

# **METHOD STATEMENT**

## **EFFLORESCENCE REMOVAL**

This method statement describes the removal of efflorescence from masonry by means of the use of Brick and Masonry Cleaner and cold clean water washing.

### PREPARATORY WORK

Take all precautions to protect all surrounding paintwork, ground cover and other plant life from the chemicals. Similarly protect building occupants, pedestrians, nearby property and all non-masonry surfaces from chemicals, rinse water, wind-borne mist and fumes. Refer to Safety Data Sheet for further information.

1. Make sure that the substrate is sound. Thoroughly brush off all areas of heavy contaminations using a stiff bristled brush.
2. To establish the correct strength of cleaning solution, brick and masonry cleaner should be diluted with clean water at the rate of 1:6 acid/water and apply to trial area and modify accordingly until the best dilution rate is reached.
3. Thoroughly wet the surface to be cleaned with clean cold water.
4. Carefully apply the chemical, using fibre bristled brushes, to the previously wetted surface.
5. After not less than 10 minutes, and normally not more than 30 minutes, thoroughly brush the surface with fibre bristled brushes and rinse off the chemicals using cold water and allow to dry.
6. In areas of excessive presence of efflorescence it may be necessary to re-apply the chemicals a second time to obtain a satisfactory result.

NB A satisfactory test panel has been completed using the method stated above and the staining has been removed to provide a uniform appearance.

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