

The Quirkiness of Stone...
...why it is so hard to get it right.

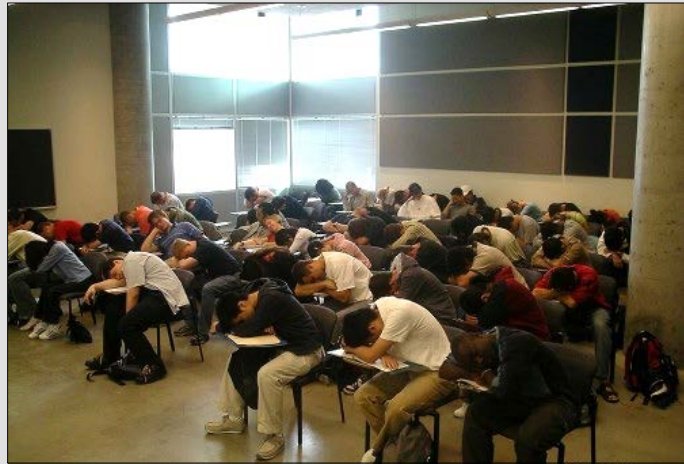
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SUGGESTIONS

1. Do what Joe says. Or else.
2. Turn your cell phone ringers off.
3. Hold your questions until the end or refer to No. 1.
4. Watch for the "Quirkiness Alerts."
5. Sit back and relax.

GEOLOGY 101



ROCK VS. STONE

Rock is...

...a naturally occurring aggregate formation of minerals and chemicals.



Stone is...

...rock that is manipulated for a specific use or purpose.



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- A. ...a popular music genre.
- B. ...an action movie actor and reality TV show host.
- C. ...a naturally occurring aggregate formation of minerals and chemicals.



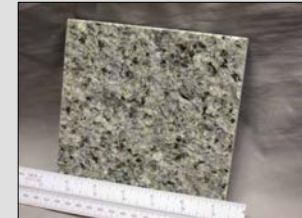
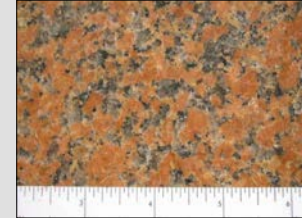
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ROCK CLASSIFICATION - IGNEOUS

- Originated from magma (molten rock)
- Examples: granite, diorite, gabbro, all very common cladding



ROCK CLASSIFICATION - SEDIMENTARY

- **Deposition, compaction, and cementation**
 - Weathered/eroded rocks and minerals
 - Shells and other fossil-forming organisms
 - Precipitated minerals
 - Often a combination of all of the above
- **Examples: Sandstone, Shale, Limestone, Dolomite, Travertine**



ROCK CLASSIFICATION - METAMORPHIC

- **Original rock altered by exposure to temperature, pressure.**
 - Realignment of minerals
 - Recrystallization
 - Chemical alteration
- **Metamorphosed igneous: gneiss or schist**
- **Metamorphosed sedimentary: slate, quartzite, and marble**



STONE BUILDING SYSTEM DEFINITIONS

- **Bearing Wall**
 - Full thickness of the wall.
 - Load Bearing - Structural
- **Thick Cladding**
 - Greater than 2 inches thick.
 - Does not support building loads, but can be stacked.
- **Thin Cladding**
 - 2 inches or thinner.
 - Does not support building loads.
- **Paving**
 - Thickness varies with application/ system.
 - Load bearing – always.

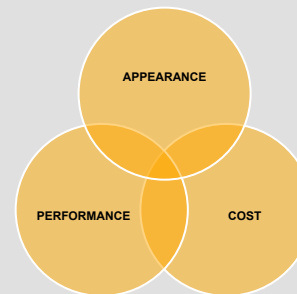


STONE INDUSTRY REFERENCES

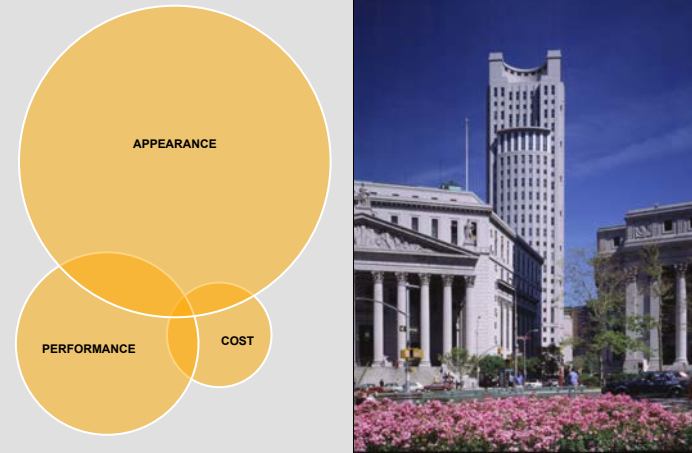
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- **Tile Council of North America (TCNA) Handbook for Ceramic Tile Installations**
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- **European Standards**

STONE SELECTION

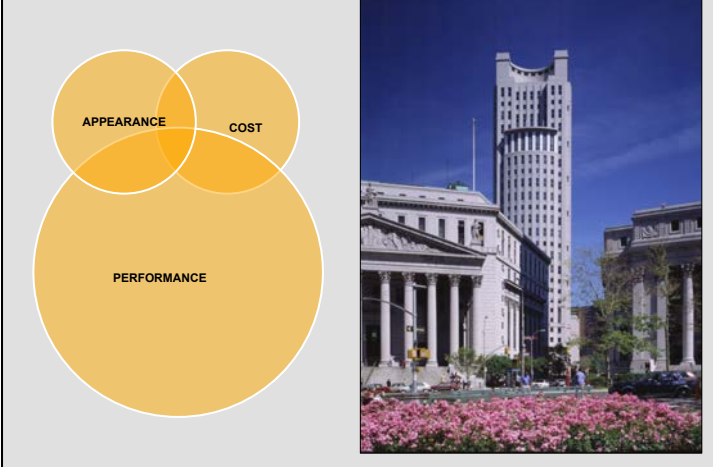
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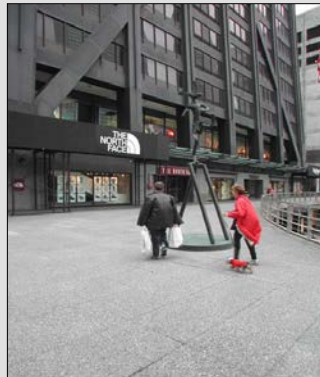


STONE SELECTION CRITERIA - ENGINEER



STONE SELECTION CONSIDERATIONS

- Stone Availability/Orientation
- Stone Fabrication
- Bedding Planes, Veins, and Rift
- Material/Structural Properties
- Primary Structure
- Loading Conditions (at grade, at elevation)
- Back-up Material/System
- Serviceability



Stone Availability/Orientation

- Limestone (typically >2 inches for cladding)
- Sandstone (typically >2 inches for cladding)
- Granite
- Marble
- Travertine
- Slate



Stone Fabrication

- **Stone Finish**
 - **Material Properties (Strength, Absorption)**
 - **Slip Resistance**
 - **Staining**
 - **Dirt Retention/Cleaning**
- **Tolerances**
 - **Joint Widths**



Material/Structural Properties

- **Engineering Properties – Actual (Near-term)**
 - Flexural Strength (ASTM C880)
 - Compressive Strength (ASTM C170)
 - Modulus of Rupture (ASTM C99)
 - Specific Gravity (ASTM C97)
 - Absorption (ASTM C97)
- **Engineering Properties – Predictive (Long-term)**
 - **Accelerated Weathering Test**
 - Petrographic Analysis (ASTM C1721)
 - Prior Use and Experience



Test both wet and dry...

Material/Structural Properties

Stone Flexural Strength Comparison - ASTM C880/C99

Granite	C880	1200 psi
Marble	C880	1000 psi
Limestone Class III (High Density)	C99	1000 psi
Limestone Class II (Med. Density)	C99	500 psi
Limestone Class I (Low Density)	C99	400 psi
Sandstone Class III (Quartzite)	C99	2000 psi
Sandstone Class II (Quartzitic)	C99	1000 psi
Sandstone Class I	C99	350 psi
Travertine Class I (Exterior)	C880	1000 psi
Travertine Class II (Interior)	C880	700 psi

Material/Structural Properties

Variability

- **Between Different Stone Classifications**



Material/Structural Properties

Variability

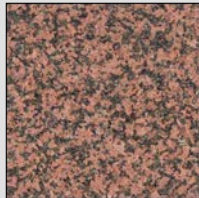
- **Within a Stone Classification**



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1000 psi



1600psi

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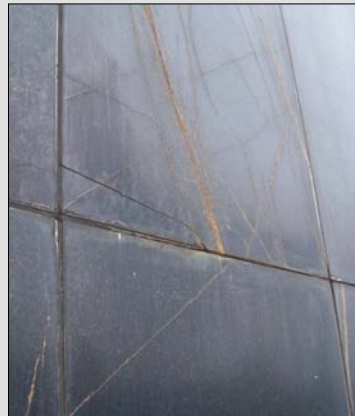
- **Between Stones of the Same Type!**



Material/Structural Properties

Bedding Planes, Veins, and Rifts

- **Material Properties**
 - Flexural Strength
 - Absorption
- **Weathering/Erosion**
- **Discoloration**



Material/Structural Properties

Strength Loss due to Weathering



Material/Structural Properties

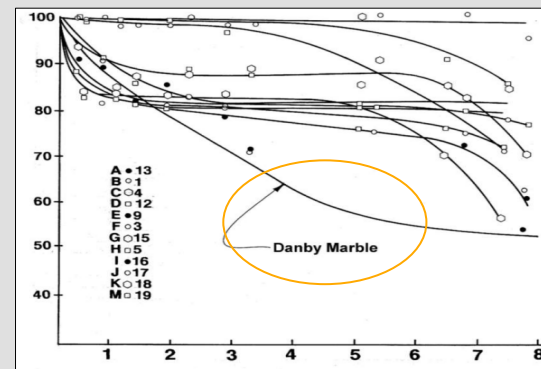
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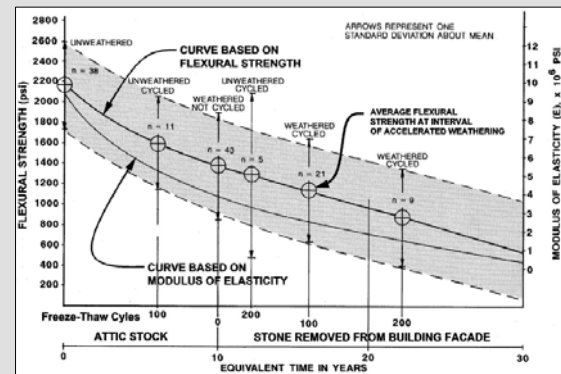
Real Time Weathering



Material/Structural Properties

Strength Loss due to Weathering

Accelerated Weathering



Material/Structural Properties

Durability

- Material Characteristics (Voids, Veining)
- Density
- Absorption
- Compressive Strength
- **Abrasion Resistance**



Material/Structural Properties

Durability

Physical Properties Relevant to Stone Durability

Testing Standard	Physical Property	Granite	Marble*	Travertine**	High Density Limestone	Medium Density Limestone	Low Density Limestone
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ASTM C170	Compressive Strength, Min. (lb/in ²)	19,000	7,500	7,500	8,000	4,000	1,800
ASTM C241	Abrasion Resistance, Min. (Ha)	25	10	10	10	10	10

Per ASTM C615, C503, C568, and C1527

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** For exterior applications

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Durability

- Attractive characteristics are not always good.
- Concessions regarding durability may need to be accepted by the project team for certain stone types in certain applications.
- Whatever you think the in-service conditions will be, they will be worse.



Material/Structural Properties

Sealant Stain Resistance

- ASTM D2203, "Standard Test Method for Staining from Sealants"
- Changes in Formulation
- Primer Influence
- Cleaning
- An old problem...



Material/Structural Properties

Salt Crystallization Resistance



Material/Structural Properties

Color Changes

- Weatherization Chamber Testing (Accelerated Aging)
- ASTM C 1721, "Standard Guide for Petrographic Examination of Dimension Stone"



Primary Structure

- **The primary structure can influence cladding performance.**
 - Unintended Load Transfer
 - Excessive Structural Displacement
 - Reflective Cracking



Loading Conditions

Cladding

- **Vertical**
 - Gravity
 - Stacking
- **Lateral**
 - Wind
 - Seismic
- **Impact (at grade)**
- **Interaction with other Facade Materials**
 - Awnings, Signage



Loading Conditions

Paving

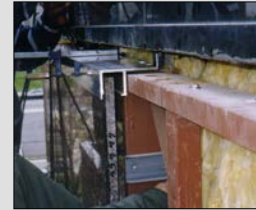
- **Dynamic Loads**
 - Pedestrian
 - Vehicular
- **Static Loads**
 - Planters
 - Bollards
 - Threat Protection Barriers
- **Impact Loads**



Back-up Material/System

Cladding

- **Material Type**
- **Attachment to primary structure.**
- **Integrity/consistency of material.**
- **Stiffness Compatibility**
- **Ability to manage water entry (flashing).**
- **Construction tolerances in back-up.**



Back-up Material/System

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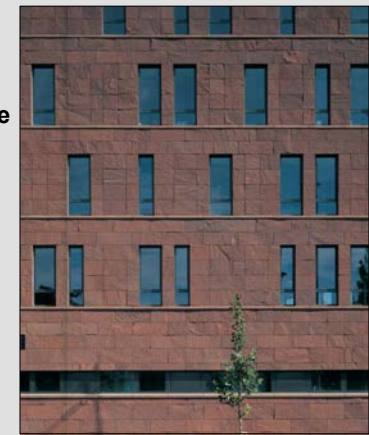
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Serviceability/Maintenance

Cladding

- **Weather Resistance**
- **Repair/Replacement/Maintenance (attic stock)**
- **Resistance to Soiling/Ease of Cleaning**
 - Run-down Staining



Serviceability/Maintenance

Paving

- **Repair/Replacement/ Maintenance (Attic Stock)**
- **Resistance to Soiling/Ease of Cleaning**
- **Weather Resistance**
- **Drainage (Lack of Ponding)**
- **Impact Resistance**
- **Chemical Resistance**
- **Slip Resistance**



STONE DESIGN

STONE DESIGN PROCESS OVERVIEW

- **Pre-design**
 - Review Available Test Data
 - Preliminary Stone Selection
 - Preliminary System Selection
- **Design**
 - Assumed Physical Properties based on Available Test Data
- **Production Testing**
 - Confirm stone meets project requirements... **PRIOR TO DELIVERY!**
- **Confirm Design**
 - Actual Material and Structural Properties



Safety Factors

- **Considerations that safety factors take into account:**
 - Variability of Load
 - Workmanship
 - Stress Concentrations
 - Construction Tolerances
 - Fabrication Tolerances
 - Variability of the Stone
 - Strength Loss Due to Weathering



Safety Factors

- **Most Commonly Accepted Approach:**
 - Recommendations of the Various Stone Trade Groups
 - Empirical
 - Allowable Stress Design
- **Other methods are used to develop factors of safety for dimension stone design:**
 - Variability of Strength
 - Characteristic Strength (3.0 X 95% strength)
 - Load Application Accuracy
 - Load and Resistance Factors

Safety Factors - Values

Recommended Industry Standard Safety Factors for Design of Stone Cladding

Organization	Stone Type	Safety Factor (Bending)	Safety Factor (Connection Zones, Concentrated Loads)
National Building Granite Quarriers Association	Granite	3	4
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	Marble	5	5
	Slate	5	5
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CLADDING

STONE CLADDING SYSTEM DEFINITION

- Typically individually supported.
- Does not support building loads.
- Flexural loading controls.
- Joints may be filled with sealant or mortar.



STONE CLADDING DESIGN OBJECTIVES

- Transfer applied loads to primary structure.
- Weather Resistant
- Durable
- Attractive
- Innovative



STONE CLADDING SUPPORT SYSTEMS

- Individual Anchors
- Proprietary Systems/Individually Anchored
- Strongback Truss
- Stone-faced Precast Concrete



STONE CLADDING DESIGN RESPONSIBILITIES

- **Architect**
 - Monitor/participate in stone cladding design process.
 - Provide a basis of design concept.
 - Anticipate cladding interaction with other building systems.
 - Identify known critical interface conditions.
- **Engineer**
 - Back check applied cladding loads against design assumptions.
- **Contractor**
 - Coordinate cladding installation requirements with other trades.
- **Stone Subcontractor**
 - Provide basis of design concept or fully coordinated alternate system.
- **Specialty Engineer**
 - Retained by Stone Subcontractor
 - Provide final cladding design based on actual physical properties.

BASICS OF STONE CLADDING DESIGN

- Safety Factors
- Stone Capacity
- Common Anchor Types
- Anchor/Stone Interaction
- Fabrication Tolerances

Perform separate analyses of stone and anchors, but evaluate interactivity

COMMON STONE ANCHOR TYPES

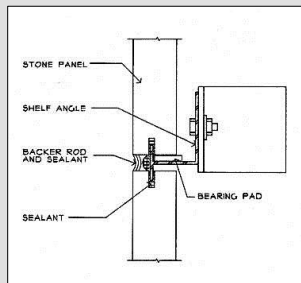
- Edge Supported
- Back Surface-mounted



Edge-supported Anchors

Continuous Kerf Anchors

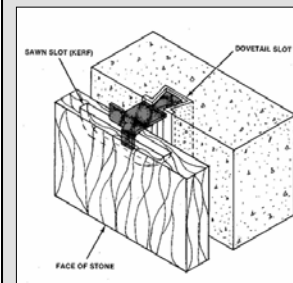
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Edge-supported Anchors

Discontinuous Kerf Anchors

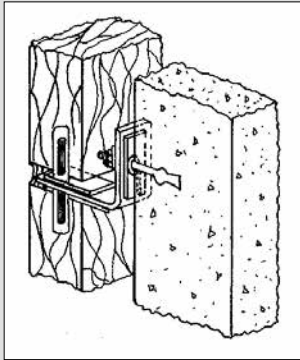
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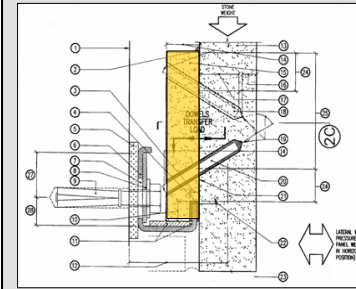
Dowels

- Dowels are set in slightly oversized (in diameter) holes filled with SEALANT.



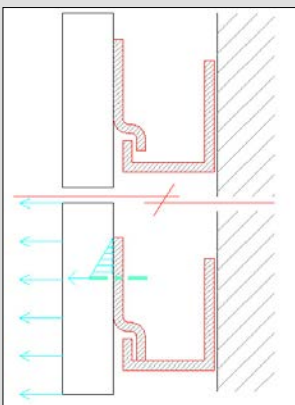
Back Surface-mounted Anchors

Liner Blocks



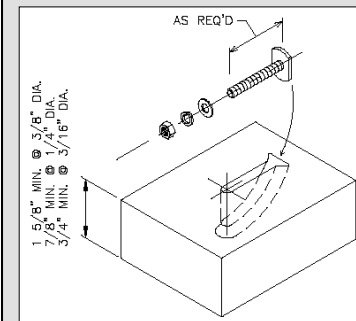
Back Surface-mounted Anchors

H and J Clips



Back Surface-mounted Anchors

Type 31 Anchor



CONDITIONS TO AVOID (cont'd)

- Complex load paths.
- Long spans.
- Overhead conditions.
- Un-accommodated volume changes.
- Anchor/back-up systems with differing stiffness.



UNIQUE DETAILING CONDITIONS

- Interface Conditions
- Building Expansion Joints
- Excessive Shimming/Wide Cavities
- Non-horizontal/Non-vertical Joints
- Overhead Conditions



Interface Conditions

- **Includes:**
 - Ground
 - Windows
 - Doors
 - Roofs
- **Critical for air and water management, plus differential movements.**



Expansion Joints

- **Accommodate movements due to:**
 - Expansion/Contraction of Stone
 - Structural Loading
 - Movements of the Back-up
- **Assess Overall Structural Design**



Excessive Shimming/Wide Cavities

- Should compensate for tolerances, not mistakes.
- Use hard, durable materials.
- Permanent vs. Temporary
- Size
- Stacking/Stability



Non-horizontal/non-vertical Joints

- Asymmetric Loading
- Anchor Orientation
- Avoid Stone Restraint



Overhead Installations

- Avoid Chemical Anchors
- Constant Loading
- Over-design Anchorage



INTERIOR INSTALLATIONS

- Format size affects competence of installation.
- Adhesion reliability is proportional to panel size.
- Mechanical anchorage where possible.
- **Installation controls strength requirements.**
- Quality control to assess mortar coverage is critical.
- Back-up stiffness and plumbness influences installation.



CRITICALLY RELATED SYSTEMS

- **Flashing/Drainage**
- **Weather Barrier**
- **Air Barrier**
- **Insulation**
- **Fenestration**
- **Sealant**
- **Paving**



STONE DESIGN

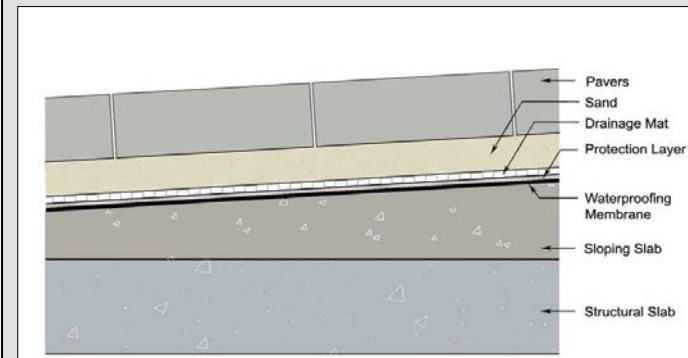
PAVING

PAVING SYSTEM COMPONENTS

- **Pavers**
 - Stone, Precast Concrete, Ceramics, Brick
- **Joint System**
 - Grout (a.k.a. Mortar) or Sealant
- **Support System**
 - Sand, Asphalt, Mortar, Pedestals
- **Drainage Provisions**
 - Slope, Drains, Scuppers
- **Waterproofing (if over occupied space)**
 - Hot Fluid-applied, Cold Fluid-applied, Sheets-applied
- **Substrate**
 - Post-tensioned Concrete, Cast-in Place Concrete, Slabs on Grade

Support Systems

Sand-set



Support Systems

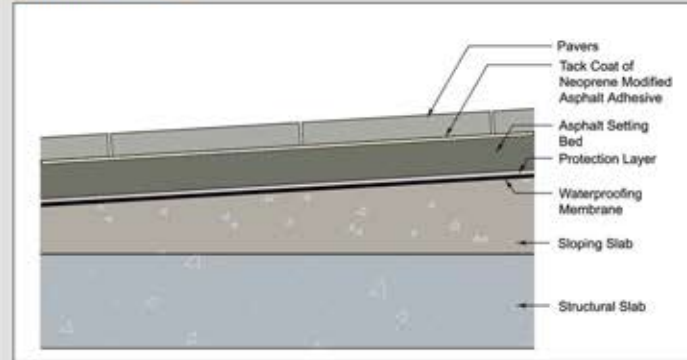
Sand-set

- Well Graded Sand for Drainage
- Constant Sand Depth
- Restraint at Perimeters
- Sand-filled Joints
- Frequent Maintenance
- Limited to Small Formats



Support Systems

Bituminous-set



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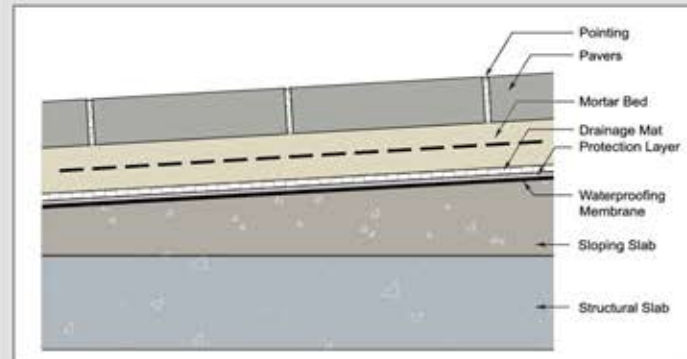
Bituminous-set

- Similar to Sand-Set System
- Saturation of Pavers Expected
- Limited to Small Formats
- Surface Drainage Only
- Can "Pump"
- Sand-filled Joints



Support Systems

Mortar-set



Support Systems

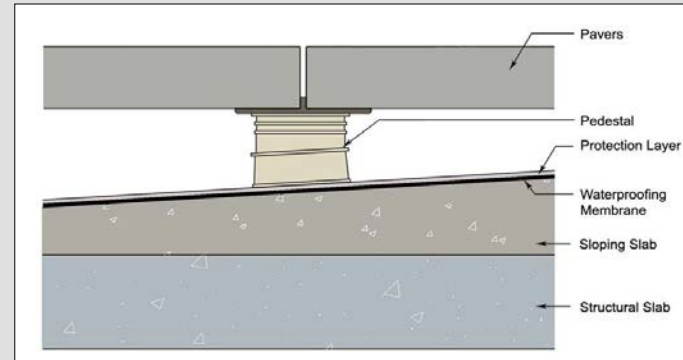
Mortar-set

- **Bonded**
- **Unbonded (reinforced)**
- **Mortar Mix Design Critical**
 - Bond Strength
 - Proprietary Systems
 - Mortar Consistency Important
- **Expansion Joints Required**
- **Can use mortar or sealant in joints.**



Support Systems

Pedestal-set



Support Systems

Pedestal-set

- **Relies on stone strength.**
- **Thickness depends on span.**
- **Can be placed level.**
- **Debris can fill joints and limit drainage.**
- **Can be used with or without sealant in joints.**
- **Occasional Maintenance**
- **Mark drains for cleaning.**
- **Water WILL collect on surface.**



BASICS OF STONE PAVING DESIGN

- **Paver Durability**
 - Appropriate & Inappropriate Materials for Exterior Applications
- **Drainage**
 - Above and Below-Grade Drainage Considerations
- **Accommodation of Movement**
 - Expansion Joint Frequency, Location, and Detailing
- **Joint Material Selection**
 - Appropriate & Inappropriate Materials and Mix Designs
- **Loading Conditions**
 - Static and Dynamic Loads

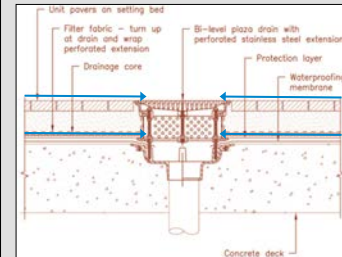
Paver Durability

- Material Characteristics (Voids, Veining)
- Density
- Absorption
- Abrasion Resistance
- Compressive Strength



Drainage

- Primary Drainage at Grade
- Secondary Drainage at Waterproofing Level



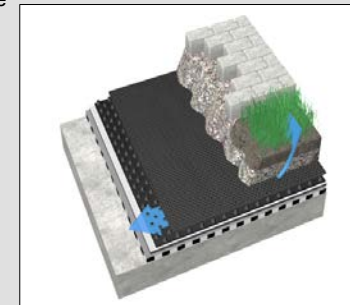
Drainage

- Water storage within the system should be limited, particularly in insulated systems.
- Maintenance is critical to ensuring performance of the installed drainage system.
- Secondary at Trench Drains



Drainage

- Drainage Mats
 - Provides paths for water flow at the membrane level.
 - Ensure water can drain from the drainage mat, i.e. sufficient slope and drains.
 - Slope is still necessary to promote drainage.
 - Use appropriate product for compressive loads anticipated.
 - Use in conjunction with protection board to avoid clogging and membrane damage.



Movement

- **Expansion Joints**

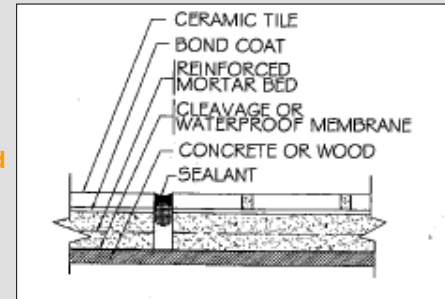
- Reduces Shear Stresses in System
- Frequency/Spacing
- Must align with substrate in bonded systems.
- Proper Detailing
- Plane Changes



Movement

- ILI – Recommends joints, but does not provide specific direction.
- MIA – References TCNA for specific recommendations.
- TCNA – References Method EJ171 in the TCNA Handbook.

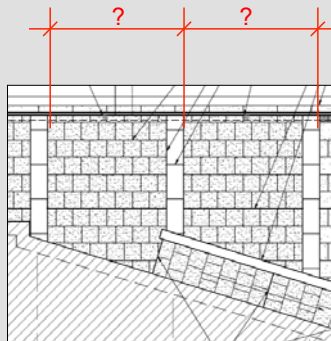
- What is good for ceramic tile is good for Stone?



Movement

- **TCNA Handbook - Method EJ171**

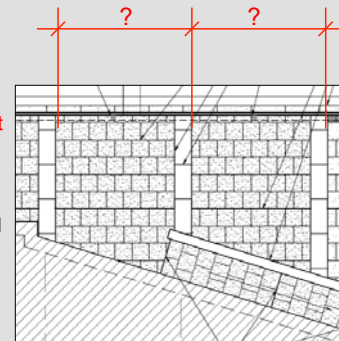
- Spacing – 8 ft. to 12 ft. in Each Direction.
- Minimum Joint Width of 3/8 in. for 8 ft. Spacing
- Minimum Joint Width of 1/2 in. for 12 ft. Spacing
- Increase Joint Width by 1/16 in. for Every 15° F. Greater than 100° F. Temperature Variation



Movement

- **TCNA Handbook - Method EJ171**

- Exposed plazas in the northern U.S. typically require 3/4 in. joints at 12 ft. o.c.
- Architect/Engineer must ensure the adequacy of these recommendations for the specified natural stone paving material selected.



Movement

- **Expansion Joint Location**
 - Drains or other inset materials.
 - Embedded railing anchorages.
 - Walls from paving system.
 - Fixed elements (stairs).



Joint Filling Material

- **Prevents Lateral Movement**
- **Allows for Accommodation of Minor Stone Size Variation**
- **Primary Water Ingress Barrier**
- **Completes Walking Surface**
- **Prevents Debris Accumulation in Joints**



Joint Filling Material - Mortar

- **Materials**
 - Sand
 - Cementitious Binder
 - Admixtures
 - Water
- **Proportioning**
- **Optimize Bond to Pavers**
- **Long-Term Durability**
 - Freeze-Thaw Resistance



Joint Filling Material - Mortar

- **Proportioning: MIA & TCNA**
 - Controlled by Joint Width
 - Increase Sand for Larger Joints

Material	Specification	Paving Joint Width		
		0-1/8"	1/8" -1/2"	Over 1/2"
Cement	ASTM C 150, Type I or II	1 Part	1 Part	1 part
Sand	ASTM C 144	1 Part	2 Parts	3 Parts
Lime	ASTM C 206 (Type S) or ASTM C 207 (Type S)	1/5 Part (Optional)		

Joint Filling Material - Mortar

- **Proportioning: BIA (ASTM C270)**
 - Controlled by Strength

Material	Specification	Material Proportion by Volume	
		Type M	Type S
		Compressive Strength (min. at 28 days): 2500 psi	Compressive Strength (min. at 28 days): 1800 psi
Cement	ASTM C 150, Type I or II	1 Part	1 Part
Sand	ASTM C 144	2-3/4 to 3-3/4 Parts	3-3/4 to 4-1/2 Parts
Lime	ASTM C 206 (Type S) or ASTM C 207 (Type S)	1/4 Part	1/4 to 1/2 Parts

Joint Filling Material - Sealant

- Silicone or Polyurethane
- ASTM D2203, "Standard Test Method for Staining from Sealants"
- "Halo" or "Picture Frame" Effect
- Changes in Formulation
- Primer Influence
- Cleaning



PAVING CHALLENGES

- **Plane Changes**
 - Ramps, Stairs
- **Planters**
- **Water Features**
- **Penetrations**
 - Railings, Bollards



CONDITIONS TO AVOID

- Cracks/Discontinuities in Substrates
- Un-accommodated Volume Changes
- Irregular Joint Patterns
- Changes in Bearing, Depth
- Inadequate System Depth
- High Absorption Stone
- Improper Mortar Types
- Large Formats
- Long Spans



STONE CONSTRUCTION - SUMMARY

- **It's Complicated...**
...use common sense as your guide, and do your homework.
- **It lasts...**
...we have been building with stone for thousands of years, and will continue, despite its challenges.
- **It's natural...**
...which is both a blessing and a curse.
- **It's handsome...**
...nothing looks better than a well executed stone building.

