

HORIZONTAL SUPPORTING GLASS BLOCK



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1. CODE REGISTRY

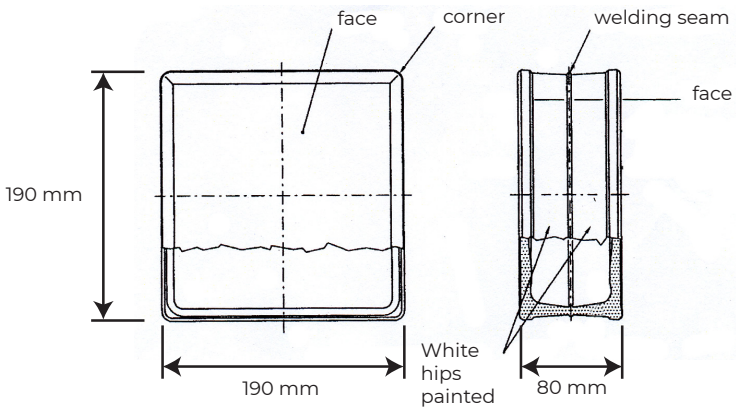
Code	Description	Colour	(mm)	Weight	Pkg. / Pallet
VET01-5030	Horizontal supporting glass block	-	190 x 190 x 80	2,88 kg/pc.	5 pcs. / 360 pcs.

MATERIAL

Made of molten reinforced glass, laminated and coated side for added sheen.

2. USE

Used for the construction of portions of the slab carrier (for axial loads) and/or horizontal structures (also of flat roofs) where underlying spaces and/or rooms need to be lighted up.



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Horizontal structures are all those linear or curved structures, for indoor and outdoor applications.

These structures can be built at the site or prefabricated. Take the following parameters into account when deciding on the type of installation:

- dimensions of the surface to be built
- weight of the Vetrorredo structure
- whether it will be indoors or outdoors
- the number and sequence of Vetrorredo installations
- complexity of the shape/geometry

PRELIMINARY PHASE

A wide range of different solutions for surfaces that are suitable for pedestrian traffic and at the same time guarantee the glass peculiar features, as well as safety and stability.

CALCULATING THE DIMENSIONS AND THE CARRYING CAPACITY

The glass blocks for horizontal structures are used for panels which are just leaned on something.

The designer shall avoid glass blocks works that are fixed or restrained in supporting structures.

Glass blocks do not represent structural elements because they just have aesthetic and dividing functions and can support only their own weight and a perpendicular live load.

This load shall be mainly static, and these structures shall be considered suitable to pedestrian traffic.

Using small size glass works increases safety because in this way the foot also touches the joint and not only the glass surface, and slip resistance is higher.

We recommend a joint of at least 3 cm between the glass blocks. When designing skylights you should take into consideration a sloping structure for the downflow of rainwater.

Dimension (mm)	Horizontal Glass Block		Approximate weight of the structure kg/m ²	Number of pieces per m ²
	Model	Unit weight (kg)	3 cm joints	3 cm joints
190 x 190 x 80	VET01-5030	2,90	≈ 105	≈ 21
200 x 200 x 22	VET03-5020	2,30	≈ 100	≈ 19
145 x 145 x 55	VET01-5033	1,40	≈ 90	≈ 33
190 x 190 x 70	VET01-5034	2,60	≈ 95	≈ 21

This table shows the weight per m² of made of cement mortar with a weight of 1.800 kg/m² and a reinforcement for each joint composed of two steel bars weighting 0.39 kg/ml (ø 8 mm).

For 145 x 145 x 55 glass blocks we have taken into consideration, for each joint, only one 8 mm diameter rod.

For calculating the weight of glass blocks structures with joints larger than 3 m

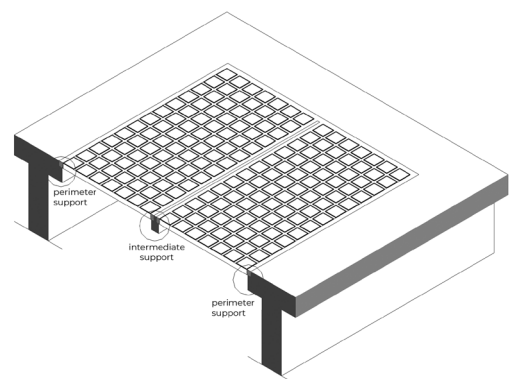
Overload		Structures wich are not suitable for pedestrian traffic 200 kg/m ²			Structures suitable for pedestrian traffic 400 kg/m ²		
Bar diameter (mm)		ø 6	ø 8	ø 10	ø 6	ø 8	ø 10
Modello							
VET01-5030	m ²	4,5	8,0	9,5	2,7	4,8	6,0
VET01-5020	m ²	NPD	NPD	NPD	NPD	NPD	NPD
VET01-5034	m ²	4,0	6,5	8	2,3	4	4,5
VET01-5033	m ²	3,5	4,5	5,5	2,0	2,5	3,0

The table shows the maximum dimensions for horizontal panels with 3 cm joints; the limits are calculated in relation to overload, reinforcing bars and glass blocks type.

The values have been calculated at the following conditions:

- Grating panels where supported on all four sides;
- Evenly distributed overload;
- Permitted stresses:
 - Iron 1.000 kg/cm²,
 - Cement 50 kg/cm²;
 - 3 cm joint

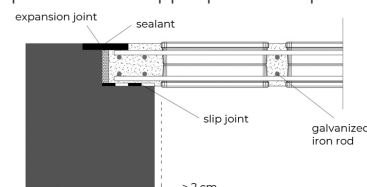
PERIMETER SUPPORTS



The designer must allow for at least **2-3 centimetres** between the load-bearing structure and the first row of glass blocks in the panel, in order to prevent the glass from coming into direct contact with the support.

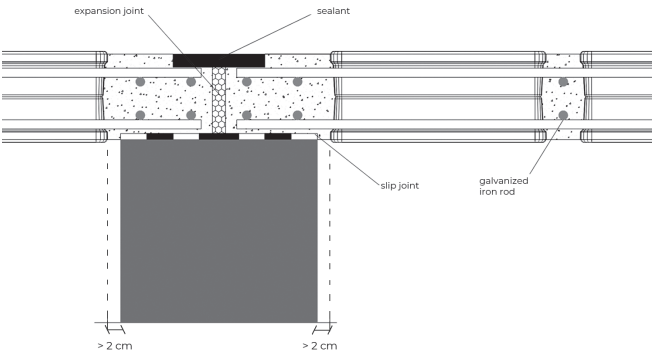
The support should run along the entire perimeter of the panel thanks to the insertion of a slip joint. Both the panel and the supporting structure must be properly and adequately dimensioned.

If the glass block structure is even with the roof or walls, the designer must provide for an elastic expansion joint finished with a suitable sealant to be placed on the upper part of the panel.

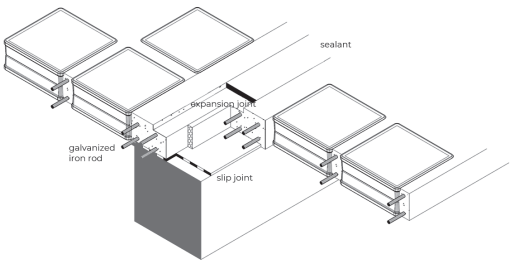


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INTERMEDIATE SUPPORTS



When intermediate supports are present, the designer must allow for at least **2-3 centimetres** between the load-bearing structure and the first row of glass blocks in the panel, in order to prevent the glass from coming into direct contact with the support.
Moreover steel reinforcements must not be continuous in order to avoid internal stresses to the same structure.



3. TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION

Specification	Description	Unity	Price
Dak.I.VET01.5030	Supply and installation of horizontal glass block carrier for glass-concrete floor. Available in the size 190 x 190 x 80 mm in matching with frame (VET03-5022). Made of molten reinforced glass, laminated and coated side for added sheen. Used for the construction of portions of the slab carrier (for axial loads) and/or horizontal structures (also of flat roofs) where undelying spaces and/or rooms need to be lighted up. Dimensioni 190 x 190 x 80 mm.....	pc.	-