

Design Criteria and References for Masonry Cavity Walls

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Abstract:

The printed and electronic literature cited in this document provide an understanding of what goes on between the exterior and interior of a building wall and how cavity walls best meet those functional requirements. This paper does not discuss the process of cavity wall design but rather provides a lists of references that discuss the process in terms of design criteria. Despite the distinguished success experienced by cavity walls in this country for well over 50 years, the use of solid masonry walls persists in areas where they may be inappropriate. The masonry industry would be well served to re-emphasize cavity wall promotional efforts.

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