

## **Preparation and First Course**

Stand the door bucks into position, plumb them and hold them in place with kickers. If possible, run the kickers to the outside to keep your work area clear.

Select a corner to start placing the forms. Place a corner form (right hand or left) at the selected corner and begin to install the first course. Work in one direction around the foundation cutting the forms as necessary. Use Nylon Zip ties to tie the top connector of each adjacent block together. This will help align the first course and create an excellent base for subsequent courses.



Cut the forms that butt up to a door buck, meet under a window or in the middle of a wall as necessary.

Technical Tip: Always cut on the form's score lines to keep the serpentine tongue and groove in alignment. Always cut a hair short so you don't have to wedge a form into place.

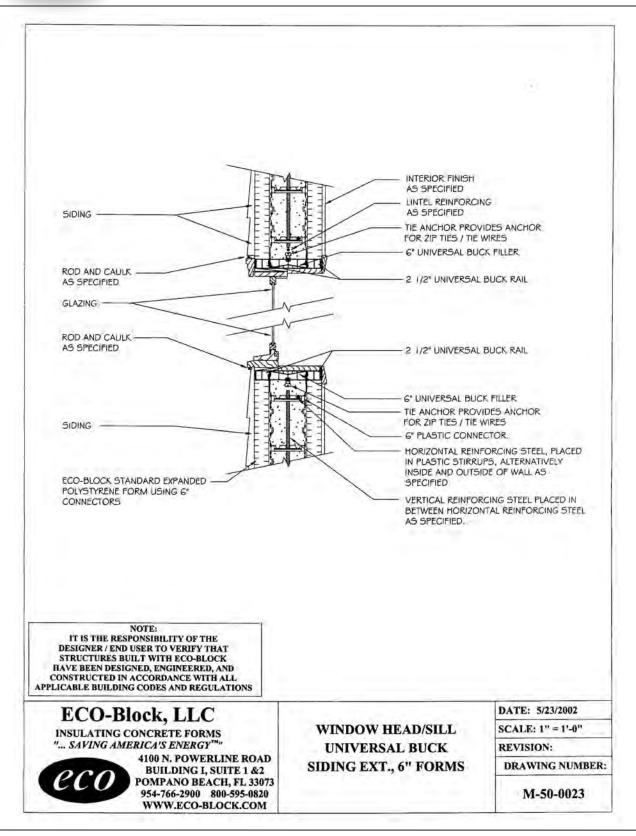
If a cut leaves more than 8 bars past a web, attach a strap across the cut on each side of the form to reinforce the cut.



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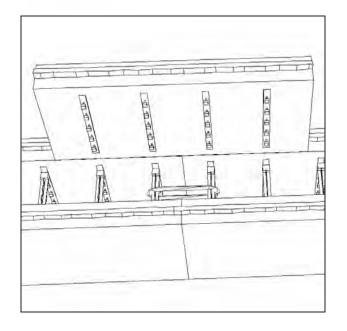




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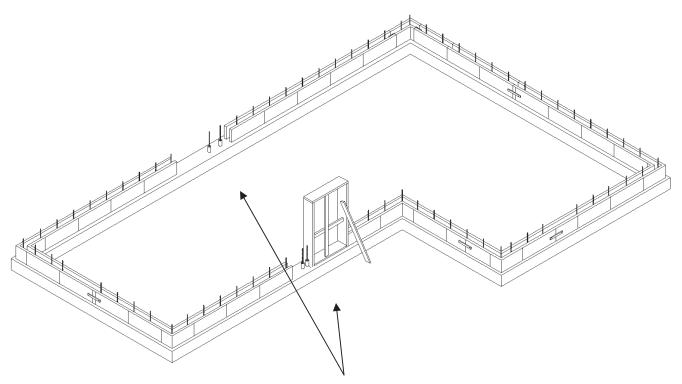
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Zip tie or wire the top connectors of all adjacent blocks on the first course together to hold them in line.

<u>Technical Tip:</u> Place a whole or cut piece of ECO-Block on each 1<sup>st</sup> course block connection. This will ensure that the tongue and groove system is perfectly aligned, allowing for easy stacking.



Stack toward window or door

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