

DESIGN NOTE 5: Shape factors for Normalised Strength**Shape Factors for Normalised Strength**

Height mm	Width mm (Historically called Thickness for some UK masonry units)												
	50	75	90	100	115	125	140	150	190	200	215	225	≥250
40	0.80	0.75	0.72	0.70									
50	0.85	0.80	0.77	0.75	0.74	0.73	0.71	0.70					
65	0.95	0.90	0.87	0.85	0.82	0.80	0.77	0.75	0.71	0.70	0.69	0.68	0.65
100	1.15	1.08	1.03	1.00	0.97	0.95	0.92	0.90	0.82	0.80	0.79	0.78	0.75
140	1.27	1.22	1.18	1.16	1.13	1.11	1.08	1.06	0.98	0.96	0.95	0.94	0.91
150	1.30	1.25	1.22	1.20	1.17	1.15	1.12	1.10	1.02	1.00	0.99	0.98	0.95
190	1.42	1.37	1.34	1.32	1.29	1.27	1.24	1.22	1.14	1.12	1.11	1.10	1.07
200	1.45	1.40	1.37	1.35	1.32	1.30	1.27	1.25	1.17	1.15	1.14	1.13	1.10
215	1.48	1.43	1.40	1.38	1.35	1.33	1.30	1.28	1.20	1.18	1.16	1.15	1.12
≥250	1.55	1.50	1.47	1.45	1.42	1.40	1.37	1.35	1.27	1.25	1.22	1.20	1.15

Linear interpolation between values is permitted.

NOTE: The BS EN 771 series requires masonry unit manufacturers to declare the strength of the unit in the air dry condition and it is not necessary for the designer to apply any correction for the moisture content of the units at test

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