

## Product Code

DH02 Packaging listed overleaf.

## Description

Highway C2 is a pre-mixed Portland cement based nonshrink bedding mortar suitable, for the support of road ironwork and highway furniture. The mixed mortar, when placed, will harden in approximately 10 minutes. The compressive strength gain will reach 20N/mm<sup>2</sup> within 2 hour allowing early opening of roads to vehicular traffic.

The self-contained product only needs to be mixed with water on site and the rapid setting assists the re-bedding of manhole frames and the setting of new frame systems. The product is chloride free and can be safely used with cast iron and steel units. The mortar can be placed in sections of 15mm to 75mm in thickness. Greater thicknesses can be built up in layers.

Alternatively, thicker beds may be formed by the addition of up to 30% of the Highway C2 weight of clean dry pea shingle. No additional mixing water is required. After placement, no special curing is required in moderate ambient conditions.

### Uses include:

- Re-bedding of raised manhole frames.
- Bedding of frames in new roads.
- Support of road furniture.

## Typical Mortar Properties @ 20°C

### Compressive Strength

Water addition: 2.75 litres per 25kg of Highway C2

2 Hours	1 Day	7 Days	28 Days
21 N/mm <sup>2</sup>	32 N/mm <sup>2</sup>	49 N/mm <sup>2</sup>	70 N/mm <sup>2</sup>

Density	2200 kg/m <sup>3</sup>
Coefficient of Thermal Expansion	11 x 10 <sup>-6</sup> /°C

Variations in water content and ambient temperature for particular applications may alter mortar consistency and compressive strength achieved.

## Specification Outline

Bedding and levelling shall be carried out using Highway C2 as manufactured by Parex Ltd. The product must be stored, handled and placed strictly in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

## Quality Assurance

Parex Limited has an integrated business management system. This is externally accredited by UK CARES to BS EN ISO 9001:2015, BS EN ISO 14001:2015, BS ISO 45001:2018 and BES 6001.

## Standards

Highway C2 has been tested in accordance with appropriate parts of EN12390.

The product conforms to DTp: HD 27/04.

Design Manual for Roads and Bridges V7 Sec2 3.11 Mortars for bedding ironwork such as manhole cover frames during repairs may be trafficked when the strength is expected to be 20N/mm<sup>2</sup>. For rapid construction, this strength should be achieved within 2 hours. Highway C2 will achieve the required strength of 20N/mm<sup>2</sup> within 2 hour at a temperature of 20°C.

## Instructions For Use

### Preparation

Laitance and all loose material including dust, oil and grease should be removed in order to produce a sound substrate. The work area should be pre-wetted taking care to remove any standing water before placing the Highway C2 mortar.

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### Mixing

To achieve the most consistent mortar mix, mechanical mixing is recommended. Thorough hand mixing is suitable but care should be taken to ensure that the mix is fully wetted out. Mechanical mixing may be carried out in a suitable vessel using a slow speed high torque drill and Mortar Stirrer. Hand mixing may be carried out using a clean spot board or wheelbarrow. Each 25kg bag of Highway C2 requires 2.5 to 3.0 litres of water to give a mortar consistency. Excess water should not be added. Once setting of the mortar has commenced, further mixing should not be used to re-work the mix.

The mortar should be placed within approximately 10 minutes of mixing. The working time may be extended in cold ambient conditions and may be slightly shortened in hot ambient conditions. For cold weather working, warm mixing water at up to 30°C may be used.

### Placing

Set suitable levelling shims onto the working surface ready to receive the frame or unit. Place the mixed mortar onto the prepared surface and lower the frame or unit onto the mortar and knock down onto the pre-set shims to line and level. The bed thickness applied in a single application should be between 15mm to 75mm.

Thicker support beds can be achieved by applying further material as soon as the lower bed has hardened sufficiently not to distort under the additional work. The placed mortar will have hardened sufficiently to carry out further work, such as haunching, within some 20 minutes depending on the surrounding ambient conditions.

### Curing

No special curing is required at temperatures between 5°C and 35°C. For placing at temperatures outside this range, contact the Technical Service Department.

## Precautions

### Health and Safety

Highway C2 is alkaline when mixed with water and should not come into contact with skin or eyes. Avoid inhalation of dust during mixing and wear safety glasses, dust mask and gloves. If skin contact occurs, wash thoroughly with clean water. Should eye contact occur, rinse immediately with plenty of clean water and seek medical advice.

Full health and safety details are given in Product Safety Data Sheet.

### Fire

Highway C2 is non-flammable.

### Yield

Each 25kg bag of Highway C2 will enable a manhole frame 600mm x 600mm to be raised approximately 25mm.

The volume yield of each 25kg bag of Highway C2 is approximately 12.75 litres.

### Storage And Shelf Life

Highway C2 will have a shelf life of 6 months when kept in dry conditions at a temperature of 5°C to 45°C.

Storage at higher temperatures and high humidity may reduce the shelf life.

## Packaging And Ordering

Highway C2 is supplied in 25kg valvesack bags.  
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