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Retaining Wall Design Manual



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Company Information

Verti-Block[™] is the latest innovative forming system from Verti-Crete, LLC. Recognized worldwide for outstanding aesthetics and performance, Verti-Crete's proprietary and patented forming systems produce the most durable, cost effective and attractive precast elements anywhere. Verti-Crete continues to help precasters around the world provide contractors, developers, and property owners with smart precast solutions.

Verti-Crete's heritage in the precast, concrete, and aggregate industries reaches back decades. From Window Wells to Battery Molds, each innovation has been fueled by our passion for bringing out the beauty of precast concrete. Concrete has been known for centuries for its durability. Through innovative research and design and the application of custom molding technology, Verti-Crete is making concrete known for its low cost and beauty.

Verti-Block Unique Features

- Versatility
- Project Compatibility
- Less Concrete Required

- Engineered Hollow Core
- Lower Transportation Costs
- Faster Return on Investment



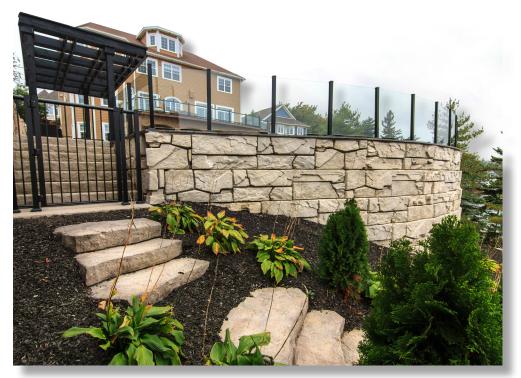


Unique Size and Design

A hollow block measuring $2' \times 4' \times 3'$, Verti-Block is perfectly proportioned for the most popular types of landscaping projects, including gravity walls up to 14' high—even higher when reinforced. Its hollow design makes it affordable and easier to handle than solid blocks. Plus, Verti-Block is less labor intensive than small, hand-laid blocks and offers a more practical solution than a cast-in-place retaining wall.

Strong and Versatile

Even more appealing, Verti-Block is incredibly strong and versatile thanks to its interlocking design. Featuring a male-and-female style connection, Verti-Block units ensure you'll get a secure fit that guarantees the correct amount of setback on every installation. Verti-Block's hollow design saves money by using less concrete and lowering transportation costs. It also ensures the right amount of crushed stone backfill. Experienced installers know that too much crushed stone wastes money—too little can build hydrostatic pressure and cause the retaining wall to fail.



Easy Installation

Verti-Block was created with landscaping in mind—meaning we've made it easy to transport and install, even in tight access spots. Blocks can be moved and put into place with smaller equipment; there's no need for heavy machines like a telehandler or crane. The male-and-female connection eliminates placement error, ensuring strength and an exact installation every time.



Engineered for Strength

While the hollow nature of Verti-Block makes it cost effective and easier to handle, it also improves its ability to retain earth. Even in poor soil conditions, Verti-Block can be stacked higher than other blocks without the use of tiebacks or geogrid. The male-and-female design of Verti-Block adds a stronger connection than blocks relying on friction alone. The crushed stone fill also interlocks and creates a continuous mass for greater strength.

A Cost Effective Solution

Best of all, Verti-Block delivers tremendous cost savings. As a hollow block, Verti-Block is lighter, requiring less manpower, equipment, and transportation costs. It's quick to install, and the product itself is less expensive to manufacture than solid block options. The internal drainage through the block's infill means no over-or under-excavating because no additional crushed stone backfill is required. Property owners will appreciate the affordability and value of Verti-Block. Add that to the right look and right strength of this unique product, and you'll know Verti-Block is the right solution for a great landscape installation.



A Look Like No Other

Beyond its structural purpose, Verti-Block is a favorite of property owners for its beautiful rockwork look. Verti-Block showcases a 5-inch depth of relief, hiding joints, and making a finished wall appear more like stacked stone. Plus, Verti-Block is easily stained to complement its surroundings with a beautiful, weather and UV-resistant finish.



Perfect for Landscape Projects Big and Small

Verti-Block is ideal for a variety of landscaping projects including residential communities, commercial campuses, schools, parks, backyards, and more. Able to accommodate winding landscapes and even tight curves, Verti-Block is designed to add interest to any landscape while securely retaining earth. For projects also requiring a privacy wall or traffic barrier, Verti-Blocks allow fencing or railing to be constructed directly on top of the Verti-Block structure. Fencing can be placed right to the edge of the wall for an attractive, continuous appearance.

Disclosure

It is important to note that the design parameters for a Verti-Block™ installation come with a suggested maximum height under assumed conditions. Verti-Block wall specifications are calculated using assumed loading conditions and material properties and may fluctuate from location depending on varying soil properties and terrain. In addition to the information included in this manual, please consult with your engineer to determine the specific design requirements for your site as soil and terrain vary by location.

Verti-Crete, LLC provides forming systems to independent Licensed Producers and does not build the actual precast concrete elements themselves. Therefore, Verti-Crete, LLC does not assume any responsibility regarding structural stability of any particular blocks or wall system. Verti-Crete, LLC also assumes no responsibility in connection with any property damage, injury or death claim whatsoever whether asserted against a Leasee, Leasor, Purchasor or others arising out of or attributable to the operation of or products produced with Verti-Crete, LLC equipment.



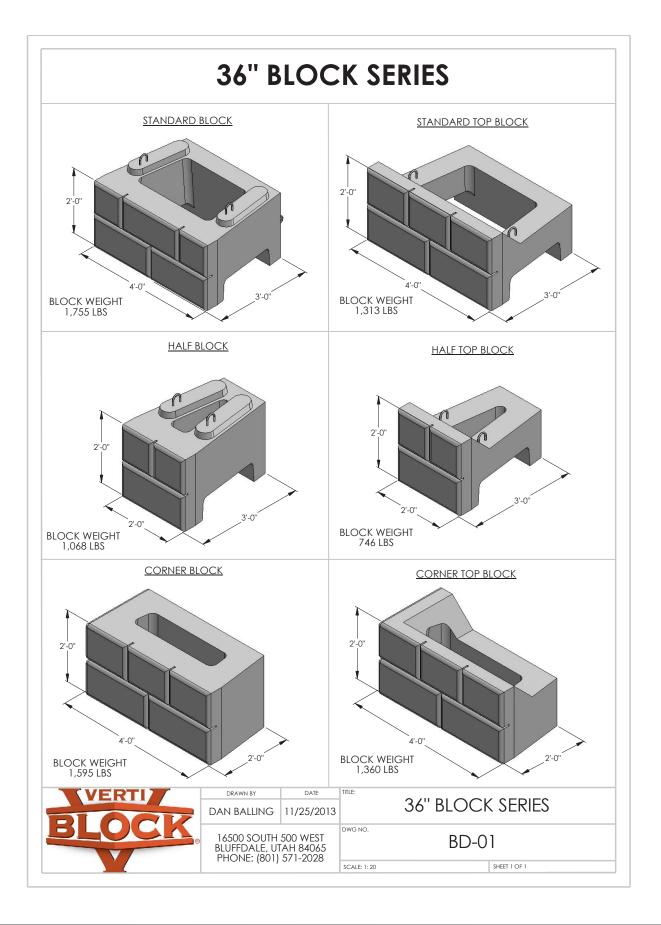
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Block Library

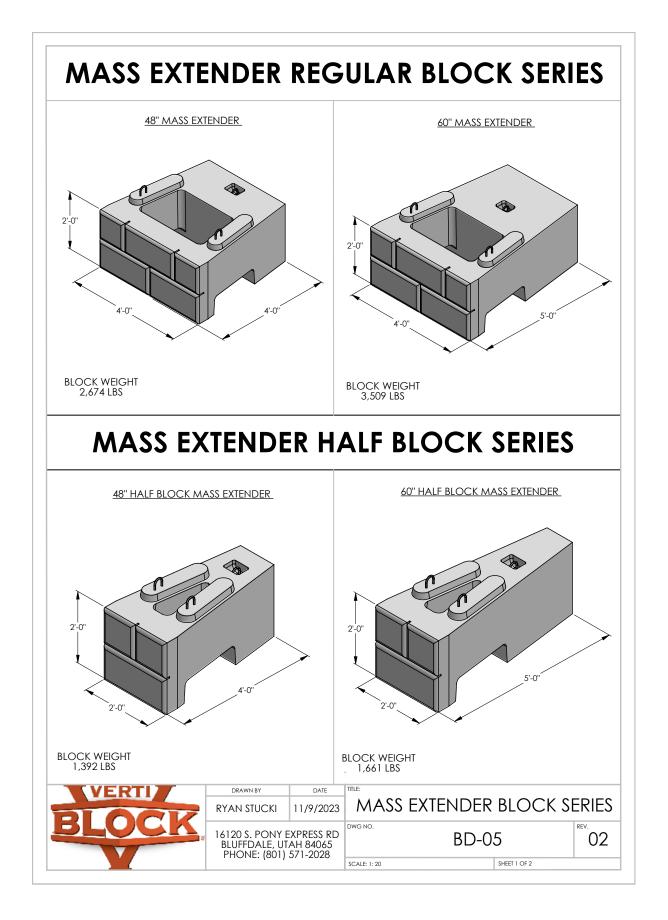
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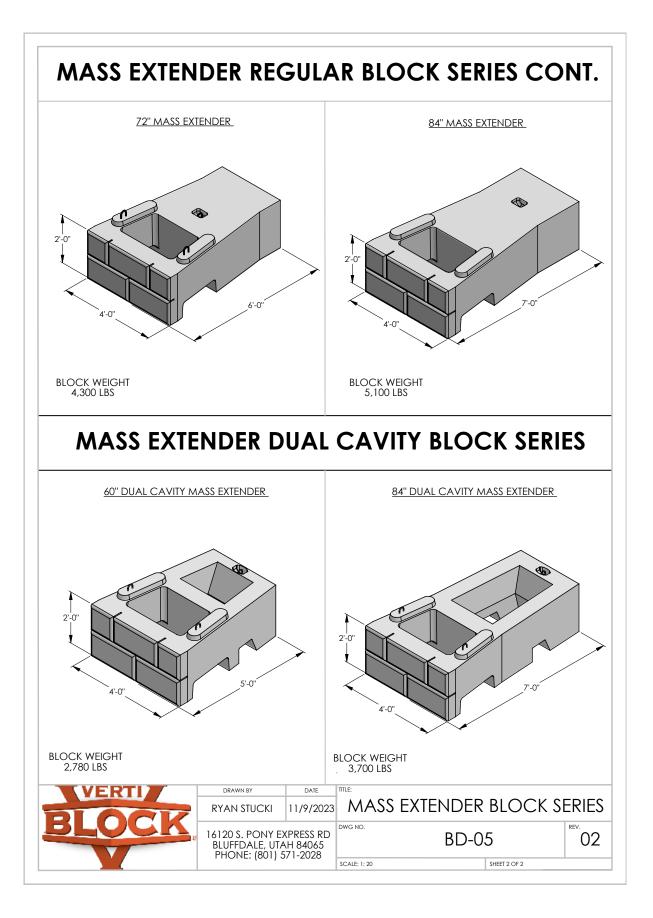




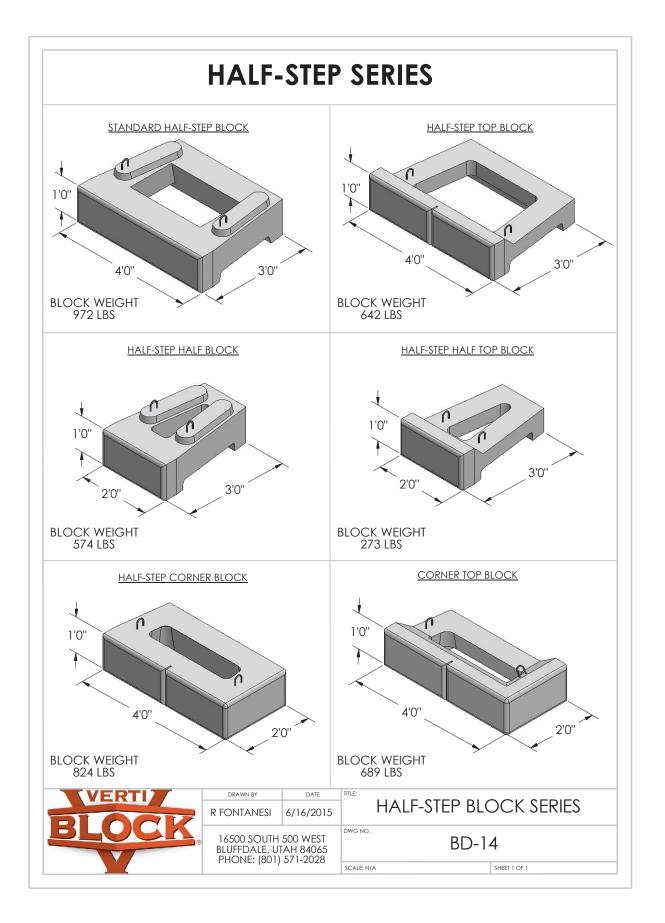




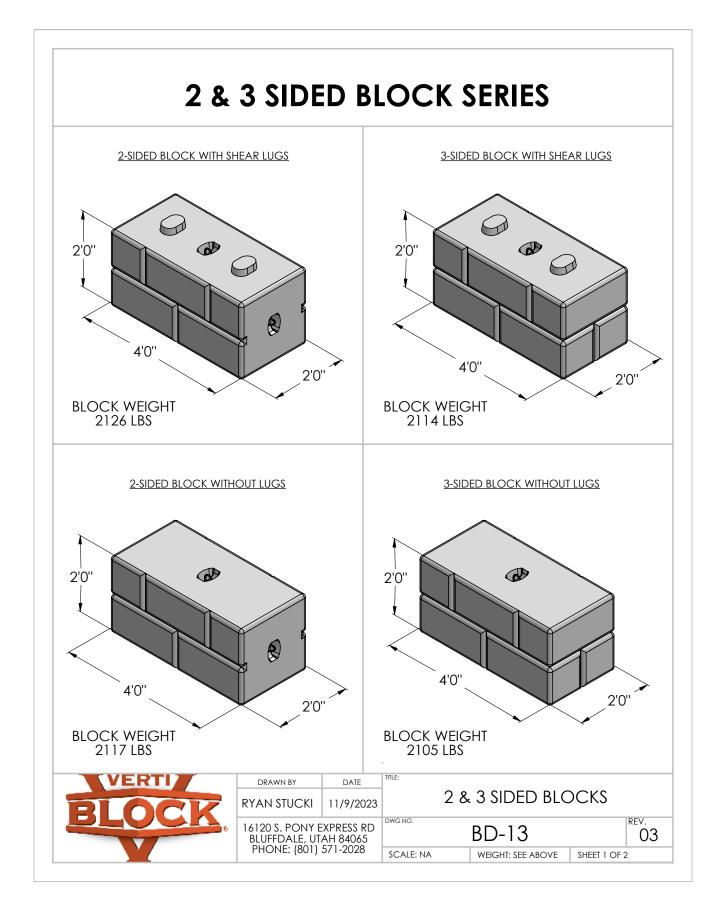




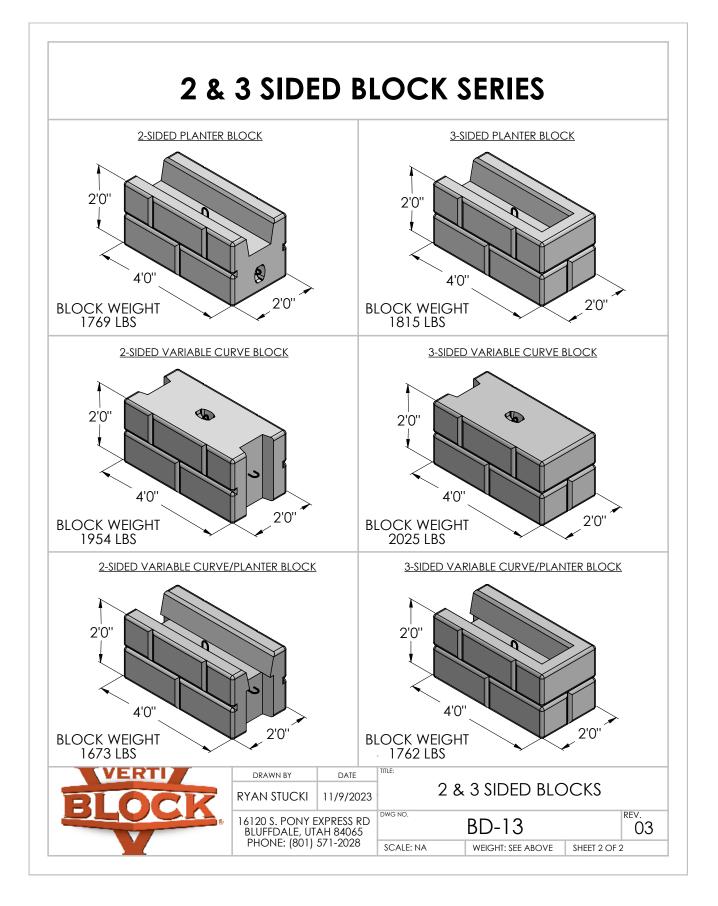




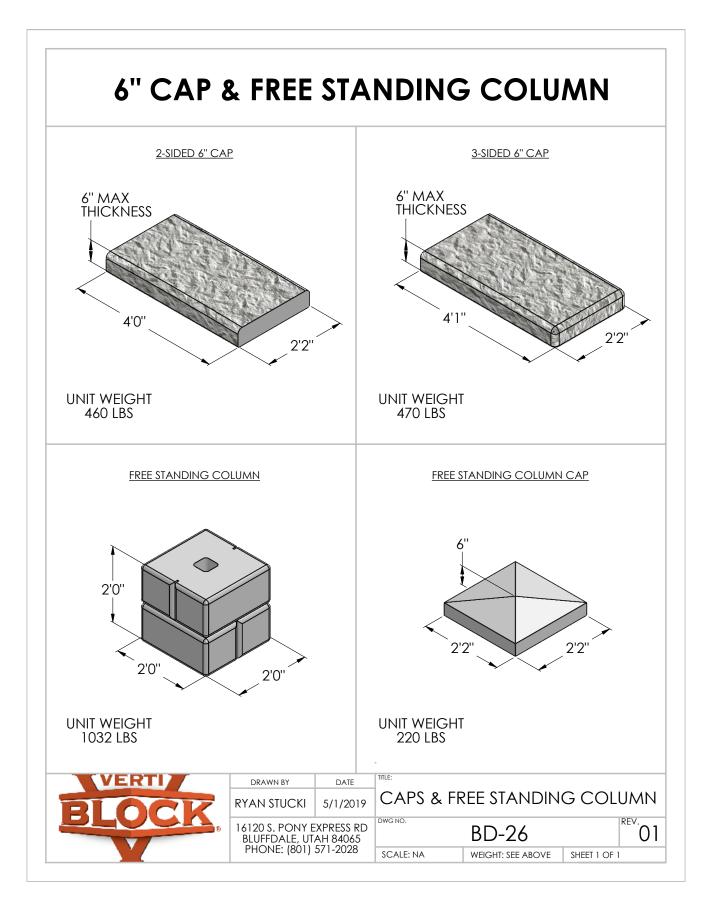




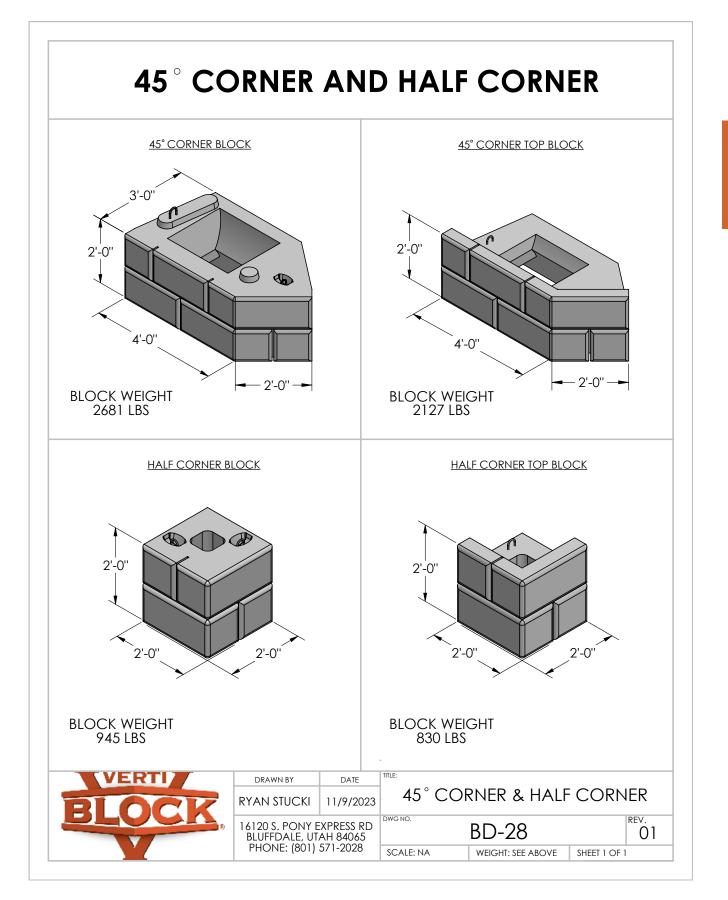




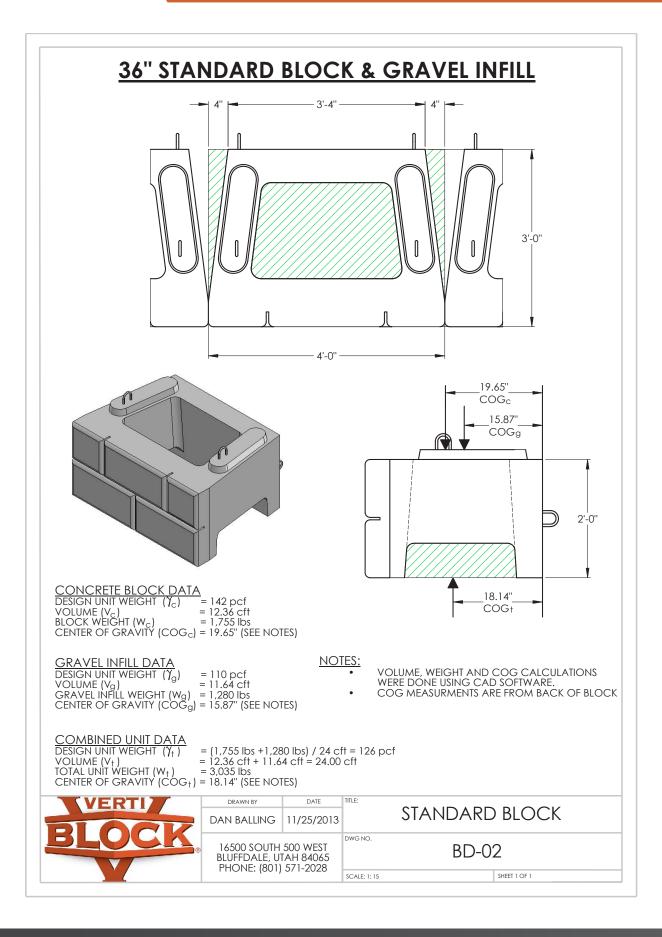




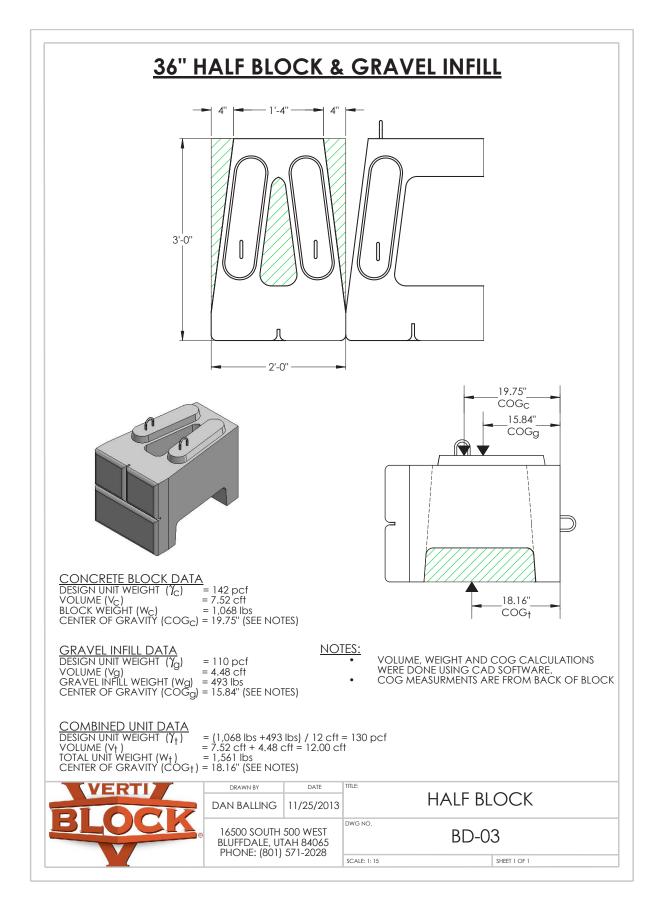




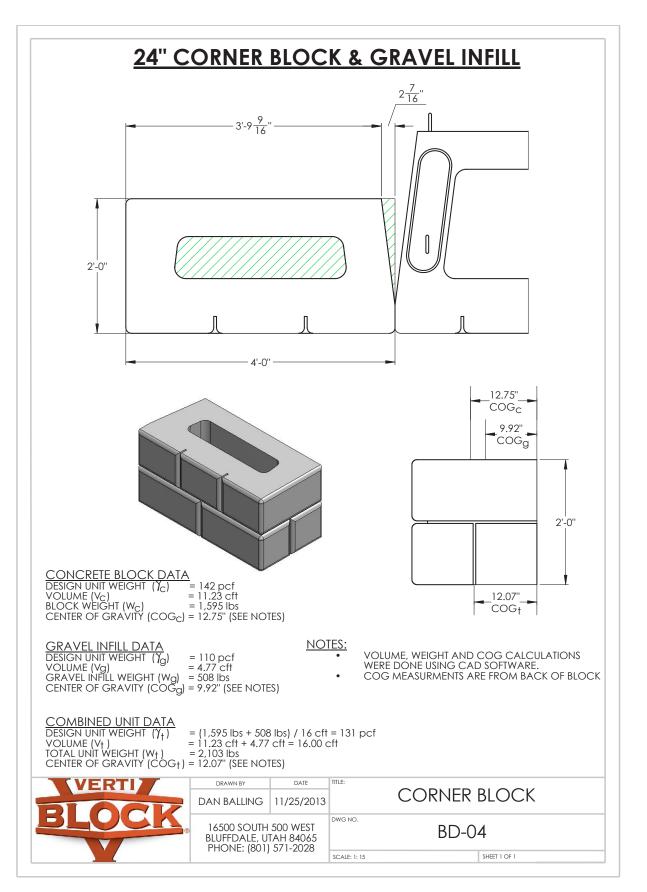
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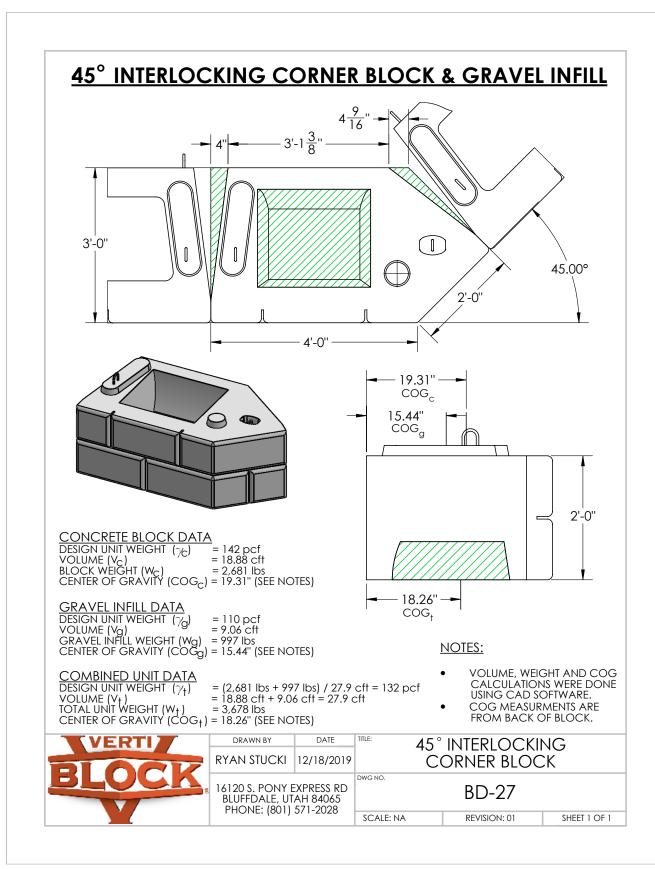




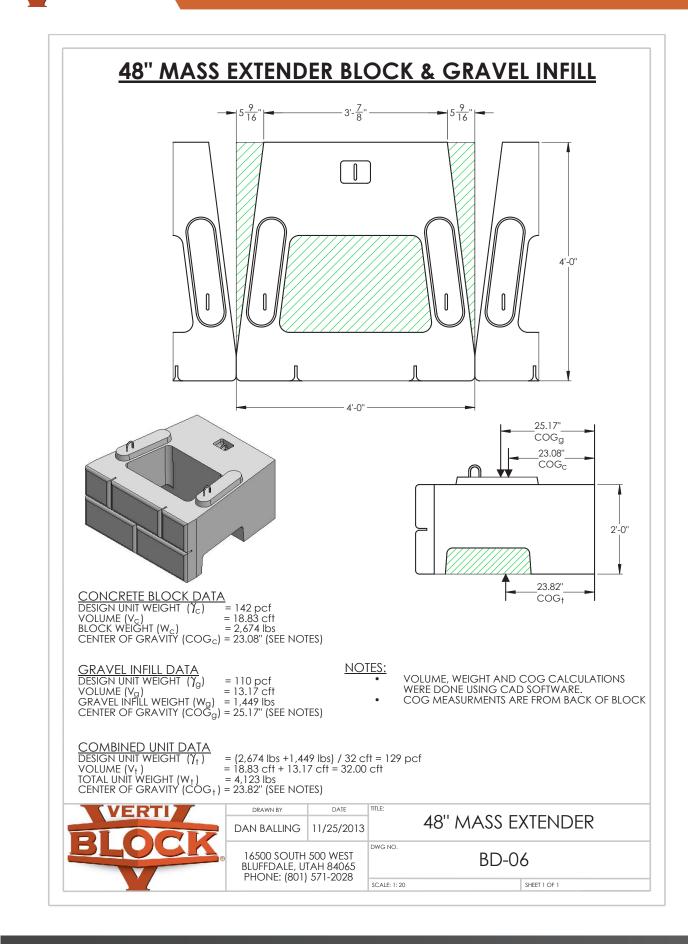




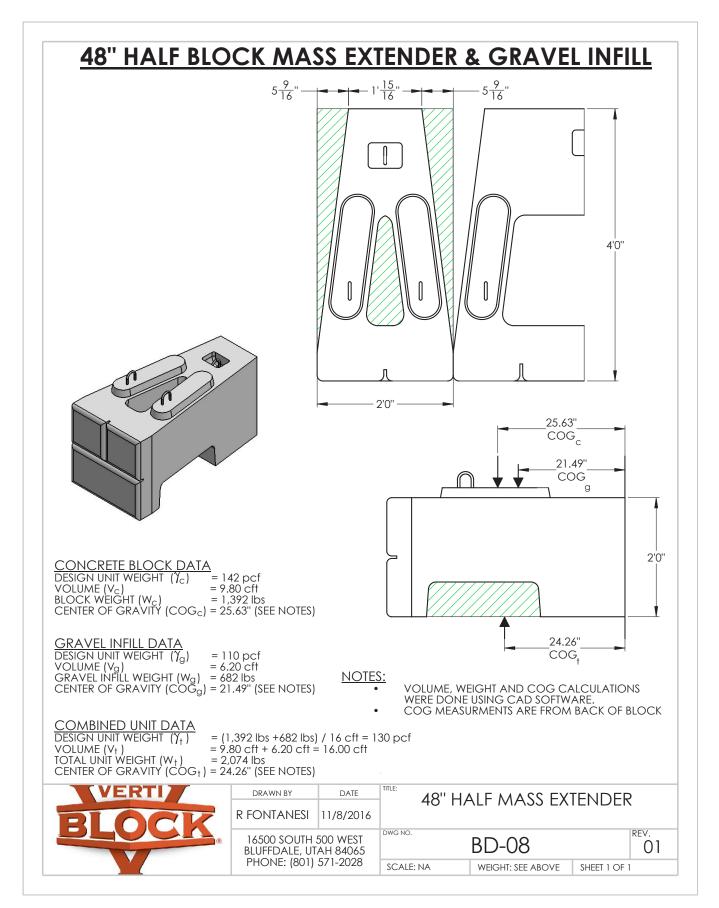




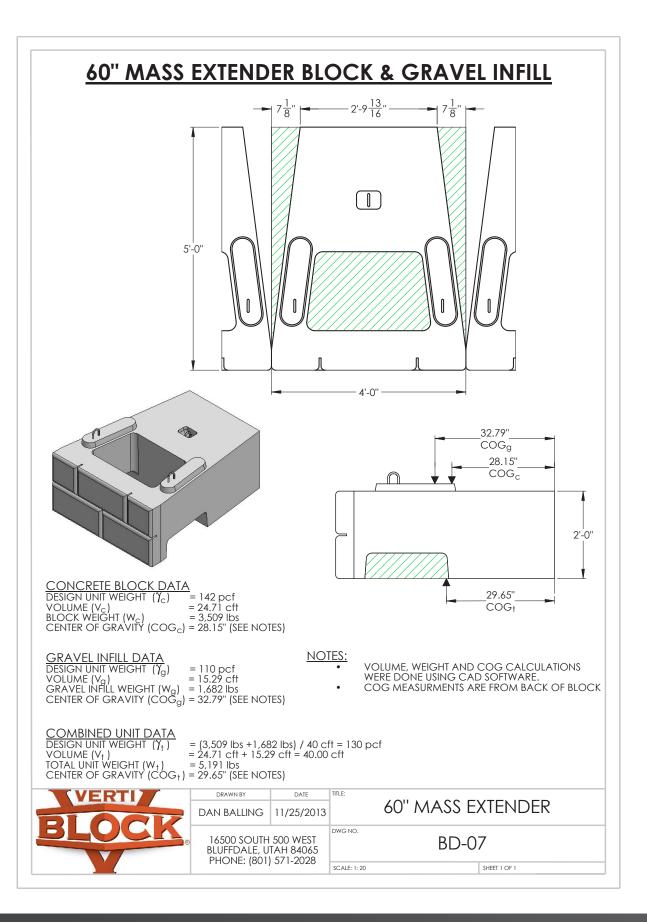
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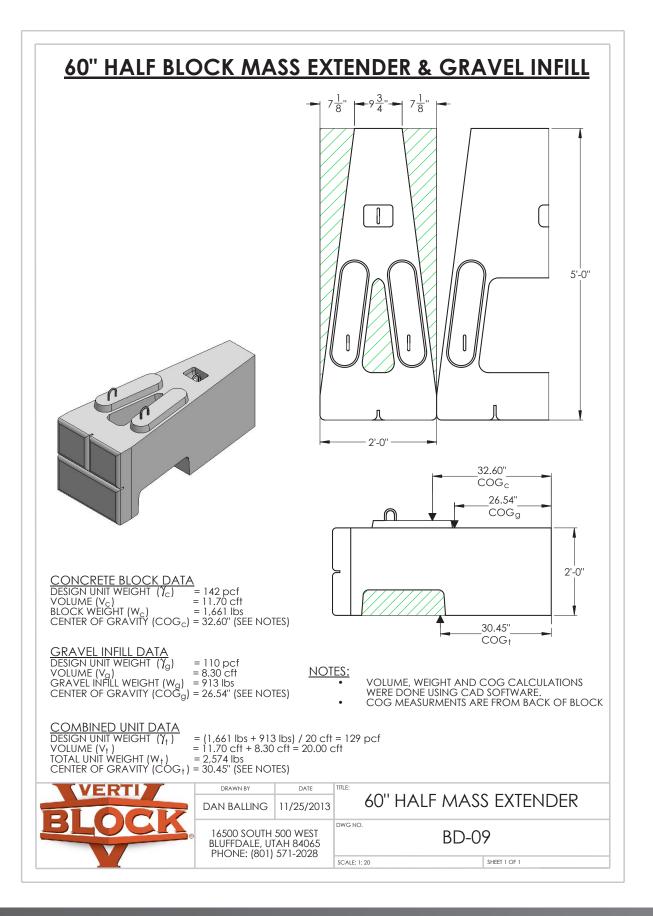




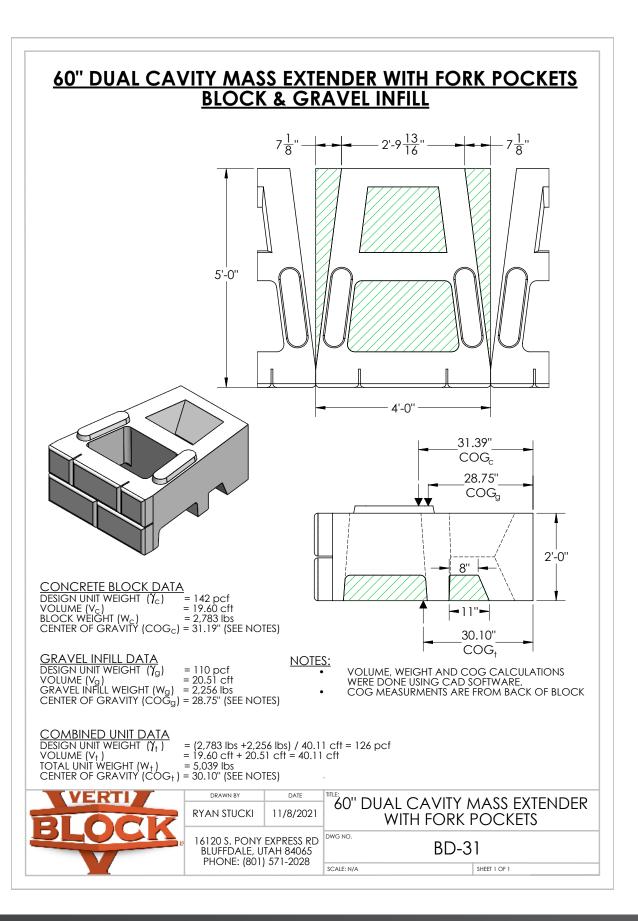




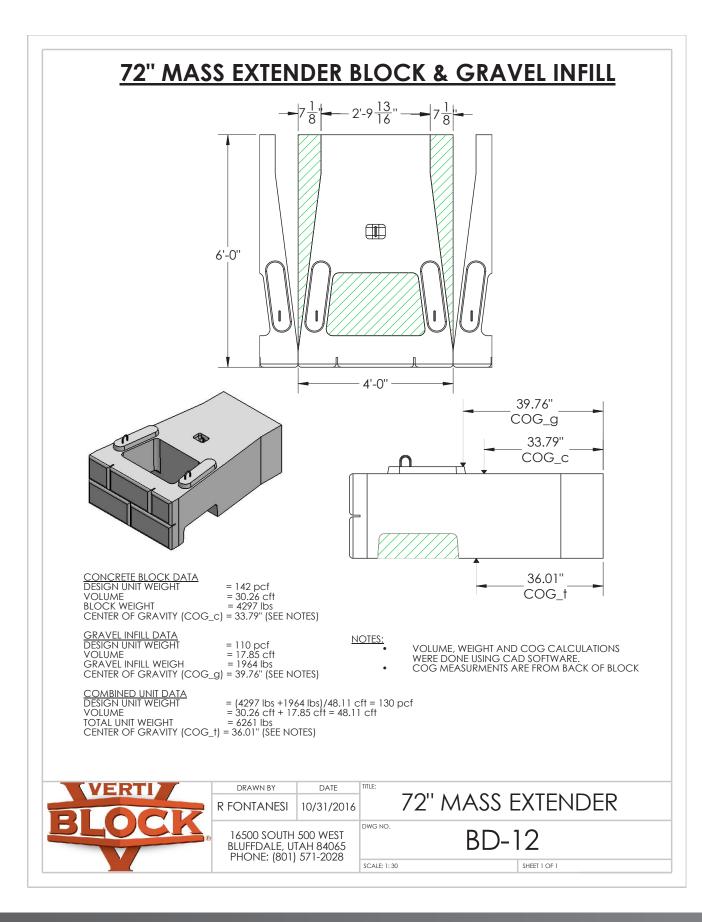




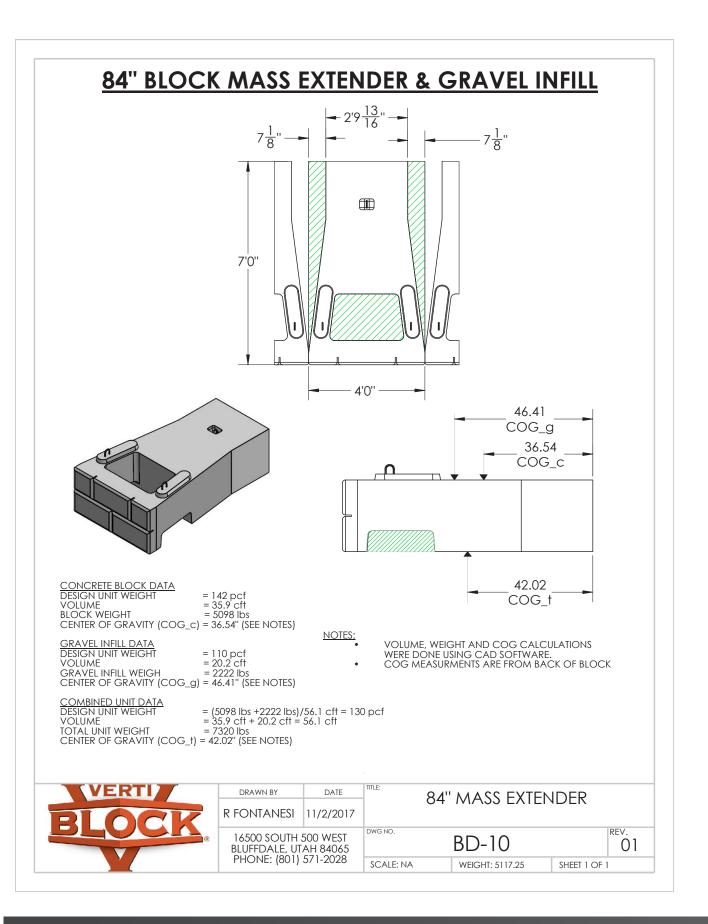




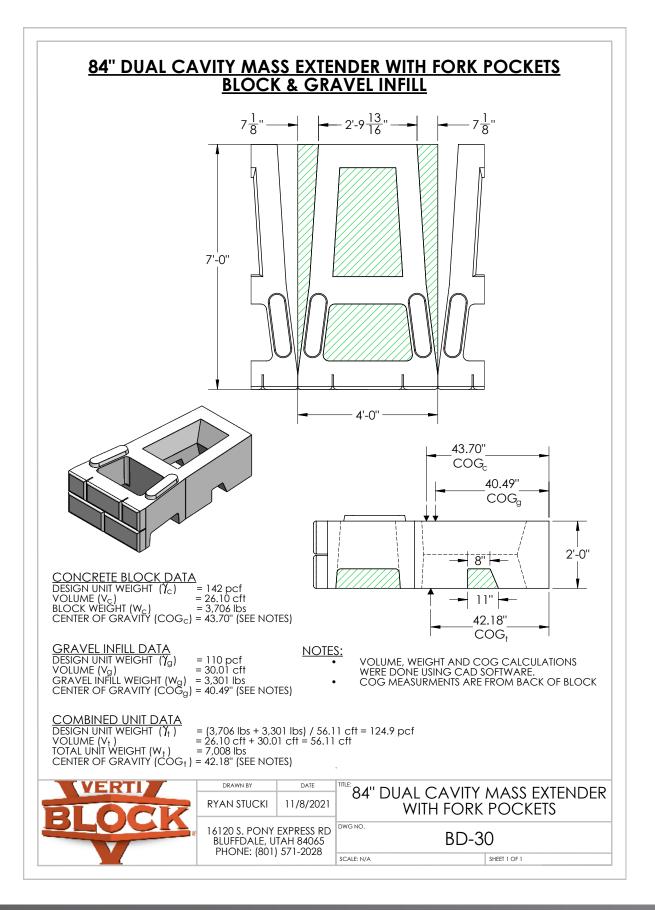












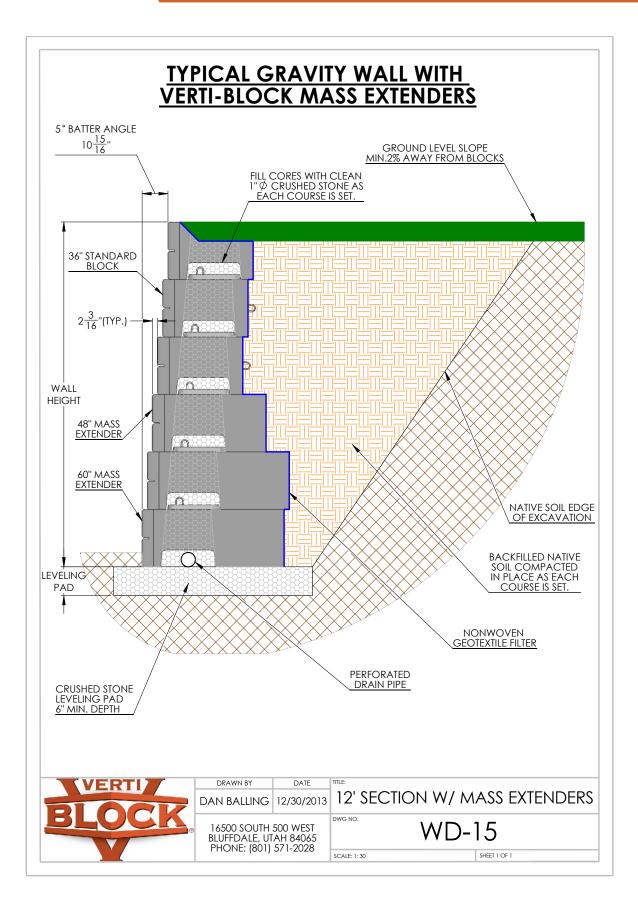
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Design Tables

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Gravity Wall Matrix with Standard and Mass Extender Blocks

	Silty	Sandy	Gravely Sand	Gravely				
Soil Type	Internal Angle of	Internal Angle of	Internal Angle of	Internal Angle of				
	Friction ≥ 28°	Friction ≥ 30°	Friction ≥ 35°	Friction ≥ 40°				

Load Condition	Wall	Bury	Leveling Pad	Wall	Bury	Pad	Wall	Bury	Pad	Wall	Bury	Pad
Level Backfill / No Surcharge	Height	Depth		Height	Depth		Height	Depth		Height	Depth	
36" Blocks Only	7.5	0.5	0.5	7.5	0.5	0.5	9.5	0.5	0.5	11	1	0.5
36" Blocks Only	9.5	0.5	0.5	9.5	0.5	0.5	11	1	0.5	13	1	1
36" w/ (1) 48" bottom row	11	1	0.5	11	1	0.5	13	1	1	15	1	1
36" w/ (1) 48" & (1) 60" bottom row	13	1	1	13	1	0.5	15	1	1	17	1	1
36" w/ (2) 48" & (1) 60" bottom row				15	1	1						
36" w/ (1) 48" & (3) 60" bottom row							17	1	1			
36" w/ (4) 60" bottom row										19	1	1

Level Backfill / 250 psf Surcharge

36" Blocks Only	5.5	0.5	0.5	5.5	0.5	0.5	7.5	0.5	0.5	9.5	0.5	0.5
36" w/ (1) 48" bottom row	7.5	0.5	0.5	7.5	0.5	0.5	9.5	0.5	0.5	11	1	0.5
36" w/ (2) 48" bottom rows	9.5	0.5	0.5	9.5	0.5	0.5	11	1	0.5	13	1	1
36" w/ (2) 48" & (1) 60" bottom rows	11	1	0.5	11	1	0.5	13	1	1	15	1	1
36" w/ (3) 48" & (1) 60" bottom rows												
36" w/ (2) 48" & (4) 60" bottom rows							15	1	1			
36" w/ (2) 48" & (5) 60" bottom rows										17	1	1

2:1 Sloping Backfill / No Surcharge

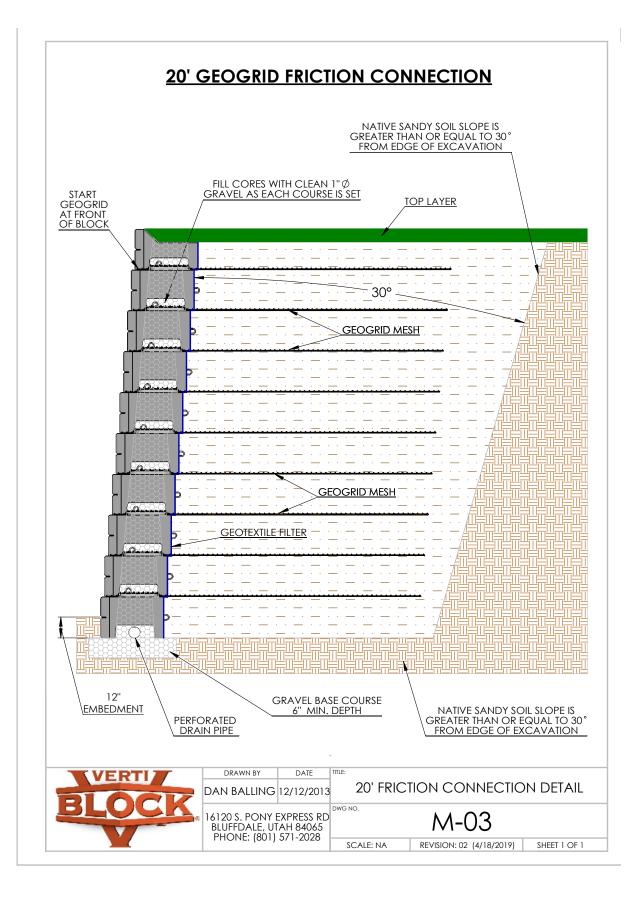
36" Blocks Only	5.5	0.5	0.5	5.5	0.5	0.5	9.5	0.5	0.5	11	1	0.5
36" w/ bottom (1) 48" bottom row				7.5	0.5	0.5	11	1	0.5	13	1	1
36" w/ (1) 60" bottom rows	7.5	0.5	1	9.5	0.5	1						
36" w/ (1) 48" & (1) 60" bottom rows							13	1	1	15	1	1
36" w/ (1) 48" & (2) 60" bottom rows												
36" w/ (2) 48" & (5) 60" bottom rows							15	1	1			
36" w/ (1) 48" & (6) 60" bottom rows										17	1	1

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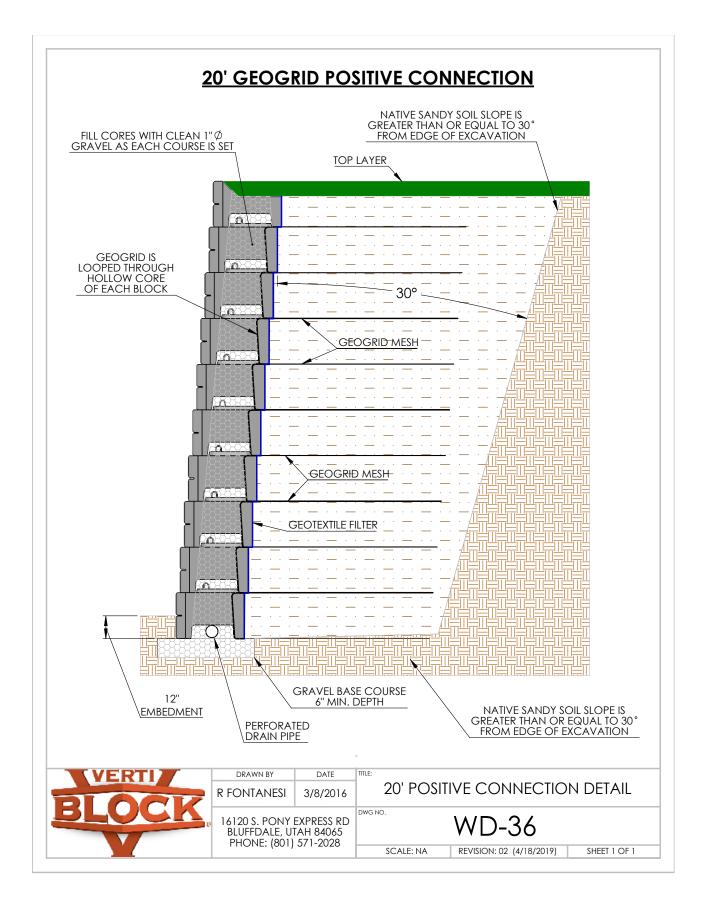
Notes: Unit weight of soil is 120 psf. When friction angle of 28 degrees was used 50 lbs of cohesion was assumed. Minimum factors of safety are sliding: 1.5, overturning: 1.5, and bearing: 2.0. Seismic forces have not been considered. Wall design shall address both internal and external drainage and shall be evaluated by the professional engineer responsible for final design. Backfill material to be compacted to 95% modified proctor density.



Design Tables



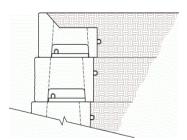






Reinforced Wall Matrix

Soil Type	Silty Soil
Load Condition	Level Backfill / No Surcharge
Internal Angle of Friction	≥ 28°
Suggested Geogrid	Stratagrid®



Wall Height	Bury Depth	Level Pad		Dimensions measured in feet from face of block VP – Geogrid Verticle Placement GT – Geogrid Type (Strata 200, 500, 600) L – Geogrid Length in Feet											
8′	0.5′	0.5′	VP GT L	None											
10′	0.5′	0.5′	VP GT L	None											
12′	0.57′	0.5′	VP GT L	2 200 8.5	4 200 8.5	6 200 8.5									
14′	0.67′	0.5′	VP GT L	2 500 9.8	4 500 9.8	6 500 9.8	8 500 9.8								
16′	0.76′	0.5′	VP GT L	2 500 11.1	4 500 11.1	6 500 11.1	8 500 11.1	10 500 11.1							
18′	0.86′	0.5′	VP GT L	2 500 12.3	4 500 12.3	6 500 12.3	8 500 12.3	10 500 12.3	12 500 12.3						
20′	0.95′	0.5′	VP GT L	2 500 13.6	4 500 13.6	6 500 13.6	8 500 13.6	10 500 13.6	12 500 13.6	14 500 13.6					
22'	1′	0.5′	VP GT L	2 600 14.9	4 600 14.9	6 600 14.9	8 600 14.9	10 600 14.9	12 600 14.9	14 600 14.9	16 600 14.9				
24'	1.14′	0.5′	VP GT L	2 600 16.2	4 600 16.2	6 600 16.2	8 600 16.2	10 600 16.2	12 600 16.2	14 600 16.2	16 600 16.2	18 600 16.2			
26'	1.24′	0.5′	VP GT L	2 600 17.4	4 600 17.4	6 600 17.4	8 600 17.4	10 600 17.4	12 600 17.4	14 600 17.4	16 600 17.4	18 600 17.4	20 600 17.4		
28′	1.33′	0.5′	VP GT L	2 600 18.7	4 600 18.7	6 600 18.7	8 600 18.7	10 600 18.7	12 600 18.7	14 600 18.7	16 600 18.7	18 600 18.7	20 600 18.7	22 600 18.7	
30′	1.43′	0.5′	VP GT L	2 600 20	4 600 20	6 600 20	8 600 20	10 600 20	12 600 20	14 600 20	16 600 20	18 600 20	20 600 20	22 600 20	24 600 20

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Notes: Unit weight of soil is 120 psf. Minimum factors of safety are sliding: 1.5, overturning: 1.5, and bearing: 2.0. Wall design shall address both internal and external drainage and shall be evaluated by the professional engineer responsible for final design. Backfill material to be compacted to 95% modified proctor density. Designs are in general accordance with NCMA guidelines.



Soil Type	Silty Soil
Load Condition	Level Backfill / 250 psf Surcharge
Internal Angle of Friction	≥ 28°
Suggested Geogrid	Stratagrid®

Wall Height	Bury Depth	Level Pad		Dimensions measured in feet from face of block VP – Geogrid Verticle Placement GT – Geogrid Type (Strata 200, 500, 600) L – Geogrid Length in Feet											
6'	0.5′	0.5′	VP GT L	None											
8′	0.5′	0.5′	VP GT L	2 200 7.9	4 200 7.9										
10′	0.5′	0.5′	VP GT L	2 200 9.2	4 200 9.2	6 200 9.2									
12′	0.57′	0.5′	VP GT L	2 500 9.5	4 500 9.5	6 500 9.5									
14'	0.67′	0.5′	VP GT L	2 500 10.8	4 500 10.8	6 500 10.8	8 500 10.8								
16′	0.76′	0.5′	VP GT L	2 500 12.1	4 500 12.1	6 500 12.1	8 500 12.1	10 500 12.1							
18′	0.86′	0.5′	VP GT L	2 500 13.3	4 500 13.3	6 500 13.3	8 500 13.3	10 500 13.3	12 500 13.3						
20'	0.95′	0.5′	VP GT L	2 600 14.6	4 600 14.6	6 600 14.6	8 600 14.6	10 600 14.6	12 600 14.6	14 600 14.6					
22'	1.05′	0.5′	VP GT L	2 600 15.9	4 600 15.9	6 600 15.9	8 600 15.9	10 600 15.9	12 600 15.9	14 600 15.9	16 600 15.9				
24'	1.14′	0.5′	VP GT L	2 600 17.1	4 600 17.1	6 600 17.1	8 600 17.1	10 600 17.1	12 600 17.1	14 600 17.1	16 600 17.1	18 600 17.1			
26′	1.24′	0.5′	VP GT L	2 600 18.4	4 600 18.4	6 600 18.4	8 600 18.4	10 600 18.4	12 600 18.4	14 600 18.4	16 600 18.4	18 600 18.4	20 600 18.4		
28′	1.33′	0.5′	VP GT L	2 600 19.7	4 600 19.7	6 600 19.7	8 600 19.7	10 600 19.7	12 600 19.7	14 600 19.7	16 600 19.7	18 600 19.7	20 600 19.7	22 600 19.7	

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Soil Type	Silty Soil
Load Condition	2:1 Sloping Backfill / No Surcharge
Internal Angle of Friction	≥ 28°
Suggested Geogrid	Stratagrid®

Wall Height	Bury Depth	Level Pad		- Geogric				e of block - Geogrid	Type (Sti	rata 200,	500, 600)) L – Ge	eogrid Lei	ngth
6'	0.5′	0.5′	VP GT L	None										
8'	0.5′	0.5′	VP GT L	2 200 8.6	4 200 8.6									
10′	0.5′	0.5′	VP GT L	2 500 9.5	4 500 9.5									
12′	0.6′	0.5′	VP GT L	2 500 11.1	4 500 11.1	6 500 11.1								
14′	0.6′	0.5′	VP GT L	2 500 13.0	4 500 13.0	6 500 13.0	8 500 13.0							
16′	0.6′	0.5′	VP GT L	2 500 15.0	4 500 15.0	6 500 15.0	8 500 15.0	10 500 15.0						
18′	0.6′	0.5′	VP GT L	2 500 17.0	4 500 17.0	6 500 17.0	8 500 17.0	10 500 17.0	12 500 17.0					
20′	0.6′	0.5′	VP GT L	2 600 19.0	4 600 19.0	6 600 19.0	8 600 19.0	10 600 19.0	12 600 19.0	14 600 19.0				
22'	0.6′	0.5′	VP GT L	2 600 21.0	4 600 21.0	6 600 21.0	8 600 21.0	10 600 21.0	12 600 21.0	14 600 21.0	16 600 21.0			
24'	0.6′	0.5′	VP GT L	2 600 23.0	4 600 23.0	6 600 23.0	8 600 23.0	10 600 23.0	12 600 23.0	14 600 23.0	16 600 23.0	18 600 23.0		

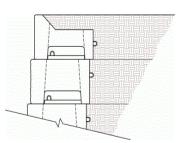
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Soil Type	Sandy Soil
Load Condition	Level Backfill / No Surcharge
Internal Angle of Friction	≥ 30°
Suggested Geogrid	Stratagrid®

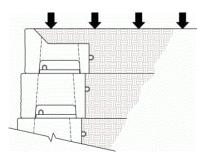


Wall Height	Bury Depth	Level Pad		Dimensions measured in feet from face of block VP – Geogrid Verticle Placement GT – Geogrid Type (Strata 200, 500, 600) L – Geogrid Length in Feet												
8'	0.5′	0.5′	VP GT L	None												
10′	0.5′	0.5′	VP GT L	None												
12′	0.57′	0.5′	VP GT L	2 200 8.5	4 200 8.5	6 200 8.5										
14′	0.67′	0.5′	VP GT L	2 500 9.8	4 500 9.8	6 500 9.8	8 500 9.8									
16′	0.76′	0.5′	VP GT L	2 500 11.1	4 500 11.1	6 500 11.1	8 500 11.1	10 500 11.1								
18′	0.86′	0.5′	VP GT L	2 500 12.3	4 500 12.3	6 500 12.3	8 500 12.3	10 500 12.3	12 500 12.3							
20′	0.95′	0.5′	VP GT L	2 500 13.6	4 500 13.6	6 500 13.6	8 500 13.6	10 500 13.6	12 500 13.6	14 500 13.6						
22'	1′	0.5′	VP GT L	2 600 14.9	4 600 14.9	6 600 14.9	8 600 14.9	10 600 14.9	12 600 14.9	14 600 14.9	16 600 14.9					
24'	1.14′	0.5′	VP GT L	2 600 16.2	4 600 16.2	6 600 16.2	8 600 16.2	10 600 16.2	12 600 16.2	14 600 16.2	16 600 16.2	18 600 16.2				
26′	1.24′	0.5′	VP GT L	2 600 17.4	4 600 17.4	6 600 17.4	8 600 17.4	10 600 17.4	12 600 17.4	14 600 17.4	16 600 17.4	18 600 17.4	20 600 17.4			
28′	1.33′	0.5′	VP GT L	2 600 18.7	4 600 18.7	6 600 18.7	8 600 18.7	10 600 18.7	12 600 18.7	14 600 18.7	16 600 18.7	18 600 18.7	20 600 18.7	22 600 18.7		
30'	1.43′	0.5′	VP GT L	2 600 20	4 600 20	6 600 20	8 600 20	10 600 20	12 600 20	14 600 20	16 600 20	18 600 20	20 600 20	22 600 20	24 600 20	

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Soil Type	Sandy Soil
Load Condition	Level Backfill / 250 psf Surcharge
Internal Angle of Friction	≥ 30°
Suggested Geogrid	Stratagrid®



Wall Height	Bury Depth	Level Pad		Dimensions measured in feet from face of block VP – Geogrid Verticle Placement GT – Geogrid Type (Strata 200, 500, 600) L – Geogrid Length in Feet											
6′	0.5′	0.5′	VP GT L	None											
8′	0.5′	0.5′	VP GT L	2 200 7.9	4 200 7.9										
10′	0.5′	0.5′	VP GT L	2 200 9.2	4 200 9.2	6 200 9.2									
12′	0.57′	0.5′	VP GT L	2 500 9.5	4 500 9.5	6 500 9.5									
14′	0.67′	0.5′	VP GT L	2 500 10.8	4 500 10.8	6 500 10.8	8 500 10.8								
16′	0.76′	0.5′	VP GT L	2 500 12.1	4 500 12.1	6 500 12.1	8 500 12.1	10 500 12.1							
18′	0.86′	0.5′	VP GT L	2 500 13.3	4 500 13.3	6 500 13.3	8 500 13.3	10 500 13.3	12 500 13.3						
20′	0.95′	0.5′	VP GT L	2 600 14.6	4 600 14.6	6 600 14.6	8 600 14.6	10 600 14.6	12 600 14.6	14 600 14.6					
22'	1.05′	0.5′	VP GT L	2 600 15.9	4 600 15.9	6 600 15.9	8 600 15.9	10 600 15.9	12 600 15.9	14 600 15.9	16 600 15.9				
24'	1.14′	0.5′	VP GT L	2 600 17.1	4 600 17.1	6 600 17.1	8 600 17.1	10 600 17.1	12 600 17.1	14 600 17.1	16 600 17.1	18 600 17.1			
26'	1.24′	0.5′	VP GT L	2 600 18.4	4 600 18.4	6 600 18.4	8 600 18.4	10 600 18.4	12 600 18.4	14 600 18.4	16 600 18.4	18 600 18.4	20 600 18.4		
28′	1.33′	0.5′	VP GT L	2 600 19.7	4 600 19.7	6 600 19.7	8 600 19.7	10 600 19.7	12 600 19.7	14 600 19.7	16 600 19.7	18 600 19.7	20 600 19.7	22 600 19.7	

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Reinforced Wall Matrix

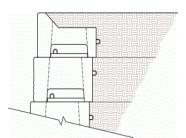
Soil Type	Sandy Soil
Load Condition	2:1 Sloping Backfill / No Surcharge
Internal Angle of Friction	≥ 30°
Suggested Geogrid	Stratagrid®

Wall Height	Bury Depth	Level Pad	VP -	Dimensions measured in feet from face of block VP – Geogrid Verticle Placement GT – Geogrid Type (Strata 200, 500, 600) L – Geogrid Length in Feet											
6'	0.5′	0.5′	VP GT L	None											
8′	0.5′	0.5′	VP GT L	2 200 8.6	4 200 8.6										
10′	0.5′	0.5′	VP GT L	2 500 9.5	4 500 9.5										
12′	0.6′	0.5′	VP GT L	2 500 11.1	4 500 11.1	6 500 11.1									
14′	0.6′	0.5′	VP GT L	2 500 13.0	4 500 13.0	6 500 13.0	8 500 13.0								
16'	0.6′	0.5′	VP GT L	2 500 15.0	4 500 15.0	6 500 15.0	8 500 15.0	10 500 15.0							
18′	0.6′	0.5′	VP GT L	2 500 17.0	4 500 17.0	6 500 17.0	8 500 17.0	10 500 17.0	12 500 17.0						
20'	0.6′	0.5′	VP GT L	2 600 19.0	4 600 19.0	6 600 19.0	8 600 19.0	10 600 19.0	12 600 19.0	14 600 19.0					
22'	0.6′	0.5′	VP GT L	2 600 21.0	4 600 21.0	6 600 21.0	8 600 21.0	10 600 21.0	12 600 21.0	14 600 21.0	16 600 21.0				
24'	0.6′	0.5′	VP GT L	2 600 23.0	4 600 23.0	6 600 23.0	8 600 23.0	10 600 23.0	12 600 23.0	14 600 23.0	16 600 23.0	18 600 23.0			

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Soil Type	Gravely/Sandy Soil
Load Condition	Level Backfill / No Surcharge
Internal Angle of Friction	≥ 35°
Suggested Geogrid	Stratagrid®

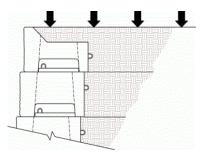


Wall Height	Bury Depth	Level Pad		ensions i - Geogric						rata 200,	500, 600)) L – Ge	eogrid Le	ngth in F	eet
10′	0.5′	0.5′	VP GT L	None											
12′	0.5′	0.5'	VP GT L	None											
14'	0.67'	0.5'	VP GT L	2 200 8.4	4 200 8.4	6 200 8.4									
16'	0.76'	0.5'	VP GT L	2 500 9.8	4 500 9.8	6 500 9.8									
18'	0.86'	0.5'	VP GT L	2 500 10.8	4 500 10.8	6 500 10.8	8 500 10.8								
20'	0.95'	0.5'	VP GT L	2 500 12	4 500 12	6 500 12	8 500 12	10 500 12							
22'	1.05'	0.5'	VP GT L	2 500 13.2	4 500 13.2	6 500 13.2	8 500 13.2	10 500 13.2	12 500 13.2						
24'	1.14'	0.5'	VP GT L	2 500 14.5	4 500 14.5	6 500 14.5	8 500 14.5	10 500 14.5	12 500 14.5	14 500 14.5					
26'	1.24'	0.5'	VP GT L	2 500 15.6	4 500 15.6	6 500 15.6	8 500 15.6	10 500 15.6	12 500 15.6	14 500 15.6	16 500 15.6				
28'	1.33'	0.5'	VP GT L	2 500 16.8	4 500 16.8	6 500 16.8	8 500 16.8	10 500 16.8	12 500 16.8	14 500 16.8	16 500 16.8	18 500 16.8			
30'	1.4'	0.5'	VP GT L	2 600 18	4 600 18	6 600 18	8 600 18	10 600 18	12 600 18	14 600 18	16 600 18	18 600 18	20 600 18		
30' +			VP GT L	Heights above 30 feet are achievable. Please contact your Verti-Block dealer for more details											

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Soil Type	Gravely/Sandy Soil
Load Condition	Level Backfill / 250 psf Surcharge
Internal Angle of Friction	≥ 35°
Suggested Geogrid	Stratagrid®

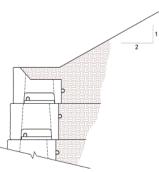


Wall Height	Bury Depth	Level Pad						e of block - Geogrid		rata 200,	500, 600)	L – Ge	eogrid Le	ngth in F	eet
8'	0.5'	0.5′	VP GT L	None											
10'	0.5'	0.5′	VP GT L	2 200 6.8	4 200 6.8										
12'	0.57'	0.5′	VP GT L	2 200 7.9	4 200 7.9	6 200 7.9									
14'	0.67'	0.5′	VP GT L	2 500 9	4 500 9	6 500 9	8 500 9								
16'	0.76'	0.5′	VP GT L	2 500 9.6	4 500 9.6	6 500 9.6	8 500 9.6								
18'	0.86'	0.5′	VP GT L	2 500 10.8	4 500 10.8	6 500 10.8	8 500 10.8	10 500 10.8							
20'	0.95'	0.5′	VP GT L	2 500 12	4 500 12	6 500 12	8 500 12	10 500 12	12 500 12						
22'	1.05'	0.5′	VP GT L	2 500 13.2	4 500 13.2	6 500 13.2	8 500 13.2	10 500 13.2	12 500 13.2	14 500 13.2					
24'	1.14'	0.5′	VP GT L	2 500 14.4	4 500 14.4	6 500 14.4	8 500 14.4	10 500 14.4	12 500 14.4	14 500 14.4	16 500 14.4				
26'	1.25'	0.5′	VP GT L	2 500 15.6	4 500 15.6	6 500 15.6	8 500 15.6	10 500 15.6	12 500 15.6	14 500 15.6	16 500 15.6	18 500 15.6			
28'	1.33'	0.5′	VP GT L	2 600 16.8	4 600 16.8	6 600 16.8	8 600 16.8	10 600 16.8	12 600 16.8	14 600 16.8	16 600 16.8	18 600 16.8	20 600 16.8		
30' +			VP GT L	Heights above 30 feet are achievable. Please contact your Verti-Block dealer for more details											

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Soil Type	Gravely/Sandy Soil
Load Condition	2:1 Sloping Backfill / No Surcharge
Internal Angle of Friction	≥ 35°
Suggested Geogrid	Stratagrid®

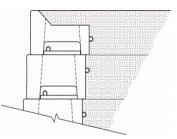


Wall Height	Bury Depth	Level Pad			measured Verticle					rata 200,	500, 600)	L – Ge	eogrid Lei	ngth in Fe	eet
8'	0.5'	0.5′	VP GT L	None											
10'	0.5'	0.5′	VP GT L	None											
10'	0.5'	0.5′	VP GT L	2 200 7.4	4 200 7.4										
12'	0.57'	0.5′	VP GT L	2 500 7.8	4 500 7.8										
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16'	0.76'	0.5′	VP GT L	2 500 10.6	4 500 10.6	6 500 10.6	8 500 10.6								
18'	0.86'	0.5′	VP GT L	2 500 12	4 500 12	6 500 12	8 500 12	10 500 12							
20'	0.95'	0.5′	VP GT L	2 600 13.5	4 600 13.5	6 600 13.5	8 600 13.5	10 600 13.5	12 600 13.5						
22'	1.05'	0.5′	VP GT L	2 600 14.9	4 600 14.9	6 600 14.9	8 600 14.9	10 600 14.9	12 600 14.9	14 600 14.9					
24'	1.14'	0.5′	VP GT L	2 600 16.4	4 600 16.4	6 600 16.4	8 600 16.4	10 600 16.4	12 600 16.4	14 600 16.4	16 600 16.4				

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Soil Type	Gravely Soil
Load Condition	Level Backfill / No Surcharge
Internal Angle of Friction	≥ 40°
Suggested Geogrid	Stratagrid®

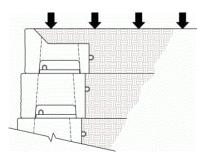


Wall Height	Bury Depth	Level Pad		ensions i - Geogric						rata 200,	500, 600)	L – Ge	eogrid Lei	ngth in F	eet
14'	0.5'	0.5′	VP GT L	None											
16'	0.76'	0.5'	VP GT L	2 200 9.6	4 200 9.6	6 200 9.6	8 200 9.6								
18'	0.86'	0.5'	VP GT L	2 200 10.8	4 200 10.8	6 200 10.8	8 200 10.8	10 200 10.8							
20'	0.95'	0.5'	VP GT L	2 200 12	4 200 12	6 200 12	8 200 12	10 200 12	12 200 12						
22'	1.05'	0.5'	VP GT L	2 500 13.2	4 500 13.2	6 500 13.2	8 500 13.2	10 500 13.2							
24'	1.14'	0.5'	VP GT L	2 500 14.4	4 500 14.4	6 500 14.4	8 500 14.4	10 500 14.4	12 500 14.4						
26'	1.24'	0.5'	VP GT L	2 500 15.6	4 500 15.6	6 500 15.6	8 500 15.6	10 500 15.6	12 500 15.6	14 500 15.6					
28'	1.33'	0.5'	VP GT L	2 500 16.8	4 500 16.8	6 500 16.8	8 500 16.8	10 500 16.8	12 500 16.8	14 500 16.8	16 500 16.8				
30'	1.43'	0.5'	VP GT L	2 500 18	4 500 18	6 500 18	8 500 18	10 500 18	12 500 18	14 500 18	16 500 18	18 500 18			
32'	1.52'	0.5'	VP GT L	2 500 19.2	4 500 19.2	6 500 19.2	8 500 19.2	10 500 19.2	12 500 19.2	14 500 19.2	16 500 19.2	18 500 19.2	20 500 19.2		
34'	1.62'	0.5'	VP GT L	2 500 20.4	4 500 20.4	6 500 20.4	8 500 20.4	10 500 20.4	12 500 20.4	14 500 20.4	16 500 20.4	18 500 20.4	20 500 20.4	22 500 20.4	
34' +			VP GT L	T Heights above 34 feet are achievable. Please contact your Verti-Block dealer for more details							ils				

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Soil Type	Gravely Soil
Load Condition	Level Backfill / 250 psf Surcharge
Internal Angle of Friction	≥ 40°
Suggested Geogrid	Stratagrid®

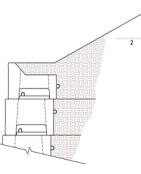


Wall Height	Bury Depth	Level Pad		ensions i - Geogric						rata 200,	500, 600)	L – Ge	eogrid Lei	ngth in Fe	eet
10'	0.5'	0.5′	VP GT L	None											
12'	0.57'	0.5'	VP GT L	2 200 7.2	4 200 7.2	6 200 7.2									
14'	0.67'	0.5'	VP GT L	2 200 8.4	4 200 8.4	6 200 8.4	8 200 8.4								
16'	0.76'	0.5'	VP GT L	2 200 9.6	4 200 9.6	6 200 9.6	8 200 9.6	10 200 9.6							
18'	0.86'	0.5'	VP GT L	2 200 10.8	4 200 10.8	6 200 10.8	8 200 10.8	10 200 10.8	12 200 10.8						
20'	0.95'	0.5'	VP GT L	2 500 12	4 500 12	6 500 12	8 500 12	10 500 12	12 500 12						
22'	1.05'	0.5'	VP GT L	2 500 13.2	4 500 13.2	6 500 13.2	8 500 13.2	10 500 13.2	12 500 13.2	14 500 13.2					
24'	1.14'	0.5'	VP GT L	2 500 14.4	4 500 14.4	6 500 14.4	8 500 14.4	10 500 14.4	12 500 14.4	14 500 14.4	16 500 14.4				
26'	1.24'	0.5'	VP GT L	2 500 15.6	4 500 15.6	6 500 15.6	8 500 15.6	10 500 15.6	12 500 15.6	14 500 15.6	16 500 15.6	18 500 15.6			
28'	1.33'	0.5'	VP GT L	2 500 16.8	4 500 16.8	6 500 16.8	8 500 16.8	10 500 16.8	12 500 16.8	14 500 16.8	16 500 16.8	18 500 16.8	20 500 16.8		
30'	1.43'	0.5'	VP GT L	2 500 18	4 500 18	6 500 18	8 500 18	10 500 18	12 500 18	14 500 18	16 500 18	18 500 18	20 500 20.4	22 500 20.4	
30' +			VP GT L	н	eights ab	ove 30 fe	eet are ac	hievable	. Please c	ontact yc	our Verti-	Block dea	aler for m	ore deta	ils

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Soil Type	Gravely Soil
Load Condition	2:1 Sloping Backfill / No Surcharge
Internal Angle of Friction	≥ 40°
Suggested Geogrid	Stratagrid®

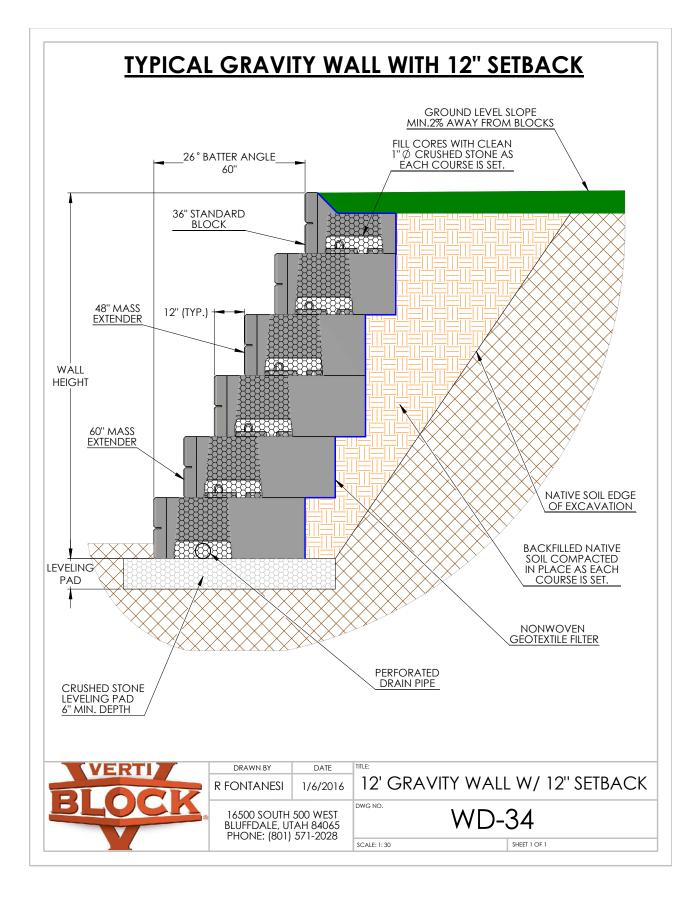


Wall Height	Bury Depth	Level Pad		imensions measured in feet from face of block P – Geogrid Verticle Placement GT – Geogrid Type (Strata 200, 500, 600) L – Geogrid Length in Feet											
12'	0.5'	0.5′	VP GT L	None											
14'	0.67'	0.5'	VP GT L	2 200 8.9	4 200 8.9	6 200 8.9	8 200 8.9								
16'	0.76'	0.5'	VP GT L	2 500 9.6	4 500 9.6	6 500 9.6									
18'	0.86'	0.5'	VP GT L	2 500 10.8	4 500 10.8	6 500 10.8	8 500 10.8								
20'	0.95'	0.5'	VP GT L	2 200 12	4 200 12	6 200 12	8 200 12	10 200 12							
22'	1.05'	0.5'	VP GT L	2 500 13.2	4 500 13.2	6 500 13.2	8 500 13.2	10 500 13.2	12 500 13.2						
24'	1.14'	0.5'	VP GT L	2 500 14.4	4 500 14.4	6 500 14.4	8 500 14.4	10 500 14.4	12 500 14.4	14 500 14.4					
26'	1.25'	0.5'	VP GT L	2 500 15.6	4 500 15.6	6 500 15.6	8 500 15.6	10 500 15.6	12 500 15.6	14 500 15.6	16 500 15.6				
28'	1.33'	0.5'	VP GT L	2 600 16.8	4 600 16.8	6 600 16.8	8 600 16.8	10 600 16.8	12 600 16.8	14 600 16.8	16 600 16.8	18 600 16.8			
30'	1.43'	0.5'	VP GT L	2 600 18	4 600 18	6 600 18	8 600 18	10 600 18	12 600 18	14 600 18	16 600 18	18 600 18	20 600 20.4		
32'	1.52'	0.5'	VP GT L	2 600 19.2	4 600 19.2	6 600 19.2	8 600 19.2	10 600 19.2	12 600 19.2	14 600 19.2	16 600 19.2	18 600 19.2	20 600 19.2	22 600 19.2	
34'	1.62'	0.5'	VP GT L	2 600 20.4	4 600 20.4	6 600 20.4	8 600 20.4	10 600 20.4	12 600 20.4	14 600 20.4	16 600 20.4	18 600 20.4	20 600 20.4	22 600 20.4	24 600 20.4

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Design Tables





Gravity Wall Matrix with Mass Extenders and 12" Batter

Soil Type	Soil Type Silty Soil Type Silty Sil		Sandy Internal Angle of Friction ≥ 30°			Gravely Sand Internal Angle of Friction ≥ 35°			Gravely Internal Angle of Friction ≥ 40°			
Load Condition	Exposed Wall Height	Bury	Leveling Pad	Exposed Wall Height	Bury	Leveling Pad	Exposed Wall Height	Bury	Leveling Pad	Exposed Wall Height	Bury	Leveling Pad
36" Blocks Only	5.5	0.5	0.5	5.5	0.5	0.5	7.5	0.5	0.5	11	1	0.5
36" Blocks Only	7.5	0.5	0.5	7.5	0.5	0.5	9.5	0.5	0.5	13	1	0.5
36" Blocks Only	9	1	1	9	1	1	11	1	1	15	1	1
36" Blocks Only	10.5	1.5	1	10.5	1.5	1	13	1	1	17	1	1
36" w/ (1) 48" bottom row	12.5	1.5	1	12.5	1.5	1	15	1	1	19	1	1
36" w/ (1) 48" bottom row							17	1	1	20.5	1.5	1
36" w/ (1) 60" bottom rows	14	2	1	14	2	1	19	1	1	22.5	1.5	1
36" w/ (1) 48" & (1) 60" bottom rows				16	2	1				24.5	1.5	1
Level Backfill / 250 psf Surcharge		0.5				1		0.5	1			
36" Blocks Only	3.5	0.5	0.5	3.5	0.5	0.5	5.5	0.5	0.5	9.5	0.5	0.5
36" Blocks Only	5.5	0.5	0.5	5.5	0.5	0.5	7.5	0.5	0.5	11	1	0.5
36" Blocks Only	7	1	0.5	7	1	0.5	9	1	0.5	13	1	1
36" Blocks Only	8.5	1.5	1	8.5	1.5	1	11	1	1	15	1	1
36" w/ (1) 48" bottom row				10.5	1.5	1	13	1	1	17	1	1
36" w/ (1) 48" bottom rows				12	2	1				19	1	1
36" w/ (1) 60" bottom rows							15	1	1			
36" w/ (1) 48" & (1) 60" bottom rows	10.5	1.5	1				17	1	1	21	1	1
36" w/ (2) 48" & (1) 60" bottom rows										23	1	1
36" w/ (1) 48" & (2) 60" bottom rows				14	2	1						
36" w/ (3) 48" & (3) 60" bottom rows							19	1	1			
2:1 Sloping Backfill / No Surcharge												
36" Blocks Only	3.5	0.5	0.5	5.5	0.5	0.5	7.5	0.5	0.5	11	1	0.5
36" Blocks Only	5.5	0.5	0.5	7	1	0.5	9.5	0.5	0.5	13	1	0.5
36" Blocks Only	7	1	1	8.5	1.5	1	11	1	1	15	1	1
36" w/ (1) 48" bottom row							13	1	1	17	1	1
36" w/ (1) 60" bottom rows							15	1	1	18.5	1.5	1
36" w/ (1) 48" & (1) 60" bottom rows							16.5	1.5	1	20.5	1.5	1
36" w/ (2) 48" & (2) 60" bottom rows				10.5	1.5	1						
36" w/ (3) 60" bottom rows	8.5	1.5	1									
36" w/ (2) 48" & (4) 60" bottom rows				12	2	1				22.5	1.5	1

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Notes: Unit weight of soil is 120 psf. Minimum factors of safety are sliding: 1.5, overturning: 1.5, and bearing: 2.0. Seismic forces have not been considered. Wall design shall address both internal and external drainage and shall be evaluated by the professional engineer responsible for final design. Backfill material to be

Design Tables



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- Seismic design considerations
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Installation

Section 4





Installation Setup

This installation manual is designed to provide general information and assist in the proper techniques required to build Verti-Block[™] walls. The manual covers the basics of wall construction and contains many of the details encountered in site work. Before you start construction, take the time to complete necessary planning and preparation. This process will help ensure a safe, efficient, and quality installation. Proper planning will also help avoid costly mistakes.

Checklist



SAFETY

Safety should always be your primary concern. Verti-Block™ walls must be installed following proper procedures to ensure work site safety and the integrity of the wall. All local, state, and federal safety regulations must be followed.



ENGINEERING AND PERMITS

Obtain necessary engineering approvals and permits for your project. Your local building department is an excellent resource to help determine the requirements for your project. Note: This installation manual is intended to supplement a detailed, site-specific wall design prepared for your project by a professional engineer. The construction documents for your project will supersede any recommendations presented in this manual.



REVIEW THE PROJECT PLANS

Take the time to review and understand the project plans and specifications. Make sure that the plans take into account current site and soil conditions. Pay close attention to silty or clay soils, ground water or surface water on the site. A pre-construction meeting with the wall designer, construction inspector, wall contractor, and owner or representative is recommended.



CONSTRUCTION PLANNING

Develop a plan to coordinate construction activities on your site. Make sure your plan specifically addresses how to control surface water during construction.

UTILITY LOCATION

Make sure to have underground utilities located and marked on the ground before starting any construction. In the United States, call 8-1-1 or go online to www.call811. com to schedule utility marking for your project site.



MATERIAL STAGING

Store blocks in a location close to the proposed wall. Blocks should be kept clean and mud free. Blocks should be stored in a location which will minimize the amount of handling on the project site. Store geogrid in a clean, dry location close to the proposed wall. Keep the geogrid covered or in the shade and avoid exposure to direct sunlight. Be careful where you stockpile excavation and backfill material. Do not stockpile soils over buried utility lines which could be damaged by the extra weight.



Equipment and Supplies

Make sure you have the proper equipment to handle Verti-Blocks and install the wall. Standard Verti-Blocks weigh 1755 lbs (790 Kg.) Mass Extenders can weigh up to 3642 lbs (1639 Kg.) each. Make sure excavators and other construction equipment are properly sized to handle the terrain and each Verti-Block. The following tools are recommended, but should not be limited to this list. Site conditions may require other equipment, tools and materials.

Earth Handling Equipment

Item	Quantity	Description
	Per Project Requirements	Skid Steer / Excavator / Mini Excavator

Block Handling Equipment

Item	Quantity	Description
	Per Project Requirements	Skid Steer / Excavator / Mini Excavator
	Per Project Requirements	Telehandler / Crane

* Always follow safe use and rigging procedures when handling the blocks for Verti-Block forms



Tools and Equipment

Item	Quantity	Description
	1	Laser Level
	1 of Each	10 Foot Level / 4 Foot Level
	Various	Shovels
NT TEO	1	Compactor
	Various	Brooms
Records	2 Sets	Block Lifting Chains



Tools and Equipment

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BURKE Length 58"	1	Burke Pry Bar
	Various	Marking Paint
	1	Concrete Saw (if required)
	Various	Personal Protective Equipment

MATERIALS

- Wall Base Material (Crushed Stone)
- Unit Fill Material (Crushed Stone)
- Perforated Drain Pipe
- Geotextile Filter Fabric (if required)
- Hand Rail (if required)

SITE PREPARATION

- Review the approved site plan to confirm lot lines, wall location, length and elevations
- Schedule preconstruction meeting
- Verify the on-site soil conditions
- Call the local utility companies to confirm the location of underground utilities
- Obtain all necessary building permits
- Confirm drainage to avoid erosion or buildup of water behind the wall



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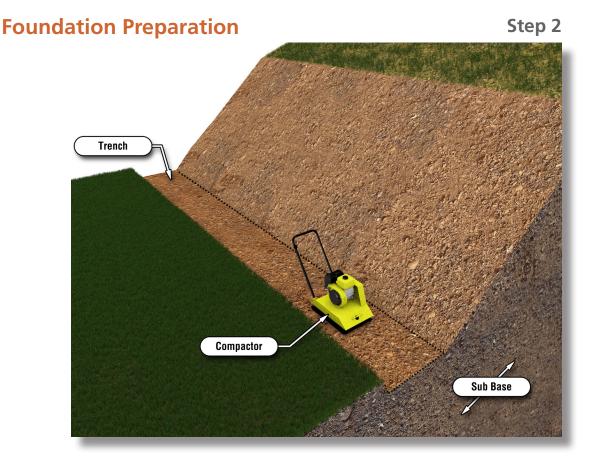
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- Excavate and prepare leveling pad trench 6" (or 12" if necessary) below the first course
- Normal trench burial depth is 6" to 12"

Lay out the location and length of the wall. If possible, always start the wall base at the lowest elevation of the wall. Set wall elevations using a laser level and stakes prior to excavating. Excavate as required for installation of the retaining wall system. Use caution not to over-excavate beyond depth needed for the foundation. Slope or shore excavation as necessary for safety and for conformance with applicable OSHA requirements.







- Compact Sub Base to 95% Standard Proctor Density or greater
- Remove any poor soils in the Sub Base and replace with proper fill materials before compacting

Foundation soils shall be excavated as required by the plan specifications. Foundation soil should be observed by a Geotechnical Engineer to confirm that the bearing soils are similar to the design conditions or assumptions. Foundation soil shall be proof rolled and compacted a minimum of 95 percent of the maximum dry density (ASTM D 698, Standard Proctor) and inspected by the Owner's Engineer prior to placement of leveling pad materials. The contractor shall replace any unsuitable soils discovered during excavation at the direction of the engineer.







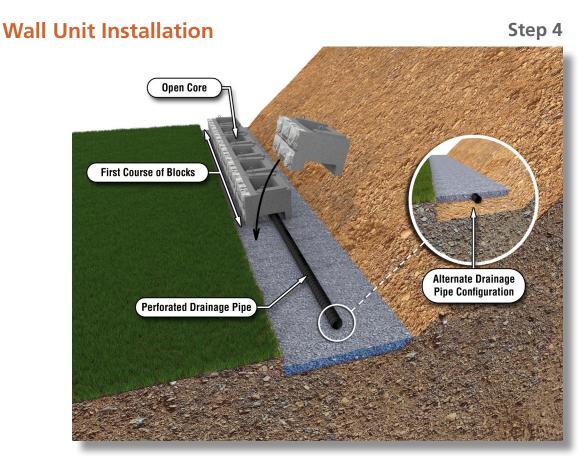
- Compact crushed stone leveling pad to 95% Standard Proctor Density or greater
- Ensure pad is level and smooth to allow proper placement of blocks

Construct the wall base to the lines and grades shown on the plans. The base is most often constructed using crushed stone. However, you may construct the base from concrete if desired. The choice of which type of leveling pad to use is made by the wall designer and depends on several factors including the bearing capacity of the native soil, location of the drain outlet and conditions at the base of the wall.

Construct base with the material and to the dimensions shown on the plans. Over excavated areas shall be filled with additional concrete or crushed stone material. Wall base shall consist of concrete with a minimum 28-day compressive strength of 3,000 psi, or a dense graded crushed stone. A minimum of 75% of coarse material shall have 2 or more fractured faces.

Compact the leveling pad to provide a hard and level surface to support the Verti-Block™ unit. Leveling pad material shall be compacted to a minimum of 95 percent of the maximum dry density (ASTM D 698, Standard Proctor). Prepare and smooth the crushed stone to ensure complete contact of the first course with the wall base. The surface of leveling pad may be dressed with finer aggregate to aid leveling, provided that the thickness of dressing layer should not exceed 3 times the maximum particle size used. It is important to ensure that the wall base has proper drainage. Consult with the engineer if added drainage is needed.





First Course Procedure

- Lay perforated drain pipe in center of leveling pad
- Place first course of block directly on leveling pad over the drain pipe

Lay the perforated drain pipe in the center of the leveling pad so the blocks can be placed on top of the pipe.

Place the first course of Verti-Block[™] units directly on the wall base. If possible, begin placing blocks at the lowest section of the wall. The unit shall be leveled side-to-side, front-to-rear and with adjacent unit. Ensure that each Verti-Block[™] units are in full contact with the compacted leveling pad. The first course is the most important to ensure accurate and

acceptable results.

In some cases a mass extender may be used to achieve taller gravity walls. These units shall be installed in accordance with the plans.





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- Fill all voids with clean crushed stone
- Sweep off excess crushed stone in preparation for next course

Fill all voids between and within the unit with crushed stone. Unit fill shall consist of a screened crushed stone. A minimum of 75% of coarse material shall have 2 or more fractured faces.

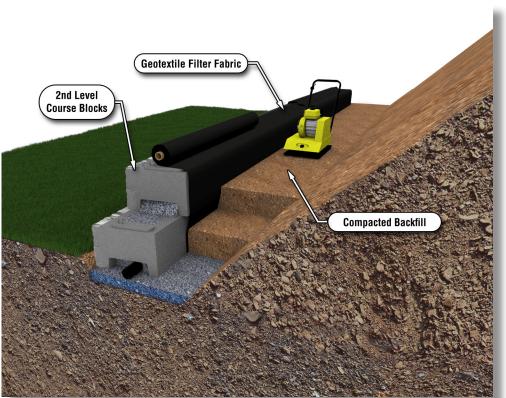
When required, provide a geotextile filter fabric for separation from backfill at the tails of the unit. The geotextile shall be a needle punched non-woven fabric with a minimum grab tensile strength of 120 pounds according to ASTM D 4632. If used, the geotextile may cover the entire back face of the unit or may be cut in strips to cover the gaps between tail units with a minimum of 6 inches of overlap over the concrete tail on both sides.

Drain Pipe Alternate Configuration: Depending on the project, it may be an option to install the perforated drain pipe within the leveling pad. This is acceptable as long as the drain pipe is not damaged or crushed during the compaction process.



Step 6

Geotextile Placement



- As required, place Geotextile filter fabric between blocks and compacted backfill
- Compact backfill behind blocks in lifts no more than 12" high
- Lay 2nd course of blocks on top of the 1st course
- Continue to fill voids with crushed stone for proper drainage

Remove all excess aggregate and other materials from the top of the unit before laying up the next course. Place the next course of blocks in running bond with the previous course. Place the female notch over the male spacing riser from the unit below, and pull the unit forward to contact the male riser. This alignment will produce a batter of 2 3/16 inches for every 24 inches of vertical wall height. Check each Verti-Block[™] for level and alignment. The layout of radius and corners shall be installed in accordance with the plans or shop drawings.

Continue placing successive courses to the elevations shown on the plans. Construct wall in level stages, placing the unit at each course for the entire length of the wall, if possible. Unit fill and backfill should be placed to the level of the top of the facing unit before placing the next course. Provide temporary swales to divert runoff away from wall excavation and away from face during the construction phase. Complete the last course by installing the Verti-Block[™] top unit. Place unit fill and backfill level with the back face of the unit. If using geogrid reinfocement go to step 7, otherwise skip to step 9.



Geogrid Reinforcement Installation

Step 7



- Lay geogrid strips over top of each course of blocks
- Overlap adjacent cources ~2 inches.

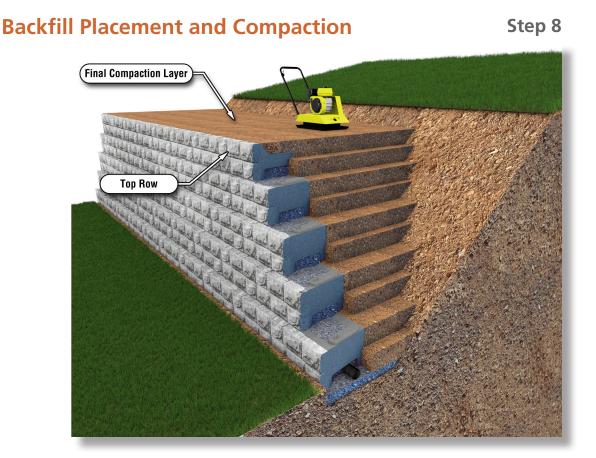
After each course is completed, tops are cleaned, and backfill is compacted geogrid can be placed. Obtain adequate quanitity of geogrid type specified for the job. Cut geogrid strips to length specified by design engineer. Required geogrid type and length are a function of wall height, soil conditions, and loading.

Lay first strip of geogrid perpendicular to face of wall. The end of the strip should be 2"-3" from the front of the block. Continue laying sheets of geogrid overlapping ~2" until the entire course

is covered with geogrid. Cut holes in geogrid to allow pickpoints to protrude through. Repeat this process for remaining courses adjusting the geogrid type and length per design.







- Continue compacting backfill material in lifts every 12" as subsequent block courses are placed
- Continue to lay block courses until the top row is completed

Place native soil backfill behind the unit in maximum loose lifts of 12 inches and compact. Backfill and compact behind the first course before installing other courses.

Compact all backfill to a minimum of 95 percent of the maximum dry density (ASTM D 698, Standard Proctor). For cohesive soils, the moisture content at the time of compaction should be adjusted to within -3 and +4 percent of optimum. Place backfill in successive lifts until level with the top of the facing unit. Additional unit fill is not required behind the unit, but may be placed for the convenience of the contractor.

All other backfill behind and in front of the wall shall consist of suitable on-site soil or imported borrow approved by the Geotechnical Engineer. Backfill shall generally consist of sands, silts, or lean clays with

a liquid limit less than 45 and a plasticity index less than 20. Fat clay soils, cobbles, and large rock should generally be avoided unless approved by the Geotechnical Engineer based on local practices. Frozen soils, excessively wet or dry soils, debris, and deleterious materials should not be used.

Final grade above and below the retaining wall shall provide for positive drainage and prevent ponding. Protect completed wall from other construction. Do not operate large equipment or store materials above the wall that exceed the design surcharge loads.





Final Grade and Landscape

Step 9



- Ensure that final grading is done on top and bottom of the wall
- Make sure to protect newly placed planting soil from erosion during heavy rains or surface runoff

Once the final grade is completed both above and below the wall, landscaping should be installed to complete the aesthetic look to compliment the wall design and appearance. It is important to take precautions to protect planting soils from erosion that may occur during heavy rains or surface run off.





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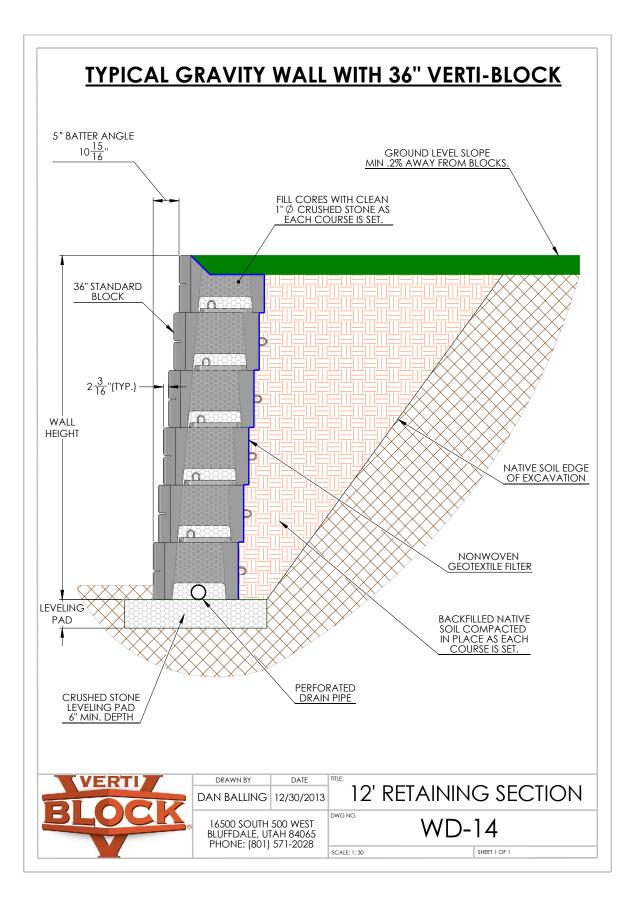
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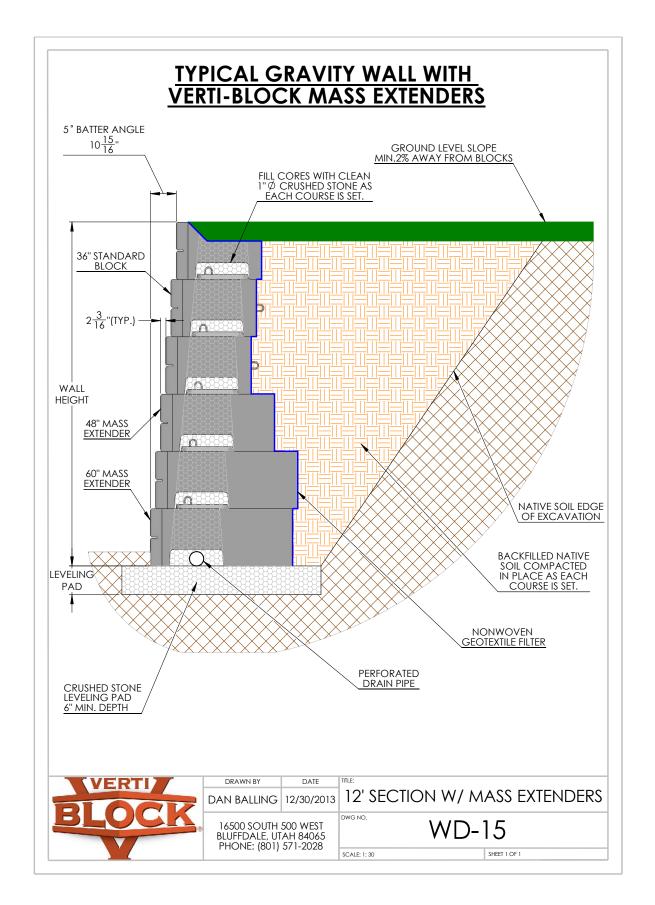
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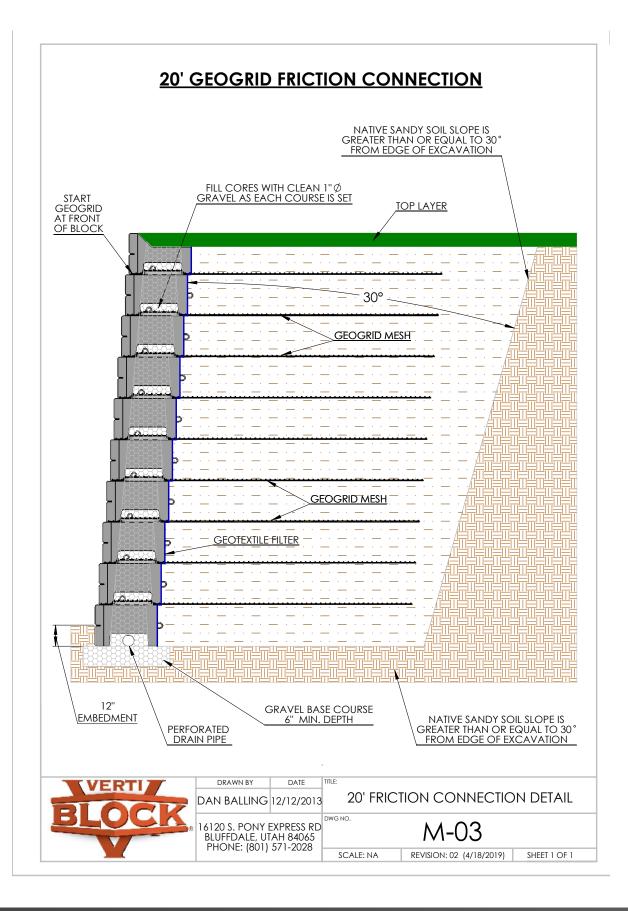




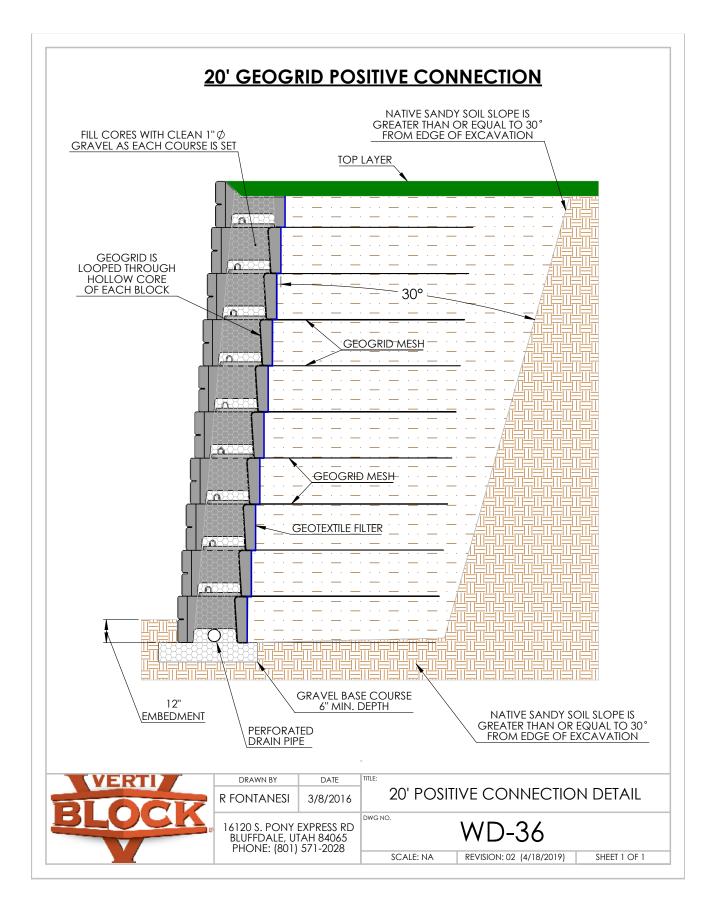




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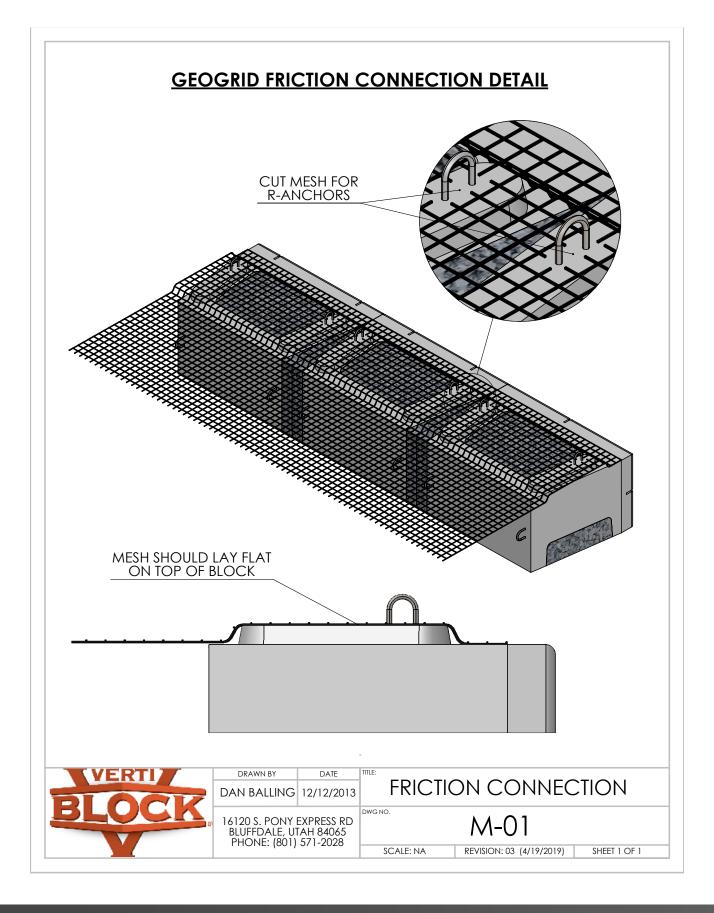




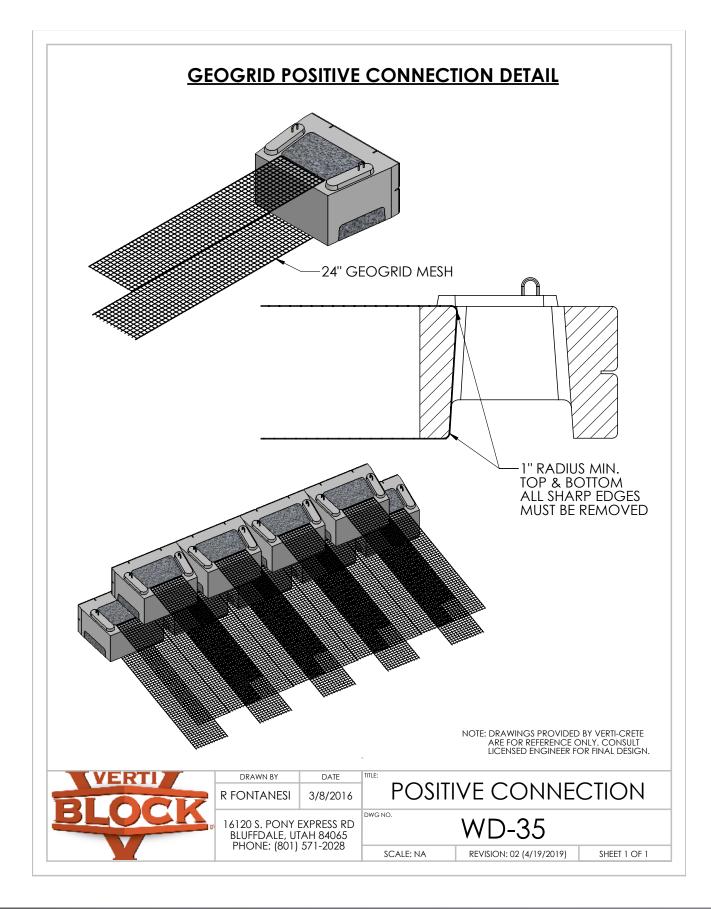




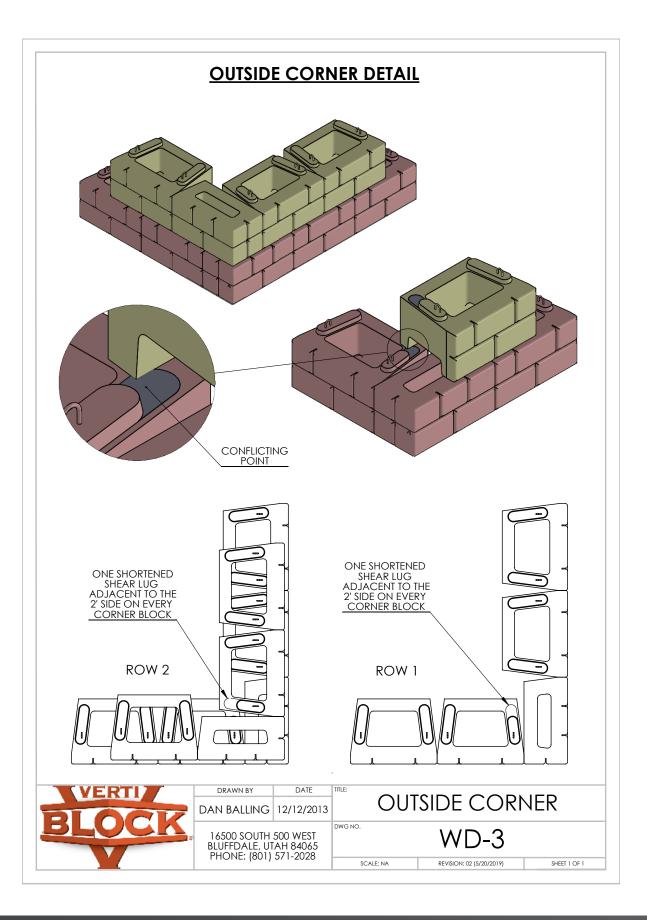
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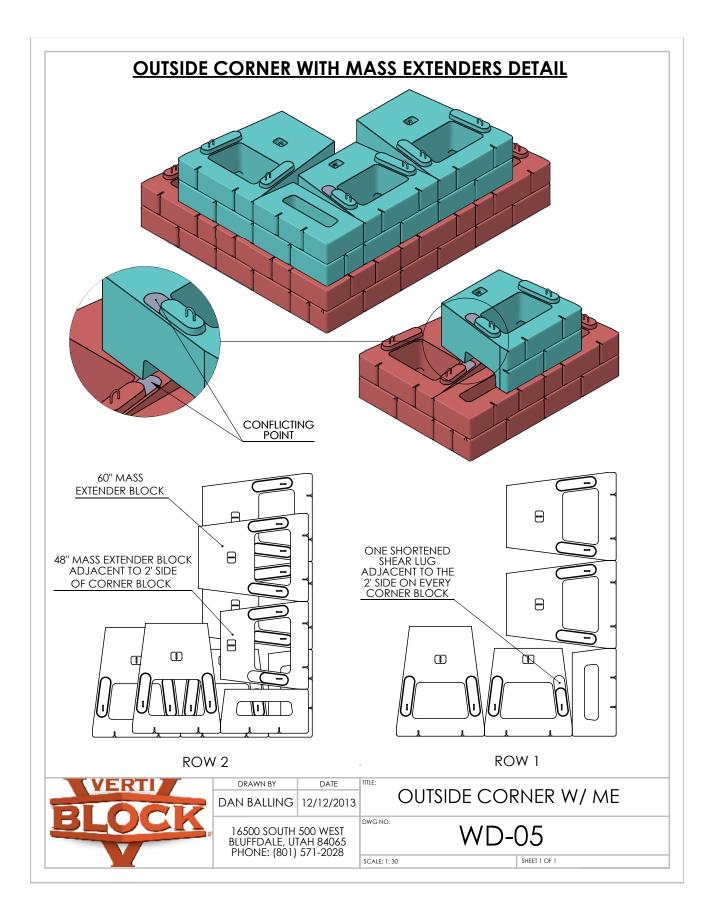




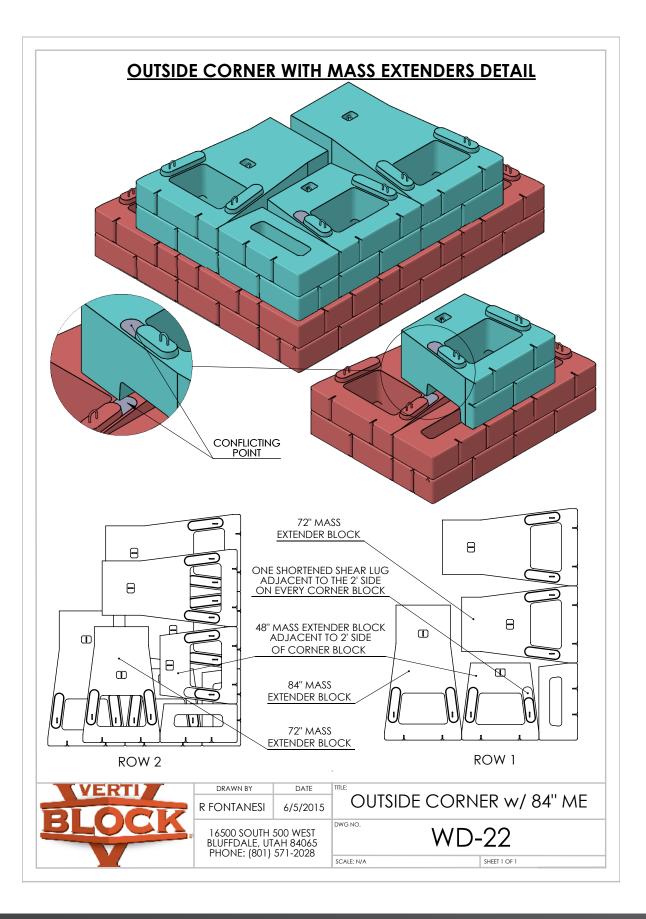




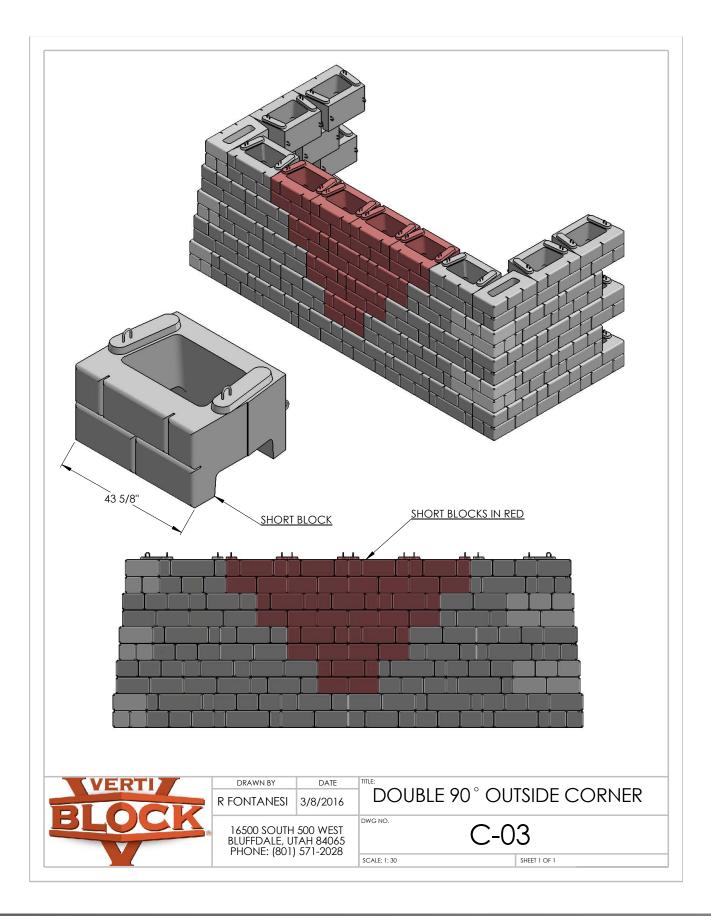




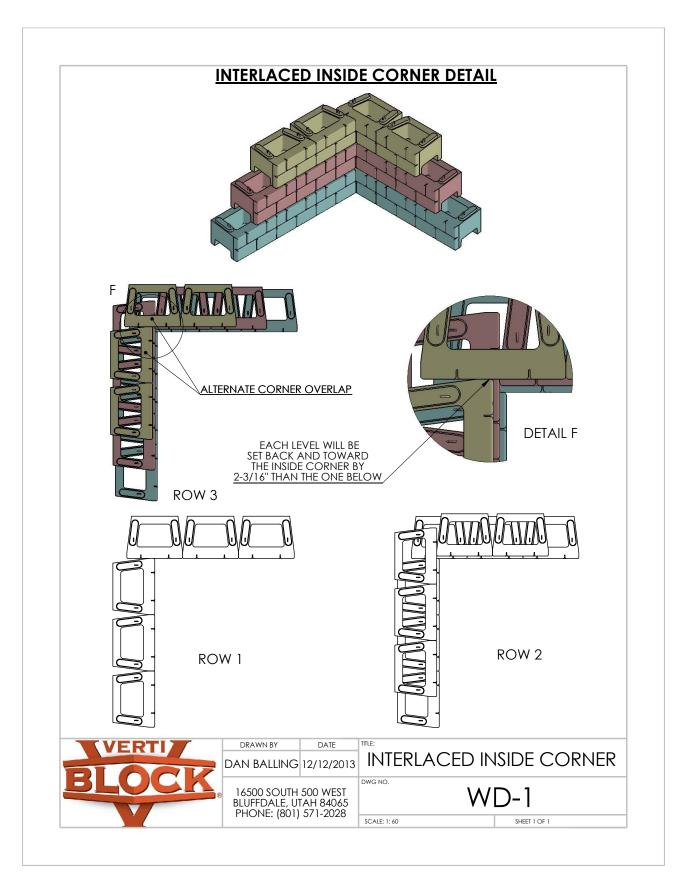




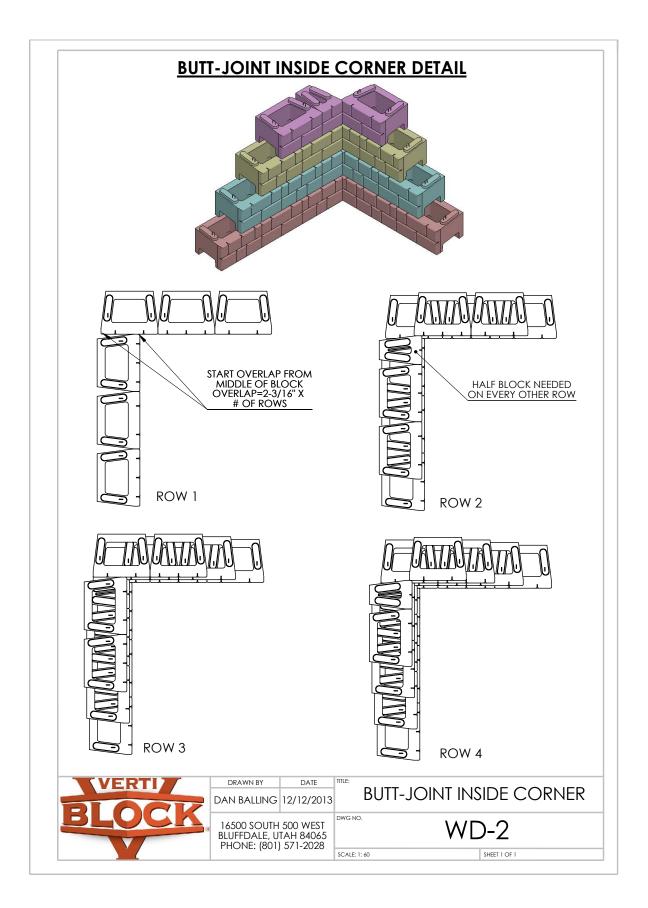




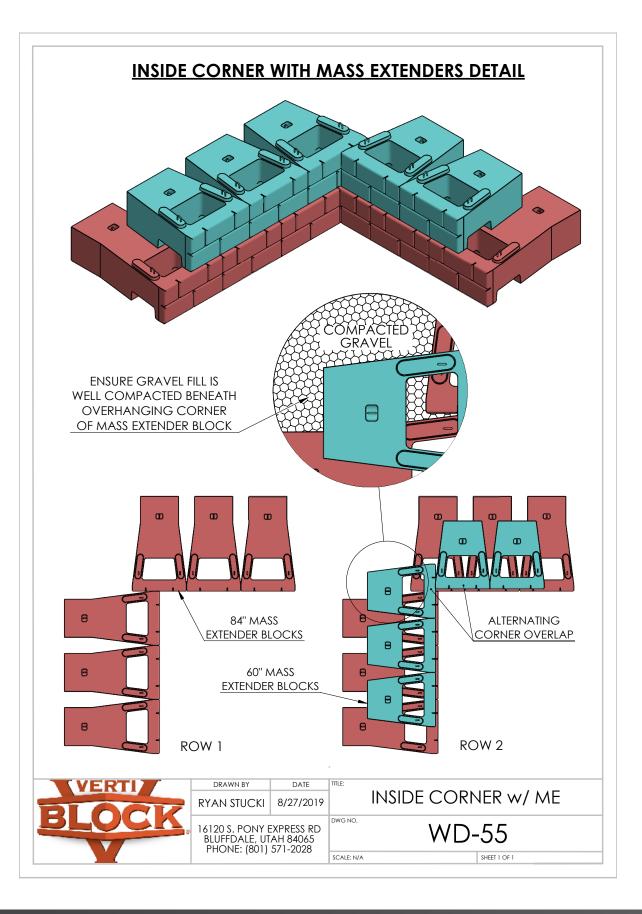




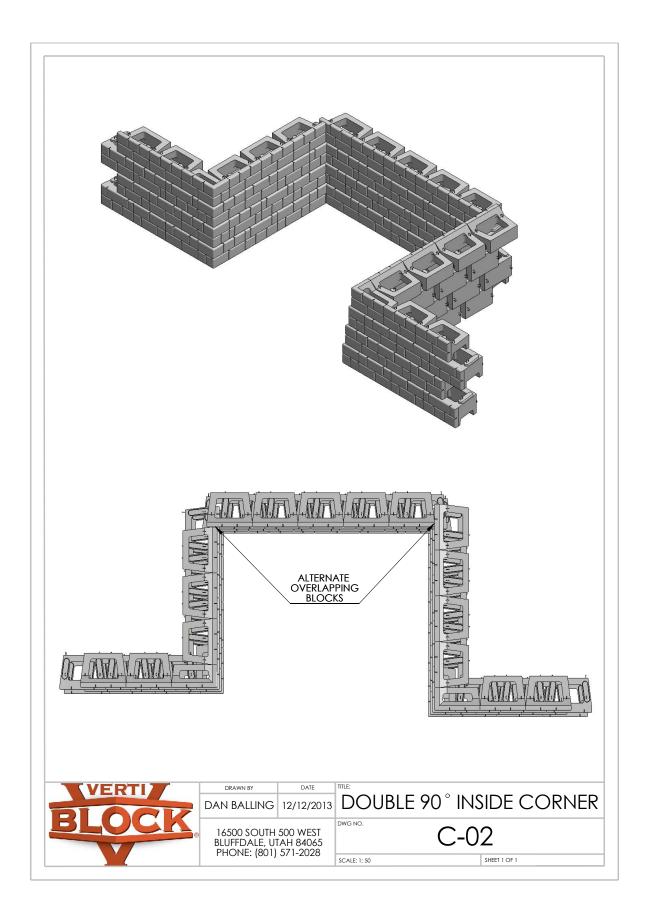




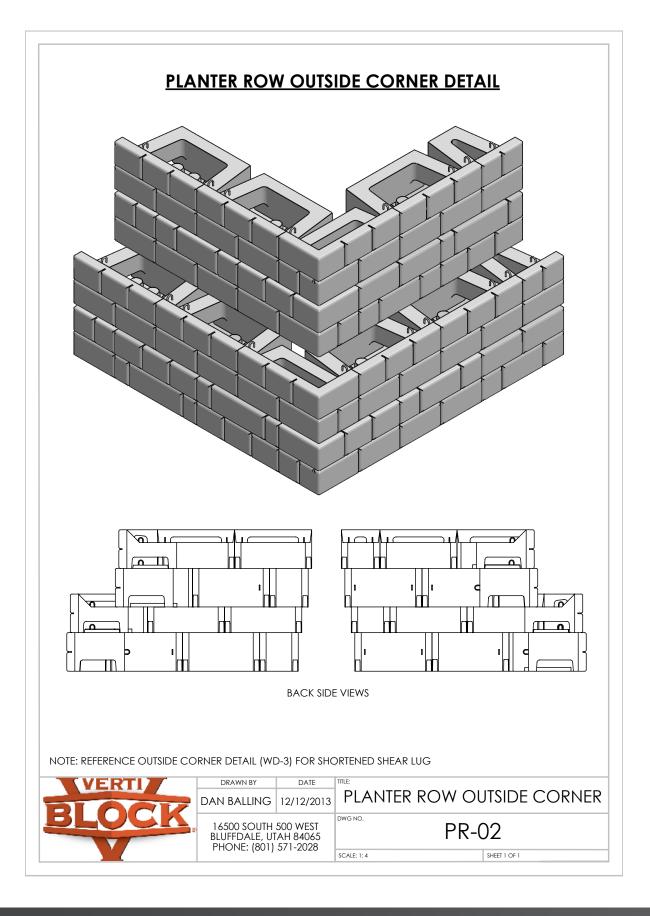




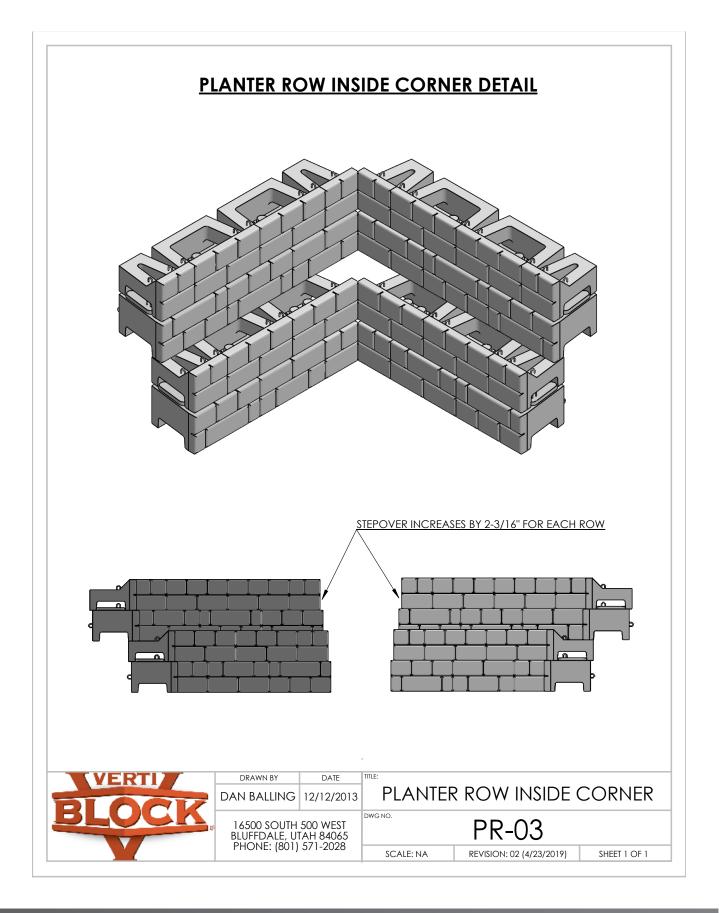




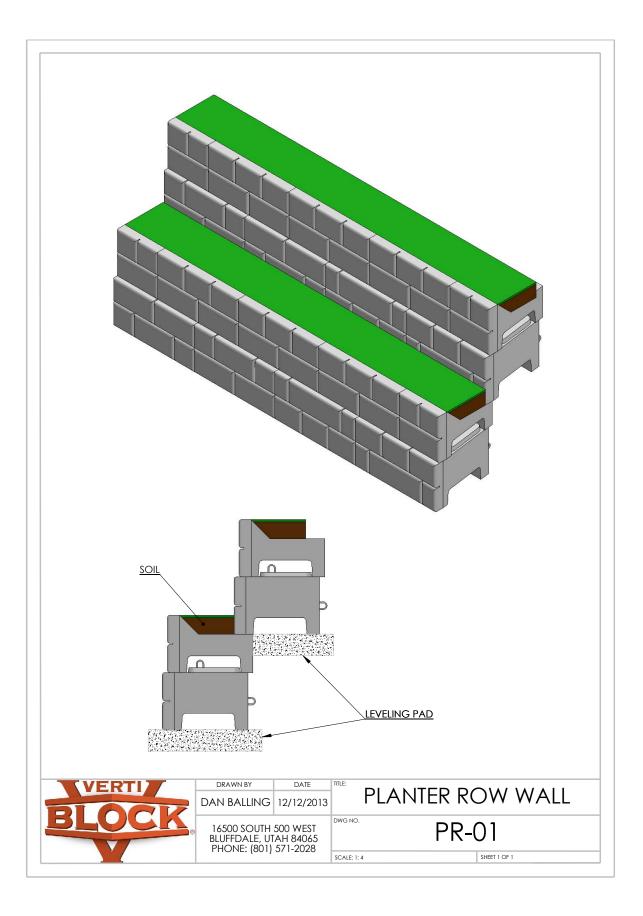




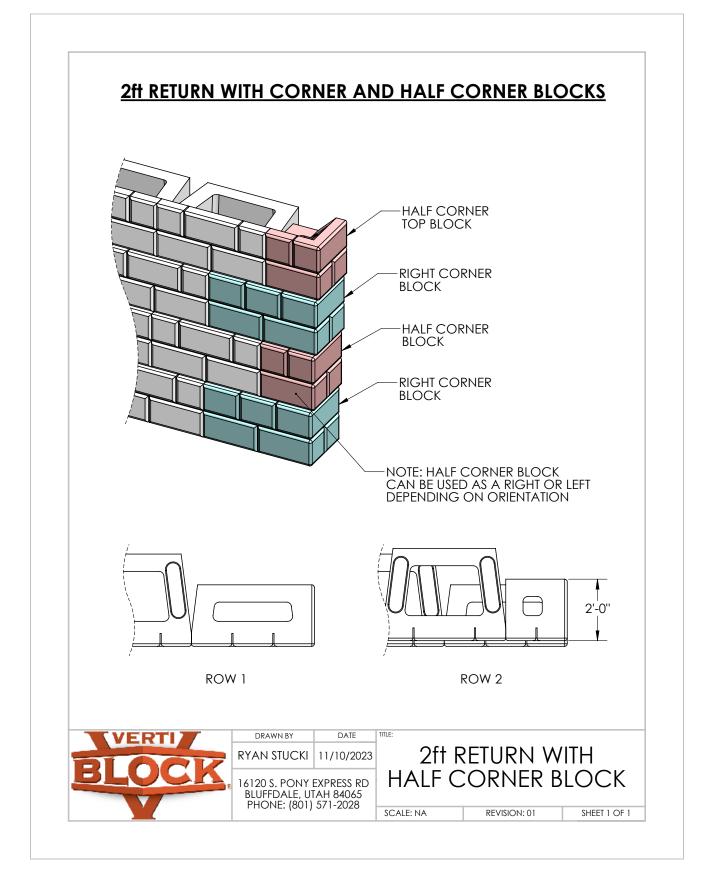




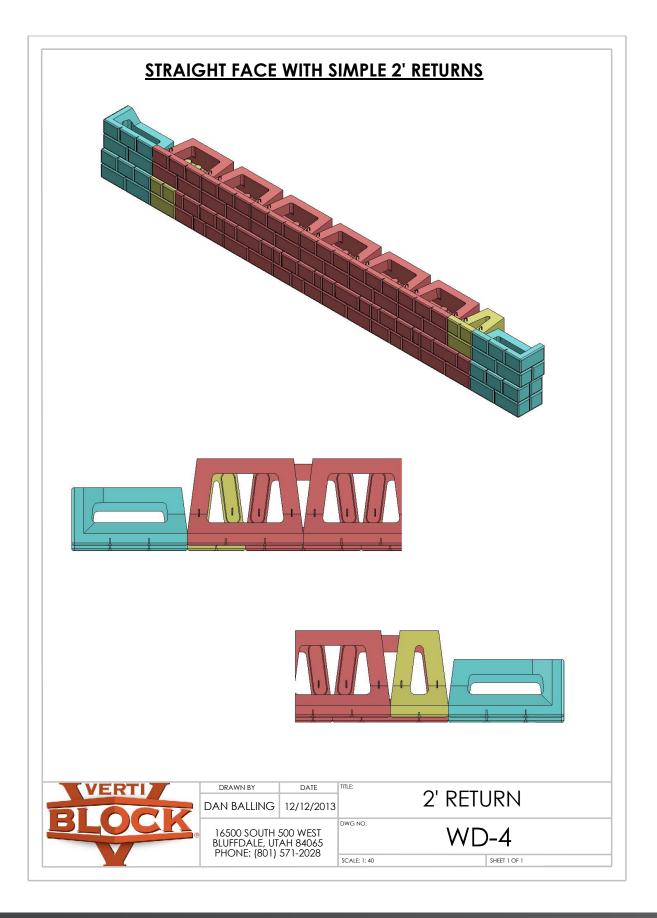




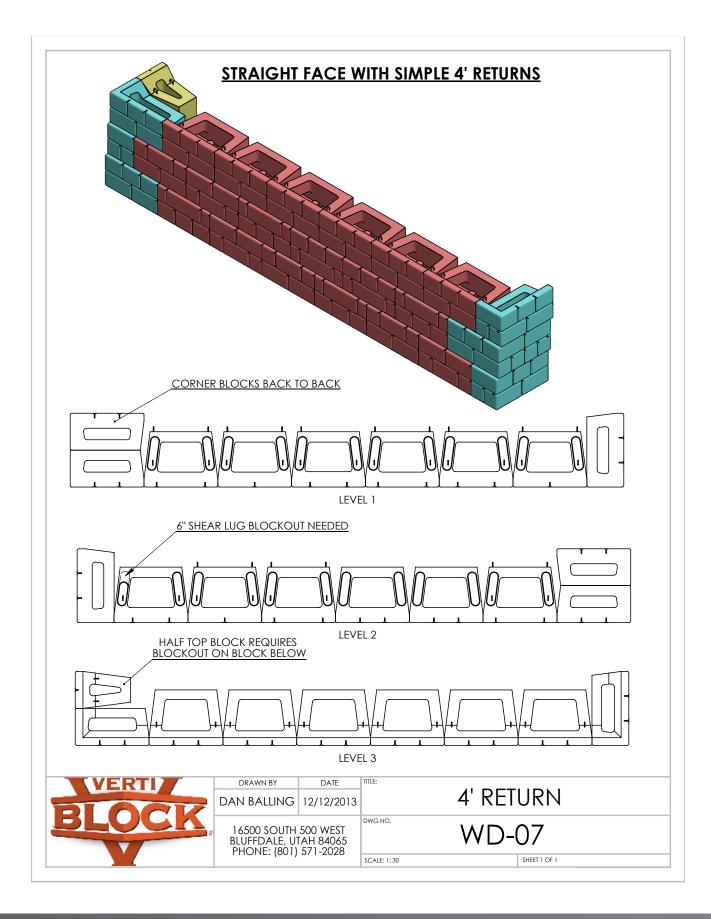




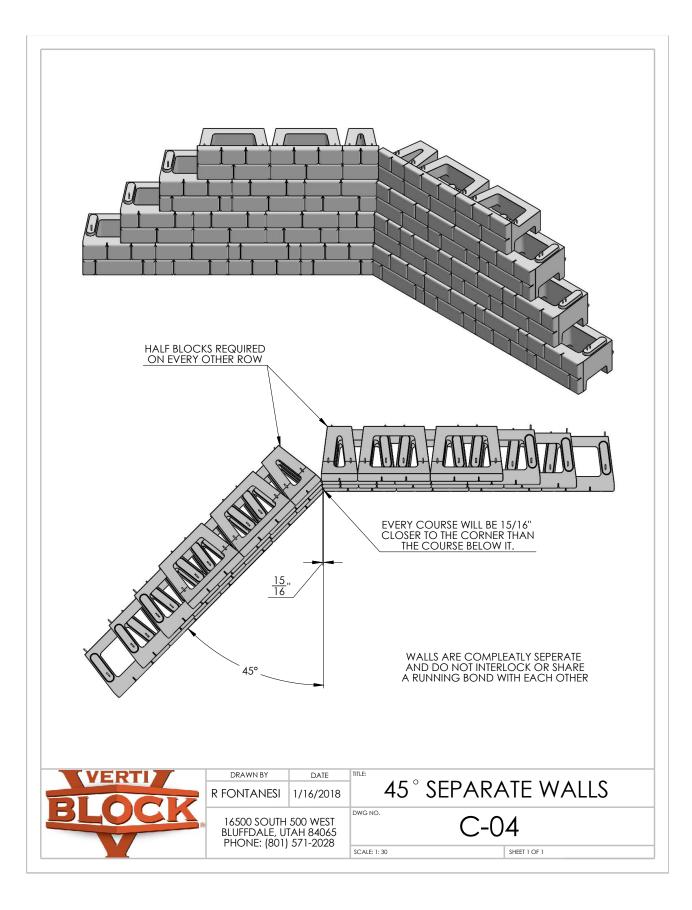




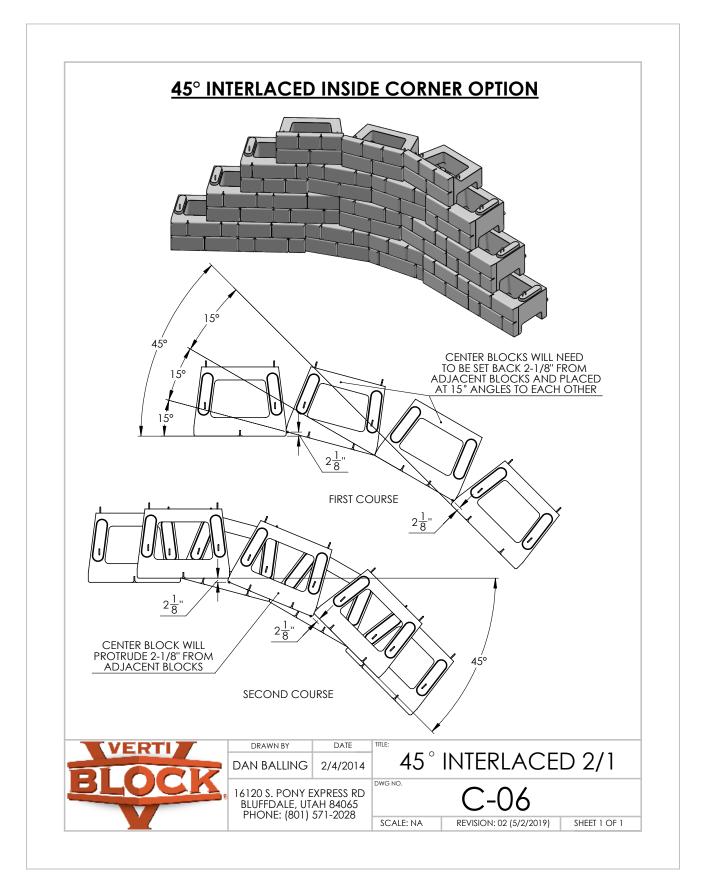




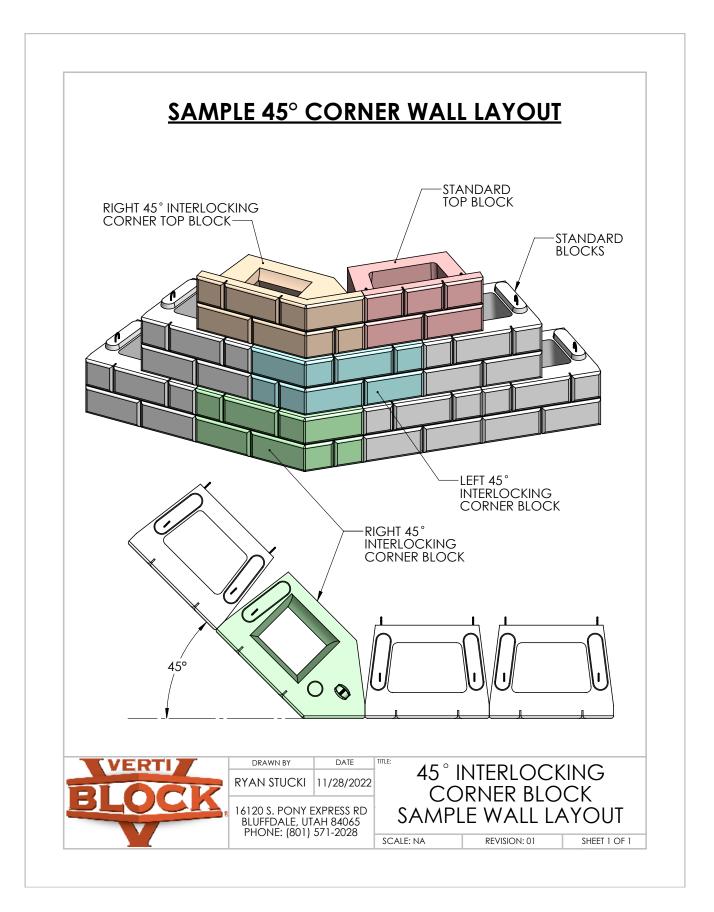




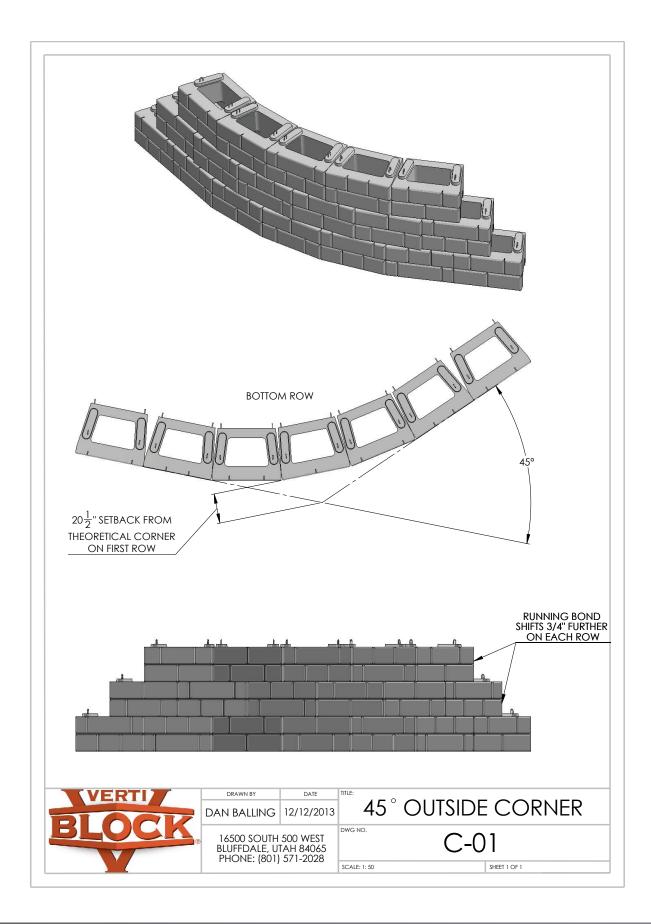




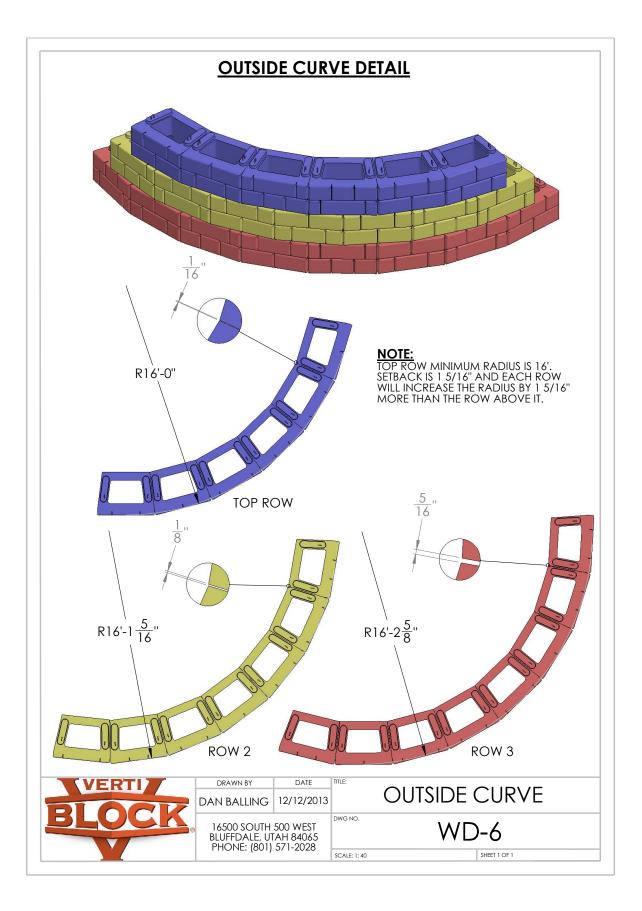




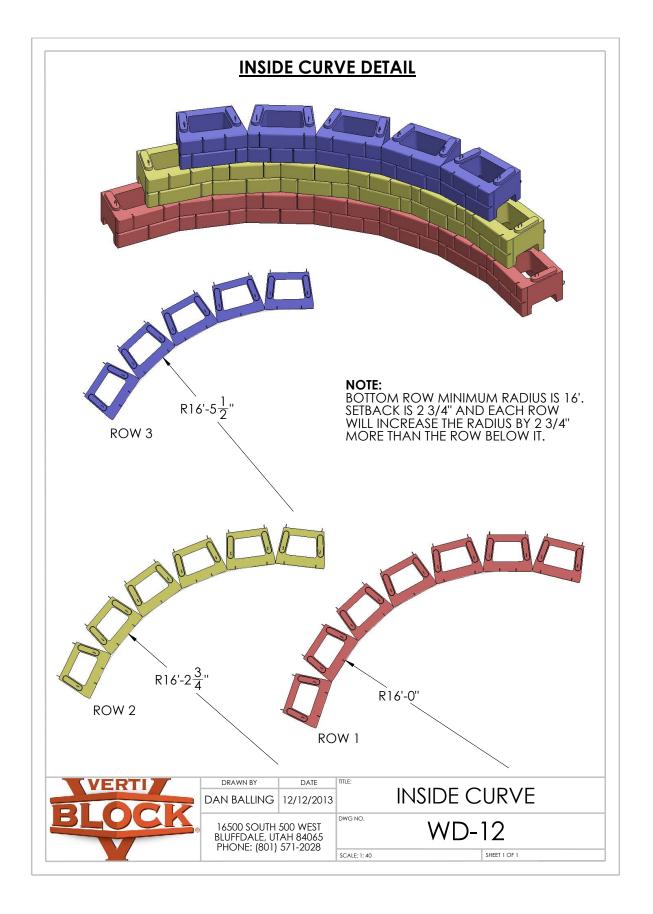




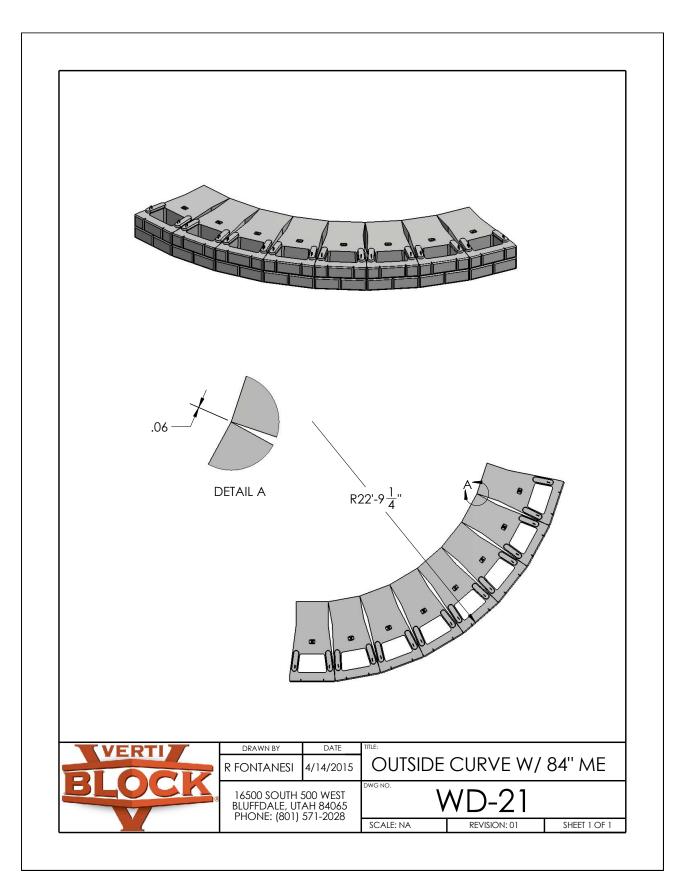




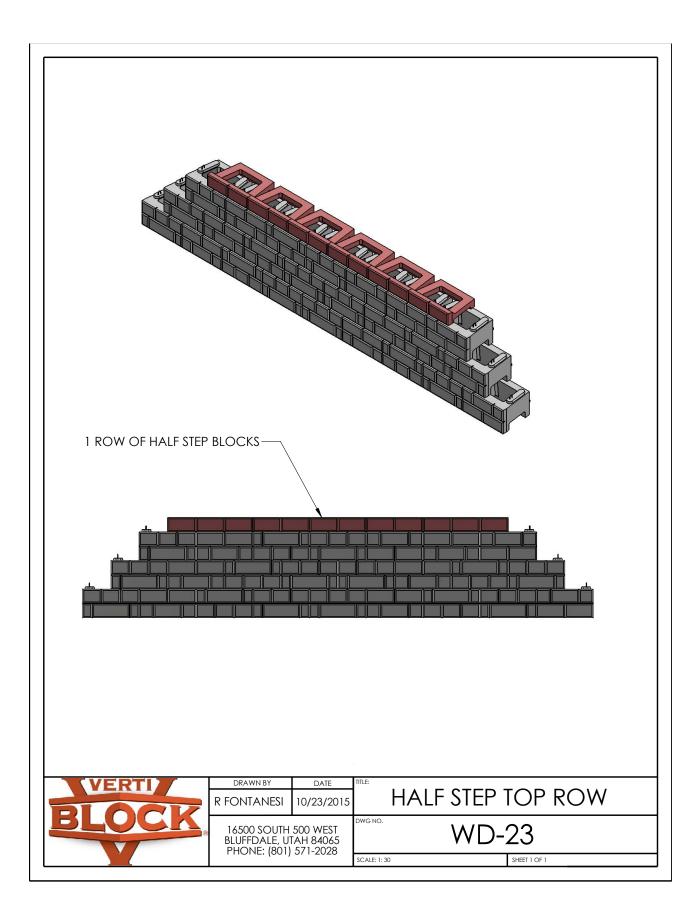




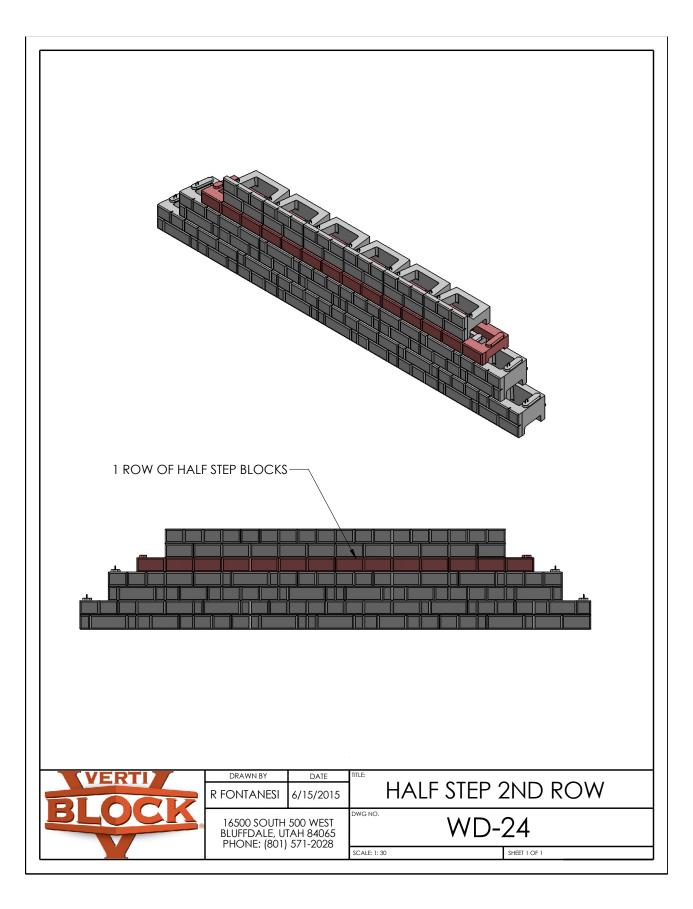




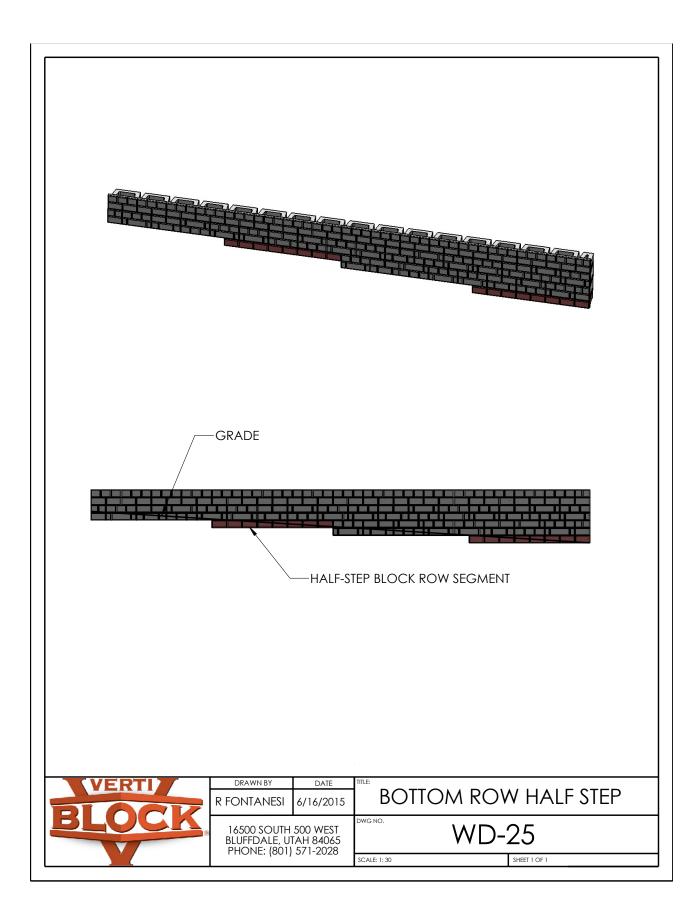




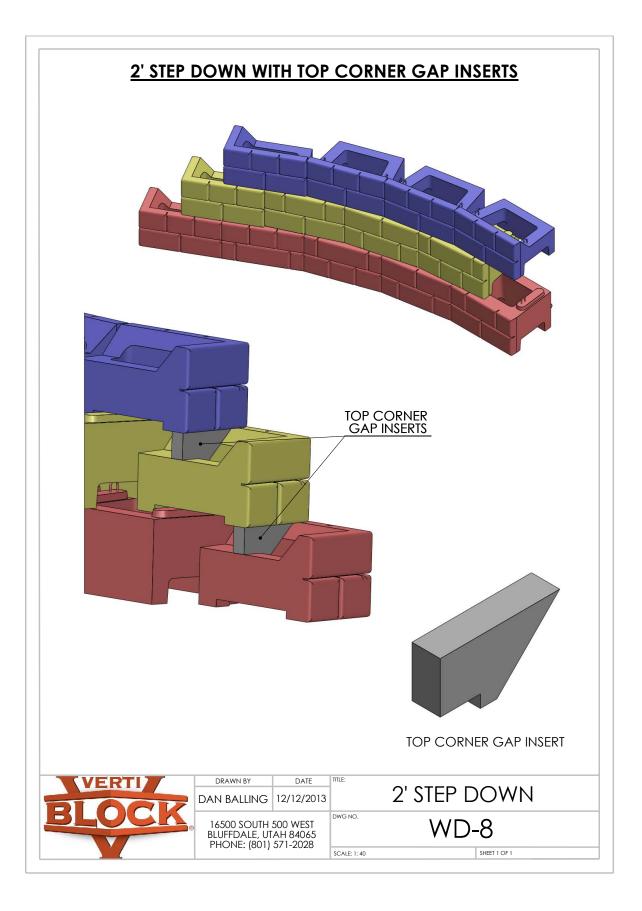




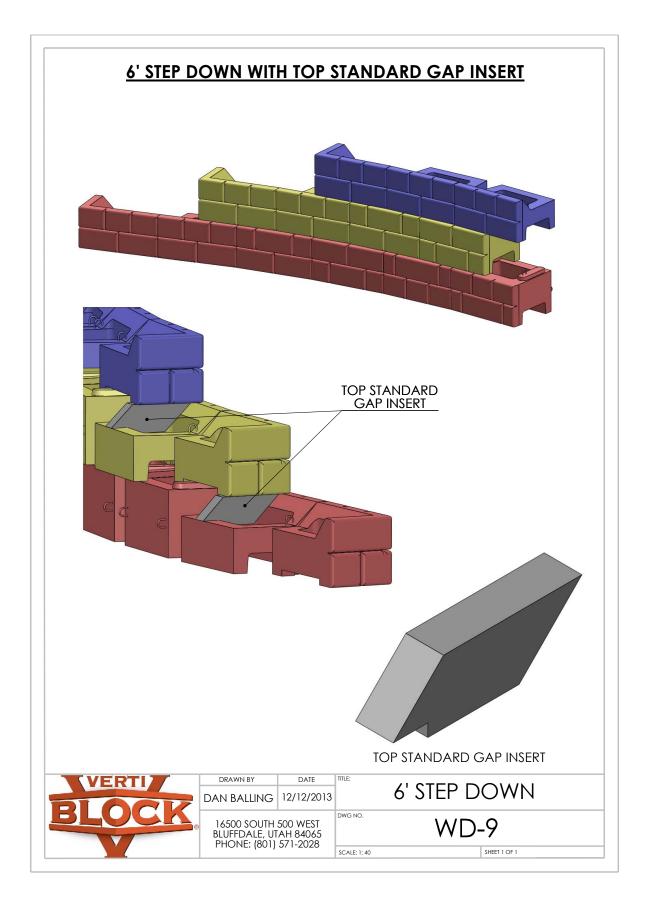




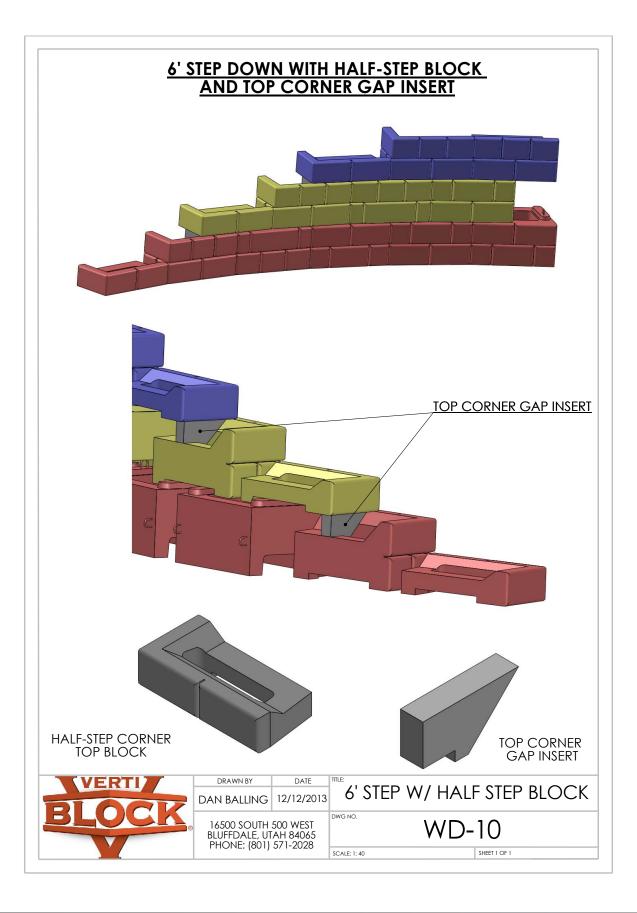




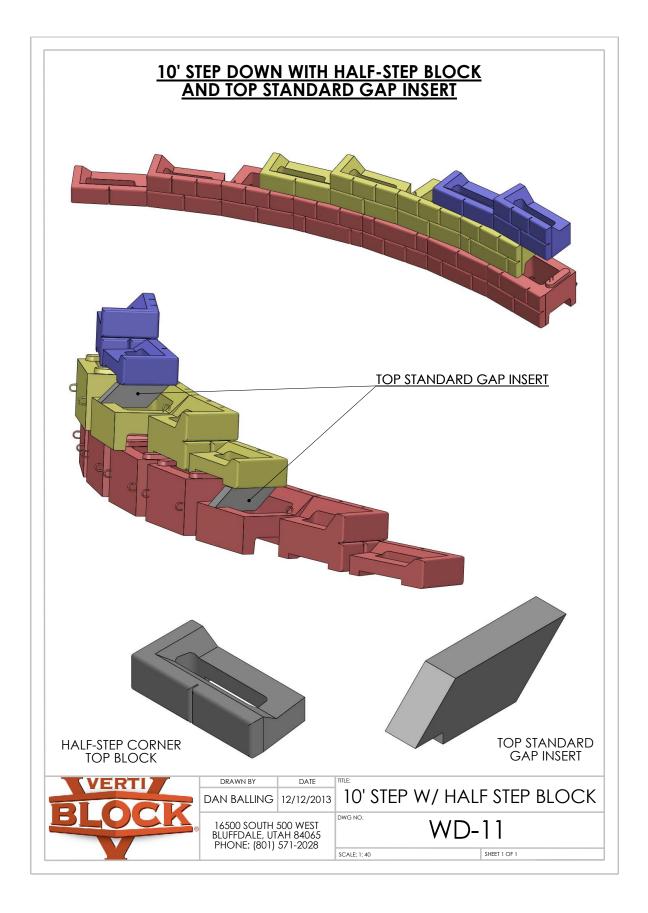




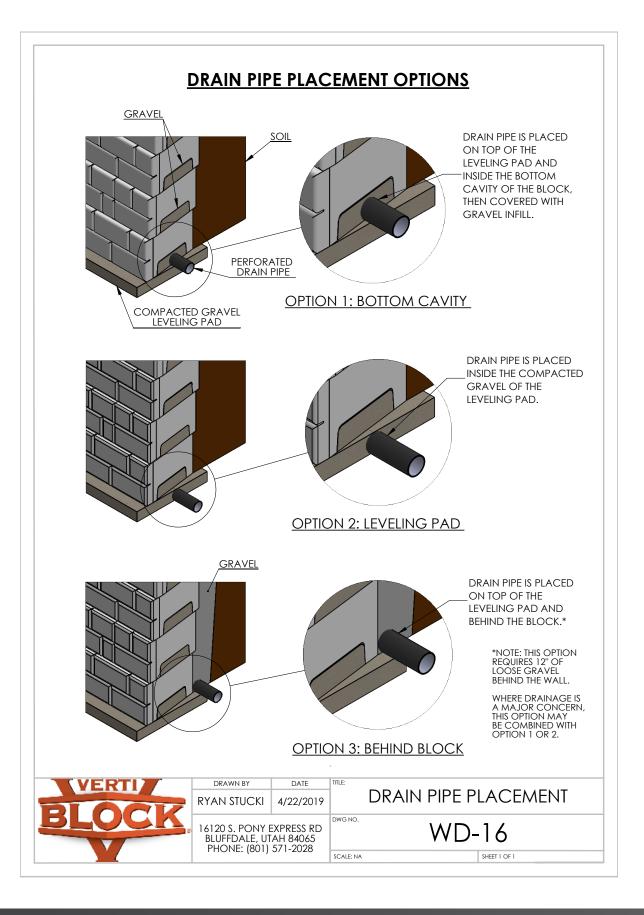




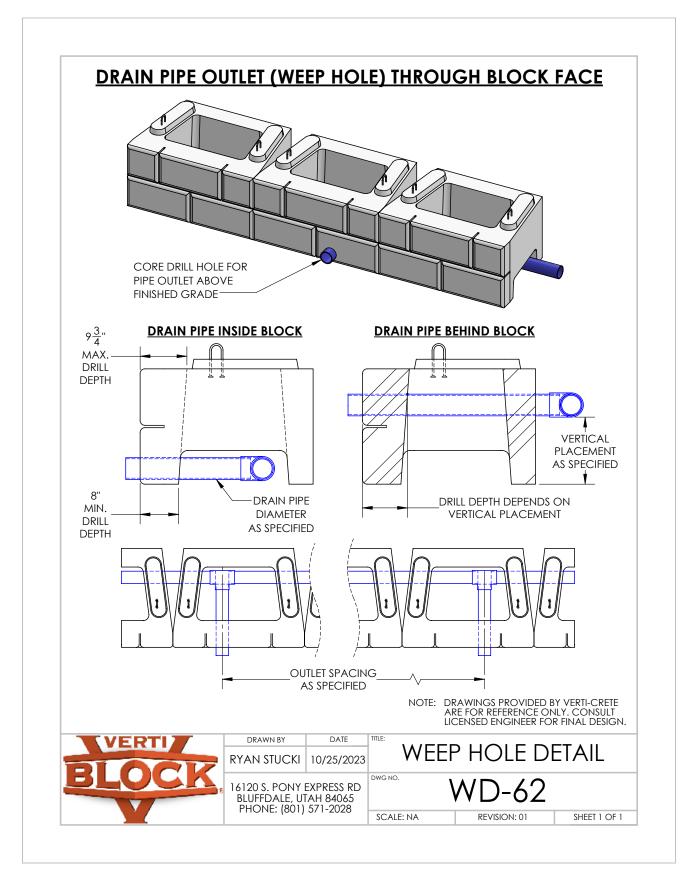




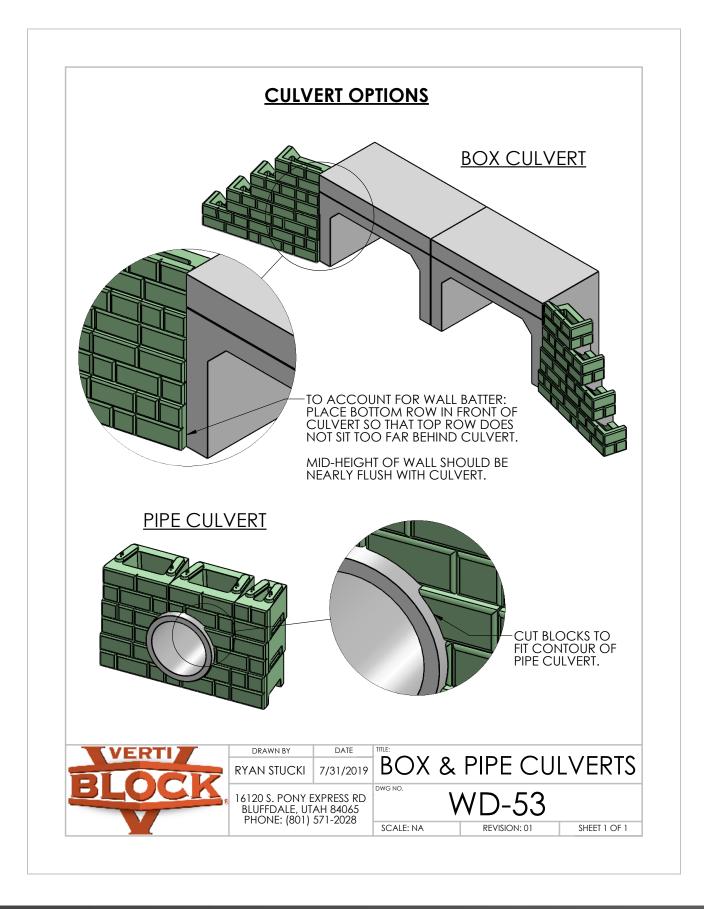




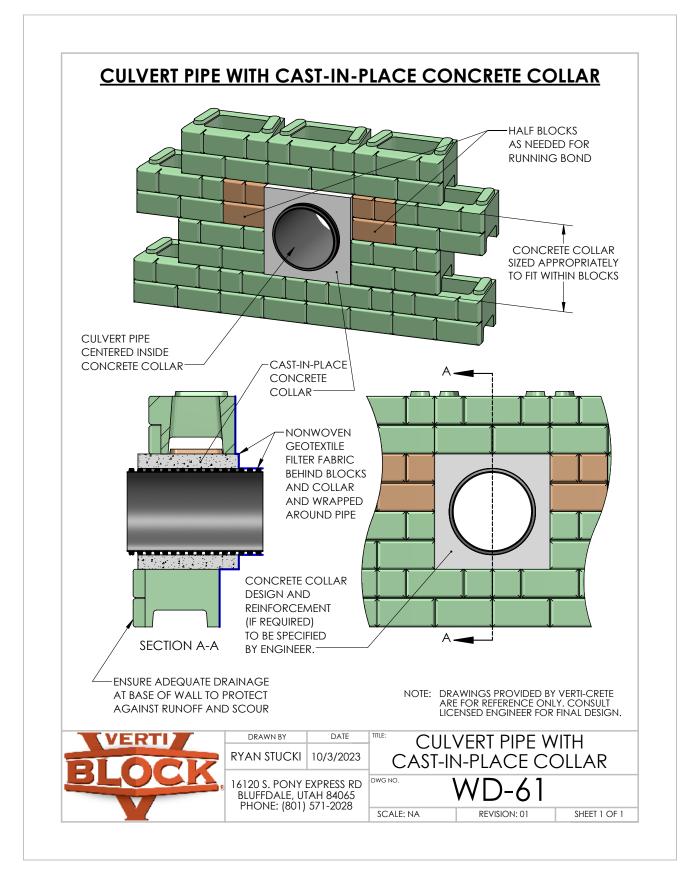




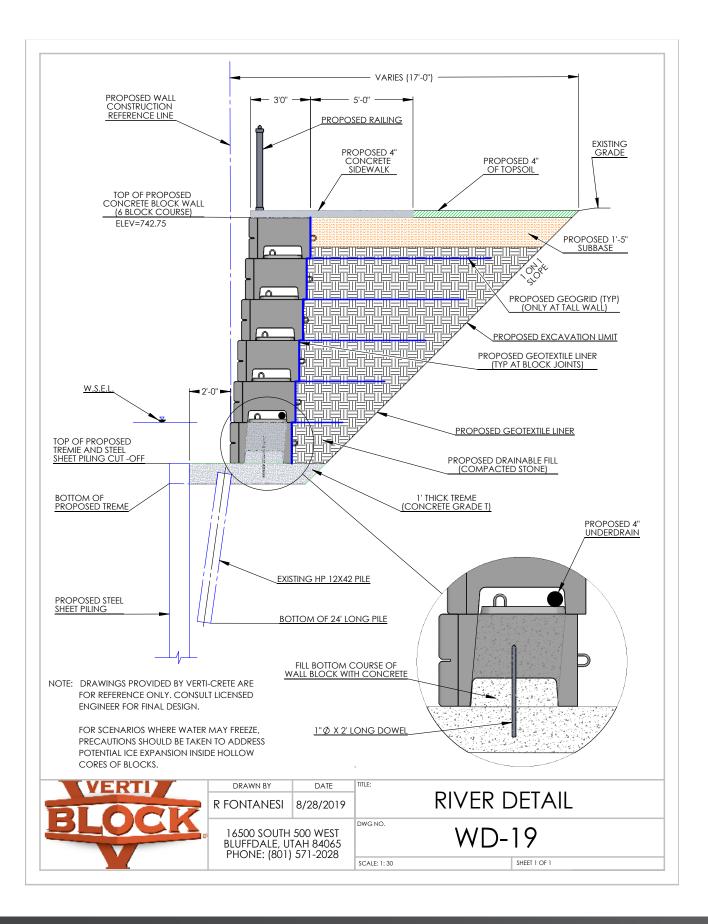




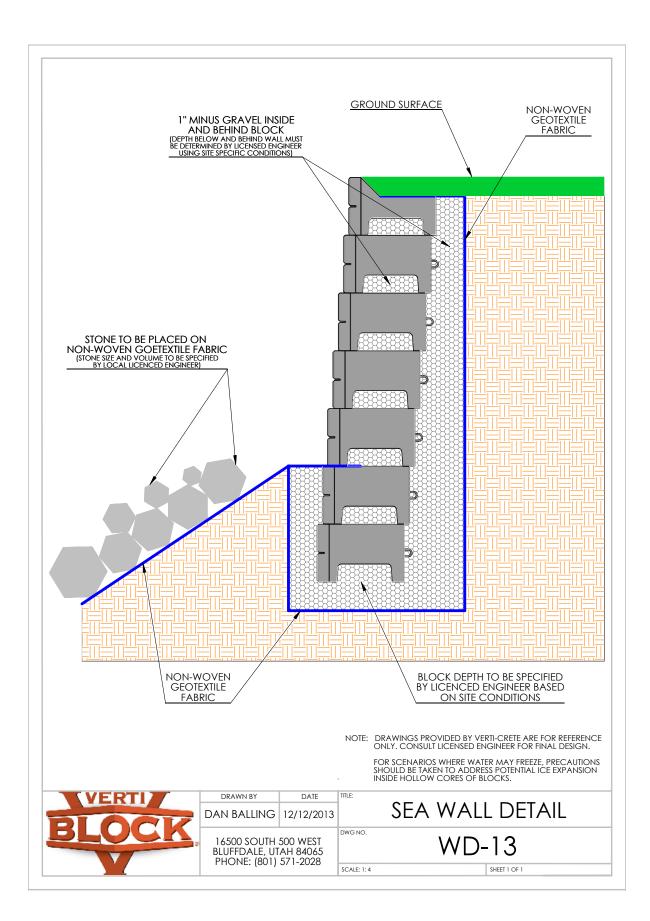




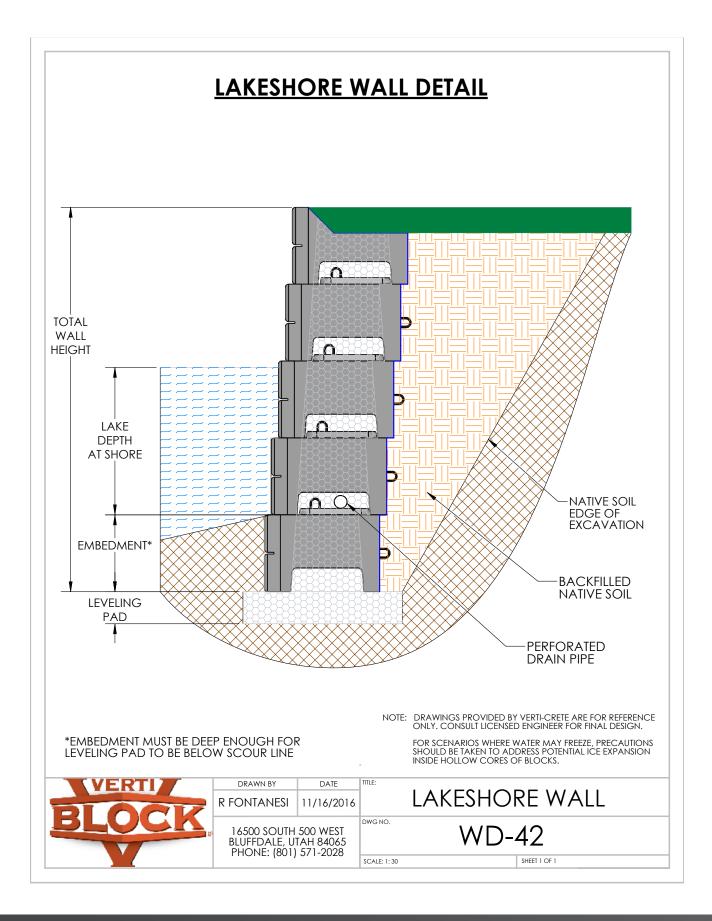




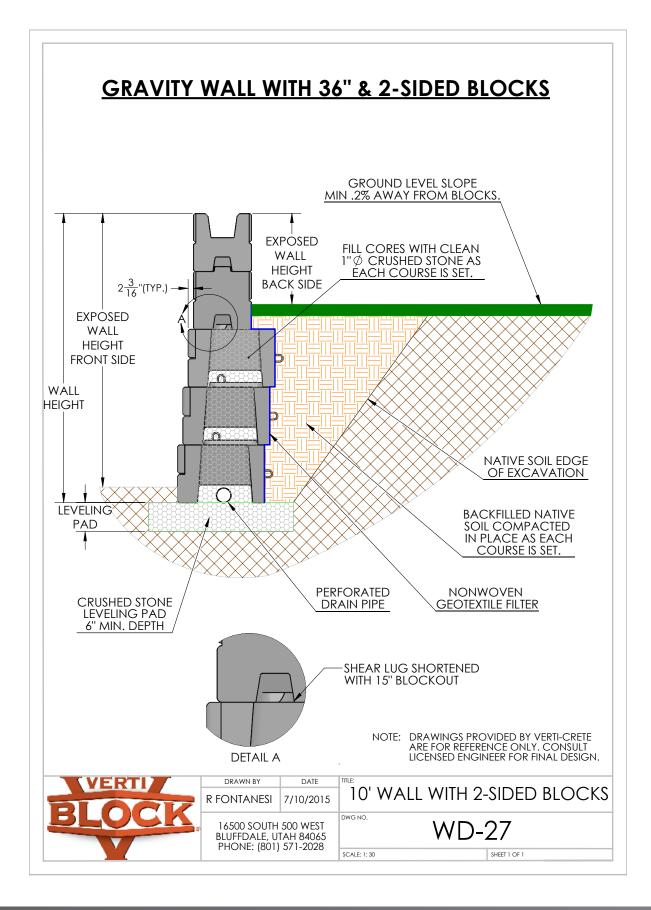




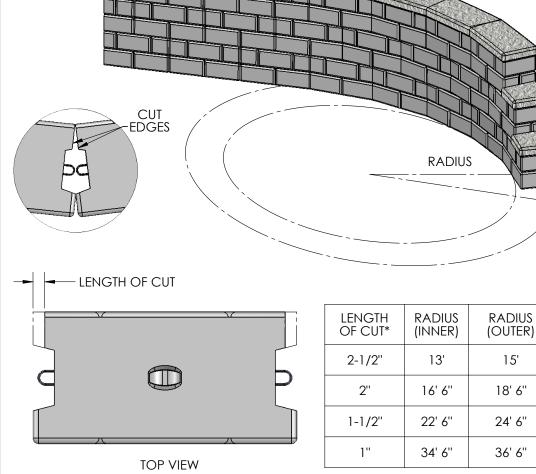












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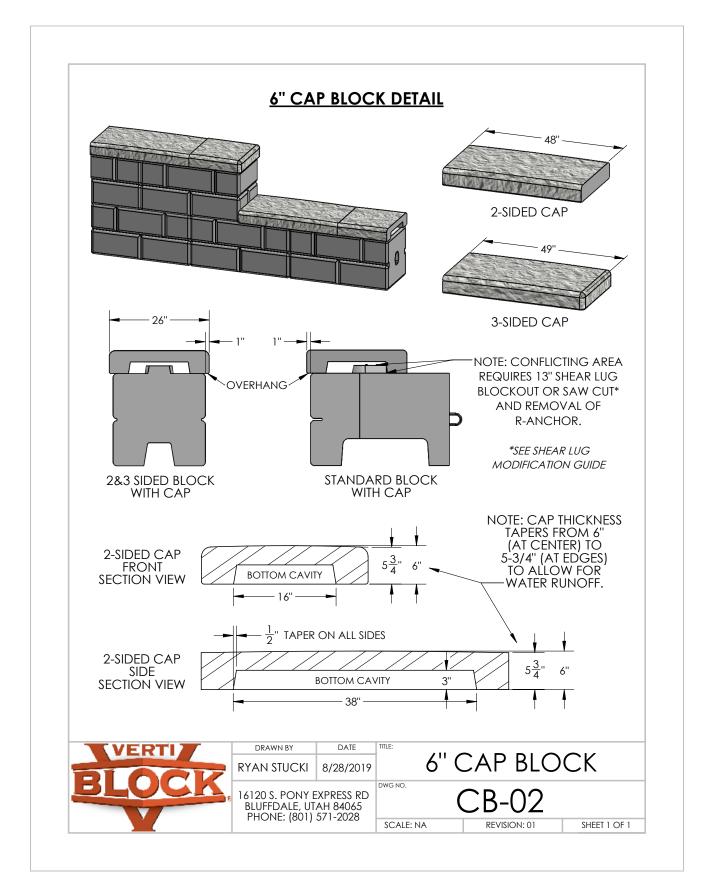
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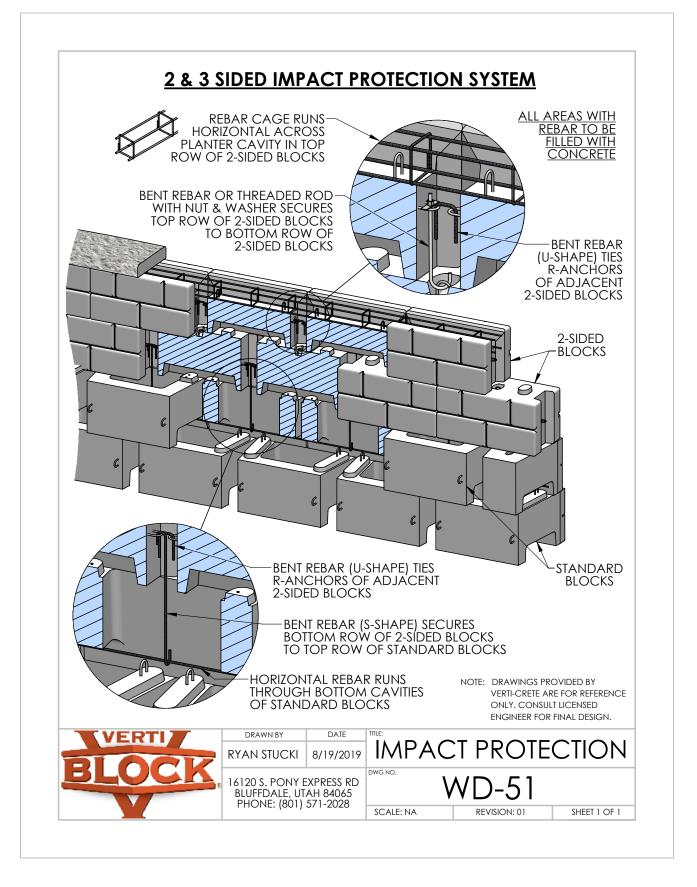




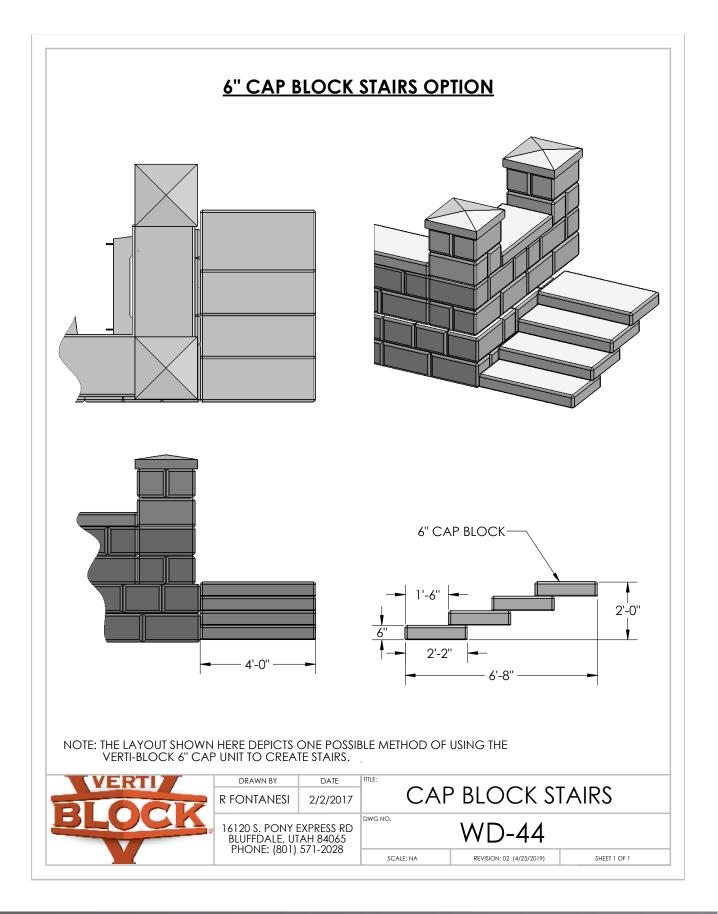




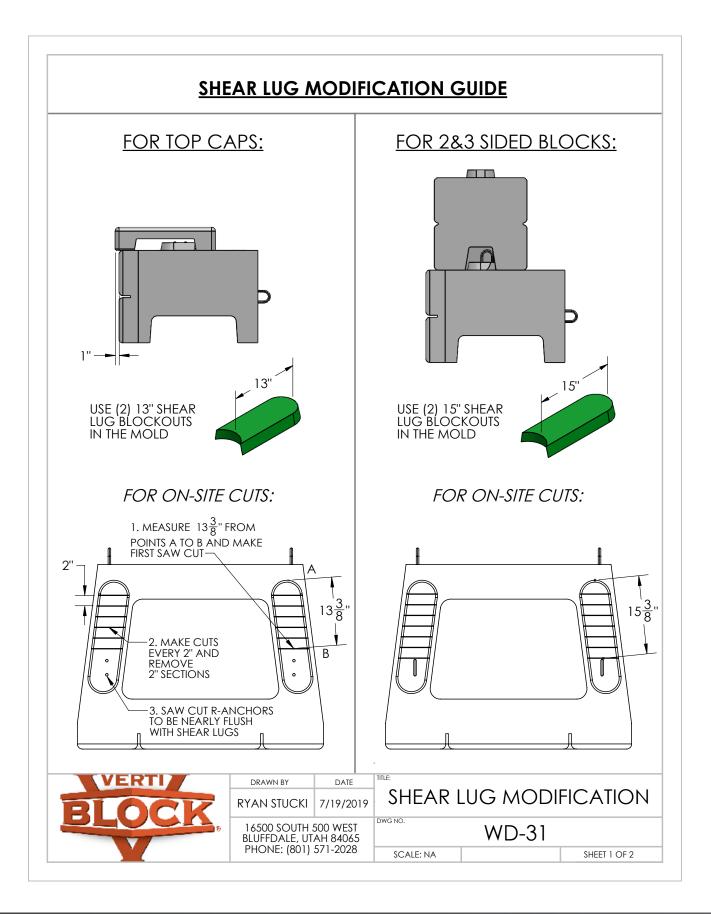
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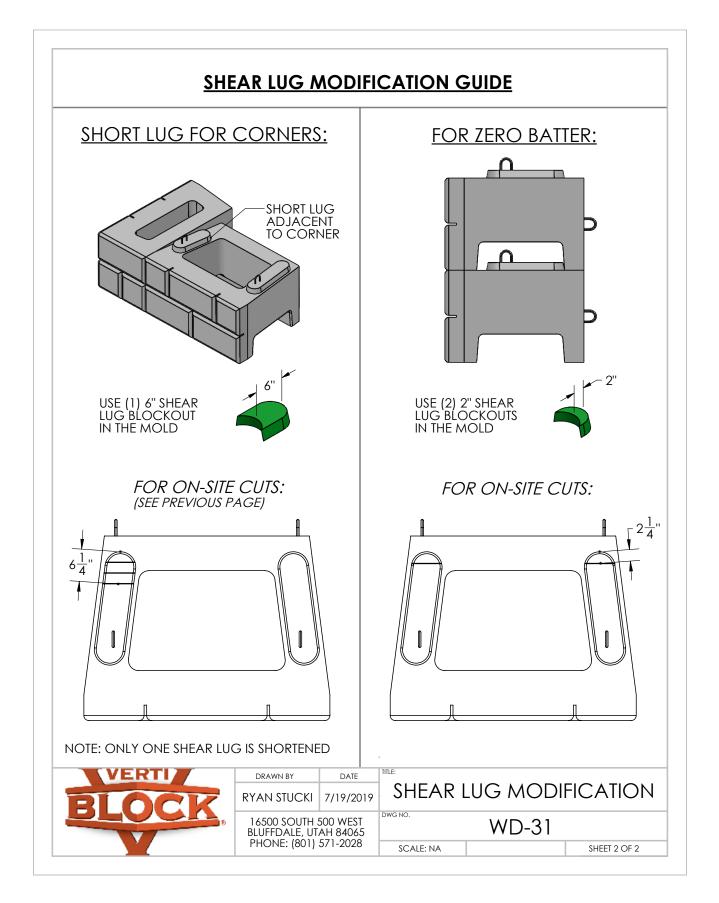




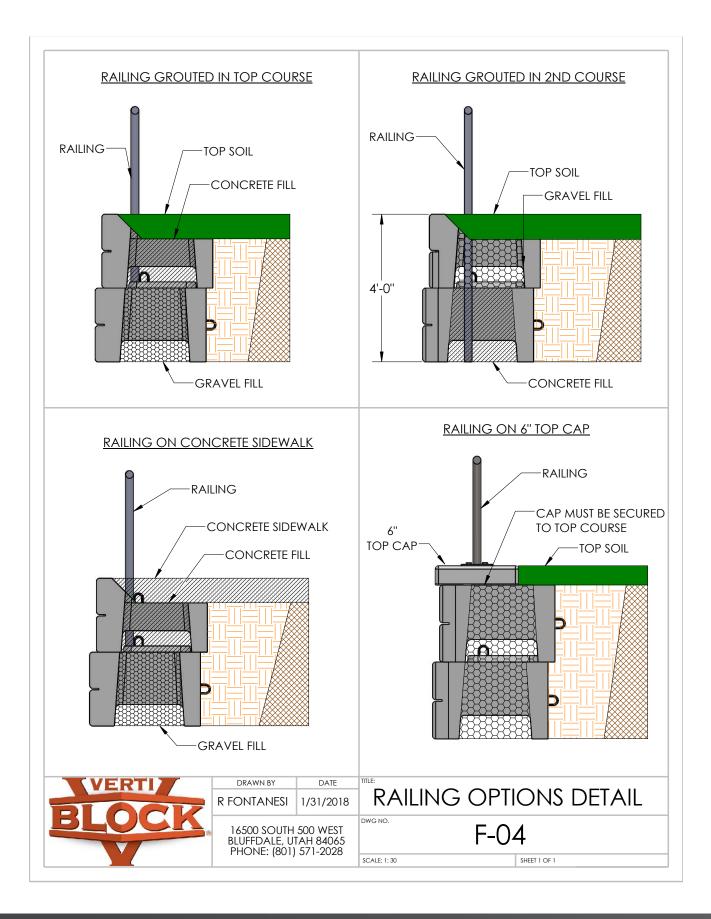




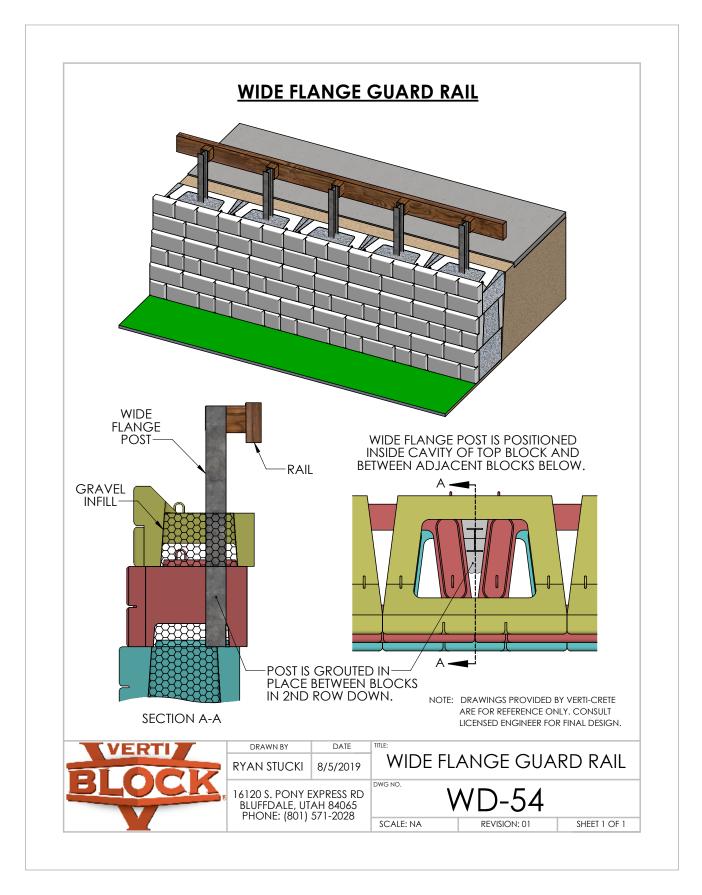




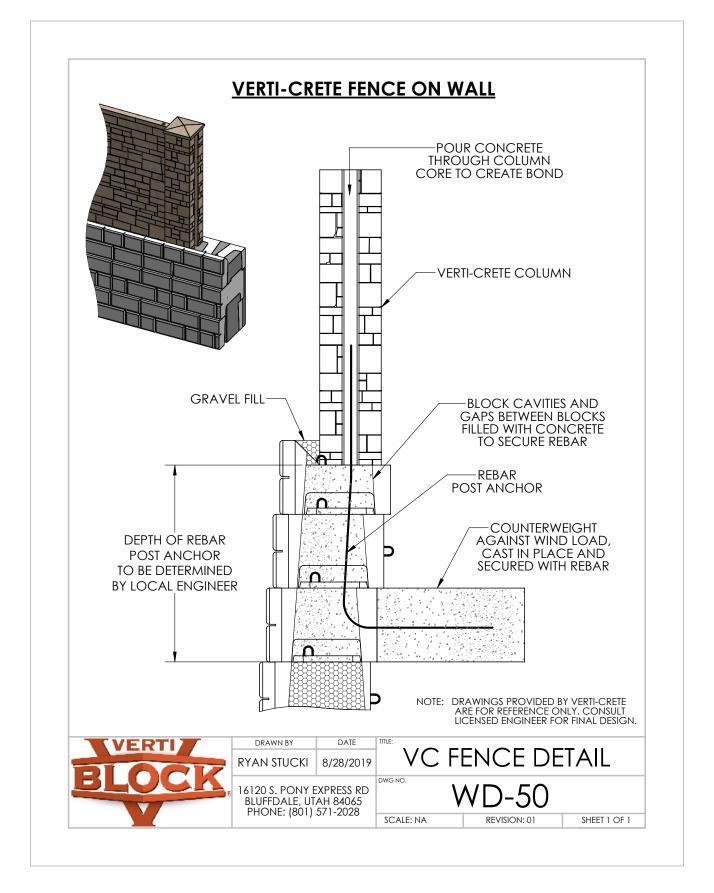












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SPECIFICATION FOR VERTI-BLOCK[™] GEOSYNTHETIC REINFORCED Mechanically Stabilized Earth (MSE) SYSTEM

1 GENERAL

1.1 Description

The work consists of supplying and installing all aspects of the Verti-Block[™] Precast Mechanically Stabilized Earth (MSE) units as specified in the construction drawings or as established by the Owner, Architect or Engineer.

- 1.1.1 Related Work
- 1.1.1.1 Section 02100 Site Preparation
- 1.1.1.2 Section 02200 Earthwork
- 1.1.1.3 Section 02070 Geosynthetic Reinforcement Walls
- 1.1.1.4 Section 02832 MSE Walls
- 1.1.1.5 Section 01270 Unit Prices

1.2 Reference Standards

1.2.1 Engineering Design

- AASHTO M288 Geotextile Specification for Highway Applications
- AASHTO LFRD, version 6, Standard Specifications for Highway Bridges
- ASTM C39 Standard Test Method for Compressive Strength of Cylindrical Concrete Specimens.
- ASTM C666 Standard Test Method for Resistance of Concrete to Rapid Freezing and Thawing
- 1.2.2 Geosynthetic Reinforcement
 - ASTM D 4595 Tensile Properties of Geosynthetics by the Wide Width Strip Method
 - ASTM D 5262 Evaluating the Unconfined Creep of Geosynthetics
 - ASTM D 6638 Grid Connection Strength (MSEU-1)
 - ASTM D 6916 Grid Shear Strength (MSEU-2)
 - GRI GG 1 Single Rib Geogrid Tensile Strength
 - GRI GG 4 Determination of Long Term Design Strength of Geogrids
 - GRI GG 5 Determination of Geogrid (soil) Pullout
 - GRI GG 6 Determination of Geotextile (soil) Pullout

1.2.3 Soils

- ASTM D 698 Test Methods for Laboratory Compaction Characteristics of Soil using Standard Effort
- ASTM D 422 Gradation Analysis of Soil Particles
- ASTM D 4318 Test Methods for Liquid Limit, Plastic Limit and Plasticity Index of Soils
- ASTM D 51 Testing Methods for Measuring pH of Soil
- ASTM D 2487 Standard Classification of Soils (Unified Soil Classification System)

Reinforced Wall



- 1.2.4 Drainage Pipe
 - ASTM D 3034 Specification for Type PSM Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC) pipe
 - ASTM D 1248 Corrugated Plastic Pipe
 - The Owner or Owner's Representative shall determine the final application if the specifications and reference documents conflict.
- 1.2.5 Concrete
 - ACI 211 Standard Practice for Selecting Proportions for Normal, Heavyweight, and Mass Concrete.
 - ACI 304 Guide for Measuring, Mixing, Transporting and Placing Concrete.
 - AASHTO T-22
 - AASHTO T-23
 - AASHTO T-119
 - AASHTO T-141
 - AASHTO T-152
 - AASHTO T-196

1.3 Design Submittals

- 1.3.1 Material installation and description data should be submitted for each product specified.
- 1.3.2 The MSE designs and drawings should include geosynthetic layout, bottom and top of wall elevation, drainage details and any other unique applications.
- 1.3.3 Design Method and Calculations should be in accordance with the AASHTO LRFD Specifications for Highways or NCMA current editions. Global stability analysis should be calculated as part of the final design.
- 1.3.4 Samples of the MSE units, color and texture should be submitted as per design specifications. Geosynthetic sample should also be furnished as per design.
- 1.3.5 All test reports should be performed by an independent laboratory.
- 1.3.6 Delivery, Storage and Handling
 - The Contractor shall inspect all materials delivered to the site to ensure proper type and grade of materials have been received as per the project specifications.
 - The Contractor shall ensure proper storage, handling and protection from damage of the materials. Damaged materials shall not be used in the construction of the Mechanically Stabilized Earth structure.
 - The Contractor shall prevent excessive mud, wet concrete, and like materials from coming in contact with the wall materials.

2 MATERIALS

2.1 Concrete Mechanically Stabilized Earth (MSE) units

MSE concrete units shall be Verti-Block[™] units as manufactured by licensed producer in accordance with NPCA, ASTM or AASHTO standards and conform as per project engineer specifications.



- 2.1.1 Verti-Block[™] units shall have a minimum 28 days compressive of equal to 4,000 psi (27.6 MPa) (or greater if specified).
- 2.1.2 Verti-Block[™] units shall satisfy the following dimensional tolerances:
 - a. Height: +/- 1/8 inch (3mm)
 - b. Width: +/- 1/2 inch (13mm)
 - c. Depth: +/- 1/2 inch (13mm); excludes variable depth of the textured face
- 2.1.3 Color for the Verti-Block[™] units shall be _____.
- 2.1.4 ASTM C 666 for freeze-thaw durability shall be standard for areas subject to repeated freeze-thaw cycles, or an approved DOT mix design shall be used.
- 2.1.5 The Verti-Block[™] 2-4 units shall have a face area of 8 sq ft (.75 sq m) and Verti-Block[™] 1-4 units shall have a face area of 4 sq ft (.37.5 sq m).
- 2.1.6 The Verti-Block[™] standard unit weight (without gravel infill) is approximately 1700 lbs.
- 2.1.7 The Verti-Block[™] units shall be sound and free of cracks, chips or other defects that may prevent the contractor from properly installing the wall units or reduce the long term strength of the wall structure.
- 2.1.8 Verti-Block[™] capping units shall be the 6 inch solid cap unit cable attached to the unit below for a positive connection.
- 2.1.9 Concrete sample in accordance with AASHTO T-141, Compression test in accordance with AASHTO T-23 and AASHTO T-22, Air content testing in accordance with AASHTO T-152 or AASHTO T-196, Slump test in accordance with AASHTO T-119, 28 day testing in accordance with AASHTO T-23 and AASHTO T-22 or as specified by the project engineer.

2.2 Geosynthetic Reinforcements

- 2.2.1 Geosynthetic reinforcements shall be high tensile Geogrid or Geotextile manufactured for soil reinforcement applications that have been tested and have the appropriate design parameters established with the Verti-Block[™] product.
- 2.2.2 The construction design and drawings shall show the type, strength and location of the geosynthetics. Manufactures specifications shall be used for test data and installation procedures.
- 2.2.3 Geosynthetics shall be evaluated in accordance with AASHTO specifications.

2.3 Foundation Soil

- 2.3.1 Foundation soils should be suitable, relatively undisturbed native soils approved by the design engineer or placed on a specific thickness of properly placed and compacted structural fill as recommended by the design engineer.
- 2.3.2 The foundation soils shall be approved by a design engineer before installing base leveling gravel.



2.3.3 Unsuitable foundation soils shall be removed and replaced with structural fill or otherwise stabilized as specified by the design engineer.

2.4 Backfill Soil

- 2.4.1 Backfill soils shall be free of organic materials and other unsuitable materials.
- 2.4.2 Soils classifying as GP, GM, GP-GM, GW, GP-GW, SP, SM, SP-SM, SW, SW-SM or in accordance with ASTM D 2487 should be suitable. Other classifications may be acceptable upon approval from the design engineer. All backfill soils should be approved by the design engineer.

2.5 Base Leveling Materials

- 2.5.1 A minimum 6 inch thick crushed stone leveling pad should be used. Alternate materials such as lowstrength, unreinforced concrete may be used at the discretion of the design engineer or DOT requirements.
- 2.5.1.1 AASHTO specifications will be followed when constructing concrete footing for DOT projects.

2.6 Drainage and Unit Infill Aggregate

- 2.6.1 Drainage Aggregate shall be clean crushed gravel meeting the gradation in accordance with ASTM D 448.
- 2.6.2 Drainage Aggregates shall be placed in all unit voids with uniform particle size less than 1" (25mm) and not more than 5% passing through the No. 200 sieve.

2.7 Drainage Pipe

2.7.1 Drainage pipe shall be perforated PVC or corrugated HDPE pipe with a minimum size of 3" in diameter.

2.8 Geotextile Fabric

2.8.1 Geotextiles, if required by the design engineer, shall be a non-woven, permeable material.

2.9 AASHTO

2.9.1 When constructing DOT projects all AASHTO and ASTM specifications should be followed unless otherwise specified by the design engineer.

3 WALL DESIGN

3.1 Design Standard

- 3.1.1 The wall design engineer and/or geotechnical engineer shall consider the internal, local stability, external stability, bearing capacity and global stability of the soil mass above, behind and below the wall structure.
- 3.1.2 Geosynthetic reinforcement vertical spacing shall not exceed 4 feet or 2 Verti-Block[™] units.



- 3.1.3 Geosynthetic reinforcement shall be 100% horizontal coverage parallel to the length of the wall unless specified by the design engineer.
- 3.1.4 If designing the Verti-Block[™] wall system in accordance with the Design Manual for Mechanically Stabilized Earth walls, according to AASHTO LRFD methodology, version 6, the minimum CDR shall be a minimum of the following:
 - External Stability; Base Sliding = 1.0, Eccentricity = L/3 [9/20L internal units], Bearing Capacity = 1.0, Global Stability = 1.3
 - Internal Stability; Tensile Overstress = 1.0, Pullout = 1.0, Internal Sliding = 1.0
 - Local Stability; Facing Shear = 1.0, Connection = 1.0
- 3.1.5 If designing the Verti-Block[™] wall system in accordance with the Design Manual for Segmental Retaining Walls, NCMA, 3rd Edition the minimum Factors of Safety shall be:
 - Static; Sliding = 1.50, Overturning = 2.00, Bearing Capacity = 2.0
 - Seismic; 75 percent of static values
 - Reinforcing FoS; Uncertainties = 1.50, Pullout = 1.50
 - Local Stability; Shear = 1.50, Bending = 1.50

3.2 Soil Standards

- 3.2.1 The following soil design parameters shall be used (or specified by design engineer)
- 3.2.1.1 Drainage/Unit Fill;
 - Soil Unit Weight = ____pcf (KN/m3),
 - Friction Angle = ____degree,
 - Cohesion = ____lbs/sq ft (0 kPa)
- 3.2.1.2 Reinforced Backfill;
 - Soil Unit Weight = ____lb/cub ft (KN/m3),
 - Friction Angle = ____ degree,
 - Cohesion = ____ lbs/sq ft (0 kPa)
- 3.2.1.3 Base Leveling Pad;
 - Soil Unit Weight = ____pcf (KN/cub m),
 - Friction Angle = ____degree,
 - Cohesion = ____lb/sq ft (0 kPa)

3.3 **Project Design**

- 3.3.1 The site grades and information will determine the length, height and overall elevations for the Verti-Block[™] retaining wall requirements.
- 3.3.2 The design height (H) shall be measured from the top of the base leveling pad to the top of the wall cap units.
- 3.3.3 The slopes above and below the wall details will be on the site construction drawings.
- 3.3.4 The minimum embedment depth of the wall shall be H/10 but no less than 6".



3.3.5 Reinforcement minimum length shall be specified by the design engineer but not be less than 70% of the height of the wall (0.7H) measured from the block face.

4 **CONSTRUCTION**

4.1 Qualifications

4.1.1 Contractor and site supervisor shall have proven qualified experience to complete the installation of the Mechanically Stabilized Earth system.

4.2 Excavation

- 4.2.1 The contractor shall excavate to the lines and grades shown on the project grading plans.
- 4.2.2 Over excavated or filled areas shall be well compacted and inspected by a design engineer.
- 4.3 Foundation Preparation
- 4.3.1 Foundation trench shall be excavated to the dimensions indicated on the construction drawings.
- 4.3.2 The reinforced zone and leveling pad foundation soil shall be approved by the design engineer to ensure proper bearing strength.
- 4.3.3 Unsuitable soils shall be removed and replaced with structural fill.
- 4.3.4 Structural fill material shall be approved by the design engineer and shall be compacted to a minimum of 95% Modified Proctor dry density, before placing leveling pad. (ASTM D 1557)

4.4 Base Leveling Pad

- 4.4.1 The granular leveling pad shall be a minimum 6 inches thick and 1 foot wider than the depth of the wall unit and shall be placed and compacted to a minimum of 95% Modified Proctor dry density or greater.
- 4.4.2 The base leveling pad shall be level horizontally and back to front to ensure the first course of units are level.
- 4.4.3 Top of base leveling pad elevation and installation of granular materials shall be in accordance of the specifications and construction drawings. The toe of the wall burial depth shall be constructed as shown on the construction drawings.
- 4.4.4 A reinforced concrete footing, when used, should be placed below the frost level and constructed in accordance to the specification and construction drawings.

4.5 Units Installation

4.5.1 The first course of Verti-Block[™] units shall be carefully placed on the leveling pad.



- 4.5.2 The first row of units shall be level from unit to unit and from back to front.
- 4.5.3 A string line can be used to align a straight wall or PVC flex pipes can be used to establish smooth convex or concave curved walls.
- 4.5.4 Use the smooth back of the units for alignment and measuring to ensure smooth curves and straight walls.
- 4.5.5 The second course of units shall have the concrete connecting lugs in the unit voids and pulled backward resting the lugs against the front edge of the upper unit voids.
- 4.5.6 All units shall be laid snugly together and parallel to the straight or curved lines.
- 4.5.7 The Verti-Block[™] units shall be swept clean of all dirt or rocks before installing the next layer of units or placing the geosynthetics.
- 4.5.8 After laying each course, perform a visual or string line straightness check.

4.6 Geosynthetic Reinforcing Installation

- 4.6.1 The geosynthetic reinforcement shall be installed at the wall height, horizontal location, and to the extents as shown on the design drawings..
- 4.6.2 The geosynthetic reinforcement shall be laid horizontally on compacted infill and the concrete Verti-Block[™] units.
- 4.6.3 Correct orientation (roll direction) of the geosynthetic reinforcement, to ensure the principal design strength direction is perpendicular to the wall face, shall be verified by the Contractor, prior to Verti-Block[™] and Unit Fill placement.
- 4.6.4 After the geosynthetic is installed, place the next course of Verti-Block[™] units and Unit Fill.
- 4.6.5 The geosynthetic should then be pulled taut and free of wrinkles prior to placement of soil fill. The geosynthetic may be secured in place with staples, pins or fill. Type of geosynthetic restraint will be based on fill properties, fill placement procedures, weather conditions; or as directed by the design engineer.
- 4.6.6 The procedure for tensioning geosynthetic reinforcement shall be uniform throughout wall length and height.
- 4.6.7 Overlaps:
- 4.6.7.1 Overlap of the geosynthetic in the design strength direction will not be permitted. The design strength direction is that length of geosynthetic perpendicular to the wall face and shall be one continuous piece of material.



4.6.7.2 In general, butting of adjacent roll edges of reinforcement is acceptable. If required, overlaps of adjacent rolls shall be in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations and shall occur only in the reinforced (infill) soil zone. An overlap within the Verti-Block[™] Unit or Unit fill is prohibited. Geosynthetic reinforcement will be continuous throughout wall length, except for curves, see drawings

4.7 Fill Placement over Geosynthetic

- 4.7.1.1 Reinforced infill soil material shall be placed in maximum 12-inch compacted lifts on the geosynthetic according to the requirements of Section 4.8, or as directed by the design engineer
- 4.7.1.2 The geosynthetic shall be pre-tensioned by hand to remove wrinkles. Tensioning is usually facilitated by the use of steel rakes. Apply constant tension to each section of geosynthetic until soil fill has been placed. Soil fill shall be placed, spread, and compacted in such a manner that prevents the development of wrinkles and/or movement of the geosynthetic.
- 4.7.1.3 Only hand-operated compaction equipment shall be allowed within 3 feet of the front of wall face.
- 4.7.1.4 If possible, soil fill shall be placed from the wall face outward to ensure that the geosynthetic remains taut. Soil shall be placed in uniform lifts.
- 4.7.1.5 Tracked construction equipment shall not be operated directly on the geosynthetic. A minimum fill thickness of 8 inches is required prior to operation of tracked vehicles over the geosynthetic. Turning of tracked vehicles should be kept to a minimum to prevent tracks from displacing the fill and damaging the geosynthetic.
- 4.7.1.6 If in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations, rubber-tired equipment may pass over the geosynthetic reinforcement at slow speeds, less than 10 MPH. Sudden braking and sharp turning shall be avoided.
- 4.7.1.7 Surface drainage during, and after each day of construction of the wall shall be sloped away from wall face and provided to minimize water infiltration in the reinforced soil zone.
- 4.7.1.8 The General Contractor shall be responsible for securing the site against any water that could enter into the wall construction zone.

4.8 Drainage Gravel

- 4.8.1 Verti-Block[™] unit voids shall be filled with a free-draining granular material as described in Section 2.6.
- 4.8.2 Drainage gravel shall be placed into the unit voids each course before placing the geosynthetic reinforcement layer.



4.9 Backfill

- 4.9.1 The reinforced backfill materials shall be placed in maximum lifts of 12" and shall be compacted to a minimum 95% Modified Proctor density, in accordance with ASTM D 1557
- 4.9.2 Only hand-operated compaction equipment shall be used within 3 feet of the back of the wall.
- 4.9.3 Soil density testing shall not be taken within the 3 foot area.
- 4.9.4 The backfill shall be smooth and level so that the geosynthetic lays flat with no dips or bumps.
- 4.9.5 The toe of the wall shall be filled and compacted as the wall is being constructed.

4.10 Cap Installation

- 4.10.1 The Verti-Block[™] full size cap units should be placed in the same installation procedures as the regular Verti-Block[™] units.
- 4.10.2 A non-woven geotextile should be used as a soil separator between the final layer of backfill and drainage materials and the top soil materials to prevent fines from migrating into the drainage gravel or through the wall face.
- 4.10.3 A special Verti-Block[™] 6" high cap can be used to complete the top of the wall. Concrete adhesive should be used to glue the cap units to the regular units.

5 CONSTRUCTION QUALITY CONTROL AND ASSURANCE

5.1 Construction Quality Control

- 5.1.1 The project wall installer is responsible to ensure that all installation and materials meet the quality specified in the construction drawings.
- 5.1.2 A qualified independent party may be responsible to verify that installation procedures have been installed in accordance with the specifications and construction drawings.
- 5.1.3 All site construction tolerances for vertical alignment, horizontal locations for elevations, corner and radius locations, wall batter and minimum bulging will be within AASHTO/NCMA specifications.

5.2 Quality Assurance

- 5.2.1 The owner is responsible to engage testing and inspection services to provide independent quality construction assurance.
- 5.2.2 Compaction testing of the reinforcement backfill soils shall be performed every 2 vertical feet of material installation or more frequent.
- 5.2.3 The tests shall be done a minimum of every 50 lineal feet along the wall at each level of testing.



- 5.2.4 Testing shall not be closer than 3 feet from the back of the wall and done at a variety of locations to cover the entire reinforced soil zone.
- 5.2.5 Independent inspection professionals shall ensure all parameters and construction specifications have been followed in accordance to the design drawings and specifications.

6 PAYMENT

Payment for the installation of the Verti-Block[™] wall shall be based on the unit price per square face foot (square face meter) of wall product installed. The shipping and delivery slips shall be verified by both Contractor and Owner or Owner representative at the time of product delivery to the site and this will be the bases of the final count or product used.



SPECIFICATION FOR VERTI-BLOCK[™] Gravity Wall Segmental Retaining Wall (SRW) SYSTEM

1 GENERAL

1.1 Description

The work consists of supplying and installing all aspects of the Verti-Block[™] Precast Segmental Retaining Wall (SRW) units as specified in the construction drawings or as established by the owner, architect or design engineer.

- 1.1.1 Related Work
- 1.1.1.1 Section 02100 Site Preparation
- 1.1.1.2 Section 02200 Earthwork
- 1.1.1.3 Section 01270 Unit Prices
- 1.2 Reference Standards
- 1.2.1 Engineering Design
 - AASHTO M288 Geotextile Specification for Highway Applications
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- ASTM D 51 Testing Methods for Measuring pH of Soil
- ASTM D 2487 Standard Classification of Soils (Unified Soil Classification System

1.2.3 Drainage Pipe

- ASTM D 3034 Specification for Type PSM Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC) pipe
- ASTM D 1248 Corrugated Plastic Pipe
- The Owner or Owner's Representative shall determine the final application if the specifications and reference documents conflict.

1.2.4 Concrete

- ACI 211 Standard Practice for Selecting Proportions for Normal, Heavyweight, and Mass Concrete.
- ACI 304 Guide for Measuring, Mixing, Transporting and Placing Concrete.
- AASHTO T-22
- AASHTO T-23

Gravity Wall



- AASHTO T-119
- AASHTO T-141
- AASHTO T-152
- AASHTO T-196

1.3 Design Submittals

- 1.3.1 Material installation and description data should be submitted for each product specified.
- 1.3.2 The SRW designs and drawings should include bottom and top of wall elevation, drainage details and any other unique applications.
- 1.3.3 Design Method and Calculations should be in accordance with the AASHTO LRFD Specifications for Highways or NCMA current editions. Global stability analysis should be calculated as part of the final design.
- 1.3.4 Samples of the SRW units, color and texture should be submitted as per design specifications.
- 1.3.5 All test reports should be performed by an independent laboratory.
- 1.3.6 Delivery, Storage and Handling
 - The Contractor shall inspect all materials delivered to the site to ensure proper type and grade of materials have been received as per the project specifications.
 - The Contractor shall ensure proper storage, handling and protection from damage of the materials. Damaged materials shall not be used in the construction of the Mechanically Stabilized Earth structure.
 - The Contractor shall prevent excessive mud, wet concrete, and like materials from coming in contact with the wall materials.

2 MATERIALS

2.1 Concrete Segmental Retaining Wall (SRW) units

SRW concrete units shall be Verti-Block[™] units as manufactured by licensed producer in accordance with NPCA, ASTM or AASHTO standards and conform as per project engineer specifications.

- 2.1.1 Verti-Block[™] units shall have a minimum 28 days compressive of equal to 4,000 psi (27.6 MPa) (or greater if specified).
- 2.1.2 Verti-Block[™] units shall satisfy the following dimensional tolerances:
 - a. Height: +/- 1/8 inch (3mm)
 - b. Width: +/- 1/2 inch (13mm)
 - c. Depth: +/- 1/2 inch (13mm); excludes variable depth of the textured face
- 2.1.3 Color for the Verti-Block[™] units shall be _____
- 2.1.4 ASTM C 666 for freeze-thaw durability shall be standard for areas subject to repeated freeze-thaw cycles, or an approved DOT mix design shall be used.



- 2.1.5 The Verti-Block[™] 2-4 units shall have a face area of 8 sq ft (.75 sq m) and Verti-Block[™] 1-4 units shall have a face area of 4 sq ft (.37.5 sq m).
- 2.1.6 The Verti-Block[™] standard unit weight (without gravel infill) is approximately 1700 lbs.
- 2.1.7 The Verti-Block[™] units shall be sound and free of cracks, chips or other defects that may prevent the contractor from properly installing the wall units or reduce the long term strength of the wall structure.
- 2.1.8 Verti-Block[™] capping units shall be the 6 inch solid cap unit cable attached to the unit below for a positive connection.
- 2.1.9 Concrete sample in accordance with AASHTO T-141, Compression test in accordance with AASHTO T-23 and AASHTO T-22, Air content testing in accordance with AASHTO T-152 or AASHTO T-196, Slump test in accordance with AASHTO T-119, 28 day testing in accordance with AASHTO T-23 and AASHTO T-22 or as specified by the project engineer.

2.2 Foundation Soil

- 2.2.1 Foundation soils should be suitable, relatively undisturbed native soils approved by the design engineer or placed on a specific thickness of properly placed and compacted structural fill as recommended by the design engineer.
- 2.2.2 The foundation soils shall be approved by a design engineer before installing base leveling gravel.
- 2.2.3 Unsuitable foundation soils shall be removed and replaced with structural fill or otherwise stabilized as specified by the design engineer.

2.3 Backfill Soil

- 2.3.1 Backfill soils shall be free of organic materials and other unsuitable materials.
- 2.3.2 Soils classifying as GP, GM, GP-GM, GW, GP-GW, SP, SM, SP-SM, SW, SW-SM or in accordance with ASTM D 2487 should be suitable. Other classifications may be acceptable upon approval from the design engineer. All backfill soils should be approved by the design engineer.

2.4 Base Leveling Materials

- 2.4.1 A minimum 6 inch thick crushed stone leveling pad should be used. Alternate materials such as lowstrength, unreinforced concrete may be used at the discretion of the design engineer or DOT requirements.
- 2.4.1.1 AASHTO specifications will be followed when constructing concrete footing for DOT projects.

2.5 Drainage and Unit Infill Aggregate

2.5.1 Drainage Aggregate shall be clean crushed gravel meeting the gradation in accordance with ASTM D 448.



2.5.2 Drainage Aggregates shall be placed in all unit voids with uniform particle size less than 1" (25mm) and not more than 5% passing through the No. 200 sieve.

2.6 Drainage Pipe

2.6.1 Drainage pipe shall be perforated PVC or corrugated HDPE pipe with a minimum size of 3" in diameter.

2.7 Geotextile Fabric

2.7.1 Geotextiles, if required by the design engineer, shall be a non-woven, permeable material.

2.8 AASHTO

2.8.1 When constructing DOT projects all AASHTO and ASTM specifications should be followed unless otherwise specified by the design engineer.

3 WALL DESIGN

3.1 Design Standard

3.1.1 The wall design engineer and/or geotechnical engineer shall consider the external stability, bearing capacity and global stability of the soil mass above, behind and below the wall structure.

- 3.1.2 The minimum design Factors or Safety shall be:
- Static; Sliding = 1.50, Overturning = 2.00, Bearing Capacity = 2.0
- Seismic; 75 percent of static values

3.2 Soil Standards

3.2.1 The following soil design parameters shall be used (or specified by design engineer)

3.2.1.1 Drainage/Unit Fill;

- Soil Unit Weight = ___pcf (KN/m3),
- Friction Angle = ____degree,
- Cohesion = ____lbs/sq ft (0 kPa)

3.2.1.2 Reinforced Backfill;

- Soil Unit Weight = ____lb/cub ft (KN/m3),
- Friction Angle = ____ degree,
- Cohesion = ____ lbs/sq ft (0 kPa)

3.2.1.3 Base Leveling Pad;

- Soil Unit Weight = ____pcf (KN/cub m),
- Friction Angle = ____degree,
- Cohesion = ____lb/sq ft (0 kPa)



3.3 Project Design

- 3.3.1 The site grades and information will determine the length, height and overall elevations for the Verti-Block[™] retaining wall requirements.
- 3.3.2 The design height (H) shall be measured from the top of the base leveling pad to the top of the wall cap units.
- 3.3.3 The slopes above and below the wall details will be on the site construction drawings.
- 3.3.4 The minimum embedment depth of the wall shall be H/10 but no less than 6".

4 **CONSTRUCTION**

4.1 Qualifications

4.1.1 Contractor and site supervisor shall have proven qualified experience to complete the installation of the Segmental Retaining Wall system.

4.2 Excavation

- 4.2.1 The contractor shall excavate to the lines and grades shown on the project grading plans.
- 4.2.2 Over excavated or filled areas shall be well compacted and inspected by a design engineer.

4.3 Foundation Preparation

- 4.3.1 Foundation trench shall be excavated to the dimensions indicated on the construction drawings.
- 4.3.2 The reinforced zone and leveling pad foundation soil shall be approved by the design engineer to ensure proper bearing strength.
- 4.3.3 Unsuitable soils shall be removed and replaced with structural fill.
- 4.3.4 Structural fill materials shall be approved by the design engineer and shall be compacted to a minimum of 95% Modified Proctor dry density or greater, before placing leveling pad. (ASTM D 1557)

4.4 Base Leveling Pad

- 4.4.1 The granular leveling pad shall be a minimum 6 inches thick and one foot wider than the depth of the wall unit and shall be placed and compacted to a minimum of 95% Modified Proctor dry density or greater.
- 4.4.2 The base leveling pad shall be level horizontally and back to front to ensure the first course of units are level.



- 4.4.3 Top of base leveling pad elevation and installation of granular materials shall be in accordance of the specifications and construction drawings. The toe of the wall burial depth shall be constructed as shown on the construction drawings.
- 4.4.4 A reinforced concrete footing, when used, should be placed below the frost level and constructed in accordance to the specification and construction drawings.

4.5 Units Installation

- 4.5.1 The first course of Verti-Block[™] units shall be carefully placed on the leveling pad.
- 4.5.2 The first row of units shall be level from unit to unit and from back to front.
- 4.5.3 A string line can be used to align a straight wall or PVC flex pipes can be used to establish smooth convex or concave curved walls.
- 4.5.4 Use the smooth back of the units for alignment and measuring to ensure smooth curves and straight walls.
- 4.5.5 The second course of units shall have the concrete connecting lugs in the unit voids and pulled backward resting the lugs against the front edge of the upper unit voids.
- 4.5.6 All units shall be laid snugly together and parallel to the straight or curved lines.
- 4.5.7 The Verti-Block[™] units shall be swept clean of all dirt or rocks before installing the next layer of units.
- 4.5.8 After laying each course, perform a visual or string line straightness check.

4.6 Fill Placement

- 4.6.1.1 Infill soil material shall be placed in maximum 12-inch compacted lifts according to the requirements of Section 4.8, or as directed by the design engineer
- 4.6.1.2 Only hand-operated compaction equipment shall be allowed within 3 feet of the front of wall face.
- 4.6.1.3 Soil shall be placed in uniform lifts.
- 4.6.1.4 If in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations, rubber-tired equipment may pass over the backfill zone at slow speeds, less than 10 MPH. Sudden braking and sharp turning shall be avoided.
- 4.6.1.5 Surface drainage during, and after each day of construction of the wall shall be sloped away from wall face and provided to minimize water infiltration in the backfill zone.
- 4.6.1.6 The General Contractor shall be responsible for securing the site against any water that could enter into the wall construction zone.



4.7 Drainage Gravel

- 4.7.1 Verti-Block[™] unit voids shall be filled with a free-draining granular material as described in Section 2.6.
- 4.7.2 Drainage gravel shall be placed into the unit voids each course before moving on to the next course.

4.8 Backfill

- 4.8.1 The backfill materials shall be placed in maximum lifts of 12" and shall be compacted to a minimum 95% Modified Proctor density, in accordance with ASTM D 1557
- 4.8.2 Only hand-operated compaction equipment shall be used within 3 feet of the back of the wall.
- 4.8.3 Soil density testing shall not be taken within the 3 foot area.
- 4.8.4 The backfill shall be smooth and level.
- 4.8.5 The toe of the wall shall be filled and compacted as the wall is being constructed.

4.9 Cap Installation

- 4.9.1 The Verti-Block[™] full size cap units should be placed in the same installation procedures as the regular Verti-Block[™] units.
- 4.9.2 A non-woven geotextile should be used as a soil separator between the final layer of backfill and drainage materials and the top soil materials to prevent fines from migrating into the drainage gravel or through the wall face.
- 4.9.3 A special Verti-Block[™] 6" high cap can be used to complete the top of the wall. Concrete adhesive should be used to glue the cap units to the regular units.

5 CONSTRUCTION QUALITY CONTROL AND ASSURANCE

5.1 Construction Quality Control

- 5.1.1 The project wall installer is responsible to ensure that all installation and materials meet the quality specified in the construction drawings.
- 5.1.2 A qualified independent party may be responsible to verify that installation procedures have been installed in accordance with the specifications and construction drawings.
- 5.1.3 All site construction tolerances for vertical alignment, horizontal locations for elevations, corner and radius locations, wall batter and minimum bulging will be within AASHTO/NCMA specifications.

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5.2 Quality Assurance

- 5.2.1 The owner is responsible to engage testing and inspection services to provide independent quality construction assurance.
- 5.2.2 Compaction testing of the reinforcement backfill soils shall be performed every 2 vertical feet of material installation or more frequent.
- 5.2.3 The tests shall be done a minimum of every 50 lineal feet along the wall at each level of testing.
- 5.2.4 Testing shall not be closer than 3 feet from the back of the wall and done at a variety of locations to cover the entire reinforced soil zone.
- 5.2.5 Independent inspection professionals shall ensure all parameters and construction specifications have been followed in accordance to the design drawings and specifications.

6 PAYMENT

Payment for the installation of the Verti-Block[™] wall shall be based on the unit price per square face foot (square face meter) of wall product installed. The shipping and delivery slips shall be verified by both Contractor and Owner or Owner representative at the time of product delivery to the site and this will be the bases of the final count or product used.



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