

PETERSEN® 129-SERIES Multi-Flex™ LINE STOP PLUG HOT TAP INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

THESE INSTRUCTIONS ARE SUPPLEMENTAL TO AND A PART OF THE “PETERSEN INFLATABLE PIPE PLUGS GENERIC OPERATING INSTRUCTION MANUAL”. THEY MUST BE ADAPTED TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE SPECIFIC PROJECT BY A QUALIFIED ENGINEER.

1. Hot Tap Plugging Components:

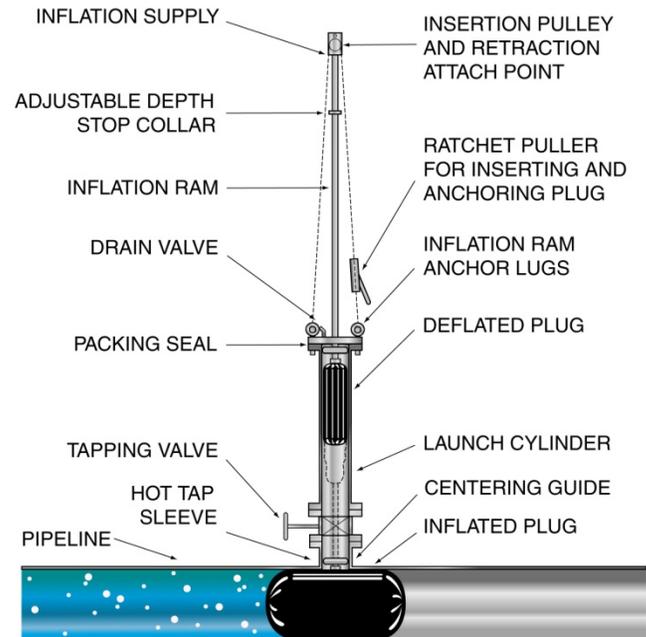
- 1.1. **The Launch Cylinder** must be somewhat longer than the deflated length of the Multi-Flex™ Line Stop Plug with all its attachments. A Packing Seal is attached to one end to provide a seal around the Inflation Ram.
- 1.2. **The Inflation Ram** is a tube that makes a mechanical connection to the Plug and is used for both inflation and positioning of the Plug.
- 1.3. **Inflation Ram Anchor Lugs** allow the Inflation Ram to be anchored to prevent it from being pushed out by pipeline or inflation pressure.
- 1.4. **A Hot Tap Sleeve** is available for any style pipe.
- 1.5. **The Tapping Valve** must have a full port to allow drilling the hot tap and inserting the Plug.
- 1.6. **Hot Tapping Equipment** is used to make the hot tap after a nozzle or sleeve and a tapping valve are installed and pressure tested.

2. Making the Hot Tap: (Summary only, check local requirements)

- 2.1. **Attach a Hot Tap Sleeve** to the pipeline to be tapped or weld on a nozzle.
- 2.2. **Attach a “full port” Tapping Valve** to the hot tap sleeve or nozzle.
- 2.3. **Test** for leaks through the test port on the hot tap sleeve, nozzle or the valve before drilling into the pipeline.
- 2.4. **Attach the Hot Tap Drilling Equipment** to the valve.
- 2.5. **Open the valve** completely.
- 2.6. **Open the Chip Valve** on the hot tap drilling machine to allow drilling chips to be washed out and to provide a differential pressure to help capture the coupon.
- 2.7. **Drill the Hot Tap Hole** into the pipeline and retract the drill.
- 2.8. **Close the Tapping Valve** and check for leaks.
- 2.9. **Remove the Hot Tap Drilling Equipment.**

3. Pipeline Insertion of Hot Tap Plug:

- 3.1. **Examine the Plug and Launch Equipment** to assure they are in good order.
- 3.2. **Tighten the Plug Inflation Port Flange Nuts.** (Set screw torque: 3/8” = 33 ft lbs, 1/2” = 80 ft lbs, 5/8” = 159 ft lbs, and 3/4” = 282 ft lbs.)
- 3.3. **Assemble the Inflation Ram** and torque the set screws to maintain section orientation. (Set screw torque: 1/4” = 73 in lbs, 3/8” = 300 in lbs.)
- 3.4. **Install the Inflation Ram** through the Packing Seal if not installed. Take care not to damage the O-ring Packing Seal.
- 3.5. **Fold the Plug** to have the same amount of material on each side of the Inflation Ram. Rubber bands or light string that will easily break during inflation may be used to keep Plug folded. Heavy rubber bands do not allow the Plug to open evenly.
- 3.6. **Attach the Plug to the Inflation Ram.** Hold the Plug Inflation Port securely to prevent damage to the Plug at the Inflation Connection.
 - 3.6.1. **FLANGE-Style Connection:**
 - 3.6.1.1. Examine and clean flanges, bolts, nuts, and washers.
 - 3.6.1.2. Lightly lubricate bolt and nut threads.



- 3.6.1.3. Install flange gasket.
- 3.6.1.4. Install raised face flange.
- 3.6.1.5. Install flat washers.
- 3.6.1.6. Pre-tighten all hex nuts.
- 3.6.1.7. Sequence torque in a circular cross – pattern: 1, 3, 2, 4 etc...
- 3.6.1.8. Orient the Plug length in line with the pipeline and mark orientation on the Inflation Ram.

3.6.2. PIPE-THREAD-Style Connection:

- 3.6.2.1. Apply pipe thread sealant to threaded end of Inflation Ram.
- 3.6.2.2. Attach Plug securely to the end of Inflation Ram.
- 3.6.2.3. Mark orientation of Plug length onto inflation end of Inflation Ram.
- 3.7. **Pull the Multi-Flex™ Plug** into the Launch Cylinder with the Inflation Ram.
- 3.8. **Mark the Inflation Ram** with the plug orientation and maintain this orientation until the Plug is pushed into the pipeline so the Plug inflates in line with the pipeline.
- 3.9. **Position the Stop Collar** on the Inflation Ram to set the insertion distance to position the top of the plug fabric cylinder at the inside wall of the pipeline.
 - 3.9.1. **Measure the distance from the ID of the pipeline to the top of the Launch Cylinder Packing Seal.**
Set the Stop Collar in the Inflation Ram to this distance from the top of Plug Fabric Cylinder.
- 3.10. **Attach the Launch Cylinder** to the Tapping Valve.
- 3.11. **Open the Tapping Valve** and allow the pipeline pressure to equalize in the Launch Cylinder and the tapped pipeline.
- 3.12. **Stop the flow** in the pipeline.
- 3.13. **Push the Multi-Flex™ Line Stop Plug into the pipeline** with the Inflation Ram to the preset collar stop position. **Maintain the proper Plug orientation** with the pipeline as the Plug is inserted. An optional ratchet puller is available for sliding the Inflation Ram in and out and anchoring the Inflation Ram.
 - 3.13.1. **When inserting a Plug into a pipeline** it may be necessary to partially inflate then deflate the plug several times to unfold and orient the Plug to allow the Inflation Ram Positioning Collar to be pushed to the correct position. This is especially necessary for Plugs under 8" dia inserted through a tight hot tap. **Do not inflate over 10% of the maximum inflation pressure until the Inflation Ram is locked into its correct position.**
- 3.14. **Anchor the Inflation Ram** to Anchor Lugs to prevent the pipeline or inflation pressure from pushing the Inflation Ram back out of the Launch Cylinder.
 - 3.14.1. **Calculate the forces** on the Inflation Ram in advance to determine the anchoring requirements.

4. Plug Inflation

- 4.1. **Attach the Inflation Pressure Hose** to the Inflation Ram.
- 4.2. Inflate the Plug following the Generic Operating Instruction Manual inflation and pressure calculations procedures.

5. Removal of Multi-Flex™ Line Stop Plug:

- 5.1. **Equalize the head pressure** on both sides of the Plug.
- 5.2. **Deflate the Plug.**
- 5.3. **Pull the Plug back** into the Launch Cylinder after it is deflated completely. The Purge Valve on the Launch Cylinder may be opened to relieve pressure and help move the Plug back into the Launch Cylinder. It may be helpful to use a vacuum pump or a shop vacuum to deflate the Plug and a ratchet puller or winch to pull the Plug into the Launch Cylinder with the Inflation Ram.
- 5.4. **Close the Tapping Valve.**
- 5.5. **Remove the Launch Cylinder** and Multi-Flex™ Line Stop Plug.
- 5.6. **Refer** to the General Operating Instructions Manual for inspection and maintenance procedures.

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