**Strike Off and Slope to Drain**

The very common practice of using a mason’s block trowel to strike off the grout in a bond beam results in a concave surface pattern in the grout.

Strike off grout fill of a bond beam to slope to drain 1/4" in 12", with an MTI-STD 2518™ tool.

Coat with cement-based waterproofing and install a weep system.

This concave pattern ponds water and allows it to leak into or, at least, to absorb into the CMU wall detail.

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