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# Benefits of Pipe End Plugs to Facilitate Pipe Spool Pressure Testing

# CHALLENGE





- To strength test new pipework on a bridge link platform in the North Sea as part of a commissioning campaign
- Client was unable to use traditional methods for in-situ strength testing ie. Welding of blind ends complete with fill and vent ports
- Due to limited resources, time and cost constraints an alternative solution was required

# SOLUTION





- Internal and External Pipe End Plugs (I-PEP<sup>™</sup> & E-PEP<sup>™</sup>)
- ✤ Size range ¾" to 42" covering a range of pipe schedules
- Hydrostatic leak and strength tests up to 350 bar as standard
- Hydraulically activated above 3" using a hand pump
- Through-port allows efficient fill / vent of the test medium
- Locks grip pipe and elastomer seal provides leak-tight pressure boundary
- Test pressure applies differential pressure across the plug keeping the locks and seals self-energised ensuring fail-safe operation
- Significantly faster to install and test, compared to traditional methods

# CASE STUDY





- 47 pipe end plugs supplied over a 16 month period (8 campaigns)
- Testing spool lengths up to 110 meters
- Test pressures up to 388 bar
- Duplex and Super Duplex material
- Provided client a safe, efficient and cost-effective means of carrying out commissioning activities

### **APPLICATIONS**





- Pressure testing of new pipework fabrications
- Pressurised pipe spool reeling activities
- Onshore and offshore applications
- Temporary end cap

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