

Clamping Assembly for Attaching to Piles 1997 NOVA Award Nomination 05

Clamping Assembly Attaches a Pile to a Pile Driver or Extractor

This nomination is for a clamping assembly for attaching a pile to a pile driving or extracting device. The clamp assembly has a fixed gripping assembly and a moveable gripping assembly. The fixed assembly is rigidly attached to a housing, and the movable assembly is attached to a pivot arm attached to the housing. The pile is placed between the gripping assemblies and a piston causes the pivot arm to rotate such that the pile is gripped. An anvil formed on the top of the clamp assembly facilitates attachment of the clamp assembly to the pile driving or extracting device and alleviates damage to bolts used to attach the clamp assembly.

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