

## **Parging cement at exterior front base of garage**

Parging is a fancy word for applying an exterior coat of cement on an already cemented surface.

Most Adelaide houses have cracks in the foundations at the driveway along the front of the cement foundation.

These can be repaired during warmer weather by means of hydraulic cement.

I recently repaired 4 or 5 houses in my immediate neighbourhood, including three Adelaides.

Hydraulic cement is mixed with water to form a sludge that is about the consistency of drywall mud.

The mixture will heat up as it is mixed and is useable for only about 30 minutes (at most) before it hardens rock stiff, so don't mix more than you need.

The trick to applying the new cement and getting it to stick is to thoroughly moisten the old cement by splashing water on it and then applying the new cement while the old cement is still wet.

I use a metal trowel and work quickly applying small amounts one after another to fill larger holes.

If the consistency of your mix is right, it won't flow away and can be shaped with the trowel as it hardens to make nice edges, even surfaces, and crisp corners.

This is the type of repair that can be done for multiple houses at almost the same time very efficiently.

If you have a requirement for this repair, please indicate so on the discussion thread for this topic on the online site.