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- 1) General: Scope, References, Warranty, etc.
- 2) Quality: Submissions, Inspections, Samples, etc.
- 3) Design and Performance: Such as Design requirements. Fire requirements
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- The single file format can be easily explored using the Ctl-F search function on any keyword or phrase.
- The multi-file format is useful for distribution by a contractor to subbies or for uploading to a portal such as Aconex.

Each trade specification is a separate controllable document, each with a revision block and history – just like a drawing sheet.

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SPECIFICATION
Project No: 170717
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Sample Project, 99 Project Road, Project Town STATE 8080
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We refer to each trade specification as a separate "Specification", and the collection as a Set. This is comparable to references to a "drawing" and to a "set of drawings".

3.4 MASONRY UNITS IN RATED CONSTRUCTION

Requirement

Application: This applies to the selection of masonry units for use in construction with a performance rating, including:

- Fire rating
- Sound rating
- Deemed to comply performance under the NCC/BCA.

Construction: The construction relied on for the performance may be composite construction – in combination with other materials (e.g plasterboard) – or may be the masonry only (e.g. single skin wall).

Sourcing requirement: The masonry units that are sourced and used in the construction must be consistent with the units that:

- were used for any Testing that indicated that the construction achieves the required performance, or any Expert Opinions that rely on that Testing;
- are intended in the applicable "deemed to comply" requirements of the NCC/BCA.

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