## METHOD STATEMENT BRICKWORK TINTING

This *method statement* describes the process of remedial brickwork tinting. It is a tried and trusted technique having been invented by our parent company, Red Mill Industries Limited, formerly W Hawley & Son Ltd, some fifty years ago, since then it has been used with success on a great number of buildings throughout the country.

The three basic ingredients used in the formulation are inorganic iron oxide pigments, chemicals and water. When mixed together in the appropriate proportions they provide a low viscosity aqueous solution that can be applied by brush by our operatives to a number of substrates, normally brick, stone and mortar. Colour matching is carried out on each individual site, as no two-site requirements are the same. This is achieved by our supervisor mixing the ingredients to achieve the required colour, and then in order to speed the process by use of a blowtorch will dry the tinted substrate so that the true colour may be quickly seen. If it is necessary to alter the formulation this is carried out and the process repeated.

When the correct colour has been achieved the tinting formulation is applied by brush to the affected areas and allowed to dry naturally.

Drying time is dependent upon the ambient temperatures and humidity but is normally touch dry within 30 minutes. Protection from rain is required for 24 hours. The tinting formulation is absorbed into the surface of the masonry, carrying the pigment particles with it to give a long-lasting finish with a natural appearance.

The work will be carried out using, where necessary, either ladder, scaffold or mechanical access equipment. Where ladders are to be used they will be adequately secured either at the top or bottom as required to comply with current Health and Safety legislation.

When the work has been completed, the client is invited to inspect the work and sign a satisfaction note.

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## **Brick Tinting**

Carefully brush apply Construction Cosmetics Masonry Tinter of the correct shade to areas of replaced bricks and allow to dry naturally ensuring that the finished colour is a correct colour match with that of the original brick ensuring that the associated mortar is kept free from the brick coloured tint, in line with Construction Cosmetics Method Statement.

## **Mortar Tinting**

Carefully brush apply Construction Cosmetics Masonry Tinter to all areas of replaced mortar, using a brush of an appropriate width as not to allow the mortar tint to contaminate the surrounding bricks, in line with Construction Cosmetics Method Statement.

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