

# TECHNICAL INFORMATION

## HYDROCURE & HYDROCURE+ DRY SILO MORTARS

### Product Data Sheet No. 100/03

#### INTRODUCTION

Tarmac Hydrocure and Hydrocure+ Dry silo mortars are a performance range of factory produced mortars which combats the effects of high absorbency masonry units used in superstructure elevations. Specially formulated to improve cohesiveness and water retention properties of the mortar, manufactured to compliment the standard range under the same computer controlled conditions. Tarmac Hydrocure and Hydrocure+ dry silo mortar is delivered direct to site in state-of-the-art silos, each complete with an integral mixing unit. Once power and water have been connected, mortar can be produced at a touch of a button.

#### ADVANTAGES

Bricks and blocks used on site can be highly absorbent and can rapidly "suck" water out of the mortar, leading to issues with mortar losing workability. Tarmac Hydrocure and Hydrocure+ Dry silo mortars are a performance range of factory produced mortars specially formulated to improve cohesiveness and water retention properties of the mortar, by physically binding with the water, thereby preventing water being prematurely absorbed by the bricks and blocks. Furthermore it allows the bricks and blocks to be adjusted over a much longer period and averts any problems with pointing of the mortar, which can occur when mortar becomes too dry.

- Improves cohesion of mortar
- Reduces bleed
- Improve water retention to allow >90% retentivity.
- Allows greater workability stability
- Extends tooling times, improving build rate efficiencies.
- Reduces permeability of the finished joint face

#### PRODUCT CONFORMITY

Tarmac Hydrocure and Hydrocure+ Dry silo mortars are manufactured from constituent materials conforming to the following British/European Standard specifications:

Cementitious Materials	BS EN 197-1, BS 7979
Fine aggregates	BS EN 13139
Hydrated Lime	BS EN 459-1
Admixtures	BS EN 934
Pigments	BS EN 12878

#### PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

#### COMPOSITION AND STRENGTH

The mix proportions of Tarmac dry silo mortar conform with the values specified in the following table when tested by the methods prescribed in BS EN 1015 and BS 4551.

#### PERFORMANCE

Hydrocure and Hydrocure+ Dry silo mortar are based on performance and are typically available in two mortar strength classes. Results are based on prisms made from typical production material cured and tested in accordance with the requirements of BS EN 1015 part 11.

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**STRENGTH**

BS EN 998-2 Mortar Class	(iii) M4	(ii) M6
Compressive Strength N/mm <sup>2</sup>	4	6

**Table 1 – BS EN 998-2 compressive strengths made using prisms.**

**FIRE PROTECTION**

Tarmac dry silo mortar contains less than 1.0% organic material and is classified in accordance with BS EN 13501-1 as Class A1 without testing (Commission Directive 96/603/EC).

**DURABILITY**

Tarmac Hydrocure and Hydrocure+ dry silo mortar is also air entrained which makes it less susceptible to freeze thaw attack. All admixtures used are chloride-free and therefore not aggressive towards embedded metals.

**HEALTH & SAFETY**

There is a real danger of contact dermatitis or serious burns. To prevent skin coming into contact with wet cement mixes such as fresh concrete, mortar or screed ensure that suitable protective clothing and eye protection is worn. Where skin contact occurs either directly or through saturated clothing wash immediately with soap and water. For eye contact, immediately wash out eyes thoroughly with clean water. If swallowed wash out mouth and drink plenty of water.

For further information please refer to Tarmac Material Safety Data Sheet – Mortars, Screeds and Renders.

**APPLICATIONS**

**USES**

Tarmac Hydrocure and Hydrocure+ dry silo mortar is suitable for most types of construction, providing that the mortar type and strength class chosen for a particular application for its prescribed purpose with consideration for the compatibility of masonry units, see table 2. Advice on the appropriate mortar for a given application is detailed in BS 5628, part 3.

Type	Average absorbency of masonry units % w/w
Hydromix	10 – 19.9%
Hydromix+	≥ 20%

**Table 2 – Guidance to the masonry compatibility for Hydrocure and Hydrocure+.**

**ECONOMICS**

Tarmac dry silo mortars are sold by dry weight. Yield - when mixed on site, 1 tonne of dry silo mortar will produce approximately 0.70 cubic metres of mortar.

One cubic metre of Tarmac dry silo mortar is sufficient to lay approximately 1700 bricks (the actual number may however vary between 1300 and 2100 this depends upon the size of brick, depth of frog, size of perforations, site practice and other factors etc.) and approximately 1200 blocks of nominal size 450 x 225 x 100mm.

**DELIVERY**

A silo on delivery holds approximately 14 tonnes of dry material. Once sited, the silo can then be refilled by tanker to hold up to 33 tonnes in total. It is good practise to maintain the stock held within the silo allowing regular deliveries of up to 29 tonnes to ensure a continuous mortar supply.

**TECHNICAL SUPPORT**

Tarmac provides a comprehensive sales and technical advisory service to specifiers and customers.

A quality system has been implemented throughout the company since 1975 and quality procedures are in conformity with BS EN ISO 9001:2000. All Tarmac factories hold third party certification from the British Standards Institution. Details of the certification status of individual factories may be obtained from the technical helpdesk.

**PRICES AND CONDITIONS OF SALE**

Prices vary according to mix design, quantity and delivery location. For specific quotations contact your local Tarmac representative or call our National Sales Helpline on 03701 116 116.

All quotations given, orders placed and materials supplied are subject to the Conditions of Sale available via download from the Tarmac website [www.tarmac.com](http://www.tarmac.com) or upon request from your nearest Tarmac Regional Office.

### **SUPPLY**

Tarmac dry silo mortars are available direct from mortar factories located strategically throughout mainland United Kingdom: contact your nearest Tarmac Building Products Regional Office for further details

### **ORDERING**

When ordering, please state mortar type and strength class, quantity, date and preferred time of delivery. 24 hours should normally be allowed for delivery.

References British Standards Institute	
BS EN 197-1 : 2000	Cement Part 1: Composition, specifications and conformity criteria for common cements
BS 7979:2001	Specification for limestone fines for use with Portland cement
BS EN 459 : Part 1 : 2001	Building lime. Definitions, specification and conformity criteria
BS EN 12878 : 1999	Pigments for the colouring of building materials based on cement and/or lime specification and methods of test
BS EN 13139 : 2002	Aggregates for mortar
PD 6682 – 3 : 2003	Aggregates – Part 3 : Aggregates for mortar – Guidance on the use of BS EN 13139
BS EN 13501 – 1 : 2007	Fire classification of construction products and building elements Part 1: 2007 Classification using test data from fire reaction tests
BS 4551 : 2005	Mortar – Methods of test for mortar – Chemical analysis and physical testing
BS EN 13914: Part 1 : 2005	External rendering
BS EN 13914: Part 2 : 2005	Design consideration and essential principles for internal plastering
BS 5262 :1991	Code of practice for external rendering
BS 5390 : 1976	Code of practice for stone masonry
BS 5492 : 1990	Code of practice for internal plastering
BS 5628 :	Code of practice for use of masonry
BS 5628 : Part 1 : 2005	Structural use of unreinforced masonry
BS 5628 : Part 2 : 2005	Structural use of reinforced and pre-stressed masonry
6BS 5628 : Part 3 : 2005	Materials and components, design and workmanship
BS EN 998	Specification for mortar for masonry Part 1 : 2003 Rendering and plastering mortar Part 2 : 2003 Masonry mortar
PD 6678 : 2005	Guide to the selection and specification of masonry mortar
BS EN 1008	Mixing water for concrete – specification for sampling, testing and assessing the suitability of water, including water recovered from processes

	in the concrete industry, as mixing water for concrete
BS EN 934	Admixtures for concrete, mortar and grout: Part 2: 2001 Concrete admixtures – definitions, requirements, conformity, marking and labelling Part 3: 2003 Admixtures for masonry mortar – definitions, requirements, conformity, marking and labelling
Building Research Establishment	
Digest 361	Why do buildings crack?
Digest 362	Building mortar
Tarmac	
Product Data Sheet No. 100/01	Tarmac Ready- to- Use mortar
Product Data Sheet No. 100/02	Tarmac Dry silo mortar
Site Guide No. 3	Ready-to-use mortars
Site Guide No. 6	Winter working recommendations for mortars
Site Guide No. 7	Summer working recommendation for mortars
Tarmac Safety Data Sheet	Mortars, Screeds and Renders