



# BRICKS *for the* FUTURE

## Tips for laying bricks in cold conditions

### MUST DO'S

- Mortar Mix should be 6:1:1 (Per Building Code of Australia)
- 6 Parts sand
- 1 Part Lime - <https://www.cementaustralia.com.au/products/lime>
- 1 Part Cement - Cement during winter should be "Early High Strength" - Cement Australia sell this all year round but in Tassie during winter this is what their GP cement is. Boral also make one. Other cement types will all take longer to set so BEWARE.
- Bricks come to site dry, ensure they are covered up well on site to keep dry at all times.
- Using cold/damp/wet bricks, cold sand and cold water it's going to take longer for mortar to set. The drier and warmer everything is, the faster it will set.
- Cover up brickwork at the completion of a day where possible per above.
- Use dry sand - try to keep it covered.

### ADDITIONAL MEASURES

- An accelerator is available from Island Block (250ml of Sika Set Accelerator per 10 kg of cement)
- Add hot water to the mortar mix where possible. Warm water in lieu of freezing cold water will accelerate the curing process.

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