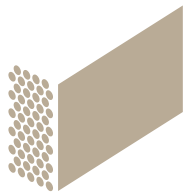


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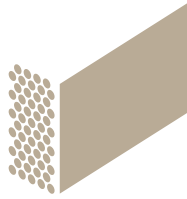
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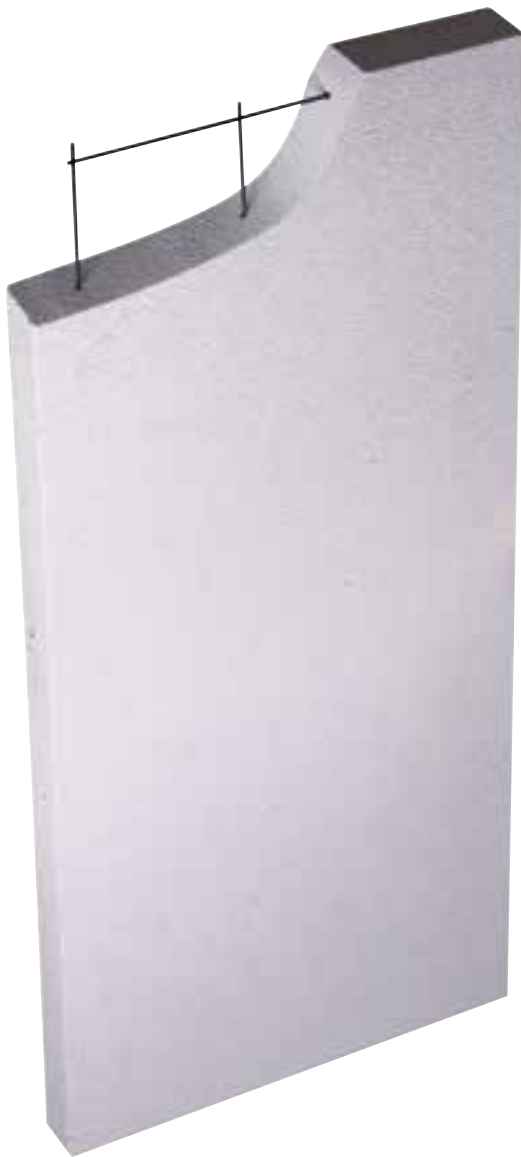
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Hebel PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> is faster to install than other 75mm AAC cladding systems and requires significantly less labour than traditional masonry construction methods, leading to substantial savings in site costs. Building with Hebel also means a cleaner, safer construction site and less clean-up at completion.



## Solid as brick but lighter in weight

Hebel PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> panels are made from lightweight steel reinforced concrete so they are built to be solid. At about 1/3 the weight of bricks, the PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> External Wall System provides an excellent solution for areas that are seismically active or have poor ground conditions. Once finished the PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> External Wall System is almost impossible to tell apart from a rendered brick wall.



## A comfortable living environment

Hebel's unique aeration provides superior insulation properties for a masonry product. The unique combination of thermal resistance along with thermal mass, make building with Hebel a smart choice for meeting New Zealand's building energy efficiency regulations. For unit and homeowners, the result is a more comfortable home with lower heating and cooling costs.



## Fire resistant for peace of mind

Hebel is non-combustible and renowned for its fire resistance properties. The PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> External Wall System has been assessed by BRANZ. See Fire section of this guide for further information..



## A sound reason for better acoustics

Hebel pioneered the introduction of lightweight wall panels to provide excellent acoustic performance. The PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> External Wall System has been assessed to achieve acoustic performance up to  $R_w + C_{tr} = 39$  (STC = 46).



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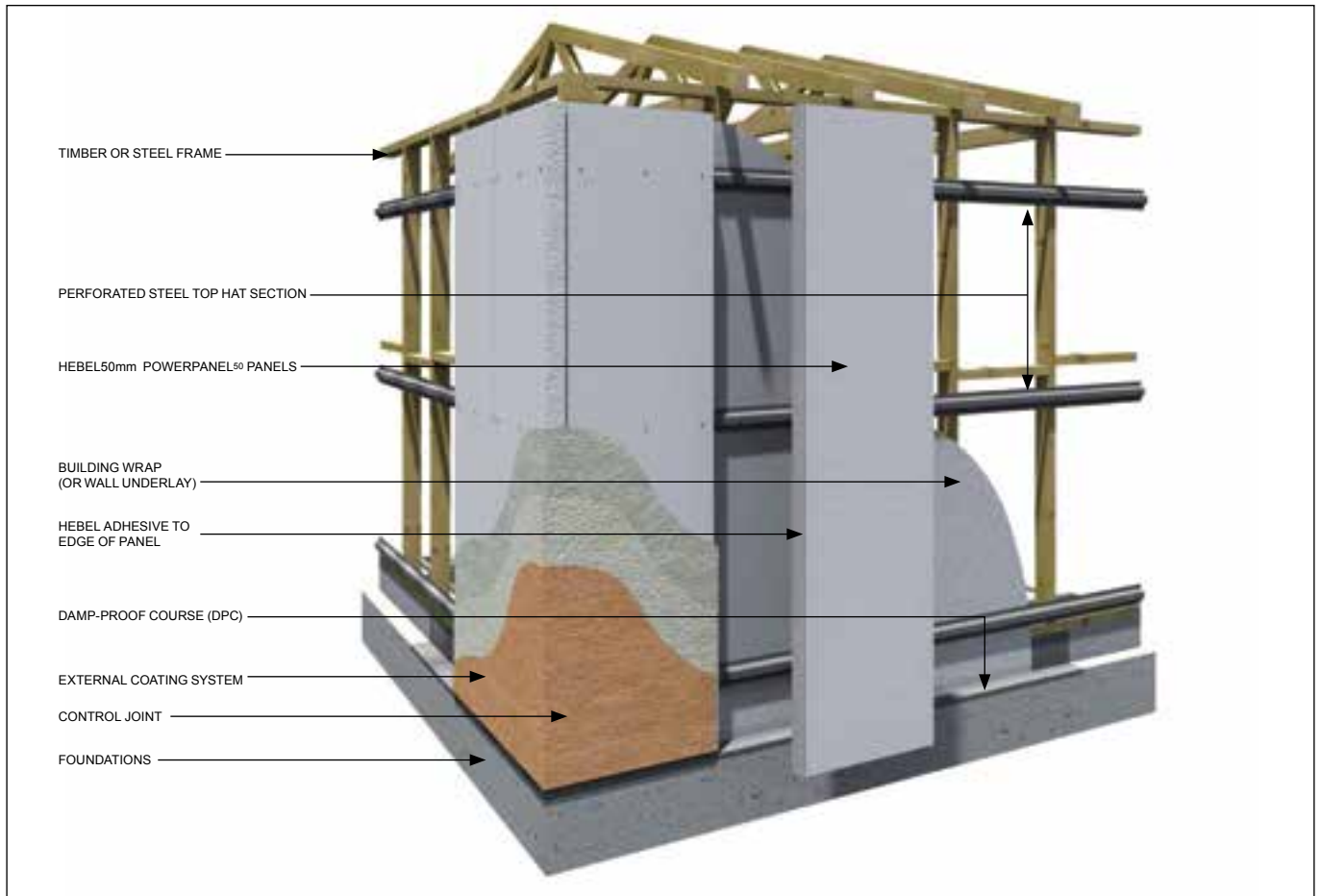
## The Hebel PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> External Wall System, now 20% lighter

Hebel PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> has been designed 20% lighter than standard PowerPanel without compromising the structural integrity of the panel.

The Hebel PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> External Wall System has been designed for homes built using either timber or steel framing including home extensions or re-cladding of existing homes. The system consists of 75mm thick, lightweight, steel-reinforced Hebel PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> panels, fixed vertically to horizontal battens attached to the

load-bearing frame. For quick, clean construction, Hebel PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> panels can be ordered in the stock lengths of 2400mm, 2700mm and 3000mm and in widths of 450mm and 600mm. The 600mm wide PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> panels are also available in the additional lengths of 1200mm, 1800mm, and 2550mm (refer to technical information tables for specific details).

Fig. 1.1 – Typical Home Construction Application



## The many applications of other Hebel products

In addition to the widely accepted Hebel PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup>, Hebel also manufactures a wide variety of building systems for floors and fencing plus load bearing blocks for external and internal walls. For further information visit [www.hebel.co.nz](http://www.hebel.co.nz)

# 1.1 Designing an external wall

## Design process

This section outlines the design process for determining the adequacy of Hebel PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> External Wall System.

STEP 1: Determine the wind category, earthquake zone, stud framing layout and panel height requirements.

STEP 2: Design Criteria. Where required identify the NZBC Performance Requirements:

- Fire Resistance Rating (FRR).
- Sound insulation performance (R<sub>w</sub>, R<sub>w</sub> +Ctr, STC values).
- Energy Efficiency (R-Value).

STEP 3: The flowchart below can be used to select a type, spacing and quantity of Top Hats and fixings to suit requirements.

STEP 4: Select insulation and/or wall wrap material to suit energy efficiency and condensation requirements.

STEP 5: Check adequacy of sound insulation and fire resistance level.

STEP 6: Complete detailed design and documentation.

## Compliance with the New Zealand Building Code (NZBC)

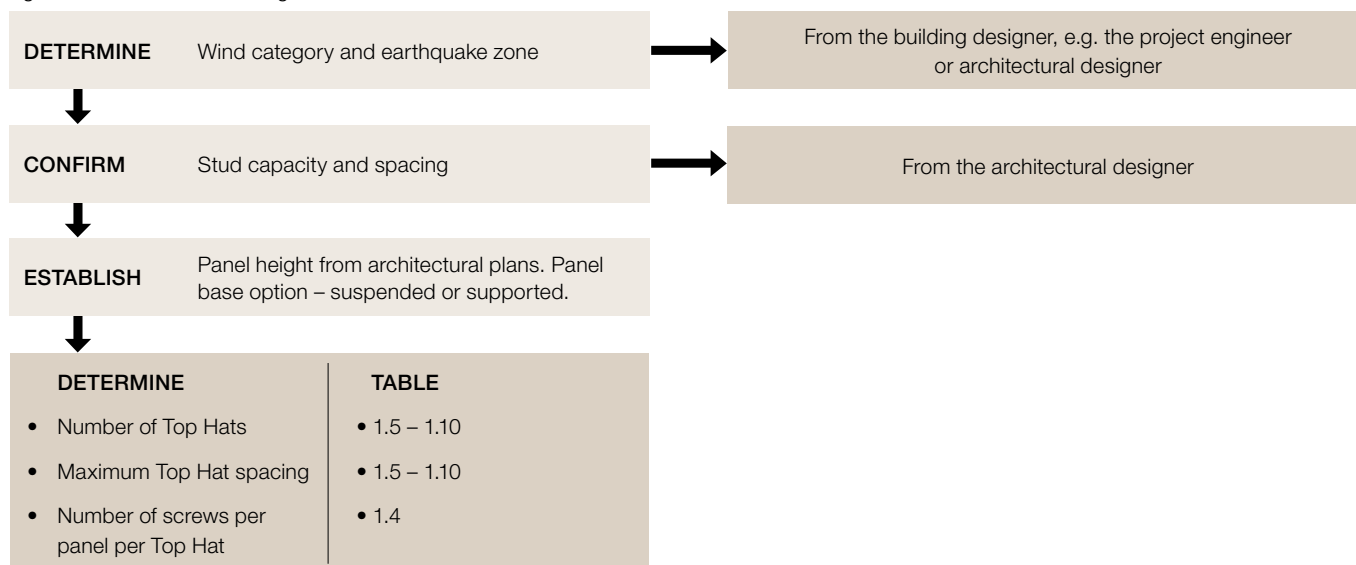
In New Zealand, the building of houses and other buildings is controlled by the Building Act 2004. This applies to the construction of new buildings as well as the alteration of existing buildings. The Building Act 2004 requires that all building work comply with the New Zealand Building Code (NZBC), whether or not a building consent is required in respect of that building work. Where a building consent is required, this will be issued by a Building Consent Authority (BCA) once they have established that compliance with NZBC will be achieved with respect to the building work.

The Hebel PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> External Wall System is compliant with the performance requirements of the New Zealand Building Code.

For the Hebel PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> External Wall System, the following conditions and limitations apply:

1. To be designed and installed in accordance with the information provided in this design guide
2. All joinery used in conjunction with this Design and Installation Guide must meet the requirements of NZS 4211:2008
3. For use in Importance Level 1 & Importance Level 2 buildings, as defined in NZS 3604:2011, Table 1.1, up to and including three storeys high and situated in wind zones up to and including Extra High as determined in NZS 3604:2011
4. Where the building is situated in an Extra High wind zone or where the cladding system is used on an external wall frame without an internal lining, a rigid wall underlay shall be used.
5. For use as an external wall cladding on buildings where the wall face concerned has a building envelope risk matrix score of less than 20 as determined using NZBC E2/AS1 section 3.
6. Compliance with NZBC C6 - Stability is also subject to the conditions of the Structural Design Statement 9295 issued by KCL Engineering Services dated 20th April 2016.

Fig. 1.2 – Flow Chart for Design Process



# 1.2 Structural provisions

## Scope

The Hebel PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> External Wall System may be used in timber or steel framed buildings that are of Importance Level 1 or Importance Level 2, as defined in NZS 3604:2011, Table 1.1, up to and including three storeys high that are situated in:

- Wind zones up to and including Extra High as determined in NZS 3604:2011
- Earthquakes zones up to and including Earthquake Zone 4 as defined in NZS 3604:2011
- Exposure Zones B, C & D as defined in NZS 3604:2011

## Overview

The Hebel PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> External Wall System consists of Hebel PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> panels secured to the framing via horizontal steel Top Hats. This section provides the basic information on the selection of Top Hat spacings for a given stud spacing and wind category, as well as considerations to assist the designer in determining the appropriate wall configuration.

The design information presented in Tables 1.4 to 1.10 has been determined with respect to the Hebel 24mm and 35mm Perforated Top Hat Section (Provisional Patent).

Please contact Hebel for information on other types or sizes of Top Hat sections. Minimum performance requirements for the Perforated Top Hats, fixings and Hebel PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> panels have also been provided below to assist design if needed.

**IMPORTANT: The design and approval of the structural framing (cold-formed steel or timber) is the responsibility of the project engineer or architectural designer.**

## Principles of design

The principles on which the design is based include:

- a) The lateral wind loads or seismic loads (whichever is the greater) applied to the panels are transferred into the horizontal Top Hats, then to the stud frame, which should be designed in accordance with the requirements of the relevant New Zealand Standard or NZBC cited documents for the imposed loads. The frame should be designed for all bracing and hold-down requirements.
- b) The design of the stud frame shall consider the weight of the suspended panels (such as the upper storey of two-storey construction). Note that with the approximate combined mass of less than 40kg/m<sup>2</sup> the Hebel PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> External Wall System is considered to fall within the medium weight cladding classification (less than 80kg/m<sup>2</sup> as defined by NZS3604:2011).
- c) The system is considered to be a 'face-sealed' cavity construction cladding system, where the cavity exists as a secondary defence mechanism against any water ingress, should it occur. Any water ingress will drain within the cavity, or migrate through increased atmospheric moisture content, to the back face of the Hebel panel which will absorb the moisture and expel it through the vapour permeable water resistant plaster coating system. As shown in this design guide there is a necessity for sealing any cladding penetrations such as windows, doors or pipe penetrations as well as applying a vapour permeable water

resistant external coating.

- d) The system specifications vary with wind load. The wind zones used in NZS3604:2011 Timber Framed Buildings have been adopted for use in this design guide.
- e) The localised effects of wind around corners of buildings have been considered in the design and included in the design tables. The extent of this effect is further discussed later in this section.
- f) Seismic loads have been considered in the design and included in the design tables. The earthquake zones defined in NZS 3604:2011 have been adopted for use in this design guide and are further discussed later in this section.

## Criteria for corner panels

Wind load increases around the corners of buildings. It is essential that this increased load is taken into consideration when calculating fixing details. The design tables in this document have been engineered in accordance with AS/NZS 1170.2 and include allowance for the increased load at the building corners. Where additional fixings would have been required, a conservative approach has been adopted and the tables have been adjusted such that the increase in fixings is required to apply to the whole wall.

## Earthquake loads

The tables in this design guide have been calculated to include allowance for seismic loads as required by AS/NZS 1170.5. In most cases the seismic loads are not the critical load as the effective wind loads for a given wind zone are greater. In each case the higher of the seismic or wind loads has been adopted for use in the design tables.

The tables allow for buildings in earthquake Zone 3 as defined by NZS 3604:2011. If the building is located in earthquake Zone 4 then designers should select as a minimum the High wind zone category when using the tables.

## Hebel PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup>

Design procedures for the verification of wall systems consisting of Hebel autoclaved aerated concrete (AAC) PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> panels generally follow the design principles outlined in Australian Standard AS3600 – Concrete Structures for strength and serviceability design, with the exception of cover requirements for durability and development length for reinforcement. The serviceability design of the Hebel PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> panels has been carried out using the Transformed Section Theory, as detailed in the text book, 'Reinforced Concrete' by Warner, Rangan and Hall (Longman Cheshire). The load carrying capacity of the Hebel PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> panels is influenced by several factors, such as:

- Imposed action (wind)
- Lateral stiffness of the supporting structure (lightweight structural [cold-formed] steel framing or timber framing)
  - Stud size and spacings
  - Deflection limit
- Height of the wall
- Number and spacing of the Top Hats
- Number of screw fixings considered effective



## Stud frame – steel or timber

Hebel PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> panels are a masonry product and the support structure should be designed to provide sufficient stiffness. The stud frame design is the responsibility of the project engineer or architectural designer. The approximate combined mass of the Hebel PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> External Wall System is less than 40kg/m<sup>2</sup> which is considered to fall within the medium weight cladding classification (less than 80kg/m<sup>2</sup>) as defined by NZS 3604:2011.

Steel stud frames shall be designed in accordance with NASH Standard – Residential and Low Rise Steel Framing Part 1: Design Criteria or with AS/NZS 4600 as modified by NZBC B1/VM1. Timber stud frames shall be designed and constructed in accordance with NZS 3604:2011 Timber framed buildings or by specific design in accordance with NZBC B1/VM1.

Note that when installing the Hebel PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> External Wall System on steel framing, there is no requirement for the use of a thermal break in order to meet the performance requirements of NZBC E3 – see Section 2.3 Energy Efficiency.

## Perforated steel Top Hat

Hebel Perforated Top Hats are provided in nominal widths of 24mm and 35mm and have been designed and constructed in accordance with AS3623 and AS/NZS4600. The following design tables are based on the use of the Hebel 24mm and 35mm Perforated Top Hat sections (Provisional Patent). Please contact Hebel for information on other types or sizes of Top Hat sections:

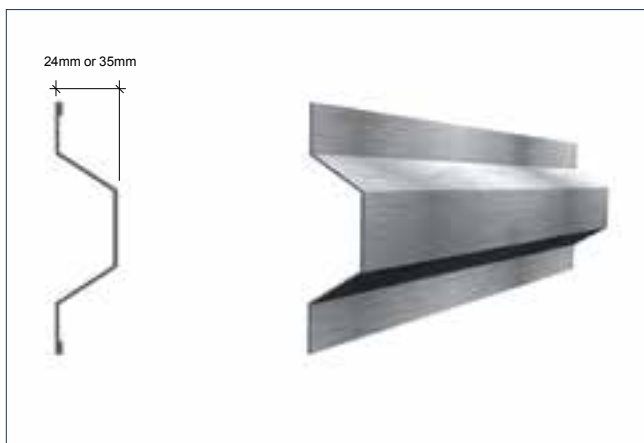
### 24mm Perforated Steel Top Hat Section Properties:

- Cold-formed perforated steel Top Hats.
- Minimum thickness 0.42mm BMT.
- Minimum yield strength 550MPa (zincalume).
- Coating class AZ150 (see Durability).

### 35mm Perforated Steel Top Hat Section Properties:

- Cold-formed perforated steel Top Hats.
- Minimum thickness 0.55mm BMT.
- Minimum yield strength 270MPa (Galvabond).
- Coating class Z275 (see Durability).

Fig. 1.2 – Hebel Perforated Top Hat Section



## Base angle – suspended panels

Where PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> panels are suspended from the wall framing and the lower edge is not above a wall penetration like a window or door, then a base angle is required to act as a cavity closure. As an example, this applies to the bottom edge of panels on a single or lower storey where the panel does not sit on a rebated foundation and also to upper storey panels where the panel finishes above a lower storey roof or deck.

Base angles are considered to be flashings (with the exception of base angles for fire-rated boundary walls – see below and in the section 2.2 on Boundary Wall) and as such the material to be used for the base angle may be selected from NZBC E2/AS1 Table 20 for the appropriate Exposure Zone (see Durability section for more detail).

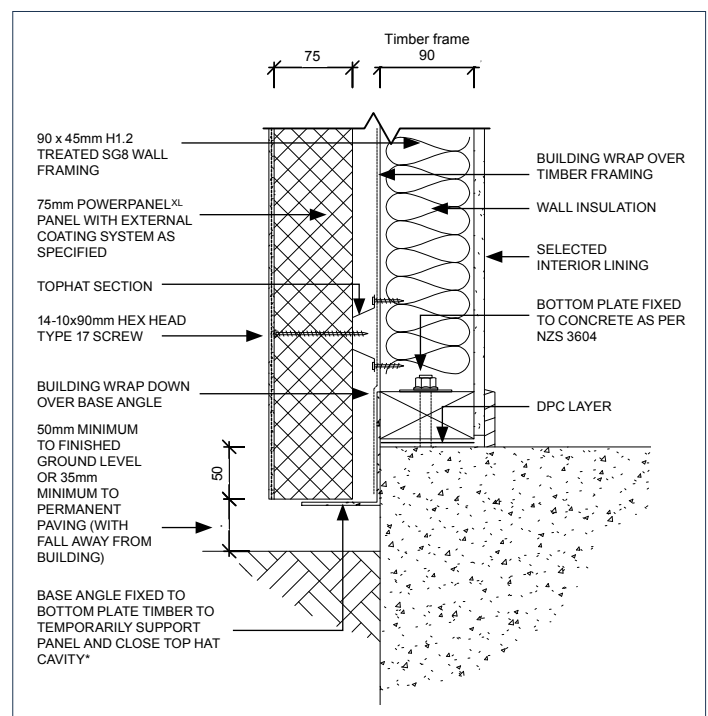
Base angles shall be of sufficient dimension to allow for a minimum of 15mm cover to base of panel (for a FRR of 30/30/30) and a minimum of a 40mm cover to the base of the Panel (for a FRR of 180/180/180), (see fig 2.1 on page 21). Base angles shall be mechanically fixed to the foundation or to the bottom plate of the wall framing (except when used in fire-rated boundary walls – see section 2.2 on Boundary Wall). When fixed to the bottom plate of timber wall framing, material compatibility shall be considered (see Durability section).

The base angle does not normally provide structural support but may be used as a temporary support for suspended panels during the installation process.

Where the base angle is used as part of a fire-rated boundary wall, the material shall be selected to meet the requirements of the Durability section as well as per the minimum requirements set out in section 2.2 on Boundary Walls, as the base angle contributes to the performance of the fire rated system.

Joining base angles shall have a minimum overlap of 250mm when used in a fire-rated boundary wall, otherwise a butting joint is acceptable.

Fig. 1.3 – Base angle - Panels suspended from frame



\*NOTE : THIS BASE ANGLE DETAIL IS NOT APPLICABLE FOR A FIRE RATED WALL- SEE SECTION 2.2



# Fixings

Table 1.3 outlines the connection type and requirements for constructing Hebel PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> detailed in this design guide. The project engineer or Architectural Designer is responsible for specification of alternative details. The minimum performance requirement of fixings are:

- Screws are to be manufactured in accordance with AS3566, Part 1 and have a coating class in accordance with AS3566, Part 2 for Class 4 screws (refer to Section 2.1 for Durability)

Table 1.3 – Screws types

Type of Screw	Application	Socket Type
12-11x35mm Hex Head Type 17 screw	Fix Top Hat to timber frame (both flanges)	5/16" Hex Mag. Socket
10-16x16mm Hex Head self drilling screw	Fix Top Hat to steel stud frame (1.2mm BMT max.) (both flanges)	5/16" Hex Mag. Socket
14-10x65mm Hex Head Type 17 screw	Fix PowerPanel <sup>XL</sup> to Top Hat from inside of building (Boundary wall application)*	3/8" Hex Mag. Socket
14-10x90mm Hex Head Type 17 screw	Fix PowerPanel <sup>XL</sup> to Top Hat from outside of building	5mm Hex drive bit 50mm long

\* For construction details of PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> panels in boundary wall applications, refer to section 2.2

# Design tables

This section presents tables to assist the designer in the selection of the number of Top Hats and number of screws for securing the Hebel PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> panels to the framing, for a given wind category.

**IMPORTANT: The determination of the wind category is the responsibility of the project engineer or architectural designer. Wind zones as used in NZS 3604:2011 have been adopted for use in this design guide. For determination of wind zone, consult NZS 3604:2011 section 5.**

**General Notes:**

- The below tables have been engineered in accordance with the requirements of NZS 3604-2011, NZS 1170.5-2004 & AS/NZS1170.2-2011
- All Top Hats to be spaced evenly, with end (top and bottom) Top Hats installed 150mm (typical) up to 250mm (maximum) from the end of the PowerPanel
- Additional Top Hats will be required below all window openings and above openings if a PowerPanel or sill block is to be installed in this location
- Top Hats to be installed horizontally with PowerPanel to span vertically
- The material of the steel studs for the purpose of the screw fixing shall be at least 0.75BMT, G2 steel (fy=270MPa Typical, fu = 360MPa, Minimum)
- These tables allow for building in Earthquake Zones (as defined in NZS 3604:2011). If the building is in Earthquake Zone 4 and where the actual wind zone is low or medium then minimum of High wind zone must be selected when using these tables

Table 1.4 – Number of screws per panel per Top Hat, Base Supported and Suspended Panels using 24mm or 35mm Top Hat sections

Wind Region	Design Ultimate Wind Speed (m/s)	Ultimate Windward Pressure (kPa)	Ultimate Leeward Pressure (kPa)	Maximum Stud Spacing (mm)	Number of screws per panel per Top Hat
Low & Medium	37	0.86	-1.07	400 or 600	2
High	44	1.22	-1.51	400 or 600	3
Very High	50	1.58	-1.95	400 or 600	3
Extra High	55	1.91	-2.36	400 or 600	4

# Base supported 75mm PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> panel

Table 1.5 – 600mm stud spacing, number of Top Hats per panel using 24 or 35mm Top Hat (ie Lower edge of panel to be supported by concrete slab edge/rebate or structural shelf angle)

Wind Region	Design Ultimate Wind Speed (m/s)	Ultimate Windward Pressure (kPa)	Ultimate Leeward Pressure (kPa)	Maximum Stud Spacing (mm)	Maximum Top Hat Spacing (mm)	Number of Top Hats Per Panel			
						Panel Length (mm)			
						≤ 2400	≤ 2700	≤ 3000	≤ 3300
Low & Medium	37	0.86	-1.07	600	925	3	3	3	3
High	44	1.22	-1.51	600	825	3	3	4	4
Very High	50	1.58	-1.95	600	600	4	4	4	5
Extra High	55	1.91	-2.36	600	550	4	4	5	5

Table 1.6 – 400mm stud spacing, number of Top Hats per panel using 24 or 35mm Top Hat (ie Lower edge of panel to be supported by concrete slab edge/rebate or structural shelf angle)

Wind Region	Design Ultimate Wind Speed (m/s)	Ultimate Windward Pressure (kPa)	Ultimate Leeward Pressure (kPa)	Maximum Stud Spacing (mm)	Maximum Top Hat Spacing (mm)	Number of Top Hats Per Panel			
						Panel Length (mm)			
						≤ 2400	≤ 2700	≤ 3000	≤ 3300
Low & Medium	37	0.86	-1.07	400	1500	3	3	3	3
High	44	1.22	-1.51	400	1325	3	3	3	3
Very High	50	1.58	-1.95	400	1150	3	3	4	4
Extra High	55	1.91	-2.36	400	1050	3	3	4	4

# Suspended 75mm PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> panel

Table 1.7 – 600mm stud spacing, number of Top Hats per panel using 24mm Top Hat (eg Second storey panel on double storey construction)

Wind Region	Design Ultimate Wind Speed (m/s)	Ultimate Windward Pressure (kPa)	Ultimate Leeward Pressure (kPa)	Maximum Stud Spacing (mm)	Maximum Top Hat Spacing (mm)	Number of Top Hats Per Panel			
						Panel Length (mm)			
						≤ 2400	≤ 2700	≤ 3000	≤ 3300
Low & Medium	37	0.86	-1.07	600	925	4	4	5	5
High	44	1.22	-1.51	600	825	4	5	5	5
Very High	50	1.58	-1.95	600	660	5	5	5	6
Extra High	55	1.91	-2.36	600	550	5	5	6	6

Table 1.8 – 400mm stud spacing, number of Top Hats per panel using 24mm Top Hat (eg Second storey panel on double storey construction)

Wind Region	Design Ultimate Wind Speed (m/s)	Ultimate Windward Pressure (kPa)	Ultimate Leeward Pressure (kPa)	Maximum Stud Spacing (mm)	Maximum Top Hat Spacing (mm)	Number of Top Hats Per Panel			
						Panel Length (mm)			
						≤ 2400	≤ 2700	≤ 3000	≤ 3300
Low & Medium	37	0.86	-1.07	400	1225	3	3	4	4
High	44	1.22	-1.51	400	1125	3	3	4	4
Very High	50	1.58	-1.95	400	1100	3	4	4	4
Extra High	55	1.91	-2.36	400	1050	3	4	4	4

Table 1.9 – 600mm stud spacing, number of Top Hats per panel using 35mm Top Hat (eg Second storey panel on double storey construction)

Wind Region	Design Ultimate Wind Speed (m/s)	Ultimate Windward Pressure (kPa)	Ultimate Leeward Pressure (kPa)	Maximum Stud Spacing (mm)	Maximum Top Hat Spacing (mm)	Number of Top Hats Per Panel			
						Panel Length (mm)			
						≤ 2400	≤ 2700	≤ 3000	≤ 3300
Low & Medium	37	0.86	-1.07	600	925	6	6	7	8
High	44	1.22	-1.51	600	825	6	6	7	8
Very High	50	1.58	-1.95	600	600	6	6	7	8
Extra High	55	1.91	-2.36	600	550	6	6	7	8

Table 1.10 – 400mm stud spacing, number of Top Hats per panel using 35mm Top Hat (eg Second storey panel on double storey construction)

Wind Region	Design Ultimate Wind Speed (m/s)	Ultimate Windward Pressure (kPa)	Ultimate Leeward Pressure (kPa)	Maximum Stud Spacing (mm)	Maximum Top Hat Spacing (mm)	Number of Top Hats Per Panel			
						Panel Length (mm)			
						≤ 2400	≤ 2700	≤ 3000	≤ 3300
Low & Medium	37	0.86	-1.07	400	1225	4	5	5	6
High	44	1.22	-1.51	400	1125	4	5	5	6
Very High	50	1.58	-1.95	400	1100	4	5	5	6
Extra High	55	1.91	-2.36	400	1050	4	5	5	6



# Further design considerations

## Structural framing design

The use of Hebel PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> in two-storey construction involves a number of design issues that require attention. In conjunction with the following, refer to the Construction Details in Section 3.4 Note, when PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> panels are suspended from the stud frame, the project engineer shall design the frame to support the weight of the PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> panels.

### Design tip

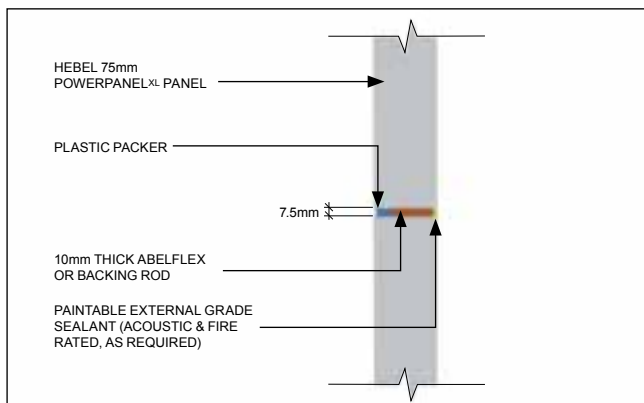
In order to make installation easier, the lower storey PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> panels should be specified as 2700mm/3000mm in length (so as to cover upper floor framing) and the upper storey PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> panels as 2400mm in length. The vertical dimensions can be adjusted to suit.

*Note: when PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> panels are suspended from the stud frame the project engineer shall design the frame to support the weight of the panels.*

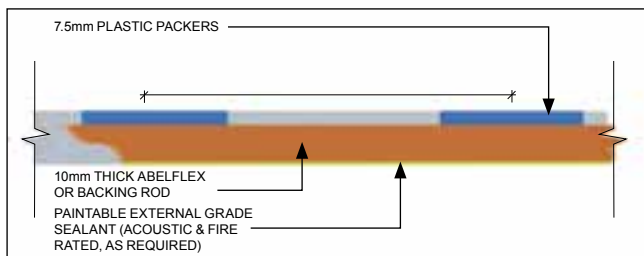
## Steel joists or engineered timber joists (<=1% shrinkage)

Lower storey panels may bear on the slab edge or be suspended beyond the slab edge. Consideration should be given to the sectional size of the lintels over openings on the lower storey. As the details reveal, only a dummy control joint (solid 6-10mm packers, backing rod and an external grade paintable sealant joint (acoustic and fire-rated as required) is required at the horizontal PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> junction between the upper and lower panels. The panel support packer should consist of a durable material that will not degrade during the life of the structure.

Side view – Horizontal control joint



Top view – Horizontal control joint



## Timber frame construction (>1% shrinkage joist).

Significant movement can occur in a two storey timber frame with a timber first floor. The fixing method used in the Hebel PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> External Wall System does not allow for this extensive differential movement between the external skin and the timber frame.

It is therefore recommended that the upper storey PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> panels be installed 25mm clear of the lower storey panels. During construction a temporary packer is used to separate the panels and is then removed after the panels have been fixed. An architectural trim (feature moulding) may be used to hide the horizontal control joint. If no trim is used then a paintable external grade sealant (acoustic and fire-rated, as required) must be used.

## Bracing of the building

Consideration should be given to bracing materials wherever possible, to allow the fixing of the PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> panels without the need for additional packing. Ply or sheet bracing could be used on the face of the external wall, if required. In this case, the full length of the wall should be sheeted to prevent misalignment of the panels.

Alternatively, localised strips of the sheeting, (up to 35mm thickness) can be fixed to the intermediate studs, between the areas of full sheet bracing, to maintain the panel alignment. Refer to detail below.

*\* Note: Minimum screw embedment depth into timber frame must be 25mm*

Hebel PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> Top Hat packer detail

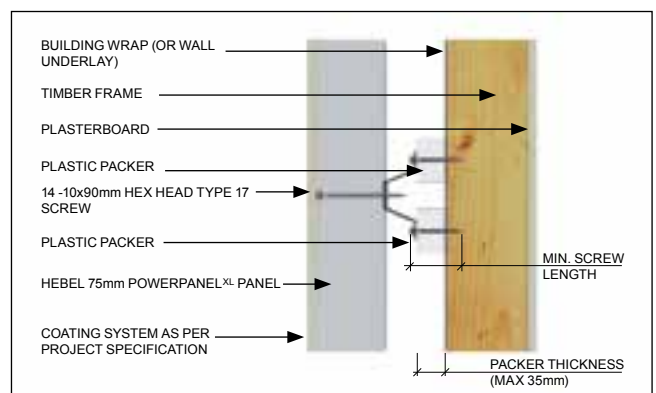


Table 1.11: Connection to Timber Stud

Packer Thickness (mm)	Minimum Screw Length (mm)	Packer Thickness (mm)	Minimum Screw Length (mm)
0	35	0	16
5	35	5	21
10	35	10	26
15	40	15	31
20	45	20	36
25	50	25	41
30	55	30	46
35	60	35	51

Table 1.12: Connection to Steel Stud

Notes Table 1.11

- The minimum embedment depth to the timber is 25mm;
- The stud frame designer shall take into account of any local design action effect to the stud due to the packer;
- The packer shall be sufficiently solid to prevent the screw from bending;
- The screw size shall be 12-10 x (screw length) Hex Head Type 17 screw.

Notes Table 1.12

- There shall be at least 3 full threads penetrating beyond the flange of the steel stud;
- The stud frame designer shall take into account of any local design action effect to the stud due to the packer;
- The packer shall be sufficiently solid to prevent the screw from bending;
- The screw size shall be 10-16 x (screw length) Hex Head Tek Screw.

# 1.3 Design & detailing considerations

## Building setout

The Hebel PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> External Wall System is principally designed for modular construction. The full benefit of savings in time and cost will be fully realised when the construction is designed to suit a 300mm module. In principle, thoughtful setout on the drawing board will minimise the site-cutting of the panels, which is time consuming and wasteful, as compared to the installation of stock PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> panels.

## External wall height

Typically the external wall height is the distance from the base of the slab step down up to 50mm above the height of the eaves/soffit lining. Window and door heights should also be considered when determining panel layout. Typically a 300mm distance below or above door or window heights is desirable.

## Wall length (horizontal dimensions)

Although not as critical as the wall height, the wall length designed to 300mm dimensions will help reduce waste.

## Foundations

Foundation design is not part of this document however it is suggested that typical foundation details will generally follow the same details provided in NZS 3604:2011, either allowing for a rebated foundation edge or a suspended cladding edge as chosen by the designer. When undertaking the building foundation design, the project engineer or architectural designer should consider the cladding mass. The approximate combined mass of the Hebel PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> External Wall System is less than 40kg/m<sup>2</sup> which is considered to fall within the 'medium weight' cladding classification (less than 80kg/m<sup>2</sup>) as defined by NZS 3604:2011.

## Movement Control Joints

During the life cycle of a building, the building and the materials that it is constructed from will move. These movements are due to many factors working together or individually, such as support structure movement (lateral sway or vertical deflection), thermal expansion and contraction and differential movements between materials. This movement, unless relieved or accommodated for, will induce stress in the materials, which may be relieved in the form of cracking. To accommodate these movements and relieve any induced stresses, which could potentially crack the wall, movement joints need to be installed.

- Control Joints are provided to relieve the induced stresses resulting from thermal expansion or contraction of the AAC, or differential movement between the AAC and another material or structure, such as abutting walls or columns of concrete or brickwork. Control joints can delineate coating shrinkage breaks.

Vertical control joints should coincide with control joints in the supporting structure and anywhere that significant structural movement is expected, where the wall abuts a vertical structure, such as an existing building, or adjacent to large openings.

Refer to control joint rules Page 47

This design guide proposes minimum widths for the movement joints. The project engineer shall determine if the joints are sufficient to accommodate the movement of the specific project building. Typically, the vertical joint is nominally 5-10mm wide and filled with an appropriate backing rod and flexible sealant.

**IMPORTANT: At all control joints, the Top Hat should be discontinuous to allow for the effective movement of the building at these locations.**

A horizontal control joint is required beneath slabs or angles to accommodate any expected deflection. The magnitude of the deflection must be verified by the building designer. Typically, the horizontal joint is nominally 10mm – 25mm wide and filled with an appropriate external grade paintable sealant (acoustic and fire rated as required).

## Building wrap (or wall underlay)

While the PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> External Wall system falls outside the scope of NZBC E2/AS1 the same principles can be applied for wall underlay. It is therefore a requirement of this system that wall underlay be used in accordance with E2/AS1 clause 9.1.7.1. Where the building is situated in an Extra High wind zone or where the cladding system is used on an external wall frame without an internal lining, a rigid wall underlay shall be used.

## Penetrations

Small service penetrations through the panel should allow for differential movement between the panel and the service. All penetrations are a potential source for water ingress and should be sealed with an appropriate paintable external grade sealant (acoustic and/or fire rated as required).

## Windows

The builder should also ensure that the reveal size is correct to suit the PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> External Wall System.

Exterior joinery shall be positioned such that the face of the joinery projects a minimum of 15mm more than the cavity space .i.e, providing a minimum of 15mm cover over the the Hebel PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup>. Any drainage channels or holes in exterior joinery shall drain to the outside face of the joinery.

*NOTE: The external sealant in the control joints adjacent to windows should be extended to the inside face of the wall, beyond the sealant line of the windows. No gap should exist between both sealants.*

*This sealant configuration is recommended for similar detail points.*





*An example of a home built with Hebel.*







# 1.4 System components

The PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> External Wall System is a complete system and Hebel stocks many of the products and materials required for your convenience.

Product	Description	Supplied by CSR Hebel																									
Hebel PowerPanel <sup>XL</sup> – now 20% lighter (than standard PowerPanel)	<p>The core component of the Hebel PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> External Wall System is the 75mm thick Hebel PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> panel. The panel is manufactured in a range of stock sizes as detailed below:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="3">Panel Weight (kg)</th> </tr> <tr> <th>Length (mm)</th> <th>450</th> <th>600</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1200</td> <td>-</td> <td>31</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1800</td> <td>-</td> <td>47</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2400</td> <td>47</td> <td>63</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2550</td> <td>-</td> <td>67</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2700</td> <td>53</td> <td>71</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3000</td> <td>58</td> <td>78</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Panel Weight (kg)			Length (mm)	450	600	1200	-	31	1800	-	47	2400	47	63	2550	-	67	2700	53	71	3000	58	78	✓	
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2700	53	71																									
3000	58	78																									
Top Hat	The Top Hats are used to fix the Hebel PowerPanel <sup>XL</sup> panel to the structural support framing. There are two nominal widths available: 24mm and 35mm – incorporating perforated flanges for ease of installation onto external wall frame.	✓																									
Fasteners & fixings	Fixing of Top Hat to timber stud frame; 12-11x35mm Hex Head Type 17 screw	✓																									
	Fixing of Top Hat to steel framing; 10-16x16mm Hex Head Tek screws	✓																									
	Fixing of Hebel PowerPanel <sup>XL</sup> panels to Top Hat from inside of buildings 14-10x65mm Hex Head Type 17 Screw (Boundary walls). Refer to Section 2.2.	✓																									
	Fixing of Hebel PowerPanel <sup>XL</sup> panels to Top Hat 14-10x90mm Hex Head Type 17 Screw	✓																									

Note: CSR has engineered and tested the PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> External Wall System to comply with the New Zealand Building Code and relevant Standards. It cannot guarantee products and accessories not specified by CSR will perform to these standards. The Product Guarantee will only apply if all components used in the system are specified by CSR.



Product	Description	Supplied by CSR Hebel	
Hebel Mortar	Hebel Mortar (supplied in 20kg bags) when required is used as a thick bed mortar base to provide a level base for PowerPanelXL installation as well as providing acoustic and fire protection at the base of the panels.	✓	
Hebel Adhesive	Hebel Adhesive (supplied in 20kg bags) is used for gluing the PowerPanelXL panels together at vertical and horizontal joints.	✓	
Hebel Patch	Minor Chips or damage to PowerPanelXL panels are to be repaired using Hebel Patch (supplied in 10kg bags).	✓	
Hebel Anti-Corrosion Protection Paint	To coat exposed reinforcement during cutting of Panels onsite	✓	
Dulux® AcraTex® Render	AcraTex bag mixed render to be used as a base and finish coat over masonry surfaces		
Dulux® AcraTex® Acrylic Texture	AcraTex 100% acrylic texture in a variety of finishes and colours		
Dulux® AcraTex® Topcoat	AcraTex 100% acrylic high build top coat specifically designed for masonry surfaces, available in a variety of colours.		



# 2.1 Durability

## Overview

Durability means the capability of a building or its parts to perform a function over a specified period of time. It is not an inherent property of a material or component. It is the outcome of complex interactions among a number of factors, including:

- The service conditions and environment
- Material characteristics
- Design and detailing
- Workmanship
- Maintenance

As a wall cladding, the PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> External Wall System has been designed to meet, as a minimum, the 15 year performance requirement of NZBC B2 Durability. Specific requirements for components of the system are as set out in this section. Compliance methodology follows the principles set out in NZS 3604:2011 and NZBC E2/AS1.

The cavity construction used in the PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> External Wall System is described as a face sealed system, which means that items within the cavity are not subjected to atmospheric corrosion (wind driven sea salt). Furthermore, items within the cavity are deemed to be in a 'closed' exposure environment as described in NZS 3604:2011.

## Maintenance & enhancement of durability

The durability of the Hebel PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> External Wall System can be enhanced by periodic inspection and maintenance. Inspections should include examination of the coatings, flashings and sealants. Paint finishes must be maintained in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations. Any cracked and damaged finish or sealants, which would allow water ingress, must be repaired immediately by recoating or resealing the effected area. Any damaged flashings or panels must be replaced as for new work.

The durability of the system can also be increased through additional treatment of steelwork, and by painting all exposed sealants to the sealant manufacturer's recommendations.

## Exposure Zone

This design guide uses the atmospheric corrosion (wind driven sea salt) Exposure Zones B (Low), C (Medium) and D (High), as set out in NZS 3604:2011 section 4 and also recognises the additional Exposure Zone E (Severe marine, classified as breaking surf beach fronts) as considered in NZBC E2/AS1 Table 20.

The PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> External Wall System has been designed to meet the durability requirements for Exposure Zones B, C & D, however Hebel does not recommend that the system be used in Exposure Zone E without project specific consultation with Hebel Technical Services.

## Hebel PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup>

Hebel autoclaved aerated concrete (AAC) PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> panels generally follow the design principles outlined in Australian Standard AS3600 – Concrete Structures for strength and serviceability design, with the exception of cover requirements for durability where the use of corrosion protection coatings have been used on the steel reinforcement. PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> exceeds the 15 year durability performance requirement of NZBC.

Hebel PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> has many characteristics which make it a very durable product, including:

- Will not rot or burn.
- Is not a food source for termites or subject to insect attack.
- Not adversely affected by sunlight.
- Not adversely affected over normal temperature ranges.
- One sixth the weight of conventional concrete at dry density.
- Solid and strong with corrosion protection coated steel reinforcement.

## Base angles and flashings

Base angles are considered to be flashings (with the exception of base angles for fire-rated boundary walls when they are both flashings and form part of the fire-rated system – see section 2.2 Boundary Wall). To meet durability requirements, the material to be used for the base angle or other flashings may be selected from NZBC E2/AS1 Table 20 for the appropriate Exposure Zone (as determined by the project engineer or architectural designer and in accordance with NZS 3604:2011) as a flashing requiring 15 year durability and in a 'sheltered' situation.

As an example, aluminium or uPVC flashings may be used in any Exposure Zone (B,C, or D) whereas zincalume or galvanised steel may only be used in Exposure Zone B, unless it has a factory applied paint coating to Type 4 or 6, in which case it may be used in Zones C and D respectively. Note that the majority of cities and towns in New Zealand are in at least Exposure Zone C, so in those situations a zincalume or galvanised steel flashing would require a factory applied paint coating to at least Type 4 to meet the requirements of E2/AS1.

Where the base angle or flashing is fixed to the bottom plate of timber wall framing that has been treated with a copper based preservative (H3.2 or higher):-

- The fixings shall be as per NZS 3604 clause 4.4.4.
- If the base angle is made from zincalume or galvanised steel without a factory applied paint coating (only allowable in Exposure Zone B) then use appropriate separation between the base angle and timber framing as per NZBC E2/AS1 clause 9.6.9.2.

DPC flashings provided as part of the system are manufactured to meet the requirements of AS/NZS 2904:1995.

## Perforated Steel Top Hat

To meet durability requirements for a 'closed' environment, Hebel perforated steel top hats are manufactured from continuously coated steel to AZ150 (for 24mm battens) and Z275 (for 35mm battens) in accordance with AS 1397.

## Fixings

Durability requirements for fixings are as determined in NZS 3604:2011 Table 4.3 for non-structural claddings to achieve a 15 year durability.

All screws, including the perforated steel top hats to stud fixings, shall be galvanised screws, mechanically zinc plated in accordance with AS 3566: Part 2 to meet Class 4. This also satisfies the requirements of NZS 3604:2011 clause 4.4.4 as the perforated top hat batten to stud fixings are in a 'closed' environment.

## Wall Frames

### Timber frames

Timber framing shall be treated to meet the requirements of NZS 3602:2005 as modified by NZBC B2/AS1.

### Steel frames

Steel stud frames shall be designed in accordance with NASH Standard – Residential and Low Rise Steel Framing Part 1: Design Criteria.

# 2.2 Fire resistance performance

## Overview

The Hebel PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> External Wall System can be subjected to a fire loading as the result of either an external fire source, or an internal fire source. When the wall requires a FRR rating, Hebel provides the following guidance.

### External fire source

For an external fire source, the excellent fire resistance qualities of the Hebel PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> External Wall protects the structural support framing, and provides a high fire resistance level.

**NOTE: The FRR rating of the wall can be affected by the penetrations and the method adopted to protect these penetrations. A fire collar with a ~60/60 FRR rating will govern the FRR of the wall, even if the wall configuration has a FRR rating of ~90/90. Where required, the performance of the external coating when subjected to a fire loading shall meet the appropriate performance requirements outlined in the NZBC. Joints & gaps need to be appropriately fire rated. Eg. vertical control joint will need fire rated sealant & horizontal joints must be blocked with compressible fire rated material.**

### Fire certificates & reports

The Hebel PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> External Wall System with GIB plasterboard linings listed in this page achieves up to 180/180/180 minutes from either side. (BRANZ FC 13639-001)

## External walls in fire – NZBC provisions

Where necessary, the designer and builder should ensure the structural support framing, its connections and the Hebel Powerpanel<sup>XL</sup> installation are satisfactory when subject to fire conditions. The NZBC Clauses C1-C6 and Compliance Document C/AS1 outlines provisions for external walls for resistance in a residential building where the external wall is less than 1000mm from an allotment boundary. If this occurs a FRR not less than 30/30/30 is required to protect the wall from both internal or external fire sources i.e the FRR must be achieved in both directions.

### Internal fire source

In order to achieve a FRR of 30/30/30 against a fire source from within the building, the internal side of the stud wall will need to be fitted with an appropriate plasterboard lining to provide this fire resistance. See table below for FRR of wall system from either side with variety of lining configurations and using timber framing.

Hebel external wall	Internal lining	FRR
PowerPanel <sup>XL</sup>	10mm GIB Fyreline	30/30/30
	13mm GIB Standard	
	10mm GIB Standard	
	13mm GIB Fyreline	60/60/60
	2 x 10mm GIB Fyreline	
	16mm GIB Fyreline	
	2 x 16mm GIB Fyreline	
	50mm Celcrete panel	
	180/180/180	

## Design considerations

### Fire stop penetrations

Penetrations through Hebel PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> to accommodate pipework, electrical cabling or ductwork will have to be protected (fire stop), to prevent the spread of fire through the penetration. The penetration can be protected with proprietary products, such as:

- Fire rated sealants.
- Fire collars and intumescent wraps.
- Fire rated mortars.
- Fire rated pillows.
- Fire rated switch boxes.

Hebel recommends contacting the manufacturer to obtain the appropriate product/solution and installation method for the application and wall configuration.

# Boundary Walls

## NZBC C6 – Stability

To meet the requirements of NZBC C6 for providing stability during and post-fire, the Hebel PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> External Wall System adopts as one option (and only as applicable to an FRR 30/30/30 solution) a lateral restraint mechanism that is applied at the top plate of the fire-rated wall such that the mechanism is sufficient to meet the imposed loads as set out in NZBC B1/VM1. This means that there is no requirement for the bottom plate to stud connection of the boundary walls to be designed as a cantilevered connection and therefore no requirement for the use of proprietary brackets or for the timber framing to be increased in dimension beyond the minimum requirements of NZS 3604:2011.

The design methodology and conditions required to achieve stability under this method are as set out in the Structural Design Statement 9295 issued by KCL Engineering Services dated 20th April 2016 – see Appendix F. Other options as applicable to an FRR 30/30/30 solution may also be suitable but shall be subject to specific design by others. For stability mechanisms applicable to solutions requiring an FRR greater than 30/30/30, consult the project structural engineer for a suitable solution.

## Base Angle

Where a fire-rated boundary wall solution has PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> suspended from the framing, a base angle is required to act as a cavity closure. This base angle acts as a flashing and also contributes to the performance of the fire-rated wall system. Material selection for the base angle must meet the requirements of this section as well as meeting durability requirements for the appropriate Exposure Zone (see Durability section).

Base angles shall be of sufficient dimension to allow for a minimum of 15mm cover to base of panel (for a FRR of 30/30/30) and a minimum of a 40mm cover to the base of the Panel (for a FRR of 180/180/180), (see fig 2.1 on Page 21). Base Angles shall be mechanically fixed to the foundation, but must remain clear of the bottom plate of the wall framing by a minimum of 10mm for a FRR of 30/30/30 and minimum of 15mm for an FRR of 180/180/180. Joining base angles shall have a minimum overlap of 250mm when used in a fire-rated boundary wall, otherwise a butting joint is required.

The base angle does not normally provide structural support but may be used as a temporary support for suspended panels during the installation process.

Base angles shall be made from the following material for the selected minimum fire-rated performance level:-

- Steel with a minimum 0.9mm BMT (base metal thickness) – for a minimum FRR 30/30/30
- Steel with a minimum 1.2mm BMT (base metal thickness) – for a minimum FRR 180/180/180

## Sealing of the Base Angle

Immediately prior to mechanically fixing the base angle to the foundation, a continuous bead of CSR Fireseal sealant must be applied to the foundation so as to seal between the foundation and the base angle (as shown in fig 2.1 on Page 21). Similarly, a continuous bead of CSR Fireseal sealant must be applied to the base angle just immediately prior to the fixing of the PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> so as to seal between the panel and the base angle.

## Uncoated Boundary Wall Option

The Hebel PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> External Wall System, where installed as a boundary wall solution, may remain uncoated where it is inaccessible to apply the external coatings onto panels and where the panels have been fixed from the inside of the building. In all other instances the Hebel PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> External Wall System must be coated.

## Coating of Boundary Wall

Where a boundary wall coating is required, the wall should be made accessible to enable application of the external acrylic coating system. Maintenance or repainting of a boundary wall can be achieved even with only a small gap between the boundary wall and another structure e.g. via a long reach spraying mechanism. Also, in many cases the cladding can be painted from the neighbouring property even if this means the temporary removal of sections of fencing. Note that access to a neighbouring property is a civil matter and should have no bearing on determination of Building Code compliance. If a building element or structure needs to be maintained in order to continue to achieve compliance (or be constructed in the first instance) and access to a neighbouring property is required to do so, then this is provided for by Section 319 of the Property Act 2007.



## Design tables

The following tables are to assist the designer in the selection of the number of top hats and number of screws per panel top hat to securing the PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> panels to the framing, for a given wind category for the Boundary Wall.

**IMPORTANT: The determination of the wind category is the responsibility of the project engineer or architectural designer. Wind zones as used in NZS 3604:2011 have been adopted for use in this design guide. For determination of wind zone, consult NZS 3604:2011 section 5.**

### General Notes:

- The below tables have been engineered in accordance with the requirements of NZS 3604-2011, NZS 1170.5-2004 & AS/NZS1170.2-2011
- All Top Hats to be spaced evenly, with end (top and bottom) Top Hats installed 150mm (typical) up to 250mm (maximum) from the end of the PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup>
- Additional Top Hats will be required below all window openings and above openings if a PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> or sill block is to be installed in this location
- Top Hats to be installed horizontally with PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> to span vertically
- Type of screw to fix PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> panel to Top Hat is 14-10 x 90mm HEX Head Screw, fixed from outside of building.
- Type of screw to fix PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> panel to Top Hat is 14-10 x 65mm HEX Head Screw, fixed from inside of building.
- Refer to Table 1.3 Page 10 for screw types and their application where used in the installation of the Hebel Boundary Wall System
- The material of the steel studs for the purpose of the screw fixing shall be at least 0.75BMT, G2 steel (fy=270MPa Typical, fu = 360MPa, Minimum)
- These tables allow for building in Earthquake Zones (as defined in NZS 3604:2011). If the building is in Earthquake Zone 4 and where the actual wind zone is low or medium then minimum of High wind zone must be selected when using these tables

## Base supported 75mm PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> panel (Boundary walls only)

Table 2.1 – 600mm stud spacing, number of Top Hats per panel using 24 or 35mm Top Hat (ie Lower edge of panel to be supported by concrete slab edge/rebate or structural shelf angle)

Wind Region	Design Ultimate Wind Speed (m/s)	Ultimate Windward Pressure (kPa)	Ultimate Leeward Pressure (kPa)	Maximum Stud Spacing (mm)	Maximum Top Hat Spacing (mm)	Number of Top Hats Per Panel			
						Panel Length (mm)			
						≤ 2400	≤ 2700	≤ 3000	≤ 3300
Low & Medium	37	0.86	-1.07	600	925	3	3	4	4
High	44	1.22	-1.51	600	825	3	3	4	4
Very High	50	1.58	-1.95	600	600	4	4	4	5
Extra High	55	1.91	-2.36	600	550	4	4	5	5

Table 2.2 – 400mm stud spacing, number of Top Hats per panel using 24 or 35mm Top Hat (ie Lower edge of panel to be supported by concrete slab edge/rebate or structural shelf angle)

Wind Region	Design Ultimate Wind Speed (m/s)	Ultimate Windward Pressure (kPa)	Ultimate Leeward Pressure (kPa)	Maximum Stud Spacing (mm)	Maximum Top Hat Spacing (mm)	Number of Top Hats Per Panel			
						Panel Length (mm)			
						≤ 2400	≤ 2700	≤ 3000	≤ 3300
Low & Medium	37	0.86	-1.07	400	1200	3	3	4	4
High	44	1.22	-1.51	400	1200	3	3	4	4
Very High	50	1.58	-1.95	400	1150	3	3	4	4
Extra High	55	1.91	-2.36	400	1050	3	4	4	4

## Suspended 75mm PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> panel (Boundary walls only)

Table 2.3 – 600mm stud spacing, number of Top Hats per panel using 24mm Top Hat (eg Second storey panel on double storey construction)

Wind Region	Design Ultimate Wind Speed (m/s)	Ultimate Windward Pressure (kPa)	Ultimate Leeward Pressure (kPa)	Maximum Stud Spacing (mm)	Maximum Top Hat Spacing (mm)	Number of Top Hats Per Panel			
						Panel Length (mm)			
						≤ 2400	≤ 2700	≤ 3000	≤ 3300
Low & Medium	37	0.86	-1.07	600	925	4	4	5	5
High	44	1.22	-1.51	600	825	4	5	5	5
Very High	50	1.58	-1.95	600	660	5	5	5	6
Extra High	55	1.91	-2.36	600	550	5	5	6	6

Table 2.4 – 400mm stud spacing, number of Top Hats per panel using 24mm Top Hat (eg Second storey panel on double storey construction)

Wind Region	Design Ultimate Wind Speed (m/s)	Ultimate Windward Pressure (kPa)	Ultimate Leeward Pressure (kPa)	Maximum Stud Spacing (mm)	Maximum Top Hat Spacing (mm)	Number of Top Hats Per Panel			
						Panel Length (mm)			
						≤ 2400	≤ 2700	≤ 3000	≤ 3300
Low & Medium	37	0.86	-1.07	400	1200	3	3	4	4
High	44	1.22	-1.51	400	1125	3	3	4	4
Very High	50	1.58	-1.95	400	1100	3	4	4	4
Extra High	55	1.91	-2.36	400	1050	4	4	4	5

Table 2.5 – 600mm stud spacing, number of Top Hats per panel using 35mm Top Hat (eg Second storey panel on double storey construction)

Wind Region	Design Ultimate Wind Speed (m/s)	Ultimate Windward Pressure (kPa)	Ultimate Leeward Pressure (kPa)	Maximum Stud Spacing (mm)	Maximum Top Hat Spacing (mm)	Number of Top Hats Per Panel			
						Panel Length (mm)			
						≤ 2400	≤ 2700	≤ 3000	≤ 3300
Low & Medium	37	0.86	-1.07	600	925	6	6	7	8
High	44	1.22	-1.51	600	825	6	6	7	8
Very High	50	1.58	-1.95	600	600	6	6	7	8
Extra High	55	1.91	-2.36	600	550	6	6	7	8

Table 2.6 – 400mm stud spacing, number of Top Hats per panel using 35mm Top Hat (eg Second storey panel on double storey construction)

Wind Region	Design Ultimate Wind Speed (m/s)	Ultimate Windward Pressure (kPa)	Ultimate Leeward Pressure (kPa)	Maximum Stud Spacing (mm)	Maximum Top Hat Spacing (mm)	Number of Top Hats Per Panel			
						Panel Length (mm)			
						≤ 2400	≤ 2700	≤ 3000	≤ 3300
Low & Medium	37	0.86	-1.07	400	1225	4	5	5	6
High	44	1.22	-1.51	400	1125	4	5	5	6
Very High	50	1.58	-1.95	400	1100	4	5	5	6
Extra High	55	1.91	-2.36	400	1050	4	5	5	6

## Boundary Wall Panel to Top Hat Fixing

Table 2.7 – Number of screws per panel per Top Hat for Base Supported and Suspended Panels using 24mm or 35mm Top Hat sections

Wind Region	Design Ultimate Wind Speed (m/s)	Ultimate Windward Pressure (kPa)	Ultimate Leeward Pressure (kPa)	Maximum Stud Spacing (mm)	Number of screws per panel per Top Hat
Low & Medium	37	0.86	-1.07	400 or 600	3
High	44	1.22	-1.51	400 or 600	4
Very High	50	1.58	-1.95	400 or 600	4
Extra High	55	1.91	-2.36	400 or 600	4

Fig. 2.1– 75mm PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> Boundary Wall - Suspended Panel Base Detail

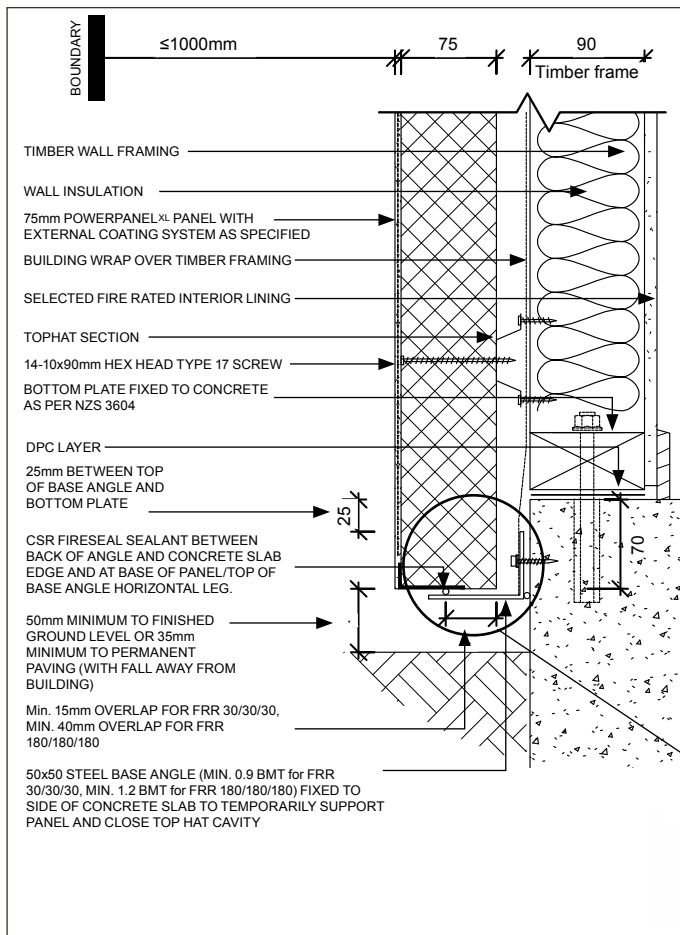


Fig. 2.2– 75mm PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> Boundary Wall - Slab Supported Panel Base Detail

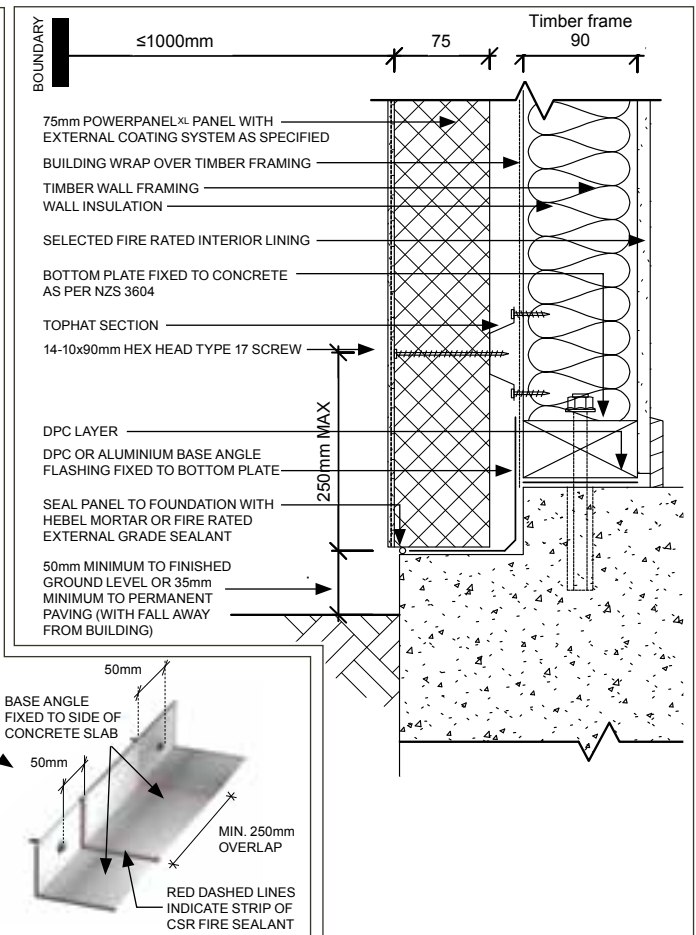
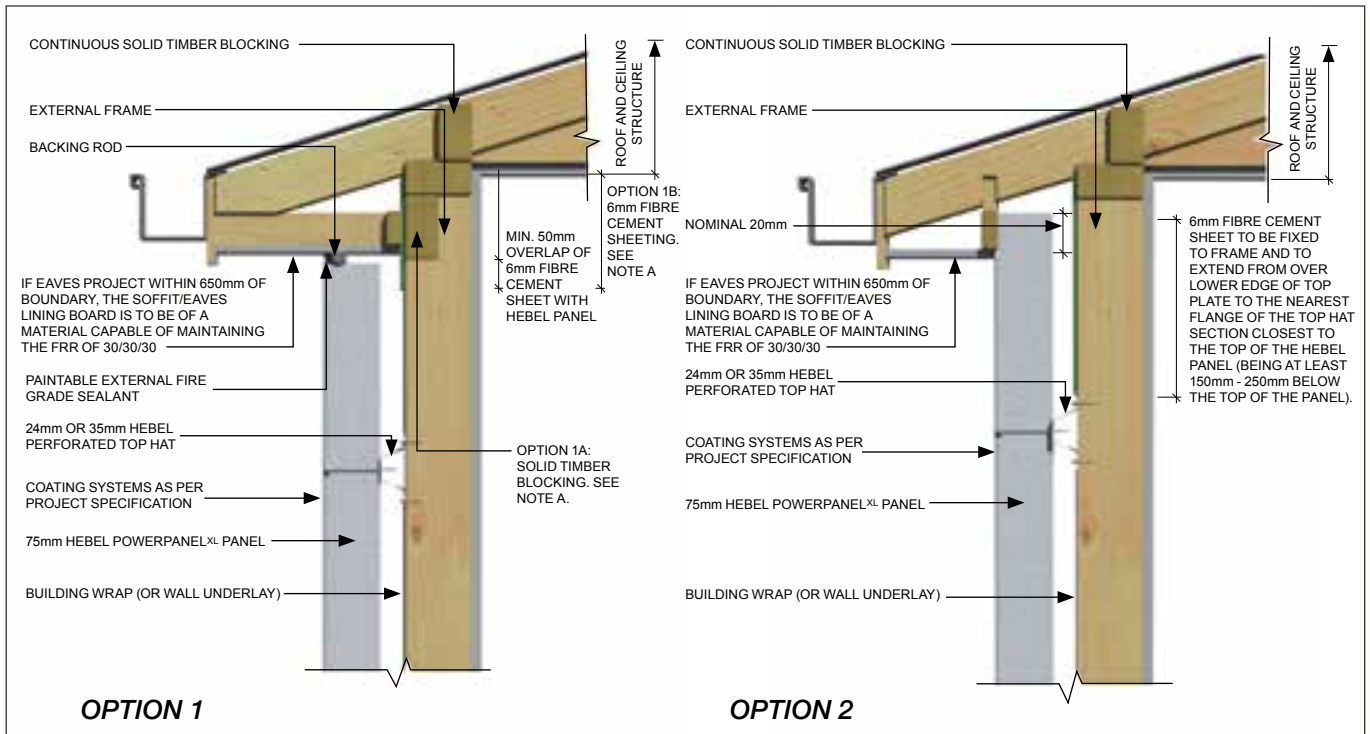


Fig. 2.3- 75mm PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> Boundary Wall - Typical Eaves Detail



NOTE A: Where solid timber blocking is installed under the frame top plate (OPTION A) such blocking must extend below the level of the soffit lining. Where 6mm fibre cement sheeting is installed against the top plate against the top plate & studs, such lining should be overlapped a min. of 50mm with the Hebel external wall panel. (OPTION 1B).

Fig. 2.4- 75mm PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> Boundary Wall - No Eaves Detail

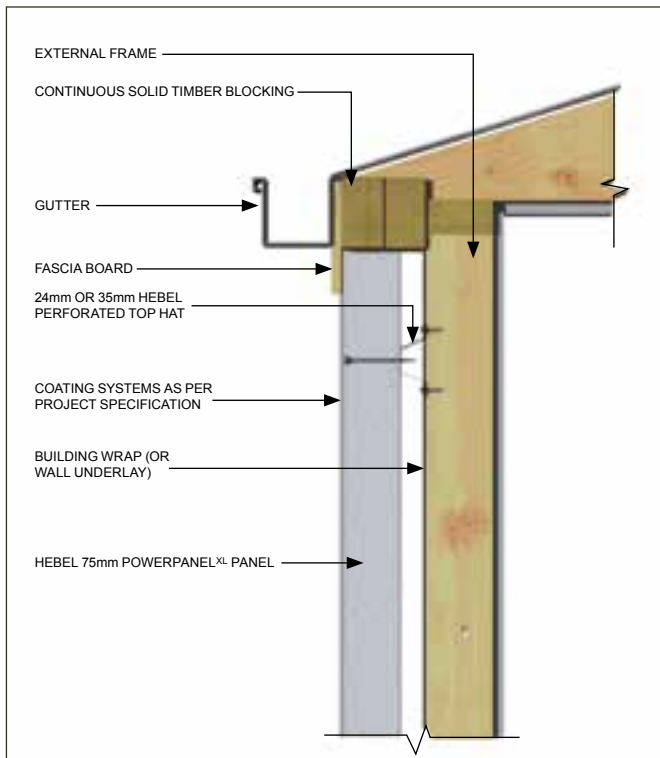
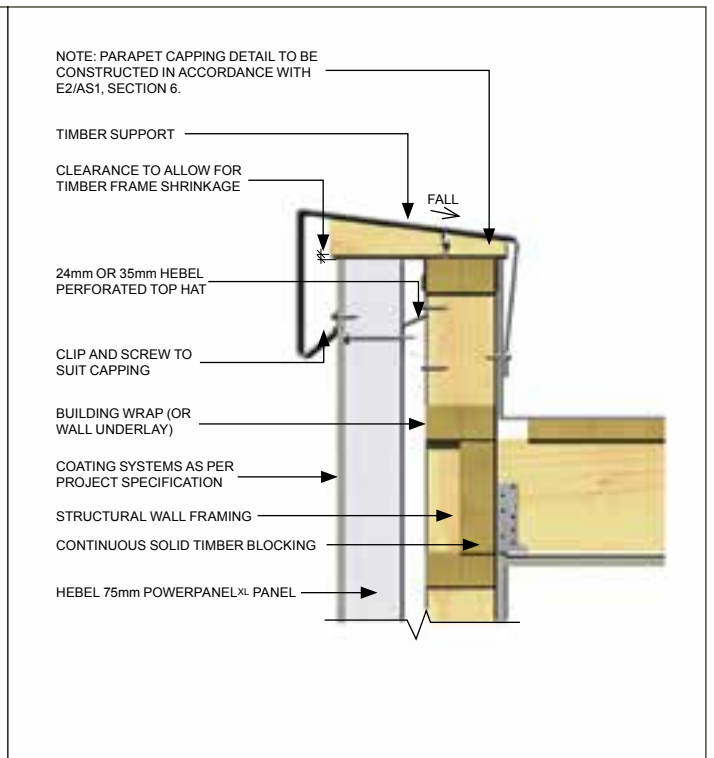


Fig. 2.5- 75mm PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> Boundary Wall - Parapet Detail



## 2.3 Energy efficiency

### The Hebel PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> External Wall System

One of the primary design objectives in planning a building is to provide a cost effective comfortable living/working environment for the building's inhabitants.

Exploiting the inherent thermal mass and insulation qualities of Hebel enables the designer to achieve this objective.

Several international comparative studies have been conducted to investigate the benefits of incorporating AAC walls in place of conventional wall systems.

A common trend was to lower heating and cooling energy consumption and use smaller mechanical equipment to maintain a comfortable living environment, especially with regards to regions of mainly cold weather.

The excellent performance was the result of the three characteristics – thermal mass, thermal insulation, and the air tightness of the construction.

### New Zealand Building Code

The NZ Building Code (NZBC) requirements for the thermal performance of housing are set out in NZBC clause H1 – Energy Efficiency.

Compliance document NZBC H1/VM1 then provides the minimum insulation values (Total R-Value) that building elements, i.e; walls, need to achieve and also cites NZS 4214:2006 as the method of calculating these values.

Note that the Total R-Values are for the whole of the wall as constructed, which is the cumulative total of the individual R-Values of the wall system, not just the R value of any insulation material (such as fibreglass wall insulation) that may be used in the walls. The higher the Total R-Value, the greater the level of insulation that is provided.

The minimum insulation values for walls are set by Climate Zone location, the boundaries of which can be viewed in Appendix B of NZS 4218:2004. Climate Zones 1 & 2 require a minimum of R1.9 and Climate Zone 3 requires a minimum of R2.0. Effectively, all parts of New Zealand south of Taupo are considered to be in Climate Zone 3.

The Hebel PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> External Wall System, incorporating CSR Bradford insulation, can provide the R-Value ratings outlined in Tables 2.9 & 2.10, these values having been calculated in accordance with NZS 4214.

### Thermal insulation

It is recommended that insulation materials be installed to enhance thermal insulation properties and occupant comfort. Insulation also improves the acoustic performance of the wall against outside noise.

The insulation material should be installed within the wall frame such that it forms a continuous barrier to contribute to the thermal barrier. All insulation installed in Hebel PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> External Wall Systems must comply with: AS/NZS 4859.1 for loose fill insulation.

### Air tightness

The thermal performance of a wall can be influenced by many factors. Most of these are related to the design decisions and properties of the adopted materials.

Construction practices can also significantly affect the performance with poor sealing, resulting in drafts. The tight construction tolerances of Hebel provide a wall with a low air infiltration rate.

As the Hebel PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> External Wall System has fewer thin bed adhesive joints, a better rate (less than 0.3L/s) will most likely be achieved.

### Building Wrap (or Wall Underlay)

As well as controlling condensation and acting as an air barrier, a wall underlay can be used to significantly improve the thermal insulation and energy efficiency performance of a building solution.

Wall underlay can alter the insulation performance of the cavity by providing a reflection side. The design of the wall underlay arrangement is complex and should be performed by the appropriate project consultant.

In addition, where the wall underlay provides a weatherproofing function, the material must comply with NZBC E2/AS1 clause 9.1.7.1.

Where the building is situated in an Extra High wind zone or where the cladding system is used on an external wall frame without an internal lining, a rigid wall underlay shall be used.

### Steel Framing – Thermal break not required

Steel framing does not require the addition of a thermal break when used in conjunction with the Hebel PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> External Wall System. Compliance with NZBC E3 is satisfied via the system meeting the requirements of the Compliance Document NZBC E3/AS1 clause 1.1.4 (d). Hebel 75mm AAC panel as installed directly on to steel top hat battens in a closed (still air gap) cavity, as per the installation requirements of this design guide, has an in-service R-value of 0.56 m<sup>2</sup>C/W (see Appendix A) thereby exceeding the minimum requirements of NZBC E3/AS1.

Table 2.8 – Comparison of thermal properties

Wall Systems	R- Value
Fibre Cement 6mm	0.03
Brick 70mm	0.06
Hebel PowerPanel <sup>XL</sup>	0.52 (based on 8% moisture content)
Brick veneer (Including R2.6 wall insulation)	2.19
Hebel 1108	2.89

Note:

- R-Values above (excluding Hebel PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> solution) are taken from Design Navigator Construction R-Value Calculator.
- Refer to Table 2.8 & 2.9 for Hebel PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> configuration and System R-Value options.

Table 2.9 – 75mm PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> – energy efficiency system R-value summary table – using 90mm timber stud

SYSTEM NUMBERS	90mm TIMBER STUD SPACING				WALL WRAP (Breathable)	Top Hat 24mm or 35mm	INSULATION					TOTAL SYSTEM R-Value
	600mm		400mm				R1.8	R2.2	R2.4	R2.6	R2.8	
	No noggins	Noggins at 800mm ccs	No noggins	Noggins at 800mm ccs								
Hebel1442					✓	✓	✓					2.46
Hebel1443	✓				✓	✓		✓				2.74
Hebel1444	✓				✓	✓			✓			2.87
Hebel1445	✓				✓	✓				✓		3.00
Hebel1446	✓				✓	✓					✓	3.13
Hebel1447		✓			✓	✓	✓					2.41
Hebel1448		✓			✓	✓		✓				2.66
Hebel1449		✓			✓	✓			✓			2.78
Hebel1450		✓			✓	✓				✓		2.89
Hebel1451		✓			✓	✓					✓	3.00
Hebel1452			✓		✓	✓	✓					2.41
Hebel1453			✓		✓	✓		✓				2.66
Hebel1454			✓		✓	✓			✓			2.78
Hebel1455			✓		✓	✓				✓		2.89
Hebel1456			✓		✓	✓					✓	3.00
Hebel1457				✓	✓	✓	✓					2.36
Hebel1458				✓	✓	✓		✓				2.59
Hebel1459				✓	✓	✓			✓			2.69
Hebel1460				✓	✓	✓				✓		2.79
Hebel1461				✓	✓	✓					✓	2.89

Notes:

1. Wall weather wrap assumed to be non-reflective with infrared emittance 0.87. (Antiglare wrap with infrared emittance 0.2 would typically add 0.2 to 0.3 to System Total R.)
2. Insulation R is thermal resistance at 15°C. Glasswool insulation assumed to fill 90mm cavity, uncompressed, thus required glasswool densities are:

90mm glasswool R at 15°C	1.8	2.2	2.4	2.6	2.8
Typical density, kg/m <sup>3</sup> :	7	11	14	19	27

3. Hebel 75mm PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> (413kg/m<sup>3</sup>) has been calculated with an assumed thermal resistance of 0.52 (for 8% moisture content) based upon CSR Insulation Research Laboratory test report NR-12139 of 9/10/2012.
4. Internal linings are assumed to be 10mm plasterboard & acrylic coatings are applied to the external face of the Hebel panel.
5. System Total R-values are determined by the iso-thermal planes method per NZS 4214:2006.
6. Calculations as at 7/8/2013 by James M Fricker Pty Ltd based upon NZS 4214:2006 "Methods of determining the total thermal resistance of parts of buildings"
7. Timber stud dimensions are typically 90mm deep x 45mm wide



Table 2.10 – 75mm PowerPanelXL – energy efficiency system R-value summary table – using 90mm steel stud

SYSTEM NUMBER	90mm STEEL STUD SPACING		WALL WRAP (Breathable)	Top Hat 24mm or 35mm	INSULATION					TOTAL SYSTEM R-Value
	600mm	400mm			R1.8	R2.2	R2.4	R2.6	R2.8	
	Noggins at 1200mm ccs									
Hebel1462	✓		✓	✓	✓					2.11
Hebel1463	✓		✓	✓		✓				2.29
Hebel1464	✓		✓	✓			✓			2.38
Hebel1465	✓		✓	✓				✓		2.46
Hebel1466	✓		✓	✓					✓	2.53
Hebel1467		✓	✓	✓	✓					2.02
Hebel1468		✓	✓	✓		✓				2.18
Hebel1469		✓	✓	✓			✓			2.25
Hebel1470		✓	✓	✓				✓		2.32
Hebel1471		✓	✓	✓					✓	2.38

Notes:

1. Wall weather wrap assumed to be non-reflective with infrared emittance 0.87. (Antiglare wrap with infrared emittance 0.2 would typically add 0.2 to 0.3 to System Total R.)
2. Insulation R is thermal resistance at 15°C. Glasswool insulation assumed to fill 90mm cavity, uncompressed, thus required glasswool densities are:

90mm glasswool R at 15°C	1.8	2.2	2.4	2.6	2.8
Typical density, kg/m <sup>3</sup> :	7	11	14	19	27

3. Hebel 75mm PowerPanelXL (413kg/m<sup>3</sup>) has been calculated with an assumed thermal resistance of 0.52 (for 8% moisture content) based upon CSR Insulation Research Laboratory test report NR-12139 of 9/10/2012,
4. Internal linings are assumed to be 10mm plasterboard & acrylic coatings are applied to the external face of the Hebel panel.
5. System Total R-values are determined by the iso-thermal planes method per NZS 4214:2006.
6. Calculations as at 7/8/2013 by James M Fricker Pty Ltd based upon NZS 4214:2006 "Methods of determining the total thermal resistance of parts of buildings"
7. Steel stud dimensions are typically 90mm deep with a 40mm flange width.
8. The use of an additional thermal break between the steel stud and adjoining members (such as the use of an EPS packer) was not included in these calculations and is therefore not required to achieve the R-values in this table.



## 2.4 Sound transmission & insulation

### Overview

#### New Zealand Building Code Sound Transmission and Insulation Requirements

The Hebel PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> External Wall System is primarily used in buildings that are considered to be household units.

The New Zealand Building Code (NZBC) has no particular performance requirement relating to the external walls of household units, NZBC Clause G6 Airborne and Impact Sound only providing performance requirements for common building elements (such as inter-tenancy walls).

However, the acoustic properties of Hebel greatly assist in providing sound insulation and when used in the Hebel PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> External Wall System, significant protection from sound transmission can be achieved. Typical acoustic ratings achieved by the system are set out in this section.

#### Design recommendations

If a particular acoustic rating is required when using the Hebel PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> External Wall System, then the following recommendations should be considered.

Acoustic design is a complex science, and there will be instances where a specialist acoustic consultant is required.

For walls requiring acoustic performance Hebel recommends:

1. Engaging a reputable acoustic consultant on a project-by-project basis to provide design advice and installation inspections.
2. When selecting the appropriate components for the Hebel PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> External Wall System, the designer or specifier must be aware that the laboratory  $R_w$  values are almost always higher than the field measured values. Therefore, allowances should be made for the lower expected field values during the selection of the system.
3. Separate advice from a specialist acoustic consultant should be sought to determine the effect on acoustic performance due to any changes to the Hebel PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> External Wall System, and any required modification of the installation details pertaining to the systems.
4. Increasing cavity widths, using higher density or thicker insulation or plasterboard, will generally maintain or increase the acoustic performance of the Hebel PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> External Wall System.

Table 2.11– 75mm PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> External Wall System - Acoustic Performance Values

75mm PowerPanel <sup>XL</sup> (400kg/m <sup>3</sup> dry density)										
System Code	Timber stud	Steel Stud	Wall Wrap	Top Hat		Insulation	Total System Performance			
	600mm spacing	600mm spacing	(Breathable)	24mm	35mm	R2.6	STC	R <sub>w</sub>	Ctr	R <sub>w</sub> +Ctr
	noggings at 800mm ccs	noggings at 1200mm ccs								
Hebel1450	✓		✓	✓		✓	42	41	-5	36
Hebel1450	✓		✓		✓	✓	42	41	-5	36
Hebel1465		✓	✓	✓		✓	46	45	-6	39
Hebel1465		✓	✓		✓	✓	46	45	-6	39

#### Notes

- Timber stud dimensions are typically 90mm deep x 45mm wide
- Steel stud dimensions are typically 90mm deep with a 40mm flange width.
- Internal linings are assumed to be generally 10mm plasterboard
- Acrylic coatings are to be applied to the external face of the Hebel panel

## 2.5 Coating requirements

Hebel PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> panels require an appropriate external coating system and sealant detailing to ensure a water resistant and vapor permeable building envelope is achieved.

Generally, the external face of the Hebel PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> panel is coated with a high build render (fully meshed) and finishing system incorporating a water resistant flexible 'elastomeric membrane' top coat, in accordance with the recommendations of the coating manufacturer.

Hebel has worked closely with Dulux® AcraTex® to develop a range of **performance warranted** coating systems for all Hebel systems.

### Light Reflectance Value (LRV)

Light Reflectance Value, or LRV, refers to a 99 point system used to measure the degree to which a colour reflects the light that falls on it. The higher a colour's LRV is, the more light it reflects and the lighter it appears.

Accordingly, the lower a colour's LRV is, the more light it absorbs, the darker it appears, and as a result of absorbing more light, the darker coloured surface can collect more heat.

Because of this potential heat increase, many cladding system manufacturers restrict their systems to only allowing colours with an LRV of 40 or higher, as they are concerned about any movement occurring in the cladding, or the framing, due to the heat.

The Hebel PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> External Wall System has no LRV restriction, allowing maximum flexibility in the choice of coating colours. This is because Hebel is largely unaffected by the modest heat increases incurred when using dark coloured coatings with a low LRV. Complimenting this, the insulating properties of Hebel keep any heat build-up away from the wall framing where movement may occur.

Should a coating with an LRV of 25 or lower be used as part of the system, care should be taken to ensure the correct placement and use of control joints as set out in this design guide, as well as giving consideration to the detailing of any junctions with other claddings.

### Performance requirements

The following are items to be considered when selecting a coating system:

#### Manufacturer approved:

- Hebel recommends in all cases the preferred use of Dulux® AcraTex® coatings systems defined within this document.
- NB: Where other manufacturer's coating systems are applied to Hebel external walls these coatings systems must be warranted by the coating manufacturer as appropriate for coating an AAC substrate. As a minimum, alternate manufacturers must verify and warrant coating system conformance to the properties defined below.

#### Surface adhesion:

- The substrate preparation and coating application should be in

accordance with the coating manufacturer's specification.

- Before applying finishes in coastal areas (refer to definition), all PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> panels must be thoroughly washed with fresh water to remove any salt residue. Refer to coating manufacturer for additional requirements.

#### Water resistance:

- The primary objective of the coating system is to prevent water ingress through it, yet allow vapor in and out of the AAC substrate.
- Proven water resistance capability: Transmission: <10 grams/m<sup>2</sup>/24hr/1kPa

#### Water vapor permeability:

- For a coating to allow the "escape" of water vapor, the coating must be vapor permeable.
- The coating system should comply with the following performance parameters:

$w \cdot sd \leq 0.2 \text{ kg} / (\text{m}^2 \cdot \text{h}0.5)$  where,

– Coefficient of Water Absorption  $w \leq 0.5 \text{ kg}/(\text{m}^2 \cdot \text{h}0.5)$

– Equivalent Air Layer Thickness of Water Vapor Diffusion  $Sd \leq 2\text{m}$ .

Notes:

- A coefficient of water absorption ( $w \leq 0.5$ ) means that minimal dampness is absorbed regardless of the time factor.
- A coating with an ( $sd \leq 2\text{m}$ ) has less resistance to water vapor diffusion (escape) than a static 2m thick air layer.

#### Compatibility:

- Ensure the coating system is compatible with the substrate and construction system components, ie:
  - Coatings may not adhere to silicone or other sealants and mastics.
  - Excessive joint adhesive or mortars smears across the panel face may require removal or specific primers.

#### Durability:

- The coating must be durable and not deteriorate with exposure to light (UV) and weather.

#### Elasticity:

- The coating must be able to bridge a 0.6mm minimum crack width.
- The coating manufacturer can specify the minimum design specification (thickness), so that the coating is serviceable and durable.

### Fibreglass mesh:

- Mesh size: 5mm x 5mm
- Weight: 160g/m<sup>2</sup> ± 5%
- Warp of yarn: 134 tex x2
- Weft of yarn: 400 tex
- Tensile strength: Warp:1300N/50mm Weft: 1700N/50mm
- Resin content: 18-20%
- Alkaline resistance properties: After 28 days immersion in the ETAG004 solution, the average retention rate for tensile strength ≥ 50%

### Damp-proofing membrane

A bitumous damp-proofing membrane is recommended as a coating to prevent water entry on Hebel PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> panel edges where it may be difficult to later apply coatings (such as on the lower edge of panels) or where there is increased risk of water pooling or damage resulting at high traffic areas (such as on window and door sills).

Hebel recommends Mulseal Plus for use where damp-proof coatings are required as part of this PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> system.

**IMPORTANT: This list of performance requirements indicates that a specific fit-for-purpose coating system must be adopted, and that a simple paint coating would most likely be an inadequate coating system. Variations to the coating system must be approved and warranted by the coating system manufacturer or representative.**

### Coating

Dulux® AcraTex® coatings have been specifically formulated and engineered to match the thermal and physical characteristics that are unique to Hebel AAC.

Easy to work with, Dulux® AcraTex® coatings are designed to help you achieve the perfect finish to any Hebel project, including the highly sought after smooth, monolithic look.

Given the variability of some coatings – not all are what they claim to be – customers can be confident that when they choose Dulux® AcraTex® coating systems they have been correctly formulated to a consistent, durable formulation backed by Dulux®. Hebel does not recommend site mixed cement renders be applied to Hebel PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup>.

Dulux® AcraTex® coating systems have been formulated with unique acrylic polymer resins incorporating specially graded fillers and selected additives to enhance the application and workability of the mix, ensuring a consistent durable performance finishing system to the Hebel facade.

### Dulux® AcraTex® coating systems have many advantages over traditional site mixed renders and coatings systems:

- Increased flexibility
- Improved adhesion to Hebel substrate
- Compliments thermal properties of Hebel substrate
- Faster curing
- Improved crack joint resistance
- Peace of mind – warranted performance

### Examples of suitable coating systems over PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> panels include:

- Dulux® AcraTex® Masonry Render,
- Dulux® AcraTex® Basecoat and Dulux® AcraTex® Tuscan texture coatings with Dulux® AcraTex® AcraShield® Advance or Elastomeric 201 weatherproofing topcoat,
- Dulux® AcraTex® Floatex Render Finish with Dulux® AcraTex® AcraShield® Advance or Elastomeric 201 weatherproofing topcoat



## 2.6 Weatherproofing



### General

When considering weatherproofing, the Hebel PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> External Wall System follows the same general design principles considered for the NZBC Acceptable Solution E2/AS1, these being the 4 D's – Deflection, Drainage, Drying and Durability.

These design principles are discussed further in this section with Durability being covered in section 2.1.

The Hebel PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> External Wall System does not fit within the scope of Acceptable Solution E2/AS1, however where possible, it uses the same clearances and makes reference to details and clauses from the Acceptable Solution.

When used in conjunction with other cladding systems (including roof claddings) the Hebel PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> External Wall System may only be used on buildings where the wall face concerned has a building envelope risk matrix score of less than 20 as determined using NZBC E2/AS1 section 3.

The Hebel PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> External Wall System is a 'face-sealed' cavity cladding system, which uses a vapour permeable, water resistant, plaster coating system as its primary means of protection and a cavity system as a secondary defence mechanism against any water ingress, should it occur.

Any water ingress into the cavity is deflected away from penetrations such as windows and doors by the use of flexible DPC flashings. This water will drain within the cavity, deflected away from the wall framing (which is further protected by a wall underlay), by a bevelled horizontal top hat batten or by a sill or bottom edge DPC flashing. The back face of the Hebel panel, will then absorb the moisture and expel it through the vapour permeable, water resistant, plaster coating system.

The drying function occurs in the same manner where any increased atmospheric moisture content within the cavity is also absorbed by the Hebel and expelled through the plaster coating system.

This 'face-sealed' cavity cladding system has demonstrated effectiveness and compliance, with considerable in-service history to draw upon, having been used in New Zealand now for over 14 years.

### Sealant

All gaps between the PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> panels and penetrations such as windows and doors must be caulked with an appropriate external grade paintable sealant. Hebel recommends the use of an MS sealant or fire-rated sealant.

All control joints must be sealed with a suitable external grade acoustic and/or fire rated paintable sealant as appropriate. The sealant should be installed in accordance with the sealant manufacturer's specifications.

### Wall Flashings

DPC flashings nominated as part of this system are to be manufactured to meet the requirements of AS/NZS 2904:1995.

Where the DPC flashing is installed over the wall underlay such that the wall underlay does not overlap the DPC flashing (as might occur with a head flashing or base flashing), the DPC flashing shall be fixed to the wall underlay using a waterproof flexible flashing tape so as to cover the upper edge of the flashing.

Where the Hebel PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> meets another cladding, the cavity space shall be closed off using a suitable channel flashing. The channel flashing shall be the same depth dimension as the top hat batten and will fit between the wall framing and will fit between the framing and the back of the PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup>.

### Building Wrap/Wall Underlay

The Hebel PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> External Wall System has been designed to incorporate wall underlays as a means of controlling condensation for use as an air barrier. The wall underlay material must comply with NZBC E2/AS1 clause 9.1.7.1.

Where the building is situated in an Extra High wind zone or where the cladding system is used on an external wall frame without an internal lining, a rigid wall underlay shall be used.



# 3.1 External wall installation sequence

## 1. Frames and trusses complete



## 2. Install DPC

- Fix to bottom plate
- Cover rebate completely
- Overlap DPC at corners
- Install Building Wrap (or wall underlay) as specified
- Install DPC to wall penetrations such as small pipes, doors and windows



## 3. Fix Top Hats

- Refer to tables 1.5 - 1.10 on pages 10-11 for number of Top Hats required (or Tables 2.1 - 2.6 on Pages 19-20 for Boundary Walls)
- Number of screws as per tables 1.4, P10 (or Tables 2.7 for Boundary Walls on P20)
- Install Top Hats below and above openings
- Ensure Top Hats are discontinuous at Control Joints



## 4. Install Hebel PowerPanelXL panels

- Apply tanking membrane to base of panel
- Corner PowerPanelXL panels installed first
- Number of screws as per tables 1.4, P10 (or Tables 2.7 for Boundary Walls on P20)
- Hebel adhesive to vertical joints
- Site cutting to suit
- Coating of exposed reinforcement
- Check control joint layout
- Minimum panel width 270mm



## 5. Coating

- As per project specification with consideration to Section 2.5 - Coating Requirements Pages 27-28



## 3.2 Tools and equipment for construction

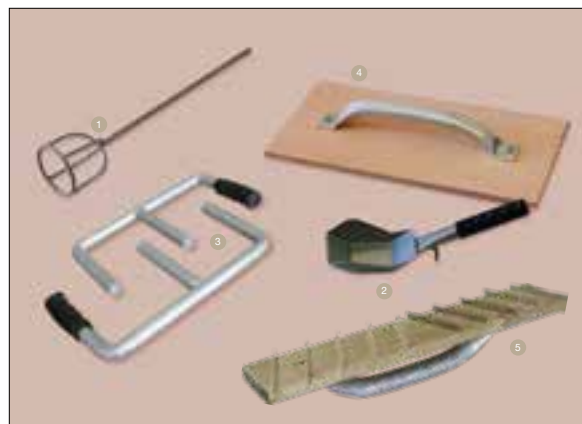
The basic tools required to assist in the installation of the PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> External Wall System are shown in Figure 3.1. These may be purchased through a Hebel distributor and include:

1. **Stirrer** – fitted to the electric drill, the stirrer is used to mix the Hebel Mortar, Hebel Adhesive and base levelling coat render inside the mixing bucket.
2. **Notched Trowel** – the notched trowel is used to apply the Hebel Adhesive to the Hebel surfaces. The width of the trowel must match the panel thickness to ensure the adhesive is applied with full and even coverage.
3. **Panel lifters** – used to carry the panels around the work site.
4. **Sand Float** – used to remove excess Hebel Adhesive and smooth joints between panels.
5. **Levelling Plane** – used to even out inconsistencies in the Hebel panels

Extra equipment will also be required and includes the following:

- Power drill (clutch driven).
- Power saw with metal or diamond tipped cutting blades.
- Dust extraction system.
- Sockets for screws.
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) such as goggles, ear muffs/plugs and face mask, used when site cutting the PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> panels.

Fig. 3.1 – Hebel tools



## 3.3 Installation of services

The installation of services in the building are the same as the methods currently being used throughout the industry.

Services should be installed through the frame to avoid interfering with Top Hat layout, but if they are to be fixed on the outside of the frame, they should only run horizontally parallel to the Top Hats – typically 300mm up from the bottom plate and appropriately insulated.

Penetrations through the PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> panel for services should be neatly filled and the joint sealed with an external grade acoustic and/or fire rated paintable sealant.

Fig. 3.2 – Installed piping services prior to the installation of Hebel PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup>



Fig. 3.3 – Neat finishes of installed services

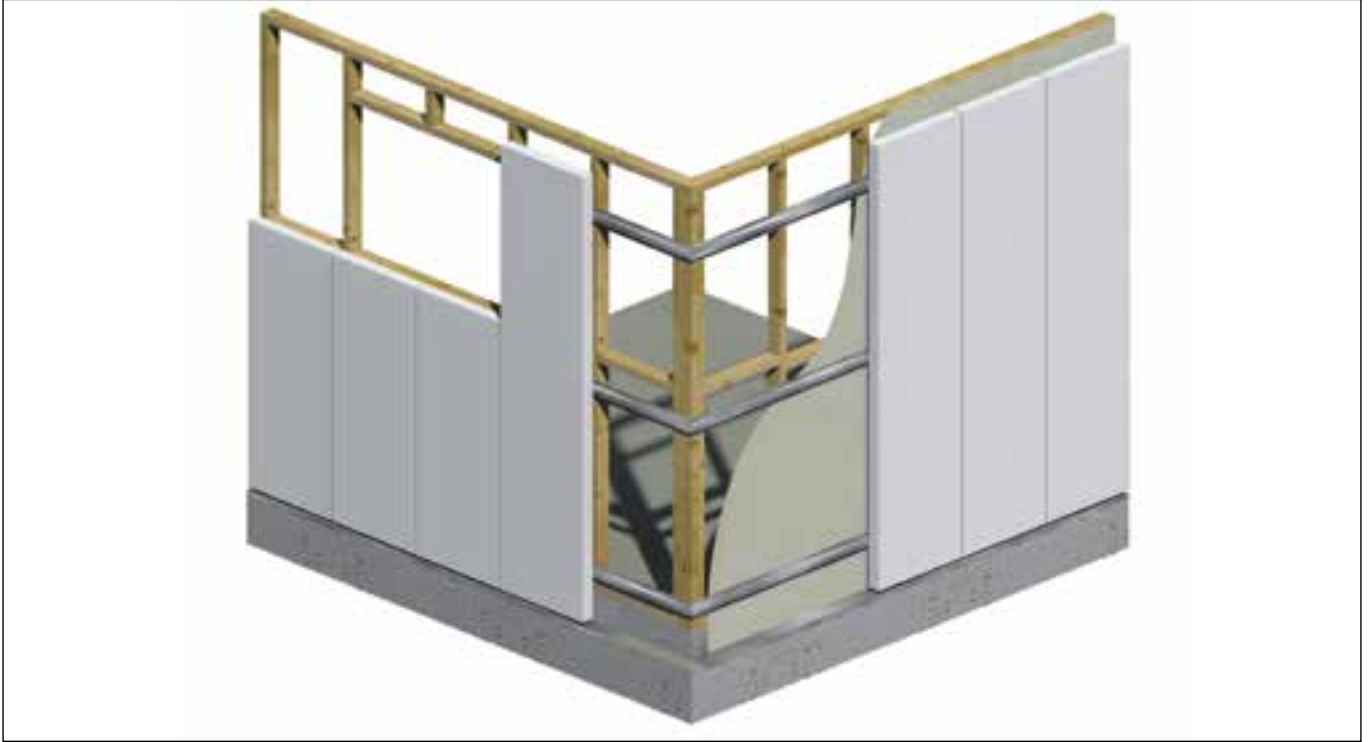


## 3.4 Construction details – installation

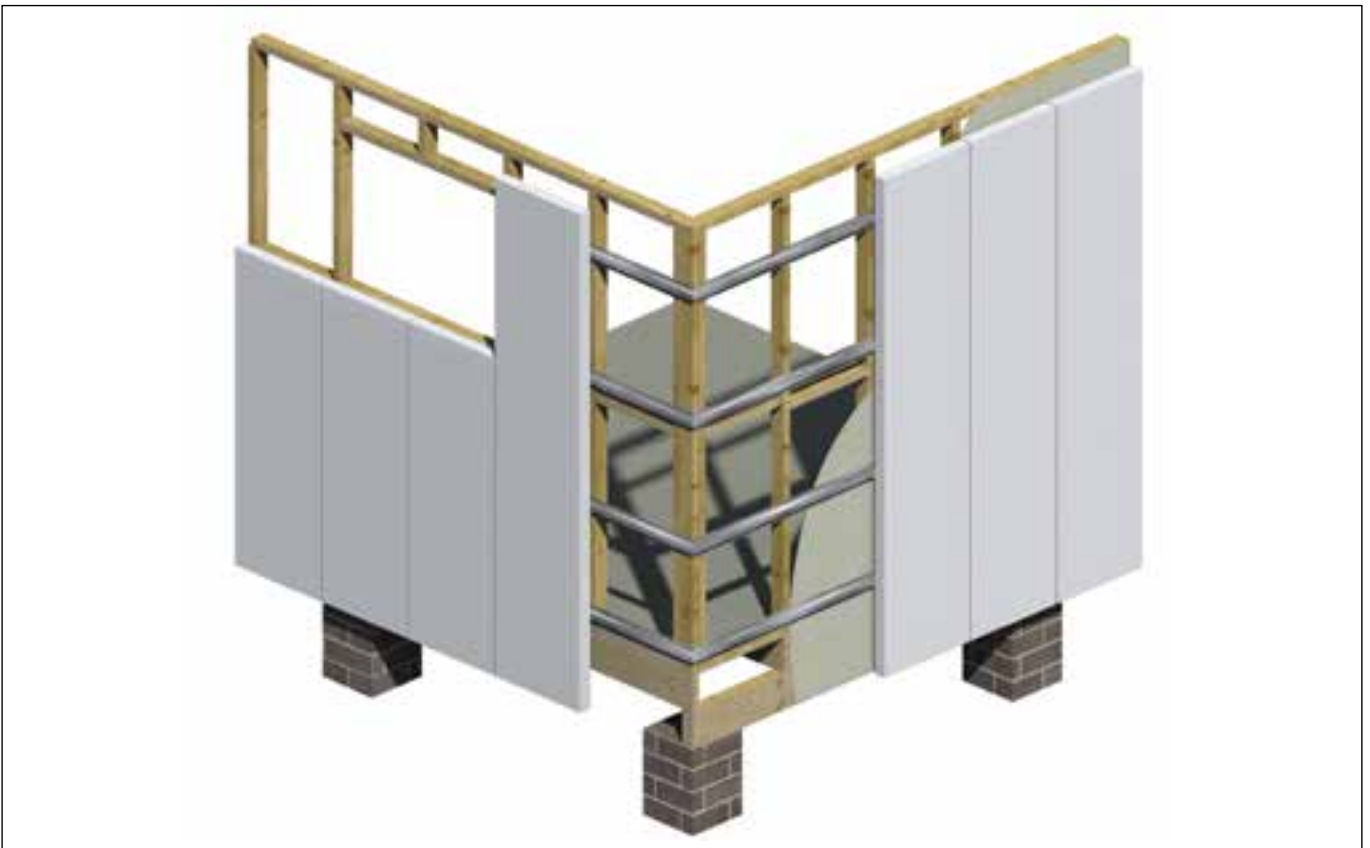


### Single storey construction details

*Detail 3.1 – Single storey construction – isometric view detail panel supported at base*



*Detail 3.2 – Single storey construction – isometric view detail panel suspended*

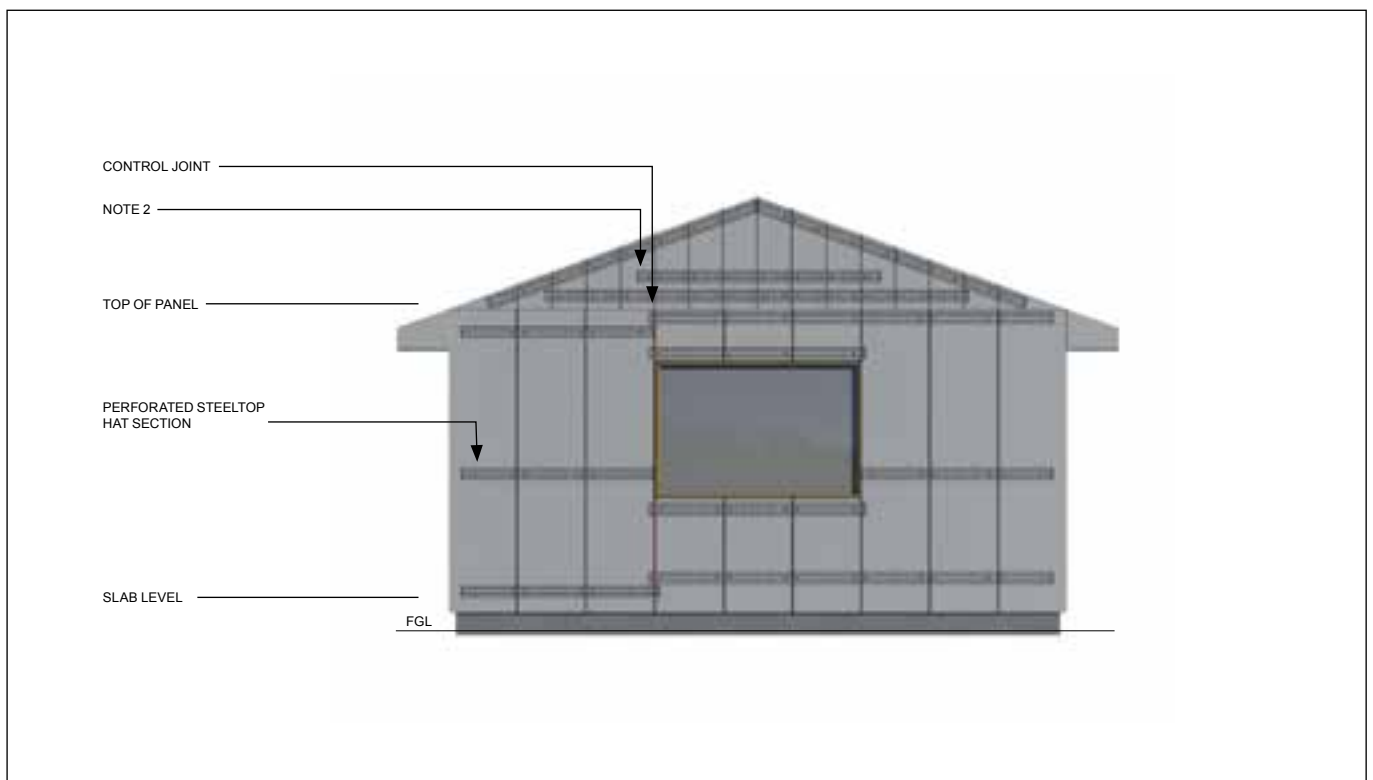




Detail 3.3 – Single storey construction – hip roof elevation



Detail 3.4 – Single storey construction – gable end elevation

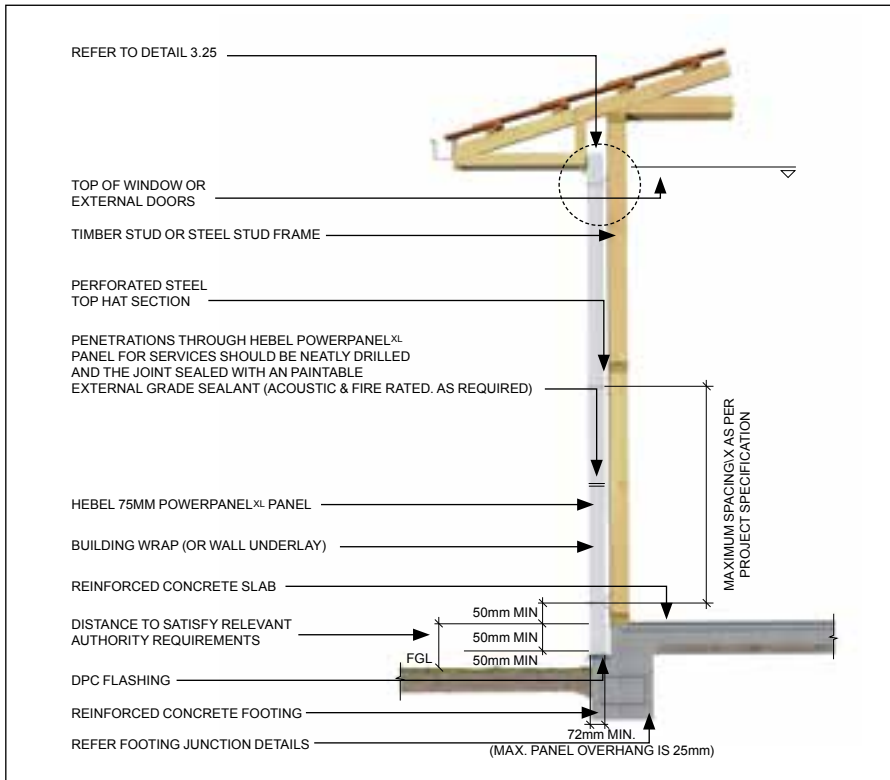


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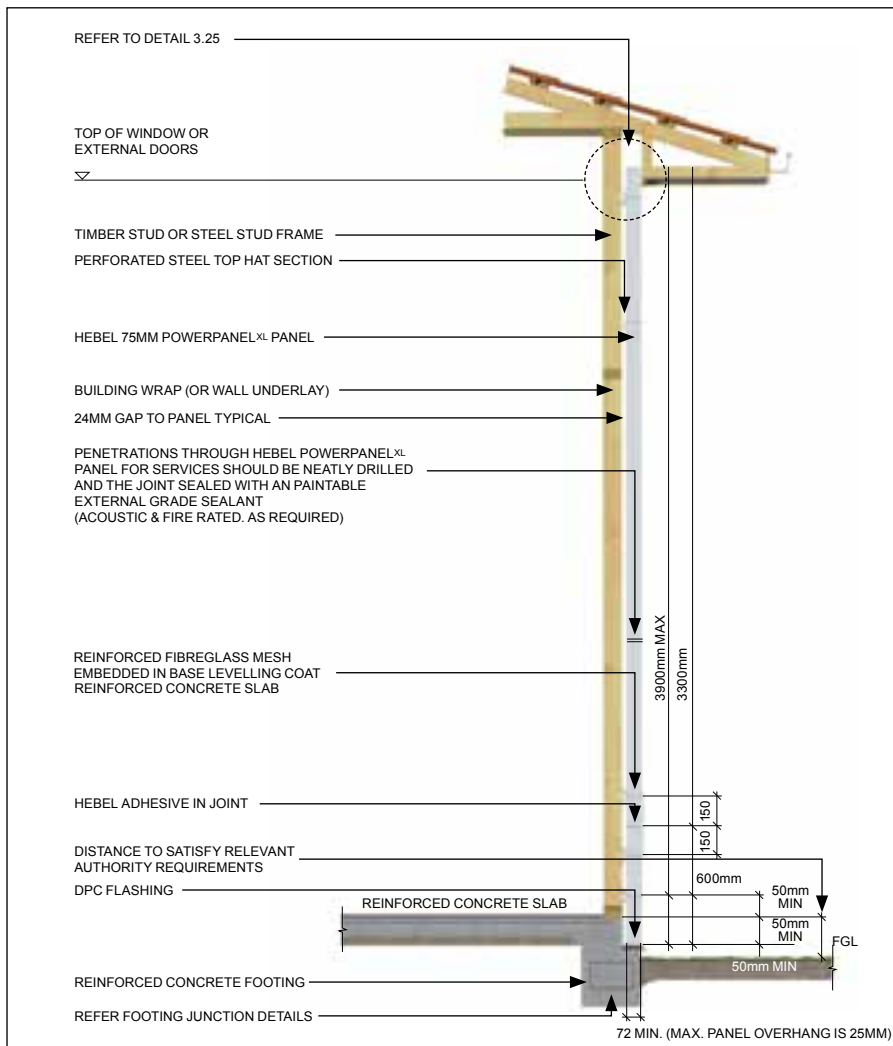
1. Number of Top Hats and Top Hat spacing to be confirmed by the building designer.
2. Additional Top Hats may be required, for suspended panels. Refer to tables 1.7 - 1.10 on page 11 for number of Top Hats required (or Tables 2.3 - 2.6 on Page 20 for Boundary Walls)
3. These details have not shown the set-out of Top Hats to accommodate control joint locations. This is the responsibility of the building designer.



Detail 3.5 – Single storey construction – typical section detail

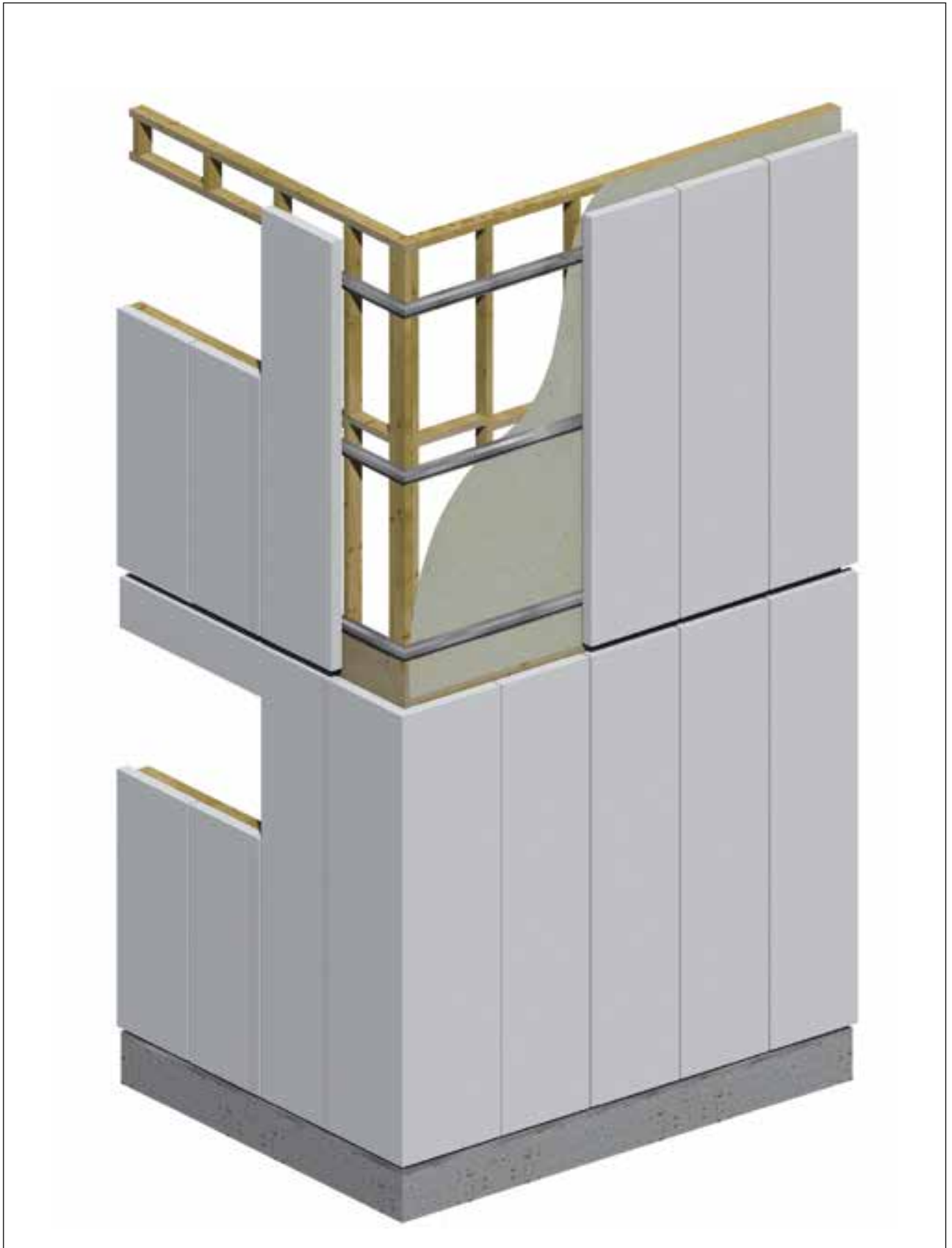


Detail 3.6 – Single storey construction – high wall section detail – (3900mm MAX)



## Two storey construction

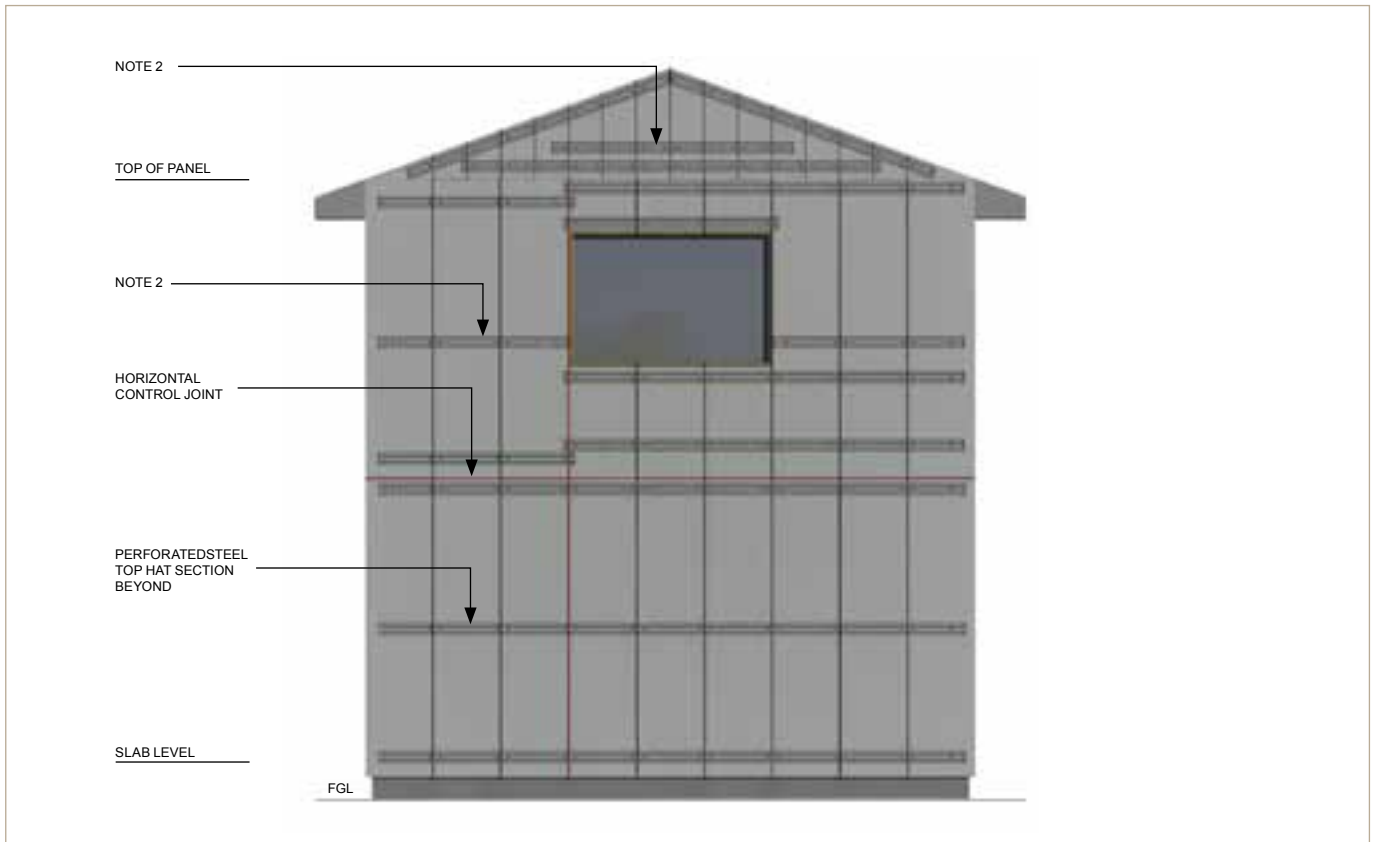
Detail 3.7 – Two storey construction – isometric view detail



Detail 3.8 – Two storey construction – hip roof elevation



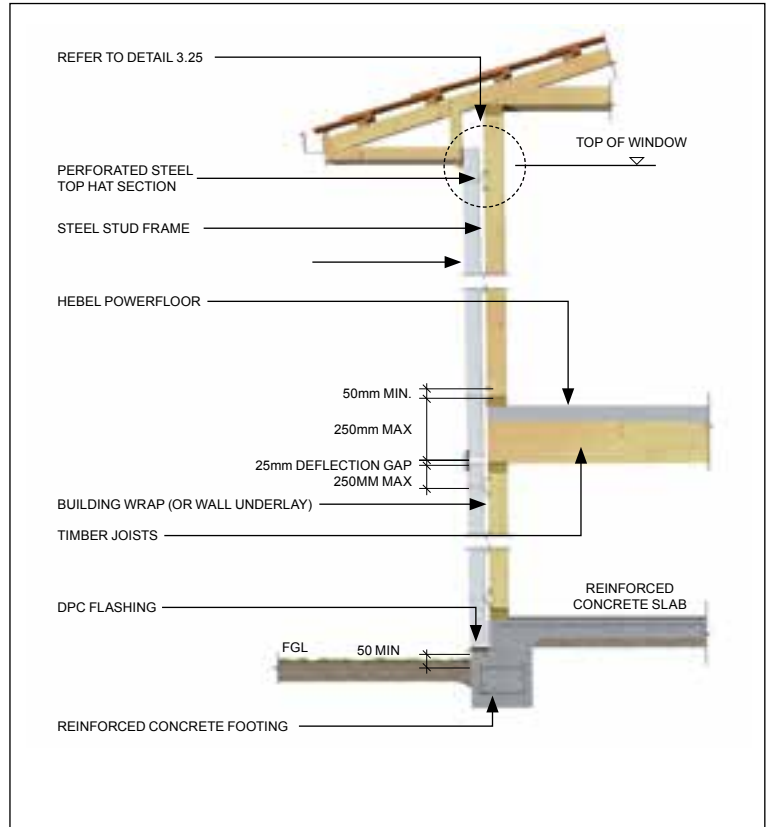
Detail 3.9 – Two storey construction – gable end elevation



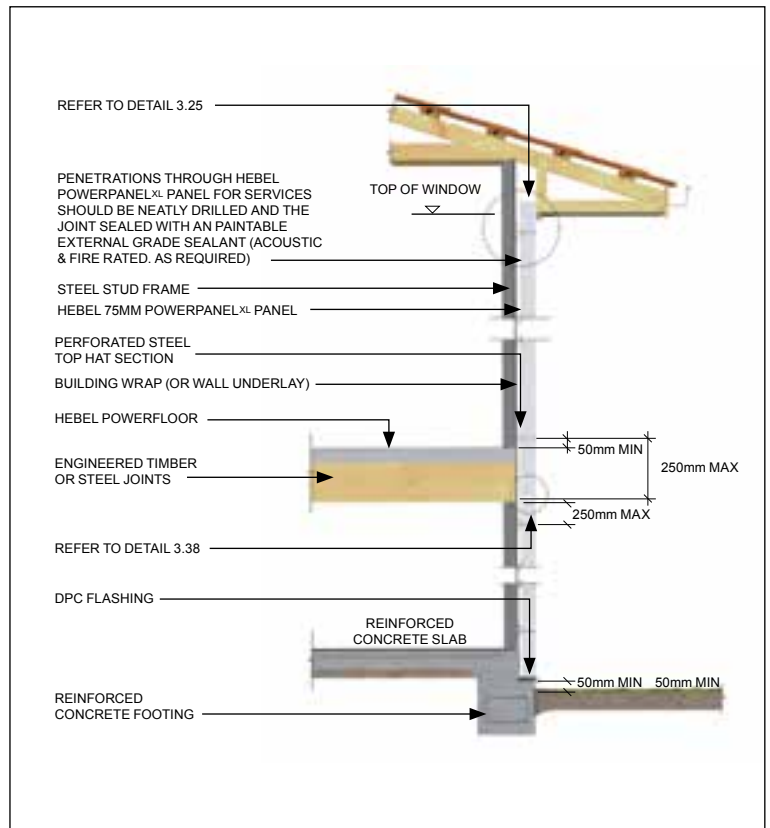
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2. Additional Top Hats may be required, for suspended panels. Refer to tables 1.7 - 1.10 on page 11 for number of Top Hats required (or Tables 2.3 - 2.6 on Page 20 for Boundary Walls)
3. These details have not shown the set-out of Top Hats to accommodate control joint locations. This is the responsibility of the building designer.

Detail 3.10 – Two storey construction – typical timber frame section using joists with >1% shrinkage



Detail 3.11 – Two storey construction – steel frame section or engineered joists with ≤1% shrinkage

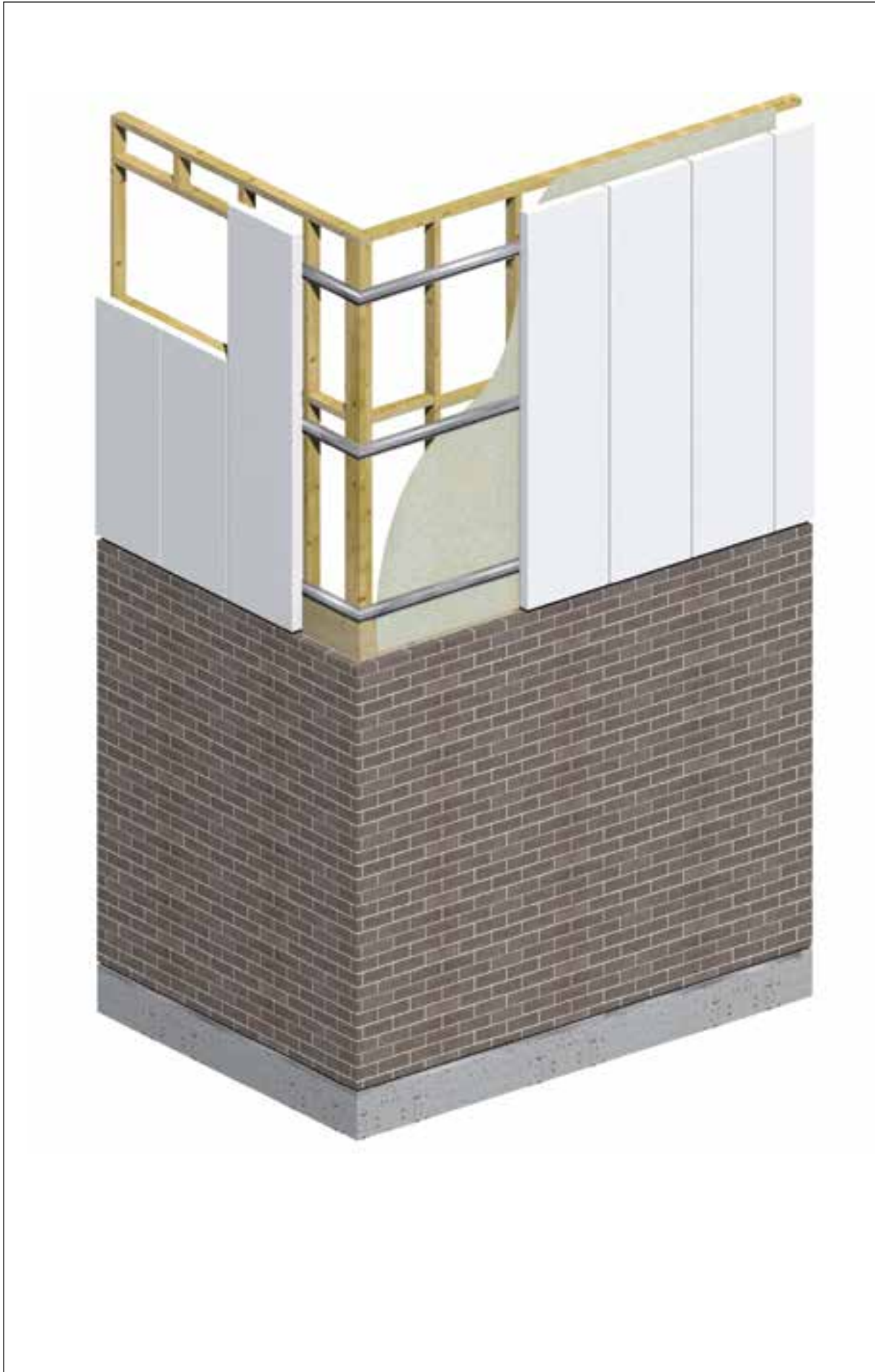


NOTE: These gap widths can be reduced for low shrinkage floor systems. Contact the floor system manufacturer for guidance on acceptable gap width. Refer also to NZS 3604: 2011

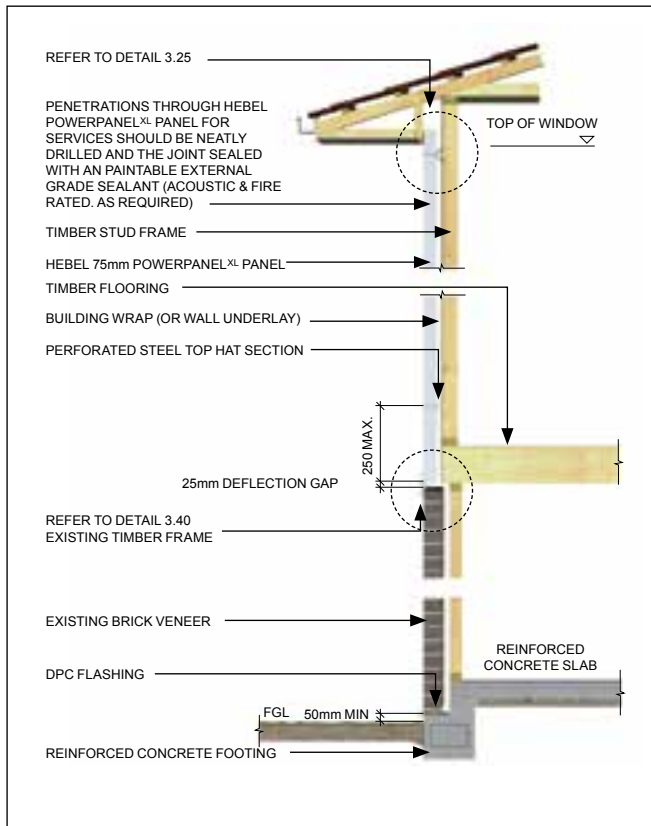


## Two storey addition

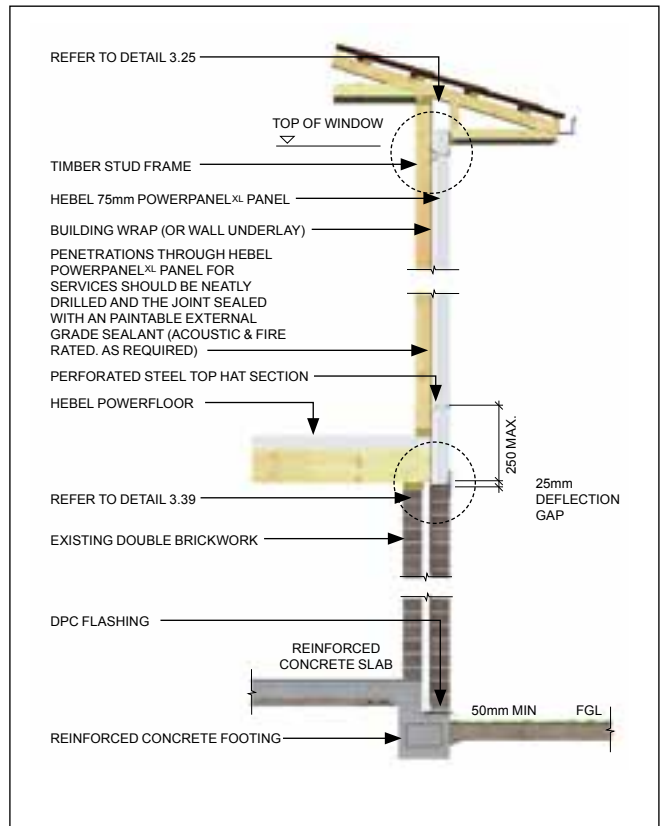
Detail 3.12 – Two storey addition – isometric view detail



Detail 3.13 – Two storey additions  
– typical section with brick veneer below



Detail 3.14 – Two storey additions  
– typical section with double brick below

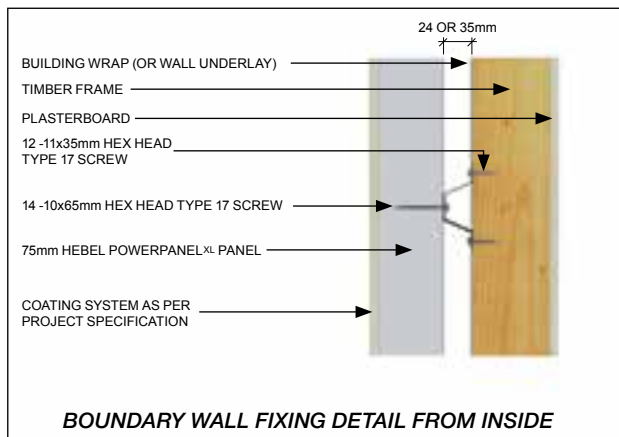


**NOTE**

1. These gap widths can be reduced for low shrinkage floor systems. Contact the floor system manufacturer for guidance on acceptable gap width. Refer to Tables 1.7 1.10 on Page 11 for number of Top Hats required (Or Tables 2.3 - 2.6 on Page 20 for Boundary Walls)

## Hebel PowerPanelXL external wall system fixing & installation detail

Detail 3.15 – Hebel PowerPanelXL External Wall Fixing Detail -  
Boundary Wall Fixing Detail from Inside (Boundary Wall Solution Only)

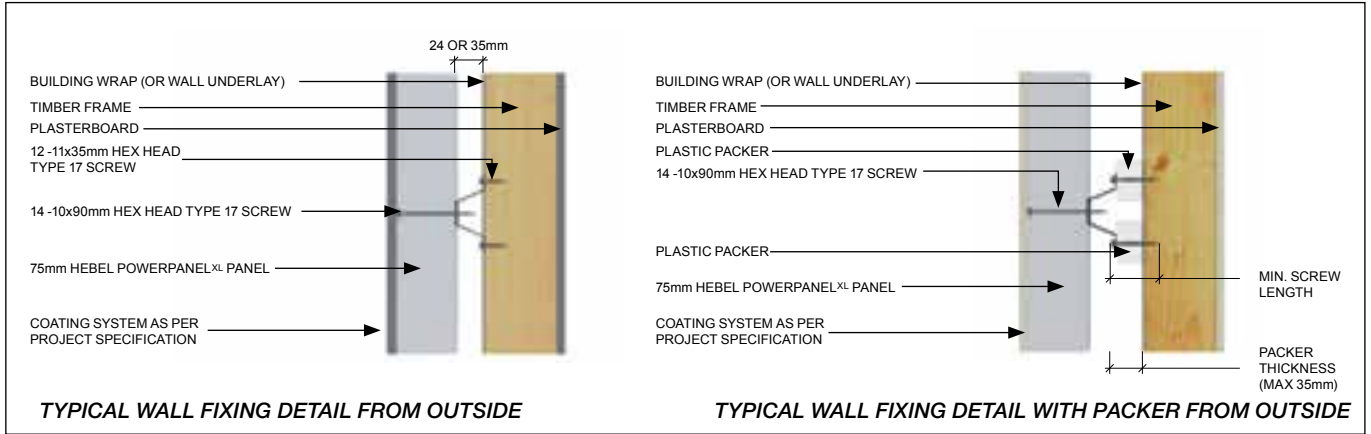


NOTE: When positioning the stud frames allow 5-7mm extra cavity width for the sheet bracing between Top Hat and timber stud.



# Hebel PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> external wall system fixing & installation detail

Detail 3.16 – Hebel PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> External Wall Fixing Detail - Typical Fixing Detail from Outside



NOTE: When positioning the stud frames allow 5-7mm extra cavity width for the sheet bracing between Top Hat and timber stud.

**Notes For Connection to Timber Stud**

- The minimum embedment depth to the timber is 25mm;
- The stud frame designer shall take into account of any local design action effect to the stud due to the packer;
- The packer shall be sufficiently solid to prevent the screw from bending;
- The screw size shall be 12-10 x (screw length) Hex Head Type 17 screw.

**Notes For Connection to Steel Stud**

- There shall be at least 3 full threads penetrating beyond the flange of the steel stud;
- The stud frame designer shall take into account of any local design action effect to the stud due to the packer;
- The packer shall be sufficiently solid to prevent the screw from bending;
- The screw size shall be 10-16 x (screw length) Hex Head Tek Screw.

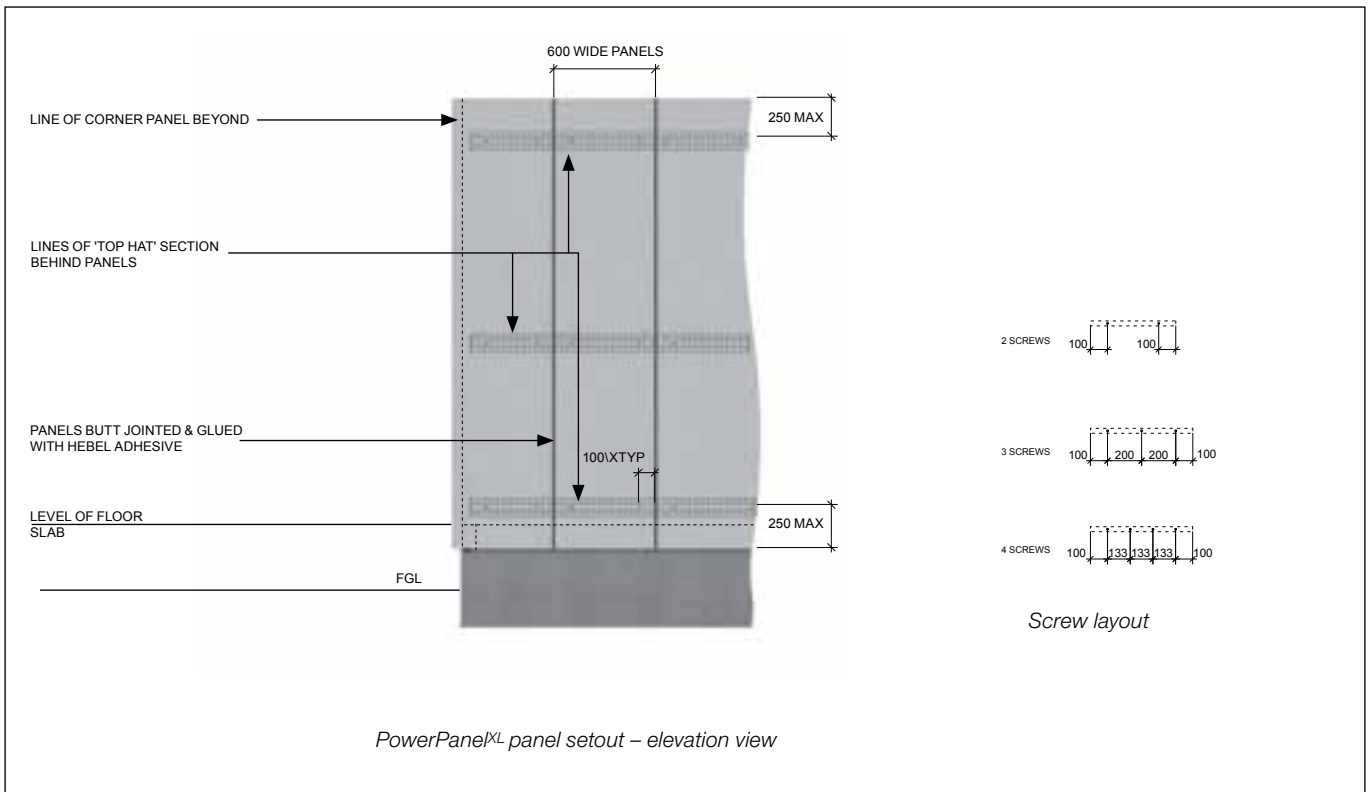
**Connection to Timber Stud**

Packer Thickness (mm)	Minimum Screw Length (mm)
0	35
5	35
10	35
15	40
20	45
25	50
30	55
35	60

**Connection to Steel Stud**

Packer Thickness (mm)	Minimum Screw Length (mm)
0	16
5	21
10	26
15	31
20	36
25	41
30	46
35	51

Detail 3.17 – Screw layout drawing

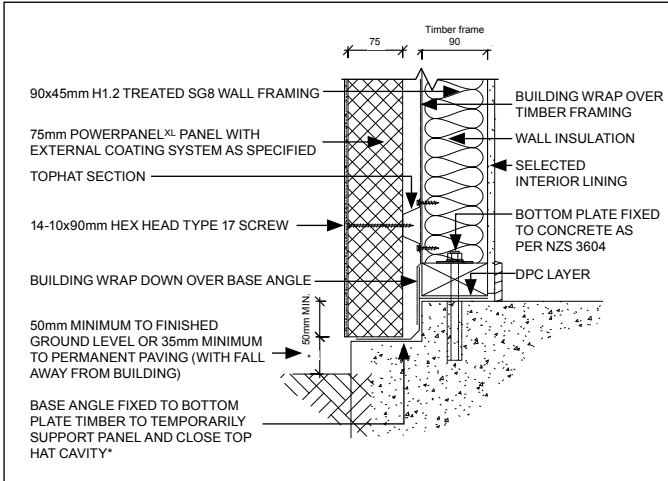


PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> panel setout – elevation view

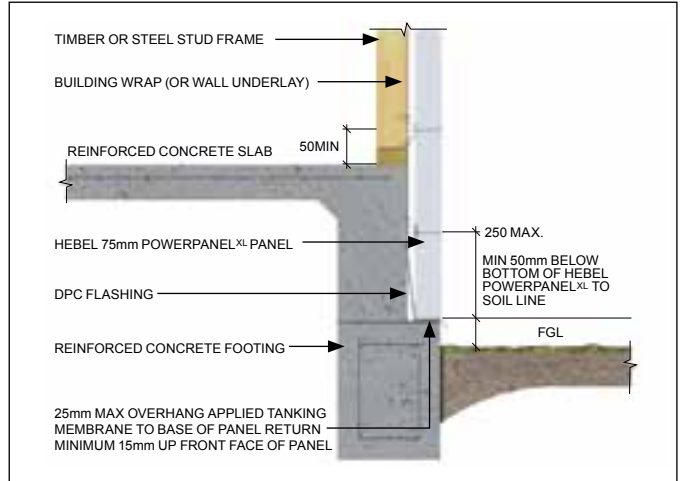


# Footing junction details

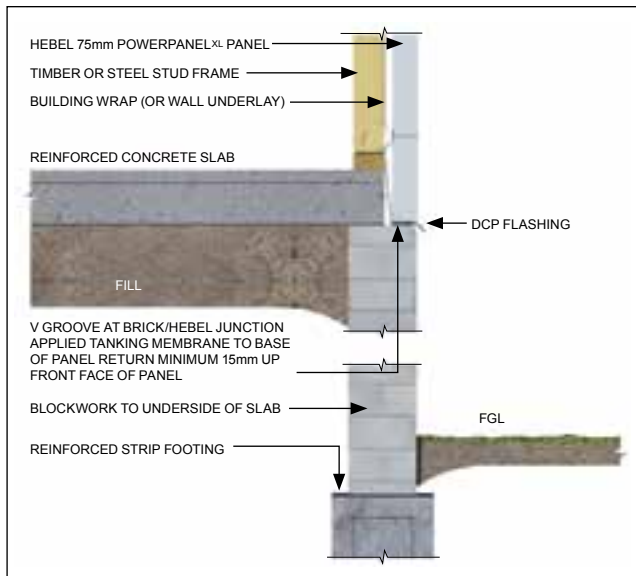
Detail 3.18 – Footing junction detail 1



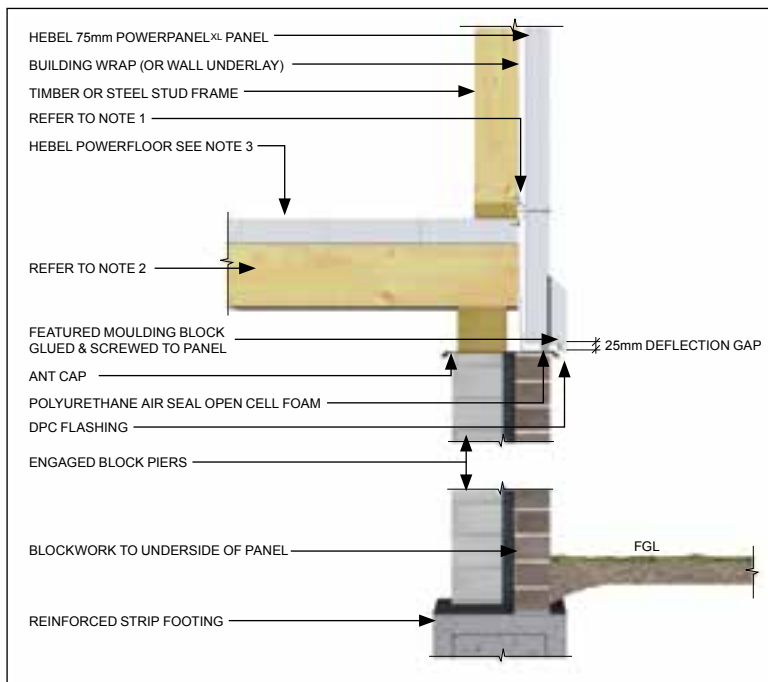
Detail 3.19 – Footing junction detail 2



Detail 3.20 – Footing junction detail 3

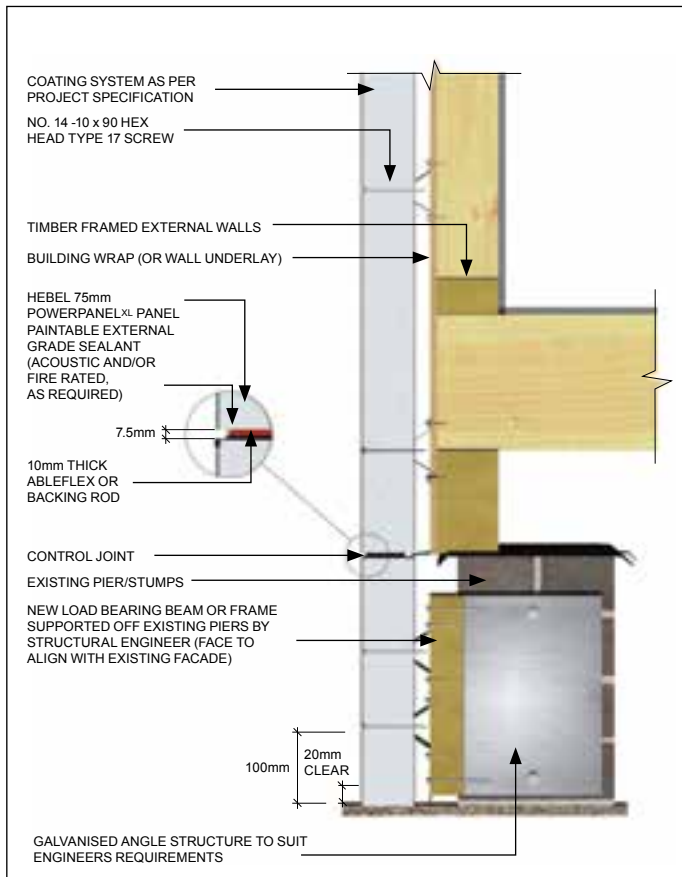


Detail 3.21 – Footing junction detail 4

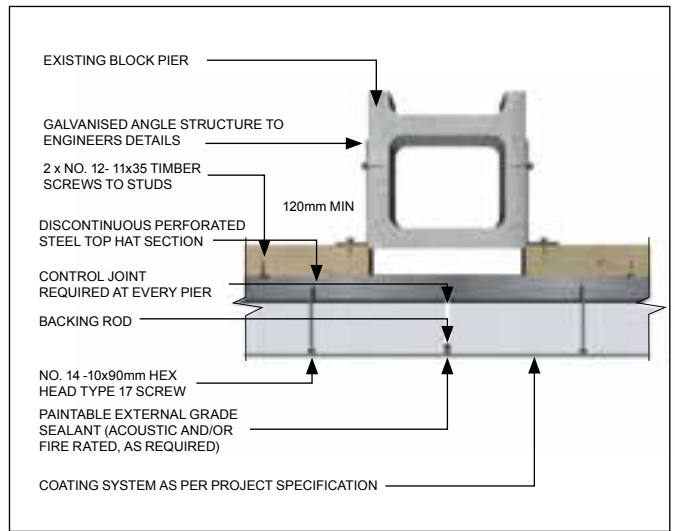


- NOTE**
1. Do not fix Top Hat to floor joists.
  2. If non-shrink floor joists are used, gap may be reduced or eliminated. Seek further technical advice from the framing manufacturer.
  3. Refer to CSR Hebel for Hebel PowerFloor™ details.
  4. When fixing Top Hats to concrete, contact the fixing manufacturer For details.

Detail 3.22 – Footing junction detail 5



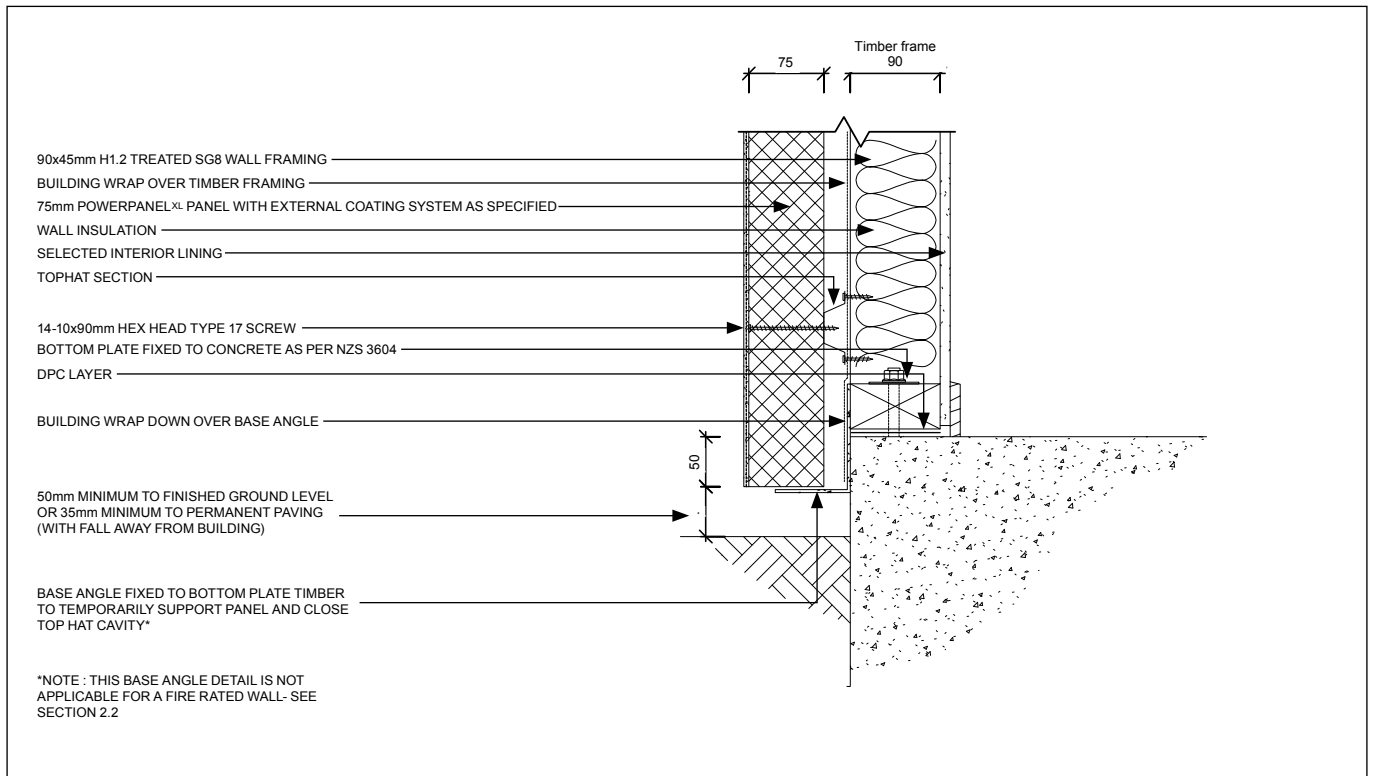
Detail 3.23 – Base detail suspended floor – pier connection



NOTE

1. Refer to Table 1.7 and 1.10 for Top Hat requirement for suspended applications
2. This detail is not considered to achieve a fire rating level

Detail 3.24 – Suspended Panel at Slab Edge Detail

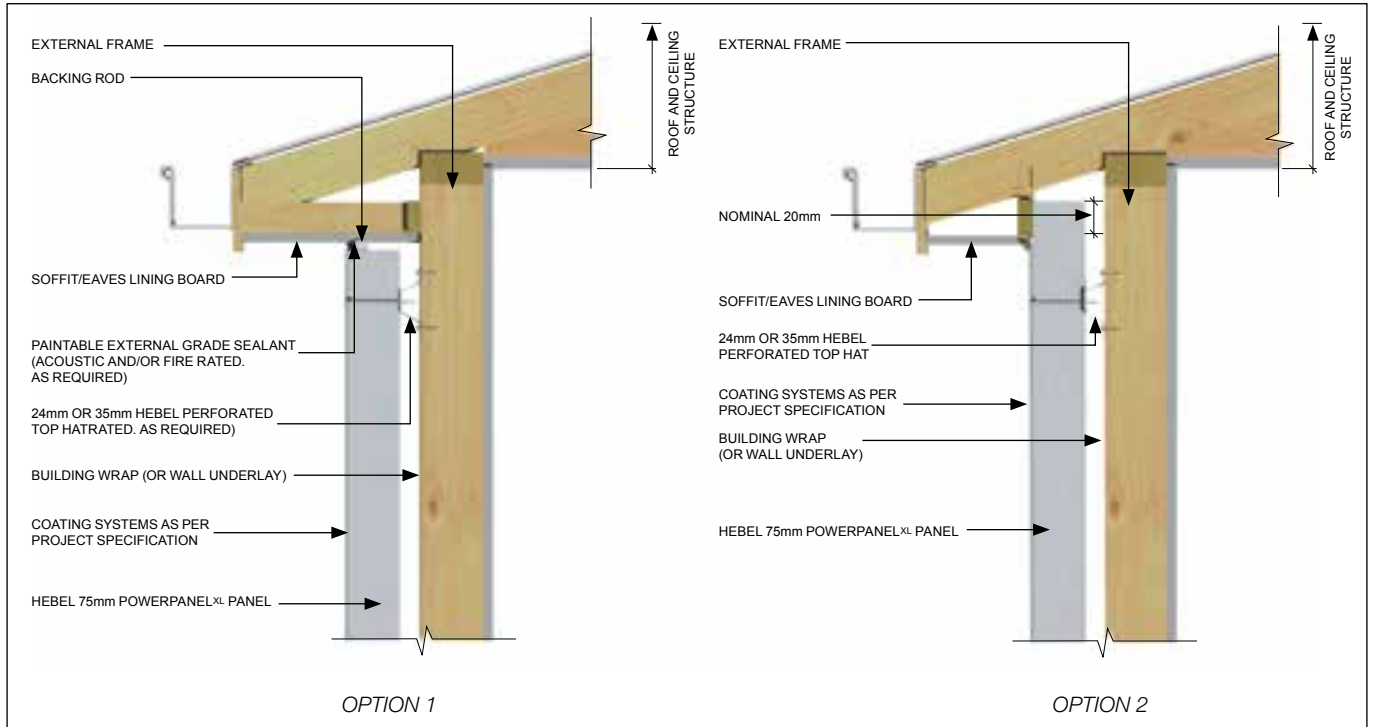


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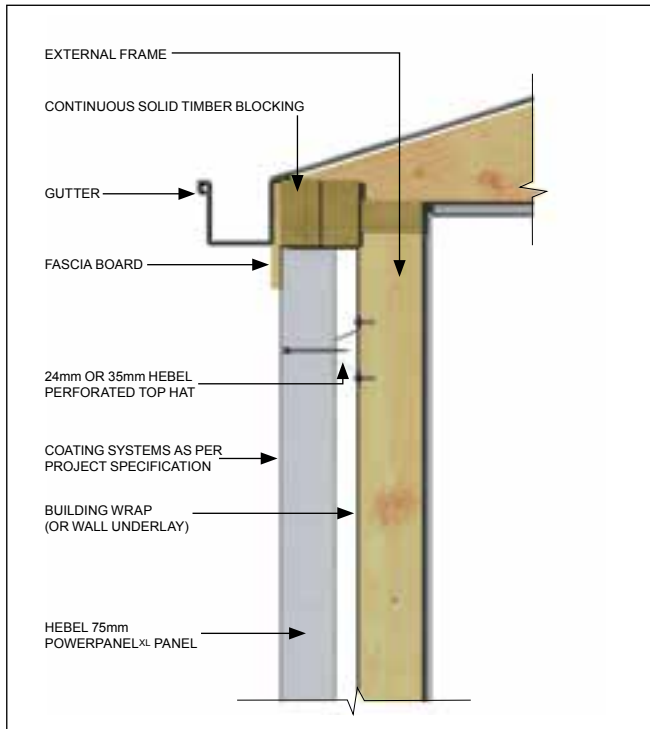
1. All garden beds and /or finished soil line must remain a minimum of 50mm below the bottom of the finished rendered wall.

# Wall junction details & sections

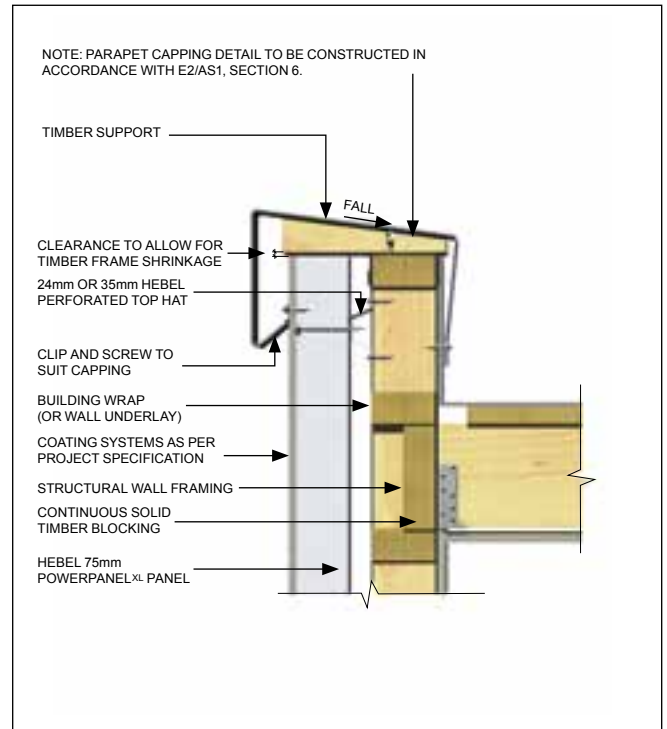
Detail 3.25 – Typical roof eaves detail



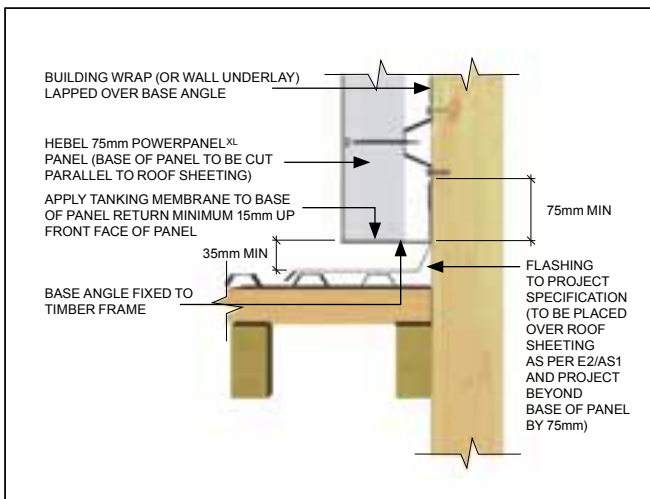
Detail 3.26 – Typical roof eaves detail (no eave overhang)



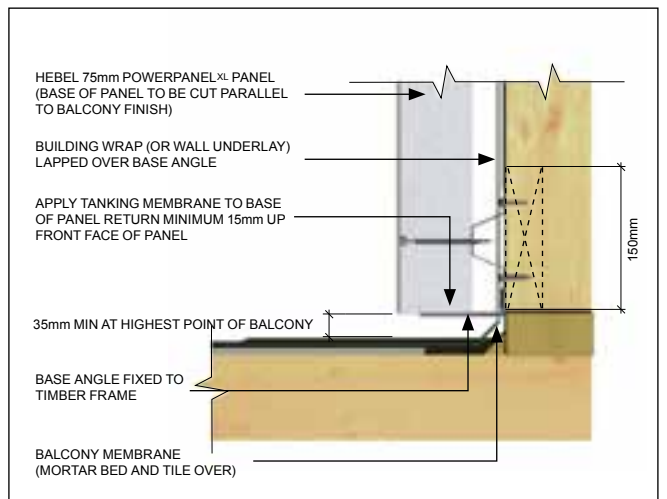
Detail 3.27 – Typical roof/parapet wall detail



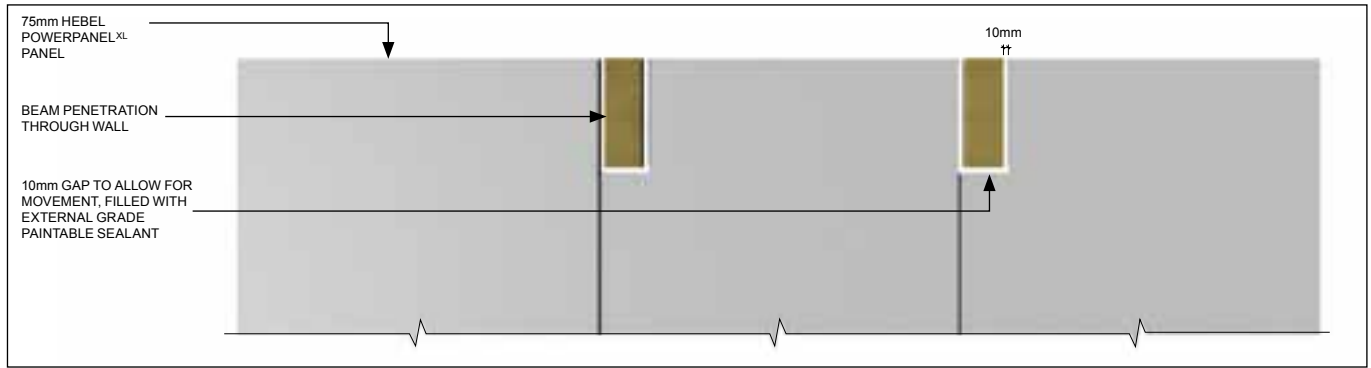
Detail 3.28 – Roof to wall junction detail



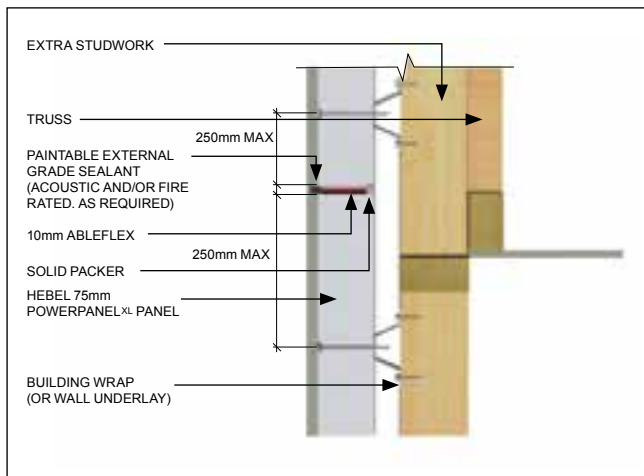
Detail 3.29 – Balcony to Wall Junction Detail



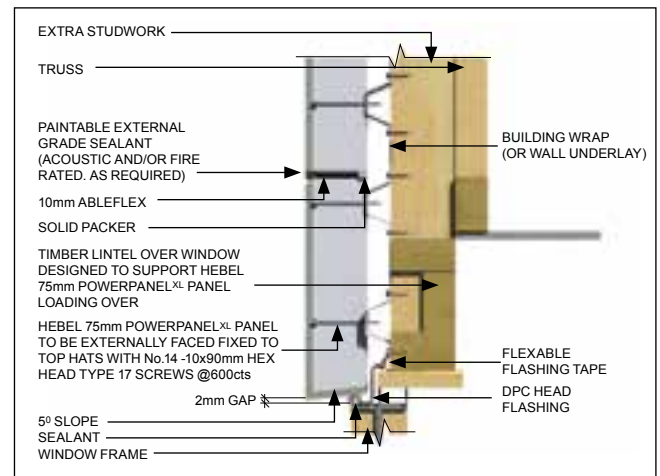
Detail 3.30 – Beam penetration detail



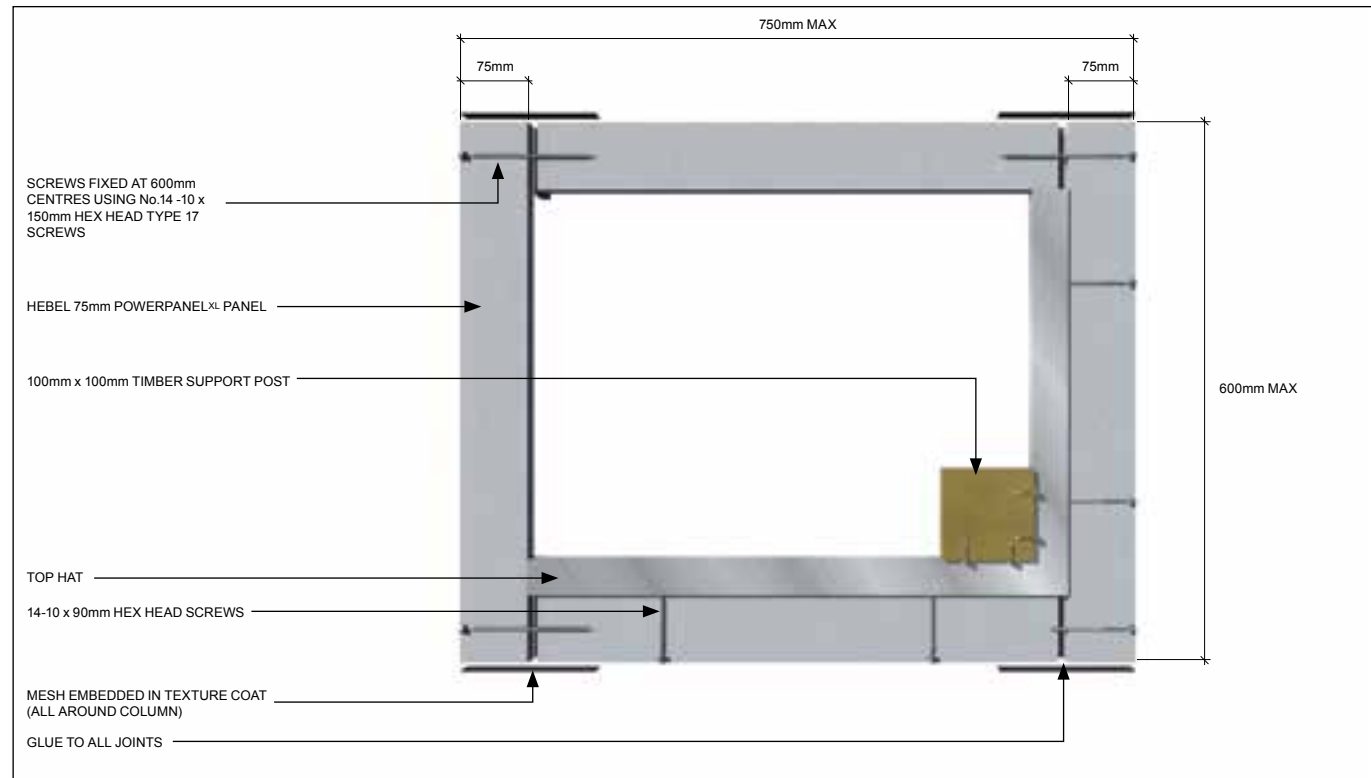
Detail 3.31 – Gable end wall detail



Detail 3.32 – Gable end wall detail – lintel panel over window



Detail 3.33 – Column Detail (Glued & Screwed)



## Control joints

Control Joints are a necessary part of a rendered wall system to ensure that the location of possible cracking is controlled, movement isolated and stresses relieved from the wall elements. Such stresses can occur as a result of:

- Differential movement in materials due to temperature and humidity changes i.e between wall framing and rendered substrate
- Long term settlement of foundations or general ground movement due to soil expansion and contraction
- Seismic movement – for compliance with NZBC the cladding system is required to cope with SLS (service limit state) loads without compromising the integrity of the system.

Control joints may serve as a location for the joint to open or close only, or both. The designer must consider the type and magnitude of movement when detailing the control joints.

Important: A common mistake with rendering and Control Joint installation is the application of render, mesh or texture over the joint. Such application will be detrimental to the ability of the Control Joint to operate as intended as it will restrict movement and reveals itself with cracking and spalling of the joint. Secondary damage can then result from water ingress through the crack, working its way behind the coating system. Importantly, all joints should be filled with an appropriate flexible sealant that can accommodate the movements and durability for the application. The render, mesh and texture coating should be terminated at the sealant/panel interface and not impede the differential movement between the panel and adjacent structure or another panel.

The following information provides the necessary rules for Control Jointing when installing the Hebel PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> External Wall System

- Vertical Control Joints required at maximum 6m centres
- Vertical Control Joints required at external and internal corners or up to a maximum distance of 1200mm away from the corner along one wall face

Refer to detail 3.37 & 3.38 for control joint guidelines where installed away from external & internal corner

- Vertical control joints may be required above and below doors (including sliding and garage doors) and openings to floor level depending on opening width, however, where the depth of the panel is less than 270mm control joints are recommended to both sides of the opening – see opening width rules below
- Horizontal Control Joints Required at every horizontal floor junction
- Horizontal Control Joints required at a maximum height of 3.9m

### Control Joints in Gable End Walls

Horizontal control joints in gable end walls shall normally be constructed as per Detail 3.31 or 3.32, however, they may be excluded from these walls in situations where:

- The total height of the wall cladding as measured to the ridge does not exceed 6m; and
- The section of the external gable wall located above the ceiling plane (to which the top hat battens will be fixed) is constructed and fixed directly to the wall below as required for a load bearing wall in accordance with NZS 3604:2011; and
- The foundation support for the gable end wall is founded on 'good ground' as defined by NZS 3604:2011 or has been designed so as to limit settlement (or heave) of the foundation that may otherwise induce in-plane stresses in the Hebel cladding.

*Note: also that the top hat batten spacing on wall framing above the ceiling plane (with or without the use of control joints) shall be as required for suspended panel installation.*

### For openings < 2450mm in width

- Control Joint not required.

*Note: The minimum panel height above or below openings is 270mm, however this may be reduced to a minimum of 150mm where the panel is directly fixed to a top hat batten behind. Where the depth of the panel is less than 270mm control joints shall be recommended to both sides of the opening. Furthermore, caution must be exercised to avoid cracking during cutting, handling and installation of such panels*

### For openings >= 2450mm and < 3600mm wide

- Control Joint required to at least one side of the opening (i.e. above and below the opening).

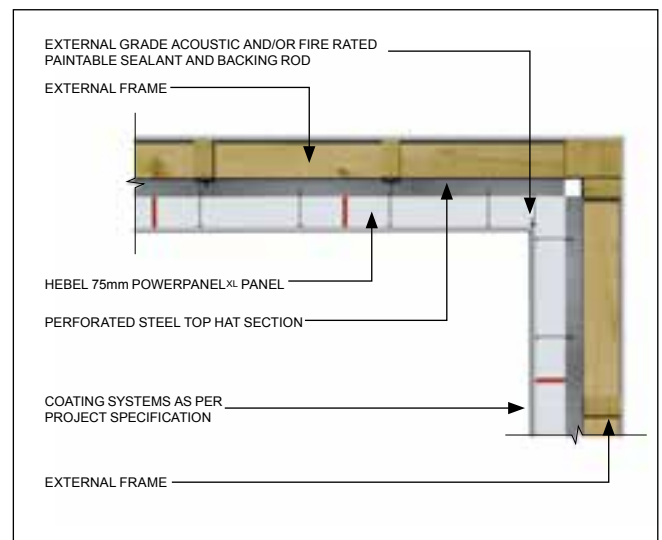
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### For openings >= 3600mm in width

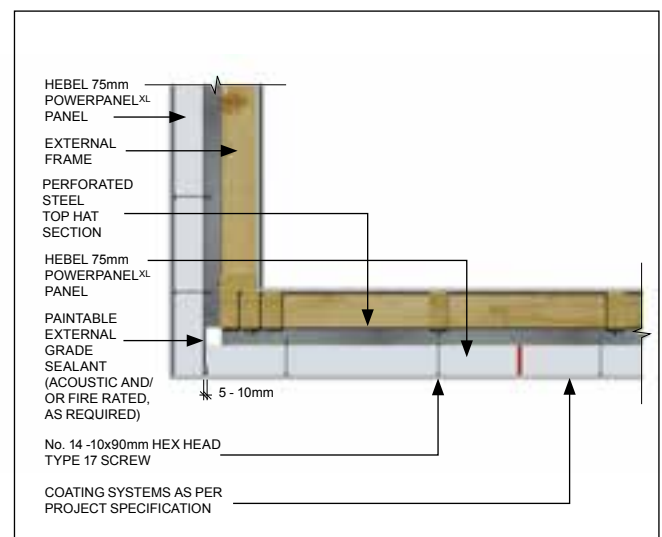
- Control Joint required to both sides of the opening (i.e. above and below the opening).

*Note: The minimum panel height above or below openings is 270mm, however this may be reduced to a minimum of 150mm where the panel is directly fixed to a top hat batten behind. Where the depth of the panel is less than 270mm control joints shall be recommended to both sides of the opening. Furthermore, caution must be exercised to avoid cracking during cutting, handling and installation of such panels*

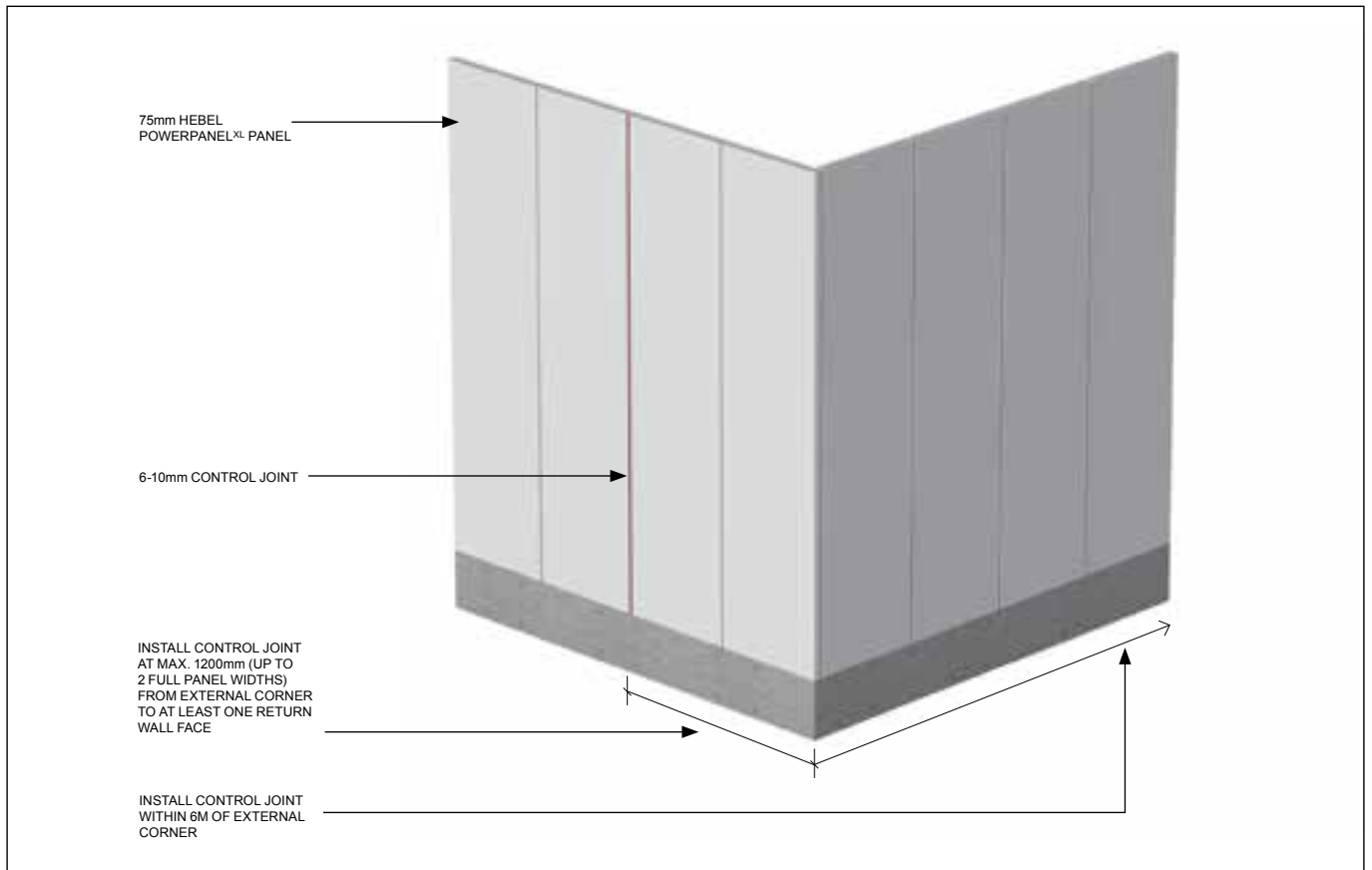
Detail 3.34 – Internal corner



Detail 3.35 – External corner

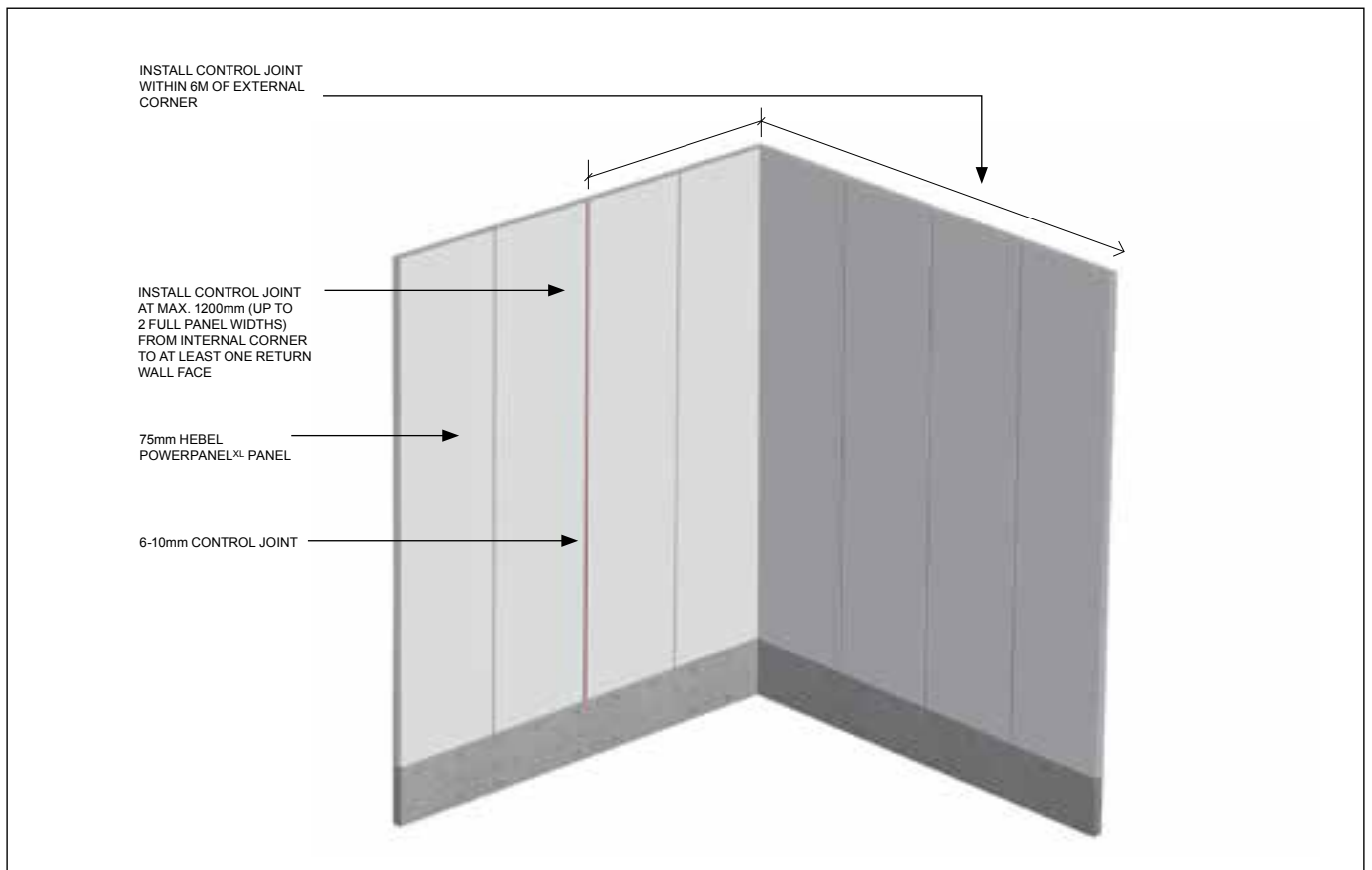


Detail 3.37 – Typical detail for control joints positioned away from a wall external corner



**NOTE:** Mesh to be installed upon application of the External Coating System to the panels. Mesh must be installed within the Base Levelling Coat

Detail 3.38 – Typical detail for control joints positioned away from a wall internal corner

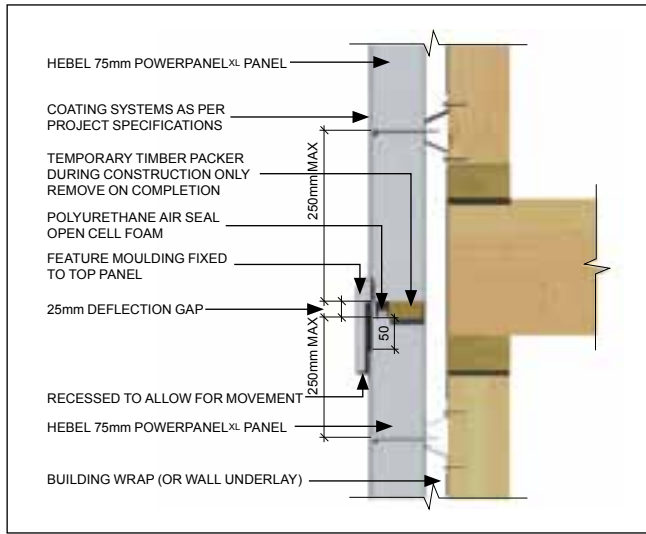


**NOTE:** Mesh to be installed upon application of the External Coating System to the panels. Mesh must be installed within the Base Levelling Coat

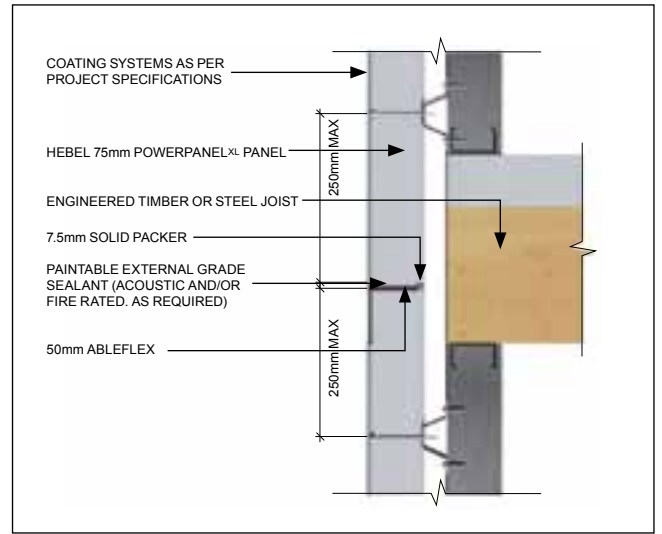


# Control Joint Details

Detail 3.37 – Typical horizontal control joint  
– timber stud frame using joists with >1% shrinkage

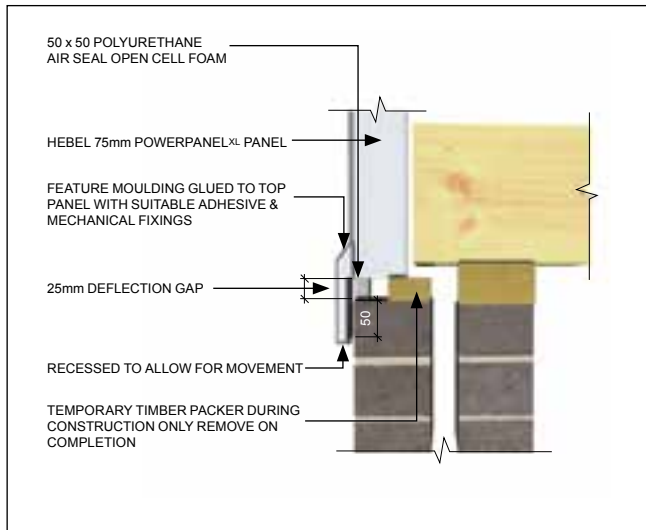


Detail 3.38 – Typical horizontal control joint  
– steel stud frame or engineered timber joists ≤1% shrinkage

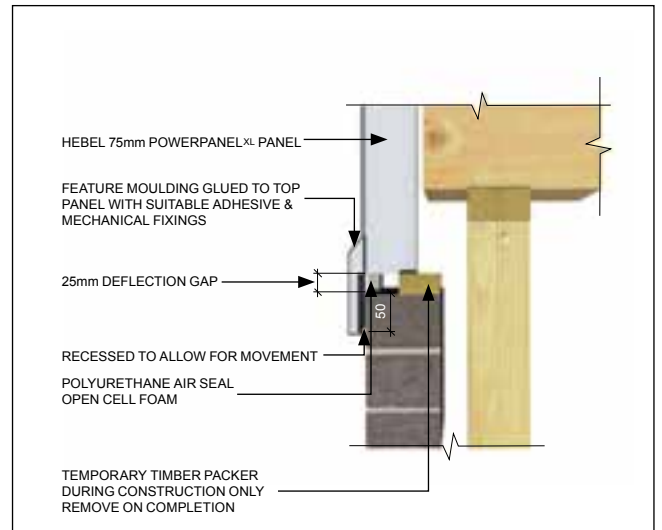


**NOTE:** The position of the horizontal control joint must be such that the panel must not cantilever more than 250mm past the last Top Hat, top and bottom. Top Hats must not be fixed to joists

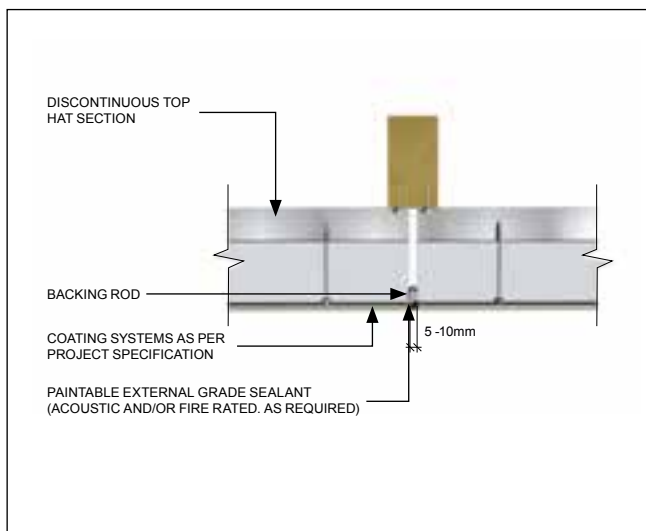
Detail 3.39 – Horizontal control joint – cavity brickwork  
to Hebel PowerPanelXL Panel



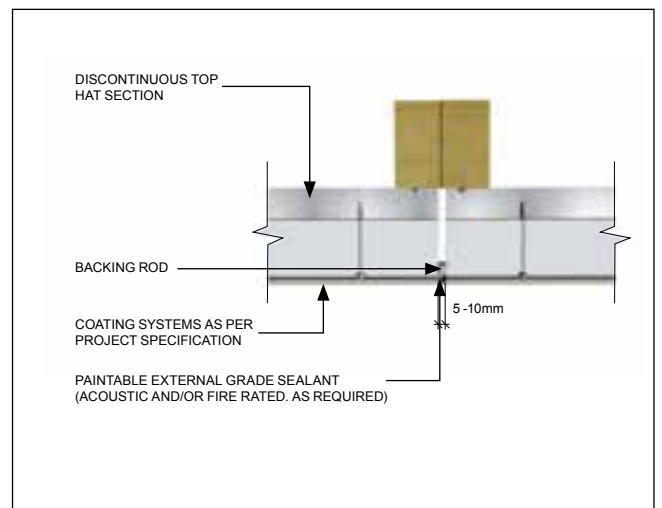
Detail 3.40 – Horizontal control joint  
– brick veneer to Hebel PowerPanelXL Panel



Detail 3.41 – Typical vertical control joint

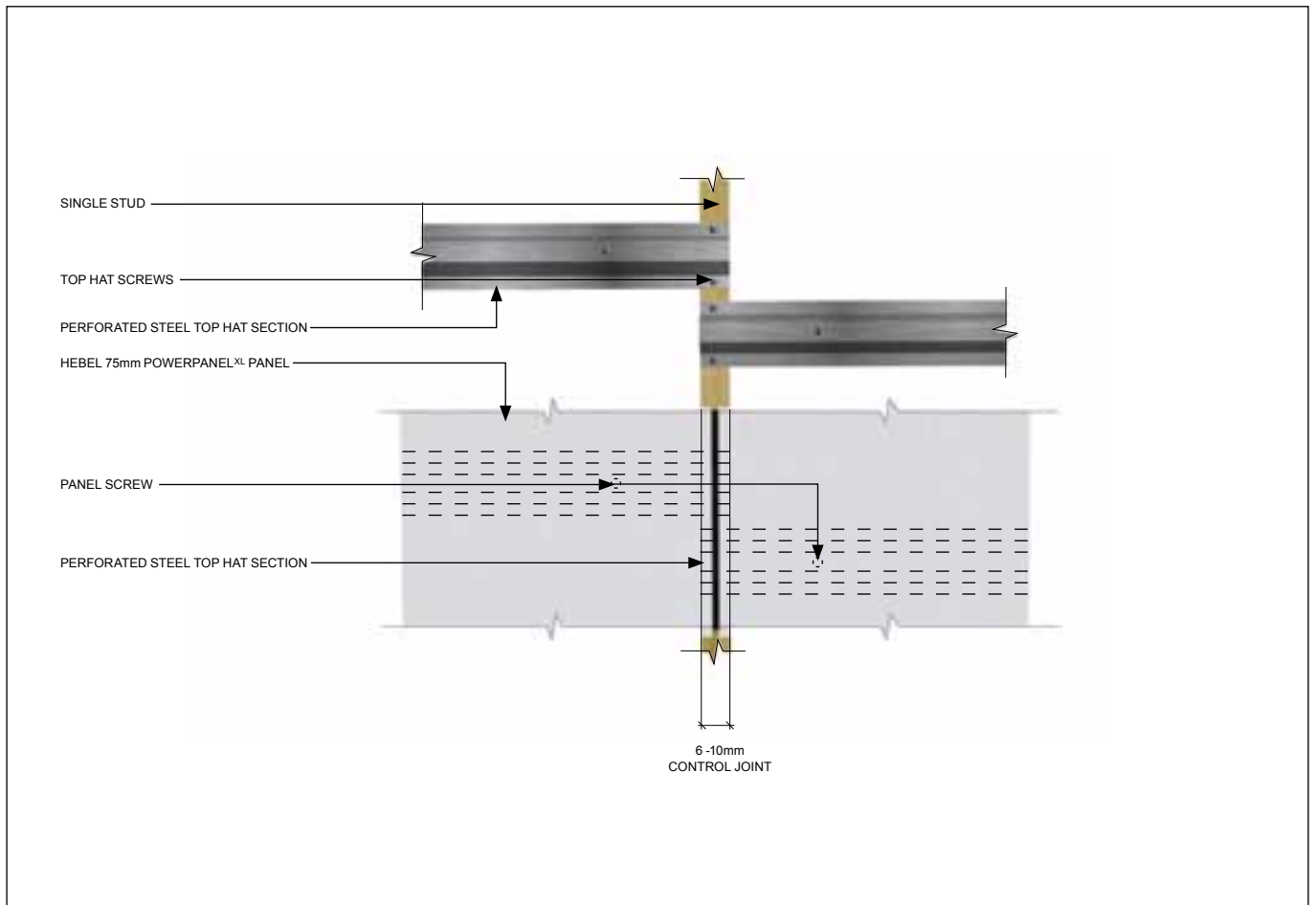


Detail 3.42 – Typical vertical control joint (discontinuous  
Top Hat on a double stud)

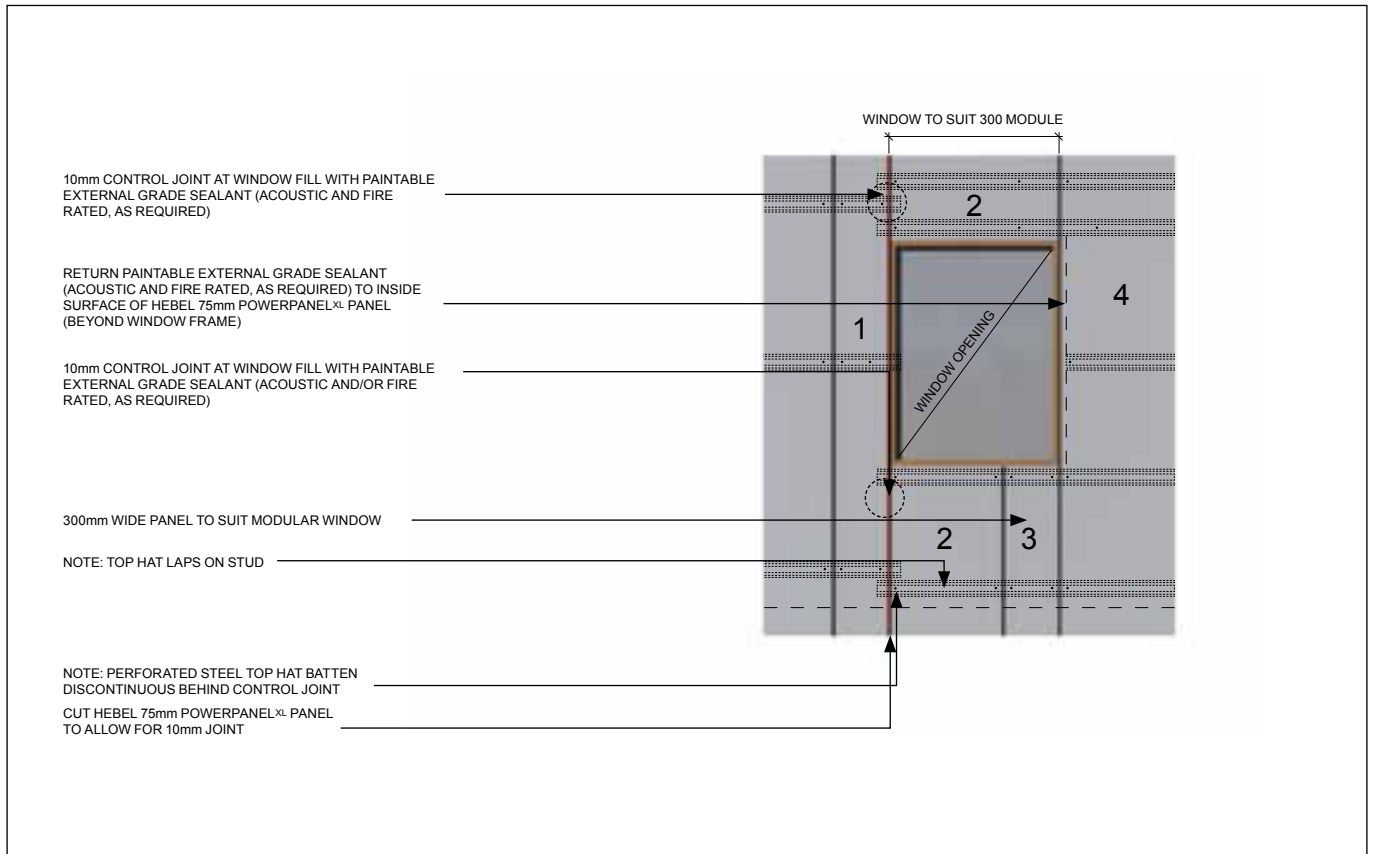




Detail 3.43 Control joint – discontinuous Top Hats on a single stud



Detail 3.44 – Typical window control joint detail – lintel over

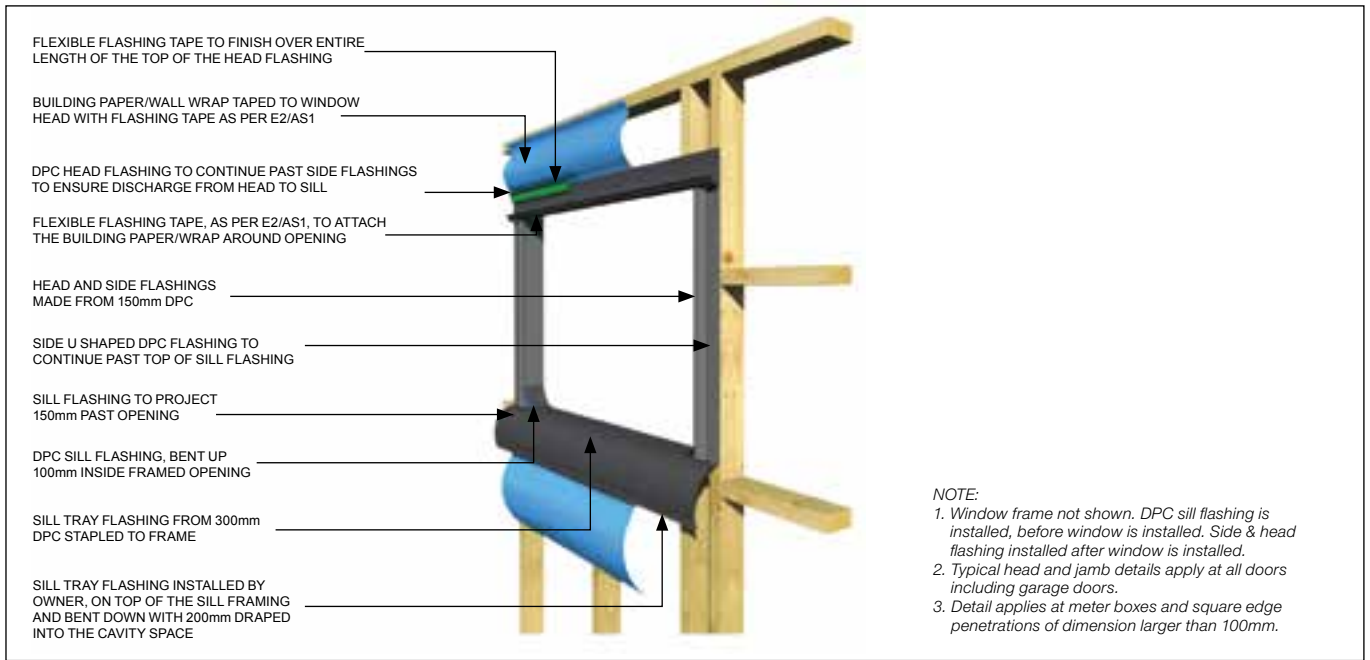


NOTE: The installation sequence of the PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> panels around the openings should be followed as numbered if there is no control joint at the opening, to maintain glue thickness on the edge of the panel.

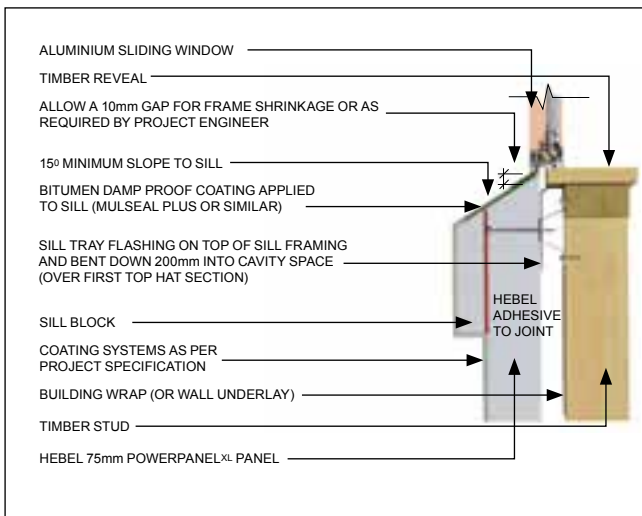


# Door & window detail

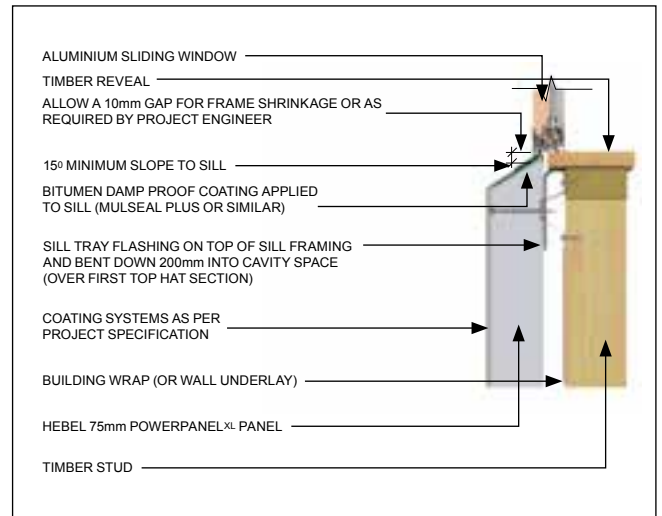
Detail 3.45 – Window Flashing Detail



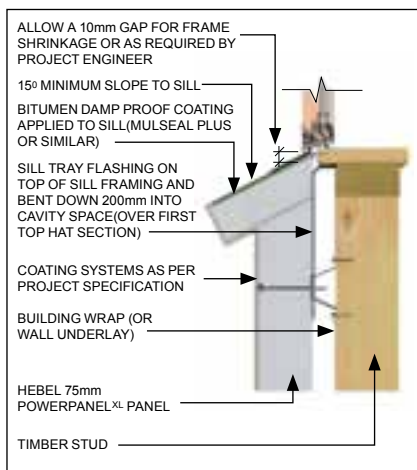
Detail 3.46 – Typical window sill detail – aluminium window frame - OPTION 1



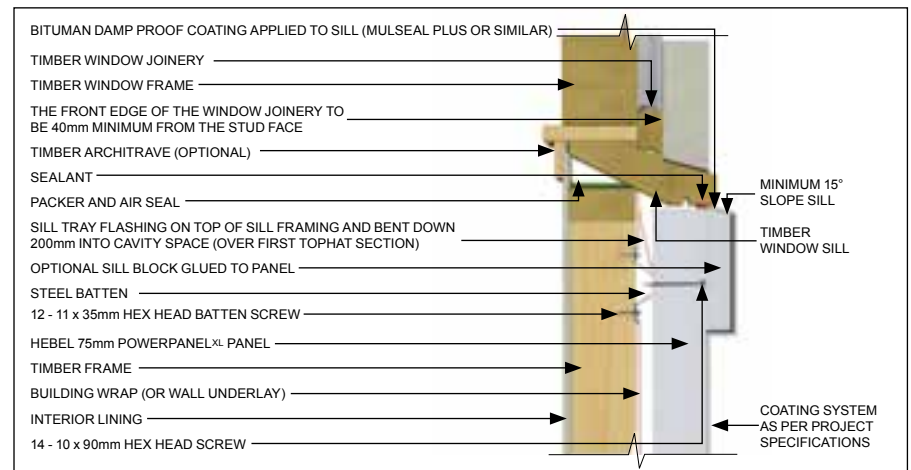
Detail 3.47 – Typical window sill detail – aluminium window frame - OPTION 2



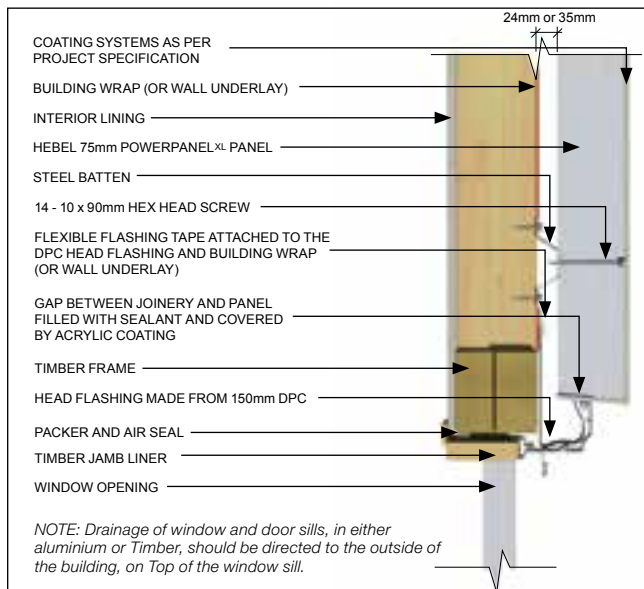
Detail 3.48 – Typical window sill detail – aluminium window frame - OPTION 3



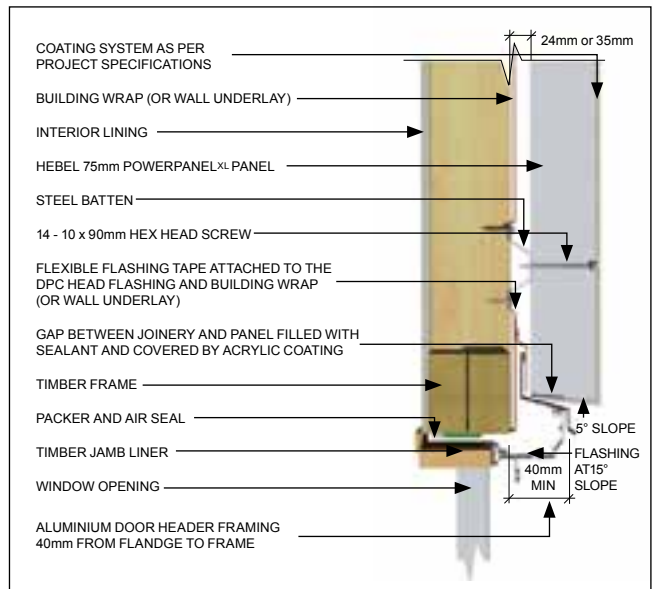
Detail 3.48a – Typical window sill detail - timber window sill joinery detail



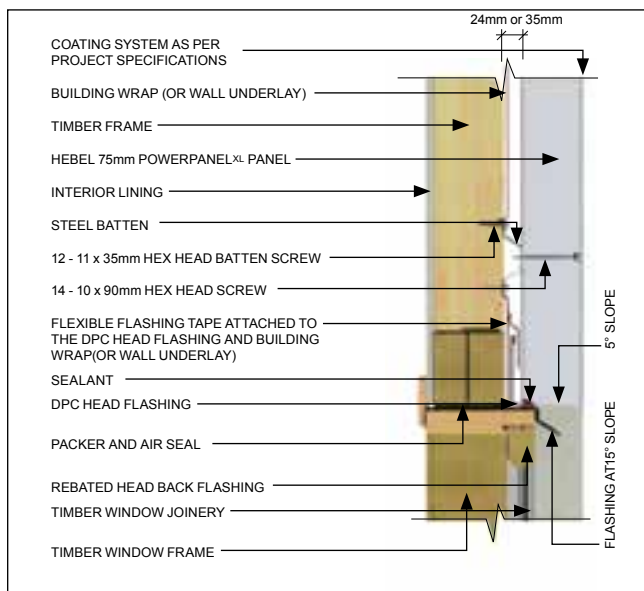
Detail 3.49 – Window Header detail



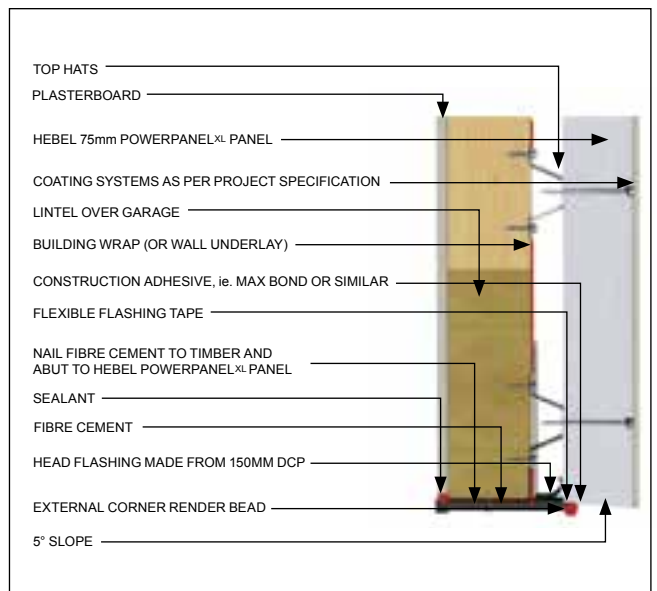
Detail 3.49 – Window header - alternative detail



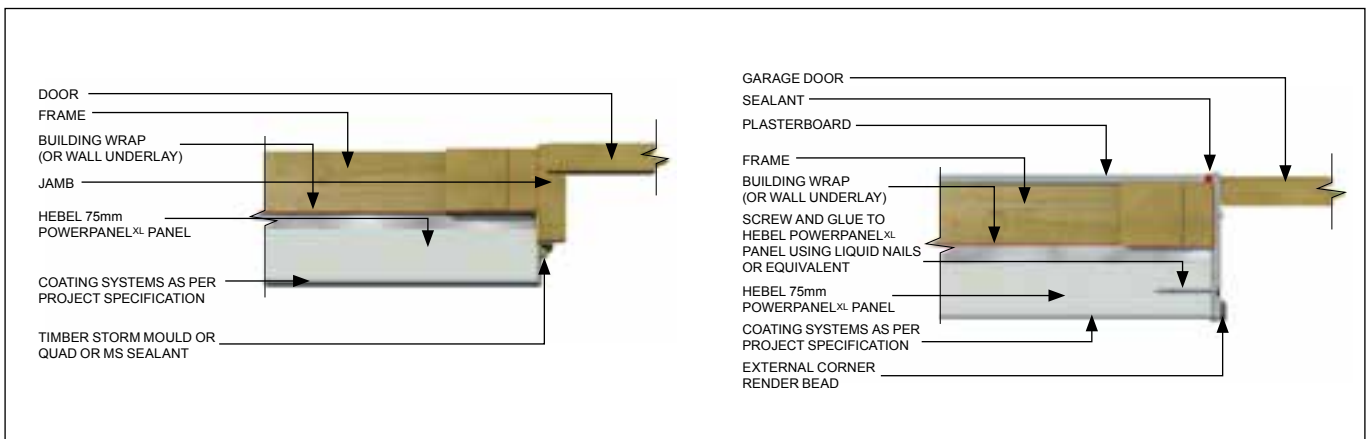
Detail 3.49a – Timber window head - joinery detail



Detail 3.50 – Garage head detail



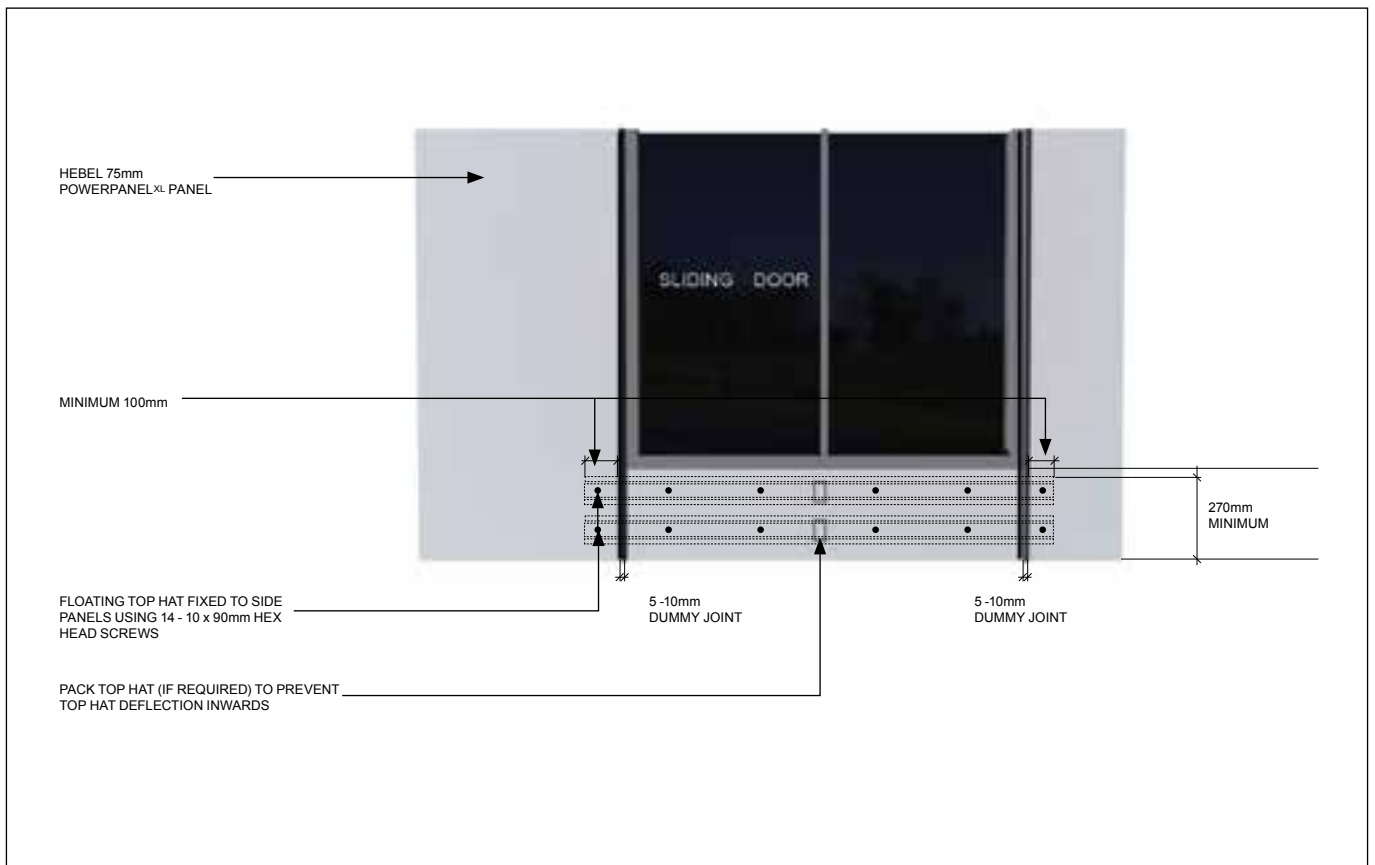
Detail 3.51 – Typical Door & Garage door – jamb detail



Detail 3.52 – Sliding door sill detail – option 1 – concrete sill < 270mm

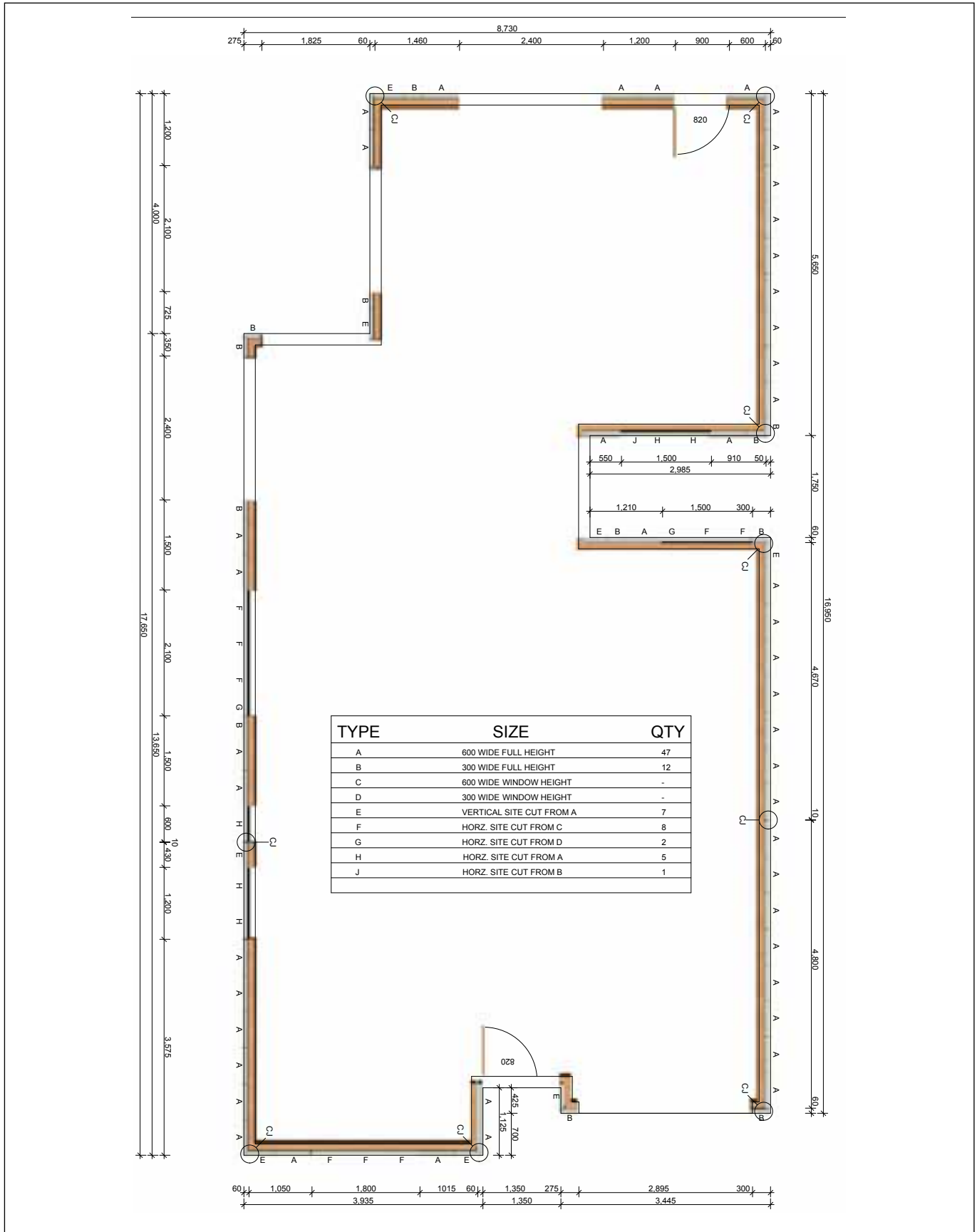


Detail 3.53 – Sliding door sill detail – option 2 - concrete sill >270mm



# Miscellaneous details

Detail 3.54 – Panel layout drawing – plan view



**NOTE**

1. At corners, PowerPanelXL panels can be laid out at 300mm multiples in one direction and 300mm multiples + 85mm in the other direction
2. Width of PowerPanelXL panels may vary + or - 1.5mm

# 4.1 Delivery and storage

## Unloading panel packs

Panel packs should only be unloaded and moved with approved lifting devices. Before use, the lifting devices should be checked for the required lifting tags. Packs should be unloaded as close as possible to the intended installation area. This will increase work efficiency and minimise the need for secondary lifting.

*NOTE: Secondary handling increases the risk of panel damage. The repair of damage sustained during lifting and moving is the responsibility of the lifter. Where damage is excessive, PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> panels must be replaced.*

## Storage

All materials must be kept dry and preferably stored undercover. Care should be taken to avoid sagging or damage to ends, edges and surfaces.

All Hebel products must be stacked on edge and properly supported off the ground, on a level platform. Panel bundles can be stacked two high. The project engineer should be consulted as to the adequacy of the structure to support the stacked bundles.

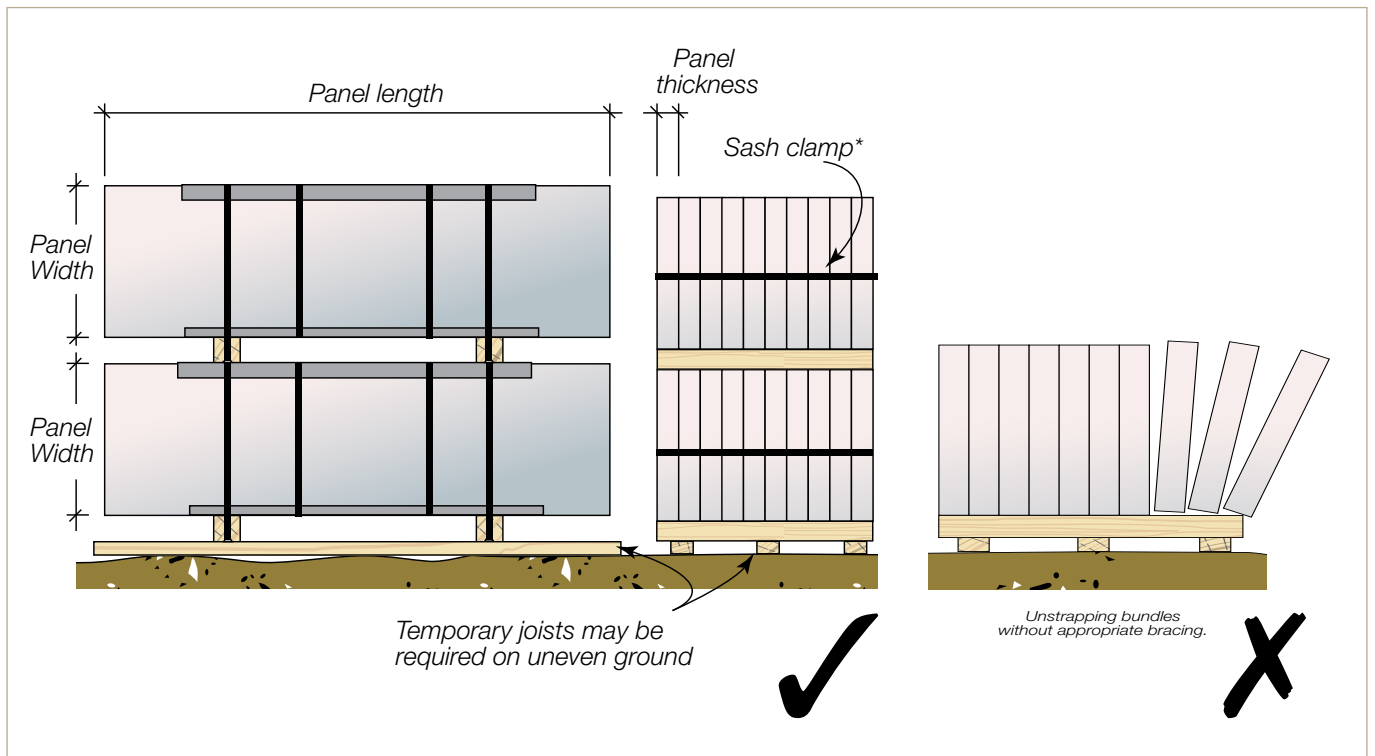
If outside, Hebel panels must be stored off the ground and protected from the weather. Only single bundles positioned on the ground can be opened. To provide a level surface, we recommend placing temporary joists beneath the supporting cleats.

## Unstrapping packs

Ensure appropriate bracing is installed to packs prior to removal of strapping to prevent panels from falling. Panels can be held together with sash clamps, ratchet, straps or Hebel stabilising bars.



Fig. 4.1 – Stacking packs of Hebel PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup>



## 4.2 Panel handling

### Manual handling

Hebel recommends using a trolley or other mechanical apparatus to move the PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> panels around the work site. Manual handling where people physically move a panel should be kept to a minimum, with the weight being supported by an individual kept as small as possible. Any concerns regarding the weight to be handled should be discussed with the panel installation contractor.

To minimise the possibility of manual handling injuries, Hebel suggests the following:

- Use mechanical aids, such as trolleys, forklifts, cranes and levers, or team lifting to move panels.
- Keep the work place clean to reduce the risk of slips, trips and falls, which can cause injury.
- Plan the sequence of installation to minimise panel movements and avoid awkward lifts.
- Train employees in good lifting techniques to minimise the risk of injury.

### Hebel hoist

Hebel has developed an innovative hoisting solution that allows safe lifting and handling of Hebel panels on upper storeys. The Hebel hoist is also suitable for intertenancy walls, with limited access. Contact Hebel for more information.

Fig 4.2 – Hebel PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> trolley



Fig. 4.3 – Hebel hoist



### Mechanically assisted handling

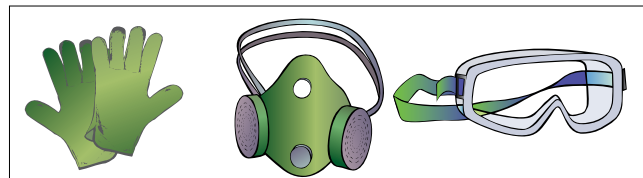
Moving and handling Hebel panels should be done as much as possible using mechanical aids such as forklifts, cranes and special panels lifting trolleys.

### Health, safety & personal protective equipment (PPE)

Hebel products are cement-based, which may irritate the skin, resulting in itching and occasionally a red rash. The wearing of gloves and suitable clothing to reduce abrasion and irritation of the skin is recommended when handling Hebel products.

Approved respirators (AS/NZS1715 and AS/NZ1716) and eye protection (AS1336) should be worn at all times when cutting and chasing. Refer to the Hebel Material Safety Data Sheets. Refer to the back of this Design & Installation Guide for further information regarding health and safety.

Fig. 4.4 – Personal protective equipment



### Cutting

The use of power tools when cutting concrete products may cause dust, which contains respirable crystalline silica, with the potential to cause bronchitis, silicosis and lung cancer after repeated and prolonged exposure. When using power or hand tools, on Hebel products, wear a P1 or P2 respirator and eye protection. When cutting, routing or chasing Hebel products with power tools, use dust extraction equipment and wear hearing protection. Refer to the appropriate Hebel MSDS. For further information, contact Hebel or visit the website: [www.csrhebel.co.au](http://www.csrhebel.co.au)

Reinforcement exposed during cutting must be coated with a liberal application of Hebel anti-corrosion protection paint.



## 4.3 Design, detailing and performance responsibilities

Hebel engages independent testing laboratories to test and report on the performance of a wall in accordance with the relevant New Zealand and Australian Standards. Consultants use these reports as the basis for opinions (estimates of laboratory performance) they issue for variations or different arrangements to the tested system, and also to design and specify walls that meet appropriate criteria for a particular project. Using their experience, the consultant will make judgement about on-site installed performance of various walls. The performance levels of walls documented in this design guide are either what is reported in a test or the documented opinion of consultants. Performance in projects is typically the responsibility of:

### Project consultants (Architectural structural, fire, etc.)

These consultants are typically responsible for the following:

- Opinions on expected laboratory performance of wall configurations that vary from actual test configuration, such as substitution products and components.
- Judgements about expected field performance using laboratory test reports and practical experience.
- Design, specification and certification of structural, fire, acoustic, durability, weather tightness and any other required performance criteria for individual projects.

This involves the design and selection of building elements, such as wall and floors and their integration into the building considering the following:

- Interface of different building elements and to the structure/substrate.
- Wall and floor junctions.
- Penetrations.
- Flashing issues.
- Room/building geometry.
- Acoustic and water penetration field-testing.

### Project certifier and/or builder

These professionals are typically responsible for:

- Identifying the performance requirements for the project in accordance with the New Zealand Building Code (NZBC) and clearly communicating this to the relevant parties.
- Applicability of any performance characteristics supplied by Hebel including test and opinions for the project.
- The project consultant's responsibilities detailed above if one is not engaged in the project.

Hebel does not provide consulting services. Hebel only provides information that has been prepared by others and therefore shall not be considered experts in the field.

Any party using the information contained in this design guide or supplied by Hebel in the course of a project must satisfy themselves that it is true, current and appropriate for the application, consequently accepting responsibility for its use.

It is the responsibility of the architectural designer and engineering parties to ensure that the details in this design guide are appropriate for the intended application.

The recommendations in this design guide are formulated along the lines of good building practice, but are not intended to be an exhaustive statement of all relevant data.

Hebel is not responsible for the performance of constructed walls, including field performance, and does not interpret or make judgements about performance requirements in the NZBC.



# Appendix A: material properties

## A.1 Manufacturing tolerances

Length	±5mm
Width	±1.5mm
Thickness	±1.5mm
Diagonals (Max.)	5mm
Edge Straightness Deviation (Max.)	1.5mm

## A.2 PowerPanelXL physical properties

- Hebel PowerPanelXL profile and nominal dimensions are shown in Section 1.4.
- Panel reinforcement is a single layer of steel mesh with 4 longitudinal wires of 4mm diameter.
- Nominal dry density = 400 kg/m<sup>3</sup>.
- Average working density = 580 kg/m<sup>3</sup> at 45% moisture content.
- Average service life density = 440 kg/m<sup>3</sup> at 10% moisture content.

## A.3 PowerPanelXL strength properties

- Characteristic Compressive Strength or AAC,  $f'_{cm}$  = 2.38 MPa.
- Average Compressive Strength of AAC = 2.8 MPa.
- Characteristic Modulus of Rupture,  $f'_{ut}$  = 0.40 MPa.

## A.4 PowerPanelXL acoustic properties

- Panel only with no plasterboard or other lining  $R_w$  = 34dB,  $R_w + C_{tr}$  = 30dB (refer to Acoustic Logic Test Report ref: 2010861.15/2602A/R2 GW).

## A.5 PowerPanelXL thermal properties

- R-Value of PowerPanelXL with no plasterboard or other lining = 0.52 m<sup>2</sup>.K/W (8% moisture content).

## A.6 Fire hazard indices

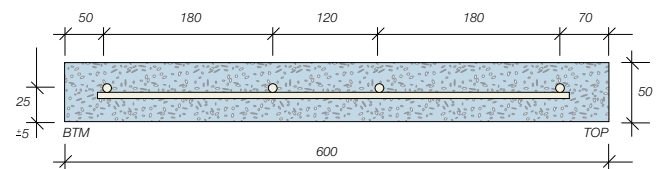
Hebel products have BCA Group Number 1 and also the following early fire hazard indices, determined in accordance with AS1530.3:1990:

Ignitability Index	0
Spread of Flame Index	0
Heat Development Index	0
Smoke Development Index	0-1

## A.7 Fire Resistance Rating (FRR) ratings

For fire performance characteristics of Hebel PowerPanelXL, refer to Section 2.2 of this guide.

## A.8 Typical Hebel PowerPanelXL and panel X-Section



Note:

BTM: To locate the approximate location of reinforcing the smooth edge of the panel is the bottom (BTM).

Bars: 4x4mm  $\varnothing$  longitudinal & 6-8 transverse bars depending on panel length.

Tolerance: The width & thickness of PowerPanelXL panels are manufactured to a tolerance of +1 or -1.5mm.

Cutting: Panel to be no less than 270mm wide. Where it is unavoidable to install a panel narrower than 270mm (eg between windows) the panel must not be less than 100mm in width and must be supported continuously along the length by Top Hats.



# Appendix B: Architectural specification

This specification should be adopted as a guide only, and shall be superseded by the contract specifications of the project.

\* Insert or select appropriate specifications.

## Scope

The contractor shall furnish all material and equipment required to satisfactorily complete the installation and jointing of Hebel PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> where indicated in the contract specification and/or on the layout drawings.

## Materials

All AAC material shall be Hebel PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> as manufactured by CSR Hebel. Screws for fixing Hebel PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> shall be supplied, manufactured or approved by CSR Hebel.

Timber or steel frame components shall be those as specified and designed by the project engineer or building designer.

## Hebel PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup>

The contractor shall supply and install the Hebel PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> External Wall System (System No)\* ..... system as detailed in the project drawings and or specifications, in accordance with CSR Hebel PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> External Walls, New Zealand Design & Installation Guide.

Hebel PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> framing, fixing and joints shall be designed and installed to comply with the requirements for the relevant wind zone.

Installation shall be carried out to the level specified for a field acoustic performance of \* ..... using cavity infill of \* *Bradford* ..... All movement joints shall be caulked with \* ..... *backing rod and* \* ..... *external grade acoustic and or fire rated paintable sealant* installed in accordance with the sealant manufacturer's recommendations.

## Wall framing

Refer to project engineer or building designer documentation for the frame design.

## Fixings

Screws to fix the Hebel PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> to the Top Hat shall be \* ..... *and Class.4* Screws to fix the Top Hats to the stud framing shall be \* ..... *and Class 4*.

## Building Wrap/Wall Underlay

The building wrap/wall underlay shall be \* ..... *material*. Fixing, jointing and sealing shall be designed and installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions, to comply with the requirements for for the relevant wind zone..

## Hebel PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> finishing

Coatings systems must conform to minimum system requirements as per details in section 2.5 of the Hebel PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> Design and Installation Guide. Use of systems other than CSR Hebel approved Dulux® AcraTex® systems must be independently verified to conform.

Hebel PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> shall be externally coated with \* ..... *render and* \* ..... *coating system*, which shall be installed to the manufacturer's recommendations.

If Hebel PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> is attached to Top Hats by screwing from the outside, then all screw heads in the Hebel PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> shall be covered with \* *Hebel Adhesive/Hebel Patch*, \* ..... and shall be sanded flush with the PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> surface.

## Sealing and caulking

All movement, control and abutment joints shall be caulked with \* ..... *backing rod and* \* ..... *an external grade acoustic and/or fire rated paintable sealant* installed in accordance with the sealant manufacturer's recommendations.

# Appendix C: Checklists

This checklist is to be read in conjunction with ALL CSR Hebel documentation including the CSR Hebel Technical Manual, Safe Work Method Statements (SWMS) and technical advice from CSR Hebel. Coordination and compliance with specifications by the project engineer, building designer and architect where required is also compulsory. These project consultants are also responsible for incorporating this system into the subject project.

If you are not in receipt of any of these documents, please ask your CSR Hebel representative or project consultant to provide them prior to commencement of any Hebel PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> installation.

Project Details: \_\_\_\_\_

Wall/s Areas Details: \_\_\_\_\_

Checklist – Designer	
<b>Slab</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Design slab step down: 72mm wide, typical depth 100mm (min. 50mm).</li> <li>2. Adjust engineering drawings and advise building contractor/supervisor.</li> </ol>
<b>Frame</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Adjust documentation to suit PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> External Wall system:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– with openings dimensioned,</li> <li>– distance between openings to 300mm module,</li> <li>– distance from openings to corners to 300mm module and to suit PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> panel orientation.</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. Ensure structural design of frame allows for the additional weight of the suspended PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> panels.</li> <li>3. Bracing to be internally placed where possible, otherwise brace the whole wall with plywood bracing. Framer to be informed of system requirements.</li> </ol>
<b>Windows</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Windows to be ordered with correct reveal size.</li> <li>2. Windows to be ordered to suit 300mm module if possible. In either case, the width should be shown on the drawings.</li> </ol>
<b>Features</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Design and document any special features on the drawing, such as quoins, corbels, sills, trims, etc.</li> </ol>
<b>Coatings</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Select colour and texture prior to PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> panel installation.</li> <li>2. Select colour for special features, if necessary.</li> </ol>

Design criteria to help minimise installation costs	
<b>Drawings</b>	Drawings should reflect the following design items: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. All openings dimensioned on the plan</li> <li>2. Walls set out to 300mm module as much as possible</li> <li>3. Orientation of panels at corners noted and allowed for in dimensions</li> <li>4. Details provided on the required sill profile and any special features and position of control joints</li> </ol>
<b>Cutting</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. If the number of full height panels that require a full length site cut (ie. 2400mm or 2700mm) exceeds 10% of the number of panels supplied to the project, then the installation cost is likely to be higher. This percentage excludes bay windows which are typically installed as an extra.</li> </ol>

Checklist – Builder	
<b>Slab</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ensure slab rebate formed correctly and flattened with a wood float, adjust if necessary.</li> <li>2. Ensure slab edge does not protrude further than 72mm from the frame and the vertical edge of the rebate does not proceed further than 20mm from the frame, adjust if necessary.</li> </ol>
<b>Frame</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ensure frame is complete, level, plumb and installed where required for the installation of the Top Hats and PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> panel, especially in the gable areas.</li> <li>2. Ensure the bracing has been installed correctly, with extra ply added, to maintain the alignment of the entire wall.</li> </ol>
<b>Services</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ensure water pipes have been installed with all vertical runs located between the studs and not on the external face of the frame.</li> </ol>
<b>Windows</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ensure DPC Sill Flashing is installed prior to fitting windows</li> <li>2. Ensure windows have been supplied with the correct reveal size and installed correctly.</li> </ol>
<b>Supplied by Builder</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The supervisor is to organise supply of the following items to the site BEFORE the installers commence the PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> panels installation:           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– DPC,</li> <li>– Galvanised lintels (if required),</li> <li>– 'Abeflex' (gables and control joints),</li> <li>– Sealant and foam backing rod for control joints.</li> </ul> </li> </ol>

*NOTE: It is important that the builder understands his responsibilities as outlined in the previous two checklists and refers to the construction details in this guide, in order to ensure that the greatest benefit is achieved*



Checklist – Inspector/Supervisor	
Documentation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. CSR Hebel PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> Architectural Specification (Appendix B).</li> <li>2. CSR Hebel PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> External Wall New Zealand Design and Installation Guide.</li> </ol>
Installation of 75mm Hebel PowerPanel <sup>XL</sup> panels	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. DPCs.</li> <li>2. Refer Table 1.5 and 1.10 for No. of Top Hats and Tables 2.1 -2.6 for Boundary Walls.</li> <li>3. Extra Top Hats around openings.</li> <li>4. Top Hats discontinuous at control joint.</li> <li>5. Refer Table 1.3 - 1.4 (Table 2.7 for Boundary Walls) for No. of screws per PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> panel, per Top Hat.</li> <li>6. Top Hat clearance from plumbing, 10mm.</li> <li>7. Joints all full with adhesive and flush.</li> <li>8. Window detail.</li> <li>9. Location and construction of control joints.</li> <li>10. Minimum width of PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> panels not less than 270mm.</li> </ol>
Coating	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Interface between panels and windows sealed.</li> <li>2. Control joints sealed and 'V' grooved.</li> <li>3. Coating of exposed reinforcement prior to coating.</li> <li>4. Render and texture coatings not to bridge sealants. (i.e. at control joints).</li> </ol>

Checklist – Installer	
Tools and equipment	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Power supply.</li> <li>2. Hebel tools.</li> <li>3. Power drill with clutch control.</li> <li>4. Circular saw with metal cutting or diamond tipped blade.</li> <li>5. Panel lifters.</li> <li>6. Sockets for screws.</li> <li>7. Safety equipment.</li> </ol>
Documentation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Architectural drawings from builder.</li> <li>2. CSR Hebel PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> External Wall New Zealand Design and Installation Guide.</li> <li>3. Wind category to be specified by designer.</li> </ol>
Installation of 75mm Hebel PowerPanel <sup>XL</sup> panels	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Refer Table 1.5 and 1.10 for No. of Top Hats and Tables 2.1 -2.6 for Boundary Walls.</li> <li>2. Top Hats screwed to stud with 2 screws/stud.</li> <li>3. Refer Table 1.3 - 1.4 (Table 2.7 for Boundary Walls) for No. of screws per PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> panel, per Top Hat.</li> <li>4. Extra screws and/or Top Hats required around corners or for fire rating.</li> <li>5. Joints all full with adhesive and flush.</li> <li>6. Control joint locations.</li> <li>7. Extra materials for sills and details (optional).</li> <li>8. Clearance of Top Hat from plumbing services (10mm minimum).</li> <li>9. Exposed reinforcement coated with anti-corrosion agent.</li> </ol>
Extras provided by installer	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. M6/M12 masonry anchors for fixing angles to piers and brick sub-floor walls.</li> <li>2. 600x200x50mm Hebel blocks for sills, etc, if required.</li> <li>3. Anti-corrosive agent (purchased from CSR Hebel).</li> <li>4. The large and small screws (optional).</li> </ol>









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