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1. General

- A. Surfaces of stone shall be protected during construction to avoid excess mortar and keep the wall clean. Excess mortar shall be removed from the wall when the mortar is sufficiently dry to prevent smearing of the wall. Cavity walls shall be kept free of mortar droppings.
- B. Cleaning agents shall include diluted detergents, nonmetal bristle brushes, potable water and nonacid washing solutions. The use of abrasive brushes or cleaning agents is not permitted.
- C. Sandblasting of stone is not permitted.
- D. Prevention of efflorescence is of critical importance in the mortar mix design and installation.