



THE FUTURE OF CONCRETE MASONRY

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EVOLUTION OF CMU AESTHETICS

DESIGN FLEXIBILITY

Textures



Precision



Burnished



Split Face



Shotblast



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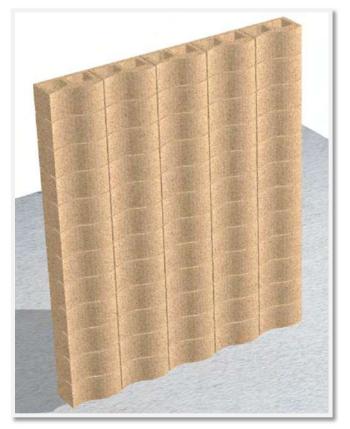
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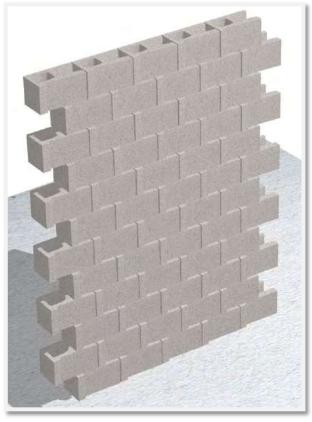


DESIGN FLEXIBILITY

Projection & Shadow



Sine Block



Spade Block























SUSTAINABILITY





LEADING THE WAY IN SUSTAINABILITY

Low Carbon CMU

- Angelus Block Co. was the first manufacturer to publish an EPD for concrete masonry to the North American Product Category Rule
- One of the first CMU manufacturers to fully convert to type 1L cement
- CarbonKindTM CMU consistently produces industry leading GWP reductions to this day



ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

Declared Product:

CMU: Medium Weight Concrete Masonry Units • Sun

Valley Plant

Density Factor: 1954 kg / m³ Compressive strength: 2000 PSI

Declared Unit: 1 m³ of concrete formed into manufactured concrete masonry product (CMU)

Global Warming Potential (kg CO ₂ -eq)	157
Acidification Potential (kg SO ₂ -eq)	0.64
Eutrophication Potential (kg N-eq)	0.12
Smog Creation Potential (kg O ₃ -eq)	14.6
Ozone Depletion Potential (kg CFC-11-eq)	2.56E-6

Material Composition: Aggregate (natural), Cinder, Portland Limestone Cement, Aggregate (recycled concrete), Batch water



Compared to CMHA U.S. Industry Average

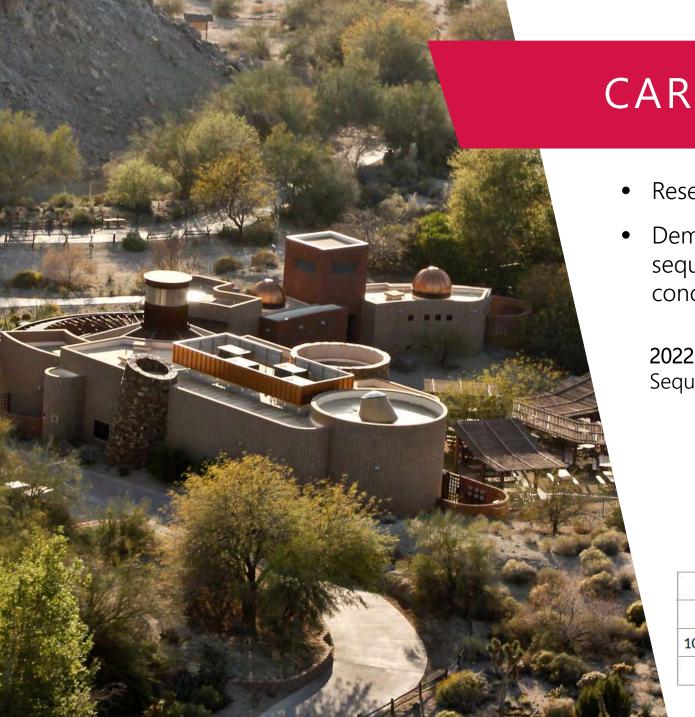
U.S. Industry	Angelus Block		
Average GWP ³	Average MW GWP		
Average 244	160	-34%	

Carbon Kind The by Angelus Block

Compared to Carbon Leadership Forum Baseline

	2021 CLF Material	s Baseline ¹		
CLF Baselines	CLF GWP	Angelus MW Mean GWP		
Typical	370	160	-57%	
Baseline	545	100	-71%	

2023 CLF Mat	erials Baseline Appendices ²
CLF Baselines	Angelus MW Mean GWP
257	160 -38%



CARBON SEQUESTRATION

Research began around 2020

 Demonstrates carbon sequestration rates of dry-cast concrete products (CMU)



2022 ASTM: Conceptual Test Protocols for Measuring Carbon Sequestration of Manufactured Dry-Cast Concrete Products

Test at	Average CO ₂ uptake (lb/cu ft)	LCA Module		
4 weeks	1.25	A1-A3		
2 years	2.93	B1		

89,124 lbs.	of absorbed/sequestered CO ₂ in the first 2-years after CMU manufacture
100,000 sq. ft.	example wall area of a project
0.89 lbs.	of absorbed CO ₂ per square foot of wall
0.79 lbs.	of absorbed CO ₂ per typical net volume of an 8x8x16, which equates to:

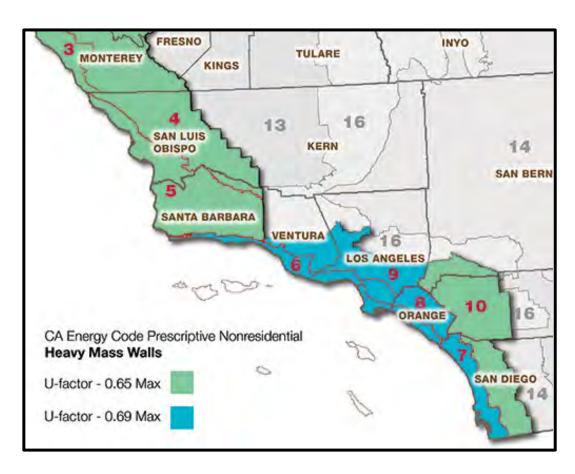
LIFE CYCLE BENEFITS

- Low-impact extraction of aggregates from local sources
- Local production & delivery
- Extremely low maintenance
- Multiple functions in one system
- Long service life
- 100% recyclable
- Reusable



ENERGY EFFICIENCY & THERMAL MASS

Title 24 – California Energy Code

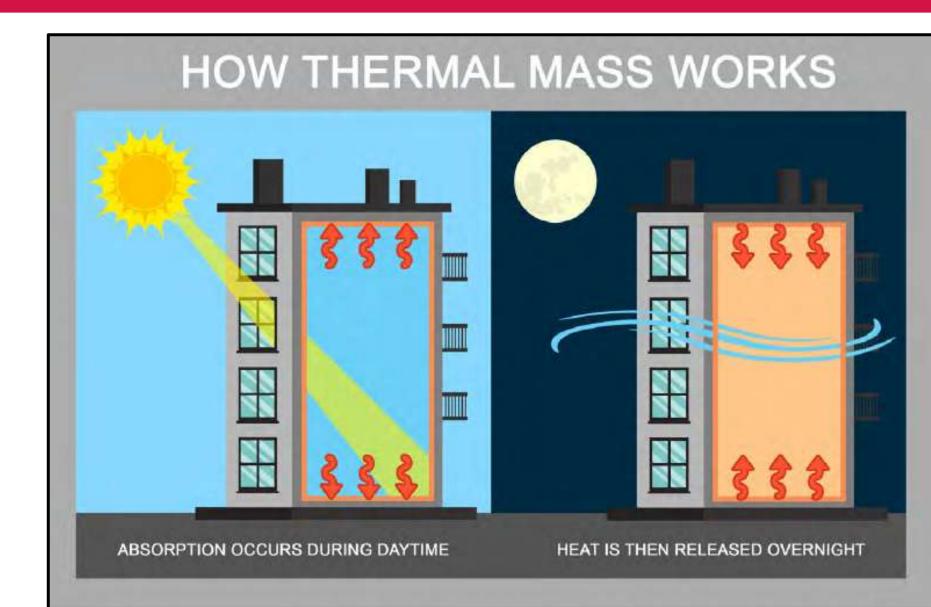


- The California Energy Code outlines the prescriptive approach for building envelopes in section 140.3 based on designated climate zone
- Misconceptions regarding the performance of heavy mass walls are extremely common
- We commonly encounter the comparison of Rvalues of heavy mass walls (CMU) to R-values of studded walls with insulation

Southern California Climate Zones

THERMAL MASS

- Higher R-values are always better right?
 - It's not that simple...
- Heavy mass walls (CMU)
 have a unique property
 called thermal mass that
 typical high R-value
 insulation in framed walls
 do not have
- Thermal mass in masonry walls moderates the day/night temperature swings and reduces heat flow to the interior, which reduces air conditioning loads inside the building.





DESIGNING FOR RESILIENCE

- Fire Resistance
- Passive survivability
- Earthquake Resistance
- Blast & Ballistic Resistance
- Flood Resistance
- Wind Resistance





FIRE RESISTANCE





FIRE RESISTIVE RATINGS

• Noncombustible, stable in response to fire

- No toxic gases released when heated
- Structurally sound, exceptional seismic performance
- Durable, long-lasting, with low life-cycle costs

		Partial Grouted			Solid Grouted ¹		
CMU ASTM C90 Wt. Classification		NW	MW	LW	NW	MW	LW
	4	<1 Hour	<1 Hour	1 Hour	1 Hour	1 Hour	1 Hour
Nominal Width	6	1 Hour	1 Hour	1 Hour	3 Hours	3 Hours	3 - 4 Hours ²
Nomina	8	1 Hour	1 Hour	2 Hours	4 Hours	4 Hours	4 Hours
	10	2 Hours	2 Hours	2 Hours	4 Hours	4 Hours	4 Hours
	12	2 Hours	2 Hours	2-3 Hours ²	4 Hours	4 Hours	4 Hours



Test No.	Wall/Roof System	Source	Sample Description	Missile Size	Missile Speed (mph)	Damage Description
	Reinforced	15	8 in. CMU reinforced with	2x4 in. 15 lb	100.0+	The target was impacted over 30 times with the design missile.
1	Masonry Unit (CMU) (Wall)	TTU	concrete and #4 rebar in every cell; truss type horizontal reinforcement was placed every 16 in.	2x4 in. 15 lb	116.0	Wall remained intact; no stress cracks in block nor joints could be found. Missile splintered on impact
				2x4 in. 15 lb	121.0	Minor surface indention (1/8 in.)
2	Reinforced Masonry Unit (CMU) (Wall)	TTU	8 in, CMU reinforced with grout filled in every cell	2x4 in. 12.5 lb	98	No damage was observed. The impact point was at the joint between cells.

Storm Shelters

- Reference FEMA P-361
- ICC 500

Debris Impact Facility Texas Tech University



Tests have demonstrated excellent resistance to impacts of wind-borne objects. Projectiles that penetrate stud-based walls are stopped by solid grouted concrete masonry walls.

SEISMIC

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THIS IS WHERE THE SEISMIC PERFORMANCE OF CMU STRUCTURES WILL BE DISCUSSED WITH REFERENCE TO TMS STUDY & ENGLEKIRK SHAKE STUDIES

IMAGES OF SHAKE TABLE





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EXAMPLE OF LIFETIME COST OF MASONRY AND BENEFITS WHEN COMPARED WITH OTHER CONSTRUCTION METHODS



BIM INTEGRATION & MODERN DESIGN TOOLS





HOW WE SUPPORT THE MODERN DESIGNER

www.AngelusBlock.com

3D Unit Library & BIMsmith Marketplace

MasonryiQ

Support Team

Dozens of technical articles on all the topics discussed here today, masonry code references, LEED and other sustainability strategies and much more

1,000's of digital assets of our products in every size, color, texture, and configuration—100% free to everyone and can be exported to SketchUp

Incredible Revit plugin developed by Tom Cuneio—we sponsor licenses for architects to make designing with CMU easier and more efficient

Customer service is a huge priority for us—we have an incredible team of architectural reps, stop by our booth and say hello

CONCLUSION SLIDE

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CONCLUSION BULLET POINTS WILL BE HERE





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