

## Solar Energy South Africa

# Estimated usage of pipe pile photovoltaic support



## Overview

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Can photovoltaic support steel pipe screw piles survive frost jacking?

To study the frost jacking performance of photovoltaic support steel pipe screw pile foundations in seasonally frozen soil areas at high latitudes and low altitudes and prevent excessive frost jacking displacement, this study determines the best geometric parameters of screw piles through in situ tests and simulation methods.

What are the different types of photovoltaic support foundations?

The common forms of photovoltaic support foundations include concrete independent foundations, concrete strip foundations, concrete cast-in-place piles, prestressed high-strength concrete (PHC piles), steel piles and steel pipe screw piles. The first three are cast-in situ piles, and the last three are precast piles.

Is a PHC pile foundation a reliable support structure for heliostats?

A comprehensive design program is proposed based on field tests and numerical simulations, considering deformation and bearing capacity. The study confirms the reliability of the PHC pile foundation as a support structure for heliostats, aiming to offer valuable insights for practical applications.

What is the difference between steel pipe screw pile and PHC pile?

Compared with the PHC pile, the difference in the steel pipe screw pile is that its shaft is thin, the pile-soil friction is small, and the bearing capacity is mainly borne by helical plates.

Can energy piles be used for underground energy exchange?

Energy piles, which are combinations of BHEs with pile foundations, could be used for underground energy exchange without the need for drilling holes [ , , ]. Energy piles have been combined with ground source heat pump (GSHP) systems for building heating or cooling for years [ 33 ].

What is the Frost jacking of the photovoltaic pile?

Considering the thawing settlement of the pile body, within the 25-year service period of the photovoltaic power project, the frost jacking of the pile is approximately 144.68 mm. anti-frost jacking measures are recommended to reduce the impact of frost heaving.

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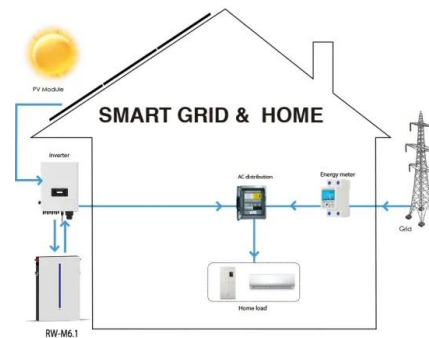


### Pile Driving Part II: Pile Types and Guidelines

There are two main types of steel piles: H-piles and pipe piles. Steel H-Piles. Steel H-piles are designed with wide flange shapes of equal thickness in both the web and flanges. The depth of each section is roughly ...

### Frost jacking characteristics of steel pipe screw piles for

In this study, the frost jacking characteristics of steel pipe screw piles for photovoltaic support foundations in high-latitude and low-altitude regions are studied via in situ tests and numerical ...



### Comparison and Optimization of Bearing Capacity of ...

This study has comprehensively investigated the bearing characteristics of three types of photovoltaic support piles, serpentine piles, square piles, and circular piles, in desert gravel areas. Through numerical ...

### Foundation Alternatives for Ground Mount Solar Panel Installations

For a 10 ft. long pipe pile, the drop hammer took about 12 min. as compared to about 1 min. for

the vibratory hammer. The uplift capacity of driven piles in most soils depends on the side ...



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