

THE BEST SIZE FOR HOLLOW CONCRETE BLOCKS?

There has been considerable discussion among concrete block manufacturers and concrete block machinery manufacturers as to what is the most desirable size in which to make hollow concrete blocks, and there seems to be a great deal of diversity of opinion as to what is best. This is perfectly natural, because different uses will demand different sizes for the best results, also the best size will depend upon the point of view or object for which such a decision should be made. For instance, the size desired may be a matter of taste only, or a matter of convenience perhaps, a matter of convenience in placing perhaps, or the size adopted may be purely a matter of economy in manufacture and in handling.

It is evident that for buildings of markedly different class, blocks of different size and design would be desirable. It is also evident that the same size would not be so desirable for porch and veranda work as would be required for buildings or foundations. It is also evident that retaining walls for the best results will require much larger blocks than would be required for most other work. The size of blocks for culverts will depend on the size of the culvert, the span and the load to be carried. The same will obtain for the construction of chimneys.

This matter is one worth consideration and we would be glad to have the opinion of our readers and advertisers on this subject, each one giving his opinion and what it is based on as to the best sizes for: first, buildings; second, porch and veranda work; third, foundations; fourth, retaining walls; fifth, culverts, 10 foot span and 20 foot span; sixth, chimneys, and any other purposes with which you may be familiar. —Rock Products.

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