

# TECHNICAL DATA SHEET CANNABRIC

Brick in consonance with the Spanish standard of pressed loam stones **UNE 41410** (December, 2008)



Cannabric is a massive brick from hemp, produced since 1999 in Guadix (province Granada), who possesses special thermal, acoustic and bio-climatic qualities.

Among other things, the hempbrick was developed specially for massive, carrying outer walls. Because it consists of completely natural raw materials (vegetable material, natural and mineral bonding agents and recycling materials), it is asked with those architects and owners who want to build environmental and know how to create **homelier, more comfortable and healthier spaces**, which are at the same moment of high quality and durability.

the  
hemp

Main component of Cannabric is the wooden stalk of hemp, a fast-growing versatile plant, cultivated since millenniums, which is suitable to improve on soils, can be cultivated free of pesticide and free of herbicide and from which all parts are usable. The ranges of application are not only the construction but also, textile-, paper-, cosmetic-, pharma-, food-, car- and furniture-industry. The industrial hemp sorts are completely legal, because they show a very low THC (hallucinogen) salary, a substance found only in the blossoms and high leaves, not in the stalk.

advantages by  
application  
of vegetable building  
materials

By transfer hemp to construction, and working with Cannabric in the outer- and inner walls, hemp mortars in floor slabs, and insulating boards from hemp under roof, approximately 10 tons of hemp get applied in a dwelling-house of 100 m<sup>2</sup>, that is 100 kg of hemp per m<sup>2</sup>, with what one replaces and avoids toxic- and not environmental-friendly materials (as for example reinforced concrete).

**With the application of regenerating raw materials in the building industry, one preserves the natural resources and avoids the high energy expenditure and the landscape destruction with the dismantling and the transformation of these raw materials is connected. When building with vegetable materials one holds back still in addition CO<sub>2</sub> and reduces thus the environmental impact.**

thermally,  
acoustically  
and  
bioclimatically  
comfort

Cannabric draws use from the **excellent thermal characteristics of hemp** (thermal conductivity of 0,048 W/m•k), which are by far better than the ones of wood. A further advantage over wood is, hemp is not attacked by parasites, since its stack is free from nutrients (proteins), why it must be treated neither with its cultivation nor with its employment in the building industry.

The mineral components of the Cannabric are responsible for its mechanical hardness, its density and its excellent thermal inertia. The result is a brick of low thermal conductivity (0,1875 W/ m•K) and high specific thermal capacity (1291 kJ/ m<sup>3</sup>-K), why it possesses thermo-physical characteristics to protect against both, cold and hot climate. All this with one-layer walls of small thickness, without additional thermal insulation.

With the bonding agents natural materials find employment, like loam (from the excavation of caves in the region of Guadix) and limes. These materials have up to very small energy expenditure in their production and possess in addition natural and bioclimatic characteristics. Lime is (contrary to cement) subject to a closed cycle, the CO<sub>2</sub> output when its production resembles the CO<sub>2</sub> absorption with its setting. **The components of Cannabric possess characteristics, which create a healthy room climate and a pleasant acoustic comfort. They provide for clean air and adjust the air humidity**, so that it is important to work as well on the mortars, renders, plasters and paints with ecological materials, in order to avoid deviations. Cannabric is a solid, earth-coloured brick of rough texture, which is not fired but air dried, and from there over hardly energy used up when its production and, to contrast with conventional materials, highly able to “breathe”.

life time and recycling

Although Cannabric is designed for a long life time, similarly like historical building materials, and therefore counts with a hardness increase instead a hardness loss (such as at cement), recycling or reutilization is easily possible. The bricks dating from a demolition can be powdered and serve for the production of Cannabric or hemp-mortars once more.

GWP  
“global warming potential”

Cannabric has a **GWP of - 0.624 kg CO<sub>2</sub>eq/kg**, that means negative.

It is a material that retains CO<sub>2</sub>.

In its manufacturing processes (materials, transport, used energy) it does not contribute to global warming.

<b>measurements</b>	Cannabric is manufactured in three measurements: 30 x 14,5 x 10,5 [cm] (full brick), 14,5 x 14,5 x 10,5 [cm] (half brick), 21,5 x 14,5 x 10,5 [cm] (three-quarter brick). The supply, depending upon measure, is in pallets of 195/252/390 pieces.
<b>uses</b>	<p>The bricks have the mechanical qualities as well as the fire resistance which make possible the building of single residential buildings, terraced houses and public buildings of several floors. Cannabric is suitable for the building of one-layer carrying outer walls (3 or more floors with a wall thickness of 30 cm) and carrying or non-carrying inner walls of 14,5 or 10,5 cm thickness.</p> <p>Other possible applications are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- carrying walls with sight stone wall in the outside area</li> <li>- framework walls (lesser weight and better thermal properties than pure clay bricks).</li> <li>- decorative sight brick-work</li> <li>- inner walls with the bale of straw building or as a supplement with thermal insufficient walls of buildings to restore</li> <li>- caves facades and caves annexes</li> <li>- dwellings and stables for animals</li> </ul>
<b>recommendations for processing</b>	<p>With walls should come for application hydraulic lime mortar of the classes NHL5, ore even better <u>NHL3,5 or NHL2</u> (dose 1:4). With walls of small thicknesses (until 30 cm) also the use of slaked lime mortar is possible (pay attention to suitable sand), never however the use of quicklime in powder or “so-called” slaked lime, which is won from powder-lime. Optionally one can work with hemp light mortars (from granulated hemp, hydraulic lime and sand), which have similar thermal and mechanical characteristics as the Cannabric.</p> <p>Render and plaster, first layer: slaked lime mortar or hydraulic lime mortar of the classes NHL3,5 (dose 1:4).</p> <p>Render and plaster, upper layer: Long slaked lime mortar (in white, coloured or for to paint) or hydraulic lime mortar of the classes NHL3,5 white or NHL2. Plaster with natural gypsum sorts is possible in the internal area (only use hemihydrates). There are historical gypsum sorts, also suitable for application in the external area. The paint should be breathe-active in order to keep the characteristics of mortar (silicate paint, limewash, loam-paint, biological plant-paint...).</p> <p>In the internal area it is possible to work with Cannabric as sight brick-work or simply to paint, while in the external area it is recommendable to render, since it diminishes thermal characteristics in rainy times, while it is wet.</p> <p>Generally the 30 cm wall thickness is suitable for the external area (also a wall thicknesses of 45 cm is possible, special for highly energy saving houses), while the 14,5 and 10,5 cm wall thicknesses are applicable for the internal area. If wanted, to plaster.</p>

	consumption of 35-40 kg sacks of natural hydraulic lime per m2 Cannabric-wall, according to thickness		
wall thickness Cannabric in cm (without or before plastering)	to build up Cannabric-walls without plasterwork (dose 1:4, lime:sand)	to build up Cannabric-walls with one-sided plasterwork (dose 1:4, lime:sand)	to build up Cannabric-walls with two-sided plasterwork (dose 1:4, lime:sand)
30	0,66	0,83	1,00
14,5	0,27	0,44	0,60
10,5	0,14	0,31	0,47

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## Tests with CANNABRIC

ASPECT AND MECHANICAL AND PHYSICAL QUALITIES	RESULTS:
Aspect (UNE 127.030/ 99):	"The bricks have a homogeneous colour, with an evenly rough surface texture, which makes possible the adhesive strength of mortar and favours to render and plaster. No chipping off or replacement from material is to be observed, as well as no cracking."
Measurement and wall-thickness (cm) (UNE-EN 772-16/ 2001):	30/ 14,5/ 10,5 (massif brick, without holes)
Parallelism of the surfaces (maximum deviation) (UNE-EN 772-20/ 2001):	In the case of a measurement of 332 mm: 2,0 mm
Orthogonality of the angles (maximum value of the tangent of angle deviations over 90°) (UNE 127.030/ 99):	0,01
Approximate density 28 days (determined in the factory):	1,3 kg/ dm3
Density after complete drying process (average value after UNE-EN 772-13/ 2001):	1171 kg/ m3
Mass after complete drying process (average value):	5,35 kg
Characterized pressure strength (28 days), referred to the gross-section (UNE-EN 771-1/ 2001):	13,00 kg/ cm2 (1,3 N/mm2)
Middle pressure strength (28 days), referred to the gross-section (UNE-EN 771-1/ 2001):	14,00 kg/ cm2 (1,4 N/ mm2)
Minimum pressure strength (90 days), referred to the gross-section (UNE-EN 771-1/ 2001):	15,00 kg/ cm2 (1,5 N/ mm2)
Bending pressure strength (28 days) (UNE 83.305-86):	6,10 kg/ cm2
Resistance against mould and smells:	Without signs.
Fire resistance (during a load of 3kg/ cm2, corresponds to a large building of approximately 3 floors) (UNE 23,093-81):	> RF 120 (minutes)

<b>Thermal conductivity</b> (UNE 92.202-89):	<b>0,16 kcal/ h·m·°C (0,19 W/ m·K)</b>
<b>Heat transition coefficients:</b>	Carrying wall rendered two-sided with lime mortar: <b>0,47 kcal/ h·°C·m2 (0,56 W/ m2·K)</b> Inner wall plastered two-sided with lime mortar: <b>0,83 kcal/ h·°C·m2 (0,99 W/ m2·K)</b>
<b>Specific thermal coefficient:</b>	<b>1,103 J/ g·K</b>
<b>Heat accumulating capacity (thermal inertia):</b>	<b>1291 kJ/ m3·K</b>
<b>Water absorption</b> (average value) (UNE-EN 772-11/ 2001):	<b>31,5 %</b>
<b>Water suction</b> (UNE 41.171/89):	<b>0,41g/ cm2 x 5 min</b>
<b>Acoustic insulation</b> (carrying outer wall rendered two-sided):	<b>54 dBA *</b>
<b>Acoustic insulation</b> (inner wall plastered two-sided):	<b>45 dBA *</b>

\* calculated after NBE-CA-88

<b>TABLE WITH THERMAL CHARACTERISTICS OF CANNABRIC</b>	<b>Inner wall</b>		<b>Outer wall</b>
wall thickness (cm) <b>CANNABRIC</b> without render or plaster	10,5	14,5	30
<b>heat transition coefficient</b> <i>U</i> kcal/ h·°C·m2 (W/ m2·K)	<b>1,09 (1,29)</b>	<b>0,86 (1,02)</b>	<b>0,48 (0,57)</b>
<b>thermal resistance</b> <i>R</i> kcal/ h·°C·m2 (m2·K/ W)	<b>0,92 (0,78)</b>	<b>1,16 (0,98)</b>	<b>2,08 (1,75)</b>
wall thickness (cm) <b>CANNABRIC</b> with two-sided render or plaster	13	17	33
<b>heat transition coefficient</b> <i>U</i> kcal/ h·°C·m2 (W/ m2·K)	<b>1,05 (1,25)</b>	<b>0,83 (0,99)</b>	<b>0,47 (0,56)</b>
<b>thermal resistance</b> <i>R</i> kcal/ h·°C·m2 (m2·K/ W)	<b>0,95 (0,80)</b>	<b>1,20 (1,01)</b>	<b>2,13 (1,79)</b>
UNE 92.202-89 <b>thermal conductivity</b> kcal/ h·m·°C (W/ m·K)	<b>0,16 (0,19)</b>		
<b>heat accumulating capacity</b> kJ/ m3·K	<b>1291</b>		

**THERMAL PROPERTIES** from various materials in the comparison:

material	specific thermal coefficient	density	heat accumulating capacity (thermal inertia)	thermal conductivity	heat transition coefficient with 30 cm wall thickness
	J/ g·K	kg/m <sup>3</sup>	kJ/ m <sup>3</sup> ·K	W/ m·K	W/ m <sup>2</sup> ·K
water	4,19	1000	4190	0,6	(1,49)
steel	0,46	7850	3611	58	
granite	0,83	2750	2282	3,5	3,85
marble	0,88	2400	2112	2,1	3,23
oak wood	2,38	850	2023	0,21	
slate	0,76	2650	2014	0,42	1,14
glass	0,83	2500	2075	1,4	
dry clay	0,93	2100	1953	0,95	2,04
steel concrete	0,81	2400	1944	1,63	2,86
ice	2,1	916	1923	0,59	1,47
concrete	0,84	2200	1848	1,4	2,63
plexiglas	1,47	1190	1749	0,19	
cement mortar	0,81	2000	1620	1,4	
dry earth (loam stone)	0,89	1800	1602	0,91	2,0
sandstone	0,71	2200	1567	1,3	2,5
gravel	0,92	1700	1564		
massif fired brick	0,83	1700	1411	0,96	2,08
lime mortar	0,87	1600	1392	0,87	
<b>Cannabric</b>	<b>1,103</b>	<b>1171</b>	<b>1291</b>	<b>0,19</b>	<b>0,57</b>
light loam stone with straw	1	1200	1200	0,47	1,23
gypsum mortar	0,83	1440	1195	0,7	
dry sand	0,8	1400	1120	0,46	
pine wood	1,3	650	845	0,16	
Termoarcilla brick	0,79	910	719	0,29	0,83
corc panel	1,5	450	675	0,07	
cement bloc	0,84	750	630	1,15	2,33
straw ball	1,4	250	350	0,1	0,32
isolation panels from wool	1,34	111	155	0,04	
glass wool	0,67	200	134	0,04	
poliurethane	1,59	24	38	0,03	
air	1,01	1,2	1,21	0,13	

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