



## BASALITE MORTAR MIX

60# Masonry Mortar

**DESCRIPTION:** BASALITE MORTAR MIX is a pre-blended mix of fine aggregate and cementitious materials. BASALITE MORTAR MIX is a general purpose mortar that combines ease of mixing with consistent quality.

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**USES:** BASALITE MORTAR MIX is recommended for the construction of masonry walls using concrete block, clay brick, screen blocks, glass block and stone. BASALITE MORTAR MIX is also ideal for stucco repairs and repointing old mortar joints.

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- PROCEDURES:**
1. SURFACE PREPARATION:  
  
All surfaces to be in contact with BASALITE MORTAR MIX must be entirely free from oil, grease or any other foreign substances which interfere with the bond and chemical action of the material. Slick or sealed surfaces must be thoroughly roughened. The working base must be a solid foundation such as a concrete wall or a concrete slab. The base must be pre-dampened before laying masonry units in hot weather.
  2. MIXING:  
  
Empty the entire dry contents into a wheelbarrow or onto a clean, smooth surface and mix thoroughly. Replace the portion not to be used back into the bag. Form a depression in the middle of the dry mix and add approximately 4.5 quarts of water per 60 lb bag. Mix thoroughly. If the mix is too stiff add more water until the desired consistency is obtained. Avoid a "soupy" mix, too much water will weaken the mortar. A workable mortar has a "buttery" texture and should slowly slide off a trowel held at a 45 degree angle. In hot weather, mix only enough mortar that can be placed in one hour. In cold weather, use warm water to accelerate the set.  
  
A mortar mixer is recommended for larger projects.
  3. PLACING:  
  
Mortar joints which protrude when units are laid should be cut flush, allowed to set until "thumb print hard" and then compress tooled to a concave joint using a round jointer.
  4. CURING:  
  
Keep mortar protected from sunlight, heat or cold for 48 hours after laying.

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**TECHNICAL DATA:** The data outlined below is representative of typical values achievable under controlled laboratory conditions. Results obtained in the field may vary from those stated.

Compressive Strength

7 days 400 psi (3 MPa) minimum

28 days 725 psi (5 MPa) minimum

Flow 100 to 115%

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**YIELD:** One 60lbs sack will provide enough mortar for approximately 25 standard clay bricks or 10 standard blocks with a 3/8 inch mortar joint.

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**LIMITATIONS:** Adhering to recommended water additions is very important. Exceeding the maximum recommended water content per sack will result in inferior physical properties.

Use only when the temperature is 40°F and rising.

Concave mortar joints are recommended for all exterior applications. Other decorative joints may be used for effect but are not recommended for maximum weather tightness and durability.

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**PACKAGING:** BASALITE MORTAR MIX is packaged in 60 lb paper bags.

All Basalite Dry Mix can be custom-packaged to suit specific project requirements.

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**SAFETY PRECAUTIONS:** BASALITE MORTAR MIX contains Portland cement. Normal safety wear such as rubber gloves, dust masks and safety glasses, used to handle conventional cement-based products, should be worn. Material Safety Data Sheets are available upon request.