

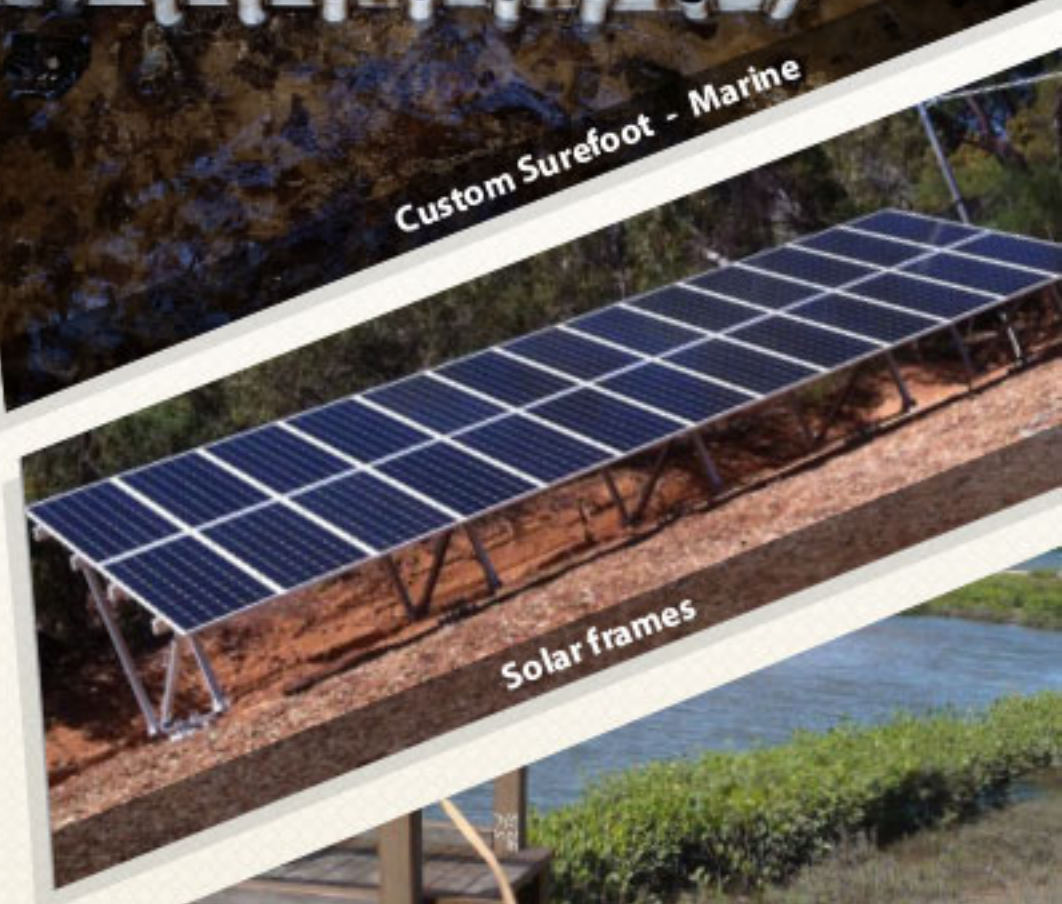


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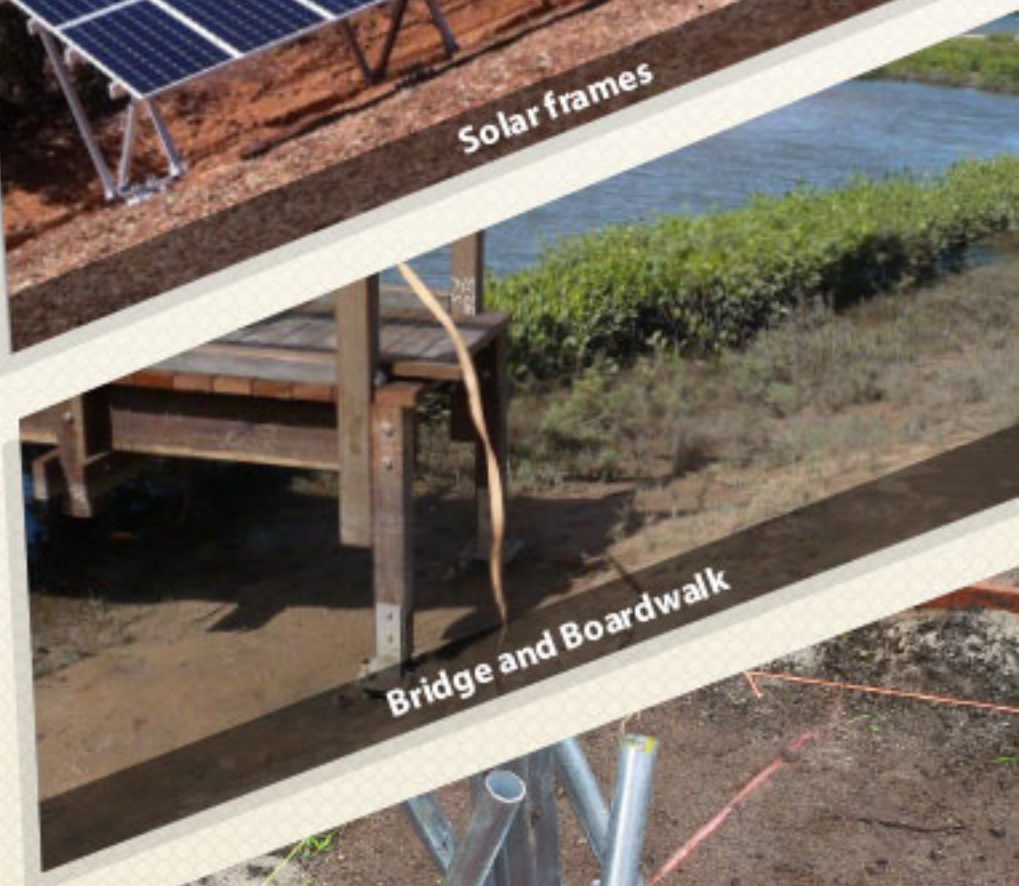
The concrete free foundation system



Custom Surefoot - Marine



Solar frames



Bridge and Boardwalk



Domestic - fully adjustable stump assembly



M20 bolt assembly



Easy to install

INSTALLATION

Manual

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Surefoot is an



View our installation  
xvideo on our Website





**“Surefoot is at the forefront of design, innovative and environmentally friendly footing systems”**

## Engineering Principles

Surefoot engineering principles are based on piling technology using a combination of skin friction and bearing to achieve load capacities in various soil types.

Design capacity calculations are based on the working stress method, using refined geotechnical data, obtained throughout time for skin friction and bearing pressure.

## Surefoot System

Surefoot is an “all in one system”, where the unique shape and high strength steel combines to create a very efficient pile cap. Once piles are driven and the cap secured, the opposing forces of the multi directional piles provides a solid, stable and economical foundation. The system is designed to increase its efficiency when resisting gravity, uplift, shear and moment loads. Ultimately the soil structure absorbs the applied stress.

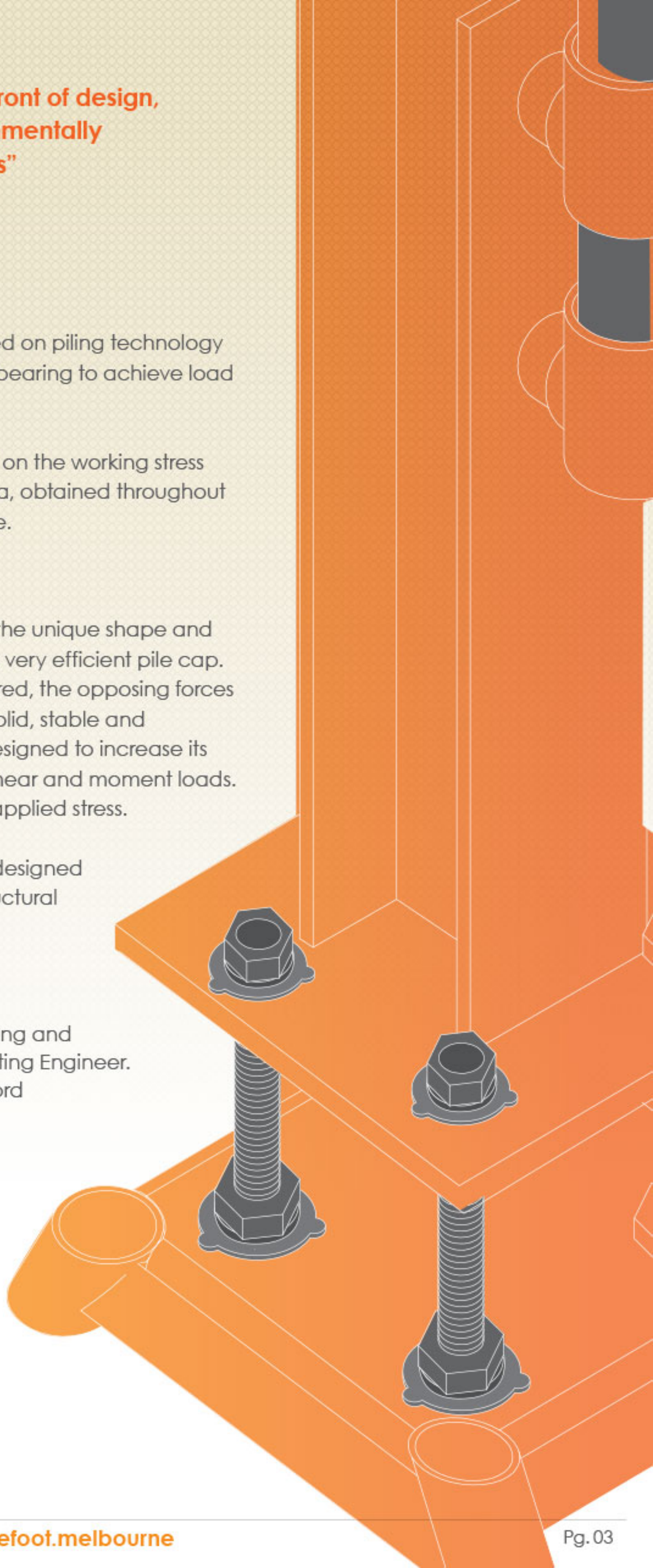
Our footing system is job specific and is designed according to site soil conditions, and structural design loads etc.

## Pile Record

A pile record must be kept for each footing and once completed, returned to the consulting Engineer. Refer to Appendix A & B for the Pile Record document and plan example.

## Adjustability

Depending upon the Surefoot type and design, the baseplate can be adjusted 100mm horizontally and 50mm vertically.





# TOOLS REQUIRED



- 14-18kg electric or petrol jackhammer for standard penetrable soils
- 45 Joules minimum impact energy
- 30mm hex. - shaft

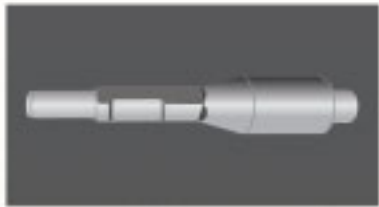


## Socket Set

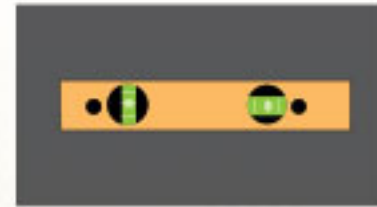
Bolt Type	Socket	
	Bolt	Nut
M20	30mm	32mm
M24	41mm	41mm



Sledge hammer



Customised jackhammer driver to suit 30mm hex. - shaft



Small Level



Generator / Power leads (if using electric tools)



Tape measure



Cold gal. zinc rich touch up paint



Personal Protection Equipment  
 Safety footwear, heavy protection, eye protection (goggles) insulated protective gloves  
 High visibility shirt or vest



Grinder



Impact driver with 3/8" hex. bit for type 14 gauge Tek screw  
 5/16" hex. bit for series 500 Tek screw



**"Piles are driven using simple hand held equipment"**





# INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

## Identify services

- 1** Mark and identify the location of any underground obstacles or services before driving the piles.

## Pre - install hardware

- 2** Install all nuts and bolts and secure to Surefoot plate.

## Set out

- 3** Set out and place the Surefoot plates in their correct position.

## Bedding down

- 4** Protect the top surface of the surefoot with a timber block. Tap with a sledge hammer to bed down and level into the soil.

## Load and semi - drive piles

- 5** Slide opposing piles through the guide tubes in the Surefoot.

## Level and secure the plate

- 6** Using a small sledge hammer drive the piles 200-300mm to secure the plate. Do the same with the rest of the piles in the Surefoot.

## Drive the piles

- 7** Then drive each pile alternately in increments with the jackhammer, periodically checking for level. Drive to designed pile embedment depth or refusal, see notes Pg. 06.

## Complete driving piles

- 8** Finish driving piles with the jackhammer until piles are flush with Surefoot plate.

## Lock the plate in place

- 9** Using the jackhammer through the center hole in the Surefoot, drive down the plate until the piles are tightly locked in.

## Finishing the plate

- 10** If refusal conditions are met and the Engineer has approved the cut piles, note in the bore log and paint exposed metal with cold gal Zinc rich touch up paint.

## Install Tek screws

- 11** Install the self drilling Tek screws through the Surefoot guides, securing the pile to the Surefoot plate.

## Pile record

- 12** A pile record must be kept for each footing and returned to the Engineer once completed, refer to page 8 and 9.



Welding directly to Surefoot



Assembly of nuts and bolts



# TROUBLE SHOOTING

## Services

Before you start the installation, identify all underground services. If you suspect the driven pile may interfere:

- A- Rotate the Surefoot to redirect the pile.
- B- Upgrade the Surefoot size to allow for more pile placement options. As long as the Engineer is aware of underground obstacles or utilities, a custom design Surefoot can be made to keep the piles from this area. We have 2, 3 and 4 way Surefoot pile options. 2 and 3 way Surefoot could be used to avoid an obstruction.

## Obstruction

- A- If a pile stops moving when driven in - STOP driving the pile!
- B- Be sure that the other piles are at least half way in to stabilise the Surefoot plate.
- C- Give the obstructed pile one or two firm hits with the sledge hammer. If the pile bounces it could be either a pipe or tree root. If the pile feels solid, it could be an isolated rock (refer to Rock Policy). Address these issues as suggested:
  - C.1 Service Pipe - Remove Surefoot plate, reposition / change pile direction to avoid the obstruction.
  - C.2 Tree root - Small Tree: Cut the pile end at 45° and jackhammer pile through the tree root.  
Large Tree: As per C.1

## Diagram Showing Obstruction







Extra Adjustment



Customised

## Rock policy

1. Our general policy is that the designed embedment depth of piles must be achieved or to the “point of refusal”, whichever is the lesser. Avoid using Surefoot in “harder” igneous or metamorphic rock such as solid granite or bluestone.

2. The test for “refusal”, is where the pile penetration for each 15 seconds of hammer time is less than 5 mm. This is based upon a minimum Jack hammer rating of 42- 45 Joules.

3. The minimum embedment depth of the pile into soft rock is generally 700 mm. Some softer rock or “floaters” may be fractured by increasing the capacity of the pneumatic hammer. Our 32 nominal bore hollow tubing tends to “core” into softer rocks with sustained pressure. The minimum penetration into the rock is 100 mm. Pre drilling of the piles may be required to achieve the designed or minimum depth. We recommend 42mm rockdrill bit.

4. Alternatively, consider whether the Surefoot footing could be slightly repositioned to avoid the rock. Also consider using a greater sized Surefoot plate, which gives greater pile location options.

5. Where rock is encountered very close to the surface and the minimum embedment depth cannot be achieved, please consult with the certifying Engineer or trained Surefoot staff for instructions. Provide a pile record and plan to the Engineer for reference. This should indicate the pile location and driven pile depths. Photos may be useful, if available.

## Keeping the Surefoot in position

To keep Surefoot in the correct location you may use the center guide in the Surefoot plate and drive a pile down to prevent movement. This is recommended on sloping sites.

## Driving the pile to specified depth

If there is a problem driving the piles at the specified depth the consulting Engineer or Surefoot should be contacted to resolve the issue.

## Levelling the plate

Surefoot should be installed level. Only Surefoot combined with a bolt and baseplate assembly is adjustable for level. Follow points 4 to 7 of the installation instructions.

If your Surefoot plate is distinctly out of level, we recommend that you start again. Remove the pile by cutting it off from beneath the Surefoot and rotate or relocate the plate.



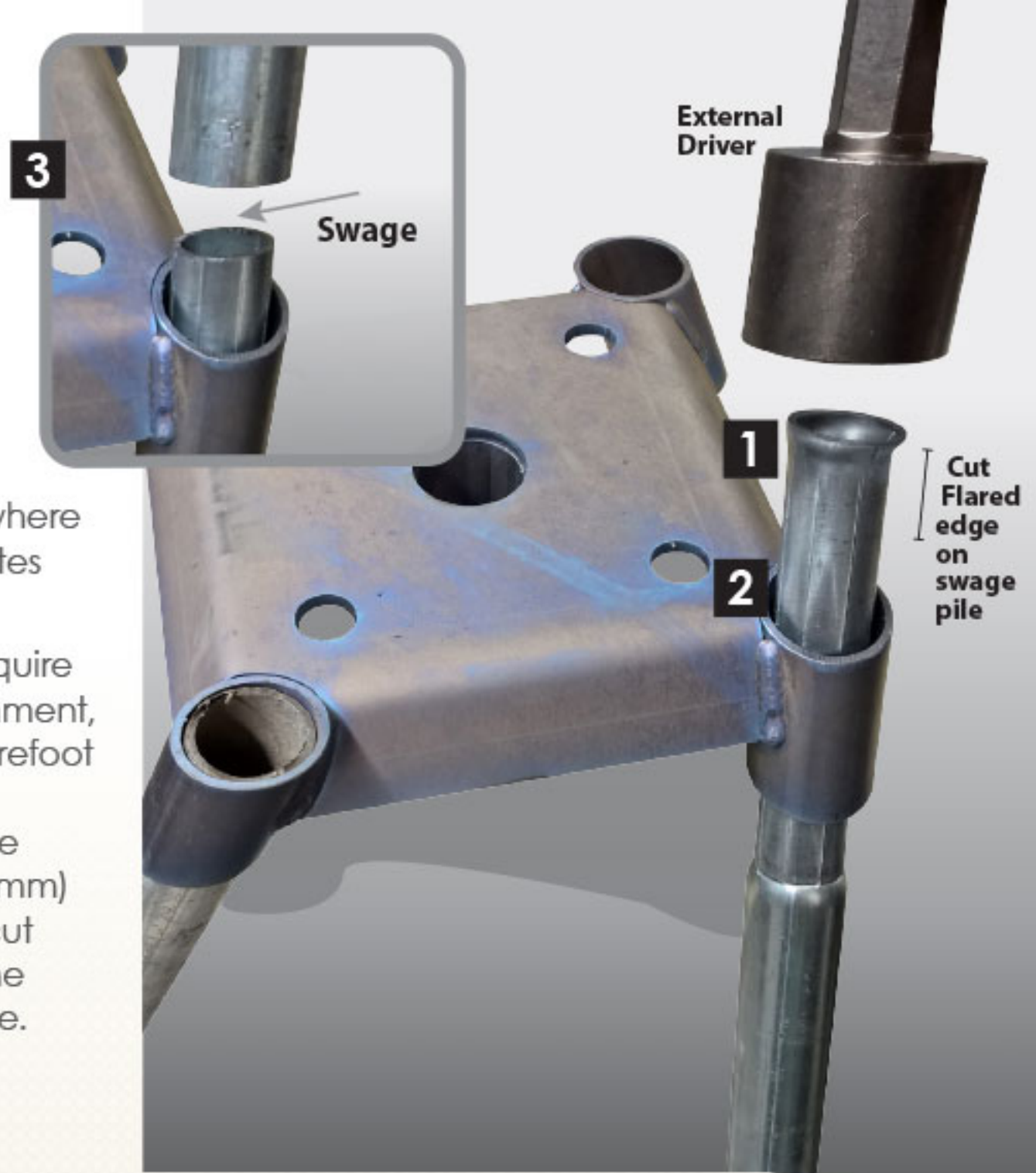
Container tie down



# SWAGED PILES

These piles are "joined" piles and are used where access for driving piles is limited and eliminates single long pile lengths.

1. Driven piles result in flared edges which require cutting off. Using an external driver attachment, drive the standard pile end through the Surefoot guide to within 100 mm of the plate.
2. Drive down and cut the flared edge off the narrow swaged pile end. (Approx. 30 – 50 mm)
3. Place the second standard pile onto the cut swaged end and hammer down so that the joined piles pass through the Surefoot guide. Continue driving the swaged pile to the recommended pile embedment depth.



## DON'T FORGET TO WORK SAFE!



Let the machine do the work



Correct Use of Jackhammer

Falling Hazard

DO NOT LEAN ON THE JACK HAMMER!



Incorrect Use of Jackhammer





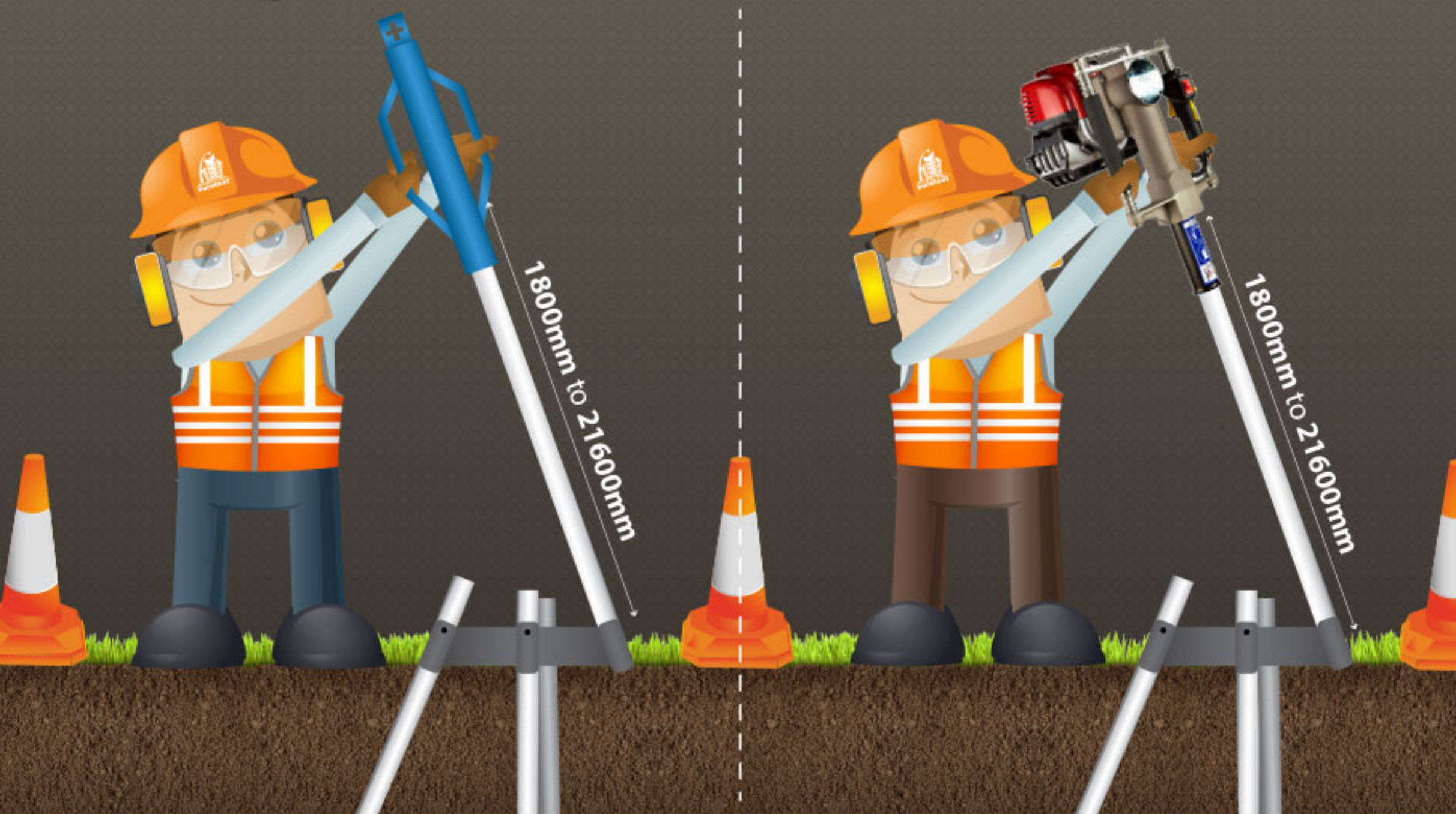
Shade Sail



Directional Surefoot

# LONG PILES

To start off long piles in any soil use a hand held "Start Picket" driver or a "Christie 4 Stroke petrol driven driver".









## PILE RECORD

Job	
Date	
Specified Depth	1100mm



Footing #	Pile #	Embedment	Comment
eg.			
1	1	1100	O.K
	2	1100 (1600)	Soft spot in soil
	3	1100	O.K
	4	900	Refusal on solid rock
	5	1100	Extra center pile added due to Engineer's request to compensate for "soft spot"
2	1	1100	O.K
	2	1100	O.K
	3	1100	O.K
	4	1100	O.K
3	1	600	Refusal <700mm contact Engineer
	2	900	O.K refusal   Engineering approved
	3	1000	O.K refusal   Piles 1, 2 & 3
	4	1100	O.K
4	1	1100	O.K
	2	1100	O.K
	3	1100	O.K
	4	1100	O.K

**Pile Record Note:**

1- Print Clearly In Pen

2 - If returning this pile record to the certifying Engineer, provide a plan and Identify the Footing Number

**Comments** Eg. Discussion with certifying Engineer, directed to use swaged joiner to 1600mm depth.

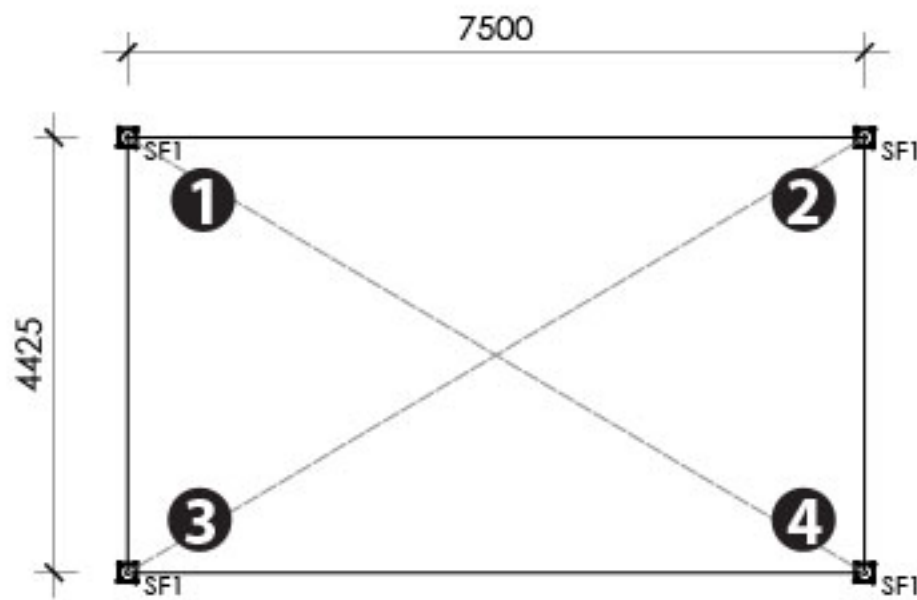
**Installation Supervisor** Name

**Signature** Signature

**Date** Date

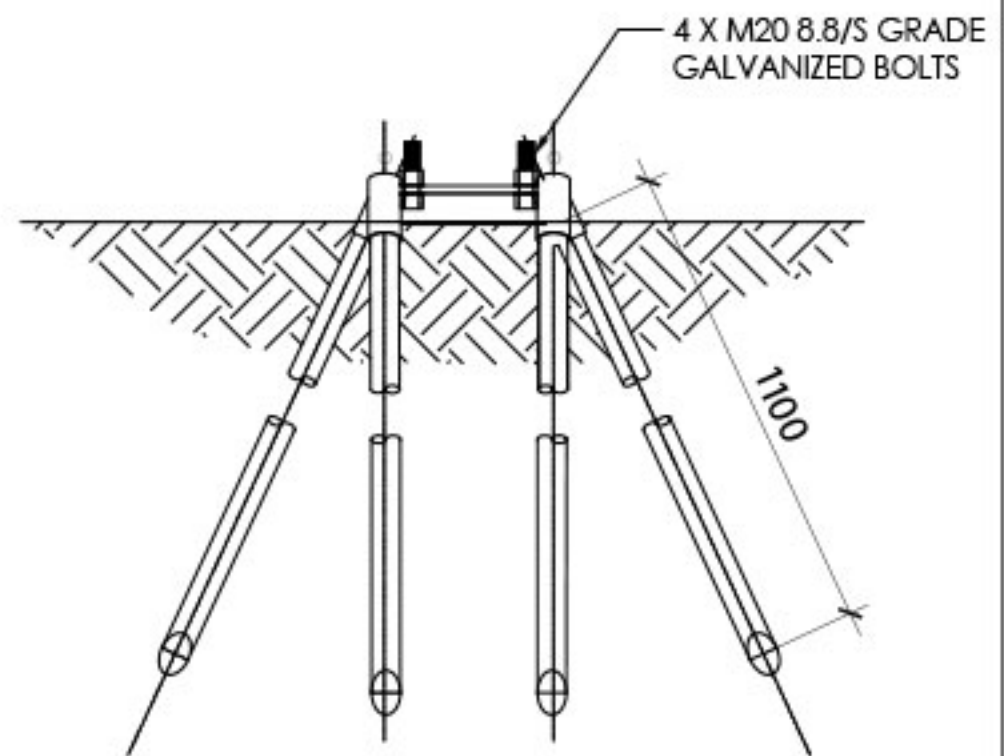


# PILE RECORD PLAN EXAMPLE



Example of Pile Record Plan  
Identifying and Showing Location of the SUREFOOT

SUREFOOT PLAN LAYOUT  
NTS



TYPICAL SECTION - SF100  
NTS

NO.	DATE	BY	DESCRIPTION

CLIENT:



**SUREFOOT**  
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Phone: 03 9004 5765, 0400389290.

PROJECT: -----

TITLE:  
**SUREFOOT LOCATION**

SITE ADDRESS: -----

RBP CERTIFICATION: ---

DESIGNED: CP

DRAWN: AE

CHECKED: CP

SCALE: AS SHOWN

JOB NO: ---

DATE: ---

DRAWING NO. REV.  
STR-001 A





SF200 with fully adjustable stump assembly - Domestic Project



SF400 Stainless Steel Surefoot - Marine Environment



Mining



Marine Environment Commercial



SF100 Installation



# Recommended JACKHAMMER

Type	Image	Brand	Model	Rating	Specification / Notes
Petrol 4 stroke		Honda / Christie Engineering	CHPD52	<b>26 Joules</b>	<p>Post driver- good for starting longer length piles when working overhead. Australian Made, 3 year Honda warranty.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Internal guide tube diameter 52mm</li> <li>• Impact energy: 26 Joules</li> <li>• Blows per minute: 1720 bpm</li> <li>• Weight: 13.5 kg</li> <li>• Motor: Honda GX35 4-stroke Motor</li> <li>• KW: 1.0 kW / 7000rpm</li> <li>• Fuel Use Up Rate: &lt;0.71L/h @ 7000 rpm</li> </ul>
Petrol 2 stroke		Baumr- AG	GJH1101	<b>50 Joules</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suitable for working on site without power or in wet conditions.</li> <li>• Chuck 30mm Hex</li> <li>• Impact energy: 50 Joules</li> <li>• Blows per minute: 1500 bpm</li> <li>• Weight: 18 kg</li> <li>• Motor: 49.3CC / 3.5hp - two stroke commercial</li> <li>• KW: 1.4 kW / 6500rpm</li> <li>• Fuel Use Up Rate: &lt;0.6L/h @ 7000 rpm</li> </ul>
Electrical 1750 Watt		Full Bore	FBT- 1800	<b>45 Joules</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chuck 30mm Hex</li> <li>• Impact energy: 45 Joules</li> <li>• Blows per minute: bpm</li> <li>• Weight: 18.5 kg</li> <li>• Power Input 1750 Watts</li> </ul>
Electrical 1400 Watt		Hitachi	H65SB2	<b>42 Joules</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chuck 30mm Hex</li> <li>• Impact energy: 42 Joules</li> <li>• Blows per minute: 1400 bpm</li> <li>• Weight: 16.5 kg</li> <li>• Power Input 1400 Watts</li> </ul>
Electrical		Bosch	GSH16-30	<b>45 Joules</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chuck 30mm Hex</li> <li>• Impact energy: 45 Joules</li> <li>• Blows per minute: 1300 bpm</li> <li>• Weight: 16.5 kg</li> <li>• Power Input 1750 Watts</li> </ul>







# INSTALLATION

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