## HANDYMANTM CLEANOUT DOOR INSTALLATION

1. Cut the opening into the masonry a minimum of 6" above the base of the chimney or smoke shelf in a fireplace. Use a saw or grinder with a masonry blade, hammer drill or a hammer and chisel.

The minimum opening sizes are:

CD6 - 8 1/4" x 11 1/4" CD8 - 12 3/8" x 16 3/8"

The opening sizes will allow for a 3/8" mortar joint around the door frame.

- Mix the type N mortar. The formula is 1 part type N masonry cement and 3 parts washed masonry sand or 1 part type I portland cement, 1 part hydrated lime and 6 parts washed masonry sand.
- 3. Mix 1 part water to 1 part MOR-BOND'\* and add to the mortar. The consistency should be somewhat drier than mortar that you would lay brick or block with. The MOR-BOND'\* will reduce the shrinkage and cracking of the mortar.
- 4. Spread mortar for the bed joint (bottom of opening).
- 5. Check to make sure frame is "right side up".
- 6. Tuckpoint mortar around the rest of the door frame.
- 7. Finish the joint once the mortar is thumbprint hard and match the existing joints in the masonry.
- 8. Allow the mortar to set up before installing the door into the frame.