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> > MAGNUMSTONE™ OVERVIEW

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The MagnumStone[™] retaining wall system was developed with the installer in mind. MagnumStone's durable, high shear strength concrete SecureLugs fit into the lower units' hollow cores, allowing significant lateral movement without losing unit to unit interlock. Tapered sides make it easy to build tight curves and straight walls with complete accuracy. MagnumStone's large vertical and horizontal hollow cores filled with gravel, along with its high strength SecureLug, provide a superb geogrid to block connection.

MagnumStone[™] is committed to providing complete technical and construction information to installers and engineers to ensure the successful completion of any retaining wall project. Your best choice is MagnumStone[™] for value, beauty, durability, ease of construction, and complete retaining wall excellence.





Design Advantage

- **MagnumStone**[™] units are made from high strength, wet cast concrete that provides durability and resistance to weathering.
- **MagnumStone's** large vertical and horizontal hollow cores reduce efflorescence problems and the use of costly pigments.
- **MagnumStone**[™] units provide excellent solutions for gravity, geogrid reinforced, steel/concrete, plantable and other types of wall structures.
- **MagnumStone**[™] units are nearly half the weight per face foot of solid block systems, providing superior environmental advantages both by using far less concrete in manufacturing and by the resulting efficiency of transportation.
- **MagnumStone**[™] provides superior flexibility in creating curves, corners, steps and terraced walls.

Installation Advantage

- \cdot A small crew can easily install 600 to 1200 square feet of wall a day
- The one-step **SecureLug** system outperforms the pins or clip method, speeding up installation time considerably.
- **MagnumStone's** hollow core makes it easy to saw cut, add special lighting, or place fence posts into when adding creative details.

Economic Advantage

- **MagnumStone**[™] system will save time, labor, and material costs.
- **MagnumStone**[™] walls can cost considerably less than conventional cast in place concrete walls or traditional masonry systems.
- **MagnumStone**[™] light-weight, hollow core units are less expensive to ship and handle.
- MagnumStone[™] labor and equipment costs are low because no special equipment is required and semi-skilled workers will find the units easy to install.

MAGNUMSTONE[™] BATTER UNIT SPECIFICATIONS





HALF HIGH UNIT 750 lbs (340 kgs)



HALF HIGH BASE UNIT 725 lbs (328 kgs)



HALF HIGH TOP UNIT 680 lbs (308 kgs)

DIMENSIONS	12" Height x 48" Width x 24" Depth	FACES	VARIES	
	(30.5 H x 122 W x 61 см D)	GRAVEL FILLED WEIGHT	1080 LBS	(490 кдs)
FACE AREA	4 SQ FT (0.37 M ³)	BATTER/SETBACK	4.5°	1"/Unit (2.5 см / Unit)
VOLUME OF VOIDS	3.15 FT ³ (0.09 M ³)			



STEP/CAP

6" Height x 48" Width x 24" Depth (15.25 H x 122 W x 61cm D) Face Area: 2 sq ft (.186 m²) Weight: 290 lb (131 kg)



STANDARD CORNER/END UNIT

24" Height x 26" Top Face Width x 28" Bottom Face Width x 2" Top Narrow Face x 4" Bottom Narrow Face (61 H x 66 TFW x 71 BFW x 5 TNF x 10 BNF cm) Face Area: 4.66 sq ft (0.434 m²) Weight: 340 lb (154kg) Faces: Varies



HALF HIGH CORNER/END UNIT

24" Height x 27" Top Face Width x 28" Bottom Face Width x 3" Top Narrow Face x 4" Bottom Narrow Face (61 H x 69 TFW x 71 BFW x 8 TNF x 10 BNF cm) Face Area: 2.33sq ft $(0.217m^2)$ Weight: 170 lb (77kg) Faces: Varies



*Weights and dimensions are nominal. Specifications may change. Verify exact information with your local producer.



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> > GRAVITY MAGNUMSTONE™ WALL

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AXIMUM

Gravity (SRW) segmental retaining wall systems are structures lower in height that use the MagnumStone[™] unit weight combined with gravel core infill to resist earth pressures behind and on top of the wall. The 2"/ unit (4.5 degree or 1"/vertical foot) batter or setback of the MagnumStone[™] wall along with proper soil conditions below and behind the wall provide the stability of the structure. For walls 4.0ft (1.2m) and taller a qualified engineer should be consulted.



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Embedment Depth



> > STEP 1 PLANNING

 \cdot Mark the bottom and top of the wall excavation location with spray paint or stakes

• Establish proper elevation bottom and top of wall before excavating

• Organic Materials should not be used in Reinforced Backfill Zone

• Store and protect **Reinforced Backfill Materials** from inclement weather during construction



• Excavate and prepare **Sub Base Leveling Trench** 6" below first course

• Leveling Pad Trench is approximately 3.5' to 4' wide

• Normal wall **Burial Depth** or **Embedment Depth** is 6" to 12"

· Excavate cut line to a 2 to 1 slope or greater

 Back of wall excavation depth into the bank should be 12" beyond the back of the Sub Base Leveling Trench



SUB BASE COMPACTION

 Compact Sub Base to 95% Standard Proctor Density or greater

 Remove any Organic or poor soils in the Sub Base and replace with proper Reinforced Fill Materials before compacting



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· (Optional) place 5' to 6' wide **Base** Stabilization Fabric on top of leveling pad trench

• **Base Stabilization Fabrics** will help prevent sub base materials from mixing with the gravel base leveling pad during compaction

• Fabric also provides extra **Structural Bearing Stability** to the base leveling pad







> > STEP 5 ROUGH LEVELING PAD

• Place well graded gravel on top of fabric in the leveling pad trench approximately 6" deep

 \cdot Rough grade gravel with a rake close to finish base elevation



• Compact Gravel Leveling Pad to 95% Standard Proctor Density or greater

• Correct **Moisture Content** in the gravel will help in reaching proper compaction



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_____ 2' Level





____ Extra Gravel __ Compacted Gravel Leveling Pad



____ Screed Pipe

> > STEP 7

• Place first 4' long **Screed Pipe** across the trench at one end of the wall or at the lowest elevation

• Scratch a trench for the pipe in the compacted gravel with a chipping hammer

• Use a 2' level or Laser Level to set the Screed Pipe to the proper level

• Gravel is added underneath and around the **Screed Pipe** to support while leveling

• Place the second **Screed Pipe** across the trench approximately 9' from the first **Screed Pipe**

 Level the second Screed Pipe to the same elevation as the first Screed Pipe by using a 4' level on top of a Screed Board, Straight Edge or with a Laser Level

• Continue to place and level **Screed Pipes** the full length of the trench leveling pad or until reaching a base elevation change



• Place or remove extra **Well Graded Gravel** level to the top of the **Screed Pipes** as needed

 (If more than 1 ½ inches of loose gravel is added, repeat the compaction steps again before screeding)

> > > STEP 9

SCREEDING LEVELING PAD

• Screed the gravel leveling pad with a Screed Board or Straight Edge across the trench on top of two Screed Pipes

• The coarser the gravel the more back and forth the screeding action when drawing the **Screed** across the leveling pad

 Too much pressure on the screed straight edge may dislodge the level of the screed pipes while screeding

· A second screed pass may be needed to insure an accurate level has been achieved

> • Continue to screed the leveling pad until completing the full length of the trench or up to the first elevation change







> > STEP 10 REMOVED SECURELUGS

 • MagnumStone[™] base units, placed on the leveling pad, are manufactured without SecureLugs

• Place each unit on top of the leveling pad in such a way as not to disturb the level gravel



• Remove the **Screed Pipes** from the leveling pad

• Place a steel stake at either end of the leveling pad to establish the back of the first course of units

• Secure tightly a string line to the stakes at either end which will provide the guide to line up the back of each **MagnumStone**[™] base unit

• The distance of the string line between the steel stakes may vary due to heavy winds



• Backfill behind, in front (**toe of wall**) and in the hollow cores of the units with **Impermeable Materials** up to the desired level of the **Perforated Drain Pipe**

· Compact the impermeable materials behind, in front and in the hollow cores of the units







• **Perforated Drain Pipe** should have adequate slope to drain water in the right direction towards each **Drain Pipe Outlet**

· Drain Pipe Outlet can be every 30 or 50 feet

• **Perforated Drain Pipe**, laid in the **Horizontal Cores**, can be a **Sock Wrapped** system to help prevent fines from migrating into the pipe



> > STEP 14 BACKFILL

• Place and compact **Backfill Materials** in maximum **Lifts** of 8"

• Lifts may be less than 8" depending on the type of soil or size of equipment

• Each Lift should be compacted to 95% Standard Proctor or greater

· The correct **Moisture Content** in the **Backfill Materials** will help in reaching proper **Compaction Density**







Clear Crush Drain Gravel _____



> > STEP 15 DRAINAGE GRAVEL

 Clear Crush Drain Gravel is placed in the vertical and horizontal hollow cores after placing and compaction of the backfill materials

• The **Clear Crush Drain Gravel** should be 2" below the top of units to allow for **SecureLug** connection

• Clear Crush Drain Gravel does not need to be compacted

• Sweep the top of the **MagnumStone**[™] units clean of all rock and dirt before placing second course of **MagnumStone**[™] units

• Make sure the **Backfill Materials** directly behind the wall are placed flush to the top of the units

• Make sure the **Backfill Materials** are well compacted and level as possible

> > STEP 16 CONTINUE INSTALLATION

• Continue to install each course of units following the same steps as above

• Install and compact **Backfill Materials** in 8" **Lifts** until wall is complete





Clear Crush Drain Gravel ____





> > STEP 17 TOP OF WALL UNITS

• Complete the top of the wall with MagnumStone[™] Top Units

• MagnumStone[™] Top Units are manufactured with the back panel 8" lower than the front face panel

• The **Clear Crush Drain Gravel** and backfill materials will be placed flush to the top of lowered back panel. There are times when more than 8" of top soils may be required



• Place a 6 ft wide **Soil Separating Filter Fabric** on top of the backfill and drainage gravel and against the back of the last units before placing the planting soils

• The fabric will prevent planting soil fines from staining the face of the wall and migrating into the **Clear Crush Drain Gravel** (Angular Aggregate free of fines)



• Insure that final grading is done on top and bottom of the wall

• Make sure to protect newly placed planting soil from erosion during heavy rains or surface runoff

*Final determination of the suitability of the contemplated use, and its manner of use are the sole responsibility of the user

> > GEOGRID REINFORCED MAGNUMSTONE™ WALL

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Creating a MagnumStone[™] reinforced wall system, involves the use of geogrids for reinforcement. MagnumStone[™] walls 4.0ft (1.2m) and taller will automatically have active pressures because of their height. Walls smaller than 4.0ft (1.2m) may also require geogrid reinforcement depending on other related factors. Parking lots, roadways, or positive slopes above walls for example, require the use of reinforcement to help resist the increased pressure behind the wall. Geogrid used with the appropriate lengths, layers, and compacted backfill materials will resist these active forces above and behind the wall. For walls 4.0 ft and taller a qualified engineer should be consulted.



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Correct Geogrid Strength Orientation



> > STEP 1 PLANNING

• Excavate and prepare **Sub Base Leveling Trench** 6" below first course

• Leveling Pad Trench is approximately 3.5' to 4' wide

• Normal wall **Burial Depth** or **Embedment Depth** is 6" to 12" or one block (for more information refer to design manual)

· Excavate cut line to a 2 to 1 slope or greater

• Back of wall excavation depth into the bank at the base of the wall should be from the face of wall to the designed length of **Geogrid**

> > STEP 2

 Cut Geogrid Reinforcement to the length specified in the design

• Geogrids are manufactured in two directions Uni-axial or Bi-axial. Uni-axial grid has one direction of strength and that direction has to be oriented perpendicularly to the face of the wall during installation. Bi-axial grid can be laid in two directions, perpendicular and lengthwise to the face of wall (ensure that the lengthwise direction is still in accordance to the length specified by the Engineer's design)

· Correct geogrid orientation, strength and length is crucial to the success of the wall project

 \cdot Each **Geogrid** length should be laid parallel and adjacent to each other but never overlapping



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Tensioned Geogrid ____ Stakes Placed to Maintain Geogrid Tension



SecureLug Geogrid No Greater Than 8" Lifts Connection Reinforced Zone



. Clear Crush Drain Gravel



__ Geogrid Elevations Set to Engineer Design



> > > STEP 3

• Place the **Geogrid** as far forward on the **MagnumStone**[™] units as possible without revealing it on the face

 Place the next course of MagnumStone[™]
 units on top of the lower units and Geogrid at a half bond to the lower units

• The two **SecureLugs** will fit securely into the hollow cores of the two units below and lock the **Geogrid** into the gravel core

• The gravel in the lower units will be recessed 2" or more to allow for the **SecureLugs** connection

• Complete the installation of units on the **Geogrid Reinforced** courses

 Make sure each unit is installed against the unit next to it leaving no gaps between unit joints

 \cdot Use stakes or backfill materials to maintain the tension of the **Geogrid** during backfilling

· Do not drive equipment directly on top of **Geogrid**



• **Backfill** the **Reinforced Zone** by placing materials from the back of the wall towards the end of the **Geogrid**

 \cdot Install drainage gravel in the cores after placing and compacting backfill materials

· Install and compact backfill materials in Lifts no greater than 8" until wall is complete

> > MAGNUMSTONE™ POSITIVE CONNECTION

One single length of geogrid is wrapped through the hollow core providing equal length reinforcement at the bottom and top of a single MagnumStone[™] unit. The geogrid wrapped hollow core is then filled with gravel making this the ultimate geogrid positive connection.



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> > STEP 1

• **Geogrid** positive reinforcement will be cut in 24" wide strips and twice the length specified in the design plus 2' for the unit height. (if specified **Geogrid** length is 10' the length will be 22' long)

 Place the base units vertical open core over the half rolled length of Geogrid. Make sure the Geogrid is placed to the correct design length, perpendicular and centered to the unit before placing MagnumStone[™]



• Backfill and compact the **Reinforced Zone** by placing materials from the back of the wall towards the end of the **Geogrid**. Install and compact **Backfill Materials** in 8" **Lifts**



 Pull rolled Geogrid out of the vertical core and place perpendicular to top of first unit on top of compacted backfill. Tension Geogrid before installing drainage gravel. Install the Clear Crush Drain Gravel 2" below the top of units to allow for Securelug connection

> > STEP 4

• Place the second **MagnumStone**[™] units vertical open core over the second layer of half rolled **Geogrid**. Make sure **Geogrid** is placed to the correct design length perpendicular to the unit and centered to the two adjacent **Geogrid** strips before placing the unit

· Repeat above steps for each course of **MagnumStone**[™] Positive Reinforced Wall

This section provides detailed, illustrated step-by-step instructions for using MagnumStone[™] to construct wall details including: inside curves, outside curves, elevation changes, and both inside and outside corners.

Curves, corners and elevation changes are the portions of a wall project that adapt to the specifics of the site and the needs of its users. Correct construction and professional completion of these wall details greatly enhances the visual appeal of the finished project and avoids the time and costs associated with improper installation.





__ Half High Base Unit





Standard Base Unit

> > STEP 1 BASE ELEVATION CHANGES

• The top of the last **Standard Base Unit** will be used to establish the **Half High Base Units** gravel leveling pad elevation

• Make sure to backfill and compact the gravel in and around the last **Standard Base Unit**

 Finished grade of the leveling pad should be 1/8" to 1/4" above half the height of the last Standard Base Unit to allow for a small amount of settlement to the first Half High Base Unit

> • Repeat steps 5 through 9 in the gravity section on preparing the step up gravel leveling pad

> > STEP 2 LAY ELEVATION CHANGES

• Place the first **Standard Unit**, (with **SecureLugs**), on the second course at a half bond on top of last & second last **Half High Base Units**

• The two **SecureLugs** will fit into the hollow cores of the two **Half High Units** below. To align the wall, place a string line at the back of the units for a straight wall or place a **PVC Flex Pipe** for a curved wall

> • The batter or set back will be 2"/unit (4.5 degree or 1"/vertical foot)

 Place the second Standard Unit half on the last Half High Unit and half on the gravel leveling pad. Ensure that the SecureLug is removed on the leveling pad side of the unit

· Complete the installation of the **MagnumStone**[™] units in either direction of the elevation change

• Make sure each unit is in line and laid tight to each other



MAGNUMSTONE™ INSTALLATION GUIDE | OUTSIDE CURVES



Convex/Outside Curves

> > STEP 1 CONVEX FIRST COURSE

• If possible, start building a curve from the center and work left and right through the curve

• Use **PVC Flex Pipes** to create smooth and accurate **Convex** curves

 \cdot Use the back of the unit for alignment

• Build each course of units by starting at the same place and the same bond as the last course

• **Convex** curves have a slight increase in batter or setback to the standard 1"/foot

• The taller the wall the larger the **Convex** first course needs to be. The radius of each additional course will be slightly smaller than the lower course

• MagnumStone[™] minimum Convex curve is approximately 12 foot radius



• Each **Geogrid** length should be laid perpendicularly to the wall face

· Geogrid should not overlap on the MagnumStone[™] units

· Correct geogrid orientation, strength and length is crucial to the success of the wall project





Concave/Inside Curves

> > STEP 1 CONCAVE FIRST COURSE

• If possible, start building a curve from the center and work left and right through the curve

• Use **PVC Flex Pipes** to create smooth and accurate **Concave** curves

 \cdot Use the back of the unit for alignment

• Build each course of units by starting at the same place and the same bond as the last course

• **Concave** curves have a slight decrease in batter or setback to the standard 1"/foot

• The taller the wall the smaller the **Concave** first course needs to be. The radius of each additional course will be slightly larger than the lower course

> > STEP 2 CONCAVE GEOGRID CURVE

• Each **Geogrid** length should be laid perpendicularly to the wall face

· Geogrid should not overlap on the MagnumStone[™] units

• To ensure 100% coverage, place a second layer of **Geogrid** centered to the unreinforced triangle zone one course above the main **Geogrid** layer

· Correct geogrid orientation, strength and length is crucial to the success of the wall project



MAGNUMSTONE™ INSTALLATION GUIDE | OUTSIDE CORNERS



Outside Corners

> > STEP 1 OUTSIDE FIRST COURSE

• Use a **Corner/End Unit** to build an outside corner

• Attach a **Left Corner/End Unit** to the first **MagnumStone**[™] base unit and place assembled corner unit on base leveling pad to start the outside corner

• Place a **MagnumStone**[™] unit on either side against the **Corner/End Unit**

· Continue to lay the **MagnumStone™** base course on either side of the corner until first course is completed

• Attach a **Right Corner/End Unit** to a **MagnumStone**[™] standard unit (with **SecureLugs**) and place on second course overlapping lower corner unit. Align the second course corner unit with lower corner unit to achieve proper setback

• Continue to lay the **MagnumStone**[™] second course on either side of the corner until second course is completed



• Each **Geogrid** length should be laid perpendicularly to the wall face

· Geogrid should not overlap on the MagnumStone[™] units

· Lay the 1st **Geogrid** corner section perpendicularly to one side of the corner

• Lay the 2nd **Geogrid** section perpendicularly to the other side of the corner but not overlapping the 1st **Geogrid** section

• Lay the secondary **Geogrid** layer one course above and perpendicular to the lower main **Geogrid** layer directional strength

· Correct geogrid orientation, strength and length is crucial to the success of the wall project





Inside Corners

> > STEP 1 INSIDE FIRST COURSE

• Place the second unit at right angle and centered to the first **MagnumStone**[™] base unit. Continue to install the **MagnumStone**[™] base units right and left of the first inside corner units

 \cdot Place the second unit at right angle and centered to the 1st unit on the second course

• Make sure second course units are placed at a 2" setback to the lower inside corner

• Continue to install the units left and right of the inside corner to complete the second course of the wall

• Repeat the above step by step installation until the wall height is completed or until reaching the first **Geogrid** layer

> > STEP 2

• Each **Geogrid** length should be laid perpendicularly to the wall face

· Geogrid should not overlap on the MagnumStone™ units

• Lay the 1st **Geogrid** corner section perpendicularly to one side of the corner and overlap h/4 through the backfill (Height of Wall ÷ 4)

• Lay the 2nd **Geogrid** section perpendicularly to the 1st **Geogrid**

• Lay the second **Geogrid** layer perpendicularly and overlap h/4 through the backfill opposite to the first **Geogrid** layer

• The h/4 overlap will alternate layer to layer to properly secure the inside corner

· Correct geogrid orientation, strength and length is crucial to the success of the wall project

> > MAGNUMSTONE™ TOP OF WALL DETAILS

Once again the large hollow cores provide yet another solution. This time it facilitates the easy embedment of traffic barriers, railings, fences or even large "Jersey" barriers that projects require for top of wall safety. The top of wall details can be secured by infilling the vertical and horizontal cores with concrete. Another benefit is the embedment system near the front of the wall face. This provides the designer and owner maximum usage of the land above the wall without sacrificing any structural integrity.



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> > > GRASS SWALES

• An impermeable soil **Swale** can be created on top of the wall to take care of any water that may cascade over the wall face

• Complete the top of wall with **MagnumStone™ Step/Caps**. Make sure all units are free of dirt and stones before installing the caps





> > > CONCRETE SWALES

 Concrete Swales can be placed on top of the MagnumStone[™] wall to take care of any possible surface water problems that may damage the backfill soils

> > > FENCE POSTS

• Fence posts, railings or guard rails can be placed into the large vertical hollow cores

• Fill the vertical and hollow cores with concrete to the depth and length around each post that will resist lateral force

 \cdot Check with a qualified engineer





MAGNUMSTONE™ MARKETING MATERIALS

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