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## Pointing natural stone

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Like any investment, natural stone needs protection and maintenance to help retain its beauty and natural character.

Pointing is a key component of a natural stone patio. There are many different pointing products available on the market. London Stone recommend the use of gun injected mortar systems. These are cement based products with a track record of durability and are available in a range of different colours to complement any style of natural stone paving.



Please seek advice if you intend to use Natural Stone to pave a driveway. Our sales advisors will be happy to advise which stones are suitable for this purpose.



London Stone recommend that installation work is undertaken by an experienced professional who will be able to provide advice based on specific site conditions.





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## Gun application of the pointing mixture

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Mix up the pointing mixture in a clean bucket. Be sure to strictly follow the manufacturers installation instructions. Work in small areas of 5m<sup>2</sup> at a time. Gun the mortar into the joints and then leave to go off for 15 minutes.



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## Trowel pointing mixture in

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Allow the pointing to cure for 15 minutes prior to trowelling off. After 15 minutes use a trowel or pointing tool to compress the pointing mix into the joint.



Then leave for another 15 minutes



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## Scrape off any excess pointing mixture

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15 minutes after the pointing mix has been trowelled any excess pointing mixture must now be removed. Using the trowel, now scrape off any excess mortar and discard.



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## Brush off any excess pointing mixture

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Now leave the pointing mix to cure for a further 15 minutes. Any excess pointing mix should now be carefully brushed off. Using a soft brush carefully brush the surface of the stone to remove any further excess pointing material.



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## Sponge clean the surface of the natural stone

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Spills and smudges of the pointing mix are a common occurrence of this process and are very difficult to remove once the pointing mix has cured. Any stains should be quickly removed before they have had time to cure. This can be done easily. Using a sponge and bucket of clean water wipe off any excess pointing mix or stains from the edges of the stone.



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## Follow the process and point whole area

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It is very important to work in small areas allowing yourself sufficient time to complete the pointing process. Once you have completed a small area of pointing you should now follow the same procedure until the whole area has been pointed.





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## Leave pointing mix to cure

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Once you have completed all the pointing you should allow ample time for the pointing mix to cure. Avoid allowing any kind of traffic ( foot or vehicles ) to go on the pointed are for a minimum of 24 hours ( this process could take longer in periods of colder weather ).



Allow 24 hours for pointing mix to cure