

Lime Sand Mortar (LSM) COLOURED SAMPLE BAG PROCEDURE

Tarmac Building Products produces coloured 25 kg LSM Standard Sample Bag and it is important that the following guidelines are followed when mixing the material.

This bag contains natural LSM mortar with the specified amount of pigment required for the specific 'Y' colour reference, on or towards the top of the natural material. Note this pigment must be mixed in at site.

Therefore, it is IMPORTANT that

- The full sample bag of material, including the pigment is mixed together in a site mixer (**dry**) for 2 minutes.
- Make sure that all the material in the bag has gone in, as any less will result in an incorrect colour.
- Mix together the cement and the mixed dry LSM by volume, gauging accurately at the correct ratio (e.g 1:4,1:6) by either using a graduated bucket or gauge box, rather than a shovel or trowel.
- Then add the clean fresh water and mix until the sand and cement have combined to produce a uniform mix especially in colour, and the mortar is at its required consistency.
- There is no need to add your own air-entraining admixture ('Feb') to the mixed sample as the air-entrainer has already been accurately dosed into the sand.
- The same source of cement must be used throughout the build to ensure consistency of colour, **note the colour of cement affects the final colour of the mortar**

Following these steps will ensure that the mixed sample will give an accurate representation of the colour, especially if subsequent Bulks Bags are ordered of the same 'Y' reference(s).

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