



# Premium Stone Veneer Mortar (PSVM)

TILE & STONE INSTALLATION PRODUCTS

## DESCRIPTION

Siena Premium Stone Veneer Mortar (PSVM) is a polymer modified factory blended mixture of portland cement, lime, masonry sand and other proprietary additives that has excellent workability, sag resistance, greater open time and tensile strength than other mortars. It has been specifically designed for the installation of most natural and manufactured stone veneers, precast and thin brick. Siena Premium Stone Veneer Mortar (PSVM) is manufactured to the highest quality control and exceeds ASTM C270 requirements. Siena Premium Stone Veneer Mortar (PSVM) is available in grey and also a variety of standard and custom colors.

## BASIC USES

Siena Premium Stone Veneer Mortar (PSVM) is designed to bond and grout most natural and manufactured stone veneers, thin brick, precast, masonry brick and block to solid surfaces such as concrete, stucco brown coat and masonry in residential and commercial, interior and exterior projects.

## STORAGE

1. Store containers in a cool, dry location
2. Store at a temperature between 40°F (4°C) and 90°F (32°C)
3. Do not store in direct contact with the ground and/or concrete
4. Store out of direct sunlight
5. Protect containers from weather and other damage

## RECOMMENDED SUBSTRATES

Siena Premium Stone Veneer Mortar (PSVM) may be applied to the following substrates: Masonry, poured-in-place and tilt-up concrete, stucco brown coat, cement backer units (per manufacturers' specifications), portland cement mortar beds, brick and porous stone.

## SURFACE PREPARATION

All surfaces to receive application must be stable, level, structurally sound, dry, clean and free of debris, dirt and dust, efflorescence, grease, oils, curing agents, and cleaning solutions which may hinder bond. Ensure that all surfaces are free of any coatings, sealers, or adhesive residues. Do not use over gypsum-based underlayments. Smooth or painted cementitious surfaces can be prepared by mechanical means such as sandblasting or scraping. Dampen the surface prior to the application of Siena Premium Stone Veneer Mortar (PSVM) but do not allow water to puddle. For more complete installation procedures see the TCNA (Tile Council of North America) Handbook & ANSI A108.5.

## MIXING

Mix approximately 2.35 gallons (8.95 liters) clean, potable water per 94-lb bag of Siena Premium Stone Veneer Mortar (PSVM). Water should be cool in temperature. Do Not use hot or warm water. Potable (water) means it is clean, clear liquid. Add approximately two thirds of the water (~1.55 gallons or ~6 liters) to the mixer or batch container. Gradually add Siena Premium Stone Veneer Mortar (PSVM) while mixing. Add the remaining amount of water and continue to thoroughly mix for 3 to 5 minutes to achieve the desired creamy consistency. Allow mixture to slake (stop mixing) for 5 to 10 minutes then break the set (remix). During the application, occasionally stir the mixture to help maintain workability.

NOTE: Always maintain a consistent water-cement ratio to achieve consistency in workability and color.

## APPLICATION

Apply Siena Premium Stone Veneer Mortar (PSVM) per local code requirements and the recommendations of the stone veneer, thin brick or masonry product manufacturers' specifications.

### FOR VENEER APPLICATION:

1. Trowel a thin layer of mortar to the substrate to create a bond layer. Prior to the mortar hardening, use a notched trowel to create a scratched surface.
2. Generously coat the back of the veneer product and apply to the substrate using firm pressure until excess mortar is squeezed from all sides of the veneer.
3. If desired, grout the joints with mortar using a grout bag or pointing trowel where additional material is needed. Once the grout has started to set, approximately thumb print hard, strike back or sponge the grout to achieve the desired appearance.
4. Brush loose mortar from veneer surface and joints.

## CURING

Cure the freshly applied material for at least 28 days. Curing time may vary due to surface and ambient temperatures and humidity.

## PACKAGING

It is available in 94 lb (43 kg) moisture resistant paper bags.

## MATERIAL CALCULATOR

Visit the Siena web site at [www.SienaProducts.com](http://www.SienaProducts.com) and click on the "Material Calculator" tab for recommended products and to calculate the amount of materials needed for each project. Always follow all manufacturers' recommendations and warranty information prior to any tile or stone installation.

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## TECHNICAL DATA

Exceeds the requirements for ASTM C270

Bucket Life @ 73° F (23°C)	3.5 Hours
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### Shear Bond - Non-Vitreous Tile

(Dry Cure 7 Days)	115 psi
(Dry Cure 28 Days)	153.5 psi

### Tensile Strength

Dry Cure 7 Days	153 psi
Dry Cure 28 Days	230 psi

Sagging	None Observed
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## LIMITATIONS

DO NOT apply when temperatures are below or expected to fall below 40°F (4°C) or above 90°F (32°C) prior to cure. Avoid application in windy days, if substrate is not structurally sound or if proper application techniques will not be followed.

## CLEANING

Cleaning may be accomplished with potable water only immediately after use.

## SAFETY

Avoid contact with eyes or prolonged contact with skin. Wash thoroughly after handling. In case of eye contact, flush immediately with running water for at least 15 minutes. Consult a physician immediately. Do not take internally. Be sure to provide adequate ventilation in enclosed areas. Use of an approved respirator is recommended.

## WARNING

Omega Products International, Inc., as a blender of processed material in the State of California, is required by Proposition 65 to warn that one or more of the components contained in this product, could contain chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects or other reproductive harm. The State of California (Proposition 65) requires this warning in the absence of definitive testing to prove that the defined risks do not exist. We believe this product complies with all other applicable state and federal laws and regulations governing manufacturing, distribution and intended use. User is solely responsible for the legal disposal of this container and/or its contents.

## KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN

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Any Claimant shall notify Manufacturer immediately in writing of any alleged defect in the material. Claimant will provide Manufacturer with a reasonable and exclusive opportunity to investigate and test for the alleged defect. For any claim that is not valid Claimant agrees to pay Omega's reasonable charges, including travel and labor associated with investigation of such claim.

## TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Technical assistance and information is available by calling Omega Products International, Inc. at (800) 600-6634 or FAX (951) 520-2594 or by e-mail at "info@omega-products.com".

## WARRANTY

The following is made in lieu of all expressed and implied rights, warranties and conditions, statutory or otherwise. The Manufacturer's only obligation shall be to replace such quantity of products proven to be defective within one year following the date of manufacture, provided that the alleged defective product is returned prepaid to the Manufacturer's plant and is accompanied with proof of purchase and batch number.

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