

SECTION 04852

CUT LIMESTONE - MORTAR SET

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This guide specification has been prepared by TexaStone Quarries LLC to assist design professionals in the preparation of a specification section covering cut limestone, set in a full mortar bed.

Requirements for flashings, weeps, and clear water repellents or sealers are not included in this section due to the wide variety of products available, but can easily be added if desired and if not specified in other sections of the project manual.

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- Metric equivalents to inch-pound units follow the inch-pound units. Inch-pound units are contained within single character sets, i.e. <1 inch>. Inch-pound units are contained within double character sets, i.e. <<25 mm>>. Metric measurements are rationalized units based on the SI system of measurement. Delete either the inch-pound or metric units of measure depending on project requirements; do not include both units in a project specification, as conflicting requirements could result.

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**PART 1 - GENERAL**

**1.1 SUMMARY**

- A. Section Includes:
  1. Cut limestone veneer, mortar set.
  2. Mortar.
  3. Accessories.
  
- B. Related Sections:
  1. Division 1: Administrative, procedural, and temporary work requirements.
  2. Section [07920 - Joint Sealers:] [\_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_:] Joint sealer and backer rod.

**1.2 REFERENCES**

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Edit the following to include only those standards referenced elsewhere in this section.

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- A. American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM):
  1. C 97 - Test Methods for Absorption and Bulk Specific Gravity of Dimension Stone.
  2. C 99 - Test Method for Modulus of Rupture of Dimension Stone.
  3. C 144 - Specification for Aggregate for Masonry Mortar.
  4. C 150 - Specification for Portland Cement.
  5. C 170 - Test Method for Compressive Strength of Dimension Stone.
  6. C 207 - Specification for Hydrated Lime for Masonry Purposes.
  7. C 241 - Standard Test Method for Abrasion Resistance of Stone Subject to Foot Traffic.
  8. C 270 - Specification for Mortar for Unit Masonry.
  9. C 404 - Specification for Aggregates for Masonry Grout.
  10. C 880 - Test Method for Flexural Strength of Dimension Stone.
  
- B. International Masonry Industry All-Weather Council (IMIAC) - Recommended Practices and Guide Specifications for Cold Weather Masonry Construction.

**1.3 SUBMITTALS**

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The following provides for submission of detailed layout and installation drawings. Delete for smaller, less complex projects.

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- A. Shop Drawings: Include location and sizes of pieces, arrangement and size of joints, and other details of installation.
  
- B. Samples:
  1. Stone: <[4 x 12] [\_\_\_\_ x \_\_\_\_] inch> <<[100 x 300] [\_\_\_\_ x \_\_\_\_] mm>> samples showing [each] color and finish.
  2. Mortar: <[3 x 3] [\_\_\_\_ x \_\_\_\_] inch> <<[75 x 75] [\_\_\_\_ x \_\_\_\_] mm>> samples showing [each] color range.
  
- C. Test Reports:
  1. Indicating mortar and grout compliance with ASTM C 270.

2. Indicating stone compliance with specified requirements.

#### 1.4 QUALITY ASSURANCE

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The following provides for a site-constructed mockup for review of materials and workmanship. Delete for smaller, less complex projects.  
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- A. Mockup:
  1. Size: <[4] [\_\_\_\_] feet> <<[1200] [\_\_\_\_] mm>> wide x <[8] [\_\_\_\_] feet> <<[2400] [\_\_\_\_] mm>>-high.
  2. Locate [\_\_\_\_\_] [where directed by Architect/Engineer.]
  3. Show stone size, color, and finish; flashings; weeps; and joint profile.
  4. Approved mockup may [not] remain as part of the Work.

#### 1.5 DELIVERY, STORAGE AND HANDLING

- A. Stack stone minimum <4 inches> <<100 mm>> above ground. Provide nonstaining spacers between pieces and polyethylene or other suitable film as protective covering.
- B. Protect mortar materials from moisture absorption and damage; reject damaged containers.
- C. Store sand to prevent inclusion of foreign matter.

#### 1.6 PROJECT CONDITIONS

- A. Environmental Requirements:
  1. Hot weather requirements: If ambient temperature is over <95 degrees F> <<35 degrees C>> or relative humidity is less than 50 percent, protect from direct sun and wind exposure for minimum 48 hours after installation.
  2. Cold weather requirements:
    - a. Follow IMIAC guidelines.
    - b. Do not use frozen materials or build upon frozen work.
  3. Do not apply water repellent coating:
    - a. When ambient or surface temperature is below minimum temperature recommended by manufacturer.
    - b. If possibility of entrapped or frozen water exists.
    - c. When rain is expected during next 72 hours.
    - d. During high winds.

### PART 2 - PRODUCTS

#### 2.1 MATERIALS

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In the following paragraphs, select one or more stones to suit project conditions. Refer to current TexaStone literature or contact your TexaStone representative for assistance in making selections.  
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- A. Limestone:
  1. Source: "Permian Sea Coral" by TexaStone Quarries LLC, Garden City, Texas.
  2. Characteristics:
    - a. Water absorption: Maximum 3.50 percent, tested to ASTM C 97.

- b. Specific gravity: 2.337, tested to ASTM C 97.
- c. Density: Minimum <140 pounds per cubic foot> <<2255 kg/cu m>>, tested to ASTM C 97.
- d. Modulus of rupture: Minimum <400 PSI> <<2.76 MPa>>, tested to ASTM C 99.
- e. Compressive strength: Minimum <4000 PSI> <<27.68 MPa>>, tested to ASTM C 170.
- f. Flexural strength: Minimum <700 psi> <<4.82 MPa>>, tested to ASTM C 880.

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B. Limestone:

- 1. Source: "Hadrian" by TexaStone Quarries LLC, Garden City, Texas.
- 2. Characteristics:
  - a. Water absorption: Maximum 8.0 percent, tested to ASTM C 97.
  - b. Specific gravity: 2.146, tested to ASTM C 97.
  - c. Density: Minimum <110 pounds per cubic foot> <<1762 kg/cu m>>, tested to ASTM C 97.
  - d. Modulus of rupture: Minimum <400 PSI> <<2.76 MPa>>, tested to ASTM C 99.
  - e. Compressive strength: Minimum <1800 PSI> <<12.41 MPa>>, tested to ASTM C 170.
  - f. Flexural strength: Minimum <300 psi> <<2.07 MPa>>, tested to ASTM C 880.

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C. Limestone:

- 1. Source: "Desert Sunset" by TexaStone Quarries LLC, Garden City, Texas.
- 2. Characteristics:
  - a. Water absorption: Maximum 8.0 percent, tested to ASTM C 97.
  - b. Specific gravity: 2.059, tested to ASTM C 97.
  - c. Density: Minimum <110 pounds per cubic foot> <<1762 kg/cu m>>, tested to ASTM C 97.
  - d. Modulus of rupture: Minimum <400 PSI> <<2.76 MPa>>, tested to ASTM C 99.
  - e. Compressive strength: Minimum <1800 PSI> <<12.41 MPa>>, tested to ASTM C 170.
  - f. Flexural strength: Minimum <450 psi> <<3.10 MPa>>, tested to ASTM C 880.

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D. Limestone:

- 1. Source: "TexaStone Pink" by TexaStone Quarries LLC, Garden City, Texas.
- 2. Characteristics:
  - a. Water absorption: Maximum 8.0 percent, tested to ASTM C 97.
  - b. Specific gravity: 2.075, tested to ASTM C 97.
  - c. Density: Minimum <110 pounds per cubic foot> <<1762 kg/cu m>>, tested to ASTM C 97.
  - d. Modulus of rupture: Minimum <400 PSI> <<2.76 MPa>>, tested to ASTM C 99.
  - e. Compressive strength: Minimum <1800 PSI> <<12.41 MPa>>, tested to ASTM C 170.
  - f. Flexural strength: Minimum <400 psi> <<2.76 MPa>>, tested to ASTM C 880.

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E. Limestone:

- 1. Source: "Cedar Hill Cream" by TexaStone Quarries LLC, Garden City, Texas.
- 2. Characteristics:
  - a. Water absorption: Maximum 9.0 percent, tested to ASTM C 97.
  - b. Specific gravity: 2.067, tested to ASTM C 97.
  - c. Density: Minimum <110 pounds per cubic foot> <<1762 kg/cu m>>, tested to ASTM C 97.
  - d. Modulus of rupture: Minimum <400 PSI> <<2.76 MPa>>, tested to ASTM C 99.
  - e. Compressive strength: Minimum <1800 PSI> <<12.41 MPa>>, tested to ASTM C 170.

- f. Flexural strength: Minimum <500 psi> <<3.49 MPa>>, tested to ASTM C 880.

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F. Limestone:

- 1. Source: "Peach" by TexaStone Quarries LLC, Garden City, Texas.
- 2. Characteristics:
  - a. Water absorption: Maximum 8.0 percent, tested to ASTM C 97.
  - b. Specific gravity: 2.154, tested to ASTM C 97.
  - c. Density: Minimum <110 pounds per cubic foot> <<1762 kg/cu m>>, tested to ASTM C 97.
  - d. Modulus of rupture: Minimum <400 PSI> <<2.76 MPa>>, tested to ASTM C 99.
  - e. Compressive strength: Minimum <1800 PSI> <<12.41 MPa>>, tested to ASTM C 170.
  - f. Flexural strength: Minimum <500 psi> <<3.49 MPa>>, tested to ASTM C 880.

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In the following paragraphs select finish for exposed faces of stone. Refer to current TexaStone literature or contact your TexaStone representative for assistance in making selections.

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- 3. Finish: [Split face.] [Sawn.] [Honed.] [Sandblasted.] [Etched.] [Polished] [Tumbled] [Bush hammered.]
- 4. Free from cracks, seams, and starts that could impair its structural integrity or function. Inherent variations characteristic to quarry from which it is obtained are acceptable.
- 5. Color, texture, and finish consistent with range of samples approved by Architect/Engineer.

G. Mortar Materials:

- 1. Portland cement: ASTM C 150, Type I, white, non-staining to stone. For exposed surfaces provide cement from one source throughout project.
- 2. Lime: ASTM C 207, Type S.
- 3. Aggregate: ASTM C 144, standard masonry type, [\_\_\_\_\_] color. For exposed surfaces, provide aggregate from one source throughout project.

H. Water: Clean and potable.

2.2 ACCESSORIES

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Ensure that joint sealers specified in other sections are non-staining to stone.

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- A. Joint Sealer: Specified in Section [07920.] [\_\_\_\_\_.]
- B. Stone Cleaner: Not harmful to stone, joint materials, or adjacent surfaces. Acids not permitted.

2.3 MIXES

- A. Mortar Mix: ASTM C 270, Type [N.] [\_\_\_\_\_.]
- B. Mixing:
  - 1. Mix in accordance with ASTM C 270.
  - 2. Provide uniformity of color in exposed mortar.

3. Thoroughly mix ingredients in quantities needed for immediate use.
4. Mix dry ingredients mechanically until uniformly distributed; add water to achieve workable consistency.
5. Discard lumpy, caked, frozen, and hardened mixes.
6. Use mortar within 2-1/2 hours after initial mixing at ambient temperatures below <80 degrees F> <<27 degrees C>> and within 1-1/2 hours after initial mixing at ambient temperatures over <80 degrees F> <<27 degrees C>>.
7. Do not add antifreeze compounds to lower freezing temperature of mortar or grout.

## 2.4 FABRICATION

- A. Form external stone corners to [square butt] [quirk mitered] [\_\_\_\_\_] joint profile.
- B. Fabricate for <[3/8] [\_\_\_\_] inch> <<[10] [\_\_\_\_] mm>> beds and joints.
- C. Cut or saw bed and joint surfaces square.
- D. [Saw] [Rough cut] backs of stone.
- E. Where indicated, slope exposed top surfaces of stone and horizontal sill surfaces for shedding water.
- F. Cut drip slot in stone projecting more than <[1-1/2] [\_\_\_\_] inches> <<[38] [\_\_\_\_] mm>>. Size slot not less than <1/4 inch> <<6 mm>> wide and <1/4 inch> <<6 mm>> deep for full width of projection.
- G. Provide holes and cutouts to accommodate items attached to stone.
- H. Fabrication Tolerances:
  1. Variation in width or height: Plus or minus <[1/16] [\_\_\_\_] inch> <<[1.5] [\_\_\_\_] mm>>.
  2. Variation in thickness, except at exposed ends: Plus or minus <[1/8] [\_\_\_\_] inch> <<[3] [\_\_\_\_] mm>>.
  3. Variation in thickness at exposed ends: Plus or minus <[1/16] [\_\_\_\_] inch> <<[1.5] [\_\_\_\_] mm>>.
  4. Variation from true plane: Plus or minus <[1/16] [\_\_\_\_] inch in 3 feet> <<[1.5] [\_\_\_\_] mm/m>>.

## PART 3 - EXECUTION

### 3.1 PREPARATION

- A. Establish lines, levels, and coursing. Protect from disturbance.
- B. Clean stone prior to installation. Do not use wire brushes or implements that can mark or damage exposed surfaces.
- C. Wet stone in preparation for placement to minimize moisture suction from mortar.

### 3.2 INSTALLATION

- A. Install stone in accordance with approved Shop Drawings.
- B. Arrange stone pattern to provide uniform color distribution and [constant <[3/8] [\_\_\_\_] inch> <<[10] [\_\_\_\_] mm>>] [varied] joint sizes throughout.
- C. Set stone plumb and level. [Align adjacent pieces in same plane.]
- D. Obtain Architect/Engineer's approval prior to cutting or fitting any item not so indicated on Shop Drawings. Do not impair appearance or strength of stone work by cutting.

- E. Set stone in full mortar setting bed to fully support stone over bearing surface.
- F. Completely fill beds and joints, then rake out for pointing.
- G. Point joints with pointing mortar; tool to [concave] [\_\_\_\_\_] profile.
- H. Fill control joints with sealant as specified in Section [07920;] [\_\_\_\_\_;] finish flush with face of stone.

### 3.3 INSTALLATION TOLERANCES

- A. Maximum variation from level and plumb: <[1/8] [\_\_\_\_\_] inch in 10 feet> <<[3] [\_\_\_\_\_] mm/m>>, noncumulative.
- B. Maximum variation in plane between adjacent pieces at joint: Plus or minus <[1/16] [\_\_\_\_\_] inch> <<[1.5] [\_\_\_\_\_] mm>>.

### 3.4 CLEANING

- A. Clean <[4 x 4] [\_\_\_\_\_] x [\_\_\_\_\_] foot> <<[1200 x 1200] [\_\_\_\_\_] x [\_\_\_\_\_] mm>> sample panel in location directed by Architect/Engineer. When approved, use same materials and techniques to clean remainder of stone.
- B. Protect adjacent and underlying surfaces.
- C. Apply masonry cleaner in accordance with manufacturer's instructions. Acids are not permitted.
- D. Thoroughly rinse surfaces with clean water after completion of cleaning; remove all traces of cleaning solution.

**END OF SECTION**