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Specialist Construction Solutions



Groundforce Standard Solutions Quick Access Box (1.8m Depth) No Groundwater



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Design Complexity Risk:	0	
Groundforce Check Category:	1	
	<i>*An additional check should be carried out on site by the contractor to assess the suitability of the design</i>	
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IMPORTANT PLEASE NOTE



1. The design calculations contained in this document have been prepared using Groundforce Shorco's specialist temporary works design software. The designs have been based on the basic assumptions listed, which the competent person must assess as having been satisfied. If any parameter exceeds these assumptions, then the user should obtain a site specific design by contacting Groundforce on 0800 000 345.
2. It is the contractor's responsibility to communicate the information contained within this design to all relevant parties including the site principal designer(s) and temporary works coordinators where appropriate. It is also the contractor's responsibility to ensure that this information is incorporated into site specific method statements and risk assessments.
3. Any significant residual risks remaining after the design process will be documented both on the relevant page of this design and also on the drawings. It is the contractor's responsibility to take steps to reduce these risks to an acceptable level.

Please ensure that this document is passed on to the site temporary works co-ordinator and or main contractor prior to commencing any excavation work.



If in doubt ASK!



CDM 2015 Statement

The key aim of the CDM 2015 regulations is to integrate health and safety into the management of the project. As a result, specific duties are imposed on the key parties involved in a construction project namely:

1. The client
2. The principal designer (on sites where there is, or is likely to be, more than one contractor at any time)
3. Designers (this includes Groundforce Shorco as appointed temporary works designers of the original solution and the person selecting the standard solution).
4. The principal contractor (on sites where there is, or is likely to be, more than one contractor at any time)
5. Contractors

As competent temporary works' designers operating within the CDM regulations, specifically regulation 9 and 10, along with regulation 8 – general duties, Groundforce Shorco undertake to:

1. Adopt a safety first approach to design work in accordance with recognised standards and codes of practice.
2. Eliminate hazards and reduce risks in their design process.
3. Communicate clear and concise information about design assumptions and residual risks to all relevant parties.

Under CDM, the designer is defined as anyone preparing or modifying a design. A design can consist of drawings, details or specifications relating to a structure. As such, a designer includes anyone who specifies a particular method of work, equipment or material. This person will assume the role and responsibilities of a designer under the CDM Regulations and must have the skills, knowledge and experience, necessary to fulfil the role. As a designer, they are duty bound to cooperate with other persons working on a project to enable them to fulfil their duties and maintain the health and safety of themselves and others. Based on the above definitions, it is clear that great care should be taken when specifying shoring equipment, and should only be done by those with a sufficient level of competence to fulfil the role of the designer.

It is the responsibility of the person selecting the standard solution to check that the site conditions match those assumed in the solution. In addition, as this person is effectively specifying the solution, they assume the role and responsibilities of the designer under CDM.

One responsibility imposed on the client under CDM is to ensure that a principal designer has been appointed on sites where there is, or is likely to be, more than one contractor at any time.

We have not been informed who the principal designer for this site is. A copy of this design should be passed on to the principal designer for consideration.

In addition to the requirements of the CDM 2015 regulations, the main contractor or principle contractor should appoint a temporary works' coordinator (TWC) and supervisor(s) (TWS) as recommended in BS 5975:2019. The duties of the TWC(s)' and TWS(s)' are specified in section 11 & 12 of the above standard.



A copy of this design should be passed on to the TWC and or the TWS for consideration.

Basis of Design

Excavation Details		
Duration of Excavation:	Less than 12 weeks	
Purpose of Excavation:	Quick Access Box (1.8m Depth)	
Max. Excavation Depth:	1.80m*	
	<i>* includes no allowance for overdig</i>	
Plan Dimensions:	External:	Varies (Refer to drawing ref: MIX-0W-LW-QAB-18 C02)
	Internal:	Varies (Refer to drawing ref: MIX-0W-LW-QAB-18 C02)
Clearance below struts:	0.17m	

Ground Conditions	
✓ Suitable Ground	✗ Unsuitable Ground
Well Compacted Made Ground	Very Loose or Loose Made Ground
Road Construction	Silt
Medium Dense, Dense or Very Dense Sand	Very Loose or Loose Sand
Loose, Medium Dense, Dense or Very Dense Gravel	Very Loose Gravel
Soft-Firm, Firm, Stiff or Very Stiff Clay	Very Soft or Soft Clay
Rock	Peat
SHOULD THE GROUND CONDITIONS ENCOUNTERED DIFFER FROM THOSE PERMITTED, STOP WORK IMMEDIATELY AND INFORM THE TEMPORARY WORKS CO-ORDINATOR	

Assumed soil parameters for purposes of design*						
Depth (m)	Soil Name	γ (kN/m ³)	ϕ (kN/m ²)	Ka	Kp	δ
0.0 to 1.8	MIXED GROUND (See Above)	18.0	32	0.31	3.25	0.00
No groundwater is permitted within the depth of the excavation						

**These simplified parameters are deemed to be conservative based on the above information and result in a safe solution. The solutions have also been checked using undrained shear strength values to represent the soft-firm clay (minimum cohesion of 30kN/m²) in the short-term.*

Basis of Design (continued)

Surcharges (one option per side)	
A uniform surcharge of 16kN/m ² at ground level to allow for general site traffic and	
✓ Permitted	✗ Not Permitted
Excavators up to 30 tonne weight working near the excavation.	Plant exceeding 30 tonne (including cranes)
Live roads up to and including Principal (A) roads, site access or closed roads	Railways, motorways and trunk roads
Simple boundary wall no more than 1.0m high	Embankments, sloping ground (greater than 1 in 10), spoil heaps, stored material
	Buildings/structures

Unsuitable Site Conditions
Design is not valid if any of the following conditions exist on site:
▪ Adjacent watercourses ▪ Presence of groundwater ▪ Excavation duration exceeding 12 weeks

Specification of Support Equipment

Boxes				
Box Type:	Groundforce Quick Access Box			
Number of Units:	Base Unit:	1 No.	Top Ext's:	1 No.

Box Plates	
Allowable Kicking Moment:	1.0kNm
Calculated Kicking Moment (1):	10.8kNm
Allowable Bowing Moment:	5.9kNm/m
Calculated Bowing Moment (4):	7.4kNm/m

Box Struts (Type – Acrow)	
Allowable Compressive Strut Load	30.0kN
Calculated Compressive Strut Load (2)	4.8kN

General Notes

1. This design is only valid when used in conjunction with Groundforce Shorco & Piletec equipment.
2. This design is only valid for short-term (< 12 wks) temporary works' applications. Therefore total stress soil parameters have been used for cohesive materials in the temporary case.
3. The installation and use of the equipment is the responsibility of the Hirer. It is essential that appropriately trained personnel are employed to install and use this equipment in accordance with the design specifications and user guides and general good practice. Groundforce can provide an installation advisory service to assist you with installing the equipment. Alternatively we can provide on site 'toolbox training'. Detailed user guides have been provided with the equipment, if not please ask.
4. The contractor is responsible for:
 - Providing adequate lifting facilities to ensure the safe off-loading, installation and removal of the equipment. Equipment weights are listed on the scheme drawings and user guides.
 - Checking for the presence of underground and overhead services and dealing with accordingly.
 - Providing appropriate edge protection to the perimeter of the excavation and also suitable means of access / egress to and from the excavation.
5. Unless otherwise stated in the scheme specific notes, all structural information has been calculated as the "worst case" loading resulting from a stage-by-stage installation sequence analysis.
6. The temporary works scheme has been designed with reference to the following documents as considered appropriate for the specific design:
 - British Steel (Arcelor) Piling Handbook;
 - CIRIA Special Publication 95 (1993): The Design & Construction of Sheet-Piled Cofferdams.
 - CIRIA Report C760: Embedded Retaining Walls (replaces CIRIA C580)
 - BS 8002:2015 Code of Practice for Earth Retaining Structures
 - BS 6031:2009 Code of Practice for Earthworks
7. The structural resistance of the supporting equipment has been generally designed in accordance with the following standards as considered appropriate to the specific design:
 - BS 5950 Part1-2000: Structural Use of Steelwork in Building where applicable
 - Eurocode 3: Design of steel structures. BS EN 1993 (part 1)
 - BS EN 13331 (parts 1 & 2) 2002: Trench Lining Systems
8. Attention is drawn to current safety legislation particularly CDM 2015 regulations & BS 5975:2019 (see also page 2). Appropriate site specific risk assessments **must** be performed by the contractor. In addition, the excavation must be inspected by a competent person in accordance with statutory requirements. Any defects or signs of deterioration to the support system must be notified to us immediately and work stopped within the excavation.
9. Any installation method statement supplied by GFS will be non-site specific. This will not take into account health and safety matters which should be dealt with in the hirer's own safety method statement. In addition the method statement should be read in conjunction with the design brief, drawings and equipment installation instructions supplied by Groundforce. Any deviation from these instructions/recommendations should be notified to us for verification of the adequacy of the scheme.

Scheme Specific Notes (to be read in conjunction with risk schedule)

1. This design is based on a “Dig & Push” method of installation.
2. This design includes allowance for the following surcharges – **one option per side**. (Note: If the surcharge is not listed below it has not been considered in this design and should therefore not be within the zone of influence):
A uniform surcharge of 16kN/m² at ground level to allow for general site traffic and
 - Excavators up to 30 tonne weight working near the excavation.
OR
 - Live roads up to and including Principal (A) roads, site access or closed roads
OR
 - Simple boundary wall no more than 1.0m high.
3. In the interests of design economy, overdig has not been allowed for in the design calculations. The contractor must therefore ensure that the excavation process is controlled accordingly (see also the residual risk assessment sheet).
4. As soon as the formation level is exposed, it is recommended that blinding concrete should be placed immediately to prevent degradation of the base.
5. The contractor should use a suitable “Bond break” medium such as visqueen, between the concrete and box panels to aid extraction of equipment.

Residual Risk Schedule

The followings items have been identified as potential residual risks remaining after the design process risk assessment. Based on the information that we have available, we have allocated each risk a rating number depending on its potential to cause a problem. Those with a rating of 2, 3 and 4 are highlighted on the scheme drawing. **A further site specific risk assessment must be carried out on these items to assess their importance and potential consequence and to determine a course of action or monitoring in order to mitigate the risk to an acceptable level.**

Residual Risk Item	Risk Rating
Site specific risk assessments	2
Size and weight of the equipment	2
Ground conditions	2
Surcharge	2
Accidental excavation (Overdig)	2
Unsupported ground at ends of trench	2
Working at Height & Access/Egress	2
Ground movement	2

Key to Risk Rating	
1	Unlikely to be a problem
2	Possible problem
3	Probable problem
4	Almost certain to be a problem

Notes on possible further mitigation action required at site level.

1. Site specific risk assessments: Site specific risk assessments must be performed by the contractor. In addition the excavation must be inspected by a competent person in accordance with statutory requirements. Any defects or signs of deterioration to the support system must be notified to Groundforce immediately and work stopped within the excavation.
2. Size and weight of the equipment: Ensure that this information is taken into account during the planning of any work to be carried out, including the provision of adequate lifting facilities to ensure the safe loading, installation and removal of the equipment.
3. Ground conditions: Should the ground conditions differ from those considered, excavation should stop immediately and a site specific temporary works design be obtained. Any immediate hazards should be made safe by backfilling if necessary. In addition if ground is found to be hard the Contractor is to take care when installing box as application of excessive force may result in box damages which may be chargeable. If ground contains cohesive material the Contractor is to take care when extracting box due to self-weight and suction effects inherent to cohesive material. Lifting capacity of onsite machinery is to be assessed prior to starting the extraction process.
4. Surcharge: A uniform surcharge of 16kN/m² has been applied at ground level to allow for any of the following surcharges (**1 option per side**):
 - Excavators up to 30 tonne weight working near the excavation.
OR
 - Live roads up to and including Principal (A) roads, site access or closed roads
OR
 - Simple boundary wall no more than 1.0m high.

If plant exceeds weight limit of 30Te, or total surcharge loading is exceeded design stated values scheme needs to be reassessed.

All spoil and excavated material should be moved to outside the zone of influence to avoid additional surcharging of the excavation.

5. Accidental excavation (Overdig): In the interests of design economy, overdig has not been allowed for in the design calculations. Specific control measures should be put in place to ensure that the dig is not allowed to progress beyond the indicated formation level.

6. Unsupported ground at ends of excavation (*Applicable if Endsafe Closure Panels not utilised*): The ends of the excavation should be battered back a safe angle on all faces to ensure stability of the unsupported ground. Alternatively, End Closure Panels could be utilised to close off the ends of the excavation. **Trench sheets should not be placed against the box struts.**
7. Working at Height & Access/Egress: Suitable edge protection and appropriate means of access and egress to and around the excavation. Groundforce's integrated EdgeSafe and LadderSafe products are recommended.
8. Ground movement: Monitor the ground surrounding the excavation for signs of movement (cracks, settlement etc.) and seek advice if necessary. Risk assess the impact of any ground movement on the integrity of any adjacent structures, roads and services.



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Box details

Dig Depth	1.80	m
Box Type	Quick Access Box	
Box make-up	Base + 1 Top	
Clearance below	0.17	m
Strut type	Acrow	
Strut Length	1.71	m Pin to pin
Endsafe required	No	
Endsafe Type	N/A	
Endsafe Panels	N/A	N/A

Box Height	1.80	m
Box Length	1.23	m
Box Width	1.79	m
Clearance on plan	1.05	m

External 1.66 m Internal

CO₂e for this Hire

+	0.0145	kgCO ₂ e/kg/week
	Equipment (A1 - A3)	
	0.015	kgCO ₂ e/kg/hire
	Transport (A4)	

Total Box Weight	176	kg
Base Unit Weight	117	kg
Top Unit Weight	59	kg
No. of Top Units	1	

Soil parameters

based on Mixed Parameters (refer to table of suitable/unsuitable ground conditions).

Depth		Description	γ	γ_{sat}	ϕ	δ/ϕ	c or c_u	a_w/c_u	K_a	K_p	K_{ac}	K_{pc}
m BGL			kN/m^3	kN/m^3	$^\circ$		kN/m^2					
0.00	1.80	MADE GROUND - Granular	18	21	32	0.00	0	0.00	0.31	3.25	0.00	0.00
Groundwater Level		10.00	m BGL	Consider water filled tension cracks?				No				

Surcharges

Uniform surcharge, q_{udl}		16	kN/m ²									
Local surcharge (No.)		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8			
Type (<i>Strip or Area</i>)												
Surcharge, q	kN/m ²											
Depth, x	m											
Offset, A	m											
Width, B	m											
Length, L	m											

Moments

1 @ strut level	Allowable	Actual	OK?
2 @ underside of strut housing			
Kicking Moment 1, M3,1 (kNm/end)	1.0	0.2	PASS
Kicking Moment 2, M3,2 (kNm/end)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Bowing Moment, M1 (kNm/m)	5.9	2.3	PASS
Endsafe Panel Moment (kNm/m)	N/A	N/A	N/A

Struts

	Level	Load _{allow}	Load _{actual}	OK?
	m BGL	kN	kN	
F1	0.300	30.0	2.2	PASS
F2	0.800	30.0	3.9	PASS
F3	1.600	30.0	4.8	PASS
F4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Notes

Design also applicable in cohesive ground with minimum strength of Soft to Firm (a minimum cohesion of 30kN/m²). Please refer to the drawing for further information on ground conditions suitable for this design.

Groundwater not considered.

Maximum depth = 1.80m.

For more information on our carbon calculation, scan the below QR code





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Scheme 1.8m Deep

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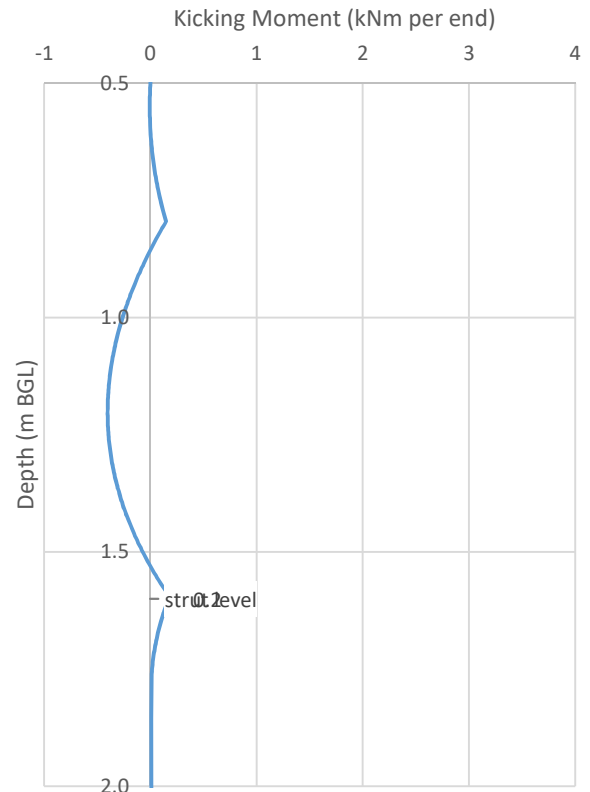
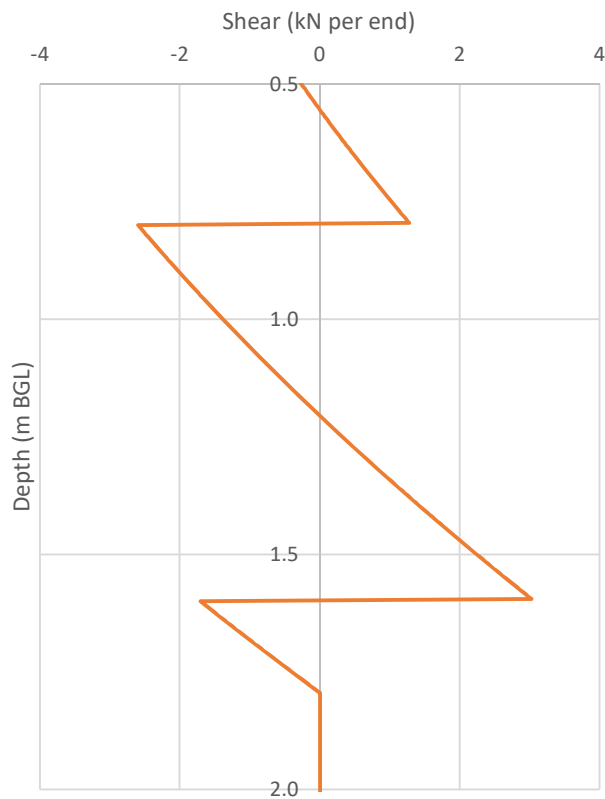
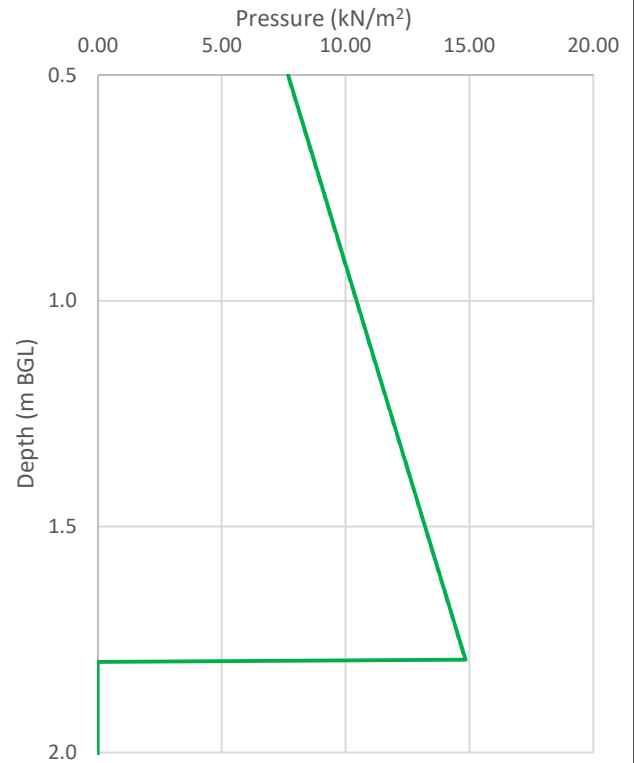
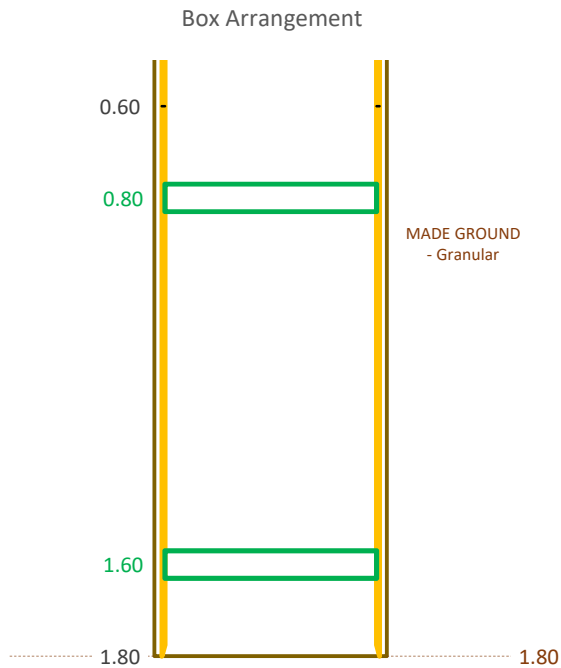
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Graphical Output



1 CHECK GROUND CONDITIONS

The standard solution indicated on this drawing can be used in the following ground conditions. Should the ground conditions be unsuitable, please contact Groundforce for a site specific design.

✓ SUITABLE GROUND ✗ UNSUITABLE GROUND

Well Compacted Made Ground	Very Loose or Loose Made Ground
Road Construction	Silt
Medium Dense, Dense or Very Dense Sand	Very Loose or Loose Sand
Loose, Medium Dense, Dense or Very Dense Gravel	Very Loose Gravel
Soft-Firm, Firm, Stiff or Very Stiff Clay	Very Soft or Soft Clay
Rock	Peat

⚡ No groundwater is permitted within the depth of the excavation.

⚠ SHOULD THE GROUND CONDITIONS ENCOUNTERED DIFFER FROM THOSE PERMITTED, STOP WORK IMMEDIATELY AND INFORM THE TEMPORARY WORKS CO-ORDINATOR

2 CHECK SITE CONDITIONS & SURCHARGES

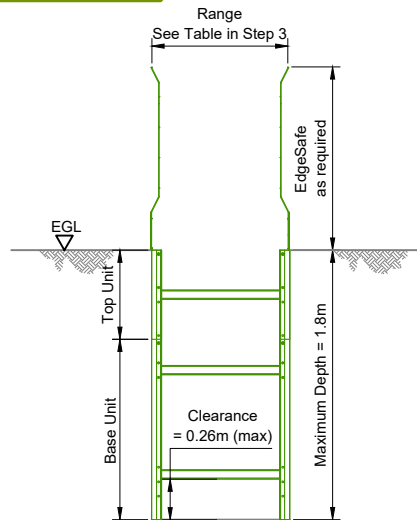
The standard solution indicated on this drawing is valid based on the below conditions. Should the site conditions and/or surcharges be unsuitable, please contact Groundforce for a site specific design.

✓ PERMITTED (within the zone of influence*) ✗ NOT PERMITTED (within the zone of influence*)

 Plant up to 30t (10kN/m ²)	 Plant exceeding 30t (including cranes)
 Live roads up to and including Principal (A) roads, site access or closed roads	 Railways, motorways and trunk roads
 Simple boundary walls less than 1.0m high	 Embankments, sloping ground (greater than 1 in 10), spoil heaps, stored material
	 Buildings/structures

* The Zone of Influence is assumed to extend back from the edge of the excavation by a distance equal to 1.0 x dig depth (i.e. at 45° from formation level)

4 TYPICAL SECTION

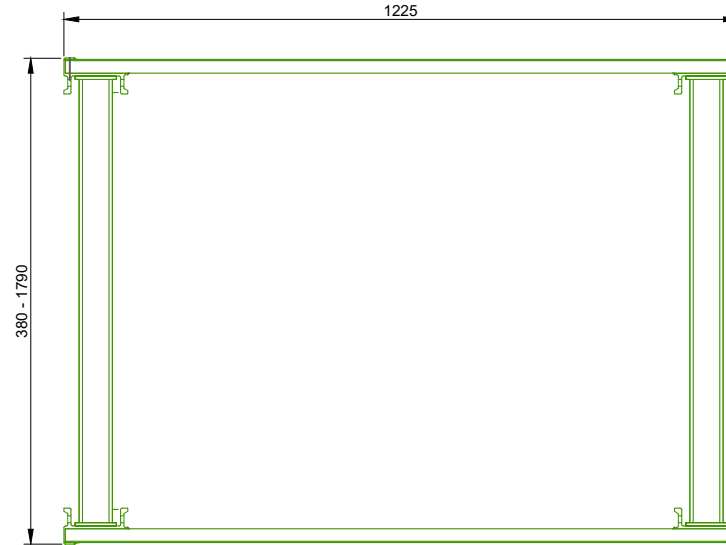


Maximum Allowable Dig Depth = 1.80m



⚠ IF YOU ARE IN ANY DOUBT...ASK! ⚠

3 EQUIPMENT



SPECIFICATION	Quick Access Box
Plate Length (mm)	1225
Plate Thickness (mm)	25
Clearance Between Struts (m)	1045
External Width (mm)	380 - 1790
Internal Width (mm)	254 - 1664
Strut Length (mm)	330 - 1740
Plate Height - Base Unit (mm)	1200
Plate Height - Top Unit (mm)	600
Strut Clearance Height (mm)	170 / 265
Weight - Base Unit (kg)	103
Weight - Top Unit (kg)	50

5 USE OF CHAIN ATTACHMENT POINTS

Lightweight boxes are equipped with only one type of chain attachment point.

Lifting points are much heavier duty constructions designed to take the full weight of the box including extraction forces when pulling them out of the ground. These points are located in the top of the box panels and are denoted by red paint.

Note:

- Chain attachment points have been designed in accordance with BS EN 13331-1:2002 clause 7.4.
- The chain attachment points are considered as part of the load. Therefore no certification is required for these points under LOLER.



Lifting point

⚠ RESIDUAL RISKS ⚠

- Site specific risk assessments** must be performed by the contractor. In addition the excavation must be inspected by a competent person in accordance with statutory requirements. Any defects or signs of deterioration to the support system must be notified to Groundforce immediately and work stopped within the excavation.
- Size and weight of the equipment:** Ensure that this information is taken into account during the planning of any work to be carried out, including the provision of adequate lifting facilities to ensure the safe loading/ unloading, installation and removal of the equipment.
- Ground conditions:** Should the ground conditions differ from those considered, excavation should stop immediately and a site specific temporary works design be obtained. Any immediate hazards should be made safe by backfilling if necessary.
- Surcharge:** Prior to commencing excavation, the competent person selecting the standard solution should ensure that no excessive surcharges are present.
- Accidental excavation (Overdig):** Care should be taken during excavation to ensure that maximum allowable dig levels are not exceeded.
- Unsupported ground at ends of excavation:** Ground should be battered back to a safe angle of repose or suitable EndSafe panels should be used.
- Working at Height & Access/Egress:** Suitable edge protection and appropriate means of access and egress to and around the excavation. Groundforce's integrated EdgeSafe product is recommended.
- Ground movement:** Monitor the ground surrounding the excavation for signs of movement (cracks, settlement etc.) and seek advice if necessary. Risk assess the impact of any ground movement on the integrity of any adjacent structures, roads and services.

Notes

- This standard solution has been produced to enable a competent person (someone who has sufficient training, skills, experience, knowledge and also the authority to carry out the task in hand) to specify the shoring requirements for relatively small, shallow excavations in reasonable ground conditions so as to avoid having to produce a site specific design.
- For the applicability of the standard solution, refer to the "Ground Conditions" and "Site Conditions & Surcharges" boxes opposite.
- The excavation must be open for less than 12 weeks.
- Should any of the above conditions not be met or there be a requirement to use alternative equipment, the TWC should obtain a site specific temporary works design by contacting Groundforce on 0800 000 345.
- The installation of the equipment is the responsibility of the hirer. It is essential that appropriately trained personnel are employed to install this equipment in accordance with this drawing and specific Groundforce User Guides. Groundforce can provide an installation supervision service if required or alternatively provide 'toolbox training' for the site operatives.
- Assumed Installation Method: Dig and Push (See Groundforce Installation & User Guides).
- Removal is the reverse of the installation process ensuring material is backfilled and compacted in layers as extraction proceeds.
- A general surcharge of 16kN/m² has been allowed for. This will account for most common site equipment. If abnormal surcharges are likely to be present, seek further advice from Groundforce.
- The excavation support design does NOT allow for standard BS8002 overdig. The contractor MUST ensure the excavation process is controlled and monitored at all stages to avoid overdigging.
- This design is not suitable for use with any other supplier's equipment and no liability shall be accepted by Groundforce for such use.

Scheme Title: _____

Scheme Number: _____

Location: _____

I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the actual site and ground conditions do not conflict with the parameters of this Temporary Works Design

Signed: _____
Temporary Works Co-ordinator

Date: _____

Company: _____

! CO₂e FOR THIS HIRE

kgCO₂e per kg of equipment per week
Steel = 0.0145, Aluminium = 0.0358
+ kgCO₂e per kg of equipment per hire
= 0.015 - Transport to and from site (A4)



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Quick Access Box (QAB)



Important Notes

All excavation work must be thoroughly planned before work commences on site to identify hazards and assess risk.

These instructions form guidance for the Quick Access Box. Non-standard applications should be approved by a suitably qualified engineer.

Ensure all personnel engaged in excavation operations are properly briefed and adequately supervised by a competent person.

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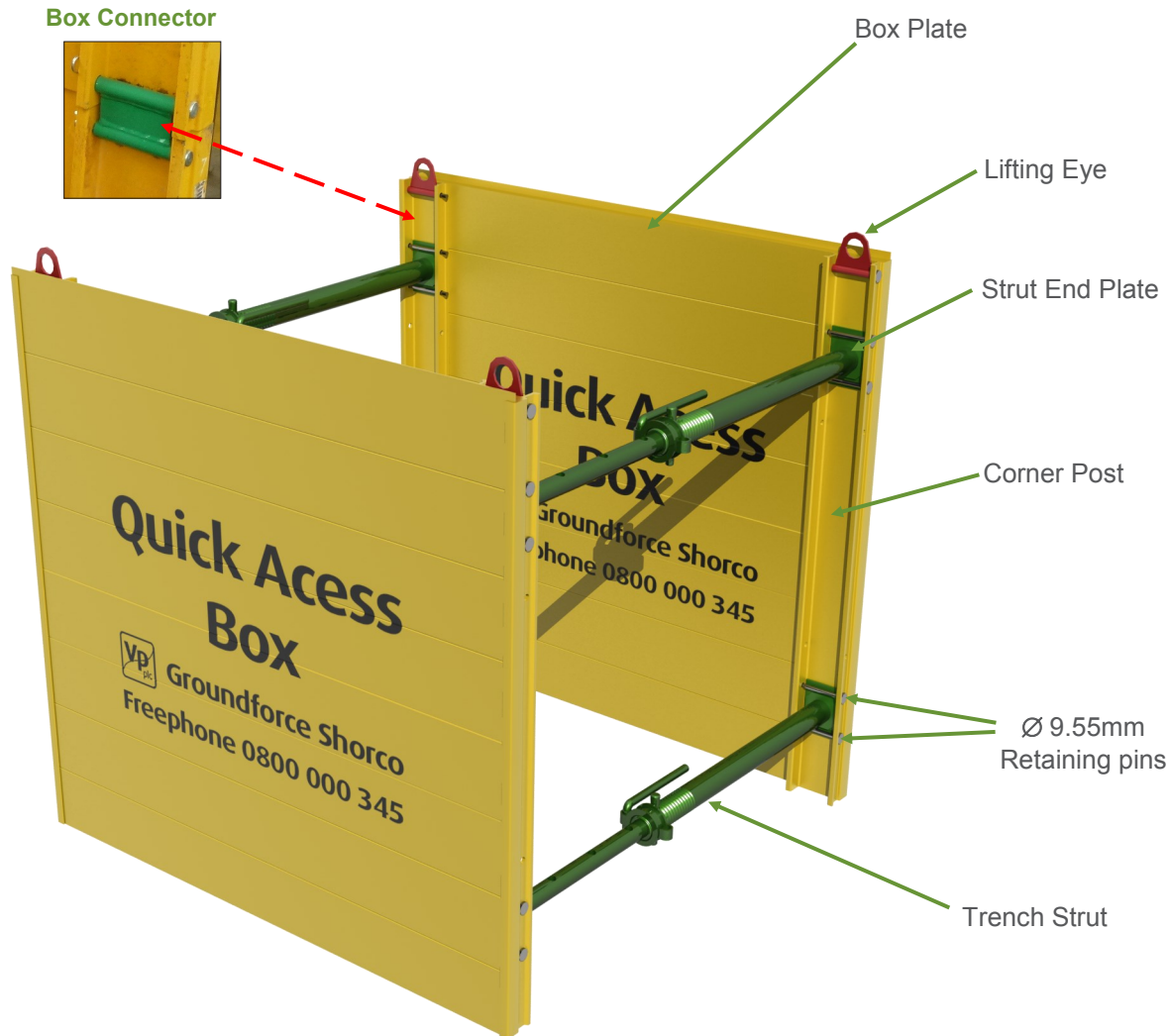
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Introduction

A lightweight modular box system that can be assembled by hand and handled by a 180 degree rubber tyred excavator. Box weights start as low as 70kg. The portability and ease of handling make the system ideal for emergency uses where rapid response and limited working space rule out heavier equipment.

Equipment Identification



Equipment Specification

Component Description	Size* (mm)	Weight (kg)
Base Panel	1225 x 1200	27
Top Panel	1225 x 600	14
Strut type 0	330 - 480	4.8
Strut type 1	500 - 740	6.6
Strut type 2	700 - 1100	8.5
Strut type 3	1040 - 1740	11.8
Retaining Pin	9.55mm Dia.	1
Adjustment Pin	16mm Dia.	1
Lifting Lug	N/A	1
Box Connector	N/A	1

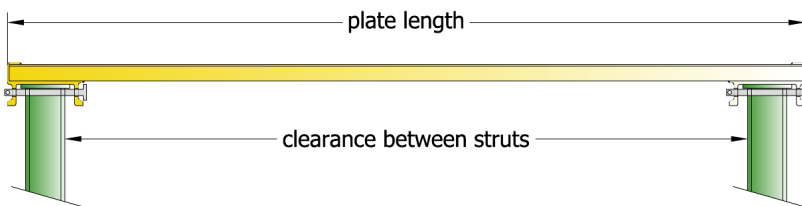
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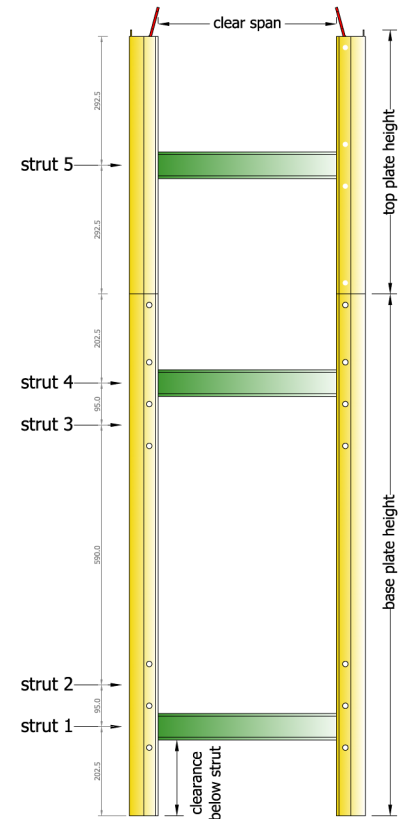
Typical Configurations

	Strut Size	0	1	2	3
Width (mm)	Internal	254 - 404	424 - 664	624 - 1024	964 - 1664
	External	380 - 530	550 - 790	750 - 1150	1090 - 1790
Length (mm)	Internal	1045	1045	1045	1045
	External	1225	1225	1225	1225
Weight** (kg)		73.2	80.4	88	101.2

** Weights shown account for base unit only



Technical Specification	Base Unit	Top Unit
Plate Length (mm)	1225	1225
Plate Height (mm)	1200	600
Plate Thickness (mm)	25	25
Clearance below struts (mm)	170 / 265	N/A
Clearance between struts in plan (mm)	1045	1045
Clearance between corner posts (mm)	Strut length - 76mm	Strut length - 76mm
Earth to earth distance (mm)	Strut length + 50mm	Strut length + 50mm



Assembly



Safety Notes: Extreme care and adequate precautions must be taken to prevent trapping fingers during assembly and installation. **Always use certified lifting equipment.**



- Place both box base plates on firm level ground one facing up, and one facing down (these box plates are light enough to be handled by 2 people).
- Adjust the trench struts to the desired length and fix using the Ø6mm adjustment pin.
- Place all four struts onto the channel sections, protruding from the panel facing upwards, and secure each one in place using the 2No. 9.5mm pins and retaining clips supplied.
- Safely lift the downward facing plate into position above the struts and lower carefully, guiding the ends of the upstanding struts, into the channel sections (corner posts) on the plate.
- Secure the struts to the panel with the remaining 8 pins and retaining clips.
- The completed box can now be handled using a small 180 degree rubber tyred excavator.
- Connect two of the lifting sling legs to the top panel and lift the entire box to the upright working position. **Note:** when not in use, it is essential that the boxes are stored on flat stable ground. If in doubt, they should be dug into the ground by at least 0.5m or stored flat on their side.
- Connect the two free legs of the lifting sling to the lifting points of the other panel before lifting the box into the trench.

Top Extension Instructions

1. Repeat steps 1 to 5 but note that only two box struts are required as opposed to four in the base unit.
2. Connect two of the lifting sling legs to the top panel and lift the entire box to the upright working position.
3. Connect the two free legs of the lifting sling to the lifting points of the other panel before lifting the top unit onto the base unit.
4. Using 4No. Box connectors (one in each corner) connect the top and base unit together with 8No. Pins and retaining clips.
5. Ensure everything has been connected properly before lifting the entire box into the trench.

Installation

Step 1

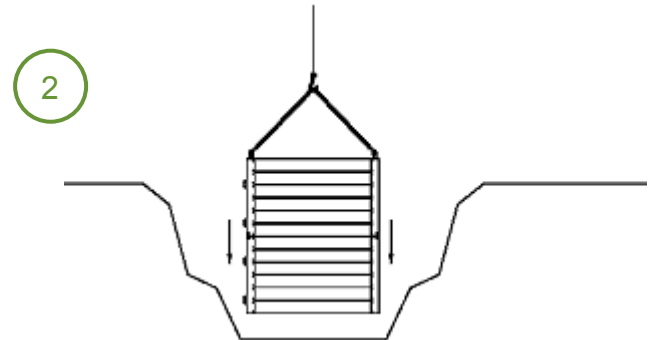
Excavate the initial trench/pit to the proportions of the Quick Access Box and to the required depth - **plus** an allowance of 100-150mm wider than the Box to aid installation. Failure to do this may jam the box and result in inefficient operation or cause damage during removal.



Safety Note: Always use a secured ladder to enter or exit the box.
Never enter an unsupported trench

Step 2

Lift and lower the Quick Access Box into the trench using the excavator or crane, supported by an appropriately sized chain.



Backfill with granular material between the ground and the sides of the box to form a level surface as necessary.

Note on 'flying' the box above formation

It is recommended that the box panels extend over the full height of the dig and not be "flown" above the base of the excavation unless the box is adequately supported and has been approved as a safe method of work by a risk assessment undertaken by a competent person.

Do	Do Not
✓ Inspect all components at the start of every shift ✓ Assess weights correctly and use adequate and appropriate lifting equipment ✓ Ensure all pins and clips are correctly fitted ✓ Use four panel connectors for upper box attachment ✓ Use only lifting or handling points for chain attachment ✓ Provide support over the full height of the dig ✓ Provide edge protection or handrail panels ✓ Keep personnel clear of excavator slewing zone ✓ Always use a banksman ✓ Locate underground services before excavating ✓ Store assembled boxes on firm, level ground ✓ Take care to avoid trapping fingers throughout	✗ Exit the box into an unsupported area ✗ Adjust the struts without laying the box down and removing the top plate ✗ Snatch the chain during removal ✗ Climb on the struts – always use a secured ladder ✗ Hang/store materials on the struts ✗ Excessively force the box into or out of the ground ✗ Permit personnel in the box during installation ✗ Accidentally strike the struts ✗ Drag the box by any means ✗ 'Fly' the boxes above the base of the excavation unless approved by a competent person



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