

Vario Wall

DESCRIPTION



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.

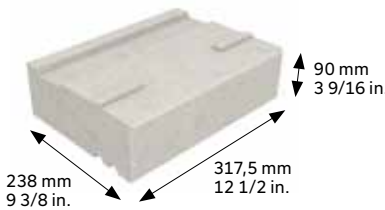

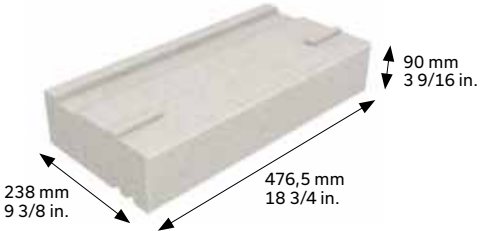




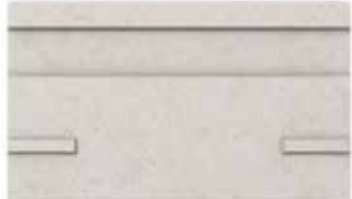

Note that all units are double-sided, and that they are all (including corner units) on the same pallet. Their popular colours fit perfectly with Permacon's numerous cappings.

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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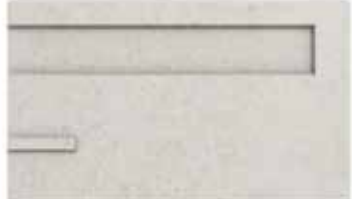
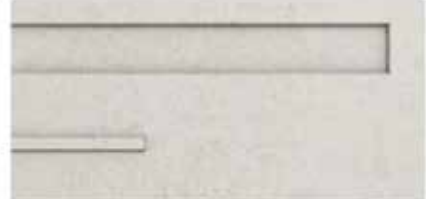
90 mm UNITS

	SHORT UNIT	MEDIUM UNIT	LONG UNIT
ISOMETRIC VIEW			
FRONT VIEW			
PLAN VIEW			

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

90 mm RIGHT CORNER UNITS

Only Long and Medium units are available as corners. On corner units, the groove does not run the full length.

	CORNER UNIT MEDIUM - RIGHT	CORNER UNIT LONG - RIGHT
ISOMETRIC VIEW		
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90 mm LEFT CORNER UNITS

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ISOMETRIC VIEW

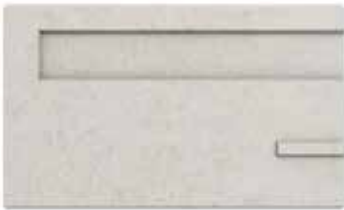
FRONT VIEW

PLAN VIEW

CORNER UNIT MEDIUM - LEFT

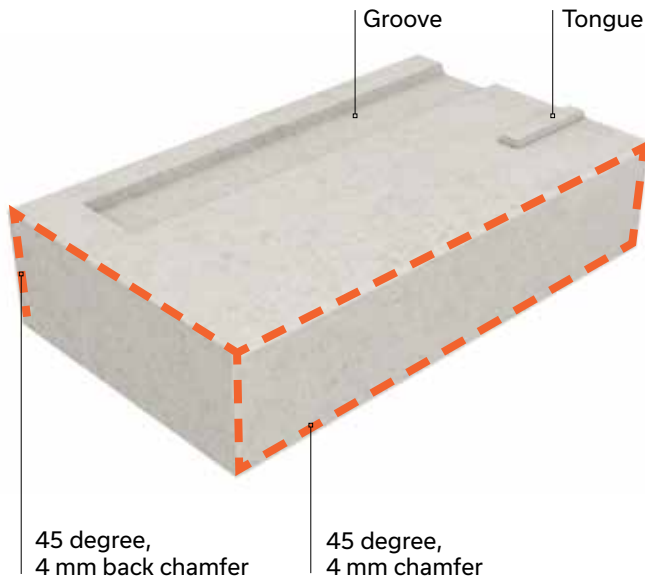


CORNER UNIT LONG - LEFT

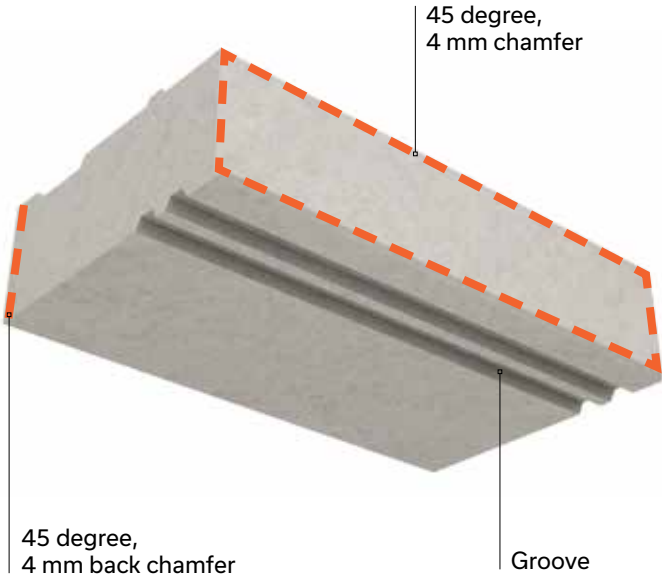


BASIC PRINCIPLES

90 mm medium left corner unit



90 mm medium underside unit



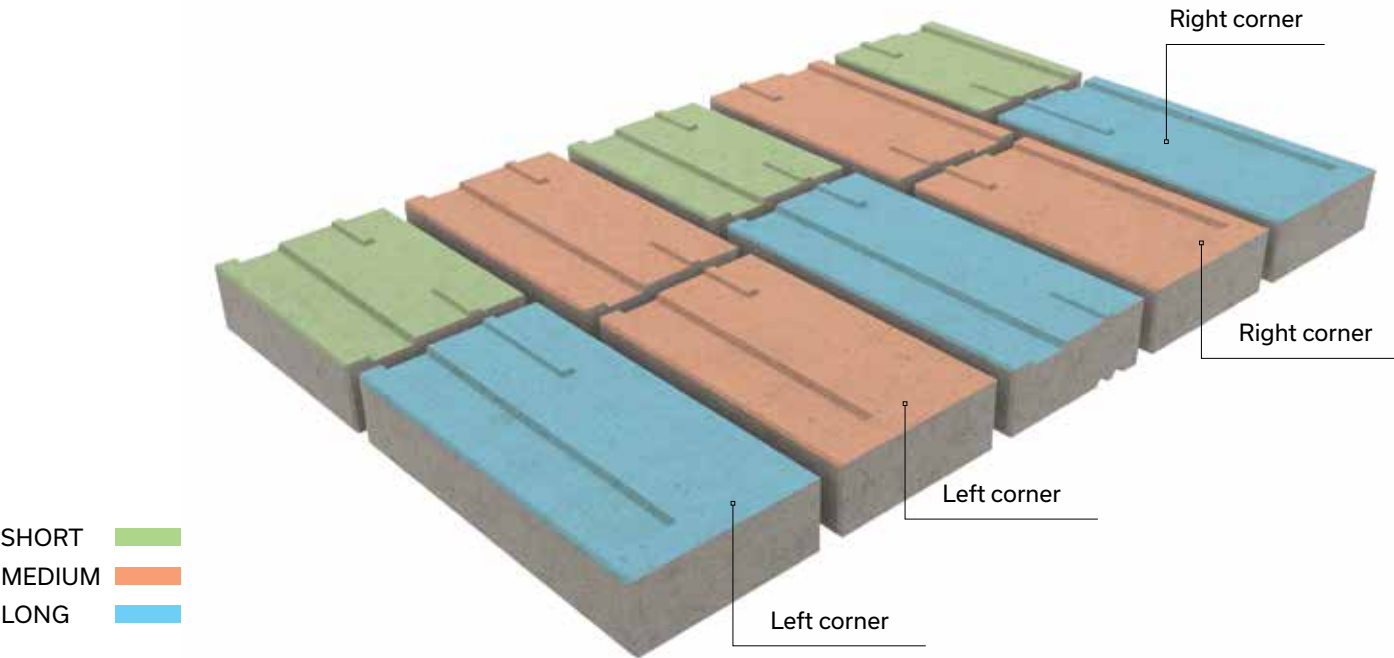
ADDING CAPPING TO A VARIO WALL – LAST ROW

On the last row of the Vario wall, reverse the unit so that the tongues are facing down. Then, use Techniseal concrete adhesive to glue the Permacon capping of your choice.



TYPICAL ROW

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



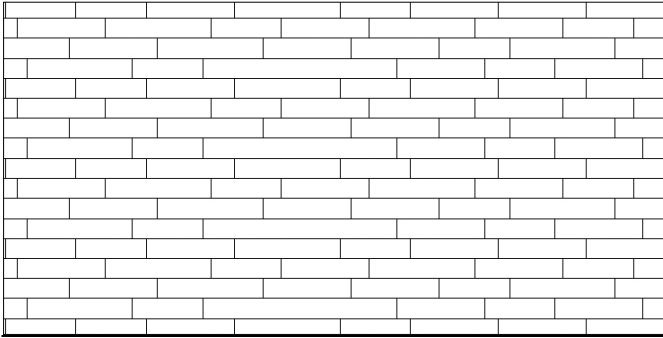
TECHNICAL INFORMATION

	MAX HEIGHT ft.	MAX HEIGHT m.	SETBACK degrees	QUANTITY ft²	QUANTITY m²
Setback	3.56*	1.08*	9.46	Variable	Variable
Straight	2.33*	0.72*	—	Variable	Variable

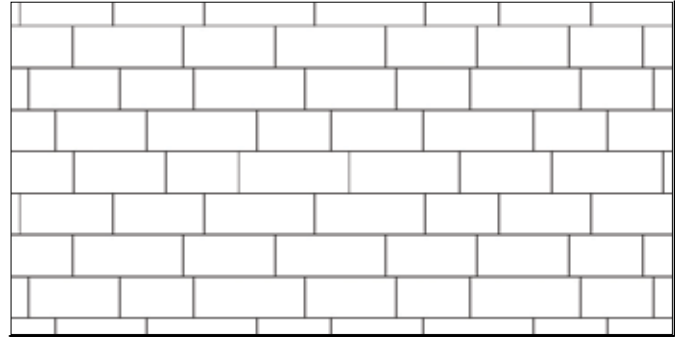
* The listed heights are maximum heights without geogrid. The Vario Wall can be installed using geogrid allowing the wall to reach heights of 2.7 m or 8 3/4 ft.

LAYING PATTERNS

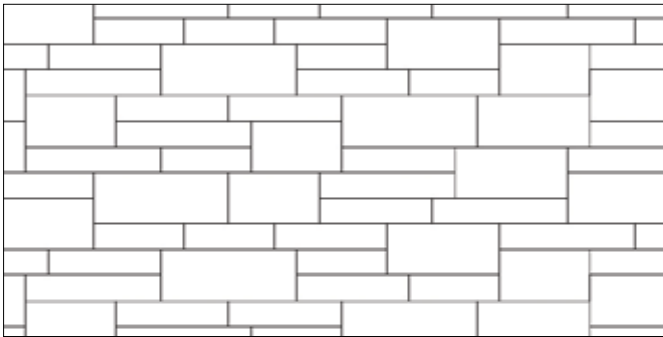
LINEAR PATTERN - 100% VARIO 90



LINEAR PATTERN - 100% VARIO 180



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



CREATING OUTER AND INNER CORNERS

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. We advise the use of Techniseal concrete adhesive to glue the corner units together to ensure increased stability.



ISOMETRIC VIEW - OUTER CORNER



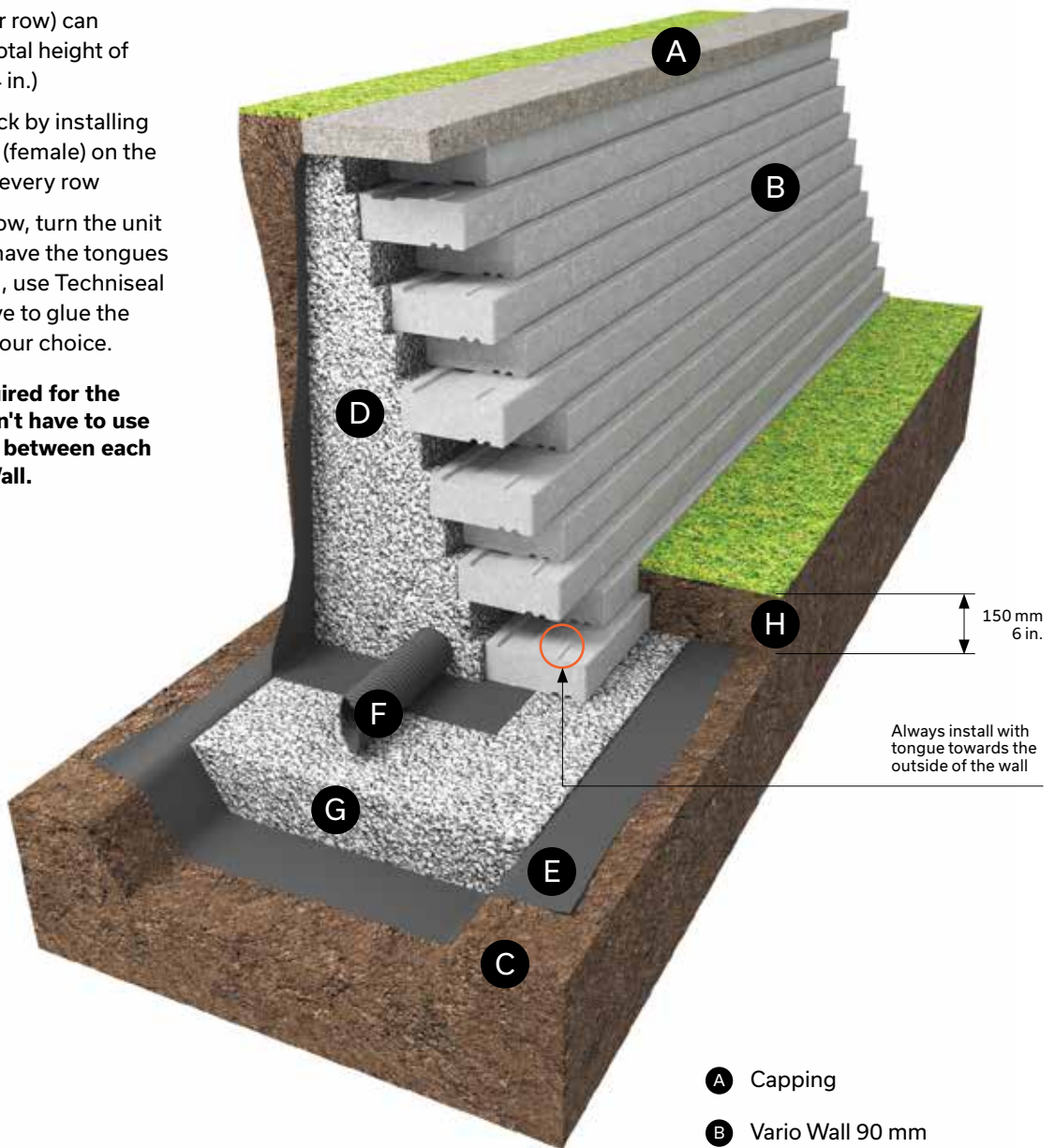
ISOMETRIC VIEW - INNER CORNER

CROSS-SECTION - SETBACK WALL

Vario Wall 90 mm installed with a setback (30 mm per row) can go up to 12 rows (total height of 1080 mm or 42 3/4 in.)

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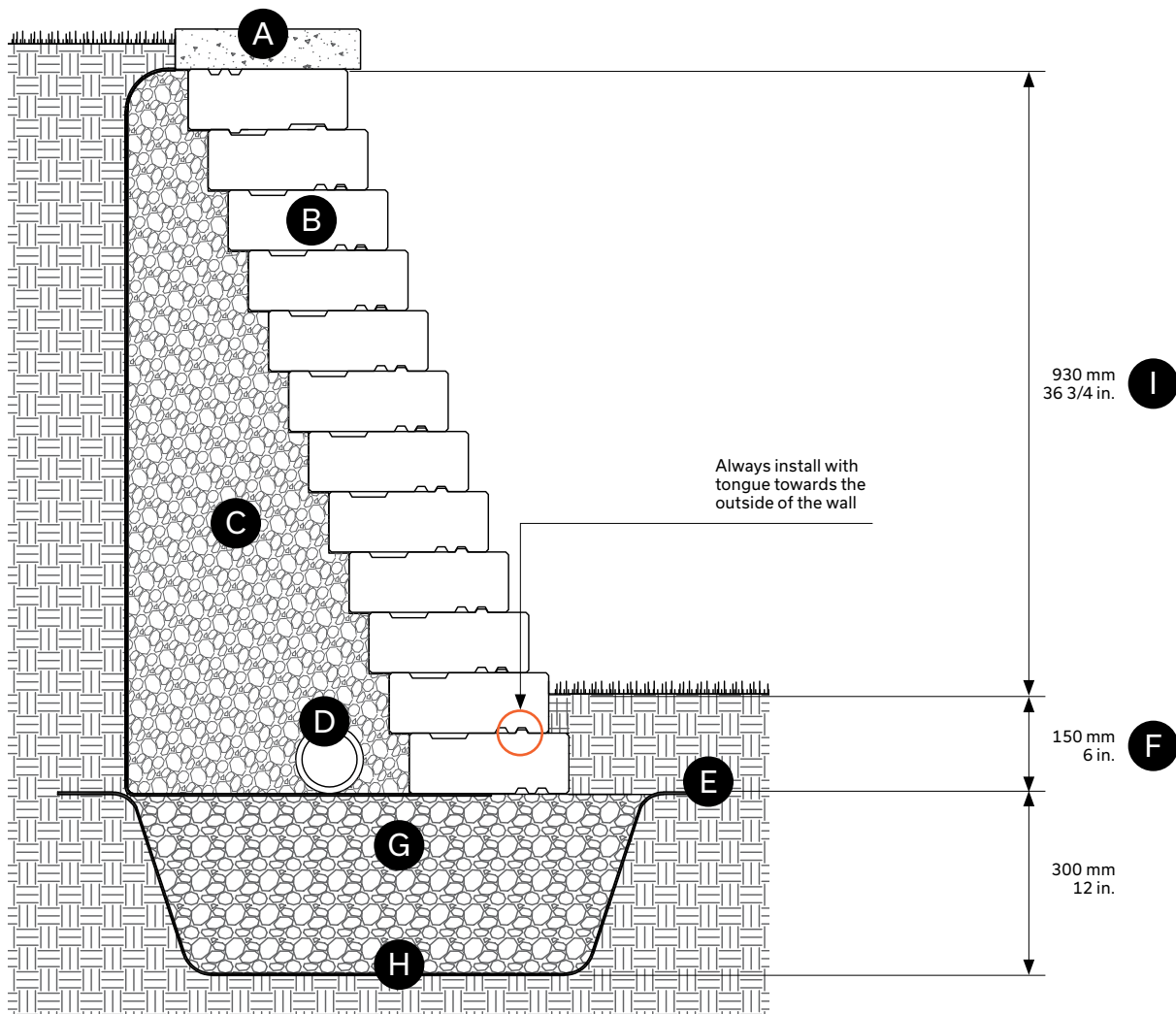


ISOMETRIC VIEW

- Ⓐ Capping
- Ⓑ Vario Wall 90 mm
- Ⓒ Undisturbed soil
- Ⓓ 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.
- Ⓖ 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.

Maximum gravity wall heights assume no slopes or surcharge behind the wall and that the wall retains sand or gravel ($\phi = 34$ degrees, $\gamma = 19 \text{ kN/m}^3$)²

CROSS-SECTION - SETBACK GRAVITY WALL



- A Capping
- B Vario Wall 90 mm
- C Clean stone 20 mm - 3/4 in. - Depth: 300 mm - 12 in. min.
- D Perforated drain connected to services: 100 mm Ø - 4 in.
- E Geotextile membrane
- F 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
- I Maximum height without surcharges or slopes behind the wall, excluding the buried units and capping

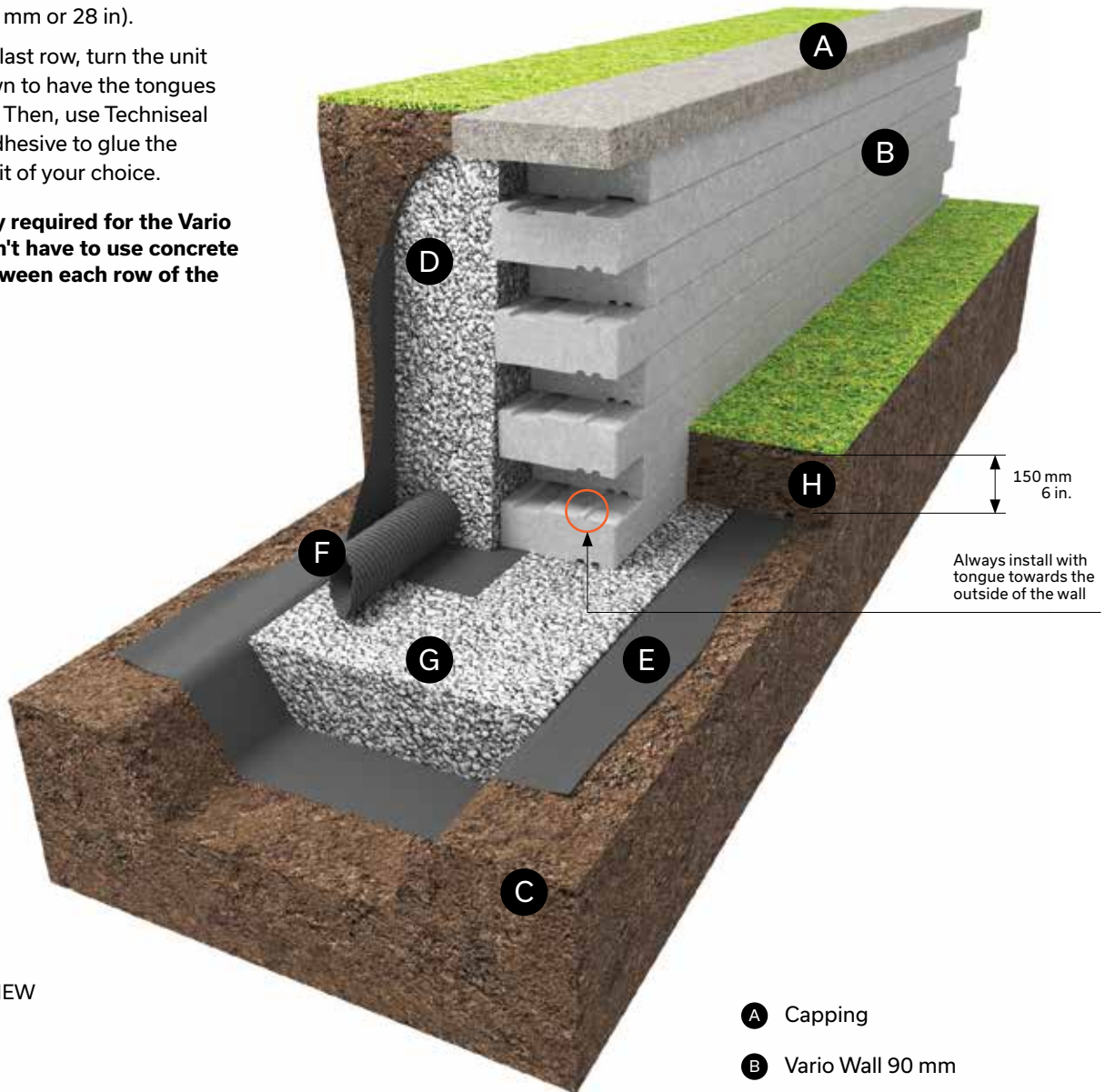
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CROSS-SECTION - VERTICAL WALL

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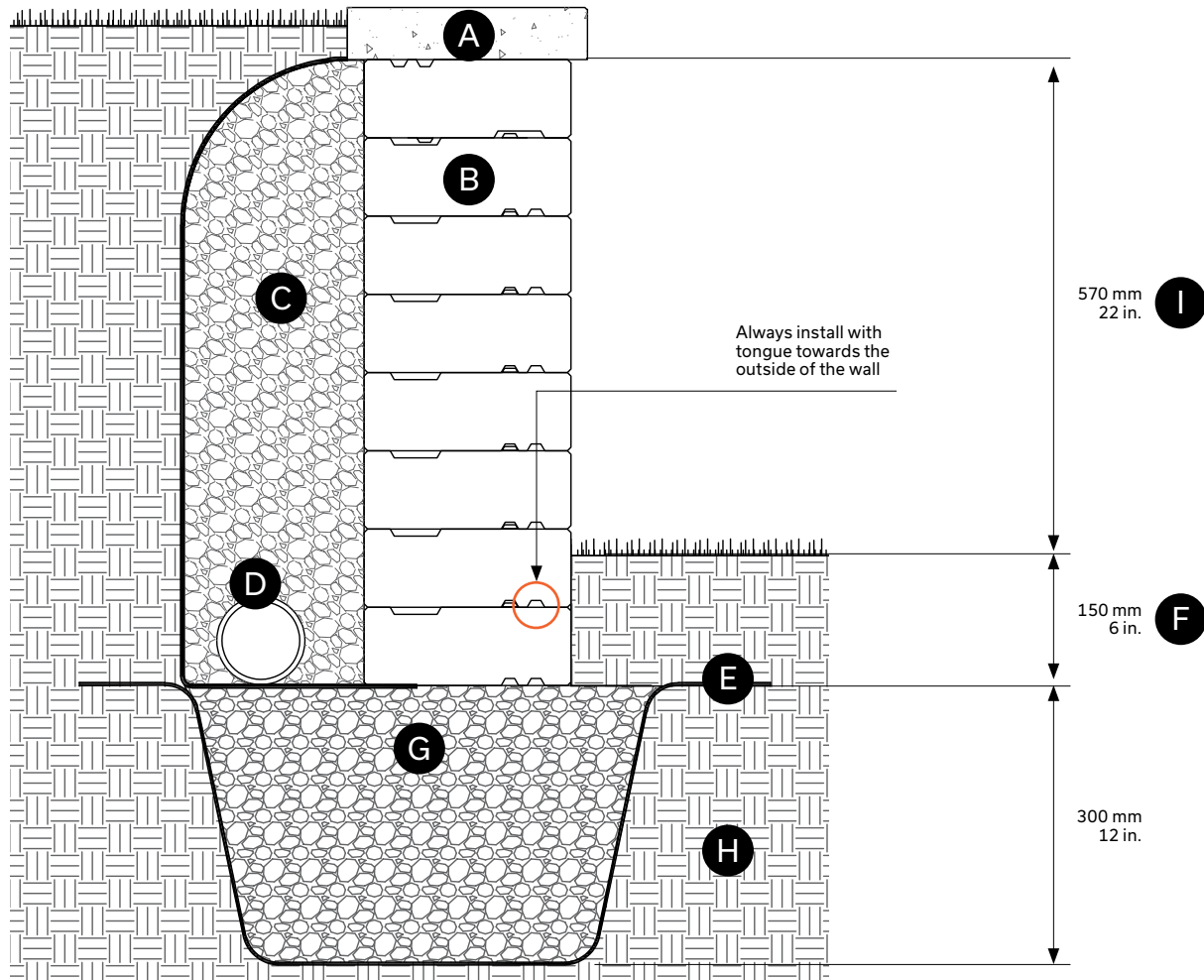


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- D** Perforated drain connected to services: 100 mm Ø - 4 in.
- E** Geotextile membrane
- F** Minimum buried depth 150 mm - 6 in.
- G** Compacted granular foundation: 0 to 20 mm - 0 to 3/4 in. Depth: 300 mm - 12 in. minimum
- H** Undisturbed soil
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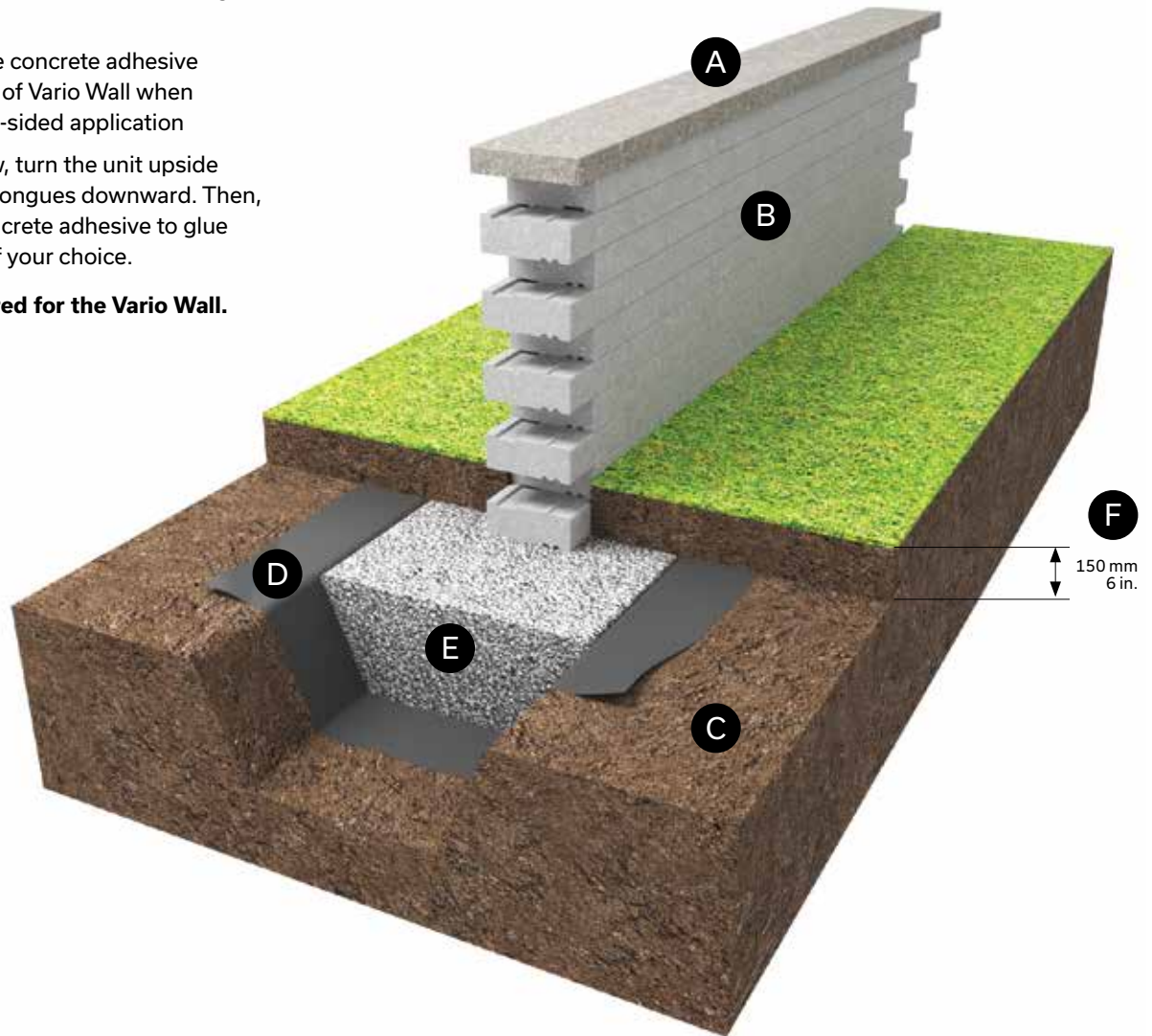
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CROSS-SECTION - DOUBLE-SIDED WALL

Vario Wall 90 mm installed in a double-sided application can go up to 10 rows (total height of 900 mm or 35 in.)

- > It is required to use concrete adhesive between each row of Vario Wall when installed in a double-sided application
- > 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.

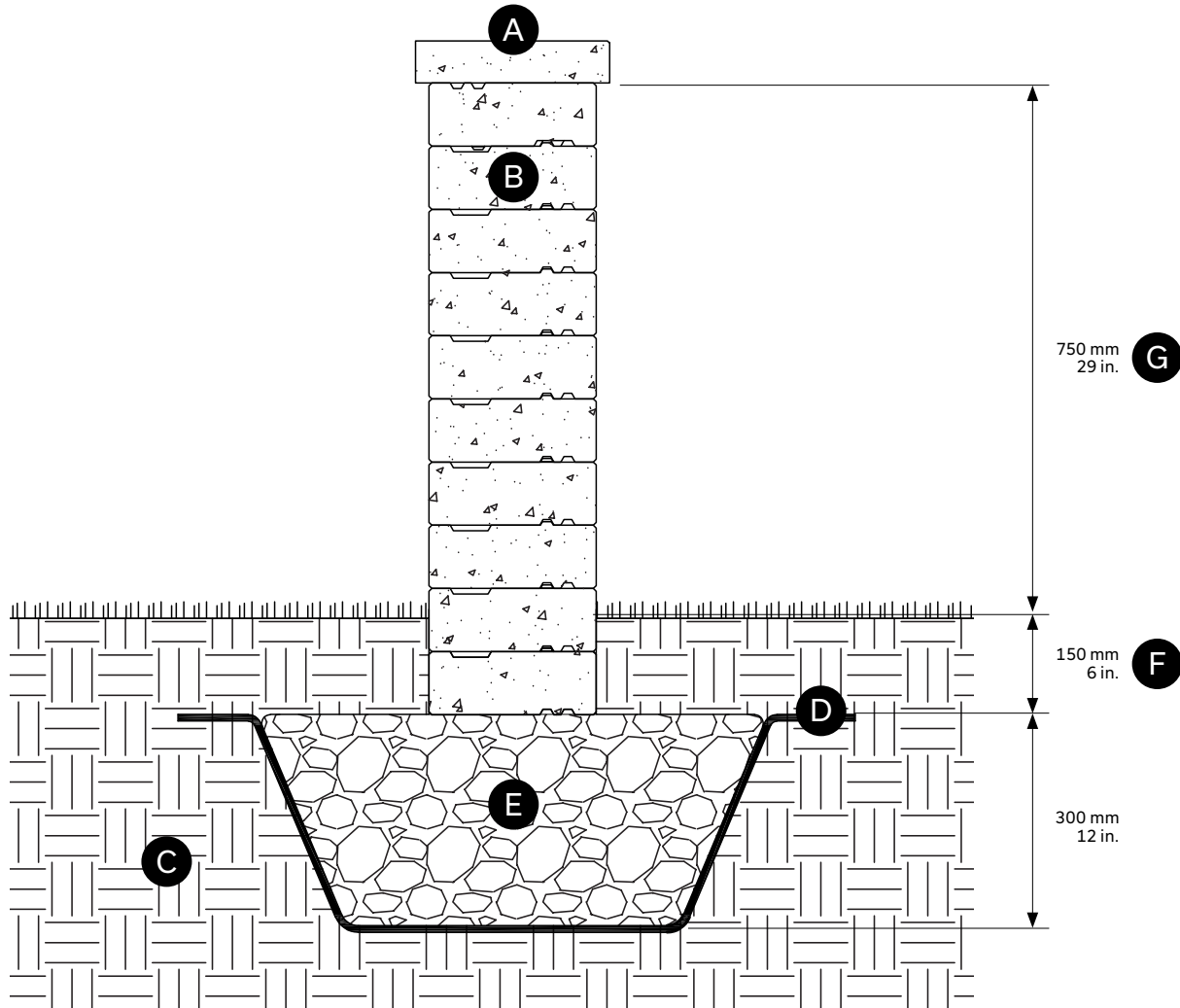


ISOMETRIC VIEW

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

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

CROSS-SECTION - DOUBLE-SIDED WALL



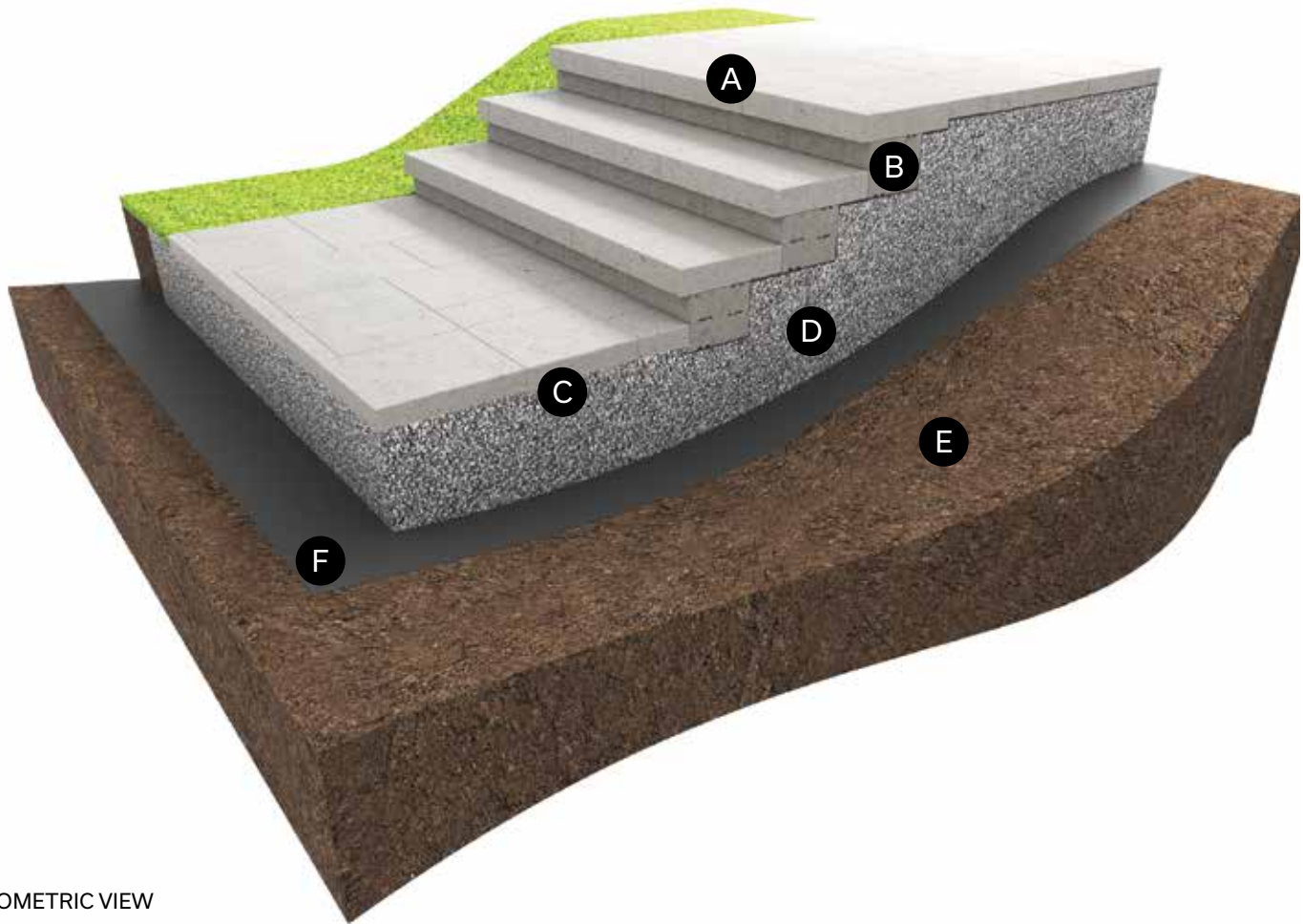
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Depth: 300 mm - 12 in. minimum
- Ⓕ Minimum buried depth 150 mm - 6 in.
- Ⓖ Maximum height without soil behind the wall, excluding the buried units and capping

CROSS-SECTION - CREATING VARIO WALL STEPS

To create steps, install the Melville Plus 90 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.

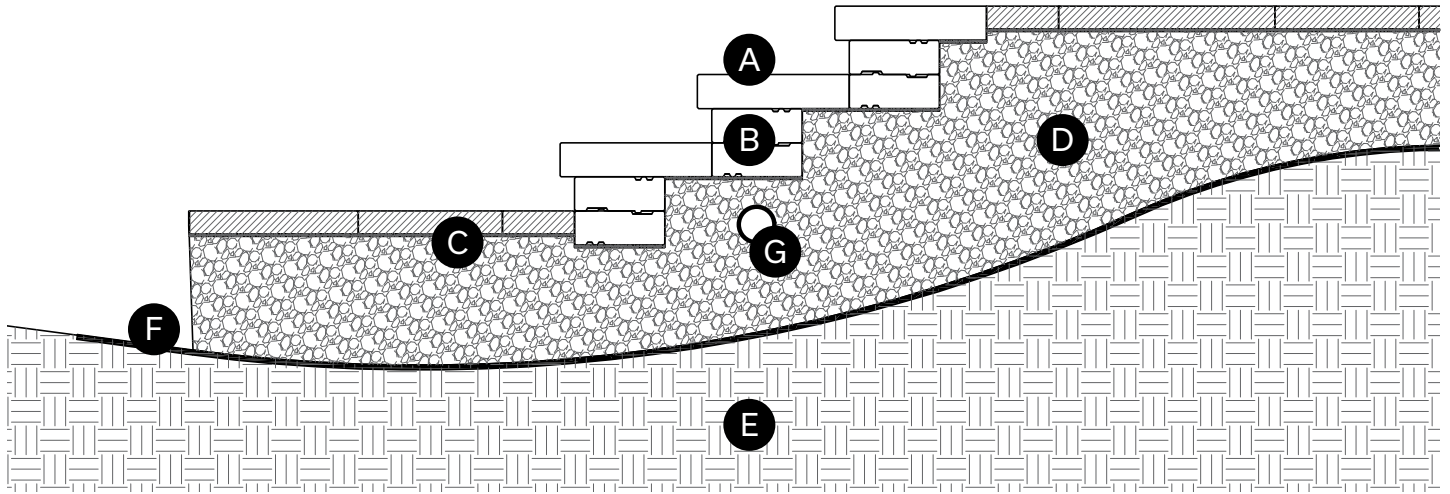
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ISOMETRIC VIEW

- A** Melville Plus 90 Step
- B** Vario Wall 90 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
- E** Undisturbed soil
- F** Geotextile membrane

CROSS-SECTION - WALL STEP INSTALLATION



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- Ⓑ Vario Wall 90 mm
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Depth: 300 mm - 12 in. minimum
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- Ⓖ Perforated drain connected to services:
100 mm Ø - 4 in.

12 ROW SETBACK WALL – WITH SURCHARGE, NO SLOPE

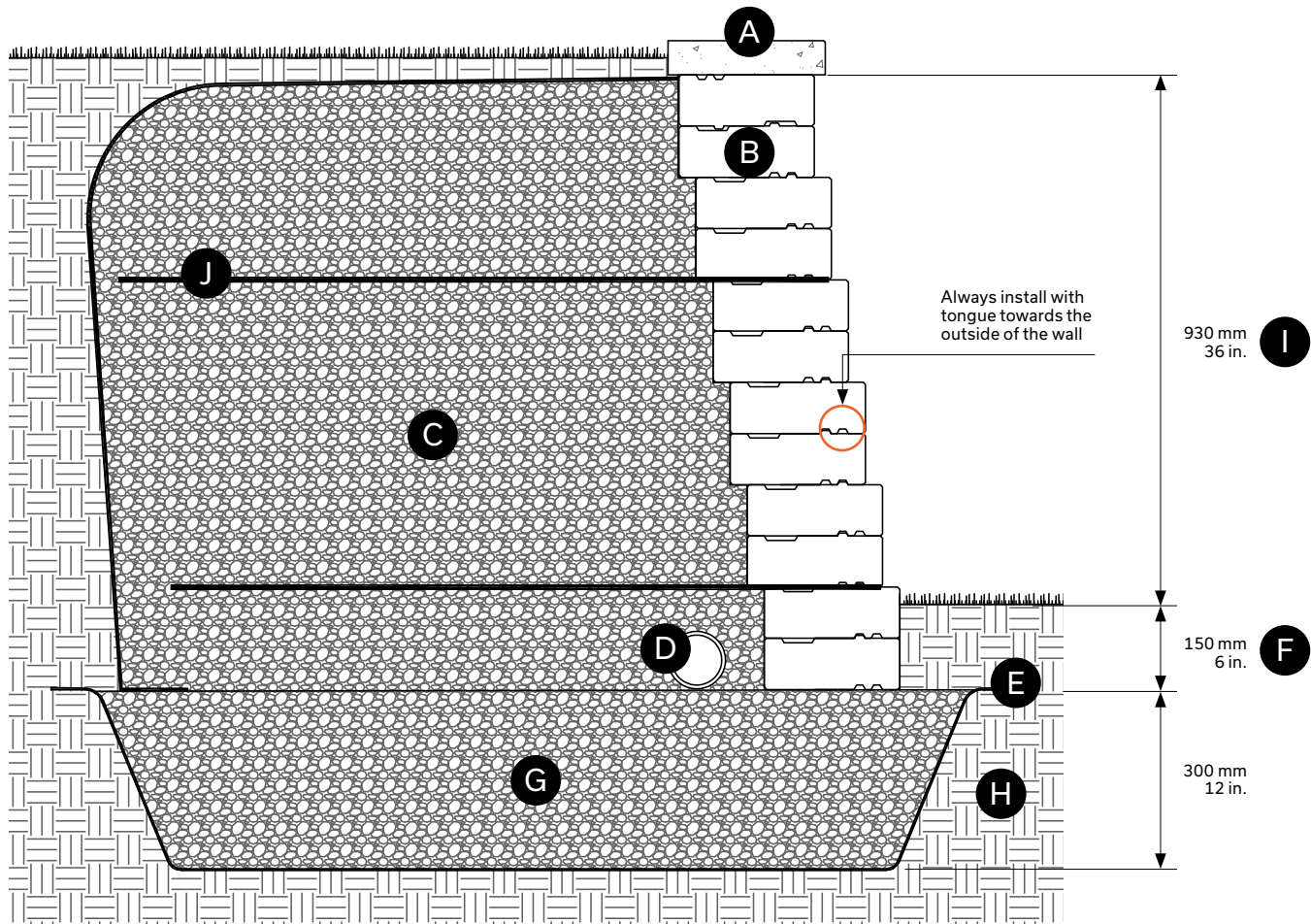
Vario Wall 90 mm installed with a setback and geogrid – 12 rows (total height of 1080 mm or 42 in.). With surcharge behind the wall (5kPa), no slope.

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- > Create the setback by installing the outer groove (female) on the tongue (male) at every other row
- > Always position the tongue on the outer side of the wall
- > Add a 1250 mm long geogrid (50 in.) 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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12 ROW SETBACK WALL - WITH SURCHARGE, NO SLOPE



- A** Capping
- B** Vario Wall 90 mm (setback angle: 9.46 degrees, 150 mm)
- C** Clean stone 20 mm - 3/4 in. - Depth: 1400 mm - 55 in. min.
- D** Perforated drain connected to services: 100 mm Ø - 4 in.
- E** Geotextile membrane
- F** 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
- I** Maximum height with surcharge and no slope behind the wall, excluding the buried units and capping
- J** Geogrid 1250 mm - 50 in.

18 ROW SETBACK WALL – WITH SURCHARGE, NO SLOPE

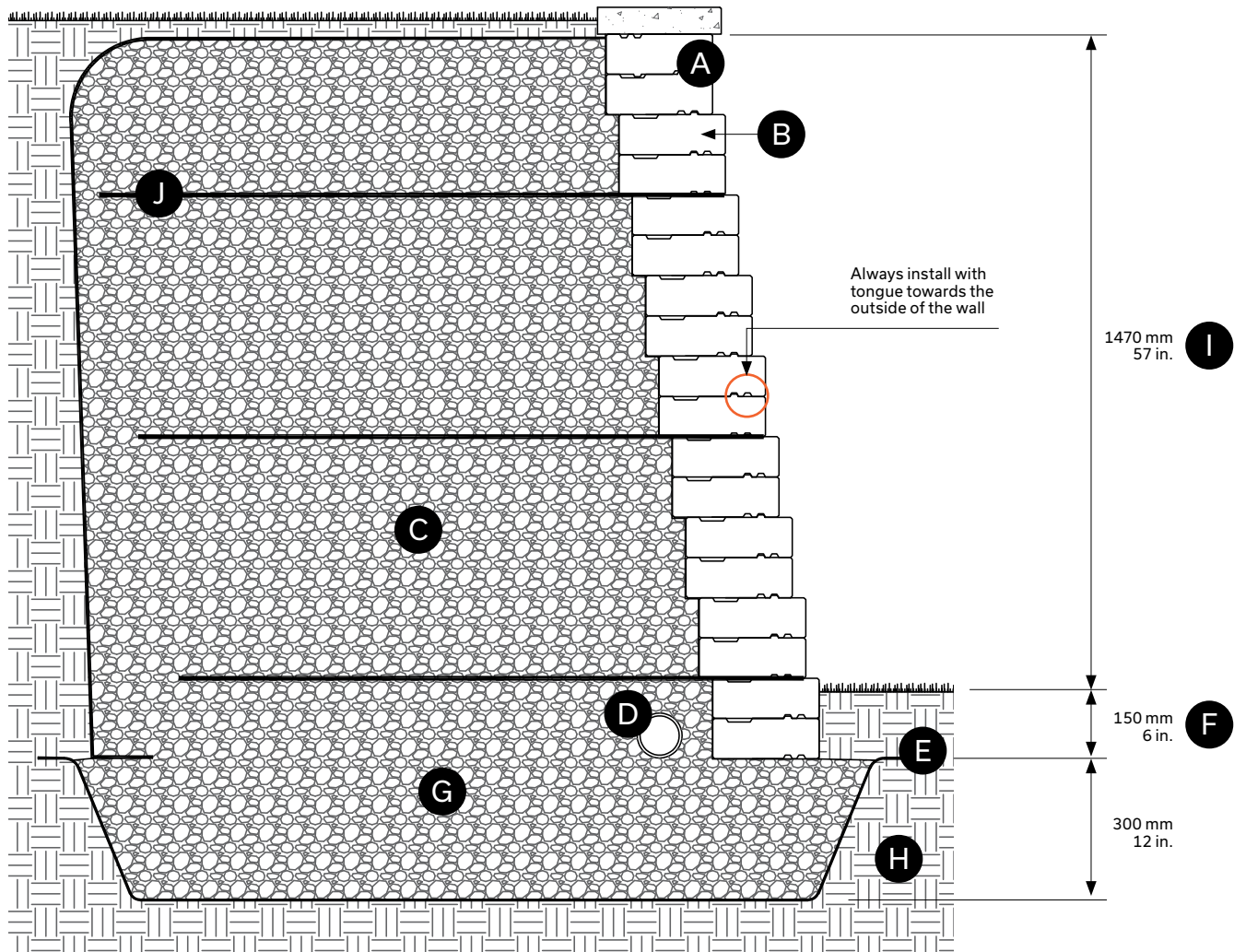
Vario Wall 90 mm installed with a setback and geogrid – 18 rows (total height of 1620 mm or 63 in.). With surcharge behind the wall (5kPa), no slope.

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18 ROW SETBACK WALL - WITH SURCHARGE, NO SLOPE



- (A) Capping
- (B) Vario Wall 90 mm (setback angle: 9.46 degrees, 240 mm)
- (C) Clean stone 20 mm - 3/4 in. - Depth: 1490 mm - 59 in. min.
- (D) Perforated drain connected to services: 100 mm Ø - 4 in.
- (E) Geotextile membrane
- (F) 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
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- (J) Geogrid 1250 mm - 50 in.

24 ROW SETBACK WALL – WITH SURCHARGE, NO SLOPE

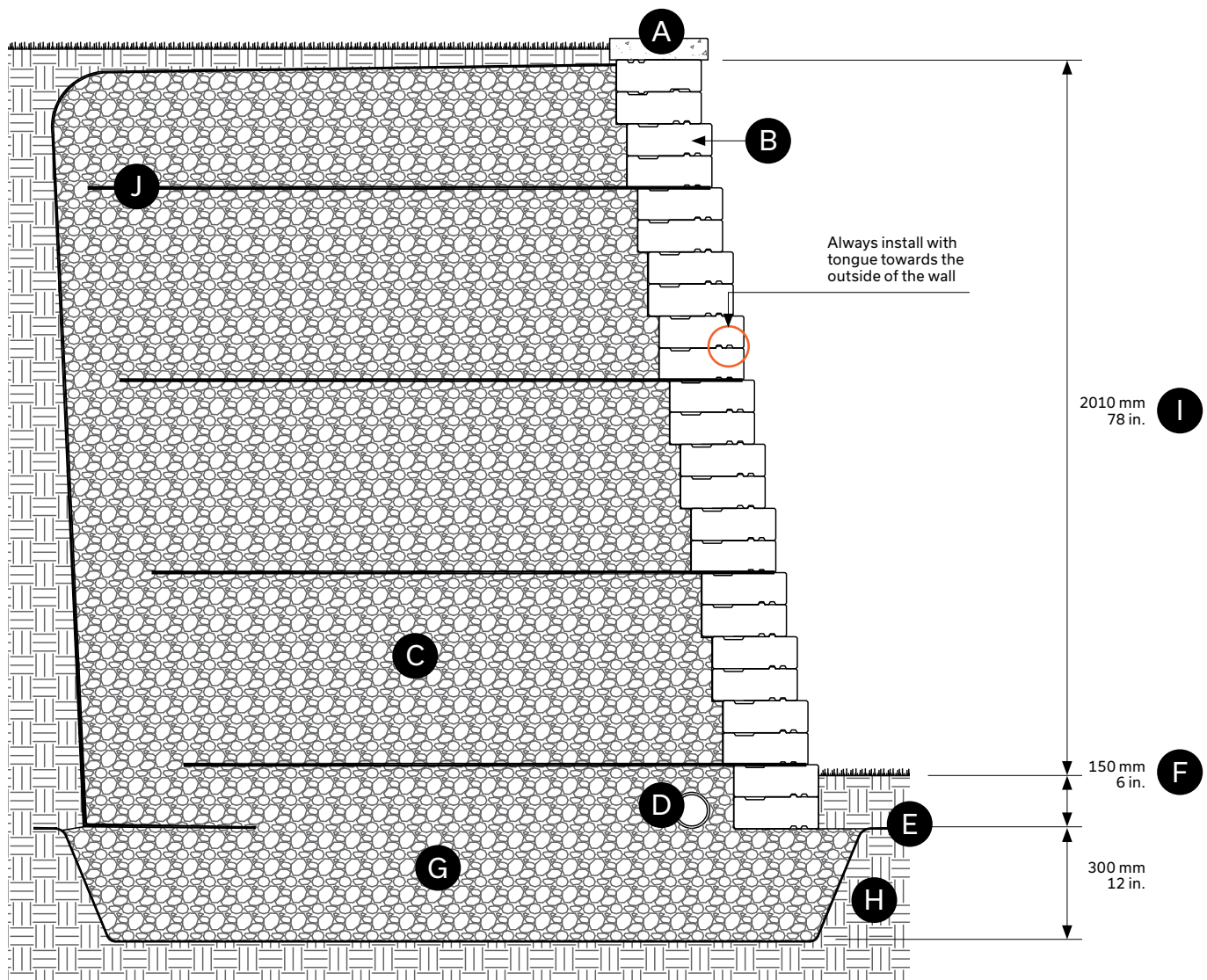
Vario Wall 90 mm installed with a setback and geogrid – 24 rows (total height of 2160 mm or 84 in.). With surcharge behind the wall (5kPa), no slope.

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- > Create the setback by installing the outer groove (female) on the tongue (male) at every other row
- > Always position the tongue on the outer side of the wall
- > Add a 1550 mm long geogrid (61 in.) 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
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24 ROW SETBACK WALL - WITH SURCHARGE, NO SLOPE



- A Capping
- B Vario Wall 90 mm (setback angle: 9.46 degrees, 330 mm)
- C Clean stone 20 mm - 3/4 in. - Depth: 1880 mm - 74 in. min.
- D Perforated drain connected to services: 100 mm Ø - 4 in.
- E Geotextile membrane
- F 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
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- J Geogrid 1550 mm - 61 in.

30 ROW SETBACK WALL – WITH SURCHARGE, NO SLOPE

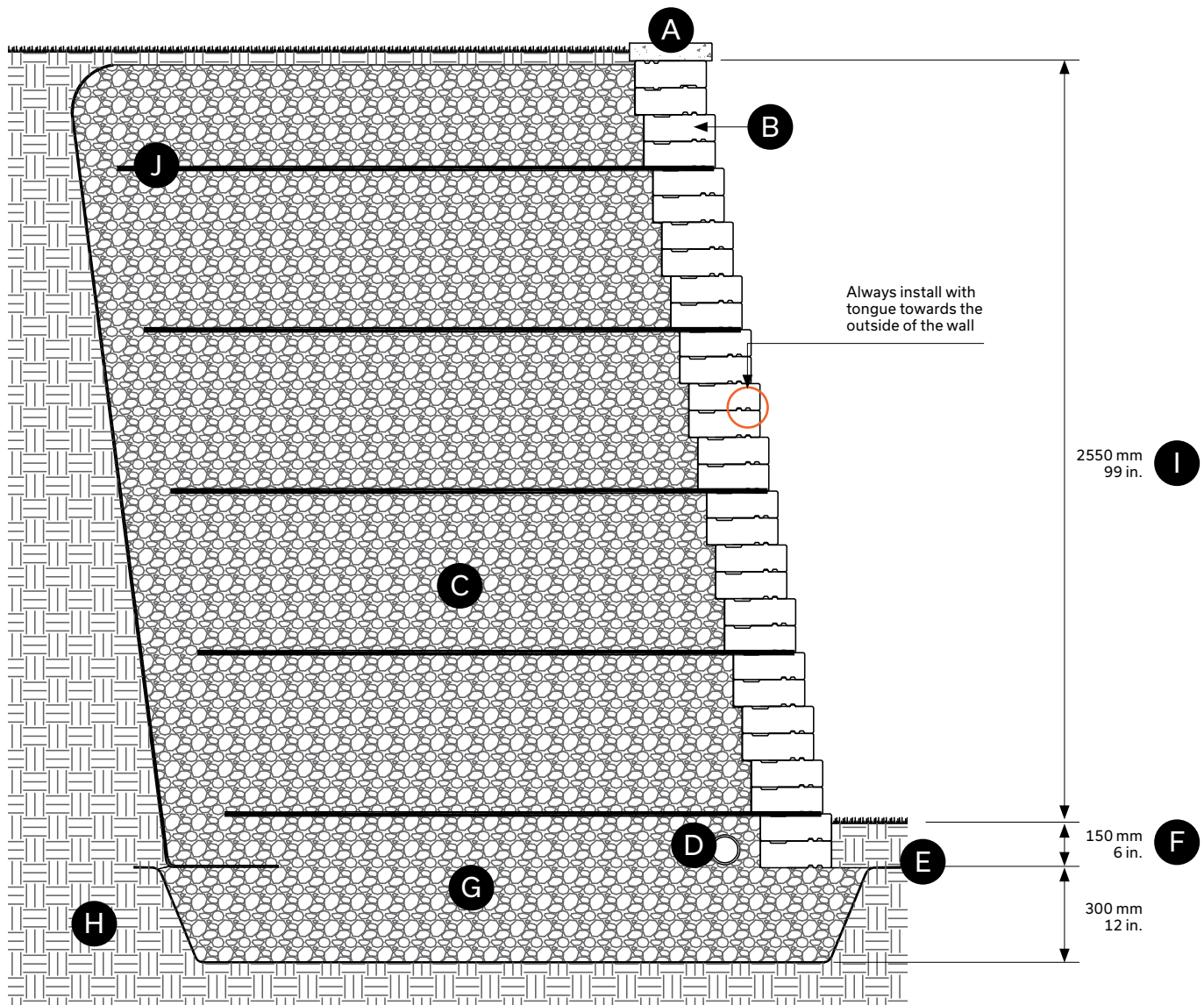
Vario Wall 90 mm installed with a setback and geogrid – 30 rows (total height of 2700 mm or 105 in.). With surcharge behind the wall (5kPa), no slope.

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- > Create the setback by installing the outer groove (female) on the tongue (male) at every other row
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- > Add a 1885 mm long geogrid (74 in.) 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
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30 ROW SETBACK WALL - WITH SURCHARGE, NO SLOPE



- (A) Capping
- (B) Vario Wall 90 mm (setback angle: 9.46 degrees, 420 mm)
- (C) Clean stone 20 mm - 3/4 in. - Depth: 2270 mm - 89 in. min.
- (D) Perforated drain connected to services: 100 mm Ø - 4 in.
- (E) Geotextile membrane
- (F) 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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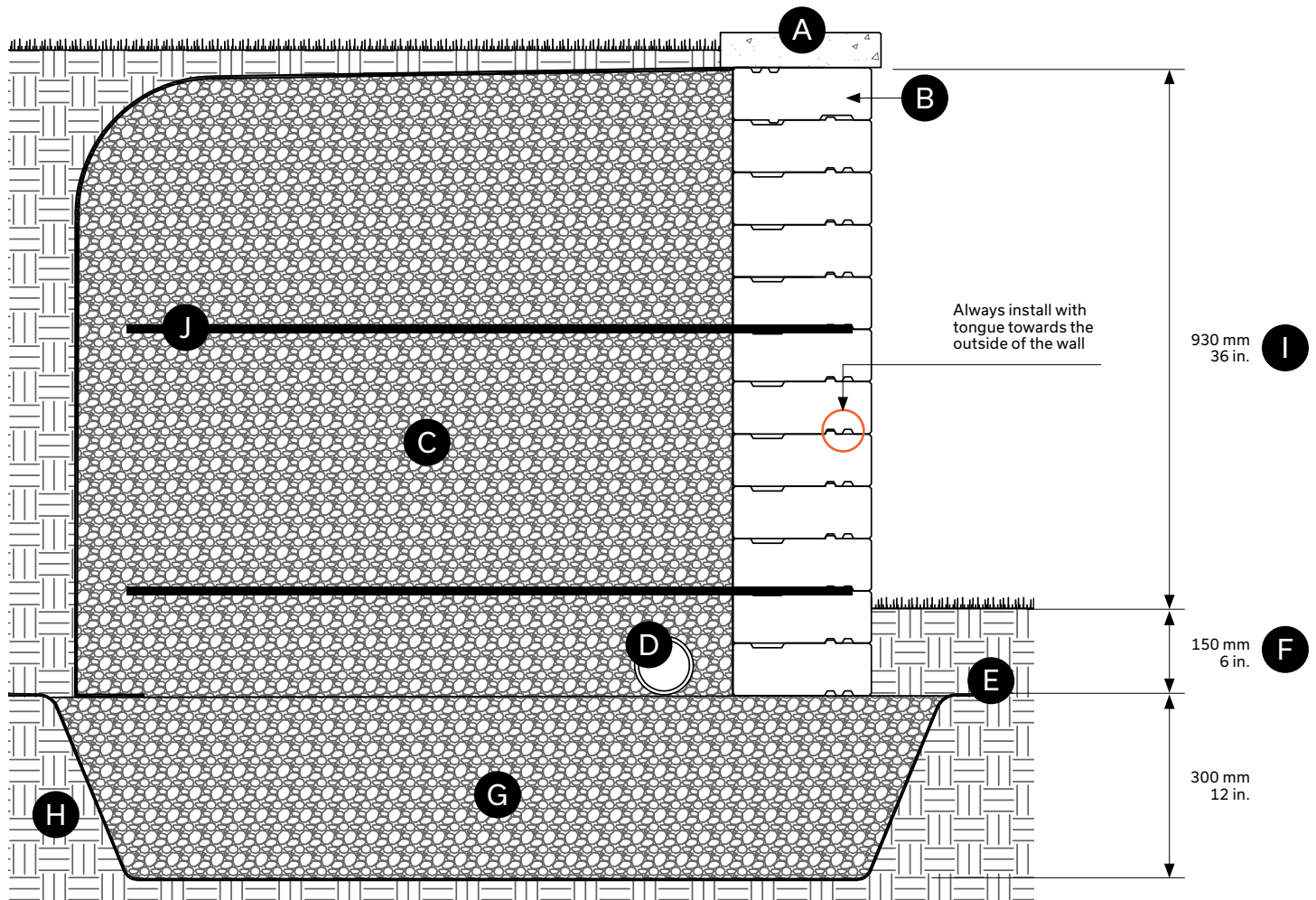
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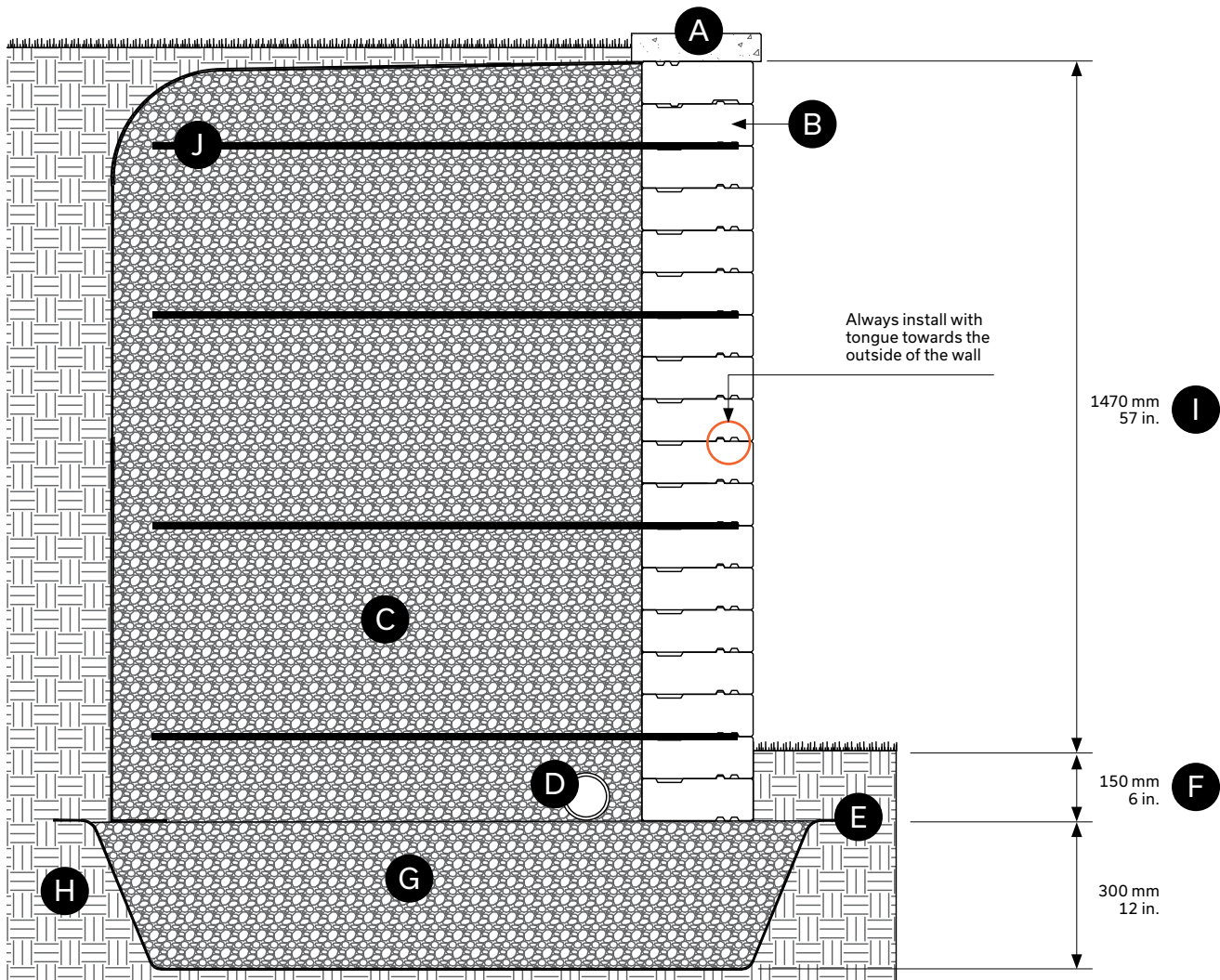
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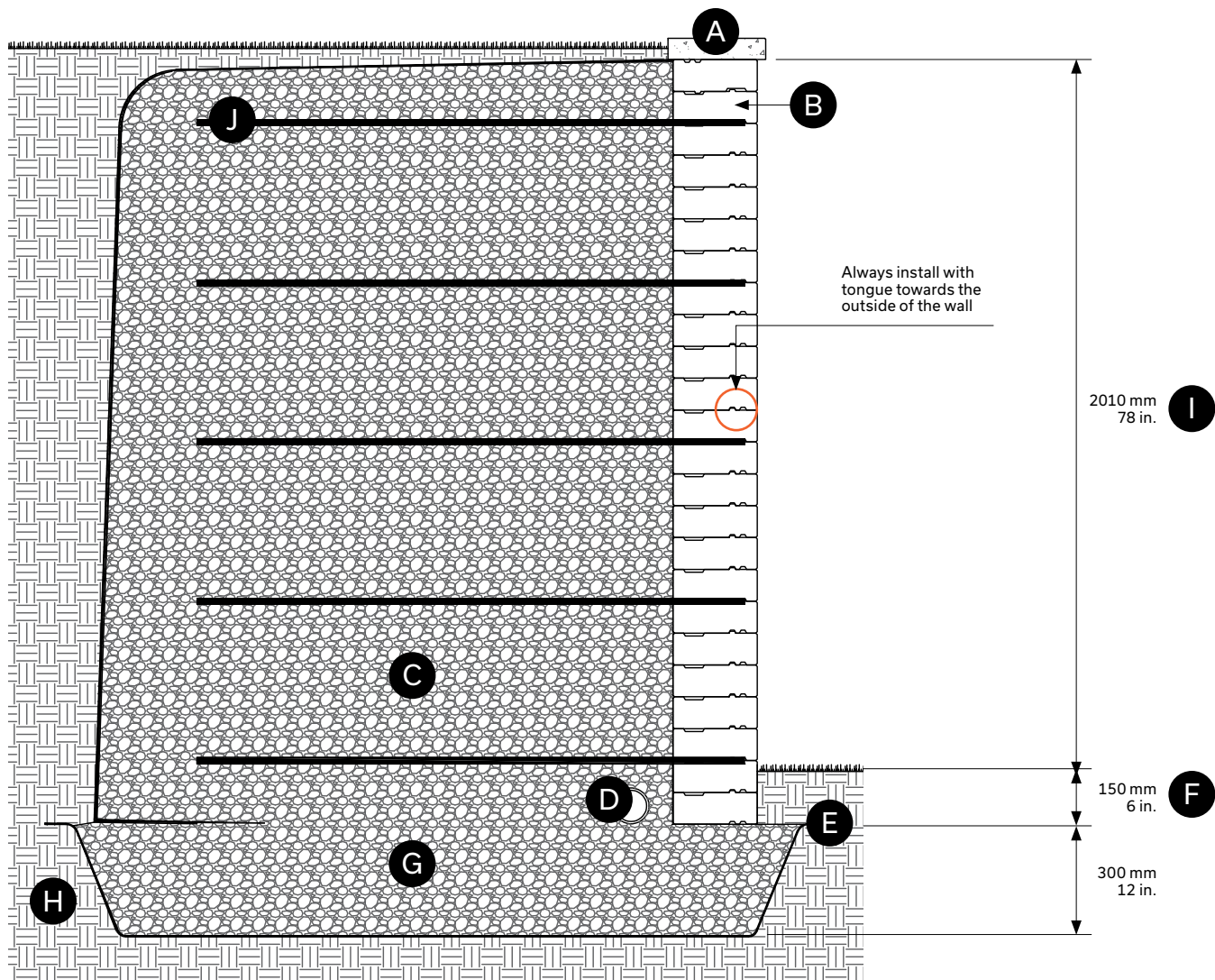
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- (F) Minimum buried depth 150 mm - 6 in.
- (G) Compacted granular foundation: 0 to 20 mm - 0 to 3/4 in. - Depth: 300 mm - 12 in. minimum
- (H) Undisturbed soil
- (I) Maximum height with surcharge and no slope behind the wall, excluding the buried units and capping
- (J) Geogrid 1550 mm - 61 in.

30 ROW VERTICAL WALL – WITH SURCHARGE, NO SLOPE

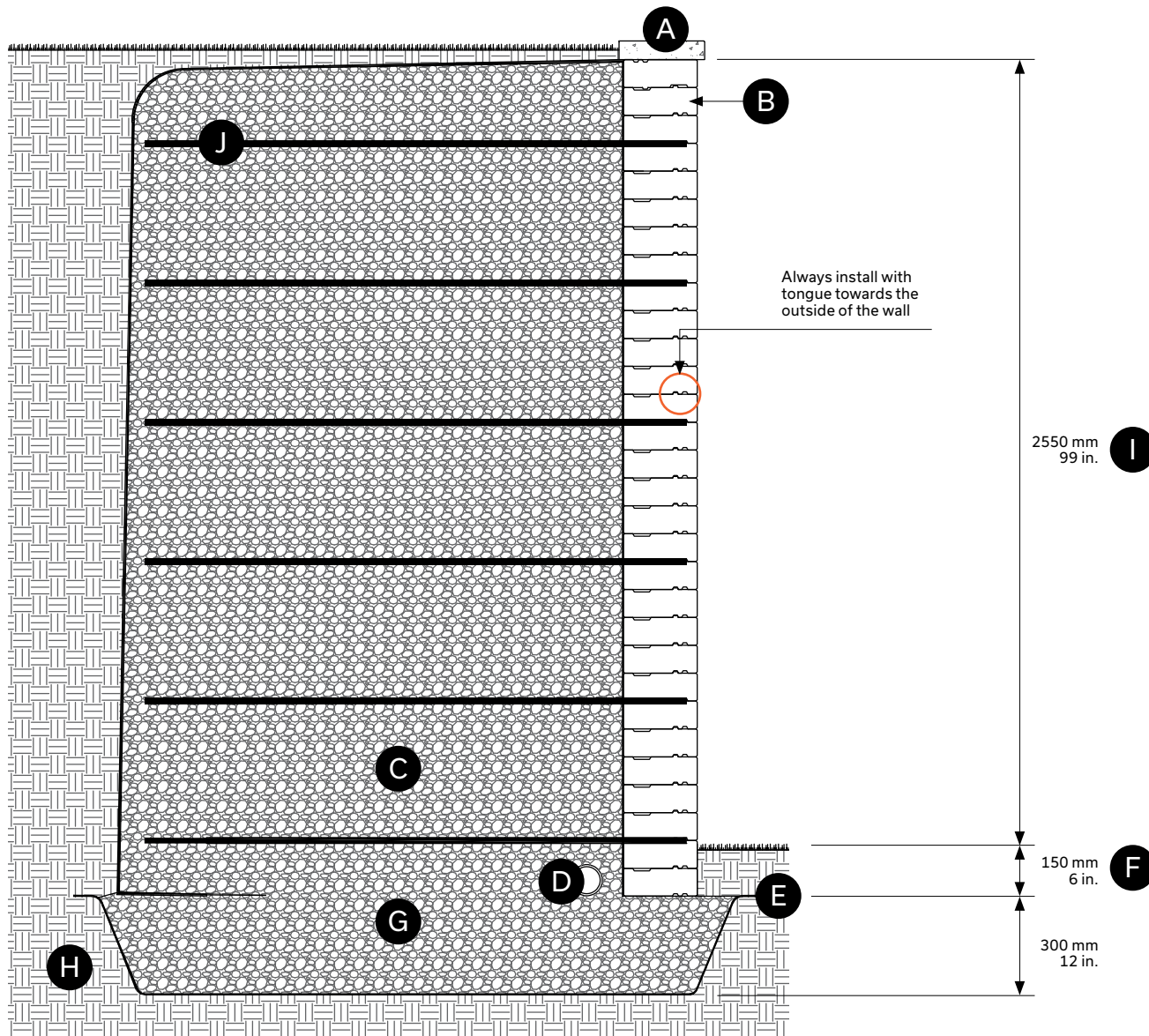
Vario Wall 90 mm installed in a vertical application with geogrid
– 30 rows (total height of 2700 mm or 105 in). With surcharge
(5 kPa), no slope.

- > Always position the tongue on the outer side of the wall
- > Add a 1885 mm long geogrid (74 in.) 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.

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

Maximum gravity wall heights assume no slopes or surcharge behind the wall and that the wall retains sand or gravel ($\phi = 34$ degrees, $\gamma = 19 \text{ kN/m}^3$)²

30 ROW VERTICAL WALL - WITH SURCHARGE, NO SLOPE



- (A) Capping
- (B) Vario Wall 90 mm
- (C) Clean stone 20 mm - 3/4 in. - Depth: 2270 mm - 89 in. min.
- (D) Perforated drain connected to services: 100 mm Ø - 4 in.
- (E) Geotextile membrane
- (F) 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
- (I) Maximum height with surcharge and no slope behind the wall, excluding the buried units and capping
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