



## GUIDELINES FOR CARE OF ARCHITECTURAL CONCRETE MASONRY

These guide notes provide information for the purpose of maintaining Architectural Concrete Masonry products in good condition upon delivery, storage at site and subsequent installation. This includes, coloured, split face and honed product.

- A clean flat area with good access should be available for placing pallets of blocks onto at the delivery site.
- Remove wrap from pallets as soon as possible following delivery and cover to ensure blocks are kept dry until required for laying. It is important that covered blocks can “breathe”. Failure to keep stored product dry will significantly increase the risk of efflorescence and staining.
- All installation work must be carried out or closely supervised by a suitable qualified Licenced Building Practitioner.
- Cover freshly laid blockwork when rain is forecast. It is particularly important to ensure unfilled block cavities are **NOT** allowed to fill with water.
- Any product quality or damage issues must be raised with the supplier prior to installation. Once installed product is deemed accepted.
- Minor chipping, cracking and variations to surface appearance are not recognised as block defects. Completed exposed walls should be viewed from a distance of not less than 6.1 meters under diffused light when assessing for chips and imperfections. This complies with the requirements of ASTM C90.
- Progressive cleaning of blockwork as it is installed and removal of block fill grout spillage before setting is recommended.
- Sealing completed walls should be carried out by suitably qualified and experienced professionals and in accordance with sealer manufacturer’s recommendations.

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