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# Masonry Best Practices



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# LEARNING OBJECTIVES

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## **Course Learning Objectives:**

- Review ASTM standards for clay brick
- Understand the quality protections built into the ASTM standards for clay brick
- Understand minimum code requirements and best practices for resilient masonry construction in Florida.
- Understand the best method for material sampling and selection insuring the design intent of a project.

# AGENDA

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## 1. Clay Brick Specification

- ASTM Standards

## 2. Masonry Best Practices

- Flashing
- Weeps
- Movement

## 3. Specification and sampling of Clay Brick

# Masonry Best Practices

## CLAY BRICK SPECIFICATION

ASTM C216

ASTM C652



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# 2017 FBC Clay Brick Reference:

## **SECTION 2103 MASONRY CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS**

**2103.1 Masonry units.** Concrete masonry units, clay or shale masonry units, stone masonry units, glass unit masonry and AAC masonry units shall comply with Article 2.3 of TMS 602/ACI 503.1/ASCE 6. Architectural cast stone shall conform to ASTM C1364.

## **TMS 602 SPECIFICATION**

**2.3 B.** Provide clay or shale masonry units that conform to ASTM C34, C56, C62, C126, C212, C216, C652, C1088, or C1405 or to ANSI A 137.1, as specified.



# What is a Brick?

## ASTM Definitions

Designation: ASTM C1232 – 12, Standard Terminology of Masonry

brick, *n*—a solid or hollow masonry unit of clay or shale, usually formed into a rectangular prism, then burned or fired in a kiln; brick is a ceramic product.

facing brick, *n*—brick for general purposes where appearance properties such as color, texture, and chippage are important; see Specification C 216 and Specification C 652.



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describe the brick.

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1.6 Three types of brick in each of two grades are covered.

1.7 The text of this specification references notes and footnotes which provide explanatory material. These notes and

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4.1.2 *Grade MW (Moderate Weathering)*—Brick intended for use where moderate resistance to cyclic freezing damage is permissible.

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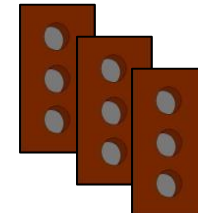
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Designation: C652 – 13

## Standard Specification for Hollow Brick (Hollow Masonry Units Made From Clay or Shale)<sup>1</sup>

elevated temperatures (firing). The heat treatment shall develop sufficient fired bond between the particulate constituents to provide the strength and durability requirements of this specification. Additives or recycled materials are permitted to be included at the option of the manufacturer. (See “firing” and “fired bond” in Terminology C1232.)

1.3.1 This specification and its individual requirements shall not be used to qualify or corroborate the performance of a masonry unit made from other materials, or made with other forming methods, or other means of binding the materials.

1.4 Hollow brick differ from unglazed structural clay tile (Specifications C34 and C212) and solid brick (Specifications C62 and C216). Hollow brick require greater shell and web

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C67 Test Methods for Sampling and Testing Brick and Structural Clay Tile

C212 Specification for Structural Clay Facing Tile

C216 Specification for Facing Brick (Solid Masonry Units Made from Clay or Shale)

C902 Specification for Pedestrian and Light Traffic Paving Brick

C1232 Terminology of Masonry

E835/E835M Guide for Modular Coordination of Clay and Concrete Masonry Units (Withdrawn 2011)<sup>2</sup>

### 3. Terminology

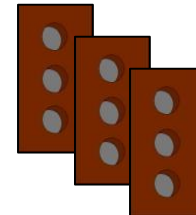
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### 4.1.1 *Grade SW (Severe Weathering)* —Brick intended for use where high resistance to damage caused by cyclic freezing is desired.

1.3 The brick are prismatic units available in a variety of sizes, textures, colors, and shapes. This specification is not intended to provide specifications for paving brick (see Specification C902).

1.4 Brick are ceramic products manufactured primarily from clay, shale, or similar naturally occurring earthy substances and subjected to a heat treatment at elevated temperatures (firing). Additives or recycled materials are permitted to be included at the option of the manufacturer. The heat treatment must develop a fired bond between the particulate constituents to provide the strength and durability requirements of this specification (see Terminology C1232).

1.5 Brick are shaped during manufacture by molding, pressing, or extrusion, and the shaping method is a way to describe the brick.

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#### Structural Clay Tile

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C1272 Specification for Heavy Vehicular Paving Brick

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### 4. Classification

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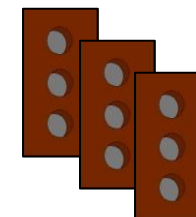


TABLE 1 Physical Requirements

Designation	Minimum Compressive Strength psi, (MPa) gross area		Maximum Water Absorption by 5-h Boiling, %		Maximum Saturation Coefficient <sup>a</sup>	
	Average of 5 brick	Individual	Average of 5 brick	Individual	Average of 5 brick	Individual
Grade SW	3000 (20.7)	2500 (17.2)	17.0	20.0	0.78	0.80
Grade MW	2500 (17.2)	2200 (15.2)	22.0	25.0	0.88	0.90

<sup>a</sup> The saturation coefficient is the ratio of absorption by 24-h submersion in cold water to that after 5-h submersion in boiling water.

NOTE 1—Measurement of moisture content of brick in buildings indicates that, when the building is designed and constructed to reduce water penetration, the 24-h cold water absorption is unlikely to be exceeded.

4.2 Types—Three types of facing brick are covered:

4.2.1 Type FBS—Brick for general use in masonry.

4.2.2 Type FBX—Brick for general use in masonry where a higher degree of precision and lower permissible variation in size than permitted for Type FBS is required.

4.2.3 Type FBA—Brick for general use in masonry collected

nished of the durability of the coatings. Brick that are colored by flashing or textured by sanding, where the sand does not form a continuous coating, shall not be considered as surface-colored brick for the purpose of this specification.

NOTE 4—When surface-colored brick, other than sanded or flashed, are specified for exterior use, the purchaser should require that data be submitted showing that after 50 cycles of freezing thawing there is no observable difference in the applied finish when viewed from a distance of 10 ft (3.0 m) under an illumination of not less than 50 fc (538 lx) by an observer with normal vision.

## 4.2.1 Type FBS—Brick for general use in masonry.

### 5. Ordering Information

5.1 Orders for facing brick under this specification shall include the following information:

5.1.1 Grade (Section 4.1)—Grade SW governs when grade is not specified.

5.1.2 Type (Section 4.2)—Type FBS governs when type is not specified.

5.1.2.1 For Type FBA, specify chippage (10.1), tolerances (Section 9), or approve a designated sample.

5.1.3 Color, color range, and texture (10.4) by approving a sample.

5.1.3.1 Finish on more than one face and one end (10.5).

5.1.4 Size (9.1)—Specify width by height by length.

5.1.5 Sampling (12.2)—Person to select samples and place or places of selection of samples for testing.

5.2 Orders for facing brick under this specification may include the following information:

5.2.1 Strength (7.2)—Specify only if above minimum compressive strength in Table 1.

5.2.2 Coring (11.1)—At option of manufacturer if not specified.

5.2.3 Frogging (11.2)—Frog permitted in one bearing face if not specified.

5.2.4 Costs of Tests (Note 14)—Party who will pay and conditions for payment of compliance testing.

NOTE 2—Color, color range, and texture are best specified by identifying a particular manufacturer and unit designation. Nominal dimensions should not be used to specify size.

NOTE 3—See sections 7.3 and 8 for optional information.

### 6. Materials and Manufacture

6.1 Colors and textures produced by application of inorganic coatings to the faces of the brick shall be permitted with the consent of the purchaser, provided that evidence is fur-

strength or performance of the construction.

6.3 If any post-firing coatings or surface treatments are applied by the manufacturer, the manufacturer shall report the type and extent of these coatings or surface treatments in all certificates of compliance with this specification.

### 7. Physical Properties

7.1 Durability—When grade is not specified, the requirements for Grade SW shall govern.

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7.1.2 Absorption Alternate—The saturation coefficient requirement does not apply provided that the 24-h cold water absorption of each of the five units tested does not exceed 8.0 %.

7.1.3 Freezing and Thawing Alternative—The requirements for 5-h boiling water absorption and saturation coefficient do not apply, provided a representative sample of five brick, meeting the strength requirements of Table 1, passes the freezing and thawing test as described in the Rating Section of the Freezing and Thawing test procedures of Test Methods C67.

NOTE 5—The 50 cycle freezing and thawing test is used as an alternative only when the brick do not conform to either Table 1 requirements for maximum water absorption and saturation coefficient, or to the requirements of the Absorption Alternate in 7.1.2.

7.1.3.1 Grade SW: Breakage and Weight Loss Requirement—No individual unit separates or disintegrates resulting in a weight loss greater than 0.5 % of its original dry weight.

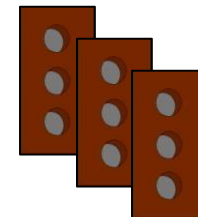




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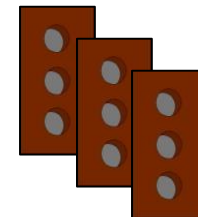
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# Specifying Brick

	Solid	Hollow
	ASTM C216	ASTM C652
Durability (Grade)	MW	MW
	SW	SW
Appearance (Type)	FBA	HBA
	FBS	HBS/HBB
	FBX	HBX
Class		HV40
		HV60

# Specifying Brick - Characteristics to Consider

ASTM C216 & C652

Efflorescence – clay does not effloresce

## Variable Characteristics

Chips

Racking

Defects & Distortion

Size and Consistency



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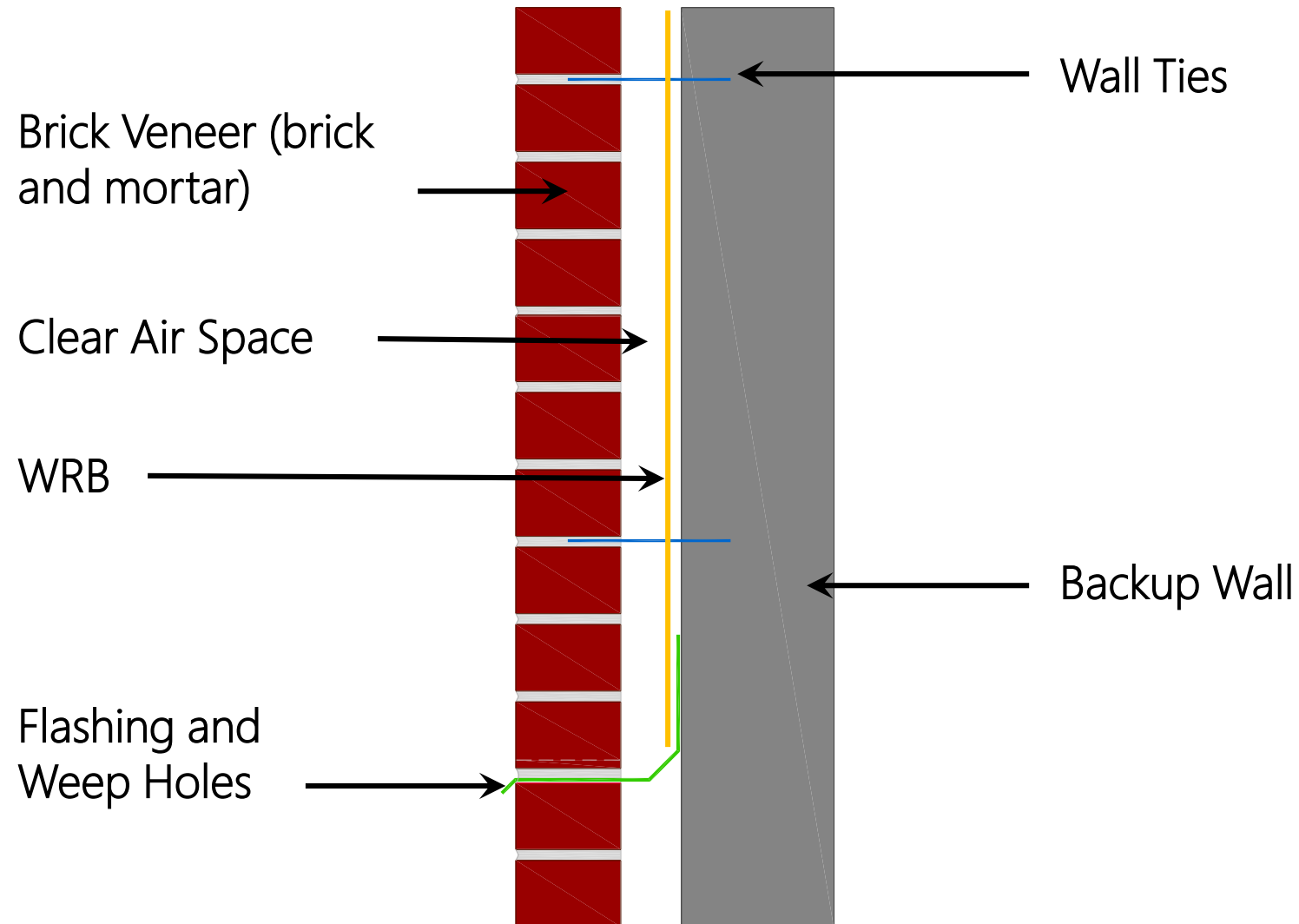
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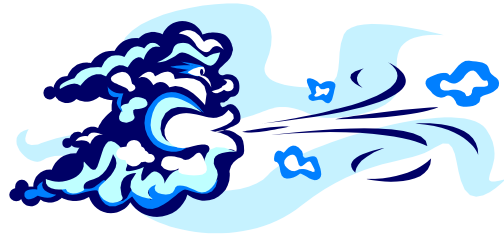
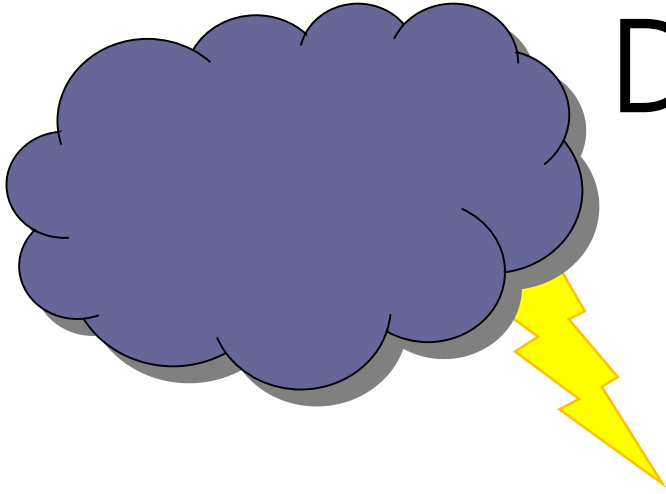
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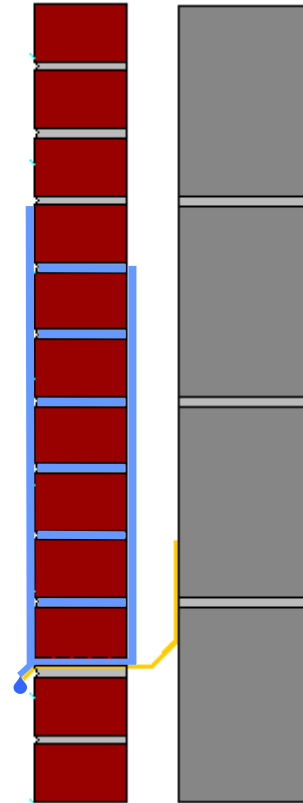
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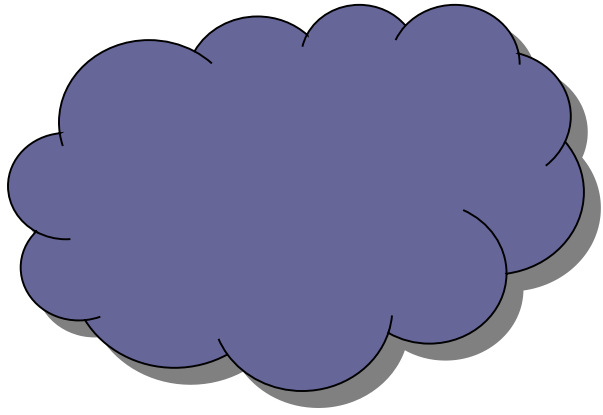


Water exits wall at  
flashing at weep holes.

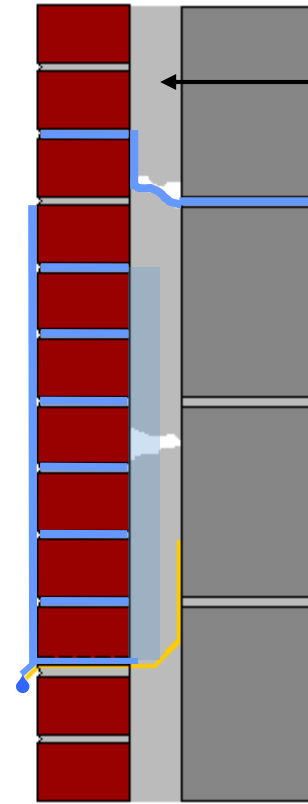


Water may penetrate  
brick masonry

Water runs down  
back of brick



# BARRIER WALL CONCEPT



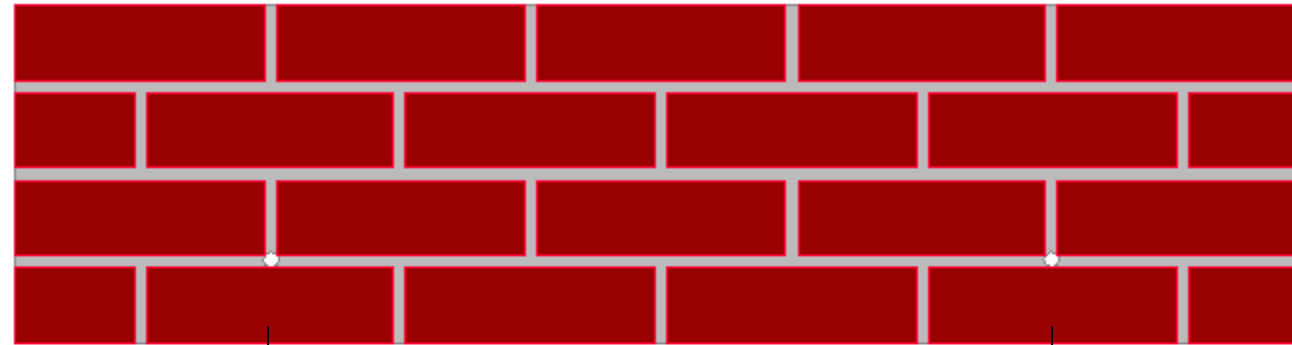
Collar joint must be completely filled

Water is absorbed by masonry or runs down to flashing and exits wall

# WEEP HOLES

## BIA Suggested Spacings

Weep Holes @ 24 " O.C., Wicks @ 16" O.C.



(MSJC – 33 inches O.C.)

**TMS 602 Sect. 6.1.6.2 Requirements**



Rope Wick



Weep Tube



Open Head Joint









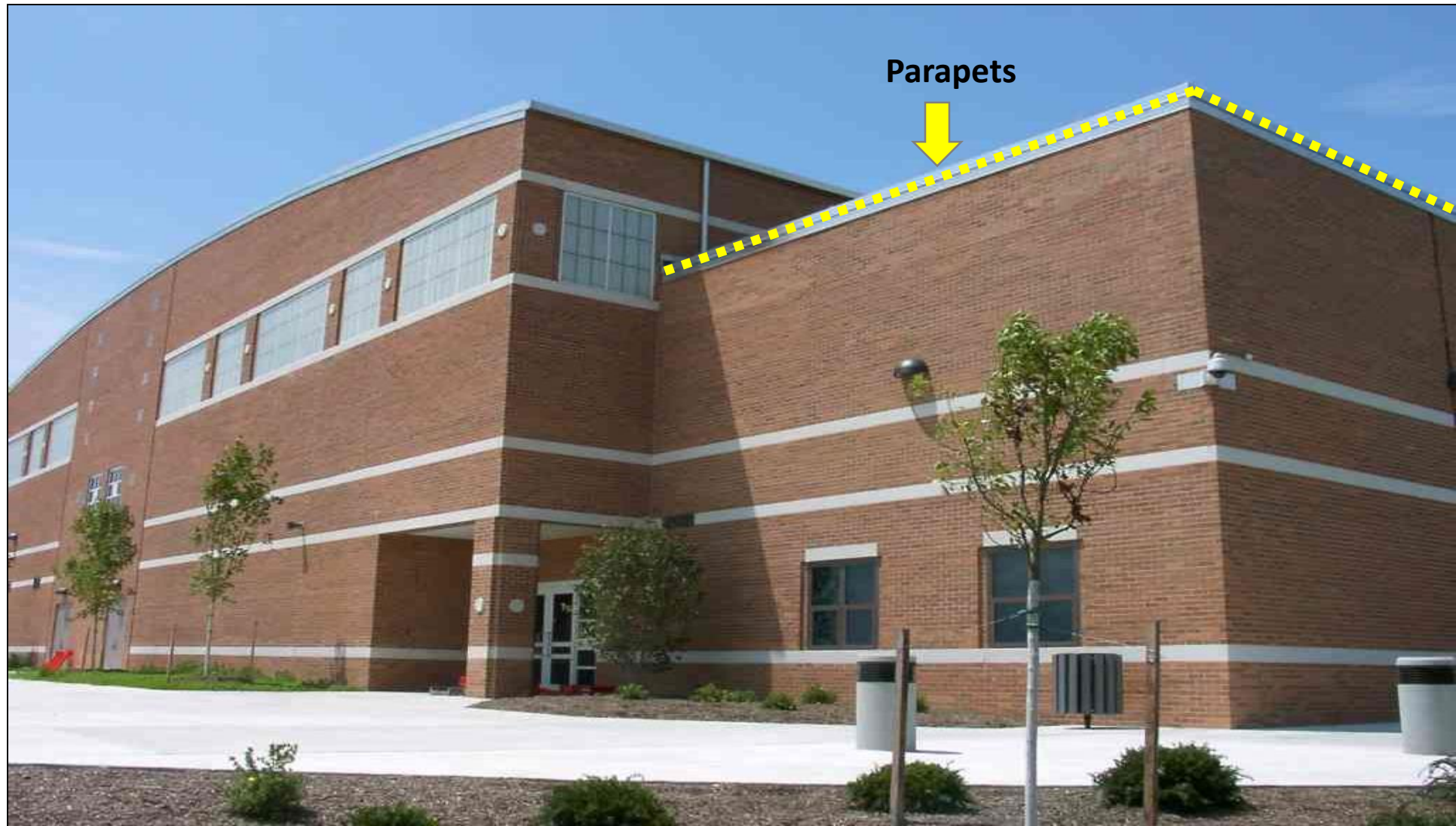




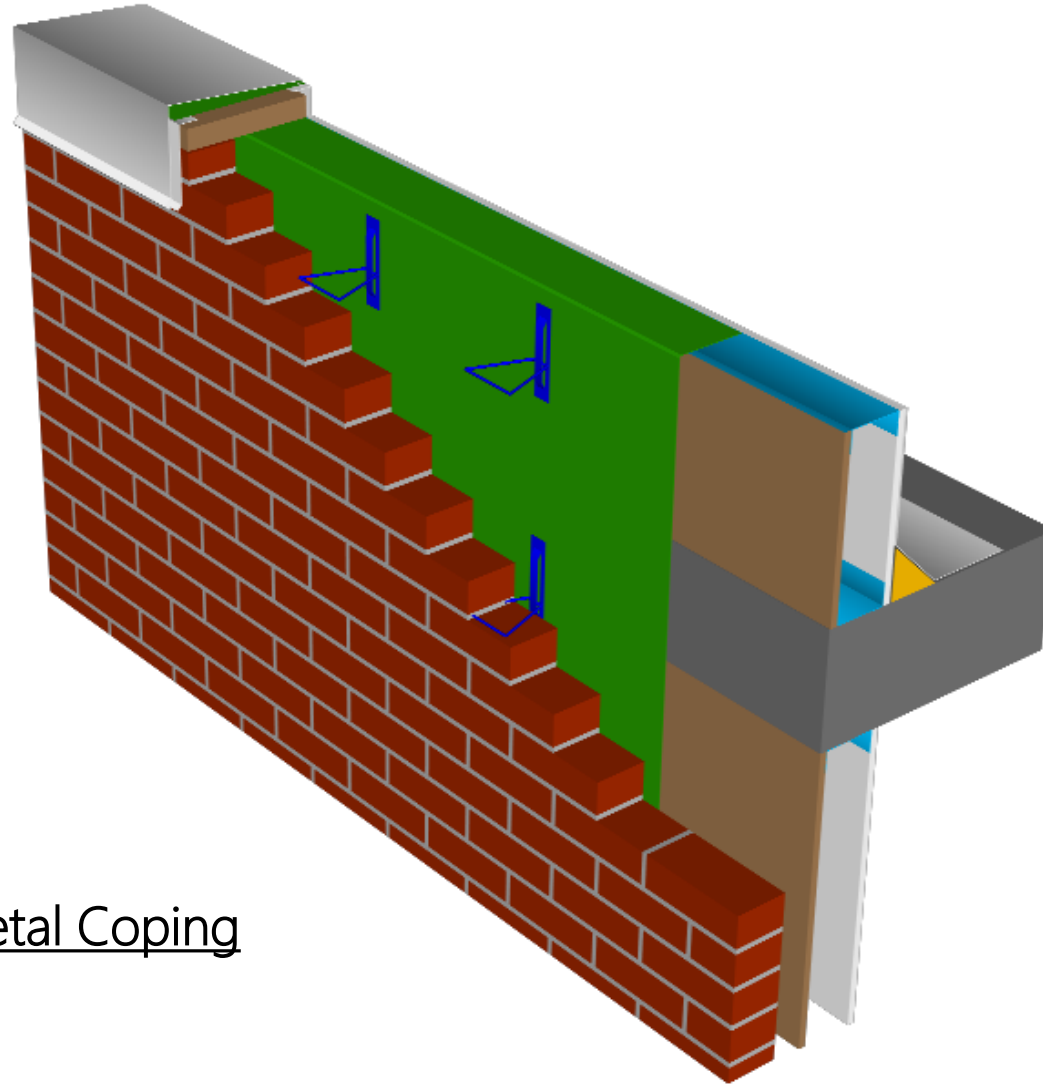




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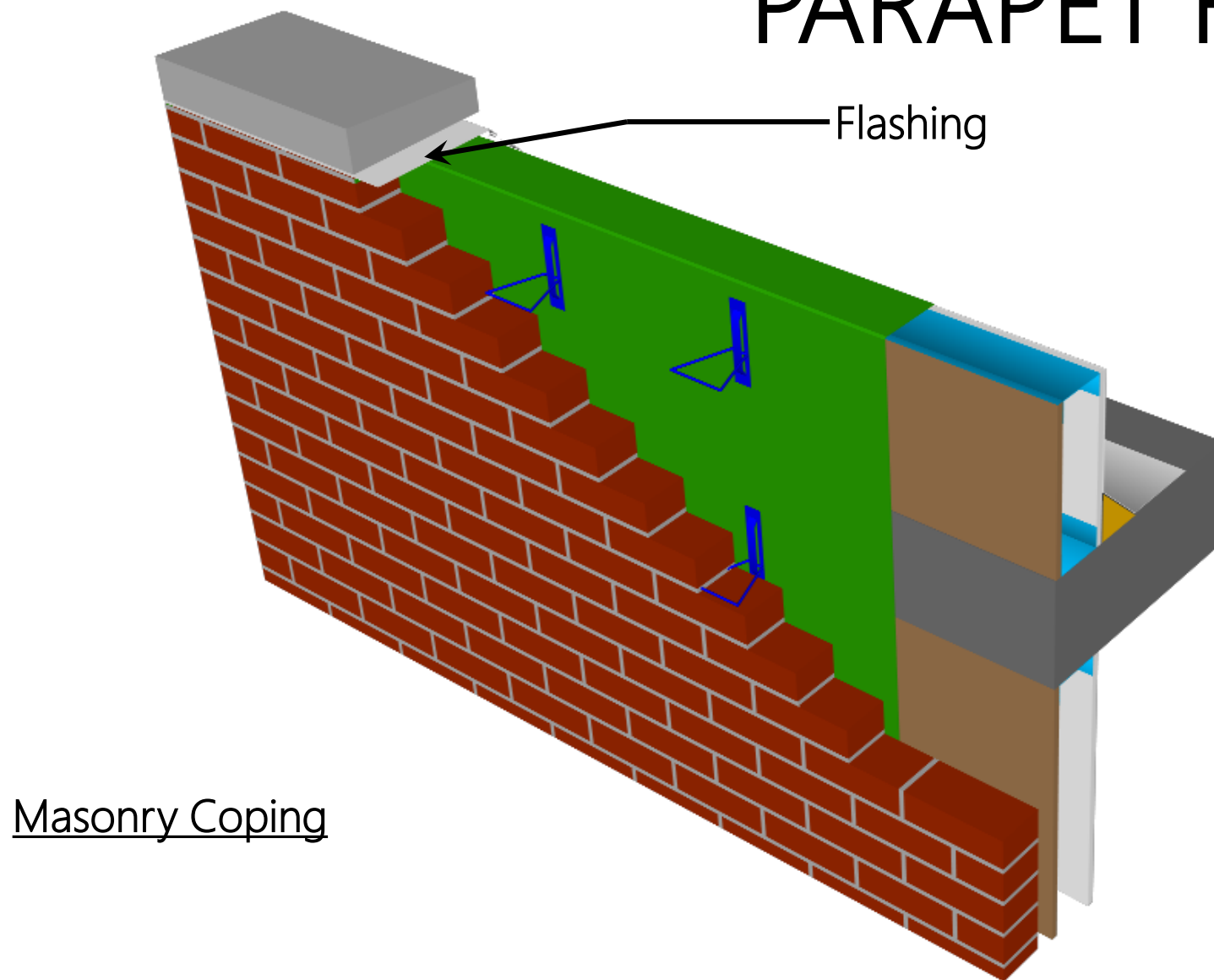
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Prefinished Metal Coping



# PARAPET FLASHING

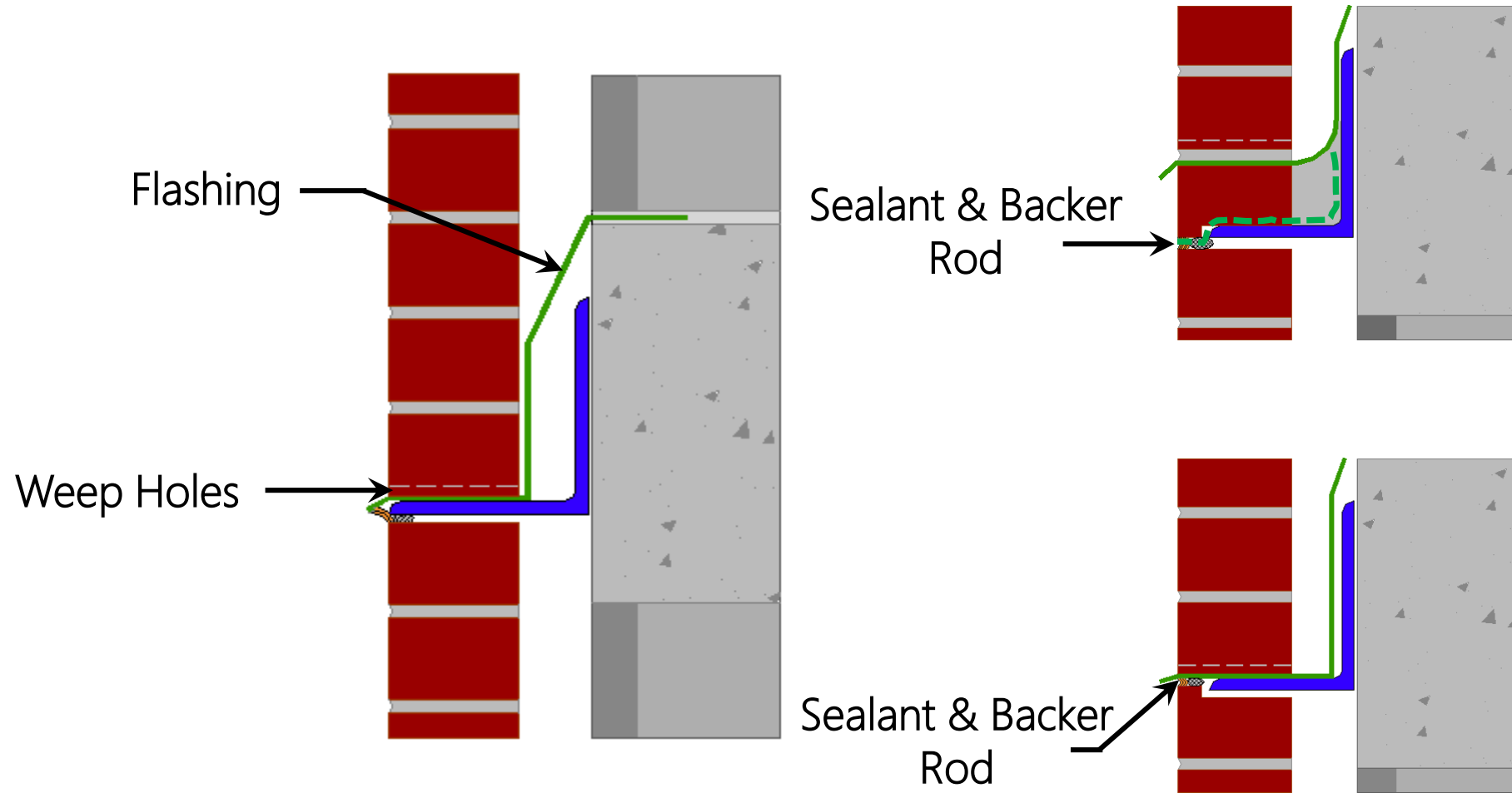




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# SHELF ANGLE FLASHING



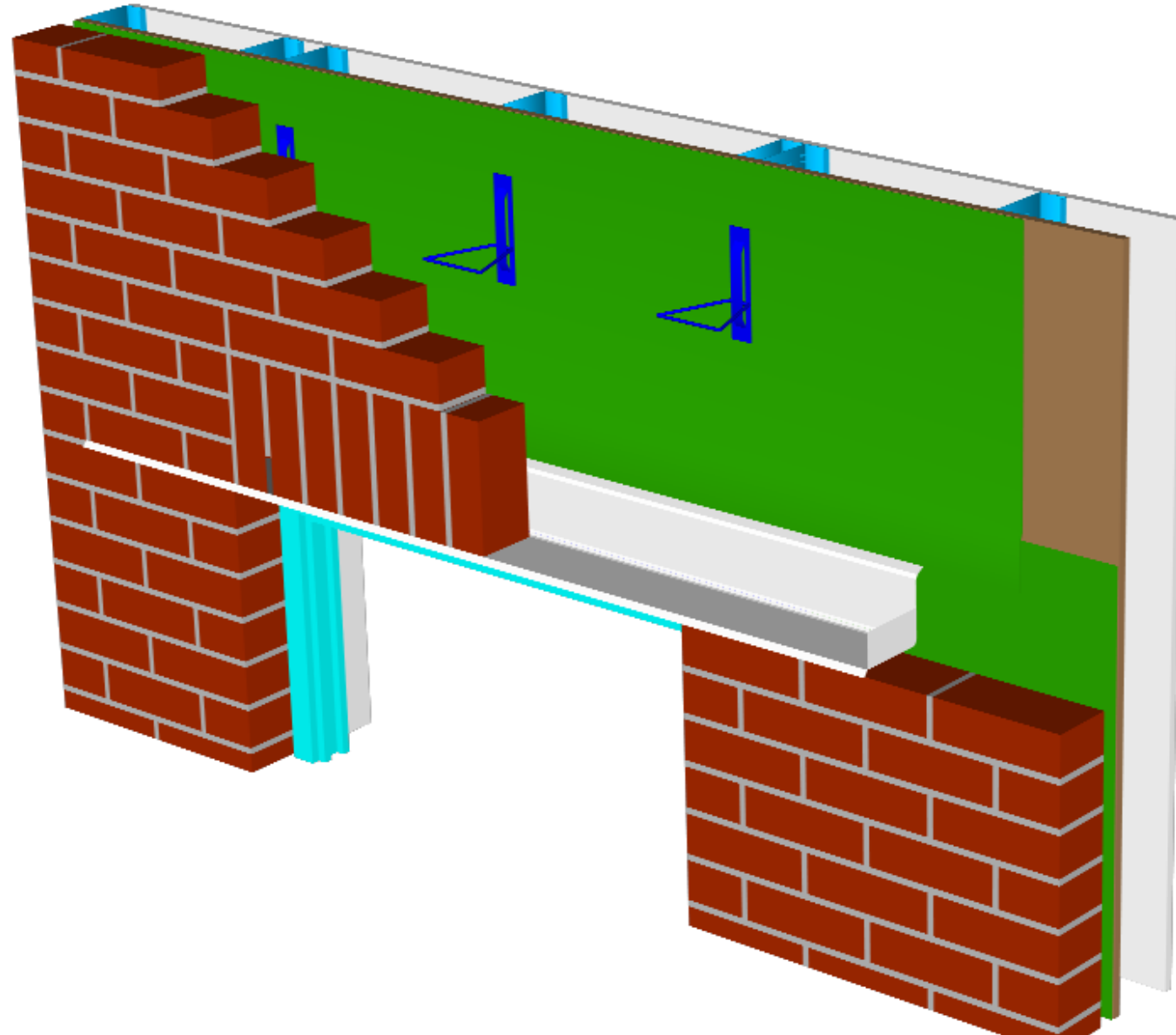




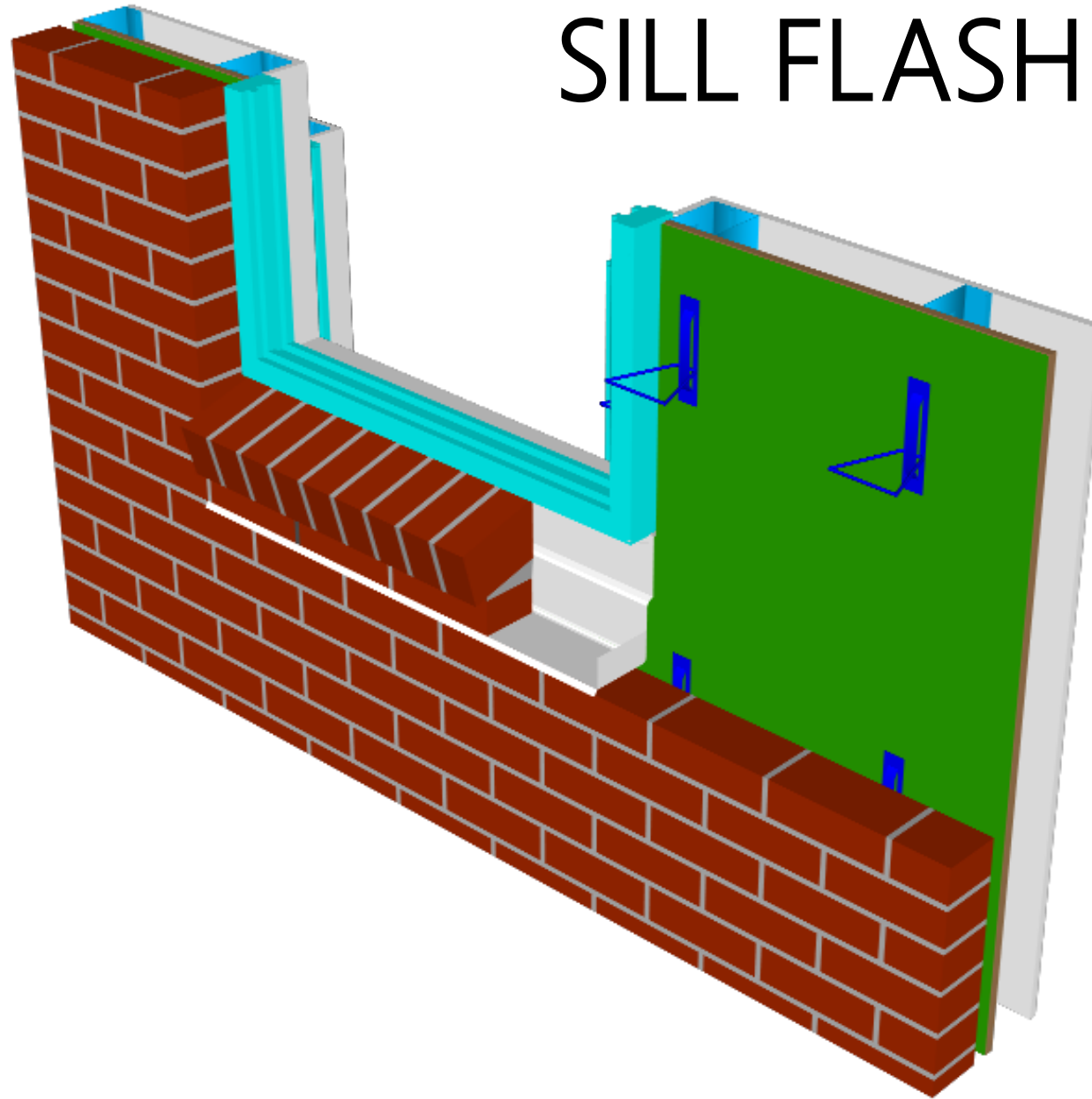
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# HEAD/LOOSE LINTEL FLASHING



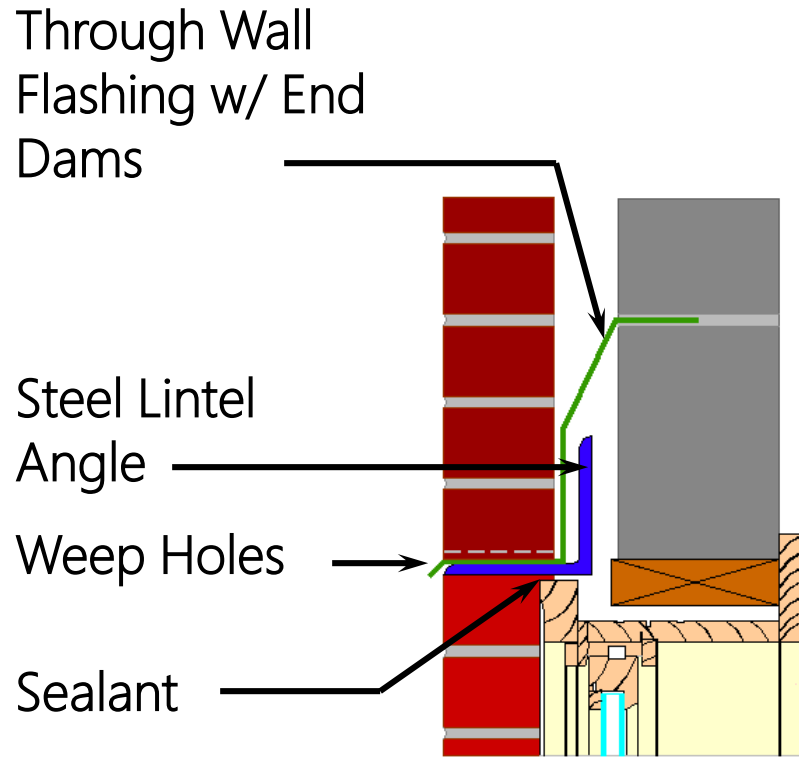
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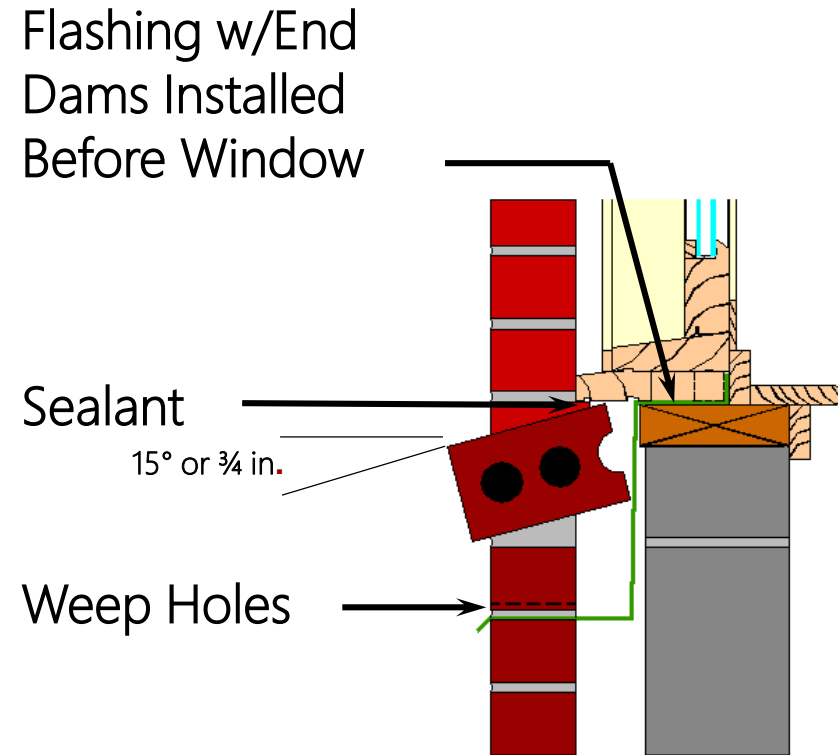




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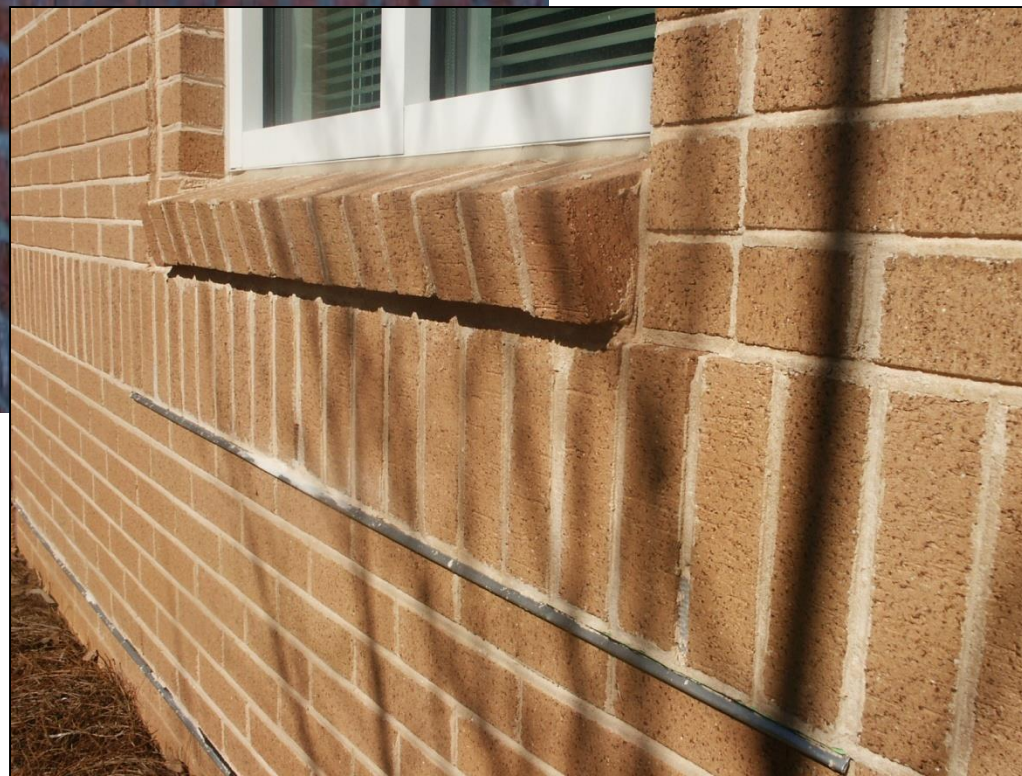
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Window Sill



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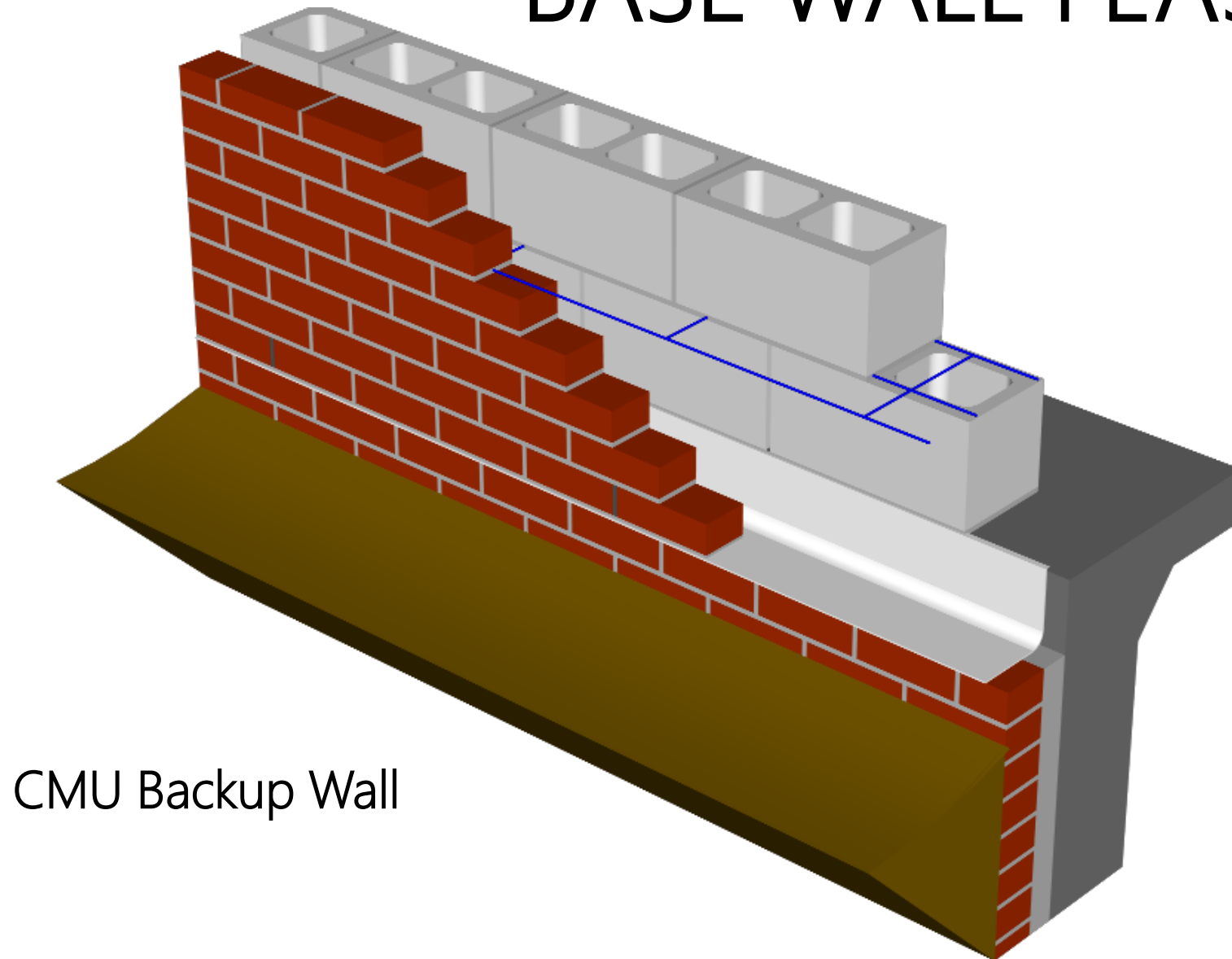


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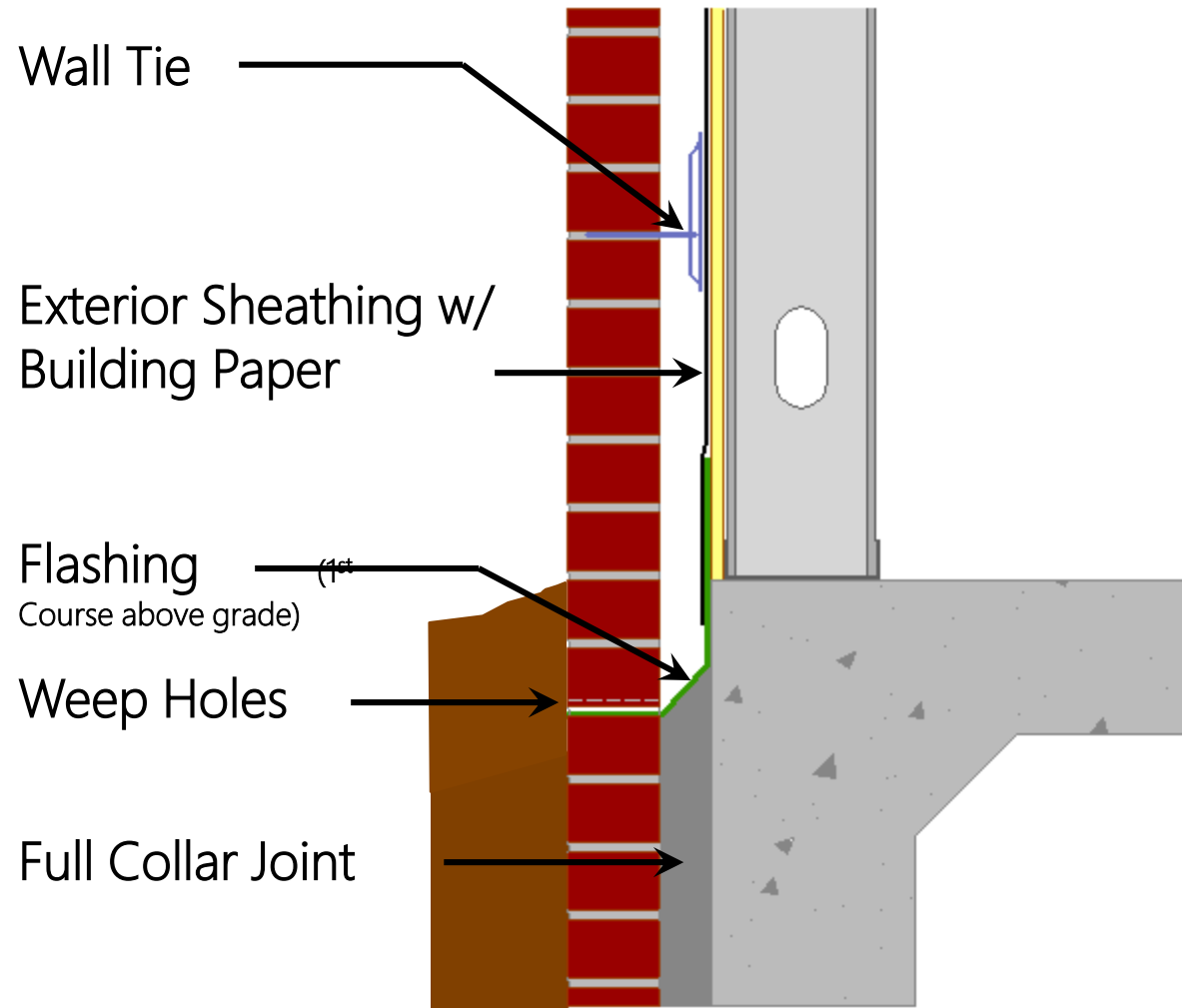
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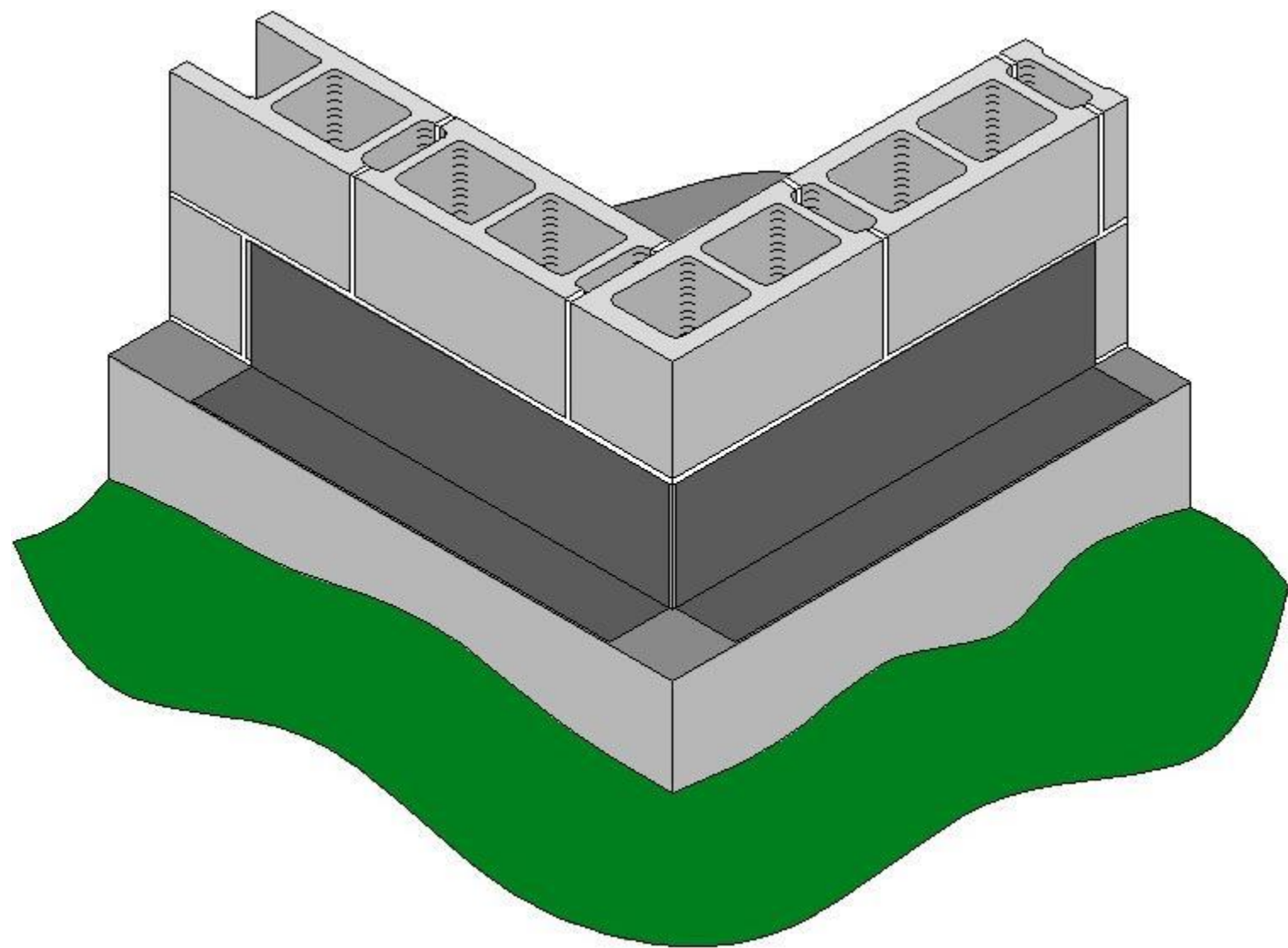
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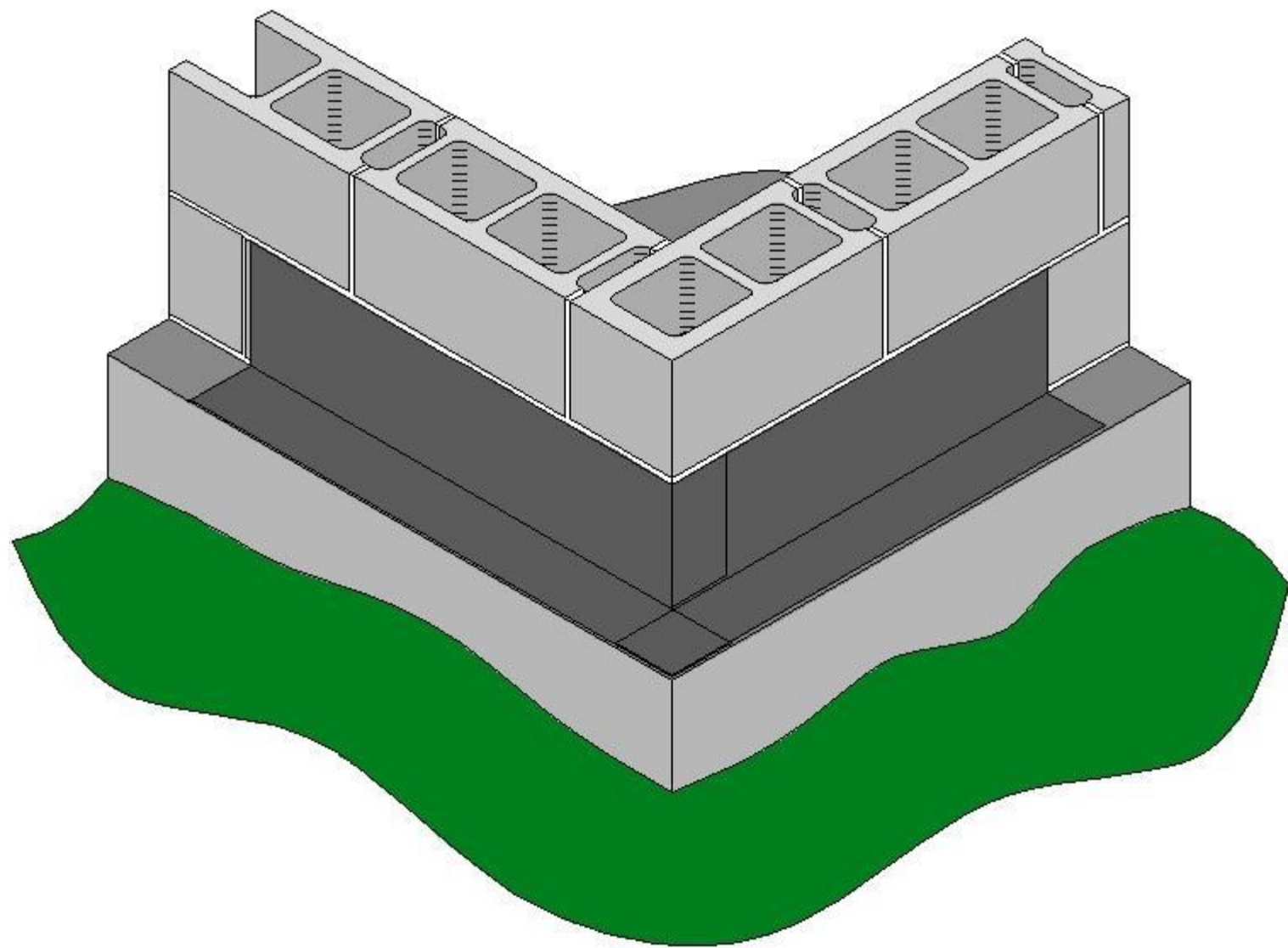
# Through Wall Flashing















## Accommodating Expansion of Brickwork

**Abstract:** Expansion joints are used in brickwork to accommodate movement and to avoid cracking. This *Technical Note* describes typical movement joints used in building construction and gives guidance regarding their placement. The theory and rationale for the guidelines are presented. Examples are given showing proper placement of expansion joints to avoid cracking of brickwork and methods to improve the aesthetic impact of expansion joints. Also included is information about bond breaks, bond beams and flexible anchorage.

**Key Words:** differential movement, expansion joints, flexible anchorage, movement, sealants.

### SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS:

#### Vertical Expansion Joints in Brick Veneer:

- For brickwork without openings, space no more than 25 ft (7.6 m) o.c.
- For brickwork with multiple openings, consider symmetrical placement of expansion joints and reduced spacing of no more than 20 ft (6.1 m) o.c.
- When spacing between vertical expansion joints in parapets is more than 15 ft (4.6 m), make expansion joints wider or place additional expansion joints halfway between full-height expansion joints
- Place as follows:
  - at or near corners
  - at offsets and setbacks
  - at wall intersections
  - at changes in wall height
  - where wall backing system changes
  - where support of brick veneer changes
  - where wall function or climatic exposure changes
- Extend to top of brickwork, including parapets

#### Horizontal Expansion Joints in Brick Veneer:

- Locate immediately below shelf angles
- Minimum ¼ in. (6.4 mm) space or compressible material recommended below shelf angle
- For brick infill, place between the top of brickwork and structural frame

#### Brickwork Without Shelf Angles:

- Accommodate brickwork movement by:
  - placing expansion joints around elements that are rigidly attached to the frame and project into the veneer, such as windows and door frames
  - installing metal caps or copings that allow independent vertical movement of wythes
  - installing jamb receptors that allow independent movement between the brick and window frame
  - installing adjustable anchors or ties

#### Expansion Joint Sealants:

- Comply with ASTM C 920, Grade NS, Use M
- Class 50 minimum extensibility recommended; Class 25 alternate
- Consult sealant manufacturer's literature for guidance regarding use of primer and backing materials

#### Bond Breaks:

- Use building paper or flashing to separate brickwork from dissimilar materials, foundations and slabs

#### Loadbearing Masonry:

- Use reinforcement to accommodate stress concentrations, particularly in parapets, at applied loading points and around openings
- Consider effect of vertical expansion joints on brickwork stability

## INTRODUCTION

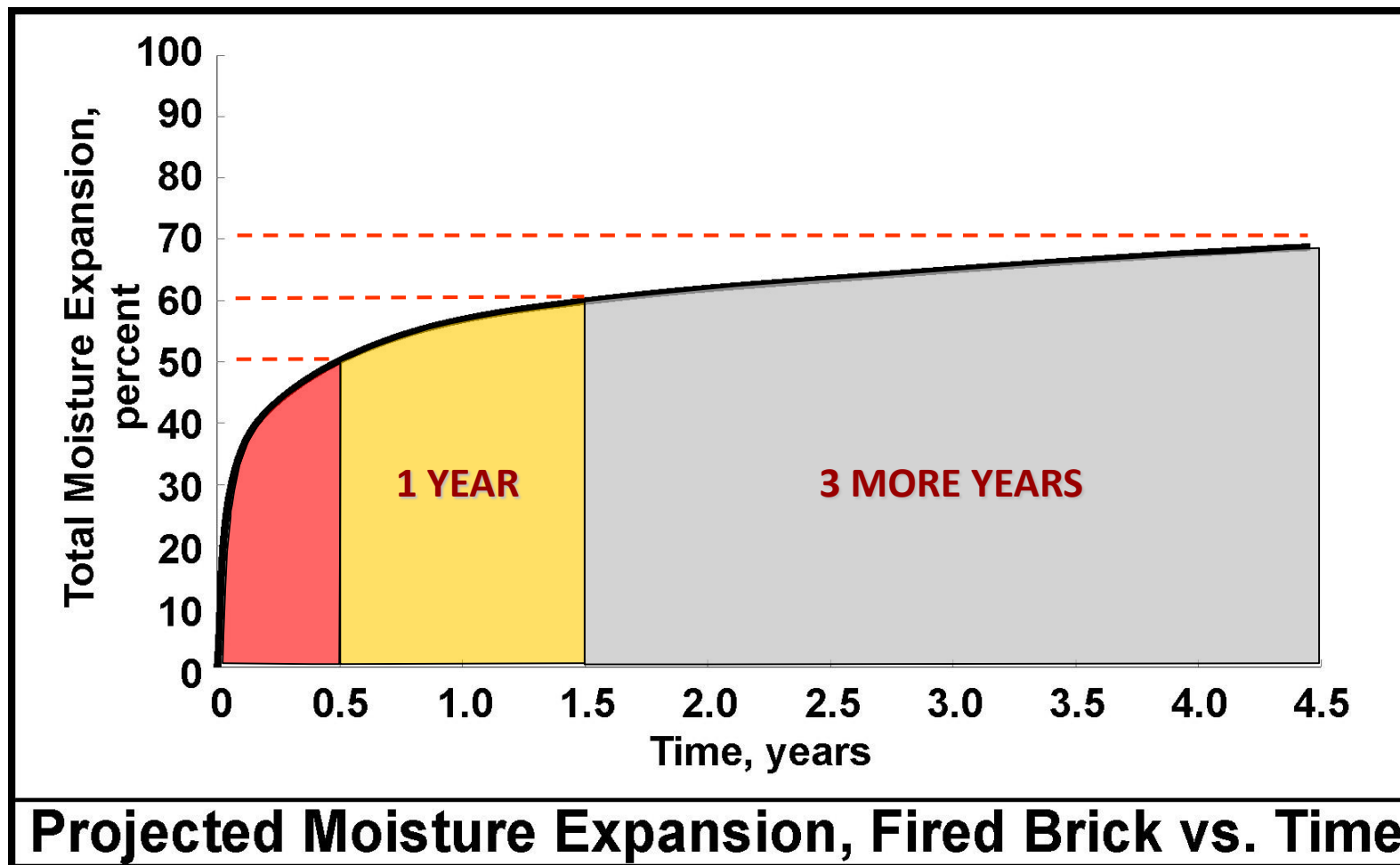
A system of movement joints is necessary to accommodate the changes in volume that all building materials experience. Failure to permit the movements caused by these changes may result in cracks in brickwork, as discussed in *Technical Note 18*. The type, size and placement of movement joints are critical to the proper performance of a building. This *Technical Note* defines the types of movement joints and discusses the proper design of expansion joints within brickwork. Details of expansion joints are provided for loadbearing and nonloadbearing applications. While most examples are for commercial structures, movement joints, although rare, also must be considered for residential structures.

## TYPES OF MOVEMENT JOINTS

The primary type of movement joint used in brick construction is the expansion joint. Other types of movement joints in buildings that may be needed include control joints, building expansion joints and construction joints. Each of these is designed to perform a specific task, and they should not be used interchangeably.

# EXPANSION JOINT DESIGN

*Q: Where should I put the expansion joints on my building?*



# EXPANSION JOINTS

## Spacing of Vertical & Horizontal Joints

$$S_e = \frac{w_j e_j}{(k_e + k_f + k_t \Delta T) 100}$$

$S_e$  = spacing between expansion joints

$w_j$  = width of expansion joint

$e_j$  = extensibility of expansion joint material (~ 50%)

$k_e$  = coefficient of moisture expansion (0.0003)

$k_f$  = coefficient of freezing expansion (only if < -10°F and sat.)

$k_t$  = coefficient of thermal expansion (0.000004/°F)

$\Delta T$  = temperature change in brickwork

# EXPANSION JOINTS

Spacing of Vertical & Horizontal Joints

30 & 4



# EXPANSION JOINTS

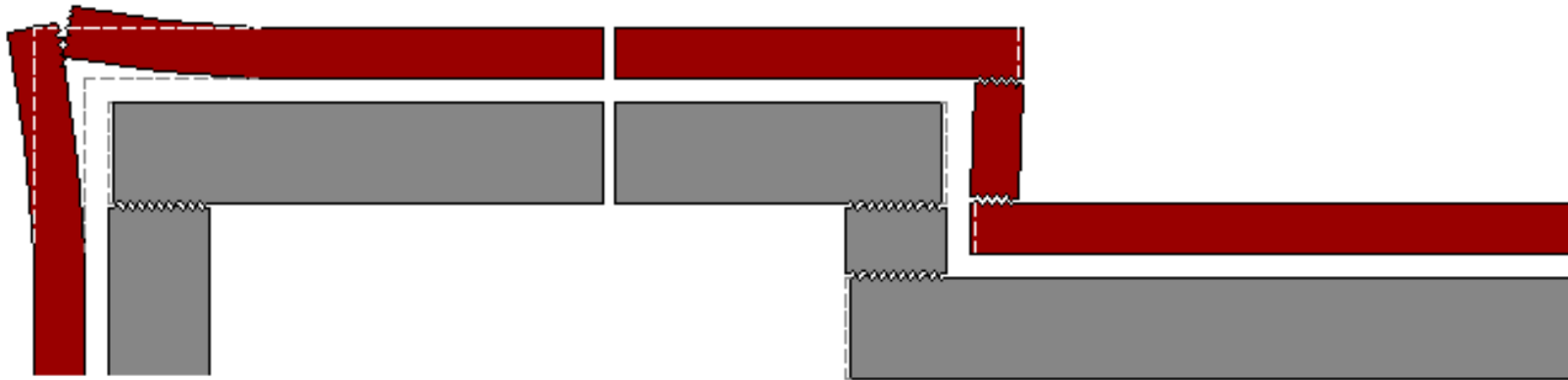
Spacing of Vertical & Horizontal Joints

30' Run Max

4' From Corner Max

# MOVEMENT

	<u>Brick</u>	<u>CMU</u>
Permanent	0.05 %	- 0.035 %
Thermal	0.0004 %/°T	0.00045 %/°T



Example: 100 ft brick wall, 100°F Summer, 40°F Winter

Permanent       $100 \text{ ft} \times 12 \text{ in./ft} \times .0005 =$       0.6      in.

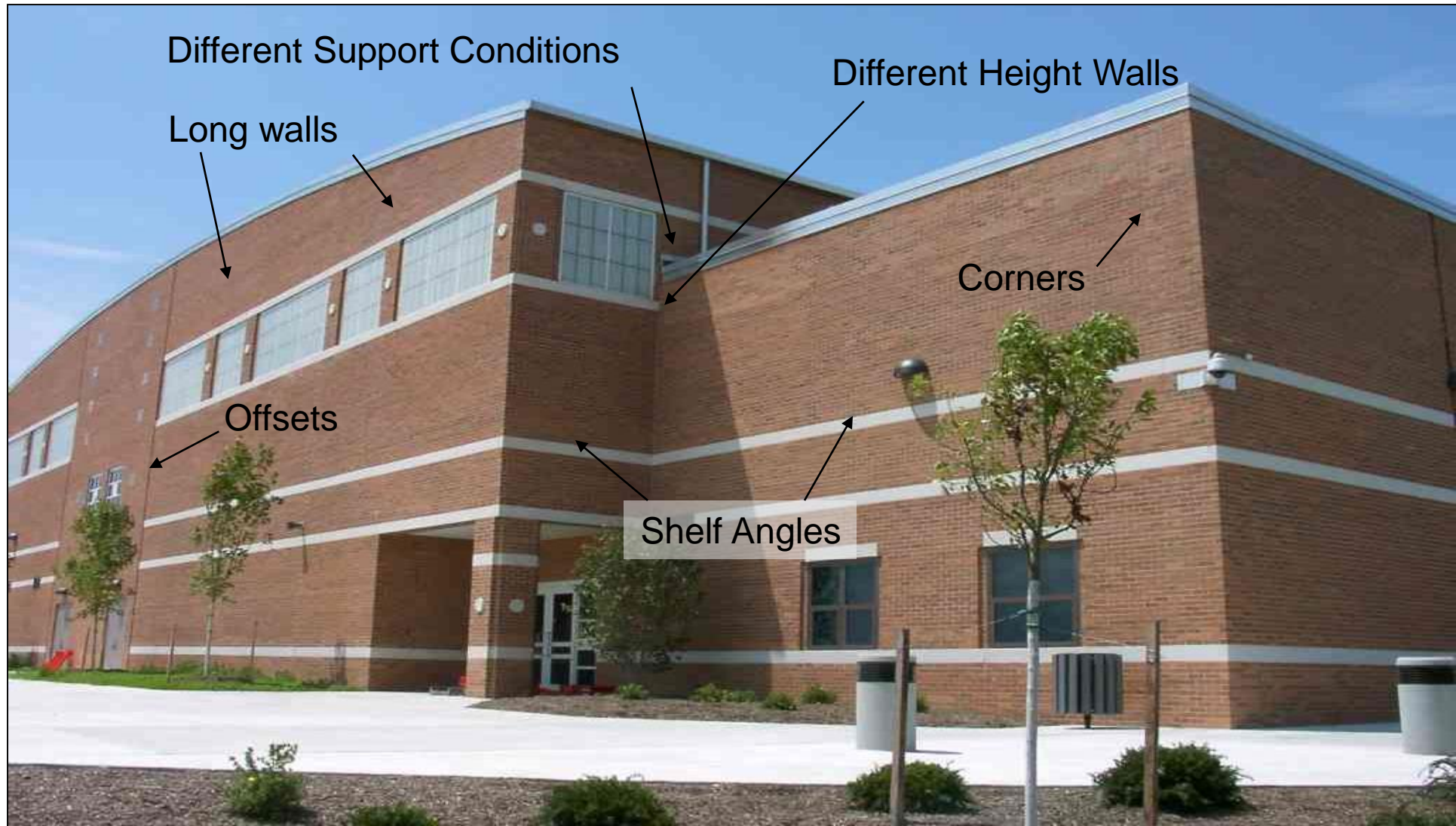
Thermal  $100 \text{ ft} \times 12 \text{ in./ft} \times (100 - 40) \times .000004 = \underline{0.288 \text{ in.}}$

TOTAL 0.888 in  $\approx 7/8$  in.



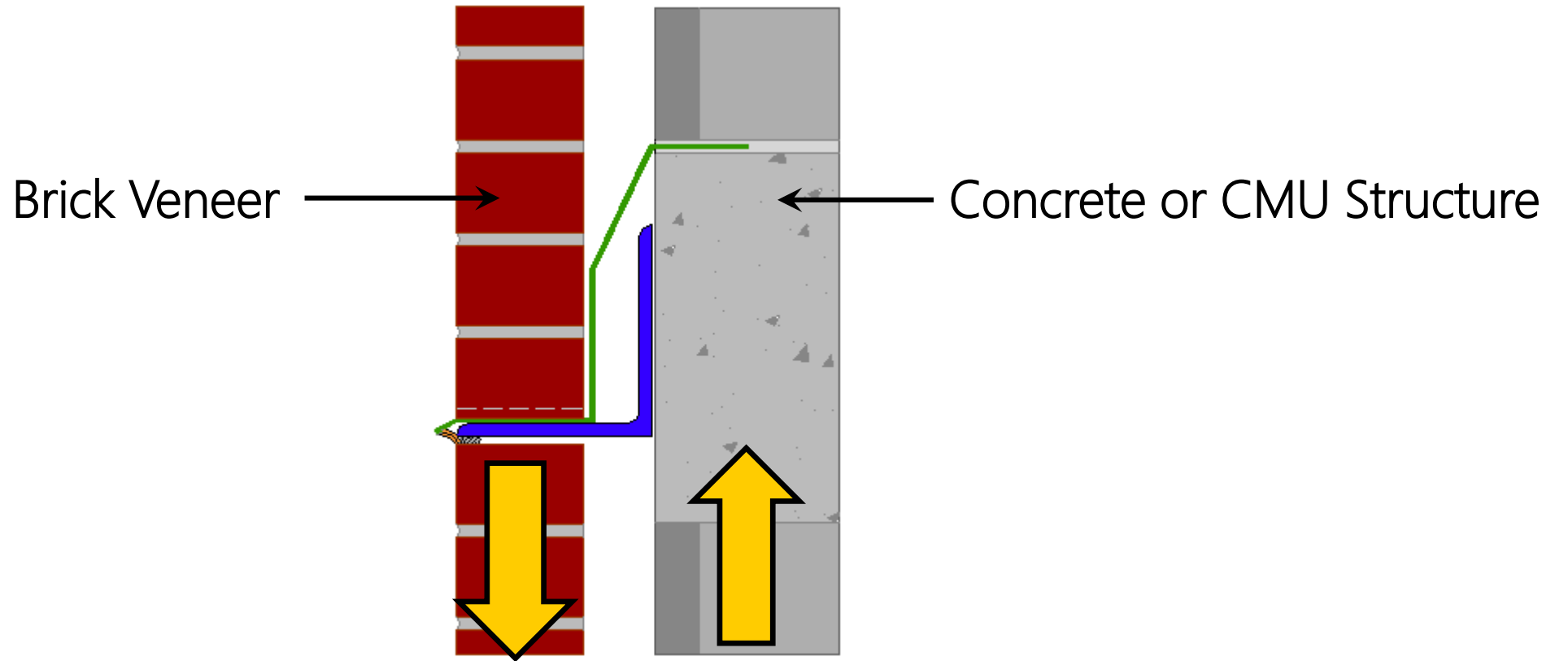


# TYPICAL EXPANSION JOINT LOCATIONS

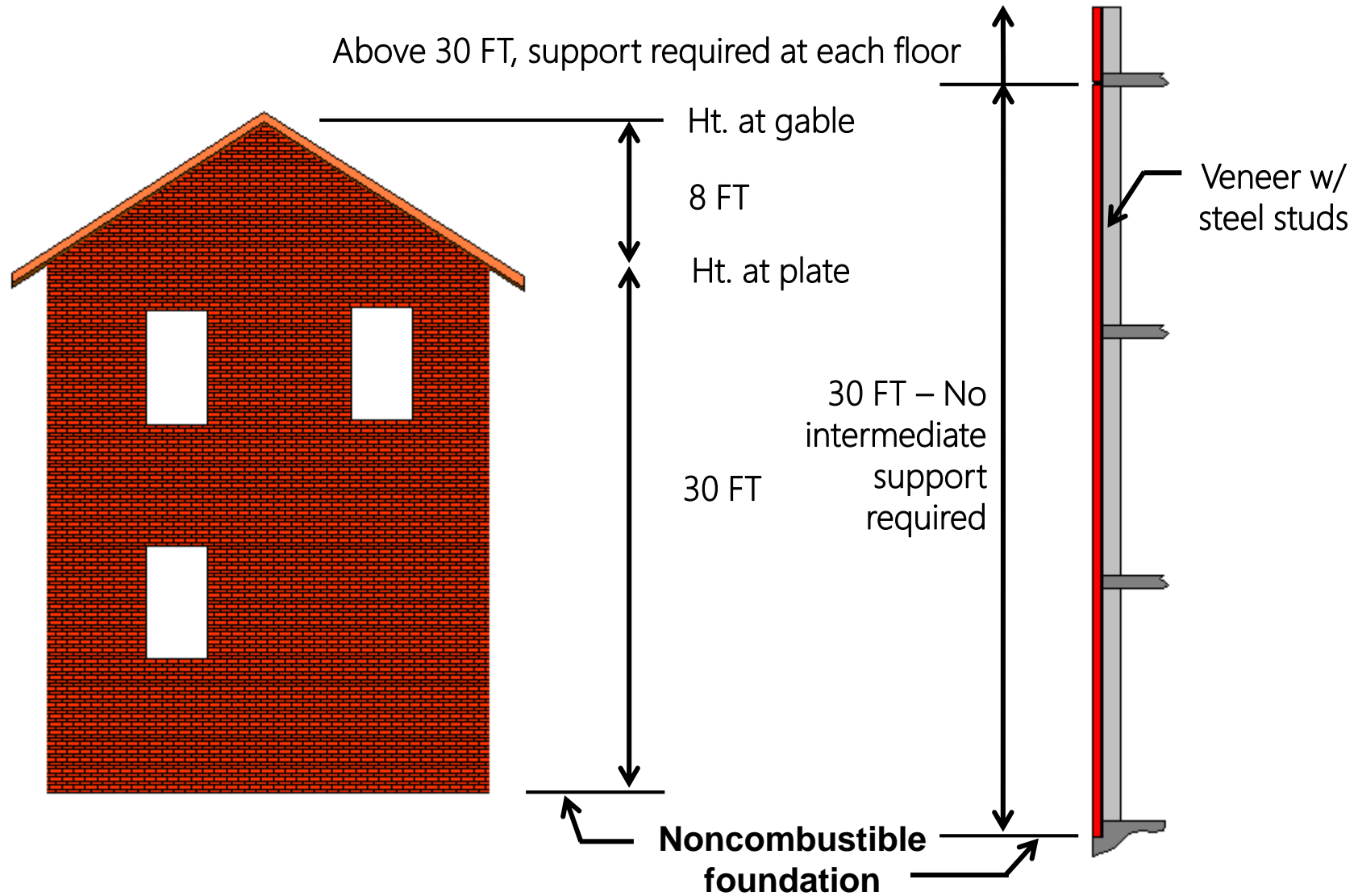




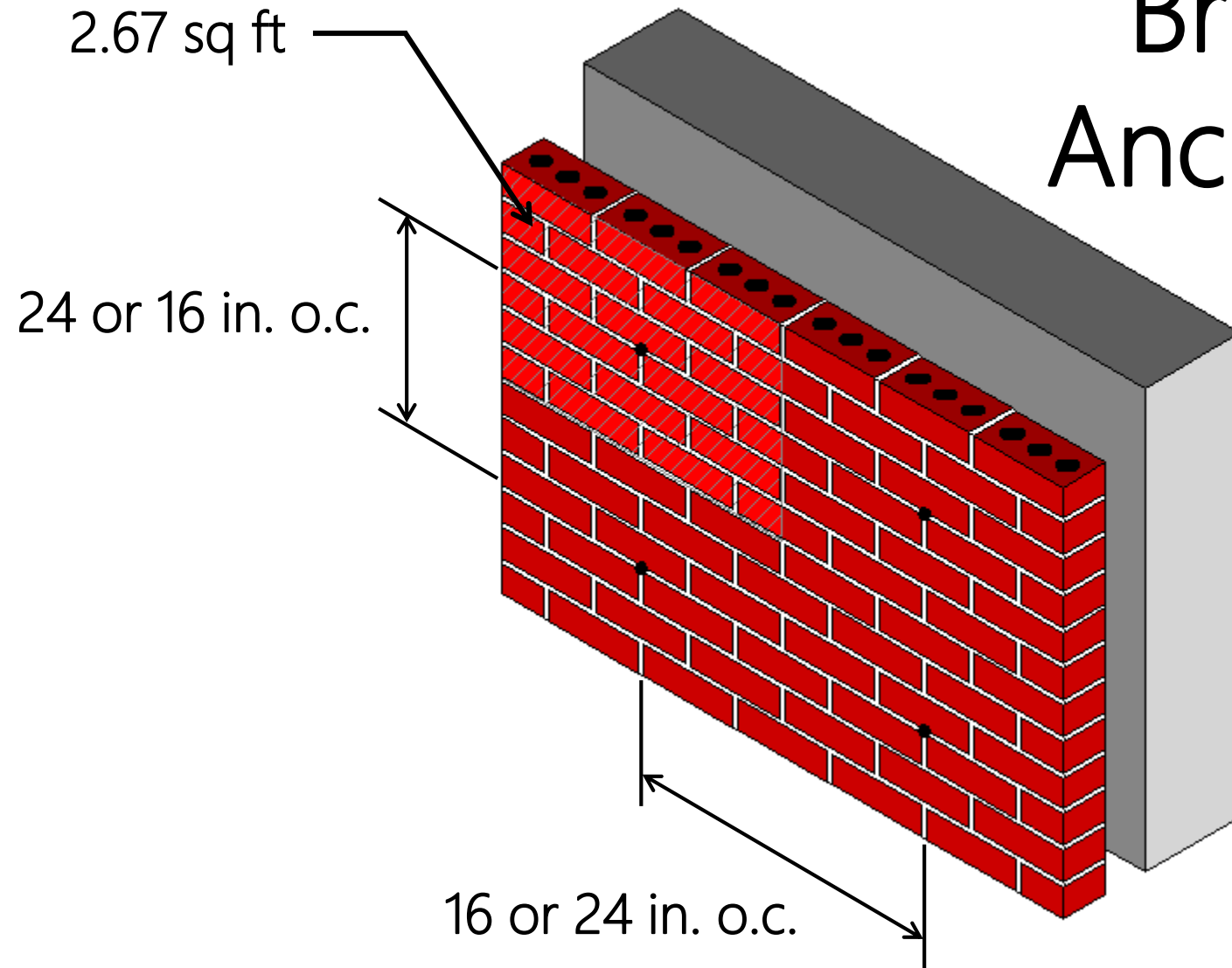
# HORIZONTAL EXPANSION JOINTS







# Brick Anchors

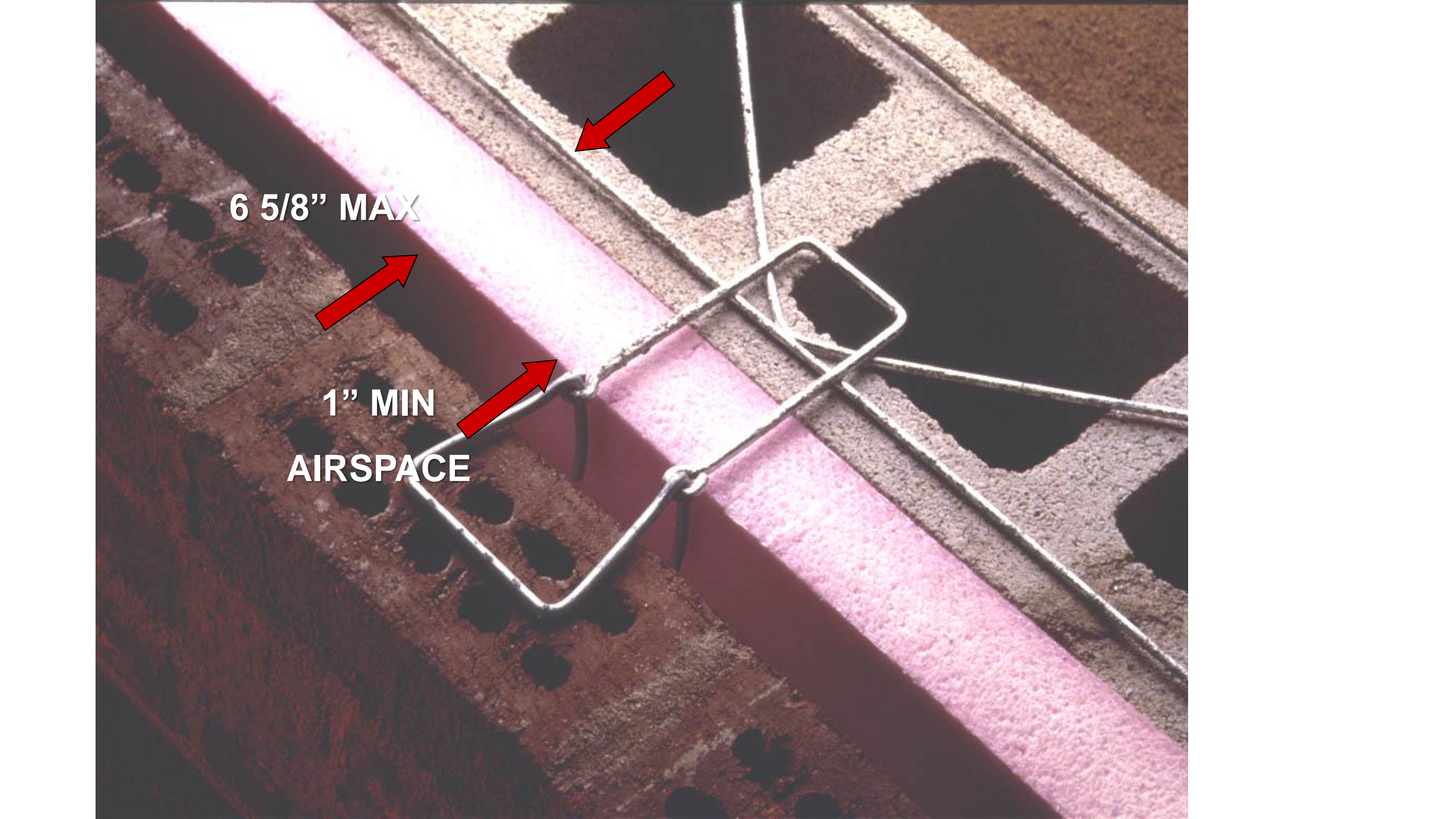




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A close-up photograph of a metal wire mesh structure. A pink foam strip is attached to the mesh. A metal clip is used to hold the mesh together. Red arrows point to specific features: one points to the mesh, another points to the foam strip, and a third points to the clip. Text labels indicate dimensions: '6 5/8" MAX' for the foam strip and '1" MIN AIRSPACE' for the gap between the mesh and the foam strip.

6 5/8" MAX

1" MIN

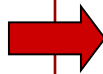
AIRSPACE



...at least 5/8 in. (15.9 mm) mortar cover to the outside face.



# Minimum Air Space

	FBC, Res	FBC, Bldg	 TMS 402	BIA*
Wood Stud	1"		1"	1"
Steel Stud	1"		1"	2"
Concrete/ Masonry	1"		1"	2"

\*Recommended





# Masonry Best Practices

## Sampling & Mock-ups

# SAMPLING & MOCK-UPS

Mini Panels – Qualifying color texture and scale (no older than 6 months)  
Mortar sample - Color

Recent Run Sample – Natural material, can vary from run to run  
Submittal Package – Test Reports and Letter of Certification  
Budget \$\$ reviewed

Selection has been made & Project Bid

Jobsite Mock-up to establish product and workmanship standards using run  
sample of material

# SAMPLING & MOCK-UPS

Jobsite Mock-up to establish product and workmanship standards

## POTENTIAL PROBLEMS

1. Mock-up disappears – needs to stay up till project is finished
2. Mock-up not built to production standards...
  - Too perfect
  - Not Cleaned as specified
  - Special conditions not shown
    - Shapes
    - Windows and doors
3. Cleaned incorrectly
  - Clean to the weakest link



# Masonry Best Practices

## Questions

# Masonry Best Practices

Thank you!