

Product Information Bulletin

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2006 OBC Prescriptive Requirements for ICF Systems

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(see also Detail Dwg. D.0.1 & D0.2)

The National Building Code of Canada 2005 (NBC 2005) introduced *prescriptive* requirements for construction of concrete walls using insulating concrete forming (ICF) systems. These provisions were also adopted in the 2006 Ontario Building Code (2006 OBC). The *prescriptive* requirements in the 2006 OBC specifically address ICF construction that results in solid concrete walls of uniform thickness over the height— i.e. floor to floor height of a below grade wall or above grade wall – and width of the wall section.

The patented Advantage ICF System® combines rigid expanded polystyrene (EPS) insulation panels with a web and interlock connector system that results in a concrete wall of uniform thickness. The exterior EPS insulation panels in the Advantage ICF System stay in place permanently to provide an insulated cast-in-place concrete wall resulting in a superior, energy efficient building envelope.

The table below summarizes prescriptive requirements contained in 2006 OBC, Section 9.15. and associate references related to ICF below-grade wall applications. The attached Plasti-Fab detail drawing **D.0.1: Residential Below Grade Code Requirements** provides an additional reference tool identifying the requirements.

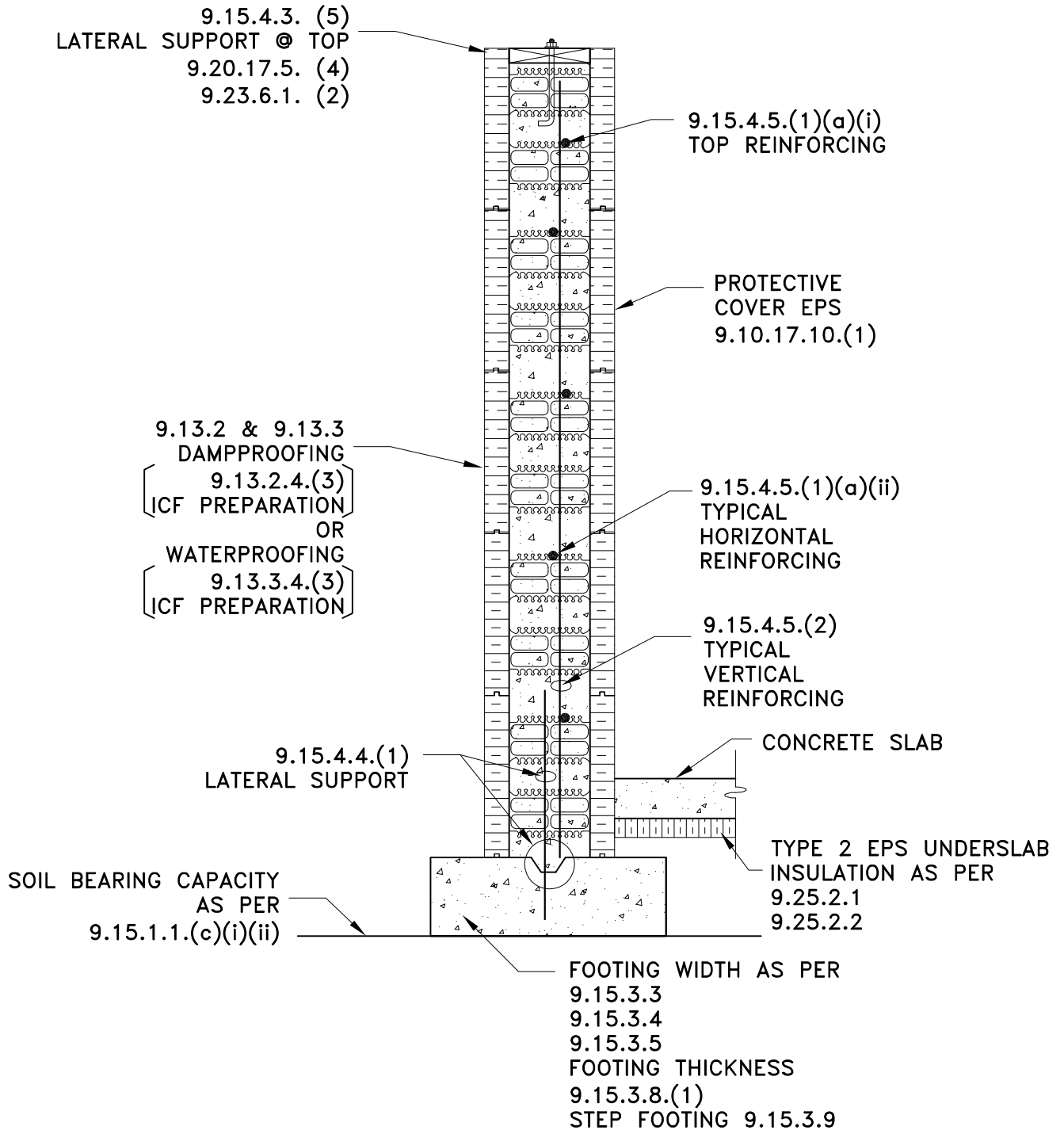
Below-Grade ICF Wall Applications:
Sentences 9.13.2.4.(3) and 9.13.3.4.(3) – ICF surface Preparation for application of dampproofing or waterproofing
Clause 9.15.1.1.(1)(c) – General requirements for footings and foundations related to ICF foundation walls
Articles 9.15.3.3., 9.15.3.4. and 9.15.3.5. – Footing width and area requirements for ICF foundations
Sentence 9.15.3.8.(1) – Footing thickness
Sentence 9.15.3.9.(1) – Step footings
Sentence 9.15.4.1.(1) – Reference to CAN/ULC-S701 for insulation used in ICF systems
Sentences 9.15.4.2.(2) and (3) – Foundation wall thickness and required lateral support
Sentence 9.15.4.3.(5) – Required lateral support at the top of foundation using floor joists installed according to Article 9.20.17.5.
Sentence 9.15.4.4.(1) – Required lateral support at the bottom of foundation using floor joists and shear key or dowels to footing
Article 9.15.4.5. and Tables 9.15.4.5.A. to 9.15.4.5.C. – Reinforcement for ICF walls
Article 9.20.17.5. – Framing supported on flat ICF walls
Sentences 9.20.17.5.(2) and (3) – Size and attachment requirements for ledger boards used for support of floor joists
Table 9.20.17.5. – Anchor bolt spacing for the connection of ledger boards

The table below summarizes prescriptive requirements contained in 2006 OBC, Section 9.20. and associated references related to ICF above-grade wall applications to a maximum of two storeys. The attached Plasti-Fab detail drawing **D.0.2: Residential Above Grade Code Requirements** provides a reference tool for identifying specific requirements.

Above Grade ICF Wall Construction:
Sentence 9.20.1.1.(1)(b) – General requirements form ICF above-grade walls
Sentence 9.20.17.1.(1) – Thickness of flat ICF walls
Article 9.20.17.2. – Reinforcement for ICF walls
Article 9.20.17.3. – Openings in non-load bearing ICF walls
Article 9.20.17.4. – Lintels over Openings in load bearing ICF walls
Article 9.20.17.5.(1) – Floor joists supported on the side of ICF Walls
Sentences 9.20.17.5.(2) and (3) and Table 9.20.17.5 – Size and attachment requirements for ledger boards used for support of floor joists
Article 9.20.17.5. (4) – Floor joists supported on top of ICF walls in accordance with Article 9.23.6.1.
Article 9.20.17.6. – Anchoring of roof framing to top of ICF walls
Table 9.23.3.3.4. – Attachment of roof framing to top plates
Sentence 9.20.17.7. – Protection from precipitation and damage

The following notes provide additional information related to design and installation of wall construction using the Advantage ICF System:

1. For design conditions beyond the scope of the 2006 OBC provisions refer to the **Advantage ICF System Design Manual**.
2. The **Advantage ICF System Installation Manual** provides additional information on the construction of ICF walls.
3. See Attachments: Plasti-Fab Detail Drawings D.0.1 and D.0.2.



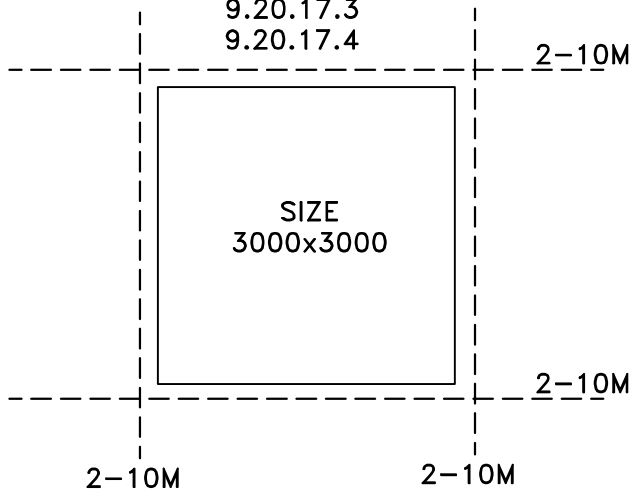
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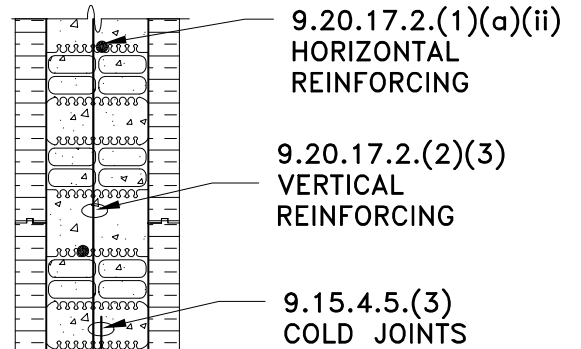
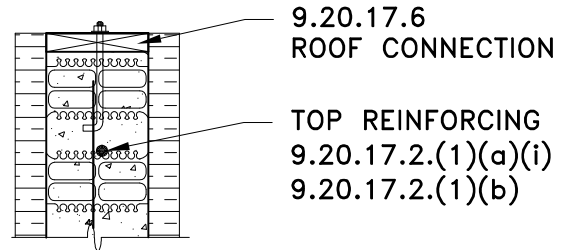
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BELOW GRADE
 OPENING REINFORCING
 9.15.4.3.(3)(4)(5)
 9.15.4.5.(4)

ABOVE GRADE
 OPENING REINFORCING
 9.20.17.3
 9.20.17.4



LINTEL DEPTH
 GROUND SNOW LOAD
 THICKNESS (MIN.)
 TABLE A17, A18, A19



9.20.17.5
 LEDGER
 CONNECTION

CONCRETE SLAB

TYPE 2 EPS UNDERSLAB
 INSULATION AS PER
 9.25.2.1
 9.25.2.2

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