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equipment — Pile driving and extracting  
equipment — Terminology and commercial  
specifications**

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## Introduction

This International Standard has been developed in order to unify terms, definitions and commercial specifications referring to machines and equipment for pile driving or extracting.

It is intended for use by designers, producers, dealers and users of pile driving/extracting machines. It can also be of use in discussions on further standardization activities.

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# Building construction machinery and equipment — Pile driving and extracting equipment — Terminology and commercial specifications

## 1 Scope

This International Standard specifies terms and definitions of the main types of mechanical equipment for pile driving/extracting, such as pile arrangements on the construction site, pulling, installation of piles at the point of driving, driving and extraction of piles, pile head crushing, etc. Machines for non-mechanical processing, such as the injection of small piles with supporting fluids, are not dealt with in this International Standard.

NOTE Annex A shows examples of pile driving and extracting equipment.

## 2 Normative references

The following normative documents contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this International Standard. For dated references, subsequent amendments to, or revisions of, any of these publications do not apply. However, parties to agreements based on this International Standard are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the normative documents indicated below. For undated references, the latest edition of the normative document referred to applies. Members of ISO and IEC maintain registers of currently valid International Standards.

ISO 11375:1998, *Building construction machinery and equipment — Terms and definitions*

ISO/TR 12603, *Building construction machinery and equipment — Classification*

EN 996, *Piling equipment — Safety requirements*

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this International Standard, the terms and definitions given in ISO 11375 and the following apply.

### 3.1

#### **piling equipment**

complete assembly of machines and components designed for installation or extraction piles or other longitudinal elements

### 3.2

#### **base carrier**

#### **carrier machine**

machine that provides mobility for and supports the mass of the piling equipment, together with the pile

NOTE The carrier machine may also accommodate the necessary power source and controls of the piling equipment. It may be an adapted lift crane or earth-moving machine or other machine specifically designed or adapted for this purpose. There are crawler, wheel, rail-mounted and floating carriers. The carrier includes necessary mountings to connect the leader or other guiding system.

**3.3  
crawler-mounted carrier**

machine whose mobility is achieved by mounting it on a tracked undercarriage

See Figures A.1, A.2 and A.3.

**3.4  
wheel-mounted carrier**

machine whose mobility is achieved by mounting it on a wheel undercarriage

See Figures A.4 and A.5.

**3.5  
rail-mounted carrier**

machine whose wheeled undercarriage runs on rails

See Figure A.6.

**3.6  
floating carrier**

machine that is fixed to or can move on a floating pontoon

See Figure A.7.

**3.7  
leader  
guiding system**

structure for mounting of the pile installation and extracting equipment

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NOTE The leader or other guiding system enables the pile installation and extracting equipment to be accurately guided and aligned with the pile. It allows full freedom of axial movement of pile installation and extracting equipment. Additionally it may provide guidance to the pile. The leader or guiding system may be attached to the carrier machine in number of ways for its mobility. Different designs of the leaders and guiding systems can be identified (e.g. direct-mounted, boom-supported, swinging, guide cage or free-riding).

**3.8  
direct-mounted leader**

structure directly coupled to the carrier machine

NOTE The major weight of the leader, pile, etc., is taken by the leader attachment (see 3.13) near the bottom of the leader.

**3.9  
boom-supported leader**

structure connected to the boom head of the carrier machine

NOTE 1 The leader may extend above the boom head of the carrier machine. The major weight of the leader, pile, etc., is taken by the leader attachment at its fixing with the boom head.

NOTE 2 A further steadying connection is made by another part of the leader attachment at the lower leader structure.

**3.10  
swinging leader**

structure suspended from the carrier machine boom head

**3.11  
guide cage**

structure that provides guidance to the pile installation or extraction equipment and allows some limited axial movement of it during piling operations



**3.12****free-riding attachment**

part fixed within the structure of the pile installation or extracting equipment

NOTE The free-riding attachment comprises such parts as pile sleeves, legs, inserts and clamping devices (see 3.34).

**3.13****leader attachment**

connection between the carrier machine and leader

NOTE Different connections can be used (e.g. universal joints, sliding or telescopic elements).

**3.14****piling rig**

carrier machine complete with leader attachment and leader, but without the pile installation and other equipment

**3.15****pile installation and extraction equipment**

machine designed to cause pile movement relative to the surrounding soil

NOTE 1 The movement is downwards for installation and upwards for extracting types of equipment.

NOTE 2 The machines for pile installation and extraction can be divided into three main groups: impacting, vibration and static types.

**3.16****impact equipment**

machine that produces the striking energy by raising the striking mass and dropping it on the pile with the aim of energy transfer in a relatively short time

**3.17****impact hammer**

machine that drives piles into the soil and operates according to the **impact equipment** (3.16) operation principle

NOTE The striking mass may impact on the pile directly or indirectly. In the case of indirect impact on the pile, there are interference assemblies between the striking mass and the pile, which may comprise an anvil together with any form of pile cap assembly (see 3.30 and 3.31). Depending on the power source, the following types of impact hammers can be identified: winch operated, steam/air operated, diesel or hydraulically powered and the others.

**3.18****winch-operated impact hammer**

machine in which the striking mass is raised by a wire rope on a winch or similar means

See Figure A.8.

**3.19****steam/air-operated impact hammer**

machine in which the striking mass is raised by air or steam pressure

See Figure A.9.

**3.20****diesel-powered impact hammer**

machine in which the striking mass is raised by the expansion of gases resulting from the combustion of fuel and air

See Figure A.10.

NOTE Normally this is a fuel diesel engine, but kerosene, methanol or other fluids may also be used.

**3.21**  
**hydraulically powered impact hammer**

machine in which the striking mass is raised by hydraulic pressure

See Figure A.11.

**3.22**  
**impact extractor**

machine that withdraws piles from the soil and operates according to the impact equipment operation principle, using the upwards kinetic energy of a rising mass

See Figure A.15.

NOTE The striking energy of an extractor is derived from the upwards kinetic energy of a rising mass being transferred to the head of a pile by means of a linkage, wire rope connection or other mechanical means. Depending on the power source and operation method, the following type of impact extractors can be identified: hydraulic, pneumatic, steam/air, electric and using expansion of gases resulting from the combustion of fuel and air.

**3.23**  
**impact extractor/hammer**

machine that combines the functions of driving and extracting piles and operates according to the impact equipment operation principle

NOTE Common designs of the impact hammer/extractor machines are powered and operated hydraulically and electrically.

**3.24**  
**vibrator for piling equipment**

machine that generates unidirectional vibrations and is used to install or extract piles

See Figures A.12 to A.14.

NOTE In most instances the vibrations are vertical. Vibration can be produced by eccentric masses or other means, while a device, placed above the vibratory body dampens the vibrations for the protection of the supporting carrier. The element to be installed into or extracted from the ground is rigidly held under the vibratory gearbox by mean of one or several clamps. However, for units designed for annular grip, the clamping device can be located on the side(s) of the vibratory gearbox(es). The vibratory unit vibrates the element, which in turn vibrates the ground around it; ground particles can then move in relation to each other. Friction between the element and the soil is therefore reduced and the element is either driven by its own weight added to that of the vibrator or extracted by a pull from the carrier. Common designs of the vibrators are powered and operated hydraulically and electrically.

**3.25**  
**electric vibrator for piling equipment**

electrically powered machine that generates unidirectional vibrations to install or extract piles

See Figure A.12.

**3.26**  
**hydraulic vibrator for piling equipment**

hydraulically powered machine that generates unidirectional vibrations to install or extract piles

See Figures A.13 and A.14.

**3.27**  
**static pile pushing/pulling device**

machine essentially designed for installing or extracting sheet piles by applying a steady force to the pile

See Figure A.16.

NOTE The force is applied by means of several hydraulic jacks that are clamped on a number of sheet piles that have previously been installed into the ground. A movable device equipped with one or several jacks clamped on one or several sheet piles to be installed or extracted uses the reaction from the structure to press those sheet piles into the ground or extract them from the ground.

**3.28****personal lift platform****personal lift system**

assembly used either for normal operation of the piling equipment or for service, maintenance or repair work

**3.29****piling accessories**

auxiliary elements for the execution of pile driving and extracting

EXAMPLES Drive caps, helmets, plates, followers, clamping devices, pile guides, acoustic shrouds and shock/vibration absorbing devices, power packs/generators and personal lift systems.

**3.30****drive cap**

element located between the striking mass and the pile

NOTE A drive cap may be guided from a leader or contained within the structure of the piling equipment. It may incorporate cap filling or cushion material between the striking mass and the cap or other mechanical features, which influence the shape of the impact stress wave in the pile.

**3.31****hammer helmet**

pile cap provided with a recess on its underside to locate a pile and to accommodate additional cushioning material to protect the pile head from damage

**3.32****plate**

element located below a pile cap to enable larger profile piles to be driven

**3.33****dolley****follower**

interfacing part between the underside of the drive cap, helmet or plate and the pile head, to enable the pile to be installed deeper into the ground, or a larger diameter of pile to be accommodated

**3.34****clamping device**

assembly that can grip the pile and which allows the transmission of extraction force from an impact extractor, or forces from a pile pushing/pulling device

NOTE A clamping device is usually hydraulically or mechanically actuated and may also be integrated with the construction of the pile installation or extraction equipment.

**3.35****clamping device for vibrators**

assembly that can grip the pile head and which allows the transmission of vibration from a vibrator

**3.36****pile-handling device**

unit that includes a remote release shackle for lifting the pile and pile threader for remotely positioning and assembling an adjacent interlocking pile

**3.37****pile guide**

unit fixed to, or guided by, the leader to provide location and support to the pile when at forward or backward inclinations

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**3.38**  
**acoustic shroud**

unit that can be provided to enclose part or all of the piling equipment and pile to attenuate the emission of noise during the piling operation

**3.39**  
**shock/vibration-absorbing device**

unit used with a vibrator or impact extractor to isolate the supporting crane from the forces being transmitted to the pile

NOTE Shock/vibration-absorbing devices are usually integral with the construction of the pile installation or extraction equipment.

**3.40**  
**pile**

properly formed pole driven vertically into unfirm ground as the support for a superstructure

NOTE 1 Piles may be made of timber, concrete (precast or cast *in situ*), or steel (tubes or rolled sections).

NOTE 2 They may have an interlocking feature to enable pile sections to be joined together.

## 4 Commercial specifications

### 4.1 General characteristics of piling equipment

#### 4.1.1 Main assemblies

For safety requirements for piling equipment, see EN 996.

For classification of piling equipment, see ISO/TR 12603.

Main assemblies shall be specified according to the type of the piling equipment. Examples of specifications are given in Figures A.1 to A.7.

#### 4.1.2 Dimensional characteristics

##### 4.1.2.1 Overall dimensions in working position (Figures A.1 to A.7)

The following characteristics shall be specified:

- total height,  $H$  (mm);
- lifting height maximum length of the pile,  $H_1$  (mm);
- length,  $L$  (mm);
- width,  $W$  (mm).

##### 4.1.2.2 Overall dimensions during transport

The following characteristics shall be specified:

- height,  $H_t$  (mm);
- length,  $L_t$  (mm);
- width,  $W_t$  (mm).