RESIDENTIAL MASONRY A BEST PRACTICES GUIDE





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01: BRICK

BRICK SIZE	DIMENSIONS (L × H × D)	BRICK PER SF (installed)	SF PER 1000 (installed coverage)	WEIGHT PER SF (installed, non-solid)	
Modular	7 5/8" x 2 1/4" x 3 5/8"	7.0	143	40 lbs.	
Queen	7 5/8" x 2 3/4" x 3"	6.0	182	30 lbs.	
Engineer	7 5/8" x 2 3/4" x 3 5/8"	6.0	182	40 lbs.	
Princess	8 3/4" x 2 3/4" x 2 3/4"	6.0	182	30 lbs.	
King	9 3/4" x 2 3/4" x 2 3/4"	5.0	200	30 lbs.	



BRICK :02 TYPES OF MORTAR JOINTS



Types of mortar joints are listed in order from highly-recommended to not recommended based on mortar compaction and water penetration.

03: MASONRY CEMENT

TYPE	APPLICATION	CEMENT CONTENT	COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH (psi)	STREN	IGTH	WORK/	ABILITY
M*	Below grade (block)	High	2500	Hig	gh	Limi	ted
S	Structural walls		1800		l		
Ν	General use, veneer		750	Type N balances strength and workability and is highly weather-resistant.			
0*	Partitions, interiors		350				
K*	Low-strength interior	Low	75	Low		Very g	good

Masonry cement adds almost no volume to a prepared mortar, it simply coats the sand particles. [.33 cubic feet (CF) of cementitious materials and .99 CF of sand will make I CF of mortar]



The required shovel count varies by operator technique and shovel type, so a fivegallon pail or ICF box should be used initially to determine an accurate count for 3CF of sand. The amount of water required depends on conditions and brick absorption.

Estimate 7-9 bags of masonry cement per 1000 bricks of any size. Estimate 3 bags of masonry cement per 100 (8" x 8" x 16") concrete block.

MASONRY SAND :04

- Cubic yard (CY) of sand = 1.2 tons of sands *
- I ton of sand will lay approximately 250 concrete block.*
- I ton of sand will lay approximately 1000 brick.*
- Normal jobsite delivery of bulk sand is approximately 18 tons or 15 CY*
 - * these are rough estimates



05: WALL TIES

WALL TIES :06

- 22 gauge corrugated wall ties are only used on wood stud construction.
- Nails should be sized 8d or larger, cement-coated or galvanized (8d nails are 2.5" long).
- Ties should be spaced every 16" vertically and every 16" or 24" horizontally depending on stud spacing. This supports most codes which require one wall tie for every 2.67 SF of wall area. Ties must be nailed into studs and are typically installed as the mason works up the wall with brickwork.
- 54 ties per 1000 modular brick, 68 ties per 100 oversize brick.
- Nail as close to bend as possible for maximum lateral strength.

07: STEEL LINTELS

A lintel is a support member that spans a door or window opening in a masonry wall. Lintels can be made from pressed steel, angle iron, I-beams, concrete, stone, etc. The following best practices pertain to angle iron used for lintels in residential construction:

MASONRY OPENING	LINTEL DIMENSIONS	OVERHANG (EACH SIDE)
Up to 8'	3" × 3" × 1/4"	4"
8' to 12'	3" × 5" × 5/16"	4" to 8"
2' to 6'	3" × 5" × 5/16"	8" to 12"

- Code requires no less than 4" bearing on each end of lintel, regardless of length.
- Temporary bracing of lintels over large masonry openings, such as garage doors, prevents sagging and possible cracking while the mortar reaches maximum strength. Lintels are also available prepunched for lag bolt attachment to wood framing when dictated by code.
- Lintels are available galvanized or primed to prevent or minimize rust.
- For foundation vents, steel flat bar may be required as a lintel when the vent is not self supporting.

STEEL LINTELS :08

LIFT FOR RESIDENTIAL BRICK DRAINAGE WALL SYSTEM ILLUSTRATION.

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RESIDENTIAL BRICK DRAINAGE WALL SYSTEM

HOUSE WITH FLASHING LOCATIONS

BLACK LINES INDICATE LOCATIONS WHERE THROUGH-WALL FLASHING AND WEEP HOLES ARE REQUIRED.

FLASHING : 12 ROOF INTERSECTION DETAIL

I3: FLASHING WINDOW HEAD DETAIL

FLASHING : 14 WINDOW SILL DETAIL

15: FLASHING BASE OF WALL DETAIL

FLASHING : 16 END DAM DETAIL

17: WEEP HOLES

- Must be positioned in head joint directly on through-the-wall flashing.
- Space weep holes every 3-4 brick.
- Fiber, vents and cells are available in colors to match mortar.
- Other options available (not pictured): cotton rope wick, open head joint, plastic tubing.

WEEP HOLES : 18 EXAMPLES OF WEEP DEVICES

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