

**SECTION 04 05 13  
MASONRY MORTARING**

**PART 1 - GENERAL**

**1.1. DESCRIPTION:**

Section specifies mortar materials and mixes.

**1.2. RELATED WORK:**

A. Mortar used in Section:

1. Section 04 05 16, MASONRY GROUTING
2. Section 04 20 00, UNIT MASONRY
3. Section 04 05 31, MASONRY TUCK POINTING
4. Section 04 72 00, CAST STONE MASONRY

B. Mortar Color: To match existing.

**1.3. TESTING LABORATORY-CONTRACTOR RETAINED**

- A. Engage a commercial testing laboratory approved by COR to perform tests specified below.
- B. Submit information regarding testing laboratory's facilities and qualifications of technical personnel to COR.

**1.4. TESTS**

- A. Test mortar and materials specified.
- B. Certified test reports.
- C. Identify materials by type, brand name and manufacturer or by origin.
- D. Do not use materials until laboratory test reports are approved by the COR.
- E. After tests have been made and materials approved, do not change without additional test and approval of the COR.
- F. Testing:
  1. Test materials proposed for use for compliance with specifications in accordance with test methods contained in referenced specifications and as follows:
  2. Mortar:
    - a. Test for compressive strength and water retention; ASTM C270.
    - b. Mortar compressive strengths 28 days as follows:  
Type M: Minimum 17230 kPa (2500 psi) at 28 days.

Type S: Minimum 12400 kPa (1800 psi) at 28 days.

Type N: Minimum 5170 kPa (750 psi) at 28 days.

3. Cement:
  - a. Test for water soluble alkali (non-staining) when non-staining cement is specified.
  - b. Non-staining cement shall contain not more than 0.03 percent water soluble alkali.
4. Sand: Test for deleterious substances, organic impurities, soundness and grading.

#### **1.5. SUBMITTALS**

- A. Submit in accordance with Section 01 33 23, SHOP DRAWINGS, PRODUCT DATA, AND SAMPLES.
- B. Certificates:
  1. Indicating that following items meet specifications:
    - a. Portland cement
    - b. Masonry cement
    - c. Mortar cement
    - d. Hydrated lime
    - e. Fine aggregate (sand)
- C. Laboratory Test Reports:
  1. Mortar, each type
  2. Admixtures
- D. Manufacturer's Literature and Data:
  1. Cement, each kind
  2. Hydrated lime
  3. Admixtures
  4. Liquid acrylic resin

#### **1.6. PRODUCT DELIVERY, STORAGE AND HANDLING**

- A. Deliver masonry materials in original sealed containers marked with name of manufacturer and identification of contents.
- B. Store masonry materials under waterproof covers on planking clear of ground, and protect damage from handling, dirt, stain, water and wind.

#### **1.7. APPLICABLE PUBLICATIONS**

A. Publications listed below form a part of specification to extent referenced. Publications are referenced in text by basic designation only.

B. American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM):

- C40-04.....Organic Impurities in Fine Aggregates for  
Concrete
- C91-05.....Masonry Cement
- C109-08.....Compressive Strength of Hydraulic Cement  
Mortars (Using 2-in. or 50-MM Cube Specimens)
- C144-04.....Aggregate for Masonry Mortar
- C150-09.....Portland Cement
- C207-06.....Hydrated Lime for Masonry Purposes
- C270-10.....Mortar for Unit Masonry
- C307-03(R2008).....Tensile Strength of Chemical - Resistant  
Mortar, Grouts, and Monolithic Surfacing
- C321-00(R2005).....Bond Strength of Chemical-Resistant Mortars
- C348-08.....Flexural Strength of Hydraulic Cement Mortars
- C595-10.....Blended Hydraulic Cement
- C780-10.....Preconstruction and Construction Evaluation of  
Mortars for Plain and Reinforced Unit Masonry
- C979-10.....Pigments for Integrally Colored Concrete
- C1329-05.....Mortar Cement

**PART 2 - PRODUCTS**

**2.1. HYDRATED LIME**

ASTM C207, Type S.

**2.2. AGGREGATE FOR MASONRY MORTAR**

A. ASTM C144 and as follows:

1. Light colored sand for mortar for laying face brick.

2. White plastering sand meeting sieve analysis for mortar joints for pointing and laying of structural facing tile units except that 100 percent passes No. 8 sieve, and not more than 5 percent retained on No. 16 sieve.

B. Test sand for color value in accordance with ASTM C40. Sand producing color darker than specified standard is unacceptable.

**2.3. BLENDED HYDRAULIC CEMENT**

ASTM C595, Type IS, IP.

**2.4. MASONRY CEMENT**

ASTM C91. Type N, S, or M.

**2.5. MORTAR CEMENT**

ASTM C1329, Type N, S or M.

**2.6. PORTLAND CEMENT**

**ASTM C150, TYPE I.**

**2.7. LIQUID ACRYLIC RESIN**

A. A formulation of acrylic polymers and modifiers in liquid form designed for use as an additive for mortar to improve physical properties.

**2.8. WATER**

A. Potable, free of substances that are detrimental to mortar, masonry, and metal.

**2.9. POINTING MORTAR**

A. For Cast Stone or Precast Concrete: Proportion by volume; One part white Portland cement, two parts white sand, and 1/5 part hydrated lime.

**B. Pointing Mortar for Glazed Structural Facing Tile:**

1. Proportion by volume: One part white Portland cement, two parts of graded white sand passing Number 50 sieve, and 1/8 part hydrated lime.

**2.10. MASONRY MORTAR**

A. Conform to ASTM C270.

**B. Admixtures:**

1. Do not use mortar admixtures, and color admixtures unless approved by COR.

2. Submit laboratory test report showing effect of proposed admixture on strength, water retention, and water repellency of mortar.

3. Do not use antifreeze compounds.

**C. Colored Mortar:**

1. Maintain uniform mortar color for exposed work throughout.

2. Match mortar color in approved sample by the COR.

3. Color of mortar for exposed work in alteration work to match color of existing mortar unless specified otherwise by the COR.

**D. Color Admixtures:**

1. Proportion as specified by manufacturer.

2. Match color of existing mortar unless specified otherwise by the COR.

**2.11. COLOR ADMIXTURE**

**A. Pigments:** ASTM C979.

**B.** Use mineral pigments only. Organic pigments are not acceptable.

**C.** Pigments inert, stable to atmospheric conditions, non-fading, alkali resistant and water insoluble.

**PART 3 - EXECUTION**

**3.1. MIXING**

**A.** Mix in a mechanically operated mortar mixer.

1. Mix mortar for at least three minutes but not more than five minutes.

**B.** Measure ingredients by volume. Measure by the use of a container of known capacity.

**C.** Mix water with dry ingredients in sufficient amount to provide a workable mixture which will adhere to vertical surfaces of masonry units.

**D.** Mortar that has stiffened because of loss of water through evaporations:

1. Re-tempered by adding water to restore to proper consistency and workability.

2. Discard mortar that has reached its initial set or has not been used within two hours.

E. Pointing Mortar:

1. Mix dry ingredients with enough water to produce a damp mixture of workable consistency which will retain its shape when formed into a ball.
2. Allow mortar to stand in dampened condition for one to 1-1/2 hours.
3. Add water to bring mortar to a workable consistency prior to application.

**3.2. MORTAR USE LOCATION**

- A. Use Type S mortar for masonry containing vertical reinforcing bars (non-engineered) and setting cast stone and engineered reinforced unit masonry work.
- B. For brick veneer over frame back up walls, use Type N portland cement-lime mortar or Type S masonry cement or mortar cement mortar.
- C. Use Type N mortar for other masonry work, except as otherwise specified.
- D. Use Type N mortar for tuck pointing work.

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