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<i>Doc No.</i>	<i>Title</i>
<b>CED 30 (26161)WC</b>	<b>Draft Indian Standard Common Burnt Clay Building Bricks - Specification (Sixth Revision) ICS No. 91.100.25</b>

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**COMMON BURNT CLAY BUILDING  
BRICKS - SPECIFICATION**

*(Sixth Revision)*

ICS No. 91.100.25

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**FOREWORD**

*(Formal clauses will be added later.)*

The common building bricks is not only one of the oldest but also the most extensively used building material in construction work. It is essentially a local building material and consequently there exist considerable variations in the quality of raw material. The process of manufacture and the quality of the finished product. Rapid building activity, to be on rational lines, needs a certain degree of uniformity in the construction materials. Standardization of the common building brick with regard to its quality and dimensions would substantially help in raising the quality of construction work and its speed. This standard was first published in 1957 and subsequently revised in 1966, 1970, 1976, 1986 and 1992.

Keeping in view the advantages of modular co-ordination. Indian standards specify the dimensions of standard bricks in 100 mm module as the basis of all dimensional standardization in regard to building components. This is also in conformity with the decision of Government of India to adopt metric system in the country. Considering the various issues regarding the manufacturing and other practices followed in the country, the Sectional Committee responsible for the preparation of this standard had specified modular size of the brick. Advantages that a modular brick has over traditional brick are many, such as:

- i) requires less drying area;
- ii) saving in space of floor area;
- iii) economy in cost of brick masonry;
- iv) saving in labour cost;
- v) less losses during handling, etc; and
- vi) less consumption of mortar.

The significant modifications in this revision are:

- a) The units have been modified to IS units
- b) The size of modular bricks has been updated
- c) The condition for warpage has been included.

In the formulation of this standard, due weightage has been given to international co-ordination among the standards and practices prevailing in different countries in addition to relating it to the construction practices in India.

This standard contributes to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 11 'Sustainable cities and communities' towards strengthen efforts to protect and safeguard the world's cultural and natural heritage and Goal 12 'Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns' towards substantially reduce waste generation through prevention, reduction, recycling and reuse.

For the purpose of deciding whether a particular requirement of this standard is complied with, the final value, observed or calculated, expressing the result of a test or analysis, shall be rounded off in accordance with IS 2 : 2022 'Rules for rounding off numerical values (*second revision*)'. The number of significant places retained in the rounded off value should be the same as that of the specified value in this standard.

*Indian Standard*

**COMMON BURNT CLAY BUILDING  
BRICKS - SPECIFICATION**  
(Sixth Revision)

**1 SCOPE**

This standard lays down requirements for classification, general quality, dimensions and physical requirements of common burnt clay building bricks used in buildings.

NOTE — Only burnt clay bricks having compressive strength less than 40 N/mm<sup>2</sup> are covered in this standard; for higher strength bricks, see IS 2180 : 2024 Specification for heavy duty burnt clay building bricks (*Fourth Revision*).

**2 REFERENCES**

The standards given below contain provisions which through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this standard. At the time of publication, the editions indicated were valid. All standards are subject to revision and parties to agreements based on this standard are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent edition of these standards:

<i>IS no.</i>	<i>Title</i>
IS 2248 : 2024	Glossary of terms relating to clay products for buildings ( <i>third revision</i> )
IS 3495	Burnt clay building bricks — Methods of tests
Part 1: 2019	Part 1 determination of compressive strength ( <i>fourth revision</i> )
Part 2 : 2019	Part 2 determination of water absorption ( <i>fourth revision</i> )
Part 3 : 2019	Part 3 determination of efflorescence ( <i>fourth revision</i> )
Part 4 : 2019	Part 4 Determination of warpage ( <i>fourth revision</i> )
IS 5454 :2024	Methods for sampling of clay building bricks ( <i>second revision</i> )

**3 TERMINOLOGY**

For the purpose of this standard, the definitions as given in IS 2248 shall apply.

**4 CLASSIFICATION**

The common burnt clay bricks shall be classified on the basis of average compressive strength as given in Table 1.

**Table 1 Classes of Common Burnt Clay Bricks**  
(Clause 4. 1)

SL NO.	CLASS DESIGNATION	Minimum Compressive Strength in N/mm <sup>2</sup>	average Strength
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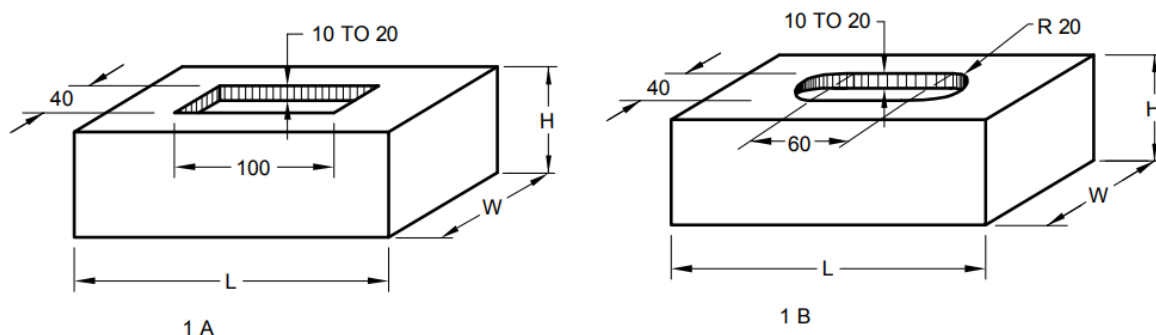
(1)	(2)	(3)
i.	35	35.0
ii.	30	30.0
iii.	25	25.0
iv.	20	20.0
v.	17.5	17.5
vi.	15	15.0
vii.	12.5	12.5
viii.	10	10.0
ix.	7.5	7.5
x.	5	5.0
xi.	3.5	3.5

**5 GENERAL QUALITY**

**5.1** Bricks shall be hand-moulded or machine-moulded and shall be made from suitable soils. They shall be free from cracks and flaws and nodules of free lime.

**5.2** Hand-moulded bricks of 90 mm or 70 mm height shall be moulded with a frog 10 to 20 mm deep on one of its flat sides; the shape and size of the frog shall conform to either Fig. 1A or Fig. 1B (see 6.1.1 for *L*, *W* and *H*). Bricks of 40 mm height as well as those made by extrusion process may not be provided with frogs.

**5.3** The bricks shall have plain rectangular faces with sharp corners and shall be uniform in colour.



ALL DIMENSIONS IN mm

FIG. 1 SHAPE AND SIZE OF FROGS IN BRICKS

**6 DIMENSIONS AND TOLERANCES**

**6.1 Dimensions**

**6.1.1** The standard modular size of common building bricks shall be as follows (Fig. 1A and 1B):

Length ( <i>L</i> )	Width ( <i>W</i> )	Height ( <i>H</i> )
<i>mm</i>	<i>mm</i>	<i>mm</i>
190	90	90

190                      90                      40

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**6.1.2** The following non-modular sizes of the bricks may also be used (Fig. IA and IB):

Length ( <i>L</i> )	Width ( <i>W</i> )	Height ( <i>H</i> )
<i>mm</i>	<i>mm</i>	<i>mm</i>
110	70	37

## 6.2 Tolerances

**6.2.1** The dimensions of bricks when tested in accordance with **6.2.2** shall be within the following limits per 20 bricks:

For modular size

- a) Length 3 720 to 3 880 mm (3 800 ± 80 mm)
- Width 1 760 to 1 840 mm (1 800 ± 40 mm)
- Height 1 760 to 1 840 mm (1 800 ± 40 mm)
- (For 90 mm high bricks)
- 760 to 840 mm (800 ± 40 mm)
- (For 40 mm high bricks)

b) For non - modular size

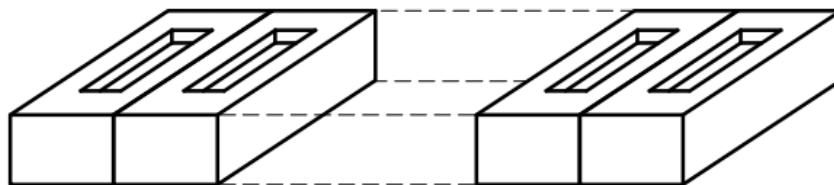
- Length 4 520 to 4 680 mm (4 600 ± 80 mm)
- Width 2 240 to 2 160 mm (2 200 ± 40 mm)
- Height 1 440 to 1 360 mm (1 400 ± 40 mm)
- (For 70 mm high bricks)
- 640 to 560 mm (600 ± 40 mm)
- (For 30 mm high bricks)

**6.2.2** Twenty (or more according to the size of stack) whole bricks shall be selected at random from the sample selected under **8**. All blisters, loose particles of clay and small projections shall be removed. They shall then be arranged upon a level surface successively as indicated in Fig. 2A, 2B and 2C in contact with each other and in a straight line. The overall length of the assembled bricks shall be measured with a steel tape or other suitable inextensible measure sufficiently long to measure the whole row at one stretch. Measurement by repeated application of short rule or measure shall not be permitted. If for any reason it is found impracticable to measure bricks in one row, the sample may be divided into rows of 10 bricks each which shall be measured separately to the nearest millimetre. All these dimensions shall be added together.

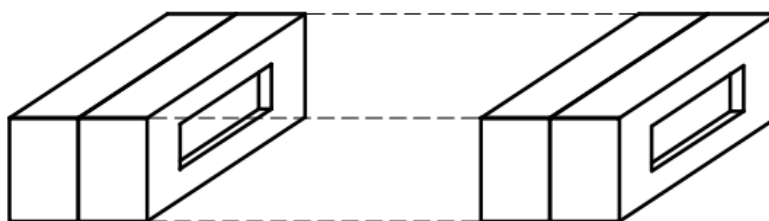




2 A MEASUREMENT OF LENGTH



2 B MEASUREMENT OF WIDTH



2 C MEASUREMENT OF HEIGHT

FIG. 2 MEASUREMENT OF TOLERANCES OF COMMON BUILDING BRICKS

## 7 PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS

### 7.1 Compressive Strength

The bricks, when tested in accordance with the procedure laid down in IS 3495 (Part 1) shall have a minimum average compressive strength for various classes as given in 4.

**7.1.1** The compressive strength of any individual brick tested shall not fall below the minimum compressive strength specified for the corresponding class of brick by more than 15 percent. The lot shall be then checked for next lower class of brick

### 7.2 Water Absorption

The bricks, when tested in accordance with the procedure laid down in 4.1 of IS 3495 (Part 2) after immersion in water for 24 hours, water absorption shall not be more than 20 percent by weight up to class 12.5 and 15 percent by weight for higher classes.

### 7.3 Efflorescence

The bricks when tested in accordance with the procedure laid down in IS 3495 (Part 3) the rating of efflorescence shall not be more than 'moderate' up to class 12.5 and 'slight' for higher classes.

## **7.4 Warpage**

The bricks when tested in accordance with the procedure laid down in IS 3495 (Part 4) the average warpage shall not exceed 3 mm or 5 percent of the brick height, whichever is lower.

## **8 SAMPLING AND CRITERION FOR CONFORMITY**

**8.1** Sampling and criterion for conformity of common bricks shall be done in accordance with the procedure laid down in IS 5454.

## **9 MARKING**

**9.1** Each brick shall be marked (in the frog if provided) with an indication of source of manufacture.

### **9.1.1 BIS certification marking**

The product(s) may be marked with Standard Mark as per the conformity assessment schemes governed by the provisions of the Bureau of Indian Standards Act, 2016 and the Rules and Regulations made there under. The details of conditions for the licence may be obtained from the Bureau of Indian Standards.