

# GUICK START GUIDE

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## **Form Safety**

Each manufacturer is responsible for addressing their own site-specific safety plan, as well as follow all state and federal laws and regulations. In addition, the following safety items should be followed:

- Do not modify forms
  - Contact Novum rep for issue/concerns with your form set.
- Do not move forms using a crane.
- Maintain adequate keep out zone during form stacking & unstacking activities.
- Operator should carefully open and close form door clamps.
- Keep out / avoid pinch point areas
  - Between stack posts and clamp handles.
  - Middle of dual form walkway when doors are unclamped.
  - o Door bumpers when doors are open.

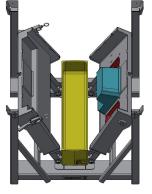
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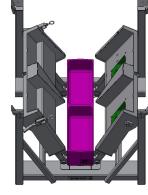
- **WARNING**: A warning statement tells the reader that there is a risk of injury or death
- NOTE: A note statement is information that is handy to know and may make your job easier

# **Options Configurations**

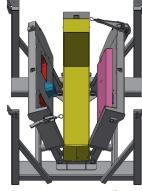
#### **SINGLE** Forms







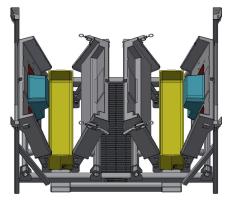
**1x Half Retaining** 



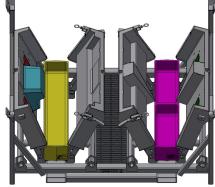
1x Corner \*

\*Standard formset includes inserts to manufacture both A & B Corners

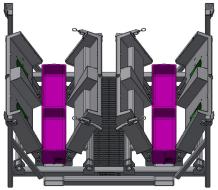
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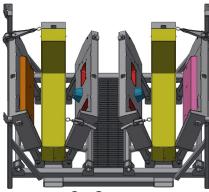
2x Retaining



1x Retaining & 1x Half Retaining



2x Half Retaining



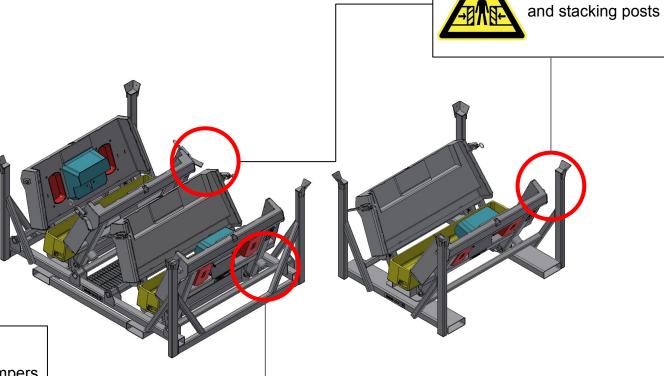
2x Corner

## Form Safety: SINGLE AND DUAL RETAINING

**FORMS** 

WARNING: Be careful when opening and closing form doors. Pinch points exist at several locations as shown.

WARNING: Be careful when unclamping form doors. Form doors can open suddenly and with unpredictable motion once unclamped.



Between all doors



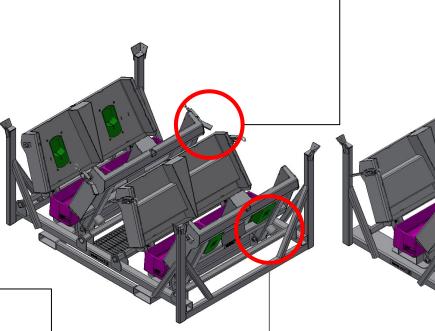
Between all bumpers and door legs

Form Safety: SINGLE AND DUAL HALF

**RETAINING FORMS** 

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Between all doors and stacking posts



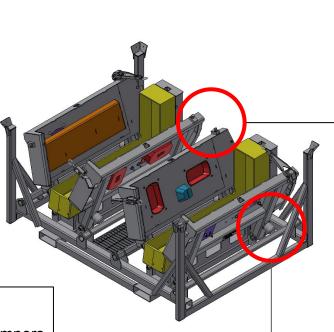
Between all bumpers and door legs

## Form Safety: SINGLE AND DUAL CORNER

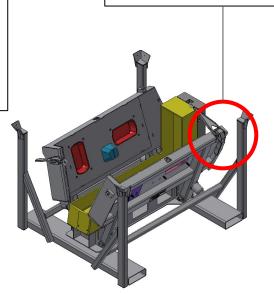
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Between all doors and stacking posts





Between all bumpers and door legs

### **General Information: RETAINING FORMS**

Form Clamp

Bottom Door
With permanent groove, fork slot,
and PC plate

Top Door
With permanent PC plate

Built in Pry Point

Hollow Core Insert
With internal loop holder

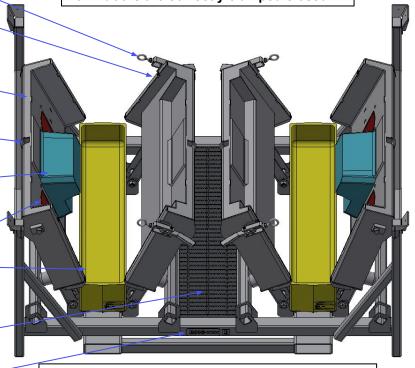
Standard Knob Former

Face Mold

Walkway
Used to access cells.

Serial Number

WARNING: Do not utilize walkway unless form doors are correctly clamped closed.



WARNING: Do not alter door, groove former, and knob former location from layout shown above

#### **General Information: HALF RETAINING FORMS**

Form Clamp

Half Form Bottom Door\*
With permanent groove & wedge

Half Form Top Door\*
With permanent wedge

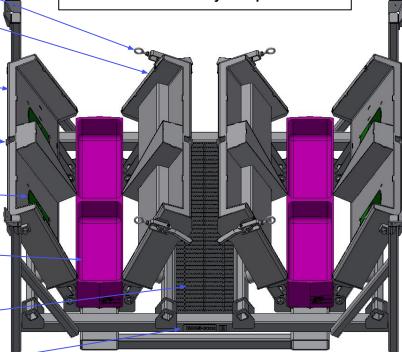
**Built in Pry Point** 

Half Knob Former\*
With integrated loop holder.

Half Face Mold\*

Walkway
Used to access cells.

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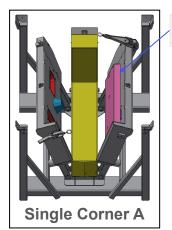


Serial Number

\*Half forms use dedicated doors, knob formers and face molds. Not compatible with standard retaining doors, knobs. and face molds.

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### **General Information: CORNER FORMS**



Groove Former A

**End Door** 

Form Clamp

Standard Knob Former

Pry Point

Groove Former B

Knob Cover Plate (behind groove)

Recessed Loop Holder

Groove Former B

Door D

Door C

Note: separate groove formers used for A and B configurations

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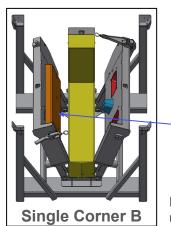
Door B

Door A

Groove Former A

Corner Face Mold

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## Form Stacking & Handling

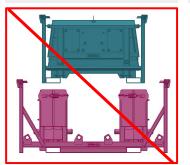
WARNING: Make sure there are no people in the vicinity of forms or forklift when handling forms. DO NOT lift more than one form at a time.

WARNING: Don't tilt forks forward. Tilting forks forward can result in form sliding off front of forks.

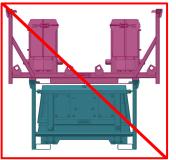


WARNING: Only stack like-sized forms on like. Singles on singles and duals on duals. Carefully stack and unstack forms. Discontinue use if stacking frame is damaged.

Single on Dual Form



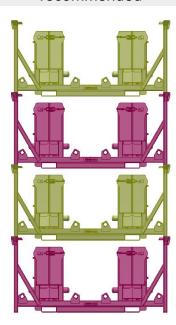
**Dual on Single Form** 



Single Forms - Stacked Maximum 4 high = 13 ft. Minimum 14 ft. clearance recommended



Dual Forms - Stacked
Maximum 4 high = 13 ft.
Minimum 14 ft. clearance
recommended



Note: Retaining forms shown. All single configurations are compatible to stack with each other. All dual configurations also compatible to stack with each other.

WARNING: Ensure sufficient vertical clearance when stacking/unstacking forms. Carefully lift/lower forms to avoid rocking forms below when stacking/unstacking.

### **Block Specifications**

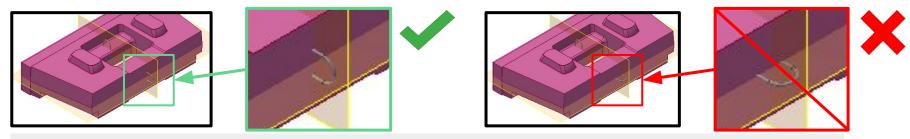
#### **Lifting Hooks:**

All Novum blocks must be produced with lift hooks that have been tested to ensure they meet safe working load requirements.

- APPROVED LIFTING HOOKS:
  - Manufacturer: A.L. Patterson; Item Number: LRA14G
  - Manufacturer: American Step; Item Number: #250-601, ¼ "x 6" Lifter Redi-Rock epoxy coated
- Place appropriate number of hooks in the blocks, embedded to the depth as recommended by the lift hook manufacturer.
- Do not demold the concrete blocks from the forms and lift blocks until they have reached a minimum of 1,250 psi (8.62 MPa) compressive strength.
- Reference product data sheets on Redi-Rock.com for full block specifications.

For proper lift hook performance, the hook must be strong enough to lift the block, the hook must be embedded in the concrete sufficiently to avoid pulling out of the concrete, and the concrete must be strong enough to avoid rupture.

Novum Form Weight (lbs)		
	Form Empty	Form with Concrete Blocks
Single Forms	955 lbs	1,600 lbs
(All Configurations)	MAX	MAX
Dual Forms	1,975 lbs	3,300 lbs
(All Configurations)	MAX	MAX

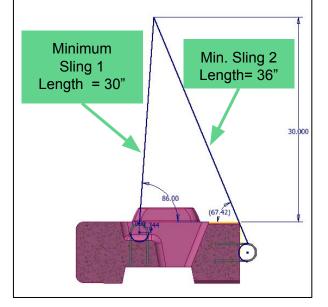


Hook in back of block must be installed vertically as shown. Install centered in both directions.

#### **General Information**

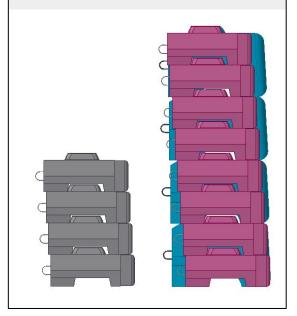
**WARNING:** Minimum lift sling load rating must be 1,000 pounds.

NOTE: The concrete block will not hang level when lifted by the center lift hook. For installation, lift block by both lift hooks.



#### **Recommended Stacking Heights:**

When transporting blocks on forklift, transport no more than 4x blocks high. Maximum recommended storage stack height of 8x blocks.



**Warning**: Stacked blocks must be stored on a level surface to provide stability. Personnel should be careful around stacked blocks.













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