G-Force
Segmental Retaining Wall

Design Chart (Canada)

TECHO——BLOC
Table of contents

PREFACE ................................................................................................................................................................................. 3
PRODUCT OVERVIEW & TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS .................................................................................................... 4
DESIGN CHARTS: NOTES AND ASSUMPTIONS .................................................................................................................. 6
TYPICAL CROSS SECTION DETAILS .................................................................................................................................... 7

GRAVEL /SAND & GRAVEL MIXES

| Case N° 1: No surcharge, No backslope, No Toe Slope |
| Case N° 2: 6 kPa Surcharge, No backslope, No Toe Slope |
| Case N° 3: 12 kPa Surcharge, No backslope, No Toe Slope |
| Case N° 4: No surcharge, 1V:3H backslope, No Toe Slope |

| Case N° 5: No surcharge, No backslope, No Toe Slope |
| Case N° 6: 6 kPa Surcharge, No backslope, No Toe Slope |
| Case N° 7: 12 kPa Surcharge, No backslope, No Toe Slope |
| Case N° 8: No surcharge, 1V:3H backslope, No Toe Slope |

CLEAN SAND

| Case N° 5: No surcharge, No backslope, No Toe Slope |
| Case N° 6: 6 kPa Surcharge, No backslope, No Toe Slope |
| Case N° 7: 12 kPa Surcharge, No backslope, No Toe Slope |
| Case N° 8: No surcharge, 1V:3H backslope, No Toe Slope |

| Case N° 5: No surcharge, No backslope, No Toe Slope |
| Case N° 6: 6 kPa Surcharge, No backslope, No Toe Slope |
| Case N° 7: 12 kPa Surcharge, No backslope, No Toe Slope |
| Case N° 8: No surcharge, 1V:3H backslope, No Toe Slope |

2 | Design Chart G-Force
This document contains the design charts for the G-FORCE segmental retaining wall system with or without the use of geogrid reinforcement. The charts help to determine under specific conditions the maximum possible wall height without geogrid and for higher walls the necessary geogrid length and positioning.

First, evaluate the proposed conditions for the retaining wall project. It is important to determine the soil type, the load or surcharge and the backslope/toeslope conditions that most closely represent the final constructed wall. Second, select the chart case number that most closely resembles the final project conditions. Finally, select the wall height (including embedment) that will best fit the project wall profile.

This document has been prepared for the following cases:

| CASE N° 1 | Gravel /sand & gravel mixes | No | No | No |
| CASE N° 2 | Gravel /sand & gravel mixes | 6 kPa Surcharge (offset distance as shown) | No | No |
| CASE N° 3 | Gravel /sand & gravel mixes | 12 kPa Surcharge (offset distance as shown) | No | No |
| CASE N° 4 | Gravel /sand & gravel mixes | No | 1V: 3H | No |
| CASE N° 5 | Clean Sand | No | No | No |
| CASE N° 6 | Clean Sand | 6 kPa Surcharge (offset distance as shown) | No | No |
| CASE N° 7 | Clean Sand | 12 kPa Surcharge (offset distance as shown) | No | No |
| CASE N° 8 | Clean Sand | No | 1V: 3H | No |

The information contained in this document is supplied for information purposes only and as such should only be used for preliminary design use only. A qualified engineer should be consulted for the final design to be used for construction. Techo-Bloc and its predecessors, successors, beneficiaries, employees, associates, administrators and insurers can not under any circumstances be held liable for the incorrect use of information contained in the design charts.
Product Overview

UNIT A
Approx. weight: 35.8 kg (79 lbs)

CORNER
Approx. weight: 39.8 kg (88 lbs)

HDPE VERTICAL KEY
(alignement pin)

PATTERNS
Technical Specifications

### PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Characteristic</th>
<th>Value</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Compressive Strength</td>
<td>35 MPa (5050 psi)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Water Absorption (max.)</td>
<td>144 kg/m³ (9 lb/ft³)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Freeze-Thaw</td>
<td>1.0% max. loss of mass after 100 cycles; or 1.5% max. loss of mass after 150 cycles</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Dimensional Tolerances</td>
<td>Height: ± 1.5 mm [1/16 in] Length &amp; Width: ± 3 mm [1/8 in.]</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Note: Meets and exceeds the requirements of the ASTM C 1372 Standard Specification for Dry-Cast Segmental Retaining Wall Units.

### DESIGN DATA

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Category</th>
<th>Value</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Horizontal Setback</td>
<td>14 mm [9/16 in]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Infilled Unit Weight</td>
<td>19.2 kN/m³ (122 pcf)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Infilled center of gravity (measured from the face of the unit)</td>
<td>138 mm [5 7/16 in]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Block Shear Strength (ASTM D 6916)</td>
<td>Vub[kN/m] = 7.95 + N<em>tan(38) ≤ 55.8 Vub[lb/ft] = 545 + N</em>tan(38) ≤ 3826</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Block - Geogrid Shear Strength (Miragrid 3XT) (ASTM D 6916)</td>
<td>Vug[kN/m] = 6.49 + N<em>tan(36) ≤ 51.0 Vug[lb/ft] = 445 + N</em>tan(36) ≤ 3496</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Block - Geogrid Connection Strength (Miragrid 3XT) (ASTM D 6638)</td>
<td>Tc[kN/m] = 23.93 + N<em>tan(18) ≤ 43.8 Tc[lb/ft] = 1640 + N</em>tan(18) ≤ 3005</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Notes: The infilled unit weight shown here is based on an assumed aggregate unit weight of 1550 kg/m³ (96.8 lb/ft³) used to fill the core cavity of the block and the space between adjacent blocks.
Design Charts

Notes and Assumptions

This preliminary guide has been prepared for two different reinforced soil types to approximate a good soil condition (Gravel or Sand & Gravel mixes) and a medium condition (Clean sand). Moreover, the retained/foundation soil is considered as a poor soil condition (Low Plasticity Silts and Clays). The description of the soil is provided for information purposes; it is the actual shear strength parameter that will govern the design.

Additionally, the following four different load conditions were considered:

I. A horizontal surface above the wall with no surcharge to account for lawn or similar load conditions.

II. A horizontal surface above the wall with a uniform surcharge of 6 kPa (125 psf) to account for paved surfaces and/or parking or alleys for car and light vehicles traffic.

III. A horizontal surface above the wall with a uniform surcharge of 12 kPa (250 psf) to account for heavy vehicle traffic or fire lanes.

IV. A 1V:3H slope above the wall (backslope).

Surcharges are applied to a certain distance (as shown in the charts) behind the tail of the units and No slope below the wall (Toeslope) conditions were considered. The design parameters and additional assumptions are shown in each chart.

The design charts show the number, position and length of the geogrids for a Techo-Bloc G-Force wall, with 9/16” (14 mm) setback per course (3.9° batter), based on the height of the wall, the soil type and the load conditions. The wall height varies approximately from 0.41 m (1.33 ft) to 3.05 (10 ft), gradually increasing in height increments of 0.20-0.61 m (0.67-2.00 ft). The wall height shown does not include the thickness of the cap.

First drawing of each case shows maximum height without geogrid under the specific conditions shown. Minimum reinforcement lengths were set to 1.30 m (4'-3") and a 70% reinforcement length to wall height ratio. All geogrid lengths shown are the actual lengths of geogrid required as measured from the front of the upperlying block to the end of the geogrid. The charts assume the use of geogrid Miragrid 3XT (by TenCate) with Tult = 51.1 kN/m (3500 plf).

Unless shown otherwise in the charts: top layers of geogrid shall never be more than 2 units from the top of the wall; and bottom layers of geogrid shall never be more than 2 units from the top of the leveling pad.

The design charts contained herein have been compiled and prepared by Techo-Bloc and to the best of its knowledge. Final determination of the suitability for the use of this document is the sole responsibility of the user. Structural design and analysis for construction purposes shall be performed, using the actual conditions of the proposed site, by a registered Professional Engineer. For further information, please contact our technical service department.
Gravity Wall Detail

- Geogrid length
  - 3/4'' (20 mm) clean stone to extend at least 12'' (300 mm) behind blocks
- Geotextile
- Perforated drain pipe draining to daylight or connected to existing drainage system
- Leveling pad (As specified by Engineer)
- Retained soil
- Foundation soil

Reinforced Wall Detail

- Geogrid length
- Geogrid
- 3/4'' (20 mm) clean stone to extend at least 12'' (300 mm) behind blocks
- Reinforced soil
- Move upper blocks forward during installation to ensure that system is locked
- Geotextile
- Perforated drain pipe draining to daylight or connected to existing drainage system
- Leveling pad (As specified by Engineer)
- Foundation soil
**TECHO—BLOC**

**DESIGN CHART**

**G-FORCE**

REINFORCED SOIL: GRAVEL/SAND & GRAVEL MIXES (φ=35°, γ = 22 kN/m³)

GEOGRID: MIRAGRID 3XT BY TENCATE (RFd=1.10, RFcr=1.45, RFid=1.25, Cds=0.9, Ci=0.9)

**CASE N° 1:**
- No Surcharge
- No Backslope
- No Toe Slope

---

1. The information contained in the design charts is supplied for information purposes only and as such should only be used for preliminary designs.

2. The height (H) of the wall is the total height from the top of the leveling pad to the top of the wall not including the thickness of the cap.

3. Soil parameters: reinforced soil (φ = 35°, γ = 22 kN/m³); retained soil (φ = 26°, γ = 20 kN/m³); foundation soil (φ= 26°, γ = 20 kN/m³)

4. A qualified engineer should be consulted for the final design to be used for construction.

5. The foundation soil must be able to support the wall system. The bearing capacity of the foundation soil, settlement, and global stability must be verified and validated by a qualified geotechnical engineer.

6. The seismic analysis is not included.

7. The design charts do not apply to tiered walls.

8. The charts assume that the walls are constructed in accordance with Techo-Bloc specifications, good construction practice and an adequate drainage system.

9. The geogrid layout has been optimized to satisfy the design requirements of the NCMA’s Design Manual for Segmental Retaining Walls, 3rd Edition.

10. The minimum burial depth must be 150 mm (6 in) or 10% of the exposed height, whichever is greater.

11. Engineering judgement should be used when interpolating between heights.

12. Techo-Bloc and its predecessors, successors, beneficiaries, employees, associates, administrators and insurers accepts no liability for the incorrect use of information contained in the design charts.

13. For further information, please contact our technical service department.
1. The information contained in the design charts is supplied for information purposes only and as such should only be used for preliminary designs.

2. The height (H) of the wall is the total height from the top of the leveling pad to the top of the wall not including the thickness of the cap.

3. Soil parameters: reinforced soil ($\phi = 35^\circ$, $\gamma = 22$ kN/m$^3$); retained soil ($\phi = 26^\circ$, $\gamma = 20$ kN/m$^3$); foundation soil ($\phi = 26^\circ$, $\gamma = 20$ kN/m$^3$)

4. A qualified engineer should be consulted for the final design to be used for construction.

5. The foundation soil must be able to support the wall system. The bearing capacity of the foundation soil, settlement, and global stability must be verified and validated by a qualified geotechnical engineer.

6. The seismic analysis is not included.

7. The design charts do not apply to tiered walls.

8. The charts assume that the walls are constructed in accordance with Techo-Bloc specifications, good construction practice and an adequate drainage system.

9. The geogrid layout has been optimized to satisfy the design requirements of the NCMA’s Design Manual for Segmental Retaining Walls, 3rd Edition.

10. The minimum burial depth must be 150 mm (6 in) or 10% of the exposed height, whichever is greater.

11. Engineering judgement should be used when interpolating between heights.

12. Techo-Bloc and its predecessors, successors, beneficiaries, employees, associates, administrators and insurers accepts no liability for the incorrect use of information contained in the design charts.

13. For further information, please contact our technical service department.
1. The information contained in the design charts is supplied for information purposes only and as such should only be used for preliminary designs.

2. The height (H) of the wall is the total height from the top of the leveling pad to the top of the wall not including the thickness of the cap.

3. Soil parameters: reinforced soil (φ = 35°, γ = 22 kN/m³); retained soil (φ = 26°, γ = 20 kN/m³); foundation soil (φ = 26°, γ = 20 kN/m³)

4. A qualified engineer should be consulted for the final design to be used for construction.

5. The foundation soil must be able to support the wall system. The bearing capacity of the foundation soil, settlement, and global stability must be verified and validated by a qualified geotechnical engineer.

6. The seismic analysis is not included.

7. The design charts do not apply to tiered walls.

8. The charts assume that the walls are constructed in accordance with Techo-Bloc specifications, good construction practice and an adequate drainage system.

9. The geogrid layout has been optimized to satisfy the design requirements of the NCMA’s Design Manual for Segmental Retaining Walls, 3rd Edition.

10. The minimum burial depth must be 150 mm (6 in) or 10% of the exposed height, whichever is greater.

11. Engineering judgement should be used when interpolating between heights.

12. Techo-Bloc and its predecessors, successors, beneficiaries, employees, associates, administrators and insurers accepts no liability for the incorrect use of information contained in the design charts.

13. For further information, please contact our technical service department.
1. The information contained in the design charts is supplied for information purposes only and as such should only be used for preliminary designs.

2. The height (H) of the wall is the total height from the top of the leveling pad to the top of the wall not including the thickness of the cap.

3. Soil parameters: reinforced soil (ϕ = 35°, γ = 22 kN/m³); retained soil (ϕ = 26°, γ = 20 kN/m³); foundation soil (ϕ = 26°, γ = 20 kN/m³)

4. A qualified engineer should be consulted for the final design to be used for construction.

5. The foundation soil must be able to support the wall system. The bearing capacity of the foundation soil, settlement, and global stability must be verified and validated by a qualified geotechnical engineer.

6. The seismic analysis is not included.

7. The design charts do not apply to tiered walls.

8. The charts assume that the walls are constructed in accordance with Techo-Bloc specifications, good construction practice and an adequate drainage system.

9. The geogrid layout has been optimized to satisfy the design requirements of the NCMA’s Design Manual for Segmental Retaining Walls, 3rd Edition.

10. The minimum burial depth must be 150 mm (6 in) or 10% of the exposed height, whichever is greater.

11. Engineering judgement should be used when interpolating between heights.

12. Techo-Bloc and its predecessors, successors, beneficiaries, employees, associates, administrators and insurers accepts no liability for the incorrect use of information contained in the design charts.

13. For further information, please contact our technical service department.
1. The information contained in the design charts is supplied for information purposes only and as such should only be used for preliminary designs.

2. The height (H) of the wall is the total height from the top of the leveling pad to the top of the wall not including the thickness of the cap.

3. Soil parameters: reinforced soil (φ = 32°, γ = 20 kN/m³); retained soil (φ = 26°, γ = 20 kN/m³); foundation soil (φ = 26°, γ = 20 kN/m³)

4. A qualified engineer should be consulted for the final design to be used for construction.

5. The foundation soil must be able to support the wall system. The bearing capacity of the foundation soil, settlement, and global stability must be verified and validated by a qualified geotechnical engineer.

6. The seismic analysis is not included.

7. The design charts do not apply to tiered walls.

8. The charts assume that the walls are constructed in accordance with Techo-Bloc specifications, good construction practice and an adequate drainage system.

9. The geogrid layout has been optimized to satisfy the design requirements of the NCMA’s Design Manual for Segmental Retaining Walls, 3rd Edition.

10. The minimum burial depth must be 150 mm (6 in) or 10% of the exposed height, whichever is greater.

11. Engineering judgement should be used when interpolating between heights.

12. Techo-Bloc and its predecessors, successors, beneficiaries, employees, associates, administrators and insurers accepts no liability for the incorrect use of information contained in the design charts.

13. For further information, please contact our technical service department.
1. The information contained in the design charts is supplied for information purposes only and as such should only be used for preliminary designs.

2. The height (H) of the wall is the total height from the top of the leveling pad to the top of the wall not including the thickness of the cap.

3. Soil parameters: reinforced soil (φ = 32°, γ = 20 kN/m³); retained soil (φ = 26°, γ = 20 kN/m³); foundation soil (φ = 26°, γ = 20 kN/m³)

4. A qualified engineer should be consulted for the final design to be used for construction.

5. The foundation soil must be able to support the wall system. The bearing capacity of the foundation soil, settlement, and global stability must be verified and validated by a qualified geotechnical engineer.

6. The seismic analysis is not included.

7. The design charts do not apply to tiered walls.

8. The charts assume that the walls are constructed in accordance with Techo-Bloc specifications, good construction practice and an adequate drainage system.

9. The geogrid layout has been optimized to satisfy the design requirements of the NCMA's Design Manual for Segmental Retaining Walls, 3rd Edition.

10. The minimum burial depth must be 150 mm (6 in) or 10% of the exposed height, whichever is greater.

11. Engineering judgement should be used when interpolating between heights.

12. Techo-Bloc and its predecessors, successors, beneficiaries, employees, associates, administrators and insurers accepts no liability for the incorrect use of information contained in the design charts.

13. For further information, please contact our technical service department.
1. The information contained in the design charts is supplied for information purposes only and as such should only be used for preliminary designs.
2. The height (H) of the wall is the total height from the top of the leveling pad to the top of the wall not including the thickness of the cap.
3. Soil parameters: reinforced soil ($\phi = 32^\circ$, $\gamma = 20 \text{ kN/m}^3$); retained soil ($\phi = 26^\circ$, $\gamma = 20 \text{ kN/m}^3$); foundation soil ($\phi = 26^\circ$, $\gamma = 20 \text{ kN/m}^3$)
4. A qualified engineer should consult for the final design to be used for construction.
5. The foundation soil must be able to support the wall system. The bearing capacity of the foundation soil, settlement, and global stability must be verified and validated by a qualified geotechnical engineer.
6. The seismic analysis is not included.
7. The design charts do not apply to tiered walls.
8. The charts assume that the walls are constructed in accordance with Techo-Bloc specifications, good construction practice and an adequate drainage system.
9. The geogrid layout has been optimized to satisfy the design requirements of the NCMA's Design Manual for Segmental Retaining Walls, 3rd Edition.
10. The minimum burial depth must be 150 mm (6 in) or 10% of the exposed height, whichever is greater.
11. Engineering judgement should be used when interpolating between heights.
12. Techo-Bloc and its predecessors, successors, beneficiaries, employees, associates, administrators and insurers accepts no liability for the incorrect use of information contained in the design charts.
13. For further information, please contact our technical service department.
1. The information contained in the design charts is supplied for information purposes only and as such should only be used for preliminary designs.

2. The height (H) of the wall is the total height from the top of the leveling pad to the top of the wall not including the thickness of the cap.

3. Soil parameters: reinforced soil (φ = 32°, γ = 20 kN/m³); retained soil (φ = 26°, γ = 20 kN/m³); foundation soil (φ = 26°, γ = 20 kN/m³)

4. A qualified engineer should be consulted for the final design to be used for construction.

5. The foundation soil must be able to support the wall system. The bearing capacity of the foundation soil, settlement, and global stability must be verified and validated by a qualified geotechnical engineer.

6. The seismic analysis is not included.

7. The design charts do not apply to tiered walls.

8. The charts assume that the walls are constructed in accordance with Techo-Bloc specifications, good construction practice and an adequate drainage system.

9. The geogrid layout has been optimized to satisfy the design requirements of the NCMA’s Design Manual for Segmental Retaining Walls, 3rd Edition.

10. The minimum burial depth must be 150 mm (6 in) or 10% of the exposed height, whichever is greater.

11. Engineering judgement should be used when interpolating between heights.

12. Techo-Bloc and its predecessors, successors, beneficiaries, employees, associates, administrators and insurers accepts no liability for the incorrect use of information contained in the design charts.

13. For further information, please contact our technical service department.
TECHO—BLOC
INSPIRING ARTSCAPES

CONTACT US

TOLL FREE:
1.877.832.4625
WWW.TECHO-BLOC.COM

PROUD MEMBER OF

ICPI
National Concrete Masonry Association
NPCA