



# PREBLENDED MASONRY CEMENT MORTAR TYPES N, S, M



UNITED STATES

## PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

### Basic Use

CEMEX's Preblended Masonry Cement Mortar, when properly proportioned with water, will produce mortar complying with ASTM C270, *Standard Specification for Mortar for Unit Masonry*. The mortar is specially formulated and manufactured to produce masonry mortar for use in brick, block and stone masonry construction.

### Composition and Materials

CEMEX's Preblended Masonry Cement Mortar is manufactured using masonry cement complying with ASTM C91 *Standard Specification for Masonry Cement* and dried sand complying with ASTM C144 *Standard Specification for Aggregate for Masonry Mortar*. Colored mortar contains pigments complying with ASTM C979 *Standard Specification for Pigments for Integrally Colored Concrete*.

### Types

CEMEX's Preblended Masonry Cement Mortars are produced in Type N, Type S and Type M strength levels for use in preparation of ASTM Specification C270 Type N, S or M mortar, respectively. Table 1 is a general guide for selection of mortar type. Other factors, such as type and absorption of masonry unit, climate and exposure, applicable building codes, and engineering requirements should also be considered.

TABLE 1 Recommended Guide for Selection of Mortar Type	
Building Segment	Mortar Type
Exterior, above grade, load-bearing	N or S or M
non load-bearing parapet wall	N N or S
Exterior, at or below grade	S or M
Interior, load-bearing	N or S
non load-bearing	N

### Limitations

CEMEX's Preblended Masonry Cement Mortars are designed to be mixed with water only. The addition of hydrated lime or any other materials to a masonry cement mortar at the job site is not required or recommended.

## INSTALLATION

### Mixing

CEMEX's Preblended Masonry Cement Mortar only requires the addition of water. Machine mixing should be used whenever possible. Add sufficient water to produce a workable mix. Mortar should be mixed for at least three to five minutes.

### Application

Good workmanship principles are required for successful application, including proper filling of head and bed joints, careful placement of units, appropriate tooling of the joint, modification of construction procedures and/or schedules to adapt to extreme weather conditions, and proper cleaning procedures. Masonry joints should be tooled at the same degree of stiffness and moisture. If joints are tooled too early, excess water will be drawn to the surface, producing lighter joints. The joints will appear dark and discolored if tooling is done after stiffening has started.

### Hot Weather and Retempering

Mortars exposed to hot winds and full sun will tend to lose workability due to the evaporation of water. Common sense precautions should be taken to protect the mortar such as shading the mixer, wetting mortar boards, covering wheelbarrows and tubs, and balancing mortar production to meet demand. If it is necessary to restore workability, mortar may be retempered by adding water and remixing. No mortar should be used or retempered beyond 2½ hours after the initial mixing.

### Cold Weather Precautions

Mortar should be maintained at a minimum temperature of 40° F as prescribed by standard cold

weather masonry specifications. Cold weather admixtures should be approved by the architect.

## TECHNICAL DATA

### Applicable Standards

The following standards apply to the use of CEMEX's masonry cements:

ASTM C91 *Standard Specification for Masonry Cements*

ASTM C144 *Standard Specification for Aggregates for Masonry Mortar*

ASTM C270 *Standard Specification for Mortar for Unit Masonry*

ASTM C780 *Standard Test Method for Pre-construction and Construction Evaluation of Mortar for Plain and Reinforced Unit Masonry*

### Water

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

### Property Specifications

CEMEX's Preblended Masonry Cement Mortars conform to the Property Specifications of ASTM C270 (See Table 2).

Mortar Type	Compressive Strength 2" Cubes at 28 days Min., psi (MPa)	Water Retention Minimum %	Maximum % Air
N	750 (5.2)	75	20
S	1800 (12.4)	75	18
M	2500 (17.2)	75	18

### Proportion Specifications

CEMEX preblended masonry cement mortars conform to the Proportion Specification of ASTM C270 (See Table 3).

Mortar Type	Portland Cement	Masonry N	Cement S	Type M	Sand
N	-	1	-	-	2¼ - 3
S	½	1	-	-	2¼ - 3
S	-	-	1	-	2¼ - 3
M	1	1	-	-	2¼ - 3
M	-	-	-	1	2¼ - 3

## AVAILABILITY

CEMEX's Type N, S, and M Preblended Masonry Cement Mortar is available in 3000 lb. supersacks or 80 lb. bags and can be ordered by contacting us at 1-800-99-CEMEX (23639).

## WARRANTY

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## TECHNICAL SERVICES

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