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MASSONRY GROUTING

PART 1 GENERAL

1.01 REFERENCES

A. In the absence of other information, the methods and recommendations of the National Concrete Masonry Association (NCMA), Brick Institute of America (BIA), and Rocky Mountain Masonry Institute (RMMI) shall be followed.

B. Refer to other Division 4 standards for other structural engineering design guidelines.

PART 2 PRODUCTS

2.01 MATERIALS

A. General:
   1. Admixtures such as air-entraining and antifreeze compounds are prohibited.
   2. Calcium chloride is prohibited.

B. Mortar:
   1. Portland cement, ASTM C150.
   2. Hydrated lime, ASTM C207, Type S.
   3. Pigmented mortar is prohibited.

C. Mortar accessories:
   1. Mortar control (such as Mortar Net or equivalent)
   2. Weeps: Louvered or plastic cellular venting type at head joints.
      a) Tube weeps, open head joints, wicks, and nylon weeps are prohibited.

D. Grout:
   1. Specify grout strength per ASTM 28-day strength.
   2. Specify grout mix design appropriate for high- or low-lift grouting. Grout mixes designed by Contractor, Engineer specify high/low lift grouting.

E. Inserts and anchors: Galvanized steel:
   1. Plastic inserts and anchors are prohibited.

F. Ventilators: 10'-0" maximum vertical interval (or centerline of wall 11 feet to 20 feet tall)

2.02 MORTAR MIXES

A. Pre-mixed mortar, factory blended to design specification and delivered to jobsite in packages labeled with mortar design, is preferred over job-mixed mortar.

PART 3 EXECUTION

3.01 MORTAR MIXING

A. For job-mixed mortar, measurements for site batching of mortar shall be taken with calibrated measuring instruments. “Shovel” portions will not be accepted.

B. Blend mortar in a mechanical mixer.

C. Retempering is not permitted.
3.02 MORTAR AND GROUT INSTALLATION
   A. Mortar control is mandatory for cavity wall construction.
   B. See other Division 4 standards for mortar and grout installation.

3.03 FIELD QUALITY CONTROL
   A. Contractor shall work with the Owner to schedule Owner’s masonry inspections and testing.
   B. Owner will provide special inspection services as required by IBC, ACI 530 and ACI 530.1.
   C. Concrete Masonry Units: Provide test reports for unit strength tests, ASTM C140. Prefer unit strength method
      in lieu of prism tests.
   D. Mortar: Contractor shall perform mortar testing necessary to assure compliance with the Contract Documents.
      Such testing shall be at the Contractor’s expense. Test results shall be distributed to Architect and Owner.
      During construction, mortar test reports will be reviewed by design team for consistency of values.
   E. Grout: Owner will provide for testing and inspection of masonry grout and grouting for Owner’s information at
      Owner’s expense.
         1. Quality control testing for low-lift grouting will be performed during construction for each 25 cubic feet of
            grout or 2,500 square feet of wall area, whichever comes first.
         2. Quality control testing for high-lift grouting will be performed during construction for each grout pour.
         3. Contractor will be provided with Owner’s testing information and may use test information as a part of
            Contractor’s quality control. However, Owner does not represent that the frequency or type of testing is
            adequate to assure compliance with contract requirements. Contractor shall provide additional testing
            needed to assure contract compliance, at Contractor’s expense.
         4. Additional tests or re-tests required for quality control shall be at Contractor’s expense.
         5. A/E shall review engineered unit masonry after the first course is laid, and review grouting locations for
            reinforcing placement (dowels) prior to placement of the first lift of grout. This review does not relieve
            special inspection requirements.

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