WESTBRICKS® Smooth Moulded w/ Pozzotive®
Specification

Part 1

SUBMITTAL
Submit color samples for selection from manufacturer’s standard colors and textures. Submit product literature, certifications and test reports and full sized samples of each color specified.

QUALITY ASSURANCE
CERTIFICATION
Concrete masonry units for grinding shall meet all appropriate, applicable standards of ASTM latest edition.

» ASTM C1634 Specification for Concrete Facing Brick
» ASTM C90 Load Bearing Masonry Units
» ASTM C33 Specification for Concrete Aggregates
» ASTM C140 Sampling and Testing for Concrete Masonry Units
» ASTM E514 Water Penetration and Leakage through Masonry

DELIVERY, STORAGE AND HANDLING
Westbrook Concrete Block’s Smooth Moulded with Pozzotive® Units shall be delivered to the jobsite on covered, stretch wrapped wood pallets with expanded polystyrene dividers separating the layers of block. Store pallets in single stacks on level ground and covered with waterproof covering to protect the units from inclement weather. When stocking the staging areas, units shall be handled carefully to avoid chipping and damage to the finished surfaces.

PROTECT AND SITE CONDITIONS
Cover walls each day after installation. Take special care to protect from moisture penetration. After units are installed they should be protected from damage by other trades. Walls should be covered with plastic or plywood to prevent staining or chipping.
Part 2

PRODUCT NAME
WESTBRICKS® Smooth Moulded with Pozzotive®

MANUFACTURER
Westbrook Concrete Block Company

SIZES AND SHAPES
» Length dimensions of single faced units will be 7 5/8˝, 11 5/8˝, 15 5/8˝, 23 5/8˝ (+⁄ - 1/8˝).
» Width dimensions of single faced units will be 3 5/8˝ (+⁄ - 1/8˝ unless otherwise specified).
» Height surfaces have a finished dimension of 1 5/8˝, 2 1/4˝, 2 3/4˝, 3 3/8˝, 3 3/4˝ (+⁄ - 1/8˝ unless otherwise specified).
» Corner units will have finished length dimensions of 7 9/16˝, 11 9/16˝, 15 9/16˝, 23 9/16˝ (+⁄ - 1/8˝).
» Units are available in solid and cored configuration and various sill blocks and custom shapes are available upon request.

WATER REPELLENCY
All WESTBRICKS® Smooth Moulded with Pozzotive® units shall be manufactured with the water repellent admixture Dry Block®, a product of the Grace Construction Products, in sufficient amount to comply with the manufacturer’s recommendation.

RECYCLED CONTENT
WESTBRICKS® Smooth Moulded with Pozzotive® units will be manufactured with Pozzotive®. Pozzotive® is a high performance Supplementary Cementitious Material, made from 100% recycled post-consumer glass. This glass is diverted from multiple post-consumer waste streams, including bottle redemption and curbside pickup. The Pozzotive® replaces up to 30% of the Portland cement used in manufacture of WESTBRICKS®. This recycled content will contribute toward LEED Materials & Resource Credits 4.1 & 4.2.

Please contact your authorized Westbrook Concrete Block representative for sizes, shapes and colors available with recycled content.
Part 3

Laying Masonry Walls

Laying concrete masonry units incorporating the best masonry practices. Install only quality units; reject all defective units. Align units level, plumb and true with uniform carefully tooled 3/8 wide concave mortar joints. Avoid raked joints in favor of a tooled “V” joint. This type of joint will insure that the mortar is pressed up and down to the top and bottom of the units and will avoid chipping the edges as often happens with a raked joint. Draw blocks from more than one pallet to insure blending of color range. All exterior mortar shall contain Grace Construction Products Dry Block® mortar water repellent additive. The manufacturer recommends a Type S Mortar be used in this application due to the low absorption rate of Westbricks. A Type N Mortar will decrease workability and may cause a delay in setup time of the mortar.

Finish and Appearance

Provisions relating to finish and appearance prohibits defects that would impair the strength or performance of the construction, but permit minor cracks incidental to the usual manufacturing methods. The presence of objectionable imperfections is based on viewing the face or faces from a distance of 20 feet (6.1 meters) under diffused lighting. Color and texture shall conform to a sample consisting of not less than 4 units, representing color and texture.

Quality Control During Installation

Provide adequate lighting for masonry work for even illumination during installation.

» Make all cuts with a motor driven, water lubricated masonry saw using a diamond blade.
» Lay units with a full bed and head joints.
» Tool all mortar joints and either concave or “V” joint. No raked joints.
» Remove mortar from face of units before it sets.
» Inspect finished walls to insure they are free from chips, cracks and any imperfections that would detract from the overall appearance of the wall. Walls should be viewed from a distance of twenty (20) feet under normal lighting to determine acceptance.

Flashing

Install flashing at locations shown in the plans and in strict accordance with the details and the best masonry flashing practices.

Weep Holes and Vents

Install weep holes and vents at proper intervals (32” O.C. and 2” long, above bed joints, typical) at courses above grade, above flashing, and at any water stops over windows, doors, and beams.

Pointing

Tuckpoint the joints of scored Ground Face Units

Cleaning

» Keep walls clean during installation using brushes, rags or burlap.
» Do not allow excess mortar lumps or smears to set on the finished surface.
» Clean the completed walls with a detergent masonry cleaner manufactured by the Prosoco Company.
» Light Duty Concrete Cleaner strictly following the manufacturer’s instructions.

DO NOT USE ACID OR ABRASIVES ON THE FINISHED WALL.

High pressure washing is not recommended and could interfere with the Dry Block® and cause efflorescence.