

PRODUCT DATA SHEET

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Back Fill achieves a superior chemical bond to masonry substrates. Back Fill contains no latex or acrylic bonding agents or additives, nor does it require the application of a bonding agent to achieve adhesion, so it remains vapor permeable. The mortar provides a healthy pH factor and strong resistance to carbonation, creating an environment that does not allow corrosion to begin. The material can be applied in a single layer build-up for faster application and reduced installation costs. Back Fill is not damaged by salt crystallization, even when heavy concentrations are present. Back Fill provides a durable repair able to withstand severe environmental conditions and repeated freeze-thaw cycles.

FEATURES AND BENEFITS

- **Single-Component:** Mixes with water only, improving quality control and consistency of application.
- **Compatible Formulation:** Compatibility of physical properties ensures that the mortar and natural substrate react to the environment in the same way.
- **Contains No Latex or Acrylic Bonding Agents:** It protects the substrate by allowing salts, water vapor, and liquid water to reach the surface, preventing failure due to salt expansion or freeze/thaw cycles.
- **Tenacious Adhesion:** Strong bonding capabilities without relying on synthetic bonding agents.
- **Single Layer Build-Up:** Faster application and reduced installation costs.
- **Factory Controlled:** No field chemistry resulting in product variation.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Surface Preparation

Surfaces to receive Jahn Mortar must be sound and free of all dust, dirt, grease, laitance and/or any other coating or foreign substance which may prevent proper adhesion.

Remove all loose and deteriorated concrete from the repair area (minimum depth 1") using manual or pneumatic cutting techniques or mechanical abrasion such as sandblasting, water blasting, shot blasting or chipping. The sides of the repair area should be square cut; incorrect installation will cause repairs to fail prematurely. Wash the prepared surface with clean water and a bristle brush to remove dust from the pores.



Section: Correct (Square Cut) Surface Preparation



Section: Incorrect (Feathered Edge) Surface Preparation

Exposed Ferrous Metals

In the event that ferrous metal reinforcement (re-bar, threaded rod, etc.) is exposed within the repair area or repairs are adjacent to ferrous metal jambs, lintels, anchoring systems etc., a rust inhibitor must be applied to all properly prepared ferrous metal surfaces before repairs are made.

Mixing

The mixing ratio is approximately 5 to 5 1/2 parts powder to 1-part water by volume, depending on temperature and humidity. Continue mixing until the mortar is thoroughly mixed and is the approximate consistency of damp sand.

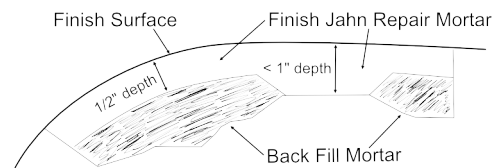
Back Fill may also be mixed using a slow speed drill (400 -600 rpm) equipped with a Jiffler-type mixing paddle. Bulk mixing may be achieved in a mortar-type mixer. For best results, add the powder to the water slowly. The working time will vary, depending upon wind, temperature, and humidity.

Application

Moisten the substrate using clean water. Jahn Mortar should be applied to a glistening wet surface on vertical applications and to a dampened surface on horizontal applications (with no pooling water). **If the surface is allowed to dry out before applying Back Fill, this step must be repeated. This is important.**

The next step of the application is what CSP has termed the "Peanut Butter" coat. The Jahn mortar should be mixed with water to the consistency of wet putty. Apply the "Peanut Butter" coat to the glistening wet substrate approximately 1/8 inch thick. **Important -To achieve proper bond, the "Peanut Butter" coat must not dry out prior to application of Jahn Mortar (5:1) mix!**

Build up material to minimum depth of 1/2". The final surface of the Back Fill mortar shall be a minimum of 1/2" from the desired finished surface.. **The finish Jahn Repair Mortar application should be a minimum of 1/2".** If the repair depth is less than 1", use the finish Jahn Repair Mortar for the full depth repair.



The CSP Back Fill surface must be scrapped once it has set up until the proper depth has been achieved throughout. The waiting period before finishing will vary, depending upon wind, temperature, and humidity. After achieving initial set, scrape away excess mortar until the desired profile is reached. The finish should be roughened.

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Back Fill Mortar may be applied in one lift. In situations where applying the mortar in several lifts is necessary, the following applies. If a cement skin forms between applications or in the final lift (the surface will appear glossy), scrape away enough of the surface to remove the skin (about 1/16" of material). This will open the pores before an additional layer of material is applied. The surface should be moistened again before continuing the application.

The finish lift of the appropriate Jahn Repair Mortar engineered for the substrate may be applied at any time after the Back Fill mortar has set up. The Back Fill and the finish lift of the Jahn Repair Mortar may be applied in the same day.

Curing

Traditional Cure

Periodically mist Back Fill repairs using clean water for at least a 72-hour period. The timing for initial misting will vary with ambient conditions. Hot, dry conditions may require misting in 30 to 60 minutes. Cooler, damp conditions may require waiting several hours before beginning the curing process. Mist several times a day. Should access to the repairs be impossible over a period of time, plastic may be used to cover them temporarily. The application of plastic, however, does not remove the need for normal curing techniques.

Self-Cure

No curing is necessary when masonry surface temperature is 85°F or lower. When working on surface temperatures above 85°F, follow the Traditional Cure procedures outlined above.

Clean Up

Remove uncured mortar from the perimeter of the repair before it dries using clean water and a rubber sponge. **Repeat several times with clean water to prevent a halo effect** (staining of adjacent masonry). Cured mortar may only be removed chemically or mechanically.

SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

It is recommended that safety goggles, gloves, and a dust mask equipped with P-2 filters (or equivalent) be worn for protection while mixing.

Limitations

- Do not apply Jahn Mortar to a frozen or exceedingly hot substrate. The applied mortar must be protected from extreme heat, freezing excessive wind, direct sunlight, and rain. Ambient temperature range should be 40° F to 90° F with low to average humidity.
- Do not add bonding agents to Jahn Mortar or use them as surface preparation materials.
- Minimum thickness of mortar application is 1/2".

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PACKAGING AND COVERAGE

A 5-gallon plastic pail contains approx. 44 lb. of material. This will cover 0.5 cu. ft. (12 sq. ft. at 1/2" thickness).

STORAGE AND SHELF LIFE

Store material in a dry area away from direct sunlight. Ambient storage conditions should be in the range of 40°F to 90°F with low to average humidity. Average shelf life is 2 years in original, unopened packaging.

TECHNICAL DATA

LIQUID/ PLASTIC PHASE	
Rate of water/dry material	2.1 to 2.3 fl. oz./lb
Volume mixed Back Fill mortar in dry material	10.4 fl. oz./lb.
Specific gravity	1.5
HARDENED PHASE	
Compressive strength (LS)	1500 to 2500 psi (+/-170)
Compressive strength (HS)	2500 to 3500 psi (+/-170)
Tensile bending strength (LS)	400 to 510 psi (+/-45)
Tensile bending strength (HS)	510 to 560 psi (+/-45)
Tensile strength (LS)	28 days - 400 psi (+/-39)
Tensile strength (HS)	28 days - 510 psi (+/-39)
Static modulus of elasticity	28 days - 2440 ksi (+/-69.5 ksi)
Dynamic modulus of elasticity	28 days - 2690 ksi (+/-54)
Adhesion	187 psi - (+/-71)
Open porosity (%)	21.5 (+/- .3)
Specific gravity (approx.)	1.6 to 1.7
Shrinkage/swelling between RH 100% and 60%	0.4

WARNING:

Not for internal consumption. Keep out of reach of children and animals. Consult Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) for specific information.