

## **POLYMER MODIFIED PORTLAND CEMENT MORTAR**

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Description. This work shall consist of furnishing all materials and labor required to remove and dispose of deteriorated concrete, and replace it with a polymer modified portland cement mortar at those locations shown on the plans or designated by the Engineer. The use of this mortar is intended to repair spalls between 3/8 in. (10 mm) and 2 in. ( 50 mm) deep on horizontal, vertical, and overhead surfaces.

Materials. Materials shall be according to the following.

Item	Article/Section
(a) Polymer Modified Portland Cement Concrete (Note 1)	
(b) Reinforcement Bars	1006.10
(c) Water	1002
(d) Cotton Mats	1022.02
(e) Protective Coat	1023
(f) Epoxy (Note2)	1025
(g) Mechanical Bar Splicers	508.08(c)

Note 1. Polymer modified portland cement mortar shall be a packaged product consisting of portland cement, fine aggregate, and a polymer modifier.

- (1) The portland cement shall be according to Article 1001.01
- (2) The fine aggregate shall be an FA 1 or FA 2, according to Articles 1003.01 and 1003.02.
- (3) The polymer modified portland cement mortar shall meet the following physical requirements:
  - a. The mortar shall be a workable mix capable of bonding and holding its own plastic weight, when mixed and placed according to manufacturer instructions, on vertical and overhead surfaces. The testing shall be according to Illinois Laboratory Test Procedure "Evaluation of Vertical and Overhead Adhesion for Polymer Modified Portland Cement Mortar".
  - b. The mortar shall have a minimum compressive strength of 1,500 psi (10,300 kPa) at 24 hours, 3,000 psi (20,700 kPa) at 3 days, and 5,000 psi (34,500 kPa) at 28 days; according to ASTM C 109.
  - c. The mortar shall have a minimum bond strength of 2,000 psi (13,800 kPa) at 28 days, according to the Illinois Laboratory Test Procedure "Evaluation of Bond Strength by Slant Shear".

- d. The mortar shall have a water soluble chloride ion content of less than 0.40 lb/cu yd (0.24 kg/cu m). The test shall be performed according to ASTM C 1218, and the mortar shall have an age of 28 to 42 days at the time of test. The ASTM C 1218 test shall be performed by an independent lab a minimum of once every two years, and the test results shall be provided to the Department.

The Department will maintain an Approved List of Polymer Modified Portland Cement Mortar.

Note 2. In addition ASTM C 881, Type IV, Grade 2 or 3, Class A, B, or C may be used.

Equipment. Equipment shall be according to Article 503.03 and the following:

- (a) Chipping Hammer – The chipping hammer for removing concrete shall be a light-duty pneumatic or electric tool with a 15 lb (7 kg) class or less.
- (b) Blast Cleaning Equipment – Blast Cleaning equipment for concrete surface preparation shall be the abrasive type, and the equipment shall have oil traps.
- (c) Hydrodemolition Equipment – Hydrodemolition equipment for removing concrete shall be calibrated, and shall use water according to Section 1002.

Concrete Removal. The Contractor shall provide ladders or other appropriate equipment for the Engineer to mark the removal areas. Repair configurations will be kept simple, and squared corners will be preferred. The repair perimeter shall be sawed a depth of 3/8 in. (10 mm) or less, as required to avoid cutting the reinforcement. If the concrete is broken or removed beyond the limits of the initial saw cut, the new repair perimeter shall be recut. The areas to be repaired shall have all loose, unsound concrete removed completely by the use of chipping hammers, hydrodemolition equipment, or other methods approved by the Engineer. The concrete removal shall extend along the reinforcement bar until the reinforcement is free of bond inhibiting corrosion. The outermost layer of reinforcement bar within the repair area shall be undercut to a depth of 3/4 in. (19 mm) or the diameter of the reinforcement bar, whichever value is larger. The underlying transverse reinforcement bar shall also be undercut as previously described, unless the reinforcement is not corroded, and the reinforcement bar is encased and well bonded to the surrounding concrete.

If sound concrete is encountered before existing reinforcement bars are exposed, further removal of concrete shall not be performed unless the minimum repair depth is not met.

The repair depth shall be a minimum of 3/8 in. (10 mm) and a maximum of 2 in. (50 mm). The substrate profile shall be  $\pm 1/16$  in. ( $\pm 1.5$  mm). The perimeter of the repair area shall have a vertical face.

If a repair is located at the ground line, any excavation required below the ground line to complete the repair shall be included in this work.

The Contractor shall have a maximum of 14 calendar days to complete each repair location with mortar, once concrete removal has started for the repair.

Surface Preparation. Prior to placing the mortar, the Contractor shall prepare the repair area and exposed reinforcement by blast cleaning. The blast cleaning shall provide a surface that is free of oil, dirt, and loose material.

The repair area and perimeter vertical face shall have a rough surface. Care shall be taken to ensure the perimeter sawcut is roughened. Just prior to mortar placement, saturate the repair area with water to a saturated surface-dry condition. Any standing water shall be removed.

Mortar placement shall be done within 3 calendar days of the surface preparation or the repair area shall be prepared again.

Reinforcement. Exposed reinforcement bars shall be cleaned of concrete and corrosion by blast cleaning. After cleaning, all exposed reinforcement shall be carefully evaluated to determine if replacement or additional reinforcement bars are required.

Reinforcing bars that have been cut or have lost 25 percent or more of their original cross sectional area shall be supplemented by new in kind reinforcement bars. New bars shall be lapped a minimum of 32 bar diameters to existing bars. A mechanical bar splicer shall be used when it is not feasible to provide the minimum bar lap. No welding of bars shall be performed.

Intersecting reinforcement bars shall be tightly secured to each other using 0.006 in. (1.6 mm) or heavier gauge tie wire, and shall be adequately supported to minimize movement during mortar placement.

For reinforcement bar locations with less than 0.75 in. (19 mm) of cover, protective coat shall be applied to the completed repair. The application of the protective coat shall be according to Article 503.19.

Placement. Mix and place the polymer modified portland cement mortar according to the manufacturer's instructions. The mortar shall be placed and finished to the contours of the member, as originally constructed.

The mortar shall not be placed when the air temperature is below 45 °F (7 °C) and falling or below 40 °F (4 °C). Mortar shall not be placed when the air temperature is greater than 90 °F (32 °C). The mortar shall have a minimum temperature of 50 °F (10 °C) and a maximum temperature of 90 °F (32 °C). The mortar shall not be applied during periods of rain unless protective covers or enclosures are installed. The mortar shall not be applied when frost is present on the surface of the repair area, or the surface temperature of the repair area is less than 40 °F (4 °C).

Curing. Cotton mats shall be applied, according to Article 1020.13(a)(5), to the exposed layer of mortar within 10 minutes after finishing, and wet curing shall begin immediately. Curing shall be for a minimum of 3 days.

If temperatures below 45° F (7° C) are forecast during the curing period, protection methods shall be used. Protection Method I according to Article 1020.13(d)(1), or Protection Method II according to Article 1020.13(d)(2) shall be used during the curing period.

Inspection of Completed Work. The Contractor shall provide ladders or other appropriate equipment for the Engineer to inspect the repaired areas. After curing but no sooner than 28 days after placement of the mortar, the repair shall be examined for conformance with original dimensions, cracks, and delaminations. Sounding for delaminations will be done with a hammer or by other methods determined by the Engineer.

The repaired area shall be removed and replaced, as determined by the Engineer, for nonconformance with original dimensions, surface cracks greater than 0.01 in. (0.25 mm) in width, map cracking with a crack spacing in any direction of 18 in. (450 mm) or less, or delaminations.

If the repair is allowed to remain in place, cracks 0.01 in. (0.25 mm) or less shall be repaired with epoxy according to Section 590. For cracks less than 0.007 in. (2 mm), the epoxy may be applied to the surface of the crack.

Method of Measurement. Polymer modified portland cement mortar shall be measured for payment in place, and the area computed in square feet (square meters).

Basis of Payment. This work will be paid for at the contract unit price, per square foot (square meter) for POLYMER MODIFIED PORTLAND CEMENT MORTAR.

The furnishing and installation of supplemental reinforcement bars, mechanical bar splicers, and protective coat will be paid according to Article 109.04.