The ground must push up as hard as the building pushes down



Leaning Tower of Pisa



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Walls

Structural Considerations:

Unreinforced Reinforced Veneered

Unreinforced

- Simple Construction Code of Hammurabi, 18th c. BC Strict Height Limitations Rule of Thumb
 - t equals h divided by 12 or
 - the thickness of the wall in inches is equal to the height of the wall in feet

Reinforced

- Masonry units, reinforcing steel grout and/or mortar combined to act together to resist forces
- The masonry units typically work as permanent form work for poured concrete
 - Significant capacity for tensile as well as compressive stresses

Veneered

A thin, usually single wythe, masonry non-load bearing wall attached to a substrate.

Unit Considerations:

- **Single Wythe**
- **Multiple Wythe**
 - Similar Units
 - Common brick structures
 - Composite
 - Brick / Block
 - Cavity
 - Originated in England
 - Moisture resistant
 - Insulating

Wall Sections

- **Typically 3/4**" = **1'-0**" scale
- Detailed blowups @ 1 1/2" or 3" scale
- Allows Investigation of the Placement of Wall Layers
- **Don't forget plan sections!**

Crawford Square Wall Sections



Wall Section Basement



Wall Section 1st Floor



Masonry Walls

Wall Selection

Structural Requirements Height, etc. Interior Finish Exterior Finish Insulation

Masonry Openings

Masonry Must Be Supported Above Openings

- **Opening requires spanning capability above**
- **Span creates bending stresses**
- Bending stresses are a combination of tensile and compressive stresses
- Masonry has limited capacity for resisting tensile stresses

Corbel and Arch Action in Masonry Walls

- Corbel a shelf or ledge formed by projecting successive courses of masonry
- Arch a curved compressive structural member spanning openings or recesses

Corbel



Segmental Arch



Jack Arch



Roman Arch



Rectangular Openings Require a Lintel for Support of Wall Above

Loose Steel Angles

- One per 4" wythe
- Long Leg Vertical

Steel Beam with Bottom Plate

4" Width Plus Thickness of Masonry Supported

Lintel Blocks

- Same Thickness as Wall
- Steel Reinforcing Embedded in Concrete
- **Requires Temporary Support**

Precast Concrete or Stone (limited)

Loose Steel Angles



Steel Beam



Lintel Blocks



Types of Lintel Blocks



Precast Concrete

Analyze Load Condition Above Opening • Simple



Analyze Load Condition Above Opening • Concentrated



Dimensional Coordination of Wall Length(s)



Dimensional Coordination of Opening Locations



Controlling Movement in Masonry Walls

Cracking Results from Restrained Movement

- Temperature
- **Moisture Content**
- **Overloads on Structure**
 - Dead Load
 - Live Load
 - Impact
 - Vibration
- Settlement

Solutions

Control Moisture Horizontal Reinforcement Control Joints

Moisture Control

By Specification By Proper Care on Jobsite Proper Detailing

Horizontal Reinforcement

Joint Reinforcement Bond Beams

Joint Reinforcement

Prefabricated, galvanized steel wires for embedment in horizontal mortar joint 8" ~ 24" o/c

Control Joints

- **Changes in Wall Height or Thickness**
- At Construction Joints in Foundation, Floors and Roof
- **At Chases and Recesses**
- At Abutment to Wall and Columns
- At Return Angles in L-, T- or U-shaped Structures
- At One or Both Sides of an Opening

Control Joint Locations



Control Joints as a Function of Panel Size

Assuming Horizontal Joint Reinforcing at 16" o/c Less Than 3 x the Panel Height Less Than 50'

Control Joint Details in Block



8" CMU Corner



8" Axo



8" Section



12" Composite Corner



12" Axo



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12" Section



14" Cavity Corner



14" Axo



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14" Section

