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Bonding Mortar (Medium Bed)

OBP VBM®



Technical Data

Satisfies the following:

- **C482 Modified, Properties**
  Standard Test Method for Bond Strength of Ceramic Tile to Portland Cement Paste
- **ASTM C109, modified**
  Standard Test for Comprehensive Strength of Hydraulic Cement Mortar
- **ANSI A118.4, Shear Bond (Tile)**
  Specification for Standard Unmodified Dry-Set Cement Mortar

Description

An economical medium bed, pre-blended, polymer modified, high performance bonding mortar with non-sag properties.

Uses

VBM is used for installing masonry veneers and pavers. Interior and exterior applications for residential or commercial projects. Designed specifically for adhering manufactured stone, natural stone, thin brick, precast concrete, or similar masonry veneers and pavers.

Color

Stock colors are Natural Gray (that has no color) and Tan.

Packaging

- 50 lb moisture-resistant bags (56/pallet)
- Store off ground in covered, cool, clean & dry location.
- Shelf life: 1 year from manufacture date.

Approximate Coverage

- 0.4 Cu.Ft. Yield per 50lb bag
- 10 Sq.Ft Coverage at 1/2'' thickness

Safety

Always review Safety Data Sheet (SDS) prior to using this product. Available at ORCO.COM, or contact support.

Support

For questions, technical support, order inquiries, and product information, call (951) 685-8498 or email INFO@ORCO.COM.

VBM Advantages

- Good bond strength
- Good water retention properties
- Good tack and non-sag

Mixing & Installation

- Add mortar to clean, potable water and mix approximately 3-5 minutes.
- Mix water 19-20% by weight, (Approx. 4-5 qts/ 50 lb bag).
- Mix at low speed to minimize air entrainment.
- Consistency - wet enough to ooze around veneer but dry enough to hold veneer in place.
- Moisten substrate prior to application.
- Apply 3/8"- 1/2" thick bonding mortar to substrate or veneer.
- Veneer must have 100% coverage.
- Press veneer firmly into place and ensure mortar oozes around veneer.
- Installation and substrate shall be in accordance with applicable CBC, IBC and local building codes.
- See ORCO VBM Application Guide for additional information.

Limitation

- Verify substrate is structurally sound and conform to good engineering practices.
- Compatible Substrates:
  - Lath and Portland cement plaster
  - Concrete block (untreated)
  - Masonry brick (untreated)
  - Concrete (prepared)
  - Cement mortar beds and backer board
- Not for use 12' above grade.
- User responsible to verify mortar is applicable for intended application.
- Avoid applications in high heat, wind or cold.
- Do not apply when temperatures are below or expected to fall below 40°F prior to cure
- All surfaces must be sound, clean, and free from any dirt, oil, paint, bond breakers, efflorescence or any contaminants which may hinder bond.
- Substrate deflection under all live, dead and impact loads, including concentrated loads must not exceed L/600, where L= span length.
- Substrate cracks or excessive movement may telegraph through mortar or cause bond failure
- Masonry products and substrate conditions can vary dramatically - Follow proper design and application procedures.
- Always perform quality control testing before and during application.
- Not recommend over particle board, plywood, luan, or hardwood floors
- Not recommended for green marble or water sensitive stone
- Color may vary - jobsite mockups are highly recommended.

Warranty & Claims

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Caution

This product should only be used outdoors. Protective face and eye protection, impervious gloves, long pants and long sleeve shirts are recommended. Use NIOSH approved mask for silica dust. Prolonged exposure to dust may cause delayed lung disease. Freshly mixed materials may cause skin irritation. Avoid direct contact where possible and wash exposed skin areas promptly. If any materials get into the eyes, rinse immediately and repeatedly with clean potable water and get prompt medical attention. See SDS sheet.

⚠ Warning

This product can expose you to Silica, crystalline (airborne particles of respirable size) which is known to the State of California to cause cancer. For more information go to **www.p65Warnings.ca.gov.**

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