



# **Vessel Inspection Plug VIP**



# **Inspection Plug**

- Helps to prevent Corrosion under Insulation (C.U.I.)
- The V.I.P. makes non-destructive inspection economical
- Reduces inspection costs/ time
- Weather-tight seal
- High temperature silicone plug
- Insulation plug 5" allows for even easier/faster inspections! (last page)





# V.I.P. - Inspection Plug

#### The problem

Moisture in insulation systems leads to deterioration of insulation and corrosion of vessel or pipe, thus causing major problems. Inspection of insulation and vessel on a regular basis is essential to prolong lifetime of system. Often the metal jacketing is damaged due to foot traffic, disrupting the water-seal of the jacketing. Just cutting an opening in jacketing and sealing off with tape is not a durable solution and can cause many problems. Also other handmade inspection hatches using hinges and screws are not always practical and economical.

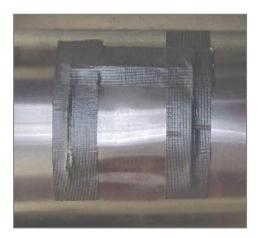
#### The Solution

The best way to inspect for Corrosion Under insulation (C.U.I.) in a non-destructive way, is the V.I.P. (Vessel Inspection plug) Available in two standard types  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " and 5". (Hydraulic Punch Drive and tool-head for easy installation can also be provided). The V.I.P. also provides possibility for NDE measuring thickness of pipe/vessel walls.

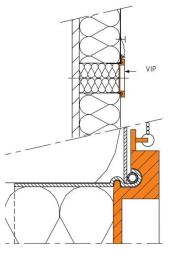
#### Economic benefits of the V.I.P. Inspection Plug

- Reduces inspection costs and time
- Provides ready access for inspection with minimum exposure to vessel insulation
- High visibility and provides a consistent inspection point ensuring future inspections are taken at same location
- Maintains a weather-tight seal to protect insulation
- High temperature silicone plug provides long service life
- For use in ambient/ hot installations

Problem Solution







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#### Installing the V.I.P.

- 1. Cut hole through insulation jacket corresponding with plug-size to be installed.
- 2. Remove insulation and clean external surface.
- 3. Slide rubber "O"-ring over aluminium flange.
- 4. Insert flange (with "O"-ring applied) into hole on vessel insulation.
- 5. Insert hydraulic tool into flange. Close valve on tool. Make sure tool is level.
- 6. Pump handle approximately 5 times. Open the valve. Remove the tool.
- 7. Replace insulation into hole, insert V.I.P. Plug into hole.
- 8. Make sure plug is fully seated by depressing centre of plug firmly with thumb or fingers.
- 9. Fix toggle onto cladding with a selftapping-screw
- 10. Plug is now correctly installed and ready for periodic vessel inspection operation.

#### **Specifications**

Sizes 2½" and 5" Plug material Std. MTL 40

Durometer silicone rubber

Temperature range -60°C. to + 260°C

Std. Colour Orange

Eyelet Material 5052 Aluminium

## **Insulation plugs 5"**

Insulation plugs 5" can be ordered in addition to 5" VIP's. The insulation plugs are accommodated with a loop making them easily removable during inspection. After inspection the insulation plug can be put back in place and the VIP can be refitted.

#### **Specifications**

Sizes Diameter: 5"

Depth: 100 mm or 150 mm

Material Temtex Q-14/PTFE glass fabric filled with mineral wool

Temperature range For application temperatures up to 260°C

## System advantages of VIP's in combination with insulation plugs:

- Reduce risk of losing insulation material around VIP's
- Maintain insulation value
- Facilitate and speed up CUI and wall thickness measurements





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