

## **MORTAR GUIDE**

The following calculations are based on approximately 0.6m3 (1.2T) of damp sand, which will lay approximately 1,000 standard bricks. The Lime 'n' Lite and Lime 'n' Grey products are pre-blended cement and lime at 1:1 by volume. All bags are 20kg net weight except Lime 'n' Lite and Lime 'n' Grey which are 17.85kg net weight.

Class AS3700	Application	Brick / Block Type
M4	<ul> <li>Retaining walls</li> <li>Below ground walls</li> <li>External above ground walls (within 1km of coastline)</li> <li>Walls in industrial environments</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Fired Clay</li><li>Concrete</li><li>Limestone</li></ul>
M3	External above ground walls     (1km to 10km from coast, excluding retaining or below ground walls)     Walls in contact with fresh water	<ul><li>Fired Clay</li><li>Concrete</li><li>Limestone</li></ul>
M2	External above ground walls     (further than 10km from coastline, excluding retaining or below ground walls)     Internal above ground walls (non-load bearing)	<ul><li>Fired Clay</li><li>Concrete</li><li>Limestone</li></ul>

Mortar Colour	Mix Design by Volume		
	Cement	Hydrolime	Sand
Crov	1	0.5	4.5
Grey	1	0.25	3
Creare	1	0.5	4.5
Cream	1	0.25	3
Cross	1	1	6
Grey	1	0	3
	1	1	6
Cream	1	0	3
Federation White	1	1	6 white sand
Grey	1	1	6
	1	0	3
Cream	1	1	6
	1	0	3
Limestone	1	2	9

Bags per 1,000 standard bricks			
Cement	Hydrolime		
8 x Grey cement	1.25		
10 x Grey cement	1		
8 x Ultra Crème cement	1.25		
10 x Ultra Crème cement	1		
6 x Grey cement	3		
10 x Lime 'n' Grey	0		
6 x Ultra Crème cement	3		
10 x Lime 'n' Lite	0		
6 x Ultra Crème Cement	3		
8 x Grey cement	3		
10 x Lime 'n' Grey	0		
6 x Ultra Crème cement	3		
10 x Lime 'n' Lite	0		
4 x Ultra Crème Cement	3		



- 1. All mortars must be mixed and placed as per AS3700 Masonry Code.
- Clean, sharp, well-graded sand, free from loam, clay and impurities should be used.The presence of foreign matter will weaken mortar and affect is setting time.
- Hydrolime contains an air-entraining agent for better workability.
   The use of additional additives is not required or recommended.
- 4. Above mix designs do not apply to Calcium Silicate or lightweight Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (AAC) bricks. Refer to brick manufacturers technical literature for mortar design mix design recommendations.
- 5. For bag quantities compared to standard bricks Modular bricks (290x90x90), reduce by 30%. For Midland Brick Longreach (305x90x76), reduce by 25%. For Midland Brick Ultra and Austral Verticore (305x90x162), reduce by 50%. For limestone blocks (500x150x300 on edge), decrease by 50%. For limestone blocks (500x300x150 on flat), increase by 70%. For other brick or block sizes, please contact BGC Cement on (08) 9334-4555.

