

POINTING MIX - INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE

POINTING

The material supplied is in 2 parts, the Fine Aggregate and Cement (usually white)

In order to ensure the same texture and colour as the items supplied please follow the following instructions carefully.

Mix the aggregate and the cement in the ratio of 4 parts aggregate to 1 part cement by volume, mixing sufficient material to ensure that it can be used within 45 minutes maximum. For a finer finish, the coarser particles can be removed from the aggregate by sieving it through a household kitchen sieve before mixing it with the cement.

Mix the 2 components together and then add water a little at a time, mixing thoroughly and adding only just enough water to form a very stiff paste. The correct consistency is achieved when the mixed material, if squeezed into a ball in your hand, will just hold together but will not wet your hand.

Pointing mix is not suitable for bedding as it is not very flexible so use an ordinary mortar for the joints but keep the joints raked back by around 10mm. Use the pointing mix for pointing up the joints only, compacting it into the joint and then striking off with a trowel.

On visually important areas it is advisable to mask off the joints with masking tape before filling and this is especially important when pointing up porticos and fire surrounds.

If mortar staining does occur on the adjacent stonework faces it can be cleaned down with a proprietary brick acid. If this is necessary, first wet the stone, then apply the acid (diluted) and then rinse down with clean water

REPAIRS

The material can also be used for small repairs and the following instructions must be followed.

Clean away any loose or flaking material and then wet the repair area and carefully apply a coat of PVA adhesive. Then apply and compact the repair material to form the shape required and trowel the face smooth and cover with polythene until set.

For very fine repairs or cracks it may be beneficial to sieve out the coarser particles of limestone from the aggregate using a household sieve before mixing with the cement.