Low Rise Multi-Residential Intertenancy Walls

Design and Installation Guide
This Design Guide has been prepared as a source of information to provide general guidance to consultants – and in no way replaces the services of the professional consultant and relevant engineers designing the project.

It is the responsibility of the architectural designer and engineering parties to ensure that the details in this Design and Installation Guide are appropriate for the intended application.

The recommendations of this guide are formulated along the lines of good building practice, but are not intended to be an exhaustive statement of all relevant data.
Better buildings are constructed with Hebel

Hebel is a lightweight steel-reinforced Autoclave Aerated Concrete (AAC) that has been used in Europe for over 70 years and here in Australia for over 20 years.

**Hebel. A high-performance lightweight concrete panel system.**

Hebel is the innovative and sustainable, high-performance and lightweight concrete panel system of the future – available today.

Easy to install, strong and solid, Hebel steel reinforced panels are highly versatile and can be used on all sites to provide extremely solid, safe and highly secure internal walls with high levels of sound resistance and absorption. They are not affected by dampness when suitably constructed.

Hebel systems can achieve (and often exceed) BCA requirements and are extremely fire-resistant with thermal absorbing properties that assist in improved energy ratings for the building.

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The Hebel system has a solid track record of trusted performance and reliability characteristics that make it the accepted industry standard in internal wall systems.

Building with Hebel means simpler construction methods, delivers faster construction timetables and lowers risk of non-compliance to the BCA.

**Proven in the market and backed by CSR**

Hebel products and systems are developed in Australia by CSR Building Products Limited. With CSR you can depend on the product quality, technical expertise, warranty and stock supplies of Hebel products and systems.
At the heart of the Hebel system is the Hebel PowerPanel<sup>XL</sup> panel – a 75mm thick, steel reinforced building panel made from AAC (Autoclaved Aerated Concrete) supplied in lengths of 2400mm to 3300mm for standard widths of 600mm.
The impressive attributes that make Hebel such an innovative, sustainable and proven building product are summarised by the following qualities:

**SOLID AND STRONG**
Hebel steel reinforced PowerPanels provide the solid feel, security and peace-of mind associated with traditional bricks. In fact, independent tests show that a rendered Hebel wall has similar impact resistance to brick. The steel reinforced Hebel internal panels also add strength and security between rooms compared to plasterboard systems.

**FIRE RESISTANT**
Hebel is renowned for its fire resistant properties. A non-combustible material, Hebel panel systems achieve Fire Resistance Levels (FRLs) from 60 minutes through to 240 minutes (tested at CSIRO) and meet or exceed the requirements for all six Bushfire Attack Level (BAL) categories. When building with Hebel, you’re building with peace-of-mind that your home is safe and secure.

**COMFORTABLE LIVING ENVIRONMENT**
Hebel panels have superior insulation qualities compared to other masonry products. With better thermal resistance and thermal mass, Hebel is a smart choice for meeting Australia’s stringent building regulations. And, for homeowners, it means there is less reliance on heaters or air conditioners – helping to save money and being kinder to the environment, too.

**SUSTAINABILITY FOR A BETTER WORLD**
Environmentally friendly, Hebel products and systems are the sustainable choice. Independent testing shows that overall Hebel has a 30% lower environmental impact than concrete or brick veneer. Using over 60% less embodied energy, and producing at least 55% less greenhouse emissions than concrete or brick veneer, Hebel is the cleaner, greener choice.

**FAST TO CONSTRUCT & COST EFFECTIVE**
Hebel is a strong and robust building material that’s extremely cost effective. Given that Hebel panels can be easily cut on-site using standard tools, construction times are slashed and there is less wastage. The result is lower labour costs and significant savings for the homeowner.

**BETTER ACOUSTICS**
Hebel gives you more peace and quiet. When compared to polystyrene and fibre cement external walls, Hebel significantly reduces sound transmission between rooms and also reduces noise from external sources such as traffic.

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1.1 Typical Applications

PowerPanelXL Intertenancy Wall Systems detailed in this guide are loadbearing or non-loadbearing Intertenancy wall solutions for low rise multi-residential framed construction. These wall configurations consist of Hebel (non-load bearing) PowerPanelXL panels installed vertically, and secured to the structural loadbearing framing.

A distinct difference between the systems is the PowerPanelXL panel to framing connection methods and the resulting acoustic performance qualities.

PowerPanelXL Intertenancy Discontinuous Wall Systems utilises an aluminium bracket system. The bracket system provides the wall with a ‘Discontinuous Construction’ rating. PowerPanelXL Intertenancy Non-discontinuous Wall Systems offers a Top Hat connection where the PowerPanelXL panel is secured to the framing with horizontal steel Top Hats.
Discontinuous Construction

Recommended for: Discontinuous construction using brackets for superior acoustics

Services must run through wall frame and must not be fixed to the Hebel PowerPanelXL panel.

Services may penetrate decorative wall without fire caulking (provided gap between service and lining does not exceed 6mm).

For wet area lining use CSR Gyprock Aquecheck plasterboard or CSR Cemintel fibre cement sheet.

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3. Selection of the most suitable Powerpanel XL Intertenancy Wall System should be undertaken with specialist consultant’s advice.

4. 20mm separation between the frame and Hebel PowerpanelXL + aluminium bracket connection.

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4. 20mm separation between the frame and Hebel PowerpanelXL + aluminium bracket connection.
Non-discontinuous Construction

Recommended for: Non-discontinuous construction using Top Hats for ease of installation

- No penetrations permitted through the Hebel PowerPanelXL panel
- Hebel Adhesive at edge joints
- Services must run through wall frame and must not be fixed to the PowerPanel™ panel
- Services may penetrate decorative wall without fire caulking (grounded gap between service and lining does not exceed 6mm).

For wet area lining use CSR Gyprock Aquachek plasterboard or CSR Cemintel fibre cement sheet

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Autex or Polymax equivalent polyester insulation may be used.

1. Powerpanel XL Inter tenancy Non-Discontinuous Wall Systems does not comply with the BCA requirements for ‘Discontinuous Construction’ - BCA Vol. 2, clause 3.8.6.2 and clause 1.2.2(1)(v).

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3. Selection of the most suitable Powerpanel XL Inter tenancy Wall System should be undertaken with specialist consultant’s advice.

4. 25-28mm separation between the frame and Hebel Powerpanel XL + steel top hat connection.
1.2 Structural Provisions

Structural Performance
The PowerPanelXL Intertenancy Wall Systems can be either a loadbearing or non-loadbearing wall. The Hebel PowerPanelXL panel within the wall system is non-loadbearing with the exception of self weight.

Construction Loadings
During construction, the Hebel PowerPanelXL panel could be subject to wind loading. The builder shall provide the necessary temporary bracing of the panel until both structural frames are installed.

Note: The screw connections may not be adequate to stabilise the panel against construction loadings.

Cutting of Hebel PowerPanelXL
The standard Hebel PowerPanelXL panel can be reduced in length by cutting 150mm maximum from each end, and to a minimum width of 270mm. All exposed steel reinforcement shall be liberally coated with the Fentak anti-corrosion coating available through Hebel.

Wall Frame
The wall framing presented in this Design Guide for various wall systems are nominated for the acoustic and fire performance values. It is the designer’s responsibility to determine an appropriate wall framing system to satisfy structural adequacy. Several items the designer must allow for are:
- lateral loadings
- wall height
- deflection limits
- offset distance (gap) from the panel
- building movement
- control joint locations

Wall Height
The overall wall height limit is 12m for both PowerPanelXL Intertenancy Discontinuous Wall Systems and PowerPanelXL Intertenancy Non-discontinuous Wall Systems. The wall shall be constructed of Hebel PowerPanelXL of 3300mm maximum length. Walls constructed with PowerPanelXL panel lengths exceeding 3300mm will require custom designed panels. Contact Hebel for further information.

Earthquake Loading
Earthquake loading has not been considered in this design guide. It is the designer’s responsibility to ensure the connection system has adequate capacity to resist any imposed earthquake loading.

Fixings

Fasteners & Fixings
Most screw fixings are timber type, which is sufficient for penetrating the metal thicknesses outlined in this design guide. Connections that have larger metal thicknesses may require a metal type screw and will need to be designed and approved by the project engineer.

Fixings – Deflection head track to substrate
The fixing to secure the angles and tracks to the concrete slab shall be capable of withstanding a shear load of 0.75kN. For high wind pressures during construction, the designer shall determine if mechanical fasteners are required:
- Drive pins and concrete nails (check size and suitability for fire rated situations with the manufacturer);
- 8mm diameter mechanical fasteners.

Table 1.4 outlines the connection type and requirements for constructing PowerPanelXL Intertenancy Discontinuous Wall Systems and PowerPanelXL Intertenancy Non-discontinuous Wall Systems detailed in this design guide.
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### 1.3 Design & Detailing Considerations

#### Control Joints

Control joints must be provided at a maximum of 6m spacing. Recommended control joint widths should be 10mm minimum between Hebel PowerPanel™ panels and another building component. Control joints must also be provided to coincide with any control joint in the main structure. Larger joint width maybe required to accommodate building movements, and these values shall be nominated by the designer. The Top Hat and back to back track must be discontinuous at a structural control joint.

#### Wet Area Wall Construction

Wet area wall construction requires a system that enables services to be installed in a cavity. All plumbing should be acoustically treated as required by the BCA. All wet area walls shall be lined and waterproofed in accordance with Australian standards and to BCA requirements. Gyprock™ Aquacheck™ or Cemintel® Fibre Cement Wallboard are suitable lining materials for wet area applications.

#### Non-Hebel Components used in Intertenancy Wall

Components, which are not manufactured by Hebel, such as Gyprock™ plasterboard, timber and steel stud wall frames, Bradford insulation and others must be designed, installed and handled in accordance with their manufacturer’s guidelines and recommendations.

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### 1.4 System Components

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| **Hebel Perforated Steel Top Hat** | In PowerPanel™ Intertenancy Non-discontinuous Wall Systems, the Top Hats (incorporating perforated flanges for ease of installation onto the wall frame) are used to fix the Hebel PowerPanel™ panel to the structural support framing.  
In PowerPanel™ Intertenancy Discontinuous Wall Systems, the Top Hats are used to provide easy alignment of the panels during installation. The Top Hats are installed temporarily between the framing and panels, and MUST BE removed after the aluminium brackets are installed. | ✓                     |
| **Hebel Deflection Head Track** | For positioning and restraining the bottom and mid connection of the panels.                                                                                                                                 | ✓                     |
| **Hebel Wall Brackets**       | The brackets are proprietary components which enable the Hebel PowerPanel™ to be fixed to the wall frame. This provides a cavity space, which can result in increased acoustic insulation performance.  
The bracket is nominally 75 x 40 x 1.6mm x 50mm wide aluminium angle. Used in 75mm Hebel Intertenancy Discontinuous Wall Systems. | ✓                     |
| **Hebel Adhesive**            | Hebel Adhesive is used for bonding the panels together at vertical joints. Supplied in 20kg bags.                                                                                                         | ✓                     |
| **Hebel Mortar**              | Hebel Mortar is used to provide a level base for panel installation as well as providing acoustic and fire protection at the base of the panels. Used in some PowerPanel™ Intertenancy Discontinuous & Non-discontinuous Wall base arrangements. Supplied in 20kg bags. | ✓                     |
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Hebel anti-corrosion protection paint
To coat exposed reinforcement during cutting

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**Bradford Insulation**

PowerPanel™ Intertenancy Discontinuous and Non-discontinuous Wall Systems incorporate Bradford Insulation materials. Table 1.5 presents basic information on the glasswool and polyester insulation materials.

PowerPanel™ Intertenancy Wall Systems that use Bradford Glasswool insulation generally have a better acoustic performance than systems using Polyester insulation.

Additional information regarding Bradford insulation materials is available from www.bradfordinsulation.com.au

**Gyprock™ Plasterboard**

PowerPanel™ Intertenancy Discontinuous and Non-discontinuous Wall Systems incorporate Gyprock™ Plasterboard on both sides. The type, thickness and densities of plasterboard will be as per the specified wall requirements. Additional information is available from www.gyprock.com.au

**Fire & Acoustic Sealant**

To attain the specified FRL and/or Rw requirements, all perimeter gaps and penetrations must be carefully and completely sealed with a polyurethane fire and acoustic rated sealant installed to manufacturer’s specifications.

**Backing Rod**

Backing rod is used to enable correct filling of joints with sealant. It is recommended that backing rod be of open cell type to enable sealant to cure from behind. The diameter of backing rod must be appropriate for the width of the gap being filled.
2.1 Regulatory Issues

Dwellings constructed side-by-side on a single allotment
Where it is proposed to construct single dwellings side-by-side on a single allotment the internal wall between dwellings is a fire separating wall as defined in the BCA. The fire separating wall must start from the ground level (top of concrete footings or top of floor slab) and achieve a 90/90/90 FRL if load bearing, or –/90/90 FRL if non-load bearing. The wall must go to the underside of a non-combustible roof covering and any gaps be filled with fire-resisting material as described in Detail 3.7.1.11 of Volume Two of the BCA.

Dwellings constructed side-by-side on separate allotments
Where it is proposed to construct single dwellings side-by-side on separate allotments, or if subsequent subdivision is proposed, the wall might also be considered an external wall and each dwelling may be required to have its own wall starting from the ground level (top of concrete footings or top of floor slab) and each achieving a 90/90/90 FRL if load bearing, or –/90/90 FRL if non-load bearing. Contact your local authorities, as there may also be applicable legislation or discretionary powers available to vary these provisions.

Dwellings constructed side-by-side on a single allotment where subdivision may subsequently occur.
Where it is proposed to construct single dwellings side-by-side on a single allotment and it is known that subsequent subdivision will occur, or that subdivision might occur (and this will probably apply to most multi-dwelling developments) then, after subdivision, the internal fire separation wall might also be considered an external wall and each dwelling may be required to have its own wall starting from the ground level (top of concrete footings or top of floor slab) and be required to achieve a 90/90/90 FRL if load bearing, or –/90/90 FRL if non-load bearing. Contact your local authorities, as there may also be applicable legislation or discretionary powers available to vary these provisions.

PowerPanelXL Intertenancy solutions in tiered applications
Where the internal fire separation wall extends beyond the roof line on one side only and becomes an external wall, contact Hebel Engineering Services for advice on PowerPanelXL external wall solutions.

Compliance with the Building Code of Australia (BCA)
All building solutions, such as walls, floors, ceilings, etc. must comply with the regulations outlined in the Building Code of Australia (BCA) or other authority.

The BCA is a performance based document, and is available in two volumes which align with two groups of ‘Class of Building’: Volume 1 – Class 2 to Class 9 Buildings; and Volume 2 – Class 1 & Class 10 Buildings – Housing Provisions. Each volume presents regulatory Performance Requirements for different Building Solutions for various classes of buildings and performance provisions.

These Performance Provisions include:
- Structure
- Fire Resistance
- Damp & Weatherproofing
- Sound Transmission & Insulation
- Energy Efficiency

This design guide presents tables and information necessary to design a PowerPanelXL Intertenancy Wall Systems installation that complies with the Performance Requirements of the BCA. The designer must check the adequacy of the building solution for Performance Requirements outlined by the appropriate authority.
2.2 Sound Transmission & Insulation

Overview
The Building Code of Australia (BCA) presents the Performance Requirements for sound insulation ratings. The sound insulation ratings set minimum values to consider two types of sound: airborne sound and impact generated sound.

The Performance Requirements for airborne sound insulation and impact sound insulation ratings are dependent upon the form of construction (i.e., walls or floors), Class of Building, and the type of areas being separated.

The airborne sound performance requirement is a value that could be the weighted sound reduction index (Rw) or weighted reduction index with spectrum adaptation term (Rw + Ctr). The impact sound performance requirement is a value called the weighted normalised impact sound pressure level with spectrum adaptation term (Ln,w + Cl).

The BCA does provide Performance Requirements for the airborne sound and impact generated sound insulation ratings for a Intertenancy wall. Refer to Tables on page 7 and 8 for sound insulation resistance level of the PowerPanelXL Intertenancy Wall Systems.

Impact Sound Performance
Impact sound is caused by vibrations, which are transferred directly through the wall and re-radiated as sound in the adjacent room. These sound vibrations can be generated by actions such as closing of a cupboard door.

The transfer of impact sound can be minimised by ensuring no mechanical connection exists between the two sides of the wall. For impact rated walls the BCA requires walls to be of ‘discontinuous construction’. This refers to a wall maintaining a minimum 20mm cavity between two separate leaves except at the periphery.

Note: For gap widths ≤ 20mm, Hebel has obtained expert opinion that discontinuous construction performance will not be compromised.
2.2 Sound Transmission & Insulation (cont.)

Acoustic Performance Design Recommendations

1) Hebel recommends engaging a specialist acoustic consultant on a project-by-project basis to provide design advice, confirmation of anticipated field performance, detailing and installation inspections.

2) When selecting the appropriate PowerPanelXL Intertenancy Wall System, the designer or specifier must be aware that the laboratory $R_w$ values are almost always higher than the field measured values. Therefore, allowances should be made for the lower expected field values during the selection of the system.

3) Separate advice from a specialist acoustic consultant should be sought to determine the effect on acoustic performance due to any changes to the PowerPanelXL Intertenancy Wall System, and any required modification of the installation details pertaining to the systems.

4) Increasing of cavity widths, using higher density or thicker insulation or plasterboard, will generally maintain or increase the acoustic performance of the PowerPanelXL Intertenancy Wall Systems.

5) The acoustic performance values of the PowerPanelXL Intertenancy Wall Systems shown in Tables on page 7 and 8 are a guide only as to consistently achievable field performance. They do not constitute a field performance guarantee as factors such as the presence of flanking paths, quality of installation of the system, on-site detailing of junctions, room shapes and size, etc can significantly affect field performance. Maximising the field performance depends on the following factors:

- The systems are installed in accordance with the manufacturer’s standard installation details.
- Good quality installation practices including the sealing of all junctions and joints and maintaining specified clearances.
- The systems are installed with all junctions acoustically sealed so that negligible sound transmission occurs at these points.
- Flanking paths are eliminated and the structures into which the systems are installed are capable of allowing the nominated rating to be achieved.
- Site testing conditions.
- To minimise the transfer of sound through the PowerPanelXL Intertenancy Wall Systems into the adjacent unit, it is suggested that a control joint be provided to break the mechanical path for the transmission of impact sound and other vibration.
2.3 Fire Resistance Performance

**Fire Resistance Level (FRL) Rating of Intertenancy Systems**

The fire resistance level (FRL) rating performance of the PowerPanel™ Intertenancy Wall Systems detailed in this guide have been derived from Exova Warringtonfire assessment WFRA - 45771.10, WFRA - 45772.10.

This design guide has no recommendations for penetrations through the Intertenancy system. Hebel recommends contacting the appropriate consultant for design and detailing advice.

**System Variations**

Certain variations to the PowerPanel™ Intertenancy Wall Systems installation will not affect the fire-resistance levels listed in Tables on page 7 and 8. However these variations need to be approved by the project fire consultant or project certifier. The possible variations to the systems include:

1) Changing the type of insulation between polyester, glasswool and rockwool;
2) Putting the insulation on both sides of the PowerPanel™ panel.
3.1 Installation Guidelines

General
Before commencing any installation work, clean and tidy up the work area. Mark out the location of the walls.

Wall Framing
Ensure frames are installed plumb and mechanically fixed to the substrate. All timber framework is to be fabricated and installed to the manufacturer’s specifications and AS1684 or AS1720.1.

Services
Ensure all services are installed within the wall frame and not on the face of the PowerPanelXL panel.

Deflection Head Track
When the wall locations have been set out, fix the deflection head tracks to the substrate. This is done using suitable fixings (see Section 1.4) at 600mm maximum centres and maximum 100mm from ends. At changes in wall directions, ensure deflection head track is mitred with no gaps at the corners. Seal all butt joints with fire and acoustic sealant.

Hebel Mortar
Mortar is placed on the DPC and should only be run out roughly 3 panels (1800mm) ahead of panel installation. The mortar bed fills the gap at the base. Generally, the mortar is 10mm thick and shall extend the full width of the panel. Mixing of the mortar should be done in accordance with the instructions on the bag.

Wall Brackets
Screw fix the wall bracket to the top and bottom plates of the wall frame and to the PowerPanelXL panels at 600 centres in the discontinuous wall system. Locate within 50mm of the centre width of each panel using fixings specified in Section 1.4.

Top Hats
Top Hats should be cut to size before securing them to timber studs in the non-discontinuous wall system. At control joints the Top Hats should be discontinuous. For number, location, spacing and fixing of Top Hats, refer to the project specifications. The project classification (Torrens or Strata) will determine the future external loading parameters of the panels and associated Top Hat and fixing arrangement required.

Hebel PowerPanelXL panel
The Hebel PowerPanelXL panel in the intertenancy discontinuous and non-discontinuous wall systems must be installed vertically. The panels can be cut on-site using a circular saw equipped with diamond tipped cutting blade (for panel cutting limitations refer to Section 1.2). All the loose AAC particles should be brushed off the panel with a rough broom. Steel reinforcement that is exposed during cutting must be coated with a liberal application of corrosion protection coating (see Section 1.4). Any minor damage and chips to the panels must be repaired using Hebel Patch. Use packers at the base to maintain the gap and ensure gap is full of mortar (if specified). The preferred method of fixing should be to screw through the Top Hat/bracket into the panel. Fix the panel to the deflection head (if specified). For following panels, apply Hebel Adhesive to the vertical edge and install the next panel. Repeat the installation process until the wall is complete.

Hebel Adhesive
Hebel Adhesive is applied to the panel with a 75mm Hebel notched trowel. When the panels are pushed together the joints are to be 2-3mm thick. Sufficient pressure must be applied to the panels when gluing to ensure the adhesive is fully bedded across the joint. Scrape off any excess adhesive protruding from the joints and fill any gaps. Adhesive is to be mixed to the proportions and consistency as per the instructions on the bag.

Bradford Insulation
Installation of Bradford insulation should be completed in accordance with manufacturer’s handling and installation guidelines. The insulation provided should completely fill the space between the stud framing and form a continuing barrier. If there is any gap in the insulation the acoustic performance of the system may be adversely affected.

Gyprock™ Plasterboard
Plasterboard sheets must be cut to fit neatly and should not be forced into position. The plasterboard is to extend the full height of the wall frame, with gaps at top and bottom for the specified sealant. Plasterboard is fixed directly to the stud framework in accordance with the Gyprock™ Plasterboard Residential Installation Guide, GYP547.

Sealants
All movement joints and other gaps should be sealed off and finished neatly with polyurethane fire and acoustic rated sealants. Installation of sealants must be carried out in accordance with the manufacturer’s specifications.

Installation of Electrical, Plumbing and Other Services
Installation of services into walls should be carried out at an appropriate construction sequence. This will allow easy access to cavities and wall frames, where services can be easily installed and neatly hidden.

Hebel suggests installing the plumbing and cabling after the panels have been installed. The builder or project manager should confirm appropriate construction sequence for services on a project-by-project basis.

Fasteners & Fixings
All fixings and fasteners should be installed in accordance with the manufacturer’s specifications.
3.2 Construction for PowerPanel\textsuperscript{XL} Intertenancy Discontinuous Wall Systems

16.1 Overview of PowerPanel\textsuperscript{XL} Intertenancy Discontinuous Wall Systems

![Diagram of PowerPanel\textsuperscript{XL} Intertenancy Discontinuous Wall Systems]

Services may penetrate decorative wall without fire caulking (provided gap between service and lining does not exceed 6mm).

For wet area lining use CSR Gyprock Aquachek plasterboard or CSR Cemintel fibre cement sheet.

Note: Detailing of elements, such as flashings, gutters, capping, roofing, etc. shown in this section are for indicative purposes only.

See details for base options.
Installation detail

Refer to detail 3.4 (p.20)

3000mm max. from bracket to bracket

Floor joists may be perpendicular or parallel to wall

600mm max. from bracket to joint in PowerPanelXL panel

Additional noggings and clips required in offset floor level applications

Timber or steel framing as per project specifications

75mm Hebel PowerPanelXL panel

Base detail refer to alternative methods

Mineral fibre or other fire-resisting material as per project specifications

Wall brackets each side of PowerPanelXL panel

3300mm max. panel height

12000mm max.

3000mm max. from bracket to bracket

Bradford insulation as per project specification

Bradford insulation as per project specification

Bradford insulation as per project specification

10-20 mm gap on each side

Concrete slab

Bradford insulation as per project specification

Bradford insulation as per project specification

Bradford insulation as per project specification
3.3 Construction for Intertenancy Discontinuous

**Detail 3.3 Base Connection - Option 1**
- Gypsum plasterboard to system specification
- Timber or steel framing as per project specifications
- 10-20mm gap
- Insulation to system specification
- 75mm Hebel PowerPanel® panel
- Aluminium bracket fixed to frame with 2 x 20mm x 25mm gal nails or 2 x 12-11 x 30mm hex head type 17 screws for timber framing, or 2 x 10-16 x 16mm wafer head screws for steel framing
- 600mm wide Hebel PowerPanel® panel (one panel)
- Panel fixed to frame with 2 x 14-10 x 65mm hex head type 17 screws
- Fire-rated backing rod and polyurethane fire and acoustic rated sealant* to one side
- J-track
- Central line of panel
- 150mm min.
- Wall bracket fixed to panel within a 100mm wide central region of the panel
- 50mm 50mm of the panel
- 600mm wide Hebel PowerPanel® panel (one panel)

**Detail 3.4 Horizontal Joint Fixing - Option 1**
- Bracket fixed to frame with 2 x 20mm x 25mm gal nails or 2 x 12-11 x 30mm hex head type 17 screws for timber framing, or 2 x 10-16 x 16mm wafer head screws for steel framing
- Continuous steel channel 76 x 32 x 0.75mm BMT
- OR
- 76 x 50 x 0.70mm Deflection Track or J-track
- 180mm min.
- 150mm min.

**Detail 3.5 Base Connection - Option 2**
- Gypsum plasterboard to system specification
- Timber or steel framing as per project specifications
- 10-20mm gap
- Insulation to system specification
- PowerPanel® panel fixed to continuous steel angle with VF14 10 x 90mm hex head screws at 600mm max. ctrs
- Continuous steel angle fixed to slab with masonry anchors at 600mm max. ctrs

**Detail 3.6 Horizontal Joint Fixing - Option 2**
- Fixed back to back with 10-16 x 16mm wafer head screws at 600mm max. centres
- Continuous steel channel 76 x 32 x 0.75mm BMT
- OR
- 76 x 50 x 0.70mm Deflection Track or J-track

**Detail 3.7 Base Connection - Option 3**
- Gypsum plasterboard to system specification
- Timber or steel framing as per project specifications
- 10-20mm gap
- Insulation to system specification
- PowerPanel® panel fixed to continuous steel angle with VF14 10 x 90mm hex head screws at 600mm max. ctrs
- Continuous steel angle fixed to slab with masonry anchors at 600mm max. ctrs

**Detail 3.8 Bracket Fixing**
- 600mm wide Hebel PowerPanel® panel (one panel)
- Centreline of panel
- Central line of power panel panel
- 50mm 50mm of the panel
- Wall bracket shall be fixed to panel within a 100mm wide central region of the panel
Timber or steel framing as per project specifications

75mm Hebel PowerPanelXL panel
10-20mm gap

Wall brackets each side of PowerPanelXL panel

Blocking 45mm thick between trusses as required

Mineral fibre or other fire-resisting material as per project specifications for fire and acoustic purposes (nominal density ≥ 60kg/m³)

Non combustable material such as fibre cement sheet

Bradford insulation as per project specifications

Note: "V" Gutters are considered non-compliant in various States and Territories around Australia. As such the designer must detail such gutters to ensure compliance with State and Territory plumbing regulations.
3.4 Junction Details for Intertenancy Discontinuous

**Detail 3.11 External Wall Junction for PowerPanelXL Intertenancy Discontinuous Wall Systems**

- Timber or steel framing as per project specifications
- Hebel PartyWall
- Optional insulation Hebel PowerPanelXL external wall system as per project specification
- Sarking as required
- Bradford insulation as per project specifications
- Gyprock plasterboard to system specification
- Wall Brackets
- 10-20mm gap
- Mineral fibre or other fire-resisting material as per project specifications for fire and acoustic purposes (nominal density ≥ 60kg/m³)

**Detail 3.12 External Wall Corner Junction for PowerPanelXL Intertenancy Discontinuous Wall Systems**

- Important: Provide a control joint at junction of the external wall and the Hebel PartyWall
- Sarking as required
- Hebel PowerPanelXL external wall as per project specification
- Bradford insulation as per project specifications
- 10-20mm gap
- Gyprock plasterboard to system specification
- Mineral fibre or other fire-resisting material as per project specifications for fire and acoustic purposes (nominal density ≥ 60kg/m³)
- Wall brackets
- Gyprock plasterboard to system specification
- Optional insulation

**Note:** Fixings not shown for clarity
 Timber or steel framing as per project specifications

Option 1: Backing rod and fire rated sealant

Option 2: IGS rod and flexible sealant

10-20mm gap

Flashing to building designers specifications

Gyprock plasterboard to system specification

Wall Brackets

UNIT 1

UNIT 2

Mineral fibre or other fire-resisting material as per project specifications for fire and acoustic purposes (nominal density ≥ 60kg/m³)

Optional insulation

IMPORTANT: Provide a control joint at junction of the external wall and the Hebel PartyWall

Blade wall constructed as per residential External Wall System.

Important:

Timber or steel framing as per project specifications

Flashing to building designers specifications

Option 1: Backing rod and fire rated sealant

Option 2: IBS rod and flexible sealant

 CSR Bradford Rockwool

75mm Hebel PowerPanel® panel

Internal lining

Detail 3.13 Blade Wall Junction Detail

Detail 3.14 Step in Roof Height
3.5 Construction for PowerPanel\textsuperscript{XL} Intertenancy Non-discontinuous Wall Systems

Overview of PowerPanel\textsuperscript{XL} Intertenancy Non-discontinuous Wall Systems
*Not suitable for steel frame construction. Not deemed discontinuous construction.

Detail 3.15 Typical Layout of PowerPanel\textsuperscript{XL} Intertenancy Non-discontinuous Walls Systems

- Services must run through wall frame and must not be fixed to the PowerPanel\textsuperscript{XL} panel.
- No penetrations permitted through the Hebel PowerPanel\textsuperscript{XL} panel.
- Hebel Adhesive at edge joints.
- Services may penetrate decorative wall without fire caulking (provided gap between service and lining does not exceed 6mm).
- For wet area lining use CSR Gyprock Aquachek plasterboard or CSR Cemintel fibre cement sheet.

Note: Detailing of elements, such as flashings, gutters, capping, roofing, etc. shown in this section are for indicative purposes only.
Top hat fixed to framing and PowerPanelXL panel (refer to fixing detail)

Top hats each side of PowerPanelXL panel

Mineral fibre or other fire-resisting material as per project specifications

600mm max. from top hat to joint in PowerPanelXL panel

Bradford insulation as per project specification

Fire rated backing rod and polyurethane fire and acoustic sealant to suit gap width one or both sides, as per project specifications

20-25mm gap on each side

Timber framing as per project specifications

75mm Hebel PowerPanelXL panel

Refer to base connection detail

Concrete slab

Bradford insulation as per project specification

3300mm max. panel height

3300mm max. panel height

1200mm max. from Top Hat to Top Hat

Mineral fibre or other fire-resisting material as per project specifications

600mm max. from top hat to joint in PowerPanelXL panel

Bradford insulation as per project specification

20-25mm gap on each side

Concrete slab

Bradford insulation as per project specification

3300mm max. panel height

3300mm max. panel height

12000mm max. panel height

Installation detail

Detail 3.16 Vertical Cross Section of PowerPanelXL Intertenancy Non-discontinuous Wall Systems

*Not suitable for steel frame construction. Not deemed discontinuous construction
3.6 Construction for PowerPanel\textsuperscript{XL} Intertenancy Non-discontinuous Wall Systems

*Not suitable for steel frame construction. Not deemed discontinuous construction

**Detail 3.17 Base Connection**
- Gyprock plasterboard to system specification
- Timber framing as per project specifications
- 20-25mm gap
- Insulation to system specification
- 75mm Hebel PowerPanel\textsuperscript{XL} panel

**Detail 3.18 Horizontal PowerPanel\textsuperscript{XL} Joint**
- Ableflex
- Backing rod and polyurethane fire and acoustic rated sealant* to one side (*rated to 90 mins)

**Detail 3.19 Top Hat and Panel Fixing**
- Top Hat fixed to panel with 14-10 x 85mm hex head Type 17 screws
- Top Hat fixed to timber frame with 12-11 x 35mm hex head Type 17 screws
75mm Hebel
PowerPanelXL
panel

Timber framing as per project specifications

Blocking 45mm thick between trusses as required

Mineral fibre or other fire-resisting material as per project specifications for fire and acoustic purposes (nominal density \( \geq 60\text{kg/m}^3 \))

Non-combustable material such as fibre cement sheet

Bradford insulation as per project specifications

20-25mm gap

Top Hats

Note: ‘V’ Gutters are considered non-compliant in various States and Territories. As such the designer must detail such gutters to ensure compliance with State and Territory plumbing regulations.

Detail 3.20 Roof Valley for PowerPanelXL Intertenancy Non-discontinuous Wall Systems

*Not suitable for steel frame construction. Not deemed discontinuous construction

Detail 3.21 Roof Parapet for PowerPanelXL Intertenancy Non-discontinuous Wall Systems

Bradford insulation as per project specification

Mineral fibre or other fire-resisting material as per project specifications for fire and acoustic purposes (nominal density \( \geq 60\text{kg/m}^3 \))

Top Hats

Max. 1200mm between Top Hats

600mm below Top Hats

Non-combustable material such as fibre cement sheet

Bradford insulation as per project specifications

75mm Hebel PowerPanelXL panel

20-25mm gap

Top Hats

Blocking 45mm thick between trusses as required

Bradford insulation as per project specification

Timber framing as per project specifications

Note: ‘V’ Gutters are considered non-compliant in various States and Territories. As such the designer must detail such gutters to ensure compliance with State and Territory plumbing regulations.

Detail 3.20 Roof Valley for PowerPanelXL Intertenancy Non-discontinuous Wall Systems

*Not suitable for steel frame construction. Not deemed discontinuous construction

Detail 3.21 Roof Parapet for PowerPanelXL Intertenancy Non-discontinuous Wall Systems

Bradford insulation as per project specification

Mineral fibre or other fire-resisting material as per project specifications for fire and acoustic purposes (nominal density \( \geq 60\text{kg/m}^3 \))

Top Hats

Max. 1200mm between Top Hats

Non-combustable material such as fibre cement sheet

Bradford insulation as per project specifications

75mm Hebel PowerPanelXL panel

20-25mm gap

Top Hats

Blocking 45mm thick between trusses as required

Bradford insulation as per project specification

Timber framing as per project specifications

Note: ‘V’ Gutters are considered non-compliant in various States and Territories. As such the designer must detail such gutters to ensure compliance with State and Territory plumbing regulations.

Detail 3.20 Roof Valley for PowerPanelXL Intertenancy Non-discontinuous Wall Systems

*Not suitable for steel frame construction. Not deemed discontinuous construction

Detail 3.21 Roof Parapet for PowerPanelXL Intertenancy Non-discontinuous Wall Systems

Bradford insulation as per project specification

Mineral fibre or other fire-resisting material as per project specifications for fire and acoustic purposes (nominal density \( \geq 60\text{kg/m}^3 \))

Top Hats

Max. 1200mm between Top Hats

Non-combustable material such as fibre cement sheet

Bradford insulation as per project specifications

75mm Hebel PowerPanelXL panel

20-25mm gap

Top Hats

Blocking 45mm thick between trusses as required

Bradford insulation as per project specification

Timber framing as per project specifications

Note: ‘V’ Gutters are considered non-compliant in various States and Territories. As such the designer must detail such gutters to ensure compliance with State and Territory plumbing regulations.

Detail 3.20 Roof Valley for PowerPanelXL Intertenancy Non-discontinuous Wall Systems

*Not suitable for steel frame construction. Not deemed discontinuous construction

Detail 3.21 Roof Parapet for PowerPanelXL Intertenancy Non-discontinuous Wall Systems

Bradford insulation as per project specification

Mineral fibre or other fire-resisting material as per project specifications for fire and acoustic purposes (nominal density \( \geq 60\text{kg/m}^3 \))

Top Hats

Max. 1200mm between Top Hats

Non-combustable material such as fibre cement sheet

Bradford insulation as per project specifications

75mm Hebel PowerPanelXL panel

20-25mm gap

Top Hats

Blocking 45mm thick between trusses as required

Bradford insulation as per project specification

Timber framing as per project specifications

Note: ‘V’ Gutters are considered non-compliant in various States and Territories. As such the designer must detail such gutters to ensure compliance with State and Territory plumbing regulations.
3.7 Junction Details for Intertenancy Non-discontinuous

Detail 3.22 External Wall Junction for PowerPanelXL Intertenancy Non-discontinuous Wall Systems

*Not suitable for steel frame construction. Not deemed discontinuous construction

UNIT 1
- Optional insulation
- Hebel PartyWall
- Timber framing as per project specifications
- Bradford insulation as per project specifications
- Gyprock plasterboard to system specification
- Hebel PowerPanelXL external wall system as per project specification

UNIT 2
- Optional insulation
- CSR Gyprock plasterboard to project specifications
- Hebel PowerPanelXL external wall system as per project specification
- Sarking as required

EXTERNAL
- Mineral fibre or other fire-resisting material as per project specifications for fire and acoustic purposes (nominal density \( \geq 60\text{kg/m}^3 \))
- IMPORTANT: Provide a control joint at junction of the external wall and Hebel PartyWall system

Detail 3.23 External Wall Corner Junction for PowerPanelXL Intertenancy Non-discontinuous Wall Systems

UNIT 1
- Mineral fibre or other fire-resisting material as per project specifications for fire and acoustic purposes (nominal density \( \geq 60\text{kg/m}^3 \))
- Optional insulation
- Gyprock plasterboard to system specification

UNIT 2
- Bradford insulation as per project specifications
- Gyprock plasterboard to system specification
- Hebel PartyWall
- Top Hats

EXTERNAL
- Hebel PowerPanelXL external wall system as per project specification
- Sarking as required
- IMPORTANT: Provide a control joint at junction of the external wall and Hebel PartyWall

NOTE: Fixings not shown for clarity
4.1 Delivery and storage

Unloading Panel Packs
Panel packs shall be unloaded and moved with only approved lifting devices. Before use, the lifting devices should be checked for the required lifting tags. Packs should be unloaded as close as possible to the intended installation area. This will increase work efficiency and minimise the need for secondary lifting.

NOTE: Secondary handling increases the risk of panel damage. The repair of damage sustained during lifting and moving is the responsibility of the lifter. Where such damage is excessive, PowerPanelXL panels must be replaced.

Storage
All materials must be kept dry and preferably stored undercover. Care should be taken to avoid sagging or damage to ends, edges and surfaces.

All Hebel products must be stacked on edge and properly supported off the ground, on a level platform. Panel bundles can be stacked two high. The project engineer should be consulted as to the adequacy of the structure to support the stacked bundles.

If outside, Hebel panels must be stored off the ground and protected from the weather. Only single bundles positioned on the ground can be opened. To provide a level surface, we recommend placing temporary joists beneath the supporting cleats.

Unstrapping Packs
Ensure appropriate bracing is installed to packs prior to removal of strapping to prevent panels from falling. Panels can be held together with sash clamps, ratchet, straps or Hebel stabilising bars.

![Fig. 4.1 Stacking Packs of Hebel PowerPanelXL](image)
4.2 Hebel Hoist

Hebel has developed an innovative hoisting solution that now makes it easy to install boundary walls and vastly improves the efficiency of installing intertenancy walls in areas with limited access.

This revolutionary lifting device attaches directly to the frame and features a rail and hoist which allows panels to be safely lifted, transported and placed precisely from above before being fixed from the inside of the building.

Suitable for steel or timber frames up to three storeys high, the Hebel Hoist allows builders to streamline their workflow by erecting all the frames first before installing the external panels. It also has the potential to allow builders to increase the footprint of their buildings by moving external walls right up to the boundary.

The Hebel Hoist is only available through trained and accredited Hebel installers. Please contact your local Hebel sales representative or the Hebel customer service centre to discuss the opportunity to improve your efficiency and profitability using Hebel Hoist.

**Mechanically Assisted Handling**

Moving and handling Hebel panels should be done as much as possible using mechanical aids such as forklifts, cranes and special panels lifting trolleys. Guidelines for handling Hebel PowerPanelXL using the PowerPanelXL Trolley or PowerPanelXL lifters are detailed in Technical Bulletin Hebel PowerPanelXL Handling & Installation Guidelines, NoHTB791.

**Health, Safety & Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)**

Hebel products are cement-based, which may irritate the skin, resulting in itching and occasionally a red rash. The wearing of gloves and suitable clothing to reduce abrasion and irritation of the skin is recommended when handling Hebel products. Approved respirators (AS/NZS1715 and AS/NZ1716) and eye protection (AS1336) should be worn at all times when cutting and chasing. Refer to the Hebel Material Safety Data Sheets. Refer to the back of this Design & Installation Guide for further information regarding health and safety.
4.3 Panel handling

**Manual Handling**

Hebel recommends using a trolley or other mechanical apparatus to move the panels around the work site. Manual handling where people physically move a panel, should be kept to a minimum, with the weight being supported by an individual kept as small as possible. Any concerns regarding the weight to be handled should be discussed with the panel installation contractor.

To minimise the possibility of manual handling injuries, Hebel suggests the following:

- Use mechanical aids, such as trolleys, forklifts, cranes and levers, or team lifting to move panels
- Keep the work place clean to reduce the risk of slips, trips and falls, which can cause injury
- Plan the sequence of installation to minimise panel movements and avoid awkward lifts
- Train employees in good lifting techniques to minimise the risk of injury

**Health, Safety & Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)**

Hebel AAC products are cement-based, which may irritate the skin, resulting in itching and occasionally a red rash. The wearing of gloves and suitable clothing to reduce abrasion and irritation of the skin is recommended when handling Hebel AAC and other concrete products. Approved respirators (AS/NZS1715 and AS/NZ1716) and eye protection (AS1336) should be worn at all times when cutting and chasing. Refer to the appropriate Hebel Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS). For further information, contact Hebel or visit the website: www.hebel.com.au

**Cutting**

The use of power tools when cutting concrete products may cause dust, which contains respirable crystalline silica, with the potential to cause bronchitis, silicosis and lung cancer after repeated and prolonged exposure. When using power or hand tools, on Hebel products, wear a P1 or P2 respirator and eye protection. When cutting, routing or chasing Hebel products with power tools, use dust extraction equipment and wear hearing protection. Refer to the appropriate Hebel MSDS. For further information, contact Hebel or visit the website: www.hebel.com.au

Reinforcement exposed during cutting is to be coated with a liberal application of Hebel Anti-Corrosion Protection Paint.

**Trolley Assisted Handling**

Hebel has developed a trolley to allow easier and safer handling of Hebel PowerPanelXL on-site (refer Image 4.3). There is a range of trolleys to suit panels from 1.2m to 3.9m in length.

Guidelines for handling Hebel PowerPanelXL using the Hebel PowerPanelXL Trolley or panel lifters are detailed in Technical Bulletin, Hebel PowerPanelXL Handling & Installation Guidelines.
4.4 Design, Detailing and Performance Responsibilities

Hebel engages independent acoustic testing laboratories to test and report on the performance of a wall in accordance with the relevant Australian Standards. Consultants use these reports as the basis for opinions (estimates of laboratory performance) they issue for variations or different arrangements to the tested system, and also to design and specify walls that meet appropriate criteria for a particular project. Using their experience, consultants will make judgements about on-site installed performance of various walls. The performance levels of walls documented in this Design Guide are either what is reported in a test or the documented opinion of an consultant.

Performance in projects is typically the responsibility of:

Project Consultants (Acoustic, Fire, Structural, etc.):
- Opinions on expected laboratory performance of wall configurations that vary from actual test configuration, such as substitution products and components.
- Judgements about expected field performance using laboratory test reports and practical experience.
- Design, specification and certification of acoustic, fire, structural and any other required performance for individual projects. This involves the design and selection of building elements, such as walls and floors and their integration in the building considering the following:
  - Interface of different building elements and to the structure/substrate
  - Wall and floor junctions
  - Penetrations
  - Flanking issues
  - Room/building geometry
  - Acoustic field testing

Project Certifier &/or Builder:
- Identifying the performance requirements for the project in accordance with the Building Code of Australia and clearly communicating this to relevant parties.
- Applicability of any performance requirements supplied by Hebel including tests and opinions for the project.
- The project consultant’s responsibilities detailed above if one is not engaged in the project.

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Appendix A

A1 – Hebel PowerPanelXL

Material Properties

Manufacturing Tolerances

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Hebel PowerPanelXL Physical Properties

1) Hebel PowerPanelXL profile and nominal dimensions are shown in Table 1.6.
2) Panel reinforcement is a single layer of steel mesh with 4 longitudinal wires of 4mm diameter.
3) Nominal dry density of AAC = 400 kg/m³.
4) Average working density of AAC = 580 kg/m³ at 45% moisture content.
5) Average service life density of AAC = 440 kg/m³ at 10% moisture content.

PowerPanelXL Strength Properties

1) Characteristic Compressive Strength of AAC, f’m = 2.38 MPa.
2) Average Compressive Strength of AAC = 2.8 MPa.
3) Characteristic Modulus of Rupture, f’ut = 0.40 MPa

PowerPanelXL Acoustic Properties

1) Panel only with no plasterboard or other lining Rw = 34dB, R_w+C_n = 30dB (refer to Acoustic Logic Test Report Ref: 2010861.15/2602A/R2/GW).

PowerPanelXL Thermal Properties

1) R-Value of PowerPanelXL with no plasterboard or other lining = 0.52 m².K/W (8.15% moisture content).

Fire Hazard Indices

Hebel AAC products have the following early fire hazard indices, determined in accordance with AS1530.3:1990:

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Fire Resistance Level (FRL)

For fire performance characteristics of PowerPanelXL low rise Intertenancy Wall Systems, refer to Section 2.3 and pages 7 and 8 of this publication.

A2 Assessment Methods

Test Reports

Assessment reports on PowerPanelXL Intertenancy Discontinuous and Non-discontinuous Wall Systems have been prepared in accordance with relevant Australian Standards.

Fire assessments have been issued by Exova Warringtonfire Research (Aust) Pty Ltd.

Assessments and opinions quoted in this design guide are available on request from Hebel.

Sound Insulation Estimates

Acoustic consultants often use computer models to determine sound transmission estimates for specific wall system configurations. These are known as ‘Acoustic Assessments’ or ‘Acoustic Opinions’. The computer model predicts the Rw performance expected from a laboratory test on the system. Acoustic opinions have been issued by PKA Acoustic Consulting Pty Ltd. All acoustic opinions quoted in this design guide are available on request from Hebel.
Appendix B

B1 Architectural Specification

This specification should be adopted as a guide only, and shall be superseded by the contract specifications of the project.

* Insert or select appropriate specifications.

Scope

The contractor shall furnish all material and equipment required to satisfactorily complete the installation and jointing of the specified PowerPanelXL Intertenancy Wall Systems where indicated in the contract specification and/or on the layout drawings.

Materials

All AAC material shall be Hebel PowerPanelXL as manufactured by Hebel.

All accompanying fixings shall be as per the current Hebel Low Rise Multi-Residential Intertenancy Walls Design & Installation Guide and/or the appropriate project consultant’s specifications.

All lining materials shall be Gyprock™ plasterboard or Cemintel Fibre Cement sheet as manufactured and supplied by Building Products (or products of equivalent or better performance).

All infill material shall be Bradford™ infill as manufactured and/or supplied by Bradford (or products of equivalent or better performance).

Wall System

The contractor shall supply and install *PowerPanelXL Intertenancy Discontinuous Wall Systems, Option ……… or *PowerPanelXL Intertenancy Non-discontinuous Wall Systems, Option ……… in accordance with the current Low Rise Intertenancy Design & Installation Guide HEB1288, and shall satisfy the following performance criteria.

The wall shall have a Fire Resistance Level *FRL ………/……/…… in accordance with the requirements of AS1530.4.

Installation shall be carried out to the level specified for a field acoustic performance of *DntwR",w ………….. using cavity infill of *Bradford……………… (or products of equivalent or better performance).

Lining Boards

The stud frame on each side or the Intertenancy shall be lined with one layer of *……………mm Gyprock™ *……………… plasterboard, or one layer of *……………mm Cemintel™ *……………… fibre cement sheet.

All layers shall be fixed and caulked as specified for the relevant system in the Gyprock™ Plasterboard Installation Manual, GYP547 other relevant technical literature, and Rondo Building Services literature or appropriate steel frame manufacturer’s literature.

Plasterboard Levels of Finish

All framing, plasterboard lining, jointing and finishing shall be carried out to *Level ………Level of Finish, in accordance with Gyprock™ Plasterboard Installation Manual, GYP547 and/or AS/NZS2889.1 ‘Gypsum Linings in Residential and Light Commercial Construction – Application and Finishing’.

Caulking

Provide a * one or two sealant system in accordance with the sealant manufacturer’s requirements. The sealant system shall be the polyurethane type and shall meet or exceed the fire resistance level (FRL) rating of the PowerPanelXL Intertenancy Wall Systems in which it is used.

In fire rated systems where caulking is indicated, use *……………… polyurethane fire and acoustic rated sealant with non fire-rated backing rod, installed in accordance with the manufacturer’s recommendations or use *……………… polyurethane fire and acoustic rated sealant with fire-rated backing rod installed in accordance with the manufacturer’s recommendations.

In non fire-rated or fire-rated wet areas where caulking is indicated, use fire rated *……………… polyurethane fire and acoustic rated sealant installed in accordance with the manufacturer’s recommendations.

Important

Any variation or substitution of materials or assembly requirements, or compromise in assembly may result in failure under critical conditions.

NOTE: This information can be downloaded from the Hebel Website: www.hebel.com.au
### Appendix C

**PowerPanelXL System Descriptions**

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