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# An Introduction to Driven Piling

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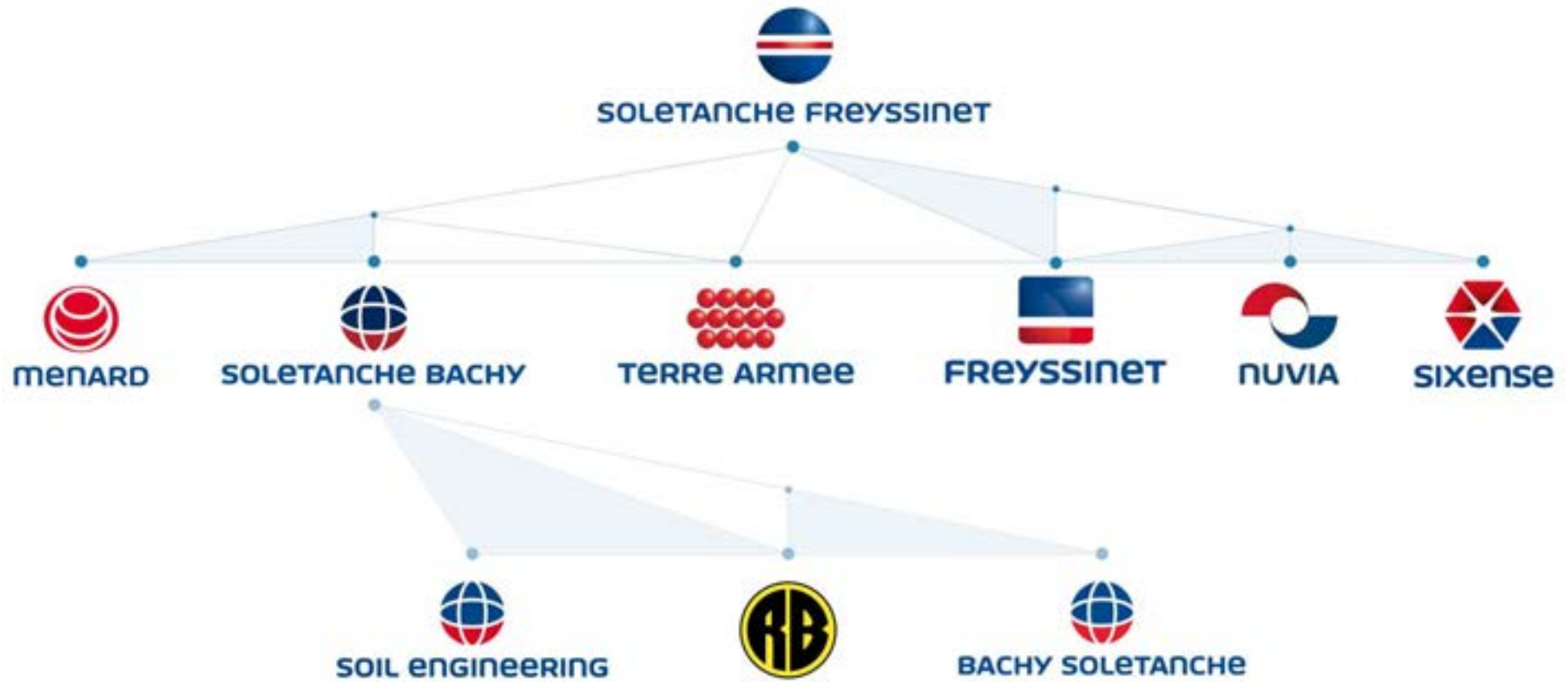


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# Our Business



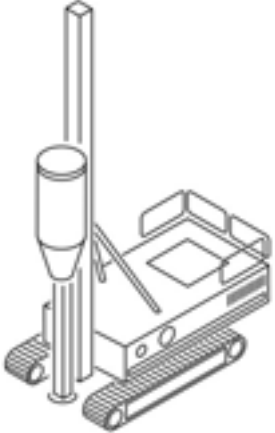




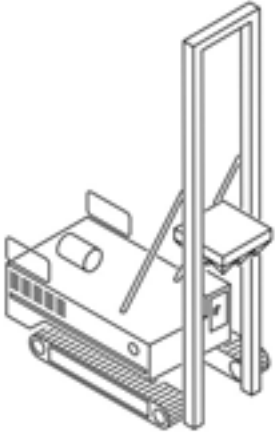
# About



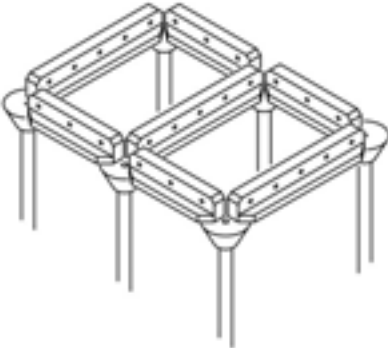
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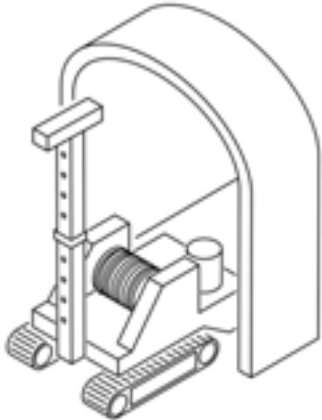
**PILING**



**GROUND  
IMPROVEMENT**



**FOUNDATIONS**



**RESTRICTED  
ACCESS**



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# What are piles?

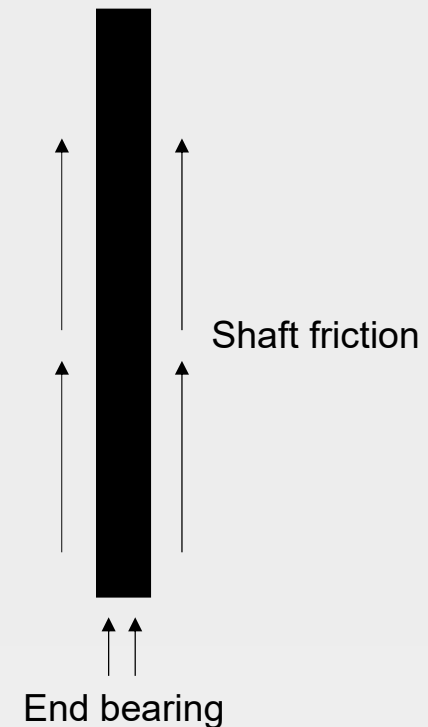
*“...columnar elements in a foundation transferring load from the superstructure through weak compressible strata onto stiffer or more compact and less compressible soils or onto rock”.*

Tomlinson (1977)



# Design

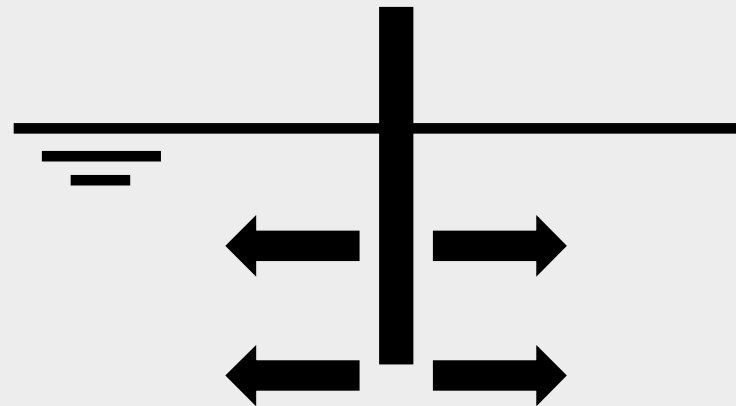
- Structural – pile material
- Geotechnical – soil & rock mechanics
- Friction, end bearing, or combination
- Static design and dynamic design
- Based on BS8004 & BS8110
- now EC7 and EC2



# Classification

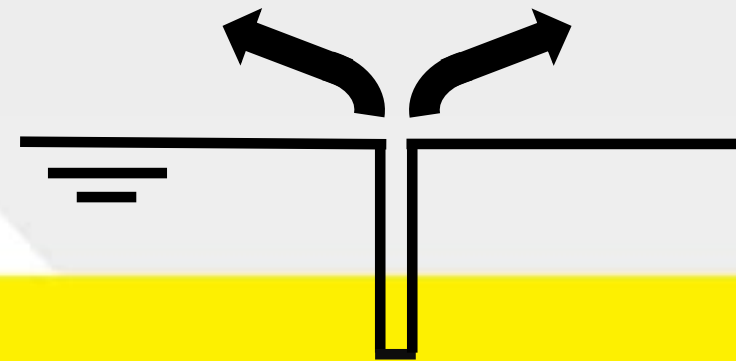
## Displacement Piles

- **Preformed Steel or Concrete**
- **Insitu Concrete**
- **Vibro Stone Columns**



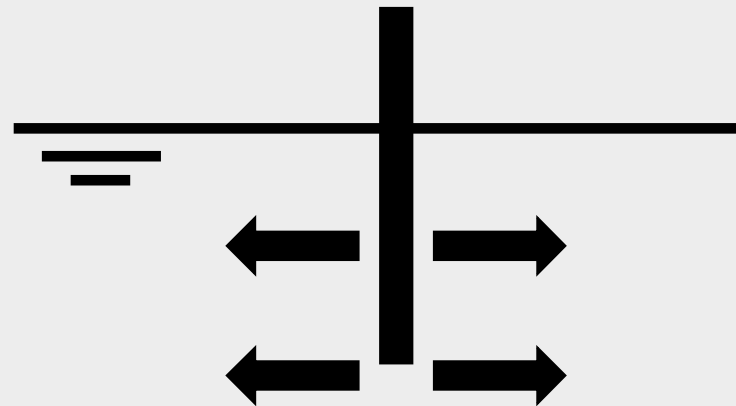
## Replacement Piles

- **Insitu Concrete**



# Driven Piling

- Displacement piles
- BS EN 12699  
Execution of special  
geotechnical works –  
Displacement piles





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# Driven Precast Concrete Piles

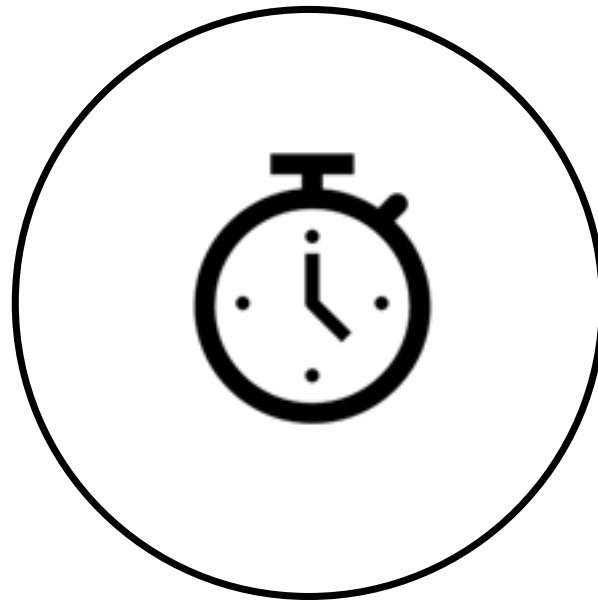


# Driven Precast Concrete Piling

- BS EN 12794 Precast concrete products – Foundation piles
- UK market estimated to be 3,000,000m per annum
- Piles installed as single lengths or jointed segments



# Driven Precast Concrete Piling



# Segmental Piles

|        | Single Bar        |     |     |     |     | Multi Bar |     |     |
|--------|-------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----------|-----|-----|
|        | Section Size (mm) |     |     |     |     |           |     |     |
| Length | 175               | 200 | 225 | 250 | 300 | 200       | 250 | 300 |
| 2m     | ✓                 | ✓   |     |     |     |           |     |     |
| 3m     |                   | ✓   | ✓   | ✓   | ✓   |           |     | ✓   |
| 4m     |                   | ✓   | ✓   | ✓   | ✓   |           | ✓   | ✓   |
| 6m     |                   |     |     |     |     | ✓         | ✓   | ✓   |

Reinforcement – Class 1 or 2  
 Joints – Class A to D





# Typical Capacities

- 175mm – 250kN
- 200mm – 350kN
- 250mm – 550kN
- 300mm – 800kN

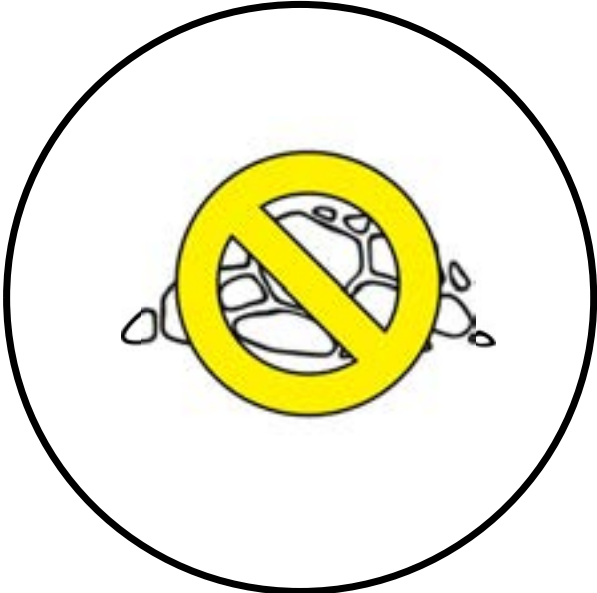
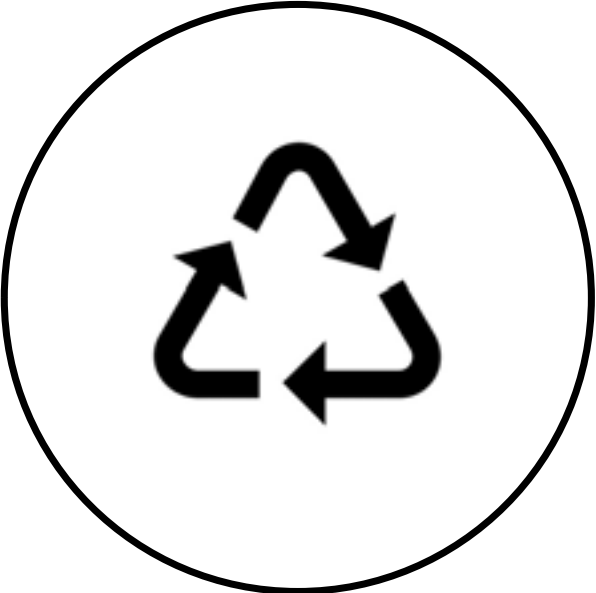
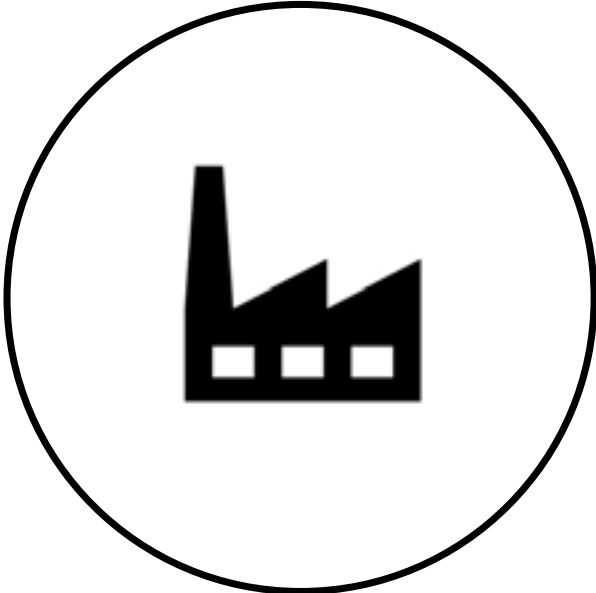


# Plant

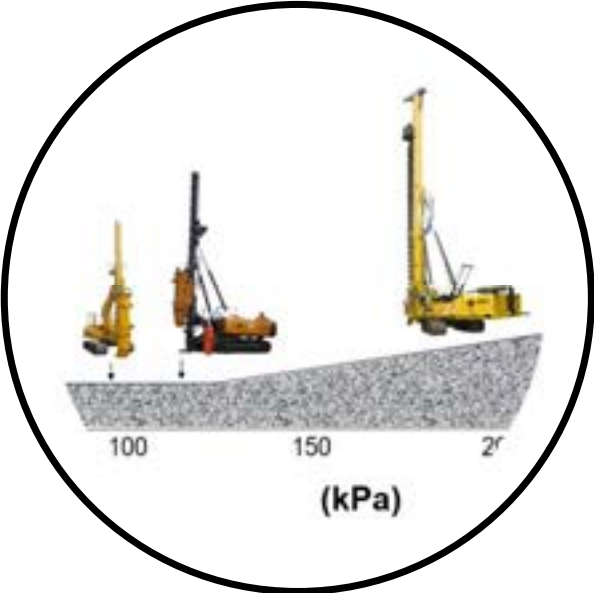
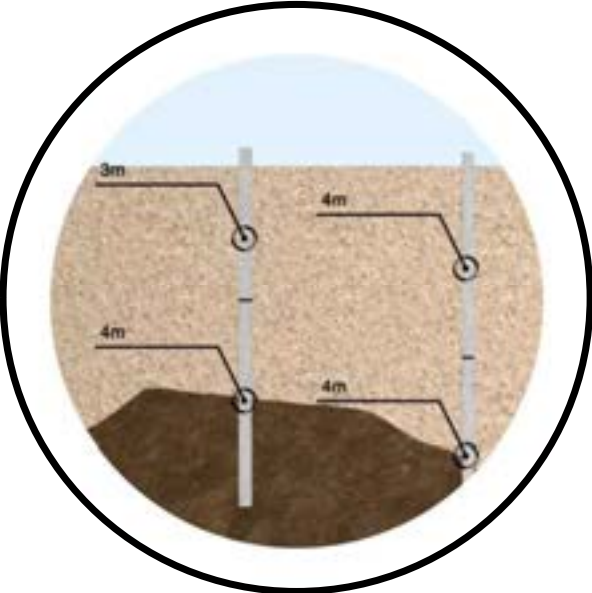
- Top driven rigs
- Hammer weights 1.5 to 6.0 tonnes
- Range of rig sizes
- RB Quiet Hammer



# Driven Precast Concrete Piling



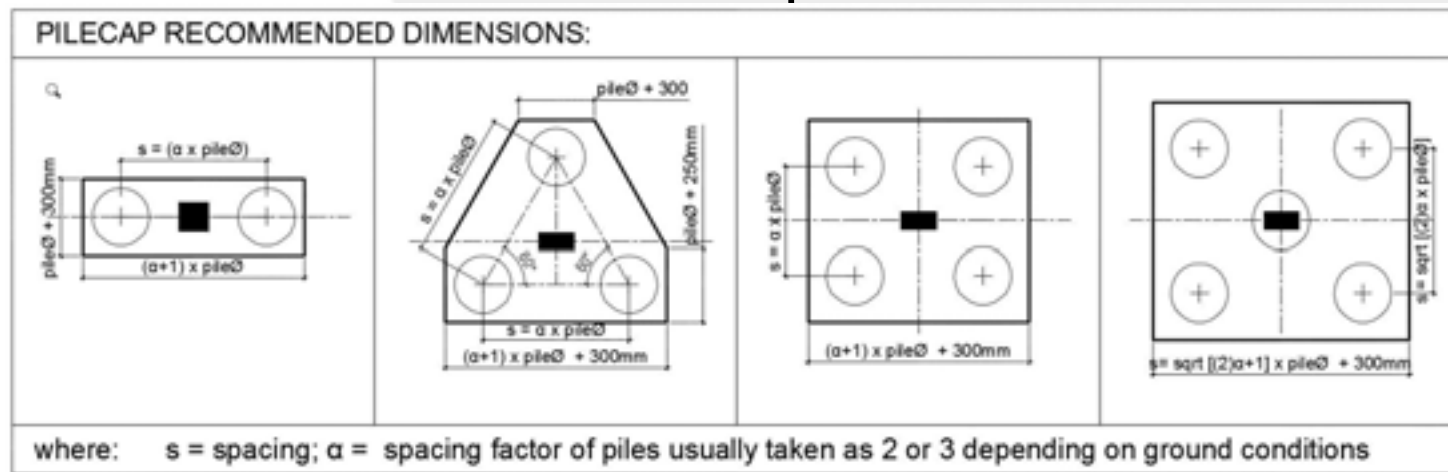
# Driven Precast Concrete Piling





# Application

- Individual piles – RC beams or caps
- Pile groups – caps typically 2 – 6 piles
- Grid – floor slab or load transfer platform



# Application

- Residential
- Education
- Care homes
- Health
- Commercial
- Industrial
- Infrastructure



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# Barking Riverside

## Client:

Barking Riverside London

## Main Contractor:

L&Q

## Key issues/requirements

- Piles to support townhouse, podium and mansion blocks
- Made Ground, alluvium over river terrace gravels (12-14m) over London Clay (18-20m)
- <800kN
- 15-25kN shear

## Project Solution

- 1246 no. 250mm and 300mm driven precast concrete piles
- 16m

## Value

- £1.3m



# Barking Riverside





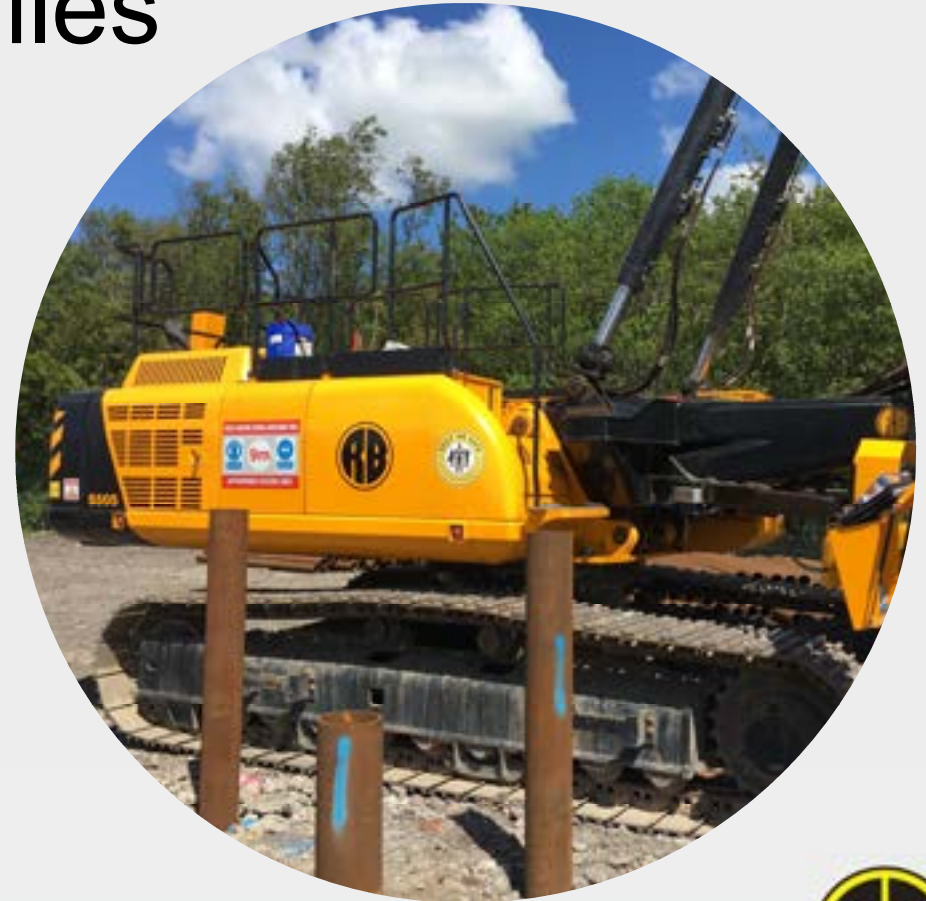
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# Driven Steel Tubular Piles



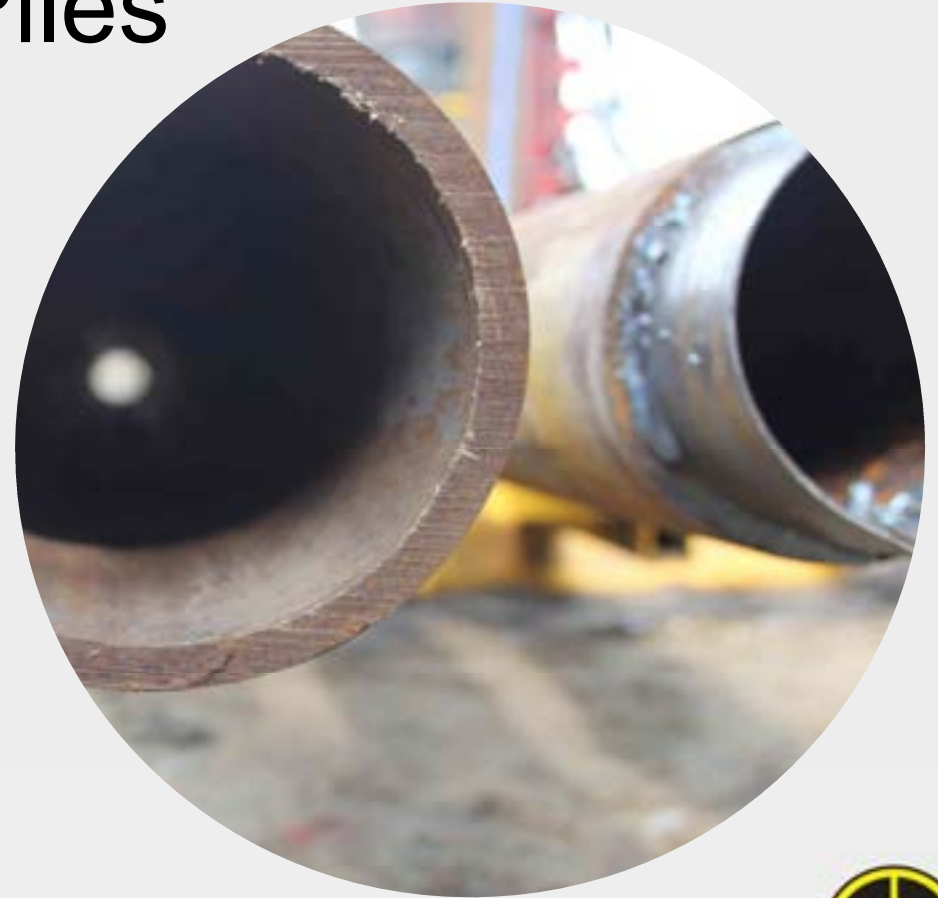
# Driven Tubular Steel Piles

- Top driven rigs (same as precast concrete)
- Robust and lightweight
- Suitable for hard driving
- Small diameter – low displacement



# Driven Tubular Steel Piles

- New or used oil industry casing
- Minimum API 5CT L80 grade
- Lengths up to 12m
- Cut to segment lengths as required
- Open or closed end





# Driven Tubular Steel Piles

| Diameter | Wall thickness | Typical Load | Typical Sector              |
|----------|----------------|--------------|-----------------------------|
| 137.7mm  | 8/9mm          | <350kN       | Residential                 |
| 177.8mm  | 10/11.5mm      | <550kN       | Residential                 |
| 244mm    | 13.8mm         | <800kN       | Commercial / Infrastructure |
| 273mm    | 13.8mm         |              | Commercial / Infrastructure |
| 339mm    | 13mm           |              | Commercial / Infrastructure |

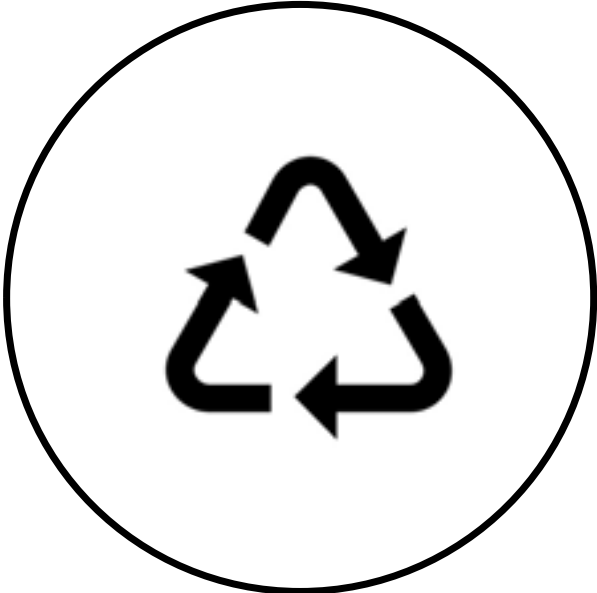
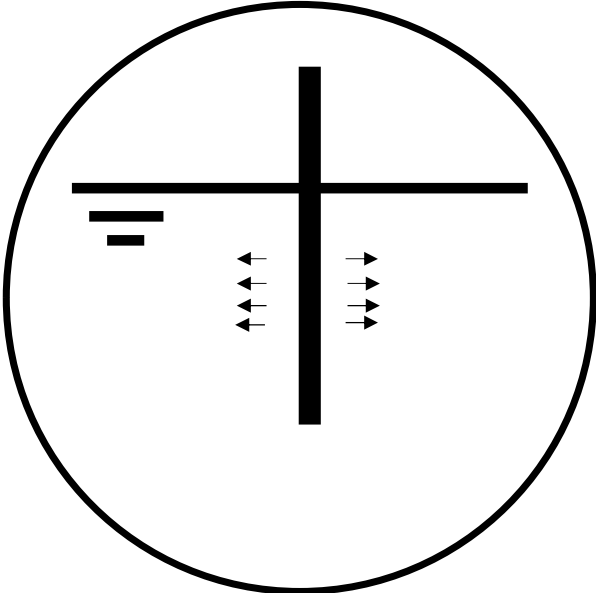
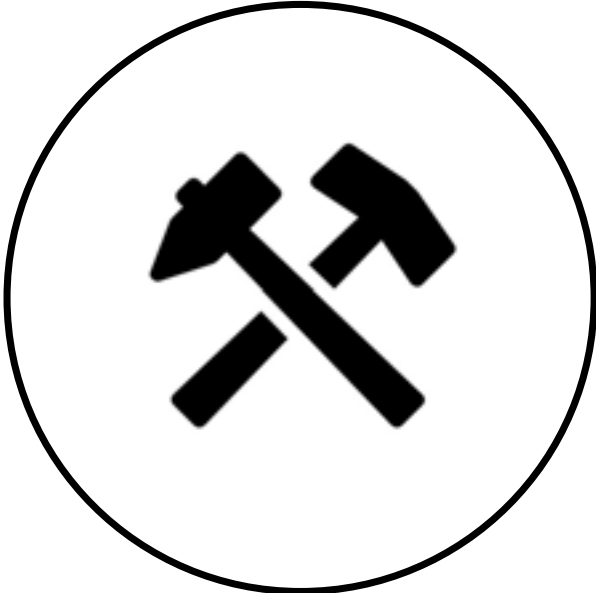


# Advantages

- Robust
- Low displacement
- High strength
- Suitable for hard driving
- Recycled material
- Variety of segment lengths
- Steel tube is the structural element



# Driven Tubular Steel Piles



# Application





## Waterfront Plaza, Edinburgh

### Client:

- Port of Leith Housing Association

### Main Contractor:

- CALA Homes

### Key issues/requirements

- Made Ground overlying stiff CLAY
- Adjacent Shopping Centre
- Former Victoria Dock

### Project Solution

- 178mm and 244mm tubular steel
- 300kN and 600kN SWL
- RB Quiet Hammer
- 2 rigs
- Static testing to reduced lengths

### Value

- £830k





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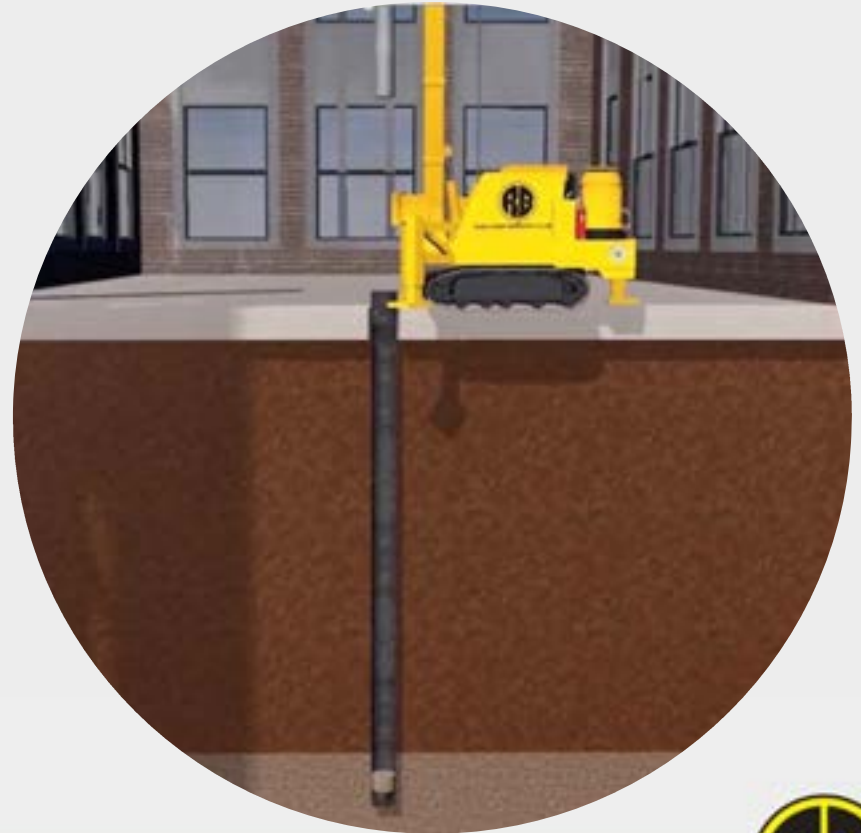
# Bottom Driven Piles





# Bottom Driven Steel Cased Piles

- Light gauge, thin wall steel casing
- Driven internally
- Small diameter tubes
- Welded sections
- Concrete and reinforcement form the pile



# Bottom Driven Steel Cased Piles

- Casings typically range from 152 – 324mm diameter
- Wall thickness ranges from 1.5 – 4mm

| Diameter | Typical Load |
|----------|--------------|
| 152.4mm  | 100kN        |
| 168.3mm  | 150kN        |
| 219.1mm  | 250kN        |
| 323.9mm  | 400kN        |

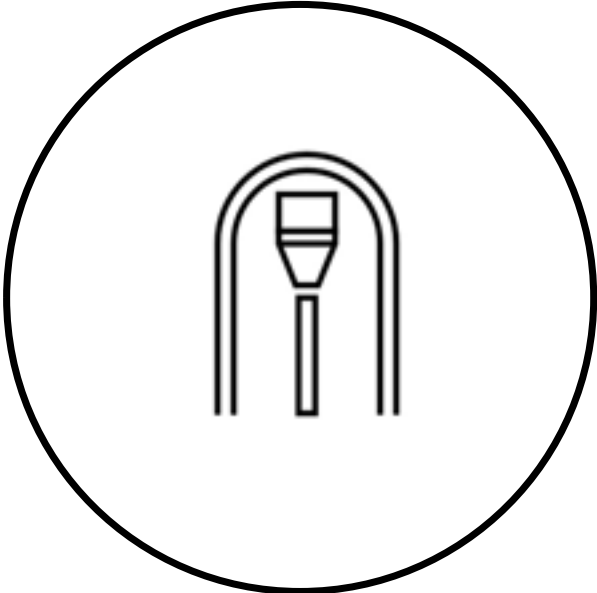


# Bottom Driven Steel Cased Piles

- Hammer weights range from 250kg to 1.5Te
- Lighter hammers give less vibration than top driven techniques
- Smaller rigs allow restricted access



# Bottom Driven Steel Cased Piles



# Applications

- Housing
- Commercial
- Restricted Access: refurbishment, mezzanines, machine bases
- Rail: signal bases, bridge abutments, lift shafts, platforms







## Sutton Hoo, Suffolk

### Client:

- National Trust

### Main Contractor:

- Vinci Construction

### Key issues/requirements

- Observation tower
- Anglo-Saxon burial mounds
- No spoil

### Project Solution

- 273mm diameter steel-cased
- 500kN
- 8-10m
- Electric rig

### Value

- £12.5k





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