



# Product Evaluation

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Engineering Services Program

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**Product Name:** Hebel Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (AAC) Reinforced Floor Panels, Roof Panels, Wall Panels, Lintels, and Masonry Blocks

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## General Description:

Hebel AAC products are noncombustible construction materials manufactured from a mixture of silica sand, lime, water, Portland cement, and aluminum paste. Products are factory cured in an autoclave. Hebel AAC products can be divided in two main categories: non-reinforced elements (blocks) and reinforced elements (floors, roof and wall panels, and lintels). The reinforced and unreinforced products are manufactured in the following AAC Classes in accordance with ASTM C 1693-11:

- AAC-4/500, minimum compressive strength 4 MPa (580 psi), nominal density of 31 pcf (density range: 28-34 pcf)
- AAC-5/600, minimum compressive strength 5 MPa (725 psi), nominal density of 37 pcf (density range: 34-41 pcf)
- AAC-6/600, minimum compressive strength 6 MPa (870 psi), nominal density of 37 pcf (density range: 35-41 pcf)

The structural elements are reinforced with steel complying with ASTM C1694-09 requirements. Transverse wires are welded to longitudinal reinforcement to provide anchorage. All reinforcing wire is protected with a minimum 0.028" thick anti-corrosion treatment. Minimum concrete cover over the reinforcing bars is 1/2".

All metal connectors, fasteners and accessories used with the material must be of corrosion resistant material compatible with the precast units.

Hebel masonry units must be assembled using thin-layer mortar. All of the unreinforced products are permitted to be sawed, drilled or nailed. Tongue-and-groove panels can be joined dry (except in fire-resistive applications) or bonded together by means of thin layer mortar or elastomeric sealant. The panel units are permitted for use as structural roof and floor units, bearing panel walls, nonbearing curtain walls and partition panels. The blocks are permitted for use as unreinforced exterior and interior bearing and nonbearing walls.

**Floor and Roof Panels:**

Hebel AAC floor and roof panels are used in construction of floor and roof slabs. The floor and roof panels are fabricated in lengths up to 20' and thickness ranging from 4" to 12". The panels are produced in in widths ranging from 12" up to 24". The panels are manufactured with grooved edges along the longer dimension. All panels have two layers of reinforcement. All grooves must be reinforced with one No. 3, Grade 60, deformed reinforcement bar and filled with Portland cement based concrete or grout.

**Horizontal and Vertical Wall Panels:**

Hebel AAC horizontal and vertical wall panels are used for exterior walls and partition walls of steel or reinforced concrete frames. The wall panels are produced with a tongue-and-groove profile in lengths up to 20' and thickness ranging from 4" to 12". The panels are produced in in widths ranging from 12" up to 24". Vertical load-bearing wall units have reinforcing rods inserted into the groove between units. The grooves are then filled with Type M mortar. A steel plate connector is welded to structural supports. Horizontal units are held by hooked bolts (steel connectors), with a minimum edge distance of 3", welded to the structural steel.

**Curtain Wall Panels:**

Hebel AAC curtain wall panels are non-loadbearing panels. The panels are similar in construction to the horizontal and vertical wall panels except they may only be used for non-loadbearing installations.

**Lintels:**

Lintels are used to span over doors and windows in masonry construction. The lintels are up to 8' in length, 8", 10", or 12" in height and thicknesses that range from 4" to 12". Lintels are reinforced.

**Masonry Blocks:**

Hebel AAC masonry blocks are solid blocks used in loadbearing and non-loadbearing walls. The blocks are available in three configurations: Solid Block, Cored Block, and U Block. The blocks are 24" in length and 8" in height. The blocks are available in a variety of widths, ranging from 4" to 12". The blocks are laid with Hebel thin bed mortar, a ready to mix mortar. The mortared joints are approximately 1/16" to 3/32" thick and have a minimum compressive strength of 1450 psi at 28 days. The block walls are constructed in a running bond pattern.

**Installation:****General:**

The design and analysis of Hebel AAC products must follow the guidelines published in ACI-523.4R-09, Guide for Design and Construction with Autoclaved Aerated Concrete Panels, and TMS 402-11/ACI 530-11/ASCE 5-11 Building Code Requirements for Masonry Structures and the Hebel Technical Sheets and Installation Guides.

Hebel AAC systems must be designed and inspected by a Texas licensed professional engineer appointed by the TDI as a qualified inspector for compliance with the applicable building specifications adopted by the TDI.

**Foundation:**

The Hebel AAC system can be built onto a standard slab-on-grade foundation, post tension foundation, or pretension foundation. The foundation and the attachment of the Hebel AAC system to the foundation will need to be designed and inspected by a Texas licensed professional engineer appointed by the TDI as a qualified inspector for compliance with the applicable building specifications adopted by the TDI.

**Roof Framing:**

The roof framing system and the attachment of the roof framing system to the Hebel AAC system must be designed and inspected by a Texas licensed professional engineer appointed by the TDI as a qualified inspector for compliance with the applicable building specifications adopted by the TDI.

**Exterior Wall Covering, Roof Covering, Windows, Exterior Doors, Garage Doors:**

The attachment of the exterior wall coverings, roof coverings, windows, exterior doors, and garage doors must be as specified in ICC code evaluation reports or TDI product evaluation reports. Where wood bucks are used around perimeter openings as an attachment point for windows and exterior doors, the attachment of the buck to the Hebel AAC system must be designed and inspected by a Texas licensed professional engineer appointed by the TDI as a qualified inspector for compliance with the applicable building specifications adopted by the TDI. Where wood jacks are used to secure tracks for garage doors, the attachment of the wood jacks to the Hebel AAC system must be designed and inspected by a Texas licensed professional engineer appointed by the TDI as a qualified inspector for compliance with the applicable building specifications adopted by the TDI.

**Note:** Keep the manufacturer's installation instructions at the job site during installation. Use corrosion resistant fasteners as specified in the IRC, the IBC, and the Texas Revisions.