



SPLIT FACE

ARCHITECTURAL CMU PRODUCT DATA SHEET



Innovative Concrete Solutions For Inspired Spaces™

DESCRIPTION

Austin Block + Hardscape manufactures structural and non-structural Split Face concrete masonry units. The structural units conform to **ASTM C90** Specification for Loadbearing Masonry Units, Medium Weight. These units also comply with the latest editions of the International Building Code (IBC). The non-structural units conform to **ASTM C129** Specification for Nonloadbearing Concrete Masonry Units. Special order aggregates can be used to achieve different architectural effects, weights, or strengths. All block are run on a per job basis and are available with a four to six week lead time. Minimum quantity production order may be required.

Split Face is the process of splitting specially designed blocks (that have been molded together) with a guillotine splitter. Splitting blocks in this way allows for the most natural split face to emerge, and it keeps each individual block unique. This process exposes the aggregate within the block's composition, which is a desired effect as it contributes to the final color.

COLOR

Granular pigments for colored concrete are designed to be used specifically in cementitious materials. Austin Block + Hardscape utilizes such color pigments which are certified **ASTM C979** for integral coloring. These pigments allow for a wide range of colors. The pigments are only a part of the color spectrum we offer as the aggregates used in manufacturing the concrete masonry units will also impact the final color. Custom color matching is available in certain circumstances. Available colors are listed on the next page...

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COLOR (continued)

Austin Limestone	Dim Gray	Pink Ruby	Salt & Pepper
Brownwood	Misty Rosa	Platinum	Sandy Brown
Carbon	Mocha	Rustic Capital	Sea Shell
Dark Red	Noche	Saddle Brown	Wheat

Austin Block + Hardscape offers a custom color service to meet your project specifications. Our advanced process allows for unique combinations. See your account manager for more details.

SAFETY

Always wear appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) including hard hats, steel-toe boots, safety glasses, gloves, and dust masks when working with this product. For comprehensive information on all hazards, please refer to the Austin Block + Hardscape® MiriBuild® MiriStone® Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS).

TESTING DATA

Please see your Austin Block + Hardscape Sales Professional for the latest testing data.

PART ONE - GENERAL | SUBMITTAL

Submit color samples for selection from manufacturer’s group. Submit product literature, third-party certified test reports and full-size samples of each color specified.

PART ONE - GENERAL | QUALITY ASSURANCE

Certifications: Austin Block + Hardscape® MiriBuild® MiriStone® Split Face shall comply with the recommendations of the National Concrete Masonry Association, and conform to ASTM C90, for hollow and solid load bearing units. A sample panel shall be constructed for approval of color and texture prior to erecting walls.

PART ONE - GENERAL | RELATED INFORMATION

Fire Resistance: Hourly fire rating information defined and required by NCMA TEK 7-01C which can be found at: <http://ncma-br.org> (Under the Tek then 7 Fire Resistance).

ASTM C90-16a: Standard Specification for Loadbearing Concrete Masonry Units.

ASTM E119: Standard Specification for Non-Loadbearing Concrete Masonry Units.

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PART TWO - PRODUCTS | MIRISTONE® SPLIT FACE CONCRETE MASONRY UNIT - COLORS

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PART TWO - PRODUCTS | MIRISTONE® SPLIT FACE CONCRETE MASONRY UNIT - SIZES

The Split Face finish is available for all 4-inch, 6-inch, 8-inch, 10-inch, 12-inch, and 24-inch CMU products under the MiriBuild® brand.

PART TWO - PRODUCTS | MIRISTONE® SPLIT FACE CONCRETE MASONRY UNIT - MANUFACTURER

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PART THREE - EXECUTION | LAYING MASONRY WALLS

All Split Face Masonry Units shall be drawn from more than one pallet at a time and must be laid using the best concrete masonry practices. Lay block with the faces level, plumb and true to the mason line strung horizontally at the finished side of the block. Both horizontal and vertical joints should be 3/8" on the finished side of the wall. Joints should be neatly and uniformly tooled after they are finger-hard. Cut pieces should be sized and placed properly to maintain bond and consistency.

PART THREE - EXECUTION | INSTALLATION

Always use adequate lighting for masonry work to ensure even and consistent illumination. Place lights at a reasonable distance from the wall, avoiding trough lighting for the best results. When cutting, utilize the correct type of motor-driven masonry saws for all cuts, including those for bonding, holes, and boxes. Use diamond or abrasive blades and make neat cuts to provide the best appearance.

PART THREE - EXECUTION | MORTAR BED & JOINTING

Units shall be laid with full mortar coverage on head and bed joints without blocking cores. All joints shall be tooled when finger-print hard. Remove mortar from the face of masonry before it sets. Tuck-point all joints of scored units for creating proper appearance. All exterior scored units must be tuck-pointed to prevent water penetration. DO NOT RAKE JOINTS.

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PART THREE - EXECUTION | FINAL CLEANING

First, cut out defective mortar joints and holes in exposed masonry and re-point them with mortar. Then, clean a sample wall panel using an approved cleaner, proceeding with the cleaning only after the sample panel has been approved by the Architect. Clean architectural concrete masonry following the recommendations of both the masonry manufacturer and the proprietary cleaning product manufacturer. After cleaning, allow the units to dry completely for several days. When specified, apply a sealer recommended by Austin Block + Hardscape for the chosen color(s).

PART THREE - EXECUTION | FIELD COAT APPLICATION

Please refer to the sealer manufacturer's recommendation for application of product. Airless spraying is always the preferred method. It is recommended that an experienced painting contractor apply the field coats of sealant. Manufacturer will provide the name of sealant used on each job upon request and reserves the right to change brands at its sole discretion. It is crucial to note that different sealers are recommended from the manufacturer for different colors due to possible discoloration of lighter pigments. Ask your ABH Sales Representative for more information about recommended sealers.



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