

Beyond Blocks and Bricks

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The new TMS 402 and a freebie

New TMS 402 and TMS 602

The Masonry Society (TMS) has released the 2016 editions of TMS 402, "Building Code Requirements for Masonry Structures," and TMS 602, "Specification for Masonry Structures." Each document has a detailed commentary in a parallel format.

Once known as the "530" code, TMS 402 governs the structural design of loadbearing and non-loadbearing masonry, the design of masonry veneers, the design of glass block and other systems. TMS 402 is referenced by and is an integral part of the IBC. Also, the requirements of TMS 402 heavily influence the prescriptive requirements of the IRC.

TMS 602 is a code-required specification for the construction of loadbearing and non-loadbearing masonry, masonry veneers, and glass block systems.

TMS 402 and TMS 602 are published in a single volume by TMS. Paste <https://masonrysociety.org/product-category/tms-pub/> into your browser and scroll down to the 2016 edition to order your copy. If you are a TMS member, please log in.

Dictionary of Moisture Protection and Remediation

Earlier this year, I attended the Masonry Contractors' Association of Central Pennsylvania's "Masonry for the Ages" spring training session for architects and engineers. One of the speakers, Larry Burkhardt of Conproco, spoke about façade repair and restoration and surprised me by emailing a link to John F. Maillard's [Dictionary of Moisture Protection and Restoration](#). This is a great publication for refreshing the experienced and for training a new hire. You can download the pdf at <http://conproco.com/technical-articles-and-publications/>