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          PART 2 - PRODUCTS
                MANUFACTURERS
           A. Manufacturers:
              1. Acceptable manufacturer:
                      AERCON Florida LLC.
                     3701 C.R. 544 East
                    Haines City, FL 33844
                    Telephone: (863) 422-6360
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        2. Substitutions for products listed are prohibited.
2.02
       MANUFACTURED PANELS
  A. Reinforced AAC panels:
    1. Composition: Autoclaved aerated concrete mixture consisting of
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Section 03440 - Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete Panels
Section 04240 - Autoclaved Aerated Concrete Units

#### SECTION 03440

# REINFORCED AUTOCLAVED AERATED CONCRETE PANELS

Date: 3-21-03

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#### PART 1 - GENERAL

# SELECT APPROPRIATE SECTIONS FOR BELOW; DELETE OTHERS

#### 1.01 SUMMARY

A. Section includes, but is not limited to: Design, fabrication, transportation, and erection of reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (AAC) structural \*\* floor, \*\* wall, \*\* and roof \*\* panels.

#### B. Related sections:

- 1. Section 01630: Product Substitution Procedures.
- 2. Section 03200: Concrete Reinforcement.
- 3. Section 03300: Cast-in-Place Concrete.
- 4. Section 03541: Gypsum Underlayment.
- 5. Section 04070: Masonry Grout.
- 6. Section 04210: Brick.
- 7. Section 04240: Autoclaved Aerated Concrete Units.
- 8. Section 07600: Flashing and Sheet Metal.
- 9. Section 07840: Firestopping.
- 10. Section 07920: Joint Sealants.
- 11. Section 08110: Steel Doors and Frames.
- 12. Division 9: Finishes.

# 1.02 REFERENCES

- A. Standards of the following as referenced:
  - 1. American Concrete Institute (ACI).
  - 2. ASTM.
  - 3. Underwriters Laboratories, Inc. (UL).

# 1.03 DEFINITIONS

# A. Terms:

- 1. Reinforced AAC panels: Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete panels.
- 2. Strength Class: Classification that defines the physical properties of the AAC, designated as AC4, AC4.4 or AC6.

# 1.04 SYSTEM DESCRIPTION

# A. Design requirements:

 Basic reinforcement requirements: Reinforce for handling/transportation loads and design loads indicated in Contract Documents.

#### 2. Maximum deflection:

- a. Floor panels:
  - 1) Live load: L/360.
  - 2) Dead plus live load: L/240.
- b. Roof panels:
  - 1) Live load: L/240.
  - 2) Dead plus live load: L/180.
- c. Wall panels; wind load: L/240.
- 3. Design for structures supporting AAC roof, floor, and wall panels: L/360 maximum total deflection.

#### 1.05 SUBMITTALS

# A. Shop drawings:

- 1. Indicate loads used for the design of reinforced AAC panels.
- 2. Indicate dimensions of panels, arrangement of joints, reinforcement, and erection details. Include location of openings fabricated in panels.
- 3. Identify reinforced AAC panels with mark used on shop drawings. Identifying marks shall be located on surfaces not visible in installed configuration.
- 4. Indicate Strength Class.

# 1.06 QUALITY ASSURANCE

A. Furnish reinforced AAC panels from single manufacturer.

#### B. Mock-ups:

- 1. Build a mock-up as directed by Architect.
- 2. The following items are to be approved:
  - a. Mortar joints.
  - b. Control joint complete with joint sealant.
  - c. Workmanship.
  - d. Reinforcement, if required.
  - e. Flashing.
  - f. Exterior finishes.
  - g. Interior finishes.
- 3. Prepare mock-up at least 14 days prior to beginning AAC unit work. Should mock-up be disapproved, prepare additional mock-ups until approved by Architect.
- 4. Maintain mock-up throughout work as standard of AAC unit work. Do not destroy mock-up until directed by Architect.

#### C. Pre-installation conferences:

- 1. Prior to installation of reinforced AAC panels, schedule and hold a pre-installation conference to review Scope of Work.
- 2. Attendees shall include a representative from each subcontractor involved with reinforced AAC panels and adjacent construction material installation.
- 3. Notify Architect at least seven days prior to meeting.

# 1.07 DELIVERY, STORAGE, AND HANDLING

# A. Packing and shipping:

- 1. Transport and handle reinforced AAC panels with equipment designed to protect panels from strain, warping, cracking, chipping, or staining.
- 2. Placing reinforced AAC panels in direct contact with earth is prohibited.

# B. Storage and protection:

- 1. Store to protect from strain, warping, cracking, chipping, or staining.
- 2. Store in same position as transported.
- 3. Store on firm, level, smooth surface.
- 4. Place so identification marks are easily discernible.

#### 1.08 PROJECT CONDITIONS

- A. Cold and hot weather installation practices for panels installed utilizing thin bed mortar joints:
  - 1. Cold weather precautions for AAC panel work:
    - a. When temperature of AAC panel is below 20°F, do not install panels.
    - b. Remove visible ice on AAC panel prior to installation.
    - c. Heat mortar sand or mixing water to produce mortar temperatures between 40°F and 120°F at time of mixing. Maintain mortar temperature above freezing until placed.
    - d. Ambient temperature requirements:
      - 1) Between 25°F and 20°F: Use heat sources on both sides of AAC panels under construction. Install wind breaks when wind velocity is in excess of 15 mph.
      - Below 20°F: Provide enclosure for AAC panels under construction. Use heat sources to maintain temperatures above 32°F within enclosures.
    - e. Daily mean temperature requirements:
      - 1) Between 40°F and 32°F: Protect completed AAC panels from rain or snow by covering with weather resistive membrane for a minimum of 24 hours after construction.
      - Between 32°F and 25°F: Completely cover completed AAC panels with weather resistive membrane for a minimum of 24 hours after construction.
      - 3) Between 25°F and 20°F: Completely cover completed AAC panels with insulating blankets or equal protection for a minimum of 24 hours after construction.
      - 4) Below 20°F: Maintain AAC panel construction above 32°F for 24 hours after completion by enclosure with supplementary heat, electric heating blankets, infrared heat lamps, or other acceptable methods outlined to Architect.
  - 2. Hot weather precautions for AAC panel work:
    - a. When erected in ambient air temperature of 100°F or ambient air temperature of 90°F with wind velocity in excess of 8 mph, implement the following:
      - 1) Spreading mortar beds more than 4'-0" ahead of AAC panels is prohibited.
      - 2) Installing AAC panel more than two minutes after spreading mortar is prohibited.

# 1.09 SEQUENCING AND SCHEDULING

- A. Loading AAC wall panels is prohibited prior to the following:
  - 1. Uniform floor or roof loads: 12 hours, minimum.
  - 2. Concentrated loads: Three days, minimum.
- B. Construction activities coordination specified in other Sections for work built into panels:
  - Work required under this Section includes chase and routing coordination with construction activities specified in other Sections.
  - 2. As panel installation is completed, coordinate with work required in other Sections for chases or routing areas required in AAC panels for electrical, plumbing, and other items.
  - 3. Request relevant construction activities to mark actual routing or chase locations; include required depth.
  - 4. Filling in chases and routed areas specified in other Sections.

#### PART 2 - PRODUCTS

#### 2.01 MANUFACTURERS

# A. Manufacturers:

1. Acceptable manufacturer: AERCON Florida LLC.; 3701 C.R. 544 East, Haines City, FL 33844; Telephone: (863) 422-6360; Fax (863) 422-6361.

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- 3. Products of other manufacturers similar in type, quality, and performance are acceptable, subject to compliance with specified \*\*
  - \*\* requirements.
  - \*\* requirements and submission of required data indicated in Product Substitution Procedures section.

#### 2.02 MANUFACTURED PANELS

# A. Reinforced AAC panels:

1. Composition: Autoclaved aerated concrete mixture consisting of quartz sand, lime, cement, proprietary additives, water, and reinforcement.

SELECT APPROPRIATE THICKNESS(ES) AND USE; DELETE OTHERS; SEVERAL DIFFERENT WALL THICKNESSES REQUIRE MULTIPLE SELECTION.

# SELECT STRENGTH CLASS(ES) REQUIRED.

- 2. Nominal dimensions: \*\*
  - a. Non-Load Bearing Wall panels, reinforced: \*\* 6" (150mm) \*\* 8" (200mm) \*\* 10" (240mm) \*\* 12" (300mm) \*\* thickness by 24" (610mm) width; Strength Class \*\* AC4. \*\* AC4.4 \*\* AC6. \*\*
  - b. Floor panels, reinforced: \*\* 6" (150mm) \*\* 8" (200mm) \*\* 10" (240mm) \*\* 12" (300mm) \*\* thickness by 24" (610mm) width; Strength Class \*\* AC4. \*\* AC6. \*\*
  - c. Roof panels, reinforced: \*\* 6" (150mm) \*\* 8" (200mm) \*\* 10" (240mm) \*\* 12" (300mm) \*\* thickness by 24" (610mm) width; Strength Class \*\* AC4. \*\* AC6. \*\*
  - d. Load Bearing Wall panels, reinforced: \*\* 6" (150mm) \*\* 8" (200mm) \*\* 10" (240mm) \*\* 12" (300mm) \*\* thickness by 24" (608mm) width; Strength Class \*\* AC4. \*\* AC6. \*\*
- B. Fire ratings: In accordance with UL 263, UL 1479 and UL 2079.

# 2.03 ACCESSORIES

- A. Key joint and bond beam reinforcement: ASTM A 615, Grade 60; deformed type for #3 and larger bars; actual sizes indicated on Contract Drawings.
- B. Fasteners and Anchors: Compatible with AAC materials.
- C. Joint sealant: Elite Cement Products, Inc., Atlanta GA; Flex W or equivalent.
- D. Headers and frames:
  - Headers at penetrations in floor and roof systems: Designed and detailed by AAC Panel Manufacturer.

- 2. Supplemental steel framing at openings in wall systems: Designed and detailed by Project Engineer of Record.
- E. Mortar materials, acceptable product: AERCON Thin Bed Mortar; AERCON Large Grain Mortar.

#### 2.04 MIXES

# A. Grout proportions:

- 1. Fine grout: proportion materials by volume in accordance with ASTM C 476.
- 2. Slump: 8" to 11" measured in accordance with ASTM C 143.

#### 2.05 FABRICATION

# A. Shop assembly:

1. Fabricate reinforced AAC panels in accordance with approved shop drawings.

#### **PART 3 - EXECUTION**

#### 3.01 ERECTION

# A. Reinforced AAC panel work:

- 1. Follow approved shop drawings for installation of work.
- 2. Set reinforced AAC panels plumb, level, and true to line within specified erection tolerances. Dimensional tolerances shall be non-cumulative.
- 3. Secure reinforced AAC panels in place as indicated on approved shop drawings.
- 4. Provide temporary bracing as required to resist construction loads, including wind.

# B. Building in other work:

- Install work of other sections required to be incorporated with reinforced AAC panels as work
  progresses; include anchors, and accessories. Space and align built-in parts; exercise care not to
  disturb other materials from position.
- 2. Fill in interior spaces around built-in items with fine grout or interior plaster.
- 3. Fill in exterior spaces around built-in items with fine grout or stucco.
- C. Floor and roof panels: Fill joints between reinforced AAC panels using reinforcing bars and grout, as specified. Mix and place grout in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations. Feather-out grout at joint irregularities.
- D. Cleaning and patching: Patch spalls and chips in reinforced AAC panels in accordance with AAC panel manufacturer's recommendations.

#### 3.02 APPLICATION

#### A. Erection Tolerances:

- 1. Maximum variation from plumb: 1/4" in 10'-0"; not exceeding 3/8" in 20'-0".
- 2. Maximum variation from level: 1/4" in 20'-0"; not exceeding 1/2" in 40'-0" or more.
- 3. Maximum variation in linear building line from location indicated: 1/4" at base of wall.

# END OF SECTION 03440

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#### SECTION 04240

#### AUTOCLAVED AERATED CONCRETE UNITS

Date: 03-20-03

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# PART 1 - GENERAL

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# 1.01 SUMMARY

- A. Section includes, but is not limited to: Fabrication, transportation, and erection of Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (AAC) units.
- B. Related sections:
  - 1. Section 01630: Product Substitution Procedures.
  - 2. Section 03200: Concrete Reinforcement.
  - 3. Section 03300: Cast-in-Place Concrete.
  - 4. Section 04070: Masonry Grout.
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  - 6. Section 07600: Flashing and Sheet Metal.
  - 7. Section 07650: Flexible Flashing.
  - 8. Section 07840: Firestopping.
  - 9. Section 07920: Joint Sealants.
  - 10. Section 08110: Steel Doors and Frames.
  - 11. Division 9: Finishes
  - 12. Division 15: Mechanical.
  - 13. Division 16: Electrical.

# 1.02 REFERENCES

- A. Standards of the following as referenced:
  - 1. American Concrete Institute (ACI).
  - 2. ASTM.
  - 3. The Masonry Society (TMS).
  - 4. Underwriters Laboratories, Inc. (UL).

#### 1.03 DEFINITIONS

# A. Terms:

- 1. AAC unit: Autoclaved Aerated Concrete Unit.
- 2. Bed joint: Horizontal mortar joint between two AAC units.
- 3. Head joint: Vertical joint between two AAC units.
- 4. AAC ValuBlock: Nominally rectangular face AAC unit, 24" (608mm) by 24" (608mm).
- 5. AAC block: Nominally rectangular face AAC unit, 24" (608mm) by 8" (200mm).
- 6. Strength Class: Classification that defines the physical properties of the AAC, designated as AC2, AC4, or AC6.

Autoclaved Aerated Concrete Units

#### 1.04 SUBMITTALS

# A. Quality control submittals:

 Certificate from the AAC manufacturer indicating AAC product is manufactured in accordance with ASTM C 1386.

# 1.05 QUALITY ASSURANCE

A. Furnish AAC units from single manufacturer.

## B. Mock-ups:

- 1. Lay 6'-0" long by 4'-0" high sample wall with AAC units. Orient wall as directed by Architect.
- 2. The following items are to be approved:
  - a. Mortar joints.
  - b. Control joint complete with joint sealant.
  - c. Workmanship.
  - d. Reinforcement, if required.
  - e. Flashing.
  - f. Exterior finishes.
  - g. Interior finishes.
- 3. Prepare sample wall at least 14 days prior to beginning AAC unit work. Should wall be disapproved, prepare additional walls until approved by Architect.
- Maintain wall throughout work as standard of AAC unit work. Do not destroy wall until directed by Architect.

# 1.06 DELIVERY, STORAGE, AND HANDLING

#### A. Storage and protection:

- 1. Offload AAC units and store using pallets resting on ground. Placing AAC units in direct contact with earth is prohibited.
- 2. Protect AAC units from oil and chemical staining.

# 1.07 PROJECT CONDITIONS

- A. Cold and hot weather installation practices:
  - 1. Cold weather precautions for AAC masonry work:
    - a. When temperature of AAC units is below 20°F, do not install.
    - b. Remove visible ice on AAC units prior to installation.
    - c. Heat mortar sand or mixing water to produce mortar temperatures between 40°F and 120°F at time of mixing. Maintain mortar temperature above freezing until placed.
    - d. Ambient temperature requirements:
      - 1) Between 25°F and 20°F: Use heat sources on both sides of AAC walls under construction. Install wind breaks when wind velocity is in excess of 15 mph.
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    - e. Daily mean temperature requirements:
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- 4) Below 20°F: Maintain AAC wall construction above 32°F for 24 hours after completion by enclosure with supplementary heat, electric heating blankets, infrared heat lamps, or other acceptable methods outlined to Architect.
- 2. Hot weather precautions for AAC masonry work:
  - a. When erected in ambient air temperature of 100°F or ambient air temperature of 90°F with wind velocity in excess of 8 mph, implement the following:
    - 1) Protect AAC wall construction from direct exposure to wind and sun.
    - 2) Spreading mortar beds more than 4'-0" ahead of AAC units is prohibited.
    - 3) Setting AAC unit more than one minute after spreading mortar is prohibited.

# 1.08 SEQUENCING AND SCHEDULING

- A. Loading AAC unit walls or columns is prohibited prior to the following:
  - 1. Uniform floor or roof loads: 12 hours, minimum.
  - 2. Concentrated loads: Three days, minimum.
- B. Construction activities coordination specified in other Sections for work built into walls:
  - 1. Work required under this Section includes chase and routing coordination with construction activities specified in other Sections.
  - 2. As walls are completed, coordinate with work required in other Sections for chases or routing areas required in AAC walls for electrical, plumbing, and other items.
  - 3. Request relevant construction activities to mark actual routing or chase locations; include required depth.
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  - \*\* requirements.
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#### 2.02 MANUFACTURED UNITS

# A. AAC units:

1. Composition: Autoclaved aerated concrete mixture consisting of quartz sand, lime, cement, proprietary additives, and water.

SELECT APPROPRIATE THICKNESS(ES) AND USE; DELETE OTHERS; SEVERAL DIFFERENT WALL THICKNESSES REQUIRE MULTIPLE SELECTION. SELECT STRENGTH CLASS(ES) REQUIRED.

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- 2. Nominal dimensions: \*\*
  - a. AAC Block; Tongue and Groove: \*\*4" (100mm) \*\* 6" (150mm) \*\* 8" (200mm) \*\* 10" (240mm) \*\* 12" (300mm) \*\* nominal widths by 8" (200mm) nominal height by 24" (610mm) nominal length; Strength Class \*\* AC2. \*\* AC4. \*\* AC6. \*\*
  - b. AAC Block; Flat face head joints: \*\*4" (100mm) \*\* 6" (150mm) \*\* 8" (200mm) \*\* 10" (240mm) \*\* 12" (300mm) \*\* nominal widths by 8" (200mm) nominal height by 24" (608mm) nominal length; Strength Class \*\* AC2. \*\* AC4. \*\* AC6. \*\*
  - c. AAC ValuBlock: \*\*4" (100mm) \*\* 6" (150mm) \*\* 8" (200mm) \*\* 10" (240mm) \*\* 12" (300mm) \*\* nominal widths by 24" (608mm) nominal height by 24" (608mm) nominal length; Strength Class \*\* AC2. \*\* AC4. \*\* AC6. \*\*

# SELECT APPROPRIATE LINTEL TYPE - SOLID REINFORCED TYPE OF "U" TYPE

- d. Solid lintel units; reinforced: Same width as walls by \*\* 8" (200mm) \*\* 12" (300mm) \*\* 16" (403mm) \*\* 24" (608mm) \*\* nominal height; Strength Class AC4.
- e. Lintel "U-Block" units: Same width as walls by \*\* 8" (200mm) \*\* 10" (240mm) \*\* nominal height by 24" (608mm) nominal length; Strength Class AC4.
- B. Fire ratings: In accordance with UL 263, UL 1479 and UL 2079.

# 2.03 ACCESSORIES

- A. Mortar materials:
  - AAC unit head joint and bed joint mortar; acceptable product: AERCON Thin Bed Mortar.
  - 2. Leveling bed mortar: ASTM C 270, Type "M".
  - 3. Aggregate:
    - a. Leveling bed mortar: Clean, hard, natural, washed sand in accordance with ASTM C 144.

# DELETE SUBPARAGRAPH BELOW IF NO CEMENT GROUT IS REQUIRED.

a. Masonry grout:

Fine aggregate: ASTM C 404, Size No. 1 Coarse aggregate: ASTM C 404, Size No. 89.

- 4. Water: Clean, potable, free from deleterious amounts of alkalies, acids, and organic materials.
- B. Reinforcement: ASTM A 615, Grade 60, deformed type for #3 and larger bars; actual sizes indicated on Contract Drawings.
- C. Backer rods and sealants: Specified in Joint Sealants Section.
- D. Flexible flashing: Specified in Flexible Flashing Section.
- E. Fire-rated insulation for penetrations of rates walls: Specified in Firestopping Section.
- F. Tension tie-downs; acceptable manufacturer: Go-Bolt, Inc.; DeLand, Florida or equivalent.
- G. Fasteners and Anchors: Compatible with AAC materials.

Autoclaved Aerated Concrete Units

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# 2.04 MIXES

# A. Mortar proportions:

- 1. ACC unit head joint and bed joint mortar: Mix in accordance with manufacturer's mixing instructions.
- 2. Proportion materials by volume in accordance with ASTM C 270 for leveling course only. Use AAC thin bed mortar for head and bed joints and other joints in AAC work.

# DELETE GROUT PROPORTIONS PARAGRAPH IF DELETED ABOVE.

# B. Grout proportions:

- Fine and Coarse Grout: Proportion materials by volume in accordance with ASTM C 476.
- 2. Slump: 8" to 11" measured in accordance with ASTM C 143.

# **PART 3 - EXECUTION**

#### 3.01 PREPARATION

#### A. Protection:

- 1. Keep walls dry during erection by covering at end of each work period with non-staining waterproof membrane covering.
- Protect partially completed walls not being worked on with non-staining waterproof
  membrane until construction activities specified in other sections completes protection of
  walls.
- 3. Covering: Overhang at least 2'-0" on each side of wall; anchor on each side of wall.
- 4. Protect finished exposed work from stains.
- 5. Take particular care to keep AAC units clean.
- 6. Brace walls during construction to protect from wind damage.

# 3.02 INSTALLATION

# A. Workmanship:

- 1. Lay AAC units plumb, level, and true to line for range.
- 2. Lay units in running bond with 6" minimum head joints lap in alternate courses.
- 3. Cut AAC units with unit manufacturer recommended hand type saw or electric bandsaw specially designed for cutting AAC units. Lay out units to minimize cutting.

# B. Building in other work:

- 1. Install work of other sections required to be incorporated with AAC units as work progresses; include anchors, and accessories. Space and align built-in parts; exercise care not to disturb other materials from position.
- Coordinate with SEQUENCING AND SCHEDULING Article for required routing and chases.
- 3. Fill in interior spaces around built-in items with fine grout or interior plaster.
- 4. Fill in exterior spaces around built-in items with fine grout or stucco.
- 5. Fill hollow metal frames in AAC unit walls with fine grout as wall is laid. Rake back \_" joint between hollow metal frame and adjacent AAC unit to receive sealant at butt type frames.

# C. Mortar joints:

- 1. Head and bed joints:
  - a. Lay first course in full bed of leveling bed mortar in thickness necessary to level AAC unit top; not less than 3/8 inch.

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- Apply AAC unit head joint and bed joint mortar on full face of AAC unit already laid.
- 2. Make adjustment while mortar is still soft and plastic by tapping to plumb and bringing to alignment.
- 3. Check each AAC unit as laid with mason's level for level and plumb with wall below.
- Remove and replace mortar with fresh mortar, where adjustment must be made after mortar has started to set.
- 5. Keep bed and head joints uniform in width.
- 6. Standard thickness for both horizontal and vertical mortar joints:
  - a. Base course bed joint: \_", nominal, +/- \_".
  - b. Other vertical coursing and head joints: 1/16", nominal.
- Take particular care to avoid spreading mortar on exposed face of AAC unit. Only
  normal mortar droppings will be accepted on face of AAC unit; remove only after mortar
  has dried enough not to smear.

# D. Flexible flashing:

- 1. Clean AAC unit surfaces smooth; maintain free from projections capable of puncturing flashing material.
- 2. Follow requirements indicated in Flexible Flashing Section.
- E. Joint treatment: Remove excess extruded mortar immediately after laying AAC unit; tooling joints is not required.

## F. Control joints:

- 1. Make joint \_" wide, unless indicated otherwise, rake out control joints to depth of 3/4" while mortar is still plastic.
- 2. Provide joints at 24'-0" O.C. unless otherwise indicated.
- 3. Leave joint open and clean for caulking in accord with Joint Sealants Section.

# G. Tolerances:

- 1. Maximum variation from plumb: \_" in 10'-0"; not exceeding 3/8" in 20'-0".
- 2. Maximum variation from level: \_" in 20'-0", not exceeding \_" in 49'-0" or more.
- 3. Maximum variation in linear building line from location indicated: \_" in 20'-0".

# 3.03 CLEANING AND PATCHING

- A. Keep AAC unit work free of mortar droppings as work progresses and, at completion of work, rub AAC unit to remove excess mortar
- B. Patch AAC units with excessive spalls or chips.

# **END OF SECTION 04240**