

SUPERLIGHT BLOCKS FOR WALLS CONSTRUCTION

APPLICATION MANUAL . SMARTBLOCK® SYSTEM



INDEX. APPLICATION MANUAL. SMARTBLOCK® SYSTEM

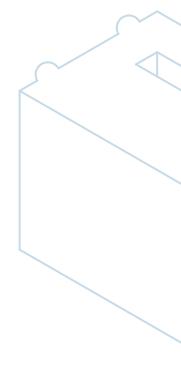
> APPLICATION PHASES

Surface preparation	pg. 06
Laying of the consecutive block rows	pg. 07
Completion of the wall	pg. 09
Fixing systems	pg. 09
Elements cutting and realization of openings and trackings into the wall	pg. 10
Lintels	pg. 10
Correction of thermal bridges	pg. 10

> INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE APPLICATION . INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL PLASTERS

Cement plaster	pg. 12
Cement plaster with fibre	pg. 13
Gypsum based plaster	pg. 14
Thermal insulating plaster	pg. 15
Fibres based adhesive powder / smoothing plaster	pg. 16
Masonry realized with smartblock system	pg. 17

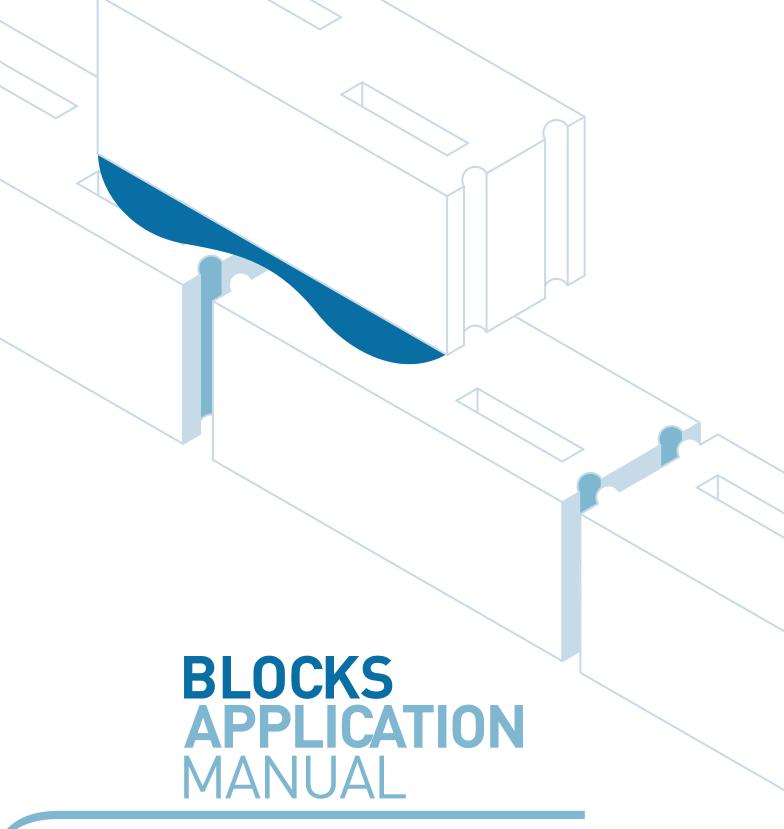




SMARTBLOCK® is a building system, composed by blocks for infill walls, suitable for the construction of opaque wall of facades and for internal partition walls. In order to guarantee a perfect application it is very important to choose the right building system, the appropriate mortar or binder, the type of plaster or smoothing plaster during the application phase. SMARTBLOCK® system is fast and easy to realize thanks to its lightness and male/female profile. Below are some simple rules to be followed to get

a proper installation, that are not different from the traditional concrete block application. In order to achieve the certified performance of masonry, it is necessary to build according to the building regulation. In comparison with similar products, the excellent thermo insulating and mechanical characteristics allow to reach high-performances with lower thicknesses than other similar products and in accordance with the applicable regulations.





APPLICATION PHASES. SMARTBLOCK® SYSTEM

APPLICATION PHASES

1. SURFACE PREPARATION:

It is necessary to pay attention to this phase. It is recommended to be careful at the casting of ceiling and/or of the reinforced concrete beam to avoid excessive unevenness, and if needed to correct the defect. Accurately plot the masonry and verify the verticality of the wall.

It is suggested to put on the surface a waterproofing sheath or a polyethylene sheet for separating the floor and the wall made of SMARTBLOCK $^{\circ}$.





Lay the first line of blocks using cement mortar and verify the planarity, the horizontality and the verticality by means of a spirit level. Remove possible differences in height.





If necessary correct the alignment with a rubber hammer. The first line of blocks has to be laid on a mortar substrate.





2. LAYING OF THE CONSECUTIVE BLOCK ROWS:

Blocks must be laid with "half- full" offset junctions it means, a displacement between the lower and upper row of the block, using the traditional and/or thermal insulating mortar or polyurethane foam according to the building regulation. It is necessary to check the planarity and the verticality of the wall during the application of blocks.





APPLICATION PHASES

The application can be realized both with the assistance of traditional instruments (e.g. trowel) and by means of rollers for the mortar laying or precisely measured guns for polyurethane foam in order to optimise the thermal performances of walls.





If necessary, correct the alignment as above explained. In case of reinforced concrete structures it is recommended to use an appropriate galvanized pylon to distribute the weight and reduce the crackles creation.

In case of intersected internal walls it is recommended to realize grips, in order to increase its stability avoiding cracks creation.





3. COMPLETION OF THE WALL:

In order to avoid any possible alteration of the wall performances, it is suggested to leave a joint of 1-2 cm to seal on both faces with elastic materials such as polyurethane foam and rock wool or other materials like that. The joint has to be fixed before the wall construction.

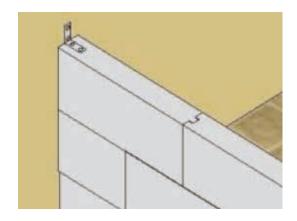
Therefore the last line of blocks should be adequately cut.





4. FIXING SYSTEMS:

Walls should be fixed to load-bearing concrete structures according to the instructions provided by the designer. The most common methodology provides reinforced concrete bars or metal brackets every three lines of blocks. They are fixed to the wall and to the structures with screws.





APPLICATION PHASES

5. ELEMENTS CUTTING AND REALIZATION OF OPENINGS AND TRACKINGS INTO THE WALL:

SMARTBLOCK® can be cut with common building tools, such as cut off wheels, both circular and band saw. The blocks are designed with a special composition and density. Therefore they are easy to work and particularly suitable for the realization of openings for electrical and piping system. This kind of operation can be executed using a milling or a disc groove cutting machine. It is recommended to seal the components applying the same type of mortar that has been used for the masonry.





6. LINTELS:

SMARTBLOCK® building system consists of a full range of reinforced concrete lintels that can be used to fabricate the opening of doors and windows up to 3 meters avoiding any possible thermal bridge. It is recommended to apply the lintel 25 cm. on every portion of masonry.

Possible temporary wooden door frames and fixtures hinges or shutters can be fixed to the wall with concrete mortar or chemical resins. For the grouting of the internal openings use the same type of mortar that has been used for the laying of the masonry.

7. CORRECTION OF THERMAL BRIDGES:

All the thermal bridges in correspondence with horizontal and vertical structures must be adequately adjusted in accordance with D.Lgs. 311/2006.





INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE APPLICATION . **SMART**BLOCK® SYSTEM

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE APPLICATION

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE APPLICATION OF CEMENT PLASTER (verify the instructions given by the manufacturer): FOR INTERNAL/EXTERNAL USE.

- CLEANING THE SURFACE: the surface must be free of residual dust, traces of friable and/or flimsy materials, and whatever else may hinder good and direct adhesion of the product to the surface. Before proceeding with the application, wet the surface and let it dry.
- 2. PREPARATION OF THE INTERMEDIATE CORNERS AND STRIPES: make plumb lines over the whole thickness using a galvanized steel staff angle and also make the intermediate stripes using the cement plaster.
- 3. CONCRETE PLASTER APPLICATION: (thickness between 1.0 cm and 2.0 cm). Apply the first coat of plaster, keeping the spray gun from a 20-meter distance, in order to have a uniform spray, and a minimum thickness of 1.0 cm. Insert in it a plaster mesh (minimum 140 gr/m²) overlapped of 10 cm at least. After the application of the plaster and the mesh, proceed with the smoothing using an aluminium strip.
- **4.** If necessary, apply a second coat.
- **5. SCRAPING:** after 4 hours and when the product has hardened, scrape with a scraping knife, trowel or float in order to eliminate any imperfections left on the surface.
- **6. FINISHING PRODUCTS:** the finishing must be applied on the smoothing plaster layer and can be done with the following materials:
- a) Dry mortar (ISOLTECO RASATURA MONOCAP grain size 1.0 mm, or ECAP FM grain size 0.6 mm). Once the product has hardened, apply the suitable painting with roller or brush (ECAP GP, ECAP SP, ECAP STP, ECAP EP Type). Before painting it is necessary to treat the entire surface with ECAP F fixative.
- b) Coloured mineral-based mortars to be applied with a trowel (type ECAP MC), and after the application of the universal fixative ECAP F on the smoothing plaster.
- c) Coloured silicate mortars to be applied with a trowel (type ECAP STC), and after the application of the universal fixative ECAP F on the smoothing plaster.
- d) Other colour finishing pastry to be applied with a trowel (type ECAP GP, ECAP SP, ECAP SCL), and after the application of the universal fixative ECAP F on the smoothing plaster.



INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE APPLICATION OF CEMENT PLASTER WITH FIBRE (verify the instructions given by the manufacturer): FOR INTERNAL/EXTERNAL USE.

- 1. CLEANING THE SURFACE: the surface must be free of residual dust, traces of friable and/or flimsy materials, and whatever else may hinder good and direct adhesion of the product to the surface. Before proceeding with the application, wet the surface and let it dry.
- 2. PREPARATION OF THE INTERMEDIATE CORNERS AND STRIPS: make plumb lines over the whole thickness using a galvanized steel staff angle and also make the intermediate stripes using the cement plaster with fibre.
- 3. APPLICATION OF CONCRETE PLASTER WITH FIBRES (thickness between 1.0 cm and 2.0 cm): apply the first coat of plasterwork with fibre, keeping the spray gun from a 20-meter distance, in order to have a uniform spray and minimum thickness of 1.0 cm. If there are discontinuities (beams, pillars and so on), it is suggested to use a reinforcing fibreglass mesh that has to remain in the middle of the plaster (do not push it until the bottom) that have to extend of 20 cm at least from the other materials. After few minutes from the application of the plaster, proceed with the smoothing using an aluminium strip.
- **4. SCRAPING:** after 4 hours and when the product has hardened, scrape with a scraping knife, trowel or float in order to eliminate any imperfections left on surface.
- **5. FINISHING PRODUCTS:** the finishing must be applied on the smoothing plaster layer and can be done with the following materials:
- a) Dry mortar (ISOLTECO RASATURA MONOCAP grain size 1.0 mm, or ECAP FM grain size 0.6 mm). Once the product has hardened, apply the suitable painting with roller or brush (ECAP GP, ECAP SP, ECAP STP, ECAP EP Type). Before painting it is necessary to treat the entire surface with ECAP F fixative.
- b) Coloured mineral-based mortars to be applied with a trowel (type ECAP MC), and after the application of the universal fixative ECAP F on the smoothing plaster.
- c) Coloured silicate mortars to be applied with a trowel (type ECAP STC), and after the application of the universal fixative ECAP F on the smoothing plaster.
- d) Other colour finishing pastry to be applied with a trowel (type ECAP GP, Ecap SP, Ecap SCL), and after the application of the universal fixative ECAP F on the smoothing plaster.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE APPLICATION

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE APPLICATION OF GYPSUM BASED PLASTER (verify the instructions given by the manufacturer): FOR INTERNAL USE.

- CLEANING THE SURFACE: the surface must be free of residual dust, traces of friable and/or flimsy materials, and whatever else may hinder good and direct adhesion of the product to the surface. Before proceeding with the application, wet the surface and let it dry.
- 2. PREPARATION OF THE INTERMEDIATE CORNERS AND STRIPES: make plumb lines over the whole thickness using a galvanized steel staff angle and also make the intermediate stripes using the same concrete mortar.
- 3. GYPSUM BASED PLASTER APPLICATION (thickness between 1.0 cm and 2.0 cm): applying the first coat of gypsum based plaster with fibres, keep the spray gun from a 20-meter distance, in order to have a uniform spray and a minimum thickness of 1.0 cm. If there are discontinuities (beams, pillars and so on), it is suggested to use a reinforcing fibreglass mesh that has to remain in the middle of the plaster (do not push it until the bottom) that have to extend of 20 cm at least from the other materials. After a few minutes from the application of the plaster, proceed with the smoothing using an aluminium strip.
- **4. SCRAPING:** after 4 hours and when the product has hardened, scrape with a scraping knife, trowel or float in order to eliminate any imperfections left on the surface.
- **5. FINISHING PRODUCTS:** the finishing must be applied on the smoothing plaster layer and can be made with fine mortar (grain size 0.6 mm) or smoothing mortar (with specific finishing product). Later apply the suitable painting.
- **6.** Application of ceramic coverings: it is recommended to use the suitable glue.



ISOLTECO THERMAL INSULATING PLASTER: recommended FOR EXTERNAL USE.

- CLEANING THE SURFACE: the surface must be free of residual dust, traces of friable and/or flimsy materials, and whatever else may hinder good and direct adhesion of ISOLTECO to the surface. Before proceeding with the application, wet the surface and leave it till complete drying.
- 2. PREPARATION OF THE INTERMEDIATE STRIP AND CORNER: make plumb lines over the whole thickness using a galvanized steel staff angles for the corners (fixed to the surface with thermal mortar). Make the intermediate stripes using Isolteco exclusively.
- **3. APPLICATION OF THERMAL INSULATING MORTAR** (thickness up to 4.0 cm): apply the first coat of thermal insulating plaster with a thickness of 1.0 cm. After 4 hours it is recommended to apply a second coat of the thermal insulating plaster, according to the required thickness. For thicknesses higher than 4.0 cm, contact Edilteco's technical department.
- **4. SCRAPING:** crape with a scraping knife, trowel or float in order to eliminate any imperfections left on surface after final floating. Scraping also has the purpose of eliminating the surface polystyrene beads not fully covered with binder. Scraping must be carried out:
- a) Hot season: 24 48 hours after the application of the finishing coat.
- b) Cold season: 72 96 hours after the application of the finishing coat.
- **5. SMOOTHING PLASTER:** This is a surface protection coating done with Isolteco. The ideal product to use for this purpose is Isolteco Rasatura Monocap. The thickness of the smoothing has to be of 4 5 mm. It is compulsory to insert glass fibre mesh (minimum 140 gr/m²) into the smoothing thickness. The smoothing plaster must be applied:
- a) Hot season: after 6 days.
- b) Cold season: after 10 days.
- **6. FINISHING PRODUCTS:** the finishing must be applied on the smoothing plaster layer and can be done with the following materials:
- a) Dry mortar (ISOLTECO RASATURA MONOCAP grain size 1.0 mm, or ECAP FM grain size 0.6 mm). Once the product has hardened, apply the suitable painting with roller or brush (ECAP GP, ECAP SP, ECAP STP, ECAP EP Type). Before painting it is necessary to treat the entire surface with ECAP F fixative.
- b) Coloured mineral-based mortars to be applied with a trowel (type Ecap MC), and after the application of the universal fixative ECAP F on the smoothing plaster.
- c) Coloured silicate mortars to be applied with a trowel (type Ecap STC), and after the application of the universal fixative ECAP F on the smoothing plaster.
- d) Other coloured finishing in paste to be applied with a trowel (type Ecap GP, Ecap SP, Ecap SCL), and after the application of the universal fixative ECAP F on the smoothing plaster.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE APPLICATION

REINFORCED SMOOTHING LAYER WITH FIBRES BASED ADHESIVE POWDER ECAP ADP OR SMOOTHING PLASTER ISOLTECO RASATURA MONOCAP BOTH FOR INTERIOR AND/OR EXTERIOR.

- 1. CLEANING THE SURFACE: the surface must be free of residual dust, traces of friable and/or flimsy materials, and whatever else may hinder good and direct adhesion of ISOLTECO to the surface. Before proceeding with the application, wet the surface and let it dry.
- 2. CONCRETE SMOOTHING: the surface protection coating can be made with based fibre adhesive powder ECAP ADP or smoothing plaster ISOLTECO RASATURA MONOCAP. The thickness of the smoothing plaster must be of 4 5 mm and it is compulsory to insert in it a glass fibre mesh (minimum 160 gr/m²) sized in the smoothing layer. The smoothing plaster must be applied:
- a) Hot season: after 6 days.
- b) Cold season: after 10 days.
- **3. FINISHING PRODUCTS:** the finishing must be applied on the smoothing plaster layer and can be done with the following materials:
- a) Dry mortar (type ISOLTECO RASATURA MONOCAP grain size 1,0 mm, or ECAP FM grain size 0.6 mm). Painting must be applied with roller or brush (Type ECAP GP, ECAP SP, ECAP STP, ECAP EP), only after the smoothing plaster coat has cured. Before painting it is also recommended to apply on the smoothing plaster the universal fixative ECAP F.
- b) Coloured mineral-based mortars to be applied with a trowel (type ECAP MC), and after the application of the universal fixative ECAP F on the smoothing plaster.
- c) Coloured silicate mortars to be applied with a trowel (type ECAP STC), and after the application of the universal fixative ECAP F on the smoothing plaster.
- d) Other coloured finishing in paste to be applied with a trowel (type ECAP GP, ECAP SP, ECAP SCL), and after the application of the universal fixative ECAP F on the smoothing plaster.



MASONRY REALIZED WITH **SMART**BLOCK® SYSTEM **EXAMPLES OF MASONRY**

PIACENZA Opel dealer: first floor.





LODI: dividing walls for offices and canteen.





BELGIRATE: villa Matilde castle, correction of thermal bridges of doors and windows.





MASONRY REALIZED WITH **SMART**BLOCK® SYSTEM **EXAMPLES OF MASONRY**

BELGIRATE: villa Matilde castle, correction of thermal bridges of doors and windows.





NORWAY: residential intervention.







ESB s.r.l.Head office and factory: 24050 CAVERNAGO (BG) Via Romanino - Loc. Triangolo Tel. 035.4498498 - 4498499 - Fax 035.4498763 www.easyandsmartblock.it - info@easyandsmartblock.it