Specification for Face Brick

Part I Quality Assurance

Brick Tests
1. All tests shall be performed by an independent certified testing laboratory.
2. All tests shall be in accordance with ASTM C-67.

Submittals
1. Submit test report and certificate of conformance document for each type and color of brick specified on contract documents for architect’s approval.
2. Test reports shall include:
   a. Compressive strength
   b. 24 hour cold water absorption
   c. 5 hour boil absorption (if required)
   d. Saturation Coefficient (if required)
   e. Initial Rate of Absorption (I.R.A.)
   f. Efflorescence
   g. Weather classification
3. Certificate of conformance shall state that brick meets or exceeds applicable ASTM specifications.

Sample Panels
1. Sample panel size shall be 4’x4’ showing the proposed color range, texture, bond, mortar, workmanship, cleaning, and water repellents where applicable.
2. Final brick selection shall be made only following architect’s review of sample panel.
3. Brick from manufactured material for project shall be shipped to site and sample panel erected.
4. No brick shall be shipped from manufacturer to site until architect’s acceptance of job panel constructed from actual material for project. This panel shall replace all other sample panels and shall remain on site throughout construction, and become the project standard for bond, mortar, workmanship, and appearance.

Part II Products

Face Brick
1. Manufacturer: Interstate Brick Company, 9780 S 5200 W, West Jordan UT 84081-5625 or H.C. Muddox, 4875 Bradshaw Road, Sacramento CA 95827-9793
2. ASTM C-216, Grade SW, Type FBX or better.
3. Color and texture
4. Dimensions (width) x (height) x (length).
5. Minimum compressive strength 9,000 psi.
6. Maximum Saturation Coefficient 0.78 (if required).
7. Minimum IRA 6 g/min30 in².
8. Maximum IRA 30 g/min30 in². Where IRA exceeds 30 g/min30 in², pre-wetting brick is recommended.
9. Shapes; where special shapes are shown on architectural drawings, manufacturer shall provide shop drawings for architect’s approval prior to manufacturing shapes.

Mortar
Mortar shall conform to ASTM C 270 Type N
Proportion Specification:
1 part Portland cement (ASTM C 150 Types I, IA, II, IIA, III, IIIA or V) less than 6 months old
1 part hydrated lime (ASTM C-207)
6 parts sand (ASTM C-144)
OR
Property Specification:
Portland cement - lime mortar
Compressive strength 750 psi
Water retention 75% minimum
Air content 14% maximum
Sand: 2 ¾ -3 ½ the sum of the separate volumes of cementitious materials sand (ASTM C-144)

Part III Execution

Bond
Bond shall be running bond unless otherwise shown on contract documents.

Jointing
Mortar joints shall be concave unless otherwise shown on contract documents.

Construction
All construction strictly adheres to International Building Code (IBC) or TMS 402/ACI530/ASCE5.

Cleaning
Cleaning shall conform to Interstate Brick Technical Bulletin 4 Brick Cleaning Recommendations, Section 040120 and BIA Technical Note #20 Cleaning Brickwork
Do not use muriatic acid or sand blasting.
Contact manufacturer for recommendations.

Water Repellent & Coatings
Where water repellents are required, consult Interstate Brick Technical Bulletin 1 Water Repellent Coatings and Section 071900.