



Product of the Month

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Ash Grove® Fast-Setting Concrete Mix



Ash Grove Fast-Setting Concrete Mix is a uniformly blended mixture of special fast-setting admixtures, sand, gravel and other approved ingredients engineered for applications requiring rapid setting time and high strength.

Ash Grove Fast-Setting Concrete Mix is ideal for setting posts and poles without mixing; simply pour into post hole and add water. Ash Grove Fast-Setting Concrete Mix is recommended for installation and setting of: fence posts, light posts, swing sets, satellite dishes and basketball poles. It can also be used for

slabs, footers, and sidewalks when used at 2" or thicker. Ash Grove Fast-Setting Concrete Mix has several advantages, including 20-40 minutes set time, 60 minutes walk-on time allows for same day use, quicker repairs, and easy application. Compressive strength is 400 psi in 2 hours and 1,000 psi in one day. Weather conditions may affect set times. Hot weather accelerates set times; mix with cold water. Cold weather slows down set times; mix with hot water. Adhering to recommended water additions is very important. Ash Grove Fast-Setting Concrete Mix is available in 50 lb. bags. Two 50 lb. bags will set a 4" diameter post in a 10" diameter hole 2 feet deep. One 50 lb. bag yields approximately 1/2 cu. ft.

Features, Benefits & Procedures

For posts and poles, prepare a hole that is 3 times the diameter and 1/3 the length of the post or pole to be installed. Compact the bottom and sides of the hole.

Place the post in the center of the posthole and evenly pour a 4" layer of dry concrete mix directly into the posthole. Pour water into the dry mix until the powder is saturated with water. Use approximately 1 gallon of water per 50 lb. bag. For deep holes, alternate combining dry mix and water to ensure thorough mixing of ingredients.

For slabs and curbs pour the dry cement-based material into a wet mixing container. Add water slowly, mixing thoroughly until concrete reaches a 'plastic-like' consistency. Avoid a soupy mix. Do not mix more material than can be used in 20 minutes. For colored concrete, Ash Grove Cement Color can be added into the dry cement-based material prior to adding water. After placing, allow concrete to stiffen slightly, making sure all surface water has evaporated before troweling.



Ash Grove Pro Mortar Kits

Now is a good time of year to check your mortar kits for any missing or broken channels. Let us know if your kit is in need of a new channel that disappeared or was never returned. New kits are available for a nominal fee.

Special Points of Interest:

NC&AA Quality Concrete Conference: Jan 11-12 Kearney and Lincoln, NE
NCMA Quality Masonry Conference: Jan 19 Quarry Oaks Golf Course Ashland, NE



Product of the Month for February:
Core Fill Grout