Dear Colleague,

Thank you for subscribing to receive updates to the Part E Robust Details Handbook.

The most significant amendment is to the Besblock wall, E-WM-26, which can now accept blown mineral fibres as the cavity insulation. This wall, constructed using the proprietary Besblock ‘Star Performer’ dense aggregate cellular blocks, is the only separating wall to allow generic blown insulation (max 25 kg/m³) without the need for an internal render (parge coat). The wall was previously specified with only built-in mineral wool. The Code credits have also changed, so please refer to the table on our website.

Knauf’s E-WM-28 wall only uses blown mineral fibres; and also has no parge coat. The difference is that although a specific insulation (Knauf Supafil® Party Wall) must be installed, the blocks used in the wall are generic. In this update, the wording used in the E-WM-28 Robust Detail has been amended to emphasise the use of blown fill.

Please update your July 2015, 4th Edition Handbook as follows:

1. Remove and replace all pages of the masonry separating wall E-WM-26.
2. Remove and replace all pages of the masonry separating wall E-WM-28.
3. Remove and replace just the second leaf (pages 3 & 4) of the timber separating floor E-FT-3.
4. Remove and replace all pages of the steel separating floor E-FS-2.

Yours sincerely

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Managing Director, 
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Separating Wall – Cavity Masonry

**Block**
- Only Besblock “Star Performer” 5-bridge cellular block (4-core, concrete density 1995 kg/m³, block density 1528 kg/m³, unit weight 14.5 kg)

**Wall ties**
- Approved Document E ‘Tie type A’ (see Appendix A)

**Block thickness**
- 100mm (min), each leaf

**Cavity width**
- 100mm (min)

**Wall finish**
- Gypsum based-board (nominal 10 kg/m²) mounted on dabs

**Insulation**
- 100mm mineral wool roll, quilt or batt with a density of 12-25 kg/m³ or blown mineral fibres with an installed density of max 25 kg/m³

**External (flanking) wall**
- Masonry (both leaves) with 50mm (min) cavity – clear, fully filled or partially filled with insulation

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**DO**

- Place blocks with cellular holes open to lower mortar bed
- Keep cavity insulation and wall ties free from mortar droppings and debris
- Fully fill all blockwork joints with mortar
- Make sure there is no connection between the two leaves except for wall ties and foundation (and insulation)
- Ensure all insulation sections are tightly butted together and half cuts are made with a clean sharp knife, and are installed in accordance with the manufacturer’s instructions
- If using blown fibres, ensure all injection holes are drilled through mortar joints, and made good by fully filling with mortar
- Keep any chases for services to a minimum and fill well with mortar. Stagger chases on each side of the wall to avoid them being back to back
- Refer to Appendix A
Separating Wall – Cavity Masonry

1. External (flanking) wall junction

Masonry outer leaf
External wall cavity (min 50mm)
Close external wall cavity with a flexible cavity stop. (Optional if external wall cavity is fully filled with built in mineral wool insulation)

Inner leaf where there is no separating floor
e.g. for houses
• 100mm (min) concrete block (1350 kg/m³ to 1600 kg/m³) or aircrueba block (450 kg/m³ to 800 kg/m³) or Besblock “Star Performer” block
• internal finish – 13mm plaster or nominal 8 kg/m² gypsum-based board

Inner leaf where there is a separating floor
e.g. for flats/apartments
• if using robust® details for floor, refer to Table 3a in introduction to select an acceptable robust® details separating floor. Then refer to separating floor Robust Detail to identify acceptable inner leaf construction or use Besblock “Star Performer” block
• if using floor requiring pre-completion testing, seek specialist advice

Tooth or tie walls together

2. Staggered external (flanking) wall junction

Masonry outer leaf
External wall cavity (min 50mm)

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e.g. for houses
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Tooth or tie walls together

Close external wall cavity with a flexible cavity stop. (Optional if external wall cavity is fully filled with built in mineral wool insulation)
3. Internal floor junction: timber floor supported on joist hangers

- 100mm mineral wool roll, quilt or batt with a density of 12-25 kg/m³
- Floor to comply with Building Regulations Requirement E2
- Continuous horizontal ribbon of adhesive

4. Internal floor junction: timber floor joists built in, beam and block or precast concrete

- 100mm mineral wool roll, quilt or batt with a density of 12-25 kg/m³
- Floor to comply with Building Regulations Requirement E2
- Internal floors should not be continuous between dwellings
- Floor construction:
  - timber joists built in with:
    - all voids around the joists filled with mortar
    - the joint interface between the joist and the mortar sealed with flexible sealant (see Appendix A for full specification), or
  - beam and block floor with all voids filled with mortar, or
  - concrete planks with all voids between planks and blockwork filled with mortar or flexible sealant
- Continuous horizontal ribbon of adhesive
5. Separating floor junction

Separating floor junction must not be continuous between dwellings.

- 100mm mineral wool roll, quilt or batt with a density of 12-25 kg/m³
- 5mm (min) resilient flanking strip
- Concrete planks with all voids between planks and blockwork filled with mortar or flexible sealant

Continuous horizontal ribbon of adhesive

6. Ground floor junction: timber floor, beam and block, precast concrete plank, cast in-situ suspended concrete slab or ground bearing concrete slab

Ground floor construction:

- timber joists built in with:
  - all voids around the joists filled with mortar
  - the joint interface between the joist and the mortar sealed with flexible sealant (see Appendix A for full specification), or
- beam and block floor with all voids filled with mortar, or
- concrete planks with all voids between planks and blockwork filled with mortar or flexible sealant, or
- ground bearing slab

Cavity separating wall continuous to foundation, cavity fill may be provided below minimum clear cavity indicated. Continuous raft foundations between dwellings are not acceptable. Solid walls which support separating walls are only acceptable where each ground floor (not timber joists) is built into one side of the separating wall and breaks the vertical continuity of the wall and the minimum clear cavity indicated is maintained.
7. Roof junction – pitched roof without room-in-roof

- Junction between separating wall and roof filled with flexible closer
- Cavity masonry separating wall continuous to underside of roof. Alternatively use spandrel panel – see Appendix A
- External wall cavity closed at eaves level with a suitable flexible material (e.g. mineral wool). If a rigid material is used, then it should only be bonded to one leaf
- Continuous horizontal ribbon of adhesive
- 100mm (min) mineral wool insulation – 10 kg/m$^3$ (min)

8. Roof junction – pitched roof with room-in-roof

- Junction between separating wall and roof filled with flexible closer
- 100mm (min) mineral wool insulation minimum density 10 kg/m$^3$ or 60mm (min) foil faced PUR or PIR insulation, minimum density 30 kg/m$^3$ (See Appendix A)
- 2 layers of nominal 8 kg/m$^2$ gypsum-based board. Where used rigid insulation may be placed between and/or directly beneath rafters
- Continuous ribbon of adhesive
- Cavity masonry separating wall continuous to underside of roof covering
- External wall cavity closed at eaves level with a suitable flexible material (e.g. mineral wool). If a rigid material is used, then it should only be bonded to one leaf

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Separating Wall – Cavity Masonry

- Lightweight aggregate blocks
- Knauf Insulation Supafil® Party Wall blown glass mineral wool insulation
- Gypsum-based board (nominal 8 kg/m²) on dabs

**Block density** 1350 to 1600 kg/m³

**Wall ties** Approved Document E ‘Tie type A’ (see Appendix A)

**Cavity width** 100mm (min)

**Block thickness** 100mm (min), each leaf

**Wall finish** Gypsum-based board (nominal 8 kg/m²) mounted on dabs

**Insulation** Knauf Supafil® Party Wall blown glass mineral wool insulation

**External (flanking) wall** Masonry (both leaves) with 50mm (min) cavity – clear, fully filled or partially filled with insulation

**DO**

- Keep cavity and wall ties free from mortar droppings and debris
- Fully fill all blockwork joints with mortar
- Make sure there is no connection between the two leaves except for wall ties, insulation and foundation
- Ensure that only solid blocks (i.e. not hollow or cellular) are used in the construction of separating and flanking walls
- Supafil® Party Wall is only to be installed by contractors approved by Knauf Insulation; and must not exceed 25 kg/m³ density once installed
- Ensure all injection holes are drilled through mortar joints, and made good by fully filling with mortar
- Keep any chases for services to a minimum and fill well with mortar. Stagger chases on each side of the wall to avoid them being back to back
- Refer to Appendix A

**TECHNICAL DETAIL**

- 100mm (min)

- 50mm (min)

- Knauf Insulation Supafil® Party Wall

- Gypsum-based board (nominal 8 kg/m²) on dabs

- Approved Document E ‘Tie type A’ (see Appendix A)

- 1350 to 1600 kg/m³

- 100mm (min)

- Masonry (both leaves) with 50mm (min) cavity – clear, fully filled or partially filled with insulation
Separating Wall – Cavity Masonry

1. External (flanking) wall junction

- Masonry outer leaf
- External wall cavity (min 50mm)
- Close external wall cavity with a flexible cavity stop. (Optional if external wall cavity is fully filled with built in mineral wool insulation)
- Supafill® Party Wall
- Inner leaf where there is no separating floor e.g. for houses
  - 100mm (min) concrete block (1350 kg/m³ to 1600 kg/m³) or aircrete block (450 kg/m³ to 800 kg/m³)
  - Internal finish – 13mm plaster or nominal 8 kg/m² gypsum-based board
- Inner leaf where there is a separating floor e.g. for flats/apartments
  - if using robust® details for floor, refer to Table 3a in introduction to select an acceptable robust® details separating floor. Then refer to separating floor Robust Detail to identify acceptable inner leaf construction
  - if using floor requiring pre-completion testing, seek specialist advice
- Tooth or tie walls together

2. Staggered external (flanking) wall junction

- Masonry outer leaf
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- Supafill® Party Wall
- Tooth or tie walls together
- Close external wall cavity with a flexible cavity stop. (Optional if external wall cavity is fully filled with built in mineral wool insulation)
3. Internal floor junction: timber floor supported on joist hangers

Supafil® Party Wall

Floor to comply with Building Regulations Requirement E2

Continuous horizontal ribbon of adhesive

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100mm (min)

4. Internal floor junction: timber floor joists built in, beam and block or precast concrete

Supafil® Party Wall

Floor to comply with Building Regulations Requirement E2

Internal floors should not be continuous between dwellings

Floor construction:
- timber joists built in with:
  - all voids around the joists filled with mortar
  - the joint interface between the joist and the mortar sealed with flexible sealant (see Appendix A for full specification), or
- beam and block floor with all voids filled with mortar, or
- concrete planks with all voids between planks and blockwork filled with mortar or flexible sealant

Continuous horizontal ribbon of adhesive

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100mm (min)

Sketch shows timber joists built in
5. Separating floor junction

Supafil® Party Wall

Separating wall must not be continuous between storeys

5mm (min) resilient flanking strip

Concrete planks with all voids between planks and blockwork filled with mortar or flexible sealant

Separating floor must not be continuous between dwellings

Separating floor:
- if using robustdetails® for floor, refer to Table 3a in introduction and see separating floor Robust Detail for floating floor and ceiling options
- if using floor requiring pre-completion testing, seek specialist advice

Continuous horizontal ribbon of adhesive

Sketch shows E-FC-1 type separating floor, FFT1 type floating floor treatment and CT3 type ceiling

6. Ground floor junction: timber floor, beam and block, precast concrete plank, cast in-situ suspended concrete slab or ground bearing concrete slab

Supafil® Party Wall

Ground floor not continuous between dwellings

Ground floor construction:
- timber joists built in with:
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7. Roof junction – pitched roof without room-in-roof

Junction between separating wall and roof filled with flexible closer

Cavity masonry separating wall continuous to underside of roof. Alternatively use spandrel panel – see Appendix A

External wall cavity closed at eaves level with a suitable flexible material (e.g. mineral wool). If a rigid material is used, then it should only be bonded to one leaf

Continuous horizontal ribbon of adhesive

100mm (min) mineral wool insulation – 10 kg/m² (min)

Supafil® Party Wall

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8. Roof junction – pitched roof with room-in-roof

Junction between separating wall and roof filled with flexible closer

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Cavity masonry separating wall continuous to underside of roof covering

Supafil® Party Wall

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3. Separating wall junction (top chord supported)

If using robust details® for wall - refer to Table 3b in introduction to select an appropriate robust details® separating wall.

If using wall requiring pre-completion testing - seek specialist advice.

Two layers gypsum-based board total nominal mass per unit area 22 kg/m² both sides.

5mm (min) resilient flanking strip.

Softwood timber infill between supporting top chords/flanges of joists.

Joists may span in either direction.

Ring beams packed to stud width.

Close cavity with a cavity stop (see Appendix A).

Softwood timber nogging for resilient bar support (leave a small gap at end of resilient bar).

Seal all perimeter joints with tape or caulk with sealant.

4. Separating wall junction (fully built-in)

If using robust details® for wall - refer to Table 3b in introduction to select an appropriate robust details® separating wall.

If using wall requiring pre-completion testing - seek specialist advice.

Two layers gypsum-based board total nominal mass per unit area 22 kg/m² both sides.

5mm (min) resilient flanking strip.

Close spaces between floor joists with full depth timber blocking or continuous header joist where joists are at right angles to the wall.

Joists may span in either direction.

Close cavity with a cavity stop (see Appendix A).

Softwood timber nogging for resilient bar support (leave a small gap at end of resilient bar).

Seal all perimeter joints with tape or caulk with sealant.
5. Non loadbearing internal wall perpendicular to joists

- Seal all perimeter joints with tape or caulk with sealant
- Where required internal wall to comply with Building Regulations Requirement E2
- 5mm (min) resilient flanking strip
- Floating floor
- Metal web joist (see joist type, page 1)

*Note - non loadbearing partitions may also be taken directly off the floating floor treatment, check with manufacturer’s instructions for installation (see Appendix A)

6. Non loadbearing internal wall parallel to joists

- 5mm (min) resilient flanking strip
- Extra metal web joist (see joist type, page 1) under internal wall
- Floor decking
- Softwood timber noggings for resilient bar support (leave a small gap at end of resilient bar)
- Seal all perimeter joints with tape or caulk with sealant

*Note - non loadbearing partitions may also be taken directly off the floating floor treatment, check with manufacturer’s instructions for installation (see Appendix A)
Separating Floor – UltraBEAM Metal Joists

Hadley Group UltraBEAM Metal Joists

Use with lightweight metal frame walls only

Floating floor
See section 6 for suitable floating floor treatment

Floor decking
22mm thick (min) wood based board, density 600 kg/m³ (min)

Joists
225mm (min) deep UltraBEAM metal joists

Absorbent material
100mm (min) mineral wool quilt insulation (10–36 kg/m³) between joists

Ceiling
See section 5 for suitable ceiling treatment

DO

- Lay quilt (min 100mm thick) between all joists, including doubled up joists, ensuring no gaps remain
- Ensure floating floor treatment is suitable and is installed in accordance with the manufacturer’s instructions
- Ensure quilt is laid between and not under flooring battens
- Install flanking strips around the perimeter of the flooring board to isolate floor from walls and skirtings
- Ensure resilient ceiling bars are fixed at right angles to the joists
- Ensure ceiling treatment is fixed correctly (see page 4)
- Stagger joints in ceiling layers
- Refer to Appendix A
1. External (flanking) wall junction – masonry outer leaf

- Masonry outer leaf (min 100mm thick)
- 25mm (min) cavity
- 55mm (min) rigid insulation board
- Mineral wool insulation batts, 33-60 kg/m³, between studs to 600mm (min) above bottom rail of steel frame
- 5mm (min) resilient flanking strip installed at perimeter and turned under skirting board
- Joists may span in either direction
- Close cavity with a cavity stop (see Appendix A)
- Seal all perimeter joints with tape or caulk with sealant
- Mineral wool insulation batts, 33-60 kg/m³, between studs to 600mm (min) below ceiling level
- Two layers gypsum-based board fixed to external steel frame nominal 20 kg/m² combined

2. External (flanking) wall junction – timber cladding outer leaf

- 8mm (min) weatherboard
- 50x50mm timber battens
- 25x50mm timber counterbattens
- 55mm (min) rigid insulation board
- Mineral wool insulation batts, 33-60 kg/m³, between studs to 600mm (min) above bottom rail of steel frame
- 5mm (min) resilient flanking strip installed at perimeter and turned under skirting board
- Joists may span in either direction
- Close cavity with a cavity stop (see Appendix A)
- Seal all perimeter joints with tape or caulk with sealant
- Mineral wool insulation batts, 33-60 kg/m³, between studs to 600mm (min) below ceiling level
- Two layers gypsum-based board fixed to steel frame nominal 20 kg/m² combined, joints to be staggered and taped
3. Separating wall junction

If using robustdetails® for wall - refer to Table 3c in Introduction to select an appropriate robustdetails® separating wall

If using wall requiring pre-completion testing - seek specialist advice

Mineral wool insulation batts, 33-60 kg/m³, between studs to 600mm (min) above bottom rail of steel frame

Floating floor treatment (see section 6)

5mm (min) resilient flanking strips installed at perimeter and turned under skirting board

Flexible acoustic sealant below plasterboard

225mm (min) deep UltraBEAM metal joists with 22mm water resistant t&g floor decking

100mm mineral wool insulation quilt - 10-36 kg/m³ (min)

Ceiling treatment (see section 5)

Fixing angle

Resilient bar below joists at 450mm centres fixed through joist flange to manufacturer’s detail

Mineral wool insulation batts, 33-60 kg/m³, between studs to 600mm (min) below decking level

4. Internal wall junction

2 layers of gypsum-based board nominal 20 kg/m² combined, joints to be staggered and taped

5mm (min) resilient flanking strip

Lipped ‘Zed’ floor support by Hadley Group

Mineral wool insulation batts, 33-60 kg/m³, between studs to 600mm (min) below decking level
5. Ceiling treatment for E-FS-2

Metal floor ceiling treatment must be as shown below. All joints to outer layers of ceiling must be sealed with tape or caulked with sealant.

The maximum load on resilient bars should not exceed that specified in the manufacturer’s instructions.

Ensure ceiling layers have staggered joints.

Services must not puncture ceiling linings (except cables, which should be sealed around with flexible sealant).

### Downlighters and recessed lighting

Downlighters or recessed lighting may be installed in the ceiling:

- in accordance with the manufacturer’s instructions
- at no more than one light per 2m² of ceiling area in each room unless the use of a greater density of light fittings is supported by testing undertaken in accordance with Appendix F
- at centres not less than 0.75m
- into openings not exceeding 100mm diameter or 100x100mm

Particular attention should also be paid to Building Regulations Part B - Fire Safety

**Note:** Only downlighters which have been satisfactorily assessed in accordance with the procedure described in Appendix F "Determination of the acoustic performance of downlighters and recessed lighting in lightweight separating floors" are acceptable.

### Ceiling Treatment CT1

Two layers of gypsum-based board, composed of 19mm (nominal 13.5 kg/m²) fixed with 32mm screws, and 12.5mm (nominal 10 kg/m²) fixed with 42mm screws

### Ceiling Treatment CT2

Two layers of gypsum-based boards composed of 15mm (nominal 12.5 kg/m²) fixed with 25mm screws and second layer of 15mm gypsum-based board (nominal 12.5 kg/m²) fixed with 42mm screws

### Ceiling Treatment CT3

Two layers of gypsum-based board, composed of 10mm (nominal 12kg/m²) fixed with 30mm screws and second layer of 10mm (nominal 12kg/m²) fixed with 30mm screws
6. Floating floor treatment for E-FS-2

Floating floor treatment:
da) Must achieve a minimum laboratory performance of \( r_d \Delta R_w + C_r = 13 \text{dB} \) and \( r_d \Delta L_{lw} = 15 \text{dB} \) - see Appendix C.
b) Must be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.
c) Require 5mm (min) resilient flanking strips around the perimeter of the flooring board to isolate floor from walls and skirting.
d) For further guidance on floating floor treatments and flanking strips, please refer to Appendix A.

Note - void dimension indicated is when floor is loaded to 25 kg/m².

FFT1 – Resilient composite deep batten system

- 22 mm (min) t&g flooring board
- gypsum-based board nominal 13.5 kg/m²
- FFT1 resilient composite deep battens
- resilient layer must be continuous and pre-bonded to batten
- battens may have the resilient layer at the top or the bottom
- mineral wool quilt laid between battens
  - 13 mm (min) 33-36 kg/m³, or
  - 25 mm (min) 10-36 kg/m³
- ensure any services do not bridge the resilient layer

7. Services – pipes through separating floor

Service pipe
Mineral wool insulation batts, 33-60 kg/m³, between studs of steel frame
25mm mineral fibre quilt insulation (10-36kg/m³) installed around the complete perimeter of the service pipe. Where the service pipe penetrates the separating floor, all voids are to be packed with insulation quilt
5mm (min) resilient flanking strips installed at perimeter and turned under skirting board
Close cavity with a cavity stop (see Appendix A)
Proprietary fire collar fitted around pipe and fixed to underside of steel joists
2 layers of gypsum-based board nominal 20 kg/m² combined fixed to 45mm metal frame stud forming duct. Joints to be staggered and taped
Mineral wool insulation batts, 33-60 kg/m³, between studs to 600mm (min) below ceiling level
### CHECKLIST (to be completed by site manager/supervisor)

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Site:  
Plot:  
Site manager/supervisor:  

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**Notes** (include details of any corrective action)

Site manager/supervisor signature  

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