



## GUIDELINES for ArtFORMS® INSTALLATION & STRIPPING

www.ArtFORMSConcreteBases.com

**\*IMPORTANT NOTE:** A form release agent has been factory-applied to inside surface of **ArtFORMS®**. *However...ArtFORMS® should be used within one(1) week of delivery to jobsite.* If/when used later than one(1) week - to enable easy, clean stripping, it is **important** that **ArtFORMS®** be freshened up by applying household MAZOLA Corn Oil or PAM Cooking Spray to the entire inside surface of **ArtFORMS®**. **\*DO NOT APPLY PETROLEUM-BASED RELEASE AGENT! – it is destructive to ArtFORMS® material!**

### INSTALLATION

1. Install specified below-grade fiber form, reinforcing steel, ducts, etc. to required grade.
2. Place **ArtFORMS®** unit on top of empty fiber form. Position vertical seams in desired direction.
3. Pour specified readymix concrete through open top of **ArtFORMS®** into fiber form below. Avoid contact with inside surface of **ArtFORMS®**. Bring concrete to top of **ArtFORMS®**
4. Consolidate wet concrete by using small mechanical vibrator.
5. Level top of **ArtFORMS®** using carpenter's level.
6. Further consolidate concrete by vigorously spanking the outside surface of **ArtFORMS®** using a short length of 2x4 wood plank, or ABS duct. To ensure high quality base finish. Re-level top of **ArtFORMS®**.
7. Trowel smooth the wet concrete surface at top of **ArtFORMS®**.
8. Lower centered anchor bolt assembly into wet concrete.

### STRIPPING

1. Strip **ArtFORMS®** within 24 hours of casting the concrete base.
2. Cut away steel fastening bands. Strip **ArtFORMS®** in 2 halves. Pry open at the 2 vertical seams with flat-bladed hand-tool e.g. long-handled ice-scraper, or square-nose shovel. Insert blade and separate **ArtFORMS®** at top, middle & bottom of first seam. Repeat for second seam.
3. Wire brush any traces of **ArtFORMS®** material remaining on finished concrete base.
4. Use rubbing stone to make smooth any rough concrete edges around top of base and along vertical seams.
5. If/when there is risk of damage to exposed base by construction equipment, protect base by tie-wiring or duct-taping the two used **ArtFORMS®** halves back in place around base until safe to remove protection.
6. After final removal of **ArtFORMS®** halves, place used material (recyclable, biodegradable) in jobsite recycling bin.
7. Install **ArtFORMS®** Color Accent Band(s), when called for by Specifier, in horizontal reveal(s) around finished **ArtFORMS®** base.

~ END ~

R2