

SECTION 2. MORTAR

Mortar is not normally used with **mortarless** masonry, however it is often necessary to lay the first course of blocks in mortar in order to correct any unevenness or level issues in the slab or footings. If mortar is used then it should be minimum M12 (i.e. 12 MPa).

BS 5628-1:2005 Clause 14 provides information on the mixing and testing of mortar, as does BS 5628-2:2005 Clause 6.8. M12 mortar can be site mixed to the proportions 1:0 to 0.25:3 (cement:lime:sand).