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## **PROJECT:**

Forest Road 127 Forest Road N. Branford, CT 06472

Project No. **210261**Anchor Test No. **210261-1** 

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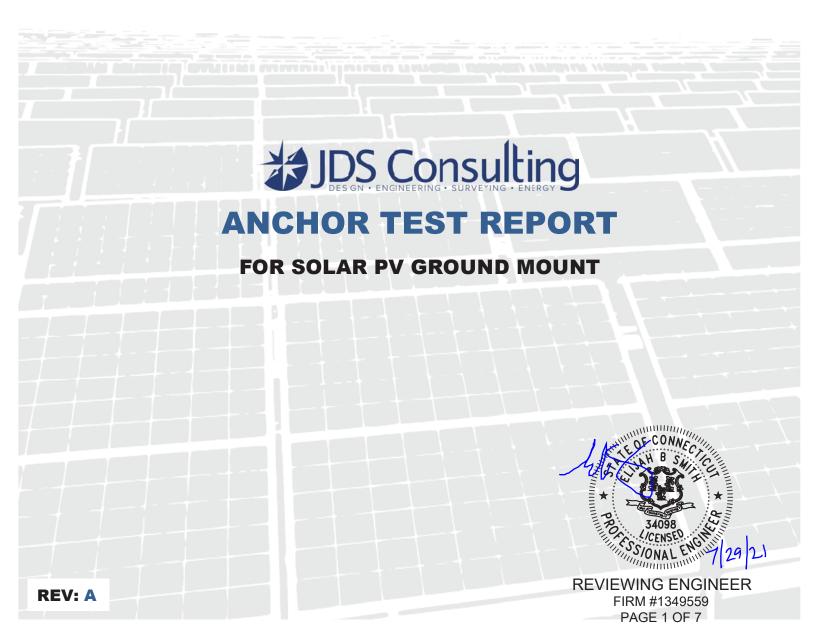
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# SITE EVALUATION REPORT

#### SITE CONDITIONS

The test site was located just south of Neubig's Way Road. The site is located at approximately, 41.342628, -72.802396. The proposed site is currently on undeveloped land. Tree lines and other interfering vegetation is not documented in any tested areas meant for solar at this time.

#### PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION

Intended construction on the site will be a solar photovoltaic ground mounted array, utilizing AP Alternatives racking hardware. The array will consist of panels assembled in a 4 high, landscape orientation or 2 high portrait orientation. The foundation engineers required testing to be conducted at a frequency of approximately 2 load tests per major soil type, with no less than 2 of either, per site. The following totals were completed.

Axial tension load test locations: 5

The engineer of record has calculated the maximum anchor reaction per the structural report (ASD values) to be approximately:

Axial compression load value: 3096 lbs. Axial tension load value: 3460 lbs.

The engineer of record has required testing to be conducted to a minimum of the following values.

4700 lbs. Axial compression load value: 7000 lbs. Axial tension load value:

#### **COLLECTED DATA**

Complete data logs with screw pile test results can be found after the foundation recommendation. A site map, with test and bore locations can be additionally found. All video and photographic evidence will be held at AP Alternatives.

#### WEBSOIL SURVEY

The following major soil type(s) was indicated in the websoil survey, at final screw depth.

#### 303: Pits, Quarries:

Unweathered Bedrock @ screw depth

#### 30A: Branford Silt Loam:

SM, SP, SP-SM

#### **FINDINGS SUMMARY**

Site testing was found to be compatible with AP Alternatives screw piles. Below is a summary of maximum displacements and configurations in the tested areas.

	Anchor Tests Displacement		Screw Length (TOTAL)	
Soil Type	Tens. @ 7000lbs	Screw		
303	0.125	3.00"	73"	

Table 1 - Summary of Findings

All dimensions in inches. Anchor test results above represent largest passing anchor configuration (worst case condition) for each area or soil type in tension

#### **FOUNDATION RECOMMENDATIONS**

Based on the summary of findings, on-site observations, and previous experience, APA recommends the screw setup to be a 3" x 73" long ground screw. An auxiliary method will be available in the case of refusals.

Note: Anchor test reports do not address Soil Corrosivity. All soils are assumed non-corrosive. Therefore, APA provides standard galvanized coatings unless otherwise requested by the customer.

**TEST SUMMARY** ANCHOR TEST REPORT





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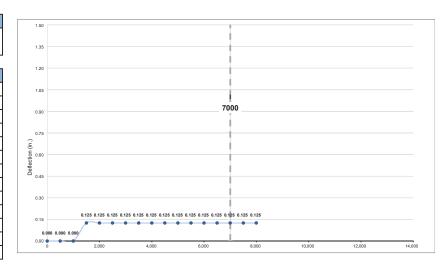
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## **SECTION A: PULL TEST RESULTS**

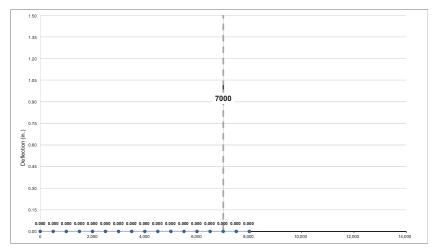
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AXIAL TENSION (PULL OUT) TEST(S)

	TEST	SETUP CONFIGUR	ATION			Passing Load	7000	Soil ID
Video ID	Test Loc.	Screw Type	Depth (in.)	Date		PASS		303
T-01	T-01	3.00	67	7/8/2021				
Time (mins)	Load (lbs)		Deflection (in.)		Time (mins)	Load (lbs)		Deflection (in.)
0:00		0	0.0	000	13:00	65	00	0.125
1:00	500		0.000		14:00	7000		0.125
2:00	1000		0.000		15:00	7500		0.125
3:00	1500		0.125		16:00	8000		0.125
4:00	2000		0.125		17:00	85	00	
5:00	2500		0.125		18:00	90	00	
6:00	3000		0.125		19:00	95	00	
7:00	35	500	0.125		20:00	10000		
8:00	4000		0.125		21:00	10500		
9:00	45	4500		0.125		110	000	
10:00	50	000	0.125		23:00	11500		
11:00	55	5500 0.125		125	24:00	120	000	
12:00	60	000	0.125		25:00	125	500	



	TEST	SETUP CONFIGUR	ATION			Passing Load	7000	Soil ID	
Video	Test	Screw Type	Depth (in.)	Date		PA	99	30A	
ID	Loc.			Date		1 700		55A	
T-02	T-02	3.00	67	7/8/2021					
Time (mins)	Time (mins) Load (lbs)		Deflection (in.)		Time (mins)	Load (lbs)		Deflection (in.)	
0:00		0	0.0	000	13:00	6500		0.000	
1:00	500		0.000		14:00	7000		0.000	
2:00	1000		0.000		15:00	7500		0.000	
3:00	1500		0.000		16:00	8000		0.000	
4:00	2000		0.000		17:00	8500			
5:00	2500		0.000		18:00	9000			
6:00	3000		0.000		19:00	9500			
7:00	35	500	0.000		20:00	10000			
8:00	4000		0.000		21:00	10500			
9:00	4500		0.000		22:00	11000			
10:00	50	5000		0.000		11500			
11:00	5500		0.000		24:00	12000			
12:00	60	000	0.0	000	25:00	12	500		







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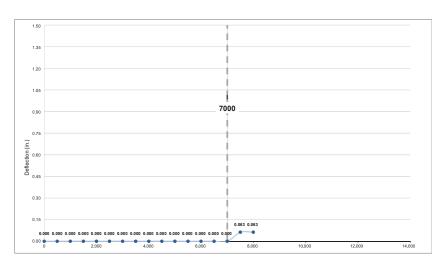
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#### **SECTION A: PULL TEST LOG**

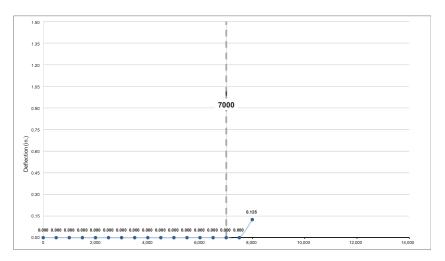
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Video	Test	Screw Type	Depth (in.)	Date		DΛ	99	303	
ID	Loc.			Date		PASS		505	
T-03	T-03	3.00	67	7/8/2021					
Time (mins)	Load	(lbs)	Deflect	ion (in.)	Time (mins)	Load	(lbs)	Deflection (in.)	
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4:00	2000		0.000		17:00	8500			
5:00	2500		0.000		18:00	9000			
6:00	3000		0.000		19:00	9500			
7:00	35	00	0.000		20:00	10000			
8:00	40	000	0.000		21:00	10500			
9:00	45	4500		0.000		11000			
10:00	50	00	0.000		23:00	11500			
11:00	55	00	0.000		24:00	12000			
12:00	60	00	0.000		25:00	12500			



	TEST	SETUP CONFIGUR	ATION			Passing Load	7000	Soil ID
Video ID	Test Loc.	Screw Type	Depth (in.)	Date		PASS		30A
	Loc.							
T-04	T-04	3.00	67	7/8/2021				
Time (mins)	Load	(lbs)	Deflect	ion (in.)	Time (mins)	Load (lbs) Deflection		Deflection (in.)
0:00	0:00		0.000		13:00	65	00	0.000
1:00	5	00	0.000		14:00	7000		0.000
2:00	1000		0.000		15:00	7500		0.000
3:00	1500		0.000		16:00	8000		0.125
4:00	2000		0.000		17:00	8500		
5:00	2500		0.000		18:00	9000		
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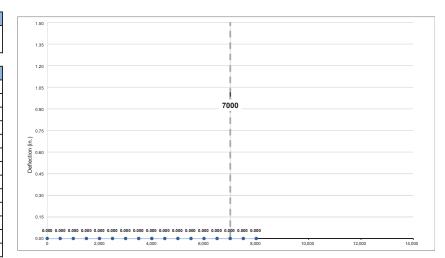
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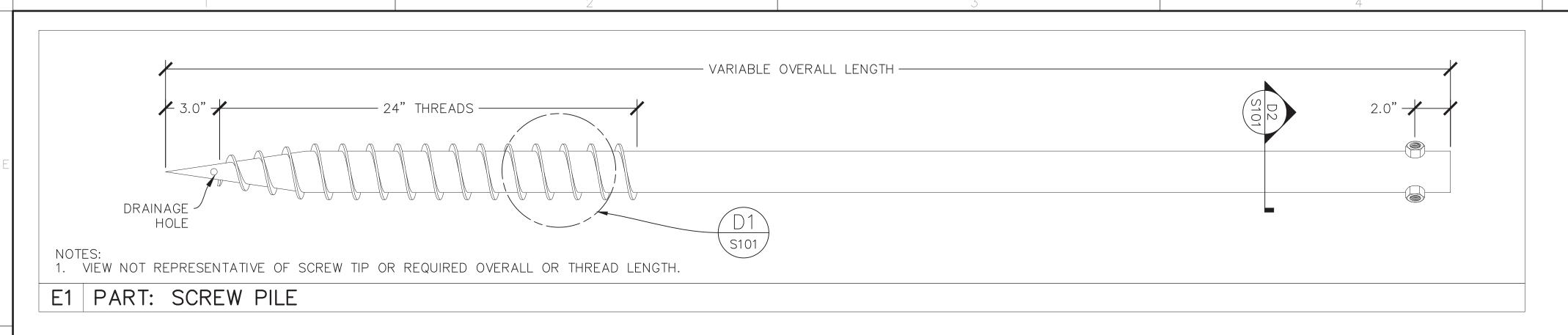
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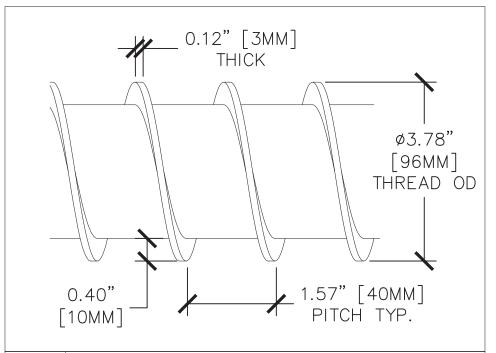
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Video ID	Test Loc.	Screw Type	Depth (in.)	Date		PASS		30A
T-05	T-05	3.00	67	7/8/2021	1			
Time (mins)	ns) Load (lbs)		Deflection (in.)		Time (mins)	Load (lbs)		Deflection (in.)
0:00		0	0.0	000	13:00	650	00	0.000
1:00	500		0.000		14:00	7000		0.000
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3:00	1500		0.000		16:00	8000		0.000
4:00	2000		0.000		17:00	8500		
5:00	2500		0.000		18:00	900	00	
6:00	3000		0.000		19:00	950	00	
7:00	35	500	0.000		20:00	10000		
8:00	4000		0.000		21:00	10500		
9:00	4500		0.000		22:00	11000		
10:00	50	000	0.000		23:00	11500		
11:00	55	5500 0.000		000	24:00	120	100	
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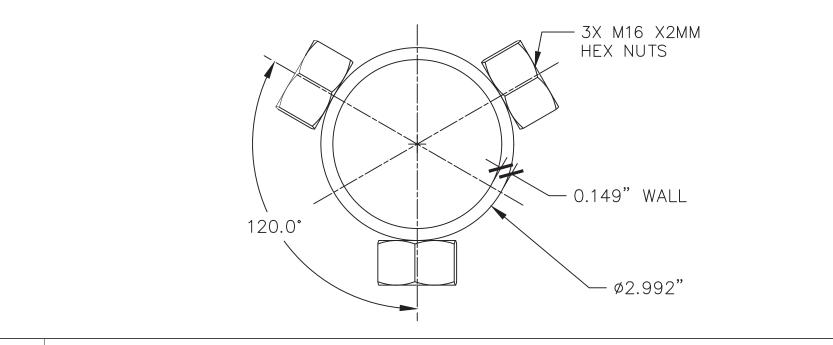




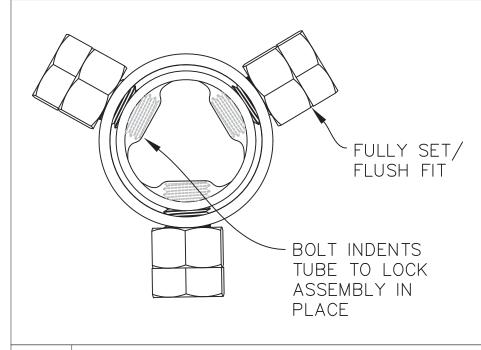




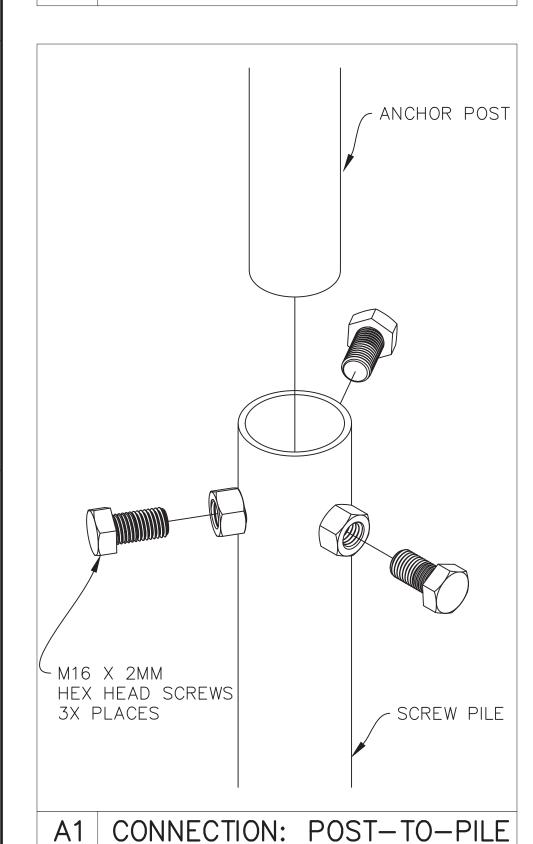
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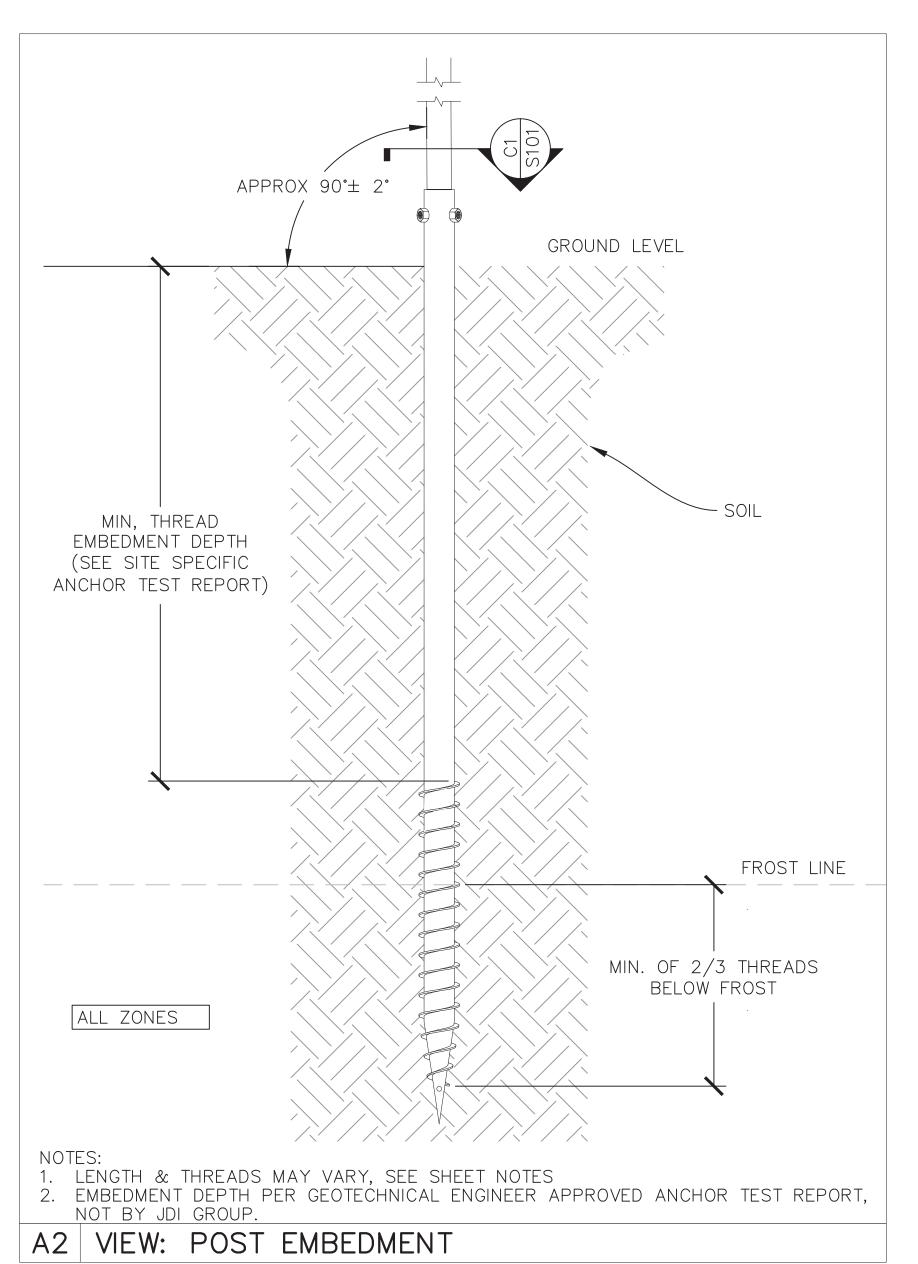


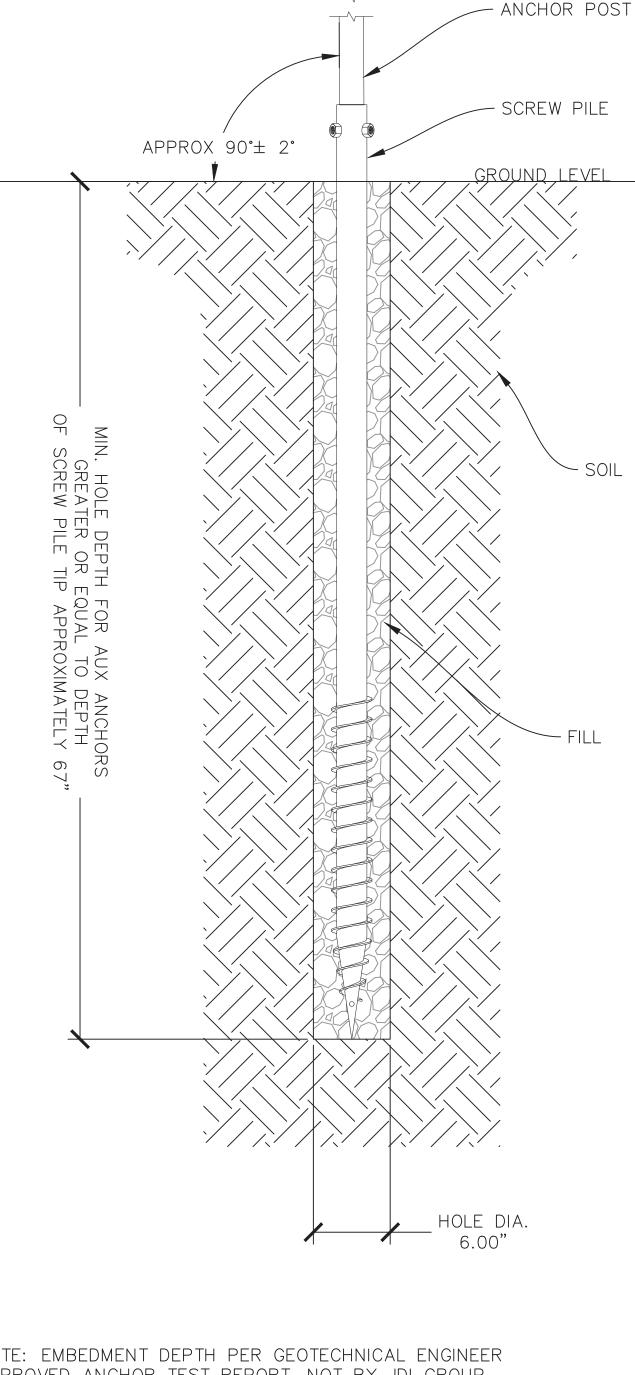
D2 | SECTION: SCREW PILE



C1 | SECTION: PILE ASSEMBLY







NOTE: EMBEDMENT DEPTH PER GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEER APPROVED ANCHOR TEST REPORT, NOT BY JDI GROUP.

A3 AUX. FOUNDATION VIEW: PROFILE - SOIL CUTAWAY

# NOTES:

- 1. ANCHOR TUBE MATERIAL: 50 KSI MIN YIELD STRENGTH, 1010 STEEL
- 2. ANCHOR TUBE TO BE HOT DIPPED GALVANIZED TO ASTM A123 OR INLINE GALVANIZED TO ASTM A1057.
- 3. SCREW PILE TUBE MATERIAL: 30 KSI MIN YIELD STRENGTH STEEL.
- 4. SCREW PILE THREAD MATERIAL: 28 KSI MIN YIELD STRENGTH STEEL.
- 5. SCREW PILE TO BE HOT DIPPED GALVANIZED TO ASTM A123 OR INLINE GALVANIZED TO ASTM
- 6. ALL HARDWARE IS 300 SERIES STAINLESS STEEL, A574 ALLOY STEEL, OR MINIMUM 8.8 CLASS
- 7. BOLTS MUST BE FULLY SET INTO WELDED NUTS.
- 8. BOLTS SHALL BE 30 MM LONG.
- 9. SCREW PILE SHALL PENETRATE THE SOIL TO A DEPTH PAST THE FROST LINE, SUCH WHICH LESS THAN 1/3 OF THE TOTAL LENGTH OF THREADS ARE ABOVE THE FROST LINE, OR TO THE DEPTH INDICATED AS MINIMUM PER THE STAMPED ANCHOR TEST REPORT, WHICHEVER IS DEEPER.
- 10. ANCHOR POST SHALL EXTEND ABOVE GROUND LEVEL AT MINIMUM OF INDICATED FRONT LIP CLEARANCE. PLUS THE ADDITIONAL LENGTH REQUIRED TO ACHIEVE THE INDICATED TILT
- 11. MINIMUM ENGAGEMENT BETWEEN SCREW PILE AND ANCHOR POST SHALL BE 4".
- 12. INSTALLERS SHALL REFER TO STRUT AND POST SETUP SHEETS FOR LENGTH AND PLACEMENT

# ANCHOR POST INSTALLATION

- 13. ACCURATELY LOCATE AND INSTALL SCREW PILES BY SUCH METHODS AND EQUIPMENT SO AS NOT TO IMPAIR THE PILE STRENGTH OR DAMAGE ANCHORS OR ADJACENT CONSTRUCTION.
- 14. INSTALLATION CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT, METHODS, AND SEQUENCES.
- 15. DISTURBED GALVANIZED SURFACES SHALL BE TOUCHED UP WITH AN APPROVED COLD GALVANIZING COMPOUND.
- 16. INSTALL SCREW PILES TO MINIMUM DEPTH(PER GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEER, NOT JDI-DELEGATED DESIGN PARAMETER) AS INDICATED THIS SHEET OR AS REQUIRED PER THE STAMPED ANCHOR TEST REPORT.

# AUXILLIARY FOUNDATION NOTES:

- 1. EMBEDMENT DEPTH(PER GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEER, NOT JDI-DELEGATED DESIGN PARAMETER) CONTINGENT UPON SITE SPECIFIC DATA, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO: FROST DEPTH, SOIL PROPERTIES, AND LOCAL BUILDING CODE REQUIREMENTS.
- 2. AUGERED HOLE SHOULD EXTEND BELOW THE LOCAL FROST LINE, INTO THE STABLE SOIL ZONE.
- 3. HOLDING PROPERTIES OF THE SCREW PILE IN AGGREGATE DETERMINED BY TESTING CONDUCTED BY APA, PER ASTM D1143
- 4. STRUCTURAL PROPERTIES OF SCREW PILE TESTED ONLY. CORROSIVITY, AND OTHER GEOTECHNICAL PROPERTIES NOT TESTED.

# 5. INSTALLATION PROCEDURE

- 5.1. AUGER HOLE TO REQUIRED DEPTH. HOLE SHOULD BE APPROXIMATELY PLUMB AND A MINIMUM DIAMETER AS INDICATED IN DRAWING.
- 5.2. REMOVE THE SPOILS AS BEST AS POSSIBLE. THERE SHOULD BE NO LARGE CLUMPS OR ROCKS AT THE BOTTOM OF THE HOLE.
- 5.3. POUR IN AGGREGATE.
- 5.4. AGGREGATE SHOULD BE SIZED BETWEEN 1" - 2 1/2".
- 5.5. KNOWN ACCEPTABLE AGGREGATES (NAMING PER ASTM C33-03):
- 5.5.A. #2 (2 1/2" 1 1/2") 5.5.B. #3 (2" - 1"),
- 5.5.C. A COMBINATION OF BOTH #2 & #3
- 5.5.D. EQUIVALENT SIZE OF EITHER #2 OR #3.
- 5.6. DEVIATIONS IN AGGREGATE SIZE, FROM THE ABOVE SPECIFICATIONS, MUST BE APPROVED BY AP ALTERNATIVES ENGINEERING BEFORE USING/PURCHASING.
- 5.7. DRIVE SCREW PILE AS NORMALLY INTO HOLE. ENSURE IT IS PLUMB. ENSURE THE NORTH-SOUTH DIMENSIONS AND EAST-WEST DIMENSIONS ARE CORRECT. ALSO ENSURE BOLT HOLE IN THE ANCHOR IS FACING THE CORRECT DIRECTION.

IF NEEDED, RETAMP THE AGGREGATE AT SOIL LEVEL AROUND THE SCREW PILE.

# 6. QUALITY CONTROL NOTES

- 1.1. ANCHOR HEIGHTS SHOULD BE MEASURED FROM THE GROUND LEVEL, NOT THE TOP OF THE AGGREGATE. IF AGGREGATE IS BELOW GROUND LEVEL, ADDITIONAL GRAVEL SHOULD BE ADDED AND TAMPED TO BRING IT UP TO AT LEAST GROUND LEVEL.
- 1.2. ANCHORS SHOULD NOT BE VERIFIED BY PULLING LATERALLY AT THE TOP OF THE ANCHOR (FIGURE 3). THIS CREATES A LARGE AND ARTIFICIAL MOMENT IN THE ANCHOR. ANCHORS SHOULD ALSO NOT BE ROCKED BACK AND FORTH UNTIL IT "FAILS": THE ANCHORS ARE INTENDED TO WORK AS A SYSTEM WITH ALL PARTS INTACT (ADJOINING ANCHORS, SMALL AND LARGE ZEES, HARD AND CABLE BRACES, AND ALL ADDITIONAL PARTS AND HARDWARE INSTALLED AND TIGHTENED) AND DO NOT REACH FULL CAPACITY UNTIL THAT POINT.

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A INITIAL RELEASE

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DRAWN REVIEWED APPROVED SIZE JDK TM JDI GROUND SCREW PROJECT NUMBER 210261 DRAWING NUMBER

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