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While the 2011 Edition of these standards included revision bars and deletion arrows to designate places where major changes occurred since the 2008 edition of these standards, they have not been included in the 2013 Edition because of the major reformatting of the provisions. Had they been included, users would likely have been confused since so many provisions moved from the earlier edition while some sections also were substantively revised. To assist users, a summary of major changes is included at <http://www.masonrysociety.org/2013MSJC/index.htm>. In addition, a cross reference index is also posted on that website to show where things moved from the 2011 edition. The use of revision bars and deletion arrows will be considered for future editions of the standards.

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To aide users of these standards, “bleed tabs” are provided on the outside edges of most pages so that the user can quickly to determine which portion (Code, Specification, References, or Index) they are reviewing.

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SYNOPSIS

This Code covers the design and construction of masonry structures. It is written in such form that it may be adopted by reference in a legally adopted building code.

Among the subjects covered are: definitions; contract documents; quality assurance; materials; placement of embedded items; analysis and design; strength and serviceability; flexural and axial loads; shear; details and development of reinforcement; walls; columns; pilasters; beams and lintels; seismic design requirements; glass unit masonry; and veneers. An empirical design method applicable to buildings meeting specific location and construction criteria are also included.

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