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The Injection of grout into soil to achieve controlled displacement and densification of the surrounding soil mass.

For:
- Densifying and strengthening foundation soils
- Controlled lifting of structures
- Mitigating settlements due to tunneling
- Preventing soil liquefaction
- Providing additional soil-strengthening benefits
Compaction grouting is a specialized technique for in-situ densification of compactable soft or loose soils. A stiff grout is extruded into a soil mass to form an expanding bulb. Maintaining a controllable bulb of grout is the essence of this technique, as illustrated in Figure 1.

Any soil capable of being mechanically compacted can be densified by compaction grouting. The extent and the intensity of soil densification depends on the injection point configurations, the depth of the injections, the grout mix, and the amount of grout injected. Compaction grouting is effective in most man-made fill, organic soil, sand, silt, peat, and most clays. The improvement of soil strength can be demonstrated by the Cone Penetration Testing Method before and after compaction, as shown in Figure 2.

Applications

Compaction grouting is versatile: it lifts, levels, stabilizes, supports, fills, and densifies soil for new construction and existing structures, and it also reduces machinery vibration. The Pressure Grout Company has completed hundreds of successful projects involving compaction grouting for:

- Building Sites—Site improvement for structural support and prevention of soil liquefaction
- Buildings & Structures—Settlement mitigation, foundation stabilization, controlled lifting
- Machinery Pads—Controlled lifting, and leveling, stabilization, vibration reduction
- Tunneling—Surface settlement prevention, heading stabilization
- Drilled Piers—Increased end bearing, lifting of settled piers, skin friction development
- Pipelines—Lifting to grade without excavation, restoration of deformed pipes
- Tiebacks — Anchor development

Foundation Soil Densification & Strengthening

Compaction grouting can provide an answer to the problem of differential settlement of structures. The versatility of the technique makes it the method of choice for soil densification in areas where access to the site with heavy equipment is difficult or where noise is a problem. Grout injection points can be angled to reach areas under a foundation that otherwise could not be reached, as shown in Figure 3.

Mitigation of Tunnel Settlement

Tunneling generally produces ground movements, which are manifested in the form of surface settlements or the loosening of adjacent soil and rock. Compaction grouting can be used for the prevention of surface settlement, for heading stabilization, and for remedial work in adjacent soil.

Prevention of Soil Liquefaction

Compaction grouting can be effective in reducing or eliminating the liquefaction potential in earthquake prone areas. For unimproved sites or for existing structures, the technique can be successfully employed to avoid soil liquefaction. For deep liquefiable soil layers, for inaccessible sites, or for sites where noise cannot be tolerated, compaction grouting is the primary choice for achieving soil densification without vibration or impact.

Materials & Equipment

Compaction grouting is accomplished by using a lean, thick grout mix of portland cement and silty sand. Natural sands with a range of 25 to 30% silts usually are used. The water content of the grout is adjusted to maintain a slump (ASTM C-143) of 1 to 1.5 in., with a maximum of 2 in.

The Pressure Grout Company has designed and built much of the equipment it uses on compaction grouting assignments. This equipment, capable of achieving grouting pressures of up to 2000 psi, can be operated at distances several hundred feet from the injection site. The operation of The Pressure Grout Company at a job site is shown in Figure 4.