

Main Street Memo: Cracks

Cracks are important to watch, but not all cracks are the same. We must learn to triage cracks in order of importance. We do this using the “Three L’s”
Location, Length, and Lean”



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- **Location:** Where is it? Load or non-load bearing wall? Is it on a corner? Does it follow the mortar or go through the brick itself?
- **Length:** Is it just a few bricks or through the majority of the wall? Is it growing?
- **Lean:** Is the crack resulting in a lean in the wall or parapet?

