

# MORTAR MIX



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## READY TO USE QUALITY ASSURED MORTAR

Mortar Mix is a general purpose, pre-mixed, quality assured mortar comprising cement, specially graded sand, lime and admixtures.

### General Information

Mortar Mix provides a weather resistant and durable mortar and is suitable for most brick and block applications. Mortar Mix is highly workable and cohesive, with a long board life.

Mortar Mix is pre-bagged ready for use and only requires the addition of clean water. Selected sands, lime, cement and admixtures have been blended together to produce the product.

### Packaging

Mortar Mix is available in water proof and tear resistant plastic packaging.

### Application

Mortar Mix can be used for most general purpose brickwork. It should not be used if sulfate conditions are present.

### Mixing

Preferably mix by machine until required workability and consistency is achieved. This can be normally obtained by the addition of 4 litres of water per 20 kg bag and a machine mixing time of approximately 3-5 minutes. The use of additional cement, sand, lime or admixtures is not recommended. Only mix enough material for a maximum of 2 hours usage and do not retemper after setting.

### Cold Weather Work

Mortar should not be mixed below 3°C whilst the temperature is falling or below 1°C whilst rising. Do not lay mortar on frozen surfaces and protect mortar from potential rain and frost damage.

### Hot Weather Work

Care should be taken to reduce water loss by evaporation during hot weather and drying winds. This may require the masonry units to be damped prior to application. Mortar joints should be protected from premature drying especially prior to setting and bonding with the masonry units.

### Lime Bloom

Lime bloom is a natural, temporary phenomenon that does not affect the strength or durability of the mortar. It can be minimised by not applying the mortar in cold, damp weather or onto saturated bricks or blocks. Mortar is most susceptible to lime bloom in the early stages of setting and as such requires to be protected from adverse weather and any other sources of water.

### Cleaning

Spillage and staining should be removed immediately with clean water. Clean all equipment after use. Waste material should not be flushed down drains.



## Relevant Standards and Information Sources

Mortar Mix is manufactured in accordance with BS EN ISO 9001: 2000 'Quality management systems'.

All stages of the project should comply with the relevant sections of BS 5628 Part 3: 2005 'Code of practice for use of masonry. Materials and components, design and workmanship'

Workmanship should comply with the relevant sections of BS 8000 Part 3: 2001 'Workmanship on building sites. Code of practice for masonry'.

## Availability

Mortar Mix is available in 20 kg plastic bags throughout the United Kingdom at Lafarge Cement UK stockists.

## Storage and Shelf Life

Mortar Mix is a cement based material and should be handled and stored with care. This product may be stored in either indoor or outdoor conditions. Information on the maximum storage period can be found on the bag.

## Conditions of Use

- Mortar Mix may only be used for bedding bricks and blocks.
- Mortar Mix may not be used for general concreting, screeds, grout or render.
- It is essential that Mortar Mix is prevented from drying out too rapidly. Generally, adequate curing is achieved by protecting the material from adverse weather conditions until fully hardened and thereafter allowing to dry slowly over several days.
- The final finish quality of this material will depend upon the operative having the required skills and familiarity with the material and its application methods.
- Normal site practice to the relevant British and European Standards should always apply. Lafarge Cement UK cannot be held responsible where workmanship has not been carried out in accordance with good practice.
- Manual handling should comply with The Manual Handling Operations Regulations 1992.

## Technical Support

Further information and advice on this product and the full range of Lafarge Cement products can be obtained through the contacts listed below. Alternatively, step-by-step application videos are available from us on the internet, by scanning the QR code below using your Smartphone or by downloading our iPhone app from the App Store.

## Health and Safety

Contact between Mortar Mix and body fluids may cause irritation, dermatitis or burns. Cement is classified as an irritant under the Chemicals (Hazard Information and Packaging) Regulations.

For further information, including control of soluble hexavalent chromium, refer to the appropriate Lafarge Cement Health and Safety Information Sheets.



The information in this datasheet is accurate at the time of printing, but Lafarge Cement UK reserve the right to amend details as part of their product development programme.

### Yield

Mortar Mix will yield approximately 0.0135m<sup>3</sup> per 20 kg bag.

As a guide 1m<sup>3</sup> (75 x 20 kg bag) of Mortar Mix will allow the following quantities to be placed:

#### Brickwork

1800-2000 bricks, 10mm joint, frog up, 102.5mm wall thickness

1400-1600 bricks, 10mm joint, frog up, 215.0 mm wall thickness

#### Blockwork Single leaf wall

2000 blocks, 10mm joint, 450mm x 225mm x 75mm

1500 blocks, 10mm joint, 450mm x 225mm x 100mm

1000 blocks, 10mm joint, 450mm x 225mm x 150mm

### Further information

#### Technical helpline

Tel: 0845 812 6232

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