

ASUC*plus* represents  
Specialist Domestic Contractors in:

**UNDERPINNING**  
And Subsidence Repair  
**T E C H N I Q U E S**  
**ENGINEERED FOUNDATION**  
**S O L U T I O N S**  
CONSTRUCTION OF RETRO-FIT  
**BASEMENTS**

Speak to the experts  
before you start any  
project involving basement  
construction, engineered  
foundations, underpinning  
or structural repairs



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# Why use an ASUCplus Member?

ASUC*plus* is an independent trade association originally formed by a number of leading contractors to promote professional and technical competence within the subsidence industry.

Your property is a valuable asset and it makes sense to protect its value by using a specialist contractor - especially when undertaking complex building projects such as basement construction or underpinning.

ASUC*plus* contractors must all undergo technical, health & safety, insurance and financial audits as part of the membership procedure. They also make a commitment to prescribed safety procedures and training. These audits are undertaken by independent specialists and are continued on a regular basis throughout a company's membership, not just on joining.

Importantly, only ASUC*plus* members can offer the unique insurance warranty on all the works carried out under contract. This guarantee can be passed to future purchasers of the property and provides additional peace of mind beyond the usual company guarantees.

ASUC*plus* contractors are bound by the association's code of practice and will operate to the highest standards of workmanship and expertise. All works undertaken will be in a professional and technically competent manner with excellent standards of quality control.

Members are required to meet established criteria for the training to ensure that all operatives and staff are suitably qualified and receive correct and continuing training as required. Compliance to a training programme is monitored by ASUC via an annual audit.

**Visit the ASUC website for full details on the ASUC*plus* members' code of practice, health and safety statement and the unique insurance back guarantees.**



## Contractor members of ASUCplus must:

- ✓ Have adequate general and technical management expertise and supervisory personnel at each of their places of operation
- ✓ Have experienced labour under the direct supervision and control of the member company
- ✓ Have an acceptable form of records, regularly maintained, of all employees, detailing their training and experience
- ✓ Have a system of quality control acceptable to the Association
- ✓ Operate with due regard for the safety and well-being of employees and the public and have an acceptable safety policy and safety standards
- ✓ Demonstrate a two year trading history of being continuously engaged in the activities relevant for their class of membership
- ✓ Have a minimum net worth as required by ASUC commensurate with their class of membership
- ✓ Be prepared to submit to independent examination with regard to technical, financial, insurance and health and safety capability
- ✓ Have appropriate insurance in place for all the activities undertaken



# ASUC*plus* MEMBERSHIP

**Full Membership** is open to companies whose primary business in the construction industry is:

- **SPECIALIST DOMESTIC:**  
UNDERPINNING &  
SUBSIDENCE REPAIR  
TECHNIQUES  
and/or
- **SPECIALIST DOMESTIC:**  
RETRO-FIT BASEMENT  
CONSTRUCTION

**Associate Membership** is open to non-contractor companies who offer associated services and individual consultancies.

For a full description of the categories of membership go to the *ASUCplus* website



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# ASUC*plus* INSURANCE BACKED GUARANTEES

The ASUC guarantees improve on the usual insolvency guarantees because they are a direct contract between the underwriting insurance company and the ultimate client, and therefore not dependent upon the trading company if a claim is made.

ASUC has two forms of insurance backed guarantees:

## **THE DIG**

### **Defects Insurance Guarantee**

- applies to underpinning, mini piling and foundation works

## **THE BIG**

### **Basement Insurance Guarantee**

- applies to domestic retro-fit basements

- These guarantees are only available through ASUC contractors
- The one-off latent defects insurance policy gives the client the benefit of a guarantee on all the works including the structural repairs and drainage, etc.
- The DIG or BIG is issued direct to the client and is a positive asset when selling a property

## The main benefits\* of DIG and BIG Guarantees are:

- Indemnity policy
- Remains in force even if the issuing company fails
- 12 year term for DIG (with option to extend the DIG by five years)
- 10 year term for BIG
- Covers ALL the contract works and defects in workmanship or design
- In the case of the BIG, can include waterproofing if that section of the policy has been incepted
- Up to 25% of the contract sum is insured for consequential losses
- Alternative accommodation is covered for up to 26 weeks
- Contract sum is index linked
- Can be passed to any subsequent owner of the property
- Available on domestic and commercial property

\* As with all insurance cover – read the policy document for full details (available at [www.asuc.org.uk](http://www.asuc.org.uk))



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# ASUC*plus* PUBLICATIONS

Publications including both ASUC's authoritative Guidelines documents, are available to download free from the publications page of the website.

These include:

- Guidelines on Safe and Efficient Basement Construction directly below or near to Existing Buildings
- Guidelines on Safe and Efficient Underpinning and Mini Piling Operations
- Fact Sheets on Underpinning and Structural Repair techniques
- TGN 01: ASUC*plus* recommended minimum site investigation for typical domestic 1, 2 and 3 storey buildings
- TGN 02: ASUC*plus* recommended minimum standards for underpinning typical domestic 1, 2 and 3 storey buildings Stage 1: Overview of the process

To obtain any of the above documents, and more, visit the PUBLICATIONS PAGE on the website at [www.asuc.org.uk](http://www.asuc.org.uk)

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