

# BrickFast™ Steel Ledge Panels: Quality light gauge steel panels for thin brick installations

Specification sections 04235 and 07240, division 4 and 7

## Part 1 – General

### 1.01 Description

- Provide all labor and materials necessary to install the **BrickFast**™ Panels and accessories which include moisture barriers, fasteners, adhesive, brick mortar, and sealants.
- Related work specified elsewhere:
  - ❖ Light gauge metals – Section 05400
  - ❖ Sheathing – Section 06100
  - ❖ Unit Masonry – Section 04200
  - ❖ Concrete – Section 03300
  - ❖ Sealants – Section 07900
- Terms and Definitions:
  - ❖ The **BrickFast**™ Ledge Panel is a thin brick support panel for thin bricks manufactured for flat back thin bricks. Special tabs provide for proper alignment of horizontal joint spacing.
  - ❖ Fasteners must be galvanized or zinc coated. The substrate and type of framing will determine what type of fastener to use. Fastening pattern must be 1 per square foot and determined by stud spacing.
  - ❖ Adhesive: Recommended by manufacturer to be Polyurethane Premium Construction Adhesive by OSI, Surebond Power Sealer -2 and Heavy Duty Liquid Nail Urethane. Substitutes may be used if product is polyurethane base and recommended for brick and metal bonding. Do NOT apply adhesive in a horizontal line on the panel.
  - ❖ Starter corner pieces: 5 ½" x 48" x 5 ½"
  - ❖ Starter or drip angle to be made of aluminum or hot dipped galvanized steel.
  - ❖ Flashing: Aluminum or galvanized steel, for roofs, windows, and doors.
  - ❖ Mortar: Recommend A.W. Cook Thin Brick Mortar specifically designed for thin brick applications. Meets ASTM C-109, ASTM C-882 and ASTM C-78. Also recommend Brick Set by United Products in Freemont, NE. Other mortar mixes may be used when modified with an acrylic latex.
  - ❖ Moisture barrier: Fortifiber Weathertex moisture barrier/drainage mat, Tyvek, or grade D building paper, recommend 2 layers. Check local building codes for requirements.
  - ❖ Sealants: Recommend Urethane or Silicone. Use proper backer rod and sealant at all abutments to dissimilar materials and through the wall expansion joints. See B.I.A. for recommendations

### 1.02 Quality Assurance

- Contractor should be recommended by the local distributor and follow manufacturers' details and application instructions.

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### 1.03 Submittals

- The contractor shall submit evidence with the bid that he has received **BrickFast™** installation instructions from the local distributor.
- Samples: The contractor shall, before the project commences, provide the owner or the architect, a sample of suitable size of each color and texture of the thin brick as specified for the project for the purpose of obtaining approvals. An approved sample of colored mortar must be included in field panel. An approved sample shall be available and maintained at the job site.

### 1.04 Product, Delivery, Storage, and Handling

- All materials provided by **BrickFast™** as well as accessories shall be properly marked and labeled along with MSDS for each project.
- Store all products supplied by **BrickFast™** Panels and accessories in a cool dry place, above the ground and protected from weather and other damage.

### 1.05 Job Site Conditions

- The **BrickFast™** Panels must be clean and free of any foreign matter before installing thin brick.
- Mortar must not be applied when temperatures drop below 32 degrees Fahrenheit before initial cure.
- Coordination and scheduling is required with related sections and trades.

## **Part 2 – Products**

### 2.01 Manufacturers

- All products shall be obtained from or approved by the local distributor. Any substitutions must be approved in writing by the manufacturer.

### 2.02 Materials

- Moisture Barrier: Should be used in most exterior applications. Grade D Building Paper, 15 lb. Felt, Tyvek, & Styrofoam Weathermate Plus Housewrap products are recommended. See manufacturers' installation instructions.
- Starter angle and flashing: Must be galvanized steel or aluminum, and shall be continuous for starter course. All doors and window heads must be properly flashed. Consult local codes for proper roof flashing requirements.
- Support Panel: Support and spacer panel to be 28 gauge or 26 gauge architectural grade steel, hot dipped galvanized to G-60 or G-90.
  - ❖ Corner pieces provide a support ledge for corner pieces and spacing of joints that easily line up with standard 2' x 4' and 4' x 4' panels.
  - ❖ Panels must be clean and free of dirt, oil, or any other surface contaminants.

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- **Adhesive:** Adhesive to be Polyurethane base, sub flooring compatible with bonding brick tile to metal. Adhesives to comply with local building codes and must be ASTM tested.
- **Mortar:** Provide factory blended mortar by A.W. Cook Cement Products and Brick Set by United Products. Mortar can be gray, white, or factory colored. Field mix mortar must be latex modified. Add 1 quart per 80 lb. bag of type S mortar. Call manufacturer for recommendations.
  - ❖ Fill any voids in joints with newly struck mortar in order to provide uniform color.
- **Fasteners:** All fasteners must be rust resistant, galvanized or zinc coated.
  - ❖ Self-tapping, cadmium plated screws or Versapin fastening system by Aerosmith or similar may be used to fasten panels to the substrate and into light gauge steel framing
  - ❖ Twist-shank masonry nails (cadmium-plated), or fastening system such as TrakFast by Ramset are recommended for fastening panels over concrete or masonry.
  - ❖ Galvanized annular ring nails or wood screws are recommended over wood frame construction. Minimum 1" penetration into studs.
  - ❖ Fastening pattern must be 1 per square foot minimum. Fasten 16" x 8"
- **Thin Brick:** TBX and TBS grade brick with flat backs as provided by various thin brick manufacturers.
- Flat back brick may be used with a ledge support panel only.

### Part 3 – Execution

#### 3.01 Examination

- Installer must examine conditions under which brick panels are to be installed; substrate must be smooth, sound, and level, and without projections. Any unsatisfactory conditions of the substrate must be corrected before beginning installation of the thin brick panels.
- Consult with other trades prior to installing panels to avoid potential interference.
- Weather requirements: Do not install mortar when ambient temperature is below 35°F without protection and supplemental heat.
- Do not apply mortar to frozen surfaces.

#### 3.02 Preparation

- Panel layout: Line-up on wall, establishing bottom of lowest panel course and mark level horizontal line at this point.
  - ❖ Lay out brick panels at corners working to the center of the wall.
- Brick Installation: Manufacturer must be notified in writing of the specified brick to be installed. Panels vary from manufacturer to manufacturer.
  - ❖ Apply walnut-size dabs of adhesive to back of thin bricks.
  - ❖ Run a single course of brick horizontally along the top brick track of the panel beginning at outside corners with corner brick moving inward. Head joint size shall be 3/8".
  - ❖ Successive rows of brick can now be applied working from the top of the wall down.

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- Control Joints/Expansion joints: Expansion joints must be placed at floor lines for wood frame and steel frame construction. Consult local building codes and BIA for placement for required expansion joints.
  - ❖ Vertical control joints are required to be placed in walls at 20' increments. The joint widths should be ½' with backer rod and urethane or silicone sealant.
  - ❖ Control joints must be installed where substrates change and when abutting to dissimilar materials.
- Cleaning: Thin brick shall be cleaned by the appropriate method established by The Brick Institute of America. Sure Klean 600 and Sure Klean Vana Trol are recommended.
  - ❖ Brush mortar with a stiff bristle brush using diagonal strokes.
  - ❖ Do not apply cleaning solution until waiting 48 hours after grouting.
  - ❖ **Do NOT use muriatic acid for cleaning the brick—it will void the warranty.**



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