



# RICHCOLOR

## Custom Colored Masonry Cement

Types N, S, and M

### MANUFACTURER

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### PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

Richcolor Masonry Cements are produced to meet the criteria of ASTM C91 “Standard Specification for Masonry Cements” for Types N, S, and M.

Color selection may be made from the local Richcolor Masonry Cement sample kit which is available through your local Richcolor representative.

Richcolor Masonry Cement consists of a mixture of Portland cement, limestone, pigments, 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:** Richcolor Masonry Cements when mixed with the recommended volumes of sand meeting ASTM C144 “Aggregate for Masonry Mortar” will produce a mortar that will comply with the requirements of ASTM C270 “Mortar for Unit Masonry” for both the Proportion Specification and Property Specification for Types N, S, and M mortars.

**Availability:** Richcolor 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 written approval. Richcolor Masonry Cements have an additive containing a water-repellent component which is interground with the cement during manufacture.

**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**

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

**Table 2. Proportion Specification (Parts by Volume)**

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

**Table 3. 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.

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

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

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