

MEMORANDUM

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TO: Approved Third Party Certification Agencies

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RE: Note Regarding Piers for *On-Frame* Modular Structures

Effective as noted below, the Foundation Plan for *all on-frame modular structures*, whether residential or commercial, must include the following note:

Masonry units for stand alone piers shall be laid in Type M or S mortar, OR shall be covered with surface bonding cement complying with ASTM C 887. Surface bonding cement shall be applied in strict compliance with the cement manufacturer's instructions. Bottom course shall be laid in Type M or S mortar or surface bonding mortar (cement).

Note that the use of surface bonding cement is NOT permitted for piers in pier and curtain wall construction.

THIS NOTE WILL BE REQUIRED ON ALL PLANS APPROVED ON OR AFTER MARCH 1, 2002.