The ASTM C1063 states the lath shall not be continuous through control joint. This standard does not explain that to do so, you must have adequate framing members/backing at both sides of the vertical control joint to secure the discontinuous ends of the lath and the flanges of the accessory. On horizontal application, additional backing is not required where the control joint spans perpendicular framing members spaced not greater than 16 inches on center.

Framing members/backing shall be specified by the architect or designer and installed where indicated on the plans. Where framing members/backing is not provided for and cannot be added for scheduling or other issues, it is recommended that the control joint is surface-applied to the face of continuous lath with tie wire. This method of installation has been successfully practiced and proven for decades. The Northwest Wall and Ceiling Bureau, the Wall and Ceiling Bureau of Northern CA. and the Technical Services Information Bureau have also approved and endorsed this installation method.

Control joints can provide stress relief from minor movement, such as that associated with hydration during the first 21 days following the initial plaster application. Control joints should not be a substitution for an expansion joint, where accommodation of structural movement is required.