

# SITE GUIDE

## MORTAR

### SITE GUIDE No 5: MASONRY CLEANER

#### INTRODUCTION

Tarmac Masonry Cleaner is a pre-mixed acid based solution which will remove most types of cement or mortar stains from brickwork, blockwork, paving and similar surfaces. It is factory batched in polythene containers for ease of handling and storage.

#### RECOMENDATIONS

**Follow these simple guidelines to remove cementitious mortar, bloom or white staining from masonry.**

- Protective clothing, goggles and gloves must be worn when using acid-based cleaners.
- Test a small area to check that the brick/block colour or texture is not affected.
- If the test area is satisfactory, wet the surface to prevent the cleaner from penetrating too far.
- Carefully apply masonry cleaner by brush or spray.
- Leave for 2 – 5 minutes and rinse off thoroughly with clean water.

#### NOTES

- Allow time for masonry to dry out before treatment – this may take several months. If the masonry is not reasonably dry, further stains may appear after treatment.
- The surface only is wetted before treatment (not saturated).
- Do not add water to Tarmac Masonry Cleaner.
- Efflorescence (usually 'fluffy' deposit) caused by soluble salts from many clay bricks is best removed by dry brushing.
- The surface appearance of concrete blocks, calcium silicate units and a few types of clay bricks may be affected by acid treatment.
- Protect metal surfaces from acid attack.
- Prevention is better than cure – protect units and masonry.
- Repeat treatment, if necessary.

#### SAFE HANDLING PROCEDURE

Tarmac Masonry Cleaner 1760 contains Hydrochloric Acid 1789 and Nitric Acid 2031.

The product is corrosive and causes burns. The fumes should not be inhaled. Skin and eye contact must be avoided. Suitable protective clothing, including goggles and breathing mask conforming to the relevant Standard, and apron and waterproof gloves should also be worn.

In case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice. Do not ingest. If swallowed seek medical advice immediately and show a copy of this information. In case of spillage on the skin or clothing rinse immediately with plenty of water. If irritation persists seek medical advice. Refer also to the bottle label.

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