

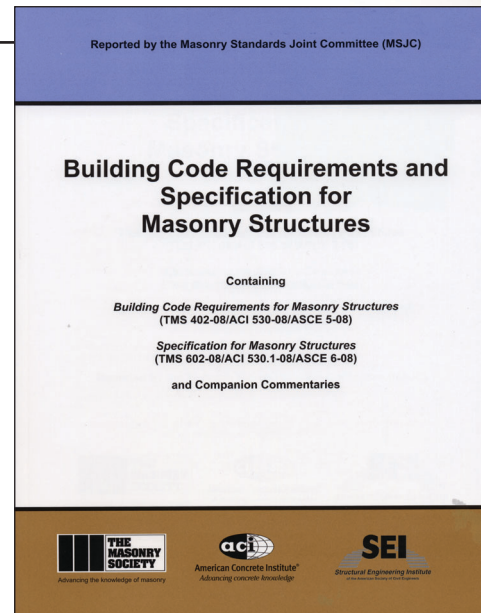
PCMA MASONRY *tip*

2009 BUILDING CODES FOR MASONRY

The International Code Council recently completed the incorporation of revisions to the 2009 editions of Building Codes, which includes the IBC for commercial and IRC for residential construction. These Codes will be in effect for three years beginning January 2009 in many areas of the USA. In Pennsylvania, they will take effect after adoption by the State by the end of 2009.

These new Codes will reference the 2008 edition of the Masonry Standards Joint Committee (MSJC) Code and Specification (2008 TMS 402/ACI 530/ASCE 5 and TMS 602/ACI 530.1/ASCE 6) hereby known as TMS402 (Code) and TMS 602 (Specification).

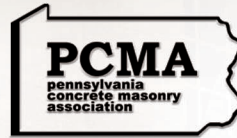
This national masonry standard includes the latest design and construction requirements for masonry, including updates to structural design requirements, clarified and reorganized seismic detailing provisions, and updated construction practices, including the use of self-consolidating grout.



If you should require a copy of the TMS 402/TMS 602 document, please contact the PCMA office. We will be purchasing these in bulk in order to provide price breaks for our members and specifiers.



⊕ As part of the series of changes incorporated into the 2009 IBC provisions, the masonry design and construction requirements have been significantly streamlined through the removal of redundant and confusing requirements.



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Technical information regarding concrete masonry is available through the National Concrete Masonry Association (NCMA). You can access this information any time on line from the home page of the Pennsylvania Concrete Masonry Association (PCMA) website www.pacma.com or through the NCMA website www.ncma.org.

The PCMA website, features a listing of the producer members in Pennsylvania by location with contact information. The site also includes a listing of products and the producer members who can provide these products for you.

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