

# CAST STONE - POINTING AND REPAIR ADVICE

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## **POINTING ADVICE**

Before pointing, suitable masking tape should be fixed to either side of the joint to protect stones from mortar stains.

We recommend for both pointing & repair that trials are carried out on samples to confirm colour and material suitability prior to general application. Carefully rake out exposed joints to a depth of 7-10mm, then dust, lightly wet and neatly point.

## **REPAIR METHOD STATEMENT**

The cast stone product is rubbed down with a pumice stone/sandpaper or similar to remove any flaky material.

### **Sealing:**

A PVA bonding material should be applied to the area prior to being repaired such as Sealobond.

### **Mixing:**

White cement is added to the repair mix at a ratio of 4 mix : 1 white cement. The PVA bonding mix should be watered down (1:1) before being mixed in with the repair mix to form a 'semi-dry' consistency. To test - Take a hand full and squeeze in the palm of your hand – the mix should retain its shape when the palm pressure is released.

### **Application:**

The repair mix is applied to the damaged area and trowelled to a finish. The repair is left to cure overnight and then if

required, rubbed down with a pumice stone to the same level as surrounding.

### **Cleaning:**

The repair and the surrounding area should be cleaned with an acid wash such as Sealoclean, according to the supplier's guidelines.

### **PLEASE NOTE:**

If a finer finish is required, the repair mix supplied may be sieved down through a 0.6mm mesh before use. This should give a finer repair.