

MORTAR FINISHES

FLUSH JOINT is a full joint, finished flush with the brickwork. It is typically finished off with a brush or sponge and can be used on any type of brick.

PARGET FINISH is formed with the mason smearing the surplus mortar from the joint with the heel of the trowel across the joint. The joint is finished off with a damp sponge. The amount of finish on the joint depends on the client and should be agreed with the mason by viewing a sample panel constructed on site.

CLEAN ROLLED (HOSED) FINISH is a compressed joint formed by using a jointing iron or hose. It is finished off with a light brush or sponging to give clean crisp lines.

LINE PARGET FINISH is formed with the mason smearing the surplus mortar from the joint with the heel of the trowel across the joint. The lined finish is formed by using a straight edge and a sharp edged tool, and scribing the lined effect in the damp joint carefully and finishing off with light brushing.

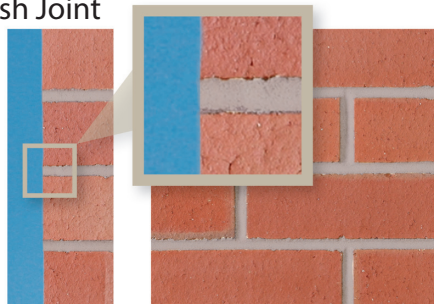
MORTAR for the best result, it is recommended that the sand used in making mortar with concrete masonry should be clean, sharp sand, such as clean pit sand, masonry sand or plasterer's sand. The sand can contain up to 10% fines but it should not contain any clay particles. Sand containing excessive clay particles, which make the mortar more workable, also cause high shrinkage in the mortar and can lead to excessive staining that may be difficult to remove. Clay masonry units tend to expand, which compensates for the shrinkage in the mortar. Concrete masonry units shrink, so that if they are used with a mortar with high shrinkage, hairline cracking around joints may result.

Please note that parget, rolled and flush joints are the best options as weather protectors, particularly when building on the coast. Raked joints are not suitable for use with this product. Depending on the location of the building, typically M3 (1C:1L:6) and M4 (1C:0.5L:4.5S) mortar classifications are recommended.

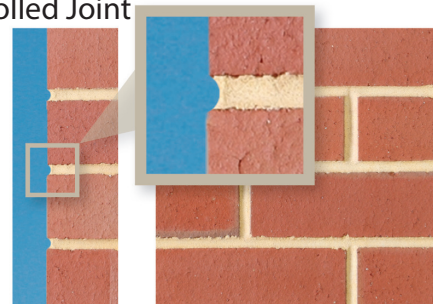
COLOURED MORTAR finish for the Natural Earth can be obtained using oxides available from builder suppliers or LanXess. Sandstone and Marigold oxide (with grey cement) from Diggers range have provided some popular effects along with Bayferrox 960 from LanXess. Typical oxide addition is up to 1kg oxide/bag gray cement (25kg).

VARIATIONS OF JOINT SURFACES

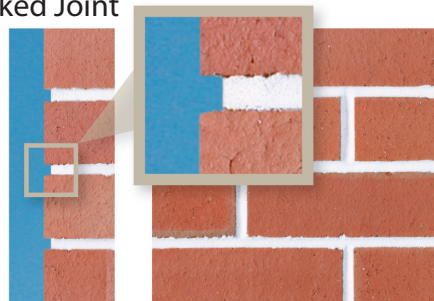
Flush Joint



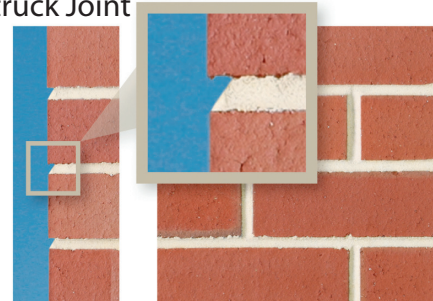
Rolled Joint

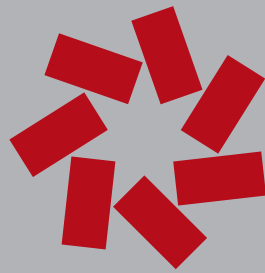


Raked Joint



Struck Joint





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