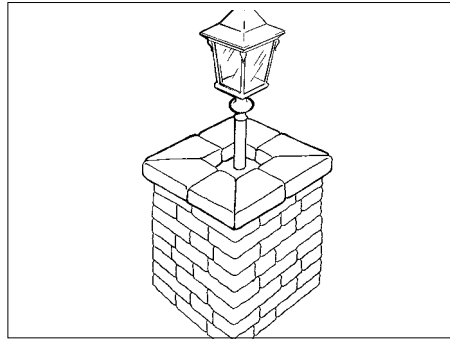
CORNER WITH 45° ANGLE CUT



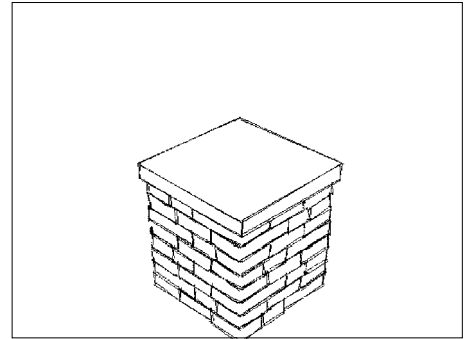
90 mm UNIT WITH JUMPER (vertical element)



PILLAR with flowers



LIGHT PILLAR



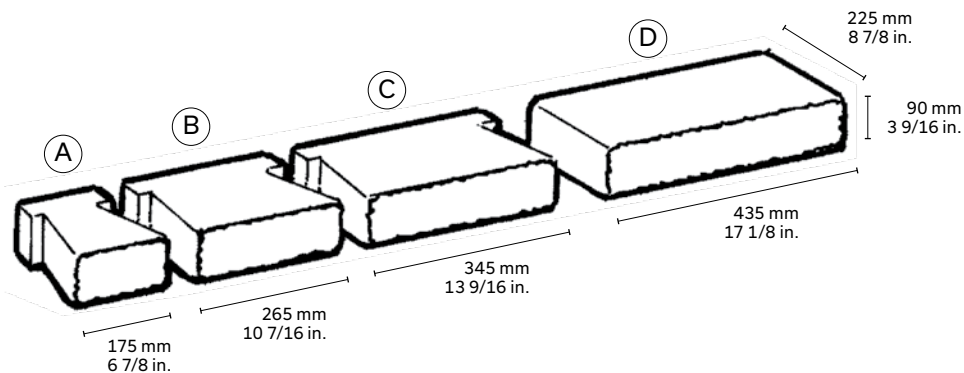
CELTIK 90 PILLAR

## CELTIK PLUS WALL CONSTRUCTION

### STEP 1

#### INSTALLATION OF THE FIRST ROW

Lay the units of the same thickness on the compacted foundation. It is important to carefully align the first row of units horizontally to ensure that the wall will be levelled. At this stage, no pins are used.

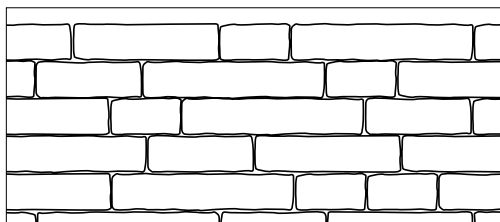


### STEP 2

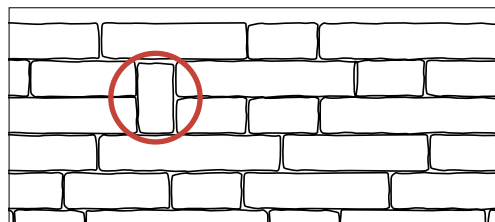
#### INSTALLATION OF THE FOLLOWING ROWS

Carefully lay the units of the following rows, remembering however, to insert a pin in each unit before installation. First insert pins in units to be installed. Use appropriate grooves depending on whether the wall is vertical (maximum 26 in.) or 9' sloped (maximum 42 in.). Lay each row by overlapping joints of the last row installed.

Supplied radiuses may be used vertically to give a natural and original look to the layout. Two of the radiuses measures two rows high. Use unit A (6 7/8 in.) to match two 90 mm rows.



90 mm UNITS



90 mm UNITS WITH JUMPERS (vertical elements)

### STEP 3

#### BACK FILLING

Every two rows, fill the space behind units only with 3/4 in. - 20 mm clean stone. Repeat steps 2 and 3 up to the desired height.

NOTE: The dimensions of the Imperial system are approximate

## CELTIK PLUS WALL CAPPING

### OPTION A - REGULAR UNITS

Walls can also be capped using Celtik standard units, in one of two styles:

> flush

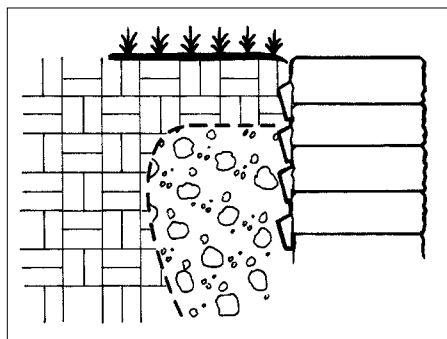
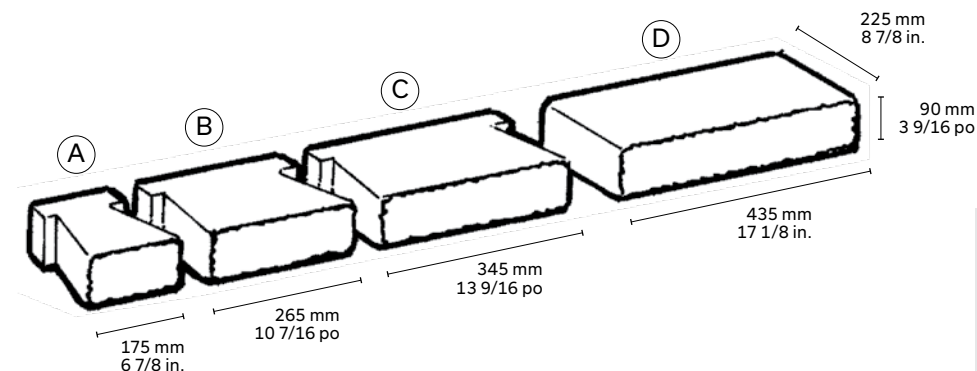
> overhanging

In either case, the units must be properly secured with adhesive to ensure wall stability. Save straight unit (D) for capping the straight portions of the wall. Use bevelled units for the curved portions; less cutting will be required.

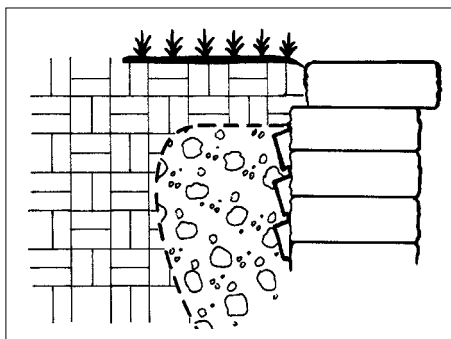
#### ADVANTAGE

A Celtik retaining wall with standard units as capping units is economical, easy to install and versatile, offering a number of possibilities.

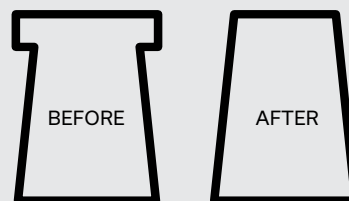
NOTE: Several small units will give a shorter bend radius, while larger units will give a larger radius.



FLUSH CAPPING



OVERHANGING CAPPING



**TO CREATE CURVES IN A CELTIK WALL:** the minimum radius is 0.9 m - 3 ft.

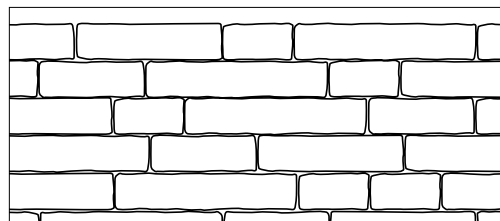
**CONVEX CURVE:**  
strike the extremities of the unit at the back

**CONCAVE CURVE:**  
unit will have to be cut

### OPTION B - CELTIK PLUS CAPPING UNITS

Use Celtik capping units to complete your wall. It is important to anchor the Celtik caps with Techniseal concrete adhesive.

NOTE: The dimensions of the Imperial system are approximate



90 mm UNITS

**CELTIK PLUS PILLAR USING ALL CELTIK PLUS UNITS**
**CELTIK PILLAR: 734 x 734 mm - 29 x 29 in.**

To build a pillar minimizing joint alignment and better stability, be sure to follow the laying order for each step and row, as illustrated. Measure the site for the pillar(s). Each pillar measures of 734 x 734 mm - 29 x 29 in. Always secure each row with adhesive to ensure stability.

**FOR THE CORNERS, CUT C AND D UNIT AS ILLUSTRATED:**

- > Trim the C unit in the middle
- > Trim the D unit along one of the two grooves (left or right)

**1 INSTALLATION OF THE FIRST ROW**

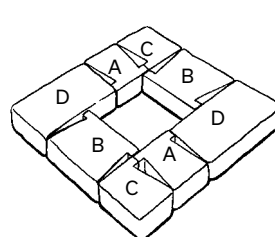
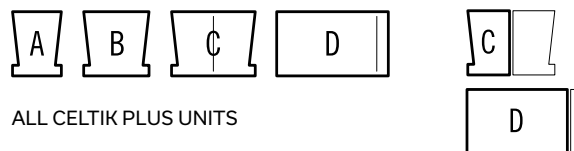
Lay the first four units as illustrated (A, B, C and D) followed by the next four.

**2 INSTALLATION OF THE SECOND, THIRD AND FOURTH ROWS**

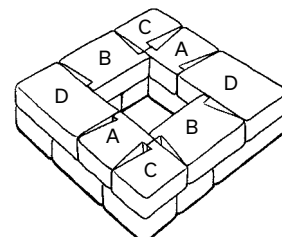
For each row, proceed as illustrated. Starting from the fifth row, repeat instruction steps 1 and 2, followed by the next ones until the desired height is reached (see illustration).

**3 CAPPING A PILLAR**

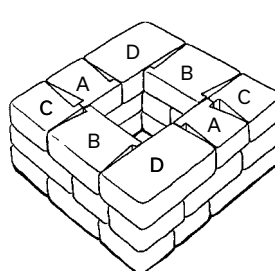
Use Celtik Plus straight capping units or a natural stone capping unit



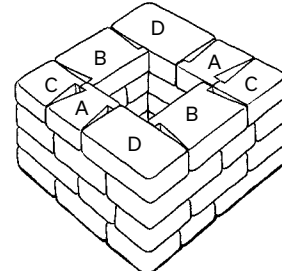
STEP 1 : rows 1 and 5



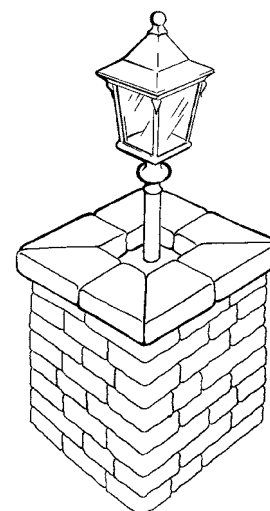
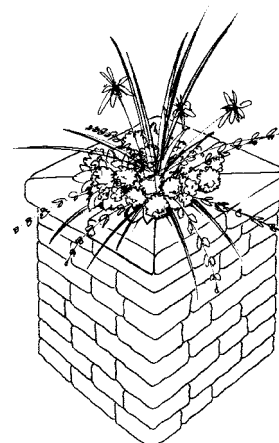
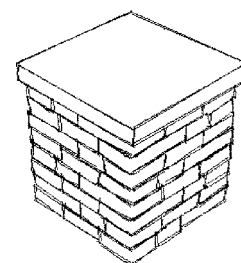
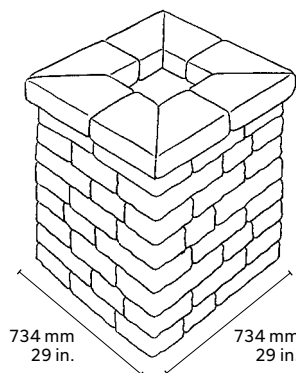
STEP 2 : rows 2 and 6



STEP 3 : rows 3 and 7



STEP 4 : rows 4 and 8

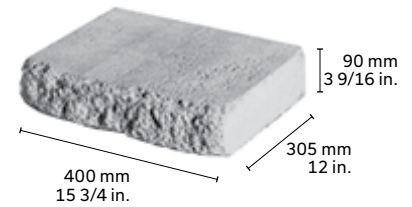

**WARNING**

If a lit pillar is desired, make sure all electrical wiring is completed before the units are laid.

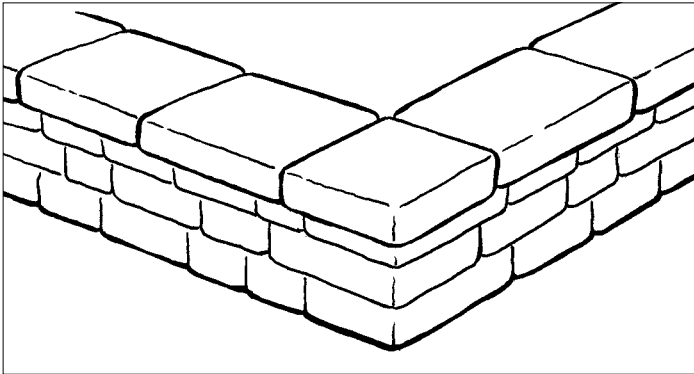
If flowers are to be planted above the pillar, install a geotextile membrane inside the pillar before filling with garden soil.

## CELTIK PLUS STRAIGHT CAPPING UNIT

The Celtik Plus straight capping unit can be used for all applications.



## LAYING IDEA



## HOW TO ORDER

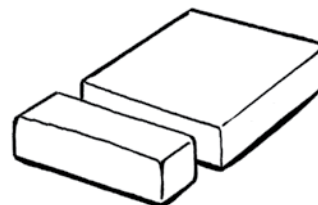
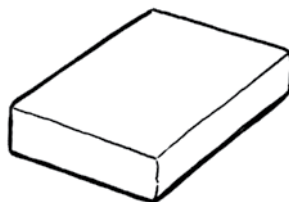
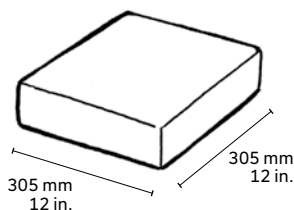
Celtik straight capping units are purchased individually. Each unit is 400 mm - 15 3/4 in. length.

- > Calculate the length in linear feet that you require for capping your Celtik wall
- > Divide the number of linear feet by 1.333 (the result will give you the number of units you need to cap your wall)
- > Order the required number of units

## CAPPING A CORNER

### PREPARE A CELTIK PLUS STRAIGHT CAPPING UNIT AS FOLLOWS:

- 1** Using a cold chisel or a guillotine, cut 100 mm - 4 in. from one of the ends of the capping unit
- 2** Flip the unit over and cut off the retaining lip
- 3** Hit the newly cut face with a sledge hammer to achieve the same finish as for the other sides
- 4** Install this corner cap first before proceeding with the installation of the other capping units
- 5** Always spread a layer of concrete adhesive along the top row of Celtik wall before laing the capping units





# Grande® Wall

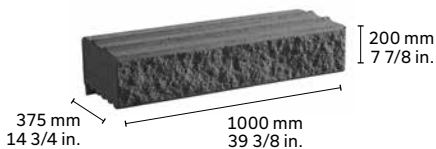
## DESCRIPTION

**GRANDE is a mechanically installed wall system capable of building retaining walls to virtually any height.**

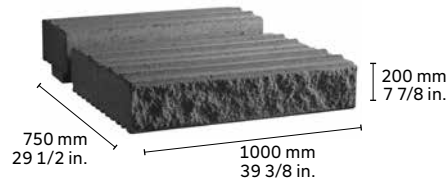
Suitable for gravity or grid, vertical or setback, straight or curved walls. All Grande wall component units come pre-split. Patented tongue and groove technology provides the strongest interlock and grid connectivity available. Ideal for narrow construction envelopes or where grid is not permitted. Corners are available cut at any angle. 438 coping/step unit is ideal for standalone stairs. Wedge units create a 1000 mm - 3 ft.3 in. outside radius without cutting.

## UNITS - SOLD SEPERATELY

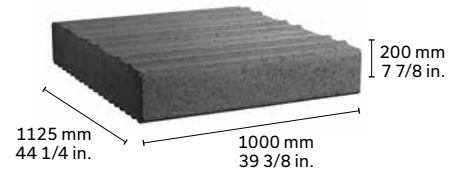
### 375 UNIT



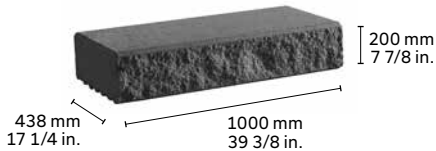
### 750 UNIT



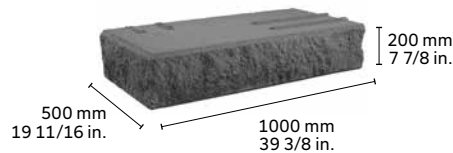
### 1125 UNIT



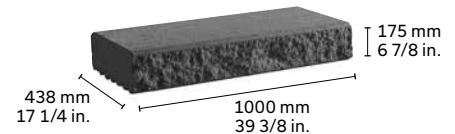
### CAPPING UNIT



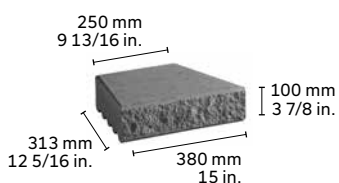
### CORNER UNIT



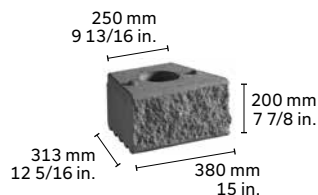
### 175 STEP UNIT



### WEDGE CAPPING UNIT

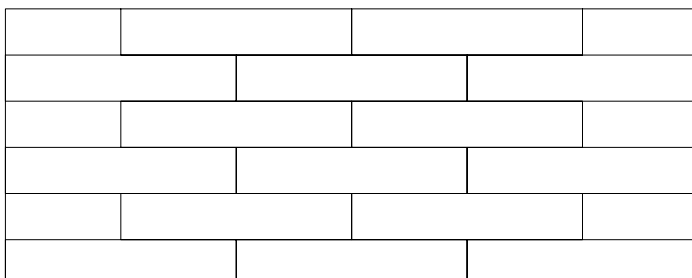


### WEDGE UNIT



## LAYING PATTERN

### LINEAR PATTERN



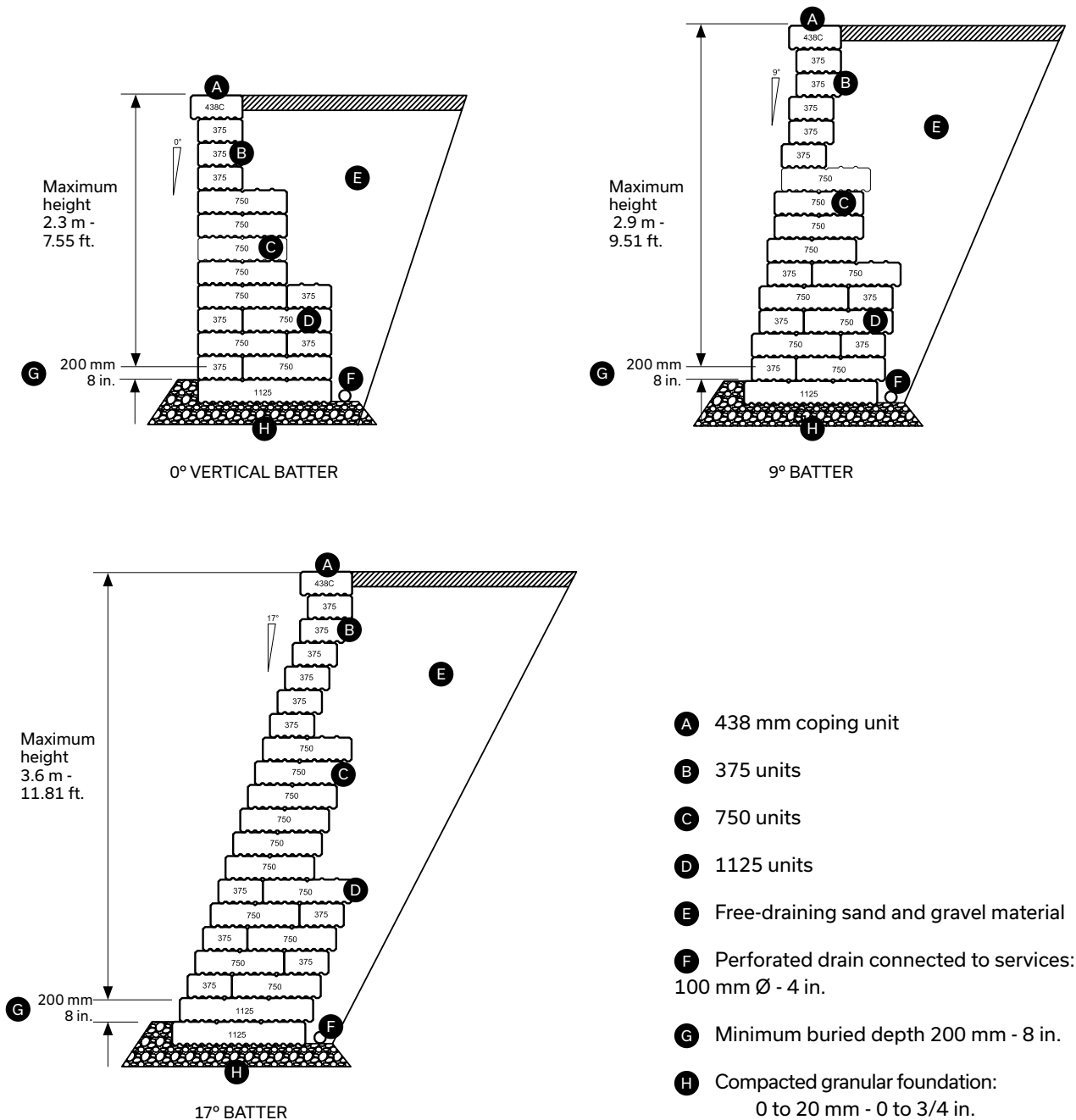
### TIPS

4 Wedge units are required for a rounded 90° corner, 16 pcs for a full circle.

Two thirds of all Wedge units in a bundle come double rock-faced for inside and outside curves. Grande 375 standard units come double rock face 1/3 of bundle .

## CROSS-SECTION

The Grande system is designed to be installed with three possible pitches: 0°, 9° and 17°



**NOTE 1: THE DESIGN CHARTS PRESENTED HERE REFLECT THE FOLLOWING ASSUMPTIONS:**

The backfill material behind the wall and the existing soil to be retained must have an internal friction angle of 30° or more. The bearing capacity of the soil under the granular base must be at least 150 kPa (3150 lb/ft²). These charts were developed using 1125 mm units as the basic depth, thereby limiting the maximum aboveground height to 3.6 m - 11.81 ft. However, the height of the walls can be extended by adding units to build broader bases. Grande walls can reach heights of up to 6.0 m - 19.7 ft. by gravity. The walls can be installed with other height and overload specifications than those above. Specific designs for special project conditions are available from Permacon's technical department.

**NOTE 2:** These products have the potential for constructing higher walls using geogrid-type reinforcement. Consult your Permacon sales representative for details.

# Keystone System

## DESCRIPTION

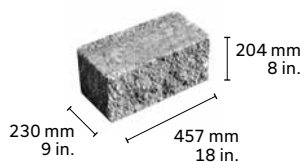
- > Product certified by the *Ministère des Transp*rt du Québec
- > For designing walls with a geogrid reinforcement, consult your Permacon sales representative

This system allows for the construction of the wall up to 10 meters high.

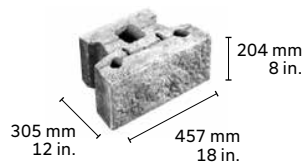


## STRAIGHT FACE UNITS

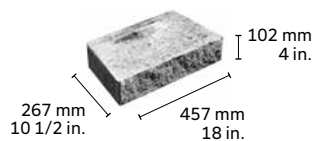
### CORNER UNIT



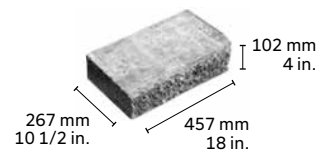
### COMPACT UNIT



### BEVELLED CAPPING UNIT



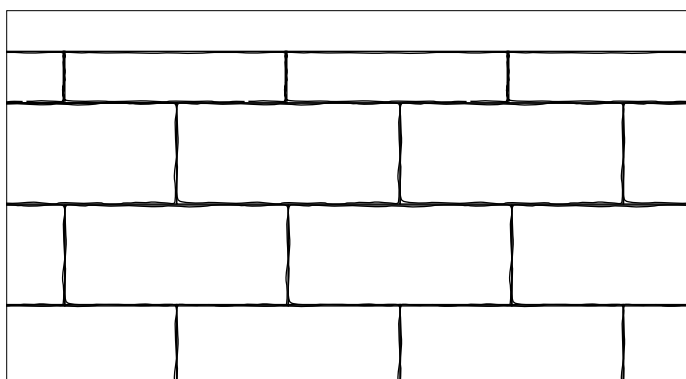
### STRAIGHT CAPPING UNIT



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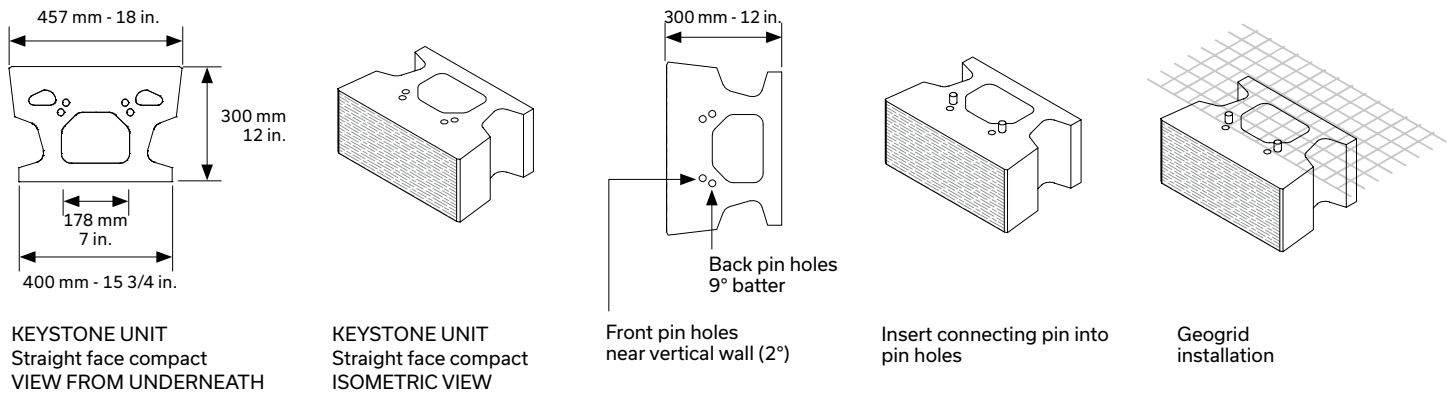
## LAYING PATTERN

### LINEAR PATTERN

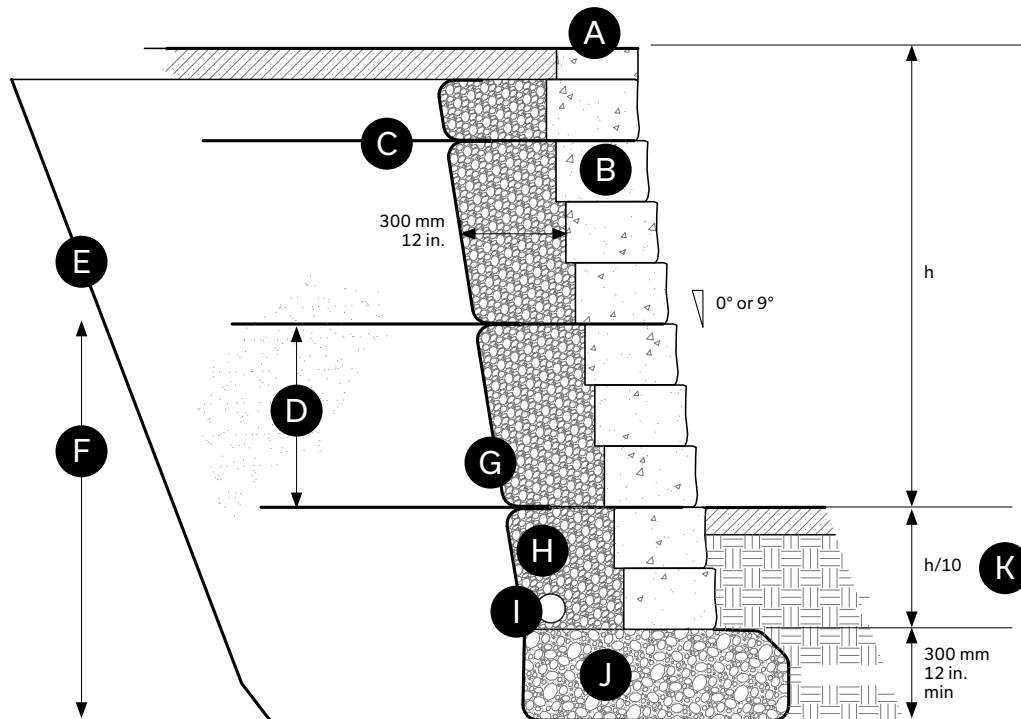


# KEYSTONE SYSTEM

## ANCHOR PIN SYSTEM



## CROSS-SECTION

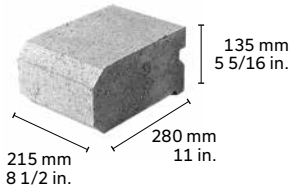


- A** 102 mm - 4 in. capping unit
- B** 200 mm - 8 in. Keystone unit
- C** Typical geogrid (for conception contact your Permacon sales representative)
- D** Compacted reinforced zone, Class A sand
- E** Excavation slope
- F** Existing soil
- G** Geotextile
- H** Clean stone 20 mm - 3/4 po
- I** Perforated drain connected to services: 100 mm Ø - 4 in.
- J** Compacted granular foundation 0 to 20 mm - 0 to 3/4 in.
- K** Minimum buried depth largest 200 mm - 8 in. or h/10

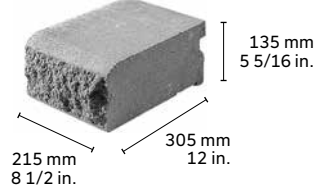
# Universal Slope Blocks

## UNITS

### UNIVERSAL SLOPE

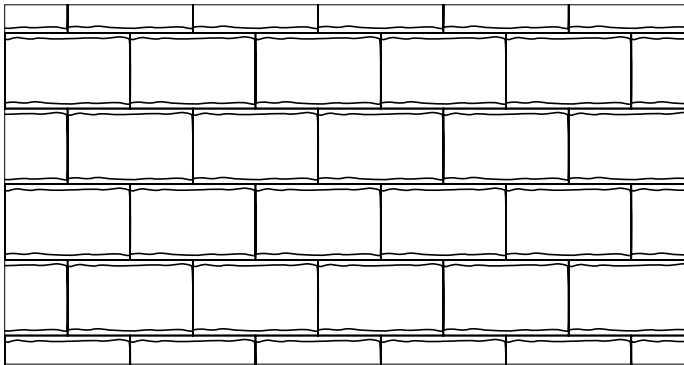


### SPLIT-FACE UNIVERSAL SLOPE

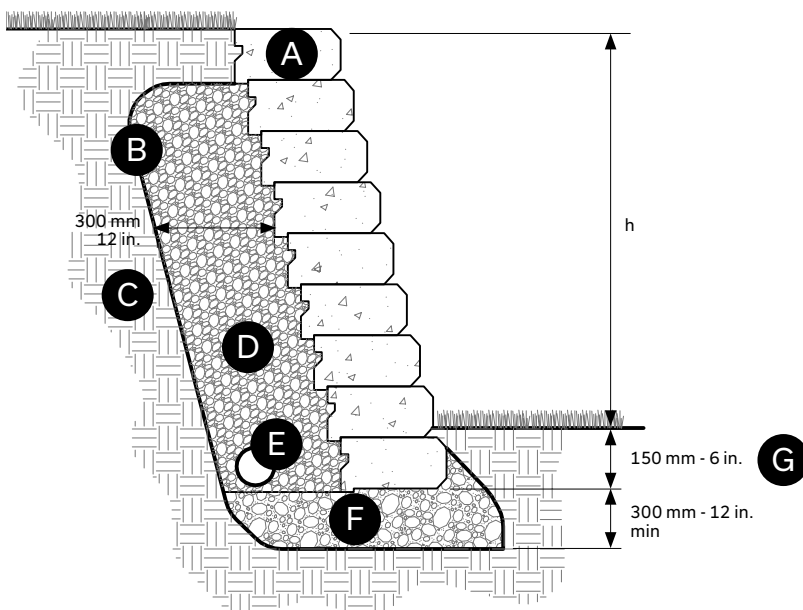


## LAYING PATTERN

### LINEAR PATTERN



## CROSS-SECTION - UNIVERSAL SLOPE AND SPLIT-FACE UNIVERSAL SLOPE BLOCKS



- A** Universal slope block wall unit
- B** Geotextile
- C** Existing soil
- D** Clean stone 20 mm - 3/4 in.
- E** Perforated drain connected to services:  
100 mm Ø - 4 in.
- F** Compacted granular foundation:  
0 to 20 mm - 0 to 3/4 in.
- G** Minimum buried depth 150 mm - 6 po

# RB Wall

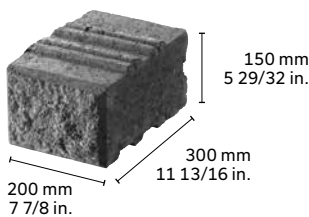
## DESCRIPTION

RB wall comes complete with corner units and several coping options for straight walls.

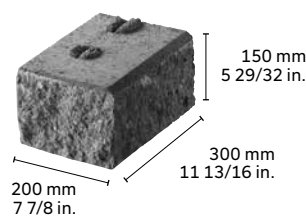
TIPS: Build vertical walls by knocking off the back half of each of the two ribs on top of the block using a hammer and chisel.

## UNITS

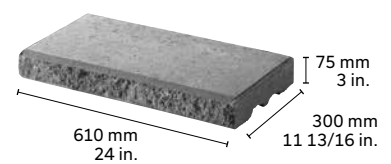
### STANDARD UNIT



### CORNER UNIT

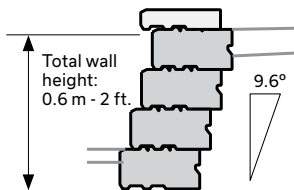


### 24 IN. CAPPING UNIT



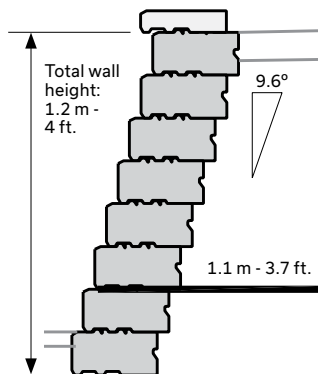
## CROSS-SECTION

### 2 FOOT WALL HEIGHT



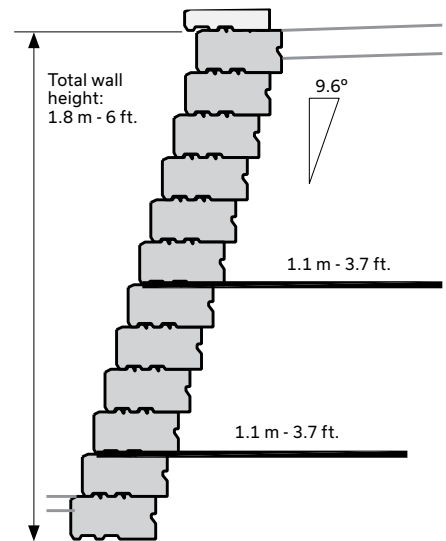
GRAVITY

### 4 FOOT WALL HEIGHT



GRID

### 6 FOOT WALL HEIGHT

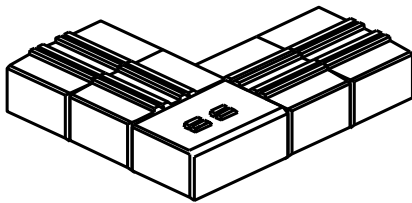


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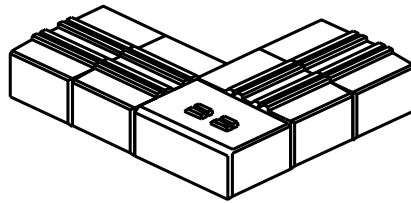
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## CORNER - SINGLE DEPTH



ROW A



ROW B

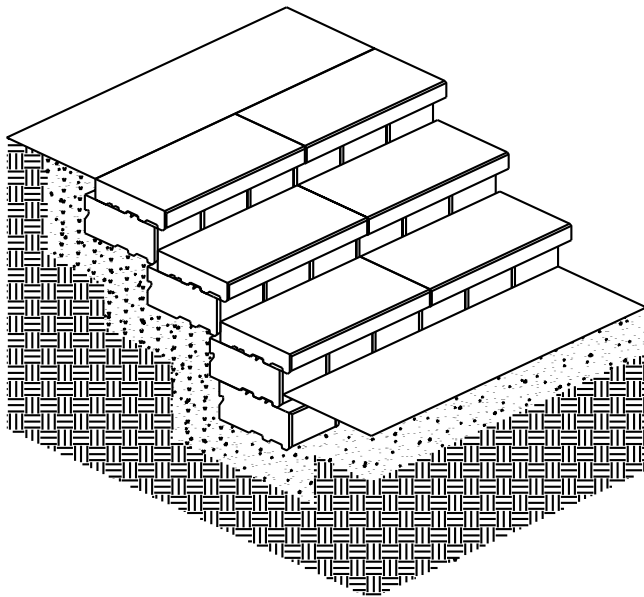
## STEPS

Risers are built using RB standard units with 24 in. coping unit as treads.

### TO CALCULATE PRODUCT REQUIREMENTS:

Standard units = step width x 1.5 x # of risers + step width x 1.5

Coping units = step width ÷ by coping width x 1.5 x # of risers



# Wallstone and Wedgestone

## DESCRIPTION

**Wallstone and Wedgestone wall can be used separately or in combination for greater flexibility.**

Suitable for gravity or grid, vertical or setback, straight or curved walls. All Wallstone and Wedgestone wall component units come pre-split. End grooves on Wallstone standard units maintain interlock between courses, even when placed vertically. Two thirds of standard units are also double rock-faced.

Wedgestone wall units are 100% double rock-faced and reversible for inside and outside curves. Units create a 600 mm - 2 in. outside radius without cutting.

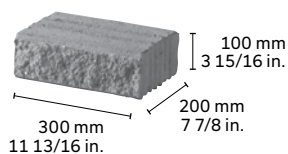
### TIP

4 Wedgestone wall units are required for a rounded 90° corner, 16 pcs for a full circle.

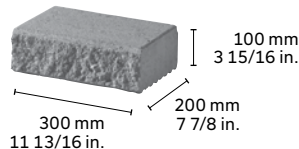
Patterned Wallstone walls can be stacked vertically up to 6 courses high (7 courses if using a Wallstone double unit in the base) or up to 8 courses if 50% of units have at least a one groove setback and a Wallstone double unit is used in the base course.

## WALLSTONE UNITS

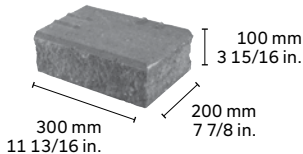
### STANDARD UNIT



### 12 IN. CAPPING UNIT

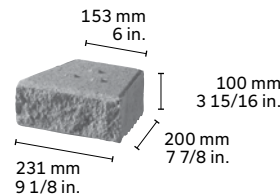


### CORNER/COLUMN UNIT

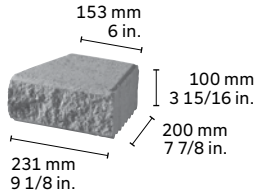


## WEDGESTONE UNITS

### STANDARD UNIT



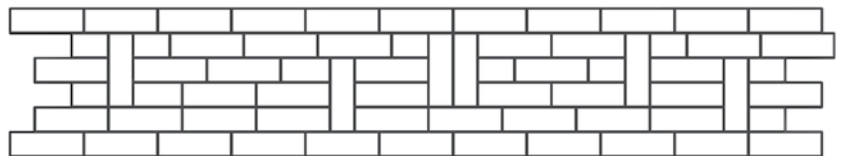
### CAPPING UNIT



## PATTERNS

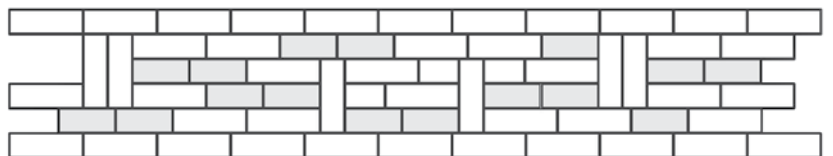
### PATTERN 1

Place Wallstone standard units vertically and horizontally to create interesting patterns within the wall.



### PATTERN 2

Add an additional dimension to your wall by including Wedgestone wall units in your pattern (shaded).

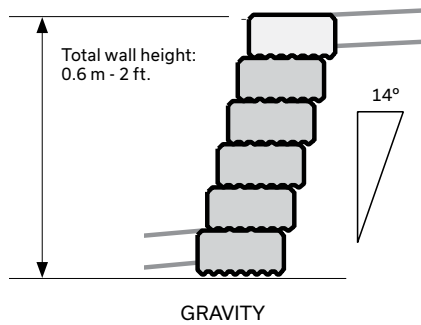


Consider recessing blocks to add further distinction. Except for the coping course, it is not recommended to set units forward beyond the front of the base course.

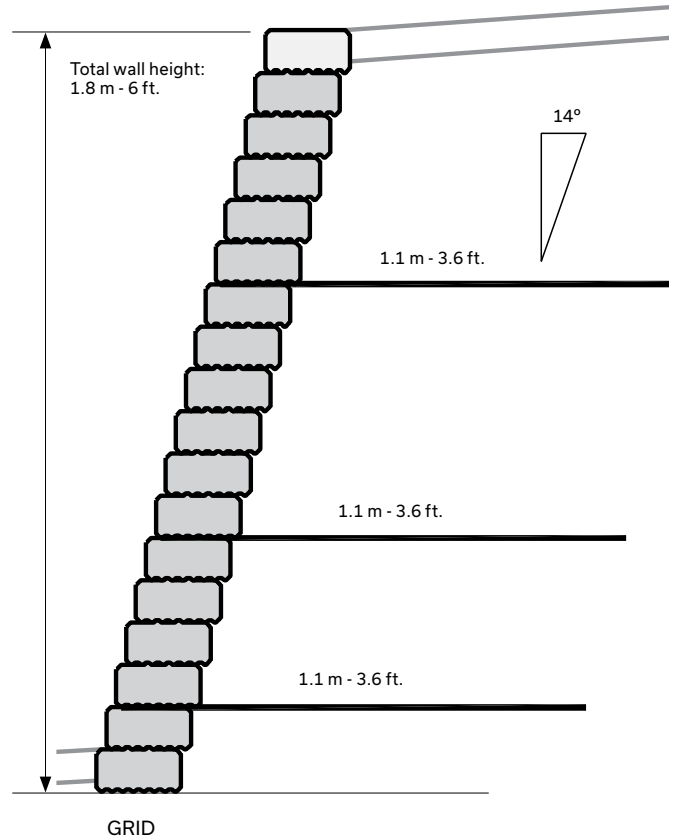
# WALLSTONE AND WEDGESTONE WALL

## CROSS-SECTION -SETBACK GRAVITY WALL

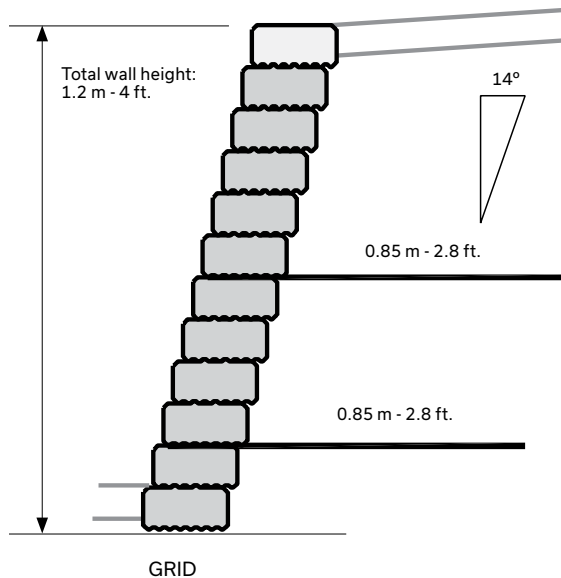
### 2 FOOT WALL HEIGHT



### 6 FOOT WALL HEIGHT



### 4 FOOT WALL HEIGHT



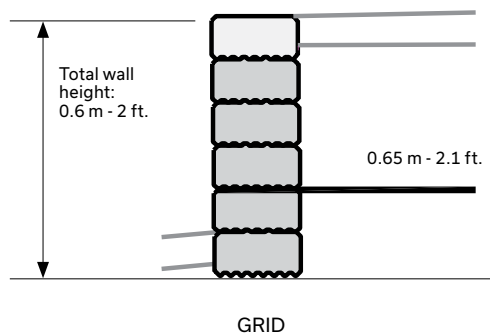
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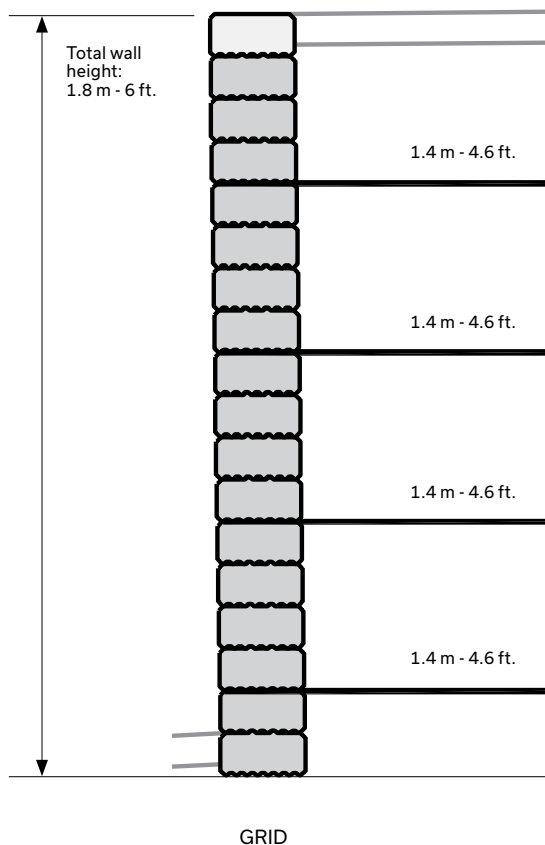
# WALLSTONE AND WEDGESTONE WALL

## CROSS-SECTION -SETBACK VERTICAL WALL

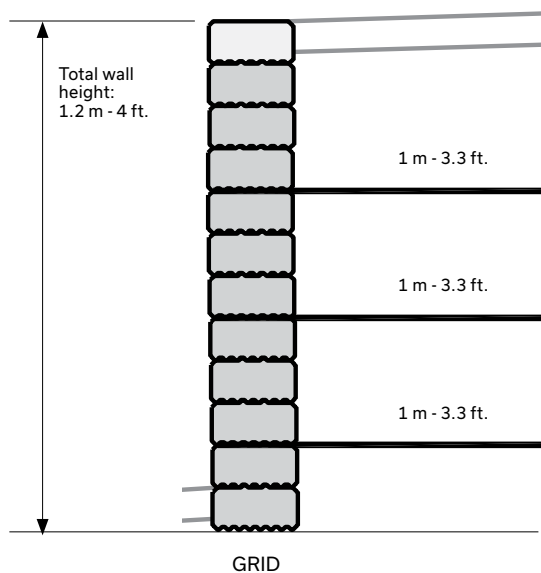
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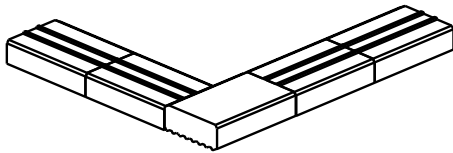


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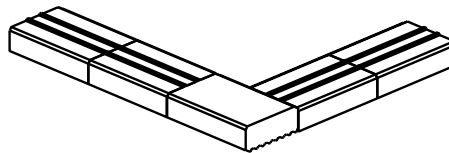
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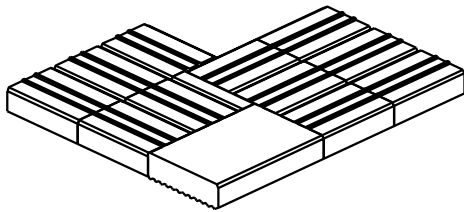


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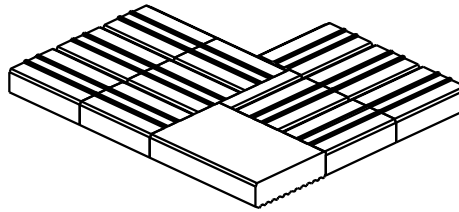


ROW B

### CORNER - MULTI DEPTH



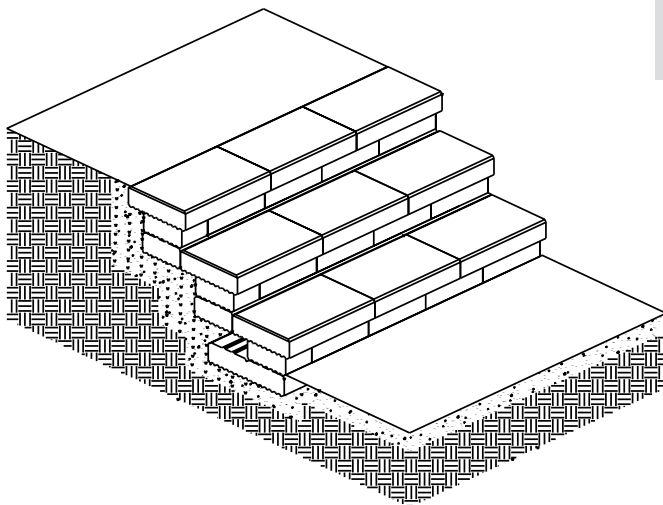
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### STEPS

A double unit in the base of the bottom of the riser adds stability. Use 12 in. coping units as the stair tread.



#### TO CALCULATE PRODUCT REQUIREMENTS:

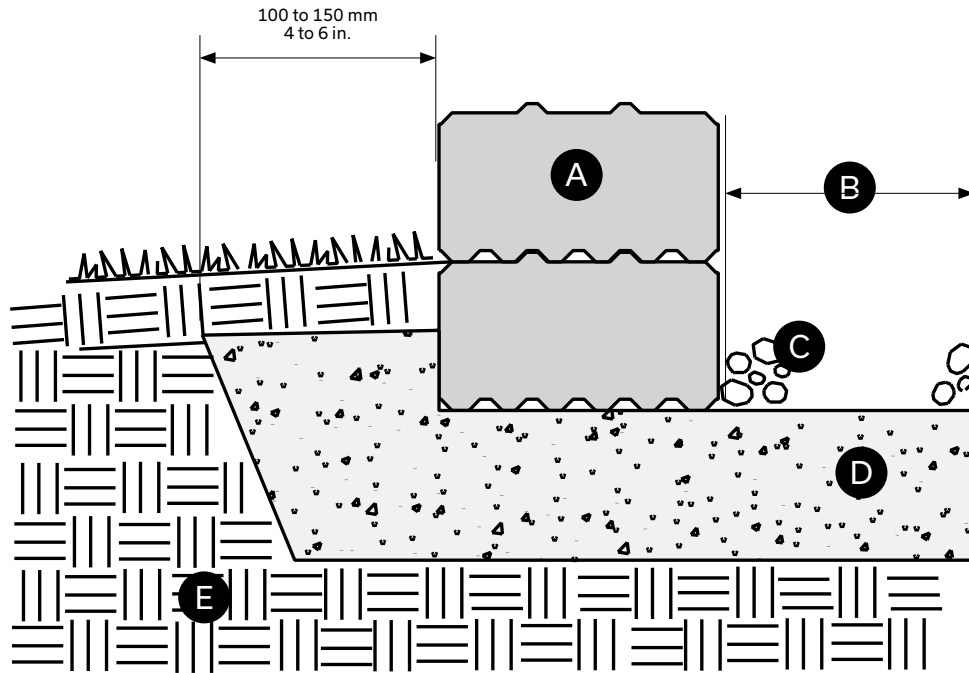
Double units = step width x 1

Standard units = step width x 2 x # of risers + step width x 1

Coping units = step width ÷ by coping width x # of risers

# Wall Installation Guidelines

## TYPICAL CROSS-SECTION - GRANDE, WALLSTONE AND RB WALL



- Ⓐ Retaining wall system manufactured by Permacon
- Ⓑ Equal to depth of backfill: depth varies
- Ⓒ Compacted granular backfill: depth varies
- Ⓓ Compacted aggregate base: thickness varies (minimum 200 mm - 8 in.)
- Ⓔ Compacted soil subgrade

## GENERAL INFORMATION - GRANDE, WALLSTONE AND RB WALL

These installation guidelines apply to garden and decorative walls built with any Permacon retaining wall system. For large structural or retaining walls, walls that exceed the maximum recommended height or walls in areas of poor drainage of soil conditions, please contact your Permacon sales representative for more specific installation requirements.

### DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS

When planning a garden or retaining wall, you should ask yourself several questions to ensure your finished installation will look good and last a lifetime.

- > How high will the wall be? Height of the wall should always include a minimum of one buried base course in addition to the height above ground. Different wall systems have different height capabilities. Be sure not to exceed the maximum recommended height for the wall product you choose.
- > Will the wall be straight, curved or both? Permacon Grande and Wallstone walls can create circles, soft flowing curves, straight linear designs or any of these in combination. Measure the curved and straight sections of the wall separately to make estimating easier.
- > What is the purpose of the wall? Some wall products are suitable for large retaining wall projects while others are ideal for small garden walls or planters.
- > Will the height of the wall vary? If the property has a slope, the wall height may vary accordingly. To make estimating easier, break the wall up into sections of equal height, always maintaining one buried base course.
- > Will the wall be terraced? If so, the front of the upper wall must be at least 1.5 times the height of the lower wall behind the back of the base course of the lower wall.
- > What setback do you need? Some Permacon wall products are capable of achieving vertical walls and other products have an automatic setback. Vertical walls typically can't go as high as setback walls without geogrid reinforcement. In addition, setback walls may require less product. When planning and measuring, keep in mind that a single setback moves the top of the wall back 25 mm (1") per course from the front of the base course.

Walls that exceed the maximum recommended height, walls in areas of poor drainage and walls with extra loading at the top may require special engineering. Please contact Permacon for more information if your wall falls into one of these categories.

### EXCAVATION & BASE PREPARATION

Set an excavation line using a chalk or string line. To create an accurate radius, drive a stake into the ground at the desired center of your project. Attach a string to the stake equal in length to the desired inside radius. Rotate the string to indicate the location of the back of the first course. Once laid out, excavate a trench equal to the depth of gravel material plus the height of one unit, or to firm soil. The trench should be approximately 100 to 150 mm - 4 to 6 in. wider than the wall block you have chosen.

After excavation, spread the base material uniformly throughout the trench with a hard toothed rake in layers of no more than 100 mm - 4in. Use the vibrating or hand tamper to compact the entire area evenly. Continue spreading and compacting base material until the desired depth is achieved and the surface has no low or high areas.

Place screed rails at the desired grade of the underside of the first course of wall. Level the screed rails with a 4 foot level or transit level. Place granular base material between the rails and screed level with a straight edge, such as a 2 x 4 timber. Compact this area with a hand tamper. After compacting, place more granular base material between the rails and screed level. This is the level surface for laying the wall base pieces.

### BASE COURSE & WALL CONSTRUCTION

Start placing the base course on top of the compacted base, beginning at the lowest point of the wall. Check alignment and leveling as you proceed. Continue with additional courses, adding and compacting backfill material behind the wall after every second course. To ensure adequate interlock between courses, we recommend a minimum joint overlap of 1/4 bond.

To ensure proper color distribution, take pieces from several bundles at a time, removing them in stacks rather than by layer.

TIP: Check the levelness of the wall every 2-3 courses by putting a string line along the length of the wall.



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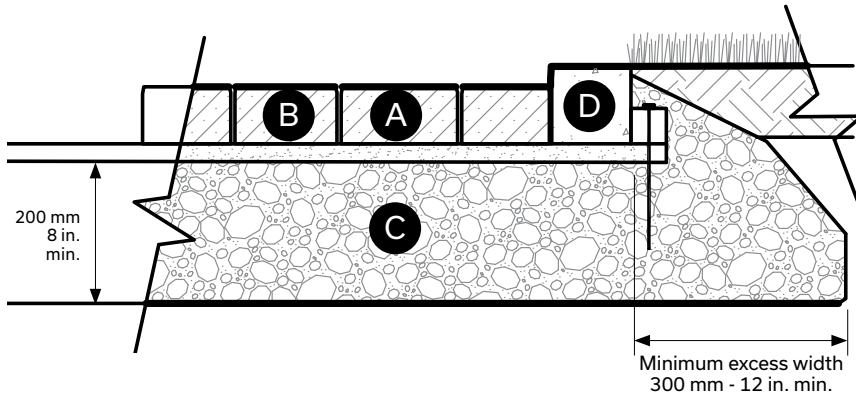
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NOTE: Please note that only pavers with specific notes are included in the guide. For information on our entire product line, please see our product guide.

# Curbs

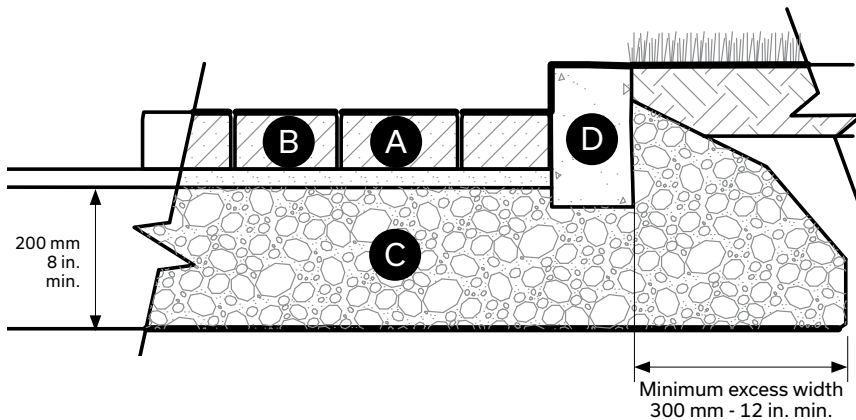
## TYPICAL INSTALLATION

### TYPICAL PAVER INSTALLATION WITH MELVILLE CURB, LAFITT CURB OR CELTIK CURB



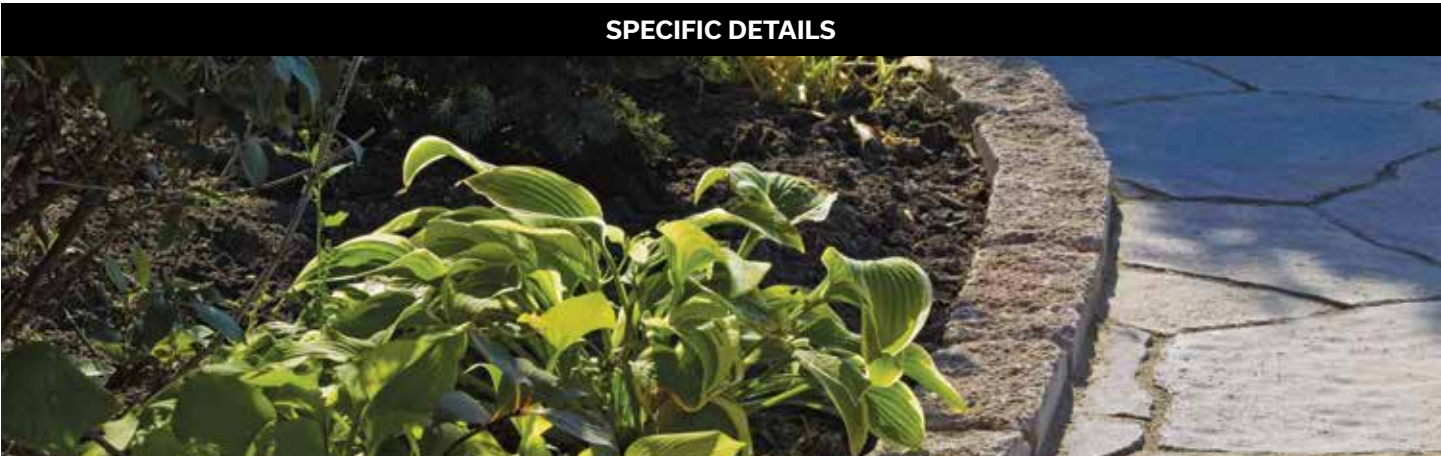
- A Paving stones
- B Installation bed 25 mm - 1 in. (concrete sand)
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- D Curb

### TYPICAL PAVER INSTALLATION WITH MEGA CELTIK CURB

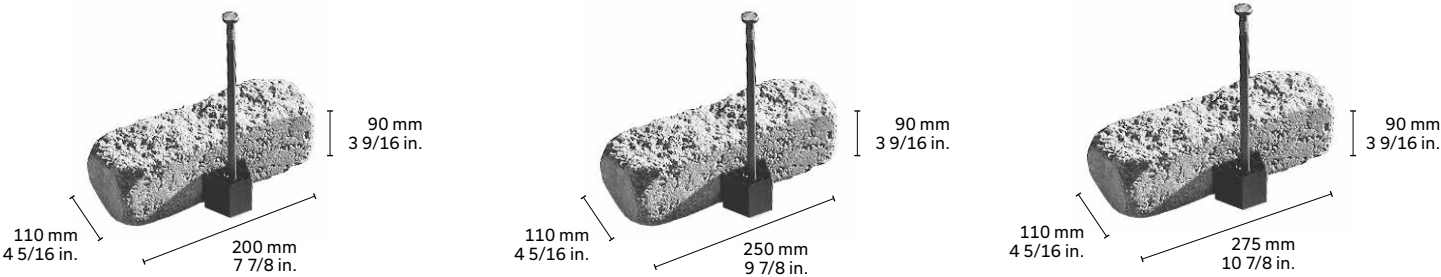


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- D Mega Celtik curb

# Celtik® Curb

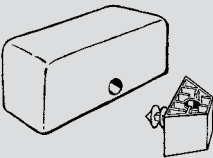


## UNITS

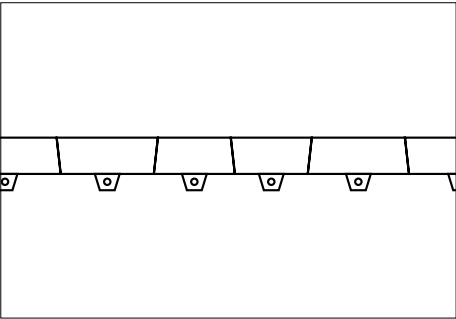


### C3-ANCHORS

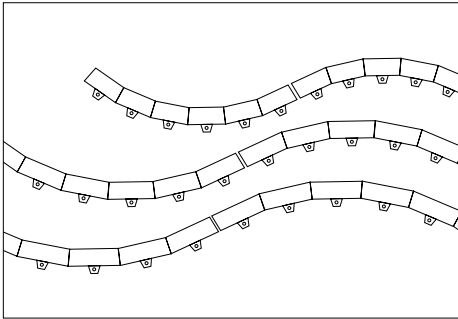
NOTE: in order to facilitate orders by half layer (13 lin.ft.) each row must include 2 boxes of anchors. Each box contains 16 C3-anchors and 16 nails.



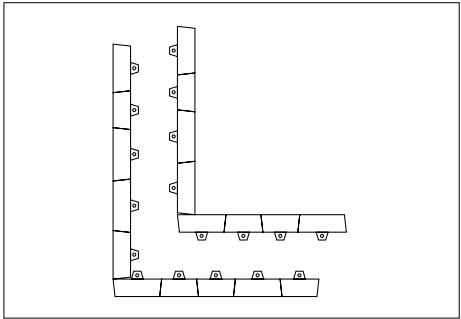
## LAYING IDEAS



For a straight line curb, use alternating angled curb units.



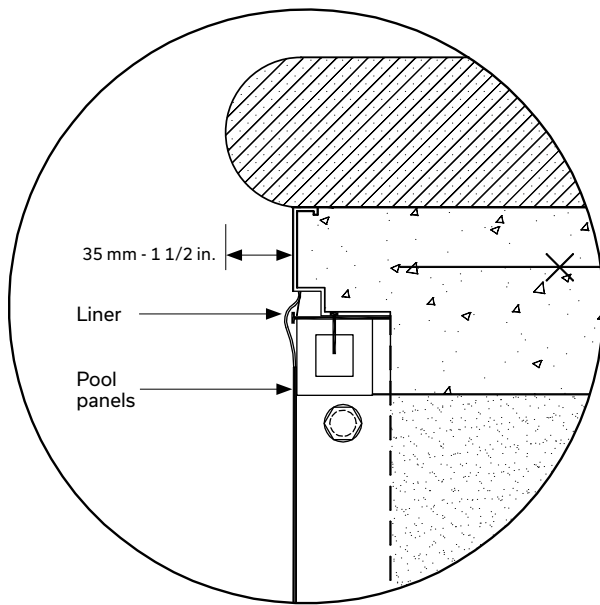
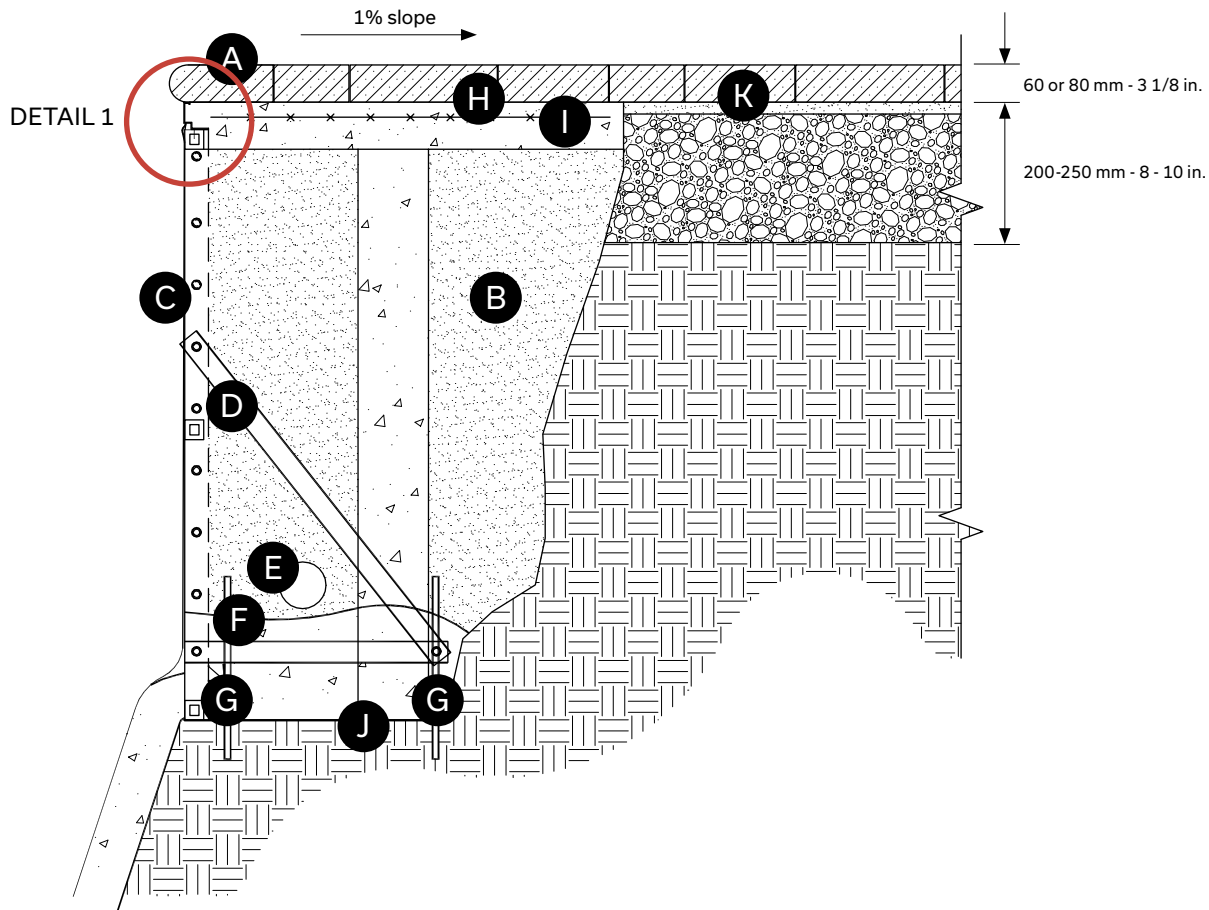
For a concave or convex curve, lay curb units in the same direction.



For a 90° corner, simply align curb units at this angle.

# Laguna 60 and Marina Pool Coping

## CROSS-SECTION - POOL WITH PAVERS



DETAIL 1

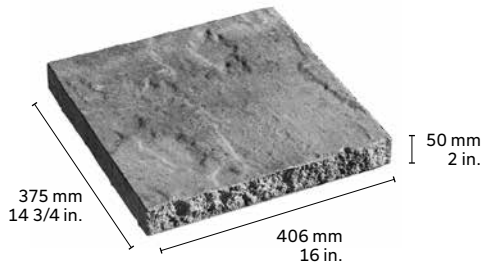
- A** Pool coping and pavers glued with Techniseal concrete adhesive or mortar
- B** Sand
- C** Pool panels
- D** Reinforcement bars
- E** Perforated drain: 100 mm Ø - 4 in.
- F** Concrete footing 200 x 200 mm - 8 x 8 in.
- G** Metal rod 10 mm - 3/8 in.
- H** Concrete deck 1 m - ± 39 in. wide x 100 mm - 4 in. thick
- I** Wire mesh 150 x 150 mm - 6 - 6 in. x 9 ml (G)
- J** Concrete Sonotube 150 mm - 6 in. Ø
- K** Bedding course 25 mm - 1 in.

# Overlay of Existing Concrete Step with Mondrian® Plus Capping

## SPECIFIC DETAILS

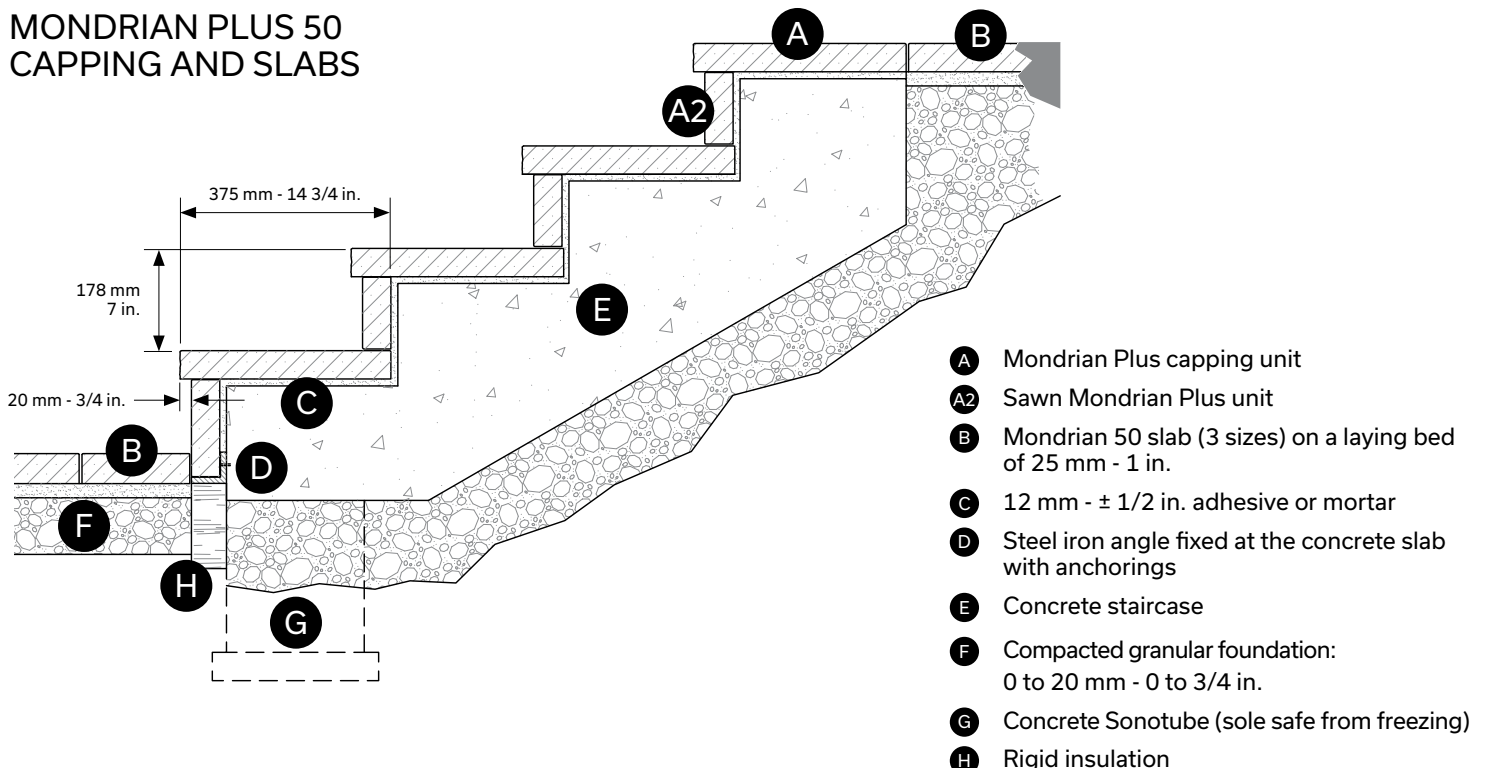


## UNIT



## CROSS-SECTION - OVERLAY OF EXISTING CONCRETE STEPS

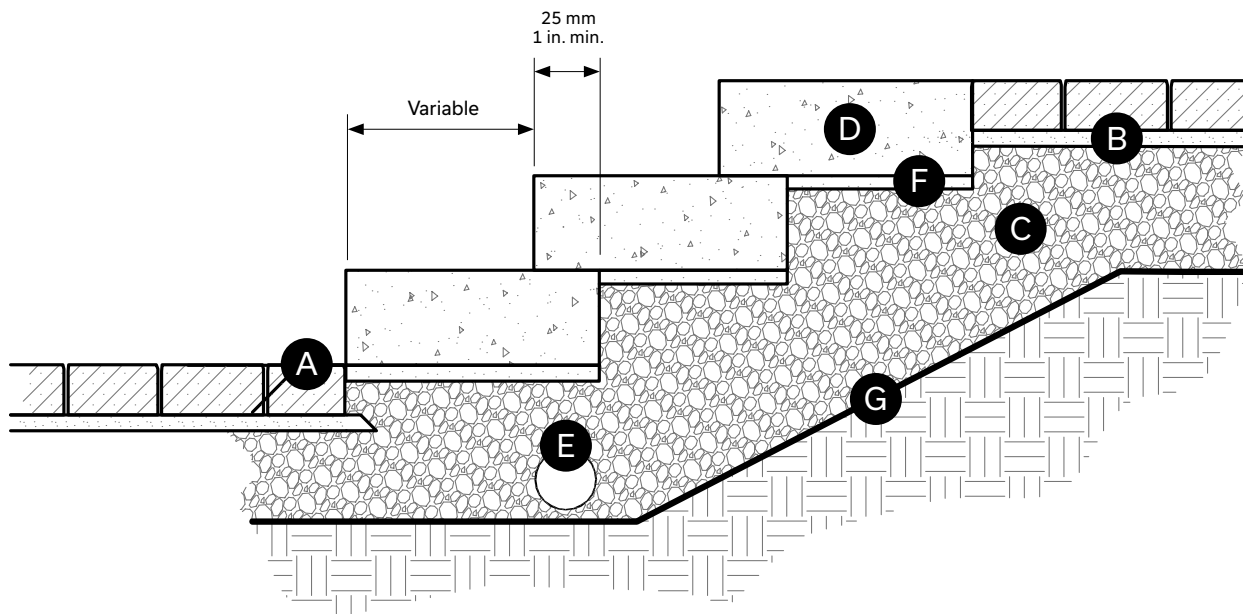
### MONDRIAN PLUS 50 CAPPING AND SLABS



# Steps

## TYPICAL INSTALLATION

## BUILDING STAIRS WITH MEGA-LAFITT PLUS

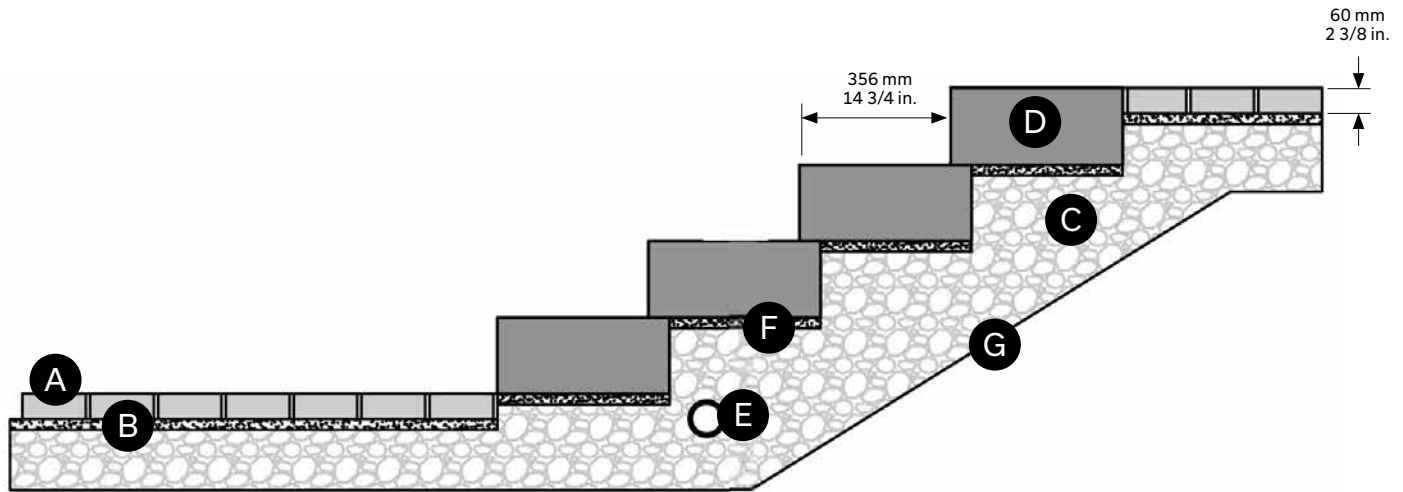


- A** Concrete pavers
- B** Laying bed 25 mm - 1 in.
- C** Compacted granular foundation: 0 to 200 mm - 0 to 3/4 in.  
25 cm - 10 in. thick: sandy soil  
40 cm - 16 in. thick: clay soil
- D** Mega-Lafitt Plus step
- E** Perforated drain: 100 mm Ø - 4 in. connected to services
- F** 12 mm - 1/2 in. maximum laying bed (if necessary) must be compacted
- G** Geotextile

# Stairs with Mega Melville Plus Steps

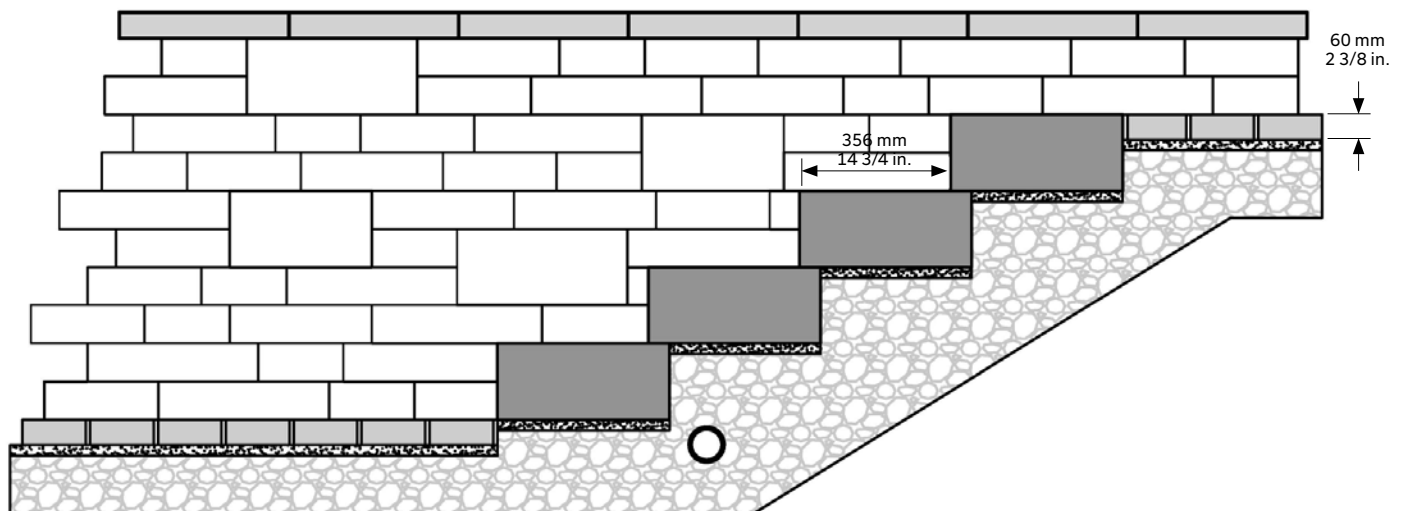
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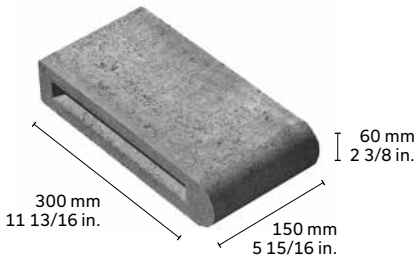
### STAIRS WITH MEGA-MELVILLE PLUS: MEGA-MELVILLE PLUS STEP WITH TANDEM WALL





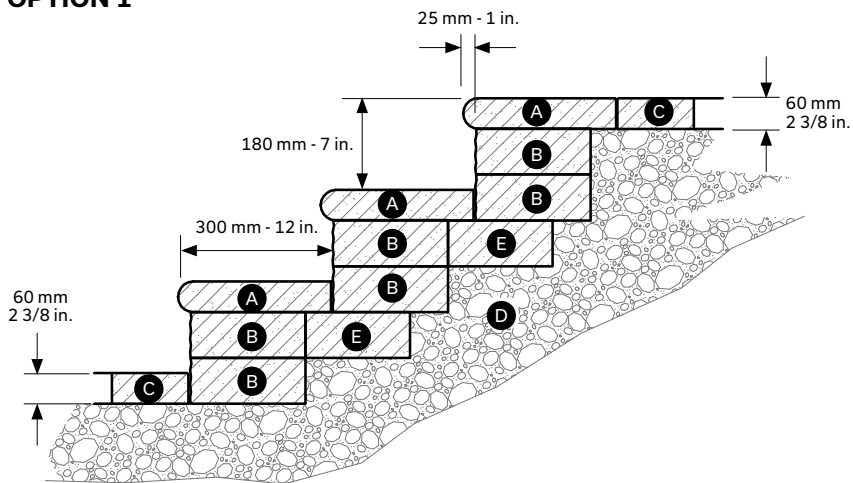
# Marina 60 Coping - Step Option

## UNIT



## LAYING IDEAS FOR STAIRWAY OPTION

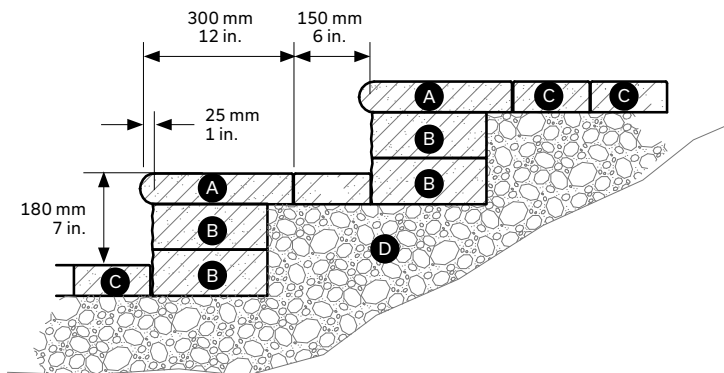
### OPTION 1



- A** Marina coping 60 x 300 x 150 mm - 2 3/8 x 11 13/16 x 5 15/16 in.
- B** Celtik 90 wall (4 sizes) of 90 x 225 mm x variable - 3 9/16 x 8 7/8 in. x variable
- C** Paver 60 mm
- D** Compacted granular foundation 0 to 20 mm - 0 to 3/4 in.
- E** Starter unit 90 x 268 x 469 mm - 3 9/16 x 10 1/2 x 18 1/2 in. or Celtik 90 wall unit

NOTE: All elements must be glued together with Techniseal concrete adhesive.

### OPTION 2

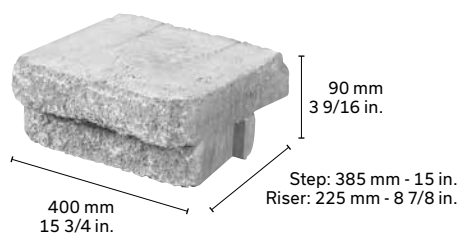


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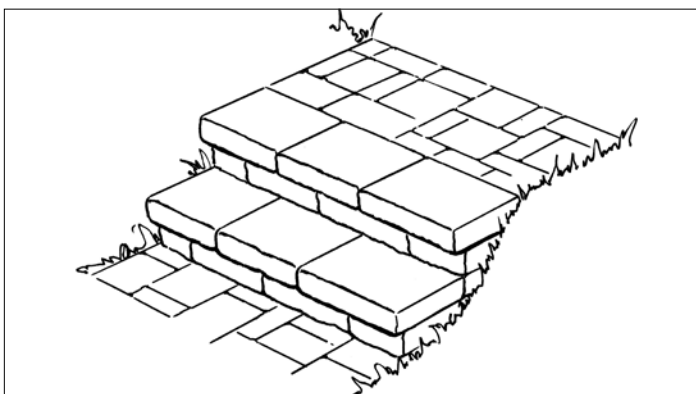
# Celtik® 15 in. Modular Step System

## DESCRIPTION



NOTE: Each set includes 1 step and 1 riser. 2 pins are included for each set.

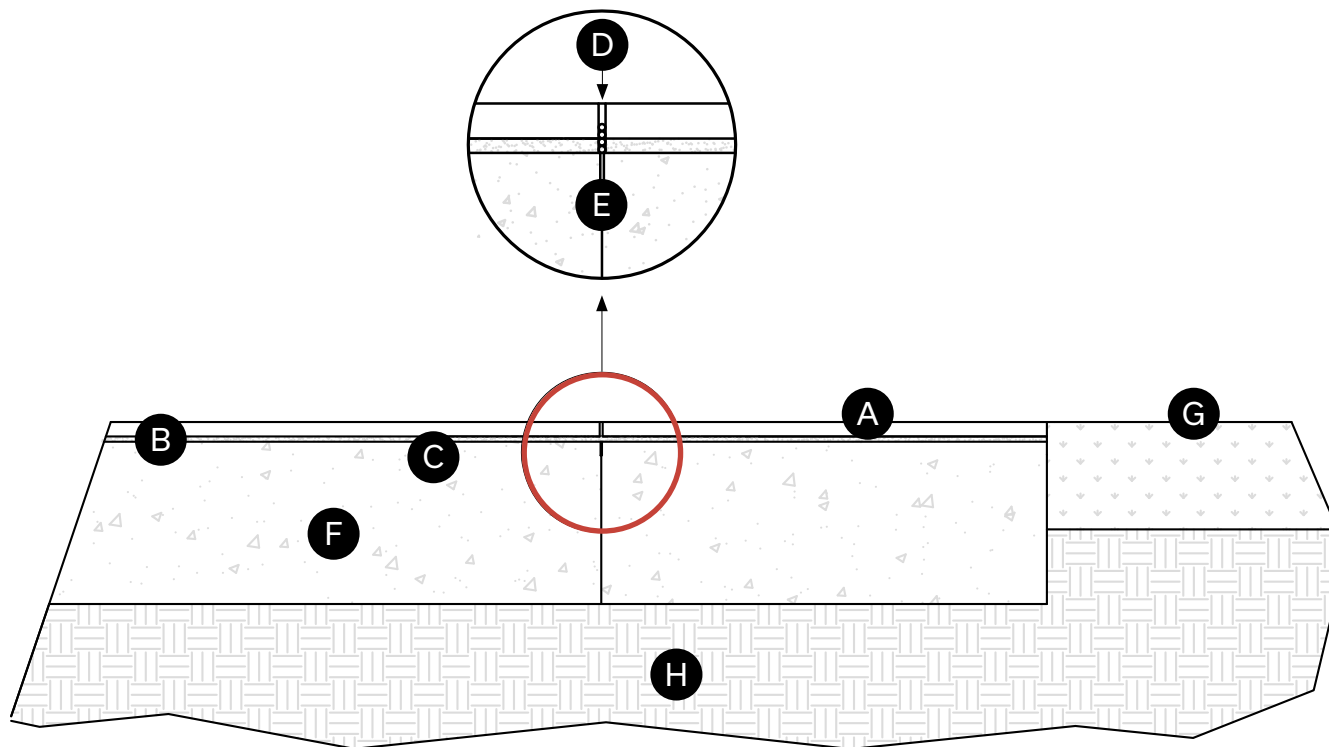
## LAYING IDEA



STRAIGHT STEPS

# Mirage Porcelain Tiles

## CROSS-SECTION - CONCRETE BASE INSTALLATION



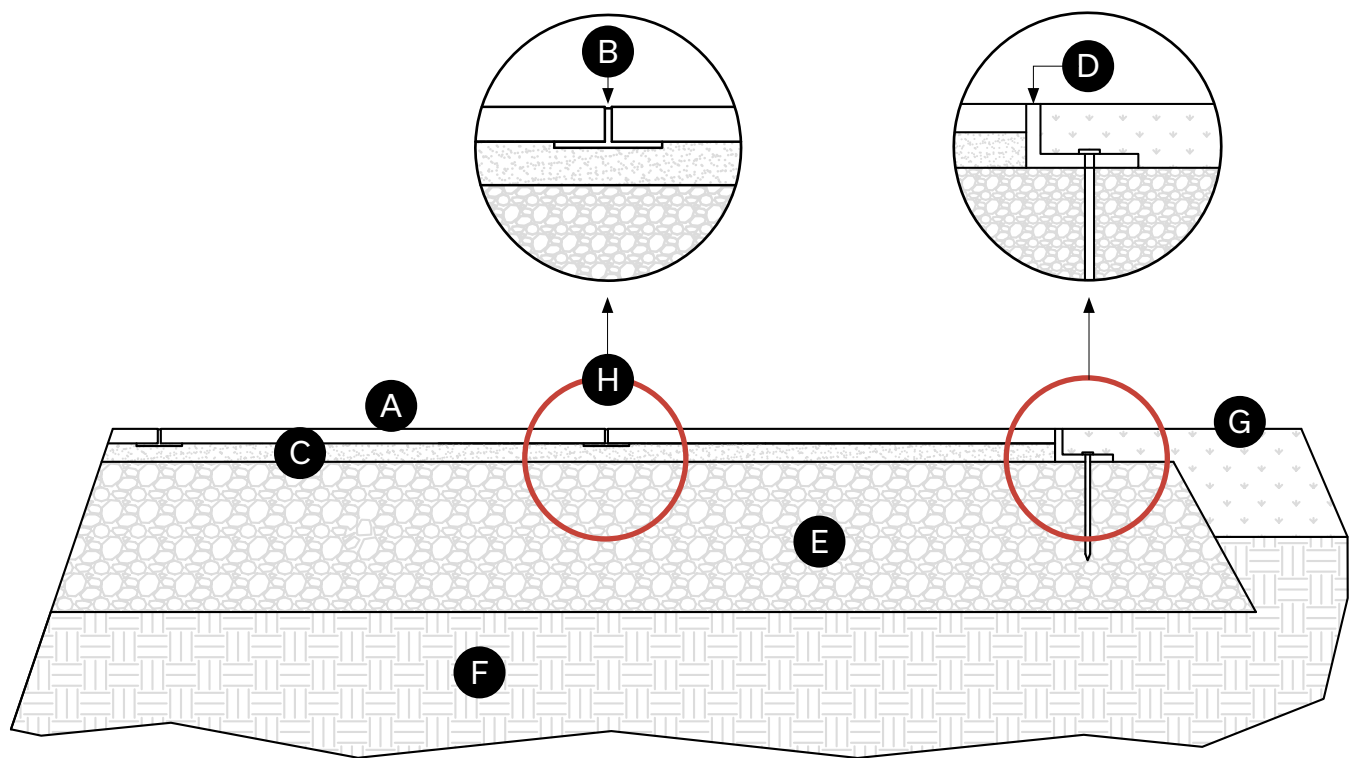
- A** Mirage porcelain tile (20 mm thickness)
- B** Joint grout for porcelain tile - 8 to 10 mm width (Ultracolor Plus or Keracolor S from Mapei or equivalent)
- C** Cementitious adhesive for porcelain tile (Kerabond T/Keralastic or Ultraflex LFT from Sika)
- D** Contraction/Control joint (architectural urethane sealant and sealant backer rod)
- E** Saw cut contraction joint. The depth of the saw cut must be a minimum of 1/4 of the thickness of the concrete slab (to induce crack beneath saw cut contraction joint).
- F** Structural concrete base 150 mm minimum thickness (design by others)
- G** Grass
- H** Existing soil with adequate bearing capacity (minimum of 100 kN/m<sup>2</sup>)

NOTES: The concrete slab must have a contraction/control joint (every 5 lin. m max). It is absolutely imperative that all contraction/control joints be located in the joint line of the installed porcelain tile and not beneath the tile. The concrete slab must be cured at least 28 days before the installation of any porcelain tiles.

Never compact porcelain tile with a plate compactor. Insure the pavement is constructed with a 2 degree slope and that it is pitched away from any building.

This installation is dedicated to a pedestrian application only. The actual structural design for light vehicular application must be performed by a qualified professional Engineer.

**GENERAL NOTE: THE MIRAGE PORCELAIN TILES CAN BE CUT BY USING A TABLE WATER SAW WITH A DIAMOND BLADE SPECIALLY DESIGNED FOR PORCELAIN.**

**CROSS-SECTION - GRANULAR BASE INSTALLATION**

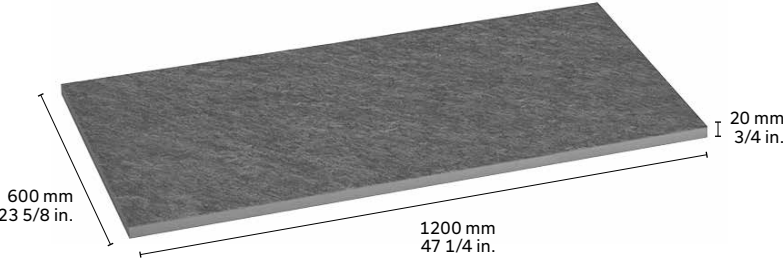
- Ⓐ Mirage porcelain tile (20 mm thickness)
- Ⓑ Joint grout for porcelain tile - 8 to 10 mm width (Ultracolor Plus or Keracolor S from Mapei or equivalent)
- Ⓒ Bedding sand 25 mm max: concrete sand (0-5 mm). Pre-compact the sand bedding course and screed to a 12 mm thickness with smooth surface
- Ⓓ Peripheral restraint system spiked into 150 to 200 mm over base area. Base material is to be over based 150 to 200 mm beyond the edge of the pavement.
- Ⓔ Crushed stone 200 to 300 mm - 0 to 20 mm compacted to 95% modified proctor
- Ⓕ Existing soil with adequate bearing capacity (minimum of 100 kN/m<sup>2</sup>)
- Ⓖ Grass
- Ⓗ Plastic spacers for Mirage porcelain tiles to insure 4 mm between tiles. 1 spacer is required at every corner.

NOTES: The concrete slab must have a contraction/control joint (every 5 lin. m max). It is absolutely imperative that all contraction/control joints be located in the joint line of the installed porcelain tile and not beneath the tile. The concrete slab must be cured at least 28 days before the installation of any porcelain tiles. Never compact porcelain tile with a plate compactor. Insure the pavement is constructed with a 2 degree slope and that it is pitched away from any building. This installation is dedicated to a pedestrian application only. The actual structural design for light vehicular application must be performed by a qualified professional Engineer.

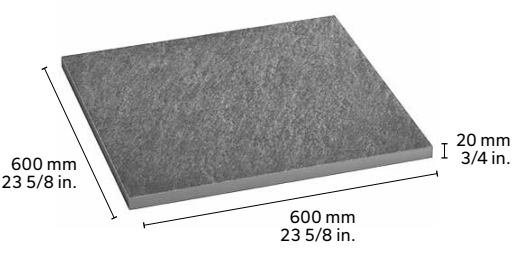
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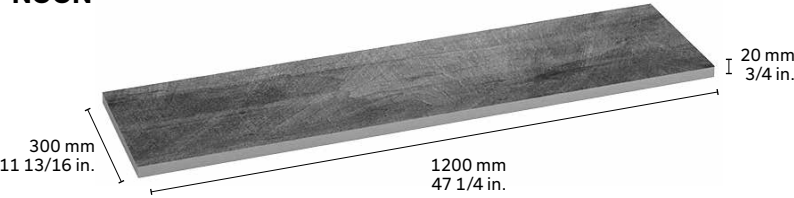
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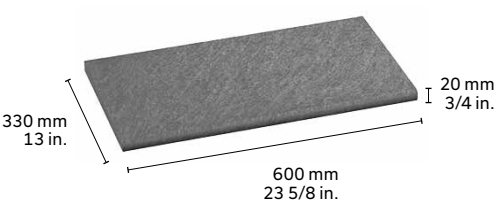
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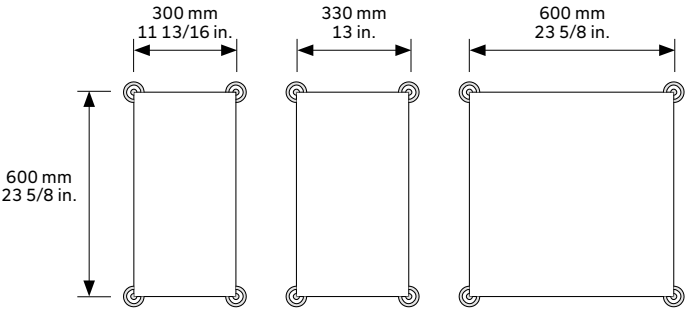
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INSTALLATION ON PEDESTALS

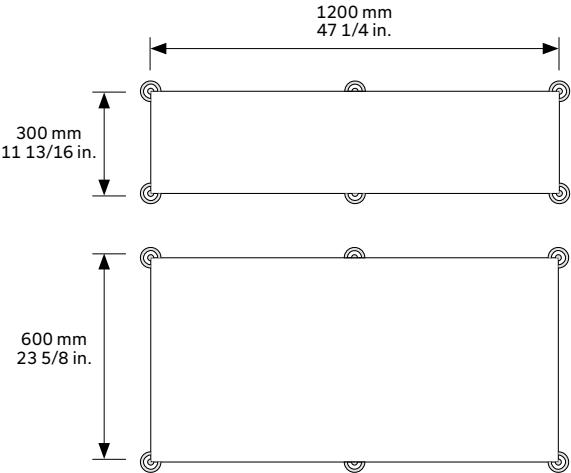
POSITION OF THE PEDESTALS ACCORDING TO THE SIZE OF THE PORCELAIN TILES

4  
PEDESTALS  
PER UNIT



The porcelain tiles installed on a pedestal must have a galvanized steel sheet on the back.

6  
PEDESTALS  
PER UNIT



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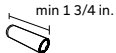




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# ARTEX Panel System



## REQUIRED TOOLS

- > Drill 
- > Mallet 
- > Measuring tape 
- > Saw 
- > Level 
- > Deep hex socket 7/16 in. with 1/4 in. drive 
- > Socket adaptor 1/4 in. hex shank to 1/4 in. drive 
- > Chipping hammer 
- > Bar clamp (48 in.) 
- > Plastic shims 

## SAFETY EQUIPMENT

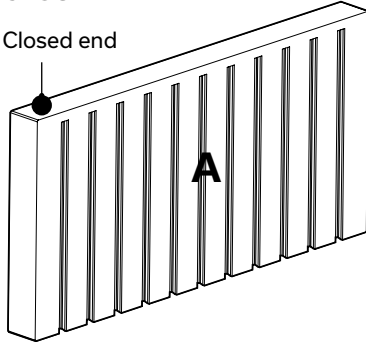
- > Safety boots 
- > Gloves 
- > Safety glasses 
- > Mask 



## PARTS LIST - CONCRETE PANELS

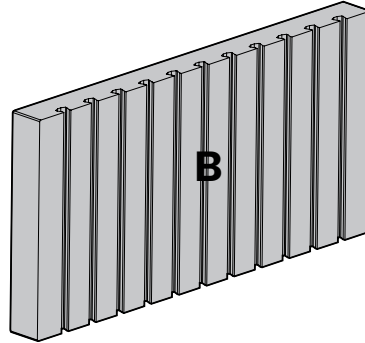
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Closed end



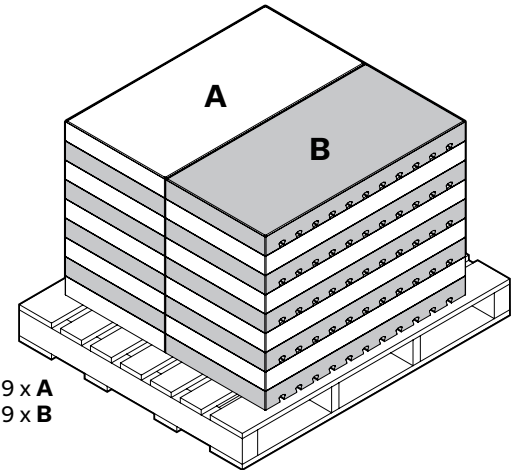
18 x 36 x 3 in. (150 lb)  
457 x 914 x 76 mm (67 kg)

### 18 X 36 PANEL



18 x 36 x 3 in. (148 lb)  
457 x 914 x 76 mm (66 kg)

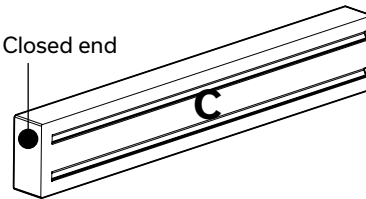
40 x 48 in. pallet (18 units/pallet)\*



9 x A  
9 x B

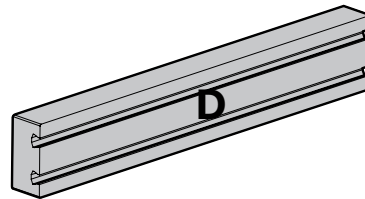
### 6 X 36 PANEL - CLOSED END

Closed end



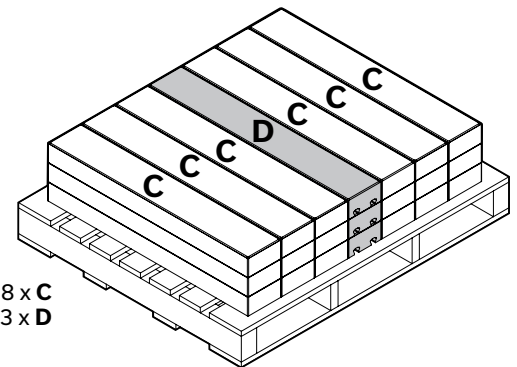
6 x 36 x 3 in. (49 lb)  
152 x 914 x 76 mm (22 kg)

### 6 X 36 PANEL



6 x 36 x 3 in. (49 lb)  
152 x 914 x 76 mm (22 kg)

40 x 48 in. pallet (21 units/pallet)\*



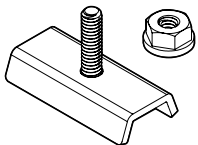
18 x C  
3 x D

**\* IMPORTANT:** 18x36 in. panels are sold in pair/layer or in full pallet only. 6x36 in. panels are sold per unit or in layer or in full pallet.

## PARTS LIST - HARDWARE (STAINLESS STEEL)

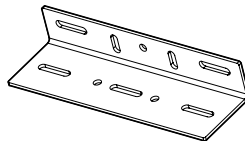
### ANCHOR SLIDE

1/4 in. x 20 studs and nuts  
2 x 1 1/4 x 1 in. - 51 x 33 x 25 mm  
100 units/box



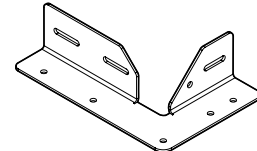
### JOINING PLATE

(can be sold separately)  
8 1/4 x 2 1/2 x 1 1/2 in. - 209 x 63 x 38 mm  
40 units/box



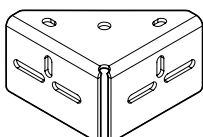
### INNER CORNER

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9 x 6 x 2 1/2 in. - 232 x 155 x 63 mm  
24 units/box



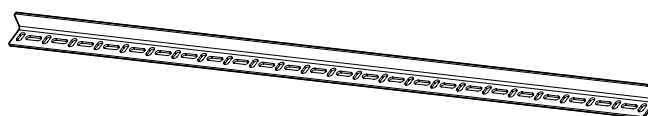
### OUTER CORNER

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4 x 4 x 2 1/2 in. - 101 x 101 x 63 mm  
48 units/box



### STRETCHER BAR

(can be sold separately)  
36 3/4 x 1 1/4 x 1 in. - 933 x 33 x 25 mm  
10 units/box



APPLICATIONS

PLANTER BOX/BENCH



PRIVACY WALL



FIRE PIT\*



RAISED GARDEN



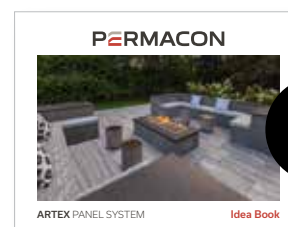
OUTDOOR KITCHEN\*



COUNTER



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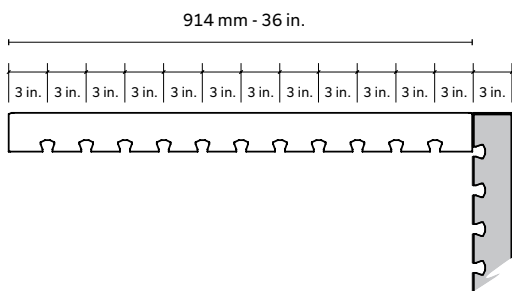
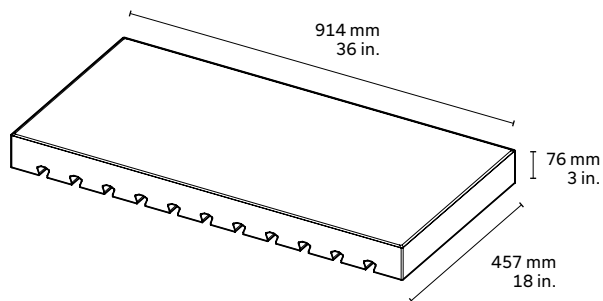


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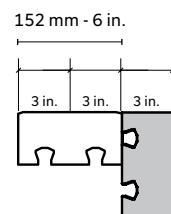
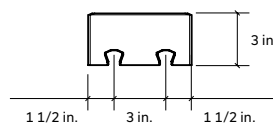
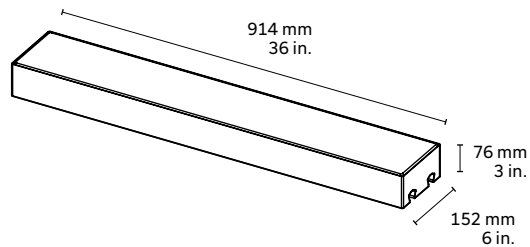
**IMPORTANT:** For all complementary appliances/accessories to the ARTEX panel system, follow manufacturer's instructions/guidelines. Consult qualified services person/ experts to validate installations, repairs, safety recommendations and any other related topics.

## MODULARITY - SYSTEM

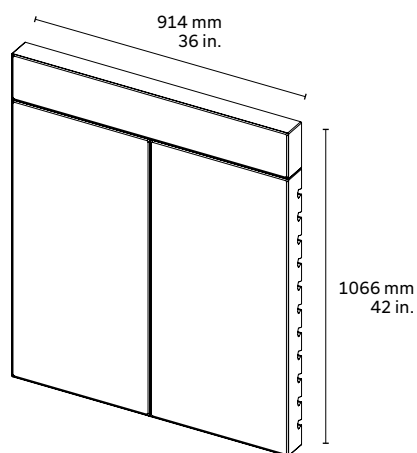
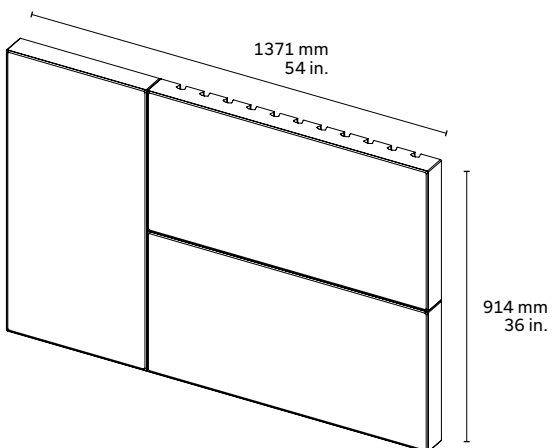
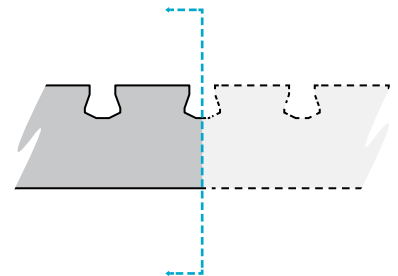
### 18 X 36 PANEL



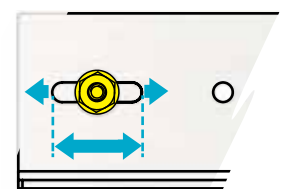
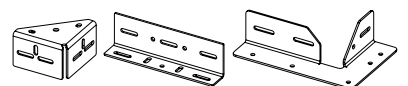
### 6 X 36 PANEL



**RECOMMENDED :** cut in the middle of dovetail



### ADJUSTMENT



Adjustable slot hole

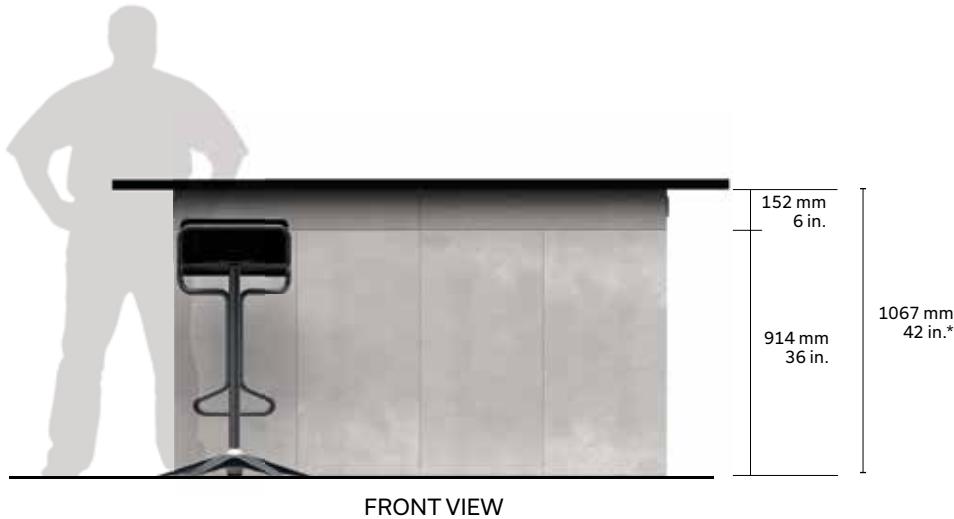
**NOTE:** It is recommended to design structures with overall dimensions using increments of 3 in. - 76mm.

MODULARITY - REFERENCES

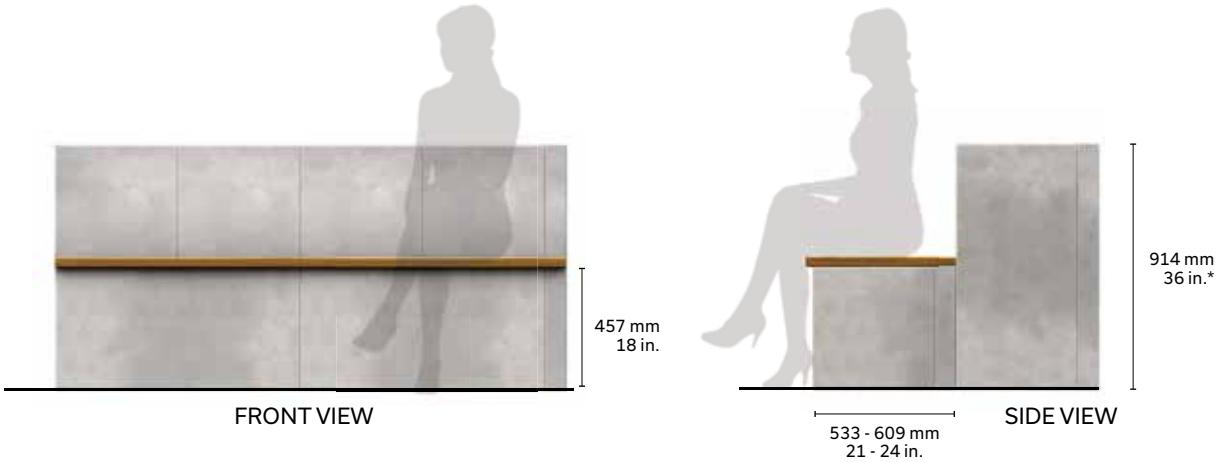
KITCHEN TABLE



BAR TABLE



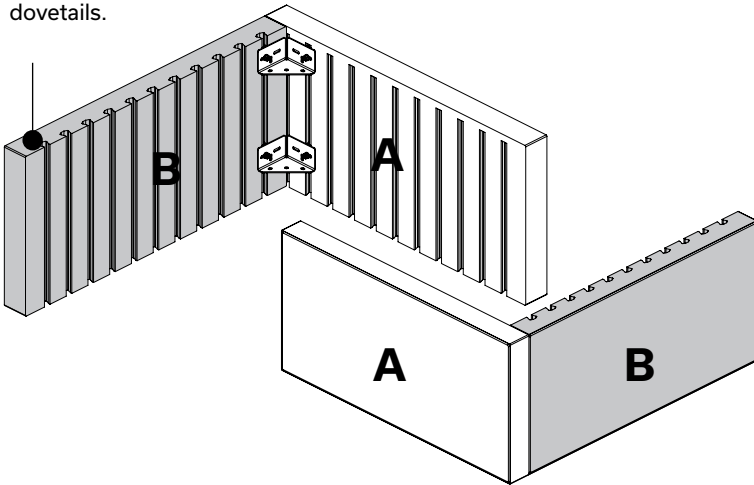
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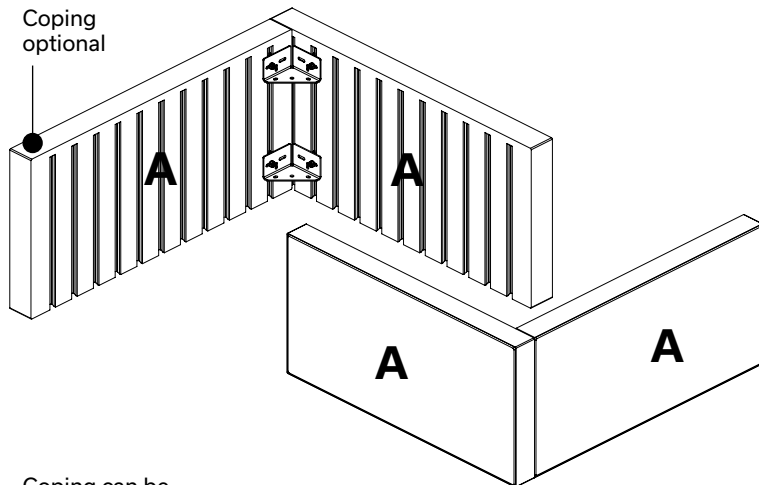
\* Maximum height of 36 in. for planter box and 42 in. for outdoor living structure. Any higher structure must be designed by an engineer.

## PANEL CONFIGURATIONS

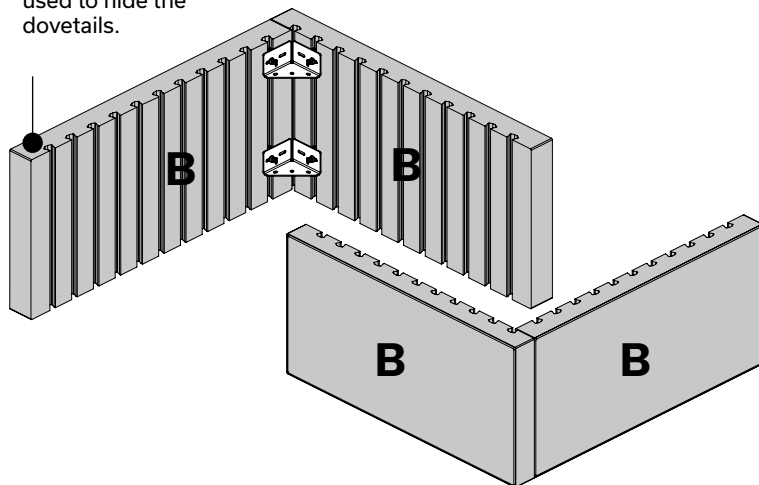
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Coping optional

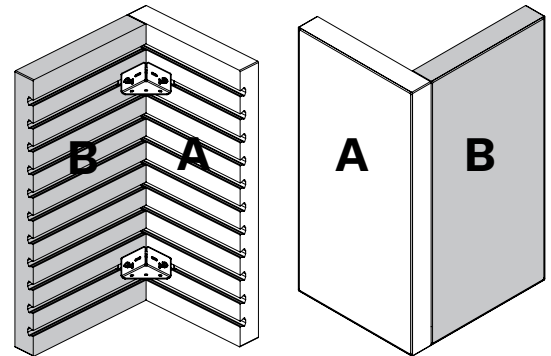


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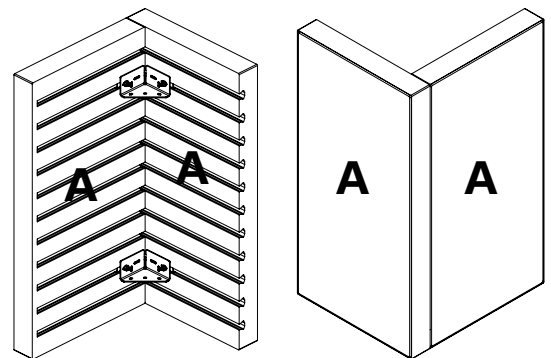


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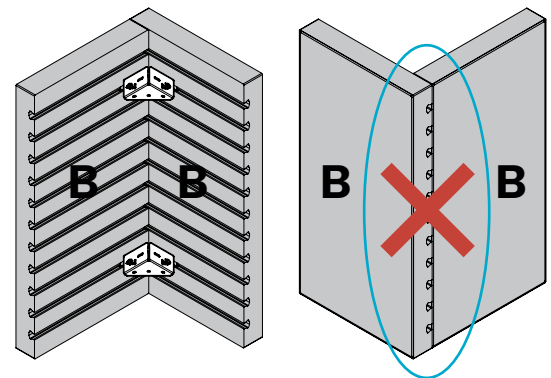
This configuration uses equal number of panel A and panel B.



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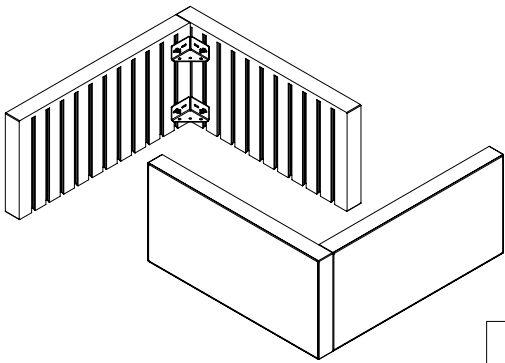
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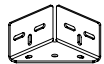
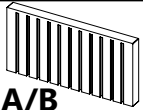


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OUTER CORNER INSTALLATION

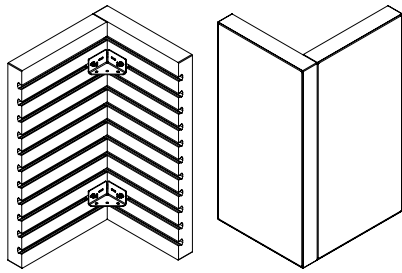
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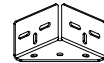
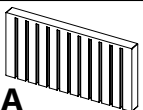
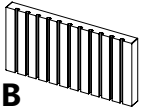


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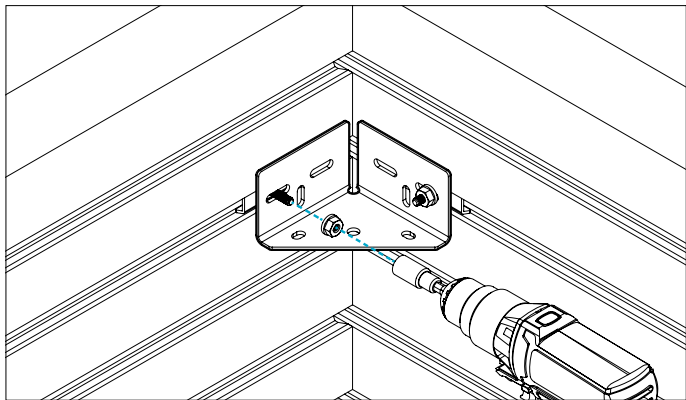
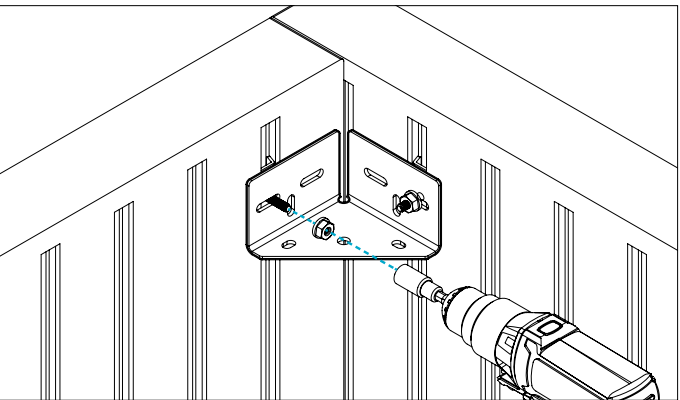
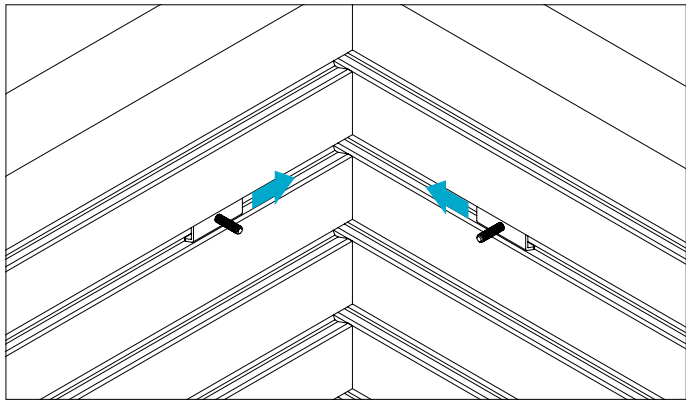
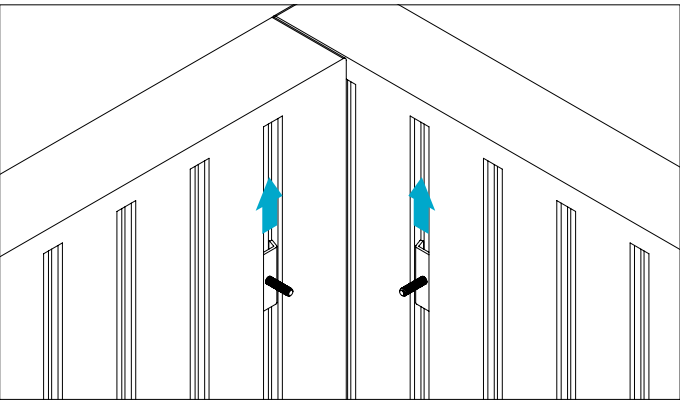
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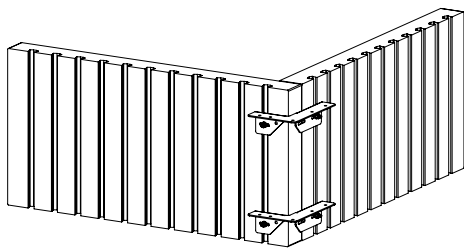
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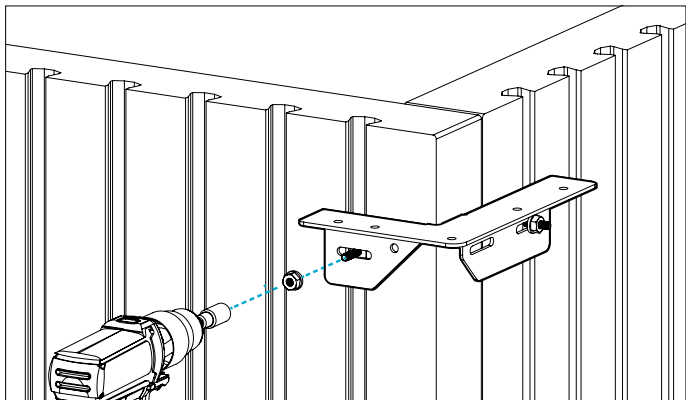
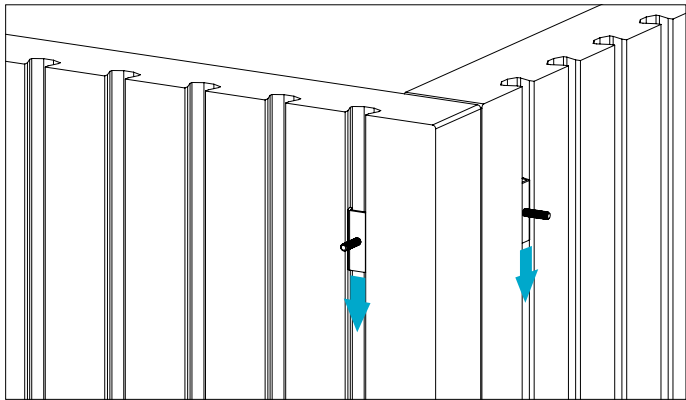
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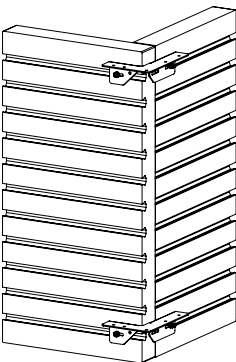





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A/B	

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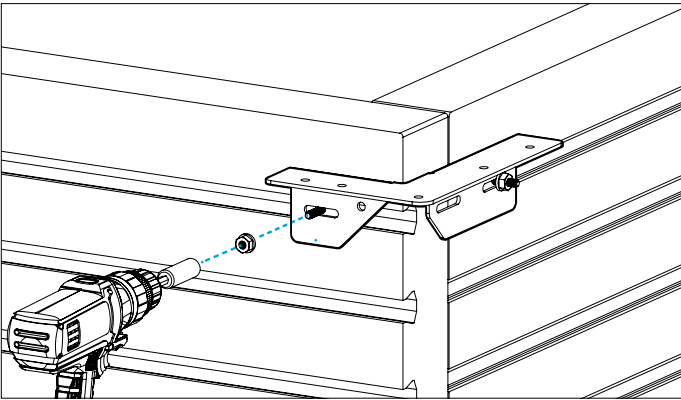
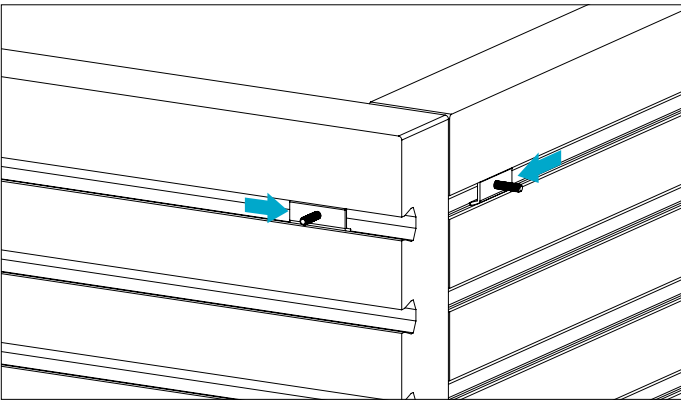


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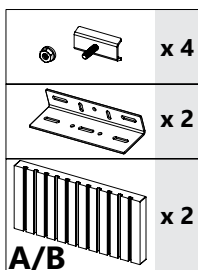
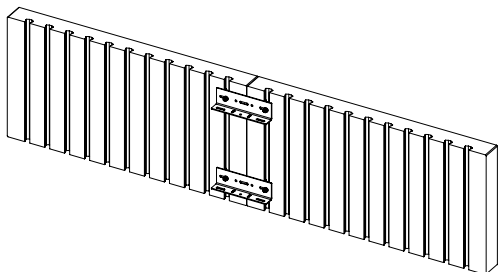


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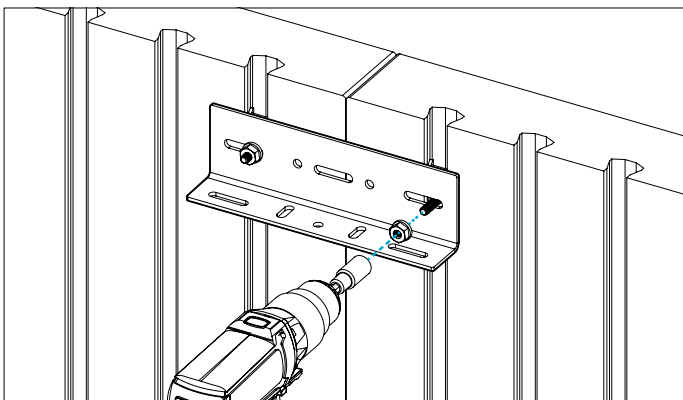
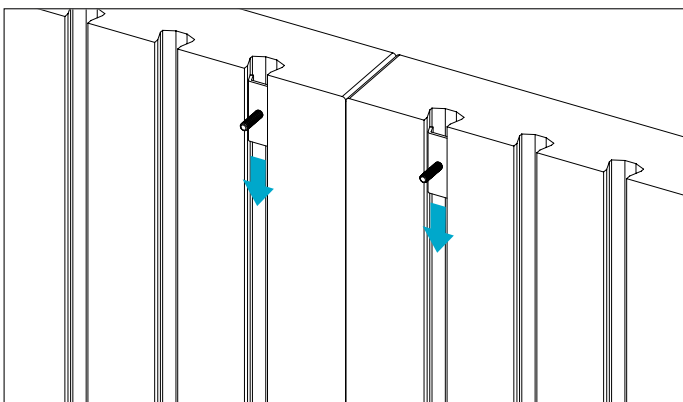


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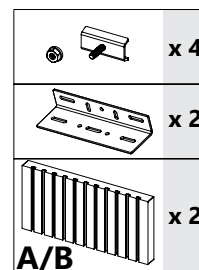
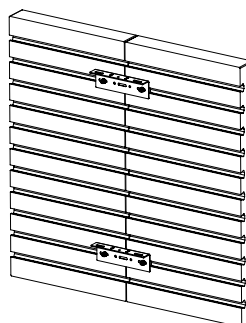
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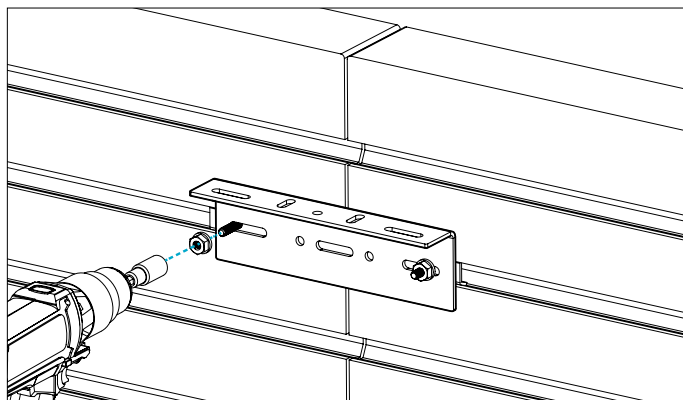
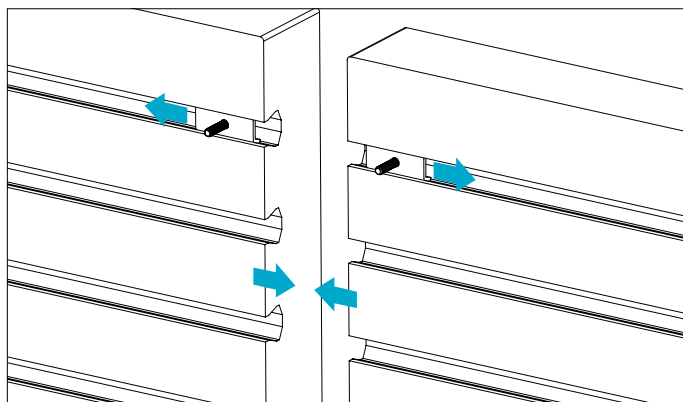
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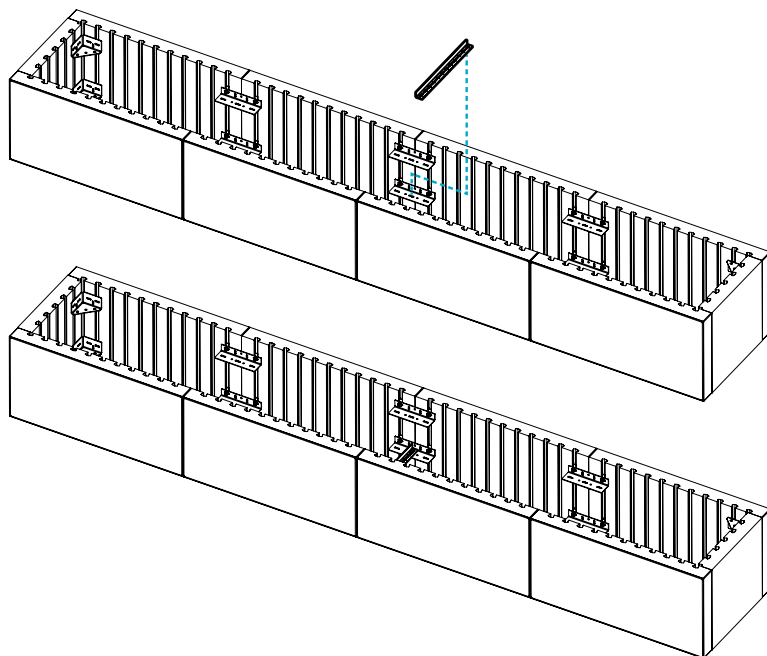
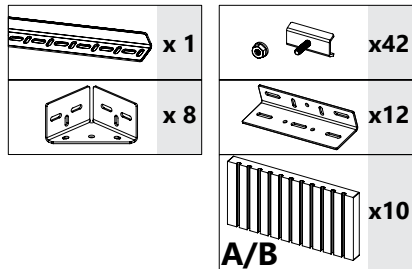
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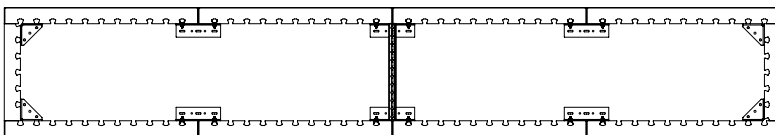
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## STRETCHER BAR INSTALLATION - HORIZONTAL

### HORIZONTAL PANELS

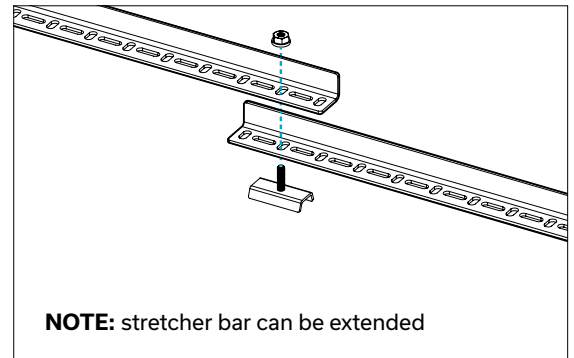
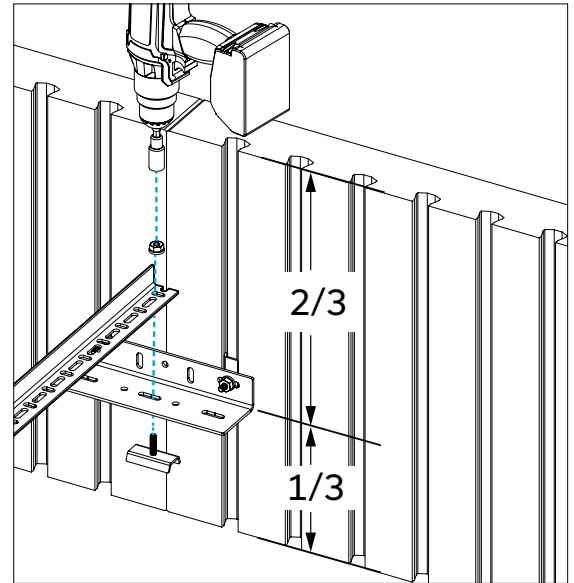


1,8 m  
6 pi



The stretcher bar keeps parallel 2 sets of panels facing each other. It is recommended to attach the stretcher bar to the joining plate every 6ft - 1.8m. Place it at 1/3 of the total height from the bottom of assembly.

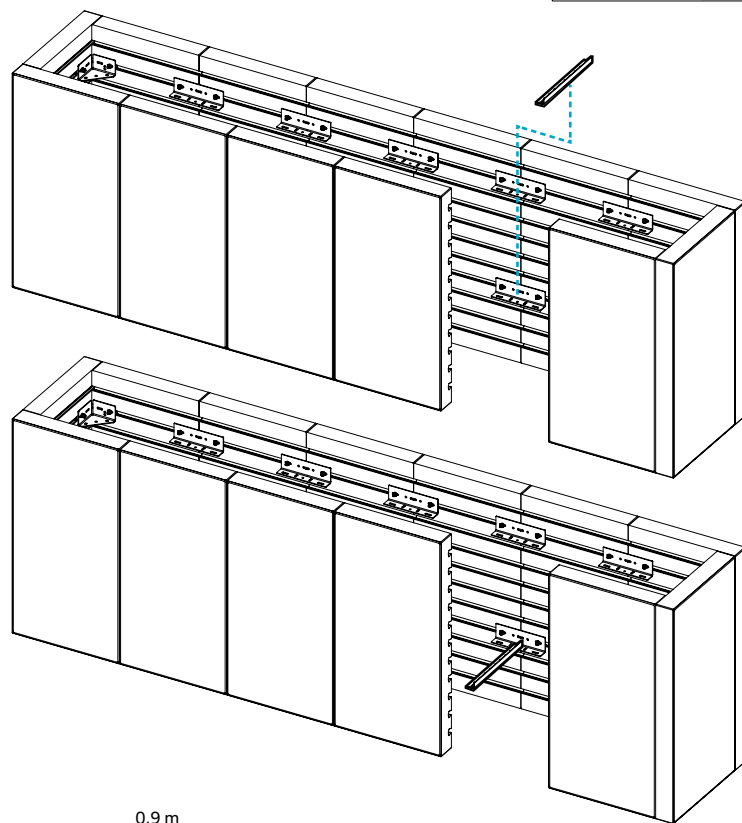
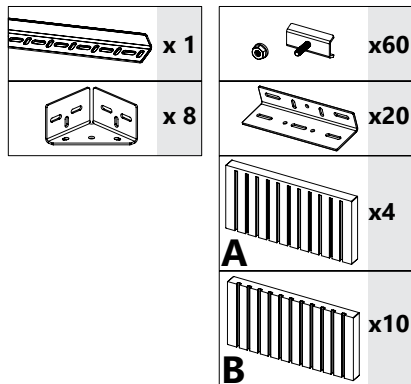
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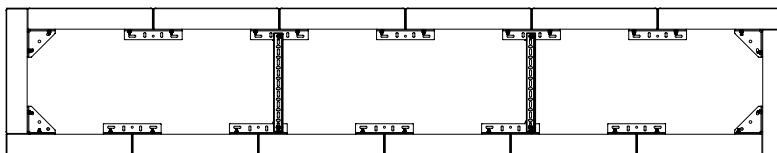
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# **STRETCHER BAR INSTALLATION - VERTICAL**

## **VERTICAL PANELS**

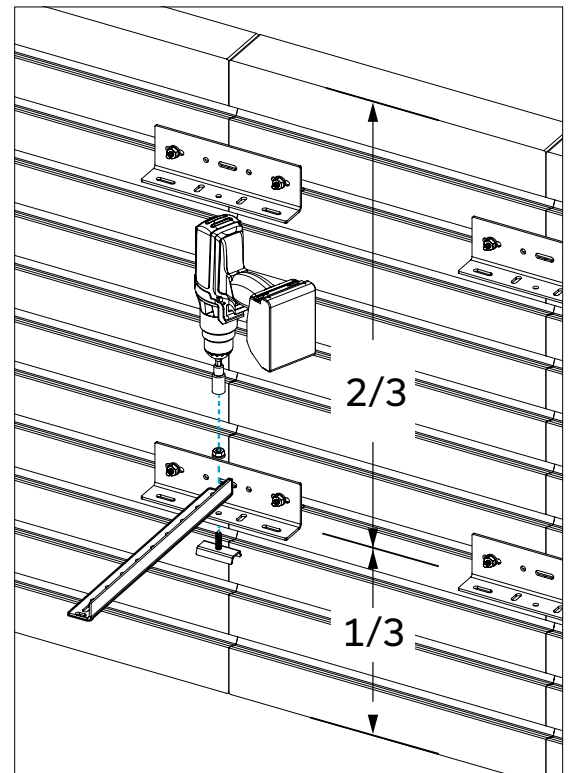


0,9 m  
9 ft.



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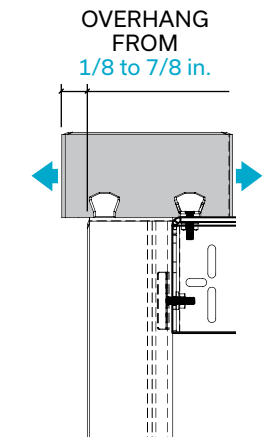
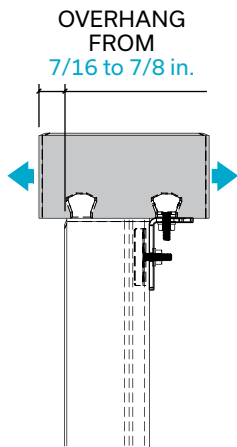
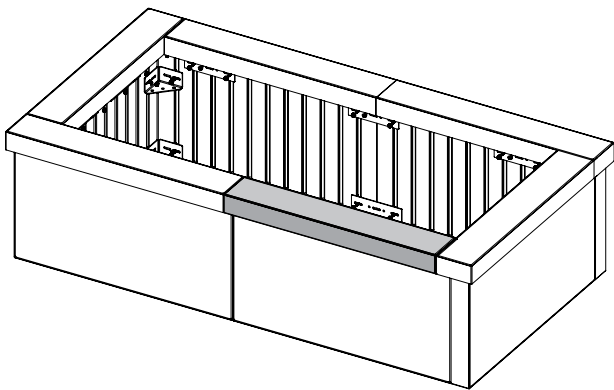
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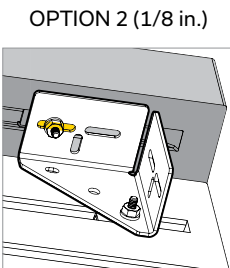
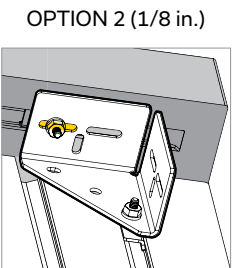
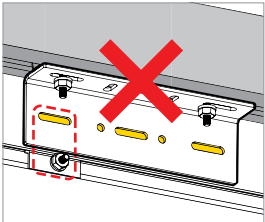
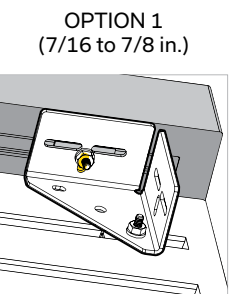
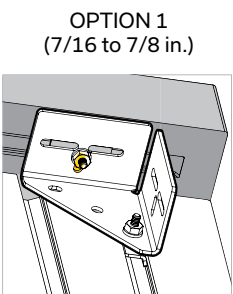
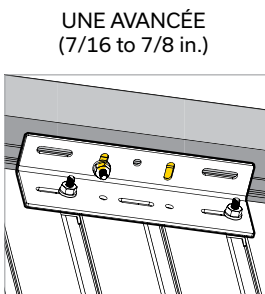
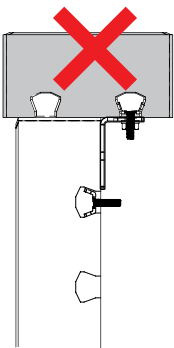
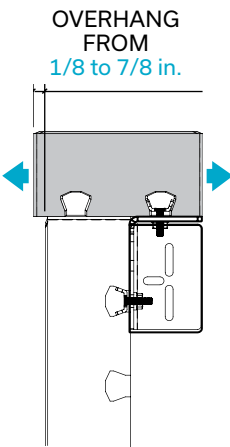
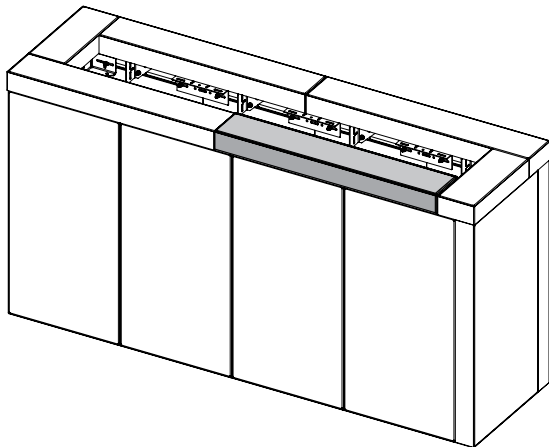
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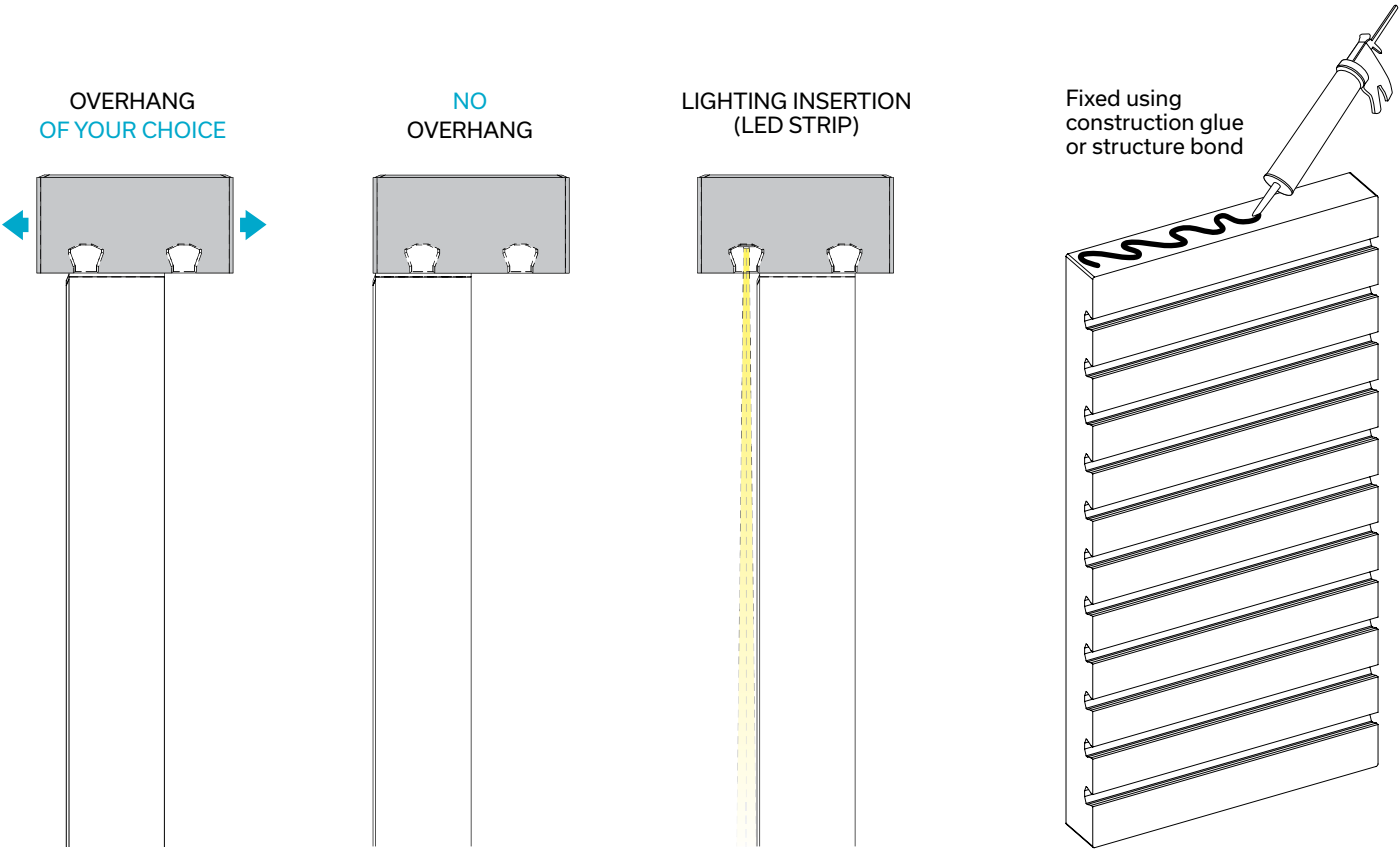


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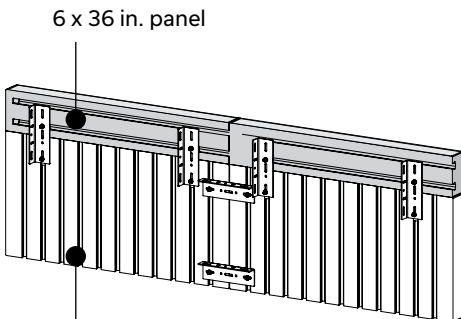


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


6 X 36 PANEL – ACCENT INSTALLATION

HORIZONTAL PANELS

6 x 36 in. panel

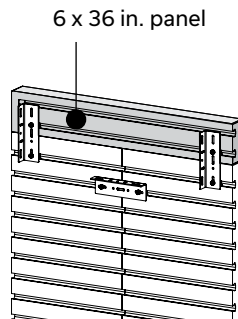


18 x 36 in. panel  
horizontal installation





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	x 2

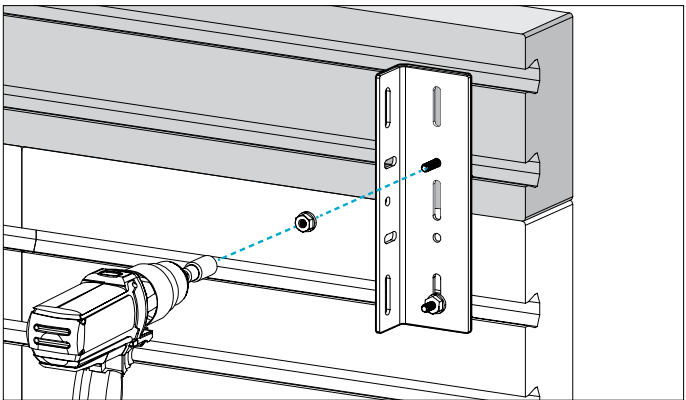
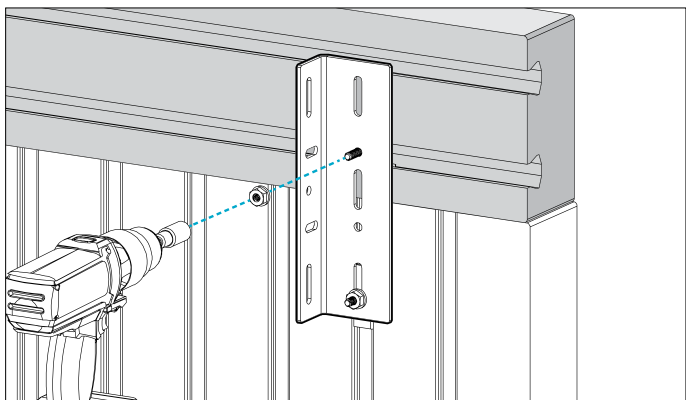
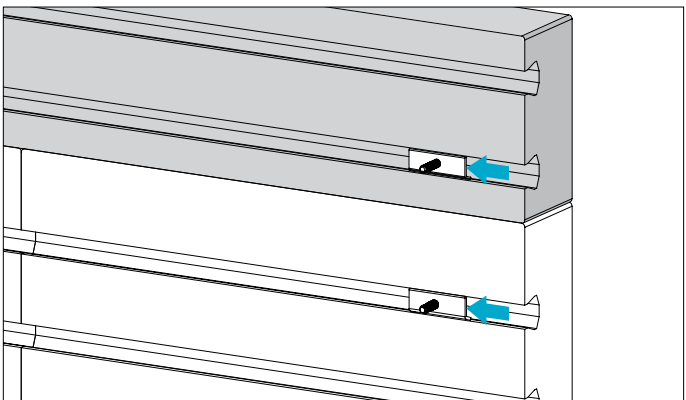
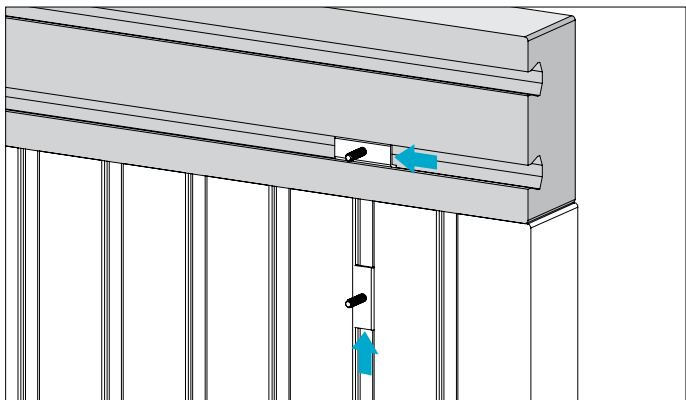
VERTICAL PANELS

6 x 36 in. panel



18 x 36 in. panel  
vertical installation

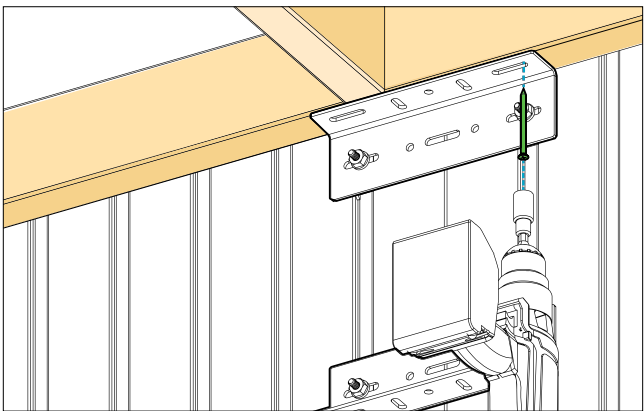
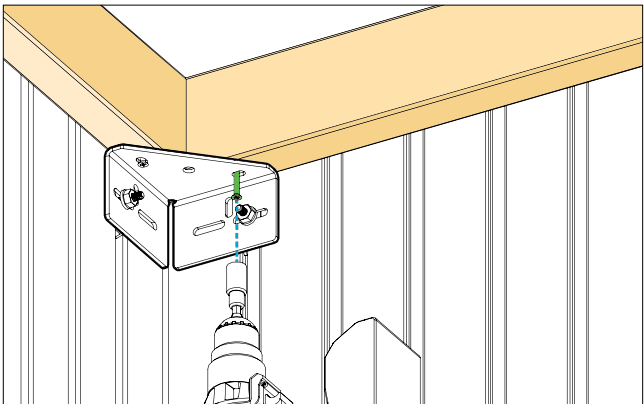
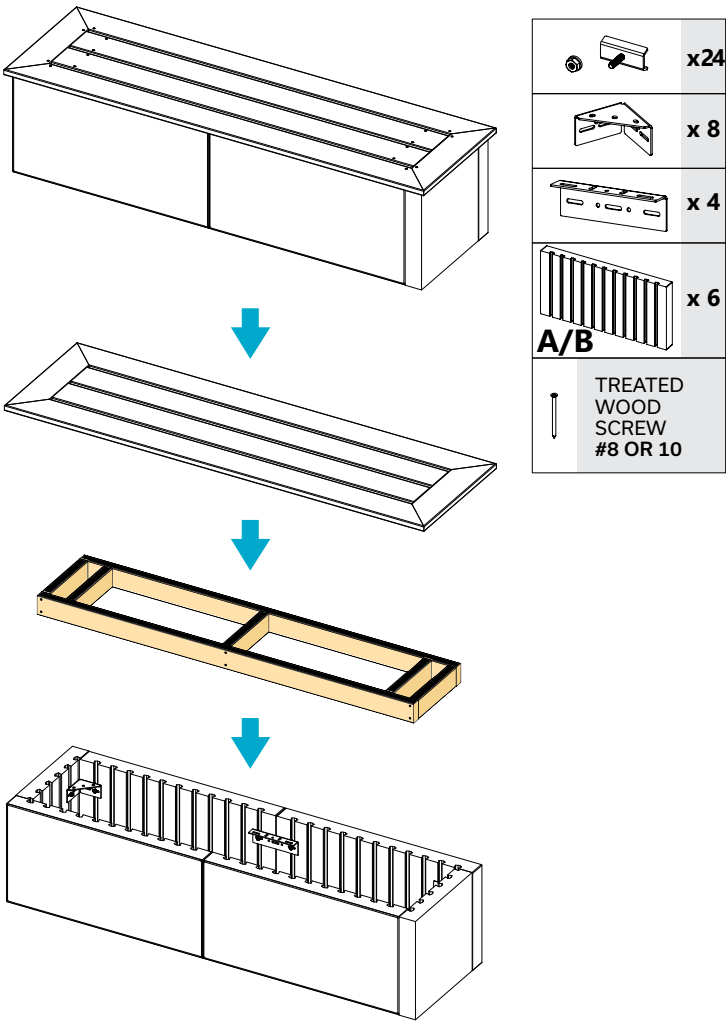
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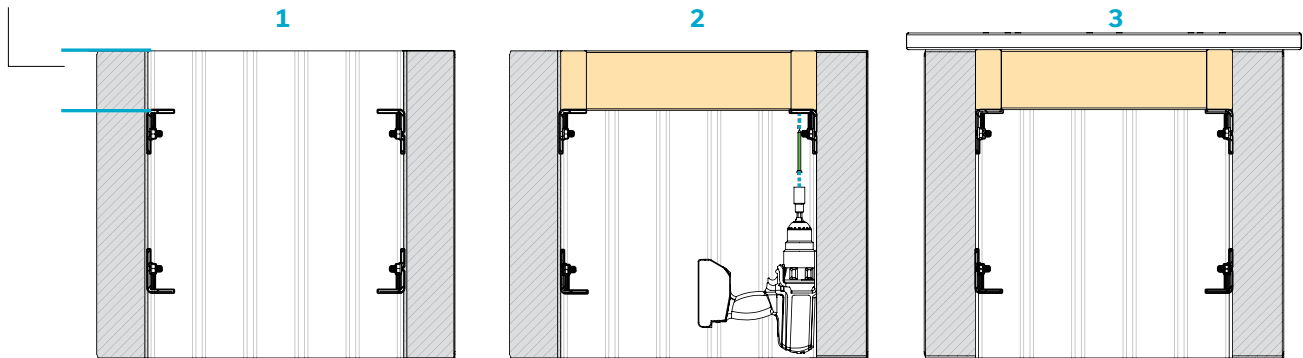
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INTEGRATING WOOD

BENCH



Install the hardware according to wood size



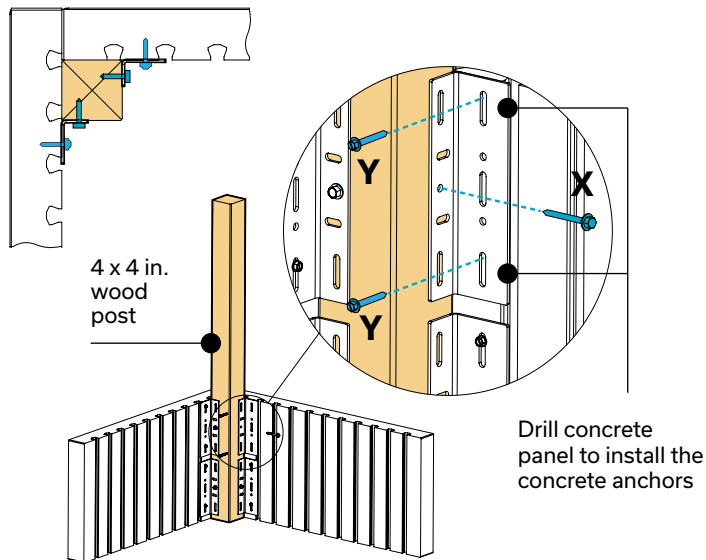
SECTION VIEW

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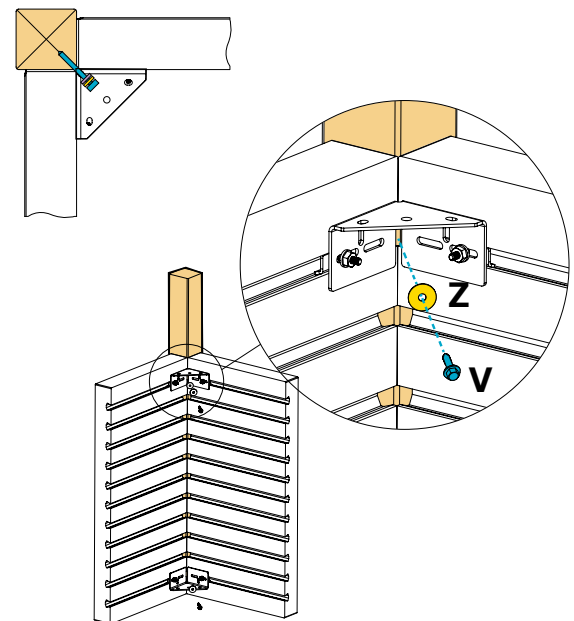
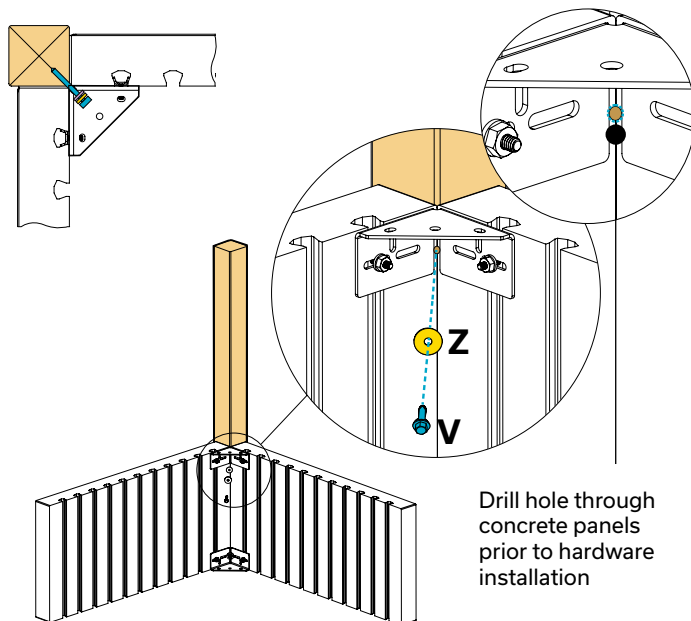
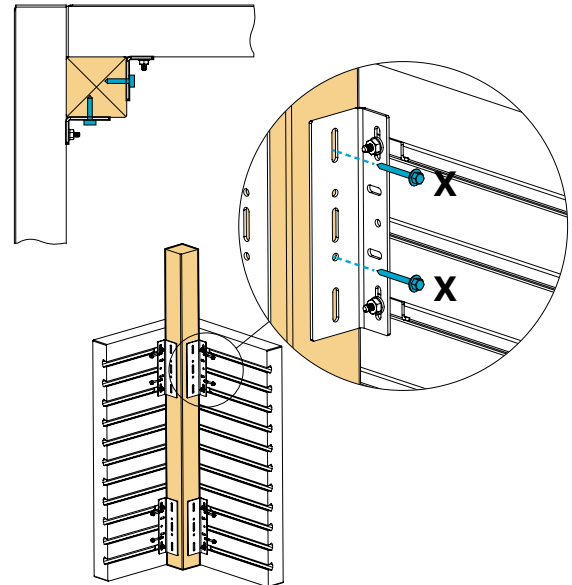


## INTEGRATING 4 X 4 IN. WOOD POSTS

### HORIZONTAL PANELS



### VERTICAL PANELS



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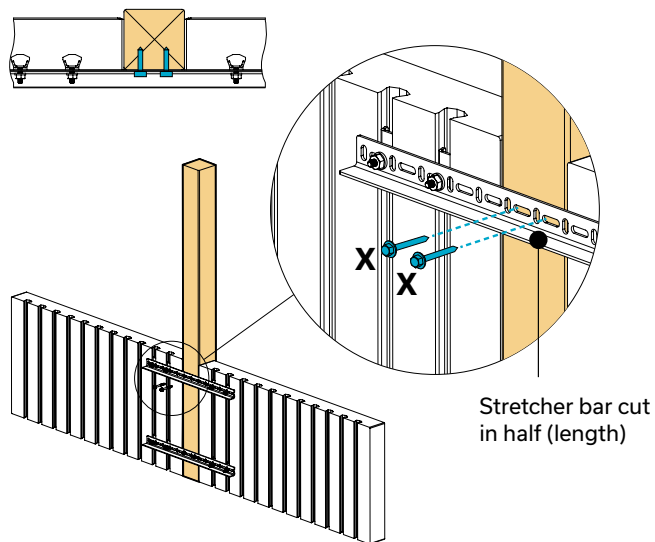
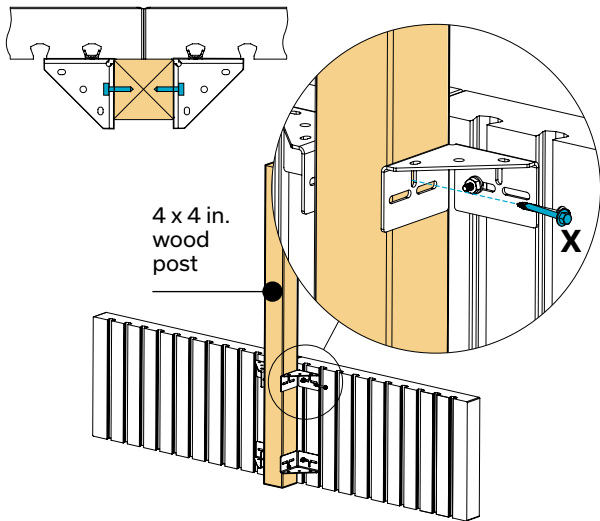
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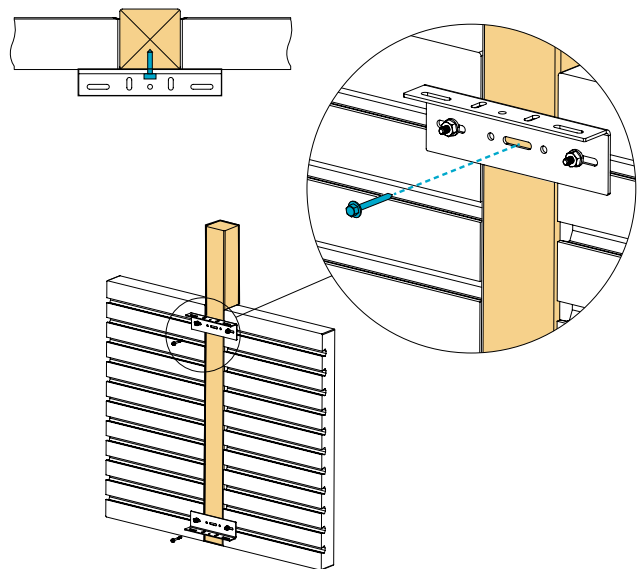
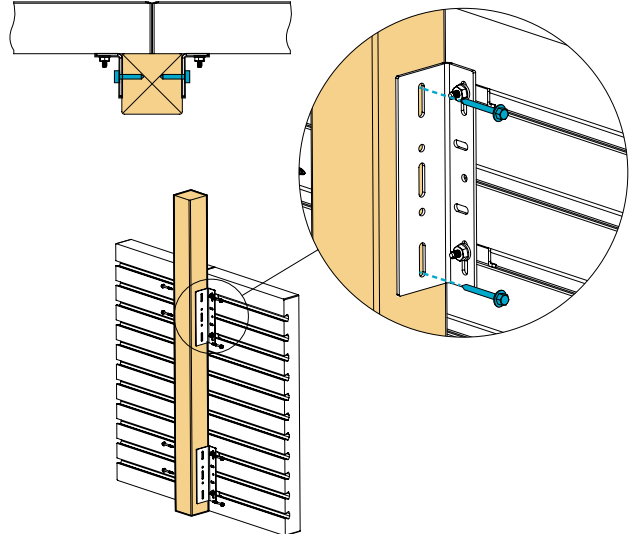
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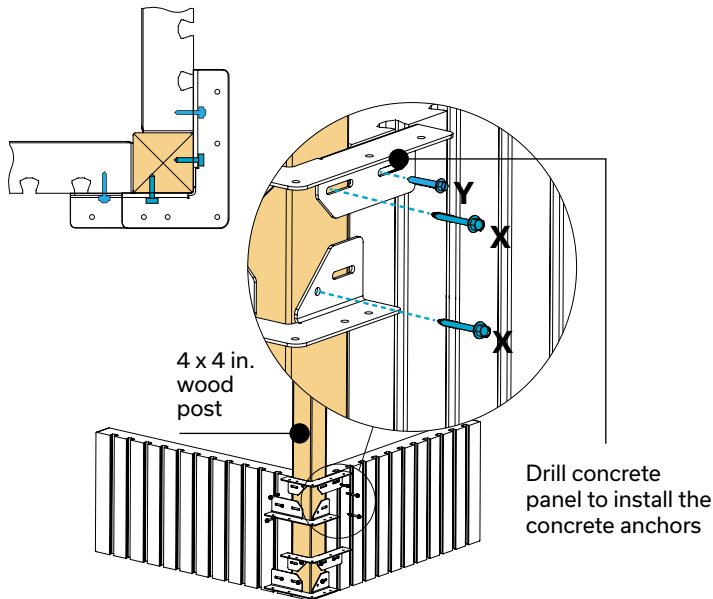
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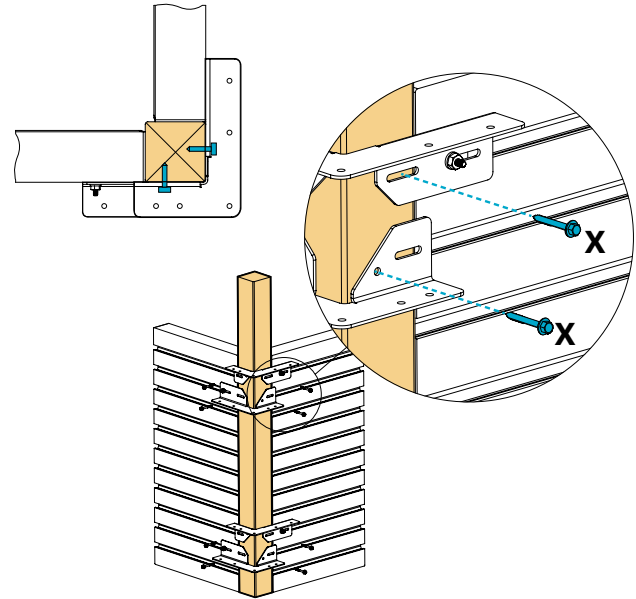
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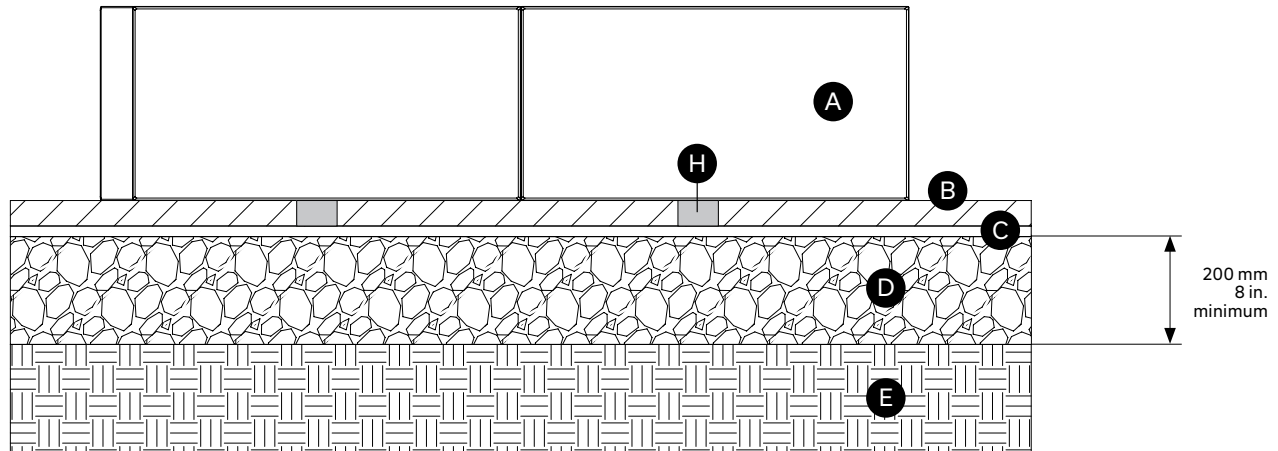
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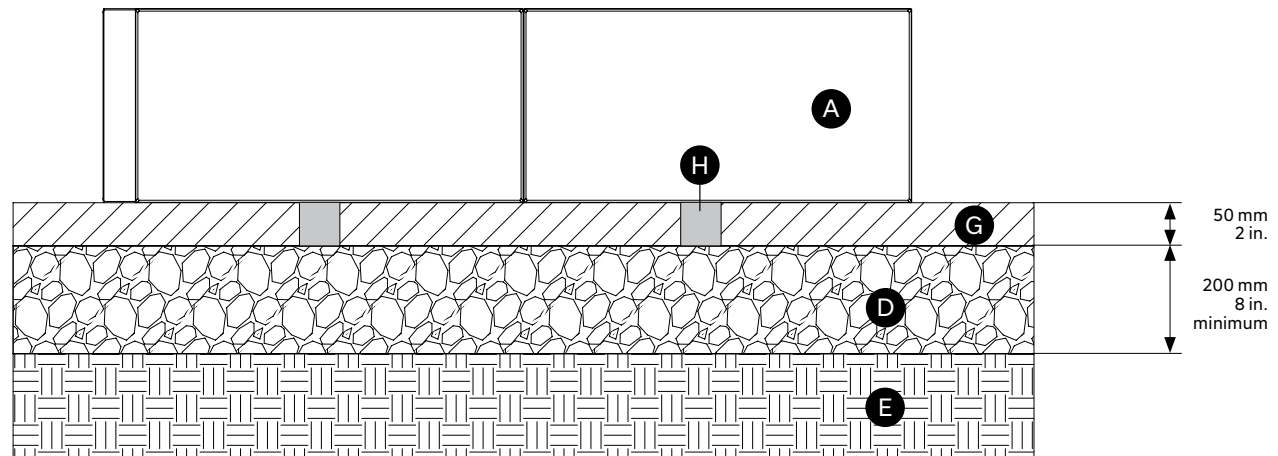
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## BASE PREPARATION

### ON EXISTING PATIO



### ON POURED CONCRETE FOUNDATION

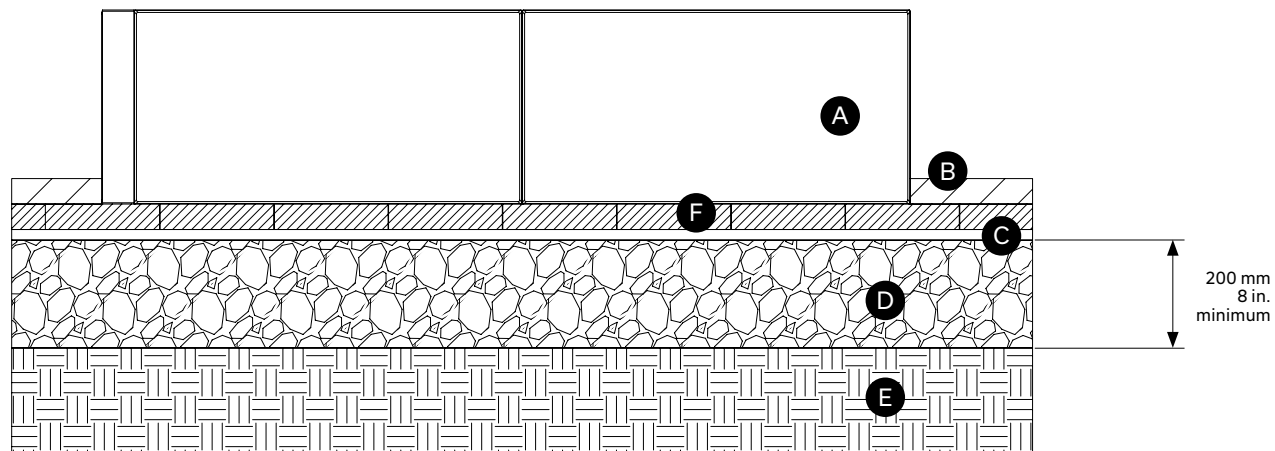


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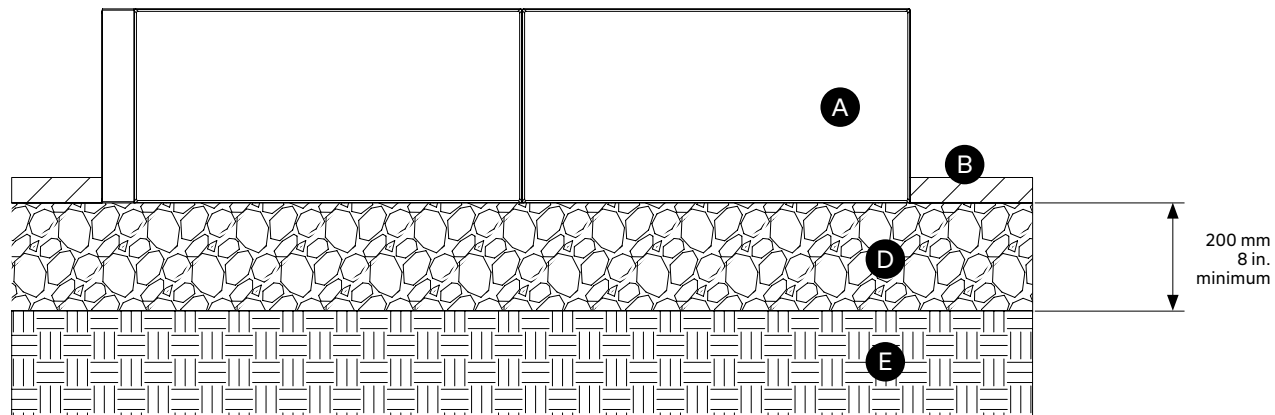
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- Ⓑ Slab or paver
- Ⓒ bedding sand 1 in. - 25 mm
- Ⓓ Compacted aggregates 8 in. - 200 mm minimum
- Ⓔ Soil
- Ⓕ Starter unit / slab or paver
- Ⓖ Reinforced poured concrete foundation 2 in. - 50 mm min.
- Ⓗ Opening for drainage

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### ON COMPACTED FOUNDATION USING STARTER UNIT



### ON COMPACTED FOUNDATION

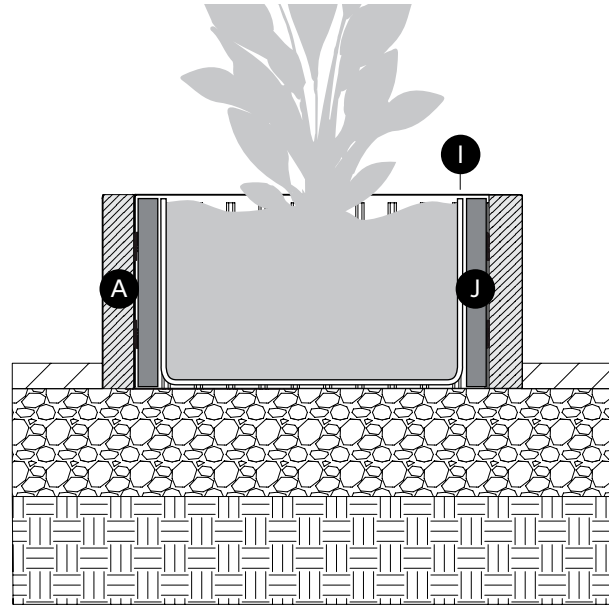
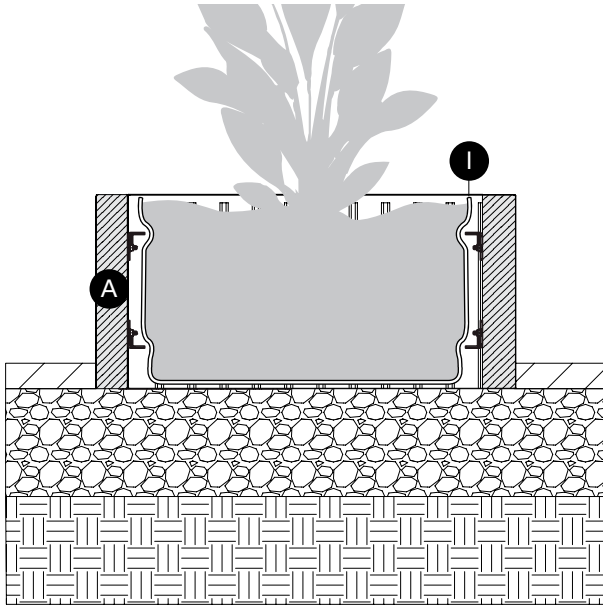


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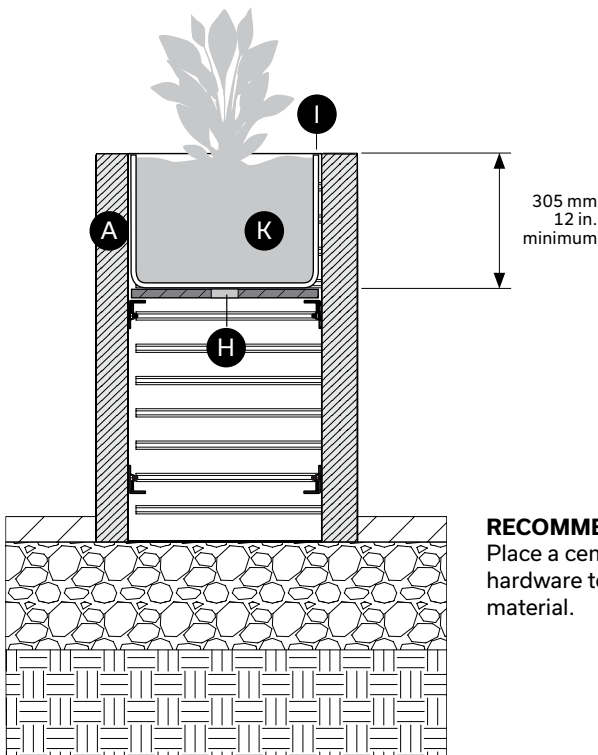
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## PLANTER BOX DETAIL

## ON COMPACTED FOUNDATION



**RECOMMENDED:**  
Place insulated panels to protect plants from cold conditions.

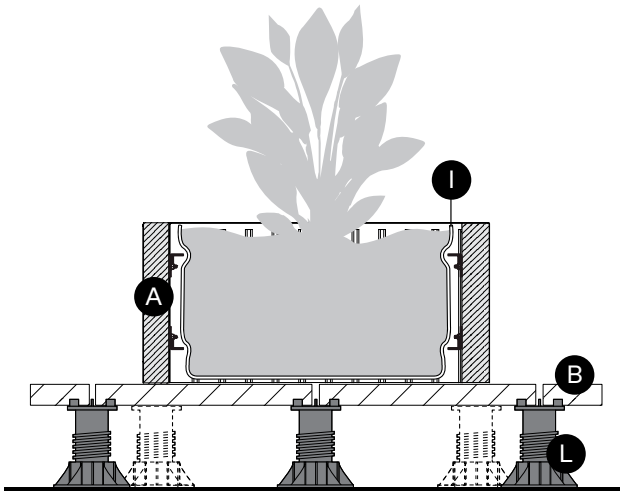


**RECOMMENDED:**  
Place a cement board on top of the Artex hardware to reduce the amount of infill material.

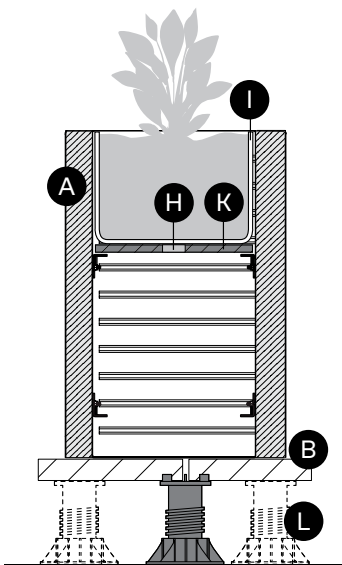
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- A** Artex panel
- H** Opening for drainage
- I** Geotextile membrane
- J** Insulated panel
- K** Structural water resistant panel

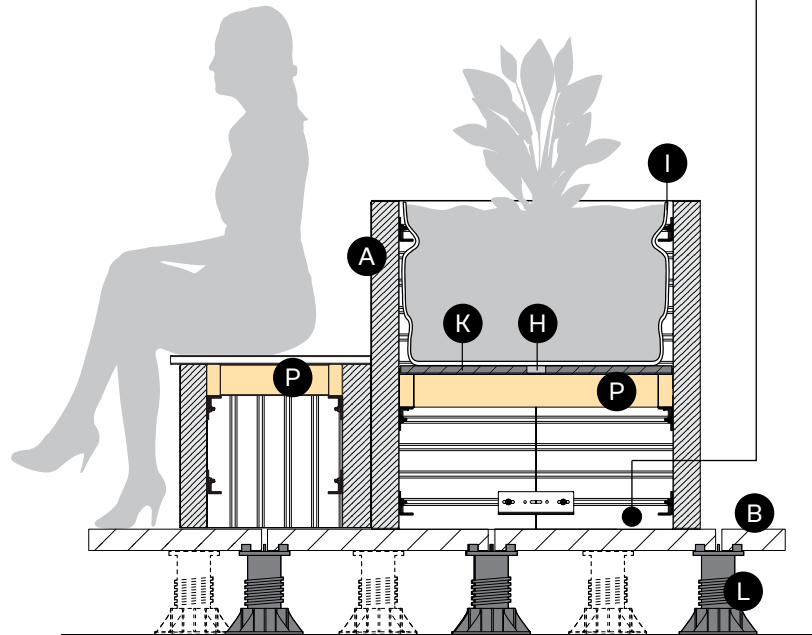
## ROOFTOP APPLICATIONS



Planter box with horizontal panels sitting on slabs/tiles - section view



Planter box with vertical panels sitting on slabs/tiles - section view



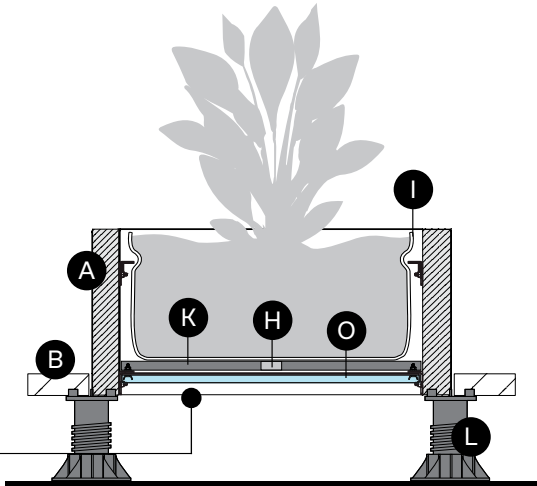
Planter box and bench sitting on slabs/tiles - section view

- Ⓐ Artex panel
- Ⓑ Slab or paver
- Ⓗ Opening for drainage
- Ⓘ Geotextile membrane
- Ⓚ Structural water resistant panel
- Ⓛ Pedestal
- Ⓟ Treated wood structure

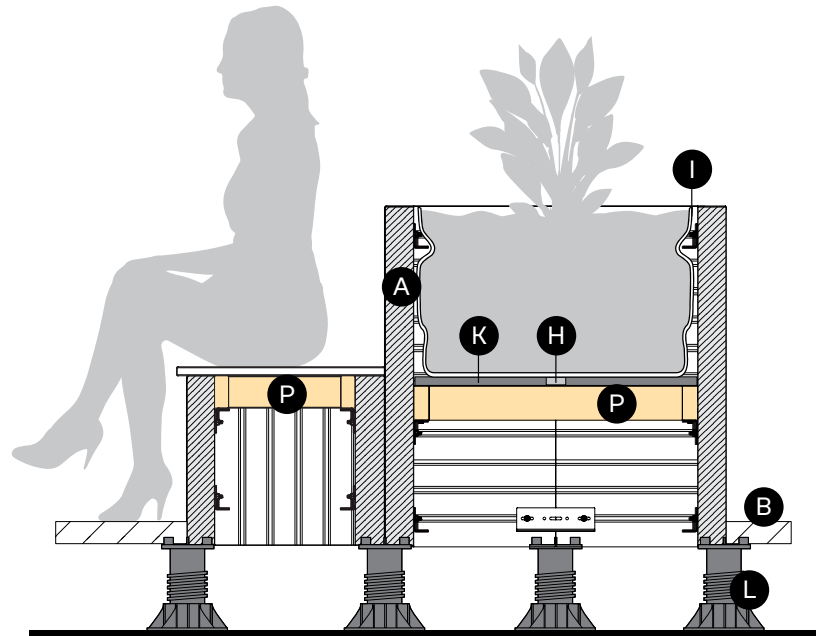
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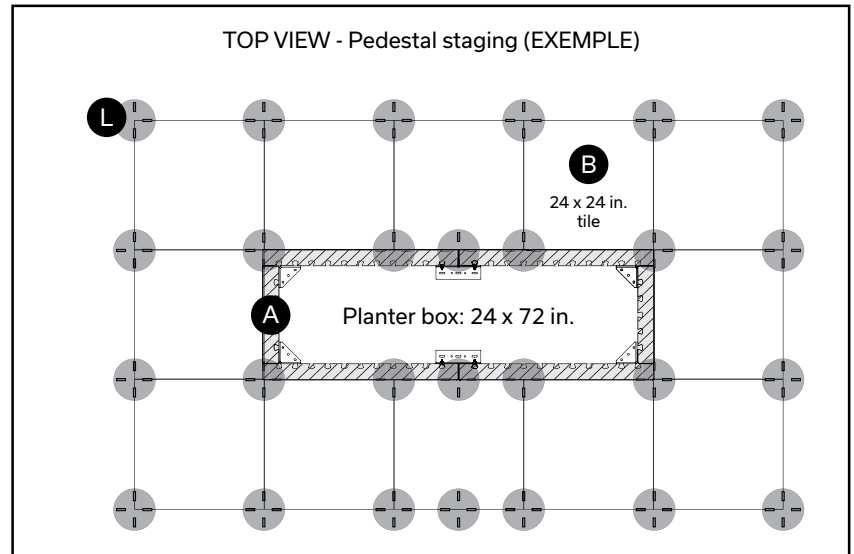
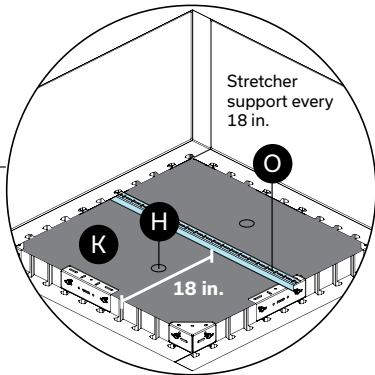
ROOFTOP APPLICATIONS - CONT'D



Planter box sitting on pedestals - section view



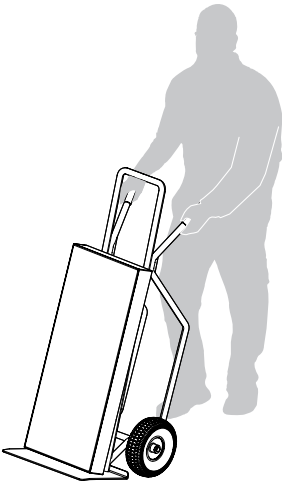
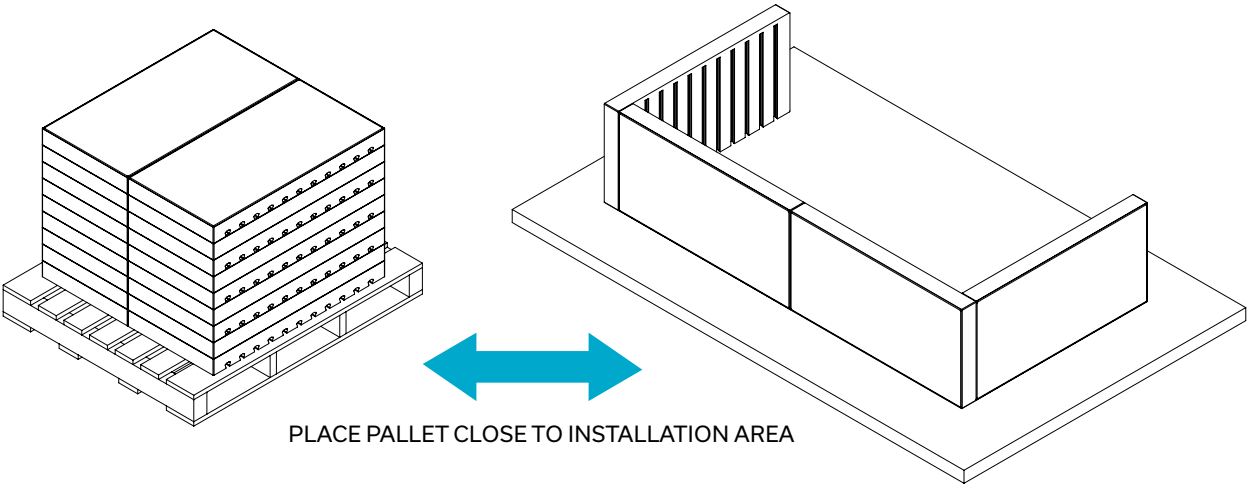
Bench and planter box sitting on pedestals - section view



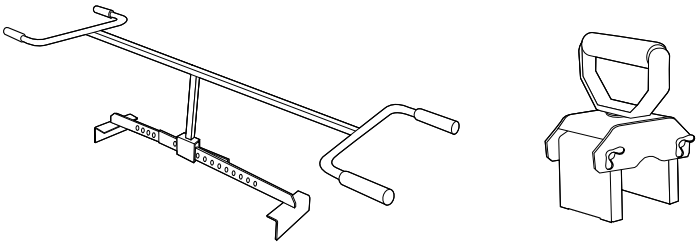
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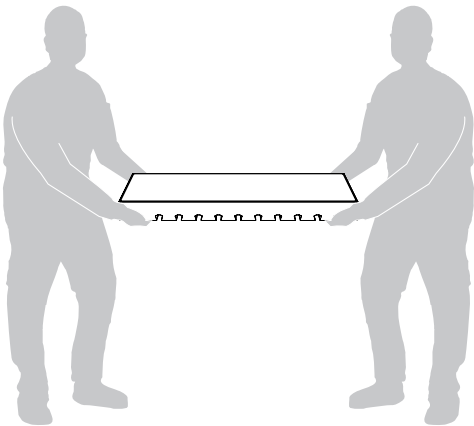
HANDLING



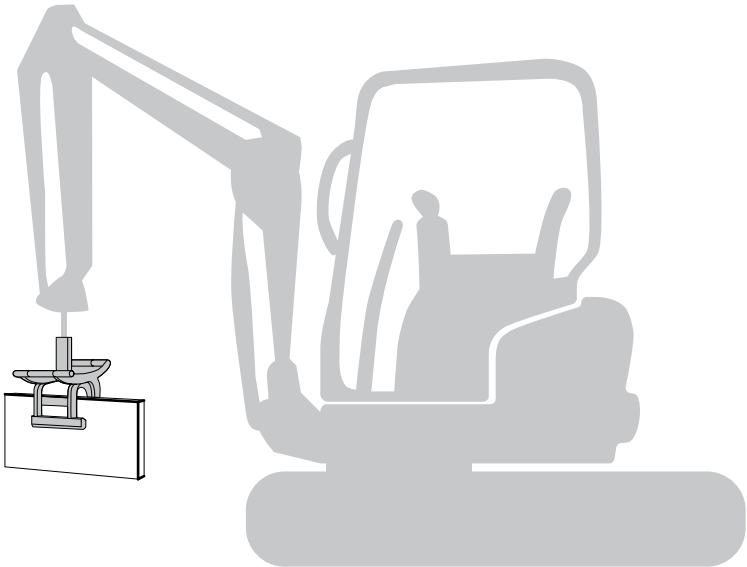
Use hand trolley if necessary



Recommended handling tools



Lift with two people

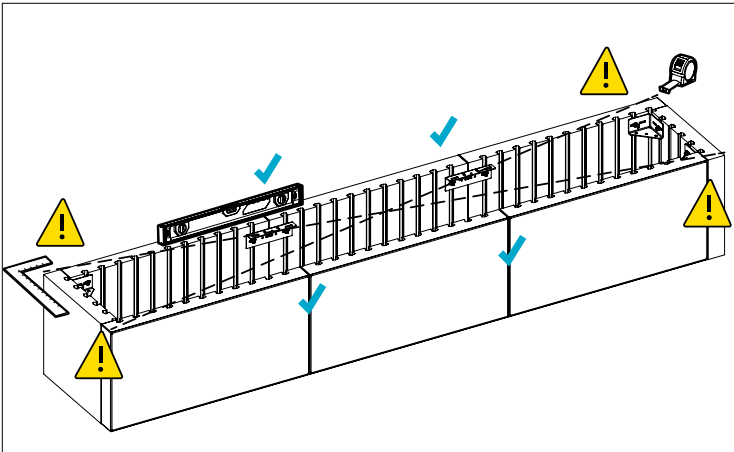


Use a mechanical lifting device

## TIPS AND TRICKS

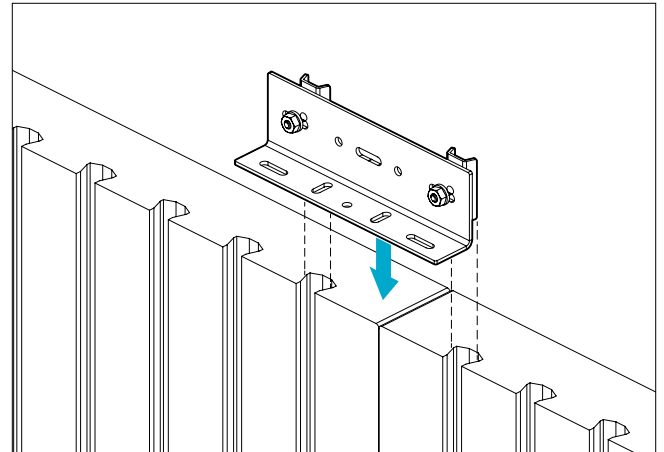
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Ensure that all the panels are in place, levelled & aligned before fully tightening the hardware in the corners at the end of the installation.



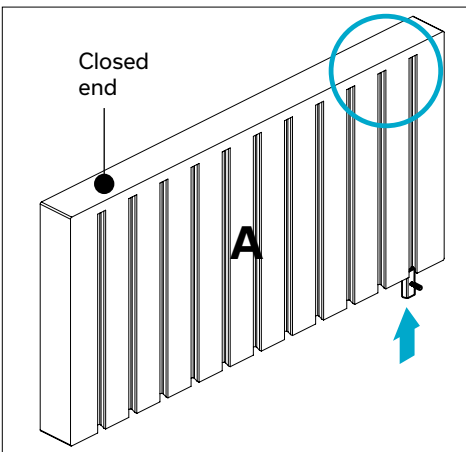
### 2 GENERAL

Pre-assemble hardware to facilitate its installation. Ensure that all the panels are in place, levelled & aligned before fully tighten the hardware at the end of the installation.



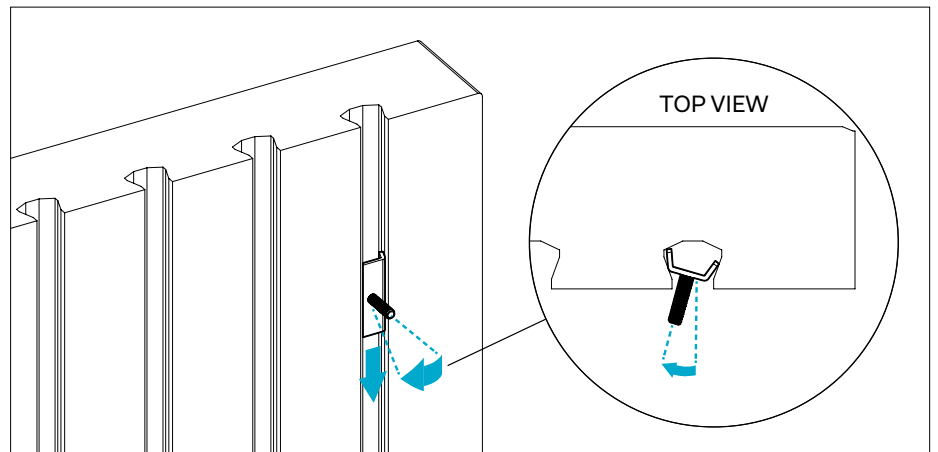
### 3 ANCHOR SLIDE

Insert anchor slides from the bottom of the closed end panel (panel A) prior to its assembly.



### 4 ANCHOR SLIDE

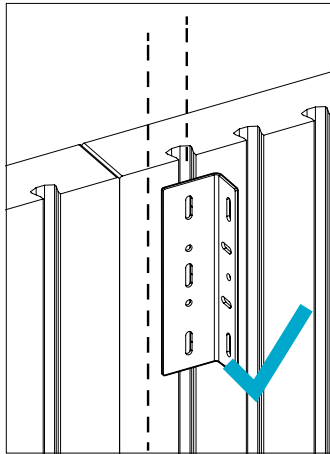
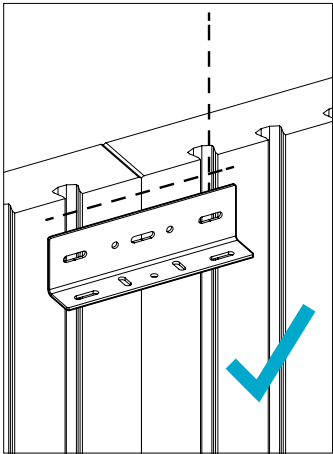
Insert the anchor slide. Lock it into place to prevent it from sliding down and to facilitate assembly.



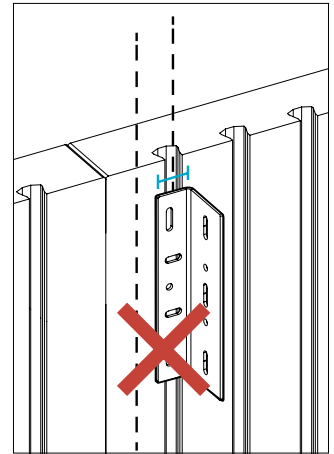
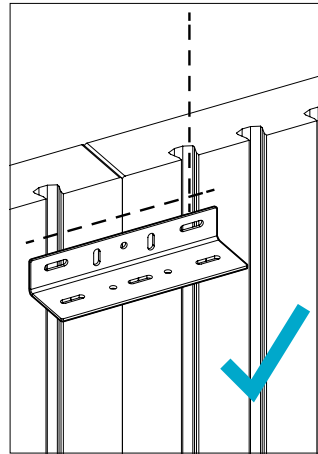
## TIPS AND TRICKS - SUITE

**5 JOINING PLATE**

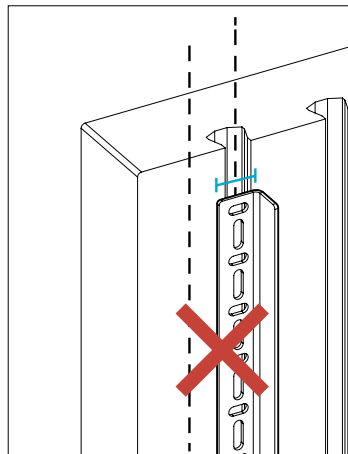
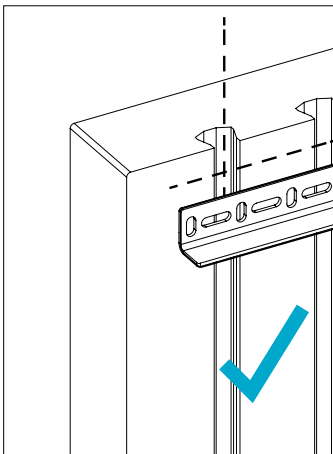
Use the larger tab of the joining plate when it is perpendicular or parallel to the dovetail slot.

**6 JOINING PLATE**

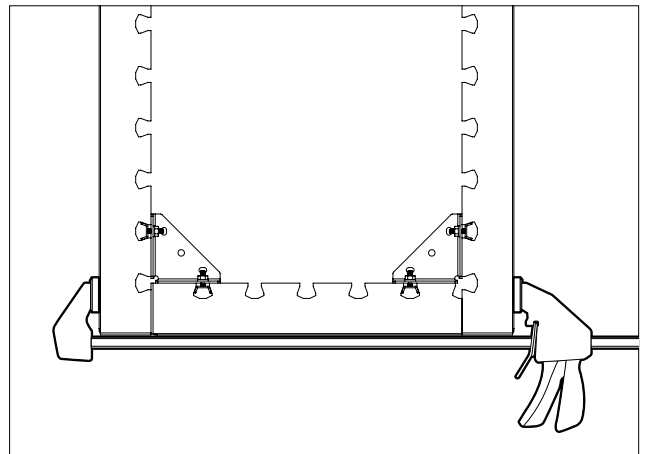
Only when the joining plate is perpendicular to the dovetail, the small tab can be used. Otherwise, the overlapping surface will be too narrow.

**7 STRETCHER BAR**

Use the stretcher bar when it is perpendicular to the dovetail. Otherwise, the overlapping surface will be too narrow.

**8 CLAMP**

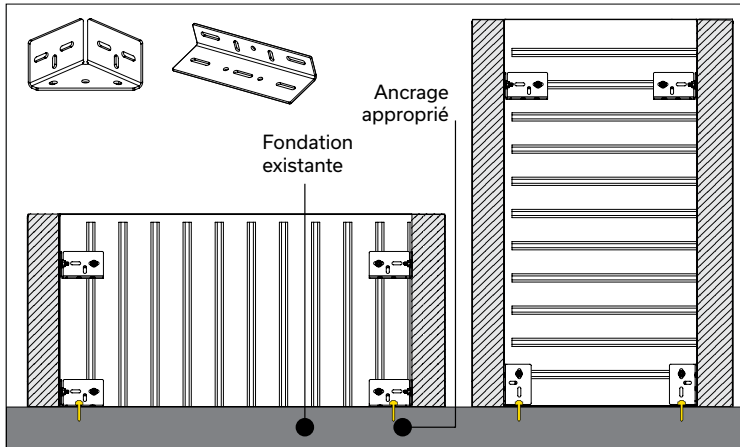
Use the bar clamp to keep the panels in place and to facilitate the hardware installation.



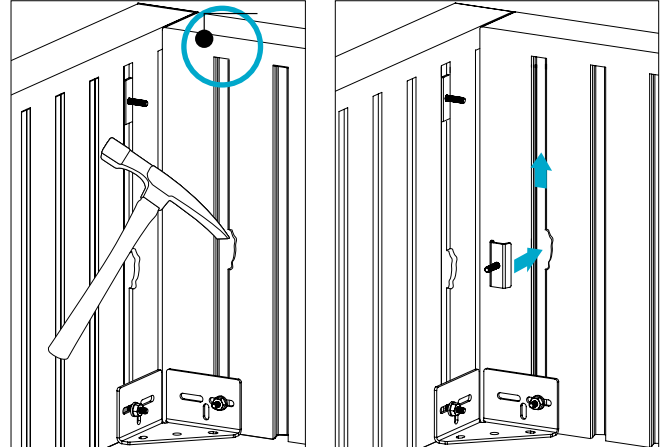
## TIPS AND TRICKS - SUITE

**9 GENERAL**

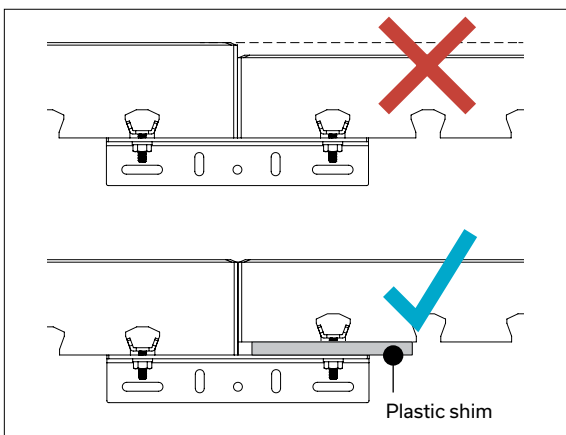
If required it is possible to secure the ARTEX structure to the existing base by placing the hardware against it. Contact ex-perts/engineers to validate the structure and any related matters.


**10 GENERAL**

In the case you forgot to place the anchor slides when the closed end panels (panel A) have already been assembled, use a chipping hammer to break a small section of the dovetail slot to insert the anchor slide.

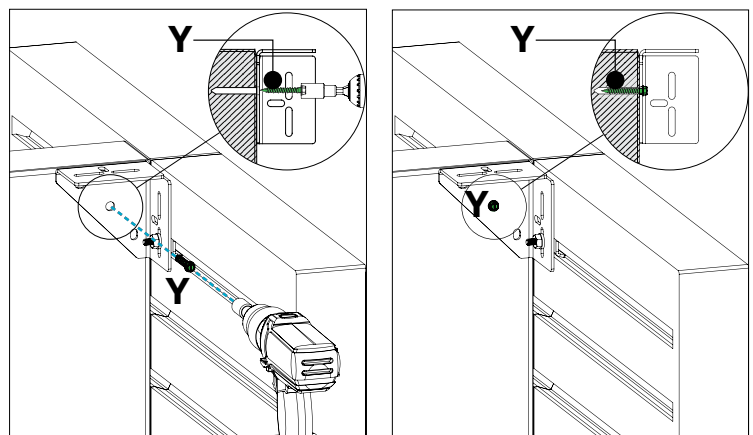

**11 GENERAL**

If the side to side panels have a different thickness, use plastic shims to align the front face.


**12 GENERAL**

If assembling the hardware on the side of the panel without dovetails, drill the panel and use a concrete screw anchor (Tapcon®).

**NOTE:** Y - Concrete screw anchor (Tapcon®) 1/4 x 1 3/4 in. or 3/16 x 1 3/4 in.



# Polymeric Sand

## SMARTSAND POLYMERIC SAND



## HP NEXTGEL POLYMERIC SAND



## QUANTITY CHART FOR FILLING JOINTS

SURFACE PER BAG OF 22.7 KG (50 LB)

### PAVERS

SmartSand and HP NextGel  
Techniseal polymeric sand

Cassara paver	55 ft <sup>2</sup> (5.12 m <sup>2</sup> )
Cassara paver - Large rectangle	62 ft <sup>2</sup> (5.73 m <sup>2</sup> )
Esbelto TextureGuard paver	124 ft <sup>2</sup> (11.53 m <sup>2</sup> )
Kensington paver	47 ft <sup>2</sup> (4.37 m <sup>2</sup> )
Kensington Smooth paver	37 ft <sup>2</sup> (3.44 m <sup>2</sup> )
Lexa paver - 330 x 495	51 ft <sup>2</sup> (4.77 m <sup>2</sup> )
Mega-Melville paver	217 ft <sup>2</sup> (30.19 m <sup>2</sup> )
Melville 60 paver - Small rectangle	103 ft <sup>2</sup> (9.60 m <sup>2</sup> )
Melville 80 paver	116 ft <sup>2</sup> (10.79 m <sup>2</sup> )
Melville 80 paver - Small rectangle	77 ft <sup>2</sup> (7.20 m <sup>2</sup> )
Melville 80 paver TextureGuard	116 ft <sup>2</sup> (10.79 m <sup>2</sup> )
Melville Classic and Niagara paver	65 ft <sup>2</sup> (6.08 m <sup>2</sup> )
Melville Plank paver - Large	79 ft <sup>2</sup> (7.32 m <sup>2</sup> )
Melville Plank paver - Slim	54 ft <sup>2</sup> (5.06 m <sup>2</sup> )
Mondrian Plus 60 paver - Small rectangle	38 ft <sup>2</sup> (3.56 m <sup>2</sup> )
Mondrian Plus 80 paver	43 ft <sup>2</sup> (3.99 m <sup>2</sup> )
Mondrian Plus 80 paver - Small rectangle	29 ft <sup>2</sup> (2.67 m <sup>2</sup> )
Paleo Plus paver	95 ft <sup>2</sup> (8.80 m <sup>2</sup> )
Trafalgar 60 paver	122 ft <sup>2</sup> (11.37 m <sup>2</sup> )
Vendome 80 paver	33 ft <sup>2</sup> (3.06 m <sup>2</sup> )
Vendome 60 paver	44 ft <sup>2</sup> (4.08 m <sup>2</sup> )

### SLABS

SmartSand and HP NextGel  
Techniseal polymeric sand

Cassara slab	92 ft <sup>2</sup> (8.54 m <sup>2</sup> )
Cassara slab - Large rectangle	103 ft <sup>2</sup> (12.16 m <sup>2</sup> )
City slab - 500 x 750	147 ft <sup>2</sup> (13.63 m <sup>2</sup> )
Esbelto slab TextureGuard	165 ft <sup>2</sup> (15.37 m <sup>2</sup> )
Lexa slab - 500 x 750	147 ft <sup>2</sup> (13.63 m <sup>2</sup> )
Mega-Melville slab	289 ft <sup>2</sup> (26.92 m <sup>2</sup> )
Mega-Mondrian Plus slab	107 ft <sup>2</sup> (19.91 m <sup>2</sup> )
Melville 24 x 24	271 ft <sup>2</sup> (25.00 m <sup>2</sup> )
Melville 50 slab	186 ft <sup>2</sup> (17.26 m <sup>2</sup> )
Melville 60 slab	155 ft <sup>2</sup> (14.39 m <sup>2</sup> )
Melville 60 slab TextureGuard	155 ft <sup>2</sup> (14.39 m <sup>2</sup> )
Metrik	55 ft <sup>2</sup> (5.10 m <sup>2</sup> )
Mondrian Plus 50 slab	186 ft <sup>2</sup> (17.26 m <sup>2</sup> )
Mondrian Plus 60 slab	57 ft <sup>2</sup> (5.31 m <sup>2</sup> )
Rosebel slab	75 ft <sup>2</sup> (6.36 m <sup>2</sup> )

# Texture and Hatching Patterns

## AVAILABILITY CHART

Download all the seamless textures and hatching patterns available from our website: [www.permacon.ca](http://www.permacon.ca) SUPPORT tab.



**Download Permacon SEAMLESS TEXTURES for the following programs:** AutoCAD and Sketchup

PAVERS	SEAMLESS	HATCHING
CASSARA	■	■
ESBELTO 80 TEXTUREGUARD	■	■
KENSINGTON	■	■
KENSINGTON SMOOTH	■	■
LEXA	■	■
MEGA-MELVILLE	■	■
MELVILLE 80	■	■
MELVILLE 80 TEXTUREGUARD	■	■
MELVILLE AQUA	■	■
MELVILLE CLASSIC AND NIAGARA	■	■
MELVILLE PLANK	■	■
MONDRIAN PLUS 80	■	■
PALEO PLUS	■	■
TRAFALGAR 60	■	■
VENDOME 60 AND 80	■	■

SLABS	SEAMLESS	HATCHING
CASSARA	■	■
CITY	■	■
ESBELTO 60 TEXTUREGUARD	■	■
LEXA	■	■
MEGA-MELVILLE	■	■
MEGA-MONDRIAN PLUS 60	■	■
MELVILLE 24 X 24	■	■
MELVILLE 50	■	■
MELVILLE 60	■	■
MELVILLE 60 TEXTUREGUARD	■	■
METRIK	■	■
MONDRIAN PLUS 50 ET 60	■	■
ROSEBEL	■	■
VERSAILLES ROCART	■	■

### WALLS

CELTIK	■
LAFITT TANDEM	■
MELVILLE TANDEM	■
URBANO	■



# PERMACON

## 50 Year Warranty

### Residential Landscape and Masonry



Permacon's 50-year warranty applies to landscape and masonry products including Suretouch intended for residential use<sup>1</sup>. This warranty statement affirms that products manufactured by Permacon meet the requirements of the CSA (Canadian Standard Association) and ASTM (American Society for Testing and Materials) standards.

*For details regarding commercial applications, please refer to our institutional, commercial and industrial warranty.*

Permacon guarantees that, as of the date of delivery, our concrete products are free from manufacturing defects. Provided that the conditions set forth below are met, Permacon guarantees the structural integrity of the concrete in its landscaping and masonry products for a period of 50 years from the date of the product's purchase. The warranty applies to normal, non-abusive use of the product. To preserve the original appearance of your products, we recommend that you consult our Preventive Maintenance Guide for Concrete Landscaping Products available on our website.

IN ALL CASES DETAILED BELOW, THE WARRANTY IS LIMITED TO THE PRODUCTS' MARKET VALUE.

#### How do I make a claim?

 [permacon.ca/en/warranty/](https://permacon.ca/en/warranty/)

Proof of purchase will be required to proceed with a claim request. No claims will be accepted without proof of purchase.<sup>2</sup>

All claims must be reported within 15 days of the discovery of a product's defect. To validate a claim, a Permacon representative will arrive to inspect the defective products in order to confirm whether the claim is admissible. Therefore, it is essential to provide Permacon with the necessary access to inspect and take photos of the products in question.

This warranty is the only one that is presently offered. Because Permacon continually improves and modifies its products, it may alter and discontinue products at any time, and therefore may replace warranty-covered products with products of similar quality or offer monetary compensation if the products under warranty have been discontinued or are no longer on the market while the warranty is active.

In the event that a product is found to be non-conforming by Permacon or an authorized representative of the company, and in order to proceed with compensation, Permacon will take into account the number of months during which the landscape or masonry products were in the possession of

the owner or their contractor, up to the date of the claim, and will prorate the amount of the payment or replacement to be made accordingly.

For example: if the purchaser makes a warranty claim in the last month of the 10th year of the warranty (i.e., the 120th month), the manufacturer, at its sole discretion, shall either:

- Provide a replacement for the product in question if still available (only the defective product will be replaced)
- Return 480/600 of the price paid for the products to the owner. No labour, transportation, or other compensation will be covered by Permacon

#### Transferability

The warranty is transferable. Proof of warranty registration will still be required in the event of a claim. The prorated period will be based on the 50-year warranty period remaining as an assignee, if the purchaser transfers the warranty to a subsequent owner, as described above.

<sup>1</sup> The following locations are defined as residential: family dwelling of 5 units or less, single family home, garden suite, or townhouse

<sup>2</sup> The following items are considered valid proof of purchase: invoice directly from an authorized Permacon distributor or invoice from a landscape contractor, general contractor, mason, or home builder

## Exclusions

A landscape or masonry product installed on an area of more than **100 square feet** confirms the acceptance of the product received on site and that no claim can be made to Permacon regarding the colour, size, or texture of the product.

This warranty excludes all products not supplied by Permacon, as well as any defects, failures, or damages that may result from the actions listed below:

- Contact with chemicals or cleaning products
- Damage caused by pressure washers
- Improper installation or other construction activities that do not comply with the installation standards established by ICPI, NCMA or IMQ, the National Building Code or the installation methods and tips recommended by Permacon. The installation guides provided by Permacon represent certain installation situations and are not exhaustive. It is therefore strongly recommended that you consult a qualified professional to ensure the proper installation of Permacon products on a specific job site.
- Defective design or construction resulting in sagging, shifting, or failure
- Breakage due to shock, impact, or excessive load during handling, use, or transportation
- Natural disaster or other uncontrollable event
- Breakage and damage to products caused by soil movement or building movement as well as misuse of construction, compaction, or snow removal equipment. The warranty does not cover surface deterioration caused by the misuse of sodium chloride (NaCl) to de-ice pavers, slabs, or steps.
- The use of sodium chloride (NaCl) on the following products:
  - Step Valentia
  - Valentia Block
- Be.OnStone and Mirage products sold by Permacon

## Installation

When installing masonry products, it is vital that the work be cleaned to remove residue and contaminants left on the stone or brick. Permacon accepts no responsibility for stains and colour changes caused by installation residue or the consequences of cleaning said residue.

## Colour

**The presence of natural ingredients used in the manufacturing process varies from one product to another. Therefore, the product received on the job site will not be completely identical to the products presented in our commercial presentations (catalogs, samples, displays). Any difference in colour cannot be attributed to the guarantee.**

Photos of our products in landscape and masonry brochures, as well as in displays such as masonry panels and landscape racks at our distributors, are not an exact representation of the products that will be delivered to the job site. Permacon offers a variety of products with different colours to reproduce the appearance of natural stone. It is therefore strongly recommended that you view several products directly from your authorized Permacon distributor to see all available colours.

**It is the purchaser's responsibility to approve the products delivered to the job site prior to installation and to ensure that the colour is satisfactory. It is also recommended to mix products from different pallets received on site. Since variations in colour shades are a natural phenomenon, Permacon does not guarantee colour uniformity between different pallets on the same job site. Product installation constitutes acceptance.**

## Polymeric film

A whitish polymeric film can be found on the surface of our products. This is the result of an inadequate use of polymeric sand. Improper cleaning of slabs and pavers prior to the application of water on the products' surface can cause this whitish polymeric film. This film does not affect the structural integrity of the product. Permacon cannot be held responsible for this phenomenon, which is not covered by the warranty.

## Efflorescence

White traces on the surface of the product are caused by a natural phenomenon called efflorescence. More visible on darker products, efflorescence affects neither the intrinsic technical qualities nor the structural integrity of our products. The possible appearance of efflorescence cannot be the subject of any guarantee on our part. In most cases, efflorescence disappears by itself over time.

**Our Preventive Maintenance Guide for Concrete Landscaping Products** is available on our web site [permacon.ca](http://permacon.ca)



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