

### Masonry Specification - An Introduction

To assist in compiling a specification for Lignacite's masonry products, the following tools are available.

#### NBS Plus

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#### Lignacite's Specification Builder

Available on our web site [www.lignacite.co.uk](http://www.lignacite.co.uk), the Specification Builder provides product specification clauses for our entire product range. These are available in PDF and word format, the latter allowing you to modify the clause to suit a particular application. The Specification Builder can be accessed on our web site via the *Technical Centre* tab.

#### Typical Specification Clauses

Normally, the use of concrete blocks can be categorised by the following descriptions:

- **Common block** – Not intended to be seen i.e. plastered, rendered, dry lined or concealed
- **Paint-Grade block** – To be built fair to receive a paint finish
- **Fair Face block** – to be built and left fair, with a high degree of colour and texture consistency (all facing work requires a sample panel to be built and approved prior to commencement of work).

The following are typical specification clauses taken from the Specification Builder. They cover typical specifications for products used in common, paint-grade and Fair Face blockwork applications. They can be easily adapted to suit other sizes of products, or alternative products from Lignacite's range.

### Common blockwork specification

#### Masonry Specifications:

The concrete blocks to.. [state location] ... shall be Ashlite GP medium density blocks manufactured by Lignacite Ltd (tel 01842 810678) or other equal approved, in accordance with BS EN 771-3, built to a standard suitable to receive plaster / dry lining.

Configuration: **Group 1, solid units**

Compressive strength:

- **Mean value 3.6 N/mm<sup>2</sup>**
- **Category 1 units**

Average dry density: **1450 kg/m<sup>3</sup>**

Work sizes (length x width x height): **440 x 100 x 215 mm**

Tolerance category: **D1**

Colour/Finish: **N/A**

Thermal Resistance: **0.212 m<sup>2</sup> K/W**

Sound Insulation: **44 Rw,dB** (plasterboard finish)

Fire Resistance (loadbearing): **2 Hours**

Mortar mix: **Compressive strength Class M4**

Mortar colour: **N/A**

Joint profile: **(Flush or shallow bucket handle)**

Bond: **Half lap stretcher**



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## Paint-Grade blockwork specification

### Masonry Specifications:

The concrete blocks to... [state internal location]... shall be **Lignacite Paint-Grade** manufactured by Lignacite Ltd (tel 01842 810678) or other equal approved, in accordance with BS EN 771-3, built to a standard suitable for direct decoration.

Configuration: **Group 1, solid units**

Compressive strength:

- **Mean value 7.3 N/mm<sup>2</sup>**
- **Category 1 units**

Average dry density: **1570 kg/m<sup>3</sup>**

Work sizes (length x width x height): **440 x 100 x 215 mm**

Tolerance category: **D1**

Colour/Finish: **Paint Grade**

Thermal Resistance: **0.111 m<sup>2</sup> K/W**

Sound Insulation: **46 Rw,dB** (Painted finish)

Fire Resistance (loadbearing): **2 Hours**

Mortar mix: **Compressive strength Class M4**

Mortar colour: **N/A**

Joint profile: (**Bucket handle, flush, struck or weathered, recessed**)

Bond: **Half lap stretcher**

## Fair Face blockwork specification

### Masonry Specifications:

The concrete facing blocks to... [state location]... shall be **Lignacite Fair Face** manufactured by Lignacite Ltd (tel 01842 810678) or other equal approved, in accordance with BS EN 771-3, built to an agreed standard.

Configuration: **Group 1, solid units**

Compressive strength:

- **Mean value 7.3 N/mm<sup>2</sup>**
- **Category 1 units**

Average dry density: **1570 kg/m<sup>3</sup>**

Work sizes (length x width x height): **440 x 100 x 215 mm**

Tolerance category: **D1**

Colour/Finish: **Mid to dark grey/fine textured finish**

Thermal Resistance: **0.111 m<sup>2</sup> K/W**

Sound Insulation: **45 Rw,dB** (no finish)

Fire Resistance (loadbearing): **2 Hours**

Mortar mix: **Compressive strength Class M4**

Mortar colour: **TBA**

Joint profile: (**Bucket handle, flush, struck or weathered, recessed**)

Bond: **Half lap stretcher**



Project: St Albans School, Suffolk