



TUCKPOINT MORTAR

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1-888-SPECMIX

DIVISION
MASONRY PRODUCTS **04**



Increased Bond. Reduced Shrinkage.

SPEC MIX® Tuckpoint mortar is a dry preblended mortar mix containing Portland cement, masonry cement or mortar cement, hydrated lime and dried masonry sand formulated for superior bond, water retention and board life. Meets ASTM C 270 requirements. In addition to custom mix designs that are available for specific applications or properties, the standard Tuckpoint mortar is designed to be compatible with the characteristics of the

specified masonry unit. It is acceptable for all types of restoration masonry construction with submittals available upon request.

Tuckpoint mortar is produced under strict manufacturing standards, and complete quality control measures are implemented with each batch. A digital printout displaying the proper proportions per batch may be kept as a permanent record. Each SPEC MIX® manufacturer certifies that SPEC MIX® masonry products are designed to meet applicable ASTM and ACI standards.

MATERIALS USED

PORTLAND CEMENT
MASONRY CEMENT
MORTAR CEMENT
HYDRATED LIME
SAND
PIGMENT



TOTAL QUALITY CONTROL WITH EVERY BAG
ASTM C 270 LABORATORY TESTED MIX DESIGNS
DESIGNED FOR OPTIMAL BOND AND
REDUCED SHRINKAGE
PREBLENDED WITH SAND TO MINIMIZE LABOR COST
CONSISTENCY BATCH TO BATCH
GREAT WORKABILITY AND BOARD LIFE
NO SAND PILES OR WASTED MATERIALS LEFT ON SITE

INSTALLATION/APPLICATION

For optimal results, grind the mortar joint to be repaired back .75 inches and ensure that the receiving surface is free of dust and debris. Mix SPEC MIX Tuckpoint mortar with sufficient water to produce a damp mix that will retain its shape when pressed into a ball by hand. Mix 5 to 7 minutes preferably with a mechanical mixer. Let the mortar stand for not less than one hour nor more than 1.5 hours for prehydration. Add sufficient water to bring the mortar to the proper consistency for tuck pointing, somewhat drier than mortar used for laying the units.

A sample of the proposed product will be provided by the manufacturer for architectural approval and testing, if required. Preparation of this panel with all materials and systems employed in the final project is imperative. Retain the mock-up or field sample through the completion of the project.

MIXING INSTRUCTIONS

When mixing, a mechanical batch mixer best ensures homogeneity, workability and good board life. Use clean, potable water. Tool mortar joints when the surface is thumb-print hard. Keep tooling time consistent. Do not strike joints too early or too late as the color will not remain consistent with the mock-up panel. Hand mixing mortar should be permitted only with written approval by the specifier who should outline hand-mixing procedures. Mortar should be cured a minimum of 28 days. Clean masonry only with a national proprietary cleaning agent or potable water.

Mortar shall be used and placed in final position within two-and-one-half hours after initial mixing or discarded at that time. Retemper mortar only when mixing water is lost due to evaporation. Do not retemper colored mortar. SPEC MIX products are custom packaged to the specification. They must be kept dry, covered and protected from weather and other damage.

SIZES AND EQUIPMENT

SPEC MIX® Tuckpoint mortar is available in 80 lb (36 kg) packages for easy hand loading or in 3000 (1362 kg) reusable bulk bags to be used with the various patented SPEC MIX® silo systems. When using the silo system, once the bulk bags of mortar are delivered to the project site, the portable silo is loaded with a jobsite forklift and the product is dispensed into a mechanical batch mixer. (See silo operations manual.)

APPLICABLE STANDARDS: ASTM, ACI and IMIAC

ASTM C 91 Standard Specification for Masonry Cement. **ASTM C 144** Standard Specification for Aggregate for Masonry Mortar. **ASTM C 150** Standard Specification for Portland Cement. **ASTM C 207** Standard Specification for Hydrated Lime for Masonry Purposes. **ASTM C 270** Standard Specification for Mortar for Unit Masonry. **ASTM C 476** Standard Specification for Grout for Masonry. **ASTM C 595** Standard Specification for Blended Hydraulic Cements. **ASTM C 780** Standard Test Method for Preconstruction and Construction Evaluation of Mortars for Plain and Reinforced Unit Masonry. **ASTM C 979** Standard Specification for Pigments for Integrally Colored Concrete. **ASTM C 1329** Standard Specification for Mortar Cement. **ACI 530.1** Masonry Structures. **IMIAC** Hot and Cold Weather Construction Guide.



WARRANTY

Seller warrants that its Product will conform to and perform in accordance with the product specifications. The foregoing warranty is in lieu of all other warranties, express or implied, including, but not limited to, those concerning merchantability and fitness for a particular purpose. Because of the difficulty in ascertaining and measuring damages hereunder, it is agreed that, except for claims for bodily injury, Seller's liability to the Buyer shall not exceed the total amount billed and billable to the Buyer for the product hereunder.

LIMITATIONS

SPEC MIX Tuckpoint mortar should be installed in accordance with the provisions of the local building code and applicable to ASTM standards. Good workmanship coupled with proper detailing and design assures durable, functional, watertight construction.

PRECAUTIONS

Safety glasses and a dust mask are recommended when handling any mortar mixture containing silica. The cementitious materials mixed onsite are alkaline in nature and on contact with water will irritate the eyes and skin. If contact with eyes occurs, flood eyes repeatedly with clean water and see a

physician immediately. Do not rub eyes. Wash hands thoroughly after handling or before eating. Do not take internally. Keep out of reach of children.

TECHNICAL SUPPORT

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