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## ULW Mortar Ultra Light Weight Polymer Modified Repair Mortar

Ultra Light Weight (ULW) Mortar is a fine, light weight polymer modified mortar formulated for repairs to concrete or masonry, where a high build characteristic is required with intermediate compressive strength and thermal insulation and fire resistant properties are desired.

ULW Mortar is a grey coloured patching mortar with excellent adhesion to most substrates. ULW Mortar is formulated with inert mineral fillers of low density that provide very high thermal protection to repairs. ULW Mortar can be applied up to 75mm thickness in one operation without slumping and with negligible shrinkage.

### Advantages

One component product, just add water and mix. High build repairs from 10mm to 75mm. Excellent workability. Easy to use. High bond strength to concrete substrates. Reduces need for reworking after finishing. Durable. Insulating.





# Technical Data Sheet

### Product Attributes

<u>Uses</u>	
Recommended For	Patching and repairing damaged concrete.
	Repairs to vertical and overhead surfaces.
	Repairs to concrete or masonry where high non slump build is required in one operation.
	Fire protection of steel joiner plates and angle brackets.
Performance	Residential, commercial and medium industrial.
	For more information on suitable uses or uses that are not listed above, please contact a Westbuild representative.
<u>Yield</u>	The approximate yields are obtained if mixed in accordance with recommended procedures and accurately measured water content. A 10kg bag of ULW Mortar with 3.0 litres of water will yield approximately 20 litres.



# Packaging20kg bag - 50 bags per pallet (1.2t). Multi wall paper bag.Shelf Life & StorageULW Mortar has a shelf life of approximately 8 months, if kept in a dry environment<br/>completely away from moisture.

### Technical Data

### Product Identity

Form	Powder
Colour	Grey

### **Compressive Strength**

Age	Mouldable	Trowelable
28 Days	>15 MPa	>8 - 15 MPa

Tested in accordance with AS1012.9 at 20°C and AS2073

Pot Life

Setting begins after 45 minutes (at 25°C substrate and ambient temperature).

ULW Mortar should not be used after 45 minutes from time of mixing. The addition of water to the mortar after it has started to stiffen is not recommended, and the product should be discarded.

### **Setting Times**

Initial Set	20°C	2 - 3 Hours
	30°C	1.5 - 2 Hours
Final Set	20°C	4 - 5 Hours
	30°C	2 - 3 Hours

Vicat setting times at 20°C

### Installation

Surface Preparation

Saw, cut or cut back the extremities of the repair locations to a depth of at least 15mm to avoid feather-edging and to provide a square edge. Break out the complete repair area to a minimum depth of 15mm up to sawn edge. Clean the surface and remove any dust, unsound or contaminated material, plaster, oil, paint, grease, corrosion deposits or algae. Where breaking out is not required, roughen the surface and remove any laitance by light scabbling or gritblasting. Oil and grease deposits should be removed by steam cleaning, detergent scrubbing or the use of a proprietary degreaser. Fully expose any corroded steel in the repair area and remove all loose scale and corrosion deposits. Steel should be cleaned to a bright condition, paying particular attention to the back of exposed steel bars. Gritblasting is recommended for this purpose.

Priming

Where the substrate is very porous, pre-dampening with water should precede the application of one coat of Westbuild PRO<sup>™</sup> Flexible Additive Fortifier &



Primer and scrubbing it well into the surface. ULW Mortar can be applied as soon as the primer becomes tacky. If the primer is too wet, vertical buildup of the ULW Mortar may be difficult.

<u>Mixing</u> Care should be taken to ensure that ULW Mortar is thoroughly mixed. ULW Mortar must be mixed with a mechanical forced action mixer with a high shear stirrer.

Add the required volume of drinking quality water into the mixing vessel and, with the mixer in operation, add one full 10kg bag of ULW Mortar and mix for 3 to 5 minutes until fully homogeneous.

Note that powder must always be added to water. Dependant on the ambient temperature and the desired consistency, the amount of water required will vary slightly.

Do not mix by hand.

<u>Water Ratio</u> The table is a guide to the typical water addition requirements for various consistencies.

Do not add excess water.

Litres of water	Mouldable	Trowelable
per 10kg bag:	1.5 – 1.8	2.2 - 3.0

Application

Exposed steel reinforced bars should be firmly secured to avoid movement during the application process as this will affect mortar compaction, build and bond.

Apply the mixed ULW Mortar to the prepared substrate by gloved hand or trowel. Thoroughly compact the mortar on to the primed substrate and around the exposed reinforcement.

### **Placement and Layer Thickness**

ULW Mortar can be applied to 75mm thickness in vertical sections, but up to 100mm thickness in smaller pockets or with the use of formwork. If formwork is used, it should have properly sealed faces to ensure that no water is absorbed from the repair material. In horizontal locations, ULW Mortar can be applied up to 100mm in thickness.

Note: The minimum applied thickness of ULW Mortar is 10mm.

	Minimum	10mm
Application thickness:	Maximum	75mm Vertical 100mm smaller pockets / use of formwork

If sagging occurs during application to vertical surfaces, the ULW Mortar should be completely removed and re-applied at a reduced thickness or lower consistency on to the correctly re-primed substrate.



### **Application Temperature**

Low Temperature Working	High Temperature Working
In cold conditions down to 5°C, the use of warm water (up to 30°C) is advised to accelerate strength development. Normal precautions for winter working with cementitious materials should then be adopted. The material should not be applied when the substrates or air temperature is 5°C and falling.	At ambient temperatures above 35°C, the material should not be used as this will cause premature setting and make working with the product difficult.

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<u>Finishing</u> ULW Mortar is finished by striking off with a straight edge and closing with a steel float. Wooden or plastic floats, or damp sponges, may be used to achieve the desired surface texture. The completed surface should not be overworked.

<u>Curing</u> All cementitious based mortars have to be protected against too rapid surface drying and evaporation. ULW Mortar must be cured immediately after finishing in accordance with good concrete practice. The use of Westbuild PRO<sup>™</sup> Flexible Additive Fortifier & Primer sprayed, brushed or rolled on the surface of the finished ULW Mortar in a continuous film, is recommended.

<u>Applying Coatings</u> ULW Mortar, when cured, has good resistance to water penetration. However, if areas are subject to continuous water immersion or chemical attack from solvents or acids etc., an Epoxy or Acrylic coating, will act as a sealer and dust proofer which may be easily cleaned and is resistant to oil or chemical spills.

<u>Cleaning</u> ULW Mortar should be removed from tools and equipment with clean water immediately after use.

Attention

ULW Mortar should not be used when the temperature is below 5°C. ULW Mortar should not be used in temperatures greater than 35°C.

ULW Mortar should not be applied less than 10mm thickness in any given application.

For concrete substrates subject to rising damp or moisture, a water proof membrane is required.

It is recommended that Westbuild PRO<sup>™</sup> Flexible Additive Fortifier & Primer be used as a primer (consult technical data sheet or Westbuild office).

New concrete surfaces must be at least 14 days old prior to application of ULW Mortar.



To prevent ULW Mortar from drying too quickly, protect the applied ULW Mortar from direct sunlight or drying winds during actual application, and while curing for up to 24 hours.

If the substrate on to which ULW Mortar is applied moves or cracks, reflective cracking will occur in the ULW Mortar.

<u>Risk</u>	All cement-based products are alkaline and can cause irritation. This product is considered hazardous according to criteria of Work Safe Australia. A dust mask should be worn when handling the material. Continuous or extended contact with this product may cause irritation, as well as respiratory issues such as bronchitis or silicosis. Contact with the eyes and repeated and prolonged skin contact should be avoided.
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