

Technical Guidance

Toothing of brickwork



Question

Is toothing of brickwork acceptable when building the walls up to previously raised corners?

Considerations

- BS 8000 Part 3 'Workmanship on building sites – Code of practice for masonry' refers to raking back corners which avoids the need to tooth.
- It is difficult to make solid, strong and rain resistant joints and achieve good appearance when building onto toothed brickwork.

Answer

Where new walls are being constructed corners should be raked back to avoid toothing.