



INTERBLOC+

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**INTERBLOC+ MSE PERFORMANCE,
MANUFACTURING STANDARDS, AND
DESIGN REQUIREMENTS**



01 PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

Interbloc+ offers quick installation, helping you save time and reduce labour costs. Designed for outstanding strength and resilience, they deliver long-lasting durability. With certified lifting capabilities and a fully engineered system, safety is a core priority.

Their timeless fascia makes them an excellent choice for public-facing projects, providing both structural integrity and visual appeal. Partnering with Interbloc+ means enhancing every project with efficiency, strength, and elegance.

02 CODE COMPLIANCE

Manufacturing:

Interbloc and Interbloc+ modular units shall be made of high quality concrete from approved manufacturer and complying to the following standards:

- i. NZS 3014: Specification for concrete production
- ii. The durability requirements in NZS 3101: Concrete structures standard
- iii. NZS 3112.1: Methods of test for concrete-Tests relating to fresh concrete
- iv. NZS 3112.2: Methods of test for concrete-Tests relating to the determination of strength of concrete

Design:

The design of Interbloc and Interbloc+ modular unit retaining wall system shall comply to the following standards:

- i. New Zealand Building Code Clause B1: Structure-Verification Method 4: Foundations
- ii. Earthquake geotechnical engineering practice Module 6: Earthquake resistant retaining wall design
- iii. Earthquake geotechnical engineering practice Module 1: Overview of the guidelines.
- iv. NZS 3101: Concrete structures standard
- v. NZTA Bridge Manual
- vi. ASNZS 1170.0: Structural design actions-Part 0: General principles.
- vii. NZS 1170.5: Structural design actions-Part 5: Earthquake actions-New Zealand



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03 DESIGN

Actions:

- a. Actions on an Interbloc and Interbloc+ modular unit retaining wall system shall be calculated according to AS/NZS 1170 and shall account for all types of surcharges behind the wall.
- b. Load combinations as presented in AS/NZS 1170.0 shall be implemented in both the static and earthquake cases.
- c. Interbloc and Interbloc+ modular unit retaining wall system shall not be designed to take accidental, impact, or ballistic loads.

Verification:

- a. Verification of Interbloc and Interbloc+ modular unit retaining wall system shall be based on geotechnical parameters obtained after a geotechnical investigation by a qualified geotechnical engineer.
- b. The wall shall be verified against the six ultimate limit states presented in New Zealand Building Code B1/VM4 and Module 6.
- c. The calculated safety factors from the verification process shall confirm to the requirements of the project based on the structure importance level and the recommendations of the geotechnical engineer.
- d. The verification of the wall shall be approved by a qualified chartered professional structural or geotechnical engineer.
- e. The global stability of the wall shall be verified by a qualified geotechnical engineer.

04 INSTALLATION

Wall:

- a. The Interbloc and Interbloc+ modular unit retaining wall system shall be constructed over compacted hardfill or other suitable subbase materials to ensure the construction of a vertical wall over a stable plan.
- b. Any unsuitable soil below the compacted hardfill must be removed subject to the recommendation of a qualified geotechnical engineer.
- c. No permanent structures other than the structures accounted for in the design process shall be constructed within proximity of the wall.
- d. Measures shall be taken to prevent the erosion of the passive soil layer in front of the wall toe if the passive pressure is to be deployed.

Backfill:

- a. The backfill shall be crushed non-rounded aggregates as recommended in section 7.1 of Module 6.
- b. The backfill shall consist of typically GAP20, or GAP40 drainage metal in 200mm compacted layers.
- c. No fines concrete can be used as backfill material if specified.

Backfill:

- a. For the purpose of filtration and separation, appropriate non-woven geotextile shall be installed as per manufacturer recommendations.
- b. The drainage system within the backfill shall be completed using appropriate subsoil drain with connection to approved discharge point on site.





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As the country's first accredited construction product stewardship scheme, we create ultra-low embodied carbon products that can be reused, recycled, or repurposed at the end of their life, and our buyback guarantee keeps concrete in circulation and out of landfills.