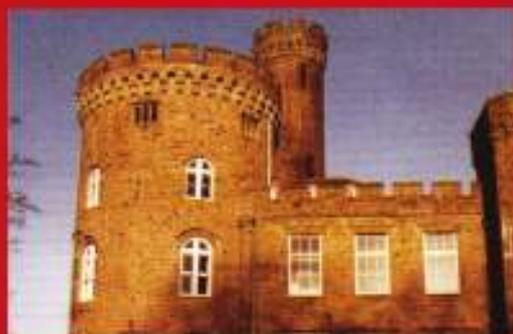




'A mechanised system with proven advantages over the hand repointing method designed to meet British Standard Codes of Practice and to utilise British Standard mortar mix designs'.



REPOINTING
BY
PROFESSIONALS

REPOINTING BY MECHANICAL

Repointing - the Age Old Problem

The basic problem with repointing is that very few people enjoy doing it. It is slow, messy and there is very little pleasure or profit in it.

So, the natural temptation for the person doing this work is to try to find ways of doing it more quickly, such as not taking out enough of the old mortar, causing havoc with the dust from raking it out or rushing the pointing and leaving an untidy finish. This means that without a lot of close supervision, the person paying for the work is never really sure of its quality or has to spend time sorting out the chaos caused by the way the work is done.

All too often what should be a simple job turns into a series of problems for everyone concerned.

Gun-point - The Quality Repointing Service

At Gun-point our approach solves these problems through the use of the latest technology, unique patented equipment and highly trained personnel.

We are not caught in the disastrous circle of inefficiency and skimping. Our systems include a unique range of power tools to ensure a proper depth of rake of the old mortar and our patented mortar pump and gun ensures new mortar is put back into the joint thoroughly.

We specialise in deep pointing and overhead works, raking and repointing of old hard cement-based mortars and our experience in solving both the technical and operational problems of repointing is second to none.

All our teams are trained to use this equipment accurately and carefully and repointing is their only activity.

We have extensive experience of brick, rubble, stone and ashlar properties as well as tunnels, kerbstones and paving.

Raking - The Key to a Good "Key"

The crucial element of repointing is to take out enough of the old mortar, but this is tiring, dirty and time consuming, so very few do it properly.

No one else has our range of raking tools and at Gun-point we see them as vitally important. Our basic tools have integrated dust guards with adjustable plates which, once set, ensure a constant depth of rake.

The guards are linked to our own specially designed dust extraction units which save the property and the operative from the mess and inconvenience normally associated with raking out.

There is thus little disturbance to the residents and other workers on site.

And because our teams are all full-time, they know how to use these tools with the minimum possible damage to the face.

We follow the recommendations of British Standard 8221 and the BRE (a depth equal to twice the width of the joint subject to a minimum of 20mm) - but any depth may be specified - and more importantly, maintained.



The Gun-point Mortar Pump and Gun-powered Mortar Injection

At the heart of our service is the patented Gun-point mortar pump and gun.

This low-pressure, high volume machine is light enough to go up scaffolding and small enough to go down tunnels.

Its powerful electric motor can pump any standard mortar mix as well as traditional lime mortars, and can accommodate all types and grades of gauged, masonry and cement mortars.

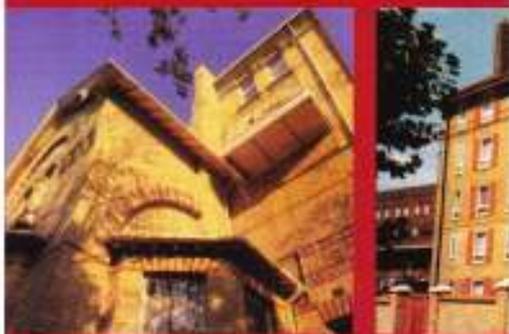
We like to use local sands that match the colour and character of the original finish but any colourants and other admixtures may be added to the mix as required.

Ancillary Services

• Wall Weatherproofing

Damp does not only enter a property through its mortar joints, it can also soak in through its porous building materials.

Various treatments are now available which prevent rain penetrating through brick or stone. Once applied, however, the water-repellent barrier should still allow the surface to 'breathe' and avoid trapping damp in the wall. Gun-point utilises the latest



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silane-siloxane technology in this respect. With proven advantages over older systems it is also colourless and transparent and does not change the look of the property.

Because damp materials conduct heat more quickly, this treatment improves heat insulation by keeping the building drier. It also reduces the chance of spalling (due to frost attack) and efflorescence, and protects the property from both acid rain and atmospheric grime so newly cleaned and repointed buildings stay cleaner longer.

The benefits of this treatment usually far outweigh the small extra cost involved.

All Gun-point teams are fully equipped and trained in the application of weatherproofers and can advise on both the correct materials and methods.

• Brickwork and Stone Cleaning

In addition to repointing we offer a versatile and efficient cleaning service which is ideal for all bricks, tiles, concrete and most stone structures.

- Protective Treatments
- Brick/Stone Repairs
- Crack Repairs
- Low Pressure Grouting
- Pressure Pointing



THE GUN-POINT SERVICE

- COST EFFECTIVE AND COMPETITIVE
- PROVEN ADVANTAGES OVER HAND POINTING
- BRITISH STANDARD MORTAR DESIGNS
- TRADITIONAL LIME MORTARS
- COLOURED MORTARS
- NO RELIANCE ON ADMIXTURES
- NO OVER STRENGTH PROPRIETARY MIXES
- IMPROVED BONDING OF MORTAR TO BRICKWORK
- POSITIVE FILL OF JOINTS WITHOUT VOIDS
- QUALITY CONTROL PROCEDURES
- DISTURBANCE TO OCCUPANTS MINIMISED
- SYSTEM TRAINED OPERATIVES
- DUST EXTRACTION
- APPROPRIATE DEPTHS OF RAKE
- TECHNICAL ADVICE AND BACK-UP
- WORK GUARANTEED TO BS 8221: PART 2: 2000
- NATIONAL NETWORK
- CDM REQUIREMENTS IMPLEMENTED
- TRACK RECORD - ESTABLISHED 1982

Mortar Colours and Finishes



At Gun-point we offer a full range of mortar colours and finishes to suit the requirements of the project and complement the aesthetics of the original construction materials

Bucket Handle
(recommended)



Weathered Struck
(recommended)



Flat or Flush
(recommended)



Weathered, Struck and Cut
(recommended - but usually incurs higher costs)



Recessed
(not usually recommended)





***'Gun-point's
environmental policy
ensures that all
grinding out
equipment is fitted
with effective vacuum
dust extraction units
as standard'***



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