



Pro Series Competitor Briefing

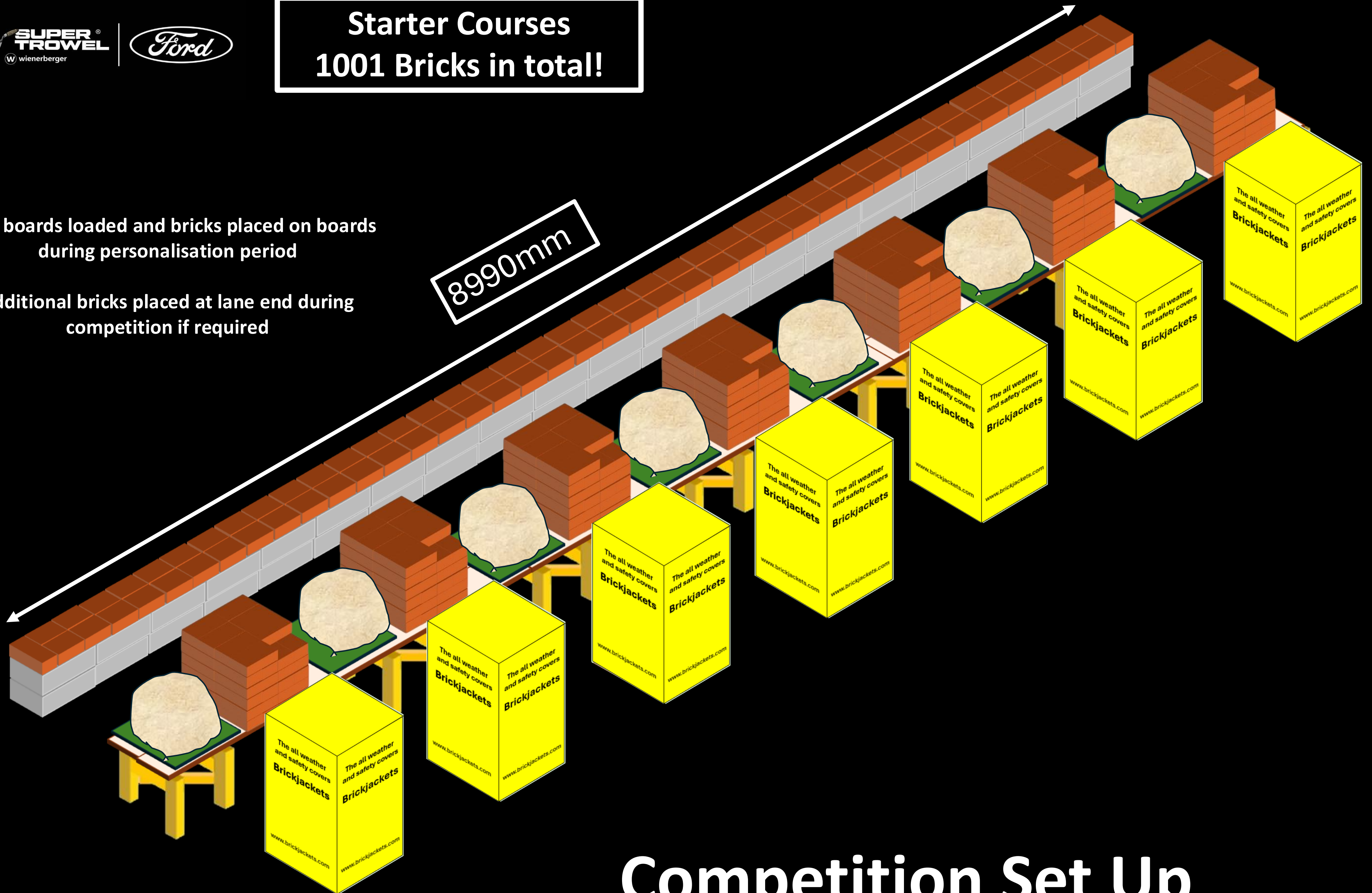


Starter Courses 1001 Bricks in total!

Spot boards loaded and bricks placed on boards
during personalisation period

Additional bricks placed at lane end during
competition if required

8990mm



Competition Set Up



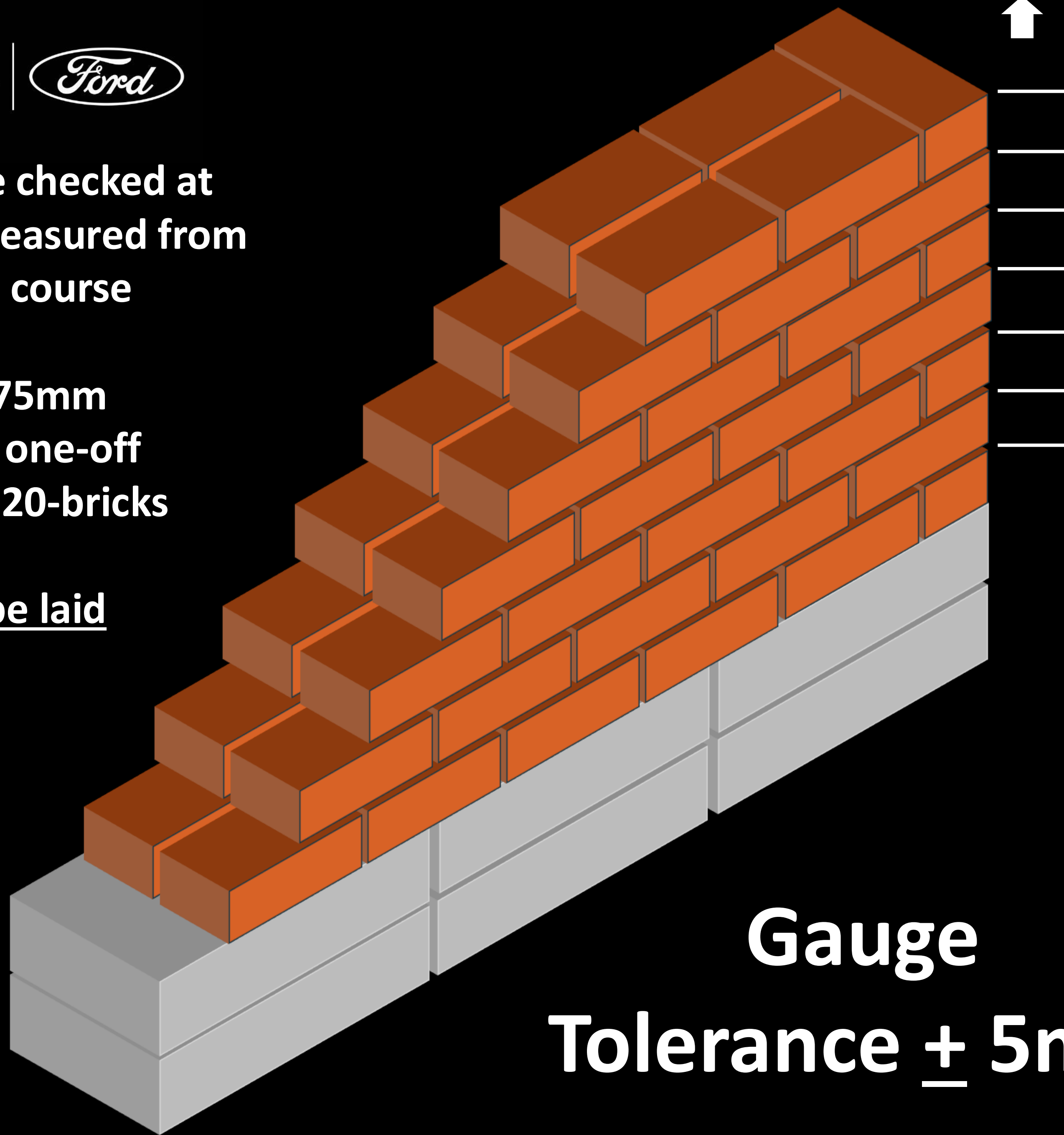
Marking Guide & Brick Deductions



Gauge will be checked at both ends, measured from top of starter course

Multiples of 75mm
Any error = a one-off deduction of 20-bricks

All bricks to be laid frog up



to full height of wall

450mm

375mm

300mm

225mm

150mm

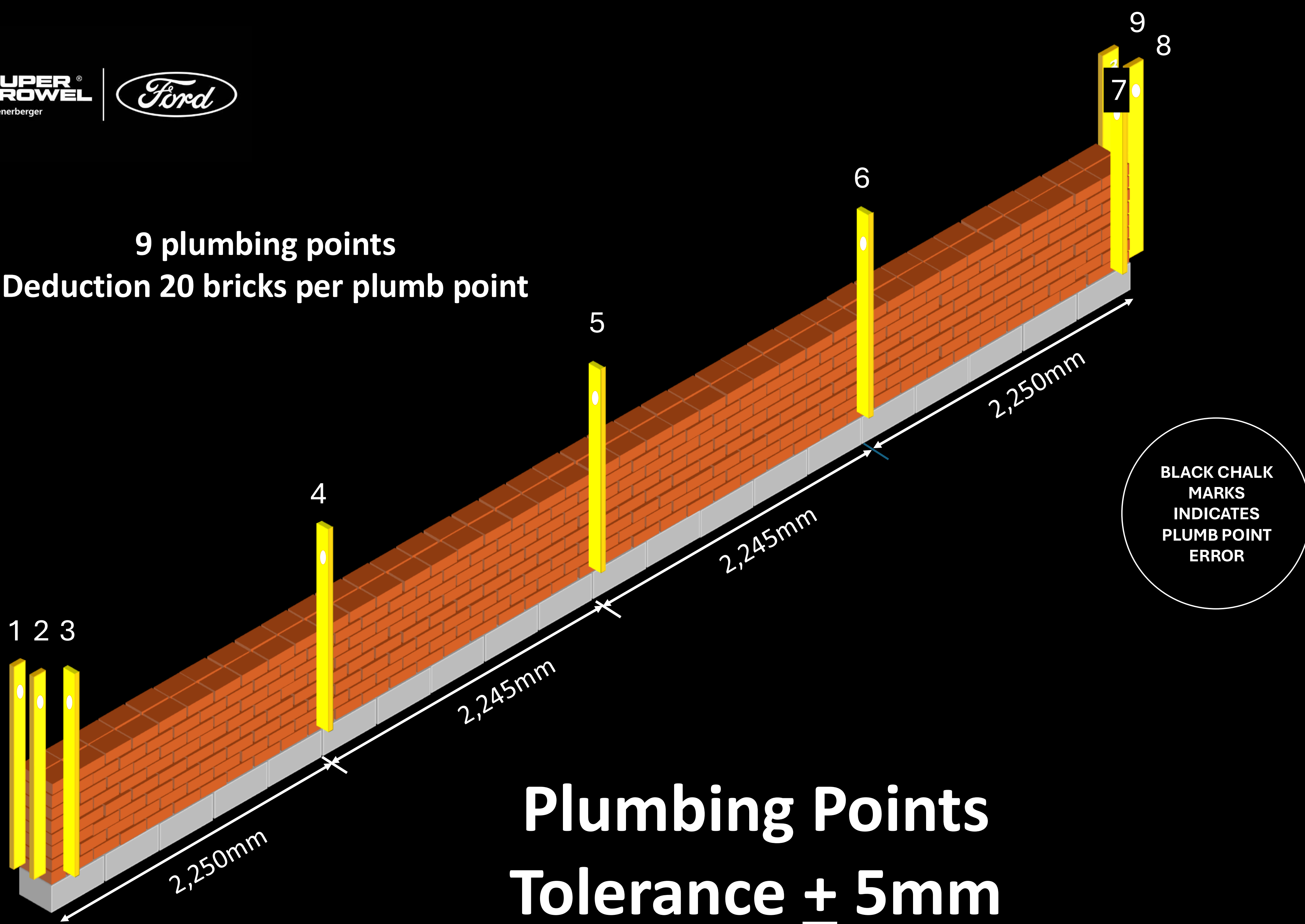
75mm

0mm

PURPLE
CHALK MARKS
INDICATES
GAUGE ERROR

Gauge
Tolerance $\pm 5\text{mm}$

9 plumbing points
Deduction 20 bricks per plumb point

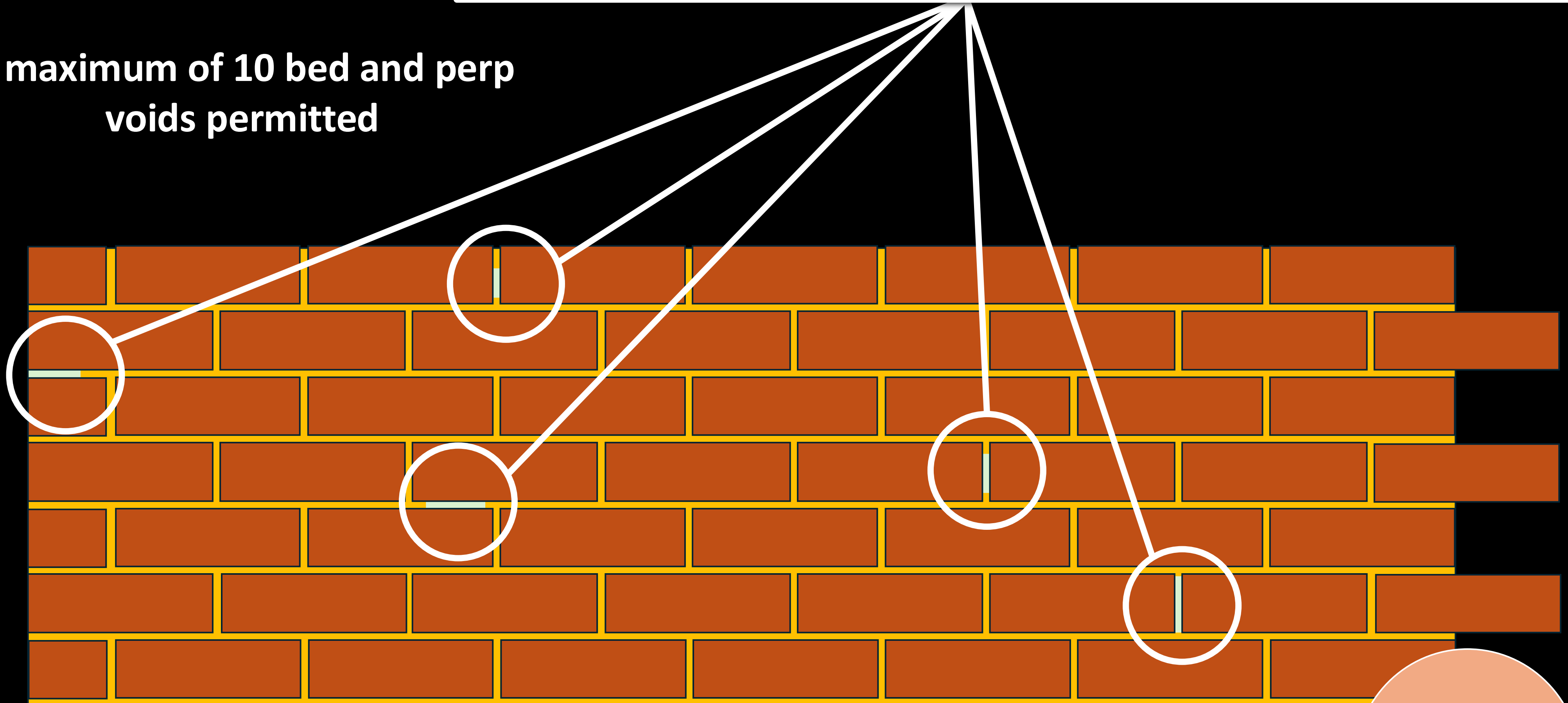


Plumbing Points
Tolerance $\pm 5\text{mm}$



Both sides of the wall and end elevations are inspected.
A void will be counted if it cannot be reasonably filled when
tooled during visual inspection

A maximum of 10 bed and perp
voids permitted

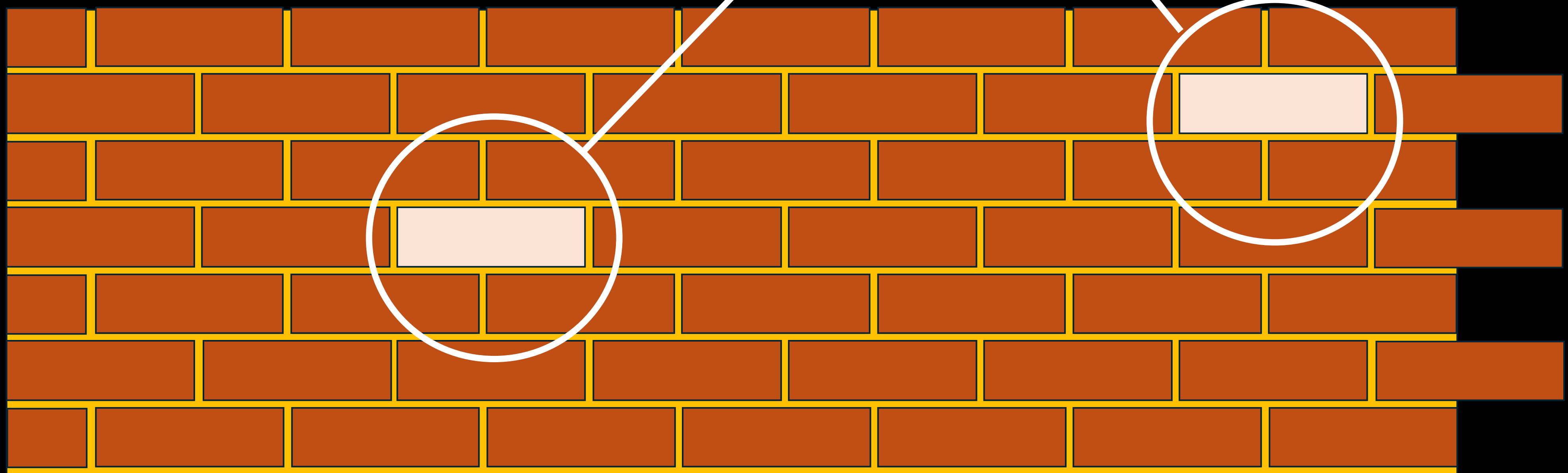


Voids - Maximum of 10, Over 10 voids will result
in a one-off 50-brick deduction

PINK CHALK
MARKS
INDICATES
VOIDS

Both sides of the wall are inspected

Each brick laid face side in, will
result in a 50-brick deduction



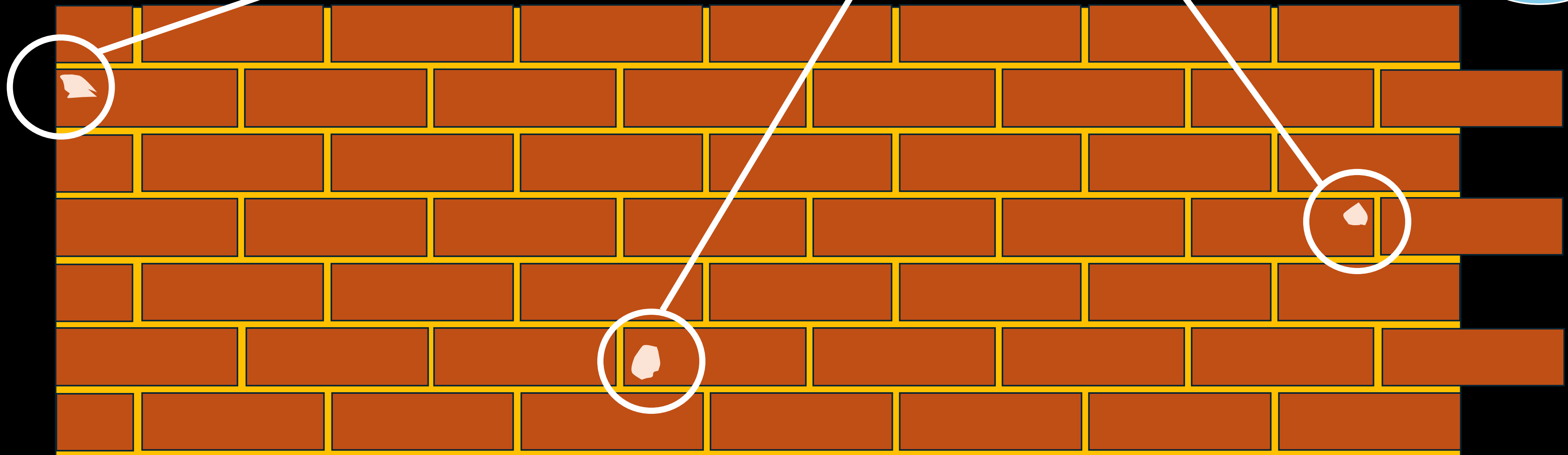
Face Side



Both sides of the wall are inspected.
Chips (aggregate showing) are counted when larger
than 10mm

Each chipped brick will result in
a 25-brick deduction

BLUE CHALK
MARKS
INDICATE
CHIPS

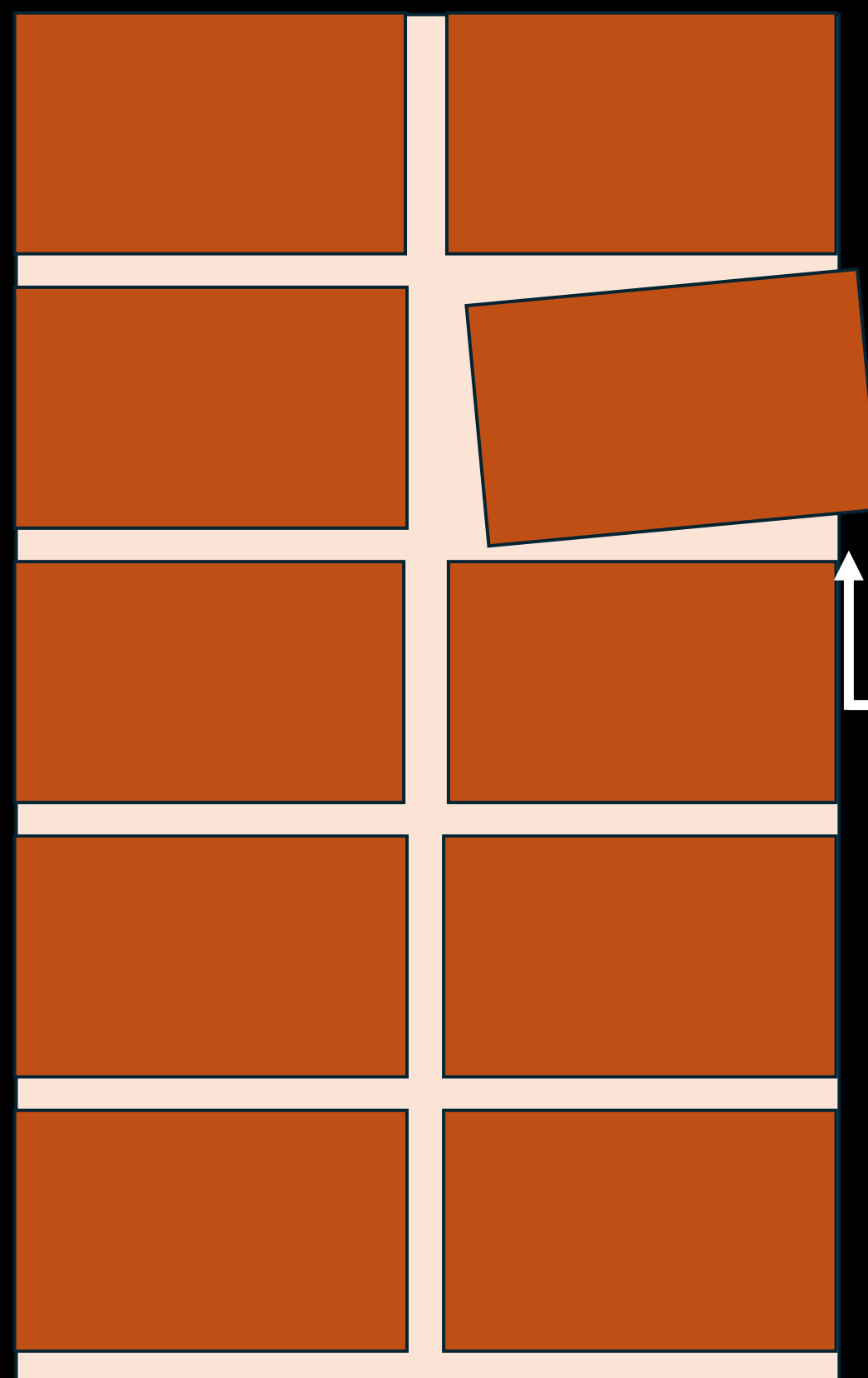


Chipped Bricks +10mm

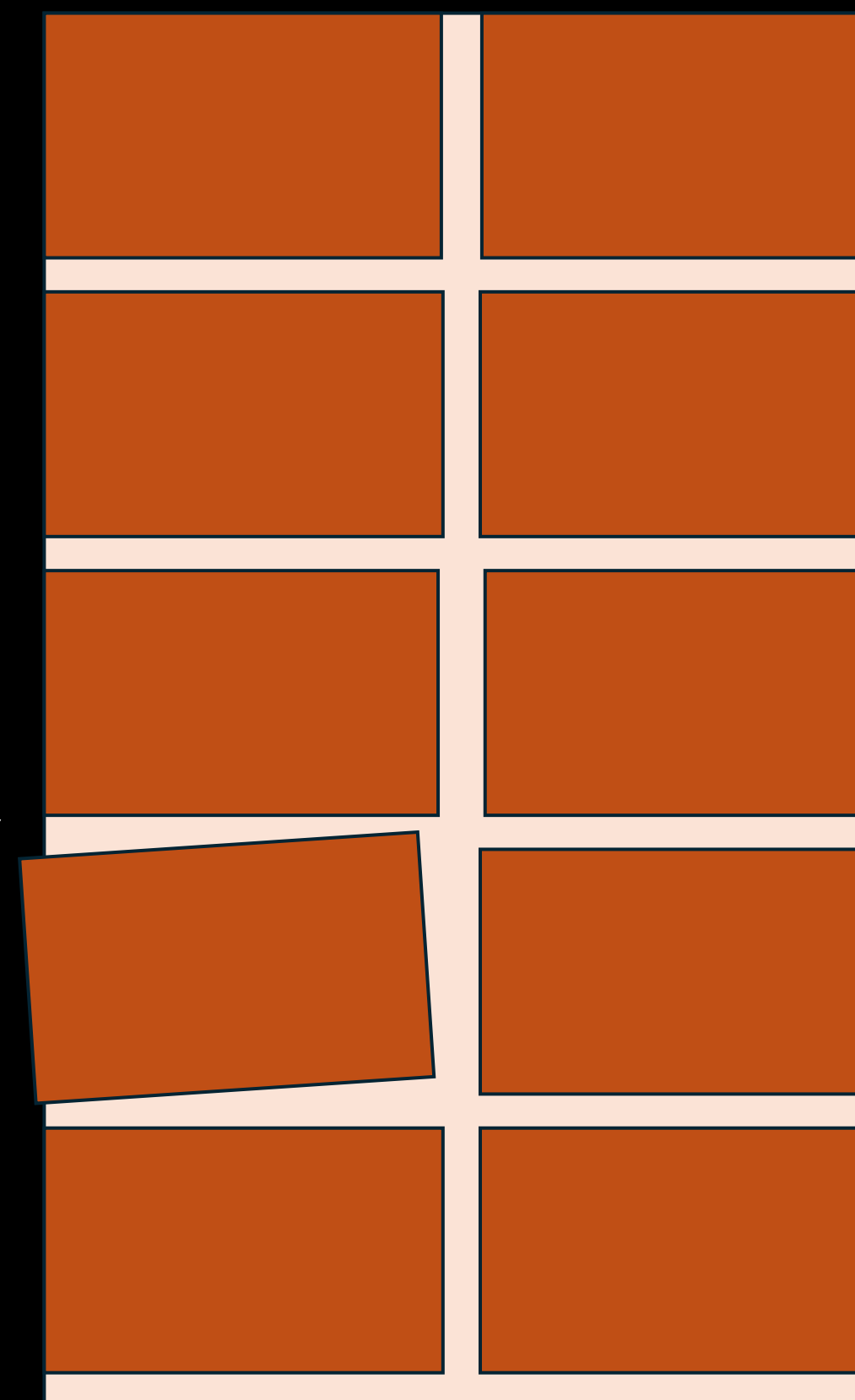
Both sides of the wall are
inspected

WHITE MARK
AND TEXT
'LIP'
INDICATES
LIPPED
BRICKS

Each lipped brick will result in a 25-
brick deduction



+5mm

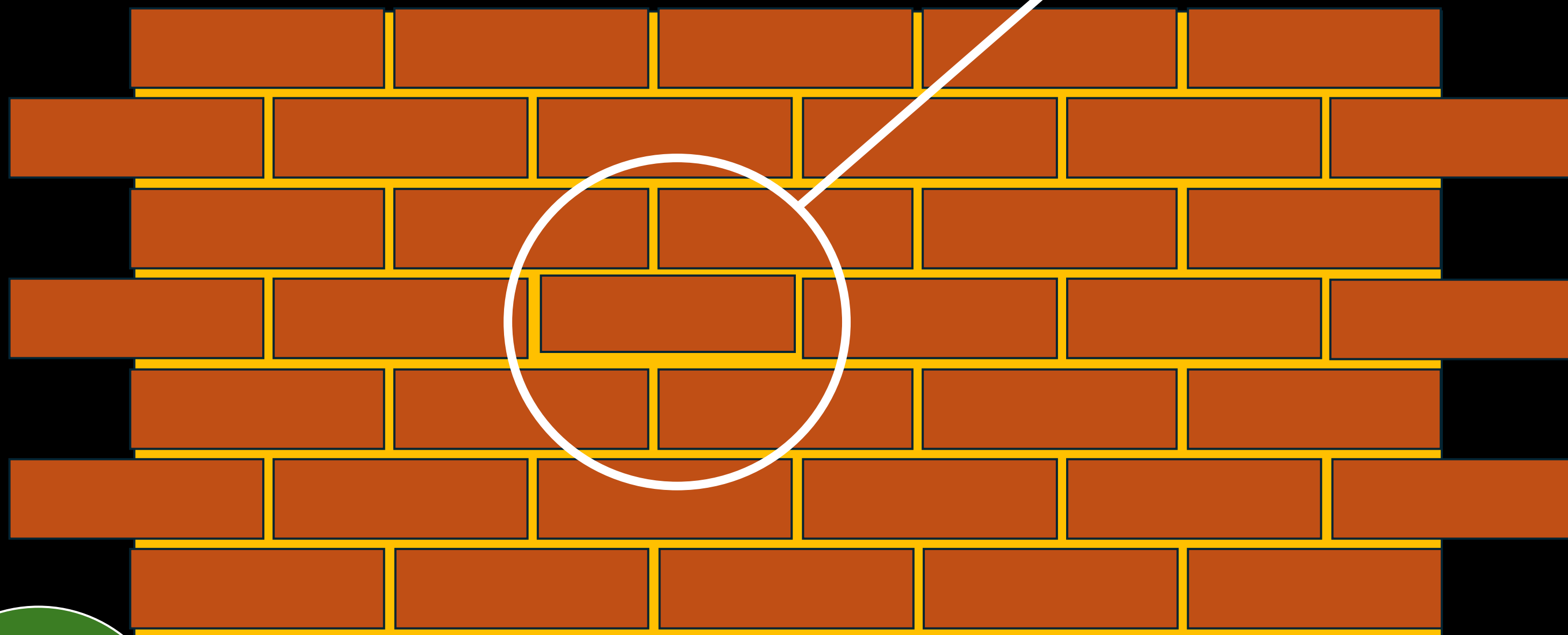


LIP

Lipped Bricks $\pm 5\text{mm}$

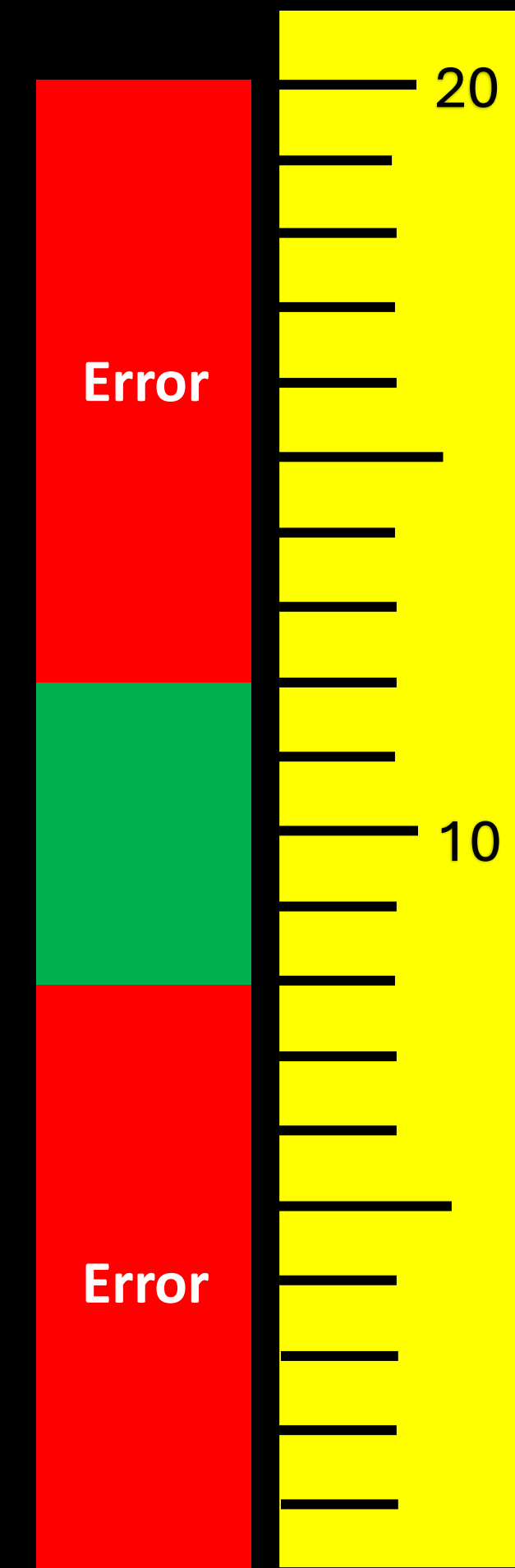
Each bed joint in error will result
in a 2-brick deduction

Only one brick per course on
each side will be deducted
(for example, if 3 bricks on the
same course are in error only 1
brick will be deducted)



DARK GREEN
CHALK
MARKS
INDICATES
ERROR

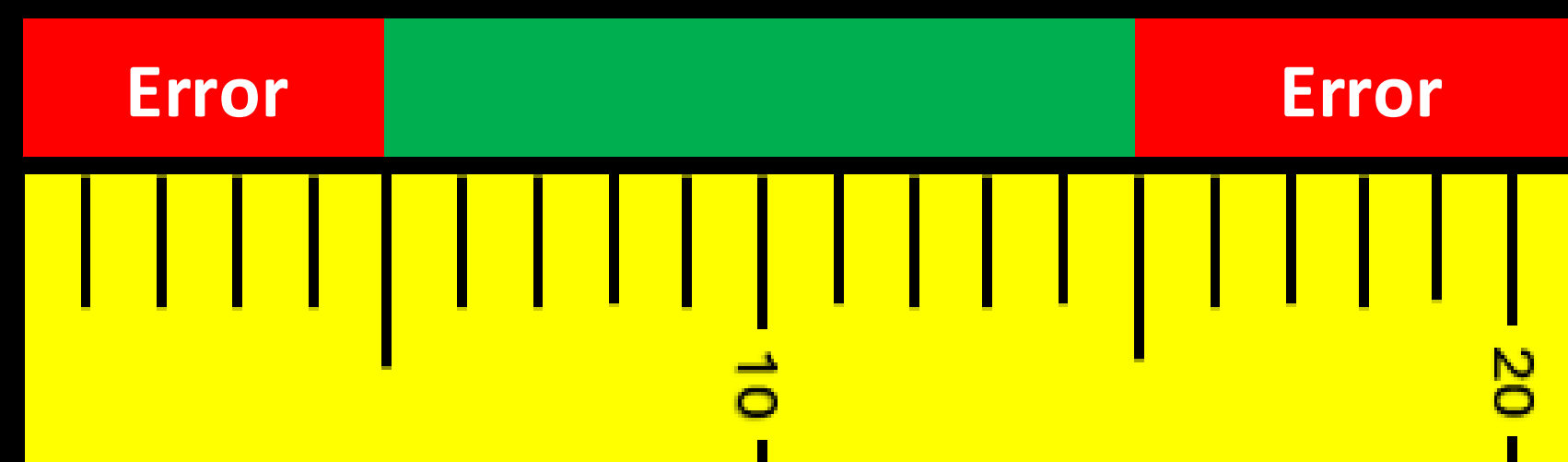
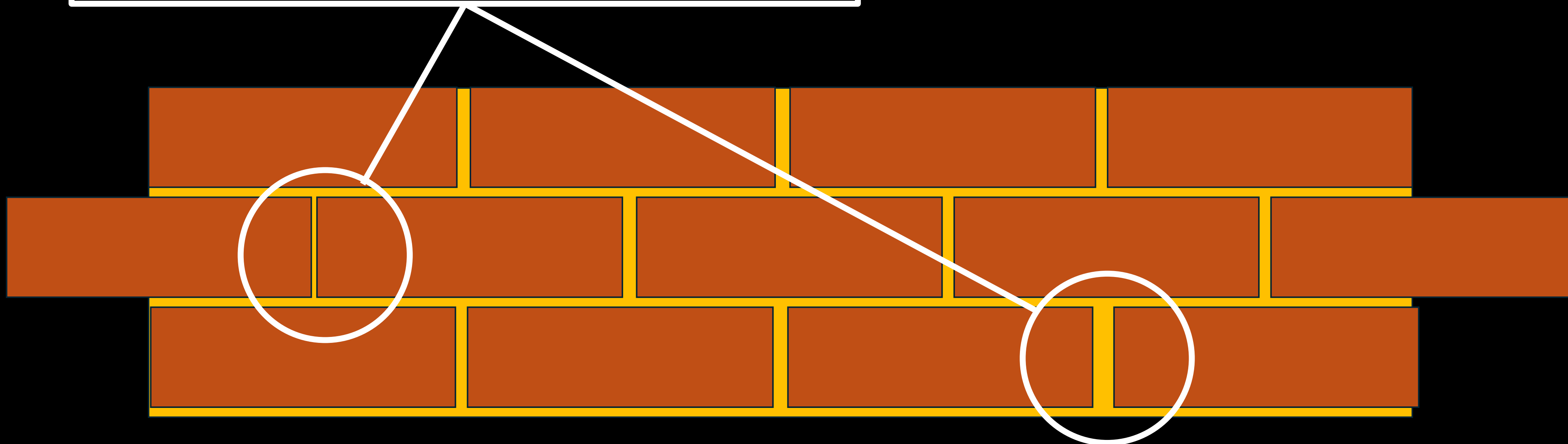
Bed Joints
8mm – 12mm



Perp Joints

5mm – 15mm

Both sides of the wall are inspected



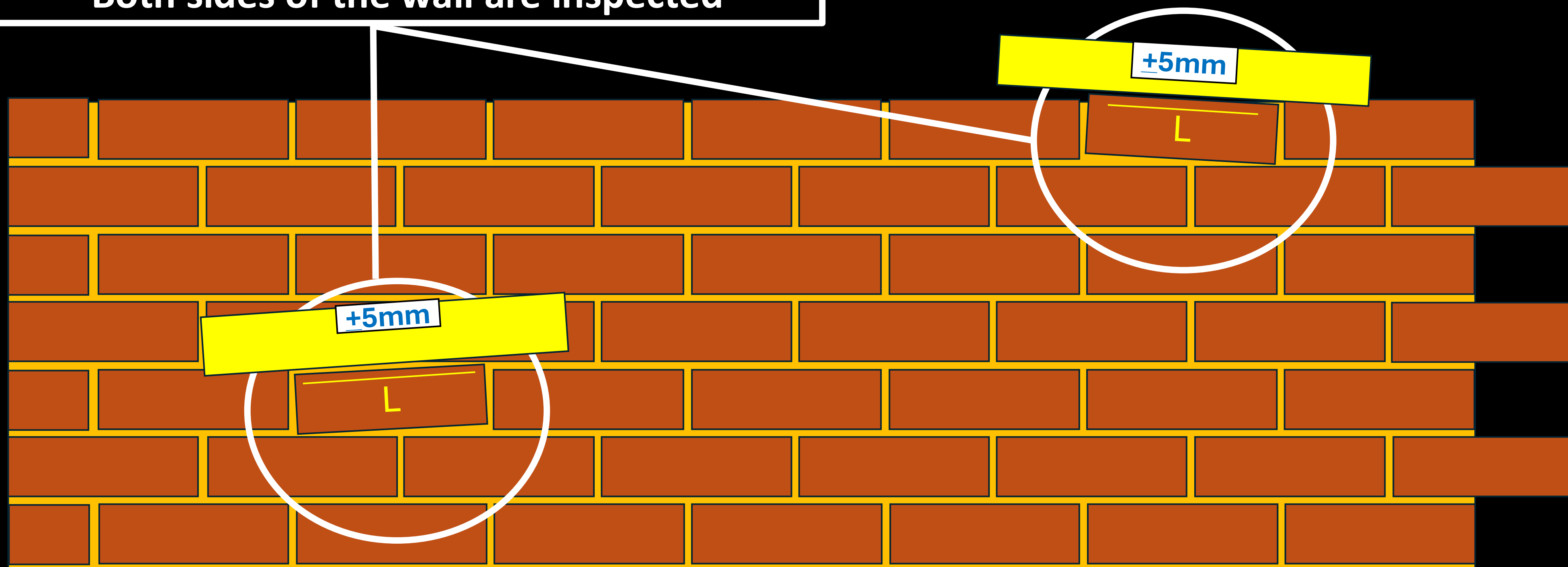
LIME GREEN
CHALK MARKS
INDICATES
PERP JOINT
ERROR

Each perp joint in error will result in
a 2-brick deduction

Level $\pm 5\text{mm}$

YELLOW
CHALK MARK
AND LETTER 'L'
INDICATES
LEVEL ERROR

Both sides of the wall are inspected



Each brick in error, will result in a 25-brick deduction (maximum 10 bricks)

This applies to one brick, per course, per elevation) meaning if 3 bricks on the same course are out of level only 1 brick error will be issued



Finishing

Mortar joints must be cut flush during the bricklaying segment of the competition – this can be done at the end of each course by the bricklayer before they proceed to lay the bed on the next course

If there is a joint greater than 50mm that protrudes by 3mm at any point, it will result in a one-off brick deduction of 100 bricks

No foreign objects, tools, accessories or similar shall be laid in the wall above the starter course. If foreign objects are left in the wall on completion of the 1-hour bricklaying period, this will result in a one-off deduction of 100 bricks

Both elevations (front and rear) and both ends of the wall must be tooled and brushed.

If a wall is not completely tooled and brushed this will result in a one-off brick deduction of 100 bricks

If the Hod Carrier does not fully and correctly clear the lane of all unused bricks and unused and waste mortar (to a designated area) by the end of the 20-minute jointing up period, this will result in a one-off brick deduction of 25 bricks.

A total brick deduction exceeding 15% will result in competitor disqualification. A score will be still be published but that competitor will not be placed and will be illegible from progressing (or winning)



Rule updates as of July 1st 2026

Only an established tool can be used to create a half round finish (jointer, sledge, ball or barrel). Jointing with fingers will result in a warning in the first instance and then a disqualification from the competition

Any course of brickwork must be constructed from the end quoin at either end of the wall and not in the middle

Voids will be judged the same but over 10 will now result in a **50 brick** deduction (previously 20 brick)

Laying bricks frog down is already in the briefing but if a competitor is seen blatantly laying bricks frogged down this will result in a warning and then a disqualification if the warning is disregarded.

No videoing of any kind until the competition and placings announced please.

Also to remind you all that during the judging period competitors should please leave the competition area until they are asked to return by the judges to review their score cards.

Also a competitor should not look at another competitors score cards at any point during the judging or post placing announcement. Once a competitor has received their scores naturally it is their choice if they wish to share these

Support Beyond the Final Whistle

**Next Saturday, only one of you lifts the title.
Fifteen will naturally feel disappointed, and that matters.**

We'll be carrying out post-event touch-point checks with competitors. If you need professional support, please use the contacts below.

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