# Imagine the Possibilities



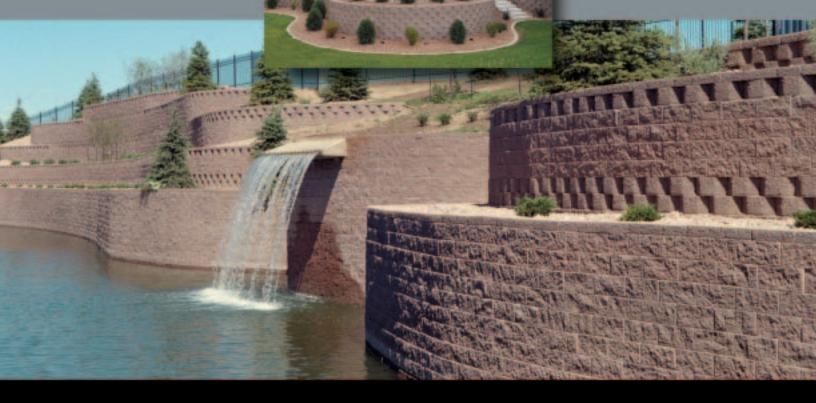
## Where Excellence is the Standard

For almost two decades, Keystone Retaining Wall Systems has set the bar for excellence, innovation, and

technology within the industry. Keystone represents the world-wide standard in soil retention, erosion control, and landscape systems. As the industry leader, Keystone has always been a product of the energy, passion, and focus of the people that

promote it. Keystone works with the best network of manufacturers, product developers, engineers,

and sales professionals in the business. They ensure that Keystone products and services offer the best site solutions for residential, commercial, recreational, industrial, and governmental applications.









# Uniquely Keystone





Offering a broad family of products, Keystone has the right solution to meet the most challenging structural and landscape sites. Keystone also leads the marketplace in segmental retaining wall performance and aesthetics.

- ► The original Keystone Standard Unit provides the most stable construction platform in the industry for taller gravity walls.
- ► Keystone Compac Units offer the best mix of cost effectiveness, aesthetics and performance.
- ► Keystone Country Manor was developed for projects where aesthetic considerations are paramount.
- Keystone Century Wall provides the aesthetic multisize units while providing the same structural integrity as Compac Units.

The Keystone difference lies in its outer beauty and inner strength. Keystone's patented, interlocking, fiberglass pin system ensures a positive connection between the structural wall unit and the soil reinforcement. Keystone's patented pins also aid in precise alignment, making it easy to create any unique wall design.

With over 18 years of retaining wall design experience, Keystone is the most widely available retaining wall system on the market and is manufactured nationally in most major cities and internationally in over 35 locations.

Every great invention is the result of finding a solution to a problem or need!



# Keystone's Family of Products

## **KEYSTONE STANDARD UNIT - SERIES | & ||**

The Keystone Standard is an American original. What started the industry is still the industry leader. Its height-to-depth ratio delivers a structurally sound, engineered wall system with superior construction stability, durability, and strength. This product is the choice for tall walls and critical structures.



## \*Size:

- Series I 8"h x 18"w x 211/2"d (200 x 450 x 550 mm)
- Series II 8"h x 18"w x 18"d (200 x 450 x 450 mm)

## Exposed Face Area:

• 1 sq. ft. - 8" x 18"

## \*Weight:

• 105 lbs. (50 kg)



\*Note: Unit colors, dimensions, weight, and availability may vary by manufacturer.

#### **KEY FEATURES**

## High Strength Pin Connection System

#### **Open Cores**

- ► Increases vertical drainage through the face units.
- ► Allows for gravel interlock across block interfaces.
- ► Improves connection strength between face units and geogrid.
- ► Improves unit-to-unit shear resistance.

## Versatility

- ► Sculptured (tri-planar) or Straight face options provide stunning aesthetics. Additional aesthetic texture and shape options are available in selected markets.
- ► Near vertical or battered setback options are available.

#### Shape

- ► Tapered sides offer ease in constructing radii as tight as 5 feet.
- ► Unit shape has a "tail element" at the rear of the unit for ease in handling.
- ► Unit tails can be interlocked, increasing the base width and the height that gravity walls can be constructed.
- ► Cores allow placement of handrail or fence posts to be structured into the wall.

## Greater Unit Depth & Increased Mass

- ► Large units allow at least a 50% increase in overturning resistance.
- ► Allows taller gravity walls.
- ▶ Pins and greater unit depth results in increased unit-to-unit and unit-to-geogrid strength.
- ► Significantly improves construction stability, minimizing face movement and alignment problems.
- ► Allows increased vertical spacing between reinforcing layer for more efficient distribution and improved engineering results.



## **KEYSTONE COMPAC UNIT - SERIES | & ||**

The Keystone Compac is the perfect choice when the deep embedment length of the Keystone Standard unit is not required. An installer's favorite, its lighter weight and shorter tail design makes it easy to handle.



## \*Size:

• 8"h x 18"w x 12"d (200 x 450 x 300 mm)

## Exposed Face Area:

- 1 sq. ft. 8" x 18"
- \*Weight:
- 85 lbs. (39 kg)

## **KEY FEATURES**

High Strength Pin Connection System

## **Open Cores**

- ► Increases vertical drainage through the face units.
- ► Allows for gravel interlock across block interfaces.
- ► Improves connection strength between face units and geogrid.
- ► Improves unit-to-unit shear resistance.
- ► Series II version has a larger core area for rapid filling with drainage material.

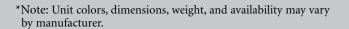
## Versatility

- ► Sculptured (tri-planar) or Straight face options are shown. Additional options are available in selected markets.
- Weathered or "antiqued" finish options are available in select markets.
- ► Near vertical or battered setback options are available.

#### Shape

- ► Tapered sides allow ease in constructing radii as tight as 4.5 feet.
- ► Unit shape has a "tail element" at the rear of the unit for ease in handling.
- ► Triangular pin connection hole allows for builder-friendly construction adjustments.







# Keystone's Family of Products

## **KEYSTONE CENTURY WALL**

Designed specifically for taller wall structures and heavy loading conditions, Keystone Century Wall blends the distinctive look and character of natural stone with the structural integrity that lets you build with confidence.

"Old World Charm on a Grander Scale"



\*Large Unit 8"h x 12"d x 18"w (200 x 300 x 450mm) 93 lbs. (42 kg)



\*Medium Unit 8"h x 12"d x 11"w (200 x 300 x 280mm) 58 lbs. (26 kg)



\*Small Unit 8"h x 12"d x 7"w (200 x 300 x 180mm) 37 lbs. (17 kg)



\*90° Corner Unit Available in left and right (left shown) 8"h x 12"d x 16"w (200 x 300 x 400mm) 78 lbs. (35 kg)

## **KEY FEATURES**

#### 3 or More Face Dimensions

▶ Provides the strutural integrity of Keystone Compac units with 3 or more face sizes for a more random appearance to the wall system.

#### Textured Faces & Color

► In most markets, Keystone Century Wall is produced with multi-color blends and a roughened, antiqued face to provide a pleasing natural stone look.

## High Strength Pins

 Pins with shouldered caps provide positive unit shear resistance.

## **Open Cores**

- ► Increases vertical drainage through the face units.
- ► Allows for gravel interlock across block interfaces.
- ► Improves connection strength between units and geogrid.
- ► Improves unit-to-unit shear resistance.

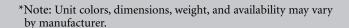
## Versatility

► Near vertical or battered option through two available pin positions.

## Shape

► Unit shape has a "tail element" at the rear of the unit for ease in handling.







#### **KEYSTONE COUNTRY MANOR**

Random and rugged, yet blended with color and character, these high strength concrete modules appear as natural stone, but have the latest built-in technology of the Keystone pin assured connection.



"Old World Charm"

\*6"h x 10"d x 16"/14"w (150 x 250 x 400/350mm) 60 lbs. (27 kg)



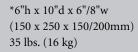
\*6"h x 10"d x 12"/10"w (150 x 250 x 300/250mm) 40 lbs. (18 kg)

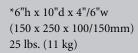


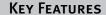
\*6"h x 10"d x 12"/12"w (150 x 250 x 300/300mm) 45 lbs. (20 kg) (Two smooth ends for vertical stack capability)



\*6"h x 10"d x 8"/10"w (150 x 250 x 200/250mm) 45 lbs. (20 kg)







#### 3 or More Face Dimensions

- ► Provides the greatest degree of random layout due to variations from unit side dimensions.
- ► Each unit has two side dimensions.

#### Colors

► Keystone Country Manor is produced in color blends that enhance the natural stone-like appearance.

#### 3 Textured Sides on Each Unit

- Weathered or antiqued finish to provide a more natural stone look to the units.
- ► Allows each unit to be used in multiple positions within the wall.
- Each unit can be used as an exposed end unit or a 90° corner unit.
- ► Allows construction of small free-standing walls, parapet walls, pilasters and columns in addition to retaining walls.

#### Shape

► Each unit has a 90° angle and a tapered side, allowing each unit to be used in 90° corners, tight fitting straight line walls, and radii at curves.

#### Units are Packaged in Sets

- ► Eliminates the need for the contractor to pull from multiple pallets to maintain random appearance.
- ► Provides for a simple method of construction and a random appearance to the wall system.

## High Strength Pins with Shouldered Cap

► Multiple pin positions allow for near vertical setback and an occasional forward protruding unit for a more random appearance.



Keystone Country Manor Cap Uni \*3"h x 12"d x 14"/8"w (75 x 300 x 355/200mm) 30 lbs. (14 kg)

Note: The number of units in the Keystone Country Manor system vary by manufacturer. Contact your local representative for further details

<sup>\*</sup>Note: Unit colors, dimensions, weight, and availability may vary by manufacturer.



# Keystone's Family of Products

## KEYSTONE KEYSYSTEM ITM

The KeySystem I is specifically designed for use in the highway and heavy construction industries using the patented Keystone modular concrete units and inextensible steel reinforcement to develop a durable, aesthetically appealing, and cost effective reinforced soil retaining wall structure.



- \*Size:
  - 8"h x 18"w x 12"d (200 x 450 x 300 mm)

## Exposed Face Area:

- 1 sq. ft. 8" x 18"
- \*Weight:
- 85 lbs. (39 kg)

## **KEY FEATURES**

All of the features of Compac units plus the following:

## Inextensible Steel Reinforcement

- ► Significantly reduced deflection or movement within the reinforced mass. Deflections with steel reinforcement are reduced by over 66% compared to geosynthetic reinforcement.
- ► Performance is not time dependent such as polymer creep effects with extensible reinforcing (geogrids).
- ► Backfill of up to 4" to 6" maximum size can be used. With geosynthetics, the maximum size is generally limited to approximately 3/4" due to erratic resistance and installation damage with larger particle sizes.

## Designed to more rigorous AASHTO standards

► Increased factors of safety and confidence in wall system performance.

## Intended for the Most Demanding Applications

- ► Deflection sensitive applications such as:
  - Bridge abutments
  - · Tall walls
  - Walls with heavy surcharges
  - Walls where loads or structures bear on or immediately behind the reinforced mass
- Transportation or other projects requiring AASHTO compliance.
- ► HITEC Evaluation #40478



\*Note: Unit colors, dimensions, weight, and availability may vary by manufacturer.



#### **KEYSTONE FIBERGLASS PINS**

The Keystone patented system features high strength, pultruded fiberglass pins that provide a true shear connector, geogrid proof positive holder, and an alignment device all in one piece.

- ► Maintains a positive mechanical connection between adjacent units and between units and geogrid.
- ► Easy alignment and simple construction procedure.
- ► With pin method, units maintain a running bond for aesthetics and structural integrity.
- ► Each unit is integrally connected with every other face unit.
- ► Holds the geogrid in place during construction when normal confining pressures are low.
- Provides a visible connection location and method for the installation contractor.
- ► Provides easy quality control inspection of proper geogrid placement.
- ► Pins are made of high strength pultruded fiberglass. They are strong in shear, durable, will not rust, and are not negatively affected by temperature changes.





A Keystone wall is not complete without the "capping touch"!



- \*Size:
- 4"h x 10-1/2"d x 18"/14" (150 x 265 x 450/350mm)
- \*Weight:
- 48 lbs. (22 kg)

## **KEYSTONE LANDSCAPE UNITS**

Along with its structural pinned systems, Keystone also offers a wide variety of landscape products used by contractors and homeowners for smaller wall applications. All landscape units are connected by a lipped connection and are recommended for lower wall height construction. The landscape units shown below are a few of the units available. Contact your local Keystone representative or check out the web site at www.keystonewalls.com for the units available in your market.









<sup>\*</sup>Note: Unit colors, dimensions, weight, and availability may vary by manufacturer.

## Endless Applications



## **GOVERNMENTAL**

Keystone Walls are routinely used to provide site solutions in government projects. Government agencies that use Keystone products include:

- U.S. Federal Highway Administration
- State Department of Transportation Roadway and Freeway Projects
- Army Corps of Engineers
- ► Wide range of state D.O.T.s



## **INDUSTRIAL**

Keystone stands up to the extreme heavy-loading conditions and high-traffic areas of industrial sites. In industrial applications, such as New Zealand's Drury Quarry (shown at right), Keystone has taken on daily static loads of over 200 tons. Keystone also offers excellent design benefits for construction in areas of high seismic activity.

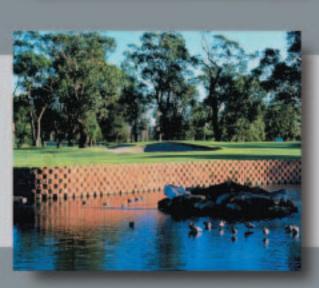


## **RECREATIONAL**

Keystone provides superior durability with the ultimate in aesthetics for any recreational application.



- ► Golf Courses and Clubhouses
- Water Parks and Beachfronts
- Amphitheaters



## **COMMERCIAL**

Keystone is an integral component in land management and commercial expansion, creating buildable land for new construction



or redevelopment. Keystone helps maximize the aesthetic value and "best use" of any property by blending with natural surroundings or complementing existing structures.



## **PUBLIC WORKS**

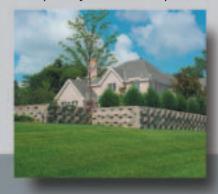
Municipal administrators across the country choose Keystone for their public works projects. In schools, city offices, courthouses, libraries, police and fire stations, public pools, playgrounds, city parks, and more, Keystone products offer what city planners look for in site solutions – versatility, durability, and cost-savings.



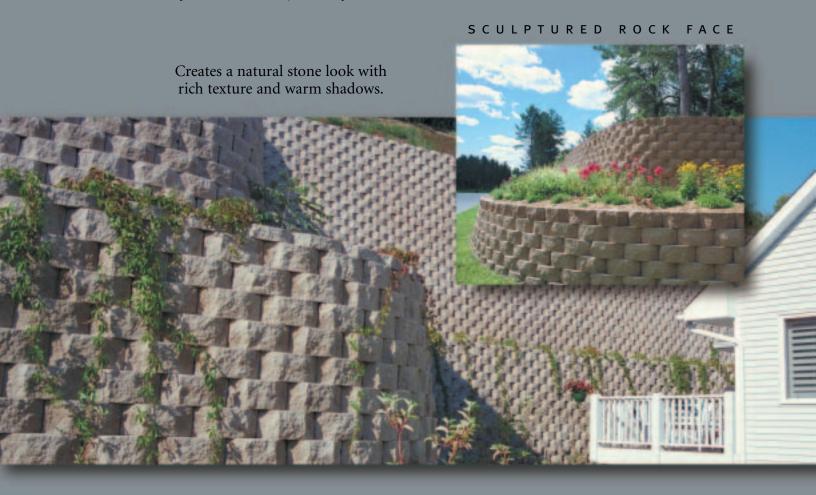
## **RESIDENTIAL**

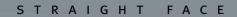
Keystone offers a wide variety of residential landscape products to add to the property value of any home. Keystone provides a variety of unit

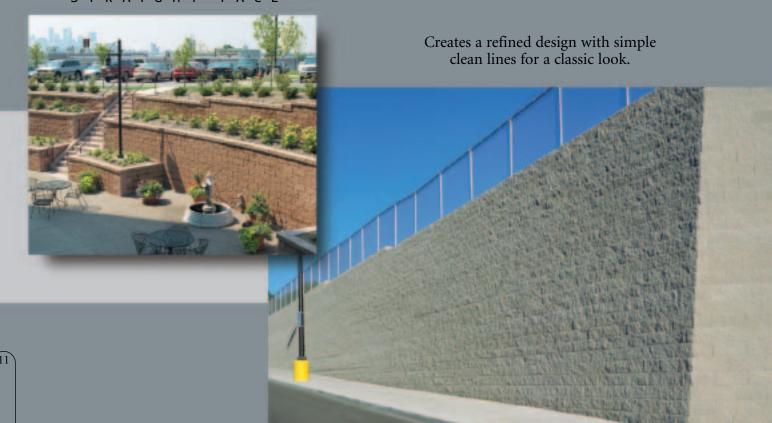
scale, colors, and texture options to complement or highlight any exterior landscape. Create a unique look to any outdoor living environment with Keystone.

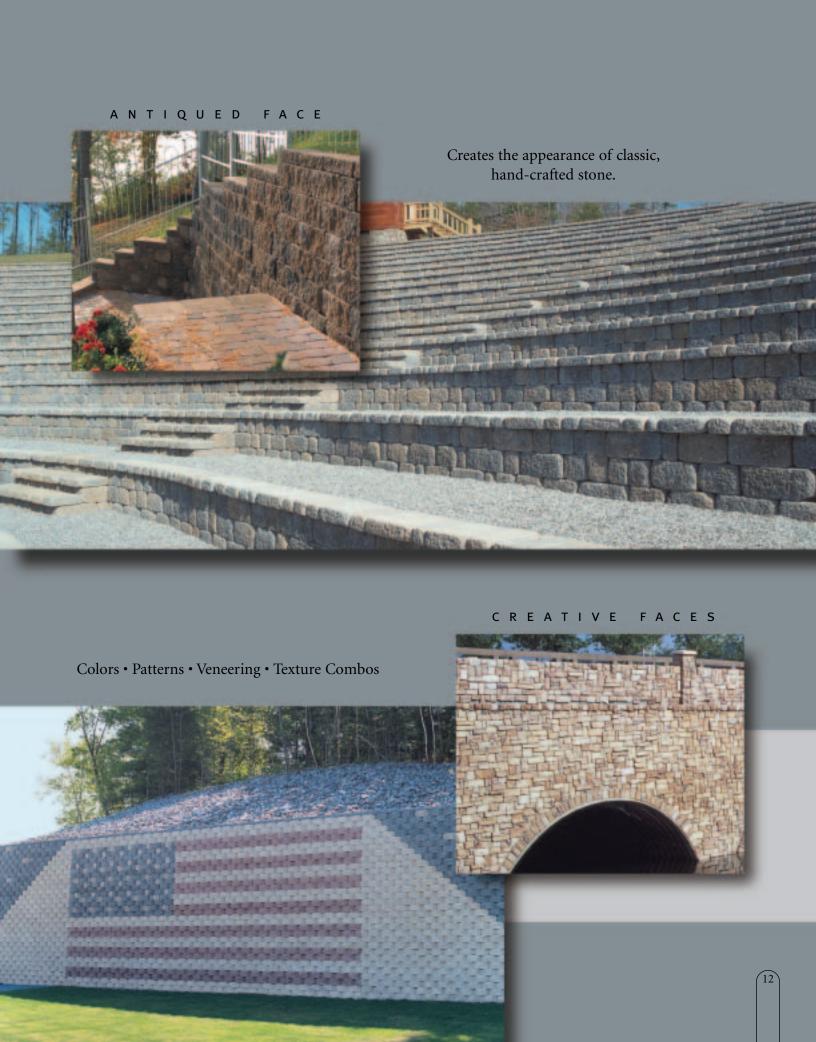


# The Many Faces of Keystone









# Limitless Buildability

## **CURVES**

Keystone products make it easy to construct a variety of serpentine curves. Convex and concave curves will add gentle grace and beauty to any installation. For walls with many concave curves, use the near vertical setback pin placement option for best results.



## **STEPS**

Keystone products offer tremendous design flexibility and make an attractive option for residential step design. Steps and stairs can be customized to fit a variety of applications. No matter the state of a particular site, steps can be built without complication before, during, or after construction is complete.



CORNERS



COPING



FREE STANDING





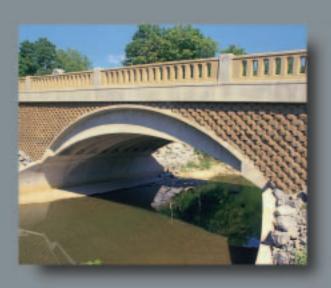
## **TERRACES**

Keystone products can also be used to create terraces or tiered walls. When constructing a terrace wall, a simple rule of thumb is that the terrace distance between any two walls should be equal to twice the height of the lower wall for each wall to be considered as an individual structure.

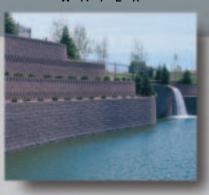
Note: This rule does not apply to walls built on steep slopes or over poor soils of low friction strength, in which case they need to be evaluated for global stability on a specific project basis. Consult a qualified engineer for complex terrace situations.

## **CREATIVE OPTIONS**

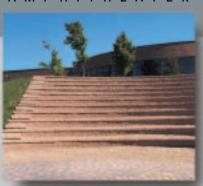
As a distinctive detail to any retaining wall, Keystone Retaining Walls allow for creative options in color or texture geometries in the wall. Create a personalized look for your project. Keystone's versatility can fulfill any designer's creativity!



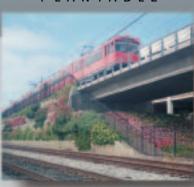
WATER



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PLANTABLE



## The Technical Side

The two most common retaining wall structures built today are simple gravity walls and larger composite reinforced soil wall structures. Keystone offers products and specific design methodology for both structure types conforming to local building codes and national standards.

#### **GRAVITY WALLS**

One of the most basic types of retaining walls, the gravity wall, relies on its mass and cross-sectional geometry to resist the earth pressure that is exerting force to move the structure in a lateral direction. Keystone Retaining Wall Systems are able to resist lateral pressure with their unit weight and deep embedment shape. The mortarless, yet structurally interconnected, Keystone units also promote the free flow of water drainage to prevent hydrostatic loads. For low, non-critical applications, Keystone products make highly cost-effective gravity wall structures.



## **REINFORCED SOIL WALLS**

For taller or more critical walls, Keystone units are combined with soil reinforcement options (such as extensible geogrids, geotextiles, inextensible tie-back anchors, or galvanized steel ladder reinforcing) to create larger composite structures. With this properly designed combination, the reinforced soil mass can support greater earth pressure and surcharge loads. These composite structures have permitted the construction of retaining wall structures over 60' (18 m) high. Call your Keystone representative to see which option will work best for your project.



#### **GEOGRID REINFORCEMENT**

Since the early 1980's, geogrids have proven successful in providing durable soil reinforcement for the retaining wall industry. Proper design methodology today incorporates the laboratory tested connection strength of concrete units and geogrid in all reinforced retaining wall systems. Geogrids are made from high-density polyethylene or high-tenacity woven polyester yarns.

## THE ADVANTAGES OF GEOGRID REINFORCED STRUCTURES INCLUDE:

- ► Economical construction by utilizing a wider range of site soils for the reinforced fill zone, minimizing the need to import select fill
- ► Construct walls faster without the delays required for shop drawings, forming, steel placement and curing time of site cast concrete: the wall structure and backfill are constructed at the same time
- ▶ Eliminates the need for deep structural footing and excavation due to flexible versus rigid structure system
- ▶ Provides durability; long term performance resists effects of water, micro-organisms, alkali or acidic soils

#### SYSTEM DIFFERENTIATION

The product design features of the structural units differentiate Keystone from all of the competitors. Keystone structural products are specifically designed and engineered for optimum efficiency with all system components. The interaction of these system components is critical to wall performance and defines Keystone as a true "wall system".

## SYSTEM COMPONENTS

The components that make up a segmental retaining wall include: concrete facing units, geogrid reinforcement, drainage material, and fiberglass pins. The high-strength fiberglass pins are the core of the Keystone system and integrate all of the components. The open cell design of Keystone structural products creates a matrix for unit drainage fill that increases unit-to-unit shear resistance and pull-out capacity of geogrids and also adds stability within the wall. Geogrid reinforcement material, connected to high-strength pins and confined in this cell matrix, provides a strong and secure connection within the Keystone system. Horizontal geogrid placement, from the Keystone wall over properly compacted soils, creates a reinforced soil mass that is connected with the wall system.







## SYSTEM PERFORMANCE

When you have a critical retaining wall application, demand the proven performance of a Keystone Retaining Wall System. Keystone's system components support soil compaction efforts, unit installation, and the drainage fill that is necessary for the construction and performance of soil reinforced walls. For your next retaining wall project, specify the only system that is designed to integrate all of these system components for optimum performance.

The interaction of these system components defines Keystone as a true "wall system".



# Simply Beautiful













# Keystone - At Your Service!

Since introducing its first concrete segmental retaining wall products to the marketplace, Keystone has been a leader in providing site solutions in erosion control and soil retention methods. Our focus is to provide customers with solutions to successfully complete their project with our products. We not only offer superior products, but outstanding support services as well.

## **RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT:**

Keystone is dedicated to the development of site improvement products. We strive to stay on the cutting edge of industry trends and technology in order to offer the highest quality and state-of-the-art products available on the market.

#### SALES:

Keystone's sales support extends worldwide. We offer product, installation, and design seminars to architects, contractors, engineers, and homeowners alike. Our sales associates are retaining wall specialists who are available to provide customers with the training and education needed to make working with Keystone products simple, efficient, and rewarding.

## **MARKETING:**

Keystone's marketing department provides full collateral support for our complete product line. These marketing efforts ensure that our customers always have the Keystone product information they need to make their job easier. Keystone marketing materials and tools are created with our customers in mind – a web site, design and installation manuals, brochures, idea guides, and more.

## **ENGINEERING:**

Keystone offers complete engineering and design services including:

- Preliminary design and estimating
- ► Technical assistance during construction
- Specialty details
- ► Test data shear tests, connection tests, water tests
- KeyWall® design software support

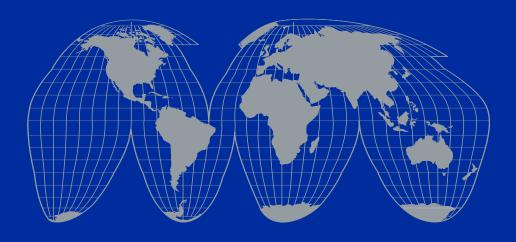
Our in-house engineering staff provides focused technical support in all of the phases of Keystone retaining wall design and construction.

#### INTERNET:

The Keystone web site, www.keystonewalls.com, is an interactive resource offering all of Keystone's product information and marketing tools. This site is a one-stop source for all the Keystone site solution information you need, with individual portals for designers, contractors, and homeowners. The website also offers information about our unique design software for retaining wall layout and design.



www.keystonewalls.com



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Retaining Excellence

