Columns

MULTIPLE PIECE SYSTEM INSTALLATION GUIDELINES

COLUMN
When used with a freestanding wall, a column increases wall stability. Placing fixtures on columns is also a great way to incorporate lighting. Columns can be located in the middle or at the end of a wall. The open space in the center of a column permits reinforcement or electrical wiring if desired. The column leveling pad should extend 6 inches beyond each column edge and be at least 6 inches deep after compaction.

COLUMN AT END OF WALL
To build columns at the end of a wall, cut one column unit in half for the second, fourth and additional even-numbered courses. Stack column units in a rotating pattern for each course so that the bond is staggered. One column unit half is used every two courses. Glue each course of column units with a concrete adhesive. Integrate wall into column as shown to increase stability.

WALL THROUGH COLUMN
On the first course, use complete column units to start the column and cut the wall units to fit. On the second course, cut* two column units in half to fill in the corners. Continue construction by alternating courses. Glue all column courses with a concrete adhesive.

90° CORNER AT COLUMN
Frequently, a 90° turn is made at a column. To build this column, cut* one column unit per course. Stack column units in a rotating pattern for each course. Glue each course of column units with a concrete adhesive.

*To split a block, use a hydraulic splitter or split manually by using a hammer and chisel to score the block on all sides. Pound the chisel on the same line until the block splits. If partial unit sides are not exposed, use a circular cut-off saw with a masonry blade to achieve a tighter fit.

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