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National foreword

This Part of BS 5964 is identical with ISO 4463:1995 *Measuring methods for building — Setting-out and measurement — Part 2: Measuring stations and targets*, published by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO). It provides advice and guidance on selection, site location and maintenance of measuring stations and targets, for all types of building construction.

The series of parts comprising BS 5964 provide guidance on the following aspects of setting out and measurement:

- *Part 1: Methods of measuring, planning and organization and acceptance criteria;*
- *Part 2: Measuring stations and targets;*
- *Part 3: Checklists for the procurement of surveys and measurement services.*

The parts are referred to in BS 5606:1990 *Guide to accuracy in building*.

Cross-references

Publication referred to Corresponding British Standard

Normative

ISO 4463-1:1989 *Building setting out and measurement*
 Part 1:1990 *Methods of measuring, planning and organization and acceptance criteria*
 (Identical)

Informative

ISO 7078:1985 BS 6953:1988 *Glossary of terms for procedures for setting out, measuring and surveying in building construction (including guidance notes)*
 (Identical)

BS 7307 *Building tolerances. Measurement of buildings and building products*

ISO 7976-1:1989 Part 1:1990 *Methods and instruments*
 (Identical)

ISO 7976-2:1989 Part 2:1989 *Position of measuring points*
 (Identical)

BS 7334 *Measuring instruments for building construction. Methods for determining accuracy in use*

ISO 8322-1:1989 Part 1:1990 *Methods for determining accuracy in use: theory*
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ISO 8322-3:1989 Part 3:1990 *Methods for determining accuracy in use: optical levelling instruments*
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ISO 8322-4:1991 Part 4:1992 *Methods for determining accuracy in use of theodolites*
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 (Identical)

ISO 8322-6:1991 Part 6:1992 *Methods for determining accuracy in use of laser instruments*
 (Identical)

ISO 8322-7:1991 Part 7:1992 *Methods for determining accuracy in use of instruments when used for setting out*
 (Identical)

ISO 8322-8:1992 Part 8:1992 *Methods for determining accuracy in use of electronic distance-measuring instruments up to 150 m*
(Identical)

The Technical Committee has reviewed the provisions of ISO 1803-1:1985, ISO 1803-2:1986 and ISO 4464:1980 to which normative reference is made in the text and has decided that they are acceptable for use in conjunction with this standard. A related standard to ISO 1803 is BS 6100 *Glossary of building and civil engineering terms* Subsection 1.5.1:1984 *Coordination of dimensions; tolerances and accuracy*.

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Summary of pages

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This standard has been updated (see copyright date) and may have had amendments incorporated. This will be indicated in the amendment table on the inside front cover.

1 Scope

This part of ISO 4463 deals with the progressive stages of establishing and marking measuring stations and targets on building sites. The aspects covered are planning, functional needs and maintenance.

This part of ISO 4463 applies to measuring stations and targets in all types of building construction.

Examples of different stations and targets and location plans are given in annex A.

2 Normative references

The following standards contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this part of ISO 4463. At the time of publication, the editions indicated were valid. All standards are subject to revision, and parties to agreements based on this part of ISO 4463 are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the standards indicated below. Members of the IEC and ISO maintain registers of currently valid International Standards.

ISO 1803:—¹⁾, *Building construction — Expression of dimensional accuracy — Vocabulary.*

ISO 4463-1:1989, *Measurement methods for building — Setting-out and measurement — Part 1: Planning and organization, measuring procedures, acceptance criteria.*

3 Definitions

For the purposes of this part of ISO 4463, the definitions given in ISO 1803 and ISO 4463-1 apply.

4 General

Stations and targets are the basis of all setting-out and measuring procedures. It is important that the locations of stations and targets are properly planned and constructed to meet their functional requirements throughout the building process. The requirements include the need for stability, accessibility and clear lines of sight throughout their useful life, wherever possible.

The type, quality and permanence of stations and targets depend on the particular project requirements in relation to the various categories of setting-out and measurement described in ISO 4463-1.

Planning and maintenance of stations and targets are essential to ensure reliable results.

5 Planning

5.1 Location

The locations of the stations and targets should be chosen to meet the requirements and conditions of the particular construction site. These may depend on:

- a) the type of construction and complexity;
- b) the availability and suitability of the proposed locations for the stations and targets;
- c) the intended locations of the site offices, stores and site construction roads;
- d) the locations of underground utilities;
- e) the ground conditions;
- f) the period for which each station and target is required.

During the relevant stages of construction, it is important to keep essential lines of sight between stations and targets clear of all obstructions to enable the setting-out and subsequent check and compliance measurements to be made.

Stations should have easy access and sufficient working space to allow free movement around the point.

5.2 Approvals

Before establishing stations and targets outside the site, permission may be required from the adjacent property owner. Before establishing stations and targets on the construction site, it is recommended that the site manager is in agreement with the proposed locations. Each location should be indicated on both the site plan and the appropriate location plan.

5.3 Programme

A programme giving the time schedules for the establishment of the stations and targets should be prepared, which takes into account the construction schedule, the ground conditions, the accessibility to the building site and its location.

This programme should, wherever possible, include sufficient time to allow for relevant settlement and shrinkage to take place before the primary stations are used for measurement purposes.

¹⁾ To be published. (Revision of ISO 1803-1:1985, ISO 1803-2:1986 and ISO 4464:1980).

6 Functional needs of stations and targets

6.1 Stability and durability

On the site there are many risks to the stability of measuring points, such as disturbance from site traffic and works, settlement in the ground due to proximity of excavation, blasting, load from heavy foundations and vibrations from traffic.

When constructing stations and targets, their design and materials should fulfil the needs of stability and durability. Examples of stations and targets are given in annex A.

6.2 Protection

Appropriate actions should be taken to protect stations and targets in vulnerable locations from disturbance by providing physical barriers such as posts and guard rails. Visual warnings such as buntings or painted rails should be provided.

Wall targets outside the site should be placed out of reach from the ground level.

6.3 Marking

Stations and targets should have distinct and unambiguous marks. For a specific site, all stations and targets should have unique referencing. These should be indicated on the location plan.

6.4 Station and target description

All important stations and targets should be described so that they can be located easily.

For each of these stations or targets, a description should be given that provides the following information:

- a) location sketch indicating the position of the station or target in relation to an easily recognizable permanent feature or features (witness marks);
- b) identity reference;
- c) whether it concerns a station, target or bench-mark;
- d) form of construction;
- e) coordinates or level value, as appropriate;
- f) date.

Examples of descriptions for a station and a bench-mark are given in Figure 1.

a)

Date: 1988-05-12

POINT DESCRIPTION X: 1 852,260
Y: 376,458
Z:

Project: ABC Motor Works, Oldtown, LC Constr. Co. Page: 1

Point reference: 3 Type: Primary

ID-text: PP3 LC

Recognition signs: See points 1-2
on sketch

Witness marks: Do not exist

Coordinates: See computer printout
1988-05-31, local coordinates

Notes: Steel pipe with ID-collar in
earth-bound stone

Drawn up by: TR

Sketch

1 Fence post 4,28 m
2 Corner of barn 5,13 m

b)

Date: 1988-05-30

POINT DESCRIPTION X:
Y:
Z: +18,258

Project: Forsyth Brokers, Newtown, LC Constr. Co. Page: 2

Point reference: 12 Type: BM

ID-text: BM12 LC

Recognition signs: See points 1-2
on sketch

Witness marks: Do not exist
(Master Benchmark on 54 Curzon Cr.)

Coordinates: +18,258 m in Newtown local
height system

Notes: Steel stud with ID-collar
in building foundation

Drawn up by: TR

Sketch

Benchmark 12

+18,258

1 Lamp post 6,38 m
2 House corner 4,17 m

Curzon Cr.

Culver St.

Figure 1 — Examples of forms for point description

7 Maintenance

7.1 Visual

The first stage of inspection is to look for any visible indication of changed status; i.e. damage, movement or instability of a station or target.

7.2 By measurement

An inspection by measurement should be made when the integrity of the station or target appears to have been disturbed, or at the time of handing over the responsibilities for the established setting-out system.

When the inspection reveals that the existing station or target is not valid or is unstable, wherever possible, correct location of the station or target should be reinstated or an alternative station or target established in a stable location.

An up-to-date record should be kept of any changed status, or re-instatements, or of new positions of stations and targets

Annex A (informative) Examples of stations and targets

A.1 This annex gives examples of measuring stations and targets (Figure A.1 to Figure A.18) and an example of measuring points and targets (Figure A.19). It includes a Guide (Table A.1) which is subdivided according to the main uses of the stations and targets.

This annex also includes two examples of a location plan of stations and targets (Figure A.20 and Figure A.21) and a list of symbols to be used on location plans (Table A.2).

A.2 The duration of stations and targets varies greatly for particular stations and targets on specific sites, but is in general assumed to be the following:

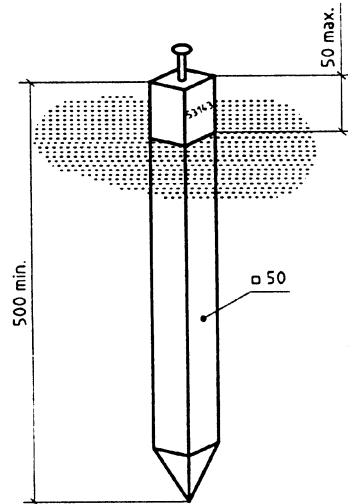
- a) short term: up to 1 month;
- b) medium term: up to 1 year;
- c) long term: at least for the duration of the building project.

Table A.1 — Guide to facilitate the use of annex A

Example No.		Detail points	Targets	Markers	Point protection	Location plan of stations and targets
Primary points	Secondary points					
2	2	1				
3 BM						
4	4 BM					
5 BM						
6	6	6				
	7			7		
	8 BM					
10			9			
	11			10		
13 BM		12	12			
14 BM	14 BM			13		
15 BM						
16 BM						
19			19		17 18	
						20 21

BM = benchmark
The numbers refer to Figure A.1 to Figure A.21.

Dimensions in millimetres



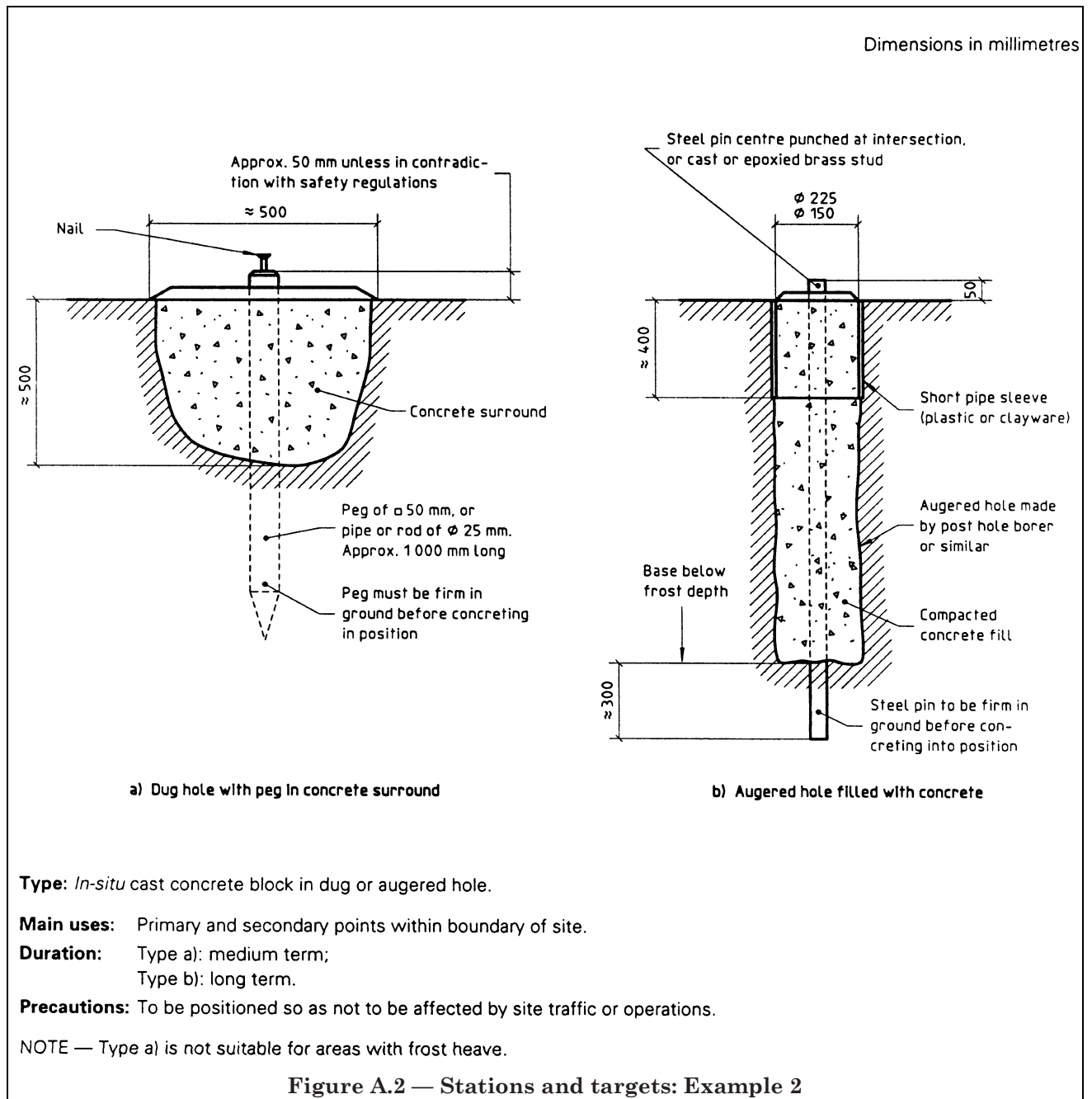
Type: Wooden peg.

Main uses: Corner points, earthworks, street kerbs.

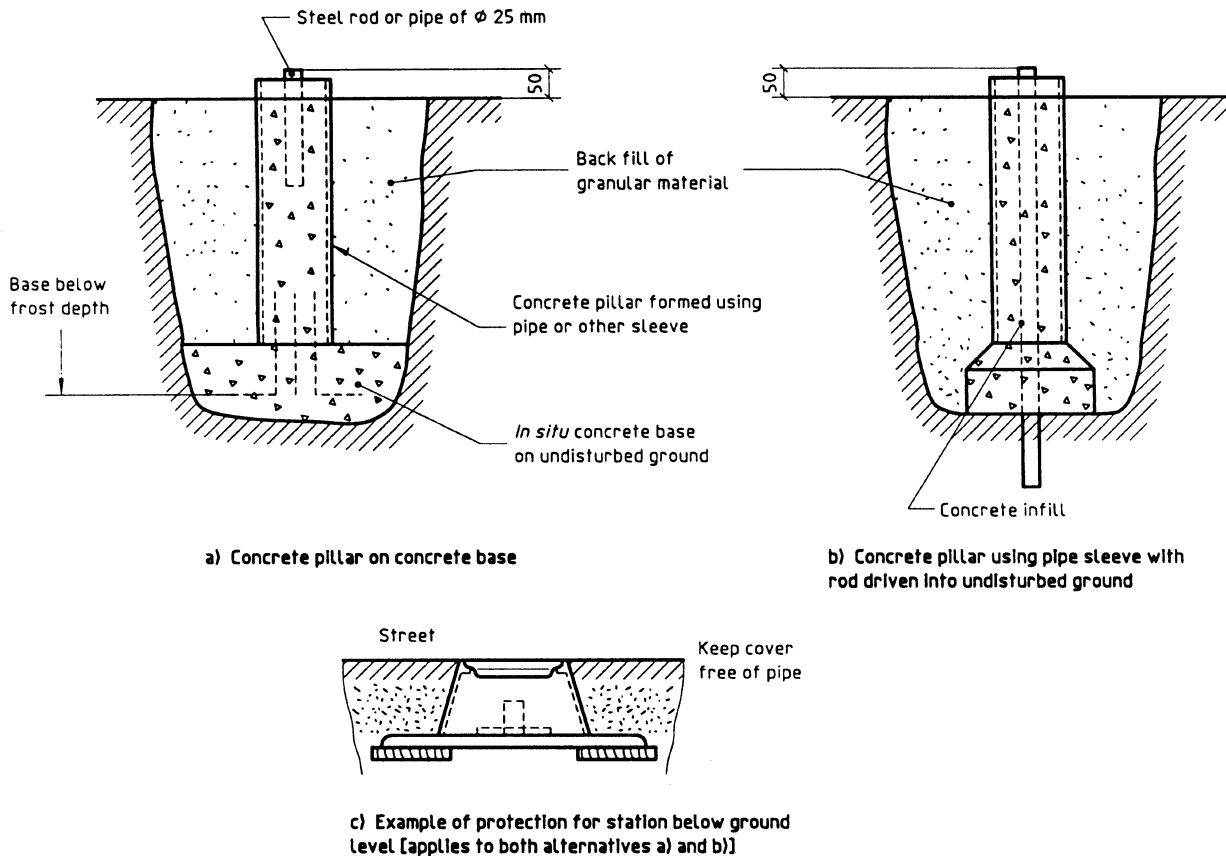
Duration: Short term.

Precautions: May not be suitable where frost heave can occur.

Figure A.1 — Stations and targets: Example 1



Dimensions in millimetres



Type: *In situ* pillar using pipe or other sleeve.

Main uses: Primary points and benchmarks. (The material can usually be obtained on site.)

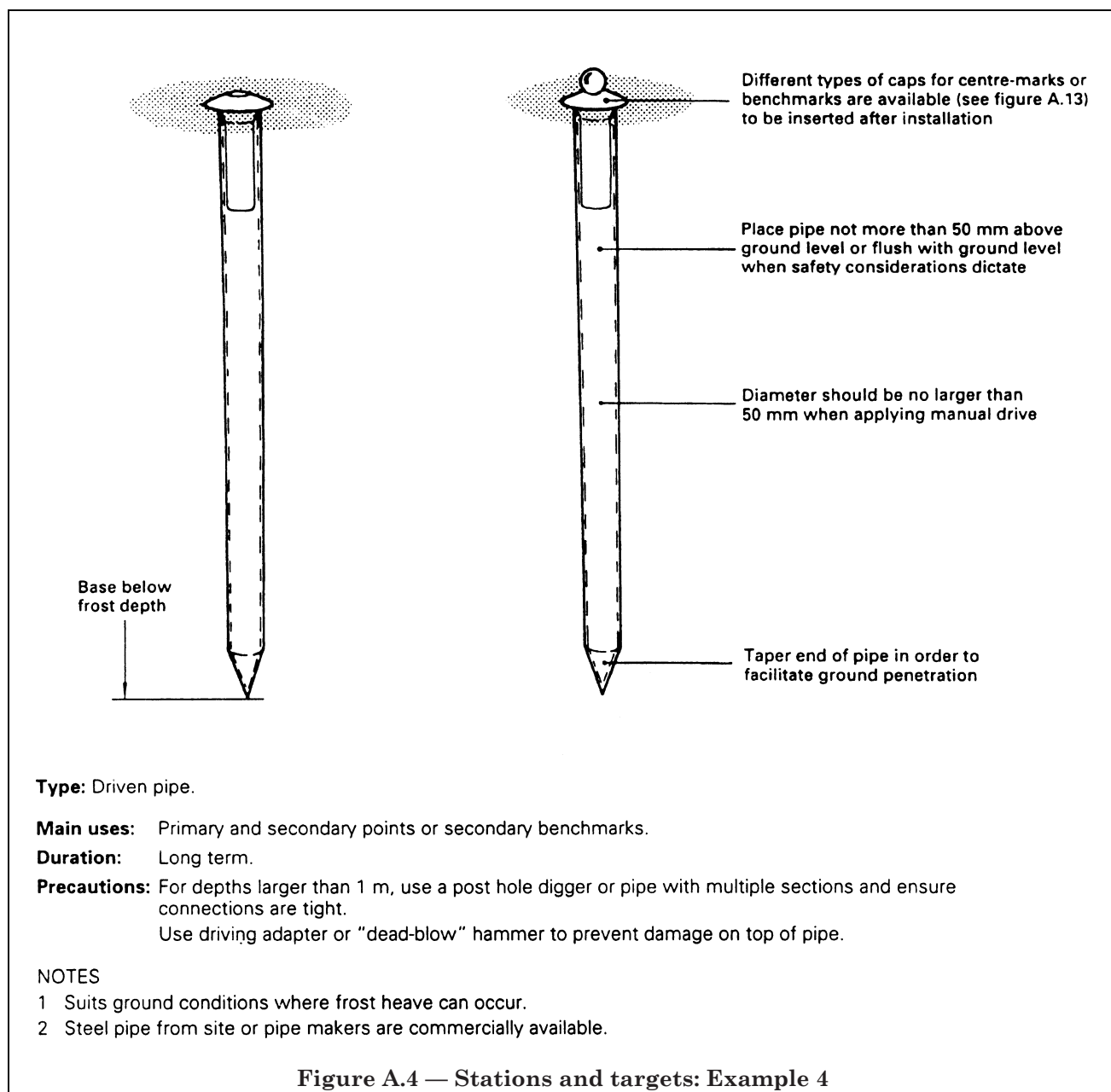
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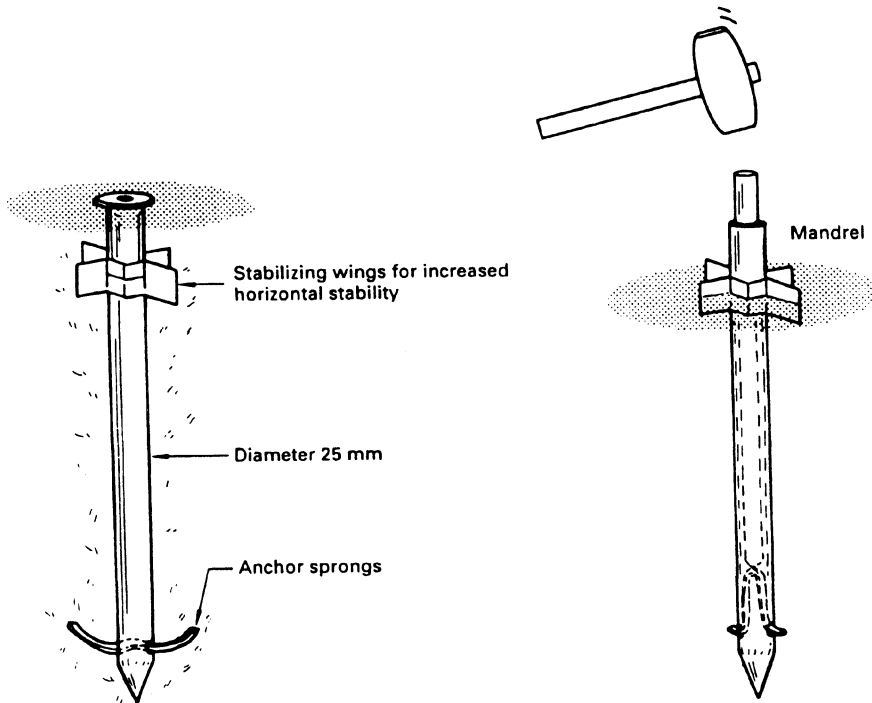
Precautions: Should be well marked and protected from vehicle/machinery damage.

NOTES

- 1 Suits most ground conditions even where frost heave can occur.
- 2 See figure A.13 for example of marker in upper end of steel.
- 3 See figures A.17 and A.18 for examples of station protection.

Figure A.3 — Stations and targets: Example 3





Construction

Drive down pipe to about 100 mm above desired depth (at least the frost depth). Push out the anchor sprongs with mandrel. Drive pipe down over the remaining 100 mm of the desired depth. Remove mandrel and insert marker or benchmark stud.

Type: Pipe with anchor sprongs and stabilizing wings.

Main uses: Primary points and benchmarks, especially for long-term projects and/or in areas with frost heave.

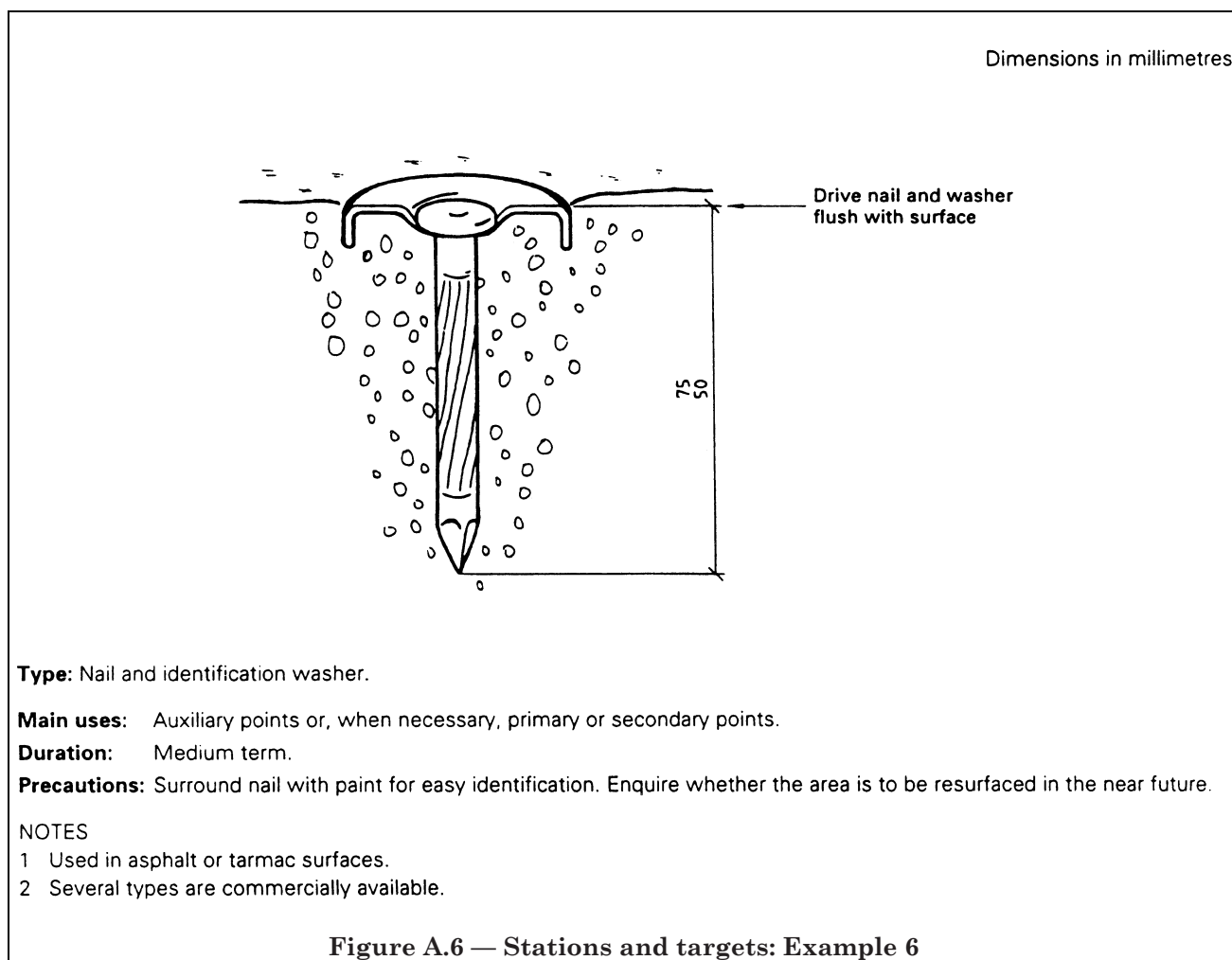
Duration: Long term.

Precautions: In stony ground, use hard steel points and drill the first 0,5 m of the desired depth with post-hole digger.

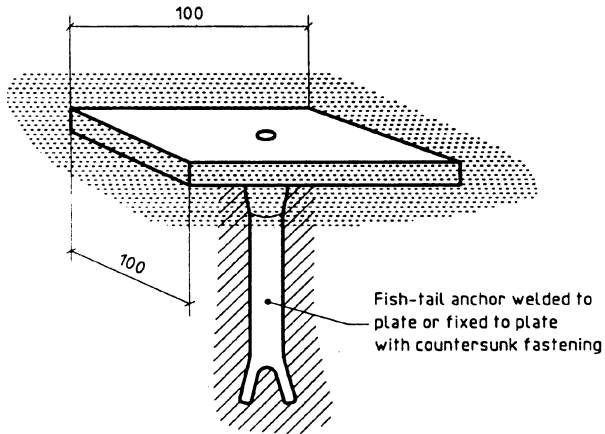
NOTES

- 1 Several types are commercially available .
- 2 See figure A.13 for example of marker.
- 3 See figures A.17 and A.18 for examples of station protection.

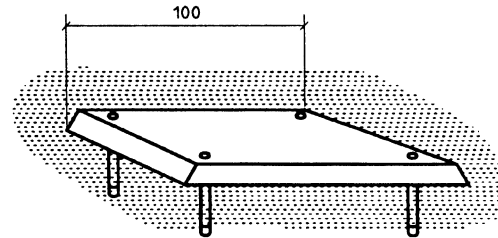
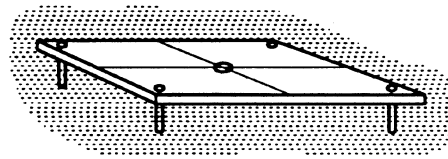
Figure A.5 — Stations and targets: Example 5



Dimensions in millimetres



a) Plate inserted into wet concrete flush with surface

b) Plate fixed to concrete surface after casting
(Fixing provided by drilling and plugging to receive countersunk screws or, alternatively, use expanding anchors)

c) Thin plate fastened with steel nails or epoxy adhesive

Type: Steel plate in concrete (e.g. concrete slab).

Main uses: Marking secondary points (e.g. mark drilled, punched or scratched in the plate) for further setting-out and/or compliance measurements at a later stage.

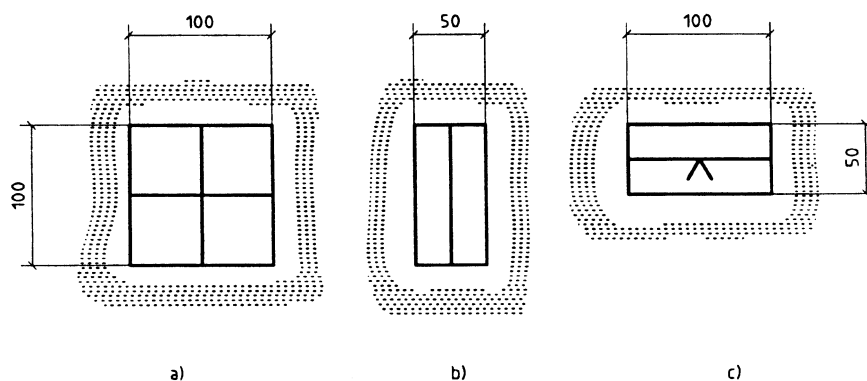
Duration: Medium term to long term.

Precautions: Type a): Top of plate should be flush with surface of concrete.

Type b): If plate is fixed to concrete surface after casting, plate edges should be tapered to prevent people tripping.

Also check safety regulations on site.

Figure A.7 — Stations and targets: Example 7



Type: Painted marks with pencil lines, on floors and walls.

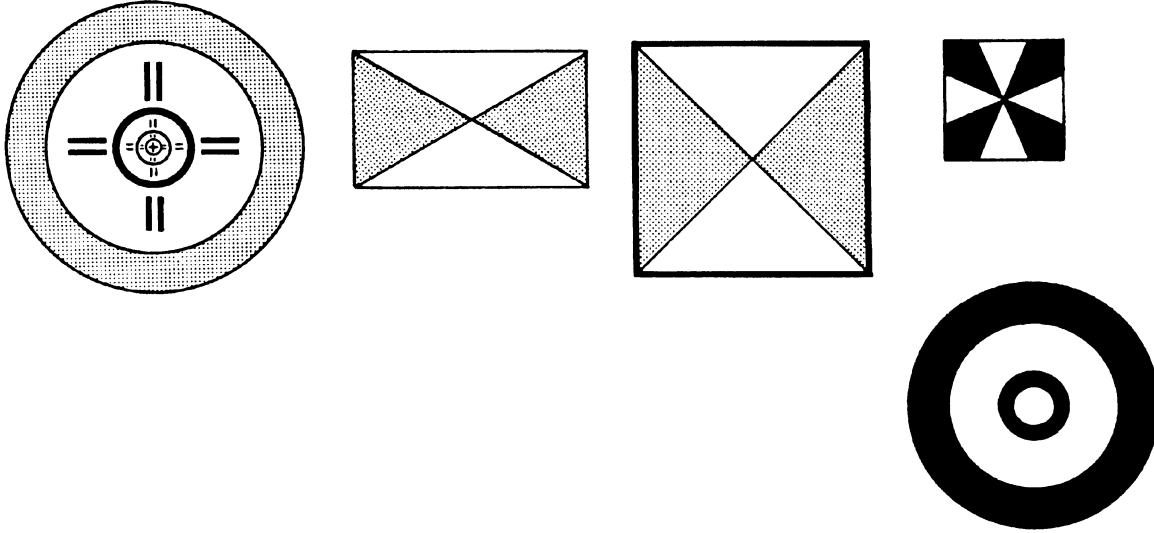
Main uses: Type a): grid points and plumbing points.
 Type b): secondary points.
 Type c): benchmarks.

Duration: Short term.

Precautions: Paint marks or wax crayons should not be used on finished elements of work.
 Instead of painted marks, adhesive labels can be used, see figure A.9.

NOTE — To promote accurate sighting, the thickness of the pencil lines should not exceed 0,5 mm for sighting distances up to 50 m, and 1 mm for 100 m.

Figure A.8 — Stations and targets: Example 8



Minimum dimensions for primary points: 200 mm
 Minimum dimensions for secondary points: 100 mm
 Apply high-contrast colours (e.g. white, black, yellow and red)

Type: Wall targets, elevated targets, aiming targets.

Main uses: Combined measuring point and aiming target.

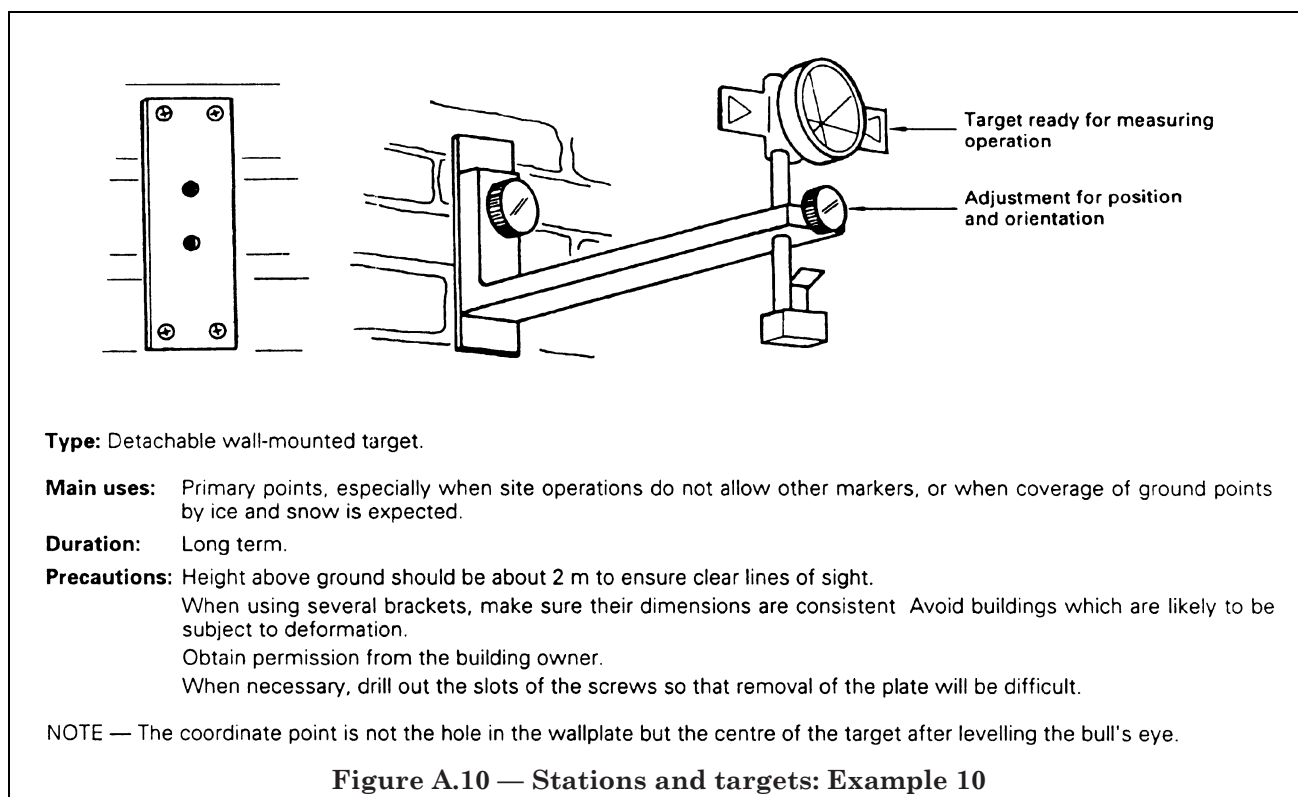
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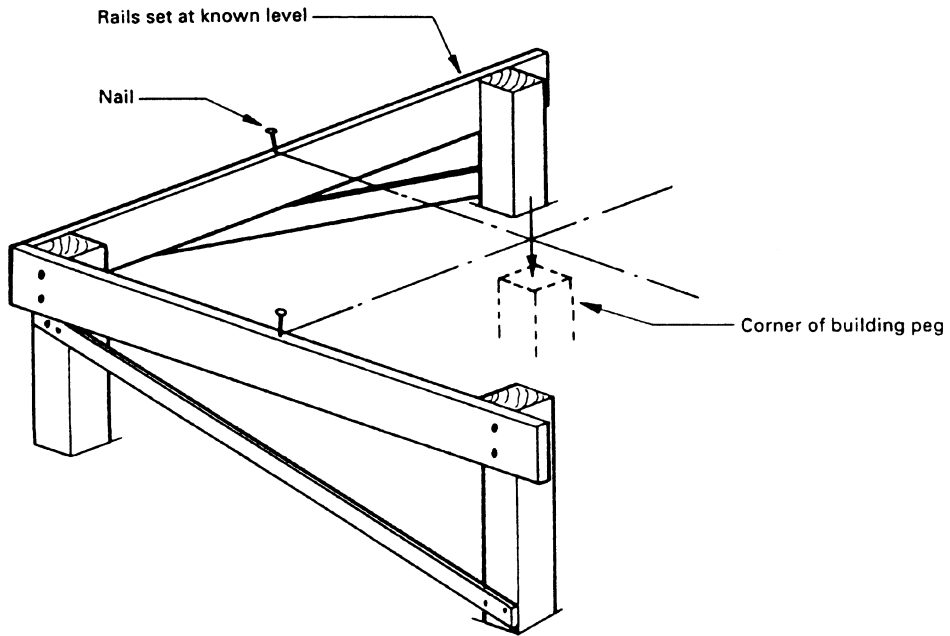
Precautions: Surfaces shall be smooth to avoid aiming errors due to asymmetrical reflections from illumination sources. This can be the case with targets painted by hand on walls or thin self-adhesive targets.
 Level target before final fixing of position.
 Screw fixing should be used.

NOTES

- 1 Various types are commercially available.
- 2 When used in conjunction with EDM, the target should be suitable for the particular equipment used.

Figure A.9 — Stations and targets: Example 9





Type: Corner profile.

Main uses: Marking building line, wall faces from corner points.

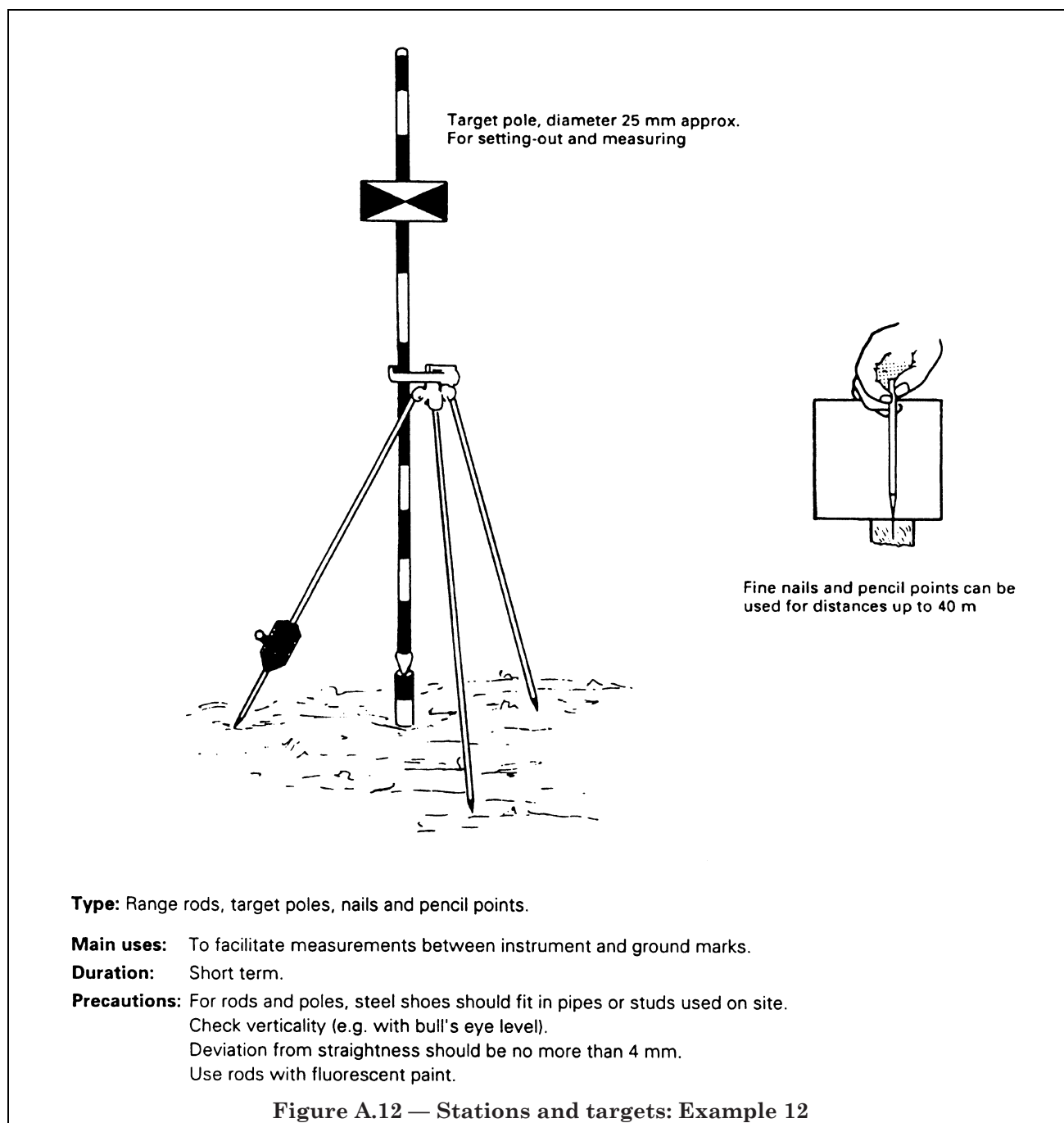
Duration: Short term.

Precautions: Place profiles so that they will not be disturbed by subsequent excavation and will not obscure visibility.

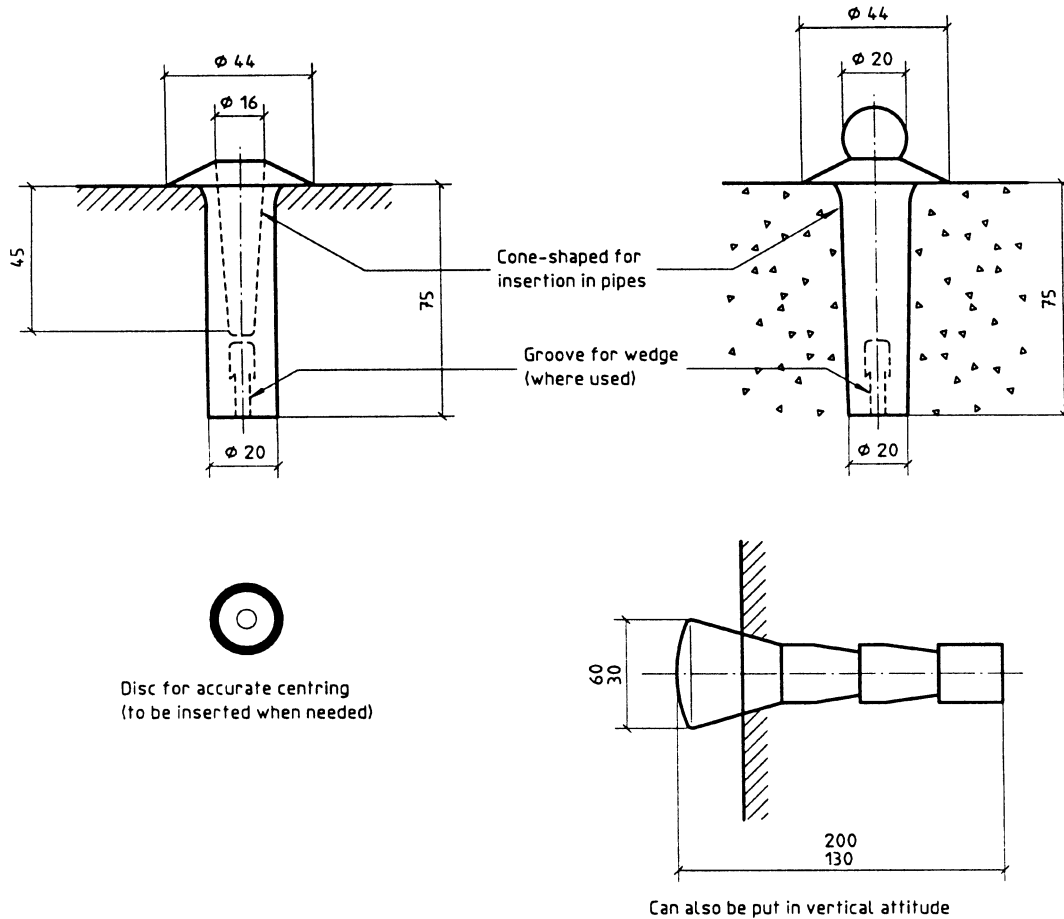
NOTES

- 1 Rails should be horizontal and approximately at right angles to the line to be marked.
- 2 Allowance should be made for excavation work.

Figure A.11 — Stations and targets: Example 11



Dimensions in millimetres



Type: Metal markers and studs.

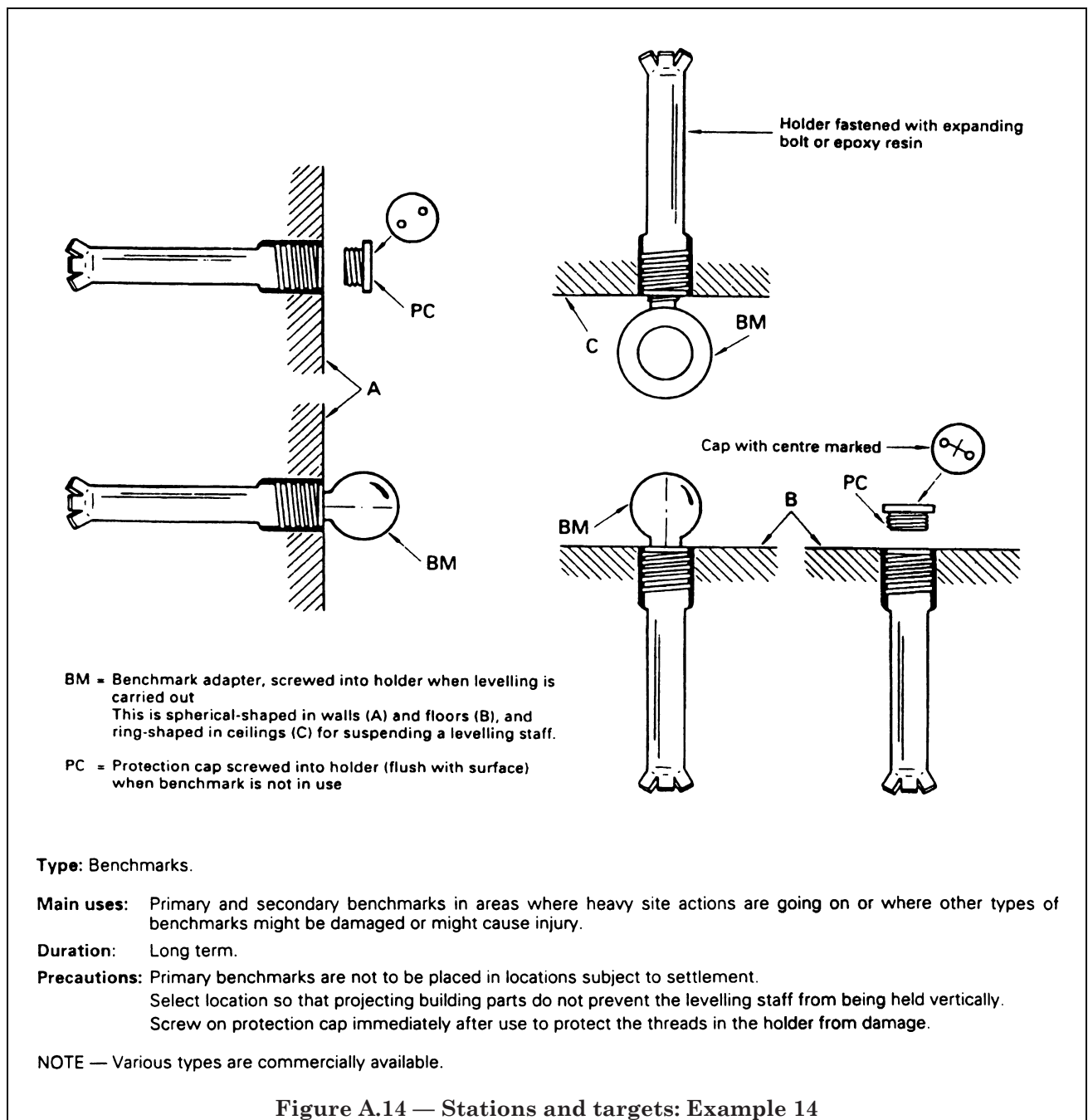
Main uses: Primary points and benchmarks.

Duration: Long term.

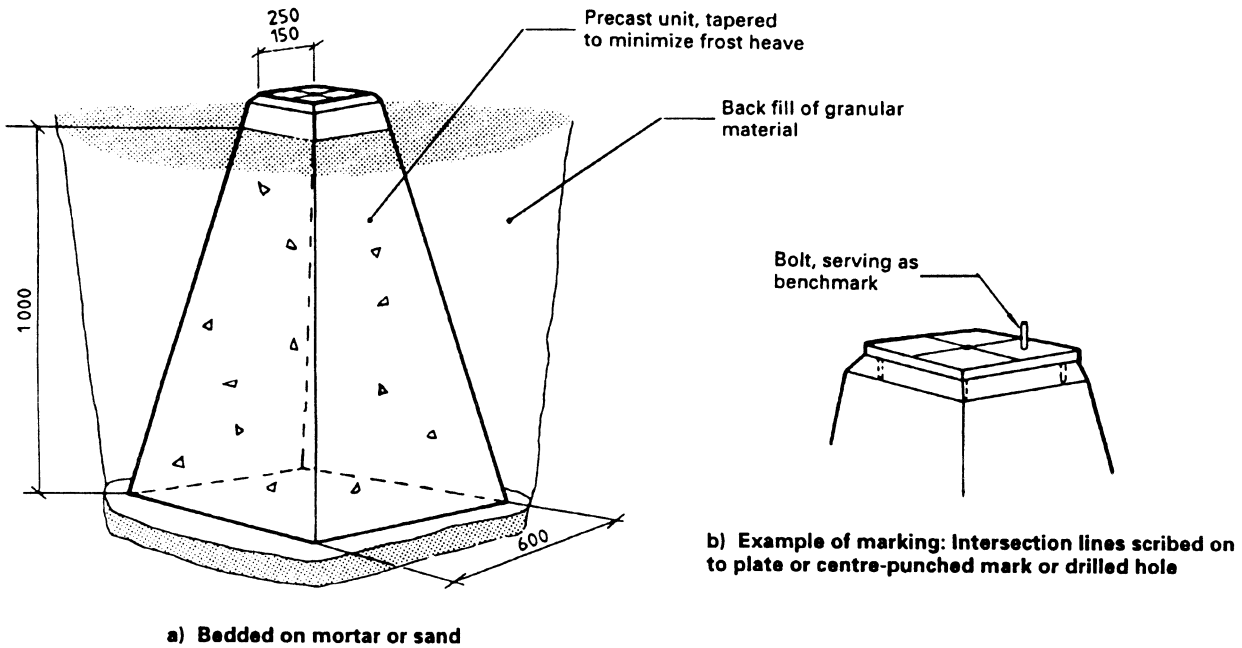
Precautions: Make sure there is tight contact between the collar of the marker and the material in which it is inserted.
For accurate centring of instrument, insert centring adapter in marker.

NOTE — To be used directly in bedrock, concrete, masonry or on a steel pipe (see figures A.3 to A.5).

Figure A.13 — Stations and targets: Example 13



Dimensions in millimetres



Type: Precast concrete block (with or without top metal plate).

Main uses: Primary points and benchmarks.

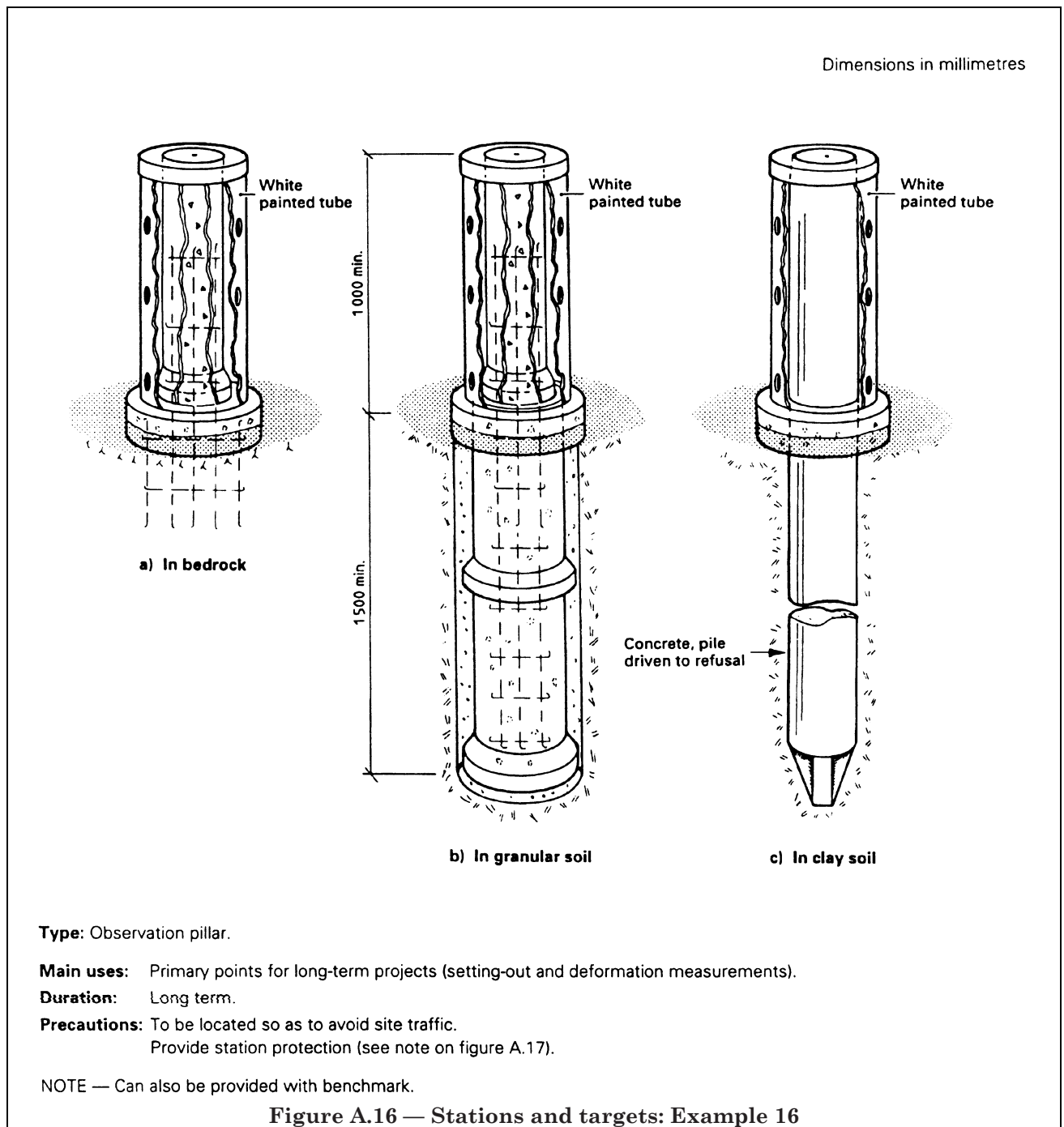
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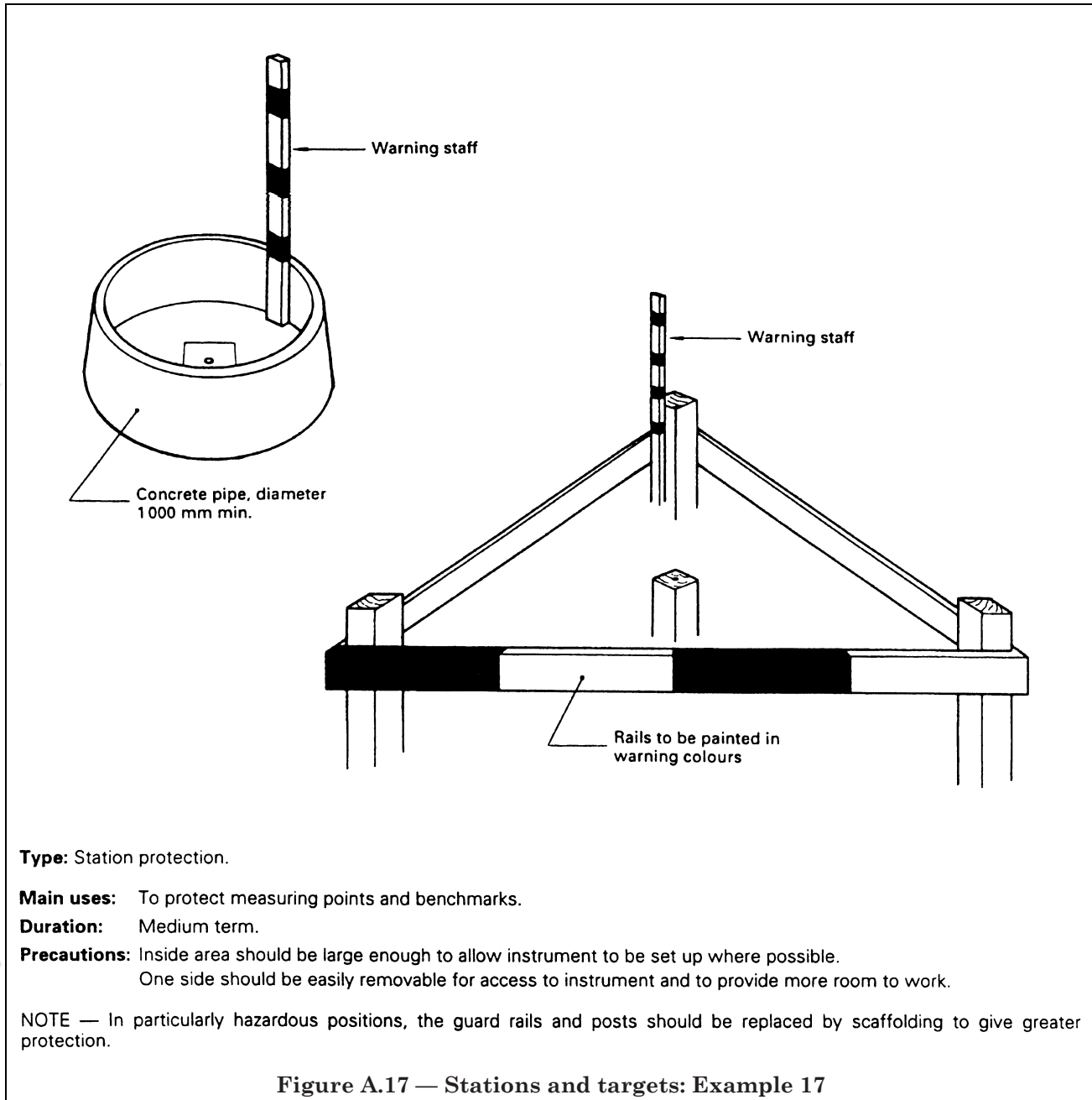
Precautions: Very heavy; will need mechanical handling.
Bedding for precast block needs to be carefully prepared.

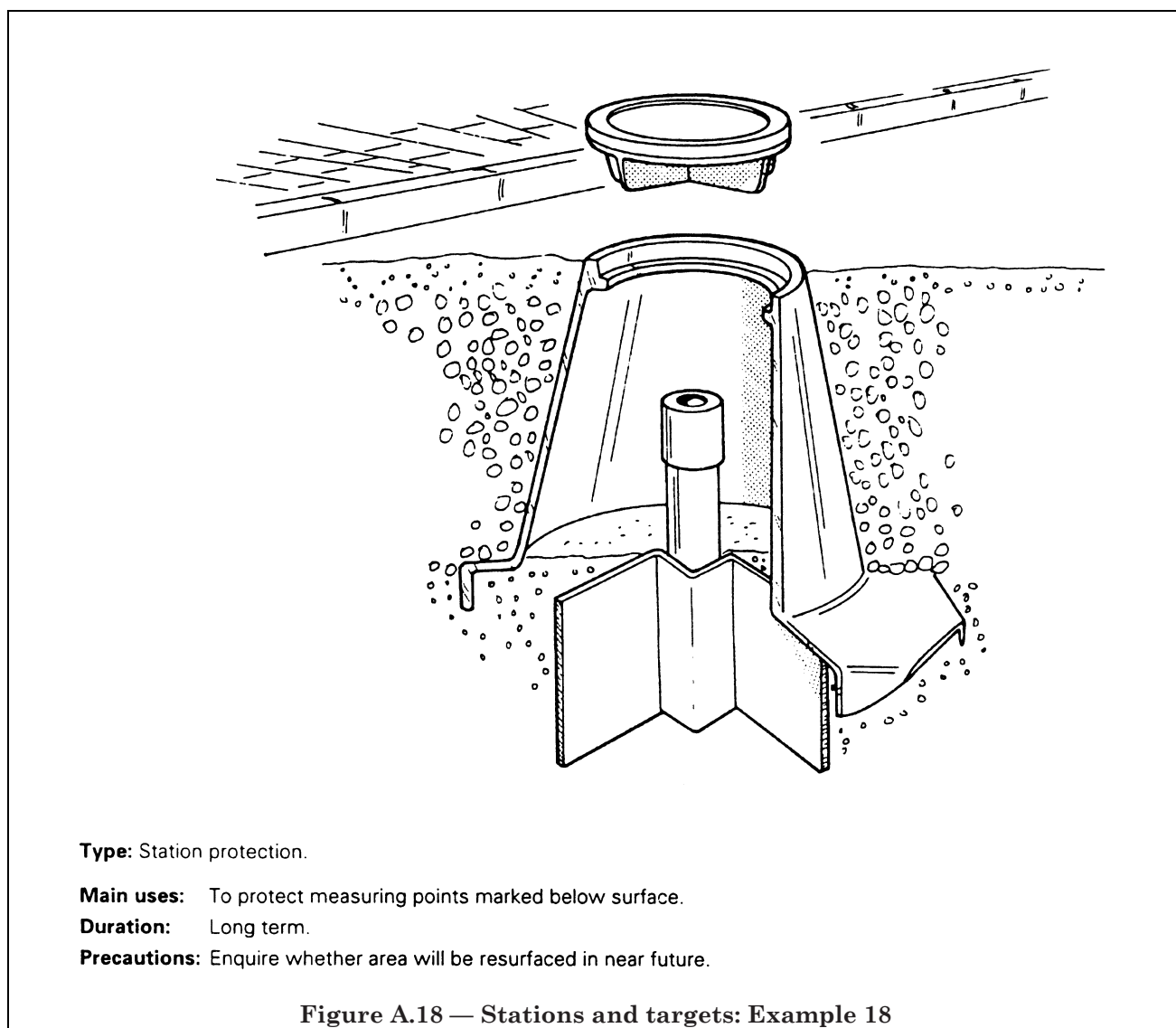
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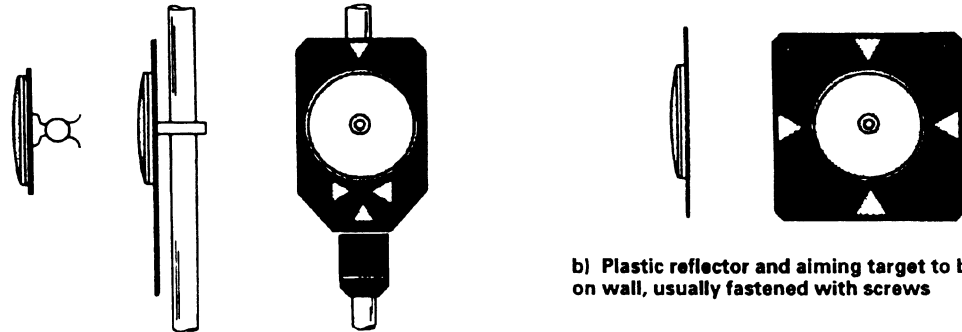
- 1 Suits ground conditions where frost heave can occur.
- 2 In some countries, these types are used for marking boundaries of properties and are, as such, commercially available.
- 3 Seldom used on building sites.

Figure A.15 — Stations and targets: Example 15









a) Plastic reflector and aiming target with clip to be fastened onto measuring rod

b) Plastic reflector and aiming target to be mounted on wall, usually fastened with screws

Type: Short-range reflector, usually made of plastic materials.

Main uses: As reflector (and target) on rod for polar setting-out.
As permanent wall-mounted target in primary nets.

Duration: Medium term.

Precautions: To be checked, together with a particular EDM instrument, for measuring range, accuracy at right angle to the line of sight, and possible loss of accuracy at other angles of incidence.

Additional information: Testing procedure is given in ISO 8322-10.
If the manufacturer of the EDM instrument recommends a certain type of short-range reflector, the testing will be simplified.

NOTE — Design of aiming targets may vary to suit different EDM designs.

Figure A.19 — Measuring points and targets: Example 19

A.3 The setting-out plan is an important requirement to ensure that there is a record of how stations and targets are located for reference and checking.

Two alternative examples, Figure A.20 and Figure A.21, illustrate two different principles.

Figure A.20 shows a grid system. Setting-out is performed from certain fixed points and lines and preferably only certain predetermined points and lines are set-out.

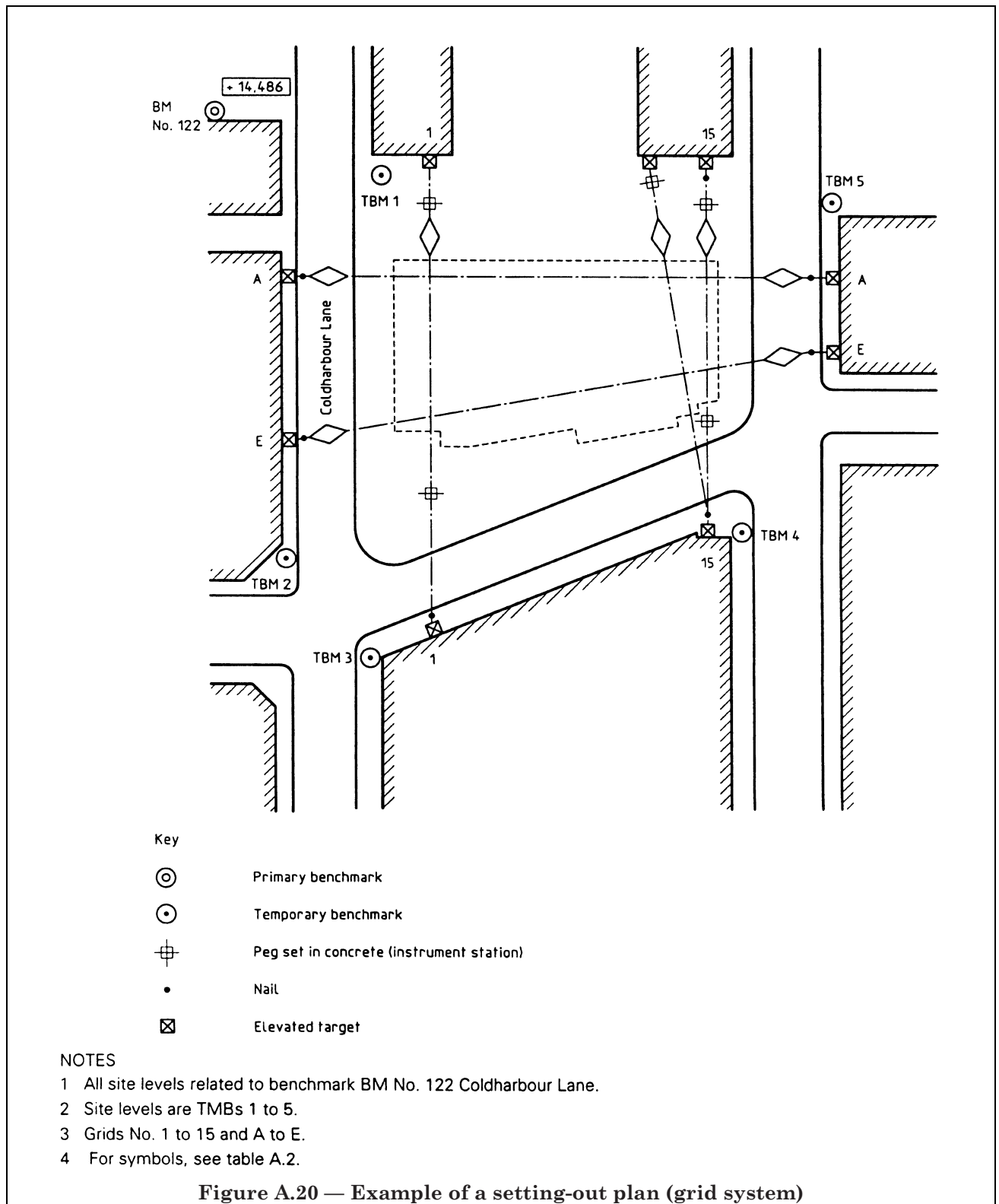
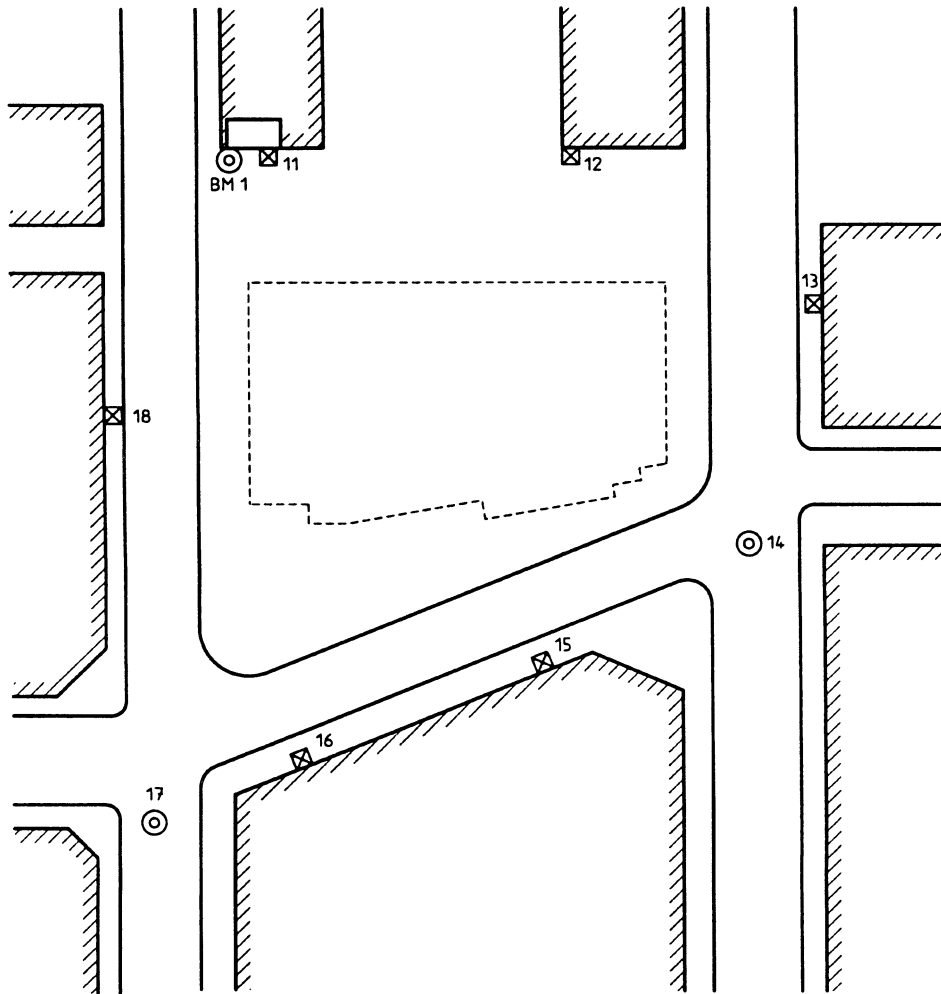


Figure A.21 shows a coordinated system with the following features:

- a) a coordinate system, orientated on the main axes of the building;
- b) the building is dimensioned in such a way that the coordinates in the local system of parts of the building are readily accessible;

c) use of the method of free station points.
This alternative (Figure A.21) provides greater flexibility, and its advantages increase with increases in the size and complexity of the building.





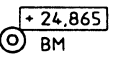


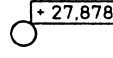

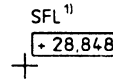
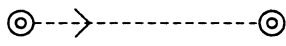
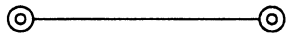
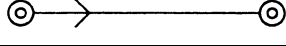
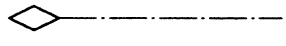
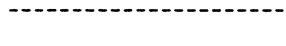
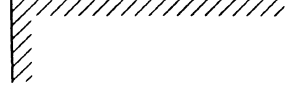


NOTES

- 1 BM 1 is an existing benchmark.
- 2 Primary points numbers 14 and 17 are existing municipal measuring stations; primary points numbers 11, 12, 13, 15, 16 and 18 are specially established elevated targets.
- 3 For symbols, see table A.2.

Figure A.21 — Example of a setting-out plan (coordinated system)

Table A.2 — Symbols used in Figure A.20 and Figure A.21: Coordinate stations and targets

Triangulation points	 	Connecting point with site system Other triangulation point	
Primary points	 	At ground level Elevated targets	EXAMPLE  Primary benchmark
Secondary points	 	Inside or outside the building Intended for plumbing	EXAMPLE  Secondary benchmark
Position points		Point at ground or floor level	EXAMPLE SFL ¹⁾  Position point to be set-out in level
Primary line	  	Direction Distance Direction and Distance	
Secondary line Position line Outline of existing building	  		

¹⁾ SFL = structural floor level

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