



4. Refractory mortar: approved refractory mortar, treated as recommended by the manufacturer.
- B. Types: comply with AS 3700, providing materials in the proportions described below:
1. Mortar:

Classification	Mix Proportions (by volume) Type A Portland Cement	Building Lime	Sand
M1	0	1	3
M2	1	2	9
	1	2	8
M3	1	1	6
	1	0	5
M4	1	0.5	4.5

SEE TABLE 10.1 IN AS 3700 FOR ADDITIONAL OPTIONS.  
REVIEW AND SELECT BELOW. PLEASE NOTE THAT THE BRACKETS INDICATE ALTERNATES,  
LEAVE ONLY YOUR SELECTION IN YOUR SPEC.

Mortar for load bearing brickwork: M3 (M4) (M2)

Mortar for grouted and reinforced brickwork: M3 (M4)

Mortar for non-load bearing brickwork: M3 (M4) (M2)

Mortar for repair of lime mortar brickwork: M1 (M2)

Mortar for bagging: SPECIFIER SELECT FROM:

Same mortar as used for laying.

APPROPRIATE WHEN THE WORK IS TO BE BAGGED AS BRICKLAYING PROCEEDS.

M3 mortar. APPROPRIATE WHEN THE WHOLE OF THE BAGGING IS TO BE CARRIED OUT AS A SEPARATE OPERATION.

M3 mortar, with powdered metallic oxide pigment added to achieve a dry colour approved by the architect.

APPROPRIATE WHEN THE WHOLE OF THE BAGGING IS TO BE CARRIED OUT AS A SEPARATE OPERATION AND A UNIFORM TEXTURED COLOURED MORTAR IS TO BE THE PERMANENT FINISH.

Mortar for bagging: SPECIFIER SELECT FROM:

Same mortar as used for laying.

M3 mortar.

M3 mortar, with powdered metallic oxide pigment added to achieve a dry colour approved by the architect.

PLEASE NOTE:

SAME MORTAR AS USED FOR LAYING: APPROPRIATE WHEN THE WORK IS TO BE BAGGED AS BLOCKLAYING PROCEEDS.

M3 MORTAR: APPROPRIATE WHEN THE WHOLE OF THE BAGGING IS TO BE CARRIED OUT AS A SEPARATE OPERATION.

M3 MORTAR, WITH POWDERED METALLIC OXIDE PIGMENT ADDED TO ACHIEVE A DRY COLOUR APPROVED BY THE ARCHITECT: APPROPRIATE WHEN THE WHOLE OF THE BAGGING IS TO BE CARRIED OUT AS A SEPARATE OPERATION AND A UNIFORM TEXTURED COLOURED MORTAR IS TO BE THE PERMANENT FINISH.

2. Grout: f'c not less than 12 MPa AS 3700.

**203 Miscellaneous Materials** CHECK THAT DETAILS EXIST ON THE STRUCTURAL OR ARCHITECTURAL DRAWINGS, SEE CLAUSE 204 BELOW.

Comply with AS 3700 as follows:

- A. Wall ties and accessories:  
Where building is to be located within 10 kilometres of the coast wall ties: SELECT FROM STAINLESS STEEL OR PLASTIC.
- B. [ Reinforcement:
- C. Lintels and other steel in brickwork:  
Extend lintels 230mm minimum past each jamb of openings.
- D. [ Caulking: elastomeric sealing compound, coloured to match mortar; for general caulking including movement control joints:  
[ Liquid polysulphide polymer.  
[ Neutral silicone
- E. [ Head Restraint:  
[ 100 x 100 x 6 x 450 long mild steel angle masonry anchored to concrete soffit on either side of wall, at 1000 maximum centres.  
DESCRIBE TYPE AND LOCATION FOR POINT F & G.
- F. [ Damp-proof courses:
- G. [ Flashings:  
Note: both to comply with AS/NZS 2904.
- H. [ Expansion joint material:
- I. [ Control joint material:

**204 Steel Lintels**

- A. Where brickwork is to be supported over openings and no special lintels are detailed, build in mild steel lintels, in accordance with the Building Code of Australia.
- B. Set angles with the first dimension vertical.

- C. Hot dip galvanise steel lintels in exterior openings.
- D. Fix angles to concrete columns or beams with the bearing leg cut and bent to the height of the vertical leg and bolted to concrete with 2 no. 16mm masonry anchors.

### PART III EXECUTION

- 301 Mortar Mixing**  
 Measure materials to ensure that the specified mix proportions are maintained as per AS 3700.  
 Mix in a suitable mixing machine until a uniform blending of the components is achieved.  
 Add water to create a mix that is as wet as can be conveniently used by the bricklayer.  
 Except for the previously specified methyl cellulose water thickener, use no chemical to affect the plastic or other properties of mortar or as a substitute for lime without the architect's permission.
- 302 Mortar Life**  
 Re-tempering to replace water lost by evaporation is encouraged until initial set begins. Reject mortar which has begun its initial set and do not re-temper.
- 303 Preparation**      **ENSURE THAT THE ITEMS LISTED BELOW ARE RELEVANT TO YOUR PROJECT.**  
 Review the project with other trades in relation to ducts, piping, conduits, thimbles, sleeves, etc. or other item penetrating or to be built into brickwork and co-ordinate their installation.  
 Obtain built-in items from their suppliers prior to starting brickwork.  
 Clean the surface of concrete before laying bricks thereon.  
 Set up pressed metal door frames plumb and level and brace as required. Maintain bracing until walls are at least 1000 high and frame grouting has set.
- 304 Laying**      **ENSURE THAT THE ITEMS LISTED BELOW ARE RELEVANT TO YOUR PROJECT.**  
 General: comply with applicable provisions of AS 3700. Set out brickwork so as to reduce cutting to a minimum and, in facework, to avoid irregular or broken bond.  
 Make cuts in facework with a masonry saw.  
 Carefully position openings for other trades to eliminate cutting.  
 Build in accordance with the dimensions, thicknesses and heights shown on drawings, plumb, level and in the designated position within the tolerances of AS 3700.  
 Allow no part to rise more than 1000mm above adjacent unfinished work. Rake back advanced work, build brickwork in bond and avoid toothing wherever possible.  
 Build in as necessary reinforcements, arch bars, lintels, frames, straps, bolts, lugs, wall ties, metalwork, damp-proof courses and flashings, etc.  
 Provide weepholes 1200 mm apart over damp-proof course and flashings where these span across cavities.  
 Re-lay, in fresh mortar, bricks accidentally moved after initial laying.  
 Keep mortar stains to a minimum and protect horizontal ledges, finished sills and the like from mortar droppings as work proceeds.  
 Before mortar sets hard, remove excess mortar. Scrub brickwork within 24 hours of laying using a bristle brush plus detergent if necessary.  
 Protect new and incomplete brickwork with coverings, temporary bracing or the like - AS 3700.
- 305 Jointing and Finishing**      **ENSURE THAT THE ITEMS LISTED BELOW ARE RELEVANT TO YOUR PROJECT**  
 Joint thickness: 10mm within the tolerances given in AS 3700.  
 Joint finish brickwork for plaster: cut off flush.  
 Face brickwork: **DESCRIBE RAKING, STRIKING AND TOOLING ABOVE.**  
 Bagged finish: spread the mortar on exposed external/internal surfaces with a brush, sponge float, rough cloth or other suitable device and then rub to achieve a uniform texture approved by the architect.  
 Protect adjacent surfaces as necessary and promptly remove bagging mortar spilt, splashed or otherwise lodged on them.  
 [      Carry out bagging as the work proceeds.  
 [      Carry out bagging as a separate operation after bricklaying has been completed.
- 306 Bonding and Tying**      **ENSURE THAT THE ITEMS LISTED BELOW ARE RELEVANT TO YOUR PROJECT**  
 Build work in stretcher bond.  
 Space wall ties in accordance with AS 3700.  
 Keep cavities clean and free from mortar droppings.  
 Fix to concrete or steel columns and at junction with concrete walls with frame ties built at least 250mm into brick joint and fix to the structure as close as possible to the course line.
- 307 Door Frames**  
 Build in door frames as the work proceeds. Generally allow for lugs at 400 to 450mm centres except FU door frames which have lugs to sizes and centres required by the fire test report pertaining to the particular type of door. Grout solid cavities behind frames.

**308 Incidental Work**

Chases: refer to AS 3700, and, as far as possible, provide for chases to be made as the work rises. No horizontal chase may exceed 1200mm in length and no vertical chase may be closer than 600mm to an element providing lateral support. No chase may be more than 1/3 of the thickness of the wall. Perform miscellaneous incidental brickwork as required throughout and for other trades. Make good after other trades.

**309 Field Quality Control** **NOTE: FEW, IF ANY, OF THESE TESTS WILL BE ROUTINELY NEEDED. COMPRESSIVE AND BOND STRENGTH TESTS ON BRICKWORK WILL BE REQUIRED WHEN THE BRICKWORK IS ENGINEER DESIGNED AS SPECIAL MASONRY ON THE BASIS OF AS 3700.**

A. [ Tests.  
Have the following tests performed in a laboratory NATA registered for the particular test. Supply copies of the resulting test certificates to the architect.

TEST:	TEST METHOD:
For mortar: sampling method	Refer structural engineer
Chemical composition	
Other	
For brickwork: compressive strength	AS 3700 Appendix A
Bond strength	
Characteristic strength	AS 3700 Appendix B
Other	

B. [ Test frequency.  
For mortar:  
For special masonry: **DESCRIBE; EG. AT A RATE OF ONE TEST PER 10,000 BRICKS LAID. DESCRIBE ON THE BASIS OF: THE GREATEST OF ONE SAMPLE PER STOREY HEIGHT OF BRICKWORK; ONE SAMPLE PER 400 M2 OF WALL AREA AND TWO SAMPLES - FROM AS 3700.**  
For other masonry: **DESCRIBE; EG. AT A RATE OF ONE TEST PER 10,000 BRICKS LAID.**

**310 Cleaning of Facework**

Take care to keep walls clean constantly. Should further cleaning be necessary, use hydrochloric acid not stronger than 5%, treating only a small area at one time. Wet the wall prior to applying the acid, work from the top down and thoroughly wash off after brushing. Do not leave acid solution on wall at stoppage of work.

**311 Completion**

Complete contracted work in accordance with contract documents and written variation orders issued by the architect.  
On completion, clean up mortar droppings, debris, etc., remove scaffolding, make good put-log holes and blemishes and leave work in a first class condition.  
Protect facework surfaces where necessary to avoid damage during other building operations.

**END OF SECTION**