

ABSTRACT**APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR RAPID LOAD TESTING**

- 5 A cushion pad for use with a rapid load testing system, the cushion pad comprising: a block having an array of recesses in a first face, and formed of an elastomeric material; said recesses each having a channel in fluid communication with an outside surface of the block, other than the first face, for venting air from said recess; wherein the cushion assembly is arranged to dampen an impact on a pile from a dynamic load.

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Figure 3