

Technical Sheet and Installation Guide

Hebel RAAC® Wall Panel

Autoclaved Aerated Concrete



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## About us

**Xella Aircrete North America**, the leading manufacturer of **Hebel RAAC® Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (AAC)** is an amazingly innovative building material that has been used in Europe for more than 80 years and in the US for more than 15 years. Products and systems have been developed for all types of the construction industry: Industrial, commercial, high-rise buildings, schools, hospital and more.

Hebel® AAC is a lightweight concrete that is formed into blocks and reinforced panels for a wide range of loadbearing and non-loadbearing construction applications. It is manufactured from sand, cement, recycled material, lime, gypsum, aluminium paste and water. It is moulded, cut and steam pressure cured in an autoclave before being packed, ready for transport.

Hebel® AAC delivers more benefits than the traditional materials such as strength, acoustics, fire and pest resistance and is installed faster, saving valuable construction time.

It has a unique combination of thermal mass and insulation providing a more comfortable living environment.

### Why Hebel

One of the world's leading manufacturers of Hebel autoclaved aerated concrete [AAC], Xella Aircrete North America is transforming the building industry with Hebel, its ultra-lightweight concrete.

Committed to providing the United States with environmentally responsible building products that conserve material and energy usage, Xella's Hebel Aerated Concrete is recognized as the largest producer in Europe by capacity based on management estimates based on different sources and member of the Green Building Council. In addition, it has a high UL rating for fire resistance.

Xella Aircrete North America is a division of Germany-based Xella International.

More than 6.000 employees for Xella's total 97 plants and offices throughout 30 countries worldwide, including North America, Europe and Asia.

Hebel Aerated Concrete provides contractors with strong, easy-to-install blocks and reinforced panels that are one-third the weight of traditional concrete and replace traditional multi-step construction processes. In addition, Hebel is energy efficient, fire resistant and long lasting, which, over time, will reduce energy, insurance and maintenance costs to building owners. A wide range of industries can benefit from Hebel's custom blocks and reinforced panels, including those in the commercial, educational, hospitality, industrial, institutional, governmental and residential markets.



# Aerated Concrete Hebel®:

## Unique properties in a single material.

### Benefits



#### Thermal Insulation

Buildings constructed of HEBEL AAC provide substantial energy savings in both hot and cold climates. The unique closed cellular structure and the thermal mass contribute to a high R-value and airtightness which reduce heating and cooling costs and improve indoor air quality. Buildings have seen savings on air conditioning up to 35% by using HEBELMC.



#### Structural Performance

Strength can resist wind pressures without reinforcement. Shear wall strength can resist lateral loads. High impact resistance.



#### Fire Resistant

HEBEL AAC has proven to remain fully intact and withstand the stress of fire for up to 4 hours without any impairment to its stability. Even under intense heat, HEBEL AAC remains tightly sealed against smoke and gas, emitting no toxic fumes.



#### Acoustic Insulation

The solid wall construction of a building made of Hebel AAC provides exceptional acoustic insulation. Its porous structure and high surface mass, coupled with its ability to dampen mechanical vibration energy, greatly reduces outside environmental.



#### Resistance to humidity

Your works are always protected against moisture. It allows the passage of water vapor, reducing condensation. It is an inert material.



#### Green Building

Hebel and green building attributes

- Recyclable, inert & non-toxic.
- Energy saving, manufacturing through occupancy.
- Excellent life-cycle cost.
- Durable, natural finish options.
- Supports LEED credits.

Add up USGBC LEED Credits with Hebel

### Physical Properties

The physical properties of HEBEL Autoclaved Aerated Concrete are unique to any other building material. Properties such as thermal insulation and fire resistance can not be met by another product alone.

- Speed of Construction
- Thermal Insulation & Energy Savings
- Superior Fire Resistance

- Sustainable
- Relatively high strength for a low density
- Workability
- Acoustic Performance
- Precision

This product meets Standards and Evaluation issued by:



ASTM  
C 1693-11  
ASTM  
C 1660-09



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## Hebel RAAC® Wall Panel Autoclaved Aerated Concrete

### Uses and applications

The Hebel wall panel system uses its excellent thermal, fire resistance, and lightness features to be one of the best options as curtain wall solution in industrial and commercial projects. The process is simpler and quicker than conventional methods.

### Construction Advantages

- Superior Fire rating.
- Speed of Construction.
- Durability (Low maintenance)
- Lightweight (37pcf)
- Lightweight equipment needed to install.
- 5 people crew to install.
- Custom made.
- Workability.

### Application:

- Commercial
- Industrial
- Hospitality
- Assisted Living
- Dorms
- Fire walls

### Certifications:

NOM, ONNCCE, ASTM, UL, IAPMO, ACI, USGBC, TOI.



### More benefits of Hebel® Wall Panel

- Fire resistance.
- Strength and security.
- Wind load capacity.
- Acoustic performance.
- Thermal performance.
- Pest and rot resistant.
- Not Mildew.
- Low maintenance.
- Friendly to the environment and Sustainable.
- Grants LEED points.



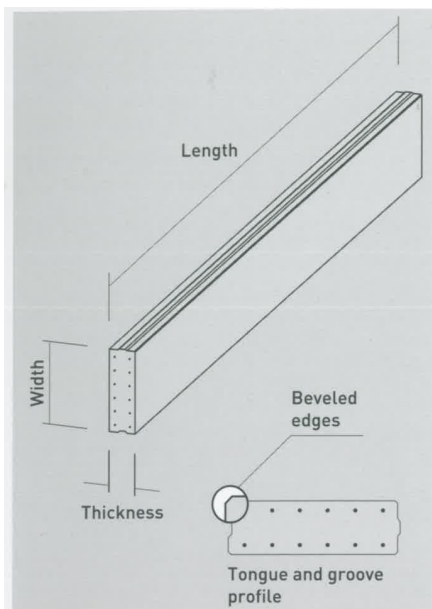


Fig. 1: Hebel® Wall Panel (AAC steel reinforced element).

# 1 Technical Sheet

## 1.1 Hebel® Wall Panel

### General Features

Lightweight, fire resistant\*, water penetration resistant\*\*, pest resistant, fast and easy to install, versatile and affordable. Hebel AAC Wall Panel is a steel reinforced element. Reinforcement is Grade 70 steel covered with an anti-corrosive coat. Manufactured according to ASTM C1693/ASTM C1694

\* Under ASTM E119-95 UL®

\*\* ASTM E514

### Uses

Hebel® Wall Panel can be used with steel or concrete structures as curtain walls in horizontal and/or vertical arrangement. Suitable for commercial and industrial buildings.

### Dimensions

**Length:**<sup>[1]</sup> Up to 20 ft.

**Width:**<sup>[2]</sup> 24 in.

**Nominal Thickness:**<sup>[2][3]</sup>  
4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10 and 12 in.

<sup>[1]</sup> Tolerance  $\pm 3/16"$ , <sup>[2]</sup> Tolerance  $\pm 1/8"$ , <sup>[3]</sup> Nominal Thickness. Manufactured according to ASTM C 1693 / ASTM C1694.

Characteristic	Unit	AAC-4 Class	AAC-6 Class
Compressive Strength (f'ac)	psi	580	870
Nominal Density	pcf	31	37
Design Weight	pcf	37	45
Drying Shrinkage	%	<0.02	<0.02
Thermal Expansion Coefficient	1/°F	$4.4 \times 10^{-6}$	$4.4 \times 10^{-6}$
Modulus of Elasticity	psi	295,800	377,000
Thermal Conductivity	BTU-in/ ft <sup>2</sup> -h°F	0.9124	0.9811
Allowable Bearing Stress	psi	348	523

Table 1: Physical and Design Properties.

### Design Weight

Thickness* in	AAC-4		AAC-6	
	psf	lb/ft**	psf	lb/ft**
4	12.3	24.6	14.7	29.5
5	15.3	30.7	18.4	36.9
6	18.4	36.9	22.1	44.2
7	21.5	43.0	25.8	51.6
8	24.6	49.1	29.3	59.0
10	30.7	61.4	36.8	73.7
12	36.8	73.7	44.2	88.5

\*Nominal dimension. \*\*Considering a 24 in panel width.

Table 2: Wall Panel Weight.

### Thermal Properties

Thickness* in	Thermal Resistance "R" ft <sup>2</sup> h °F/Btu	
	AAC-4	AAC-6
4	4.32	4.40
5	5.39	5.50
6	6.47	6.60
7	7.55	7.70
8	8.63	8.80
10	10.79	11.0
12	12.95	13.19

\*Nominal dimension.

Table 3: Hebel® Wall Panel R' Value.

### Acoustic Performance

Assembly Type	STC	Report No.
Hebel® 6" wall AAC-4 Unfinished	44	AS-TL958AX
Hebel® 8" wall AAC-6 Unfinished	50	AS-TL1026AX
Hebel® 10" wall AAC-4 Unfinished	50	AS-TL978AX

\*Note: Testing performed at Acoustic Systems Inc., Austin, TX in accordance with ASTM E90, "Standard Method for Laboratory Measurement of Airborne Sound Transmission Loss of Building Partitions".

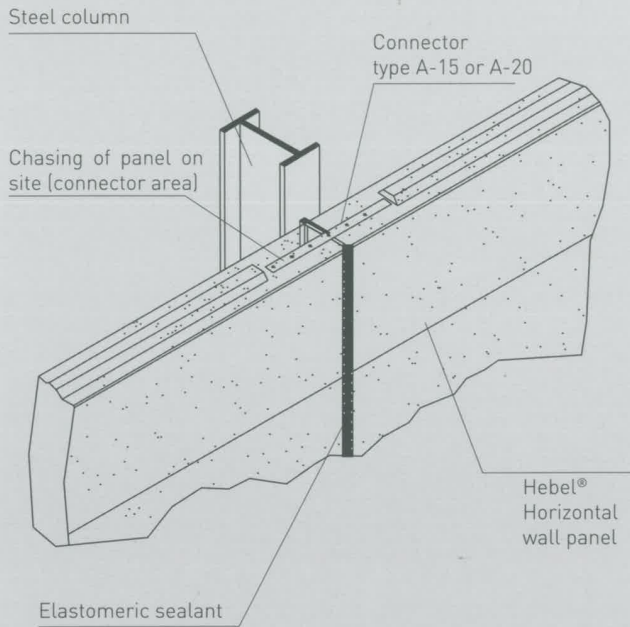
Table 4: Hebel® Wall Panel acoustic performance.

### Fire Performance

Material	Thickness* in	Fire Rating Hrs.	UL Design Number (UL Fire Resistance Directory 1998)
Reinforced Wall Panels AAC-4 and AAC-6	6 and up	4	U920

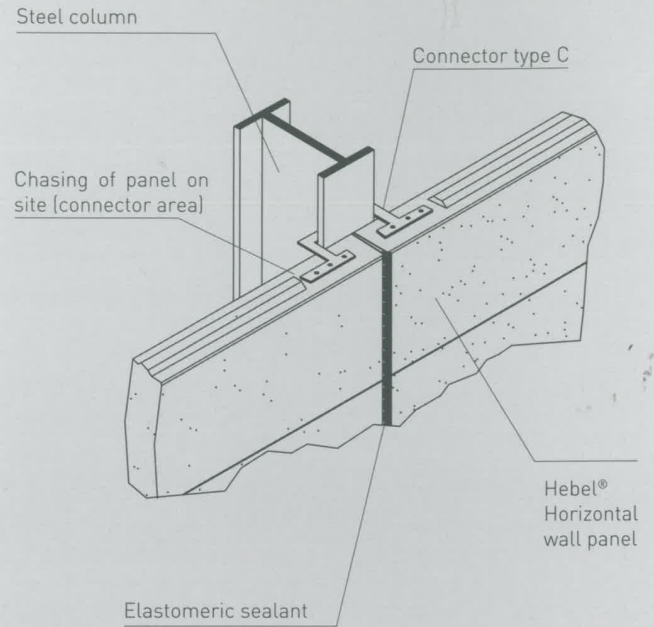
Note: Testing performed at Underwriters Laboratories Inc. under ASTM E119 (UL/ANSI 263) "Fire Tests of Building Construction and Materials".

Table 5: Hebel® Wall Panel fire rating.



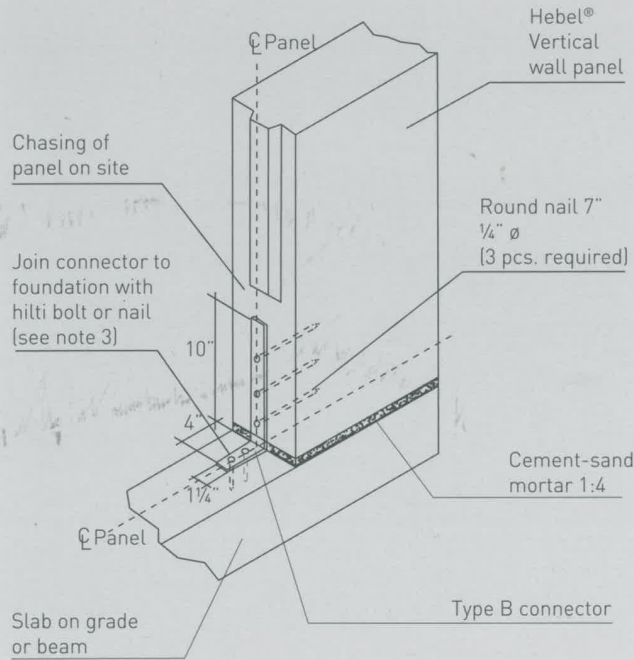
#### Isometric View

Fig. 2: Typical connection in Hebel® Horizontal Wall Panels using type "A" connector.



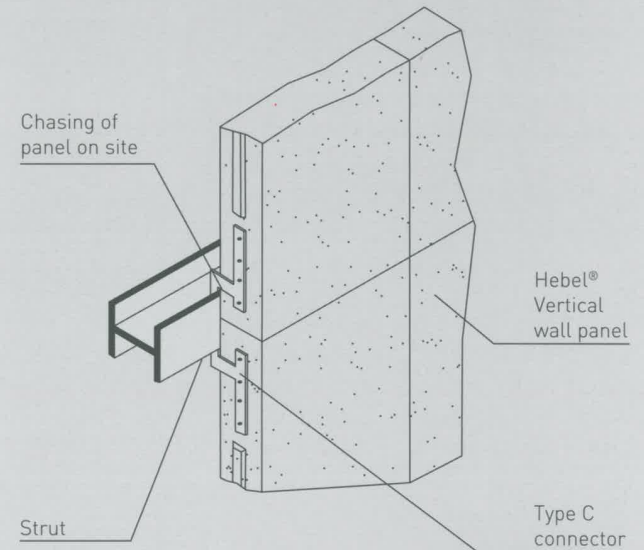
#### Isometric View

Fig. 3: Typical connection in Hebel® Horizontal Wall Panels using type "C" connector.



#### Isometric View

Fig. 4 : Typical bottom connection in Hebel® Vertical Wall Panels using type "B" connector.



#### Isometric View

Fig. 5: Typical middle connection in Hebel® Vertical Wall Panels using type "C" connector.

## 2 Design Considerations

### 2.1 General Considerations

- Hebel® Wall Panels can be used as a partition or curtain wall and shall be designed in order to comply with safety and serviceability requirements as specified by ACI 318-95 and following guidelines of ACI 523.4/R-09.
- Main structure [steel or concrete] should be designed according to Local Building Codes.

- The design of Hebel® Wall Panel should consider wind loads according to Local Building Codes and the slenderness ratio must be revised as follows:

al Hebel® Wall in horizontal arrangement:

- Maximum quantity of panels installed without brackets: 20 pieces [maximum total height: 40 ft].
- Panel slenderness ratio:  
For  $t \leq 16$  in:  $l/t \leq 40$   
For  $16 < t \leq 24$  in:  $l/t \leq 38$   
For fitting units  $l \leq 16$  in;  $b \leq 24$  in:  $l/t \leq 35$

Where:  $t$ =Panel thickness,  $l$ =Panel length,  $b$ =Panel width.

b] Hebel® Wall in vertical arrangement:

- Maximum height of wall: 60 ft
- Panel slenderness ratio:  
For single unit walls or top course of a multi-course wall  $l/t \leq 40$

For multi-course walls, except the course on top  $l/t \leq 35$

Where:  $t$ =Panel thickness,  $l$ =Panel length,  $b$ =Panel width.

- Fitting panels should not be less than 16 in. wide. If more than one fitting panel is required on a wall, at least two normal [non-fitting] panels shall be installed between them.
- Maximum capacity for steel connectors can be checked in Table 1.

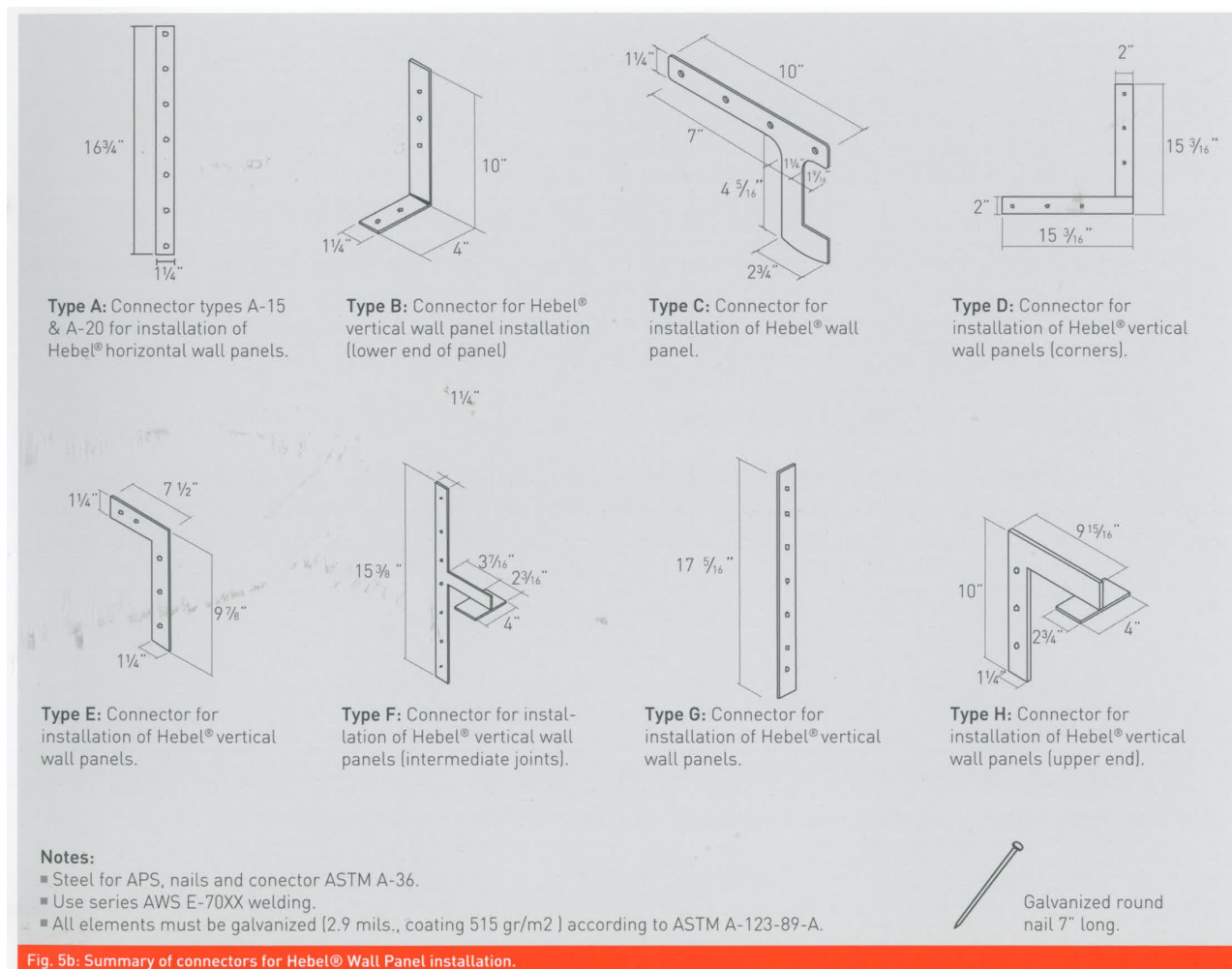


Fig. 5b: Summary of connectors for Hebel® Wall Panel installation.