

Unreinforced Masonry

ACI 530-05, section 2.2.3

8" thick CMU wall grouted at 16" o.c. (no reinforcing)

A(avg)	65.8	in ²
I(avg)	387.1	in ⁴
r(avg)	2.43	in
A(net)	62	in ²
I(net)	378.6	in ⁴
S(net)	99.3	in ³

8" thick CMU wall grouted at 8" o.c. (no reinforcing)

A(avg)	91.5	in ²
I(avg)	443.3	in ⁴
r(avg)	2.2	in
A(net)	91.5	in ²
I(net)	443.3	in ⁴
S(net)	116.3	in ³

f _m	assumed	1500	psi
E _m	900f _m =	1350000	psi (based on f _m = 1500 psi)
e		2	in

For members having an h/r ratio NOT greater than 99

h	12	ft	
h/r	59		
h/r	65		
F _a	308	psi	grouted at 16" o.c.
F _a	293	psi	grouted at 8" o.c.
F _b	500	psi	f _m / 3

With Axial Load only - (i.e. e = 0 and f_b = 0)

P _a	19084	lbs	grouted at 16" o.c. - based on A(net)
P _a	26812	lbs	grouted at 8" o.c. - based on A(net)
P _e	243270	lbs	grouted at 16" o.c.
P _e	284843	lbs	grouted at 8" o.c.

Maximum P_a = 1/4P_e

Max P _a	60818	lbs	grouted at 16" o.c.
Max P _a	71211	lbs	grouted at 8" o.c.

Controlling P (smaller of P_a or 1/4P_e)

P	19084	lbs	grouted at 16" o.c.
P	26812	lbs	grouted at 8" o.c.

With Axial plus bending due to e > 0

Use f_a/F_a + f_b/F_b <= 1.0 with f_a = P_a/A_n and f_b = 2P_a/S_n

P _a	10789	lbs	grouted at 16" o.c.
Unity	0.9999		
P _a	13948	lbs	grouted at 8" o.c.
Unity	0.9999		
P _e	35223	lbs	grouted at 16" o.c.
P _e	30615	lbs	grouted at 8" o.c.

Maximum P_a = 1/4P_e

Max P _a	8806	lbs	grouted at 16" o.c.
Max P _a	7654	lbs	grouted at 8" o.c.

Controlling P (smaller of P_a or 1/4P_e)

P	8806	lbs	grouted at 16" o.c.
P	7654	lbs	grouted at 8" o.c.

Therefore - walls with full grout (8" o.c.) DO NOT take more load than walls with grout at 16" o.c.

For members having an h/r ratio greater than 99

h	20	ft	use to get h/r > 99
h/r	99		grouted at 16" o.c.
h/r	109		grouted at 8" o.c.
Fa	188	psi	grouted at 16" o.c.
Fa	154	psi	grouted at 8" o.c.
Fb	500	psi	f _m / 3

With Axial Load only - (i.e. e = 0 and fb = 0)

Pa	11679	lbs	grouted at 16" o.c. - based on A(net)
Pa	14128	lbs	grouted at 8" o.c. - based on A(net)
Pe	87577	lbs	grouted at 16" o.c. with e = 0
Pe	102544	lbs	grouted at 8" o.c. with e = 0

Controlling P (smaller of Pa or 1/4Pe)

P	11679	lbs	grouted at 16" o.c.
P	14128	lbs	grouted at 8" o.c.

With Axial plus bending due to e > 0

Use $f_a/F_a + f_b/F_b \leq 1.0$ with $f_a = P_a/A_n$ and $f_b = 2P_a/S_n$

Pa	7942	lbs	grouted at 16" o.c.
Unity	0.9999		
Pa	9507	lbs	grouted at 8" o.c.
Unity	0.9999		
Pe	12680	lbs	grouted at 16" o.c.
Pe	11021	lbs	grouted at 8" o.c.

Controlling P (smaller of Pa or 1/4Pe)

P	3170	lbs	grouted at 16" o.c.
P	2755	lbs	grouted at 8" o.c.



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