

Testing Datasheet No 8

Pile Load Testing – Working Platform

Why it is important to adequately maintain the working platform until the end of all piling activities

- The working platform provides access for all piling plant, labour and testing activities
- The working platform must be designed, constructed, maintained and repaired so as to always provide the safe access for all piling plant, labour and testing equipment
- The working platform must have a specified design life, which is to begin before the piling contractor starts work on site, and must not end at least until all piling works (including pile construction, load testing, investigation of any non-conformances and the repair or replacement of any piling works) are completed
- The FPS Working Platform Certificate, or similar, is to be used
- If the working platform is to be constructed or removed in phases whilst any piling works are still ongoing, then the extent of these works shall be clearly described to, and agreed with, the piling contractor
- Note that pile load testing will require safe access to the test pile position for lorries, craneage and labour, both for erection of the test and for the dismantling of the test afterwards.

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