

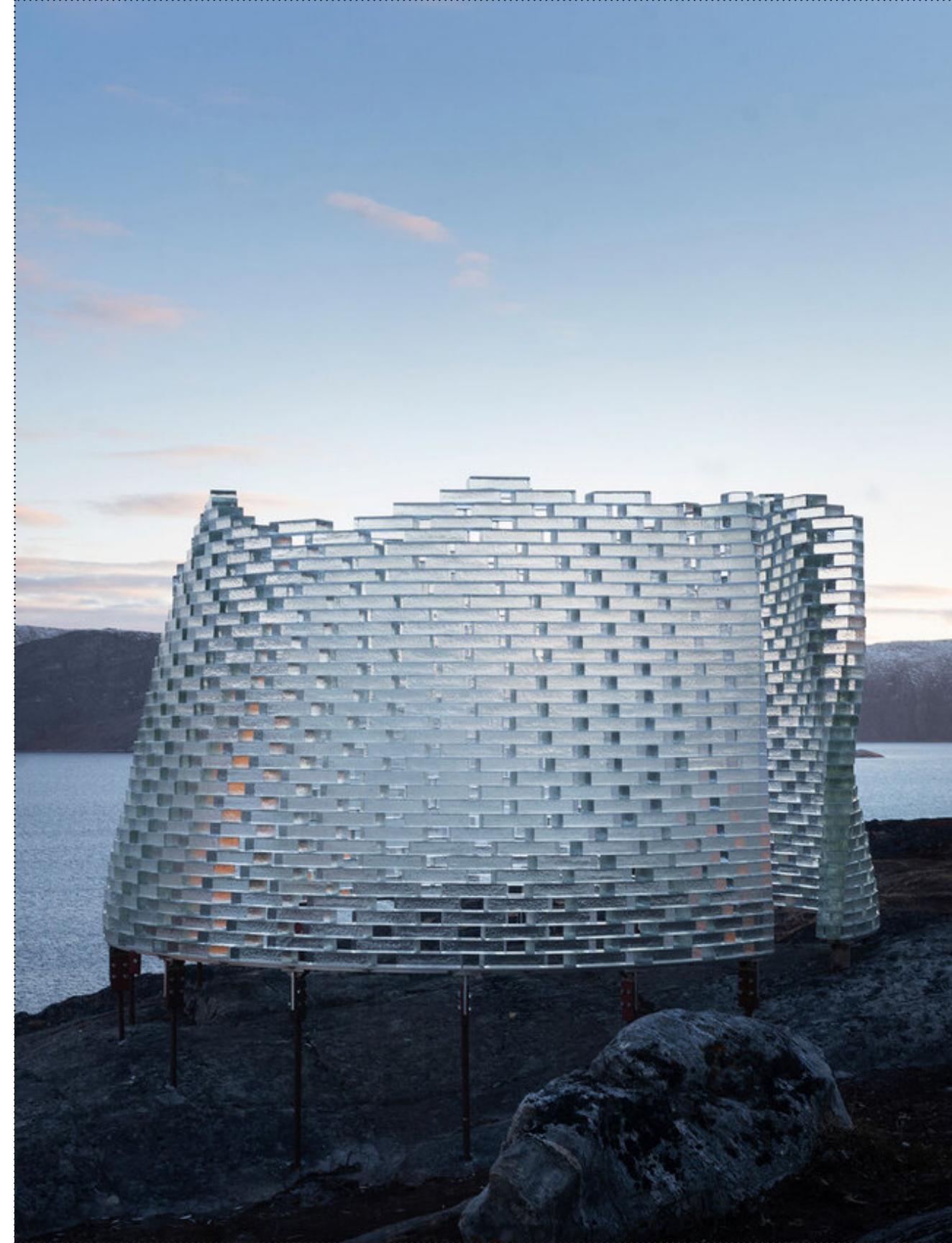
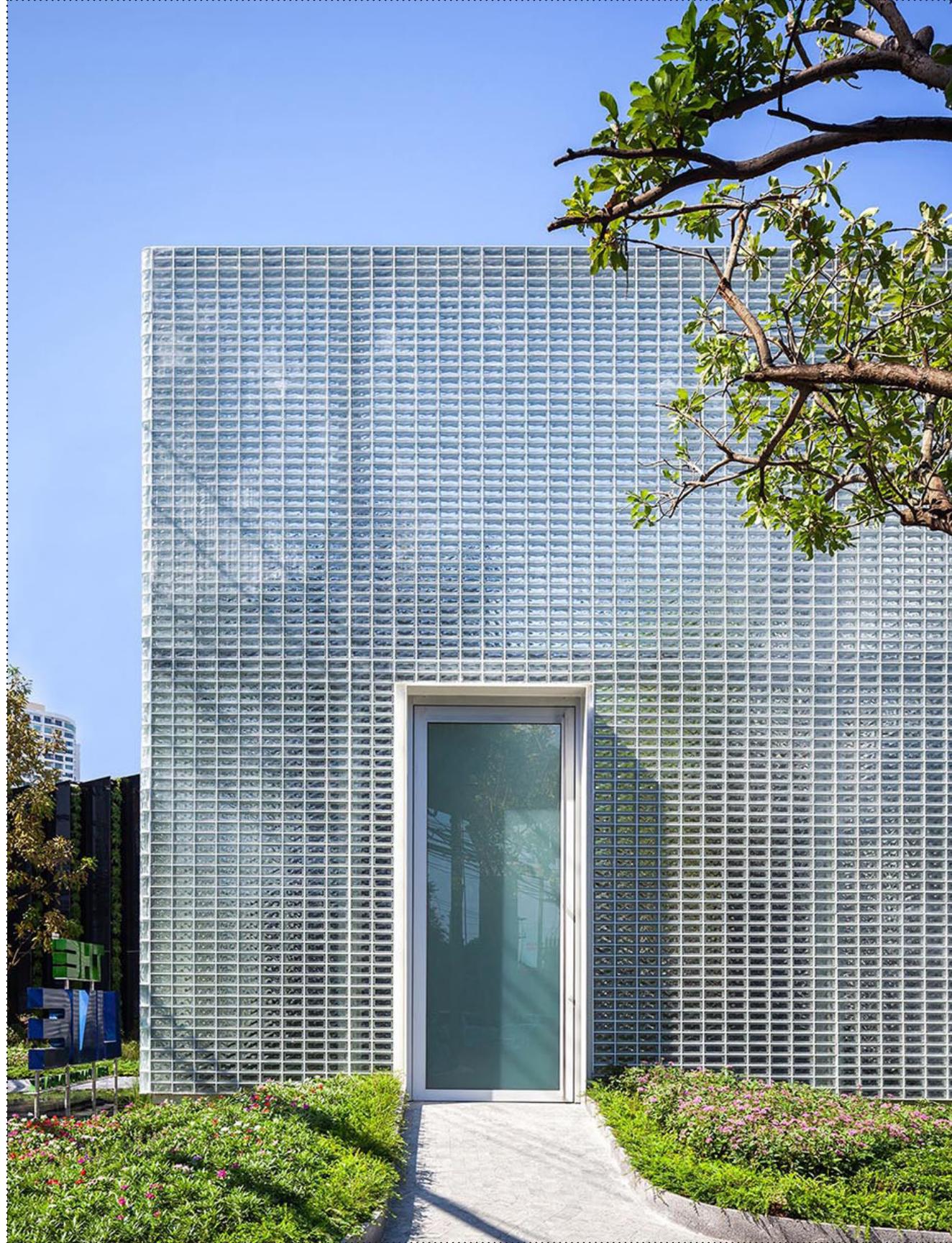
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[The Glass Fortress, Thailand. Archsmith Architects]

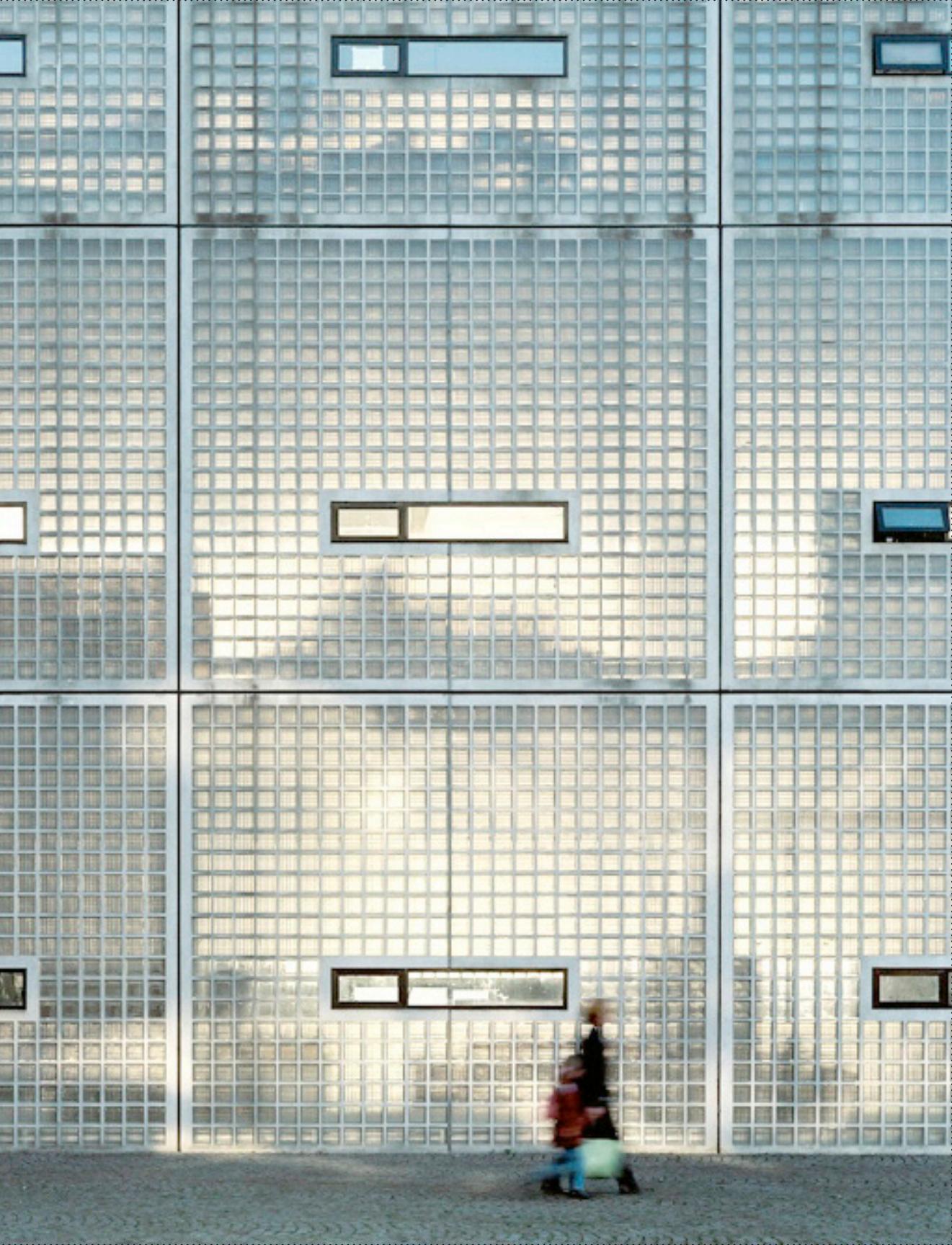


[Clear-1919_8-Samba. Seves Glass Block]

Hollow Glass Block



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Hollow Glass Block Characteristics



Thermal Performance

Sound Insulation



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Hollow Glass Block Characteristics



Thermal Performance

Sound Insulation

Non load-bearing

Compromised Transparency

Not replaceable

Not recyclable



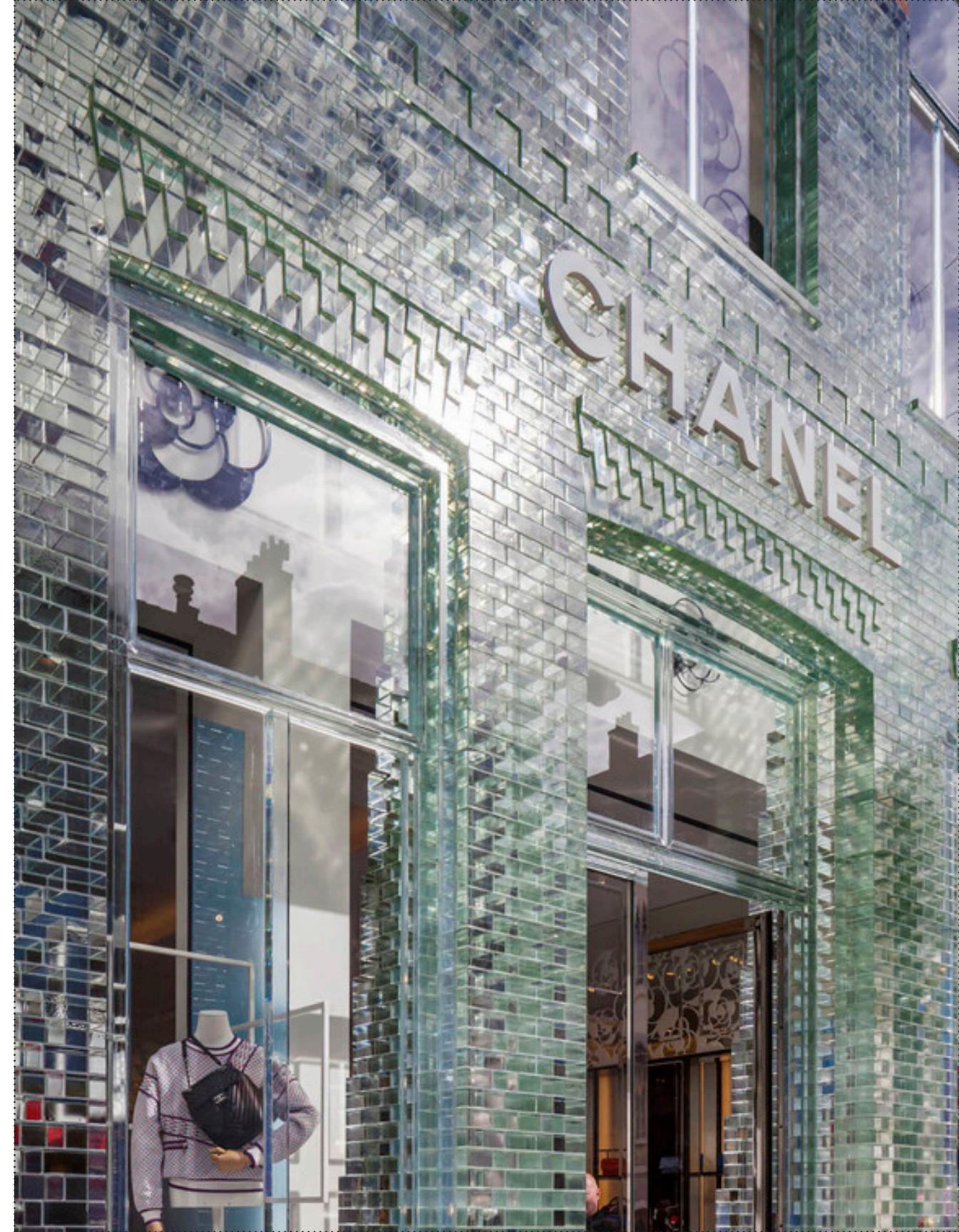
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[Poesia Arctic Crystal Natural. Absolute Brilliance Glass Blocks]

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Solid Glass Block



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[The Crystal House, Amsterdam. MVRDV]

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Solid Glass Block Characteristics



Load Bearing Capacity

High Transparency

Sound Insulation



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[The Crystal House, Amsterdam. MVRDV]

Solid Glass Block Characteristics



Load Bearing Capacity

High Transparency

Sound Insulation

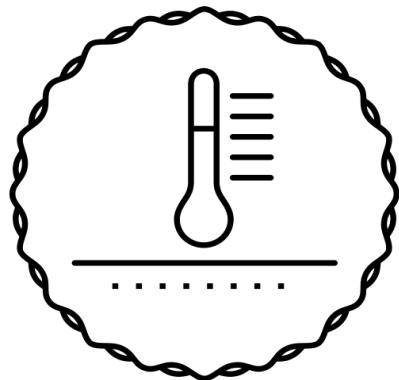
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[The Crystal House, Amsterdam. MVRDV]

Compromise

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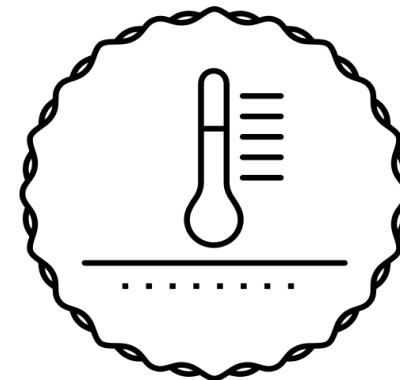
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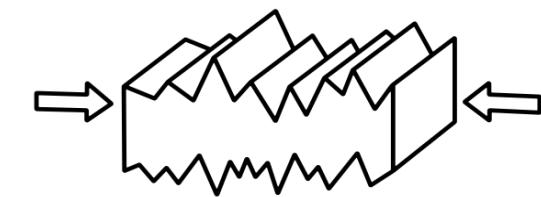
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Thermal Performance

or



Load Bearing Capacity

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Glass block with the characteristics of both ?

Hybrid Glass Block

Hybrid Glass Block

Combination of **hollow** and **solid glass blocks** designed as a **single product** with **good thermal performance** and **load-bearing capacity**

Existing Research

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- **Thermal Performance**
- **Structural Performance**

[Nathani. T, 2020 & Veden. M, 2019]

- **Design development**
- **Manufacturing process**
- **Assembly system**
- **Recyclability**

Product development of Hybrid Glass Blocks

Rethinking shape-manufacturing process-assembly system

Main Research Question

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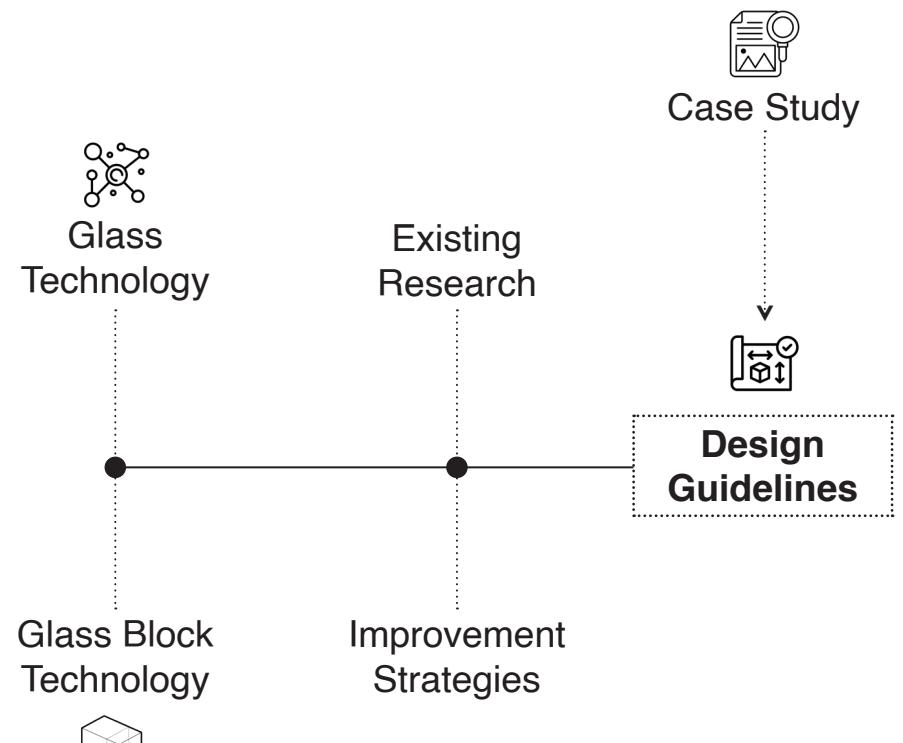
What are the main **design considerations** and **challenges** in **designing** and **manufacturing** a hybrid glass block system that exhibits good **thermal** and **structural performance**?

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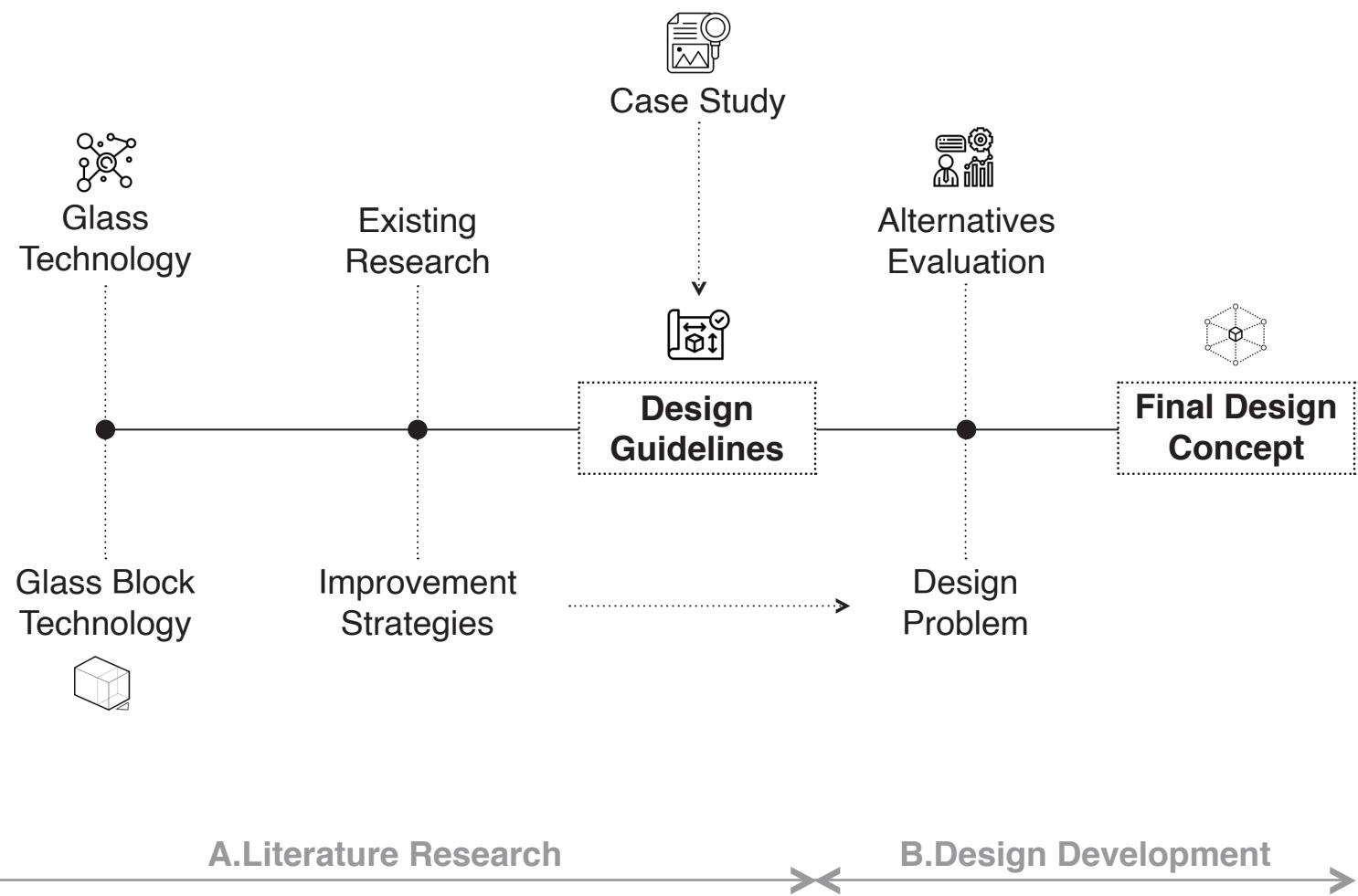
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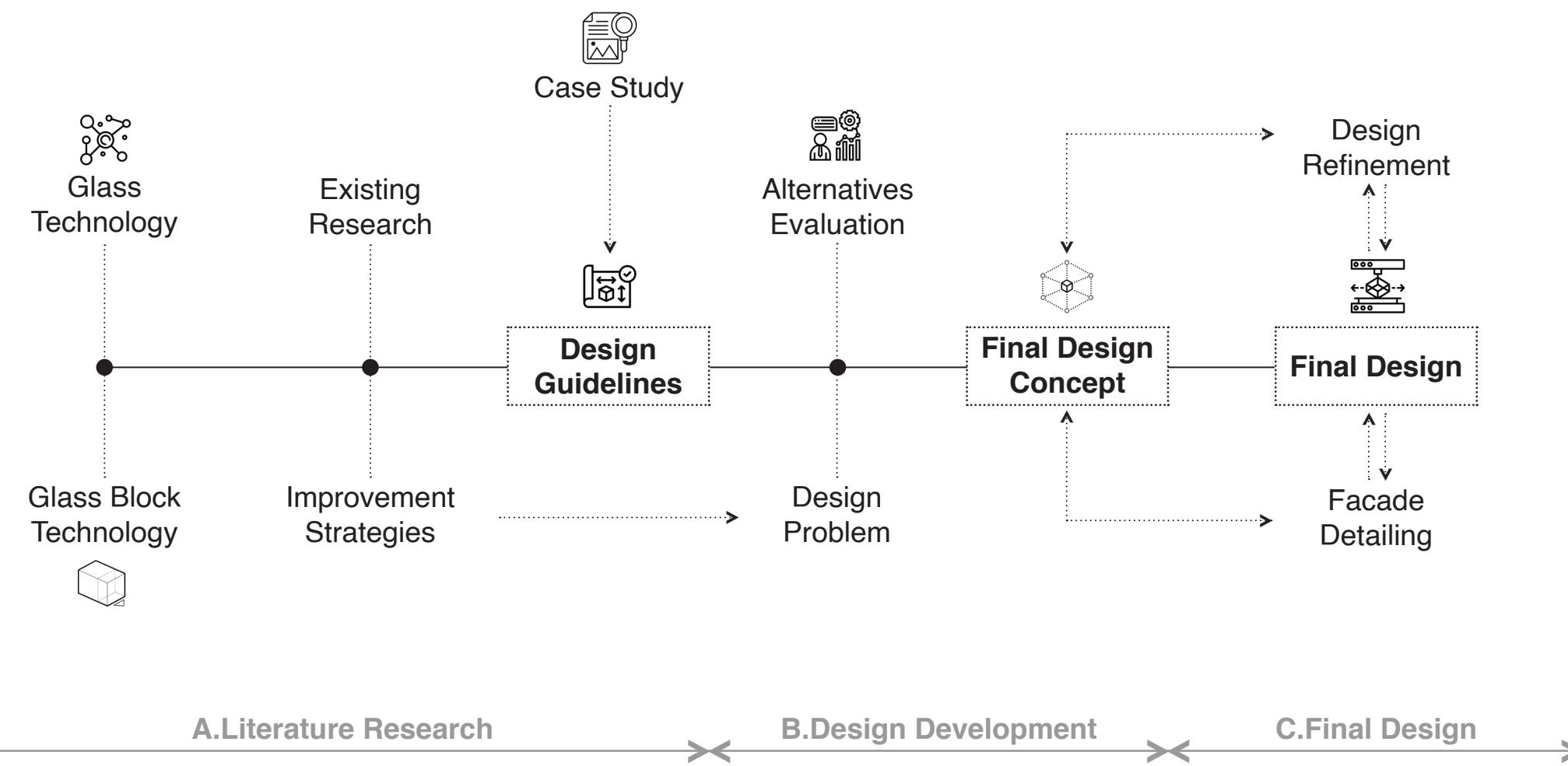
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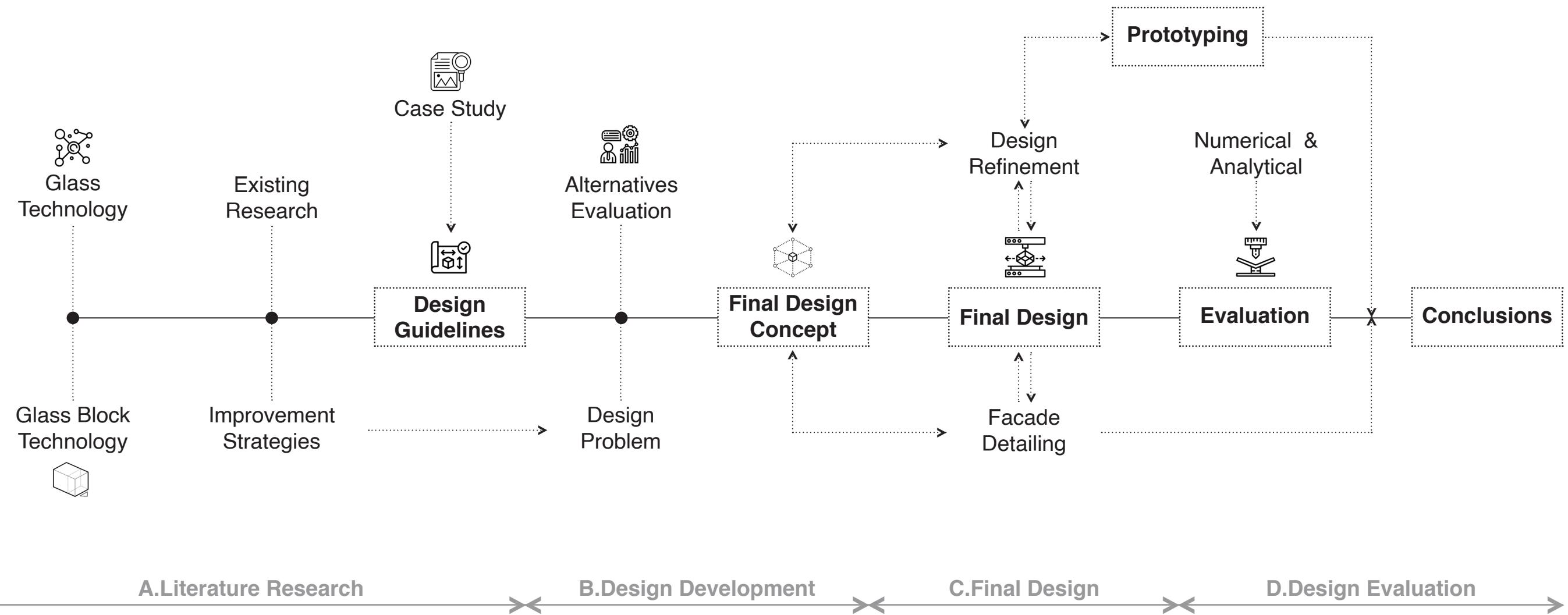


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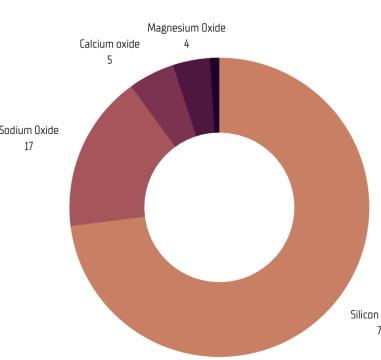


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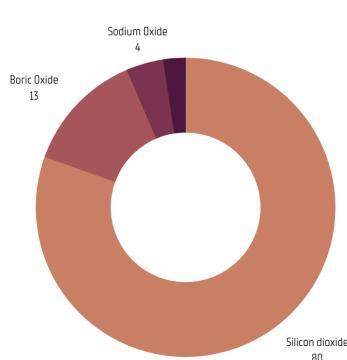
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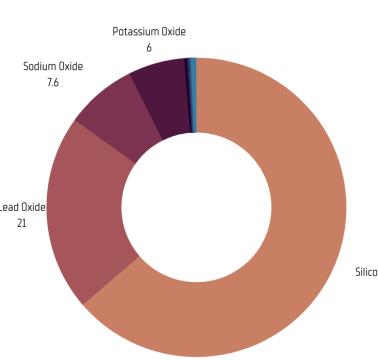
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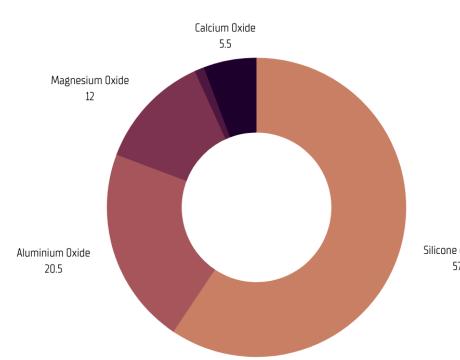
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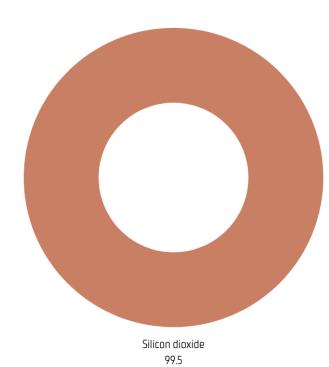
Borosilicate



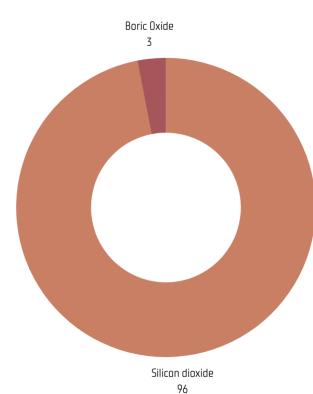
Lead Silicate



Aluminosilicate



Fused Silica



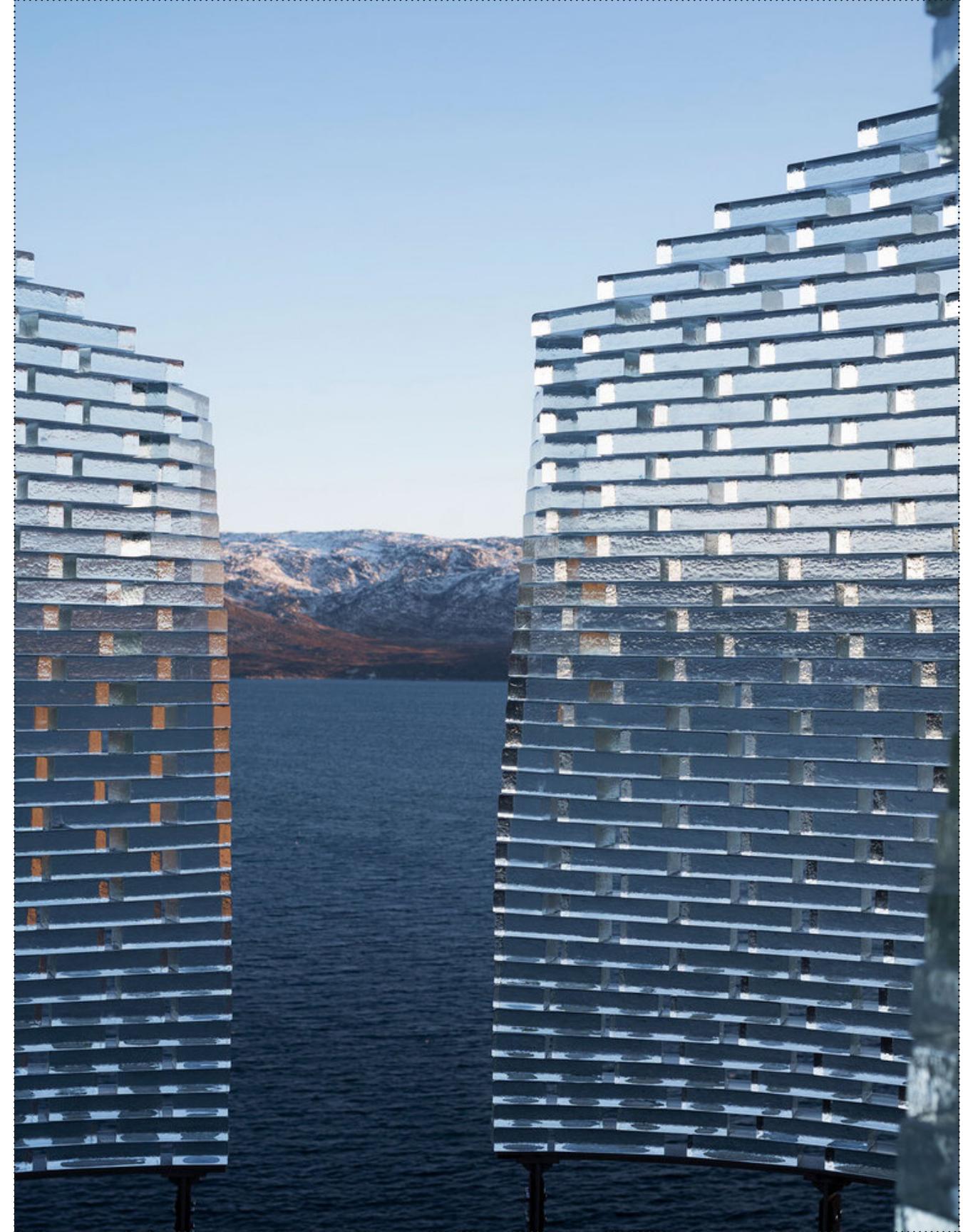
96% Silica

[Material Compositions & glass properties. Adapted Shand Armistead 1958]

Selected Glass Type

Borosilicate Glass

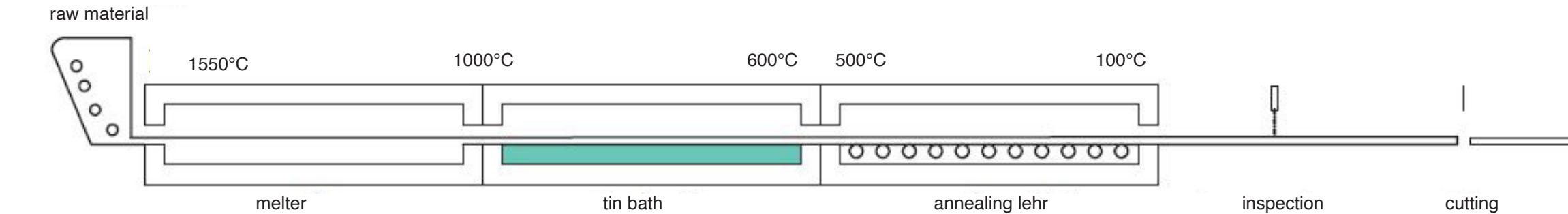
Low Thermal Expansion & annealing point, high thermal resistance, clear glass



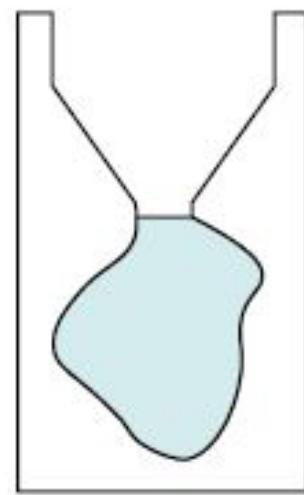
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[Qaamat Pavilion, Greenland. Konstantin Arkitekter]

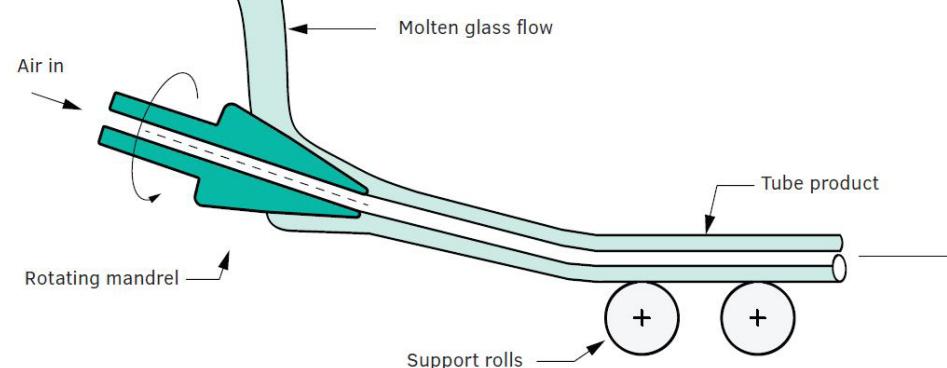
Manufacturing process



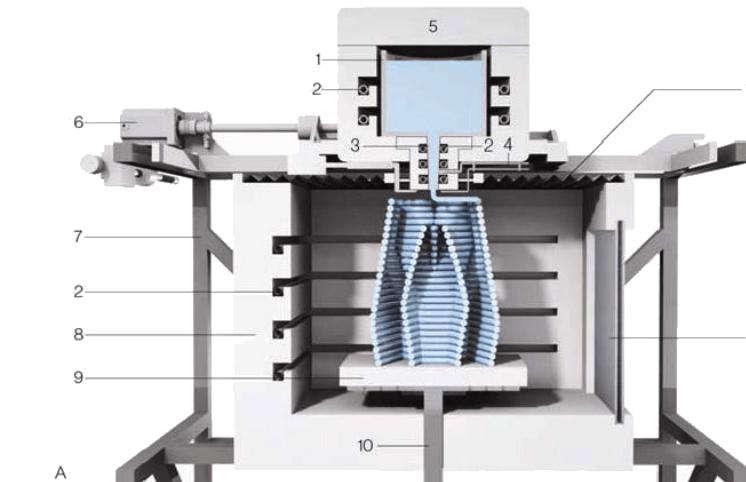
Float Method



Casting



Extruded Method



3D printing

Selected Manufacturing process

Casting

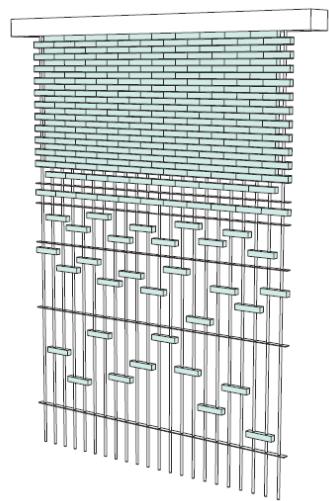
Smooth & transparent surface,
Freedom in shape & volume,
standard size - 20,000 [kgs]



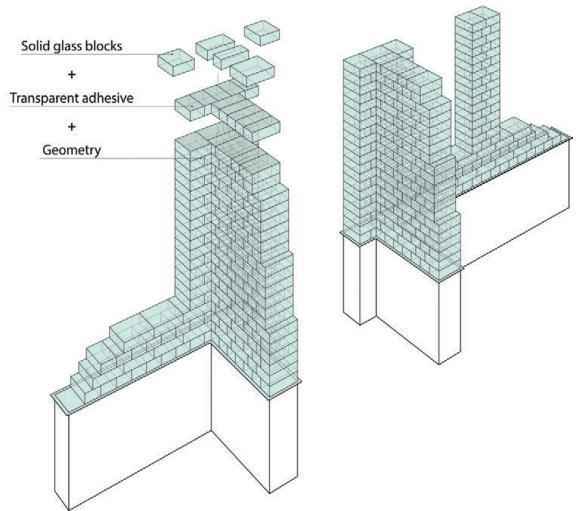
[Casting of Soda-lime glass blocks at Poesia factory in Italy. Oikonomopoulou, F]

Assembly System

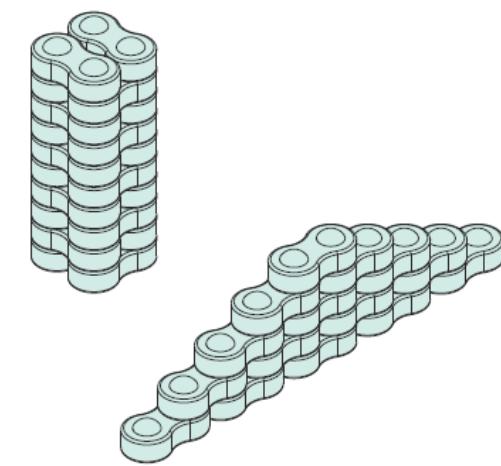
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Metal Substructure



Adhesive



Dry - Interlocking

[Glass block installation methods. Oikonomopoulou. F]

Selected Assembly System

Dry - Interlocking

With Interlayer, Ease in assembly
and disassembly, recyclable



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[Interlocking Cast glass components, Glass Transparency Group. Oikonomopoulou. F]

Selected Assembly System

Dry - Interlocking

With Interlayer, Ease in assembly
and disassembly, recyclable

Need for exploration



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[Interlocking Cast glass components, Glass Transparency Group. Oikonomopoulou. F]

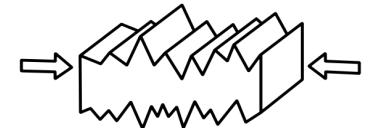
Research Findings

Material	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lower thermal exp. coeff.• High thermal resistance• High compressive & tensile strength• Lower annealing temp.• Resistance to thermal shocks• Resistance to chemicals
Production	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Freedom of shape & volume• Thickness limitation• Rounding the edges• High precision steel mould• Mass production• Less production energy & wastage• Good optical quality
Assembly	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dry stacked-Interlocking• Ease in assembly• Modular approach• Minimise site activities• Reversible Connections• Design for redundancy• Intermediate Interlayer• Design for disassembly
Application	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minimise energy use• Ease in maintenance• Provide possibilities to adapt• Ease in replaceability
End-of-life	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consider durable materials in relation to life-span & reuse• Design for disassembly on all levels• Maximise reusability & recyclability
Quality	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Production time in terms of standardisation• Integrate with building process• Development of scenarios for product use

Design Guidelines

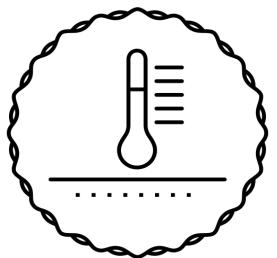
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Performance



15 - 25 [MPa]

Compressive Strength



1.6 - 2.2 [W/m²k]

Thermal Insulation

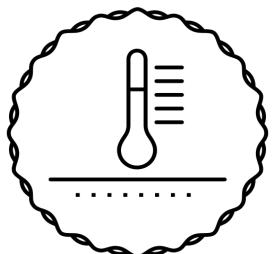
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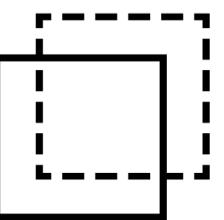


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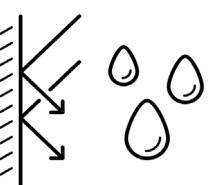
Visual + Safety



40 - 50 [dB]
Sound Insulation



70 - 80 [%]
Light Transmission



45 [min UL]
Durability

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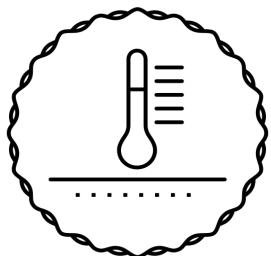
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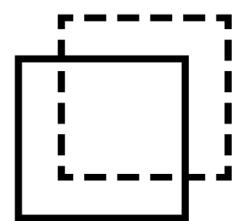


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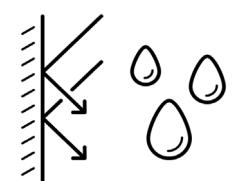
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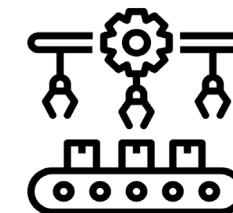


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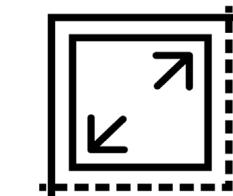


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Durability

Standardisation



min. no. process
Ease in Manufacturing



10 - 15 [kg], max. 100 [mm] thk
Size & Weight

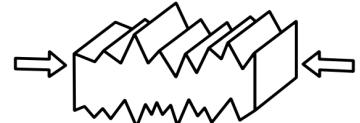
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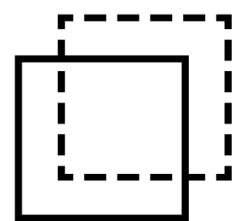


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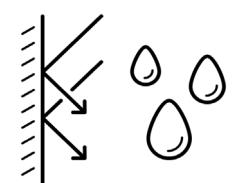
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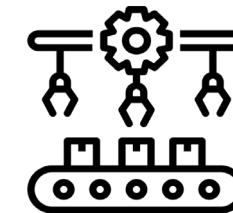


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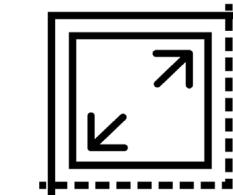


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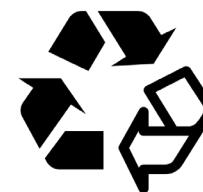


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Ease in Manufacturing



10 - 15 [kg], max. 100 [mm] thk
Size & Weight

Sustainability



Reversible + Reusable
Recyclability

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Design Development

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Design Implementation

Academy of Arts, Maastricht



[Academy of Arts, Maastricht. Wiel Arets Architects]

Design Implementation

Academy of Arts, Maastricht

- Maximise Transparency
- Ease of Assembly
- Design for Disassembly
- Recyclability

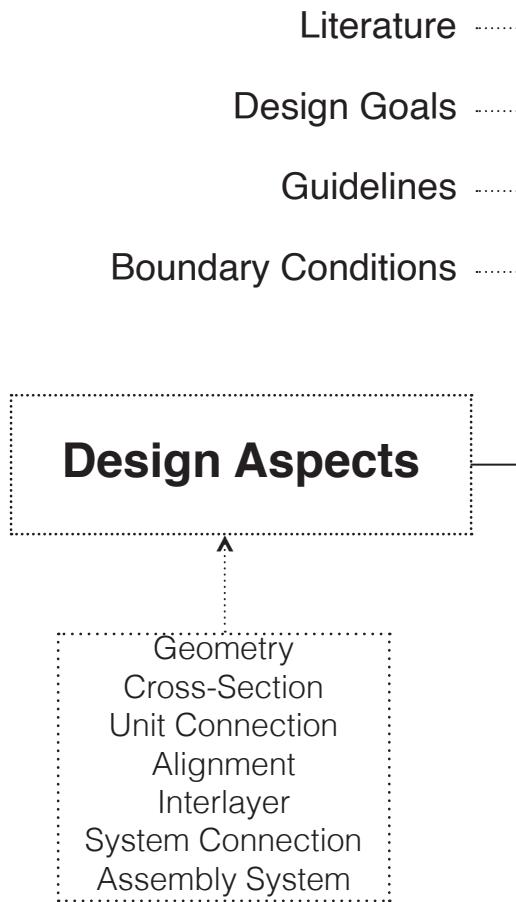


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To develop a **hybrid glass block system** with good **thermal** and **structural** performance, efficient manufacturing process, ease in assembly-disassembly, recyclability and visual aesthetics.

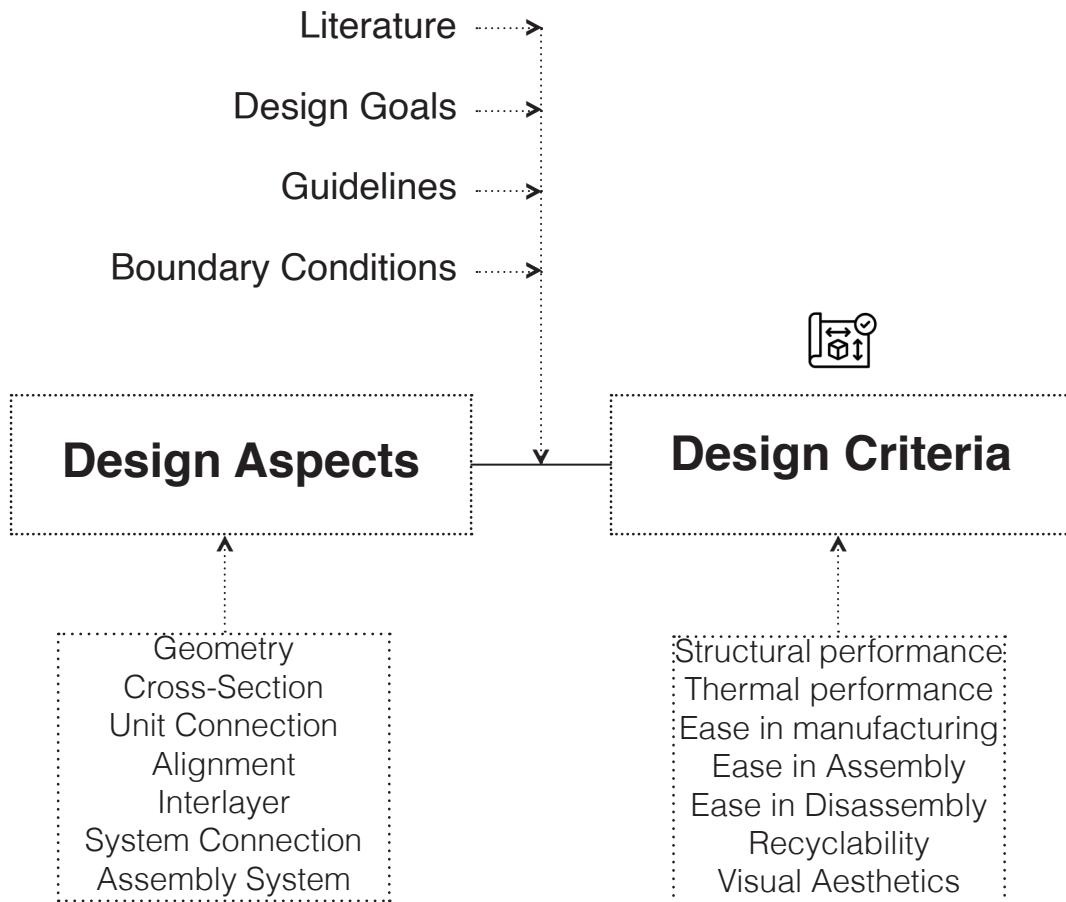
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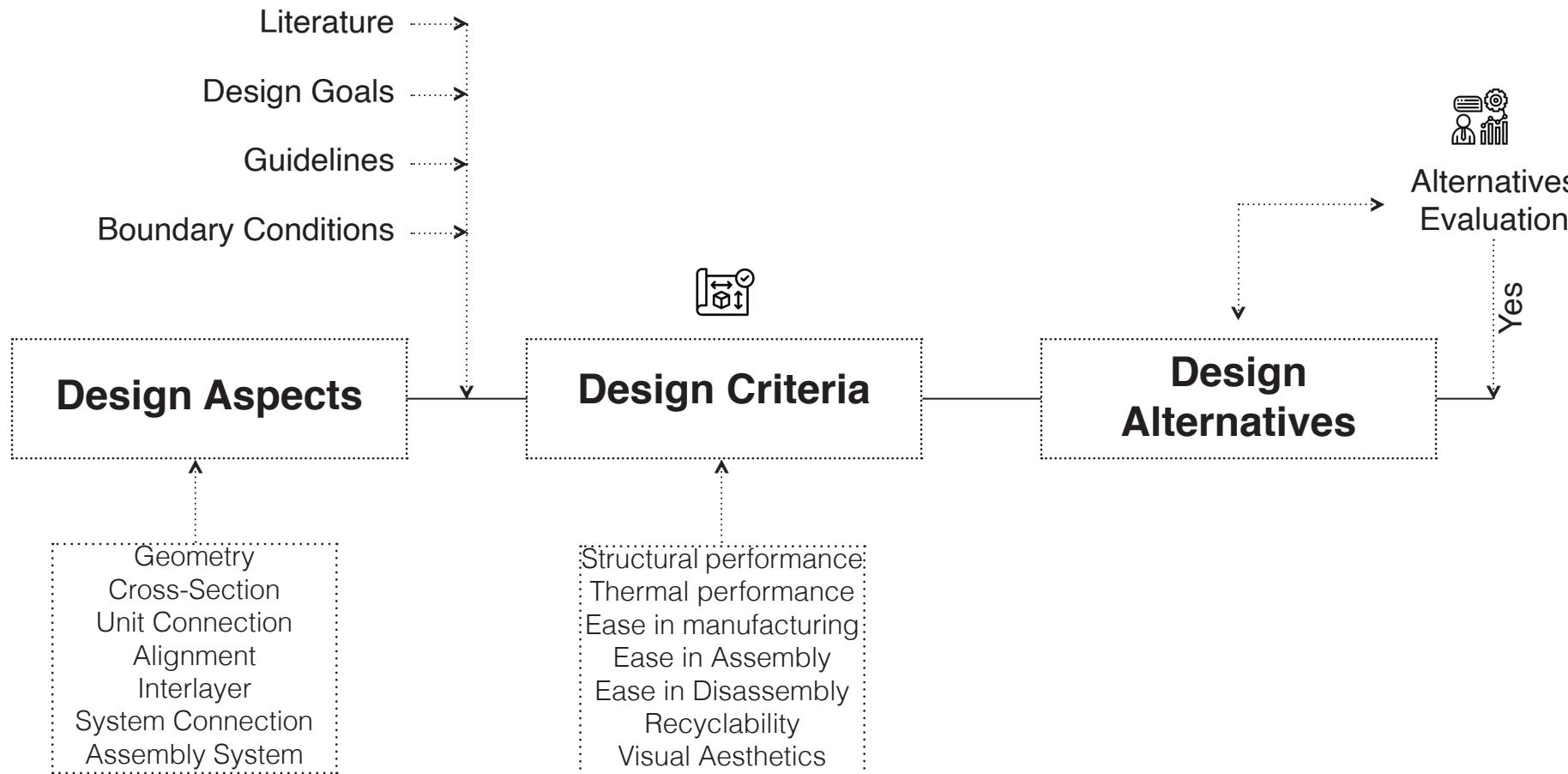
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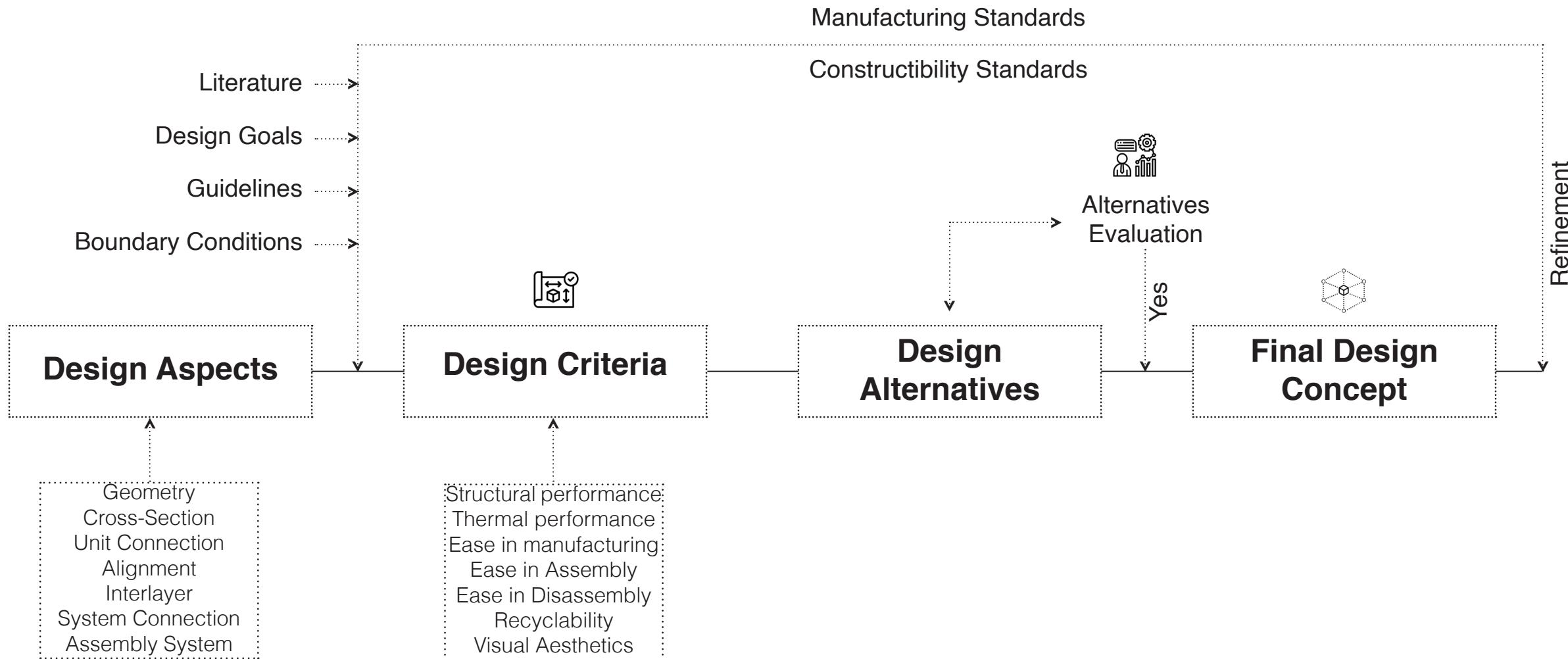


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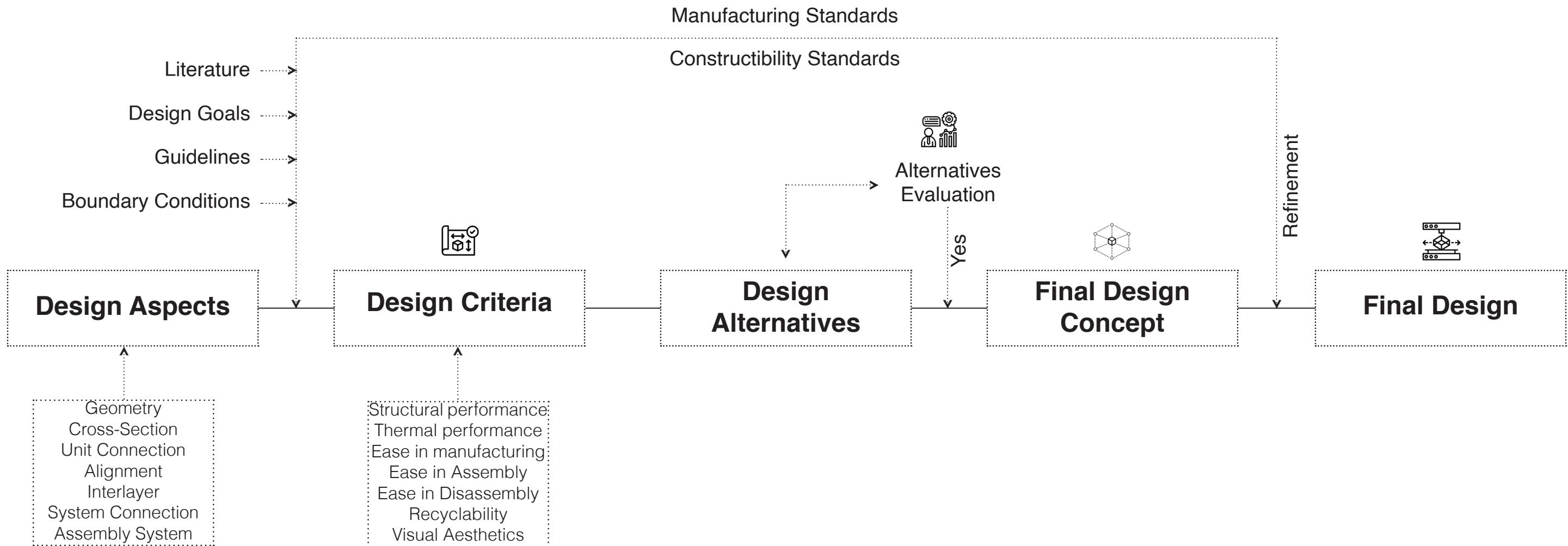
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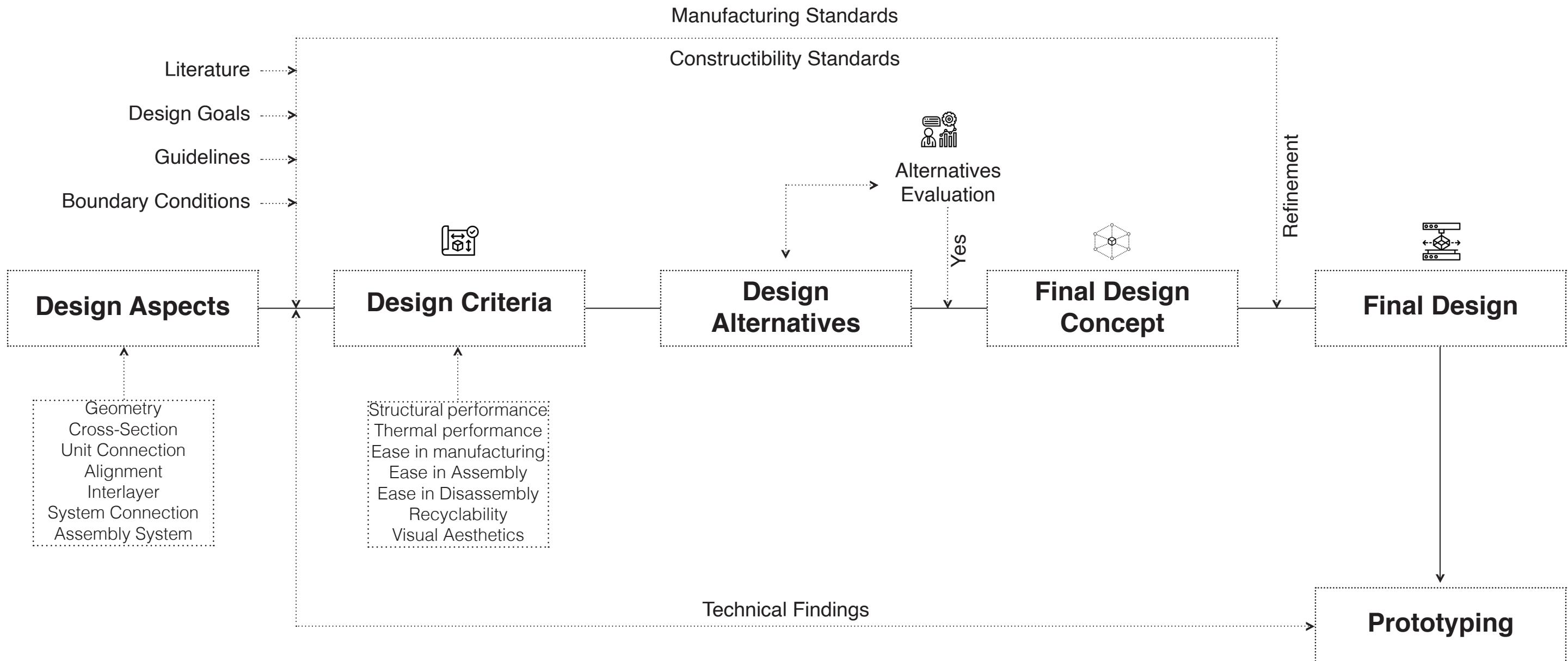
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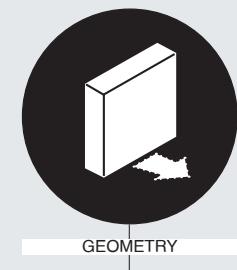


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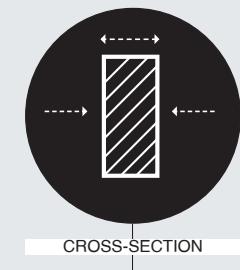


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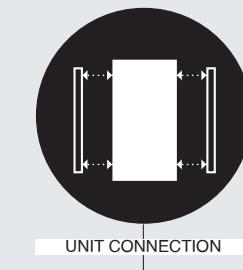




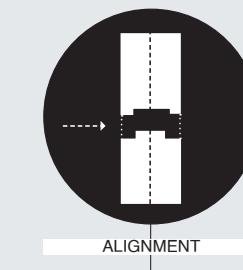
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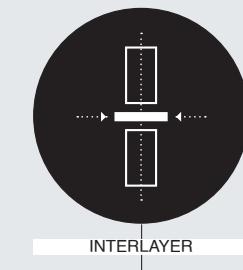
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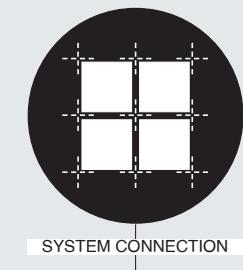
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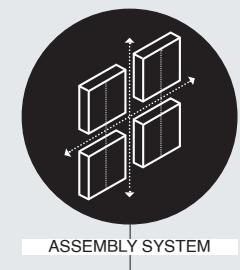
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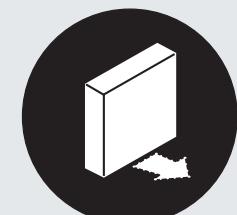


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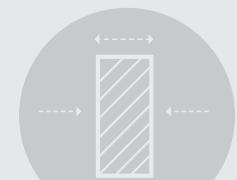


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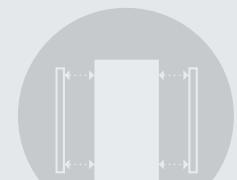
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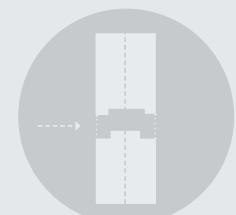
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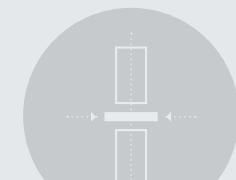
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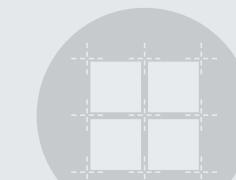
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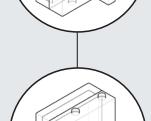
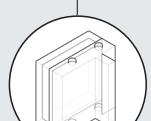
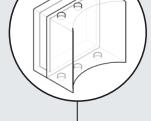
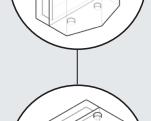
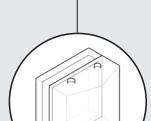
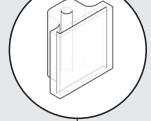
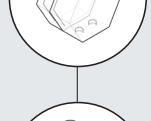
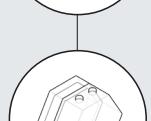
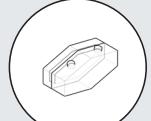
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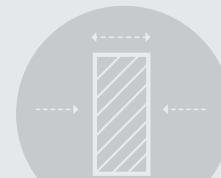
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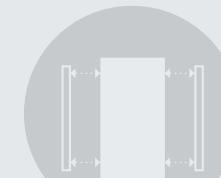
Design Alternatives



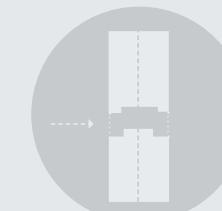
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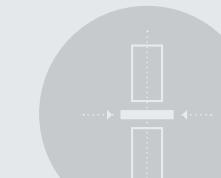
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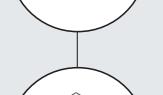
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ASSEMBLY SYSTEM



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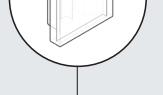
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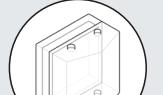
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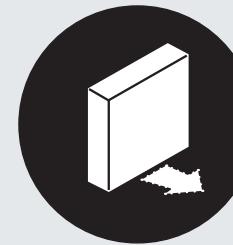
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Stiffener 1



Stiffener 2



Geometry

Aesthetics

2	3	1	2	2	3	3
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Load Transfer

3	2	2	3	2	3	3
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Transparency

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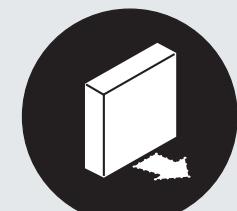
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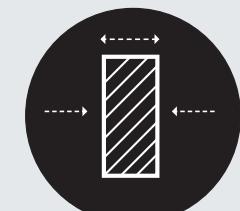
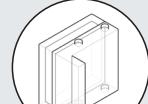
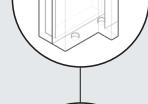
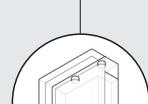
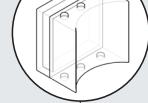
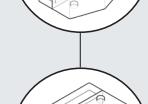
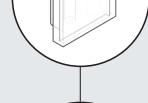
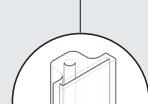
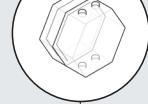
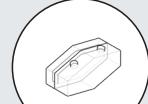
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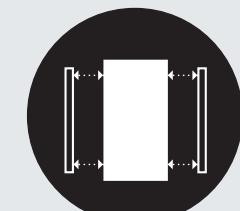
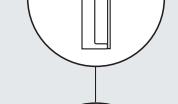
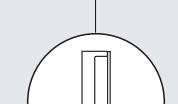
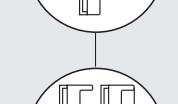
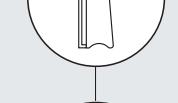
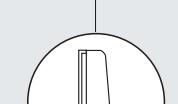
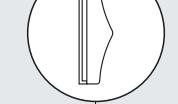
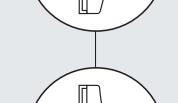
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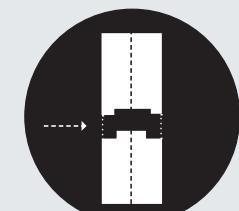
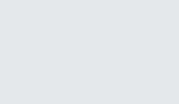
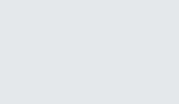
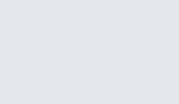
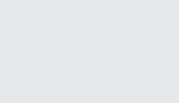
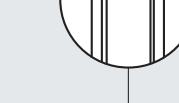
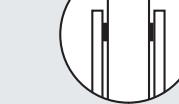
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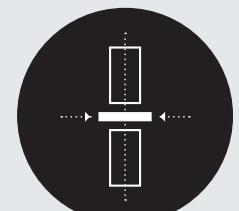
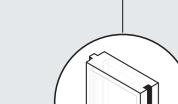
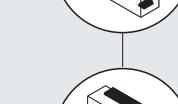
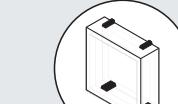
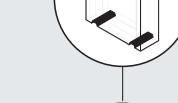
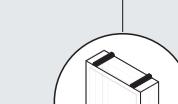
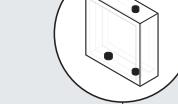
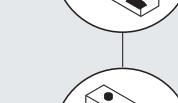
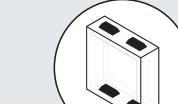
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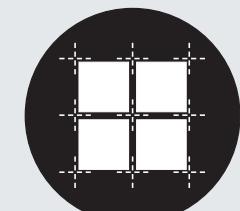
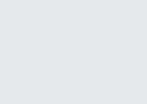
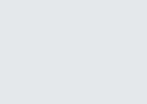
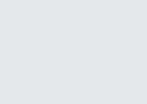
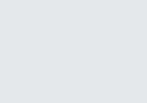
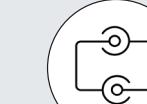
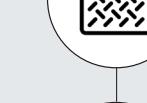
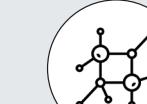
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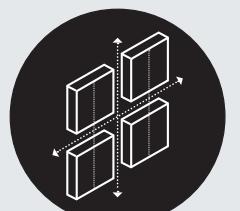
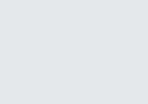
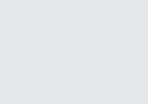
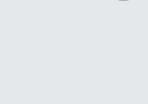
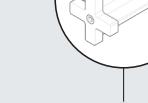
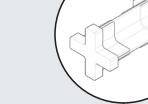
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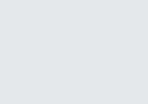
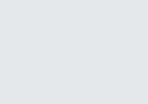
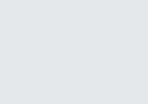
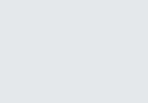
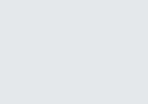
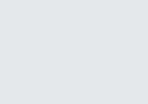
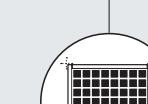
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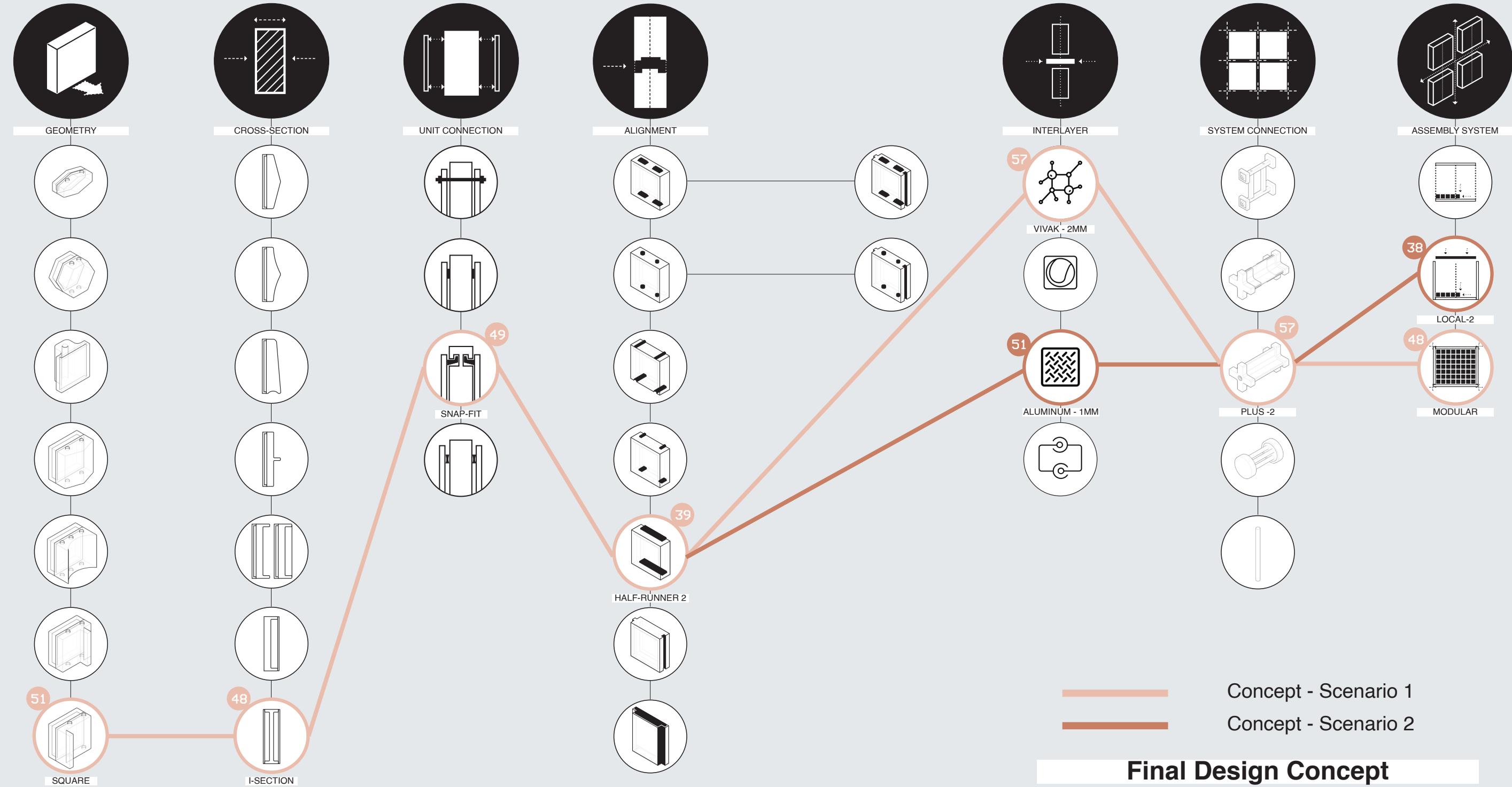
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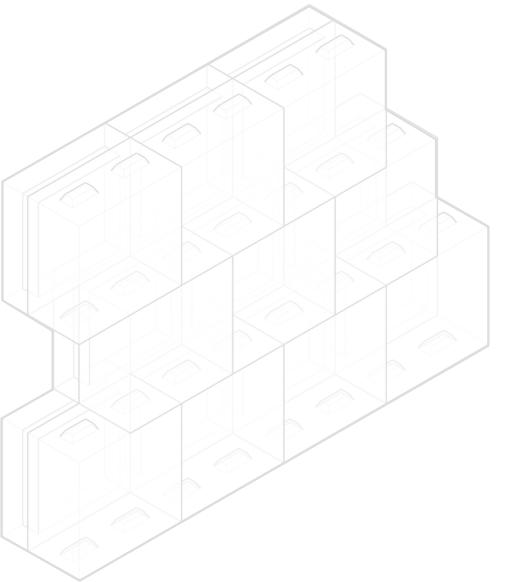
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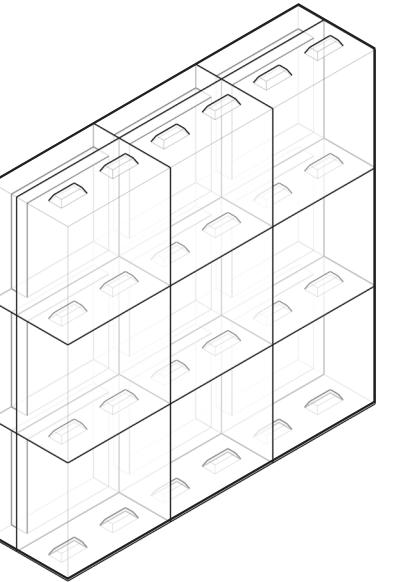


Key Decision



Alternate Stacking

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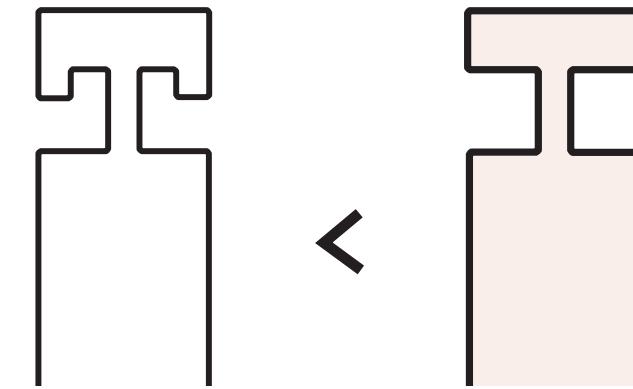


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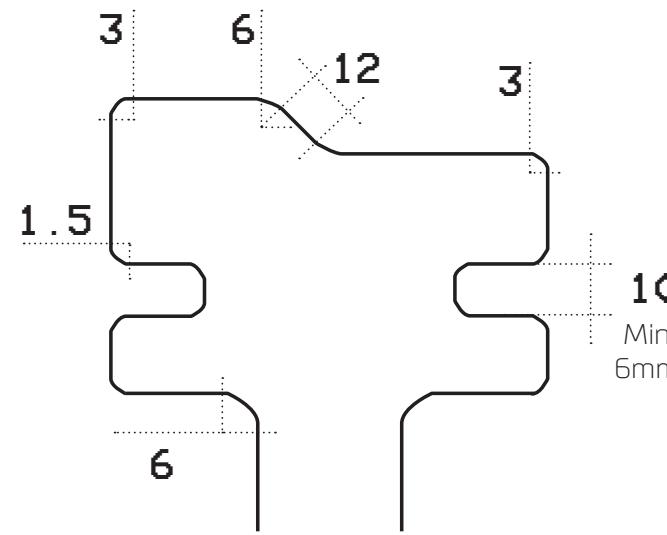


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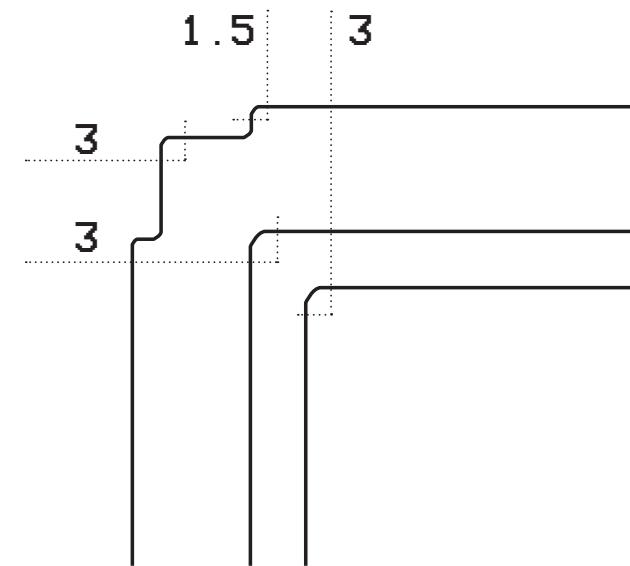
Design Refinement - CNC Milling & Casting Standards



Remove Undercuts



Rounded Edges



Rounded Corners

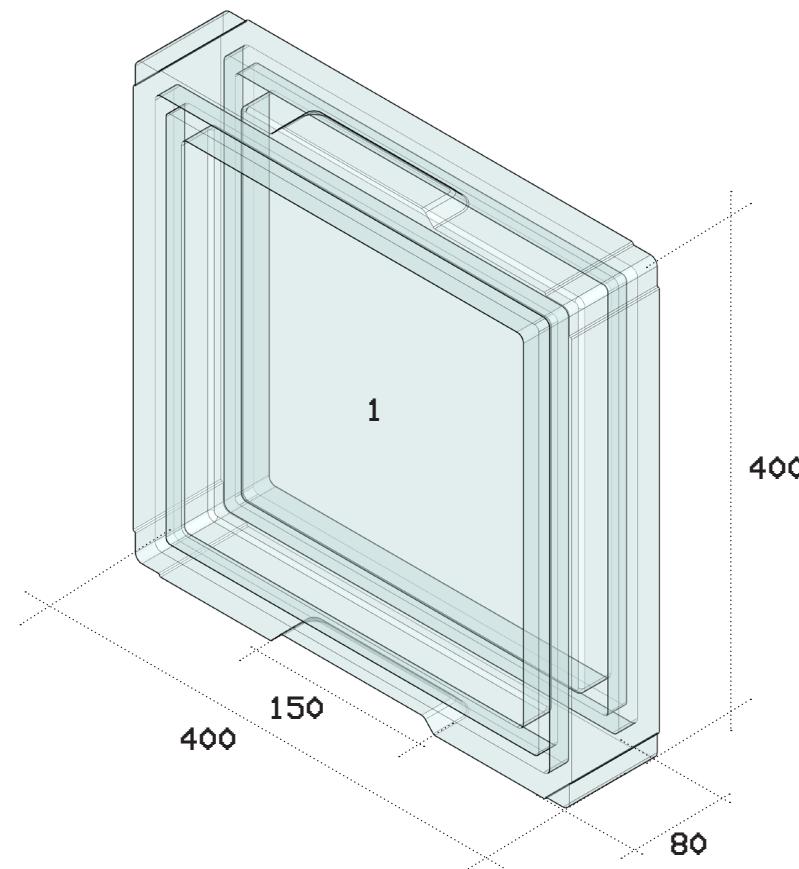
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Final Design

Unit Components

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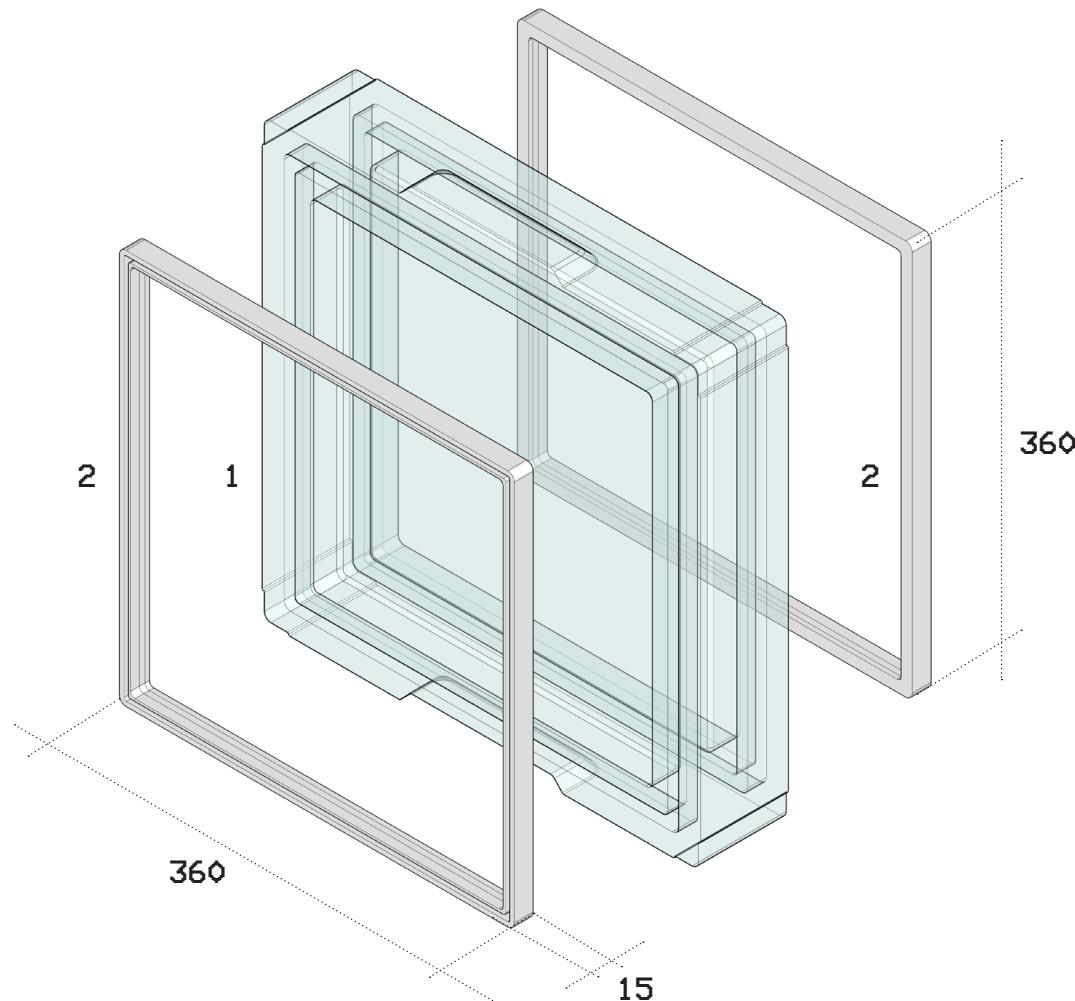
1 - Borosilicate Cast Glass component

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Unit Components

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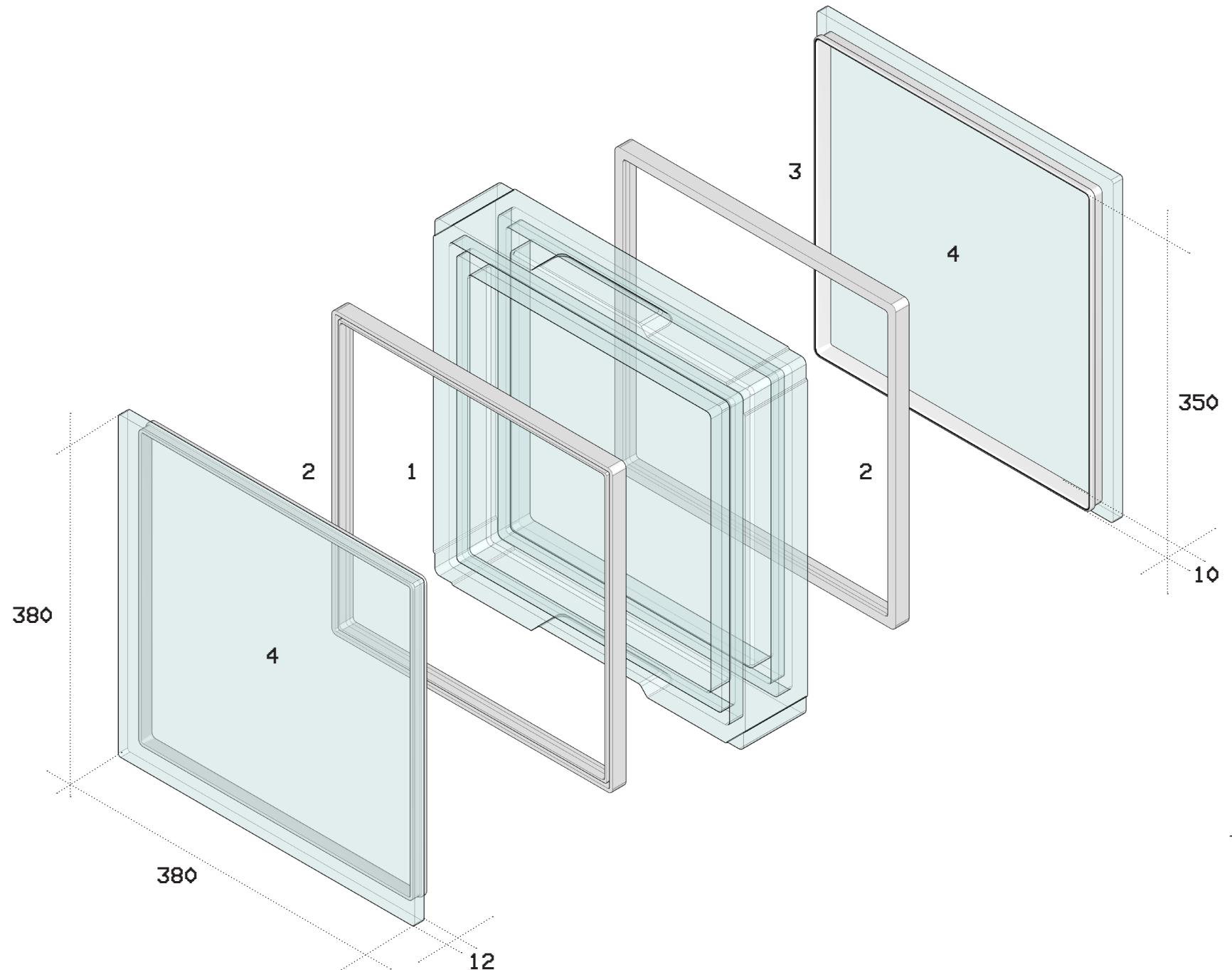
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2 - Snap Fit Profile

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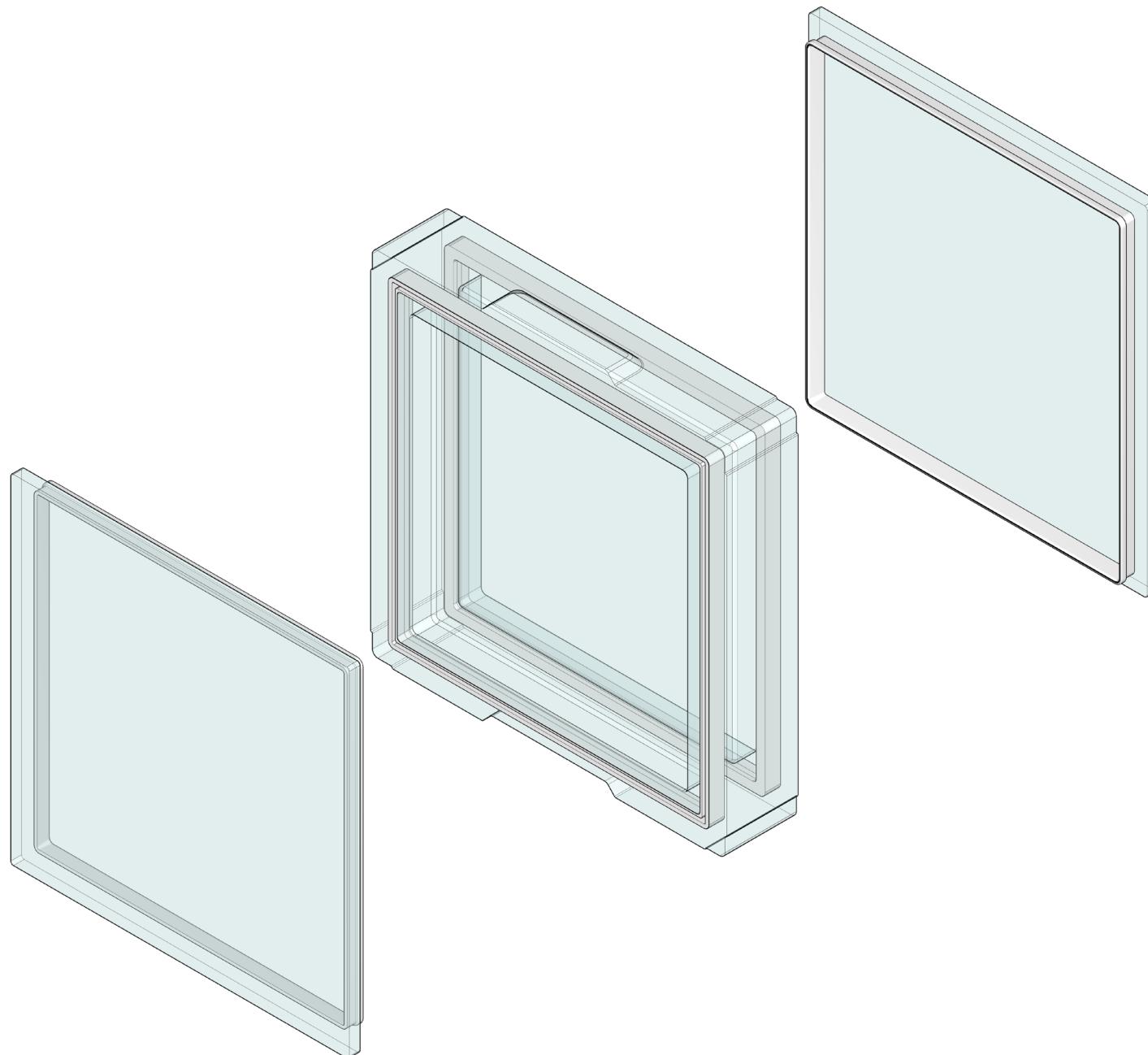
Unit Components



- 1 - Borosilicate Cast Glass component
- 2 - Snap Fit Profile
- 3 - Snap Fit insert
- 4 - Float Glass Panel

Unit Components

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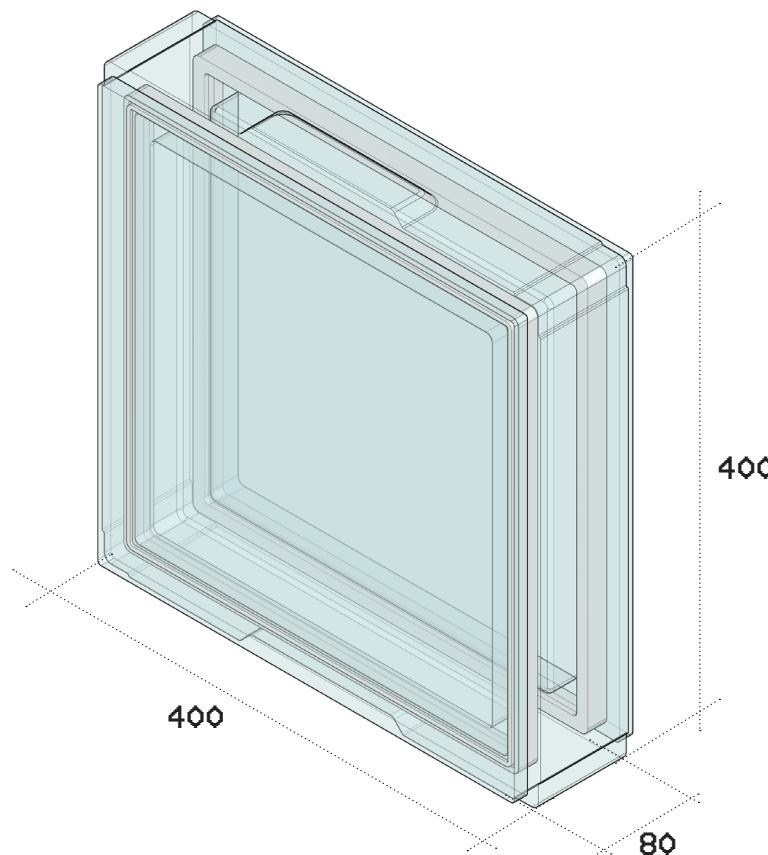
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Hybrid Glass Block

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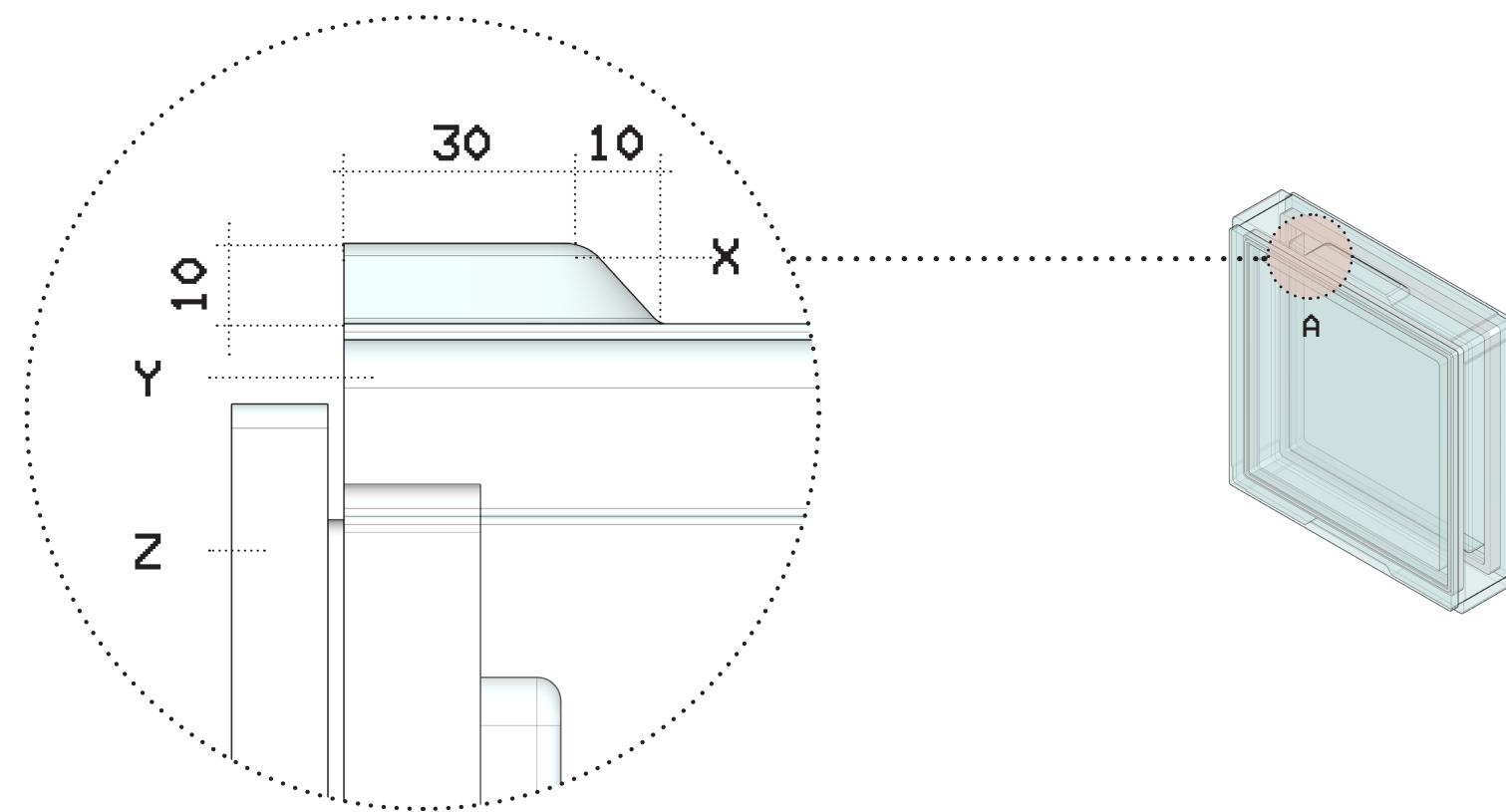
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Hybrid Glass Block - Details

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Alignment Detail: A

X - 3 mm Filleted edge
Y - Cast Glass Component
Z - Float Glass Panel

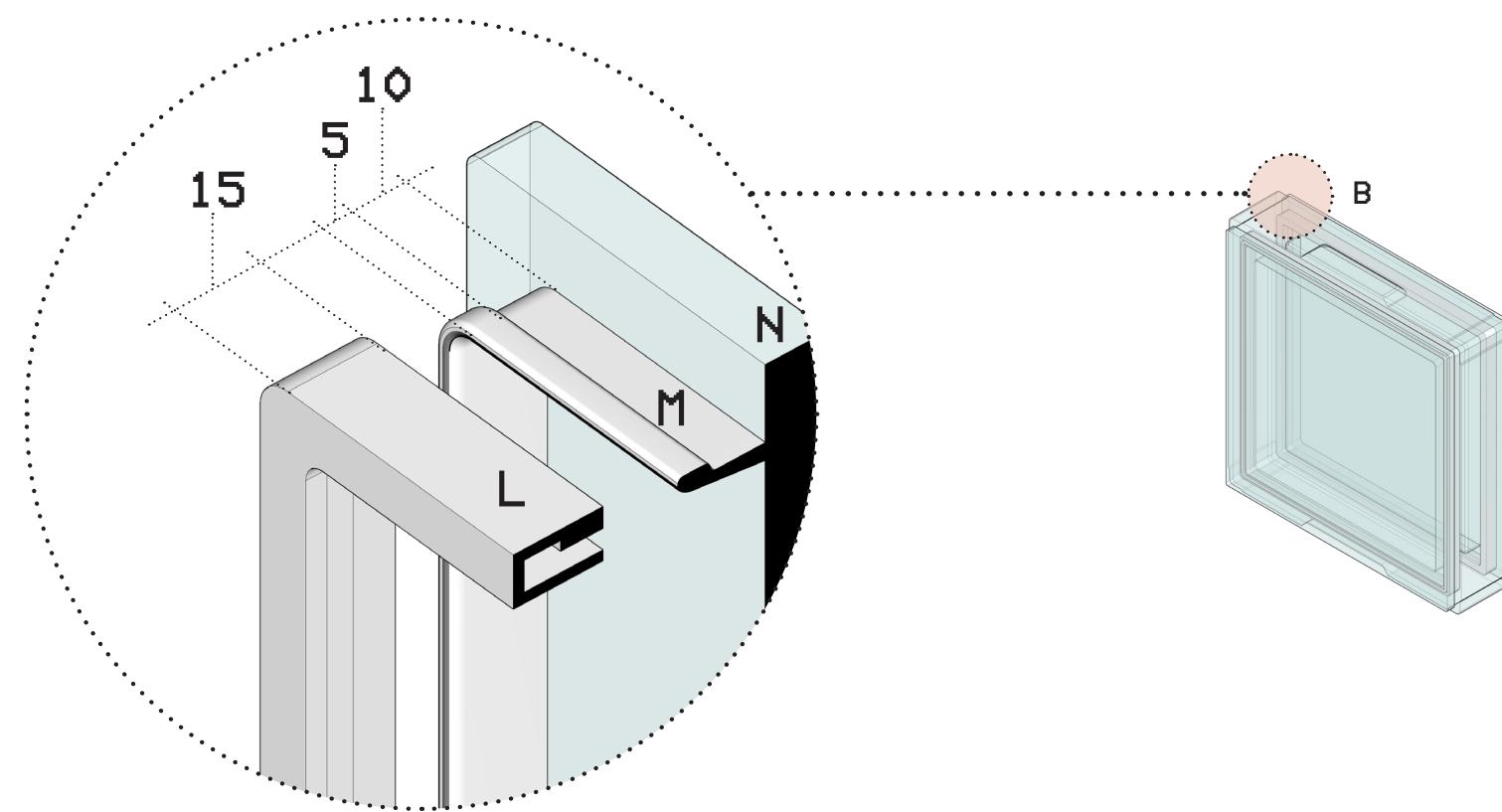
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Hybrid Glass Block - Details

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Snap-fit Detail: B

- L - Female component
- M - Male component
- N - Float Glass Panel

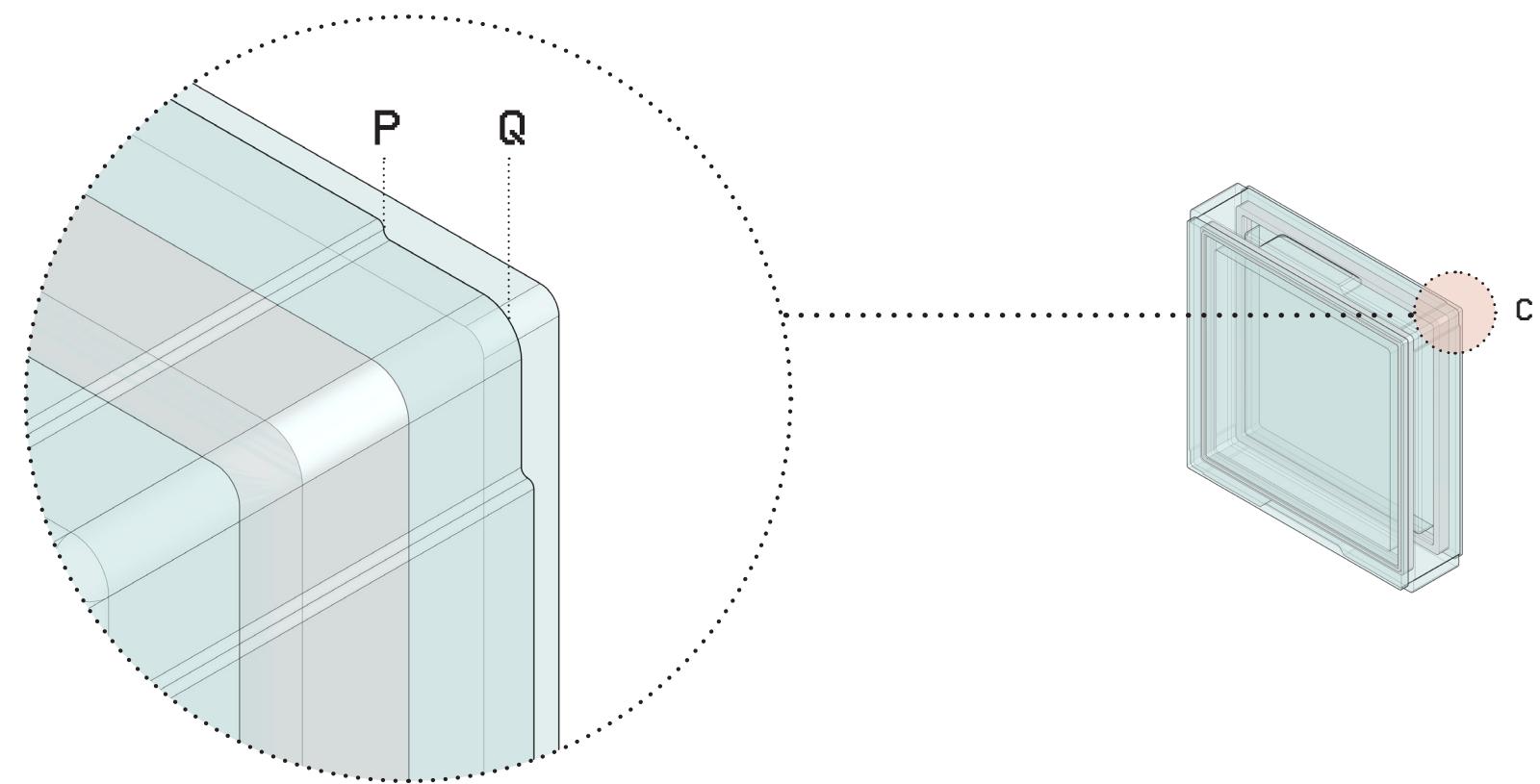
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Hybrid Glass Block - Details

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Corner Detail: C

P - 2 mm Filleted edge
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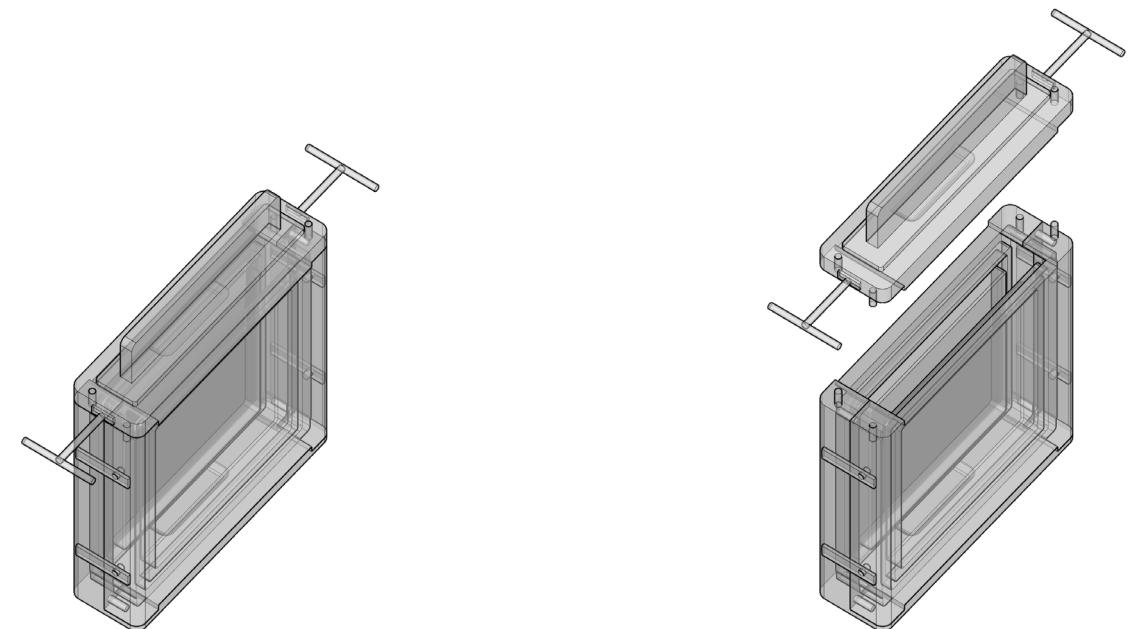
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Mould Design

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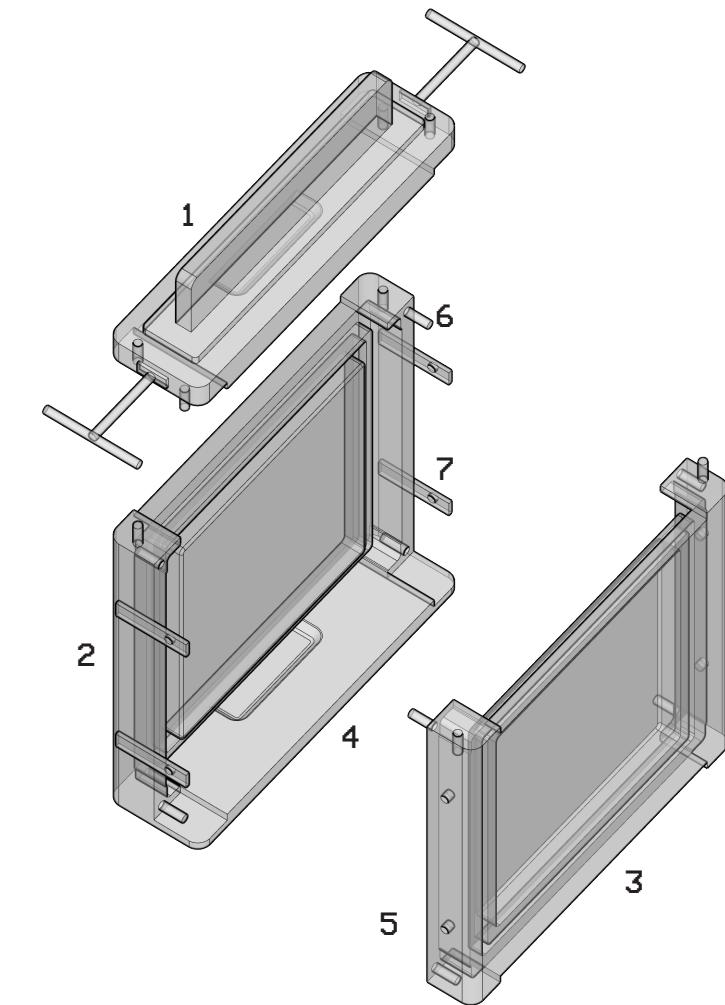
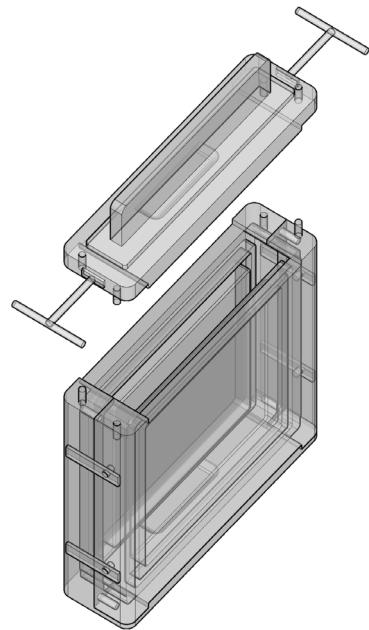
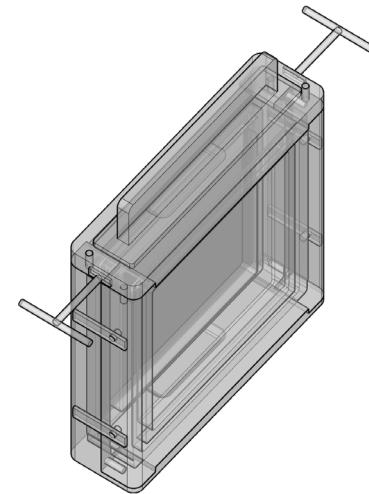
High Precision Steel Mould
Geometry Casted Upside-down

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Mould Design

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High Precision Steel Mould

Geometry Casted Upside-down

Exploded View

- 1. Hydraulic Press
- 2. Steel Mould part 1
- 3. Steel Mould part 2
- 4. Base Plate
- 5. Air Vent
- 6. Alignment pin
- 7. Mould Lock

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Prototyping

Kiln Casting

Prototyping
Explorative
Disposable Mould
Regulated Annealing



Prototyping

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2 days

Silicone Mould

Made from pouring
Silicone over foam
block. Used for wax
casting

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Prototyping

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2 days

1-2 days

Silicone Mould

Made from pouring Silicone over foam block. Used for wax casting

Wax Casting

Hot wax pour inside silicone mould. Used for crystal cast mould

Prototyping

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2 days

Silicone Mould

Made from pouring Silicone over foam block. Used for wax casting



1-2 days

Wax Casting

Hot wax pour inside silicone mould. Used for crystal cast mould



1-2 hours

Crystal Cast Mould

Made from pouring over wax block. Used for casting glass inside kiln. Disposable after casting

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Prototyping

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1-1.5 weeks

Firing

Crystal cast mould and pots with shards are set-up in kiln for casting

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Prototyping

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2 days

Silicone Mould

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Hot wax pour inside silicone mould. Used for crystal cast mould



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Crystal Cast Mould

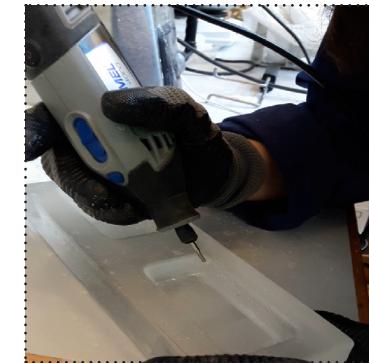
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Firing

Crystal cast mould and pots with shards are set-up in kiln for casting



2-3 hours

Post Process

Removing cast glass from the mould. Polishing with dental tools

Prototyping

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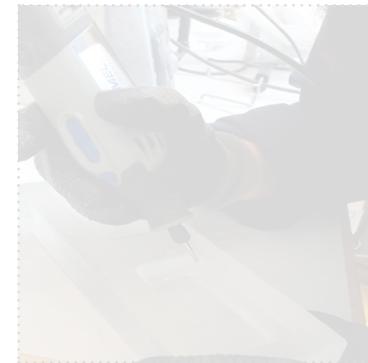
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Removing cast glass from the mould. Polishing with dental tools

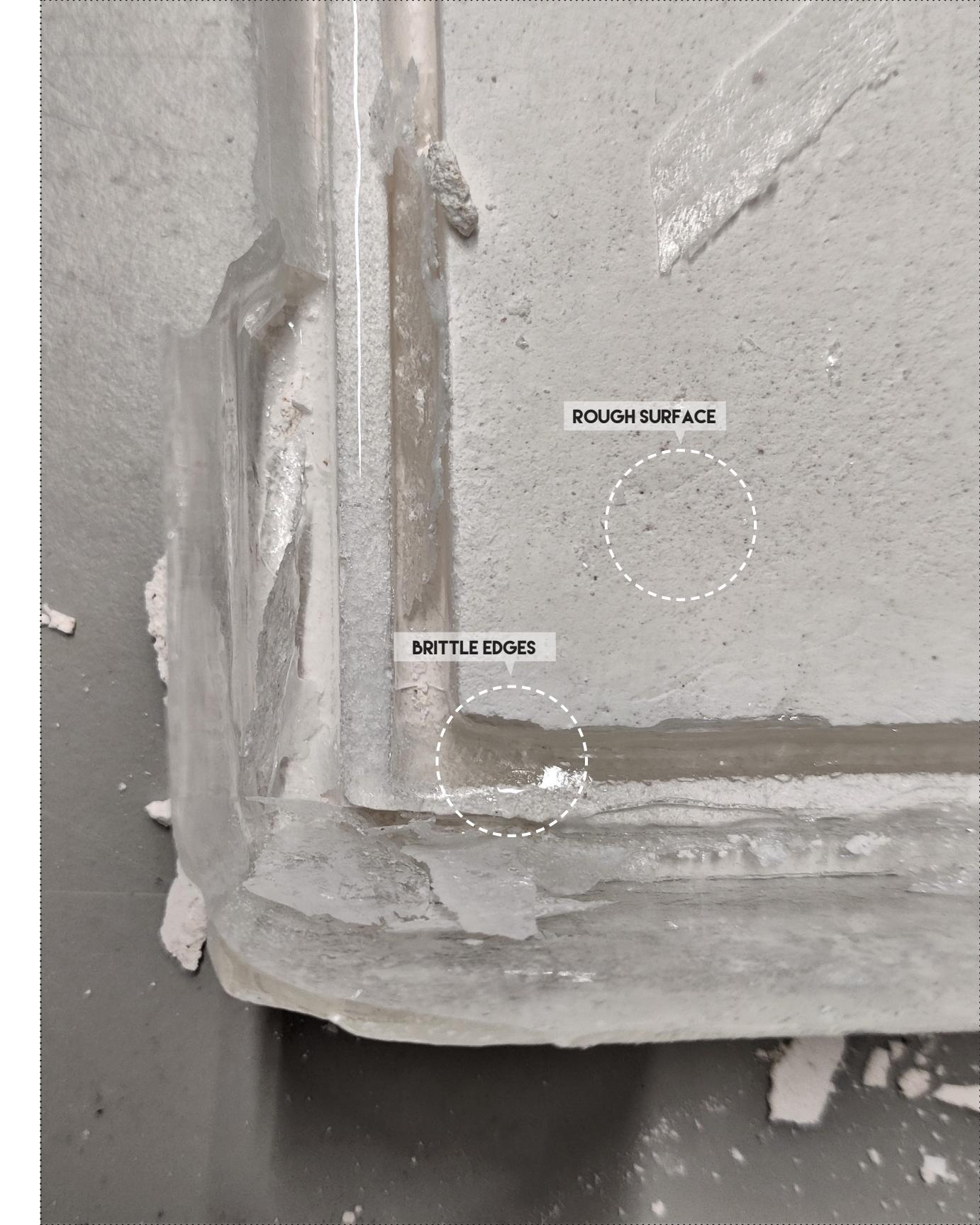
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Brittle Mould - Failure

Recommendations:

- Horizontal Casting
- Simplification of small notches
- Thicker mould walls
- Smooth Draft angles



Manufacturing Approach

Hot Pour Casting

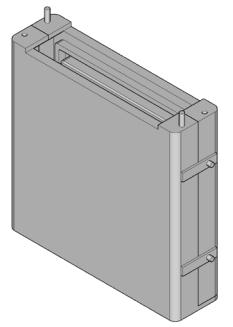
Industrial Manufacturing
High Precision Steel Mould
Reusable Mould
Regulated Annealing
Standardised process



[Casting of Soda-lime glass blocks at Poesia factory in Italy. Oikonomopoulou, F]

Manufacturing Process - Casting

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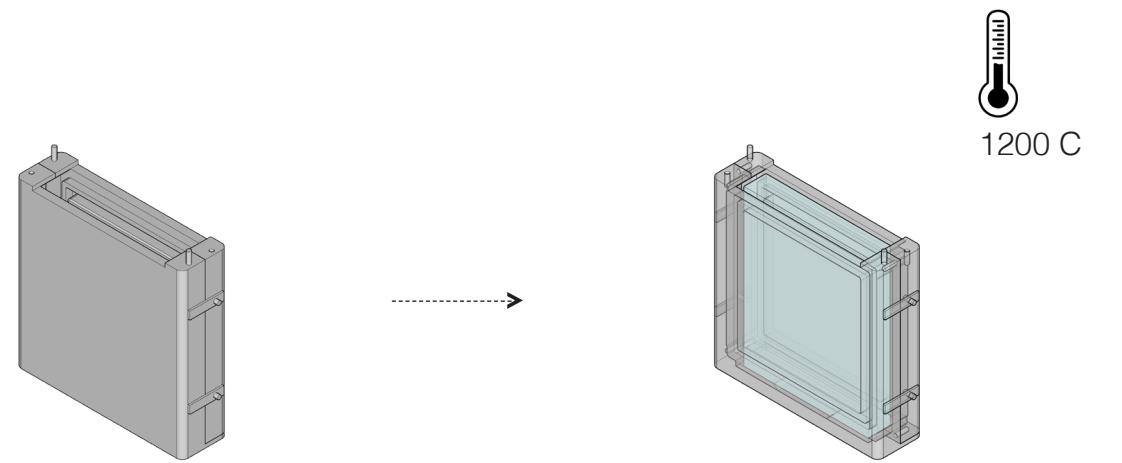
Pre-heating

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Manufacturing Process - Casting

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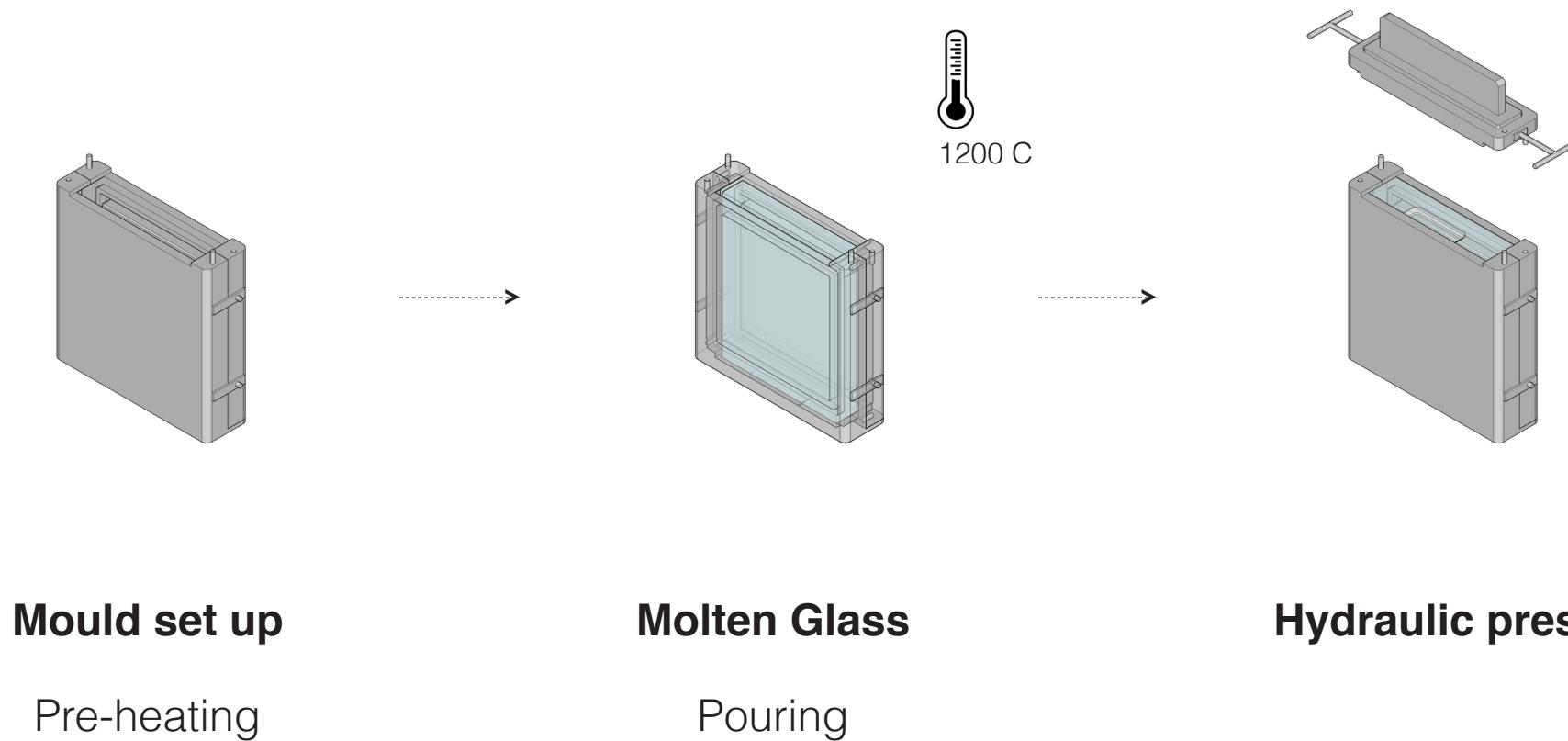
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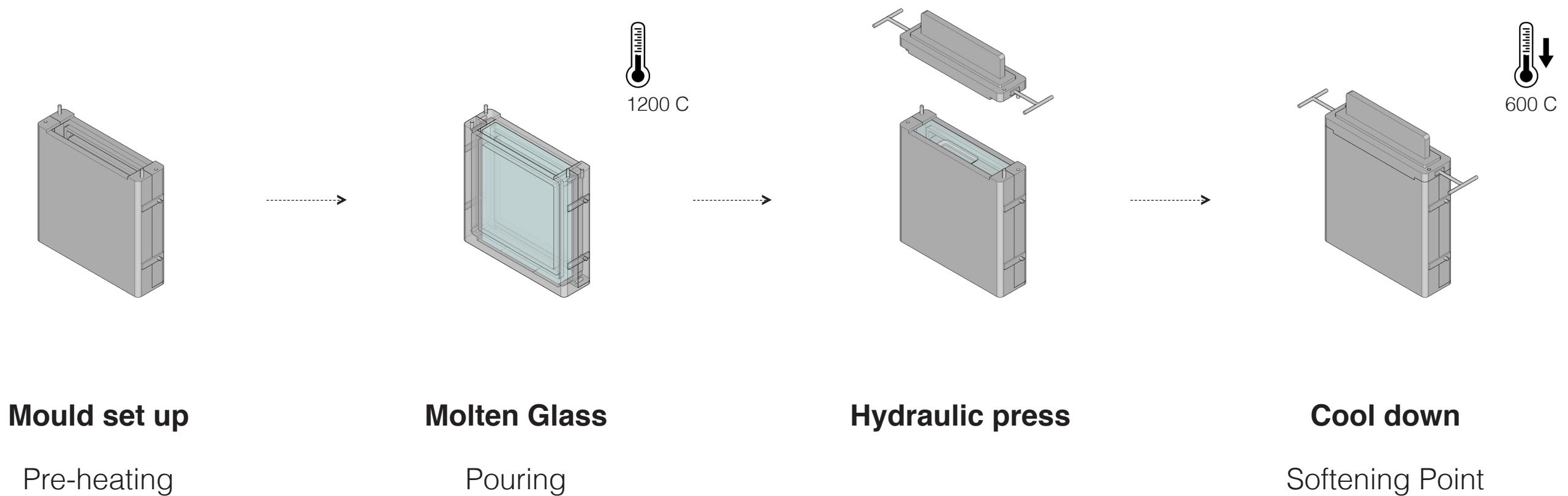
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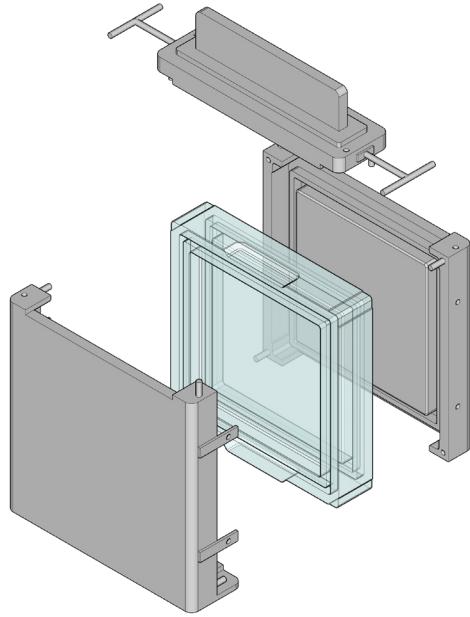
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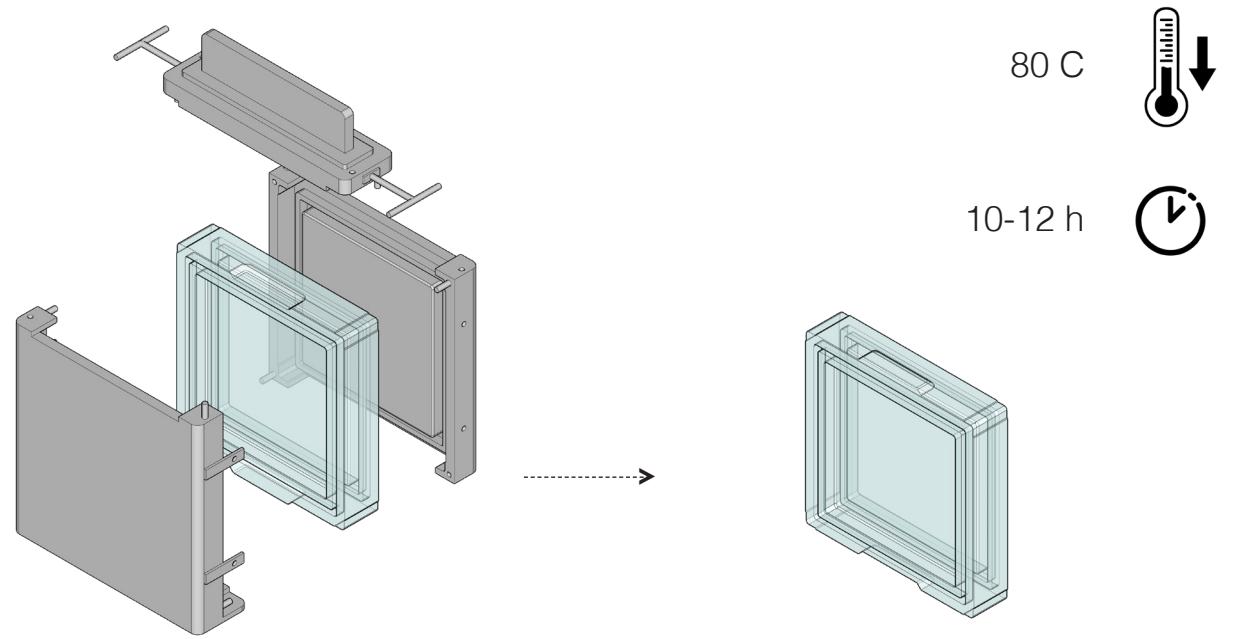
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Open Mould

Transfer Block

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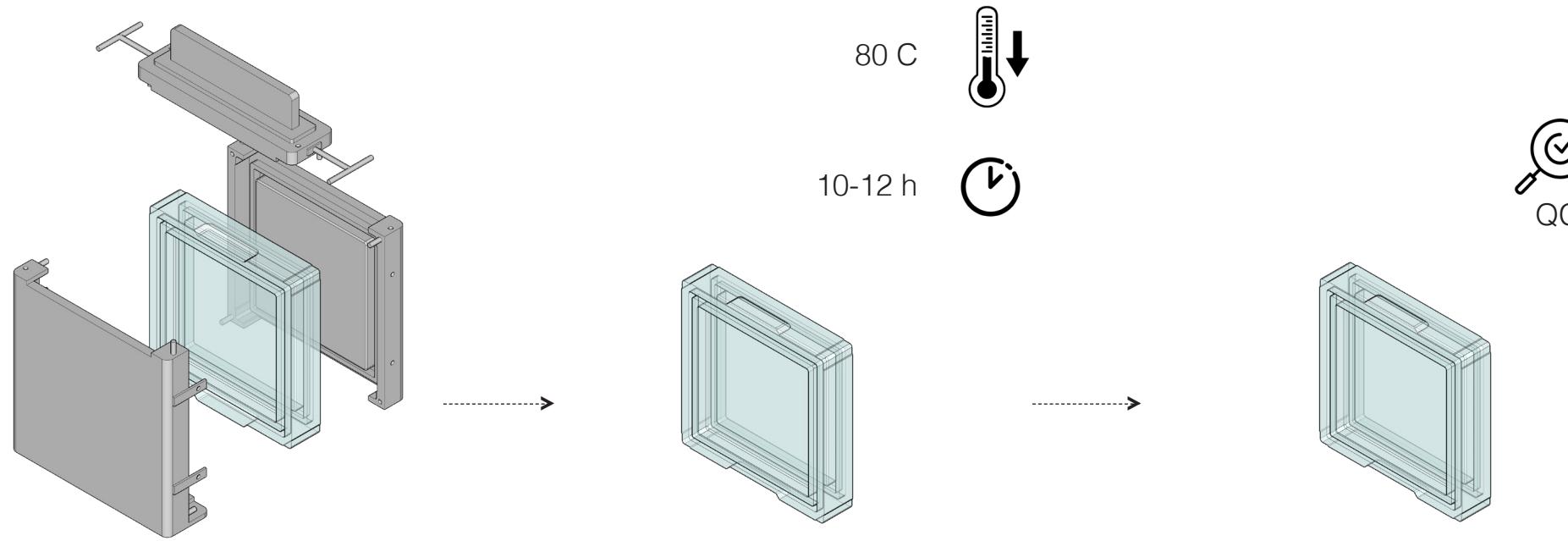


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Transfer Block

Annealing

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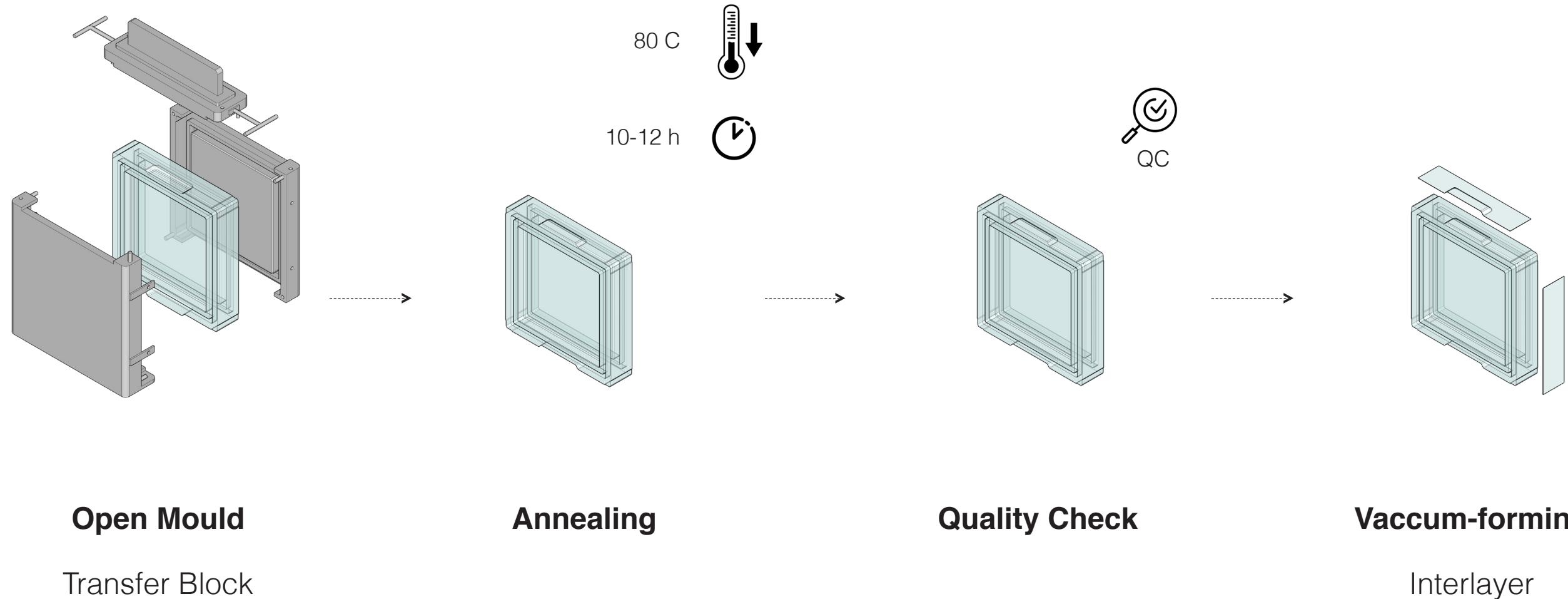
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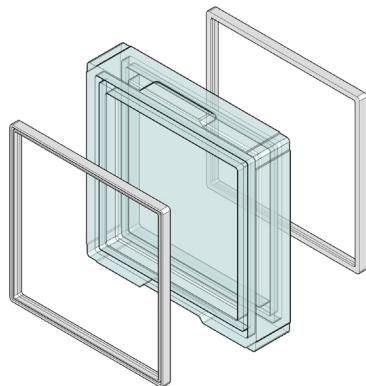
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Quality Check

Manufacturing Process - Annealing



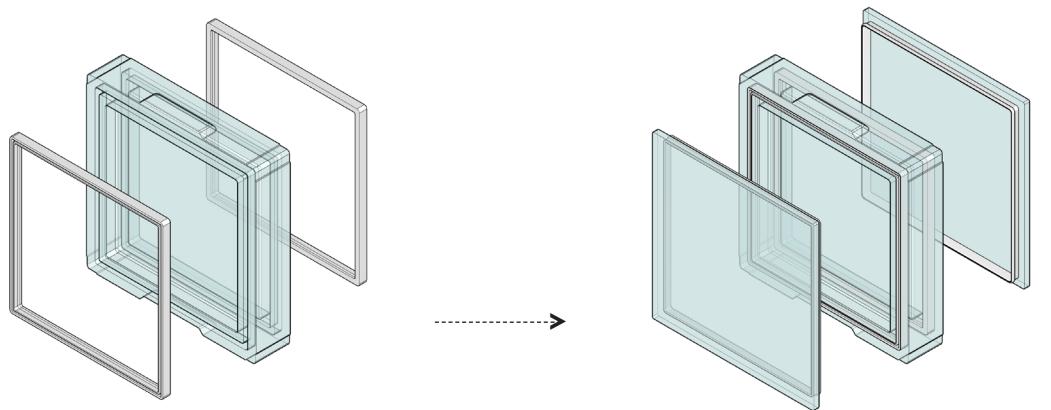
Manufacturing Process - Components Assembly



Snap fit profile

Placed in groove

Manufacturing Process - Components Assembly



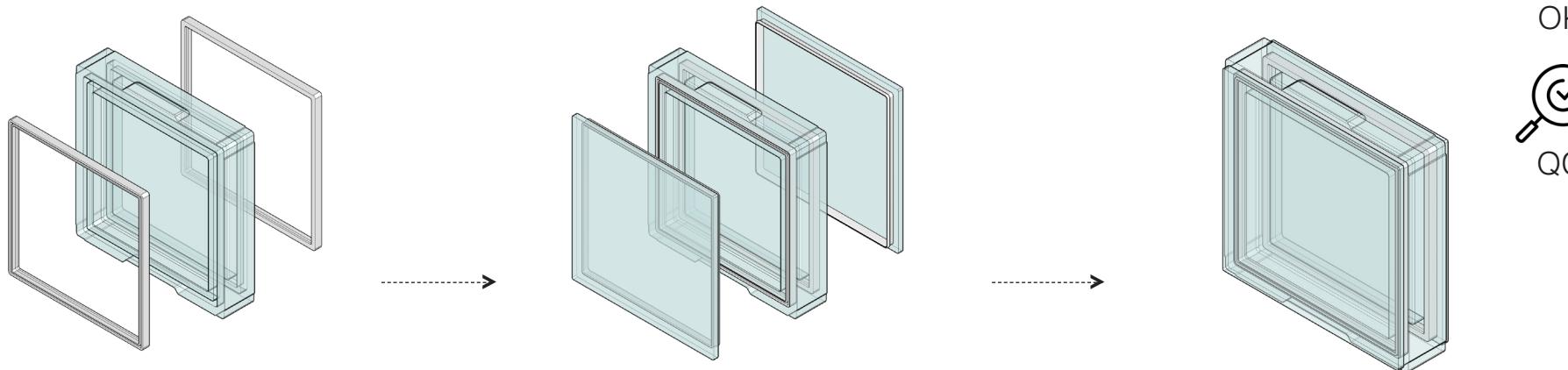
Snap fit profile

Placed in groove

Snap-fit

Float glass placed

Manufacturing Process - Components Assembly



Snap fit profile

Placed in groove

Snap-fit

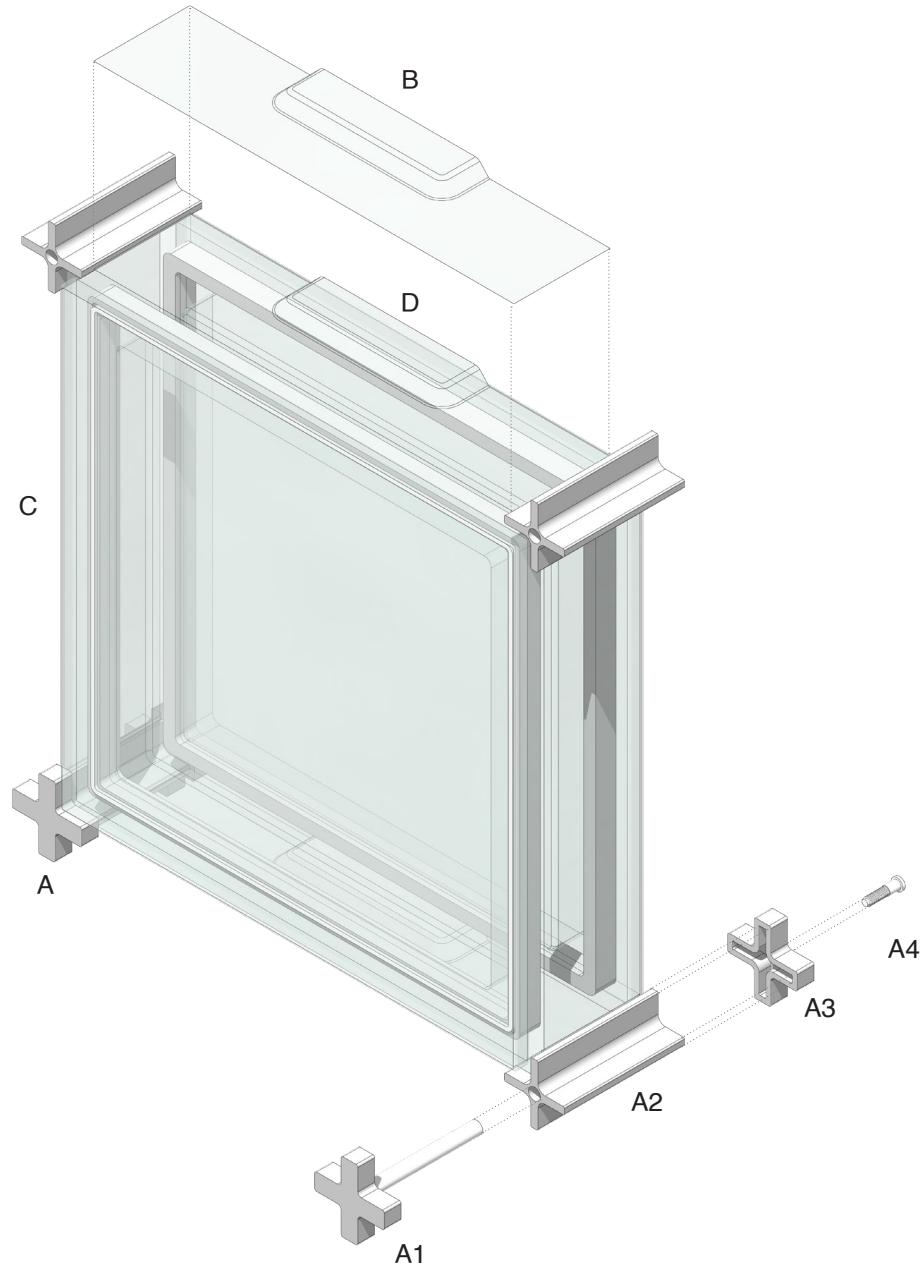
Float glass placed

Quality Check

Shipping

Or to Assembly

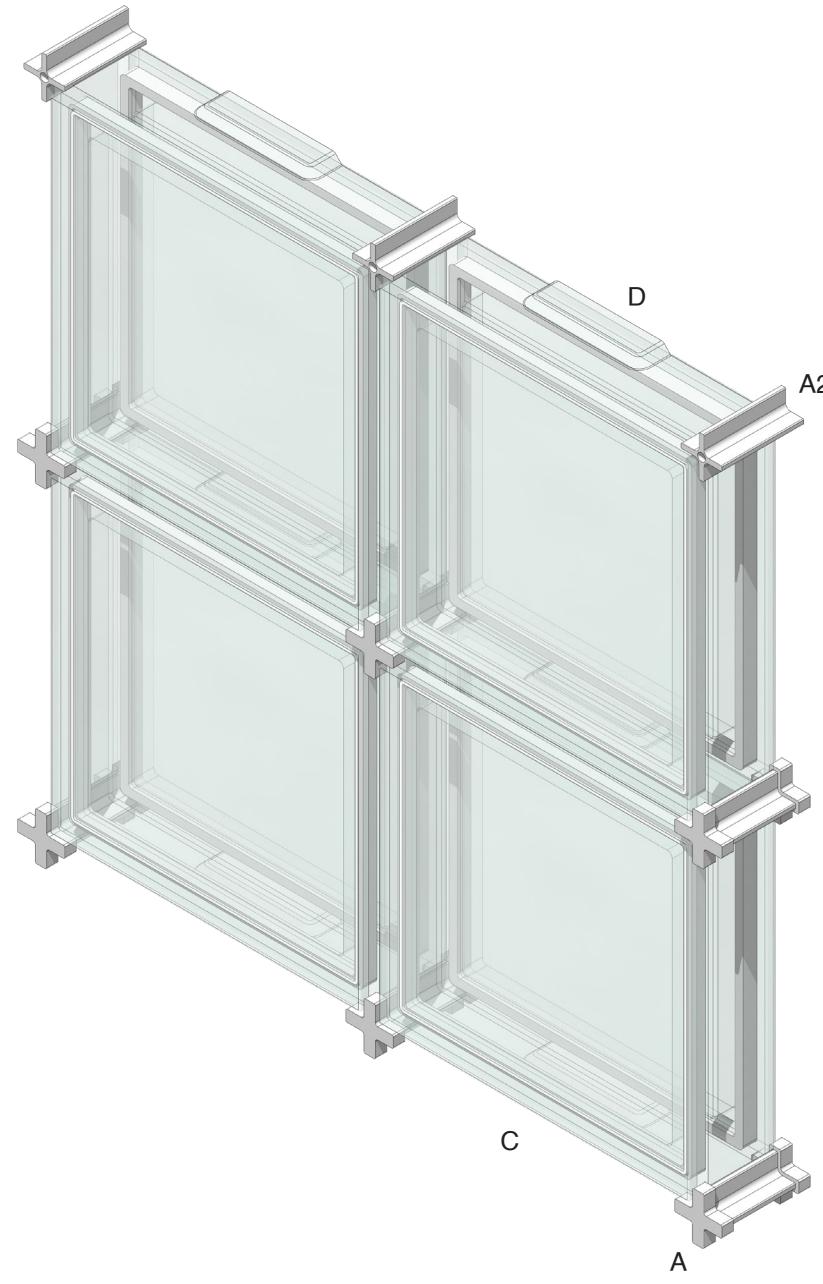
System Components



A - Teflon connection
A1 - Teflon connector with threaded screw cap
A2 - Plus shaped connector for alignment
A3 - Cover cap
A4 - Screw for securing connection
B - Interlayer - 2mm thk Vivak 1mm thk softcore aluminium
C - Hybrid Glass Block (400.400)
D - Alignment interlock

*All dimensions in mm

System Components

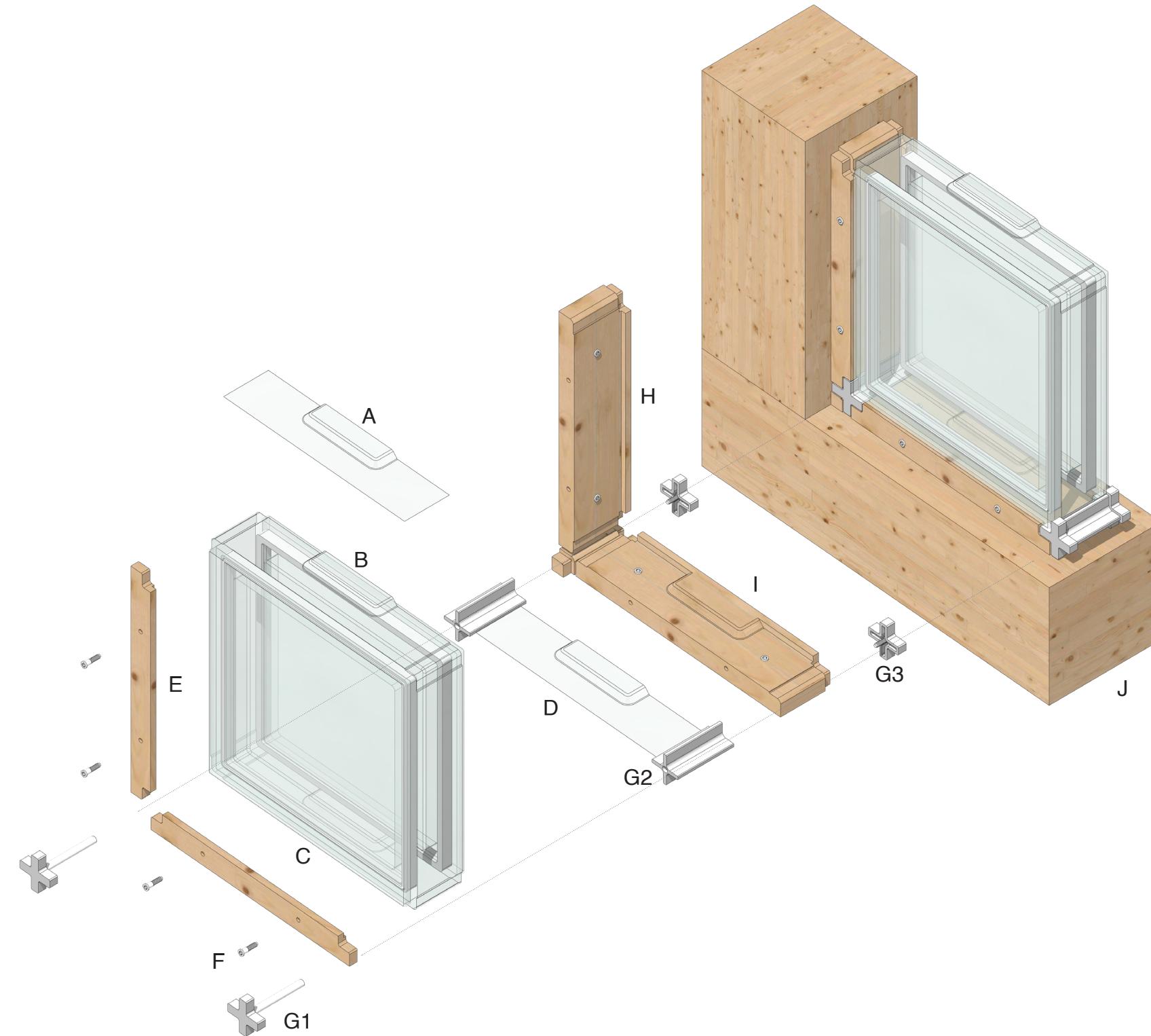


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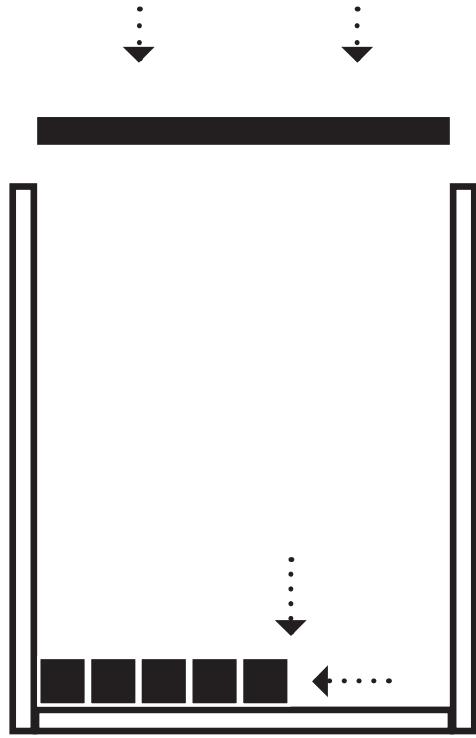
Assembly components

A - Interlayer - 2mm thk Vivak
1mm thk softcore aluminium
B - Alignment Interlock
C - Hybrid Glass Block (400.400)
D - Soft Padding or Interlayer with
4mm thk
E - Reversible Cover Plate
F - Screw for securing cover plate
with base plate
J - CLT frame
H - Vertical plate
I - Base plate with alignment
interlock
G1 - Teflon connector with threaded
screw cap
G2 - Plus shaped connector for
alignment
G3 - Cover cap



Assembly System Approaches

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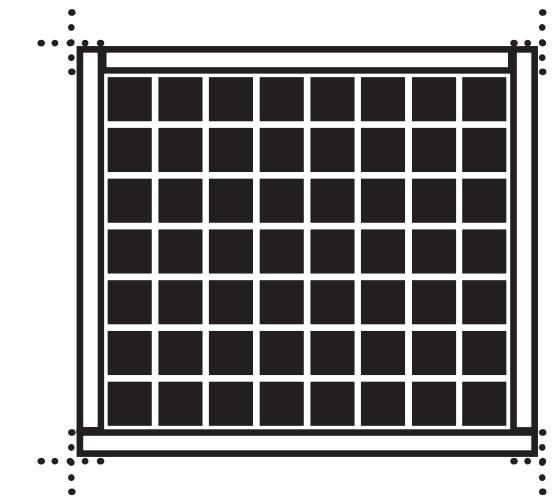


Local Assembly

High Precision on site

Buckling

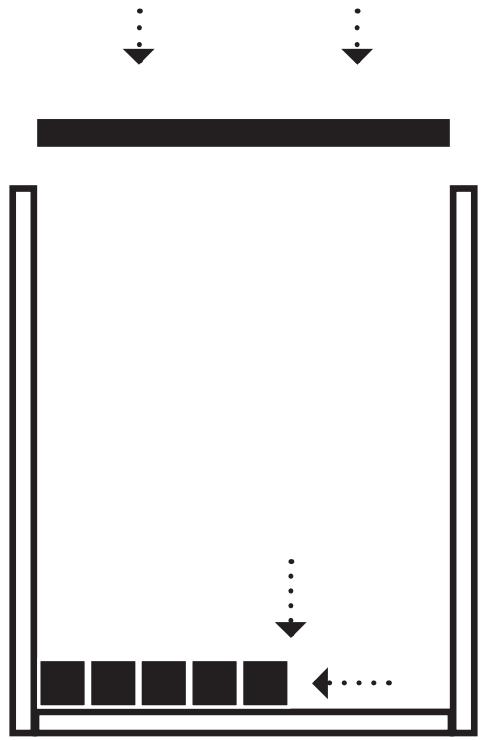
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Modular Assembly

Assembly System Approaches

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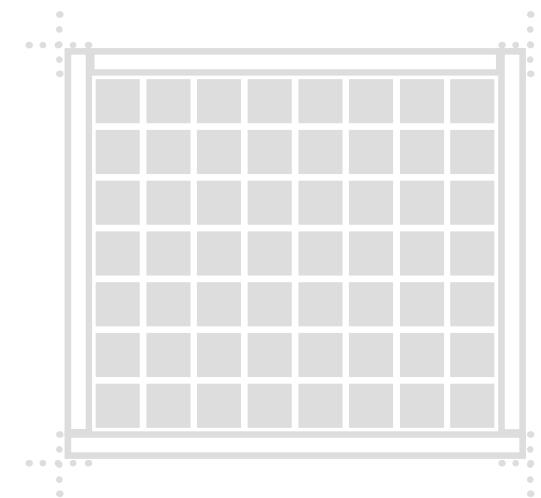


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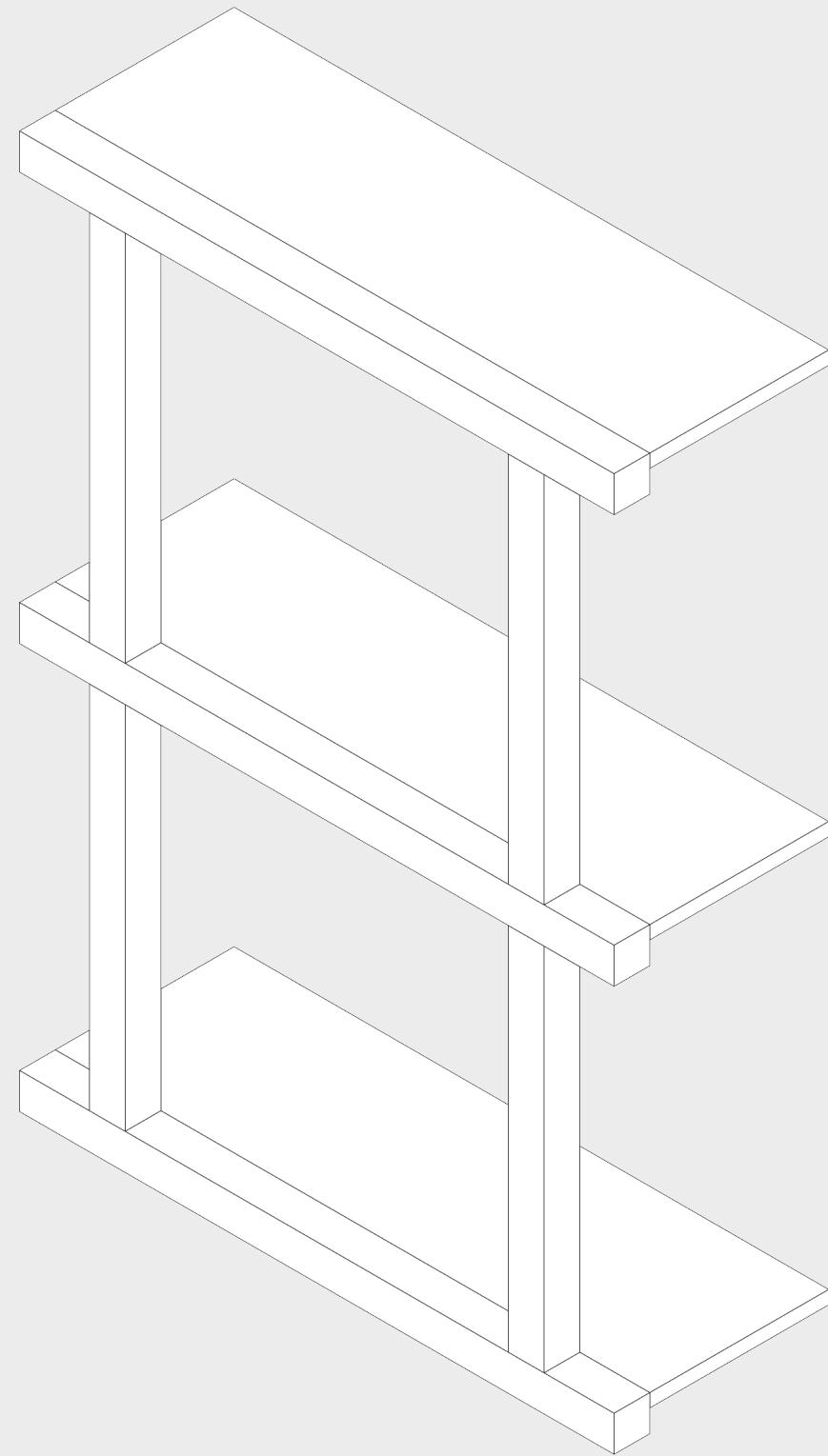
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Modular Assembly

Assembly System

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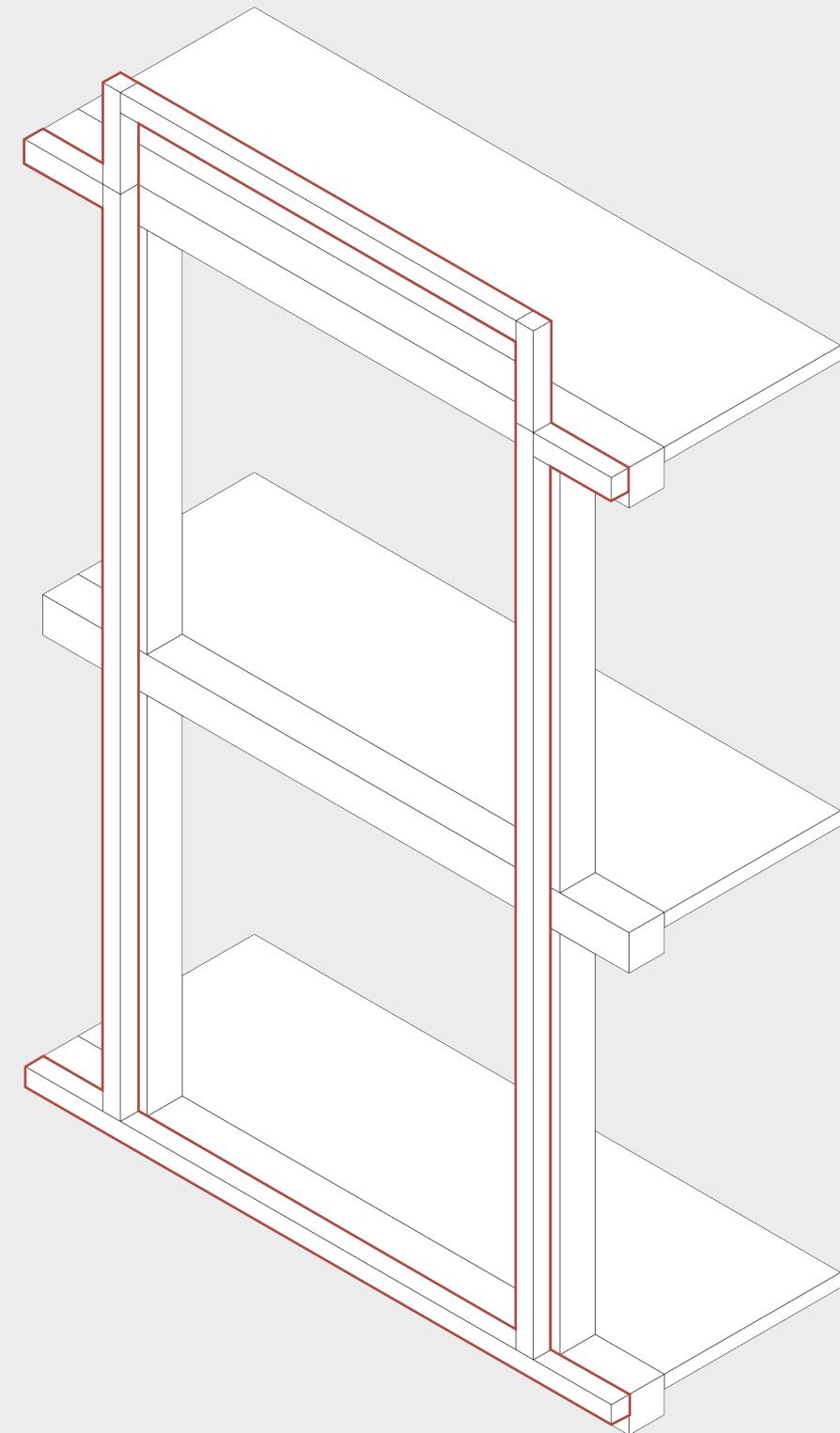
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Assembly System

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Step - 1-2

Site Clearance & construct frame



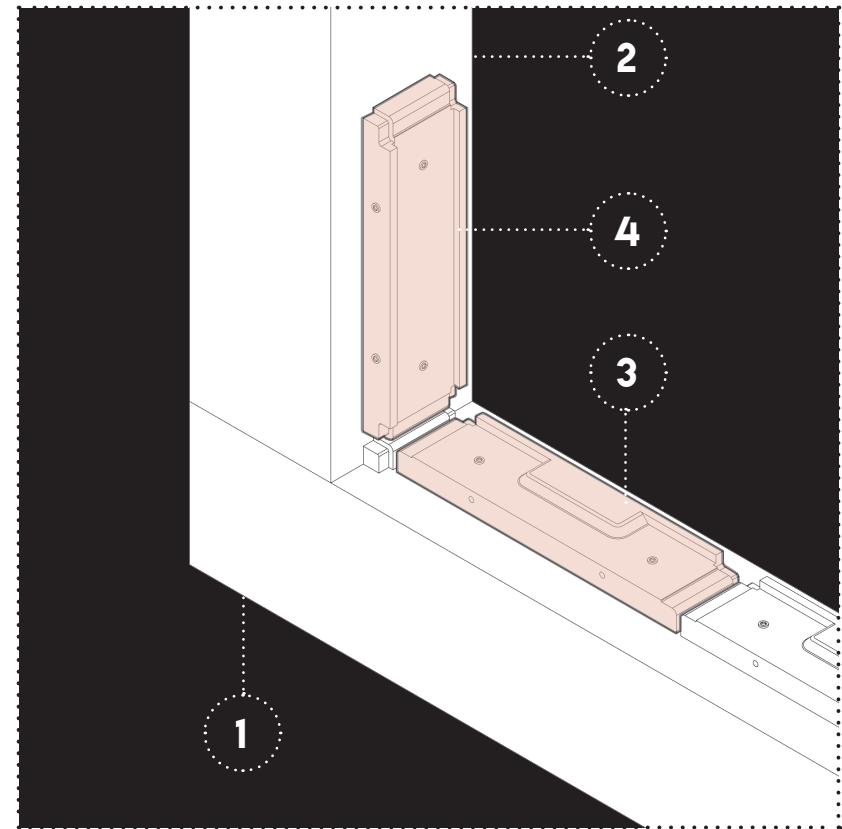
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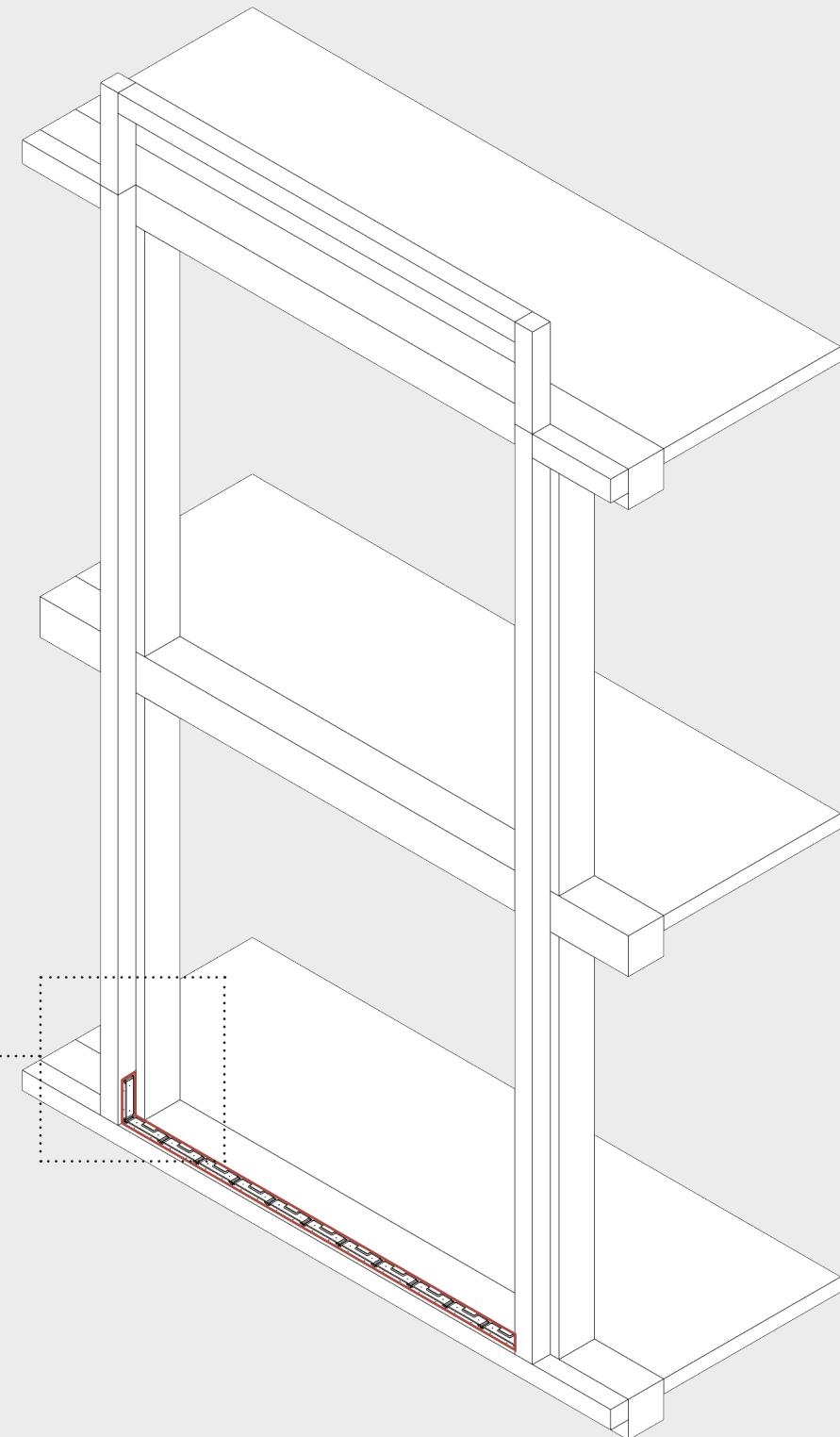
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Step - 3



Screw side & base plate

1. Bottom frame
2. Vertical frame
3. Base Plate
4. Side Plate



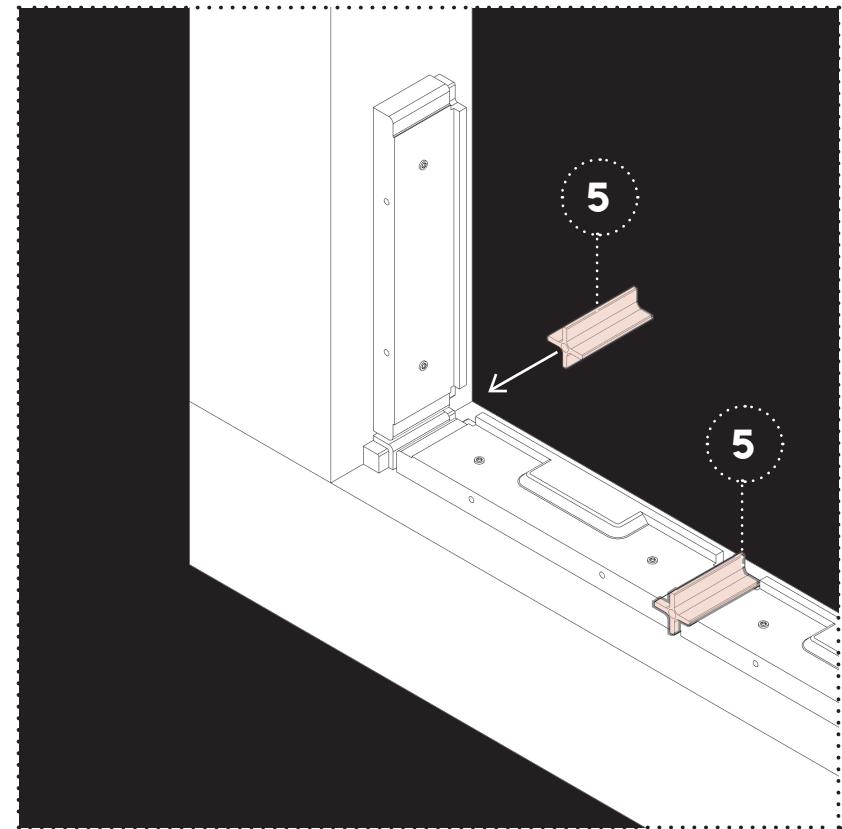
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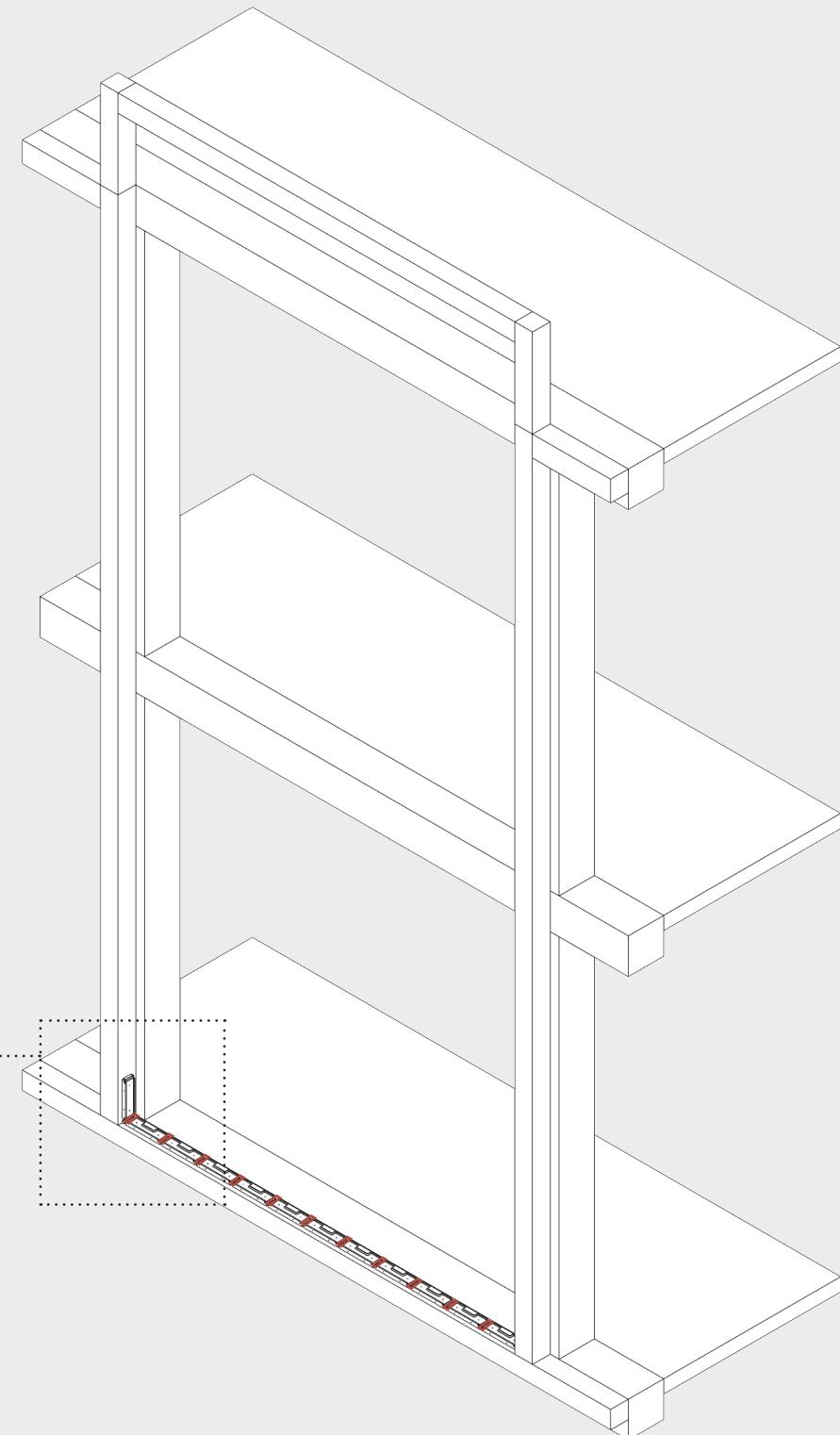
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Step - 4



Connectors in between plates

5. Plus shaped connector



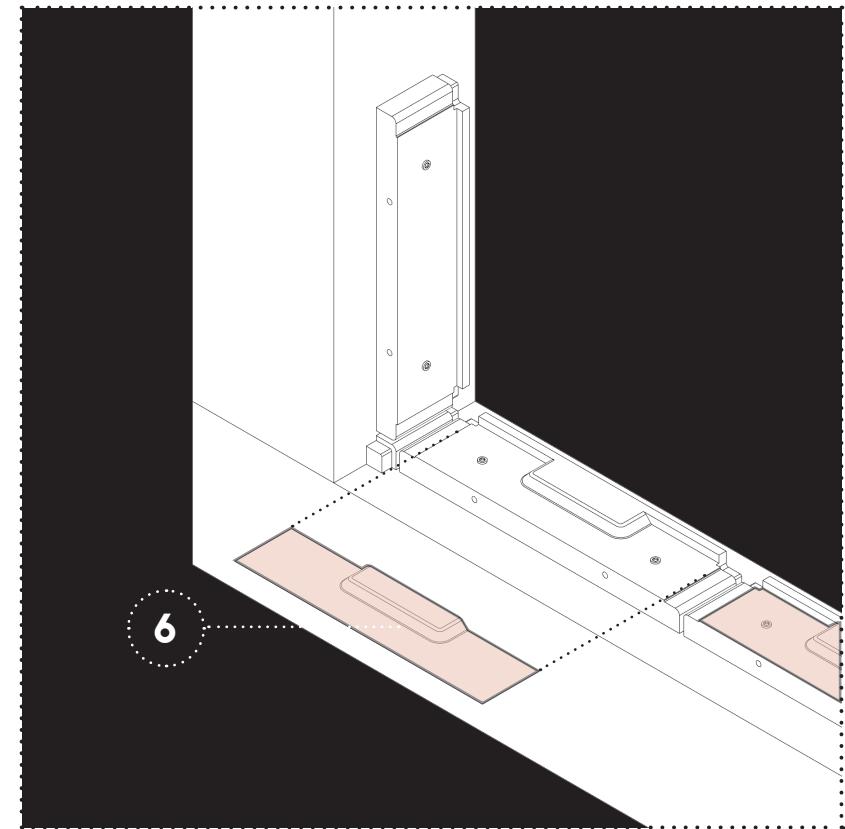
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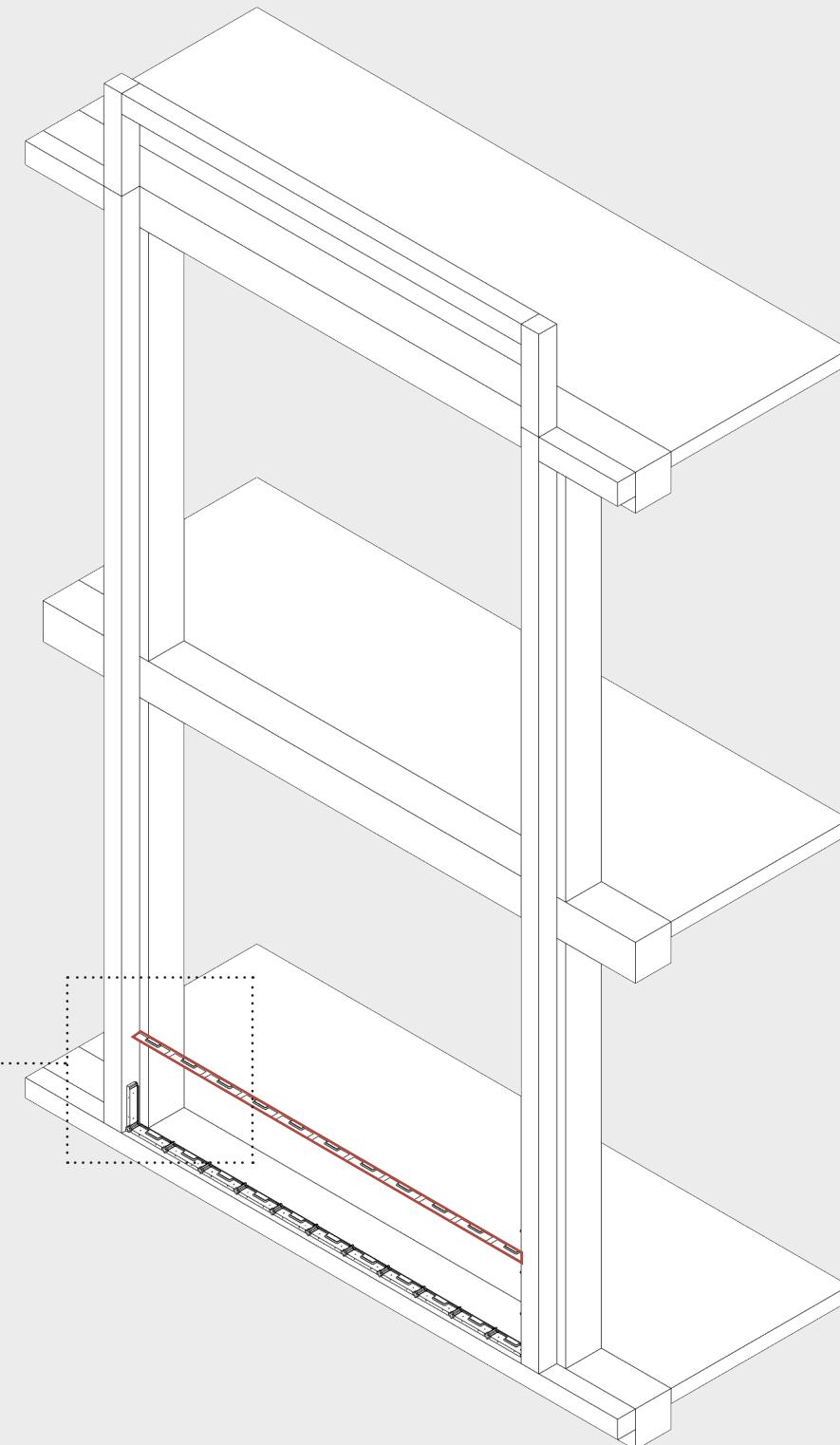
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Step - 5



Slid in Soft Padding

6. Interlayer or soft padding - 2 to 4 [mm]



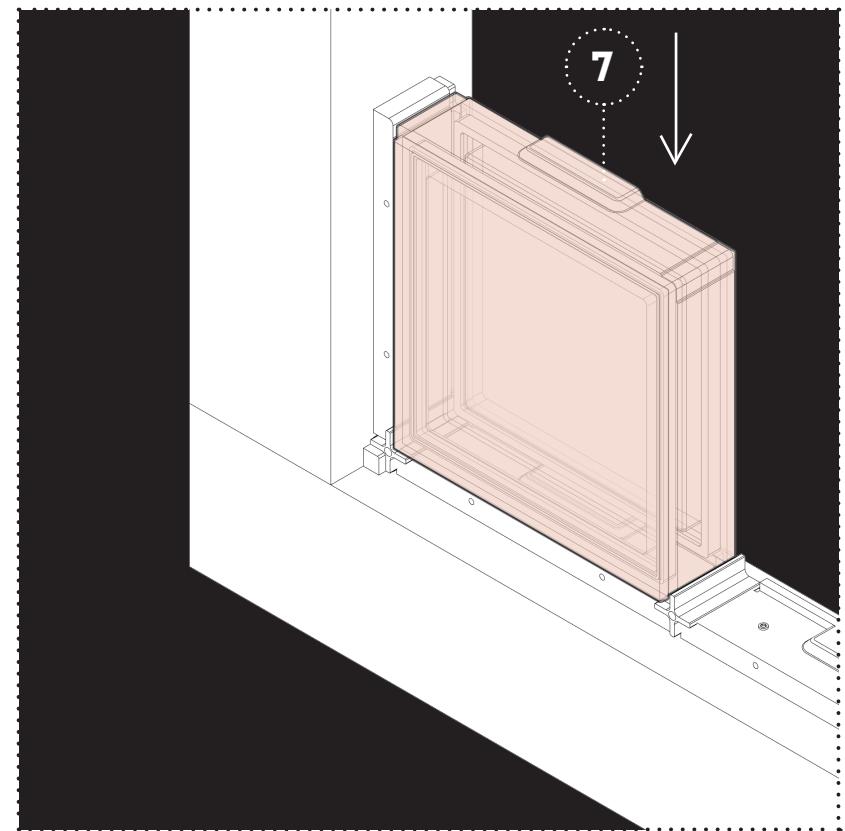
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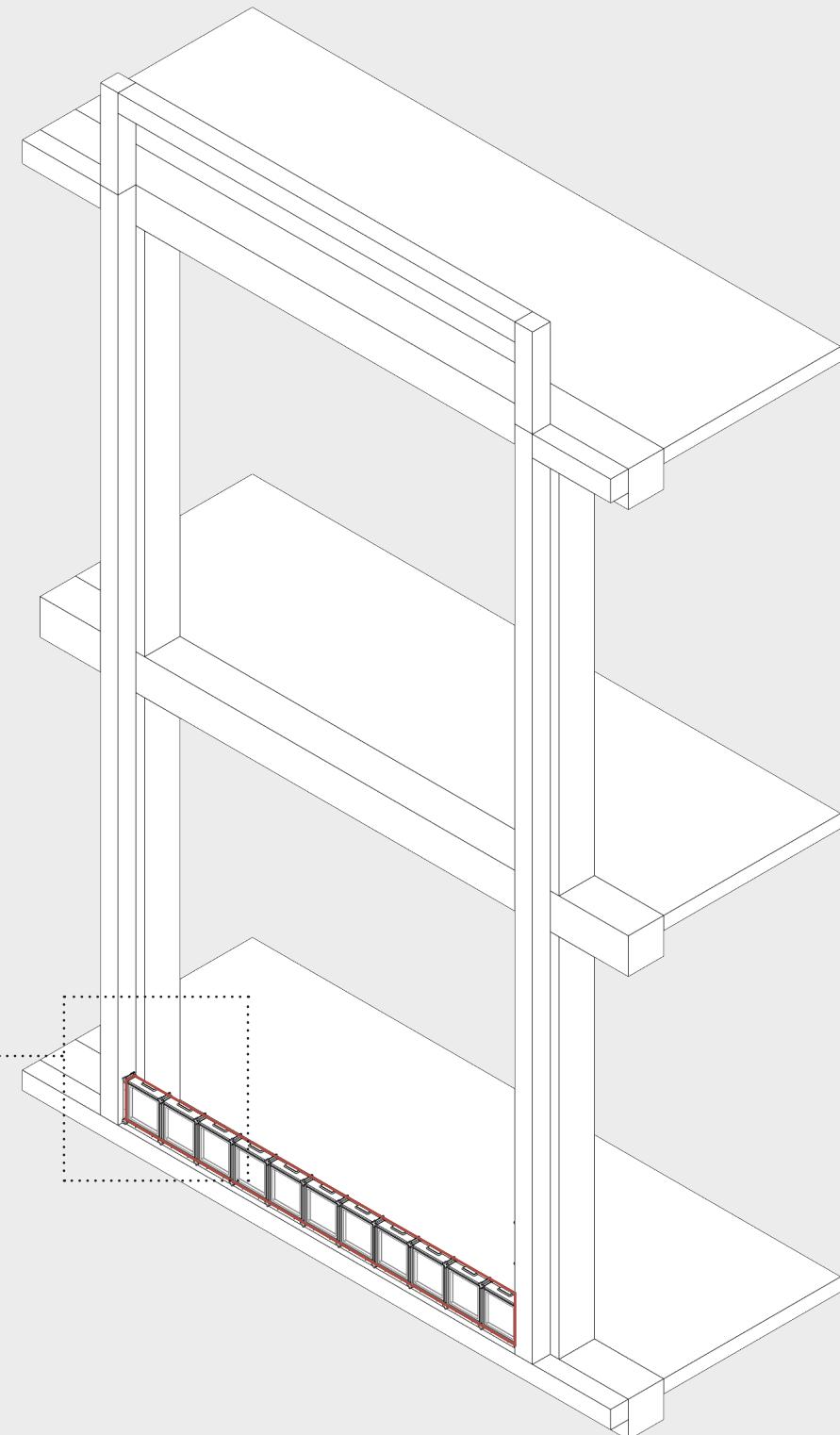
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Step - 6



Place Glass Block on corner

7. Hybrid Glass Block



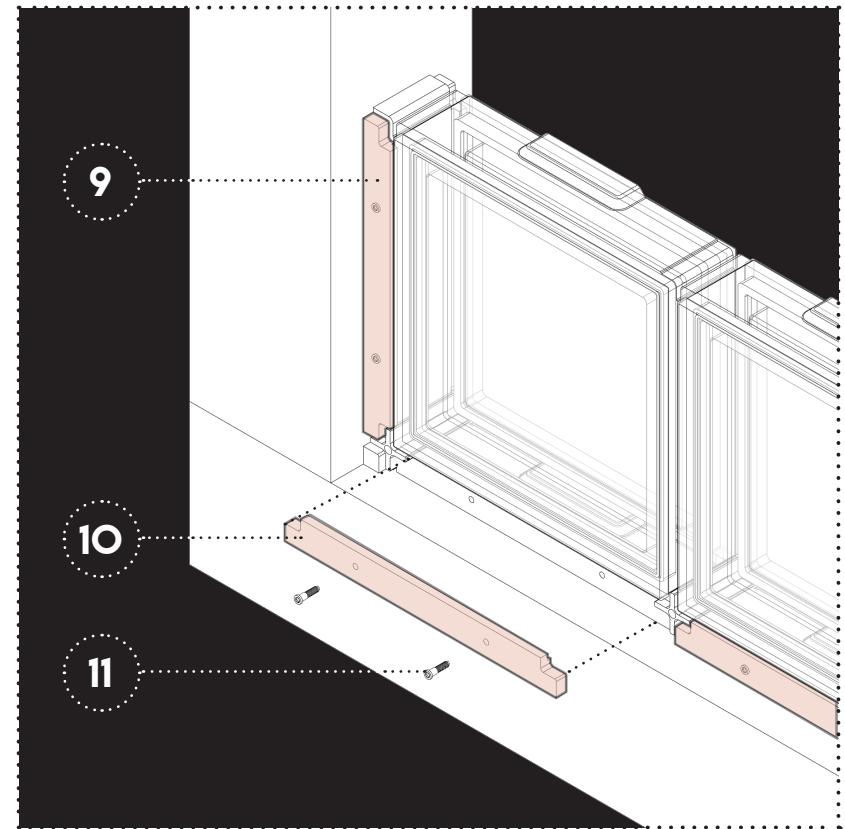
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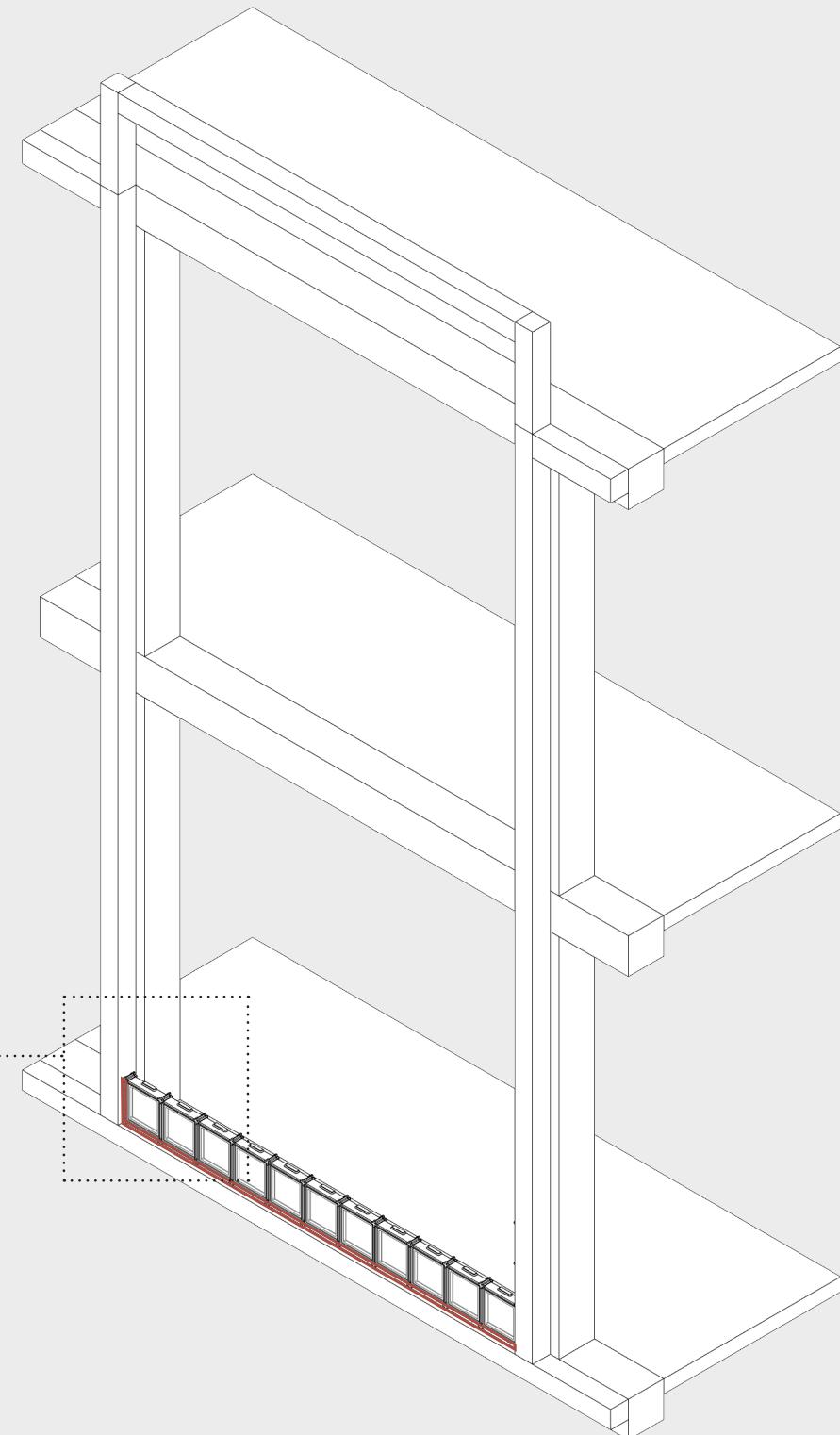
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Step - 7



Secure Block with cover plates

- 9. Side Cover plate
- 10. Front Cover Plate
- 11. Screw

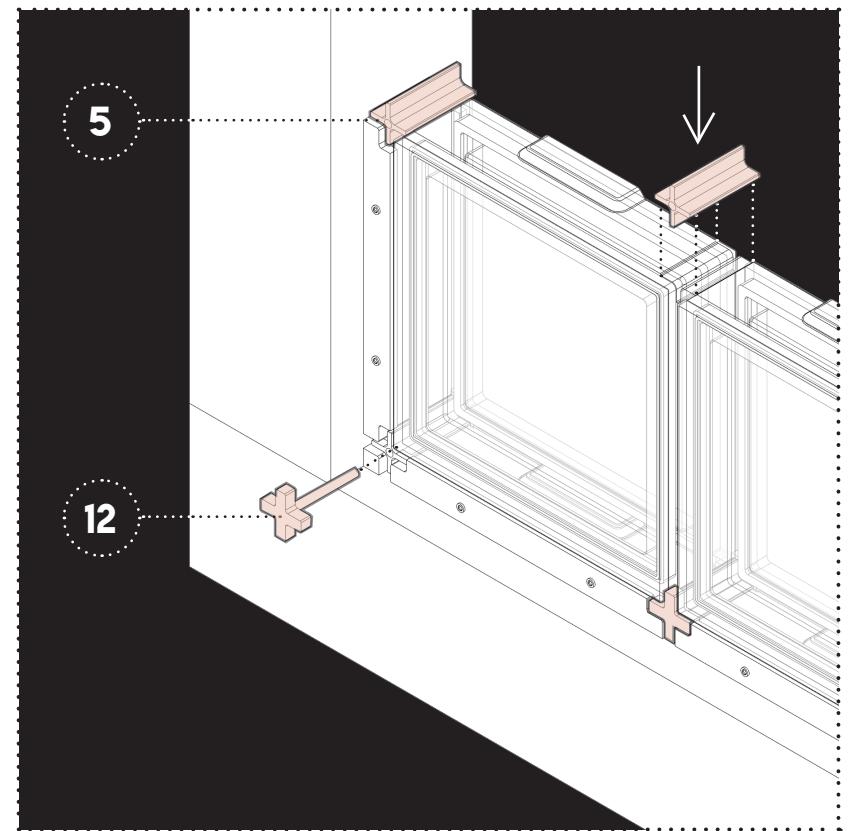


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Assembly System

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Step - 8 & 9

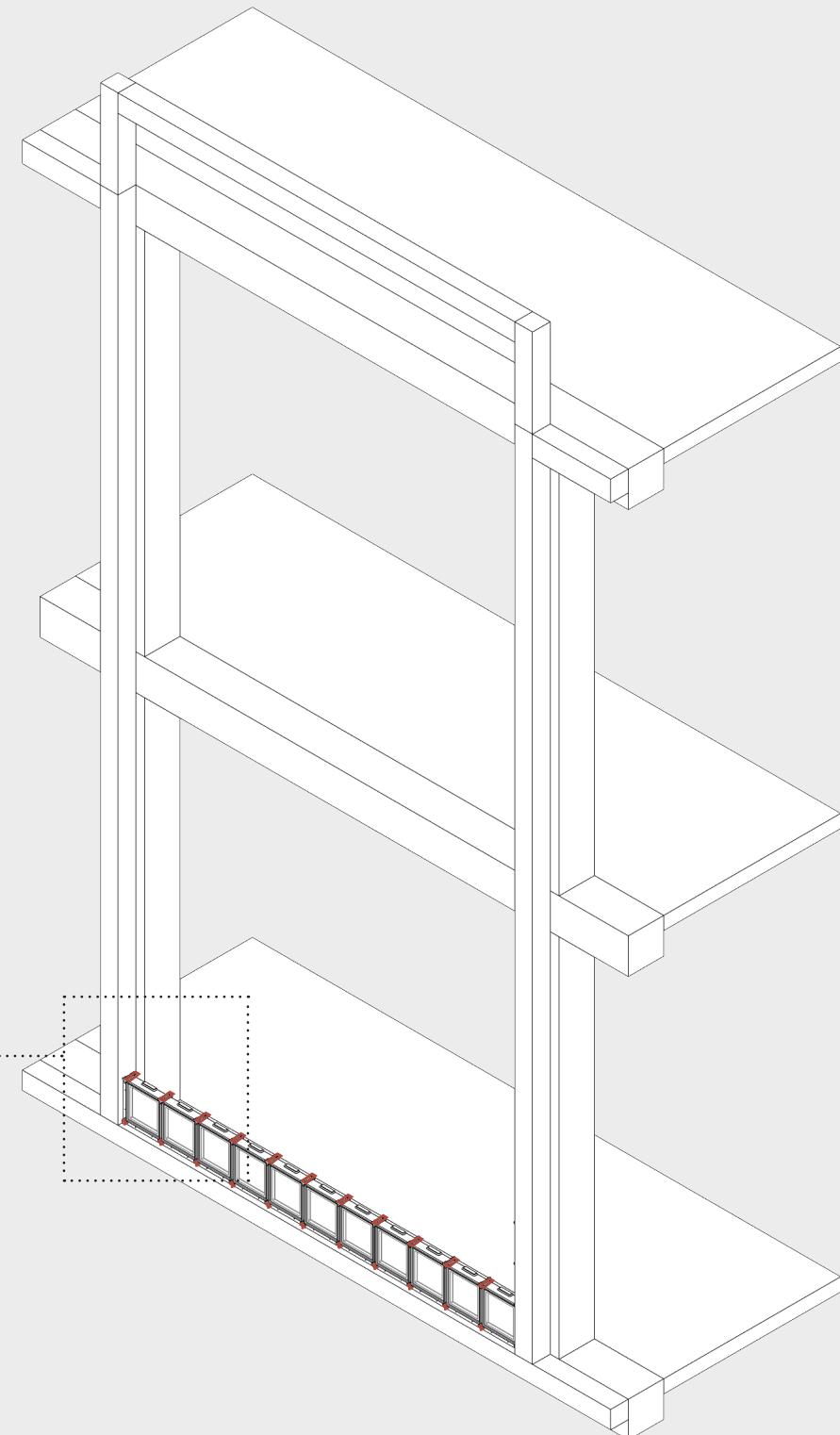


Secure Connection (front -back)

Place connector between blocks

5. Plus shaped connector

12. Teflon Connector with threaded screw cap



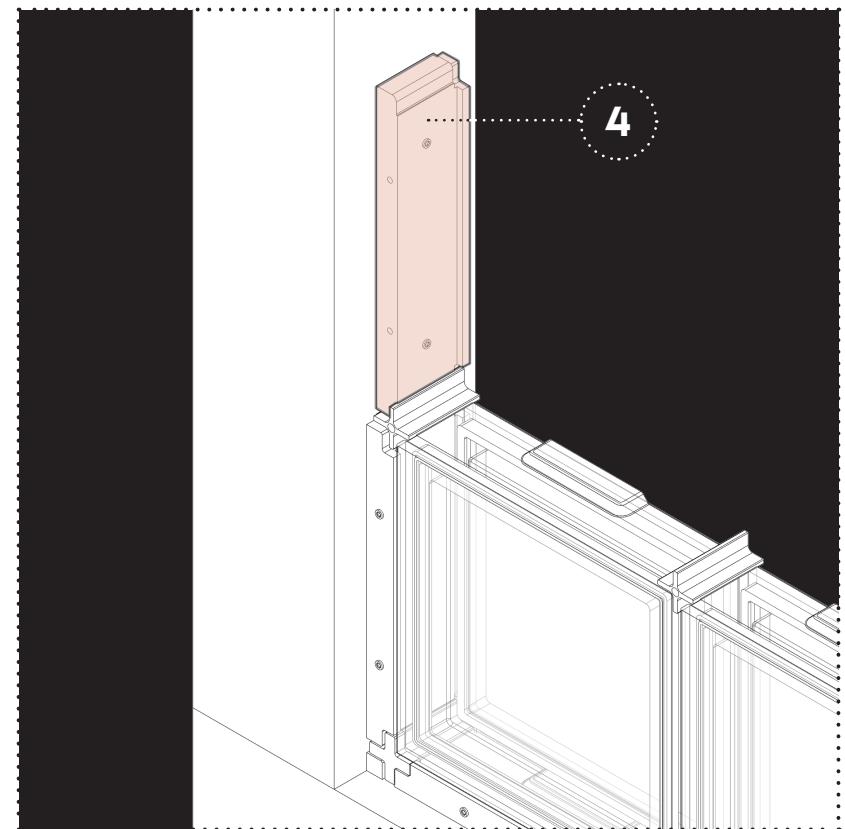
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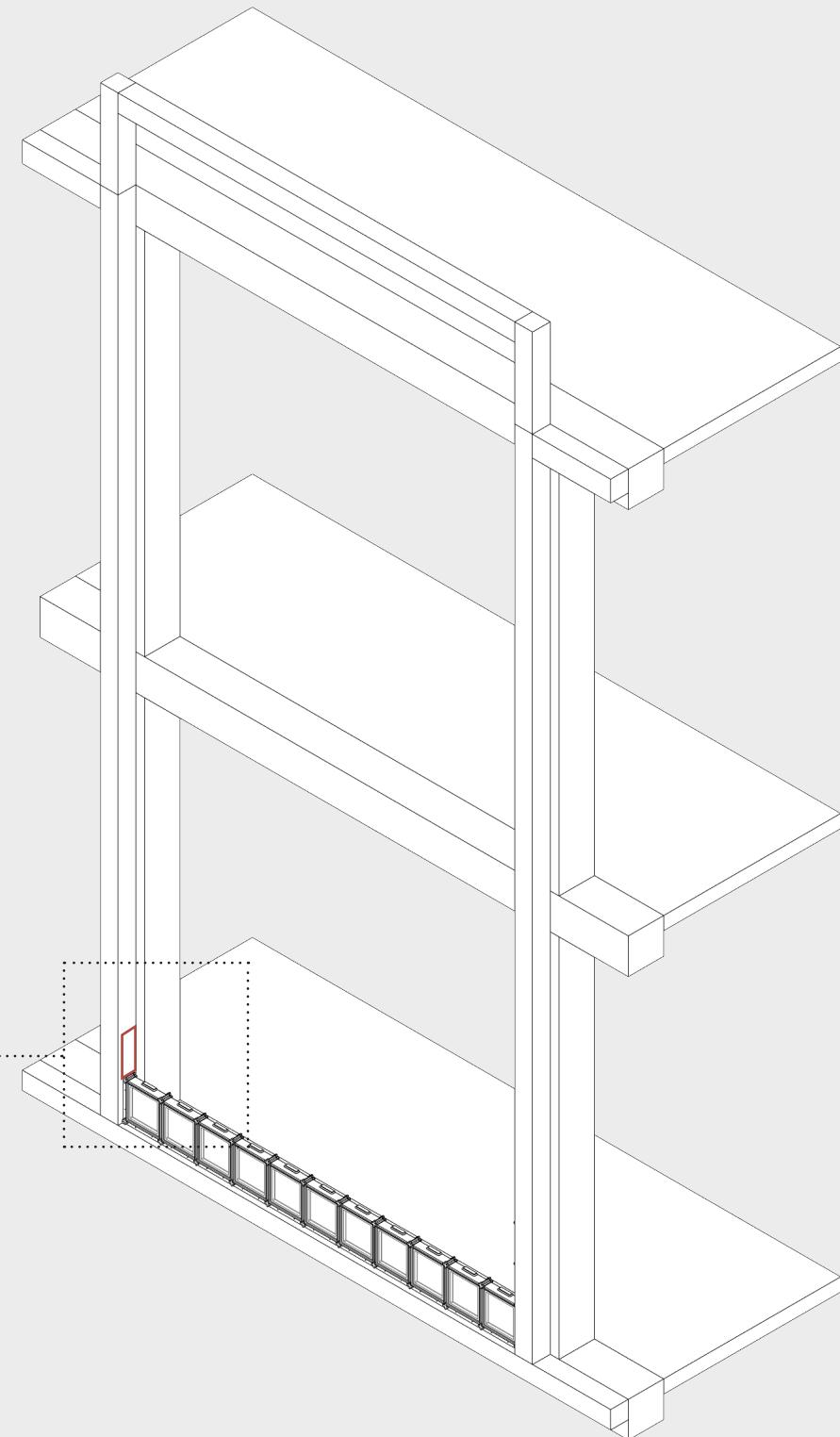
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Step - 10



Screw Side plate (1st course)

4. Side plate



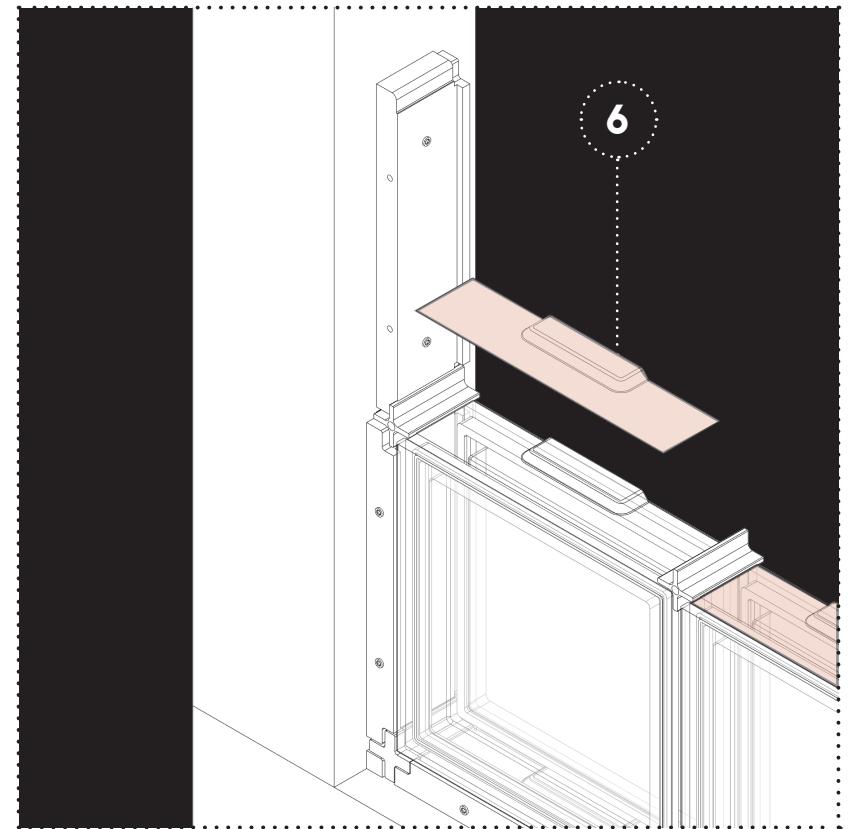
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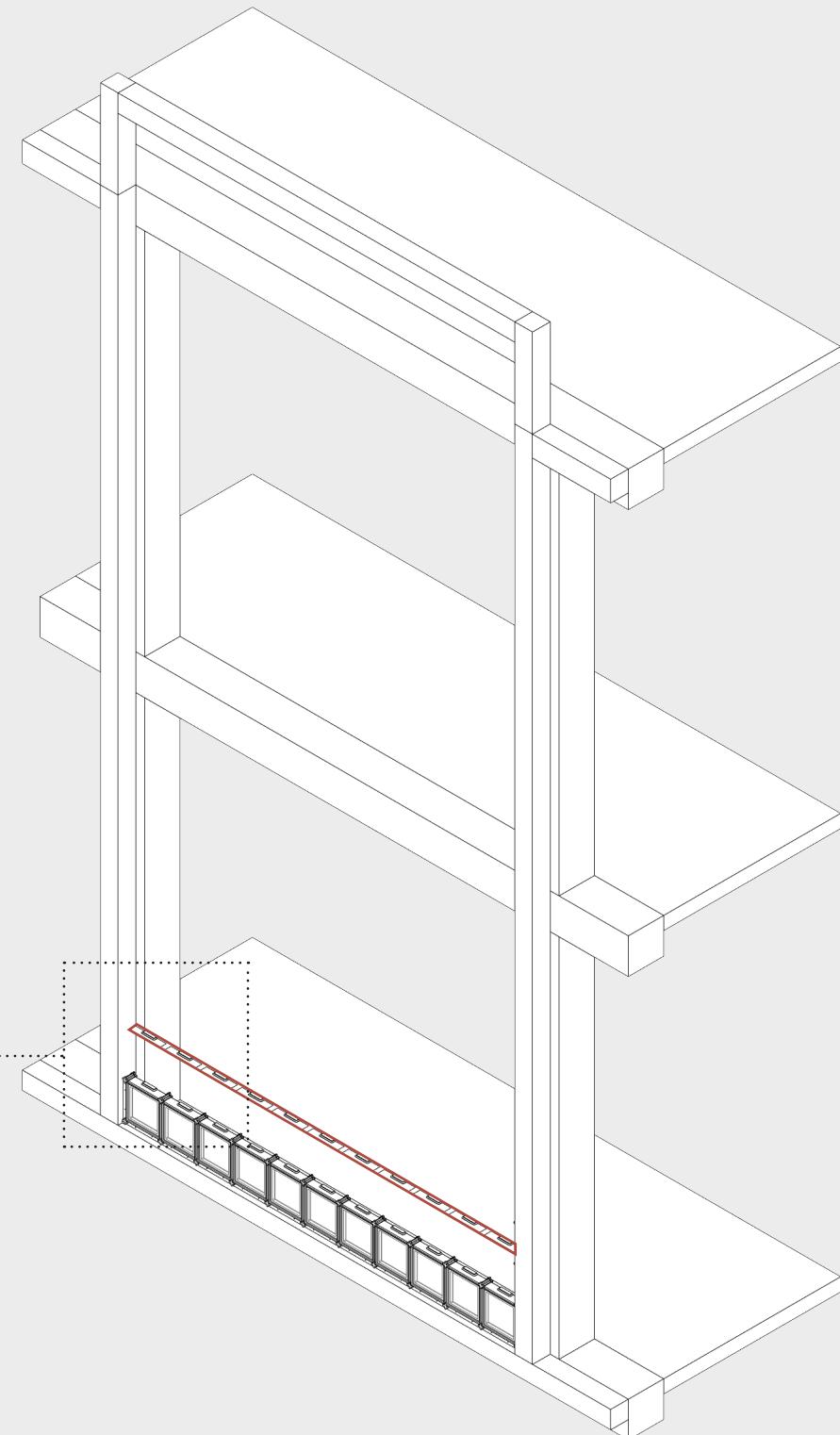
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Step - 11



Place interlayer over glass block

6. Interlayer (Vivak PETG - 2 mm or softcore aluminum -1 mm)



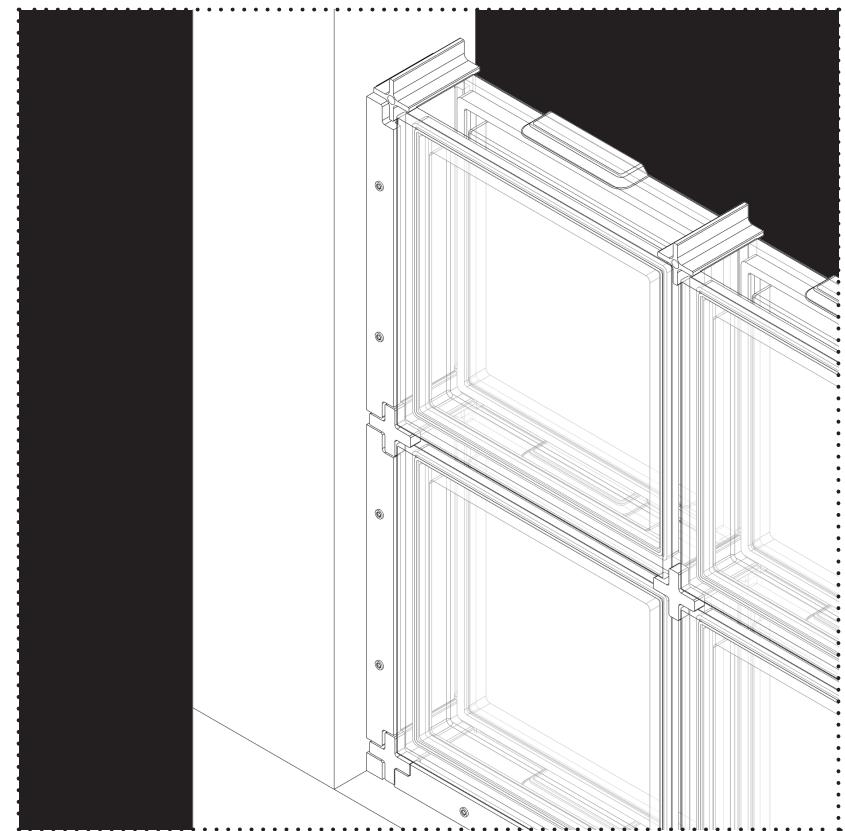
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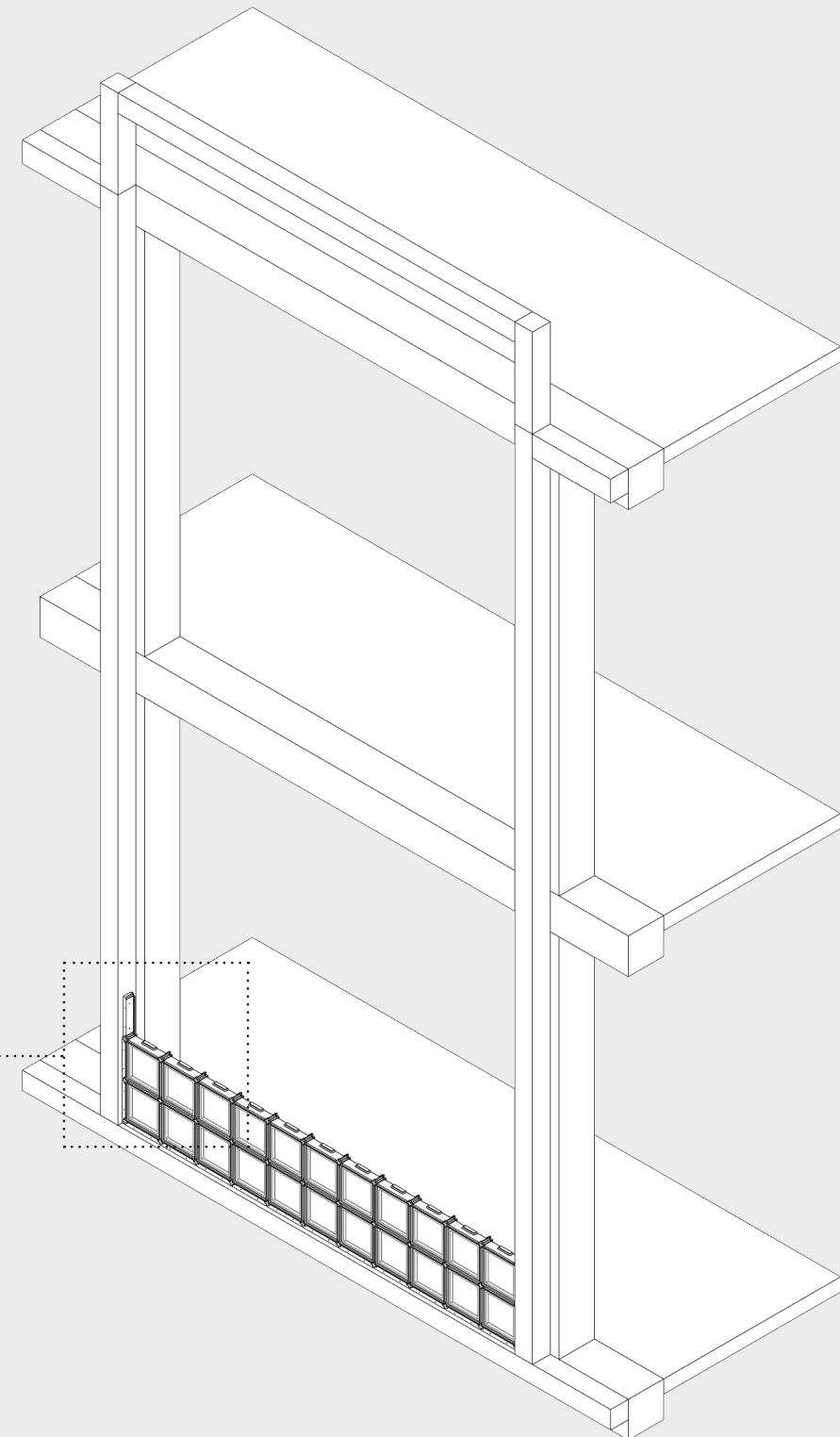
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Step - 12



Repeat Step 6-9

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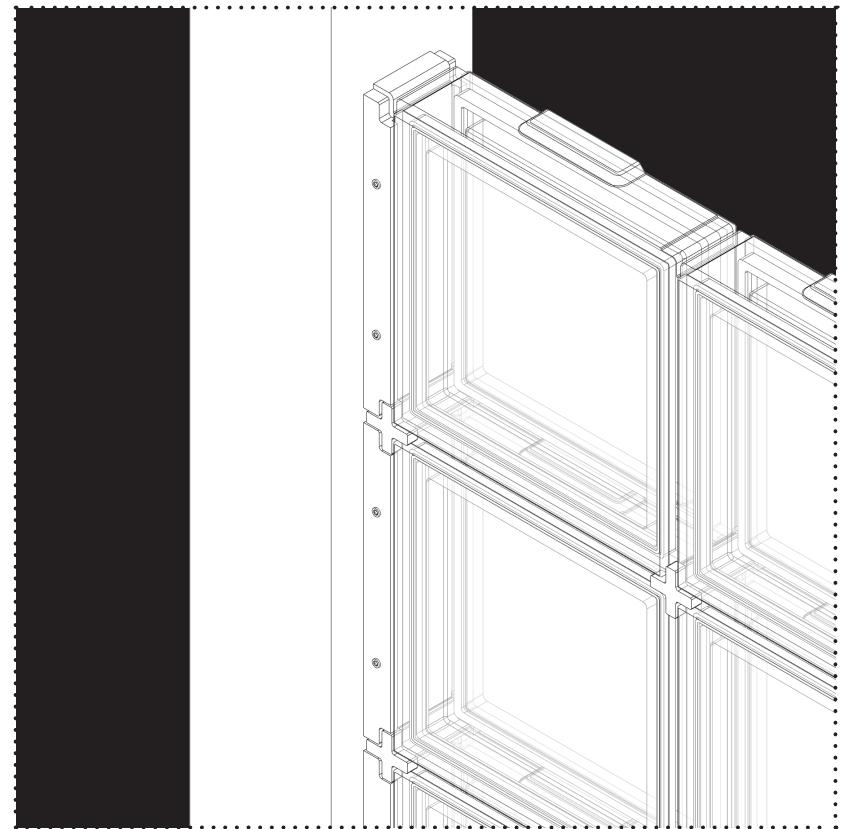


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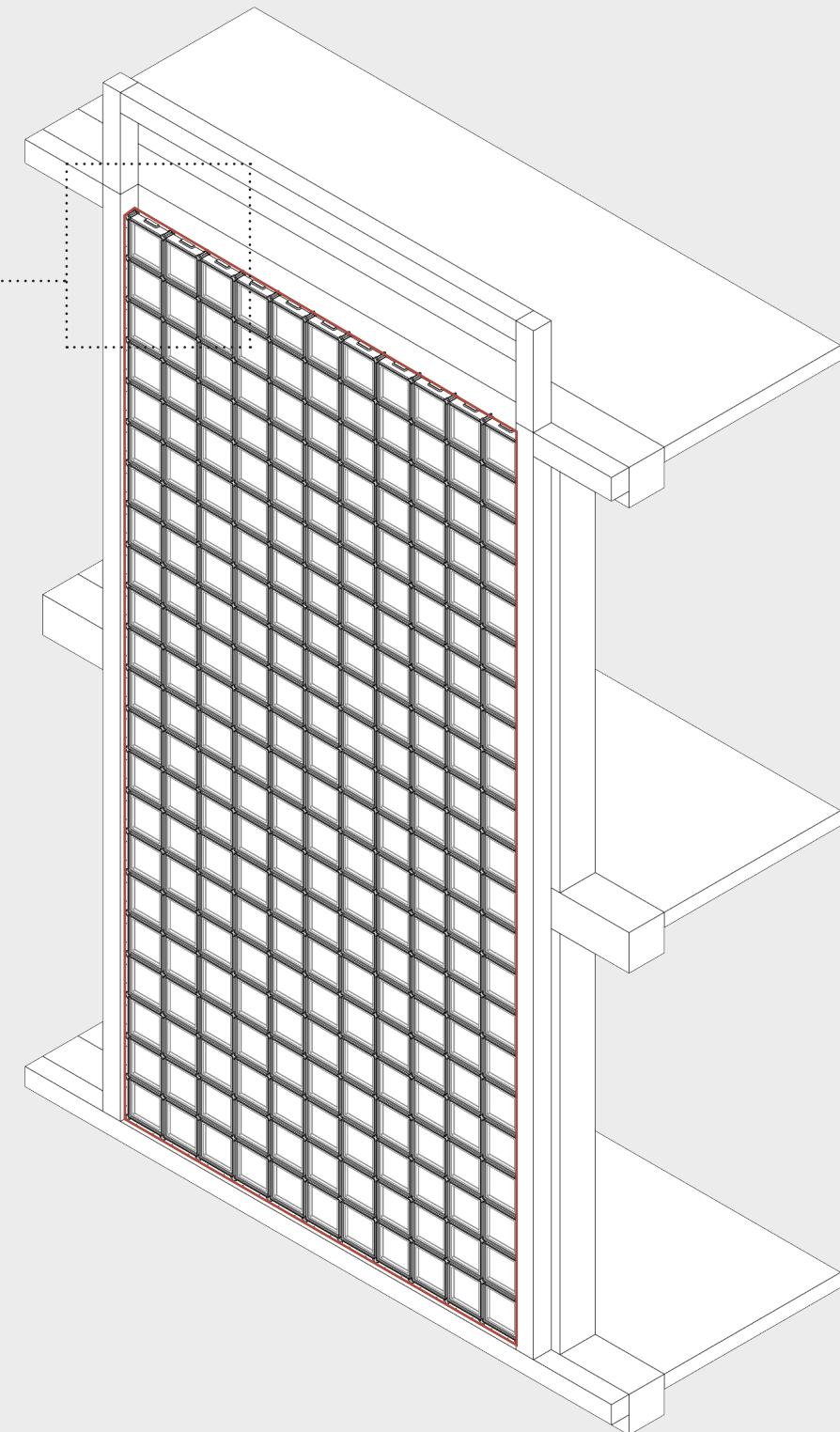
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Step - 13



Repeat Step 6-9 till last course

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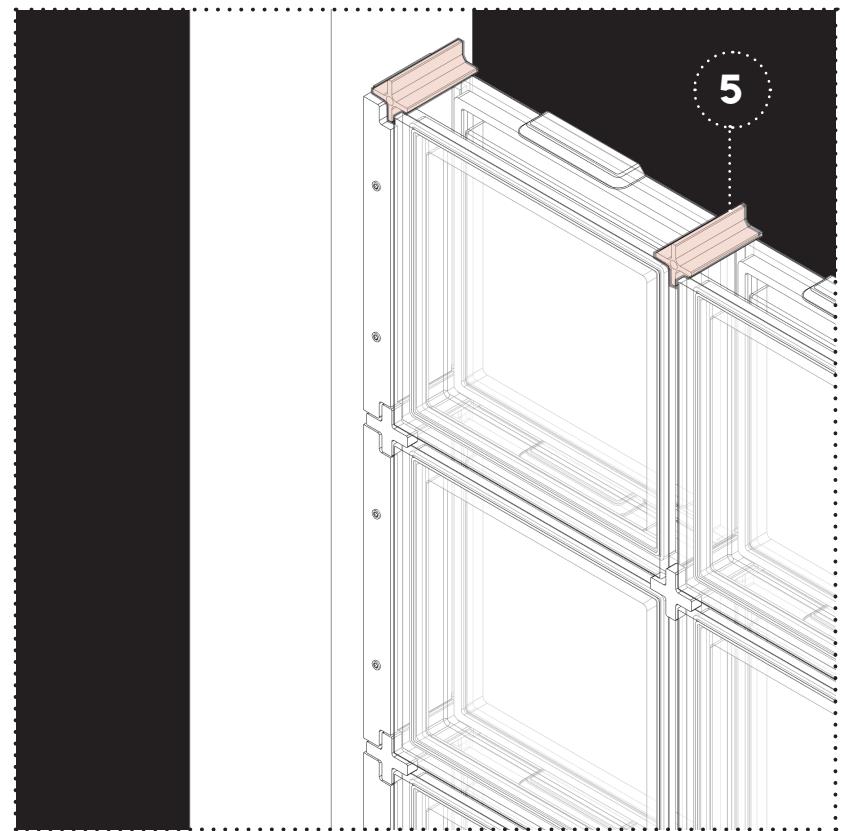


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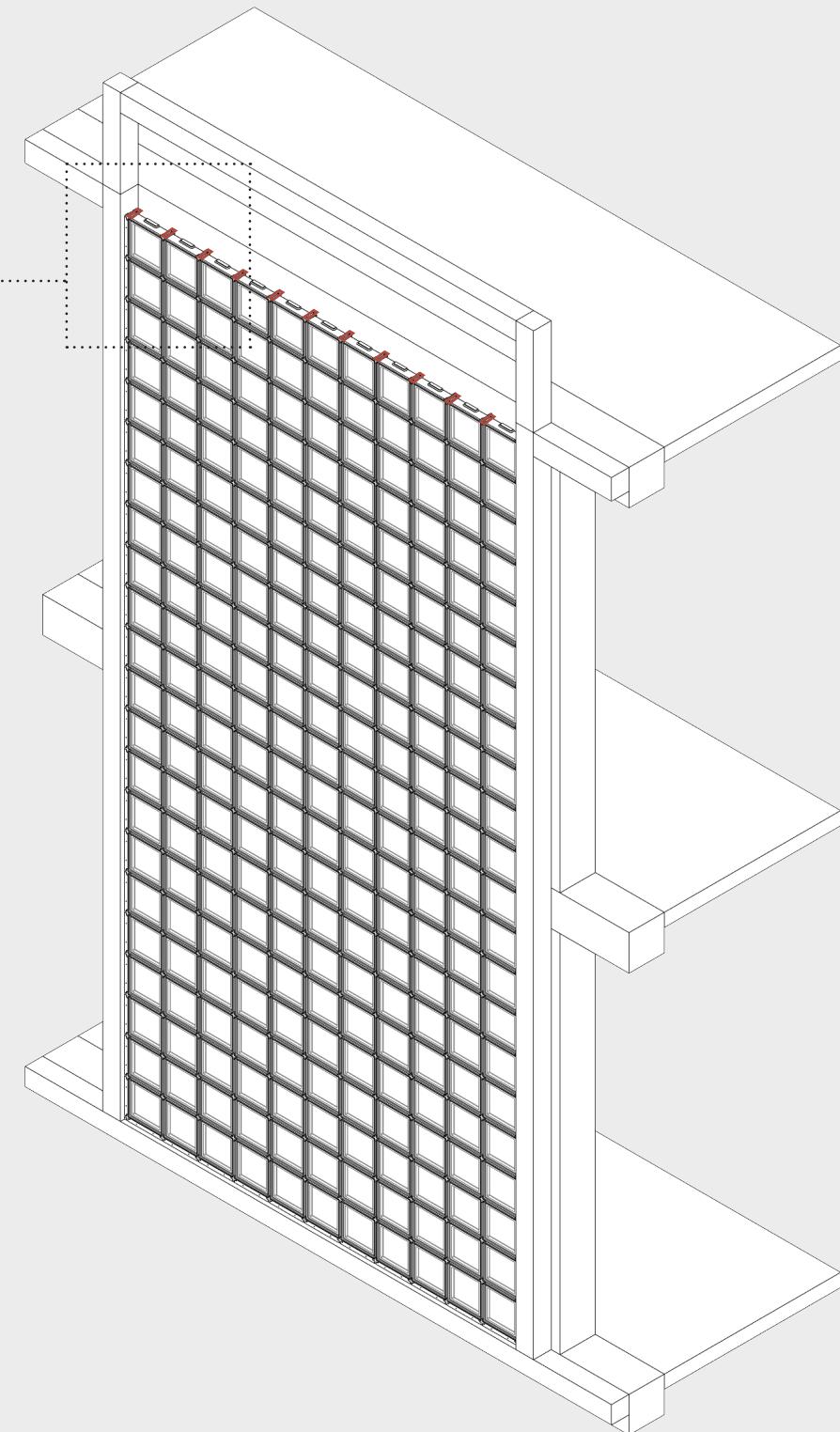
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Step - 14



Place connectors between blocks

5. Plus shaped connector



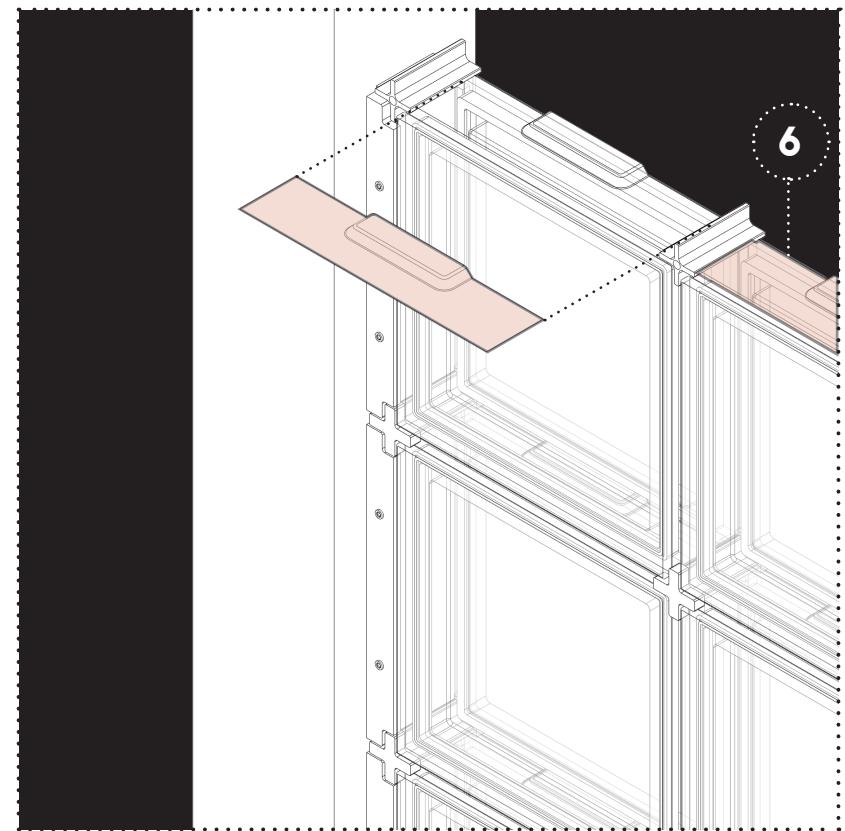
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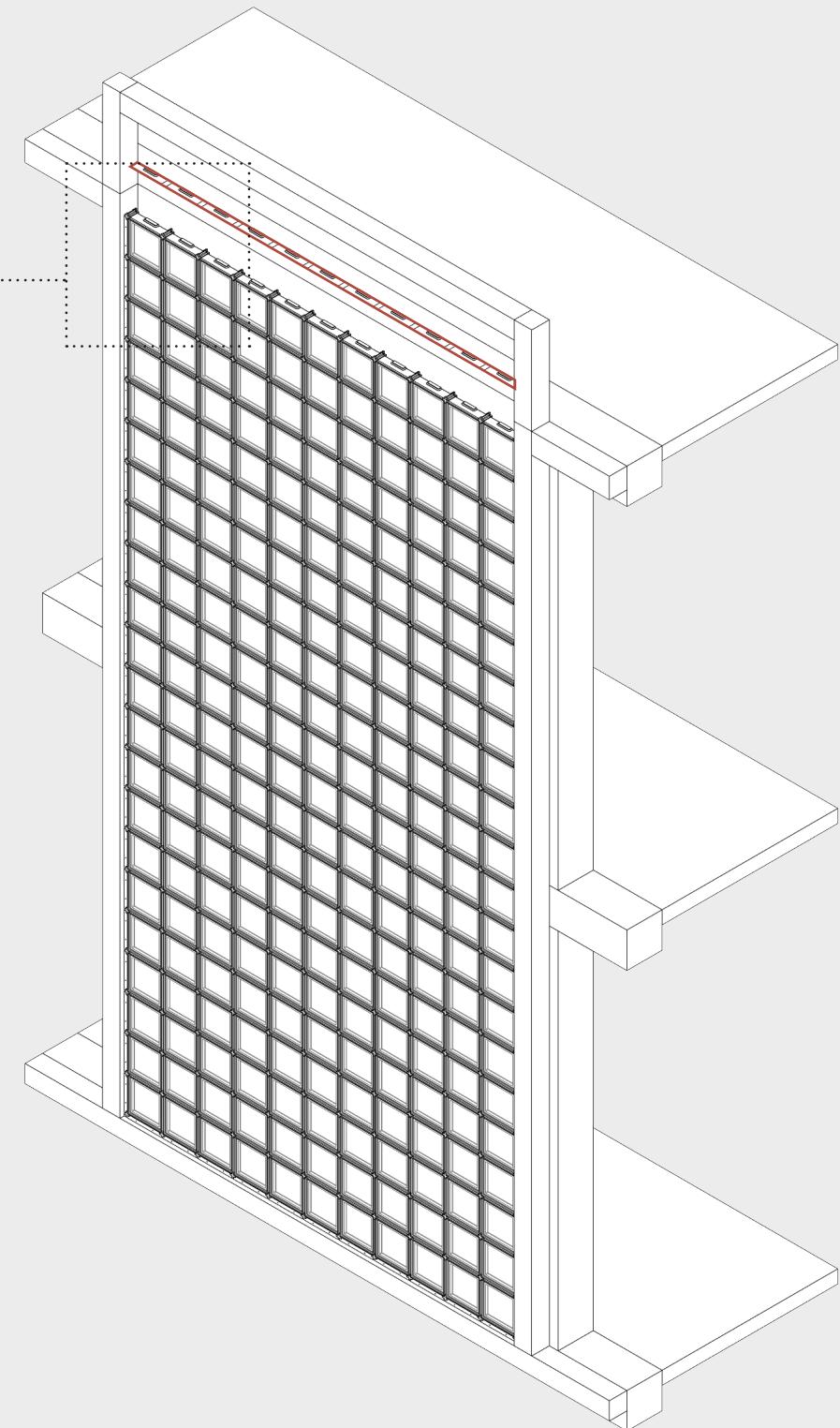
Step - 15



Slide the soft padding

6. Interlayer or Soft Padding - 2 to 4 [mm]

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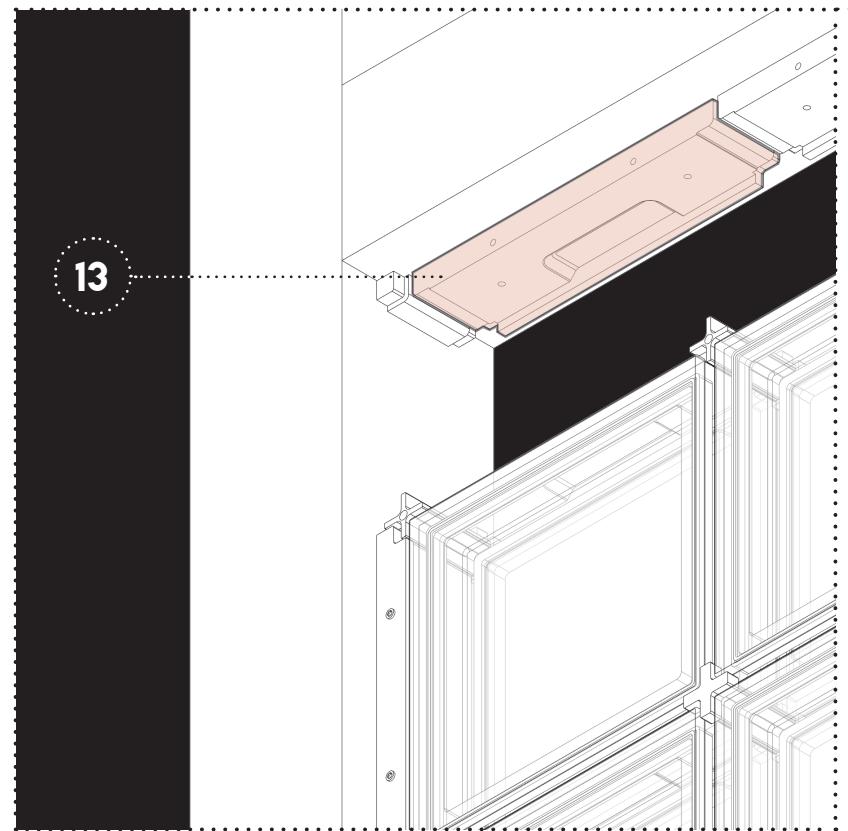


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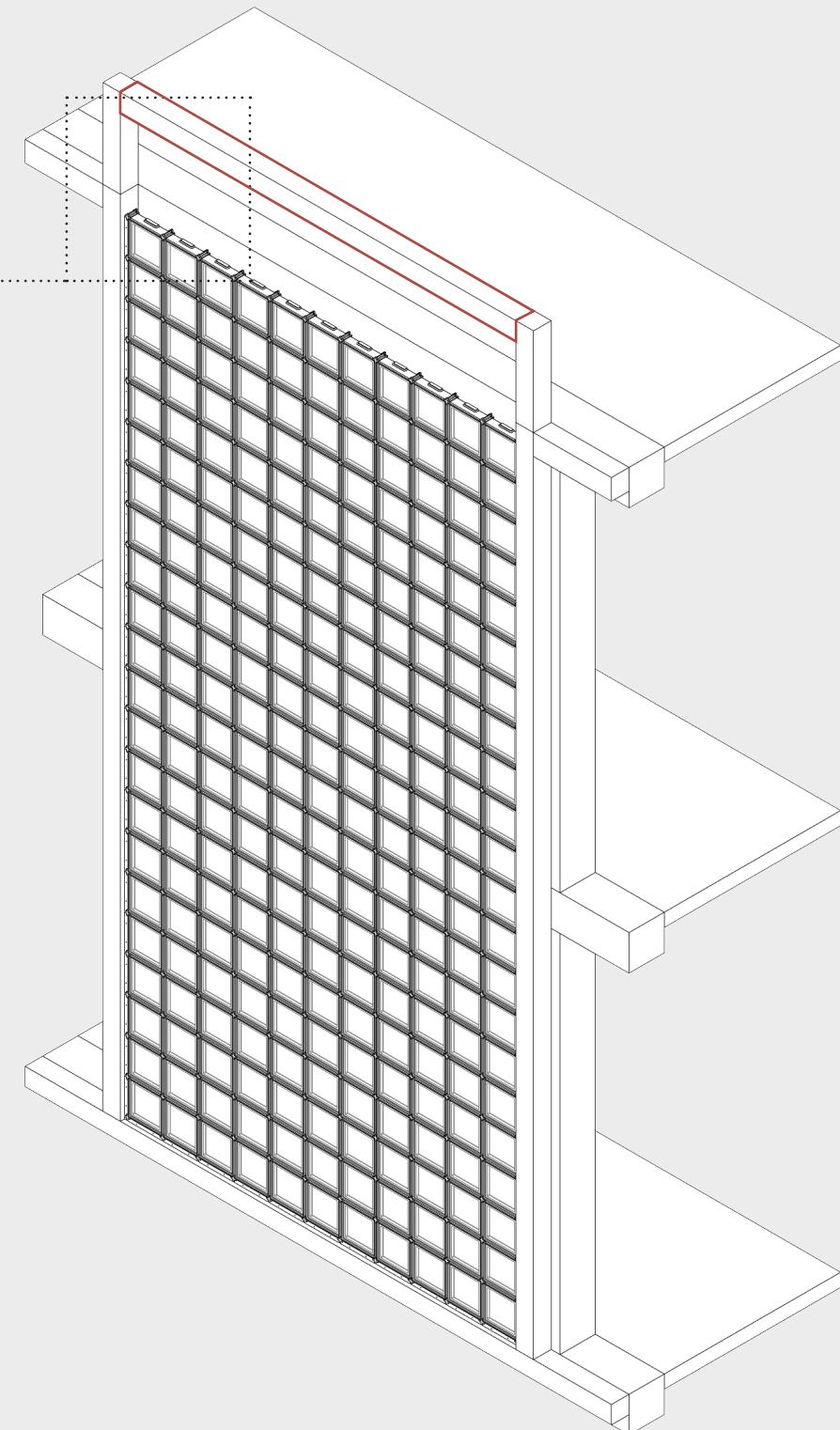
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Step - 16



Top Plate screwed to beam

6. Top Plate with alignment dip



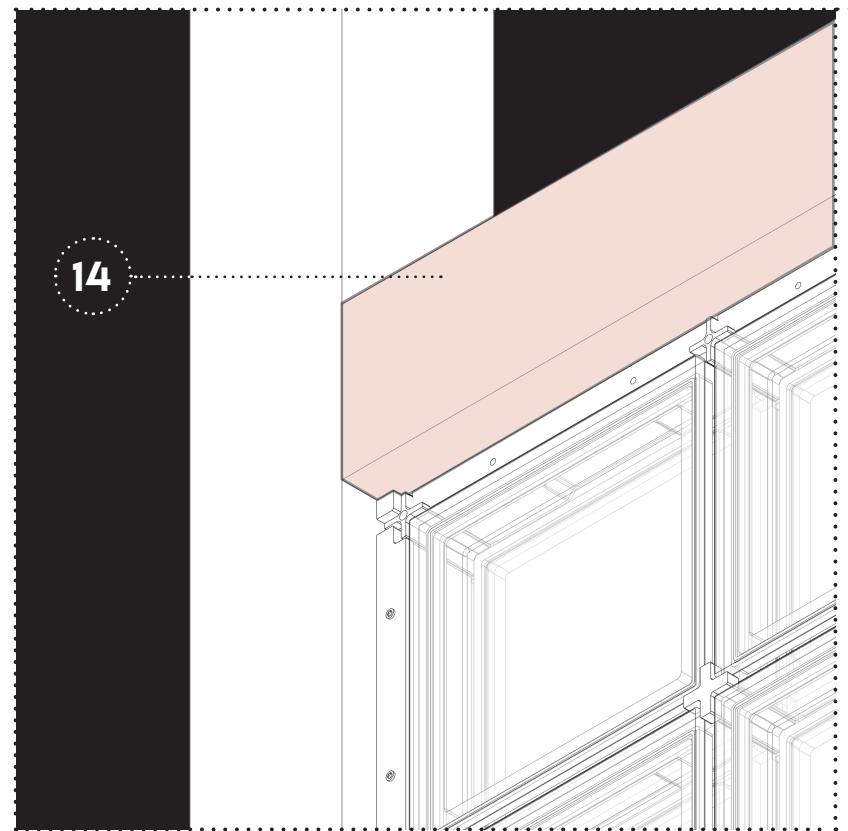
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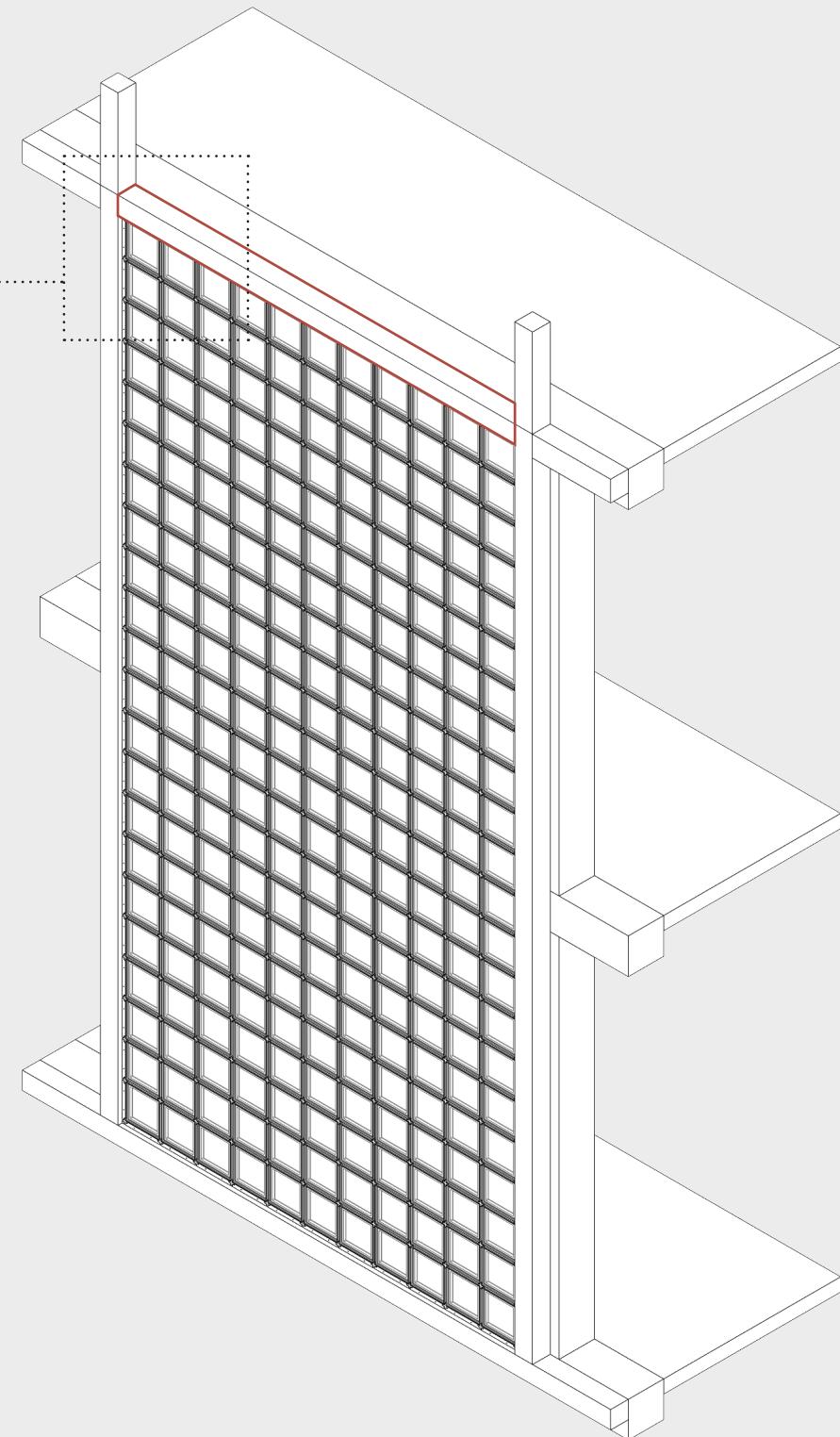
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Step - 17



Top Beam is Lowered

14. Top beam



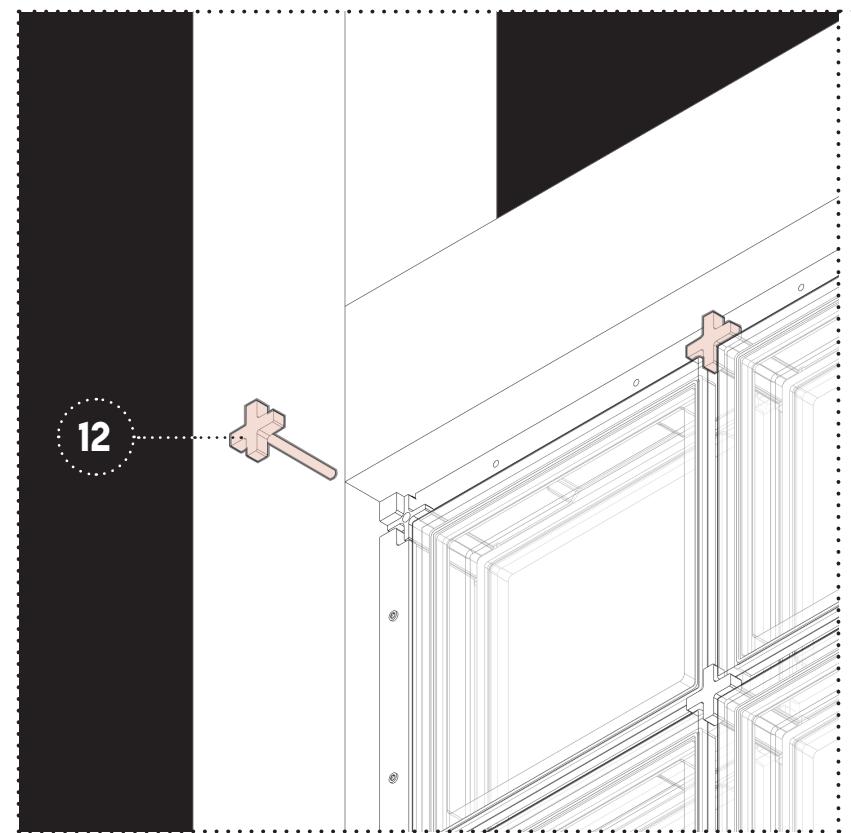
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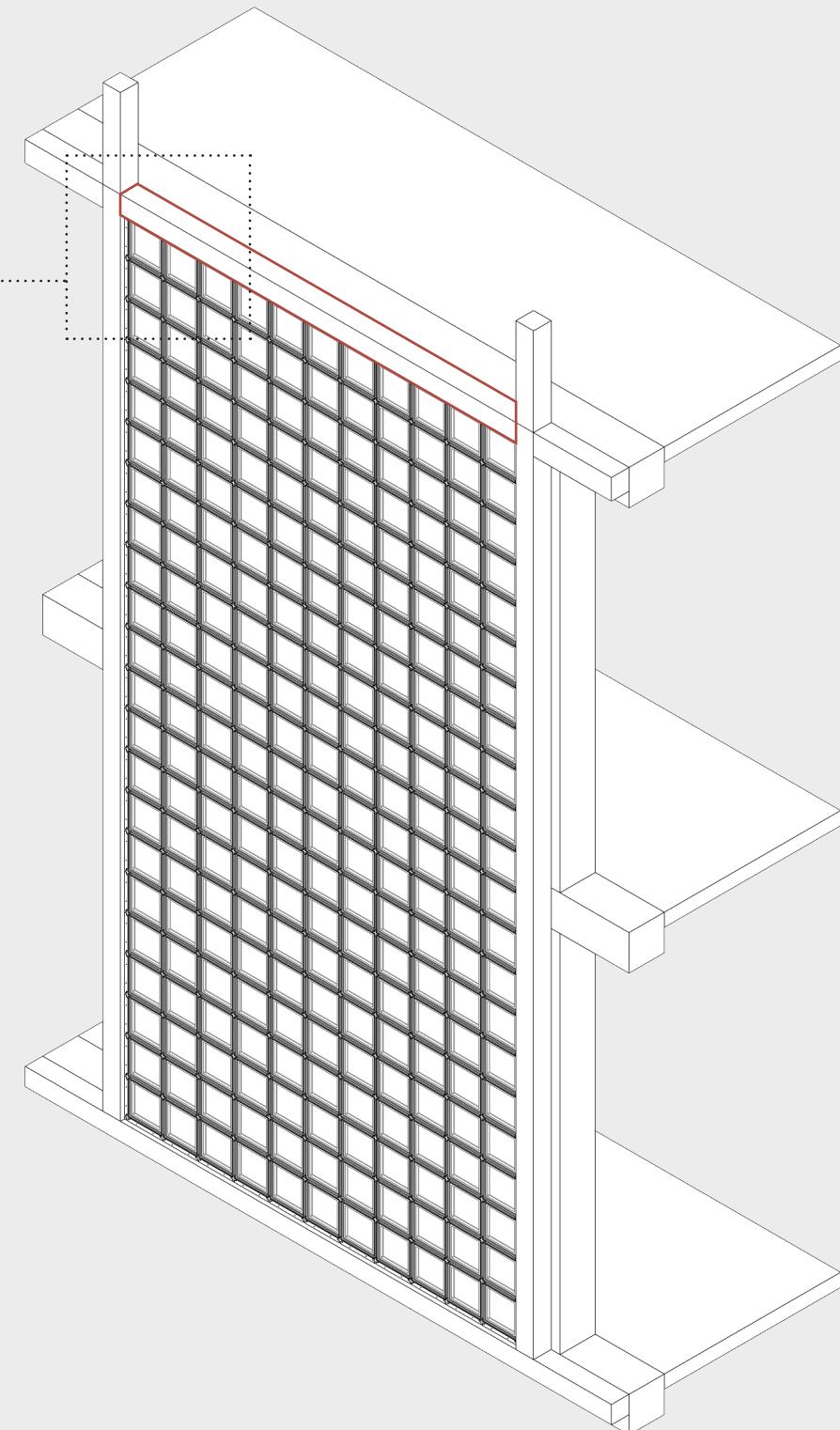
Step - 18



Top connection secured

12. Teflon connector with threaded screw

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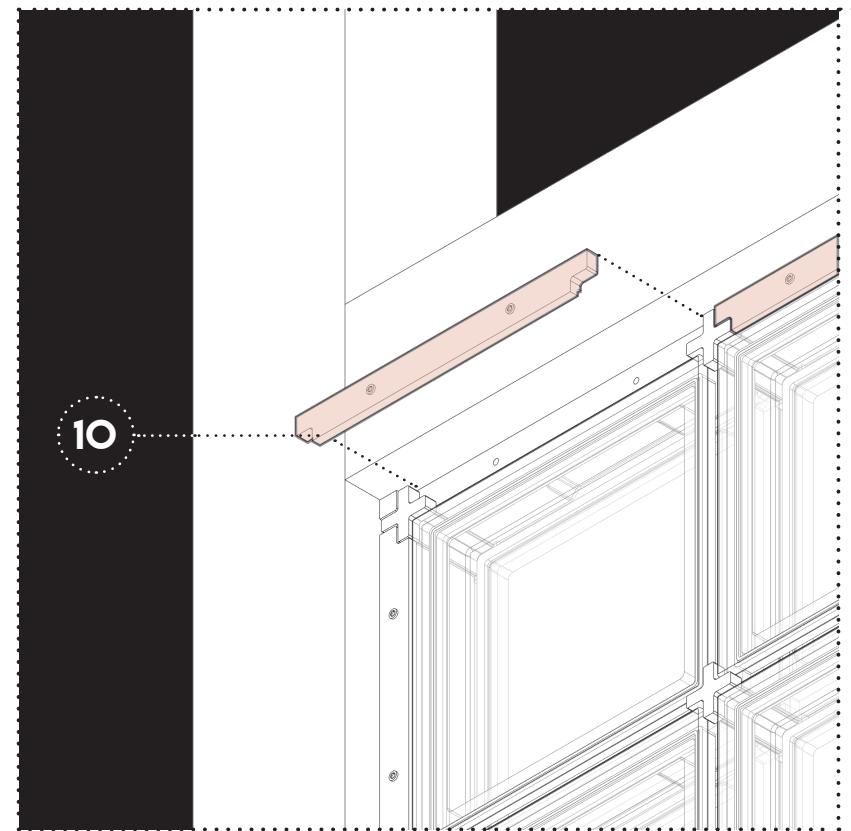


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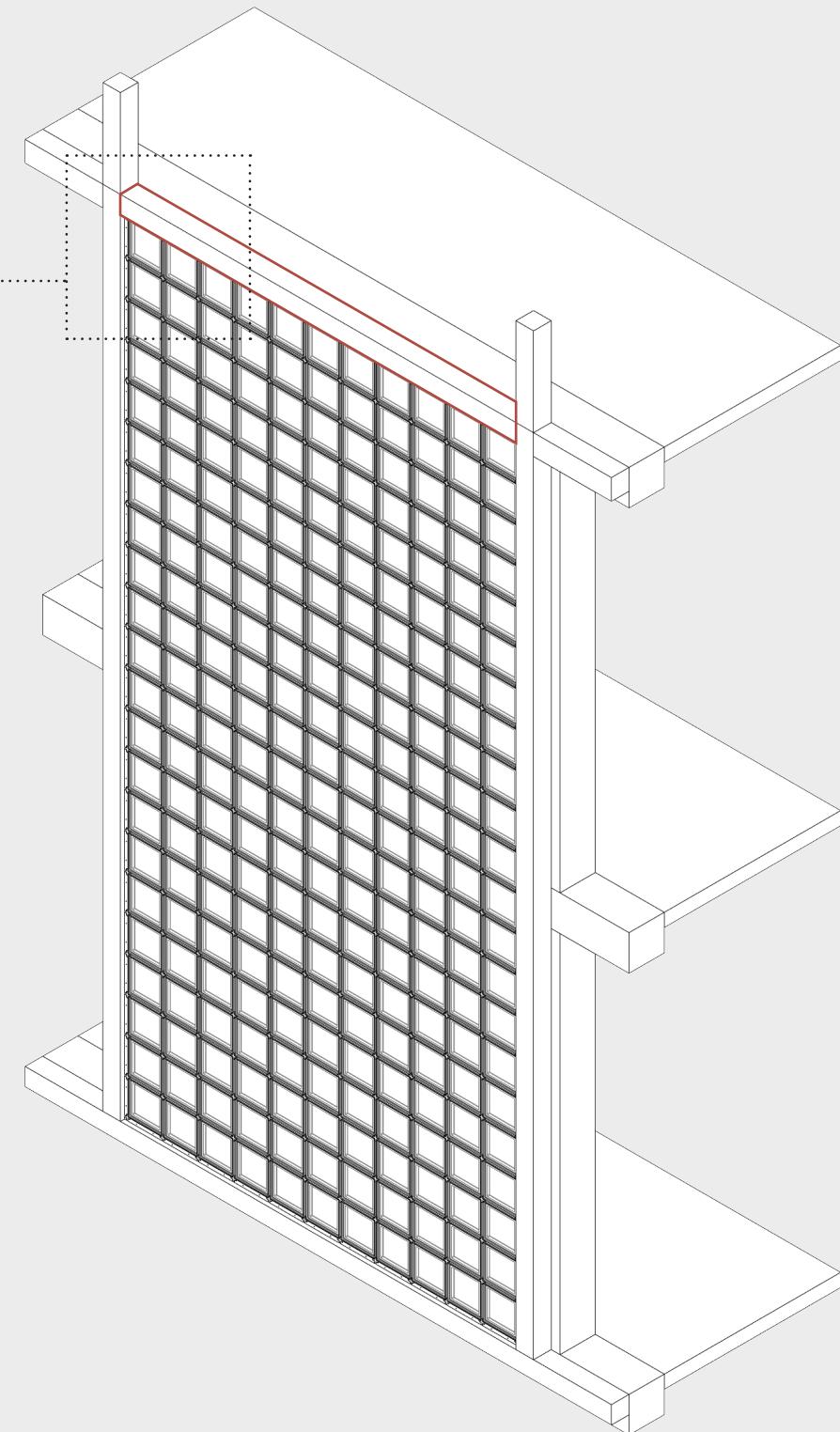
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Step - 19



Screw the cover plate

10. Front Cover plate



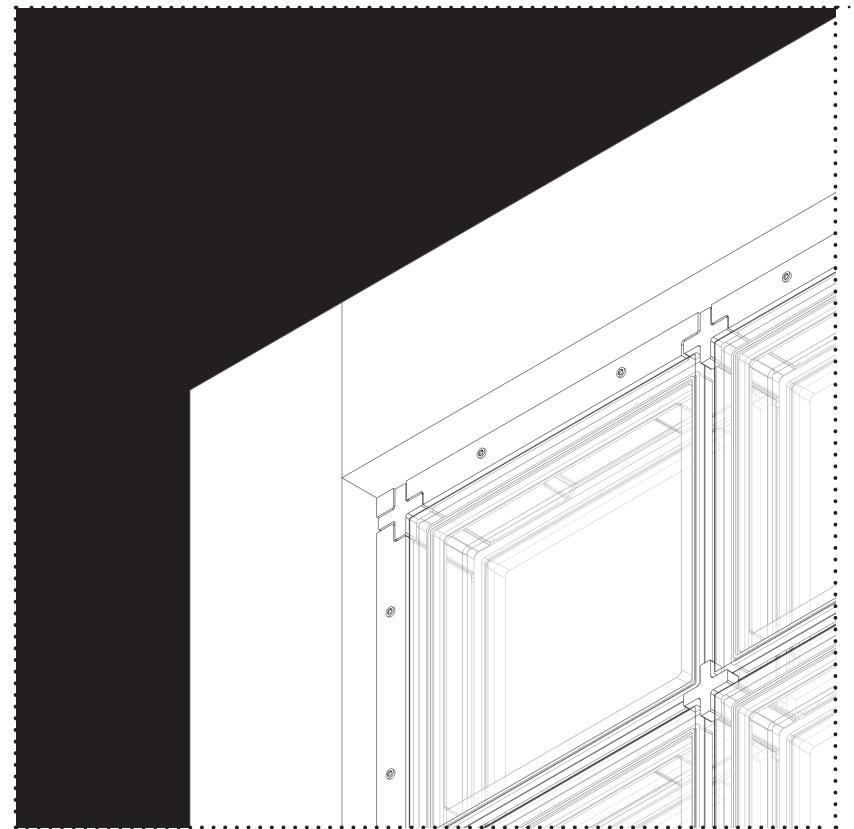
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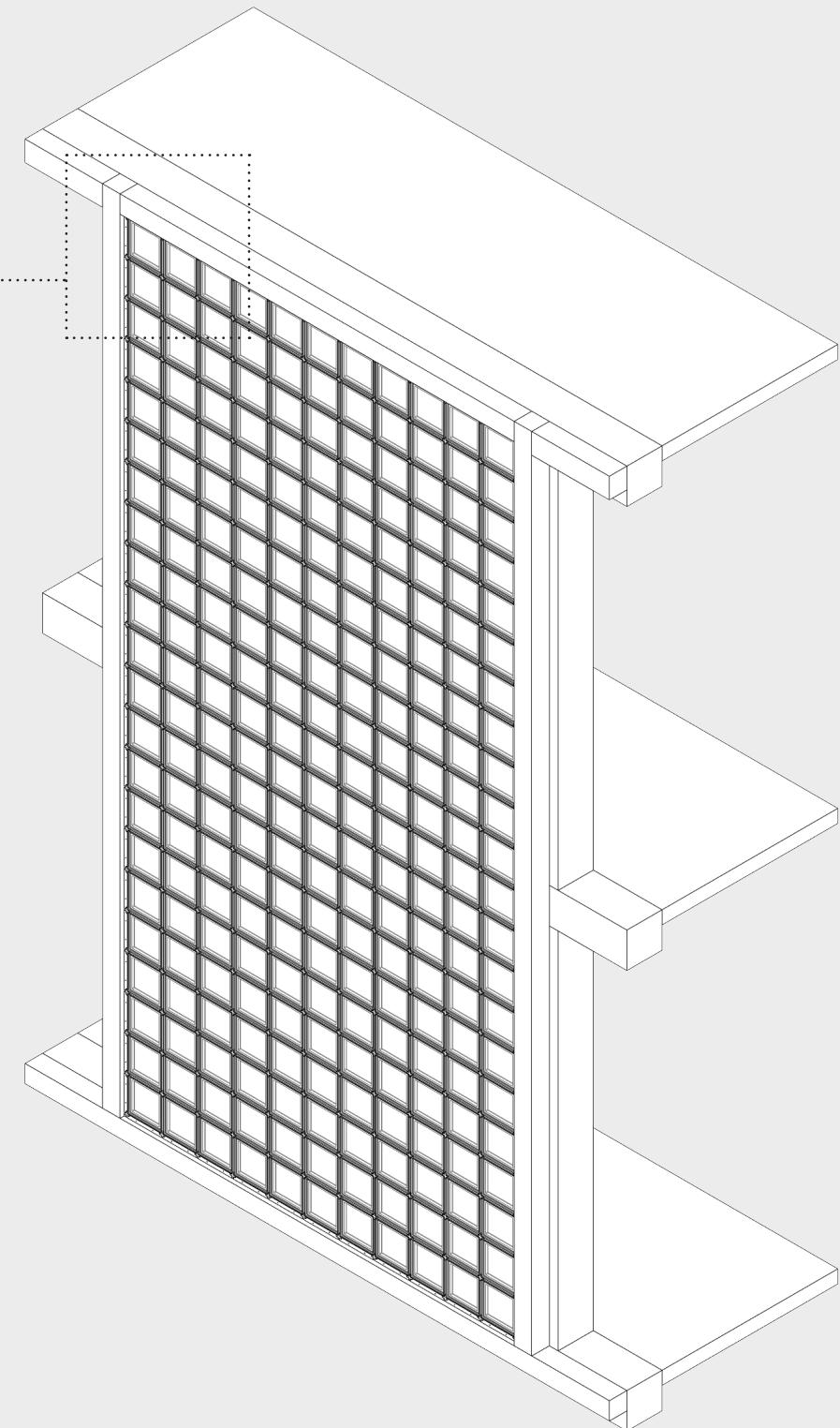
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Step - 20



The extended frame is removed

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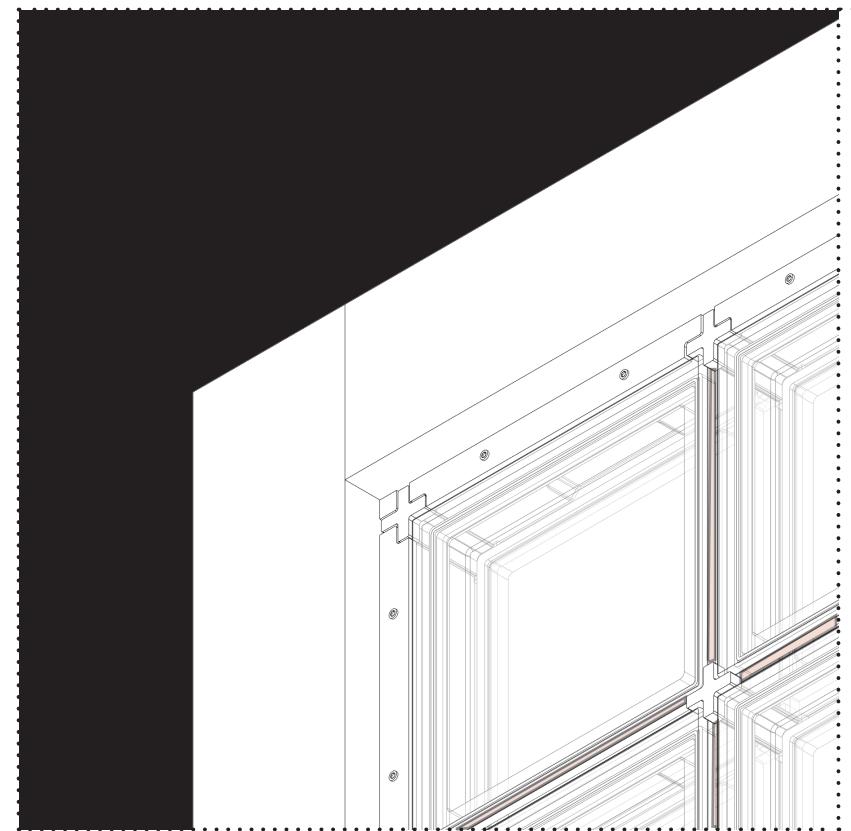


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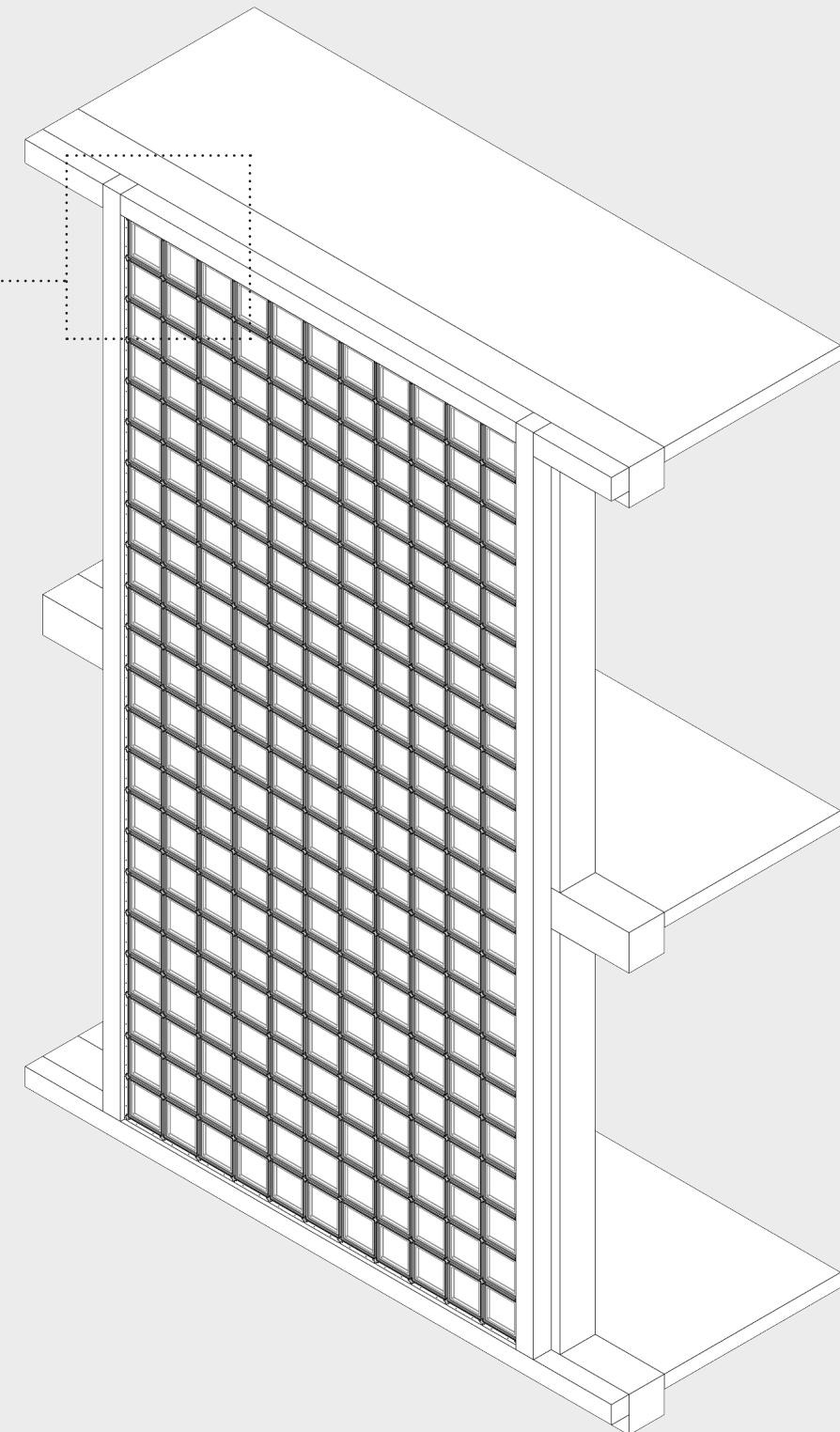
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Step - 20

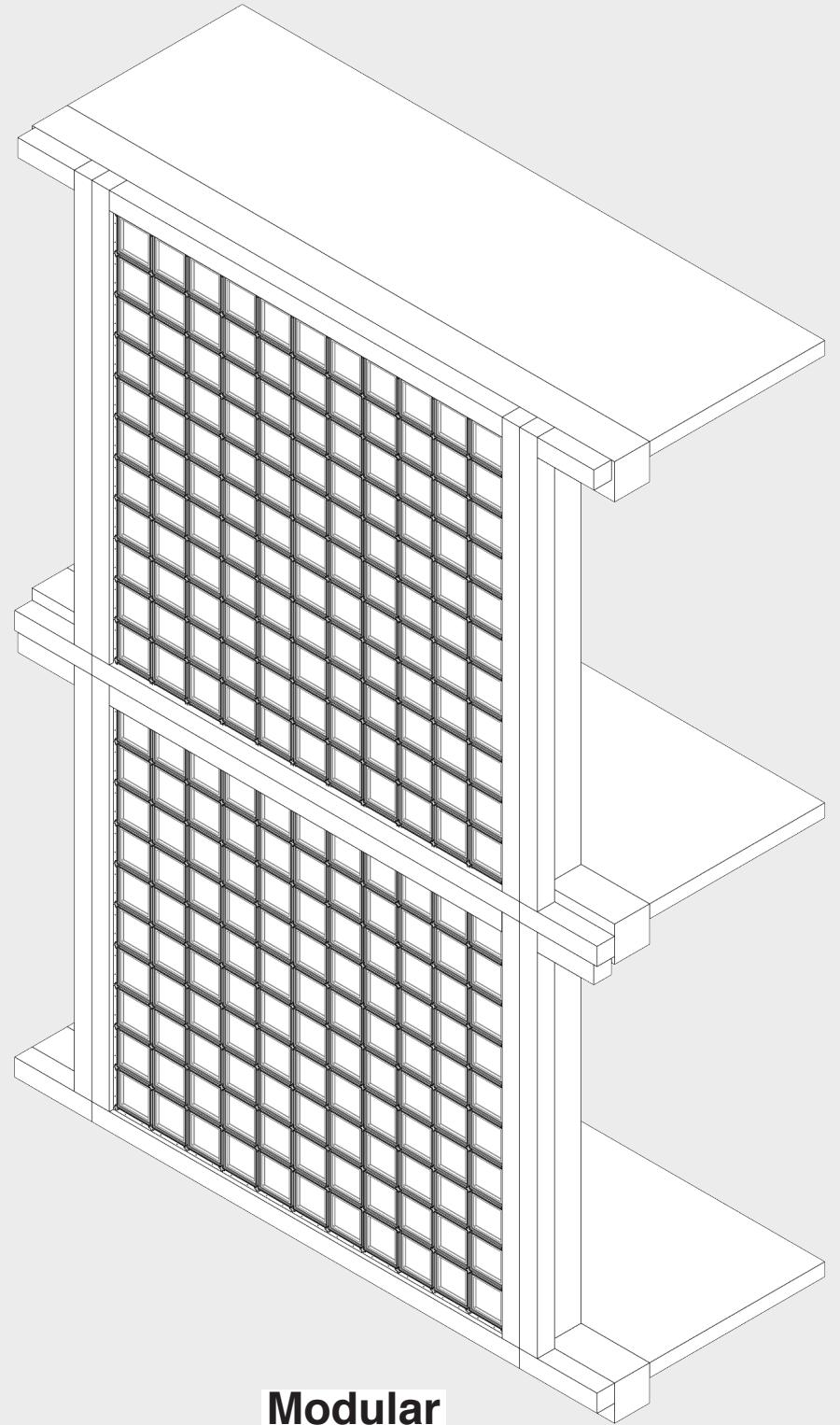


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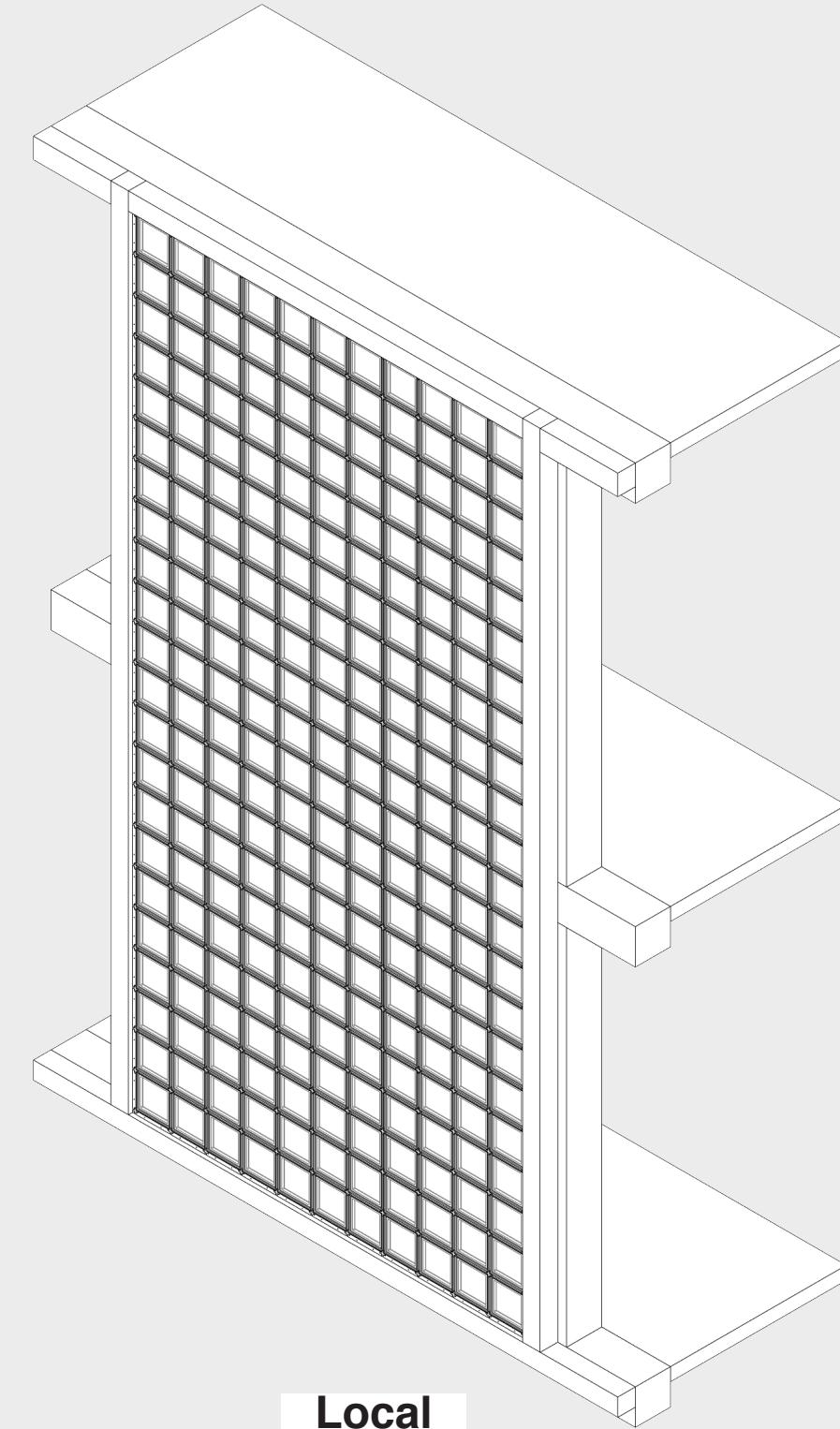


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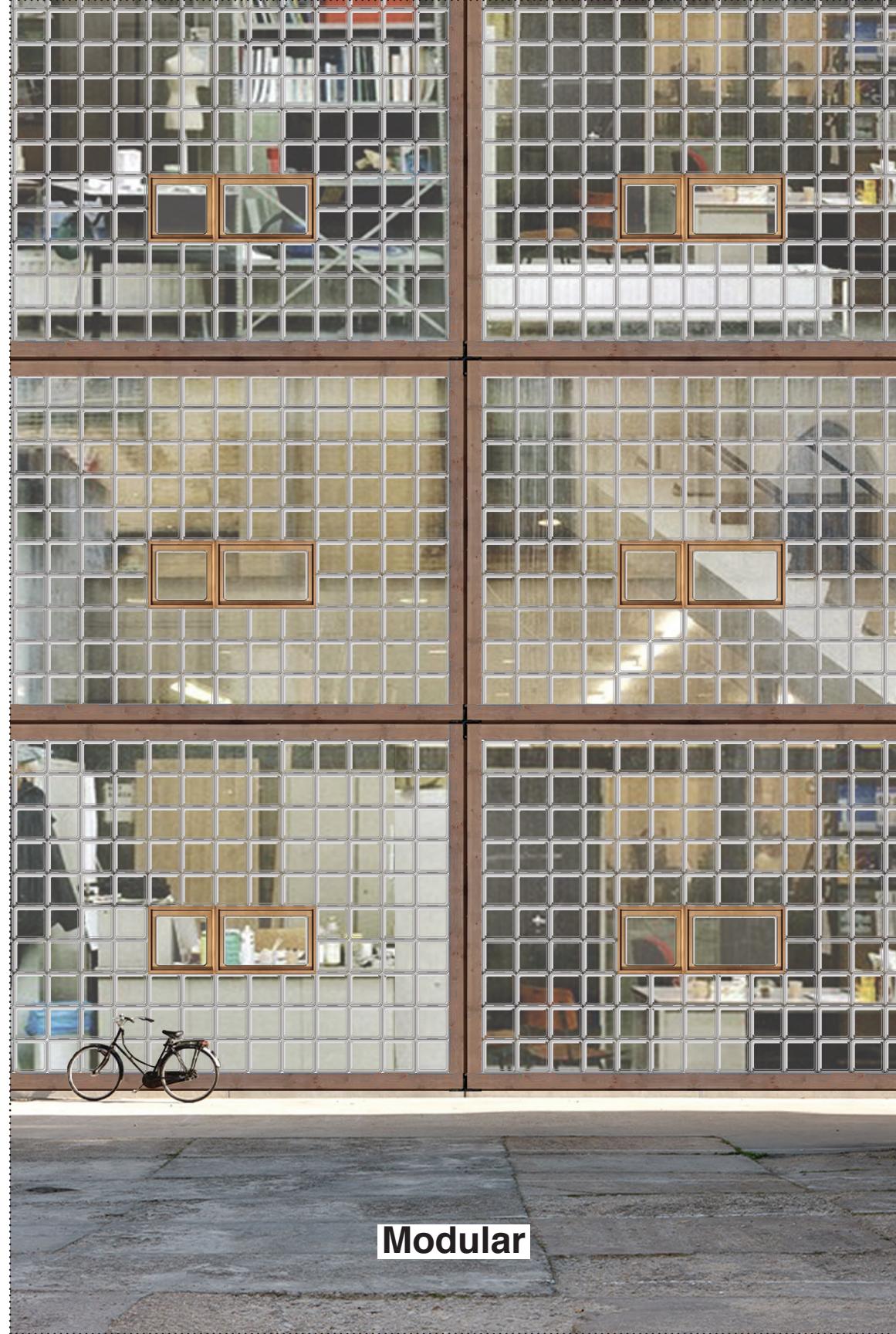
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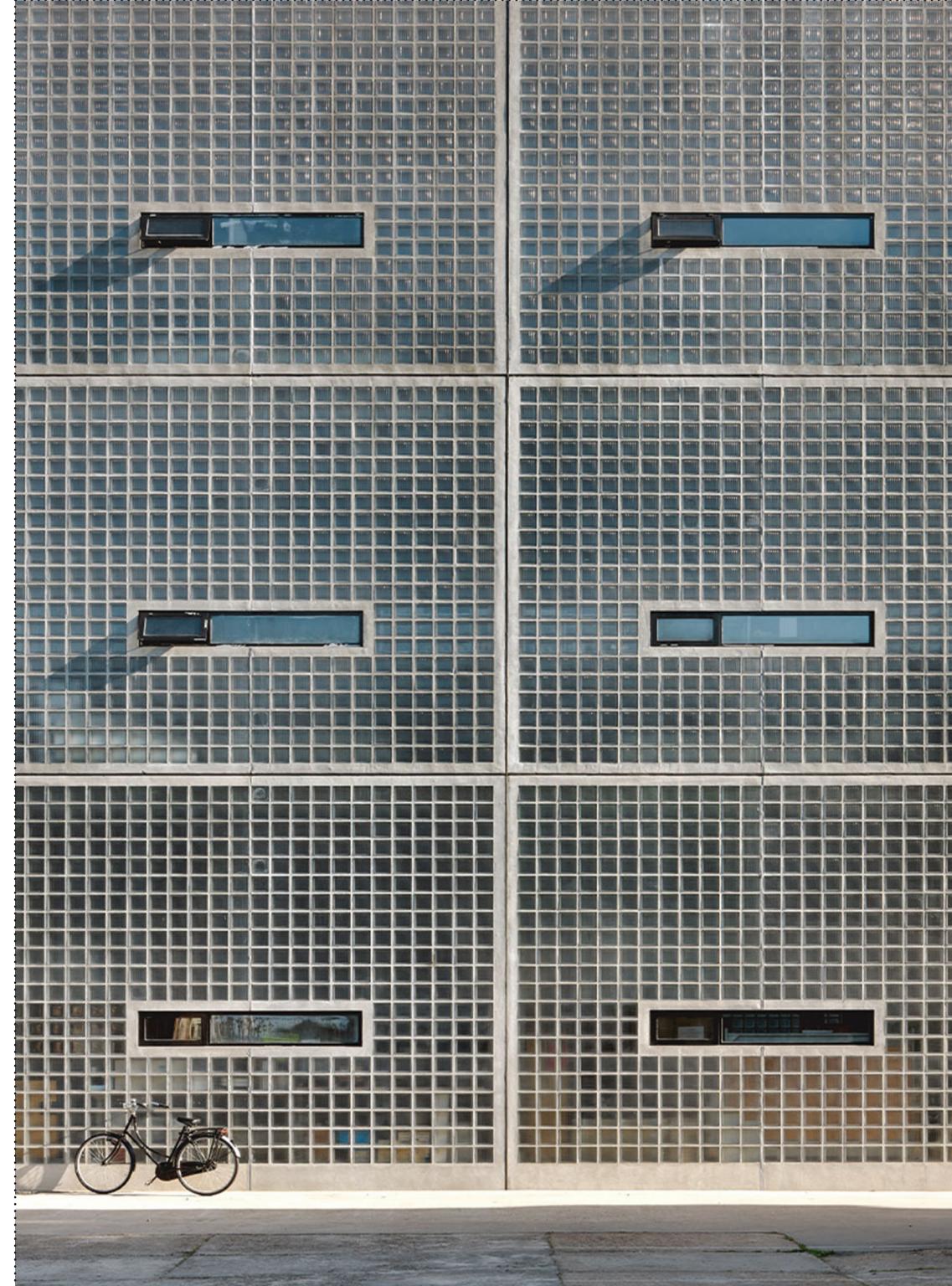
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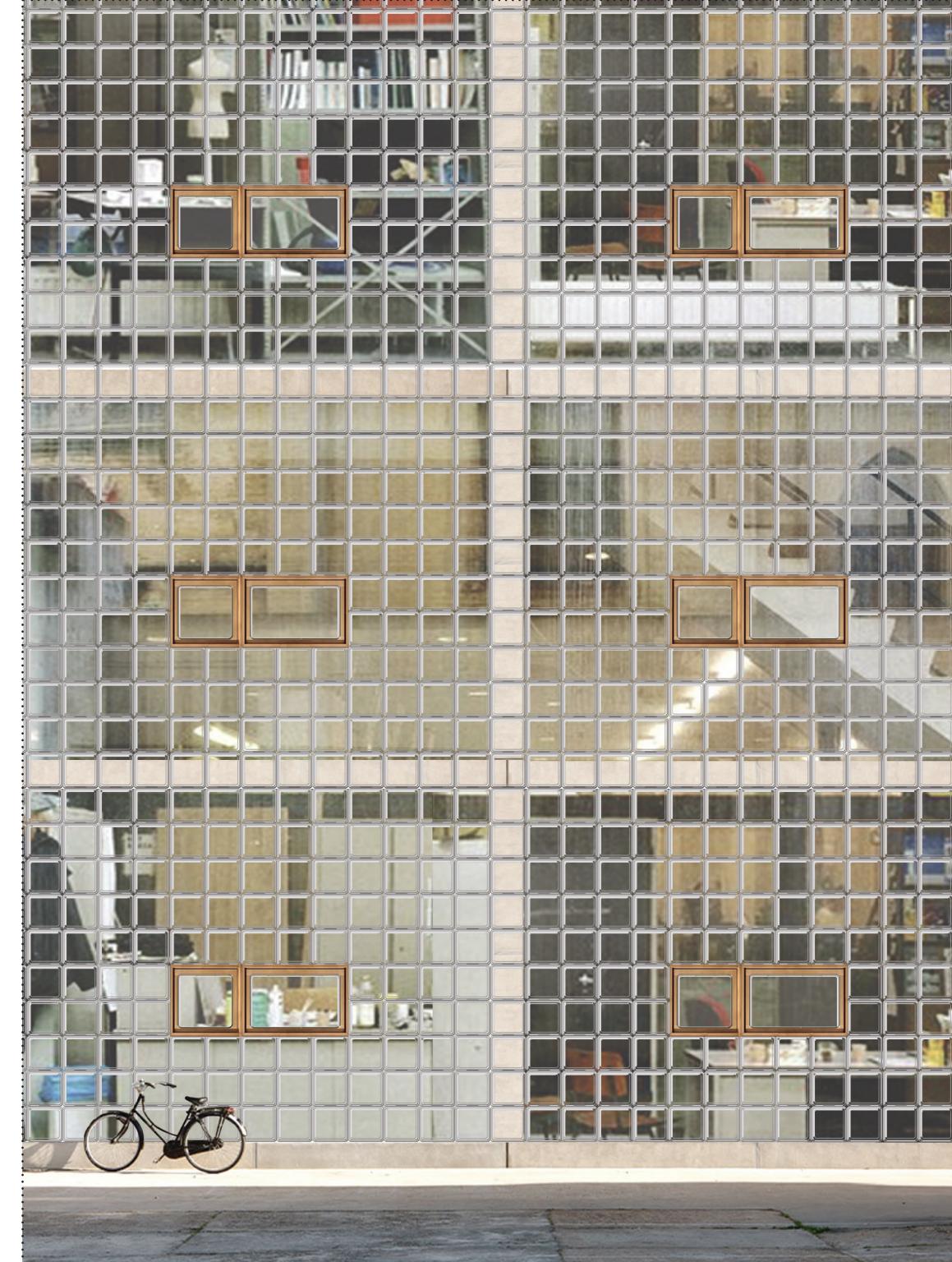
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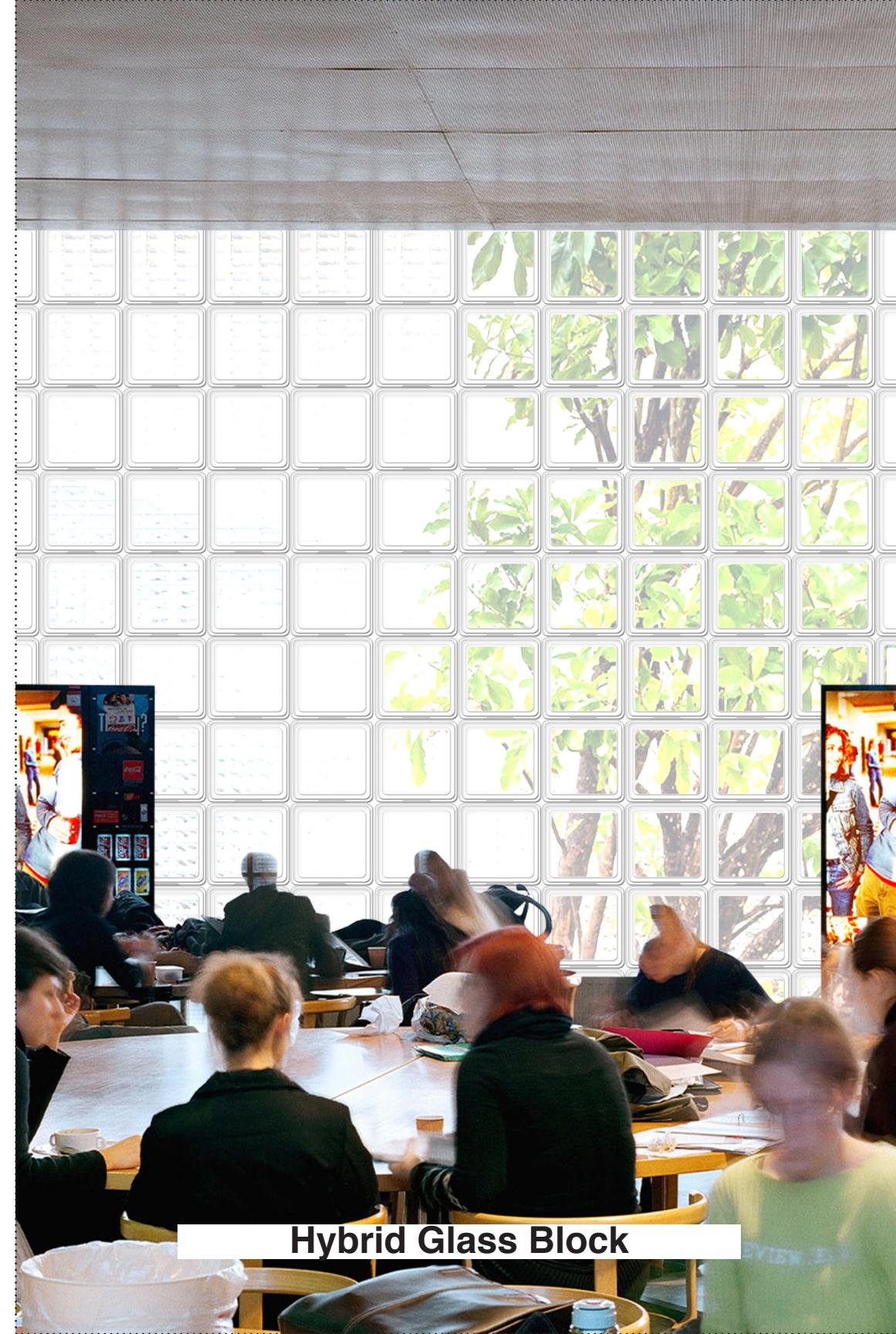


Existing - Hollow glass block



Envisioned- Hybrid Glass Block





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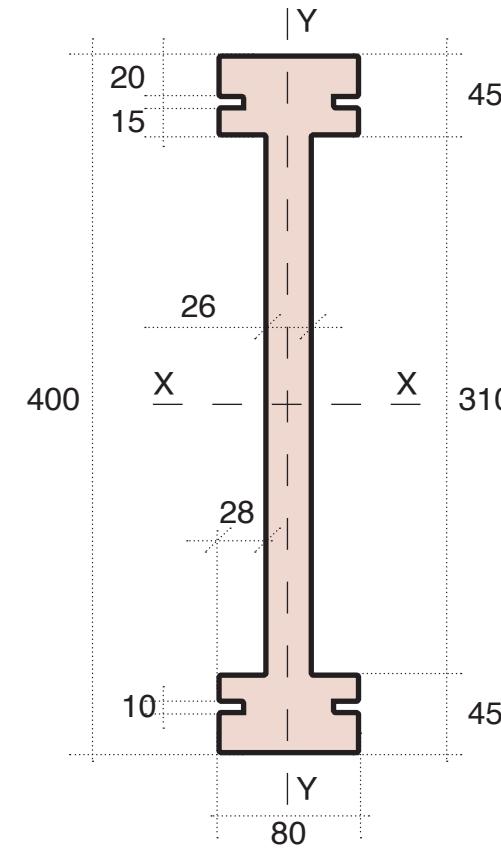
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for 10T loading

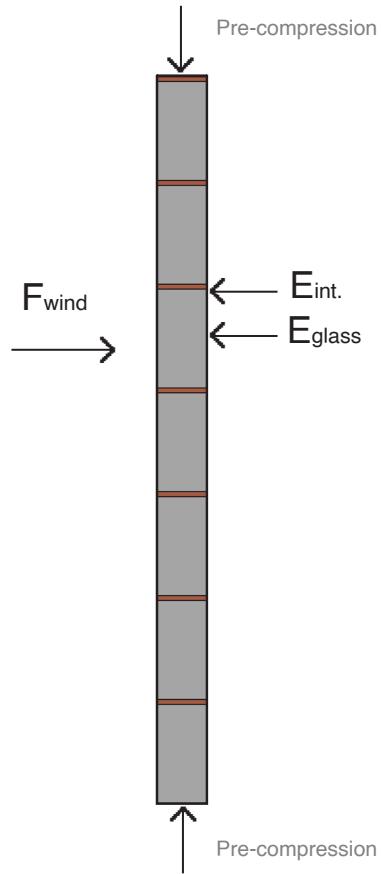
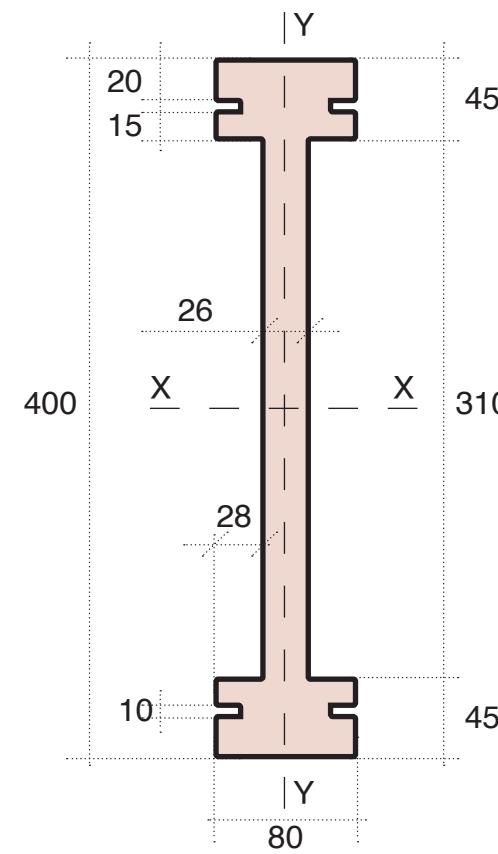
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*All dimensions in mm

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Structural Evaluation - Numerical



Compressive Load

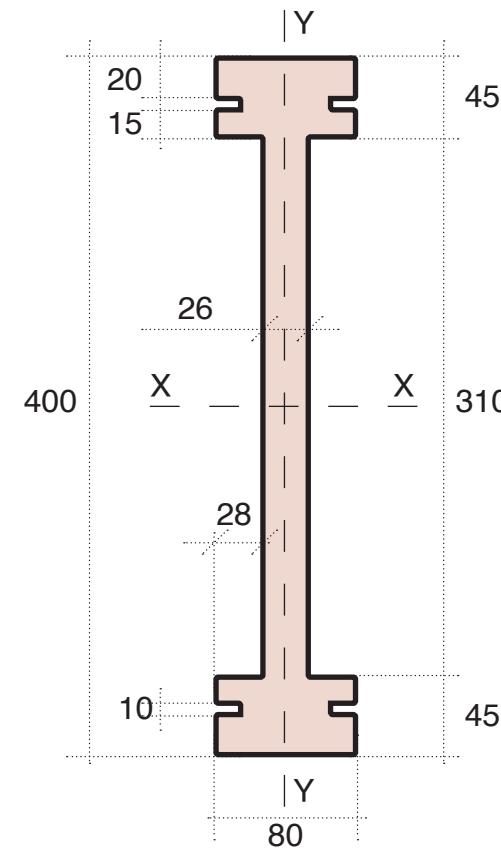
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55.4 [GPa]

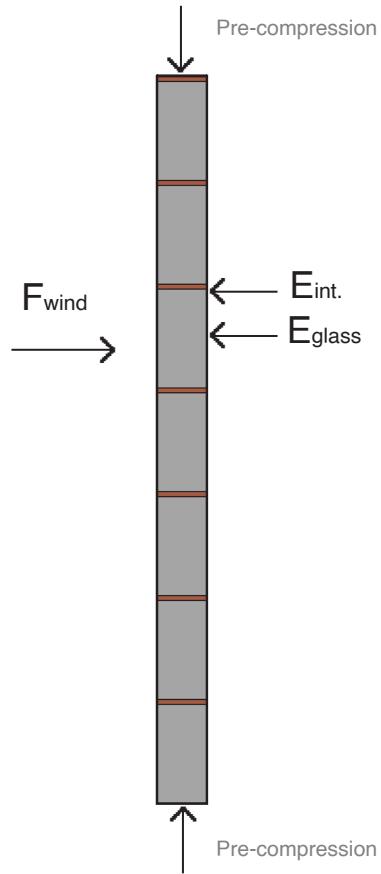
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Structural Evaluation - Numerical



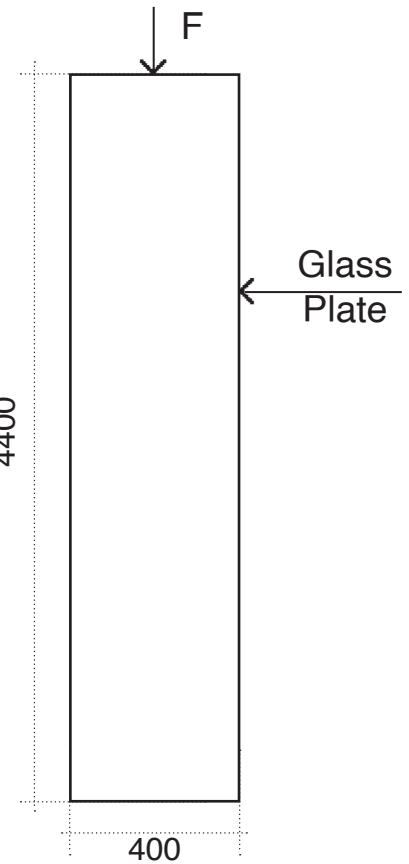
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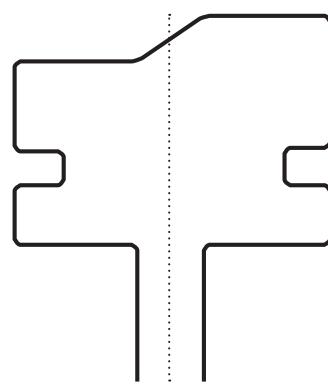
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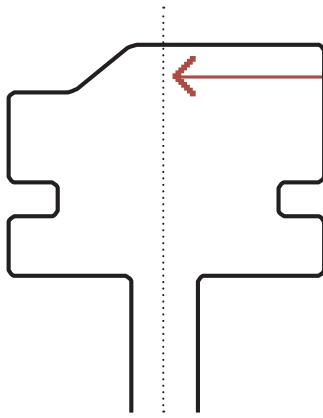
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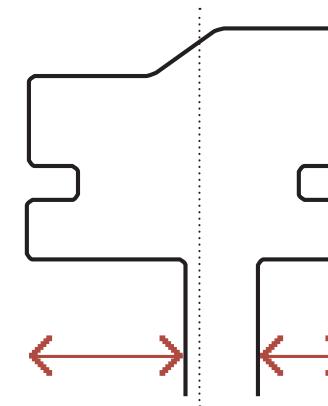
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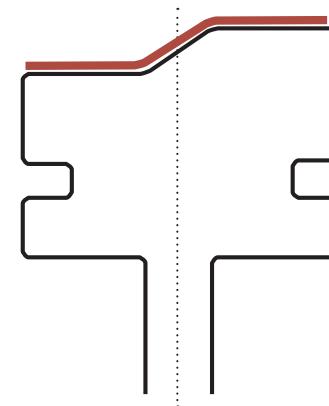
Existing



1. large interlock



2. Unequal cavity

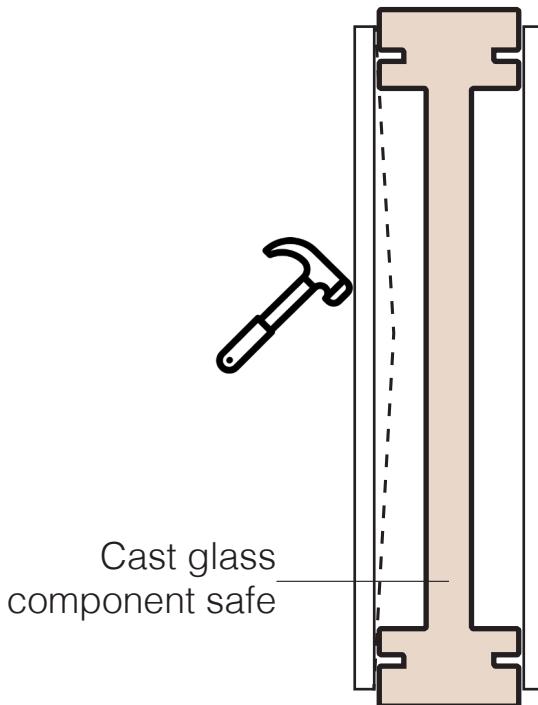


3. Hard interlayer

Structural Eccentricity

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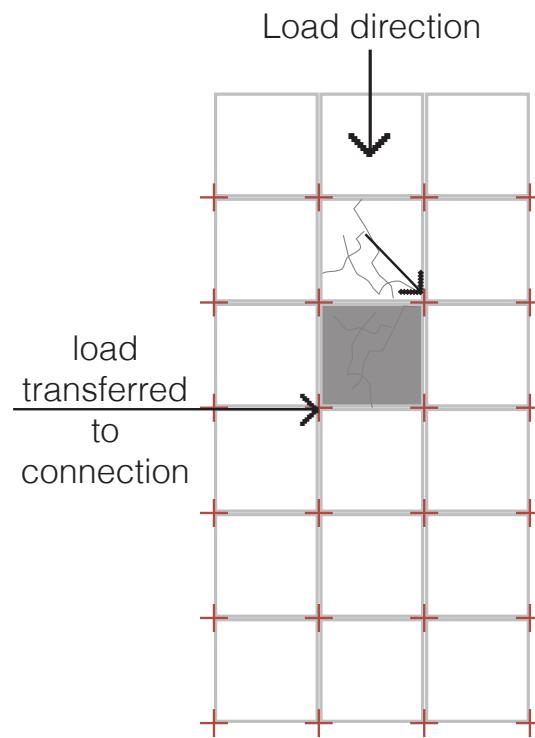


Structural Redundancy

Vandalism

Structural Evaluation - Analytical

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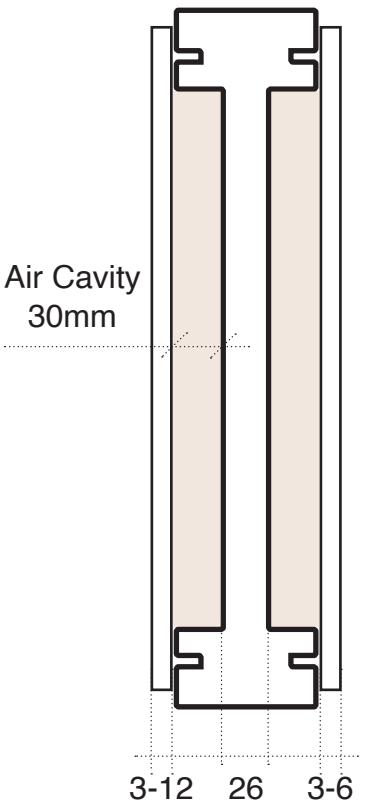


Structural Redundancy

Structural failure

Thermal Evaluation - Numerical

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1.8 - 2.1 [W/m²K]

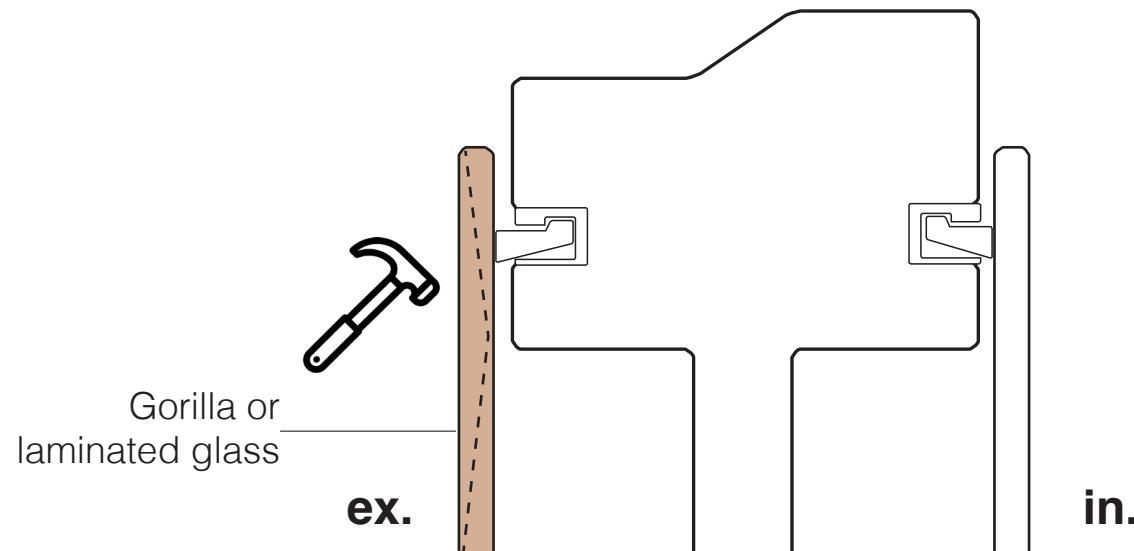
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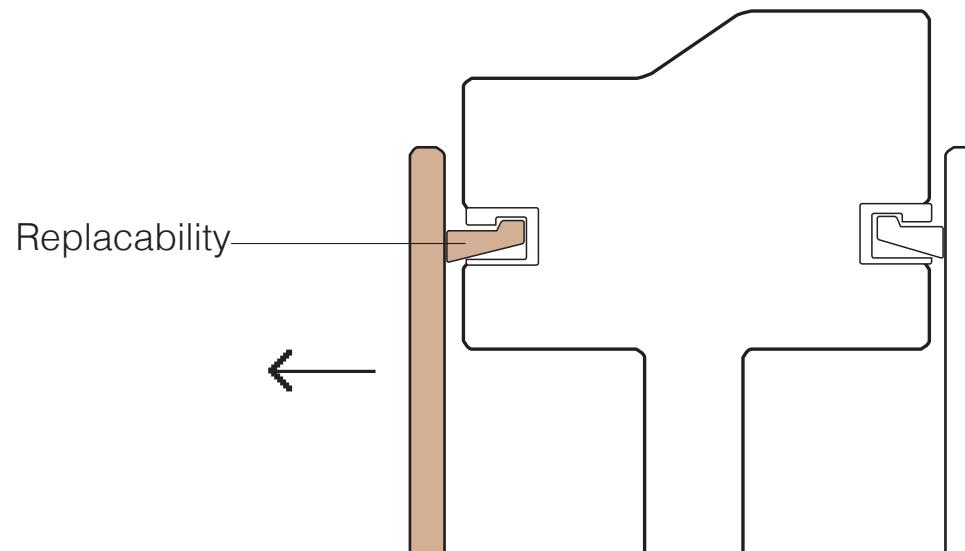
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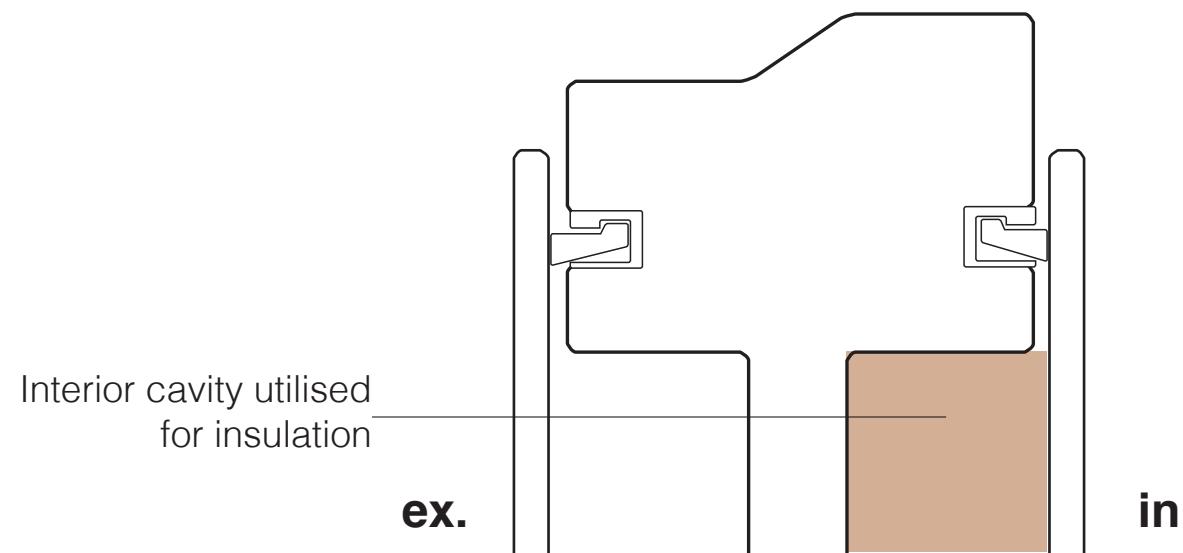
Thermal Redundancy

Vandalism



Thermal Redundancy

Vandalism or structural
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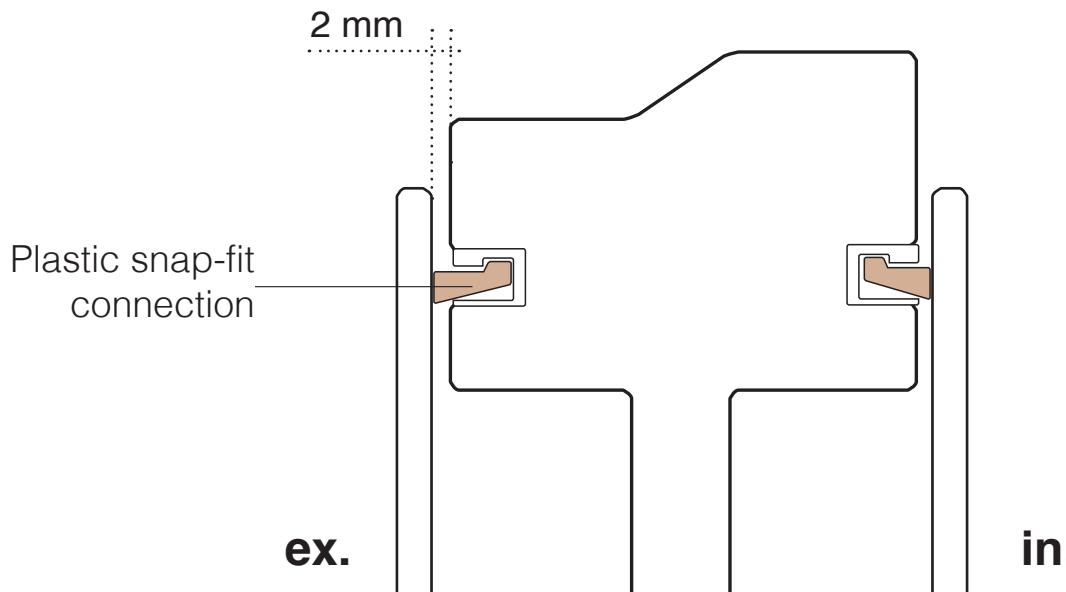


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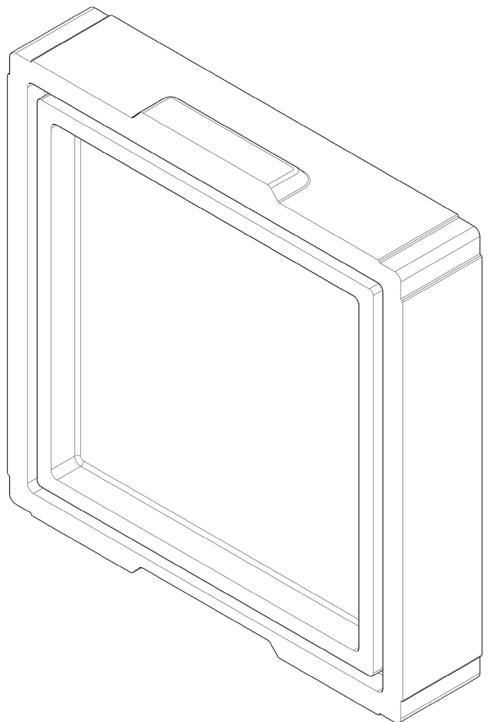
Thermal bridging

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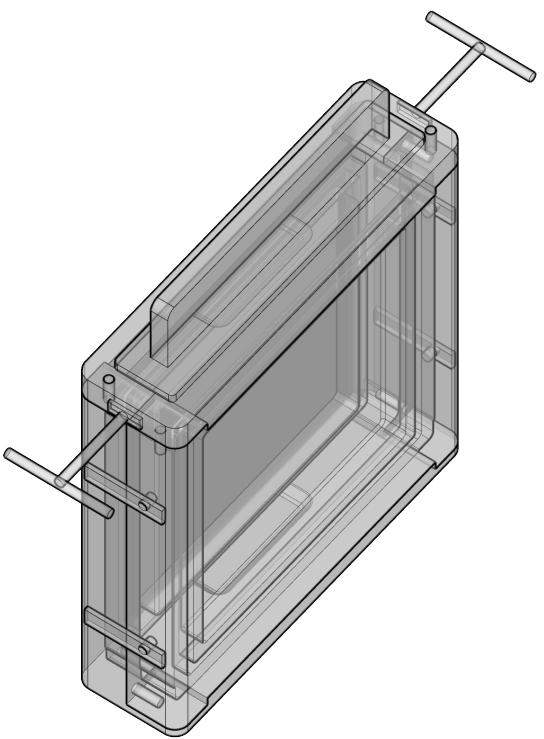
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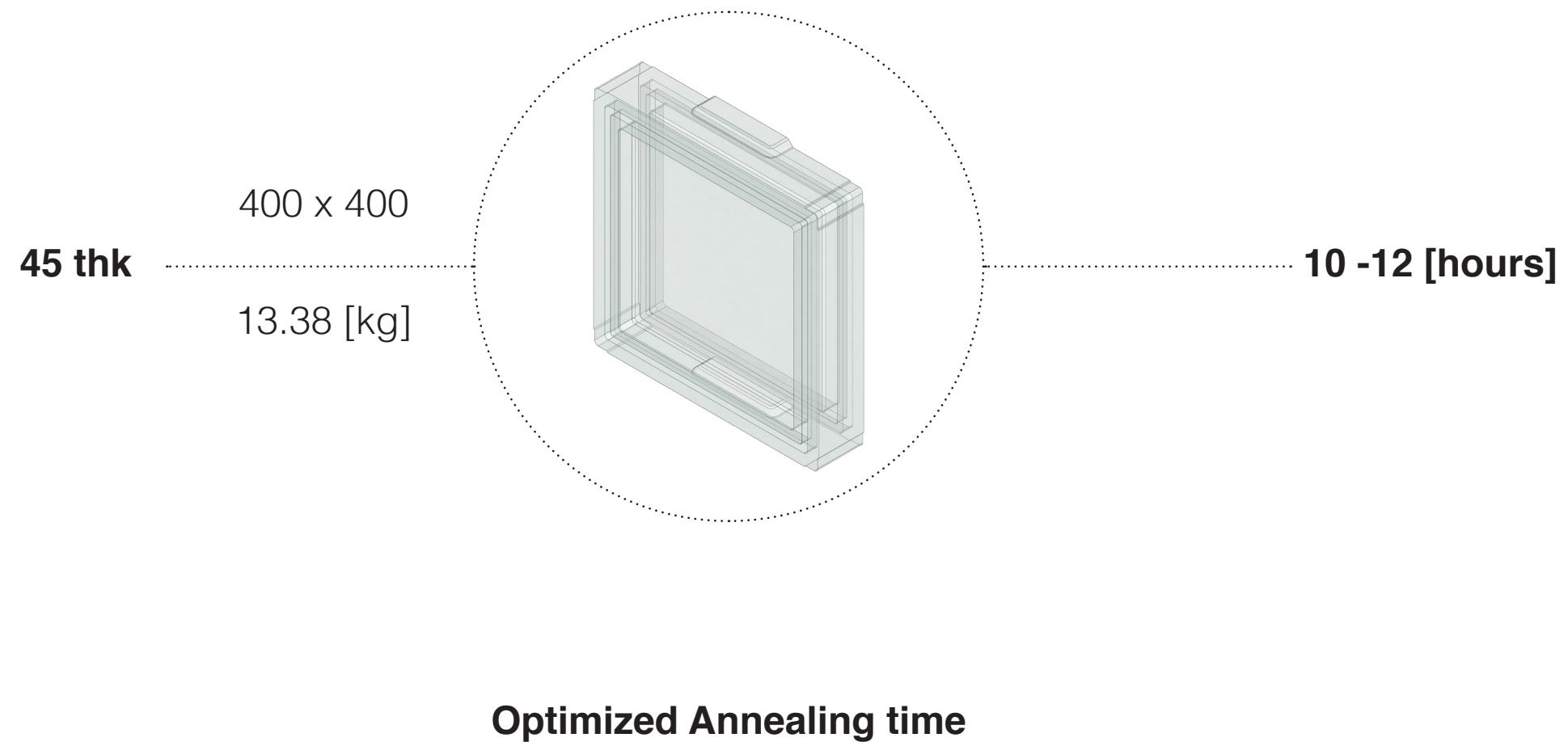
Single Standard Component



Single Mould Design

Manufacturing Evaluation - Analytical

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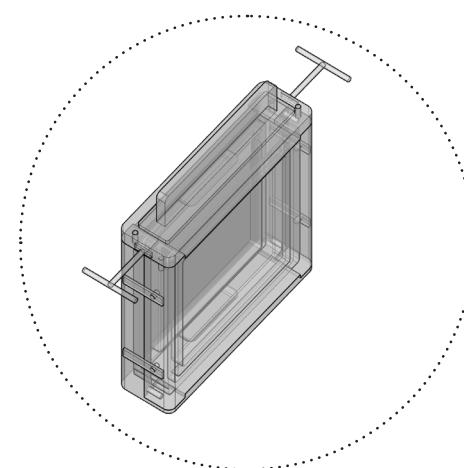


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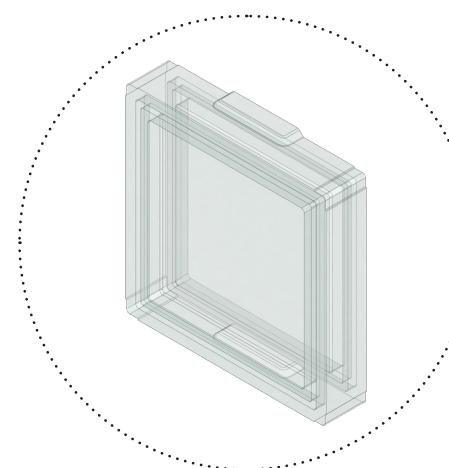
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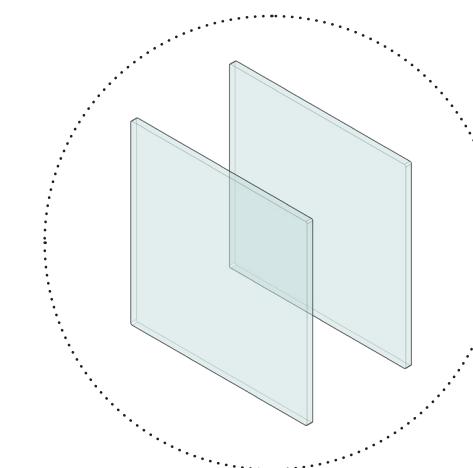
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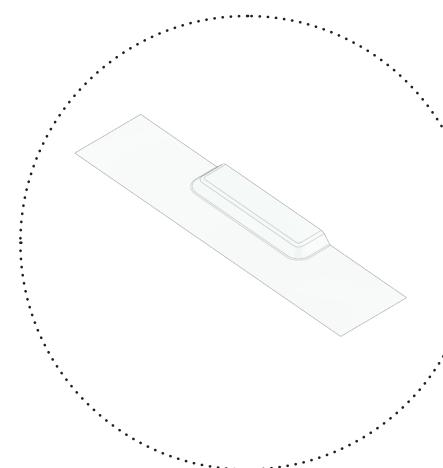
Cast Glass



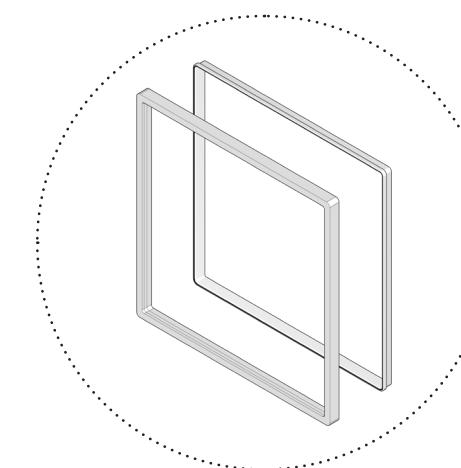
Glass panels



Interlayer



Connections



CNC Milling

Hot Pour Casting

Float glass

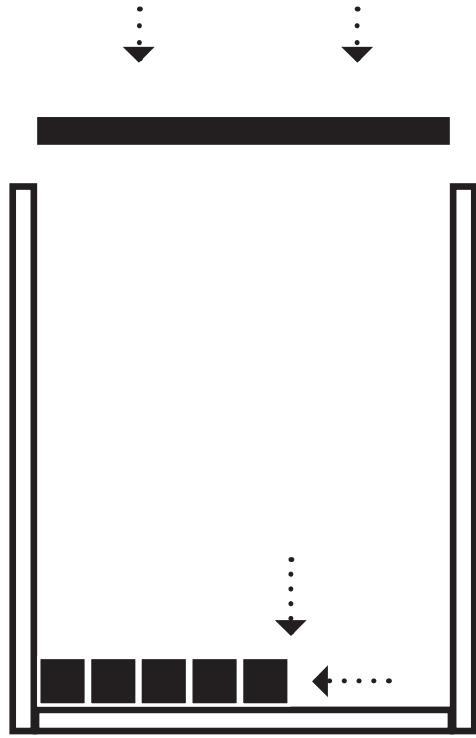
Injection Moulding

Extrusion

Standard Manufacturing Process

Assembly System Evaluation - Analytical

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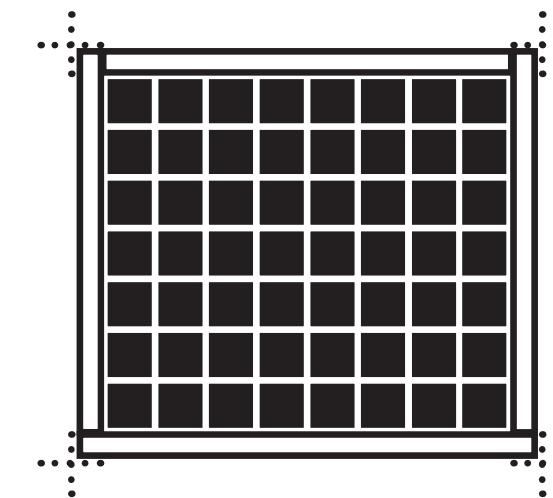


Local Assembly

High Precision on site

Buckling

Specific to Case study



Modular Assembly

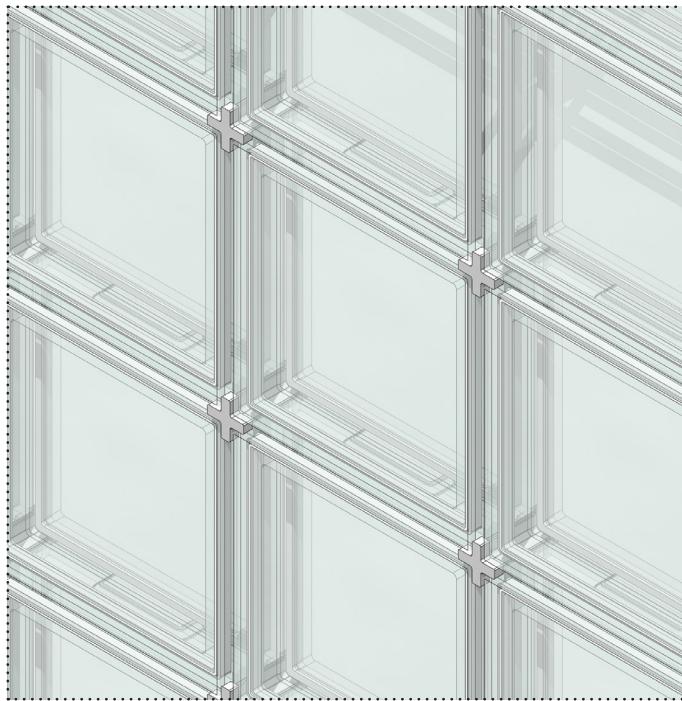
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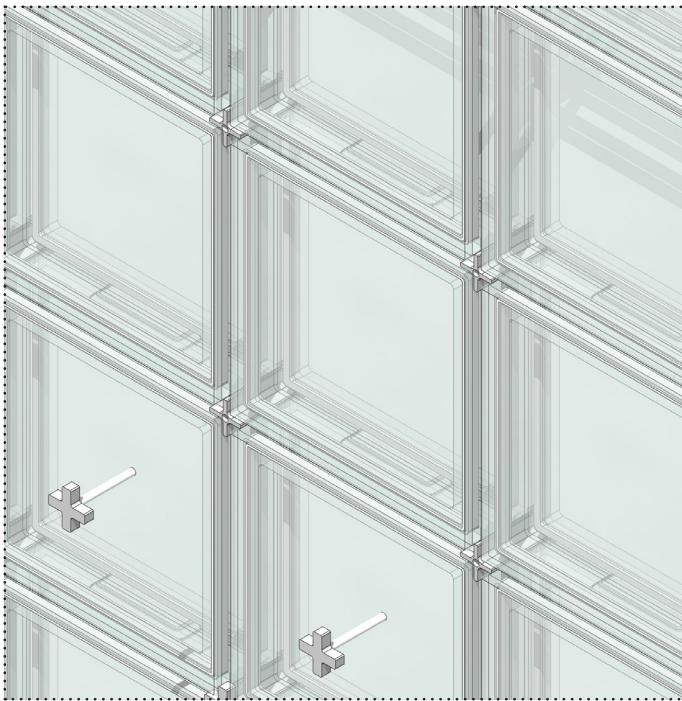
Replacability

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Assembly System Evaluation - Analytical

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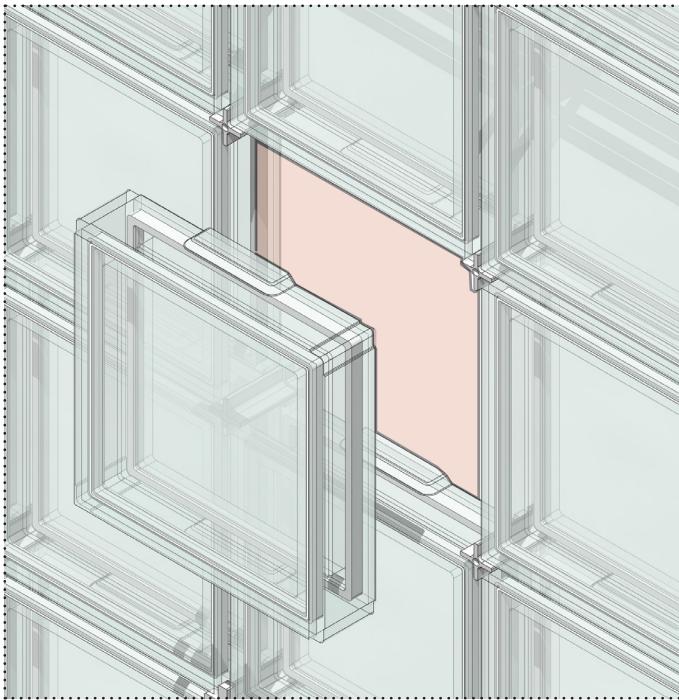
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Assembly System Evaluation - Analytical

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Replacability

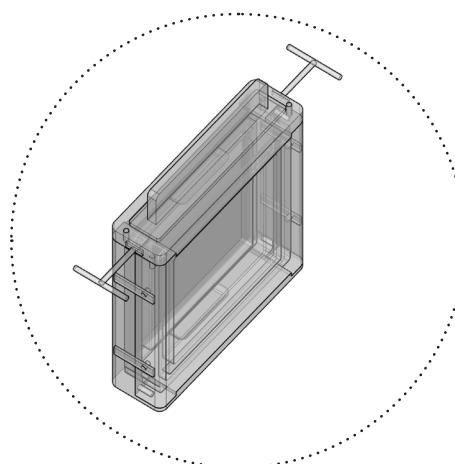
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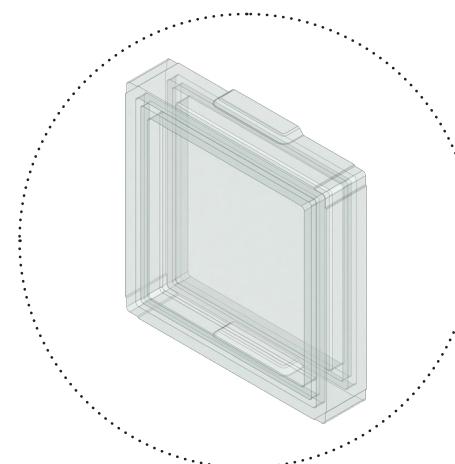
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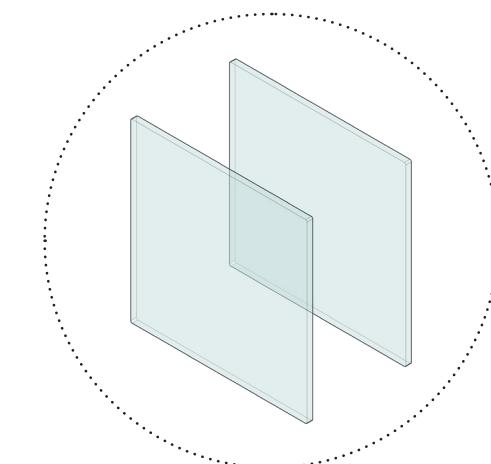
Reusable

Cast Glass



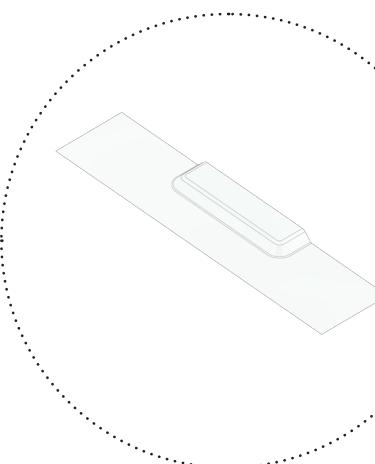
Recyclable

Glass panels



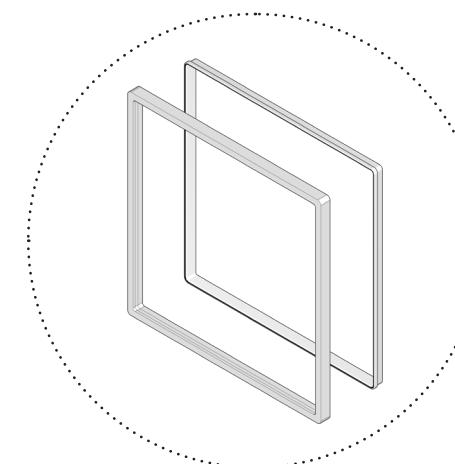
Recyclable

Interlayer



Reusable

Connections



Reusable

Reuse - Recycle

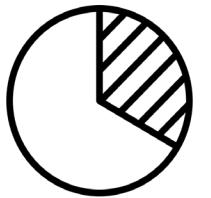
Main Research Question

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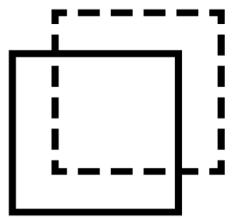
What are the main **design considerations** and **challenges** in **designing** and **manufacturing** a hybrid glass block system that exhibits good **thermal** and **structural performance**?

Design Considerations & Challenges

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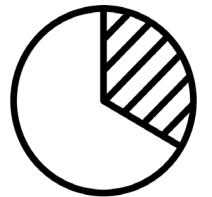
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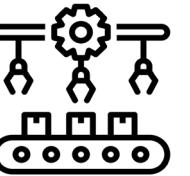
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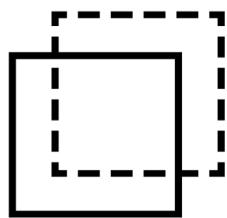
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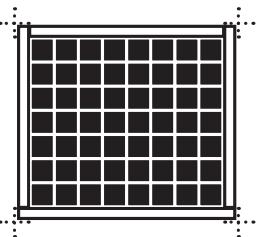
Material Composition



Standardisation



Optical Desirability



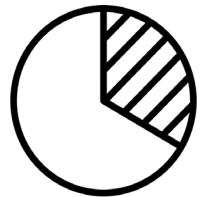
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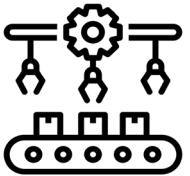
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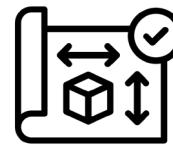
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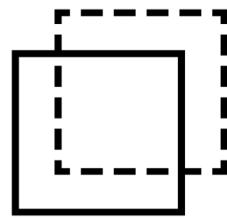
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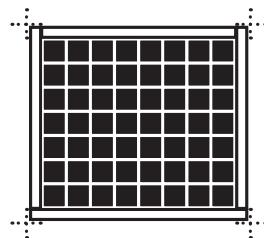
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Building Standards



Optical Desirability



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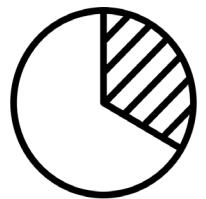
**Safety
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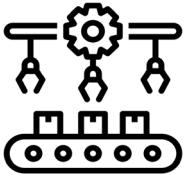
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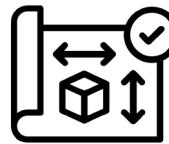
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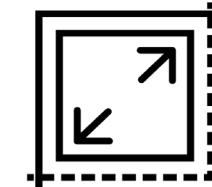
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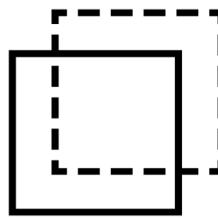
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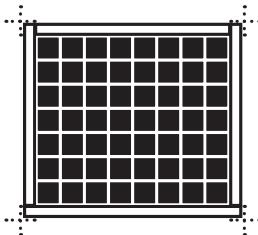
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Design Scale
Boundary Condition



Optical Desirability



Assembly System
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Safety
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Recyclability

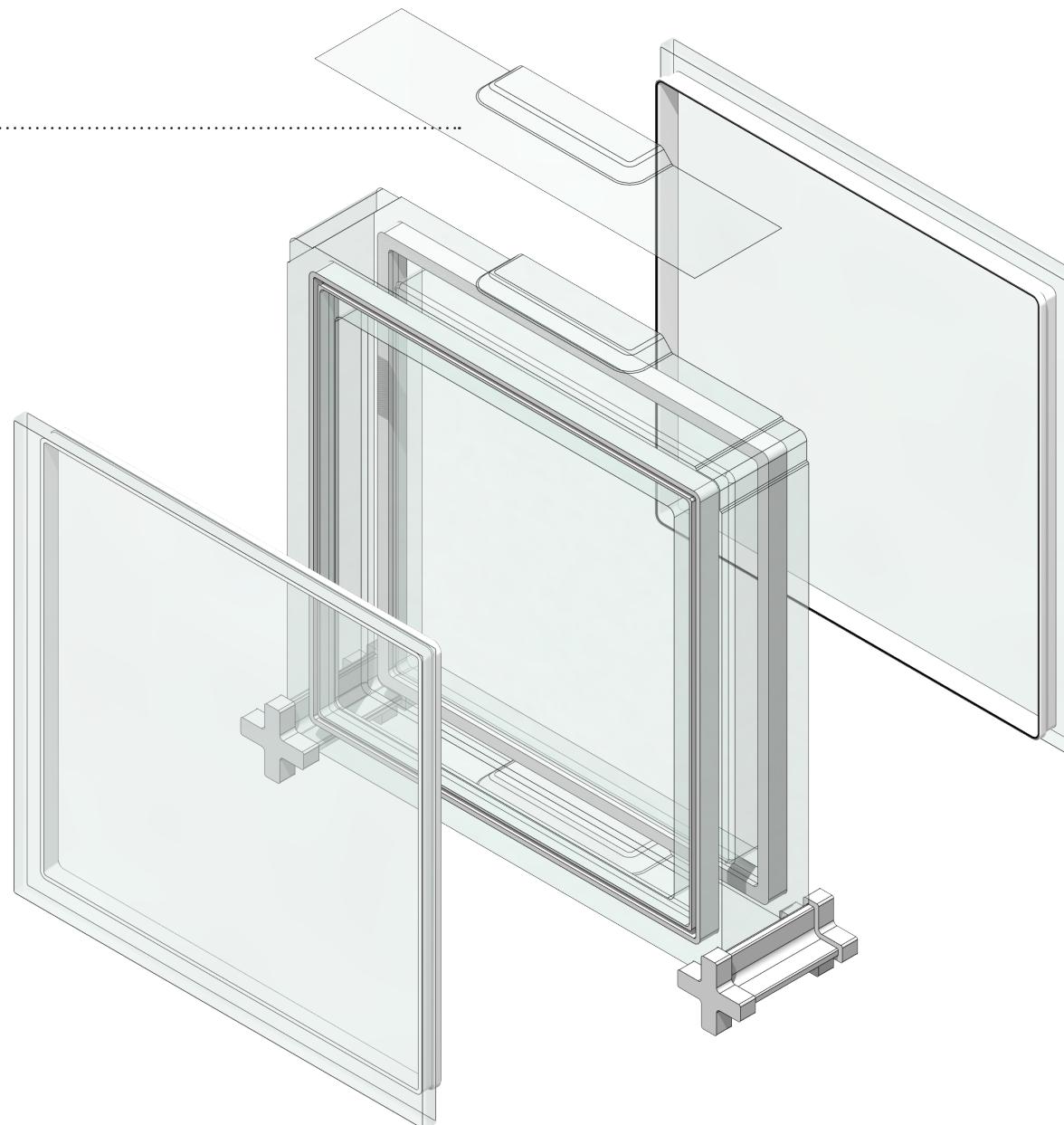
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Recommendations

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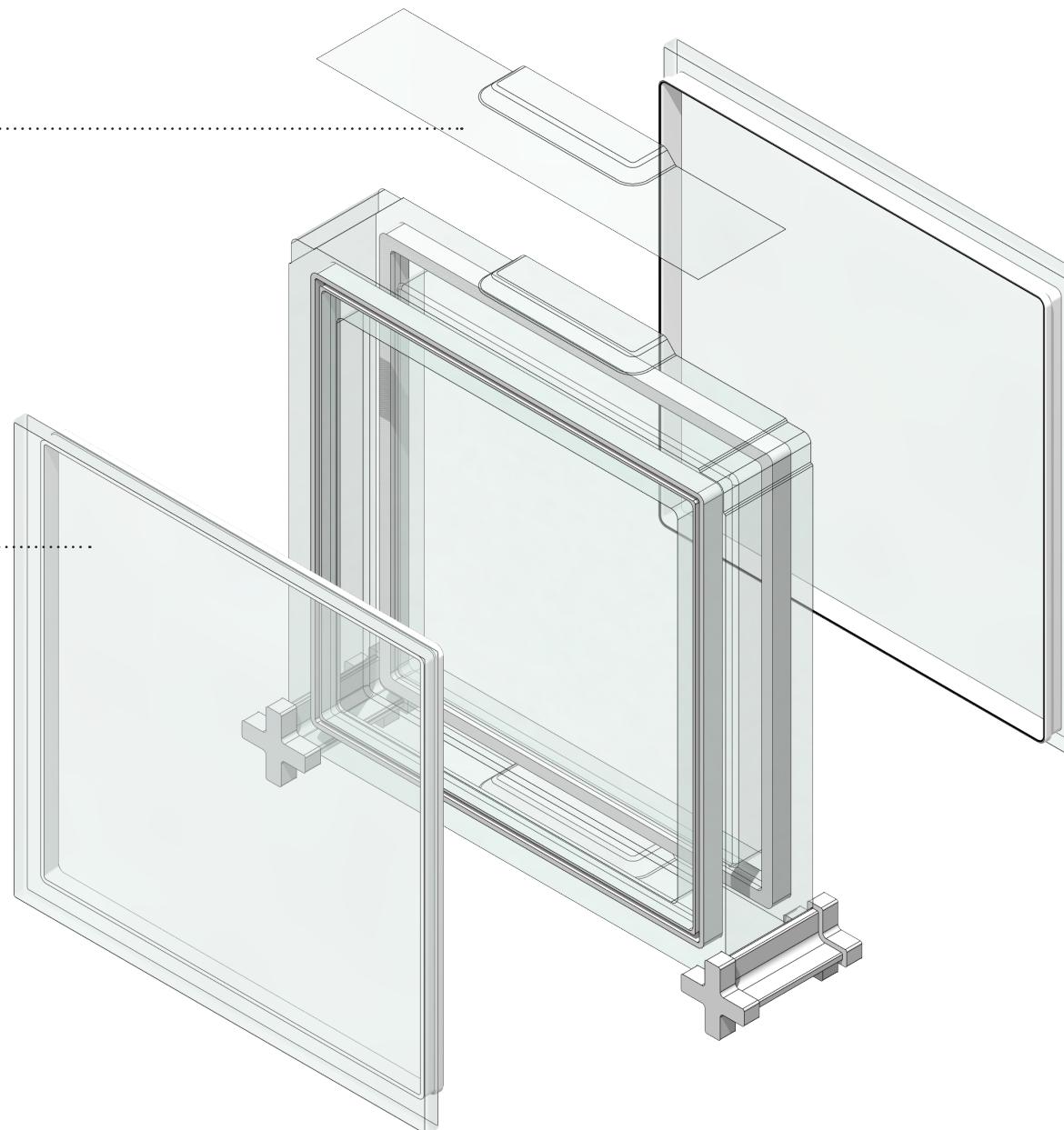


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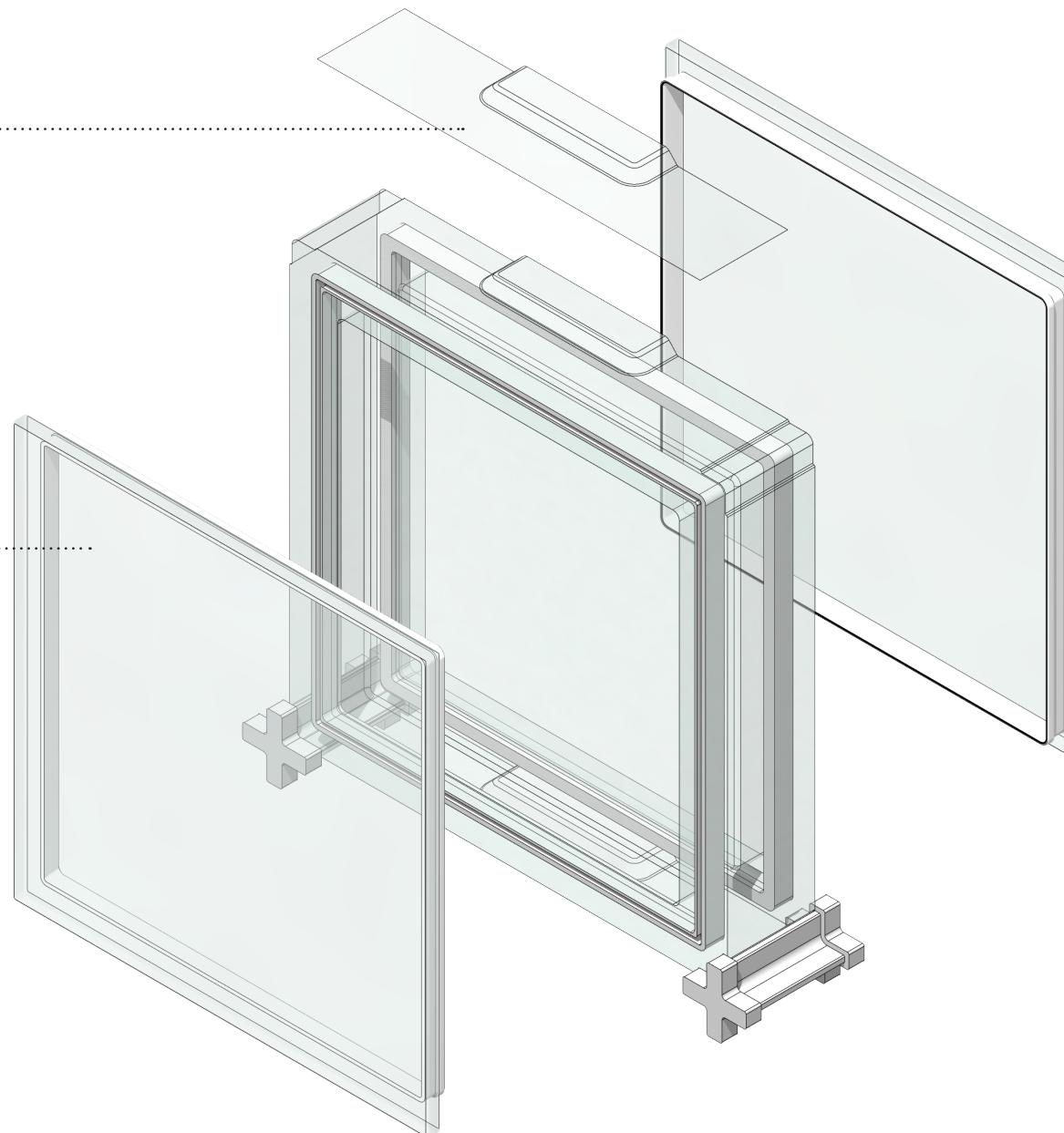
Gorilla Glass



Recommendations

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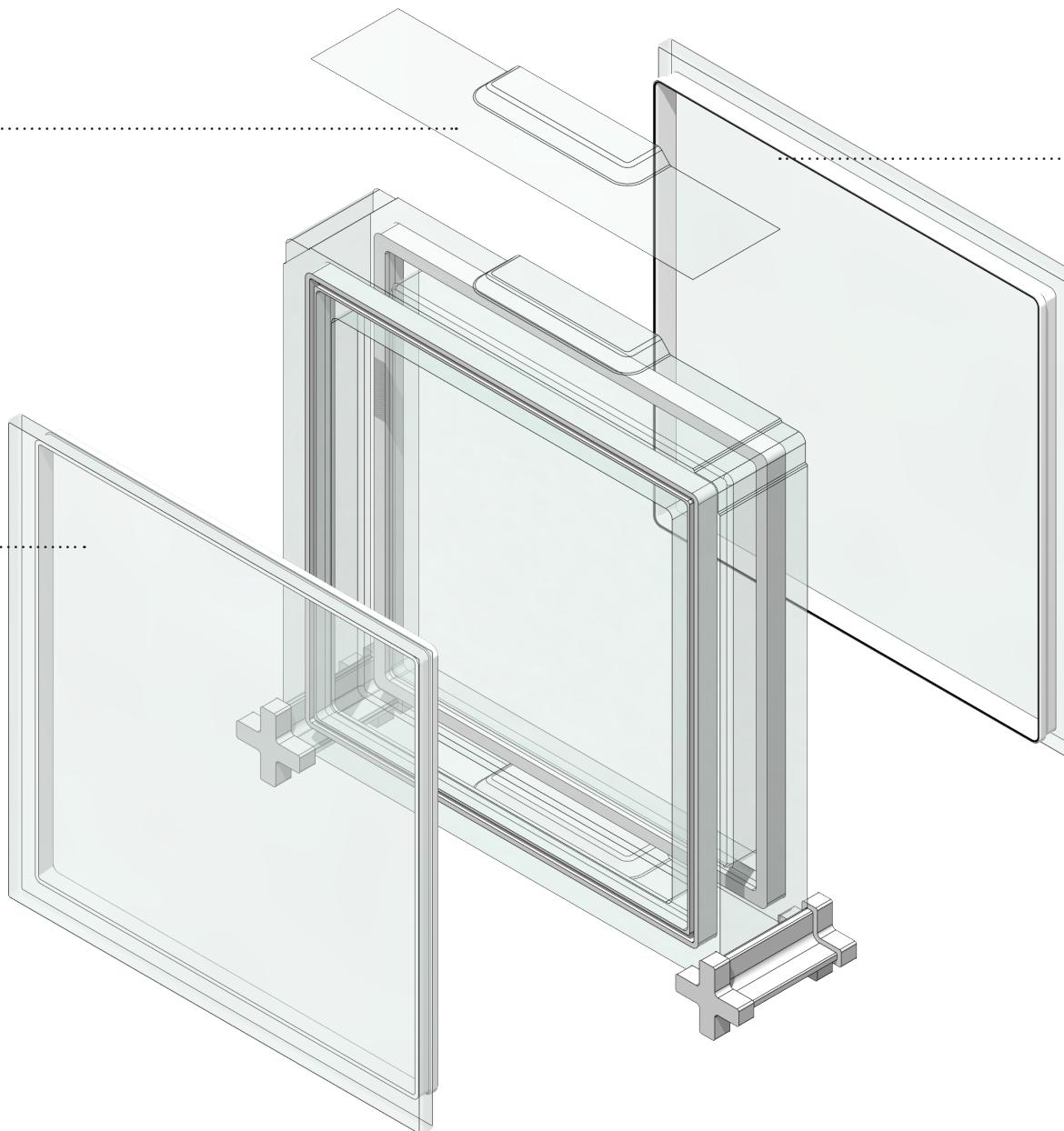
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Prototyping-Validation



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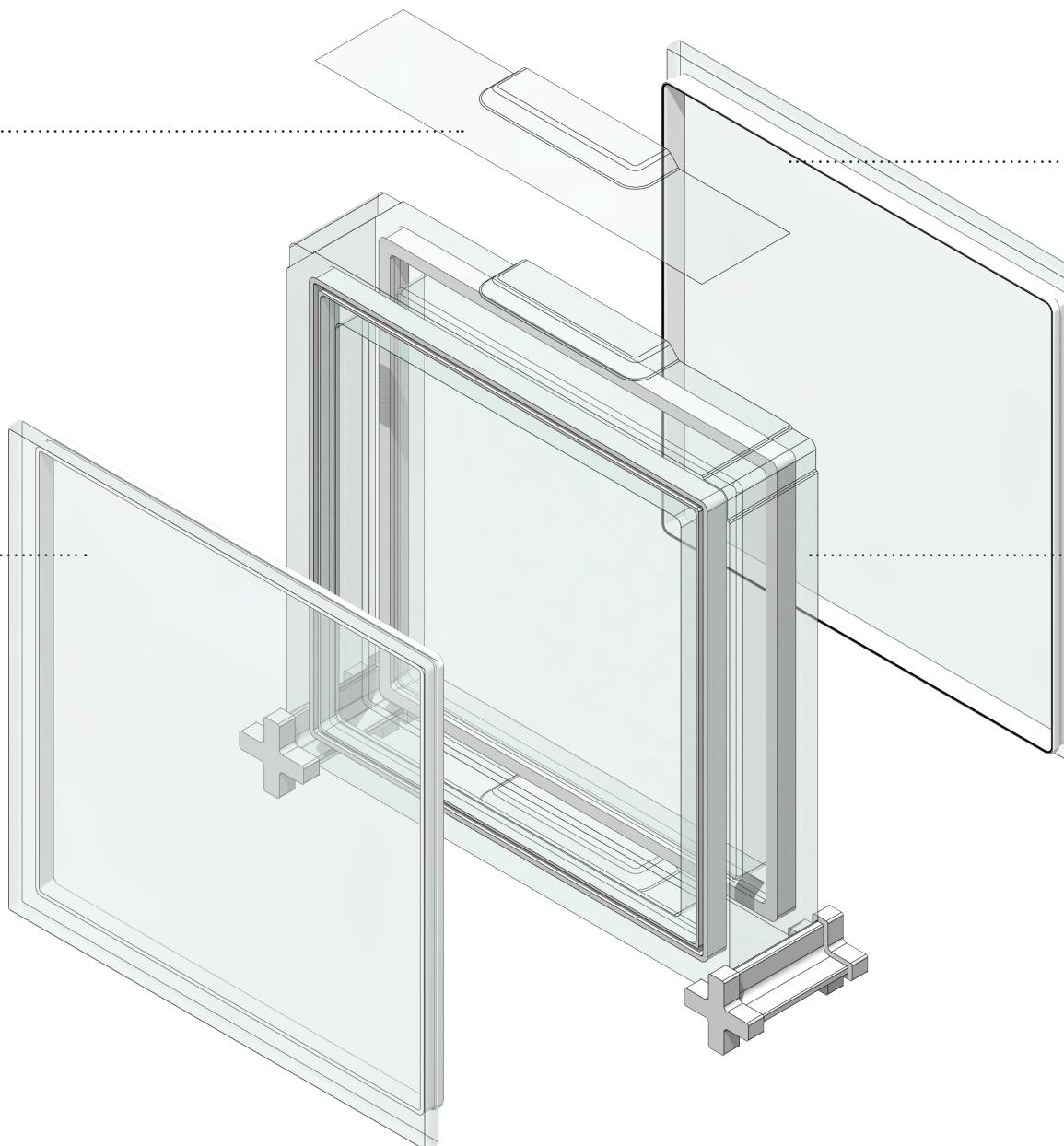
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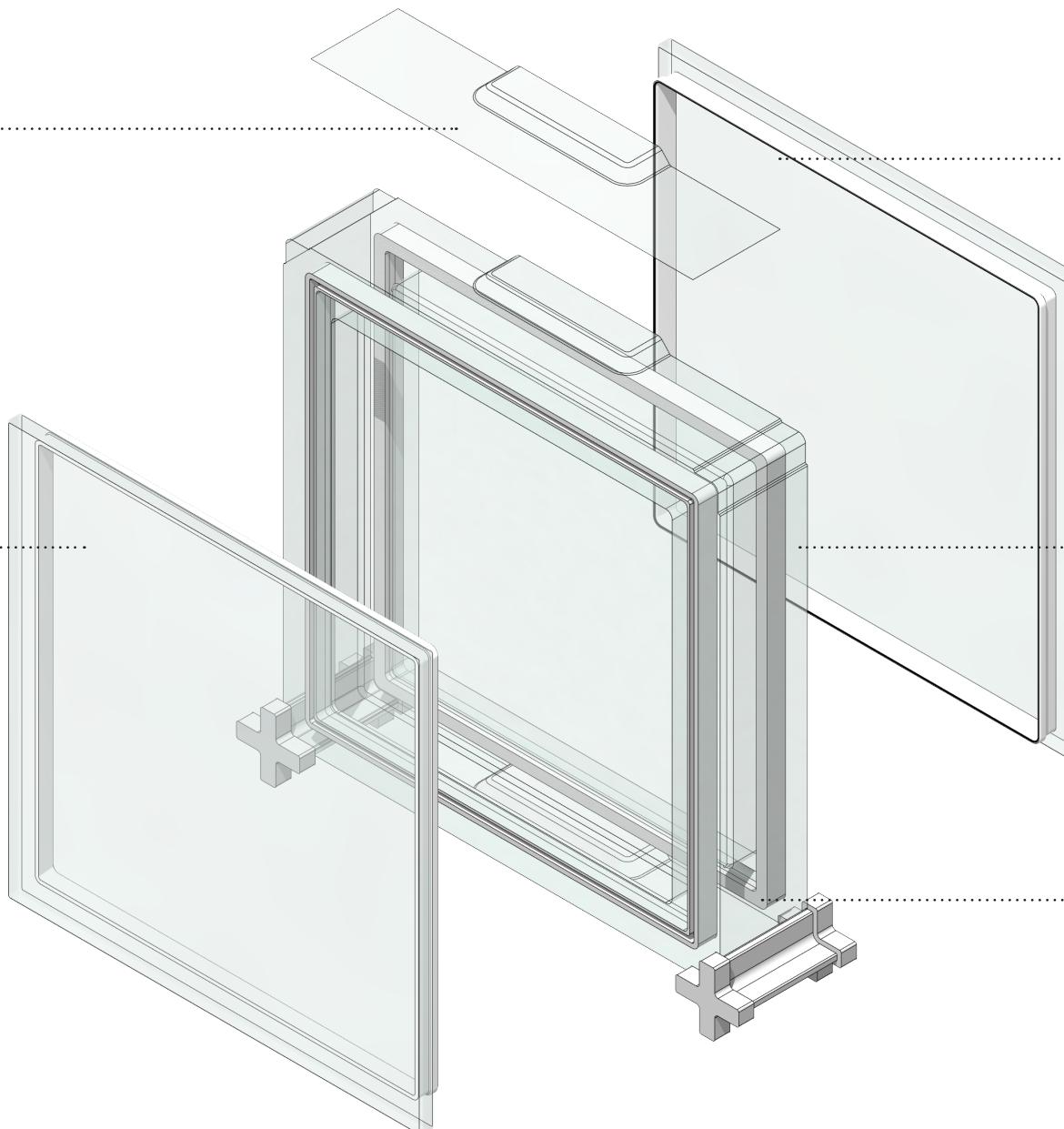
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Gorilla Glass

Recycled Cast Glass

Prototyping-Validation

Cross-section Optimization



- Curved Surfaces
- Vertical Stacking
- Limited Configurations
- Numerical Validation

Potential Application

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Hollow



Solid



Hybrid



U-Value [W/m²K]

1.8 - 2.5

4.1 - 4.9

1.8 - 2.1

Compressive Str. [MPa]

3 - 6

82 - 400

Good

Transparency

Low

High

High

Recyclable (Cast glass)

No

Yes*

Yes

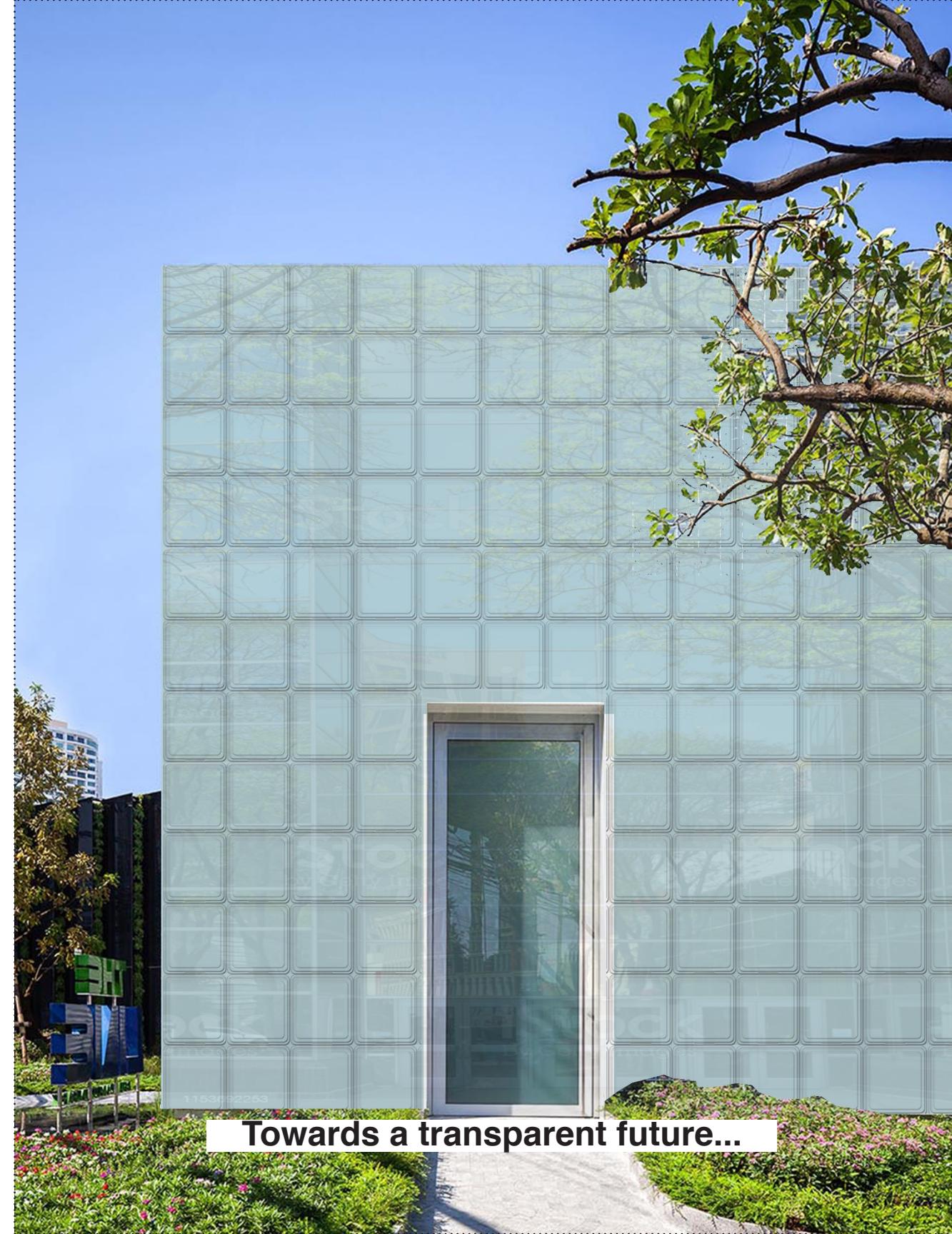
Reversibility

Non - reversible

Yes

Yes

[The Glass Fortress, Thailand. Archsmith Architects]



Towards a transparent future...

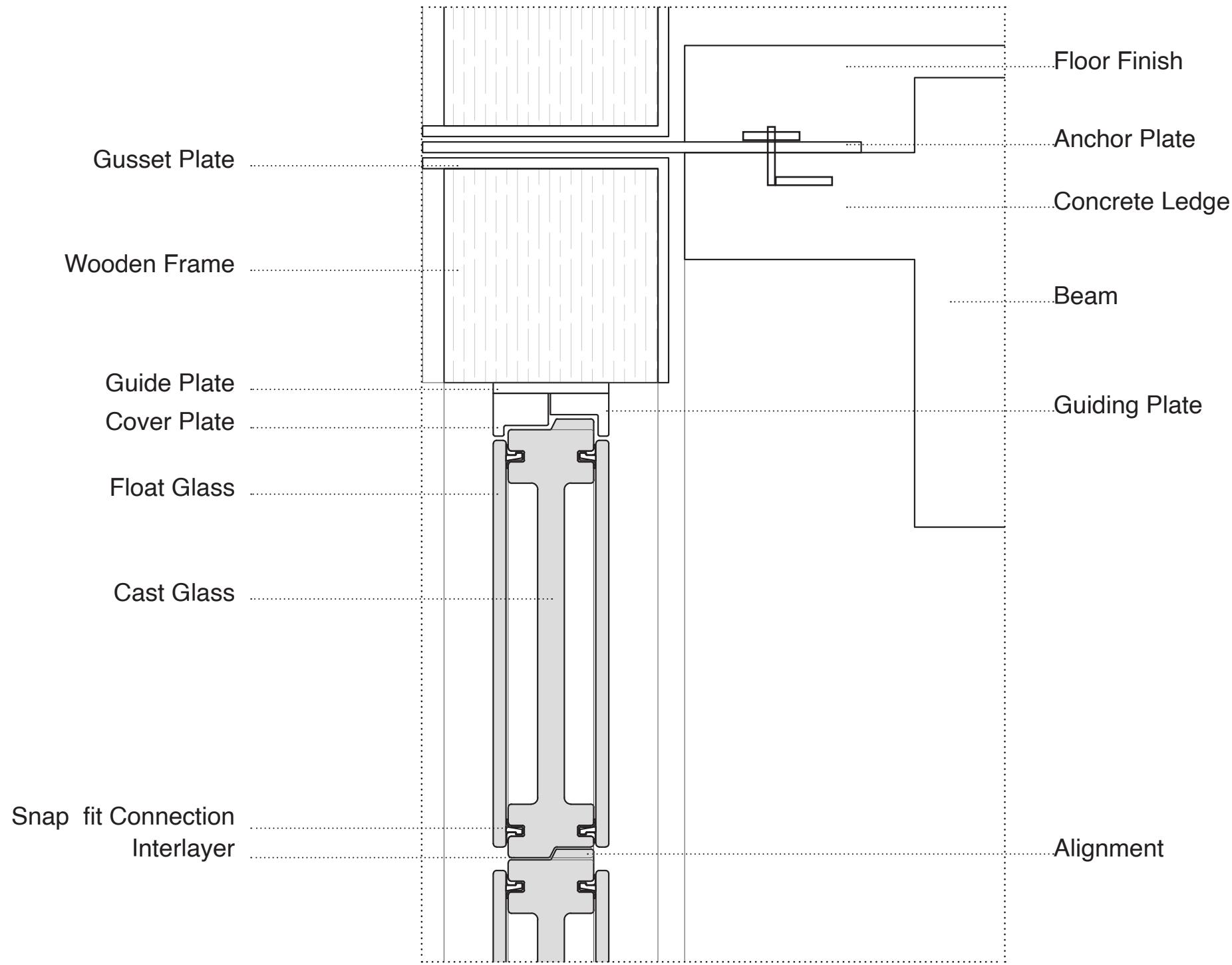
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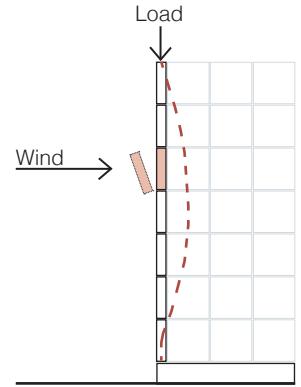
Cross-Section



Risk Scenario Analysis

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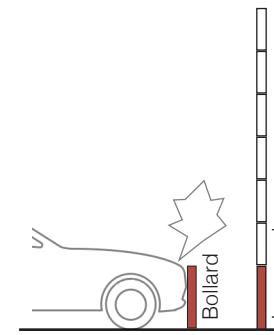
STRUCTURAL DAMAGE



Probability - 0.5
Exposure - 0.5
Consequence - 40
Safety factor - 4

Risk - 10

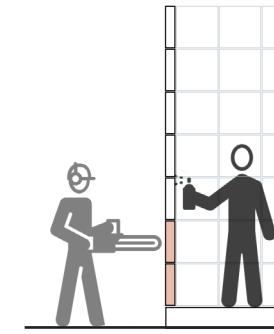
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Probability - 0.5
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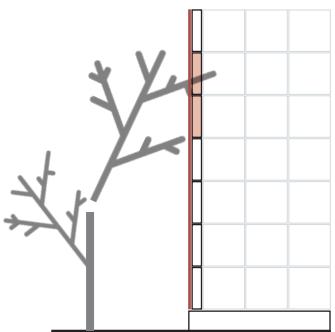
VANDALISM



Probability - 0.5
Exposure - 0.5
Consequence - 7

Risk - 1.75

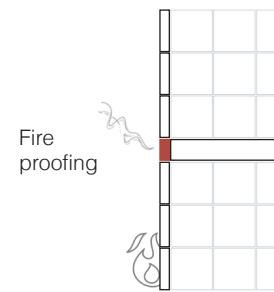
ACCIDENTIAL IMPACT



Probability - 3
Exposure - 1
Consequence - 7

Risk - 21

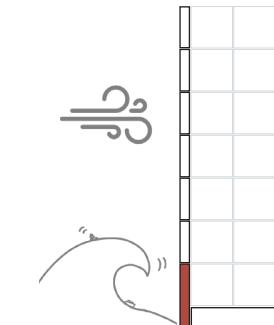
FIRE



Probability - 0.5
Exposure - 0.5
Consequence - 40

Risk - 10

NATURAL CALAMITY



Probability - 10
Exposure - 1
Consequence - 1

Risk - 10

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