



Less than 2% Color Mortar Disclaimer

TCC Materials recommends the use of 2% color or greater in our premixed cementitious mixes due to the potential of color inconsistencies which can occur when using mixes with 1% color. The small amount of pigment in the mixes with less than 2% color can be greatly affected by raw cement color, field conditions, and type of masonry unit being laid. This is especially true with burnished block containing IWR (integral water repellent) as the block will not always absorb water equally throughout the joint and allow the mortar to dry at a consistent water to cement ratio. For best results, we recommend using/specifying colored mortars with 2% color or greater.

Additionally, color variations relative to a sample channel and sample panel can occur with any cement-based product. These color variations can occur due to many factors both controllable and uncontrollable. These factors include consistency of installation practices, timing & methods of joint tooling, type of joint tool used, covering wall cavities during construction, cement mottling, cleaning materials & practices, weather conditions & amounts of mixing water used.

Another factor to consider when evaluating less than 2% color mortars is the impact rain or water can have on the joint appearance, especially during the first 72 hours of curing. On natural or gray colored mortars, the biggest potential concern is normally efflorescence. But on colored mortars, early exposure to water can also lead to inconsistent or blotchy color in addition to efflorescence.

TechMix® and Spec Mix® colored masonry mortars are produced using a computer assisted blending process to minimize any variations in the manufacturing operation. Because the final color and appearance is dependent on many factors beyond the dry mortar supplied from the manufacturing facility, the final color is beyond our control.

By signature below or by acceptance of products on the jobsite purchaser and/or architect have been duly advised that colored mortars, grouts, and concrete mixes with less than 2% pigment can produce inconsistent colors and that TCC Materials shall not be held accountable if such an inconsistency occurs due to the low percentage of color specified in the mix. Because of the difficulty in ascertaining and measuring damages hereunder, it is agreed that seller's liability to the buyer at no point for any particular project shall exceed the total purchase price of said product.

Architecture Firm Name: _____ Contractor: _____

Representative: _____ Representative: _____

Email Address: _____ Account#: _____

Phone: _____ Phone: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

Contractor to initial here if you would like this to become a blanket disclaimer to include all projects with less than 2% color selections in the calendar year indicated on the date signed: