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This is to certify that WORKRITE[®] Colored Masonry Cement – **Type N** shipped from our plant in Thomasville, PA, conforms to ASTM Standard C 91, “Specification for Masonry Cement.”

When WORKRITE[®] Colored Masonry Cement - Type N is blended with sand that complies with ASTM Standard C 144, “Specification for Aggregate for Masonry Mortar,” the resulting mortar will meet ASTM Standard C 270, “Specification for Mortar for Unit Masonry.”

The integral pigment used in our colored mortars conforms to ASTM C 979.

Very truly yours,



Kevin LaPorte
Director of Operations
WORKRITE Packaged Cement Products

RECOMMENDATION FOR PRE-CONSTRUCTION JOBSITE SAMPLE PANELS

We strongly recommend the practice of building pre-construction jobsite panels in the manner in which the walls will be built, cured, and cleaned during actual construction for pre-approval. Please note, there are several factors that can affect the final appearance of a mortar joint:

Sand Color- WORKRITE strips are made with a neutral light tan sand color. Sand color can have an effect on the final color of the mortar.

Sand Gradation- The gradation of sand affects the water demand required to achieve desired workability. Mortars with higher water-to-cement ratios tend to be lighter in color than those have having lower water contents.

Proportion and Mixing- Controlling mortar texture and color requires consistent materials. A change in aggregate ratio changes the amount of water required to achieve desired workability, which affects texture and color in the finished mortar joint.

Unit Suction and Tooling- Different brick and block have varying initial rates of absorption (IRA). When freshly-mixed mortar is placed between units, the amount of water absorbed varies depending upon the unit. Tooling a very wet joint pulls higher water content paste to the surface resulting in a porous lighter surface color. If the mortar is tooled too stiff, the resulting friction delivers in a darker surface color.

Cleaning- Improper cleaning can completely alter the appearance of the mortar joint, changing both texture and color. Use the least aggressive cleaning technique possible.