



04 DIVISION  
MORTAR

## COLORED MORTAR 3 WAYS TO LOCK-IN CONSISTENCY





**GRAY MORTAR TO COLORED MORTAR ONE CANISTER AT A TIME**

## 1. CANISTER COLORS

### 1 Can + 1 Bag = Consistent Color

The SPEC MIX® Color Canister System is the perfect way to make colored mortar for any size project and application. From building an interior brick fireplace to pointing the joints around stone veneer units, SPEC MIX Color Canisters allow you to consistently make gray mortar to match the color of your choice. Just pick a color from the SPEC MIX Colored Mortar Channel Kit, then using a jobsite mixer add 1 color canister of the selected pigment to 1 SPEC MIX 80 lb (36.2 kg) bag of gray mortar type M, S or N. and let the materials mix for 5 minutes. Simply follow the “1 Can to 1 Bag” for every batch for total color uniformity every time.



SPEC MIX Masonry Mortars are factory preblended for quality and consistency. Each SPEC MIX Color Canister is formulated to be mixed with the SPEC MIX mortars listed below to achieve the specified color.

- PORTLAND LIME & SAND MORTAR (M, S, N)
- MASONRY CEMENT & SAND MORTAR (M, S, N)
- MORTAR CEMENT & SAND MORTAR (M, S, N)
- TUCKPOINT MORTAR
- INTEGRAL WATER REPELLENT MORTAR
- BUILDING STONE MORTAR
- SETTING BED MORTAR
- POLYMER MODIFIED SETTING BED MORTAR
- ADHERED VENEER MORTAR
- POLYMER MODIFIED ADHERED VENEER MORTAR

SPEC MIX Color Canisters contain synthetic iron oxide pigments specifically weighed to ensure colored mortar uniformity and consistency when mixed with an 80 lb (36.2 kg) bag of SPEC MIX Masonry Mortars. Each color container is formulated to closely match the representative color in the SPEC MIX Colored Mortar display kit.

## CANISTER MIXING IS EASY

The beauty of the SPEC MIX Color Canister System is that it's so simple and ensures colored mortar consistency from bag to bag, every batch! Just follow STEPS 1-2-3 below to obtain the color selected.



**STEP 1** Using a mechanical batch mixer to ensure mortar uniformity and good workability, add the minimum amount of clean, potable water to achieve the desired consistency. With the mixer running, empty the SPEC MIX Mortar Color container into the mixing water.



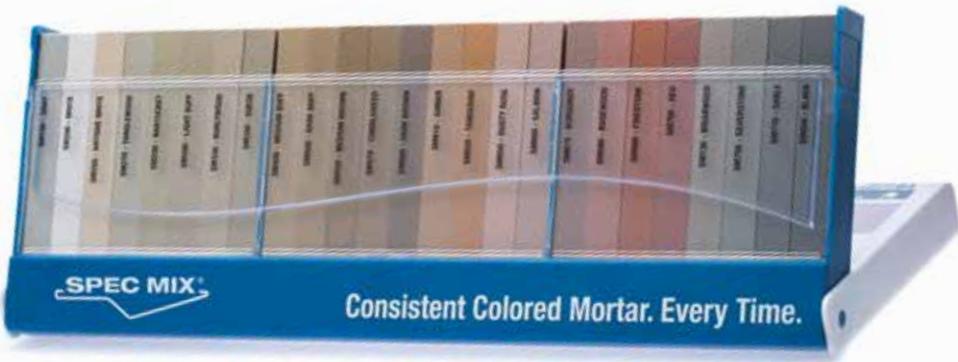
**STEP 2** Next empty one 80 lb (36.2 kg) bag of SPEC MIX® Masonry Mortar into the mortar mixer. NOTE: Mixing mortar by hand can cause mortar color inconsistency. Only add additional water to stiffened mortar lost due to evaporation.



**STEP 3** Once all the materials are in the mixer allow 4-5 minutes mix time. Before dispensing the mortar into your tub, if the mortar is not the desired consistency or flow, only add additional water for optimal workability. Use mortar within 2.5 hours after initial mixing.



## 2. STANDARD COLORS



### PREBLENDED COLOR CONSISTENCY IN EVERY BAG

When the project requires more bags of mortar than suitable for the Color Canister System, jump up to full pallets of the preblended Colored Mortar selected from the SPEC MIX Colored Mortar Channel Kit. Simply choose a color from our Colored Mortar Channel Kit and we preblend and package your specific mortar mix in 80 lb (36.2 kg) or 3,000 lb (1,360.7 kg) bags to ensure color consistency from batch to batch.



## 3. CUSTOM COLORS

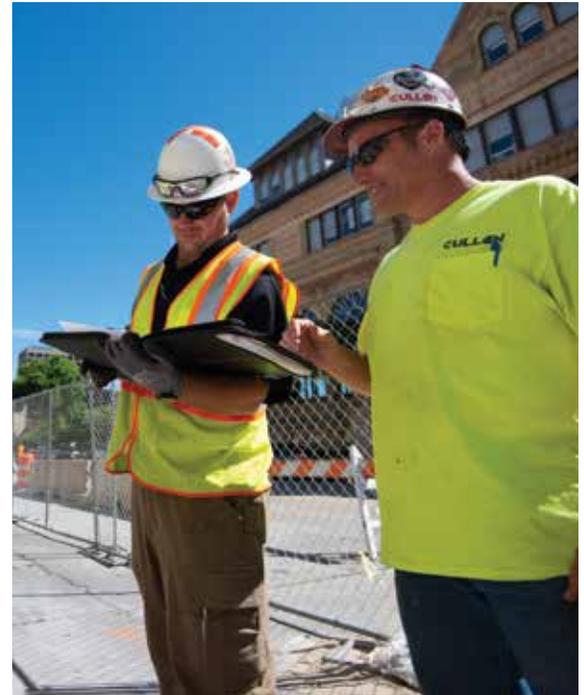
### PICK A COLOR, ANY COLOR.

The beauty of masonry is that it can be designed and built as a customized system offering endless options to compliment most any architectural vision. The unique SPEC MIX custom colored mortar selection process supports this vision with the ability to produce nearly any color imaginable to achieve the complete masonry appearance desired.

The team of SPEC MIX product specialists is located throughout North America and is experienced at working with project owners and designers to create special colored mortar formulations. Whether it's matching mortars from existing buildings to picking colors from a spectrum of options, SPEC MIX delivers uniform, consistent colored mortar from project start to finish. To start the process for your custom color selection, contact your local SPEC MIX representative today!



Located throughout North America the SPEC MIX team has over 60 highly experienced technical representatives and dedicated quality control personnel that work with owners, designers and contractors to guide the color selection process and help specify the optimal mortar for the masonry system.



## COLORED MORTAR MADE RIGHT

### SPEC MIX—YOUR SOLUTION FOR CONSISTENT COLORED MORTAR!

Coloring masonry mortar accurately and uniformly is best achieved by using computer batching systems that dry and preblend all mortar constituents and pigments in a controlled environment. For over 25 years the SPEC MIX organization has utilized this technological process for producing our standard and custom colored mortars and we continue to perfect the system. SPEC MIX Colored Mortar uniformity starts with high quality stable pigments that are pre-weighed to ensure the colorant loading meets each specific formulation.

Our quality assurance process includes carefully weighing each mortar ingredient in the batch before all the raw materials are preblended for a specified time to achieve a uniform mixture. When building owners and designers want a unique color that supports their vision for a project, the options for custom SPEC MIX colored mortars are endless and consistent from batch to batch.



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