

### Product Overview

- Application range: 15 to 75 mm per pass
- Consistency: Stiff workable mortar
- Very rapid setting
- Rapid strength gain

### Description

Highway CA1 is a pre-mixed cement based non-shrink 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 60 minutes 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 CA1 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.

Highway CA1 is durable in service and convenient for site use being supplied in 25kg plastic bags.



### Specification Outline

Bedding and levelling shall be carried out using Highway CA1 as manufactured by Parex Ltd. The product must be stored, handled and placed strictly in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

- Particle size: 0-2.0mm
- Set density: 2200-2300kg/m<sup>3</sup>
- Working life: approx. 10min at 20°C

Age	60 min	1 day	28 days
Compressive	20MPa	35MPa	55MPa

### Mechanical strength profile (+20°C / 90% RH)

Highway CA1 has been tested in accordance with appropriate parts of EN 12390. The product conforms to DTp: HD 27/15. 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 CA1 will achieve the required strength of 20N/mm<sup>2</sup> within 45 minutes at a temperature of 20°C.

### Yield

Each 25kg bag of Highway CA1 will enable a manhole frame 600 x 600mm to be raised approximately 25mm.

The volume yield of each 25kg bag of Highway CA1 is approximately 12.75 litres.

### Accreditations

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.

### Instructions for Use

Required mixing water is 2.5 to 3.0 litres. Do not add excessive water for mixing.

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

### 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 mortar.

### 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 without the use of excess water. Mechanical mixing may be carried out in a suitable vessel using a slow speed high torque drill and paddle. Hand mixing may be carried out using a clean spot board or wheelbarrow.

25kg of Highway CA1 requires 2.5 to 3.0 litres of water to give a stiff mortar. Excess water should not be added. Once setting 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.

### 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 and 35°C.

### During Placing

- Application temperature range +5 to 35°C.
- The substrate must be clean and surface dry.
- Protect freshly laid material from strong direct sunlight, rain, frost or snow.
- Clean all mixing equipment and tools before setting commences.

### Precautions

#### Health and Safety

Highway CA1 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 CA1 is non-flammable (Euroclass A1).

### Storage and Shelf Life

Highway CA1 will have a shelf life of 6 months when kept in unopened packaging at a temperature of 5°C to 35°C. Storage at higher temperatures/humidity may reduce the shelf life.

### Packaging and Ordering

Highway CA1 is supplied in:

25kg bags	Product Code DH 100
25kg tubs	Product Code DH 101

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