

# HAPAS

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**HAPAS Certificate**  
**17/H268**  
Product Sheet 1

### ANCHOR RETAINING WALL SYSTEMS

### ANCHOR VERTICAL WALL SYSTEM FOR REINFORCED SOIL RETAINING WALLS

This HAPAS Certificate Product Sheet<sup>(1)</sup> is issued by the British Board of Agrément (BBA), supported by Highways England (HE) (acting on behalf of the Overseeing Organisations of the Department for Transport; Transport Scotland; the Welsh Assembly Government and the Department for Regional Development, Northern Ireland), the Association of Directors of Environment, Economy, Planning and Transport (ADEPT), the Local Government Technical Advisers Group and industry bodies. HAPAS Certificates are normally each subject to a review every three years.

(1) Hereinafter referred to as 'Certificate'.

This Certificate relates to the Anchor Vertical Wall System for reinforced soil retaining walls, comprising proprietary dry-jointed modular concrete block facing units and Paragrid Geogrids. The system is used with granular and compacted fill materials for the construction of reinforced soil-retaining walls up to a maximum height of 8 metres, where the slope of the ground above the top of the wall does not increase soil pressure. Walls not complying with these requirements above this height require special consideration and are outside the scope of this Certificate.

#### CERTIFICATION INCLUDES:

- factors relating to compliance with HAPAS requirements
- factors relating to compliance with Regulations where applicable
- independently verified technical specification
- assessment criteria and technical investigations
- design considerations
- installation guidance
- regular surveillance of production
- formal three-yearly review.

#### KEY FACTORS ASSESSED

**Mechanical properties** — the interface shear capacity and long-term connection strength for various wall heights and combinations, between adjacent concrete block facing units and the layers of geogrid reinforcement, has been assessed and is satisfactory (see section 7).

**Performance of geogrids** — the short- and long-term tensile strength of the geogrids, resistance to installation damage, weathering and environmental effects, and soil/geogrid interaction have been assessed, and reduction factors for use in design determined (see section 7).

**Durability** — when designed and installed in accordance with the provisions of this Certificate, the system will have adequate durability (see section 9).

The BBA has awarded this Certificate to the company named above for the system described herein. This system has been assessed by the BBA as being fit for its intended use provided it is installed, used and maintained as set out in this Certificate.

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## Requirements

In the opinion of the BBA, the Anchor Vertica Wall System for reinforced soil retaining walls, when designed and installed in accordance with the provisions of this Certificate, will meet the requirements of all UK Highway Authorities for the design and construction of reinforced soil-retaining walls.

## Regulations

### **Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2015** **Construction (Design and Management) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016**

Information in this Certificate may assist the client, designer (including Principal Designer) and contractor (including Principal Contractor) to address their obligations under these Regulations.

See sections:                   1 *Description (1.2)* and 3 *Delivery and site handling (3.1 and 3.4)* of this Certificate.

## Additional Information

### **CE marking**

The Certificate holder has taken the responsibility of CE marking the concrete block facing units in accordance with harmonised European Standard BS EN 771-3 : 2011. The supplier of the geogrids has taken the responsibility of CE marking the geogrids in accordance with harmonised European Standard BS EN 13251 : 2016.

## Technical Specification

### **1 Description**

1.1 The Anchor Vertica Wall System for reinforced soil retaining walls comprises:

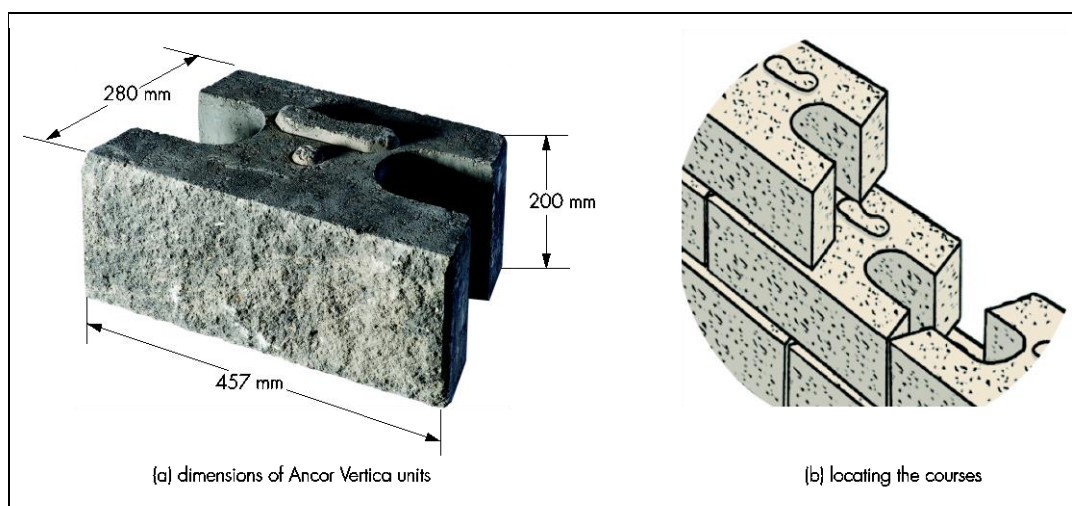
- Anchor Vertica Concrete Block Facing Units
- Paragrid Geogrids<sup>(1)</sup>
- granular material — placed behind the concrete block facing units
- compacted fill material.

(1) The subject of BBA Certificate 16/H249, Product Sheet 1.

#### **Anchor Vertica Concrete Block Facing Units**

1.2 The concrete block facing units are of a single size and have nominal dimensions of 457 mm by 200 mm by 280 mm, and a nominal weight of 39 kg (see Figure 1). All blocks have a top locator, which is in contact with the inner surface of the back wing of the upper block in the next course.

Figure 1 Anchor Vertica Concrete Block Facing Units



1.3 The concrete block facing units have a split concrete finish and are available in natural grey colour as standard. Other colours are available upon request, for which the Certificate holder should be contacted. All pigments used for the coloration of the blocks comply with BS EN 12878 : 2014.

1.4 The blocks are manufactured from concrete with a minimum 28 day compressive strength of  $40 \text{ N}\cdot\text{mm}^{-2}$ , and satisfy the durability requirements of class XF2 exposure in accordance with BS 8500-1 : 2015.

1.5 The blocks conform to BS EN 771-3 : 2011 and have the essential characteristics given in Table 1 as declared by the manufacturer.

Table 1 Anchor Vertica Concrete Block Facing Units — essential characteristics in accordance with BS EN 771-3 : 2011

Characteristic	Manufacturer's Declaration of Performance value
Dimensional tolerance	Category D2
Compressive strength ( $\text{N}\cdot\text{mm}^{-2}$ )	> 40
Reaction to fire	A1
Gross dry density ( $\text{kg}\cdot\text{m}^{-3}$ )	2300 – 2350
Water absorption (%)	< 6
Durability	Adequate for purpose

### Geogrids

1.6 The following grades of Paragrid Geogrids have been assessed by the BBA for use with the system:

- Paragrid Geogrid 30/15
- Paragrid Geogrid 50/15
- Paragrid Geogrid 80/15.

### Granular material — drainage layer

1.7 The drainage granular material placed immediately behind the concrete block facing units must be a minimum of 300 mm wide, well graded, angular, granular material with a maximum particle size of 20 mm and without fines in accordance with the Clause 6.10.4.4 of BS 8006-1 : 2010.

### Compacted fill material

1.8 The compacted fill material must comply with the requirements set out in BS 8006-1 : 2010 and the *Manual of Contract Documents for Highway Works* (MCHW), Volume 1 *Specification for Highway Works* (SHW).

## 2 Manufacture

2.1 The concrete mix is placed in moulds and hydraulically pressed to get the initial base block shape. Once pressed, the blocks are cured before being split to give the final face finish.

2.2 As part of the assessment and ongoing surveillance of product quality, the BBA has:

- agreed with the manufacturer the quality control procedures and product testing to be undertaken
- assessed and agreed the quality control operated over batches of incoming materials
- monitored the production process and verified that it is in accordance with the documented process
- evaluated the process for management of nonconformities
- checked that equipment has been properly tested and calibrated
- undertaken to carry out the above measures on a regular basis through a surveillance process, to verify that the specifications and quality control being operated by the manufacturer are being maintained.

2.3 The manufacturer's management system for the geogrids has been assessed and registered as meeting the requirements of BS EN ISO 9001 : 2008 by Lloyd's Register Quality Assurance (Certificate LRQ 0902157).

## 3 Delivery and site handling

### Concrete block facing units

3.1 The concrete block facing units are delivered to site shrink-wrapped on pallets and secured with plastic straps. Pallets should not be stacked more than two high.

3.2 The pallets are labelled with a printed polythene cover sheet including the product name and weight, date of production, the Certificate holder's name/logo, and the BBA logo incorporating the number of this Certificate.

3.3 To prevent damage, care should be taken during transit and handling. Should the top locator of a block be damaged, the block should be discarded. During prolonged periods of storage on site, the blocks should remain covered on pallets.

### Geogrids

3.4 Paragrid Geocomposites are delivered in rolls 2.25 m wide<sup>(1)</sup>. Each roll is wrapped in a black polythene bag for transit and site protection, and labelled with the grade and identification. The packaging should not be removed until immediately prior to installation. Each roll has the product grade printed at regular intervals.

(1) Other sizes are available on request.

3.5 Rolls should be stored in clean, dry conditions and protected from mechanical or chemical damage and site temperatures in excess of 30°C. When laid horizontally, the rolls may be stacked up to five high. Other loads must not be stored on top of the stack.

3.6 Toxic fumes are given off if the geocomposites catch fire and, therefore, the necessary precautions should be taken, according to the instructions of the material safety data sheet for the products.

## Assessment and Technical Investigations

The following is a summary of the assessment and technical investigations carried out on the Anchor Vertica Wall System for reinforced soil retaining walls.

## Design Considerations

### 4 General

4.1 The system is satisfactory for use in the construction of reinforced soil retaining walls up to 8 metres high.

4.2 Prior to the commencement of the work, the designer must satisfy the design approval and certification procedures of the relevant Highway Authority.

4.3 In addition to the factors included in section 6, attention must also be made in the design process to consider the following factors which influence the stability of the system:

- site preparation
- compacted fill material properties
- the specification for placing and compaction of the compacted fill material
- drainage behind the wall
- protection of the geogrid against damage during installation
- interface shear capacity between adjacent rows of concrete facing block units
- the connection strength between the concrete facing block units and geogrid layers at each layer of geogrid
- the tensile strength of the geogrids
- the embedment and resistance to sliding and pull-out of the geogrids from the compacted fill material.

4.4 It is considered that with correct design and workmanship, and by following the recommendations of this Certificate, normally accepted tolerances of line and level for the construction of retaining walls, as defined in BS 8006-1 : 2010, Table 18, can be achieved. However, due consideration should be given to Notes 1 and 2 under Table 18 of BS 8006-1 : 2010 and where critical, the BBA considers that a 76 mm tolerance, as mentioned in the Nation Concrete Masonry Association (NCMA) Guide *Segmental Retaining Walls Best Practices Guide*, should be achievable.

4.5 Particular attention must be made to changes in the direction of walls where overlapping of the geogrids may occur.

4.6 Where the wall height is not gradually reduced to zero over the length of the wall, the design must include end restraint. This can be achieved by means of a short section of wall constructed at 90 degrees to the main wall.

4.7 The BBA has not assessed the wall structure for supporting parapet loading caused by vehicle collisions at the top of the concrete facing block units.

4.8 Reinforced soil structures constructed using the system must be used with suitable barriers, to protect the structure against potential damage from vehicle impact, vehicle fires and unauthorised access.

## 5 Practicability of installation

The system is designed to be installed by trained contractors in accordance with the Certificate holder's design specifications and construction drawings.

## 6 Design

### Design Methodology

6.1 Reinforced soil-retaining walls constructed using the system must be designed in accordance with BS 8006-1 : 2010 and the MCHW, Volume 1.

6.2 In accordance with BS 8006-1 : 2010, Annex B, the required design life for a permanent wall is 120 years.

6.3 To evaluate the overall stability of the system, the design must consider the following issues relating to the performance of the geogrids and concrete block facing units:

- the long-term design strength and post construction creep strain for the geogrids
- the length of embedment of the geogrids
- the connection strength between the geogrid and the concrete block facing units
- the interface shear capacity of the blocks between layers of geogrid reinforcement.

6.4 Design must be completed by an appropriately qualified and experienced person.

### Design strength of geogrids [ultimate limit state (ULS)]

6.5 The designer must carry out appropriate design checks to ensure that the geogrids have adequate long-term tensile strength at each layer of reinforcement, to satisfy ULS design criteria as defined in BS 8006-1 : 2010. Short- and long-term tensile strength values and material reduction factors for use in the design of the geogrids are given in BBA HAPAS Certificate 16/H249, Product Sheet 1.

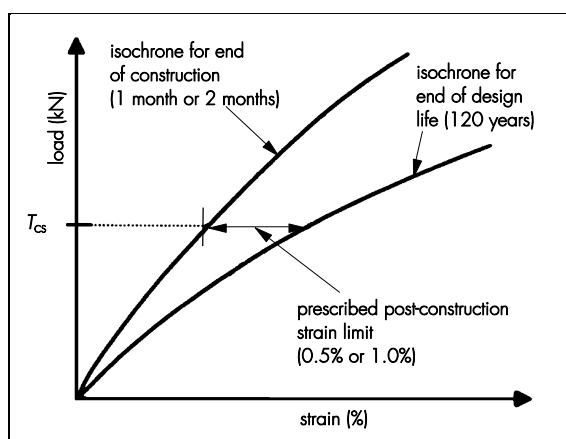
### Design strength of geogrids [serviceability limit state (SLS)]

6.6 The SLS design strength of the geogrid [ $T_{D(SLS)}$ ], should be taken as  $T_{CS}/f_m$ , where:

- $T_{CS}$  is the tensile load in the reinforcement which induces the prescribed limit value of post-construction strain in the geogrid
- $f_m$  is the partial material factor.

6.7 The prescribed post-construction strain limit and the tensile load that would create the prescribed post-construction strain ( $T_{CS}$ ) are illustrated in Figure 2.

Figure 2 Definition of  $T_{CS}$



6.8 The prescribed maximum allowable post-construction creep strains allowed in BS 8006-1 : 2010 for the SLS of reinforced soil-retaining walls are shown in Table 2.

Table 2 Serviceability limits on post-construction internal strain for soil-retaining walls

Structure	Strain (%)	Design period for the purposes of determining limiting strain
Retaining walls with permanent structural loading	0.5	2 months to 120 years
Retaining walls with no applied structural loading, ie transient live loadings only	1.0	1 month to 120 years

6.9 Post-construction strain can be related to the average load in the reinforcement. The average SLS design load ( $T_{avj}$ ) that the geogrid must resist is calculated in accordance with BS 8006-1 : 2010. The average load in the  $j^{th}$  level ( $T_{avj}$ ) is related to the maximum load in the reinforcement ( $T_j$ ) by a factor  $k$  such that  $T_{avj} = T_j/k$ . The factor  $k$  has a minimum value of unity and generally falls in the range of 1.0 to 2.0. Where the distribution of tensile load along the loaded length of the reinforcement is not proven by field measurements, the factor  $k$  should be taken as unity. In all cases  $T_{avj} \leq T_{D(SLS)}$ .

6.10 Isochronous curves, design values for  $T_{CS}$  and reduction factors for determination of  $T_{D(SLS)}$  are given in sections 7.2 to 7.4.

### Connection strength between the geogrids and concrete block facing units

6.11 The design connection strength between the geogrids and concrete block facing units ( $T_{Dconn}$ ) should be determined for the ULS, and checks should be made to ensure that it is not exceeded by the design load ( $T_j$ ) at each level, ie  $T_j \leq T_{Dconn}$ .

6.12 The design connection strength ( $T_{Dconn}$ ) is determined using the formula  $T_{Dconn} = T_{conn}/f_m f_n$ , where:

$T_{conn}$  is the long-term connection strength derived from testing (see section 7)

$f_m$  is the material safety factor for the geogrid (see section 7)

$f_n$  is the partial factor for ramification of failure in accordance with BS 8006-1 : 2010, Table 9.

6.13 The load factors used in determining the design loads should be to BS 8006-1 : 2010 for all designs using the system.

#### **Length of embedment of geogrids**

6.14 The designer must carry out design checks to ensure that the geogrids have sufficient length of embedment within the compacted fill material to prevent pull-out of the geogrid. Short- and long-term tensile strength values and material reduction factors for use in the design are given in BBA HAPAS Certificate 16/H249, Product Sheet 1.

#### **Interface shear capacity between concrete block facing units**

6.15 The system has adequate interface shear capacity when designed and installed in accordance with this Certificate.

#### **Specification of compacted fill material**

6.16 The designer should specify the relevant properties of the compacted fill material for the reinforced soil structure deemed acceptable for the purposes of the design. Acceptable materials should satisfy the requirements of BS 8006-1 : 2010 and the MCHW, Volume 1, Series 600.

## **7 Mechanical properties**

#### **Long-term tensile strength of geogrids**

7.1 Short- and long-term strength values and reduction factors required for design of the geogrids include:

- characteristic short-term tensile strengths ( $T_{char}$ )
- long-term creep rupture strengths ( $T_{CR}$ )
- maximum permissible loads to limit post-construction creep strain ( $T_{CS}$ )
- reduction factors for installation damage ( $RF_{ID}$ ), weathering ( $RF_w$ ) and environmental degradation ( $RF_{CH}$ )
- factors of safety for extrapolation of data ( $f_s$ ).

#### **Soil/geogrid interaction**

7.2 Soil/geogrid interaction coefficients for use in design are given in BBA HAPAS Certificate 16/H249, Product Sheet 1.

#### **Post-construction strain in geogrids**

7.3 Values for  $T_{CS}$  may be estimated from the appropriate isochronous curves. A typical set of isochronous curves for the Paragrid Geogrid product range is shown in Figure 3. Values of  $T_{CS}$  for Paragrid Geogrid 30/15, Paragrid Geogrid 50/15 and Paragrid Geogrid 80/15 are given in Table 3.

Figure 3 Isochronous curves — Paragrid Geogrid

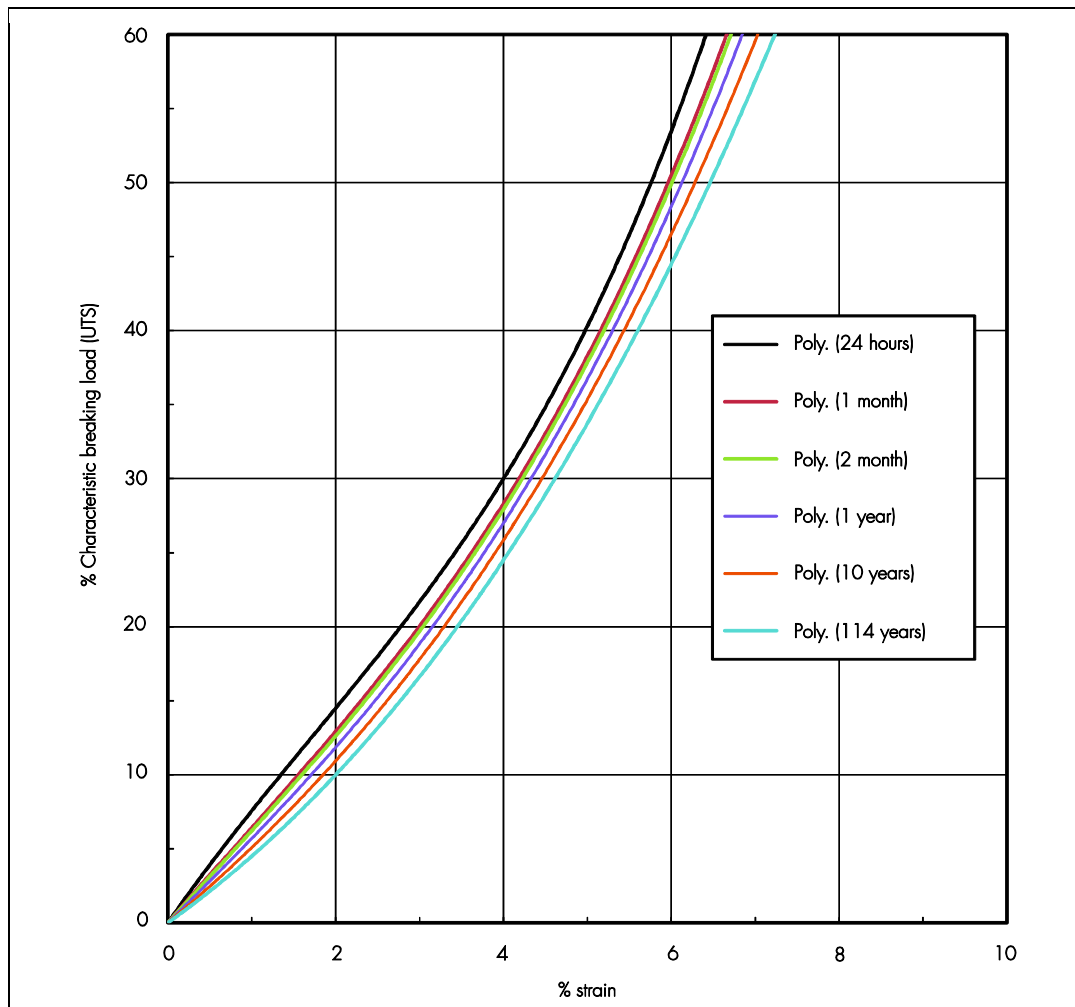


Table 3 Tensile load ( $T_{cs}$ ) inducing prescribed post-construction strain limits

Geogrid grade	$T_{cs}$ ( $\text{kN}\cdot\text{m}^{-1}$ ) prescribed post construction strain limits	
	0.5%	1.0%
Paragrid Geogrid 30/15	15	18
Paragrid Geogrid 50/15	25	30
Paragrid Geogrid 80/15	40	48

#### Connection strength between the geogrids and concrete block facing units

7.4 Long-term connection strength values ( $T_{conn}$ ) for the system have been derived from short-term tests in accordance with the NCMA *Design Manual for Segmental Retaining Walls (Second edition 2002)* and ASTM D6638 : 2007. Connection efficiencies determined from these tests have been applied to the long-term creep rupture strength ( $T_{CR}$ ) values for the geogrids approved for use with the system, to determine the relevant long-term connection strengths ( $T_{conn}$ ). The results are shown in Table 4 and can be used to determine the design connection strength ( $T_{Dconn}$ ) as set out in section 6.



**Table 4 Long-term connection strength for Paragrid geogrids ( $T_{conn}$ )<sup>(1)</sup>**

Geogrid grade	$T_{CR}$ (kN·m <sup>-1</sup> )	Height of wall above geogrid layer (m)	$T_{conn}$ (kN·m <sup>-1</sup> )
Paragrid Geogrid 30/15	18	0.0 to 1.8	5.3
		1.9 to 3.5	7.1
		3.6 to 7.0	7.8
		7.1 to 8.0	8.6
Paragrid Geogrid 50/15	30	0.0–1.8	5.0
		1.9–3.5	5.3
		3.6–7.0	9.5
		7.1–8.0	9.6
Paragrid Geogrid 80/15	48	0.0–1.8	6.7
		1.9–3.5	10.7
		3.6–5.2	12.2
		5.3–7.0	14.3
		7.1–8.0	15.0

(1) For a design life of 120 years and at a design temperature of 20°C.

7.5 The reduction factors and factors of safety shown in Table 5 should be used to determine the material factor ( $f_m$ ) required for calculation of the ULS design connection strength ( $T_{Dconn}$ ), where  $f_m = RF_{ID} \times RF_W \times RF_{CH} \times f_s$ .

**Table 5 Reduction factors for determination of  $T_{Dconn}$**

Reduction factor	Value and conditions of use/limitations
$RF_{ID}$	A value of 1.00 can be used for all grades of geogrid, as short-term installation damage at the point of connection is already taken into account during the full scale connection strength tests
$RF_W, RF_{CH}, f_s$	As set out in BBA HAPAS Certificate 16/H249 PS1, according to geogrid specification selected and conditions of use <sup>(1)</sup>

(1) pH levels within and immediately behind the wall are assumed to be the same as those in the main compacted fill material.

## 8 Maintenance

The exposed faces of the concrete block facing units may require periodic maintenance to remove dirt build-up, mould and moss growth. All other system components are confined within the wall and/or fill, and do not require maintenance.

## 9 Durability

9.1 When designed and installed in accordance with this Certificate, the system will have adequate durability for the required 120 year design life of a retaining wall and bridge abutment if the requirements of BS EN 206 : 2013 have been met.

9.2 Where the blocks are to be embedded in potentially aggressive soils, the guidance given in BS 8500-1 : 2015 and BRE Special Digest 1 : 2005 should be followed.

## 10 Reuse and recyclability

The concrete block facing units can be crushed and reused as aggregate.

## Installation

### 11 General

Installation of the Anchor Vertica Wall System for reinforced soil retaining walls should be in accordance with BS 8006-1 : 2010 and BS EN 14475 : 2006. Detailed information on installation can be found in the Certificate holder's Installation Guide.

## 12 Procedure

12.1 Anchor Vertica Concrete Facing Block Units are laid on a levelling pad which may be composed of either good compactable material (MCHW, Volume 1, Type 1) or a suitable concrete foundation (C25/20 or as specified) laid to the correct level for the first course of blocks. Where a concrete foundation is used, a base course of blocks may be laid by placing on a mortar bed to achieve the required accuracy in line and level. The top of each block should be brushed clean prior to the placement of the next course. The foundation stratum and the underlying formation below the system must be checked appropriately.

12.2 The maximum vertical spacing between geogrid layers is 600 mm.

12.3 Backfill material is placed up to the top level of the layer that requires reinforcement and compacted back to the extent of the geogrid reinforcement, or as shown on the construction drawings. Heavy plant exceeding one tonne in weight should not be allowed within two metres of the face of the wall (MCHW, Volume 1, clause 622.7). A vibrating plate compactor of less than one tonne must carry out compaction within this zone. Frequent checks must be made to the alignment of the face to ensure that any disturbance from the compaction process is promptly corrected.

12.4 A suitable length of geogrid is cut from the roll. The geogrid should be placed with the machine direction perpendicular to the wall face and within 25 mm of the face of the lower concrete block facing units.

12.5 The connection between the geogrids and concrete block facing units is achieved by the friction and mechanical interlocking of the locator of each concrete block facing unit, which pushes the geogrid onto and around the locator on the top of each block and firmly holds the geogrid in place.

*Figure 4 Method of connecting geogrid to concrete block facing units*



12.6 The reinforcement is placed on top of the channels formed in the top of the blocks.

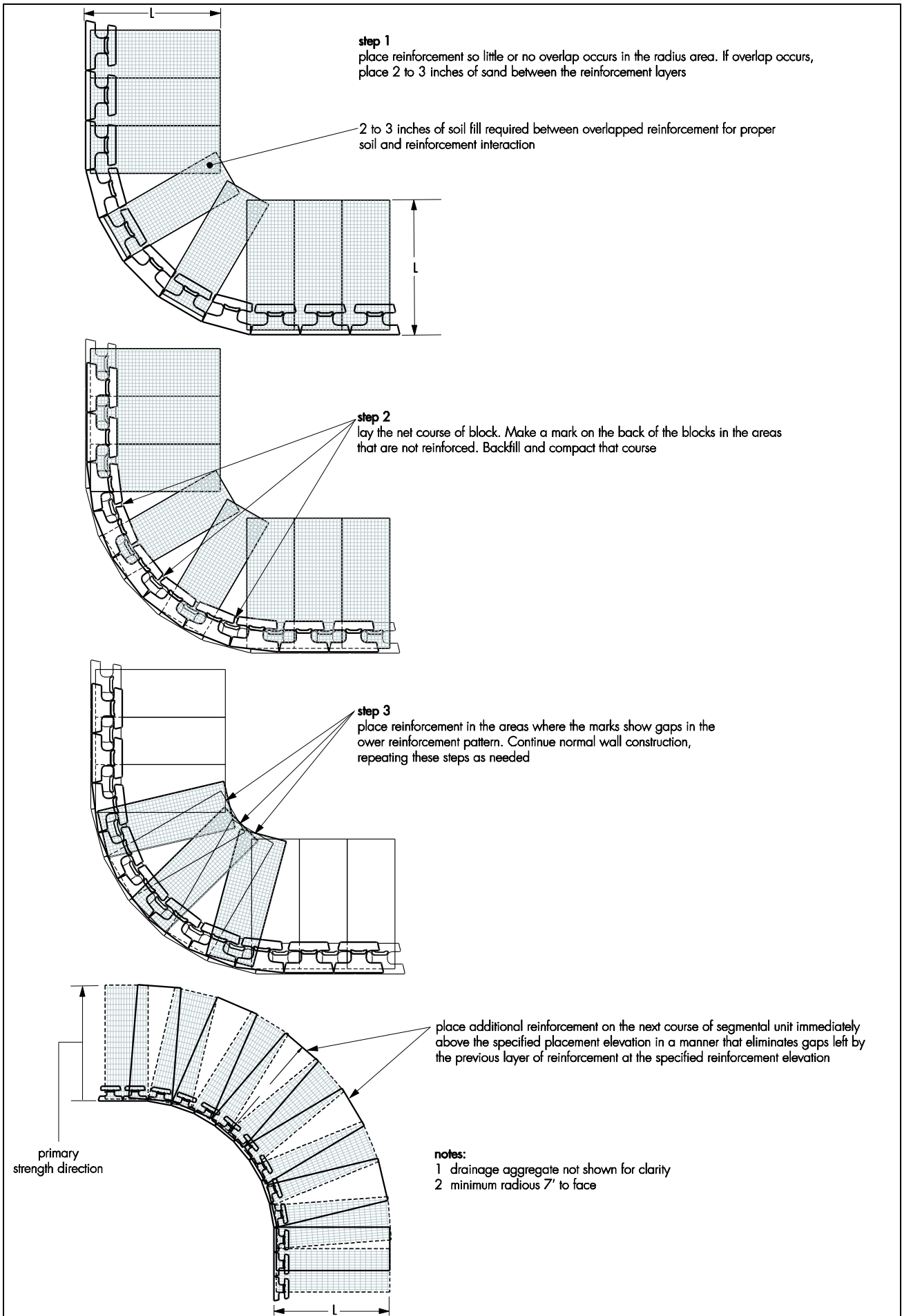
12.7 Plant machinery must not run directly over geogrids, which should be covered by at least 150 mm of fill, to avoid damage from traffic.

12.8 Granular backfill material should be placed as described in section 12.3, and further courses of blocks and geogrids added in an identical manner until the required level for a coping unit is reached.

### **Corners and curves**

12.9 External and internal curves with a minimum radius of 2.1 m (both measured to the front face of the block) can be formed (see Figure 5). It should be noted that the setback of the block will cause the radius of each course to gradually increase/decrease and affect the running bond of the wall. To maintain proper running bond, partial units should be used, as necessary.

Figure 5 Internal and external curves



12.10 External corners of 90° can be formed using special corner units available from the Certificate holder (outside the scope of this Certificate). Further guidance can be found in the Certificate holder's Installation Instructions.

## Technical Investigations

### 13 Investigations

13.1 The manufacturing process for the concrete block facing units was evaluated, including the methods adopted for quality control, and details were obtained of the quality and composition of the materials used.

13.2 An assessment was made of test data to determine:

- dimensions of facing units
- the compressive strength and gross dry density of concrete block facing units
- performance of the system under fire test conditions
- the connection strength between the geogrids and concrete facing block units
- interface shear capacity between the blocks.

13.3 An assessment was made of the method of installation to assess the practicability and ease of construction of the system.

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BS 8500-1 : 2015 + A1 : 2016 *Concrete — Complementary British Standard to BS EN 206 — Method of specifying and guidance for the specifier*

BS EN 206 : 2013 + A1 : 2016 *Concrete — Specification, performance, production and conformity*

BS EN 771-3 : 2011 + A1 : 2015 *Specification for masonry units — Aggregate concrete masonry units (dense and lightweight aggregates)*

BS EN 12878 : 2014 *Pigments for the colouring of building materials based on cement and/or lime — Specifications and methods of test*

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BS EN 14475 : 2006 *Execution of special geotechnical works — Reinforced fill*

BS EN ISO 9001 : 2008 *Quality management system — Requirements*

ASTM D6638 : 2007 *Standard Test Method for Determining Connection Strength Between Geosynthetic Reinforcement and Segmental Concrete Units (Modular Concrete Blocks)*

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### 14 Conditions

#### 14.1 This Certificate:

- relates only to the product/system that is named and described on the front page
- is issued only to the company, firm, organisation or person named on the front page – no other company, firm, organisation or person may hold claim that this Certificate has been issued to them
- is valid only within the UK
- has to be read, considered and used as a whole document – it may be misleading and will be incomplete to be selective
- is copyright of the BBA
- is subject to English Law.

14.2 Publications, documents, specifications, legislation, regulations, standards and the like referenced in this Certificate are those that were current and/or deemed relevant by the BBA at the date of issue or reissue of this Certificate.

14.3 This Certificate will remain valid for an unlimited period provided that the product/system and its manufacture and/or fabrication, including all related and relevant parts and processes thereof:

- are maintained at or above the levels which have been assessed and found to be satisfactory by the BBA
- continue to be checked as and when deemed appropriate by the BBA under arrangements that it will determine
- are reviewed by the BBA as and when it considers appropriate.

14.4 The BBA has used due skill, care and diligence in preparing this Certificate, but no warranty is provided.

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- any works and constructions in which the product/system is installed, including their nature, design, methods, performance, workmanship and maintenance
- any loss or damage, including personal injury, howsoever caused by the product/system, including its manufacture, supply, installation, use, maintenance and removal
- any claims by the manufacturer relating to CE marking.

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