



KOSMORTAR

Masonry Cement

Type N, S and M

MANUFACTURER

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PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

Kosmortar Masonry Cements are produced to meet the criteria of ASTM C91 "Standard Specification for Masonry Cements" for Types N and S. (Table 1)

Kosmortar Masonry Cements consist of a mixture of Portland cement, limestone, and chemical admixtures to provide plasticizing properties and other enhanced performance attributes. These components are proportioned at the cement plant under controlled conditions for product consistency.

Basic Use: Kosmortar Masonry Cements are used to produce Types N, S, and M mortars as defined in ASTM C-270 "Standard Specification for Mortar for Unit Masonry."

Kosmortar Masonry Cements when mixed with the recommended volumes of sand (ASTM C144) will produce a mortar that will comply with the requirements of ASTM C-270 for both the Proportion Specification (Table 1) and Property Specification. (Table 3)

Availability: Kosmortar Masonry Cements are available in one cubic foot bags containing a plastic moisture barrier and in bulk via pressurized bulk containers.



INSTALLATION

Mixing: Machine mixing should be used whenever possible. First, add most of the water and half of the sand. Next, add the masonry cement and the rest of the sand. After one minute of continuous mixing, slowly add the rest of the water. Mixing should continue for at least three minutes; extending mixing up to five minutes improves mortar qualities.

No admixtures should be used without the written approval of the architect or engineer of record. Kosmortar Masonry Cements contain a water-repellent agent which is interground with the cement during finish grinding.

Water: All water should be clean and free from organic material and deleterious amounts of dissolved acids, alkalis and salts.

Retempering: To minimize retempering, mortar should not be mixed more than 15 minutes prior to use. Retempering will not adversely affect mortar quality if only evaporated water is replaced. Colored mortar should not be retempered.

Tooling of Joints: Tooling of mortar joints increases the density, durability and water tightness of the mortar surface. The moisture content of the mortar when tooled will affect the color; the drier the mortar, the darker its final color.

Table 1. ASTM C91 Masonry Cement

Physical Requirements of Masonry Cements			
Masonry Cement Type	Compressive Strength Min., psi (MPa)	Water Retention Minimum %	Air Maximum %
N	900 (6.2)	70	21
S	2100 (14.5)	70	19
M	2900 (20.0)	70	19

Table 2. Proportion Specification (Parts by Volume)

Mortar Type	Masonry Cement Type N	Masonry Cement Type S	Masonry Cement Type M	Masonry Sand
N	1	-	-	2 1/4 - 3
S	-	1	-	2 1/4 - 3
M	-	-	1	2 1/4 - 3

Table 3. ASTM C270 Property Specification

Under the Property Specification, the cement-to-sand proportions are to be in the range of 1:2 1/4 to 1:3 1/2, and should meet the requirements outlined in Table 3.

Mortar Type	Compressive Strength Min., psi (MPa)	Water Retention Minimum %	Air Maximum %
N	750 (5.2)	75	20
S	1800 (12.4)	75	18
M	2500 (17.2)	75	18

No changes should be made in the field to the laboratory established proportions for mortar that has been tested and accepted under the property specification, except for the quantity of mixing water.

Materials with different physical characteristics than those used in the laboratory should also not be used in the field without testing for compliance with the property specifications.

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PRECAUTIONS

Freshly mixed cement, mortar, grout or concrete may cause minor skin irritations. Avoid direct contact with skin and eyes and if contacted, wash exposed areas promptly with water. Refer to the applicable CEMEX product MSDS prior to use which may be obtained by calling 1-800-99-CEMEX (1-800-992-3639).

TECHNICAL SERVICES

CEMEX personnel are available to provide technical assistance by contacting 1-800-99-CEMEX (1-800-992-3639).

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