Exposed Block

Omni Block can be manufactured in a variety of intregral colors, architectural finishes (split-face, scored, scored split, or burnished) as well as the standard gray. Any of these appearances may be the actual exterior finish.

Sealers

The application of a concrete sealer over the exposed block will yield more of a sheen or glaze appearance. Sealers penetrate the block which makes it more stain resistant while locking-in the calcium (white residue sometimes seen on exposed block) that can cause efflorescence.

Stains

Penetrating colored stains are another finish option over exposed block. Penetrating stains applied on the exposed block after the block walls have been constructed will yield a uniform colorization on the block as well as the mortar. The combination of a sealer and stain can be applied during the same application.

Paints

The exposed block can be painted. A masonry primer should be used before the finish paint is applied.

Stucco

Omni Block can be stuccoed in the same manner that standard CMU is stuccoed. Consult local stucco contractors for the regionally preferred procedure.

Intregral Synthetic Stucco

There are numerous integrally colored synthetic stucco products on the market. Most, if not all, work very well over a base coat or scratch coat of stucco. Usually, these products are ultra violet (UV) stable and therefore provide longlasting beauty.

Notes

Builder's Checklist

Optional Interior Surface Bond –

- ☐ Determine whether interior wall is to be surface bonded or laminated with drywall.
- ☐ If interior is to be surface bonded, plan to do it immediately following the block construction before any framing is done.
- ☐ Make sure that windows are square and plumb.
- ☐ Make sure the applicator understands the surface bond preparation and application directions.
- ☐ Communicate to the applicator the desired trim detail around windows; most notably the return (sill) angle and corner edging.
- ☐ Mist surface bonded wall for 24 hours after application to assure proper curing.

Optional Exterior Surface Bond -

- ☐ Determine what finish is desired. Several options exist.
- ☐ Advise the applicator of all wood frame areas that need prepared for a regular brown coat before surface bond, regular stucco or synthetic stucco application.
- ☐ Mist surface bonded wall for 24 to 48 hours after application to assure proper curing.