

VEE Brick (Thin Brick) FAQ's

How do I determine how much I need?

Flats: Determine the square footage of the area. This is accomplished by multiplying the height of the area in feet by the length in feet. Be sure to subtract out for window and door openings. Then multiply by 6.86 to come up with the pieces that you would require.

Outside Corners: Measure the height of the area where you would require corners in feet and then multiply by 4.5 to compute how many pieces you will need. Repeat this procedure for every area where you will use corner brick.

Important: These computations will give you the actual amount of material that you will need to cover your area. There is no figure included for waste. Normally waste can be figured by adding 5% to your end figure. This percentage should take care of normal installations; intricate patterns will require a larger waste factor.

How can I keep the mortar or grout from filling up the “pores” of the brick?

Before grouting your project, use a “grout release” product (available at most tile and brick stores) By using grout release it will insure that all the mortar/grout can be removed. Also, the use of a penetrating sealer applied to the brick before grouting will help but not eliminate the mortar getting trapped in these “pores”. Make sure that the grout release or sealer stays on the face of the brick and does not run down into the area where your mortar will be installed.

Can your Vee Brick be installed over sheetrock on an interior installation?

Yes, Vee Brick can be installed over properly secured drywall via ceramic tile mastic in a totally dry and normal temperature area. Special precautions have to be made if the area is around a high heat source like a wood stove or a fireplace. Please refer to ULI listings (Underwriters Laboratory Inc.) for more information on fire rated preparation of walls.

I have an unfinished chimney chase protruding out of my roof; can I use your Vee Brick to cover this area?

Yes, please refer to the TCNA (Tile Council of North America) “Handbook for the Installation of Ceramic Tile” guide for installation of tile-exterior. This publication will show you how to install tile in such an area and our Vee Brick can be installed like tile. The most important thing is to make sure you have adequate flashing to make sure that you have no leaks from rainwater.

Our Vee Brick is an excellent material for this purpose. The installation of Vee Brick will give you the appearance of full-face brick but without the weight of full-face brick.

Can Vee Brick be used as flooring material?

Yes, Vee Brick is manufactured the same way as our BrickTile. Just be aware that the Vee Brick would be thicker than the BrickTile have to be able to hold up to the heat, also, to maintain a safe installation.

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When Vee Brick is set on a vertical substrate, how do I maintain a horizontal mortar joint?

Rope, of the same thickness as you want the joint to be, can be laid in the joint and then Vee Brick stacked on top of the rope. Also, tile spacers can be used to maintain this spacing. Leave the rope or spacers in place until the next day, then remove and reuse.

Do you recommend a panel system for Marion Ceramic's Vee Brick?

Our Vee Brick will work with all of the many panel systems available in the market.

Is your Vee Brick heat-resistant?

Vee Brick is fired at approximately 1980 degrees F, the product itself holds up fine around most ordinary heat sources. (i.e. Fireplaces, wood stoves, ovens.) The part of the installation that you need to be concerned about is the setting material and the substrate. These two items have to be able to hold up to the heat, also, to maintain a safe installation. *However, Vee Brick should not be used in lieu of firebrick in the firebox of a fireplace.*

How do I get the mortar or grout into the joint?

A mortar bag, which is similar to a cake-decorating bag, is the most efficient way. Squeeze the mortar into the joint, filling the joint. Let the mortar set up for a few minutes and then tool the joint to the desired shape. Tools to accomplish this are available at most brick and masonry supply stores.