



# PCL SAND MASONRY MORTAR

1-888-SPECMIX

DIVISION **04**  
MASONRY PRODUCTS



## Great Workability. Increased Productivity.

SPEC MIX® PCL Sand mortar is a dry, preblended mortar mix containing Portland cement, hydrated lime and dried masonry sand formulated for superior bond, water retention and board life. Meets ASTM C 270 requirements. In addition to custom mix designs that are available for specific applications or properties, the standard PCL Sand mortar is designed to be compatible

### MATERIALS USED

PORTLAND CEMENT  
HYDRATED LIME  
SAND

with the characteristics of the specified masonry unit. It is acceptable for all types of masonry construction with submittals available upon request. It may be used above or below grade when manufactured to the appropriate specification.

PCL Sand is produced under strict manufacturing standards, and complete quality control measures are implemented with each batch. A digital printout displaying the proper proportions per batch may be kept as a permanent record. Each SPEC MIX® manufacturer certifies that SPEC MIX® masonry products are designed to meet the project specifications and applicable ASTM and ACI standards.



**TOTAL QUALITY CONTROL WITH EVERY BAG**  
**ASTM C 270 LABORATORY TESTED MIX DESIGNS**  
**PREBLENDED WITH SAND TO MINIMIZE LABOR COST**  
**CONSISTENCY BATCH TO BATCH**  
**GREAT WORKABILITY AND BOARD LIFE**  
**NO SAND PILES OR WASTED MATERIALS LEFT ON SITE**

## INSTALLATION/APPLICATION

Mortar type should correlate with the particular masonry unit to be used. The specifier should evaluate the interaction of the mortar type and masonry unit specified. That is, masonry units having a high initial rate of absorption will have greater compatibility with mortar that has a high-water retentivity. The material properties of mortar that influence the structural performance of masonry are compressive strength, bond strength and elasticity. Because the compressive strength of masonry mortar is less important than bond strength, workability and water retentivity, the latter properties should be given principal consideration in mortar selection. Select mortar based on the design requirements and with consideration of code and specification provisions affected by the mortar.

A sample of the proposed product will be provided by the manufacturer for architectural approval and testing, if required. Preparation of this panel with all materials and systems employed in the final project is imperative. Retain the mock-up or field sample through the completion of the project.

When mixing, a mechanical batch mixer best ensures homogeneity, workability and good board life. Use clean, potable water and add the maximum amount consistent with optimum workability. Mixing time is five minutes and should be consistent from batch to batch. Tool mortar joints when the surface is thumb-print hard. Keep tooling time consistent. Do not strike joints too early or too late as the color will not remain consistent with the mock-up panel. Hand mixing mortar should be permitted only with written approval by the specifier who should outline hand-mixing procedures. Mortar should be cured a minimum of 28 days. Clean masonry only with a national proprietary cleaning agent or potable water.

Mortar shall be used and placed in final position within two-and-one-half hours after initial mixing or discarded at that time. Retemper mortar only when mixing water is lost due to evaporation. Do not retemper colored mortar. SPEC MIX® products are custom packaged to the specification. They must be kept dry, covered and protected from weather and other damage.

## SIZES AND EQUIPMENT

SPEC MIX® PLC Sand is available in 80 lb. (36 kg.) or 94 lb. (42 kg.) packages for easy hand loading or in 3000 lb. (1362 kg.) reusable bulk bags to be used with the various patented SPEC MIX® silo systems. When using the silo system, once the bulk bags of mortar are delivered to the project site, the portable silo is loaded with a jobsite forklift and the product is dispensed into a mechanical batch mixer. (See silo operations manual.)

## APPLICABLE STANDARDS: ASTM AND ACI

**ASTM C 91** STANDARD SPECIFICATION FOR MASONRY CEMENT: **ASTM C 144** STANDARD SPECIFICATION FOR AGGREGATE FOR MASONRY MORTAR: **ASTM C 150** STANDARD SPECIFICATION FOR PORTLAND CEMENT: **ASTM C 207** STANDARD SPECIFICATION FOR HYDRATED LIME FOR MASONRY PURPOSES: **ASTM C 270** STANDARD SPECIFICATION FOR MORTAR FOR UNIT MASONRY: **ASTM C 476** STANDARD SPECIFICATION FOR GROUT FOR MASONRY: **ASTM C 595** STANDARD SPECIFICATION FOR BLENDED HYDRAULIC CEMENTS: **ASTM C 780** STANDARD TEST METHOD FOR PRECONSTRUCTION AND CONSTRUCTION EVALUATION OF MORTARS FOR PLAIN AND REINFORCED UNIT MASONRY: **ASTM C 979** STANDARD SPECIFICATION FOR PIGMENTS FOR INTEGRALLY COLORED CONCRETE: **ASTM C 1329** STANDARD SPECIFICATION FOR MORTAR CEMENT: **ACI 530.1** MASONRY STRUCTURES: **IMAC** HOT AND COLD WEATHER CONSTRUCTION GUIDE



## WARRANTY

Seller warrants that its Product will conform to and perform in accordance with the product specifications. The foregoing warranty is in lieu of all other warranties, express or implied, including, but not limited to, those concerning merchantability and fitness for a particular purpose. Because of the difficulty in ascertaining and measuring damages hereunder, it is agreed that, except for claims for bodily injury, Seller's liability to the Buyer shall not exceed the total amount billed and billable to the Buyer for the product hereunder.

## LIMITATIONS

SPEC MIX® PCL Sand mortar should be installed in accordance with the provisions of the local building code and applicable ASTM standards. Good workmanship coupled with proper detailing and design assures durable, functional, watertight construction.

## PRECAUTIONS

Safety glasses and a dust mask are recommended when handling any mortar mixture containing silica. The cementitious materials mixed on site are alkaline in nature and on contact with water will irritate the eyes and skin. If contact with eyes occurs, flood eyes repeatedly with clean water and see a physician immediately. Do not rub eyes. Wash hands thoroughly after handling or before eating. Do not take internally. Keep out of reach of children.

## TECHNICAL SUPPORT

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