



TECHNICAL INFORMATION AND TRAINING GUIDE

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FOX BLOCKS TRAINING PROGRAMS

As Fox Blocks expands throughout North America, training courses follow to ensure proper knowledge and techniques are used during installations.

Trainings are tailored to the region and focus on contractors, building officials, Engineers/Architects, and building supply yards.


When installing contractors complete a training, they are required to complete the proper paperwork to earn a wallet card (see at right). This wallet card can be used when asked for by building officials.

As contractors gain experience, higher level wallet cards are earned. Tracking experience on successfully completed projects allows us to make appropriate recommendations on all jobs looking for a properly qualified installer.

TRAINING OBJECTIVES

- 1) Understanding ICF
- 2) Estimating your job
- 3) Crew Sizing for your job
- 4) Basic Installation of the Fox Block Line-Up

INSTALLER LEVELS




Your Name
PRIMARY INSTALLER

ID# 00000
Date Of Issue 03/2016 Expiration Date 03/2018

This is to acknowledge that the following individual has completed in class ICF training or has been site verified demonstrating the skills required to successfully install basic Fox Blocks jobs.

PRIMARY INSTALLER: Successfully completed one ICF project or completed in class training.




Your Name
JOURNEYMAN INSTALLER

Cardholder has successfully installed over 1,500 blocks.

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JOURNEYMAN INSTALLER: Successfully completed 5 Fox Blocks projects (or 1500+ Block).




Your Name
MASTER INSTALLER

Cardholder has successfully installed over 4,500 blocks.

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MASTER INSTALLER: Successfully completed 15 Fox Blocks projects (or 4500+ Block).
Regional Manager & Dealer will Confirm



Your Name
ELITE PREMIER INSTALLER

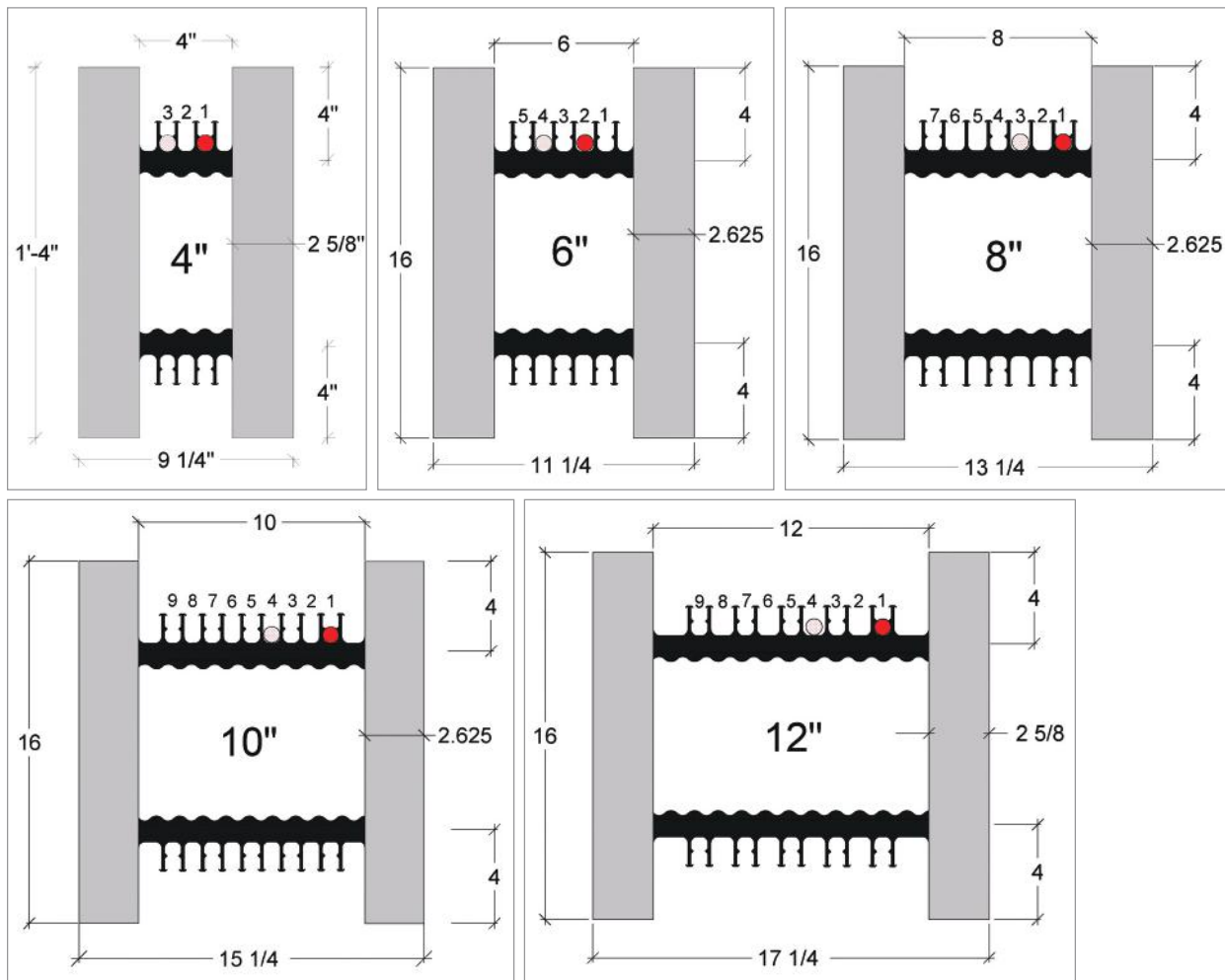
Cardholder has successfully installed over 9,000 blocks.

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ELITE PREMIER INSTALLER: Successfully completed 30 Fox Blocks projects (or 9000+ Block).
Regional Manager & Dealer will Confirm

FOX BLOCKS END VIEW SIZING



NOTES:

- 1) Straight Blocks are 48" in length.
- 2) All block have 2 5/8" EPS for consistent R-Value.
- 3) Rebar spacing is consistently 16" o/c and lower truss is 8" o/c from top or bottom of upper truss.
- 4) All block work with each other, example the 4" block will connect to all sizes of block.
- 5) Rebar notches are designed to lap rebar on top of each other to ensure proper concrete placement.

FOX BLOCKS LINE-UP

With advice from leading contractors in the Insulated Concrete Form business, Fox Blocks has created an incredible group of blocks.

FOX BLOCKS LINE-UP INCLUDES:

(Please note: Fox Blocks are reversible. As an example, each corner block is a left or a right.)

A) STRAIGHT BLOCKS

Available in 4", 6", 8", 10" and 12".

B) STRAIGHT 1/2 BLOCK

Available in 4", 6", 8", 10" and 12".

C) EXTENDED 90° CORNERS

Available in 4", 6", 8", 10" and 12".

D) EXTENDED 90° CORNER 1/2 BLOCK

Available in 4", 6", 8", 10" and 12".

E) 45° CORNER BLOCKS

Available for 4", 6" and 8".

F) T-BLOCKS

Standard T: Available in 6" x 6" and 8" x 8"

Transition T: Available in 4" x 6", 6" x 4", 8" x 4", and 8" x 6"

G) CORBEL LEDGE BLOCKS

Available in 6" and 8".

H) RADIUS BLOCKS

For 5', 6', 7', 8', 9' and 10' radius.

Only available in the 6" blocks.

I) TAPER TOP BLOCK

Available in 6" and 8".

J) CURB BLOCK

Available in 8" and 10" Straight and 90°

K) 4" HIGH EXTENSION

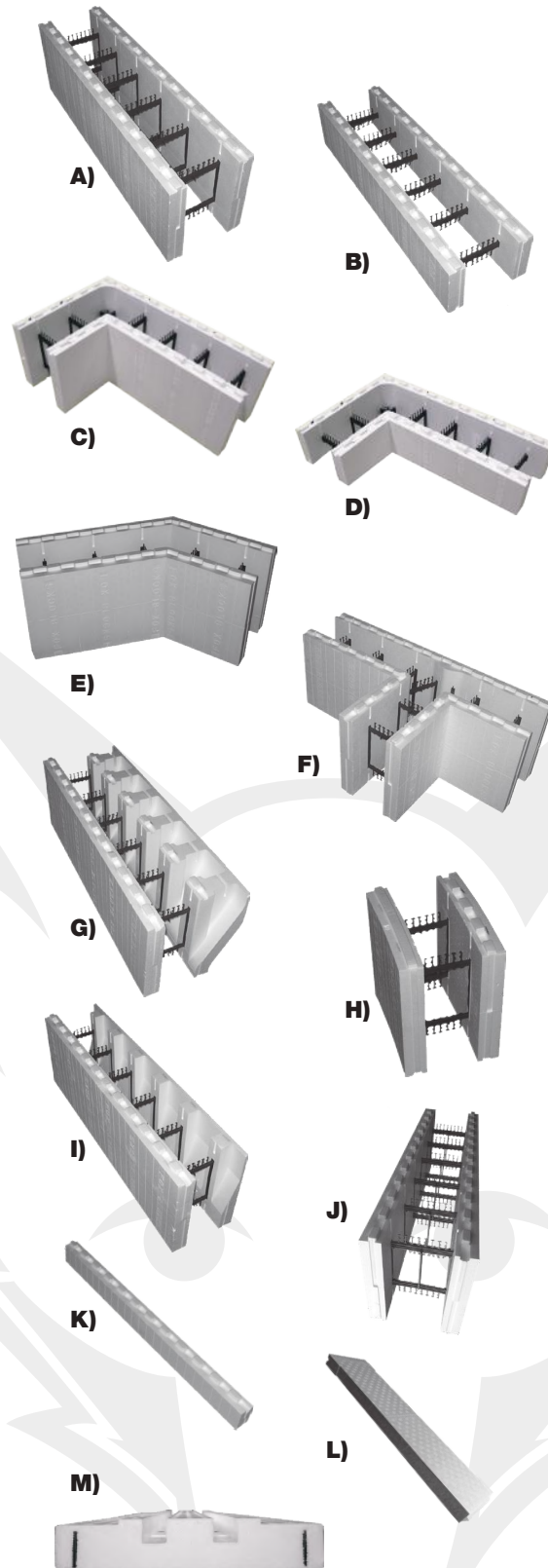
When you need extra height or to help with openings.

L) ENERGY STICKS

One size fits all.

M) FOX BUCK

Available in 4", 6", 8", 10" and 12".



THE TRUE COST OF FOX BLOCKS

To help understand the cost advantage of using Fox Blocks Industrial Strength Insulated Concrete Forms (ICF) consider the following key points:

THREE KEY AREAS GIVE YOU THE TRUE ACCURATE COST OF THE ICF YOU CHOOSE:

1) ICF BLOCK COST

Most ICF fall to within \$0.10 per square foot of each other in block cost which is a minor portion of the overall cost of the wall construction. You must get "All-In" landed ICF System cost to accurately compare.

2) ANCILLARY PRODUCT COST

Add in all ancillary product costs that are not in the block quote. A common example is most ICF require internal truss wire to give needed strength to the system. Know what's required within system install guidelines to produce a straight wall. See next page for examples that will save you time & money on your next job.

3) MAN HOUR RATE TO INSTALL

Eliminating tasks will shave hours/days off the project. Installation labor is the largest portion of overall ICF cost. Seek full disclosure on man hour rates to install the ICF system you are considering. Listening to experienced installing contractors and gaining an understanding of the attributes of ICF products can make the difference between a streamlined, profitable job and one that is not.



AT FOX BLOCKS:

EXPERIENCE

Airlite Plastics Co., the parent company of Fox Blocks, manufactured many different brands of ICF over the past 15+ years. Much experience was gained while producing over 56 million square feet of ICF. Designed, engineered and delivered to your local market.

COMPETENCE

Airlite Plastics controls all aspects of development and production = "Industry Leading Products".

COMMON SENSE

We went to the field and asked the professionals what they needed to be effective and efficient. After listening to them we produced an Industrial Strength ICF called Fox Block!

STABILITY

Since 1946 the family run Airlite Plastics business has grown and provided high quality proven products over the decades. We have and will continue to provide the highest quality products to the construction industry for years to come.

REMOVE COSTS ON YOUR ICF PROJECT

TWO PROVEN AREAS TO REMOVE COST:

1) CORNERS

PROBLEM: Historically, corner blocks have proved to be very difficult for installing contractors to hold the corner positioning or actually holding concrete during the consolidation process. Contractors have resorted to inserting internal ties, external strapping and bracing to gain needed strength. This adds cost in additional materials and man hour rates.



Some competitive ICF strap corners with lumber for strength during concrete placement.

SOLUTION: Our engineering staff at Fox Blocks developed more length to the corners and introduced the heaviest cross tie corner bracket on the market. Adding these features to our large/strong interlock stopped rotation and movement within the blocks during the pour and added needed burst strength. Having this bracket, and no less than two ties from each corner in all 45° and 90° block, eliminates need for additional strapping or internal ties.

RESULT: Confidence to the installing contractor, lower man hour rates, and lower material costs proven by over 10 years of successful projects. Utilizing our Fox Blocks “next generation” corner block design will save you money through time and material reductions.

COST: The Fox Blocks corners cost the same per square foot as the Fox Blocks straight block. Cost may appear higher than our competitors because our corners are 16” or more in length. In many cases, our corners are actually lower in cost per square foot and at the same time save you even more in time and materials.



The Fox Blocks extended 90° corner block showing it's stand alone strength during concrete placement.



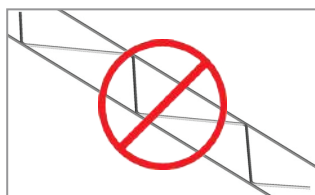
The Fox Blocks extended 90° corner block with an extra tie on each end for strength.

2) TRUSS WIRE (FORM LOCK, BLOCK LOCK)

PROBLEM: Some ICF interlocks and slender plastic webs have caused the need for internal truss wire to aid in producing adequate strength to add rigidity to produce a straight wall.

SOLUTION: Two very simple Fox Blocks innovations cured this problem: 1) A bold and reversible interlock was created to help hold the wall true. 2) A full height internal tie was designed to use solid stacking strength to hold the wall from settling or racking.

RESULT: A wall that, through design, eliminates the need for truss wire.



USING FOX BLOCKS ELIMINATES THE NEED FOR TRUSS WIRE

Truss wire costs over \$0.50 per lineal foot and is called for at bottom of wall and then every 4 or 5 rows of block. Actual cost = Over \$0.14 per sq ft in materials and at least \$0.04 per sq ft labor for a total of \$0.18 or more per sq ft cost. This is equivalent to \$0.40 per block

FOX BLOCKS INTERLOCK

THE OLD

For the past 20+ years, the interlock of most ICFs in the industry have been designed to be within 1/2" to 1" of the desired building dimension. Most contractors have been trained that it is acceptable to be this far off the desired dimension.

THE NEW

When the Fox Blocks interlock was designed, our engineering staff made the choice not to focus on being within 1/2" to 1" from the building dimension, but to give the strongest interlock possible. To do this they turned the projections and recesses of the interlock parallel to the block itself and for simplicity/strength they made them 1" wide and 2" long.

Walls should be square and built to the building dimensions. For this reason, Fox Blocks recommends stacking seams when needed.

BENEFITS OF THE LARGE INTERLOCK:

- Minimized movement during concrete placement
- No adhesive required due to tightness of interlock
- Eliminates the need for truss wire within the wall
- The full height ties are always on top or 4" apart of each other

Review next page to see the proper procedure for stacking seams.



Shows the large 2" long projections and recesses and the full height 1 1/2" wide tie



Here is a job, post concrete, that has been constructed exactly to the building dimension by properly stacking seams.

THE NEW TRAINING:

ROW ONE:

Simply start from each corner to a point within the wall. Cut one of the blocks to fit perfectly. The cut does NOT need to be on the cut lines. Measure the cut block and mark its measurement to the side of that block large enough for everyone to see.

ROW TWO:

Start at the corners again placing the corner block the opposite direction from row one to give an overlap with the block. When you reach the cut block on row one, cut the block above it to line up exactly. Again the cut does not need to be on the cut line. Measure the cut block and mark its measurement to the side of that block large enough for everyone to see.

ROW THREE:

(five, seven, nine, etc)

Should be exactly the same as row one.

ROW FOUR:

(six, eight, ten, etc)

Should be exactly the same as row two.

PRIOR TO CONCRETE:

Simply connect the vertical seam that you created, at the one point in the wall, with strapping, or plywood, on both sides of each block. Use one 12" to 24" long strap, 3" to 6" wide, made out of 1 x wood boards or plywood sheathing attached with one screw in each tie on each side of seam.

RESULTS:

We have found that the man hour rate will drop using this method because the crew spends less time thinking how they can get closer to the building dimension and more time actually being productive.



WRONG

We have found it to be a waste of time and energy to attempt to offset or stagger the block, at the meeting point, as in the photo above-left. By creating a vertical stacked seam, you will be more accurate with the job dimensions and will increase your profit by gaining efficiency with your crew.



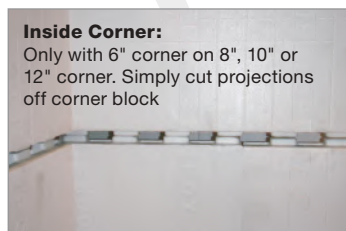
CORRECT

BUILDING MULTIPLE LEVELS WITH DIFFERENT SIZED BLOCK

All sizes of Fox Blocks fit well on top of each other for any type of configuration with little or no modifications needed. This is simple math. Fox Blocks are reversible with 2" projections and recesses which means you will work with a 4" offset. For this reason the 4", 8" and 12" block all work well together as they are all divisible by 4". Using the same math, the 6" block attaches to all sizes of Fox Blocks with a 2" difference in tie alignment. This is not a concern as this joint line will usually happen at a floor diaphragm.

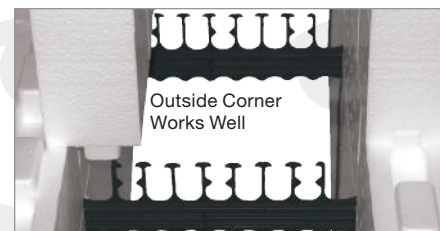
6" CORNER BLOCK ON TOP OF 8", 10" OR 12" CORNER BLOCK:

The 6" corner works well on top of the 8", 10" or 12" corner blocks when going around an outside corner. For inside corners, simply remove the projections off the corner block and continue building. You may need to create a stacked seam on one or both sides of the inside corner at which time we recommend moving the stacked seams for each wall closer to that inside corner.



Inside Corner:

Only with 6" corner on 8", 10" or 12" corner. Simply cut projections off corner block



Outside Corner Works Well

6" 90° corner block on top of 8", 10" or 12" 90° corner block

FOX BLOCKS STUDS

You are a sheetrock, residential wood frame, commercial steel stud or siding contractor that has been trained, and are efficient with, a continuous 1 1/2" wide attachment surface @ 16" on center.

Our team agrees with this tradition and therefore created Fox Blocks with the same, continuous 1 1/2" wide attachment surface, but increased it to 8" on center.

Just think, when attaching sheet rock or siding to Fox Blocks, you can use the same training you have used until now and understand.



FOX BLOCKS

- A full 1 1/2" wide
- 8" o/c to achieve industry standard 16" o/c's
- No gap every 16" vertically due to ties touching
- Minimal settling due to ties touching
- Not effected by moisture, will not rot
- Will not move due to temperature and humidity changes
- Eliminates most sheetrock / drywall repairs
- Made of non-organic materials



ACTUAL FOX BLOCKS WALL

- Studs clearly marked @ 8" o/c
- Studs are in contact with each other vertically
- Studs buried into foam 5/8" for stucco application and thermal performance



OTHER ICF

- As narrow as 1" wide
- As much as 1 3/4" gap every 16" vertically due to ties not touching
- Settling due to ties not touching



WOOD STUDS TODAY

- Much larger grain than 15 years ago
- More knots and checks than 15 years ago
- Reject screws more than 15 years ago
- Prone to movement through seasons
- Prone to rot when sealed with moisture
- Prone to sheetrock / drywall repairs
- Food for insects

FOX BLOCKS STUDS

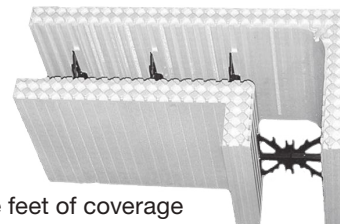
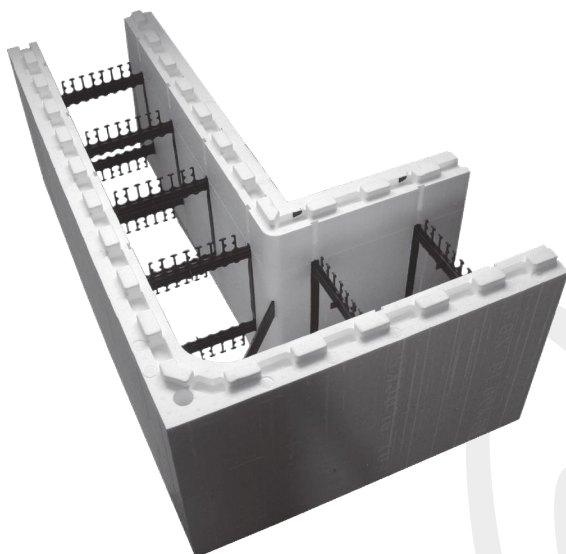
- Recycled polypropylene
- LEED credits*
- 120 lbs+ pullout / shear strength with screws**
- Use screws that are the thickness of material plus 1 1/8" + in length.
- If the screws that you are using do not hold, try the next size longer. The tip of the screw must pass completely through the tie to achieve full strength.

* See LEED documents at: <http://www.foxblocks.com/Resource-Center/Technical-Resources/LEED-and-Environmental-Documents.aspx>

** See testing results at: <http://www.foxblocks.com/Resource-Center/Technical-Resources/Testing-Reports.aspx>

EXTENDED 90° CORNER

Fox Blocks engineered the 90 degree corner to hold concrete without the need for extra strapping or external bracing.



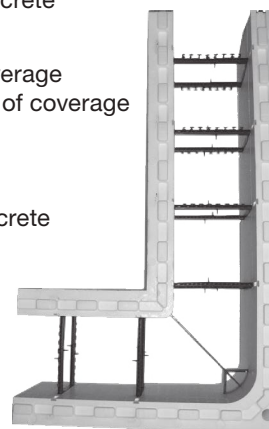
OTHER ICF 90s

- 5 to 5.33 total square feet of coverage
- More costly per square foot of coverage
- 16" shorter than Fox Blocks
- Only 4 ties
- Only one tie on short end
- More movement during concrete

FOX BLOCKS 90s

- 7.56 total square feet of coverage
- Less costly per square foot of coverage
- 16" longer than other ICF
- 6 ties
- Two ties on short end
- Less movement during concrete

Being 16" longer than other ICF allows you to eliminate one full straight block for every three Fox Blocks corners used. This also saves you money!



FOX BLOCKS EXTENDED CORNER FEATURES:

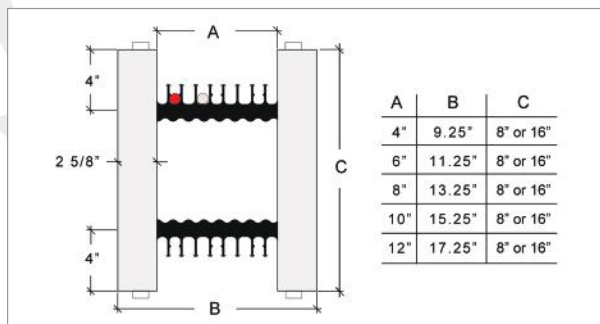
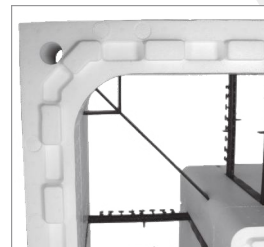
- 1) All blocks have Ties* at 8" o/c and are available in 4", 6", 8", 10" and 12" cavities.

** Ties are the black recycled polypropylene members that give the block strength and provide rebar positioning.*
- 2) Like all Fox Blocks, corner blocks are reversible so when you ask for a corner you will get the correct one every time. Each corner is left or right automatically!
- 3) Foam thickness is 2.625" on all forms.
- 4) Tie allows rebar lap splices to lay on top of each other for good flowability during concrete placement.
- 5) Ties are clearly marked on EPS for attachments.
- 6) Tie flanges are 1 1/2" wide and full height for ease of attachment.
- 7) Ties touch vertically when stacked, eliminating form settlement.
- 8) Each corner has a 1" hole strategically placed allowing the ICF contractor the option of inserting a full height 3/4" PVC conduit to tie all courses together for extra form support.

Radius on the inside face of the Fox Blocks Corners are:
 4", 6" and 8" Blocks = **3"** 10" and 12" Blocks = **8 1/2"**
 Additional EPS was added to the 10" and 12" Corner Blocks to give additional strength for the longer distance from corner to 1st tie.



Every Fox Blocks corner has a large 100 sq. inch fastening zone in the corner.



Fox Blocks 90° Extended Corner Size Chart

OUTSIDE DIMENSIONS ARE:

- 4" Corner = 38" x 22"
- 6" Corner = 40" x 24"
- 8" Corner = 42" x 26"
- 10" Corner = 42" x 26"
- 12" Corner = 46" x 30"

FOX BLOCKS T-BLOCK

Sure you can build T walls with a couple of straight block and some tie wire, but if you want to lower your man hour rate, you need the **Fox Blocks T-Block**.

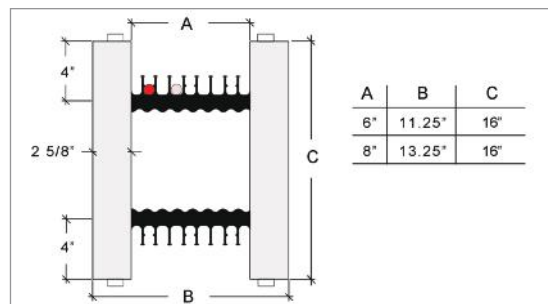
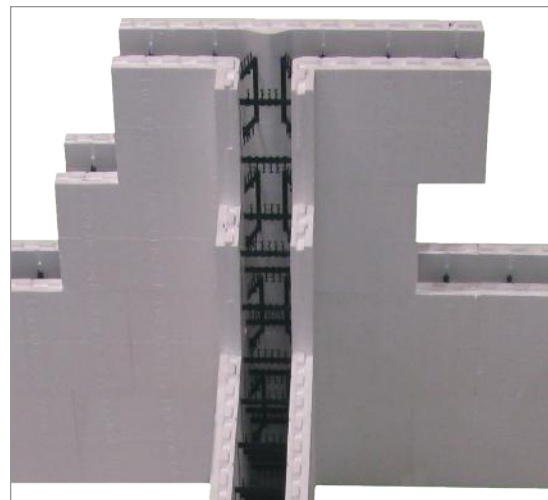
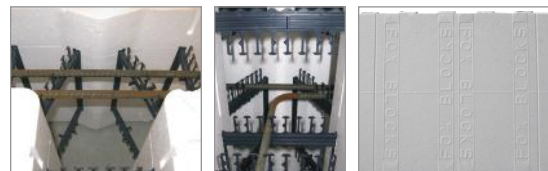
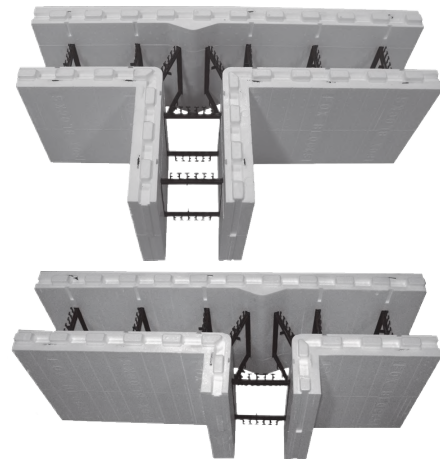
When contractors said they needed a T-Block, Fox Blocks delivered with one that is easy to use and incredibly strong.

FOX BLOCK T-BLOCK FEATURES:

- 1) The T-Blocks are available in 6" and 8" concrete cores.
- 2) Six T-Blocks per bundle (3 short and 3 long)
- 3) Two ties* are used at the intersection of the "T" to give maximum strength and attachment. These ties are placed in such a way as to allow proper rebar placement and ultimate form strength.
* Ties are the black recycled polypropylene members that give the block strength and provide rebar positioning.
- 4) Like all Fox Blocks, blocks are reversible which gives you double the options with just one block. You can choose to have the T section on the right or left of center simply by flipping the block over.
- 5) Foam thickness is 2.625" on all blocks.
- 6) Ties allow proper rebar lap splices, for maximum flowability during concrete placement and consolidation.
- 7) Ties are clearly marked in EPS for attachments.
- 8) Tie flanges are 1.5" wide and full height for ease of attachment.
- 9) Ties touch vertically when stacked eliminating form settlement.
- 10) The T-Block will give you 8" of overlap most directions.

8" T-BLOCK INSTALLATION

The unique manufacturing challenges were overcome for the 8" T-Block by establishing a 4" offset. This off-set results in rows of ties staggered by 4" if placed with factory ends against each other. The easy fix to properly line up ties is to install the T-Block and create a stacked joint at the butt end of the long T leg. Strap stack joint prior to concrete placement.

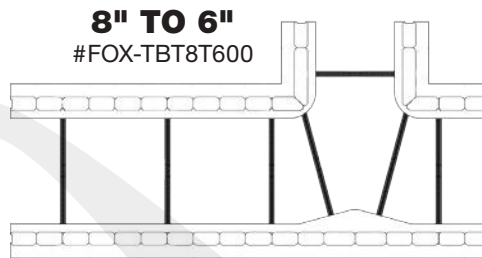
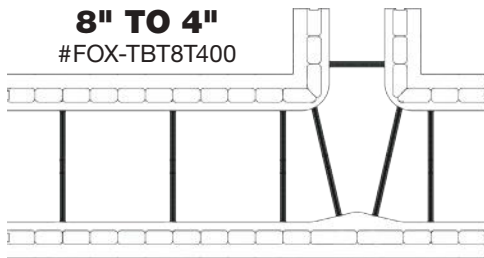
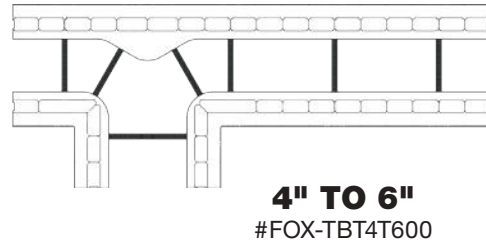
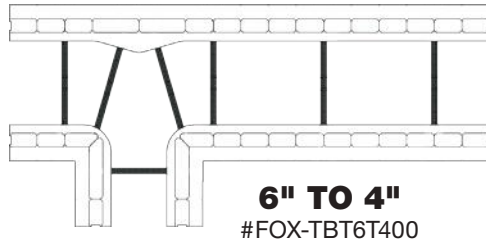


OUTSIDE DIMENSIONS ARE:

- 6" T - Block Short = 44" x 4.375"
- 6" T - Block Long = 44" x 12.375"
- 8" T - Block Short = 44" x 4.75"
- 8" T - Block Long = 44" x 8.75"

FOX BLOCKS TRANSITION Ts

For demising walls that are a different size from the main walls, Fox Blocks offers a Transition T.

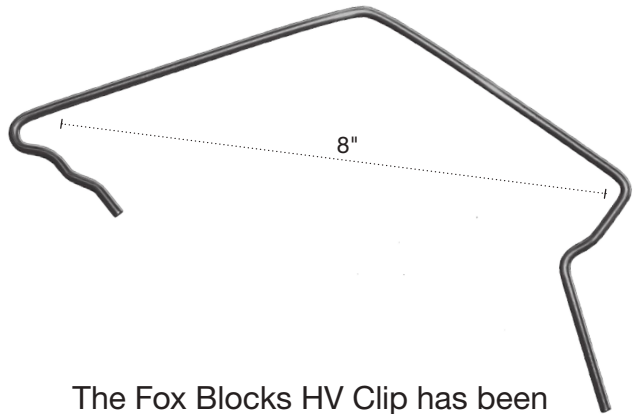


- 16" offset is same as 90° corners
- Reversible
- Intersecting wall becomes your stacked seam
- Flat ends with grooves to accept next block when it is a factory end or a cut end
- Extra ties added at the T intersection eliminate the need for exterior strapping



FOX BLOCKS HV CLIP

Contractors asked for a wire clip to secure their Fox Blocks jobs together so the team at Fox Blocks went to work designing one. Fox Blocks ties are engineered to be perfectly balanced, spaced at 8" o/c Horizontally and Vertically, giving flat walls post concrete. This allowed us to put all of our design into one wire clip which helps everyone with only one SKU.



The Fox Blocks HV Clip has been engineered with eight bends allowing one clip to work horizontally or vertically.

HV CLIP PLACEMENT:

BOTTOM ROW:

Horizontally across every joint **1**

CORNERS:

Horizontally across each joint **1**

Vertically on first ties **2**

TOP ROW:

Horizontally across every joint **1**

Vertically on second tie from every joint **3**

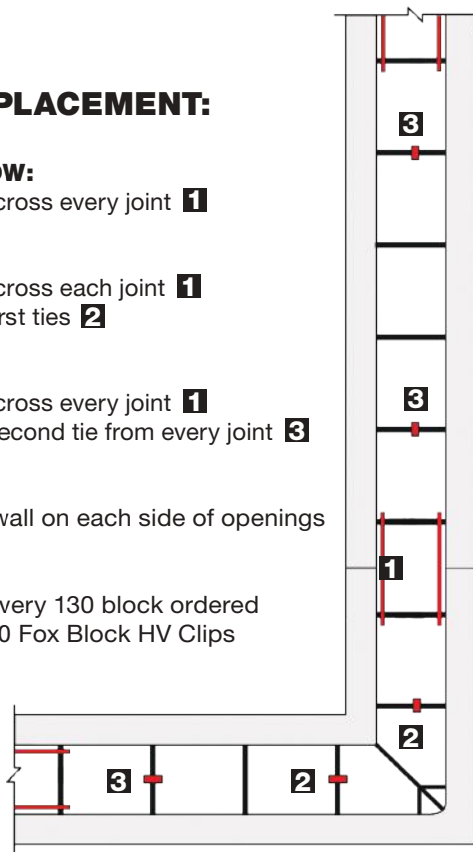
OPENINGS:

Vertically up wall on each side of openings

BUDGET:

One box for every 130 block ordered

One box = 250 Fox Block HV Clips



FOX BLOCKS HV CLIP POSITIONS



Vertical Clips in Place



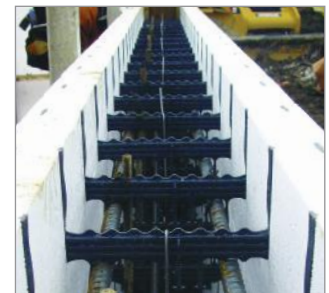
Horizontal Clips in Place

Note: You can skew the HV Clip a notch or two for an even tighter fit, if needed.

FOX BLOCKS HV CLIP BEING USED ON JOBS



Vertical & Horizontal Clips in place close to corner



Showing HV Clips holding down a top row that has been cut down to +/- 8" in height

Using the Fox Blocks HV clip eliminates the need for truss wire completely on your jobs. The result is that for about 1/2 the cost of the truss wire you will get a stronger and straighter job.

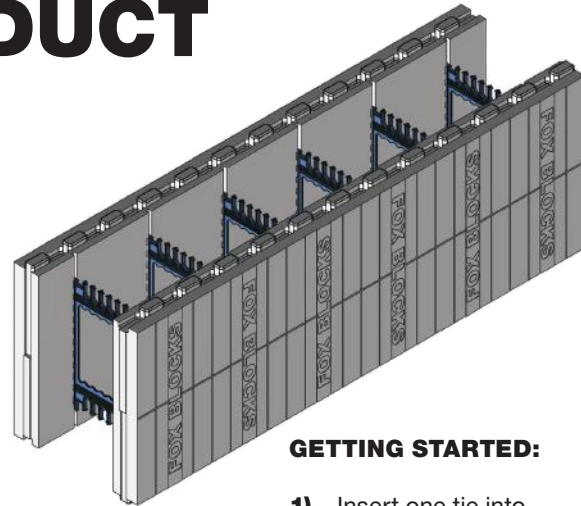


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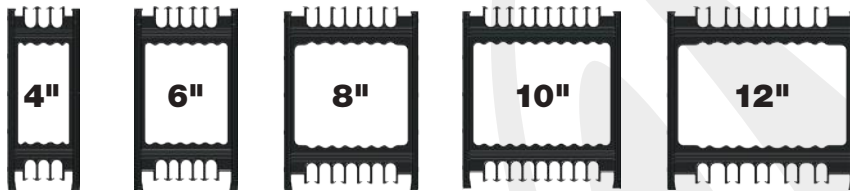
FOX BLOCKS COMPACT PRODUCT

Fox Blocks Compact is a panelized product designed to stack seamlessly with the traditional Fox Blocks line. The Compact Block reduces freight costs by delivering flat. Ties are then easily inserted into the panels at the jobsite.

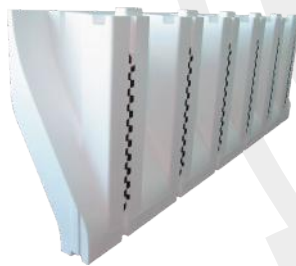


FOX BLOCKS COMPACT BLOCK APPLICATIONS:

- Double Taper Top in any size
- Double Corbel in any size
- Emergency stock where storage is a premium
- Large block size required at a long distance from plant



STRAIGHT PANEL



CORBEL PANEL



TAPER PANEL

QUICK COMPACT BLOCK FACTS:

- Dimensions are consistent with traditional Fox Blocks
- Rebar locations match traditional Fox Blocks ties
- Straight, Taper and Corbel panels available
- Ties lock into position when inserted into the panels
- Start with traditional Fox Blocks corners to anchor your wall
- When ties are locked into position use Fox Blocks HV Clips

GETTING STARTED:

- 1) Insert one tie into one panel.
- 2) Lift this unit and slide the opposite side of the same tie to a second panel that is aligned with first panel.
- 3) Insert the remaining 5 ties into this unit to complete your first full block.
- 4) Press ties down until they lock into position.
- 5) Continue this procedure until first row is completed.

CONSECUTIVE ROWS:

- 1) Lock two panels on top of lower row of block.
- 2) Insert 6 ties to complete the block.
- 3) Be sure to force ties down until they lock into position.

INTENSE REBAR CAGES:

- 1) Install vertical rebar.
- 2) Assemble Compact Block around rebar.
- 3) Place and install stirrups as needed while assembling Compact Block.

GO TO FOXBLOCKS.COM FOR UPDATED INFORMATION

FOX BLOCKS CURB BLOCK

There has always been a need for a block that can create a ledge to support floor systems within the wall without limiting course heights. The Fox Blocks team has solved this by adding an extra attachment point within the tie. This patented solution allows you to form a curb with the block to support whatever you need to support.



USING THE CURB BLOCK:

1) INSTALLATION

See following page for proper steps using the curb block.

2) SHAPES AVAILABLE WITH THE CURB BLOCK:

Curb block is currently available in 8" and 10" straights, as well as 8" and 10" ninety degree corners.

3) RANGE OF USE:

The Curb Block can be cut down as low as 11" from the top of the block. You can also cut up to as much as 11" from the bottom of the block to use when wrapping around concrete slabs. See page two for an example of this.

4) ESTIMATING:

Straight blocks = 4'-0" long.

Formula: (Total linear footage of wall - total linear footage taken up by 90° corners) / 4 = Number of straight curb blocks
 90° corner blocks = 5'-4" each.

Formula: Number of 90° turns = Number of 90° corner blocks

5) IDENTIFICATION:

The Curb Block has been designed with a green tie for easy identification. By producing the ties in green, supply yards will be able to identify and send you the proper block. This will also ensure your crew will not use it in the wall at the wrong time.

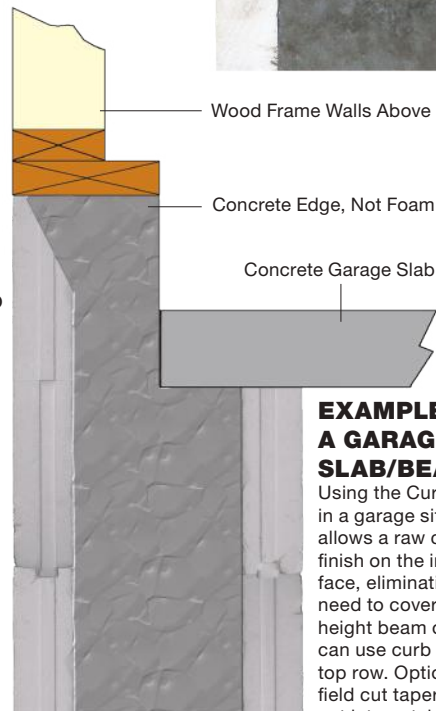
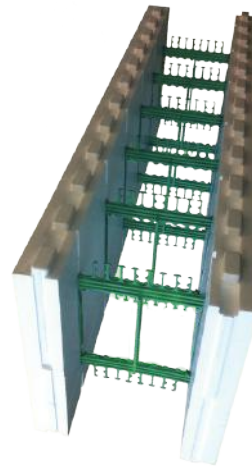
6) BUNDLE SIZES:

8" straight block = 12 per bundle 8" 90 degree corner block = 6 per bundle

10" straight block = 9 per bundle 10" 90 degree corner block = 6 per bundle

7) EXCESS BLOCK?:

If you end up with extra Curb Block on site, you can save for next job or simply use them up within the walls you are building. The shape and size of the Curb Block is identical to the normal straight and 90° corner blocks.



EXAMPLE OF A GARAGE SLAB/BEAM

Using the Curb Block in a garage situation allows a raw concrete finish on the interior face, eliminating the need to cover EPS. Any height beam or wall can use curb block on top row. Optionally, a field cut taper can be cut into outside face for extra bearing.

FOX BLOCKS CURB BLOCK INSTALLATION & USES

INSTALLATION STEPS:

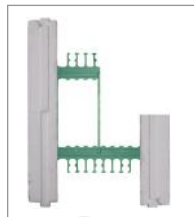
STEP 1

Separate Curb Block bundles and set aside until needed. You can identify the Curb Block by the green ties.



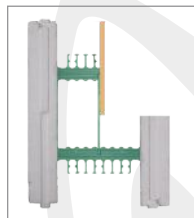
STEP 2

Decide where you need the concrete shelf elevation to land and either mark and rip-cut the block with a circular saw or set a fence on a table saw and make your cut. Finish cut by cutting the tie with a handsaw.



STEP 3

Attach forming to the Curb Block inner ties. Simply screw two #8 coarse threaded screws to each tie to withstand concrete pressure. Fox Blocks recommends the use of 1/2" or thicker plywood or equivalent.



STEP 4

Place concrete as normal. For best results, Fox Blocks recommends properly consolidating entire wall including Curb Block.



STEP 5

After sufficient curing remove form boards. You now have a solid concrete ledge for supporting what you need supported.



STEP 7

If you need extra support, a taper can be cut prior to concrete placement to allow for up to a 6 1/4" ledge.



CURB BLOCK USES:

- Hollowcore
- Precast
- Dimensional Wood Floors
- Engineered Wood Floors
- Truss Floors
- Brick
- Garage Slabs
- Creating Recesses (See Below)
- Composite Floor Systems
- Pan Deck



EXAMPLE OF A WALL RECESS

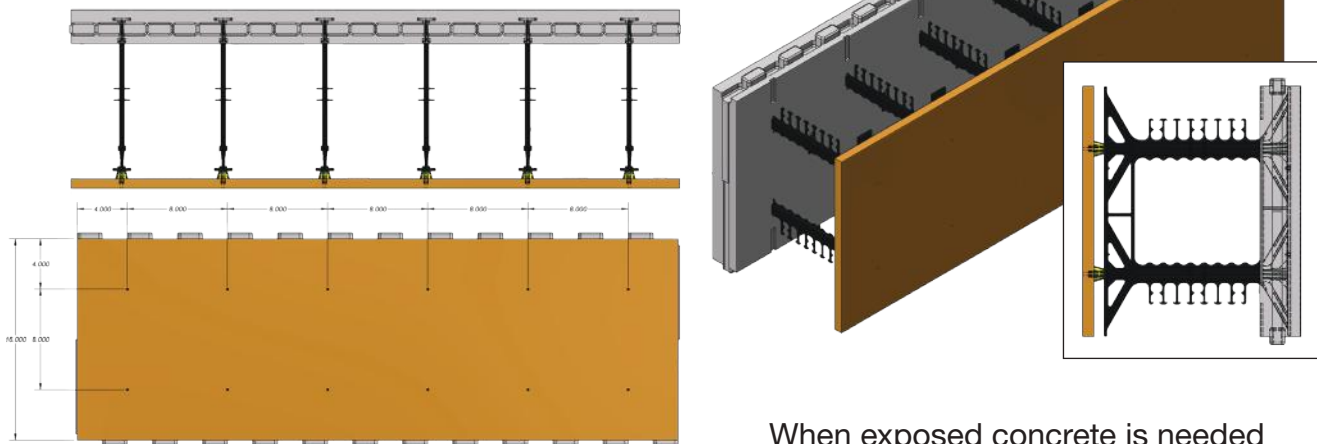
This type of application will be treated as an opening in the wall and will require extra reinforcing within the concrete (rebar). The Curb Block will allow openings up to 22" in height using two blocks.



WOOD FLOORS

For the real life example above, we cut off 6" from the left side, turned the cut-off over and connected to the right side creating a 12" curb. This works well with wood floors, giving you ultra strength without any concerns of moisture in the future.

FOX BLOCKS COMPACT REVEAL PRODUCT



When exposed concrete is needed on one or two faces.

The Fox Blocks Compact Reveal product is an innovative one-sided form. The one-sided Compact Reveal form provides the standard 2 5/8" thick expanded polystyrene (EPS) foam on one side of the concrete wall and temporary wood forming on the other side of the wall. The temporary wood form is then removed after the concrete is placed and cured. The net result is insulation on one side of the Fox Blocks wall and bare concrete on the opposite side. The Fox Blocks one-sided form can become a valuable and efficient tool for use on the following applications.

- Elevator wall shafts
- Stairwell walls
- Gymnasium
- Certain floor line details

No need to purchase your own panels or jigs for assembly. Each Compact Reveal form is 48 inches long and 16 inches high. The concrete wall will actually be 2 5/8" thicker than the standard Fox Blocks wall as the 2 5/8" thick EPS foam is replaced with concrete. For example, the 6 inch Compact Reveal form will provide 8 5/8" thick concrete.

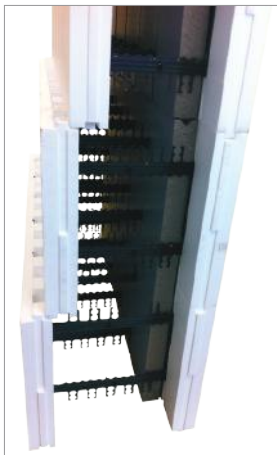
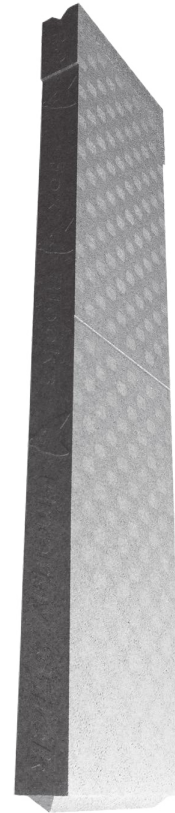
Compact Reveal must be ordered in the size of concrete needed. Ex: 6" of concrete for an elevator or stand alone structure - 6 5/8" of concrete for other areas. You must include the type of panel that is needed i.e., Straight, Taper Top or Brick Ledge (aka Corbel Ledge).

GO TO FOXBLOCKS.COM FOR UPDATED INFORMATION

FOX BLOCKS ENERGY STICK

How do you improve an Insulated Concrete Form wall that already out-perform most wall system in all climates? You move the concrete mass toward the living side of the wall. This unbalanced R-value will allow the mass to be closer to the living temperature of the conditioned space allowing for a more comfortable building.

The Fox Blocks design team had two goals: 1) Move the mass away from the harsh temperatures and 2) Increase R-value. Each Energy Stick is 8" wide, 32" tall, 2" thick and profiled to fit within all Fox Blocks. The Energy Stick is used to ensure an R-8 boost to the already high R-Value of Fox Blocks.



SIZING AND ACTUAL R-VALUE

- 6" Block + 1 Energy Stick (R-30+*) = 4" Concrete
- 8" Block + 1 Energy Stick (R-30+*) = 6" Concrete
- 10" Block + 1 Energy Stick (R-30+*) = 8" Concrete
- 10" Block + 2 Energy Sticks (R-39+*) = 6" Concrete
- 12" Block + 1 Energy Stick (R-30+*) = 10" Concrete
- 12" Block + 2 Energy Sticks (R-39+*) = 8" Concrete
- 12" Block + 3 Energy Sticks (R-48+*) = 6" Concrete

** This represents the overall average wall R-value. As an example in wood frame construction a wall with R-19 batt insulation will have an overall average wall R-value of less than R-16 due to thermal bridging.*

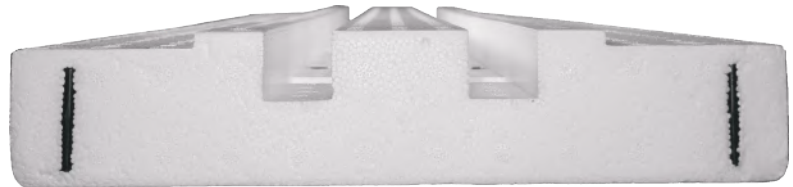
USING THE ENERGY STICK:

- 1) INSTALLATION:**
Simply insert the patented Energy Sticks between the plastic ties and to the outside face of wall after every two rows of blocks have been placed.
- 2) CORNER BLOCKS:**
Fox Block corners are naturally thicker eliminating the need to insert Energy Sticks from the corner tie on. From the last straight tie to the corner tie you will need to wedge the Energy stick in place. A spot of expanding foam will also help to secure the Energy Stick from movement.
- 3) OPENINGS/STACKED SEAMS:**
Simply cut the Energy Stick to fit in locations that are narrower than 8". When larger than 8" use expanding foam to hold cut Energy Sticks.
- 4) RANGE OF USE:**
The Energy Stick will fit all Fox Blocks.
- 5) ESTIMATING:**
3 Energy Sticks for every block ordered.
One box = 36 Energy Sticks
One box of Energy Sticks will fill 12 blocks
- 6) MAN HOURS:**
Allow 4 minutes per box when inserting for the first time (= 950 square feet of wall per hour or .001 man hours per square foot)
- 7) BUNDLE SIZES:**
Each box of 36 Energy Sticks = approximately 24" x 24" x 33"



FOX BUCK CONTINUOUS INSULATION

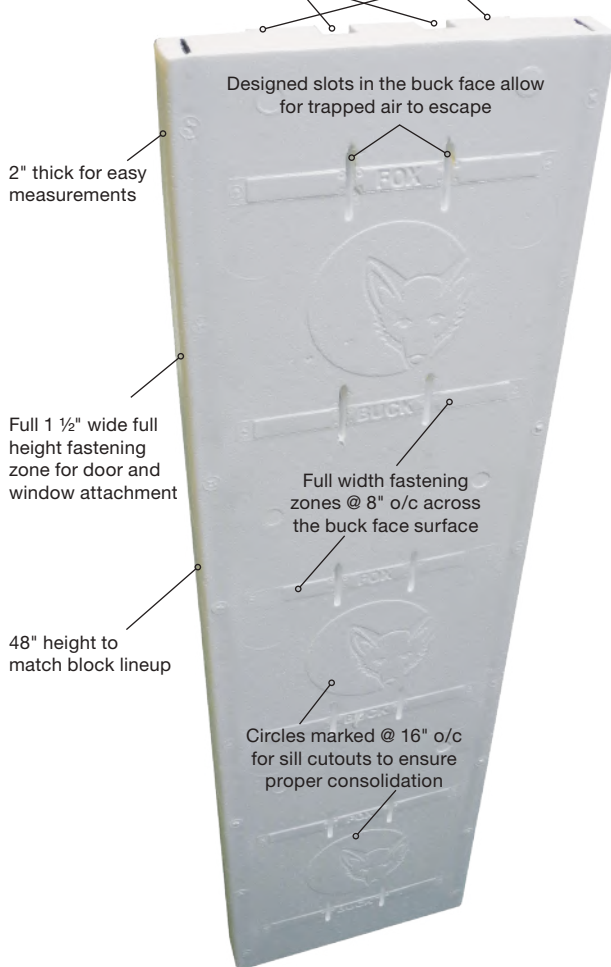
The Fox Buck is a certified, fully integrated, continuous insulation window and door buck for commercial and residential ICF wall openings. Fox Buck completed 3rd party testing and



obtained State of Florida product approval (FL 17775) for all of Florida, including Miami-Dade counties. To obtain certification and Florida code approval, the Fox Buck met and passed several tests related to wind and impact resistance, moisture and air infiltration, and fire related tests. The Fox Buck can be used in place of pressure treated wood bucks that tend to expand, contract, warp and move within the high moisture climates.

Dual full length 1" x 1" grooves to create solid concrete barriers against drafts and moisture penetration

Notches ensure proper Fox Buck and Fox Block alignment



FOX BUCK NUMBERS

Available Sizes	4"	6"	8"	10"	12"
Total Width	9.25"	11.25"	13.25"	15.25"	17.25"
Total Length	48"	48"	48"	48"	48"
Bag Quantity	10	10	10	10	10
Bag Weight	26 lbs	28 lbs	32 lbs	35 lbs	38 lbs



Photo above reveals consolidated concrete barriers created within the Fox Buck

The 1" x 1" notches create a dual barrier against drafts and moisture penetration. When installed properly, the concrete barrier protection is continuous around the entire opening. These barriers also anchor the Fox Buck to the wall with enough strength to hold in most weather* conditions

* Contact Fox Blocks for high wind anchoring recommendations.

FOX BUCK INSTALLATION

INSTALLATION STEPS:

STEP 1

- a) Build wall as normal with opening 4" larger than rough opening.
- b) Ensure all opening rebar is properly placed and secured.
- c) Double check opening measurements.

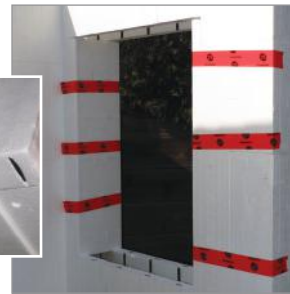
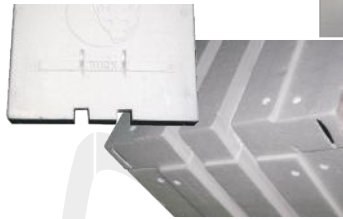


Temporary support can be attached to Fox Buck fastening zones.



STEP 2

- a) Cut sides to length and notch each end 1" as in photo.
 - b) Place Fox Buck sides into place and hold with tape.
- Option: Spray foam can be used to completely seal buck to block*



STEP 3

- a) Cut and place top and bottom Fox Bucks
- Option: Spray foam can be used to completely seal buck to block*
- b) Penetrate all slots with a nail or screw to ensure entrapped air can escape during concrete placement.



STEP 5

Brace inside opening to hold square during concrete placement.



STEP 4

Cut and remove all circles in sill. This will ensure proper concrete consolidation during concrete placement.

Notes:

It is preferred to have these circles cut out prior to placing the Fox Buck sill in place. This will eliminate any foam cutouts accidentally falling into wall cavity.

Holes can be cut square to allow maximum hole size for concrete placement.



STEP 6

When openings are close to a corner, strapping is required to hold corner in place during concrete placement.



xLERATOR® LEDGE REINFORCEMENT

From foundation to finish, Fox Blocks' patented family of products helps you get the job done more efficiently. Combining industry feedback with the creativity of Fox Blocks' product design team, we offer an impressive array of product innovations that benefit the owner, the contractor, AND the design team.

FOX BLOCKS' xLERATOR – the only product of its kind in the industry and first one to meet ACI 318 guidelines – is a patented ICF ledge reinforcement system that offers unmatched versatile performance ideal for supporting brick and stone exterior finishes, as well as slabs, floors and other structural features.

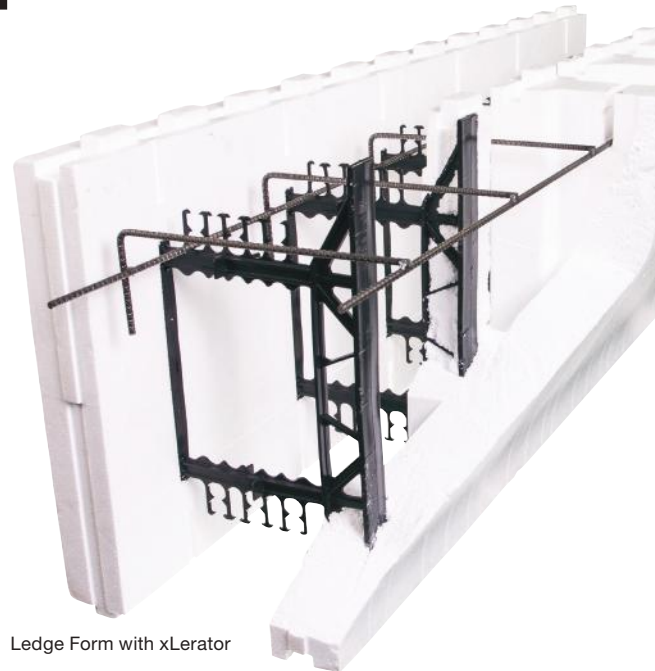
The one-piece, 4-foot long, welded wire reinforcement piece simply drops into the pre-formed slots in Fox Blocks' ledge form.

There's never been a faster way to meet deadlines and building code requirements, all while significantly reducing labor costs and delays associated with pre-bent stirrups or in-field rebar reinforcement.



BENEFITS INCLUDE:

- **DROP & GO**
Fully engineered ledge system allows you to easily place the ledge form, drop in the xLerator reinforcement piece and fill with concrete.
- **ACI 318 COMPLIANT**
ONLY xLerator meets ACI 318 guidelines for ICF ledge reinforcement.
- **WEATHER RESISTANT**
Hot-dipped galvanized to protect from corrosion for lasting durability.
- **FULLY ENGINEERED**
Comes complete with full engineering details for multiple applications.
- **MAXIMUM STRENGTH**
Reinforcement in all 6 ledge corbels.
- **VERSATILE**
One size fits both 6" and 8" ledge forms.



Ledge Form with xLerator



xLerator Closeup
Covered by US Patent #7437858



Mitered Ledge Corner

WHY HOT-DIPPED GALVANIZED?

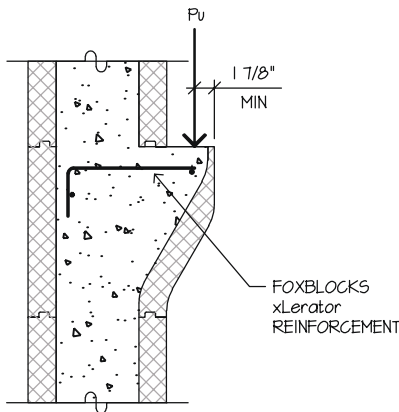
Hot-dip galvanization is the process of taking steel and dipping it into molten zinc to serve as a protective coating. If rebar in a ledge form is NOT galvanized, it's subject to corrosion because it is placed close to the outside edge of the brick ledge, sits in a foam slot, and is not completely encased in concrete. This allows water to reach the rebar and causes it to rust. As the rebar rusts, it expands, causes concrete to crack, and undermines the stability of the ledge.

Since the xLerator is hot-dipped galvanized, it protects the reinforcement from rusting and maintains the integrity of the concrete meeting ACI 318 guidelines.

APPLICABLE ACI 318 GUIDELINES Deformed Welded Wire Reinforcement (WWR)

- Reinforcement in every corbel
- WWR 60,000 PSI Yield Strength
- xLerator meets these guidelines

xLERATOR® ENGINEERING LOAD CAPACITY



ULTIMATE LOAD CAPACITY, PU = 2000PLF	
Example Application	Calculated ultimate load tributary area X LoadX Load Factor
Brick	35 Ft. X 40 PSF X 1.4 = 1960 PLF
Stone	17.5 Ft. X 80 PSF = 1960 PLF
Wood Floor Joists	22.5 Ft. tributary area or 45 Ft. clear span 22.5 Ft. X (20 PSF X 1.2 + 40 PSF X 1.6) = 1980 PLF
Precast Hollowcore Floor	14.5 Ft. tributary area or 29 Ft. clear span 14.5 Ft. X (60 PSF X 1.2 + 40 PSF X 1.6) = 1972 PLF

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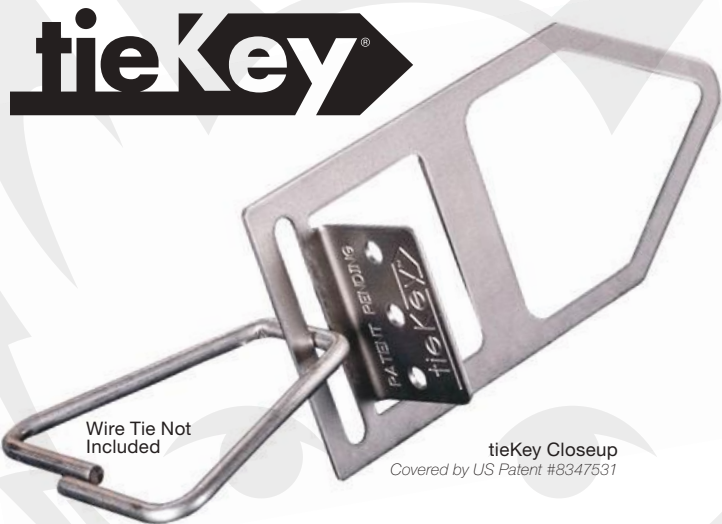
1. Load capacity is based on a concrete strength of 2500 PSI or greater and to KSI Fox Blocks' xLerator reinforcement meeting ASTM A496
2. Load factors are based on ACI 318-11.
3. Tributary floor span is the length of floor supported by the ledge form, which is commonly half of the clear span.
4. Acceptable masonry heights and floor spans shown in the table are based on the structural capacity of the ledge only and may be limited by other factors. Consult a design professional for acceptable heights or unsupported masonry and floor spans.

tieKEY® MASONRY ANCHOR

Designed by Fox Blocks, the tieKey anchor is a patented, cast-in-place, adjustable masonry tie anchor that embeds into the concrete wall formed by Fox Blocks. This award winning product provides the strength and security required when installing brick or stone veneer finishes.

SEE HOW THE TIEKEY HAS BEEN PUT TO THE TEST:

- Third party tested for tension and compression strength.
- Simplifies the installation of brick or stone exterior finishes.
- Adjustable wire tie accommodates construction tolerances and allows for larger differential movement for the brick finish.
- Provides strong resistance to negative and positive lateral forces.
- Available in two materials: hot-dipped galvanized steel or stainless steel.
- Recipient of the World of Concrete's Most Innovative Products Award.



FIELD CUT CORNERS

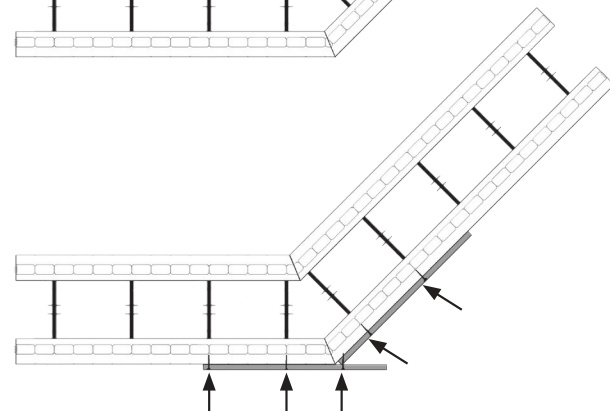
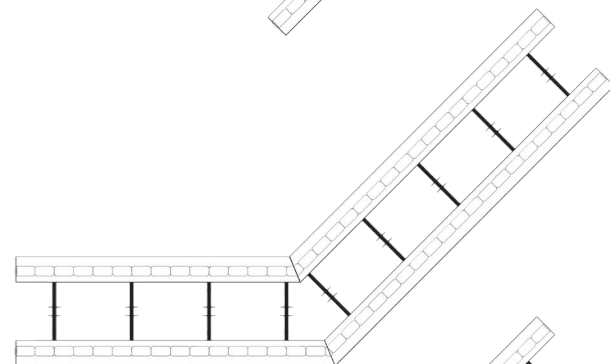
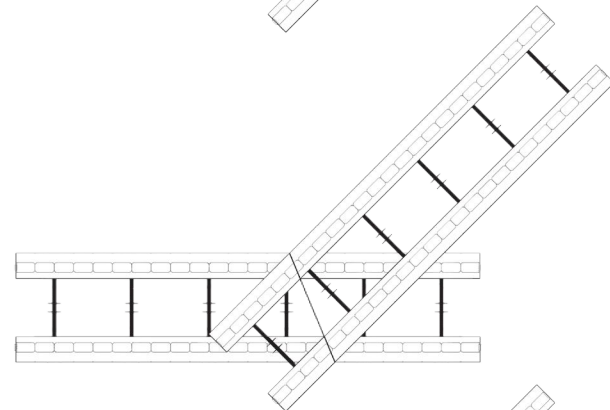
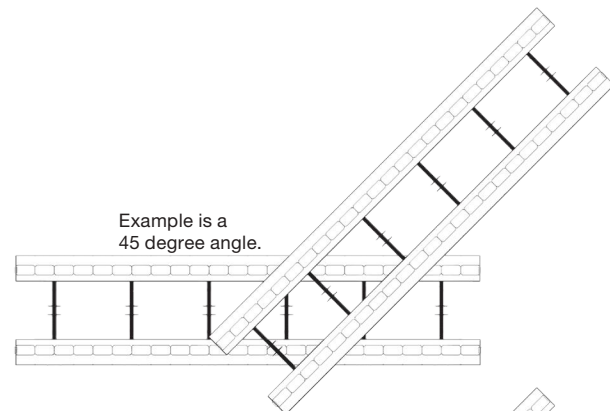
WHEN A MITERED CORNER IS NEEDED

- 1) Place a straight block on top of another block and rotate to the desired angle. Take care to place plastic ties in a position that will minimize the amount of cutting.
- 2) When you are satisfied with the positioning mark both block on the outside faces where they meet. Notice in the example the block was positioned so no plastic ties are cut. *See Note B.*
- 3) Cut both block and position in the wall. Take care to ensure the block has been cut so that it does not force the wall apart. It is better to be a bit short than too long. *See Note A.*
- 4) Once wall is built, stitch and brace the outside with plywood or dimensional lumber. At this point some spray foam can be used to fill in any gaps as long as you have it braced together to keep the expanding spray foam from pushing angle apart.
- 5) Place concrete.

NOTE: Corner will have a very high load of concrete during placement. Please take the time to brace the corner properly.

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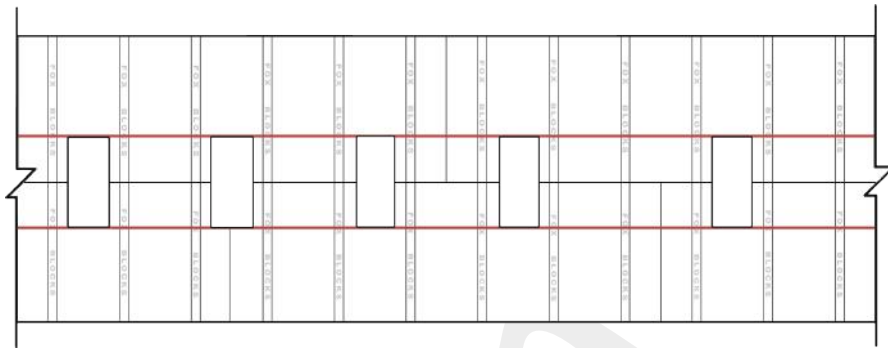
- A) It is better to be short than it is to be long when making cuts. If the cuts are short you can always use spray foam once the wall is completely built, leveled and plumbed.
- B) Plastic ties can be cut if needed as the corner will be braced with lumber anyway. We just try to not cut through the plastic because it takes more effort.
- C) When cutting remaining rows of block ensure the cut starts at the same location as the first row so that interlock will line up.
- D) Use spray foam only after is completely stacked and prior to placing concrete.



Use screws long enough to pass through the plastic ties completely. If your screws do not hold they need to be longer.

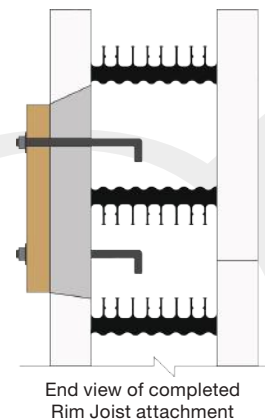
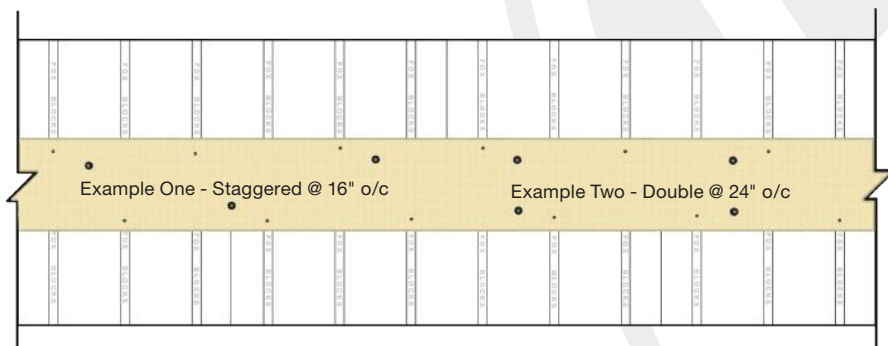
FOX BLOCKS RIM JOIST ATTACHMENT

There are several ways to attach a floor diaphragm to a Fox Blocks wall. The most common has been to simply use common anchor bolts. See bottom of page for other options.



STEPS FOR RIM JOIST ATTACHMENT:

- 1) Build wall to within one row above rim joist location
- 2) Mark out top and bottom of rim joist location
- 3) Mark out o/c locations for anchor bolts
- 4) Cut out 4" x height of rim joist. Angle top cut up into block to allow air to escape during concrete placement.



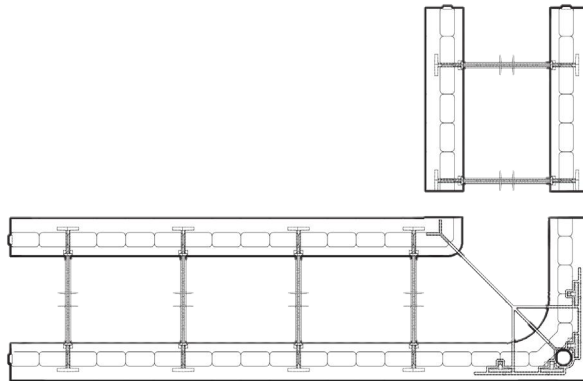
- 5) Place rim joist and attach to Fox Block ties with 3" deck screws
- 6) Mark out anchor bolt locations and drill holes
- 7) Reach inside the Fox Block wall and insert the anchor bolt through the hole you drilled
- 8) Place washer and nut onto anchor bolt. You are now ready for concrete.

OTHER OPTIONS INCLUDE:

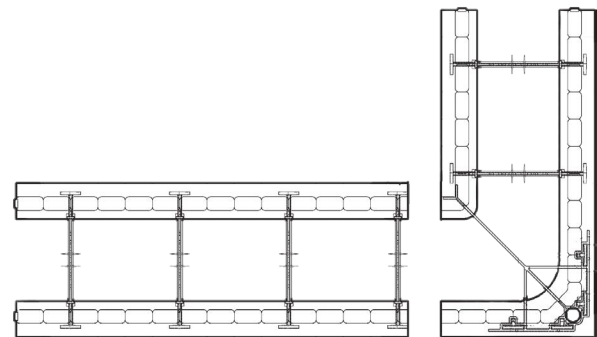
- A) Simpson StrongTie ICF Ledger Connector: <http://www.strongtie.com/products/connectors/icfv1.asp>
- B) Fox Blocks corbel ledge: <http://www.foxblocks.com/products/ledge-block>

FOX BLOCKS SHORT RETURNS

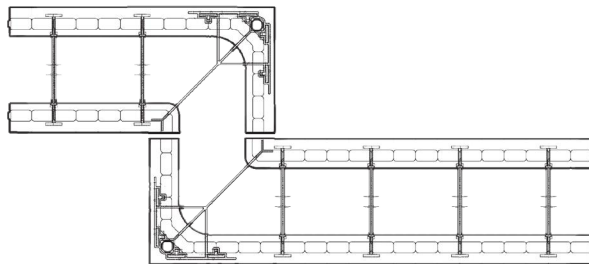
USING EXTENDED FOX BLOCKS CORNERS:



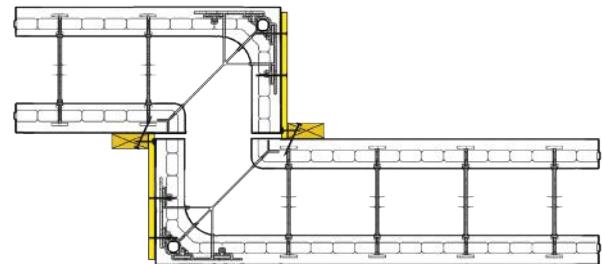
1) Cut block for long leg of corner (cut-off will give you an 8" off cut you can use elsewhere in your wall).



2) Cut block for short leg of corner (cut-off will give you a 24" off cut you can use elsewhere in your wall).



3) Build wall creating a stacked seam.



4) Once wall is built brace with plywood and 2 x 4s.

SHORTEST RETURN POSSIBLE:

- 4" = 9 1/4"
- 6" = 11 1/4"
- 8" = 13 1/4"
- 10" = 15 1/4"
- 12" = 17 1/4"

You may need to leave a gap at the stacked seam and use spray foam to fill prior to installing the bracing.

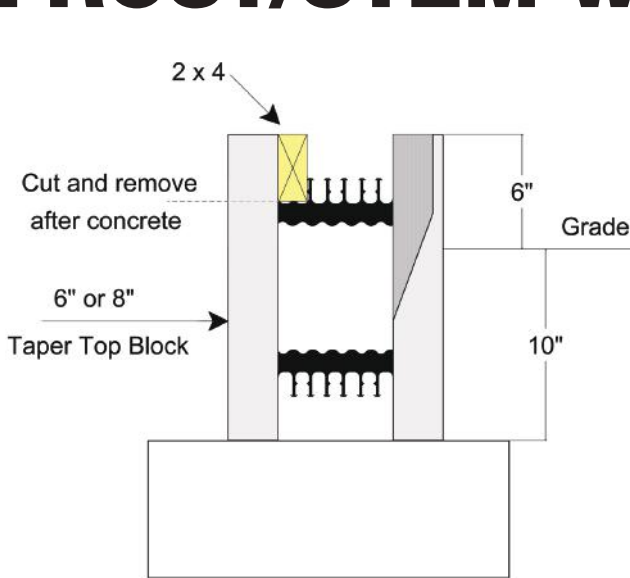
Each properly placed #8 deck screw will give you 27 pounds of holding power in straight pullout and 70 pounds in shear. This includes a safety factor of 5.

- a) Screw plywood to 2 x 4
- b) Screw 2 x 4 to Fox Blocks ties
- c) Screw plywood to Fox Blocks corners

5) Place concrete.

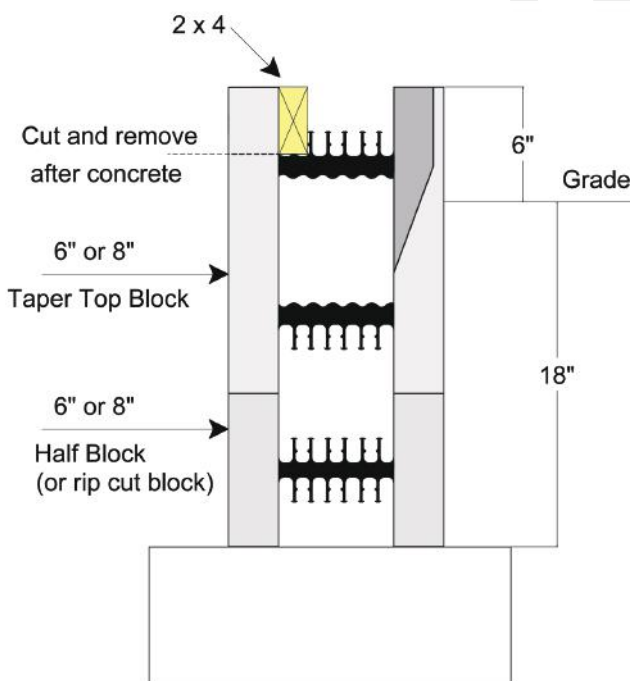
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FOX BLOCKS SHALLOW FROST/STEM WALLS

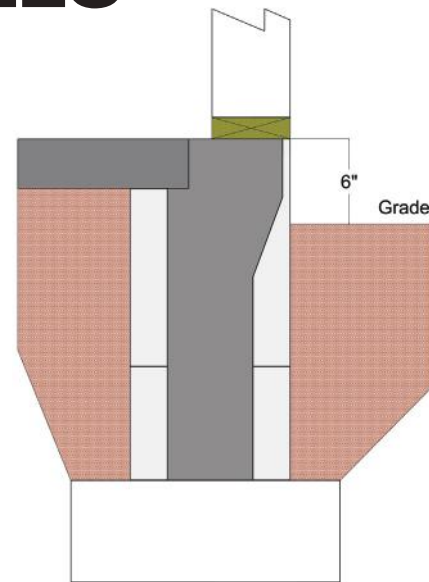


One row of Fox Blocks. Fox Blocks is designed to accept a 2 x 4 resting on top of the tie. Attach with screws through face of tie.

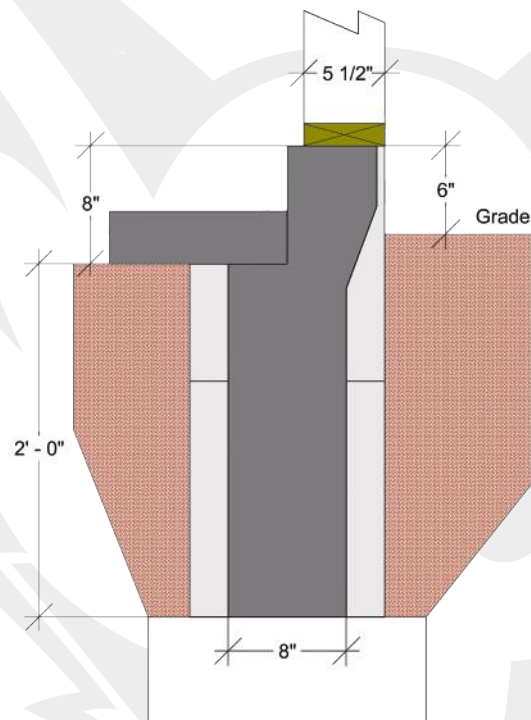
Footings and reinforcing to meet local building codes.



One and one half rows of Fox Blocks



After concrete placement, cut block and remove 2 x 4 to create a shelf for slab to rest on.



Using Curb Block allows you to lower slab, giving a curb that does not require any finish. Taper is field cut into the top outside edge

BASIC CONCRETE PLACEMENT

IMPORTANT STEPS TO A SUCCESSFUL CONCRETE PLACEMENT

A) VOLUME AND MIX DESIGN AND SLUMP

CALCULATING VOLUME:

Fox Blocks are exactly 4", 6", 8", 10" or 12" in concrete width. Length x Height x Width to calculate volume needed.

CHOOSING MIX-DESIGN:

Follow building code and/or Engineer Of Record specifications for your concrete mix design requirements.

Admixtures are not required but may help your concrete placement.

Concrete changes throughout North America due to different aggregate, sand, water quality and cement brand being used. Admixtures that work good in one area may not work in another area. Fox Blocks recommends you work closely with your local ready mix supplier for a mix design that will work on your project.

- 1) Fly ash replacement of cement content up to 30% works well in Fox Blocks walls to improve flow-ability and consolidation.
- 2) Mid-Range water reducers work well in Fox Blocks walls and will help in flow-ability and consolidation.
- 3) Gradated mix designs with optimum coarse, intermediate, and fine aggregate ratios can improve flow-ability and consolidation within Fox Blocks walls.

PROPER SLUMP:

- 1) Slump should be as close to 5" to 6" (125mm to 150mm) as possible.
- 2) Exceeding this slump could cause wall to grow.
- 3) Less than recommended slump could create consolidation issues.
- 4) Slump can be roughly measured within the wall as you place the concrete. Use the chart below to know how far ahead your concrete should flow from your placement position when using the desired slump. This is only a rough guide and can change with concrete design and age.

HEIGHT OF LIFT	5" (125MM) SLUMP DISTANCE AHEAD	6" (150MM) SLUMP DISTANCE AHEAD
1 1/2 Blocks (2' - 0")	2' - 4"	3' - 0"
2 Blocks (2' - 8")	3' - 0"	3' - 8"
2 1/2 Blocks (3' - 4")	3' - 8"	4' - 4"
3 Blocks (4' - 0")	4' - 6"	5' - 6"

B) CONCRETE PLACEMENT PLAN

- 1) Start concrete placement away from corners. Freshly placed concrete will act as an anchor to hold wall in place as concrete enters the corners.
- 2) Divide wall height into lifts heights for a comfortable placement. Most wall 8' to 12' high will work best with three lifts of concrete.
- 3) Final lift of concrete should be no less than 16" and preferably 24". If the final lift is less than 16", concrete placement will be very difficult due to concrete pump needing to slow down.

C) CONSOLIDATION PLAN

- 1) Fox Blocks walls require consolidation.
- 2) Internal, external or rodding are acceptable consolidation techniques.
- 3) Internal vibrator head should be 1" in diameter or less.
- 4) Consolidate each lift of concrete prior to placing the next lift.
- 5) Internal vibrator should be dropped to bottom of the current lift of concrete and then slowly brought to the surface (approximately 3" per second).
- 6) External vibration can be using an impact tool which will shake the internal ties which will ensure rebar is completely encased in concrete.
- 7) External consolidation should start at bottom of concrete lift and move to top of concrete lift to move entrapped air to the surface.



ICF BRACING/SCAFFOLD

When building walls over three courses tall Fox Blocks recommends the use of ICF Bracing/Scaffolding.



ICF BRACING/SCAFFOLD HAVE THREE MAIN PARTS:

- 1) STIFF BACK WHICH IS ATTACHED TO THE STUDS IN THE WALL**
Screw to ties in block which are 8" o/c.
One screw per block row.
- 2) TURNBUCKLE WHICH ADJUSTS THE WALL.**
Threaded rod within the turnbuckles tilt wall in or out as you turn it.
- 3) PLANK SUPPORT ARM FOR SCAFFOLD.**
Will accept two 2 x 10's and toe kick.

* Guard rail posts are also provided for those taller jobs



WHY WE USE ICF BRACING/SCAFFOLD

Safe work site and straight walls

The use of a string line will give you straight walls. No one has an eye good enough to straighten walls longer than 20'.



The above photo shows two racks of 20 braces for a total of 40 sets. At six foot on center this would be enough for 240 lineal feet of wall.



Simply stake or screw the turnbuckle feet to the ground or floor



With the proper kits, this type of scaffold can be used for walls up to 24' tall. Contact Fox Blocks for walls over 24' tall. It has become common to see walls 30' to over 60' tall.

FACTS
 10' Brace Set = 75 Lbs
 12' Brace Set = 88 Lbs
 20 x 10' and rack = 1650 Lbs
 20 x 12' and rack = 1900 Lbs
 Budget one brace every 6' of wall
 End user provides planks railing & screws



10' or 12' Giraffe Scaffold
AVAILABLE THROUGH FOX BLOCKS
 Racks of 20 sets

Follow Bracing, Alignment, Scaffold systems manufacturers' engineering and installation specifications.

FOX BLOCKS ESTIMATOR PRO

TAB 1: WALL

Fill in the basics, height, length width and whatever else your job will need.

TAB 2: OPENINGS

As an option you can input openings one at a time or in groups. The data can then be transferred to the wall data page.

TAB 3: WALL DATA

Will give you the Fox Blocks parts needed for this page.

TAB 4: PARTS

A printable page showing all numbers you have entered, all product required as well as additional information like bracing requirements.

TAB 5: WORKBOOK SUMMARY

This is the pricing page which allows you to input and save your price lists and gives totals for entire project.

TAB 6: REBAR

Allows you to calculate total footage of rebar for your job including footings and slabs.

TAB 7: CONCRETE

Allows you to calculate total concrete needed for your job including footings, piles and slabs.

TAB 8: MAN HOURS

Import worksheet numbers and easily calculate cost of job.

TAB 9: JOB SUMMARY

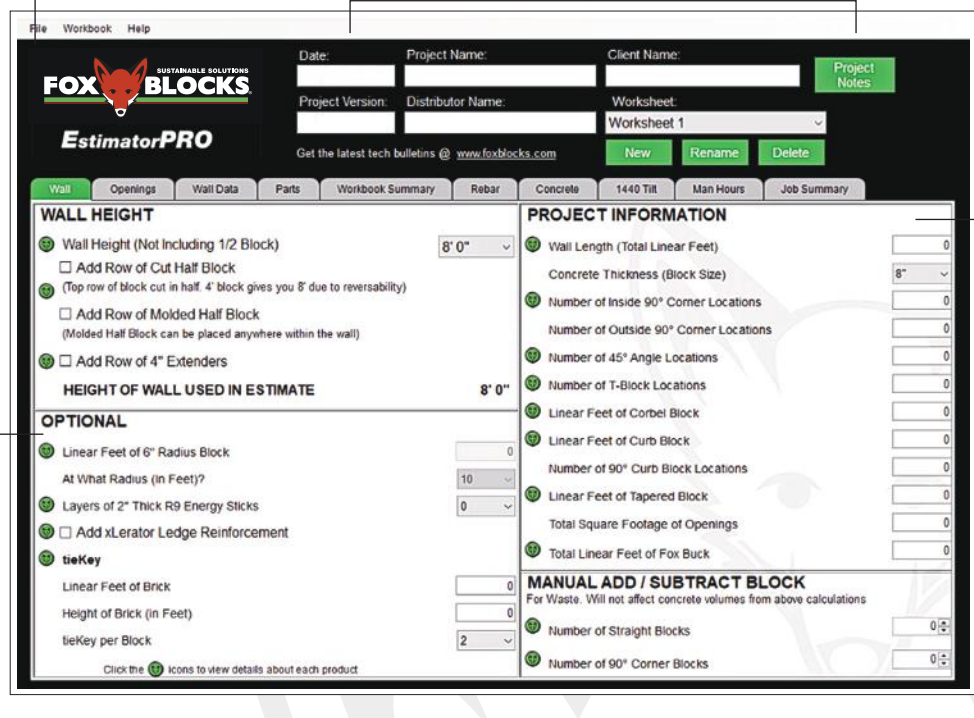
This page allows you to input and total all costs for your project.

FILE MENU

Save your estimates as .fox files and choose from a variety of printouts

JOB NAME & INFORMATION

Fill out the job name and client information. There is no limit to the number of levels in your project.



OPTIONAL PARTS

BLOCK INFORMATION

Only fill out what you need for your job. You can even add a few spare blocks to the quote for insurance.



Go to <http://www.foxblocks.com/project-estimator/> to download the full Estimator PRO for Windows or MAC.

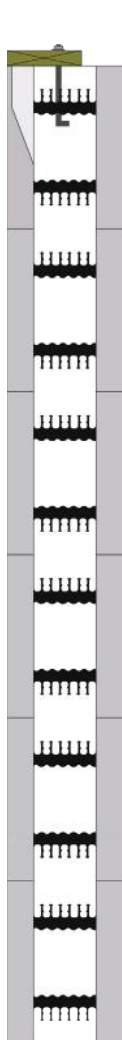


Fox Blocks Project Estimator Mobile is easy to use and available anywhere. Use for your project take offs and estimates. Project Estimator Mobile will estimate ICF quantities including: specialty blocks, opening material, ancillary products, lineal feet of rebar, volume of concrete, and man hours.

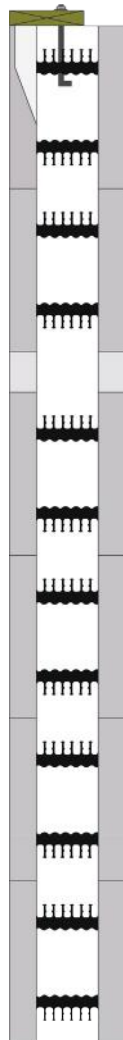
Created by industry professionals with decades of intensive, technical experience in the ICF construction industry, the Project Estimator Mobile gives you the same power as the pro version. With Project Estimator Mobile, you are able to save your files on the go and access them later on your laptop or on any device where you've installed the app.

SAMPLE CROSS SECTIONS

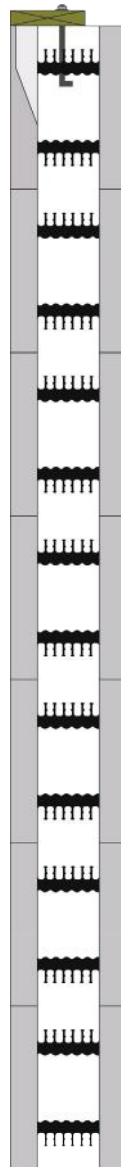
Fox Blocks are designed to make walls. Take the time to understand your on site height requirements to ensure accurate material takeoffs.



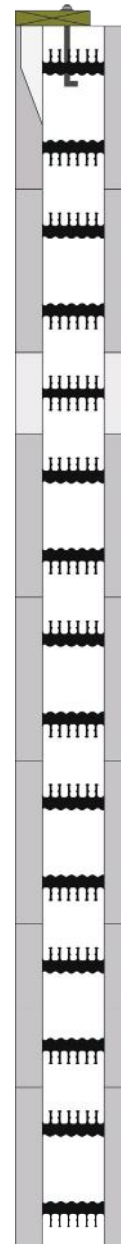
8' 0" WALL
6 - 16" Tall Block
1 - 8" Tall Half Block



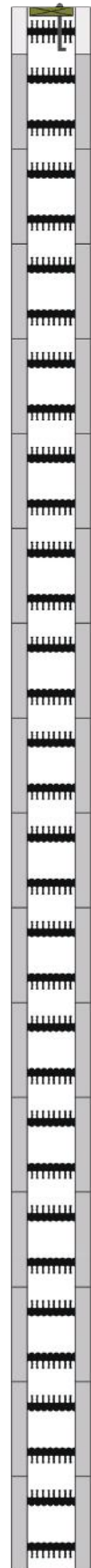
8' 4" WALL
6 - 16" Tall Block
1 - 4" Tall Block



9' 4" WALL
7 - 16" Tall Block



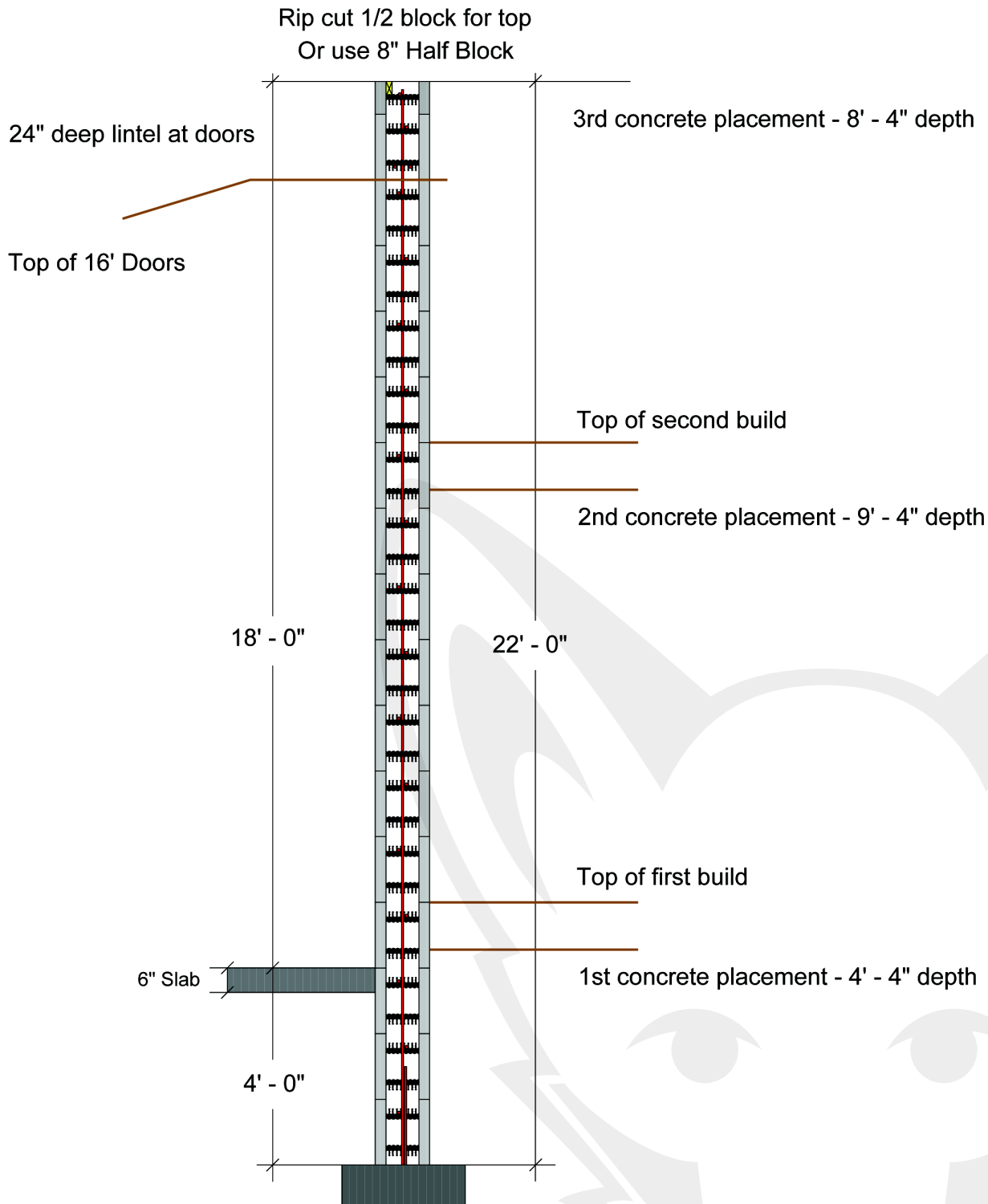
10' 0" WALL
7 - 16" Tall Block
1 - 8" Tall Half Block



22' 0" WALL
16 - 16" Tall Block
1 - 8" Tall Half Block

FOR ALL WALLS:

- Walls can be 4", 6", 8" 10" or 12" concrete thickness
- Taper Top Block at top of wall is optional
- Bearing on slab or footing designed to carry load
- Place proper rebar to meet local building codes or engineering



22'-0" TALL SAMPLE SHOP WALL

When planning any wall you want full understanding of the job for accurate takeoffs and low man hour rates. The above job required a 4'-0" stem / frost wall and 16'-0" tall door openings. The contractor used the same cross section to decide the concrete lift heights. The concrete lift heights decide the vertical rebar lengths.

MAN HOUR RATES

- To budget a job properly for efficiency in crew size
- To budget a job properly to land job
- To be profitable

Man Hour Rates (MHR) have been around for decades. Most contractors document their production rates without realizing that time / square footage built will give them a man hour rate similar to one found in most cost estimating programs, such as RS Means. For most Insulated Concrete Forms (ICF) this has become a common practice. Over 20 years of history have established accurate numbers to budget future jobs with.

	MHR	JOB TYPE	
1	.055 or less	Very efficient crew building a simple job with less than six corners, less than four openings and few or no embeds.	<p>NOTES:</p> <p>Size of job is not as big of a factor as you would think. The only time the size of job is really a factor is when the job is so large that the crew can gain speed while building, which lowers the MHR. This will usually be on jobs over 20,000 square feet using the same crew throughout.</p> <p>WAYS TO LOWER YOUR MHR:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pre-Plan Job 2. Proper Size Crew for Job 3. Stage Materials Close to Job 4. Use Proper Scaffold/Bracing 5. Pre-Build Opening Bucks 6. Proper Rebar Placement 7. Fox Training for Crew
2	.06 .065 .07	Average job with less than eight corners, less than eight openings, and less than eight embeds.	
3	.075 .08 .085	Most common MHR for new crews on moderate or large jobs. This covers complex residential jobs with 12 or less corners. This MHR area also works with large commercial jobs with basic 16" o/c rebar and few openings.	
4	.085 .095 .10 .105	Very complex residential jobs with 12 or more corners and many openings and embeds. Also includes commercial jobs with many openings and embeds or more than 3 levels in height.	
5	.11 and over	Jobs with at least three of the following: More than 8 short corners (30" or less), high seismic rebar design, more than 20 openings, many embeds, extreme weather, using the wrong scaffold for wall height, over 3 levels in height.	

Square Foot of Job (SFJ) = Length * Height (of Fox Walls being built)

SFJ * MHR = MAN HOURS TO BUILD JOB

Example: Job has 180 Lineal feet (LF) of wall that is 12' tall. 180 * 12 = **2160** square feet (SF)
 Job has 6 corners with 6 openings and basic 16" o/c rebar design. Crew has a bit of experience and ICF scaffold is used. We recommend aiming for a .075 MHR but use **.085** MHR as a budget number. With experience you will become more efficient, landing more work with more profit.
2160 * .085 = 183.6 Total Man Hours (TMH) for job
 183.6 TMH / 6 man crew = 30.6 Total Crew Hours (TCH)

These numbers are estimates only. Many factors will effect the outcome of a job which needs to be taken into account. Please document all work and reflect back to your own crews history when completing budgets for upcoming work. We would like to thank contractors for sharing past history allowing us to build accuracy into this document.

FOX BLOCKS RESOURCE CENTER

Visit the Fox Blocks Resource Center to gain access to the essential resources and tools you need to plan and design your next innovative ICF project. Some of the tools you will find here:

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Fox Block's free, AIA approved online course, Introduction to Insulating Concrete Forms, provides an overview of ICFs, including the components, variations and function. Also, the benefits of ICFs are discussed in real life situations through case studies.

The course is FREE to take and you have the convenience of taking the test at your own pace. AEC Daily submits the results to your needed reporting organizations and takes the hassle out of self reporting.



AUTOCAD 2D DETAILS PAGE

AutoCAD 2D Details are available in PDF, DWG and DXF file formats.

BIM 3D/2D DETAILS PAGE

Access a host of Revit BIM details in both 3D and 2D formats. Professionals familiar with Revit will be able to use these details in many ways. This provides a good opportunity for people unfamiliar with Insulated Concrete Forms to have a detailed look at Fox Blocks products. Individual blocks can be assembled in Revit to create small details.

BIM

Fox Blocks supplies Revit content for each of its products. These robust BIM objects are highly detailed and provide a rich understanding of Fox Blocks products. Revit users can show non-technical stakeholders very realistic Insulated Concrete Forms. Different levels of granularity can be turned on or off as needed. The objects can be combined to create details.



Fox Blocks is participating in the BIM Smith Forge to allow experts to get Revit wall system family information faster than previously possible and to give an opportunity for building industry professionals new to BIM a chance to engage with the process in a successful manner.

AND MUCH MORE

Technical bulletins, specification documents, testing reports, code compliance and approvals, installation guidebooks, etc. You'll find everything you need you need to get started at www.foxblocks.com/resourcecenter



FOX BLOCKS BY THE NUMBERS

	ITEM NUMBER	BLOCK TYPE	TOTAL WIDTH	TOTAL HEIGHT	OUTSIDE DIMENSIONS		INSIDE DIMENSIONS		CONCRETE VOLUME YD	CONCRETE VOLUME M	BUNDLE QUANTITY	ACTUAL BUNDLE SIZE			WEIGHT BUNDLE/PIECE	
					LENGTH	SURFACE AREA	LENGTH	SURFACE AREA				LENGTH	WIDTH	HEIGHT		
4	FOX-S400	Straight Block	9.25	16	48	5.33	48	5.33	0.066	0.05	12	38	49	49	84	7
	FOX-S400HB	Straight Half Block	9.25	8	48	2.67	48	2.67	0.033	0.025	24	38	49	49	84	3.50
	FOX-EC490	90° Corner Block (38 x 22)	9.25	16	60	6.67	41.5	4.61	0.07	0.0535	12	46	47	49	95	7
	FOX-EC490HB	90° Corner Half Block	9.25	8	60	3.34	41.5	2.31	0.0348	0.027	24	46	47	49	95	3.5
	FOX-BUCK4	Fox Buck	9.25	2	48	3.08	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	10	48	9.25	23	29	2.9
	FOX-EC445	45° Corner Block (34 x 18)	9.25	16	52	5.78	44	3.57	0.066	0.05	9	40	50	49	58	6.4
	FOX-TBT4T6	Transition T Block (4" to 6")	9.25	16	36.75	4.083	4.75	0.528	0.066	0.05	12	49	38	49	87	7.25
6	FOX-S600	Straight Block	11.25	16	48	5.33	48	5.33	0.099	0.0757	12	45.5	49	49	90	7.5
	FOX-S600HB	Straight Half Block	11.25	8	48	2.67	48	2.67	0.0494	0.0378	24	45.5	49	49	90	3.75
	FOX-EC690	90° Corner Block (40 x 24)	11.25	16	64	7.11	41.5	4.6	0.105	0.08	12	53	49	49	102	8.47
	FOX-EC690HB	90° Corner Half Block	11.25	8	64	3.56	41.5	2.31	0.0543	0.0415	24	53	49	49	102	4.25
	FOX-C645	45° Corner Block (26 x 18)	11.25	16	44	4.89	34.875	3.85	0.082	0.063	9	40	49	49	58	6.4
	FOX-TB600	T-Block Short	11.25	16	44	4.89	4.375	N/A	0.105	0.08	6 (3+3)	40.25	43.25	49	56	9.4
		T-Block Long	11.25	16	44	4.89	12.375	N/A	0.121	0.0925					56	9.4
	FOX-BL600	Corbel Ledge	11.25	16	48	5.33	N/A	N/A	0.129	0.099	9	45.25	49	49	80	8.8
	FOX-TT600	Taper Top	11.25	16	48	5.33	N/A	N/A	0.111	0.085	12	45.25	49	49	87	7.25
	FOX-RB60_	Radius	11.25	16	16	1.77	N/A	N/A	0.033	0.025	27	39	49	49	68	2.5
	FOX-BUCK6	Fox Buck	11.25	2	48	3.75	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	10	48	11.5	23	33	3.3
FOX-TBT6T4	Transition T Block (6" to 4")	11.25	16	34.75	3.861	4.75	0.528	0.082	0.063	9	44	36	50	64	7.1	
8	FOX-S800	Straight Block	13.25	16	48	5.33	48	5.33	0.132	0.101	12	54.5	49	49	90	7.5
	FOX-S800HB	Straight Half Block	13.25	8	48	2.67	48	2.67	0.065	0.05	24	54.5	49	49	90	3.75
	FOX-EC890	90° Corner Block (42 x 26)	13.25	16	68	7.56	41.5	4.6	0.153	0.117	6	41	44	49	60	9.83
	FOX-EC890HB	90° Corner Half Block	13.25	8	68	3.78	41.5	2.3	0.076	0.058	12	41	44	49	60	4.91
	FOX-C845	45° Corner Block (28 x 20)	13.25	16	48	5.33	37	4.11	0.117	0.089	9	53	47	49	58	6.4

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					LENGTH/SURFACE AREA	LENGTH/SURFACE AREA	LENGTH	WIDTH				HEIGHT				
8	FOX-TB800	T-Block Short	13.25	16	44	4.89	4.75	N/A	0.141	0.108	6 (3+3)	40.25	43.25	49	56	9.4
		T-Block Long	13.25	16	44	4.89	8.75	N/A	0.152	0.116		56	9.4			
	FOX-BL800	Corbel Ledge	13.25	16	48	5.33	N/A	N/A	0.162	0.124	9	53.25	49.5	49	80	8.9
	FOX-TT800	Taper Top	13.25	16	48	5.33	N/A	N/A	0.144	0.11	12	54.5	49.25	49	87	7.3
	FOX-S800CB	Curb Block - Straight	13.25	16	48	5.33	N/A	N/A	0.132	0.101	12	54.5	49	49	91.2	7.6
	FOX-EC-890CB	Curb Block - 90° Corner	13.25	16	68	7.56	41.5	4.6	0.145	0.111	6	41	44	49	60	9.92
	FOX-BUCK8	Fox Buck	13.25	2	48	4.42	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	10	48	13.5	23	38	3.2
	FOX-TBT8T4	Transition T Block (8" to 4")	13.25	16	34.75	3.861	4.75	0.528	0.106	0.081	9	49	36	50	66	7.3
FOX-TBT8T6	Transition T Block (8" to 6")	13.25	16	36.75	4.083	4.75	0.528	0.116	0.089	9	49	38	50	69	7.67	
10	FOX-S1000	Straight Block	15.25	16	48	5.33	48	5.33	0.165	0.126	9	46	49	49	74	7.86
	FOX-S1000HB	Straight Half Block	15.25	8	48	2.67	48	2.67	0.0823	0.063	18	46	49	49	74	3.93
	FOX-EC1090	90° Corner Block (42 x 26)	15.25	16	68	7.56	41.5	4.6	0.181	0.138	6	41	44	49	68	10.5
	FOX-EC1090HB	90° Corner Half Block	15.25	8	68	3.78	41.5	2.3	0.092	0.07	12	41	44	49	68	5.25
	FOX-BUCK10	Fox Buck	15.25	2	48	5.08	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	10	48	15.5	23	42	4.2
	FOX-S1000CB	Curb Block - Straight	15.25	16	48	5.33	48	5.33	0.165	0.126	9	47	49	49	74	7.9
	FOX-EC-1090CB	Curb Block - 90° Corner	15.25	16	68	7.56	41.5	4.6	0.181	0.138	6	43	43	49	68	10.6
12	FOX-S1200	Straight Block	17.25	16	48	5.33	48	5.33	0.198	0.151	9	54	49	49	74	8.22
	FOX-S1200HB	Straight Half Block	17.25	8	48	2.67	48	2.67	0.099	0.076	18	54	49	49	74	4.12
	FOX-EC1290	90° Corner Block (46 x 30)	17.25	16	76	8.42	41.5	4.6	0.212	0.162	6	46.5	49.25	49	68	11.17
	FOX-EC1290HB	90° Corner Half Block	17.25	8	76	4.21	20.75	2.3	0.106	0.081	12	46.5	49.25	49	68	5.75
	FOX-BUCK12	Fox Buck	17.25	2	48	5.75	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	10	48	17.25	23	46	3.7
ALL	FOX-HV CLIP	HV Clips	8	4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	250	11	11	7	7	0.028
	FOX-TIEKEY	tieKey	1.25	2.75	6	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	200	9.5	8.5	6.75	29	0.15
	FOX-XLERATOR	xLerator	48	10.31	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	9	52	13.5	6.5	22	2.45
	FOX-EXTR	4" High Block Extender	2.625	4	48	1.33	N/A	N/A	0.049	0.0378	20	49	17	14	13	0.65
	FOX-ESTICK	R8 Energy Stick	2	32	8	1.78	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	36	24	24	34	20	0.56

TECHNICAL PERFORMANCE DATA

Fox Blocks ICF Wall System

CONCRETE WALL CONSTRUCTION (4", 6", 8", 10" & 12" Reinforced Structural Concrete Core)



Design criteria for the structural concrete wall system	ACI 318 design standards for straight wall concrete construction
Recommended concrete consolidation	Reference the Fox Block Installation Manual, ACI 309
Fox Blocks Installation Manual	Fourth Edition (2019)
Prescriptive Design of Exterior Concrete Walls	PCA 100-2012, IRC R404.1, R611, ACI 332
Average weight of the reinforced structural concrete	150 lbs. / cu. ft. (including steel reinforcement)
Thermal Mass (form & 4" reinforced concrete core)	50 lbs. / sq. ft.
Thermal Mass (form & 6" reinforced concrete core)	75 lbs. / sq. ft.
Thermal Mass (form & 8" reinforced concrete core)	100 lbs. / sq. ft.
Thermal Mass (form & 10" reinforced concrete core)	125 lbs. / sq. ft.
Thermal Mass (form & 12" reinforced concrete core)	150 lbs. / sq. ft.
Recommended concrete core compressive strength	Minimum 3000 psi for the walls (minimum 2500 psi for footings)
Recommended concrete core slump flow for pump mix design	4" ICF - 6" to 7"; 6" ICF - 5.5" to 6.5"; 8", 10" or 12" ICF - 5" to 6"
Recommended aggregate size for the concrete mix design	4" ICF - 3/8" max.; 6" ICF 3/8" to 1/2" max; 8", 10" & 12" ICF - 1/2" to 3/4" max.

PRODUCT PERFORMANCE & THIRD PARTY TESTING

Expanded Polystyrene (EPS) Testing:

EPS Foam Resin	Modified low pentane, B/C bead size (resin is self-extinguishing)
EPS Average Manufacturing Density / Type	1.5 lbs. / cu. ft. (Type II, Rigid Cellular EPS Foam Plastic)
ASTM C578, EPS Thermal Insulation Properties	
CAN / ULC S701, EPS Thermal Insulation Properties	

Plastic Tie Strength Testing:

Fastener Withdrawal, ASTM D1761	
Fastener Lateral (Shear), ASTM D1761	
Tie Tensile and Shear, ASTM D638 and D732	

Performance Testing:

Sound Transmission Class (STC), ASTM E90, STC 45-50+	
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Environmental, Safety & Energy Performance:

No HCFC's or CFC's emitted during the manufacturing process	
No toxins or formaldehydes produced	
Plastic ties are recycled and the EPS Foam forms are recyclable	

Products & Energy Efficient Accessories:

Energy Stick	R-8 / Stick
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Energy Efficiency Data & Performance:

Thickness of the EPS	2.625" / wall panel (5.25" total EPS thickness)
EPS Steady State R-Value (thermal resistance of the material)	R - 4.17 (@ 70 degrees Fahrenheit)
CTL Group Thermal Resistance R-Value Calculation Report	R - 23+ / Block (calculated in accordance with ASHRAE 90.1)
EPS K-Factor (thermal conductivity of the material)	K - 0.24 / inch (@ 70 degrees Fahrenheit)
Air Leakage (infiltration rate) ASTM E283	0.002 cfm / ft ²
ORNL Thermal Mass Calculator Dynamic R-Value Equivalent	Greater than R - 32

Storm Safety:

Wind Capacity	Fox Blocks Walls can be designed to meet code requirements
Seismic Zones	Fox Blocks Walls can be designed to meet code requirements

Fire Safety & Testing:

Surface Burning Characteristics of Foam Plastics, ASTM E84 & ANSI / UL 723	
Flame spread from the EPS Foam	less than 25
Smoke Development of the EPS Foam	less than 450
Surface Burning Characteristics of Foam Plastics, CAN / ULC S102	
Fire Burning Characteristics of Plastic Ties	
ASTM D1929, Flash Ignition Temp	400 (C) 752 (F)
ASTM D1929, Spontaneous Ignition Temp	380 (C) 716 (F)
ASTM D635, Burn Rate	Meets Class CC1
Fire Resistance Rating, ASTM E119 (equivalent Standard Test Methods)	
4" Concrete Core	2 hrs.
6" Concrete Core	4 hrs.
8", 10" or 12" Concrete Core	4 hrs.
Fire Endurance Test of Building Construction Materials, CAN / ULC S101	
Room Fire Test, UL 1715 (with 1/2" gypsum board)	
SDS sheets available at www.foxblocks.com	

BUILDING CODE REFERENCES

CCRR-1010
Florida Product Approval - FL7497-R4
City of New York - MEA 201-08-M
City of Los Angeles - RR25689
State of Wisconsin - 20199008
ASTM E2634
CAN/ULC S717.1

LOCATIONS

Eighteen Manufacturing Locations Across North America



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