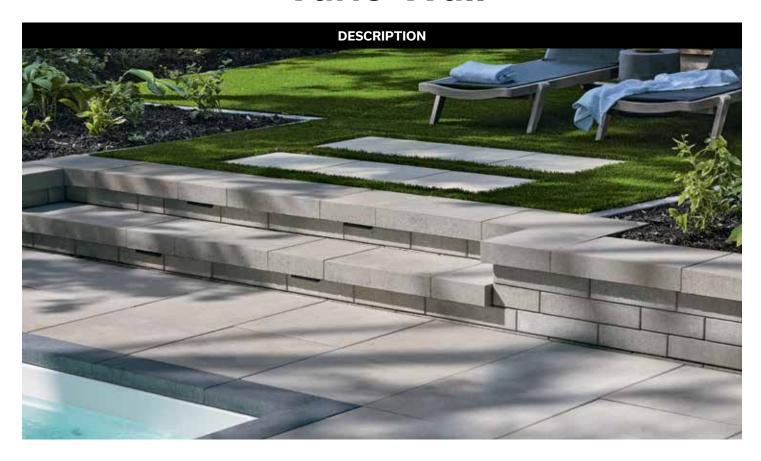
# Vario Wall



The Vario wall, the wall that does it all. Install a block unit, slide another one over it, and so on. This results in a modern wall with clean lines

Versatile and innovative, this product can be used for retaining walls, creating privacy spaces and outdoor kitchens. Available in two heights (90 or 180 mm), the Vario wall is perfect for steps and modular installations.

Note that all units are double-sided, and that they are all (including corner units) on the same pallet. Their popular colours fit perfectly with Permacon's numerous cappings.

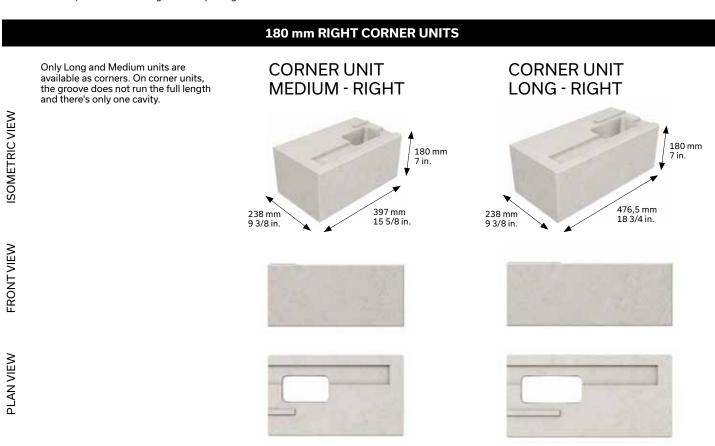
#### **BENEFITS:**

- > Quick and easy to install
- > No accessories required
- > All double-sided units
- > 90 mm and 180 mm heights, ideal for steps and modular installations
- > Smooth texture
- > Available in trendy colours that match slabs, pavers and capping units
- > Build retaining walls, raised gardens, double-sided walls, outdoor kitchens, and more!

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## 180 mm UNITS **MEDIUM LONG SHORT UNIT UNIT UNIT ISOMETRIC VIEW** 180 mm 7 in. 180 mm 7 in. 180 mm 7 in. 317,5 mm 238 mm 9 3/8 in. 476,5 mm 18 3/4 in. 397 mm 238 mm 12 1/2 in. 15 5/8 in. 9 3/8 in. 9 3/8 in. **FRONT VIEW** PLAN VIEW

Note that Short, Medium and Long units are packaged on the same cube.



**ISOMETRIC VIEW** 

**FRONT VIEW** 

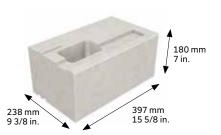
PLAN VIEW

#### **180 mm LEFT CORNER UNITS**

Only Long and Medium units are available as corners. On corner units, the groove does not run the full length and there's only one cavity.

CORNER UNIT MEDIUM - LEFT

CORNER UNIT LONG - LEFT







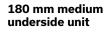


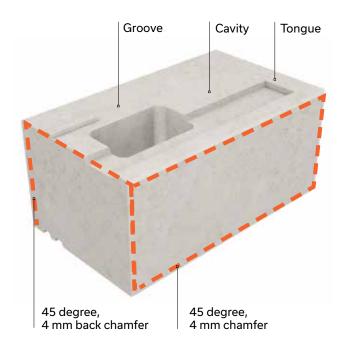


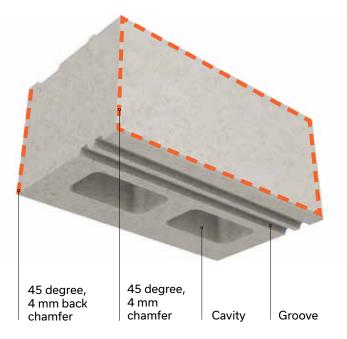


#### **BASIC PRINCIPLES**

180 mm medium left corner unit

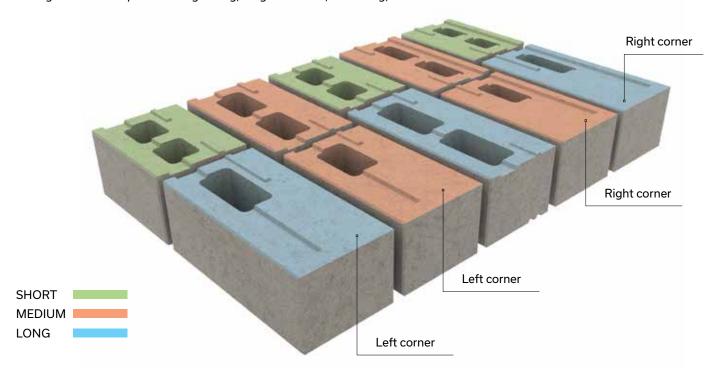






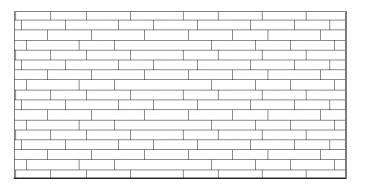
#### **TYPICAL ROW**

4 integrated corners per row: 1 right long, 1 right medium, 1 left long, 1 left medium

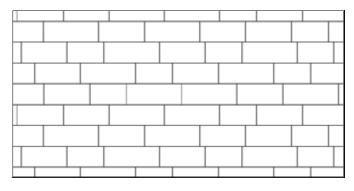


## LAYING PATTERNS

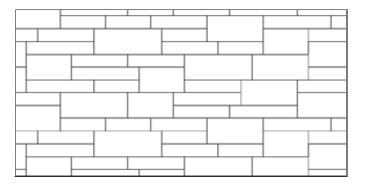
#### LINEAR PATTERN - 100% VARIO 90



#### LINEAR PATTERN - 100% VARIO 180



#### MODULAR PATTERN - 50% VARIO 90 AND 50% VARIO 180



#### **CROSS-SECTION - SETBACK WALL**

Vario Wall 180 mm installed with a setback (30 mm per row) can go up to 4 row (total height of 720 mm or 28 in.)

> Create the setback by installing the outer groove (female) on the tongue (male) at every row

- > Always have the cavities on the inside of the wall
- > You don't have to fill the cavities with clean stone in a standard installation
- > At the very last row, turn the unit upside down to have the tongues downward. Then, use Techniseal concrete adhesive to glue the capping unit of your choice.

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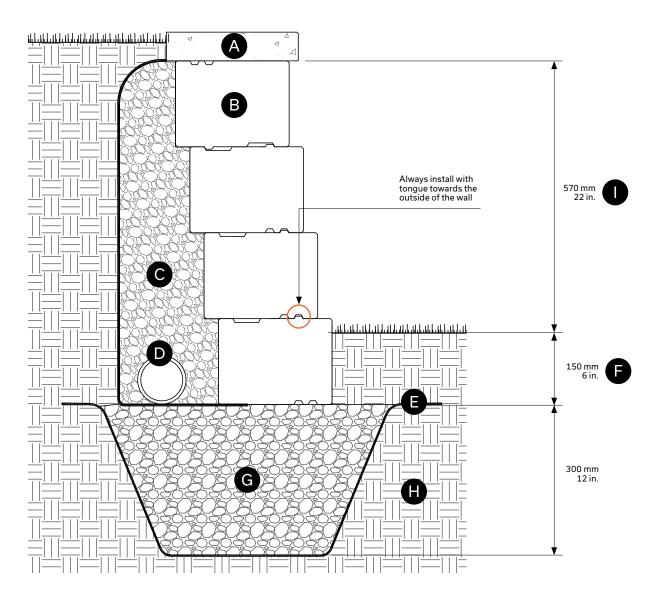
В 150 mm Н Always install with tongue towards the outside of the wall Capping

ISOMETRIC VIEW

Maximum gravity wall heights assume no slopes or surcharge behind the wall and that the wall retains sand or gravel (phi = 34 degrees, gamma = 19 kN/m3)<sup>2</sup>

- Vario Wall 180 mm
- C Undisturbed soil
- D Clean stone 20 mm 3/4 in. -Depth: 300 mm - 12 in. minimum
- Geotextile membrane
- Perforated drain connected to services: 100 mm Ø - 4 in.
- **G** Compacted granular foundation: 0 to 20 mm - 0 to 3/4 in. Depth: 300 mm - 12 in. minimum
- H Minimum buried depth 150 mm 6 in.

#### **CROSS-SECTION - SETBACK GRAVITY WALL**



- A Capping
- B Vario Wall 180 mm
- © Clean stone 20 mm 3/4 in. Depth: 300 mm 12 in. min.
- Perforated drain connected to services: 100 mm Ø 4 in.
- Geotextile membrane
- Minimum buried depth 150 mm 6 in.
- G Compacted granular foundation: 0 to 20 mm 0 to 3/4 in. Depth: 300 mm 12 in. minimum
- H Undisturbed soil
- Maximum height with surcharge and no slope behind the wall, excluding the buried units and capping

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Vario Wall 180 mm installed in a vertical application

#### **CROSS-SECTION - VERTICAL WALL**

can go up to 3 rows (total height of 540 mm or 21 in.).

> Always have the cavities on the inside of the wall

> You don't have to fill the cavities with clean stone in a standard installation

> At the very last row, turn the unit upside down to have the tongues downward. Then, use Techniseal concrete adhesive to glue the capping unit of your choice.

No accessory required for the Vario Wall. You don't have to use concrete adhesive between each row of the Vario Wall.

Always install with tongue towards the outside of the wall.

ISOMETRIC VIEW

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B Vario Wall 180 mm

A Capping

C Undisturbed soil

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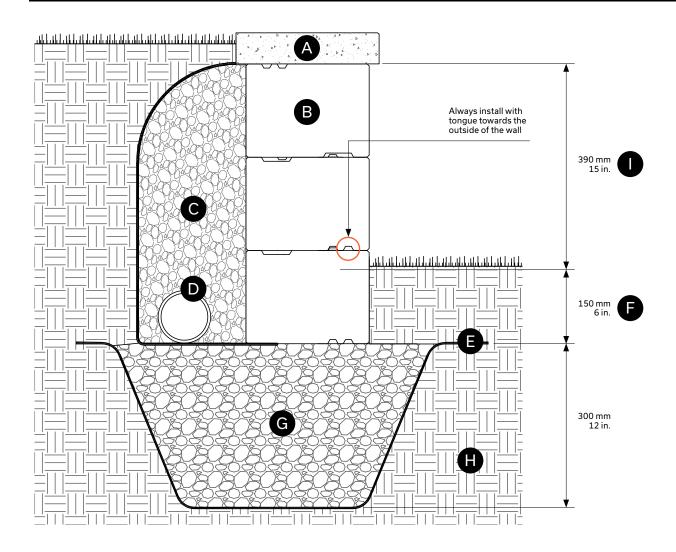
Geotextile membrane

Perforated drain connected to services: 100 mm Ø - 4 in.

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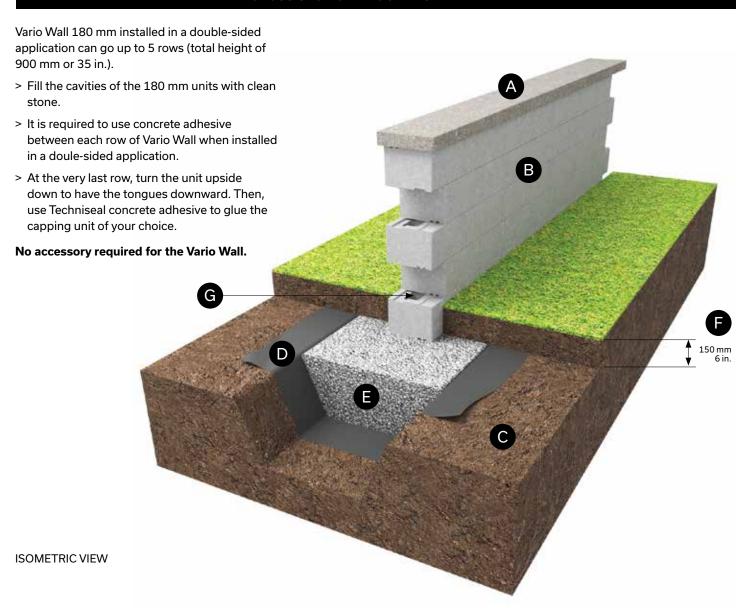
#### **CROSS-SECTION - VERTICAL GRAVITY WALL**



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- B Vario Wall 180 mm
- G Clean stone 20 mm 3/4 in. Depth: 300 mm 12 in. min.
- **▶** Perforated drain connected to services: 100 mm Ø 4 in.
- Geotextile membrane
- Minimum buried depth 150 mm 6 in.
- G 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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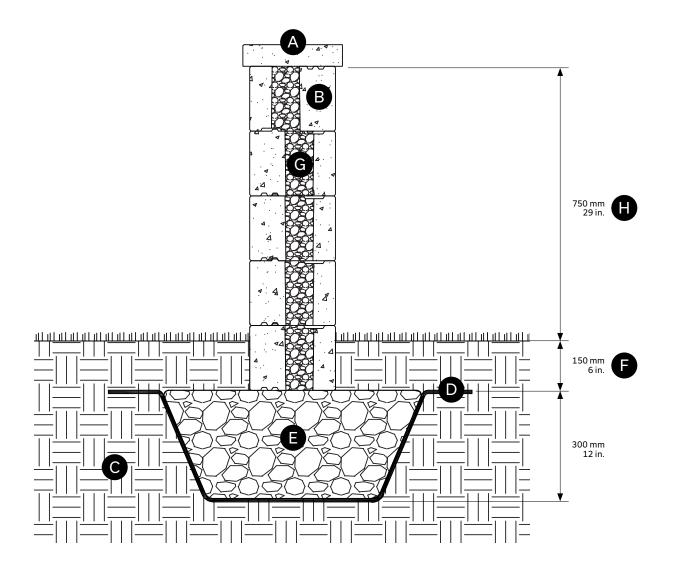
#### **CROSS-SECTION - DOUBLE-SIDED WALL**



Maximum double-sided wall heights assume there is no soil to retain nor any surcharge

- A Capping
- B Vario Wall 90 mm
- C Undisturbed soil
- Geotextile membrane
- Compacted granular foundation: 0 to 20 mm 0 to 3/4 in. Depth: 300 mm 12 in. minimum
- Minimum buried depth 150 mm 6 in.

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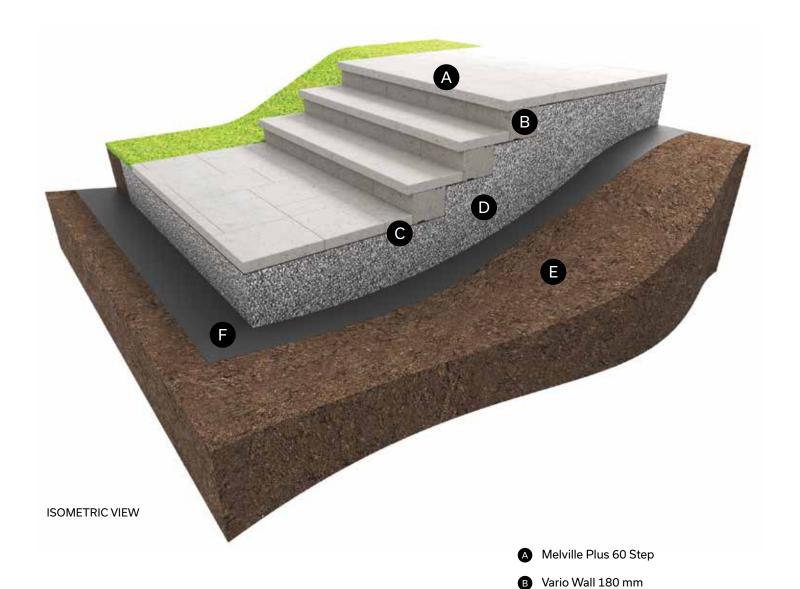


- **A** Capping
- B Vario Wall 90 mm
- C Undisturbed soil
- Geotextile membrane
- © Compacted granular foundation: 0 to 20 mm 0 to 3/4 in. Depth: 300 mm 12 in. minimum
- Minimum buried depth 150 mm 6 in.
- G Clean stone (in the wall cavities)
- Maximum height without surcharges or slopes behind the wall, excluding the buried units and capping

## **CROSS-SECTION - CREATING VARIO WALL STEPS**

To create steps, install the Melville Plus 60 step combined with the Vario wall units used as risers, as detailed below:

To complete the last row, turn the exposed unit upside down to have the tongues downward. Then, use Techniseal concrete adhesive to glue the step unit. No accessory required for the Vario Wall. You don't have to use concrete adhesive between each row of the Vario Wall.



C Laying bed: 25 mm -1 in.

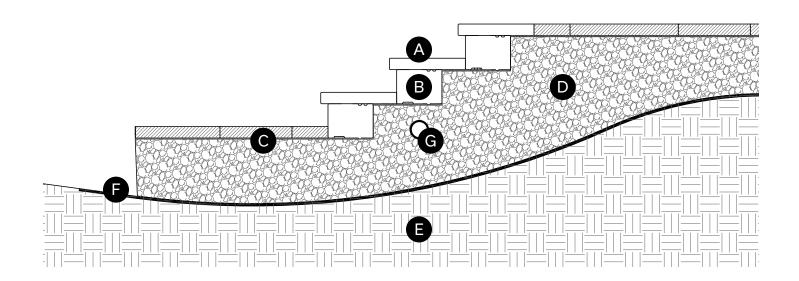
Undisturbed soil

Geotextile membrane

O to 20 mm - 0 to 3/4 in.

Depth: 300 mm - 12 in. minimum

# **CROSS-SECTION - WALL STEP INSTALLATION**



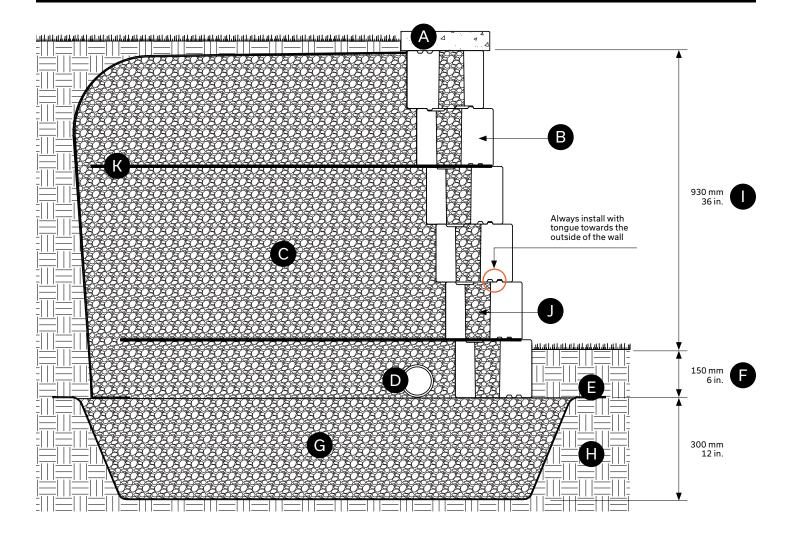
- A Melville Plus 60 Step
- B Vario Wall 180 mm
- C Laying bed: 25 mm -1 in.
- D Compacted granular foundation: 0 to 20 mm - 0 to 3/4 in. Depth: 300 mm - 12 in. minimum
- Undisturbed soil
- **F** Geotextile membrane
- G Perforated drain connected to services: 100 mm Ø 4 in.

#### 6 ROW SETBACK WALL - WITH SURCHARGE, NO SLOPE

Vario Wall 180 mm installed with a setback and geogrid – 6 rows (total height of 1080 mm or 42 in.). With surcharge behind the wall (5kPa), no slope.

- > Create the setback by installing the groove (female) on the inner tongue (male) of every row
- > Always install with tongue towards the outside of the wall
- > Fill the cavities of the 180 mm units with clean stone
- > Add a geogrid of 1250 mm (50 in.) long over the Vario wall unit. The geogrid is held by the tongue and groove system and the weight of the clean stone. Recommended geogrid: Miragrid 2XT
- > At the very last row, turn the unit upside down to have the tongue downward. Then, use Techniseal concrete adhesive to glue the Permacon capping of your choice.
- You don't have to use concrete adhesive between each row of the Vario Wall.

#### CROSS-SECTION - 6 ROW SETBACK WALL - WITH SURCHARGE, NO SLOPE



- **A** Capping
- B Vario Wall 180 mm (setback angle: 9.46 degrees, 150 mm)
- Clean stone 20 mm 3/4 in. Depth: 1400 mm 55 in. min.
- Perforated drain connected to services: 100 mm Ø 4 in.
- Geotextile membrane
- Minimum buried depth 150 mm 6 in.
- G Compacted granular foundation: 0 to 20 mm 0 to 3/4 in. Depth: 300 mm 12 in. minimum
- Undisturbed soil
- Maximum height with surcharge and no slope behind the wall, excluding the buried units and capping
- Clean stone (in the unit cavities)
- Geogrid 1250 mm 50 in.

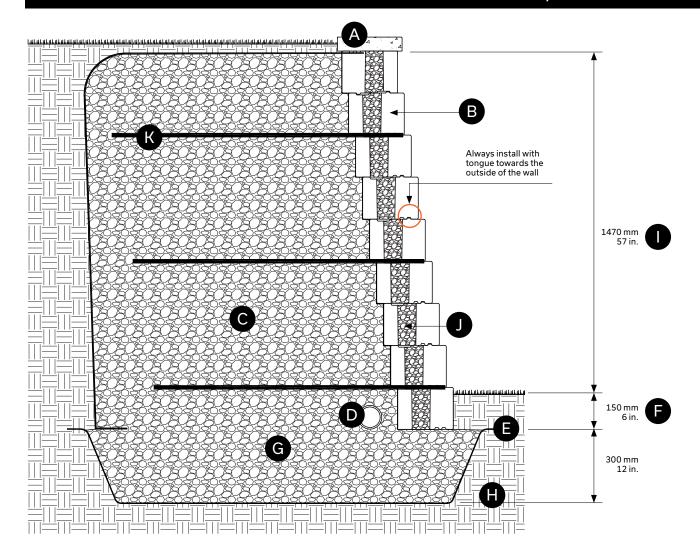
#### 9 ROW SETBACK WALL - WITH SURCHARGE, NO SLOPE

Vario Wall 180 mm installed with a setback and geogrid – 9 rows (total height of 1620 mm or 63 in.). With surcharge behind the wall (5kPa), no slope.

- > Create the setback by installing the outer groove (female) on the tongue (male) at every row
- > Always install with tongue towards the outside of the wall
- > Fill the cavities of the 180 mm units with clean stone
- > Add a geogrid of 1250 mm (50 in.) long over the Vario wall unit. The geogrid is held by the tongue and groove system and the weight of the clean stone. Recommended geogrid: Miragrid 2XT
- > At the very last row, turn the unit upside down to have the tongue downward. Then, use Techniseal concrete adhesive to glue the Permacon capping of your choice.

You don't have to use concrete adhesive between each row of the Vario Wall.

#### CROSS-SECTION - 9 ROW SETBACK WALL - WITH SURCHARGE, NO SLOPE



- A Capping
- B Vario Wall 180 mm (setback angle: 9.46 degrees, 240 mm)
- Clean stone 20 mm 3/4 in. Depth: 1490 mm 59 in. min.
- Perforated drain connected to services: 100 mm Ø 4 in.
- Geotextile membrane
- Minimum buried depth 150 mm 6 in.
- G Compacted granular foundation: 0 to 20 mm 0 to 3/4 in. Depth: 300 mm 12 in. minimum
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- Clean stone (in the wall cavities)
- K Geogrid 1250 mm 50 in.

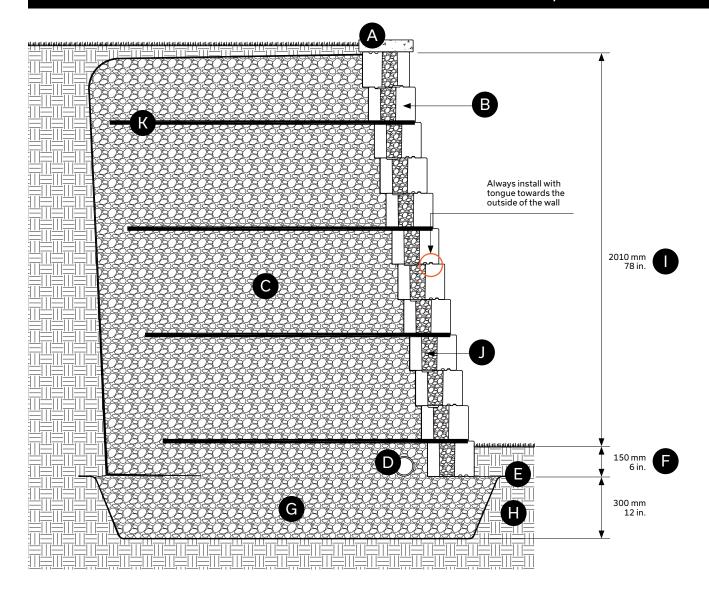
#### 12 ROW SETBACK WALL - WITH SURCHARGE, NO SLOPE

Vario Wall 180 mm installed with a setback and geogrid – 12 rows (total height of 2160 mm or 84 in.). With surcharge behind the wall (5kPa), no slope.

- > Create the setback by installing the outer groove (female) on the tongue (male) at every row
- > Always install with tongue towards the outside of the wall
- > Fill the cavities of the 180 mm units with clean stone
- > Add a geogrid of 1550 mm (61 in.) long over the Vario wall unit. The geogrid is held by the tongue and groove system and the weight of the clean stone. Recommended geogrid: Miragrid 2XT
- > At the very last row, turn the unit upside down to have the tongue downward. Then, use Techniseal concrete adhesive to glue the Permacon capping of your choice.

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#### CROSS-SECTION - 12 ROW SETBACK WALL - WITH SURCHARGE, NO SLOPE



- **A** Capping
- B Vario Wall 180 mm (setback angle: 9.46 degrees, 330 mm)
- Clean stone 20 mm 3/4 in. Depth: 1880 mm 74 in. min.
- Perforated drain connected to services: 100 mm Ø 4 in.
- Geotextile membrane
- Minimum buried depth 150 mm 6 in.
- G Compacted granular foundation: 0 to 20 mm 0 to 3/4 in. Depth: 300 mm 12 in. minimum
- Undisturbed soil
- Maximum height with surcharge and no slope behind the wall, excluding the buried units and capping
- Clean stone (in the wall cavities)
- R Geogrid 1550 mm 61 in.

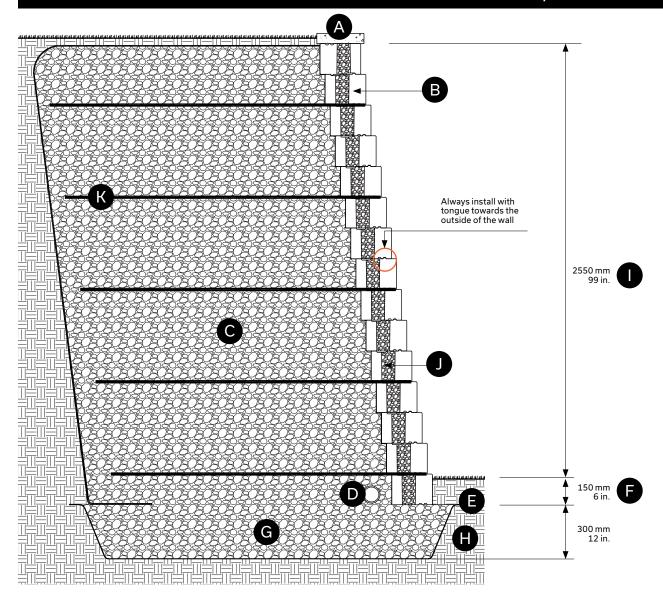
#### 15 ROW SETBACK WALL - WITH SURCHARGE, NO SLOPE

Vario Wall 180 mm installed with a setback and geogrid – 15 rows (total height of 2700 mm or 105 in.). With surcharge behind the wall (5kPa), no slope.

- > Create the setback by installing the outer groove (female) on the tongue (male) at every row
- > Always install with tongue towards the outside of the wall
- > Fill the cavities of the 180 mm units with clean stone
- > Add a geogrid of 1885 mm (74 in.) long over the Vario wall unit. The geogrid is held by the tongue and groove system and the weight of the clean stone. Recommended geogrid: Miragrid 2XT
- > At the very last row, turn the unit upside down to have the tongue downward. Then, use Techniseal concrete adhesive to glue the Permacon capping of your choice.

You don't have to use concrete adhesive between each row of the Vario Wall.

# CROSS-SECTION - 15 ROW SETBACK WALL - WITH SURCHARGE, NO SLOPE



- A Capping
- B Vario Wall 180 mm (setback angle: 9.46 degrees, 420 mm)
- Clean stone 20 mm 3/4 in. Depth: 2270 mm 89 in. min.
- Perforated drain connected to services: 100 mm Ø 4 in.
- Geotextile membrane
- Minimum buried depth 150 mm 6 in.
- G Compacted granular foundation: 0 to 20 mm 0 to 3/4 in. Depth: 300 mm 12 in. minimum
- Undisturbed soil
- Maximum height with surcharge and no slope behind the wall, excluding the buried units and capping
- Clean stone (in the wall cavities)
- R Geogrid 1885 mm 74 in.

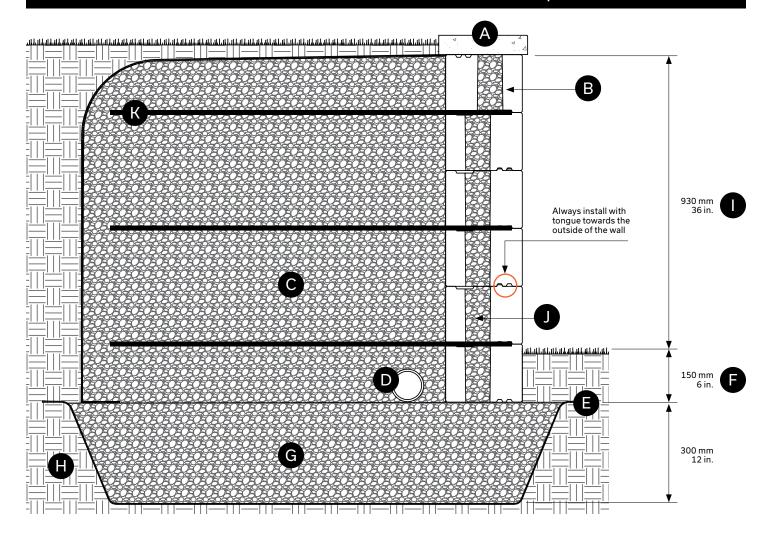
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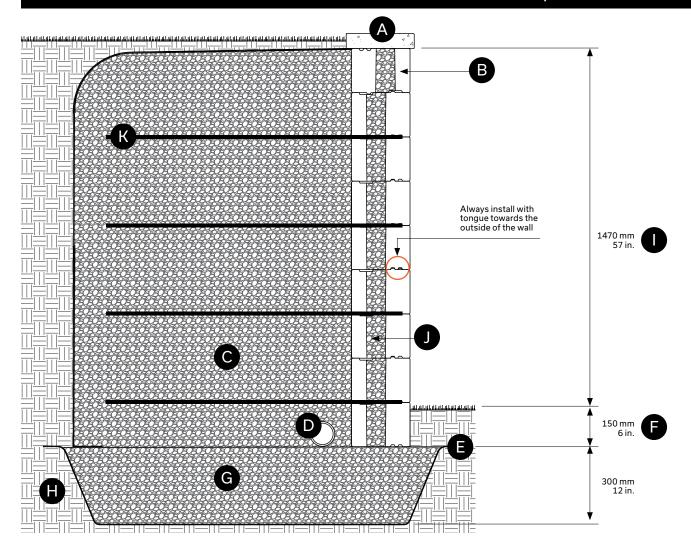
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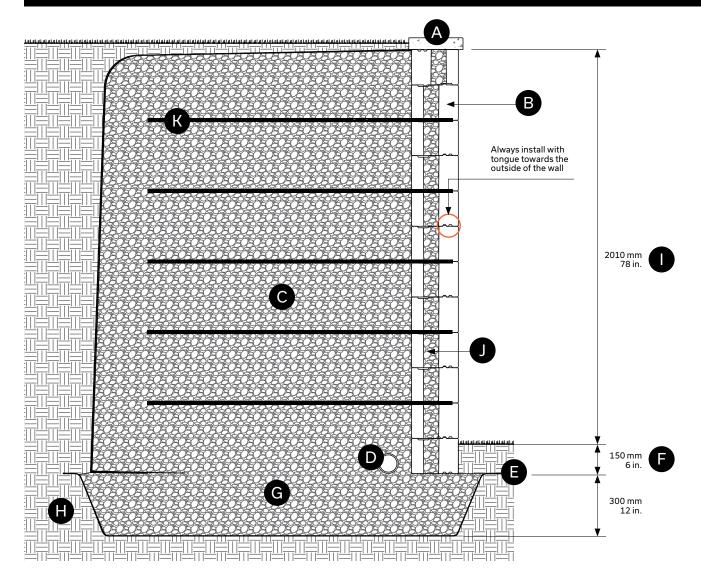
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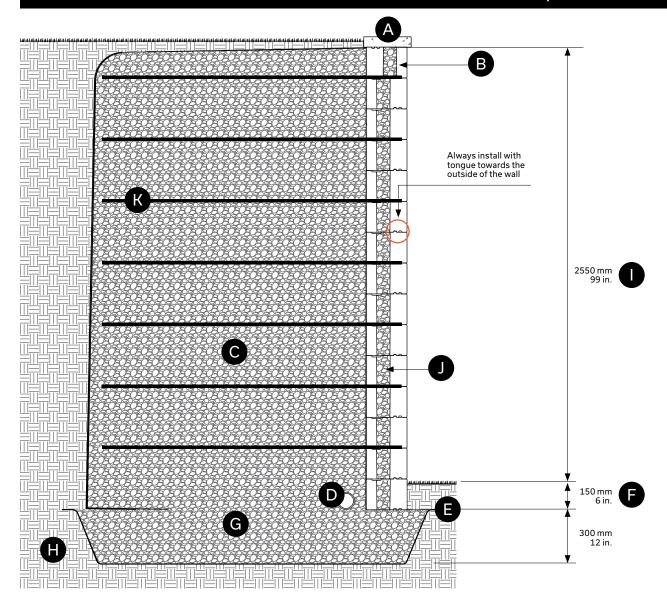
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