

AMBIONSE SAY

Special Spring 2005 Update

Fashion Critics Agree - Stripes are no Longer Slimming

The Ambionse block has undergone a radical transformation in line with international trends. The black stripes visible on the outer surfaces of the Ambionse block are a thing of the past. Now when you receive your load of Ambionse blocks, the outside of the blocks are totally white, with no interruptions.

These 'stripes' were flanges of the bridge holder moulded into the block at 150mm crs. The bridge holder flanges are still moulded into the block, but they have been embedded 10mm under the surface of the EPS.

Internal linings and exterior claddings are still attached to the wall in the usual manner, by

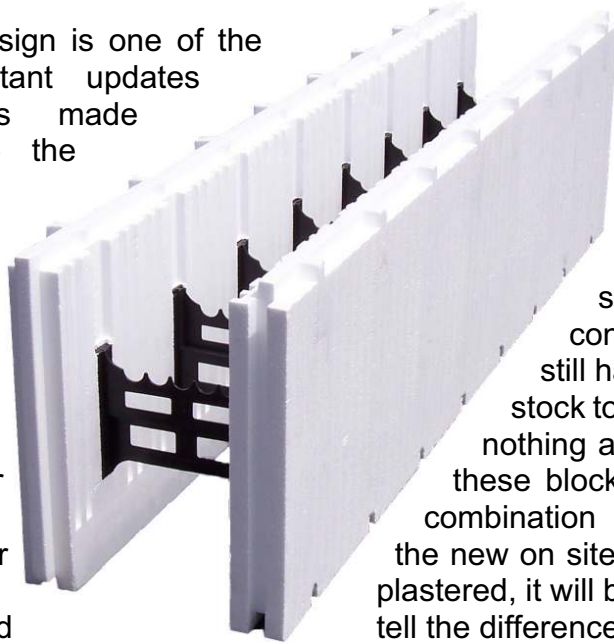
screw fixing through to the fixing strips. Markings on the EPS sides clearly identifies the location of these fixing strips, so there is no confusion.

This redesign is one of the ever-constant updates that has made Ambionse the leading ICF in New Zealand.

This change is not merely for cosmetic reasons or because we wanted

to make it different. As the manufacturers of most ICF products overseas have found, by placing the fixing strip under the surface, it simplifies the application of plaster coatings.

There may be a few of the old blocks arriving on site. Do not be concerned, as we still have a little bit of stock to move. There is nothing at all wrong with these blocks. If there is a combination of the old and the new on site, once they are plastered, it will be impossible to tell the difference.



Website Update

The Ambionse website is constantly being updated to reflect the new ICF information as it comes available. As each new piece of literature is published, it is added to the [Downloads Page](#). There are new instructions showing how to construct curved walls of any radius. The only tools needed are plastic zip-ties (cable ties).

Probably the most important information is the [Cost Comparisons](#) based on figures from the 2005 Rawlinsons Construction Handbook. Here is a selection of the figures for walls (from painted internal linings to painted exterior):

| Product | Average Cost (\$/m ²) |
|--|-----------------------------------|
| 190 Series Ambionse Plastered & lined | \$251.60 |
| 4.5mm Fibre Cement Sheet & Solid Plaster on Timber Frame | \$254.50 |
| 70mm Clay Bricks and Plaster on a Timber Frame | \$262.75 |
| Strapped & Lined 150mm Tilt Slab | \$302.92 |

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