



MORE MASONRY CAVITY WALLS DETAILS

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ABSTRACT

This paper is a continuation of the effort that was begun in the articles on "Architectural Design of Masonry Cavity Walls" and "Masonry Cavity Wall Details" both of which appear elsewhere in these proceedings. This series of papers is an attempt to reduce the number and severity of architectural design errors in the preparation of contract documents for the construction of masonry cavity walls.

INTRODUCTION

The day Christ died or thereabouts a Roman architect wrote, "... if a wall is in a state of dampness all over, construct a second thin wall a little way from it on the inside, at a distance suited to circumstances, and in the space between these two walls run a channel, at a lower level than that of the apartment, with vents to the open air. Similarly, when the wall is brought up to the top, leave air-holes there. For if the moisture has no means of getting out by vents at the bottom and at the top, it will not fail to spread all over the new wall." (Vitruvius 1960)

In the Greco-Roman city of Pergamum in western Turkey the Romans built metal tied cavity walls, albeit filled with rubble. Nearly two millennia later in the late 1800's after a period of trying masonry bonded hollow walls, the English introduced two wythes of metal tied masonry separated by an air space. However, few such walls were built until around 1920. Use of cavity walls greatly expanded in the period between the World Wars. By 1930 the idea had crossed the channel into Europe and across the Atlantic into North America (De Vekey 1988).

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Then as now cavity walls are the premier form of masonry wall construction. Properly designed, built, and maintained they can be beautiful, relatively inexpensive, and very functional. They have adequate strength, do no leak, are durable and highly resistant to transmission of heat, sound, and fire. They can be made to absorb sound and resistant to transmission of air and vapor.

Cavity walls perform better than most in adversity, capable of sustaining abuse by manufacturers, design professionals, contractors, masons, and owners. If a wall is to be built of masonry, there should be some compelling reason not to build a cavity wall. The means for their proper design is presented in a series of papers in these proceedings. This paper includes eleven construction details.

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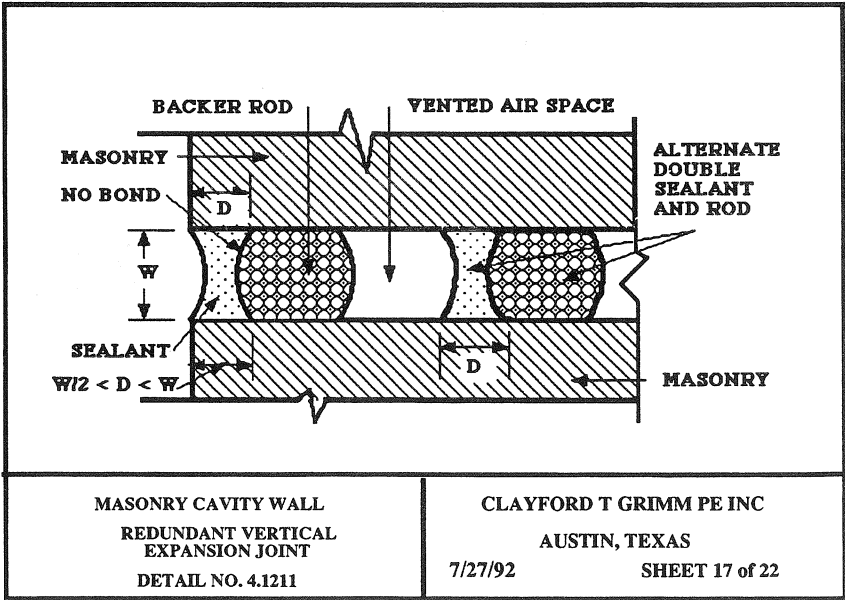
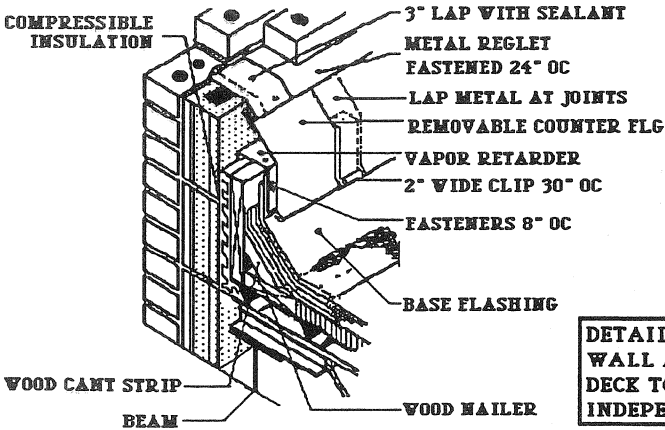
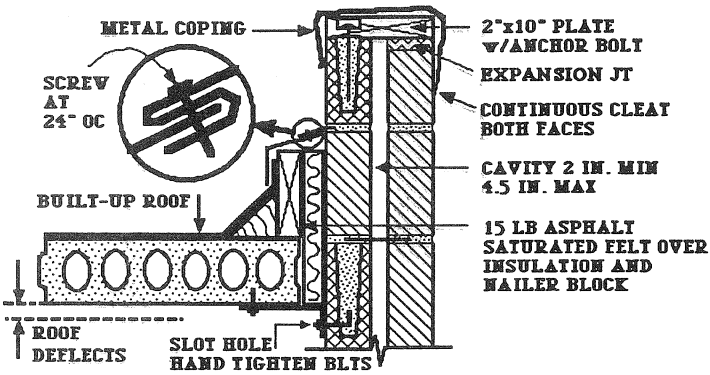


Figure 1



DETAIL ALLOWS WALL AND ROOF DECK TO MOVE INDEPENDENTLY

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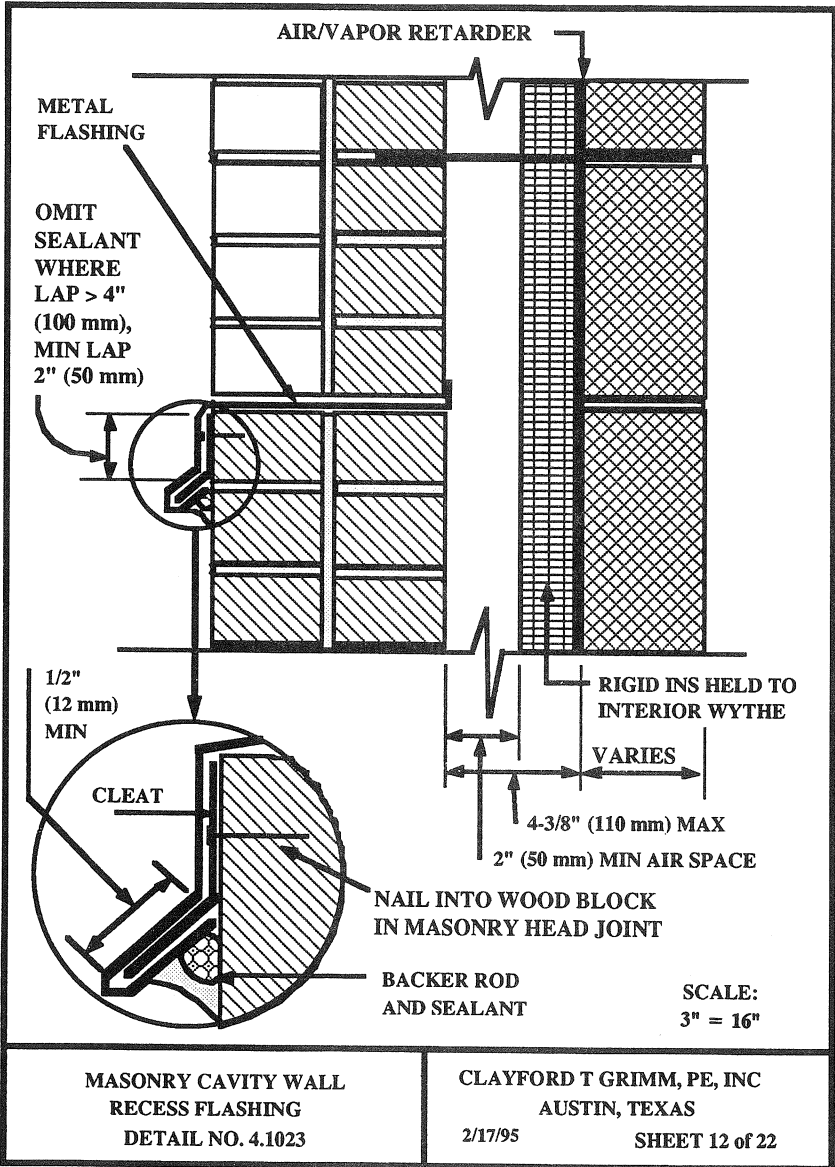


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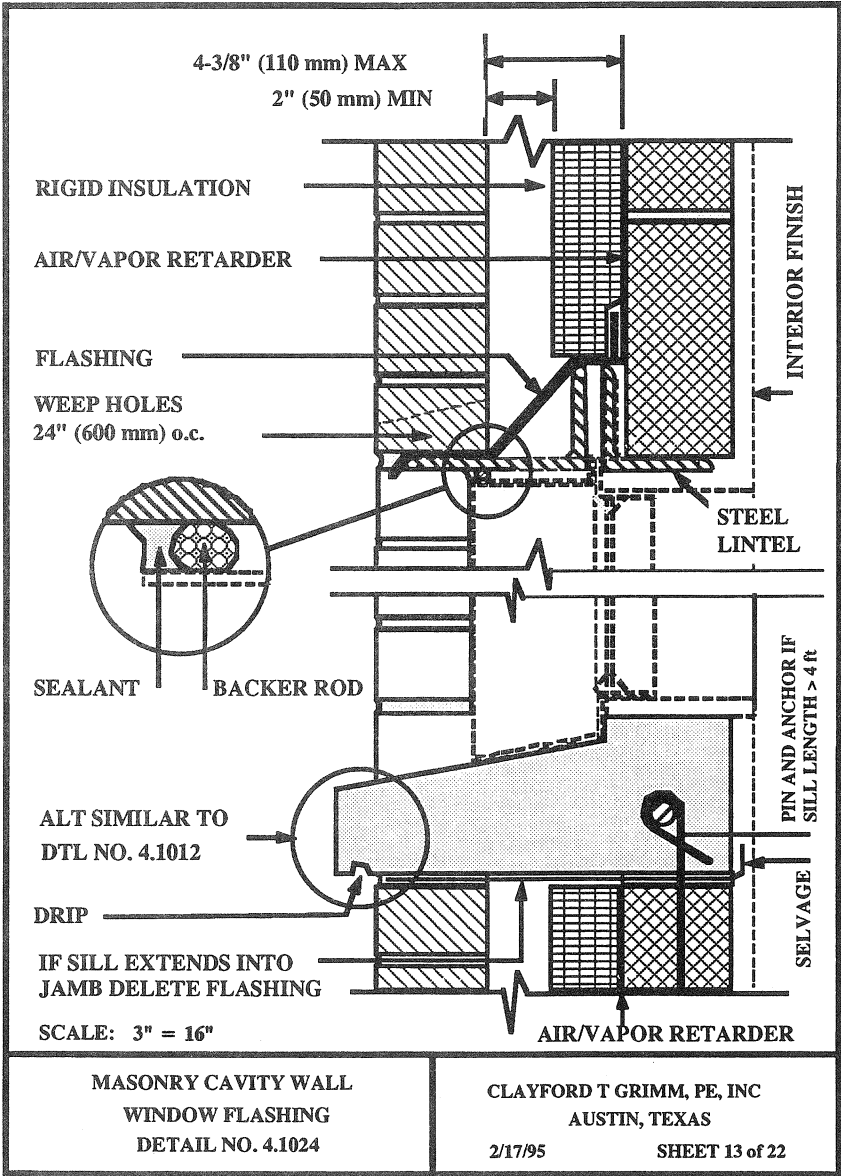


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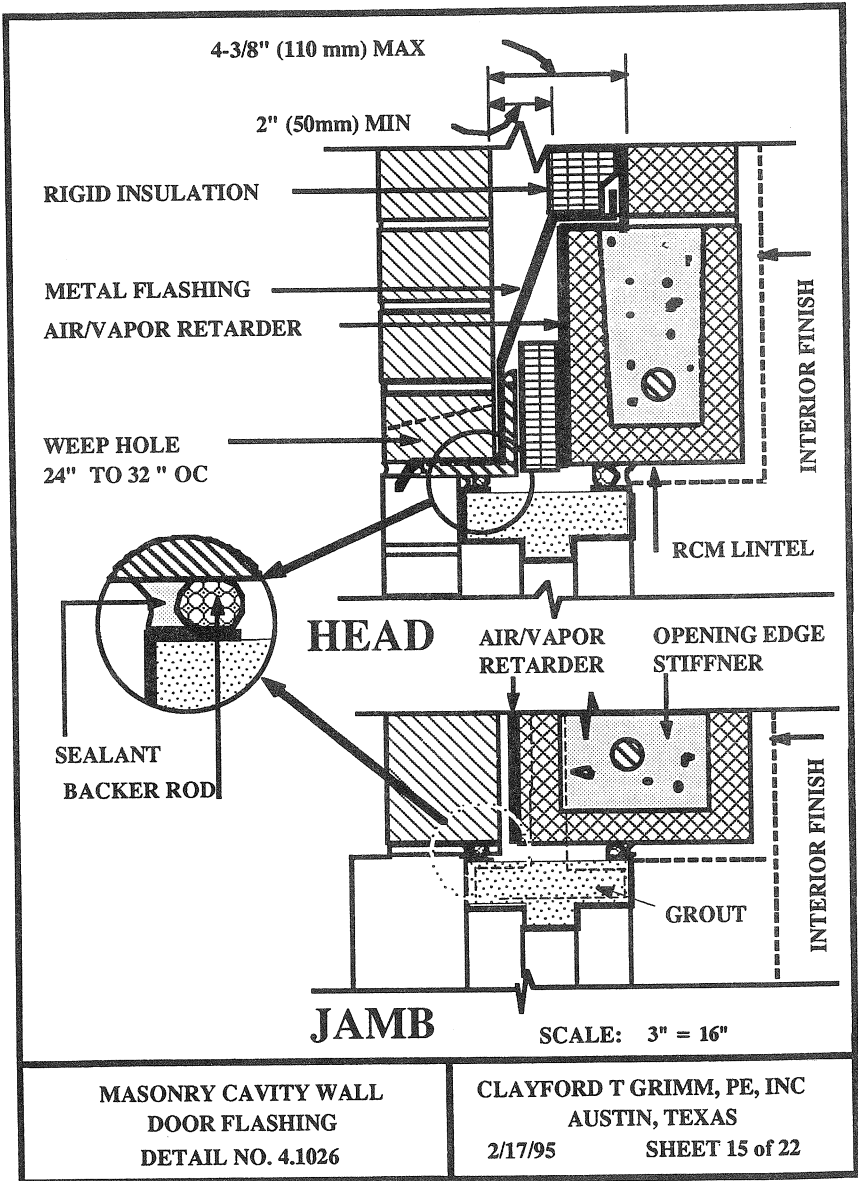


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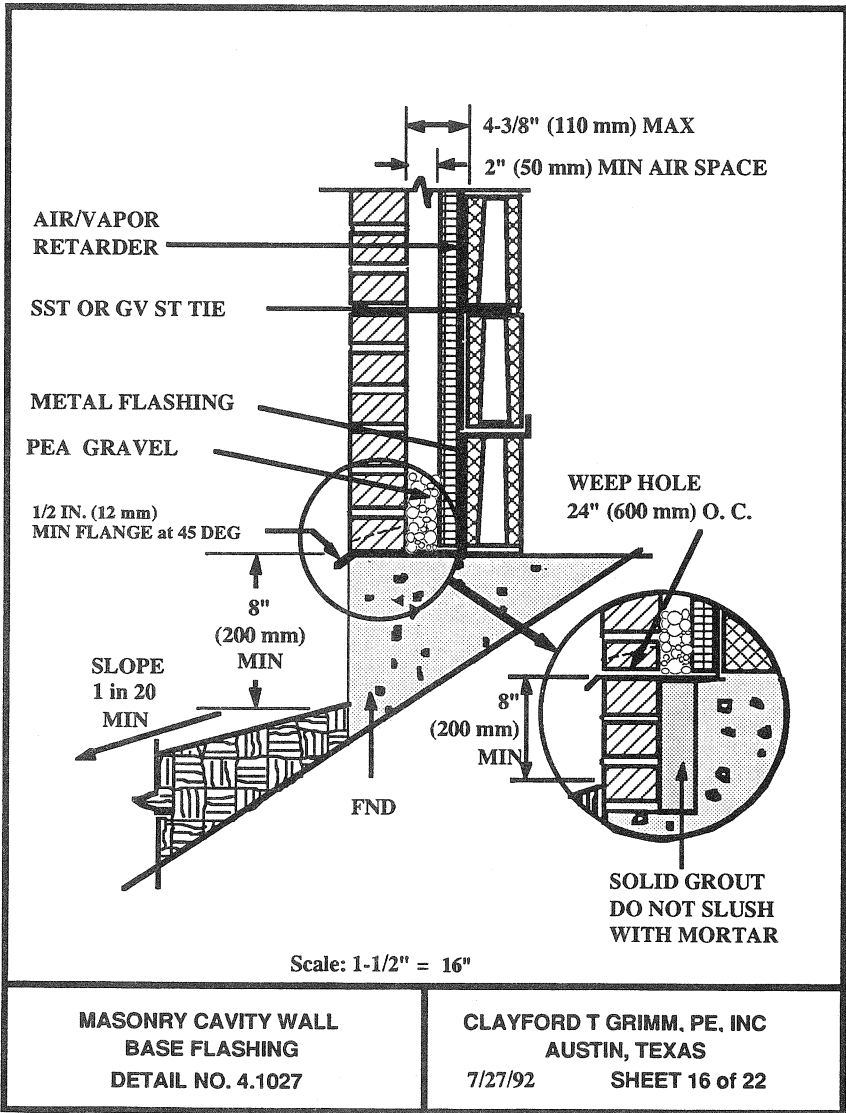


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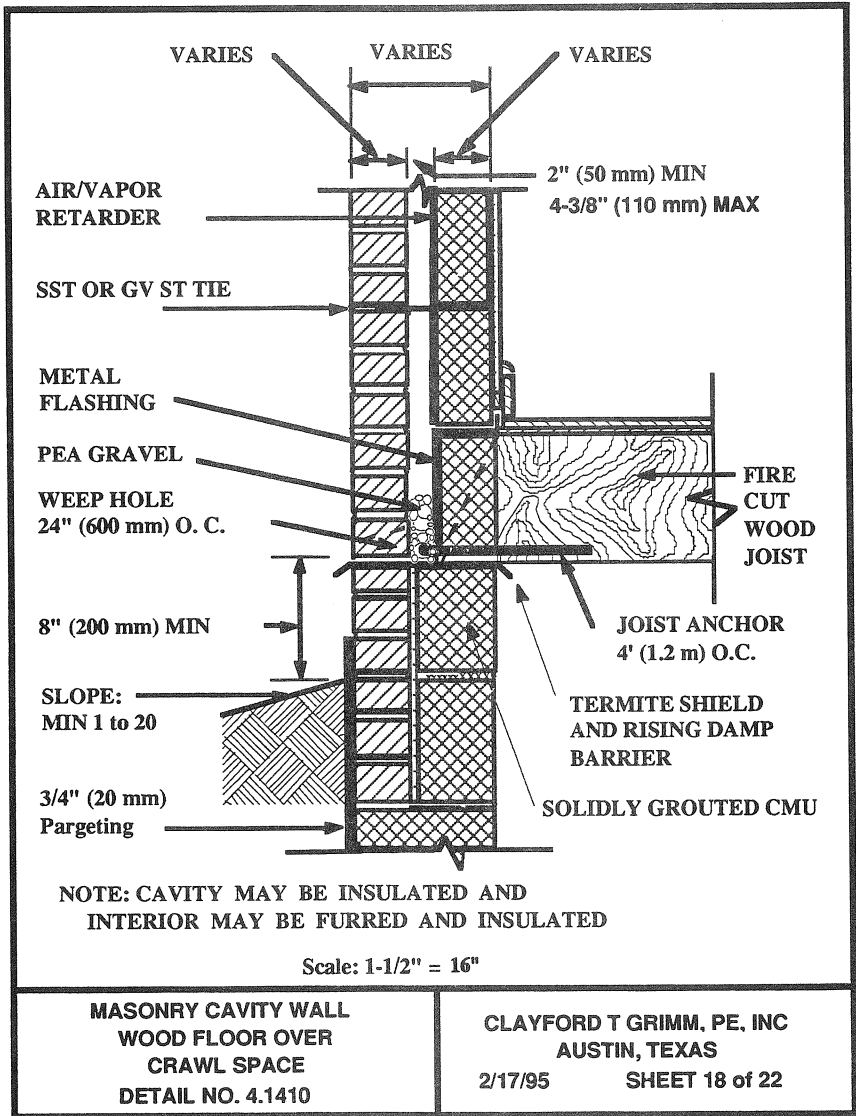


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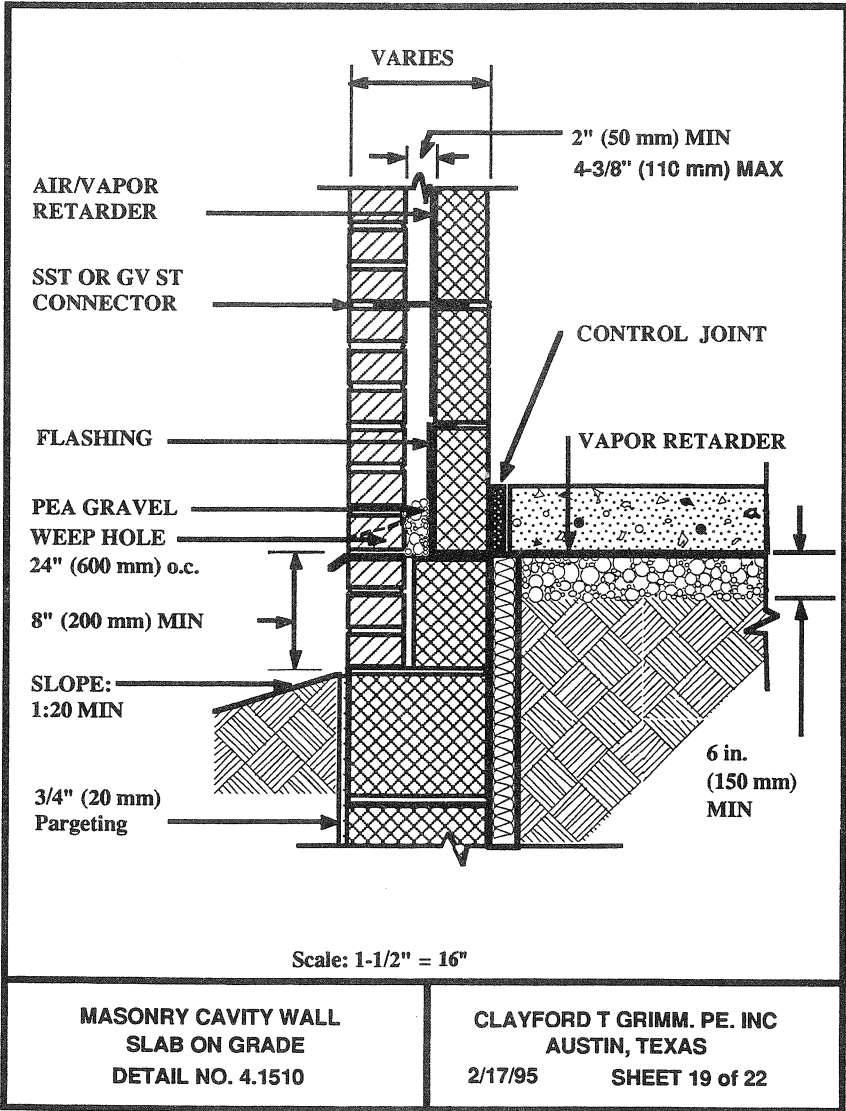


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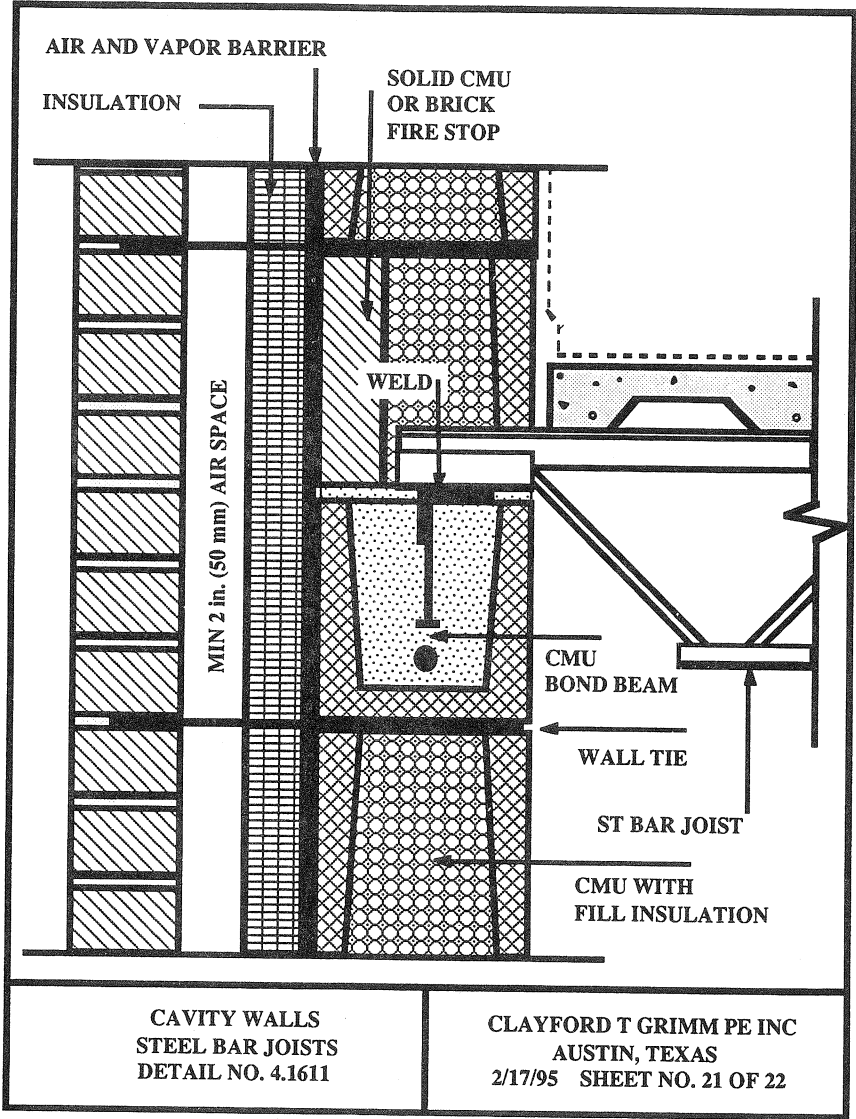
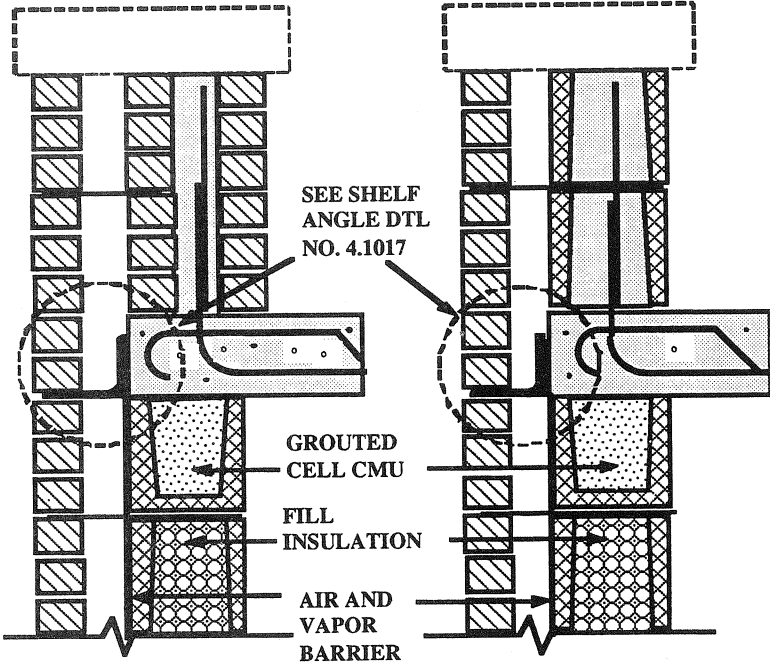


Fig 9

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REINFORCED MASONRY PARAPET

**MASONRY CAVITY WALL
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Fig 10

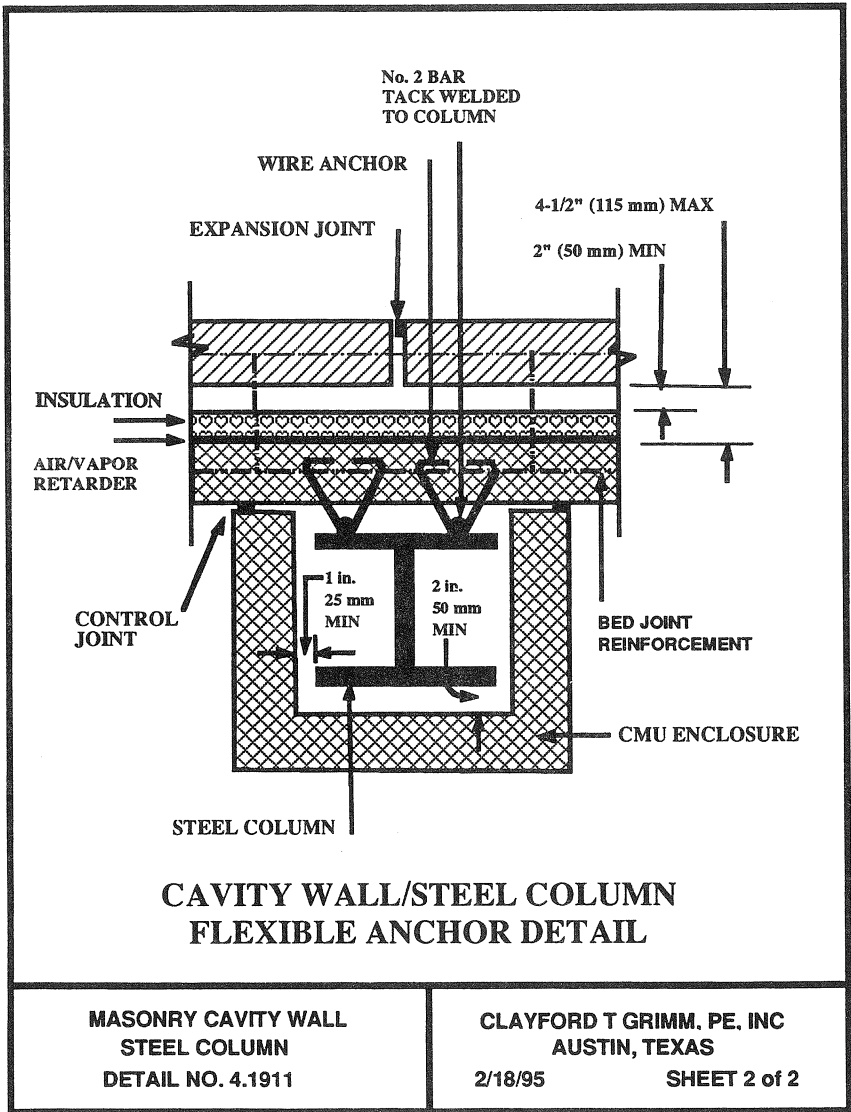


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