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Results Summary Graph

The Results Summary Graph is included with both the Results Summary Spreadsheet Package and the Computer Enhanced Report Package. It is a visual digest of the information on the Results Summary Spreadsheet The graph below, Figure **2.5, is** only an example. The actual graphs for this survey **can** be found in Appcndix 2A *of* this section *of* the report. The graph is set up in the x/y format. The x-axis (horizontal axis) is a measure of distance in miles along the pipeline, with the marker locations listed. The distance is based **on** the wheel count recorded by the Linalog **Tool.** On the y-axis (vertical axis), a scale of the number of graded joints appears.

The body of the graph is set up in **a** stack format. The grading category subtotals are stacked between the reference marker locations to show the relative amounts of graded joints between the reference markers.

The legend befow the graph explains the shading of the **stacks. A** different type of shading **is** assigned to each of the corrosion grading categories. (Grade U Joints are not listed.) BY relating the height of the stack to the scale on the *y* **axis,** the total number of graded joints in each area **can** be determined.'

Figure 2.5. Results Summary Grnpb

The graph displays the cumulative graded joints between reference markers. The corrosion levels of the various segments of the pipeline can be easily compared. General areas of corrosion **can** be located rapidly. Marker placement for the next survey can be evaluated. The graph provides an easy way to view the overall condition of the pipeline.

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Figure *2.7.* **Computer Enhanced Report Columns**

Computer Enhanced Report Graph

The Computer Enhanced Report Package includes both the Results Summary Graph (see page **2.4)** and the Computer Enhanced **Report** Graph. The Computer Enhanced Report Graph **is** a pictorial representation of the overall condition of the pipeline. The graph below, Figure **2.8,** is only an example. **The** actual graphs for this survey **can be** found in Appcndix **ZA of** this section of the **report** The graph is set up in the x/y format. The x-axis (horizontal axis) is a linear measure of distance along the pipeline. On the y-axis (vertical axis), some of the pipeline **features** appear. The pipeline measurement is the dismnce in feet from the launch, as measured by the tool's distance wheels. The pipeline features displayed on the graph are the reference markers and the graded pipe joints $(US, Is, 2, \ldots)$ and **3s).**

Figure 2.8. Computer Enhanced Report Graph

In the body of the graph, various symbols appear. Each plus symbol (+) represents **a** grade on the log at the corresponding distance location. **The** marker symbols represent the reference markers on the Computer Enhanced Report. **A** lcgend appears below the graph denoting the meaning of each marker symbol.

The graph illustrates pipeline characteristics which art otherwise difficult to observe. The corrosion levels of the various segments of the **pipcline** can **be** easily compared. The approximate location of each graded pint **un bc** found. **The** approximate locations of all of the joints in 3 particular grading category, such **as** the Grade 3 Joints, can be determined. Corrosion problem spots can **be** located rapidly; and, marker placement for the next survey can **bc** evaluated. The graph is a clever tool for viewing the **overall** condition of the entire **pipeline at a glance.**

Figure ?.B. Locating Anomalies

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Linalog Computer Enhanced Report Graphs

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INTERPRETATION OF THE SURVEY LOG

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INTRODUCTION

Log interpretation is the process by which a determination is made concerning the nature of the indications appearing on the Linalog Survey **Log** (hereafter rcferrcd to as the "log").

The log is a multi-faceted source of information about a pipeline. It represents the :umulative output of **all** of the sensors on board the Linalog Tool. To fully decipher all of the information revealed on the log, years of interpretation training are necessary. Therefore Tuboscope employs analysts, with log interpretation training and experience, to evaluate the various indications displayed on the log. The following explanation has been prepared to facilitate the basic understanding of the information presented **on** the log.

The typic31 log produced in **a** Linalog Survey has many channels of information. The bottom channel on the log is the distancc/orientation channel. The **two** channels appearing directly above the distance/orientation channel are the marker channels. The rest of the channels are the survey channels. See Figure **3.1.**

Figure 5.1. Survey Log Format

SURVEY CHANNELS The survcy channels are the primary source of information relating to the pipeline's condition. Many **types** of anomalies can be identified through inrcnsc study of thc indications rccordcd on these channels. See Figure **3.1.**

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Figure 3.2. Pipeline Construction Features

Pipeline Feature Indications (continued)

koairs, The indications which correspond to the various pipcline repair devices :an sometimes be identified on the log. Repairs are not listed on either summary.

The unique image corrosponding to **a** sleeve (see Figure 3.3) **is** almost always liscernible, even on initial surveys. This capability can **be** used to check the **,roper** placement of sleeves over anomalies.

'atches are also recognized with regularity. However, on surveys of especially :orroded lines, it can be very difficult to identify patches The **use** of a previous urvey can make the identification of patches somewhat easier, through a joint-tooint comparison of the previous and new surveys.

The identification of replacement pipe is also usually possible on repeat surveys. n **most cases,** the change on the log is very obvious. Repeat **surveys can** assure hat detrimental anomalies have in fact been repaired. Reroutings of the pipeline :an also be distinguished **by** comparing joints **on** consecutive surveys.

Figure 3.3. Repair Indications

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The bottom channel is the coded distance/orientation channel. It shows, in coded form, four items of information about the log: the units of measurement (feet or meters), the wheel count at that point on the log, the tool speed, and the prientation of the tool.

Terminology

Several terms must be understood in order to use the coded distance/orientation :hannel effectively. **An** example of this channel is shown in Figure **3.7.**

Figure 3.7. Coded Distance/Orientation Channel

Frame - **A** *"frame"* is an independent group *of* indications within the distance/ orientation channel. *^L*

Executer Each vertical indication is called a \mathbf{w} . These indications are either long (binary **"I")** or short (binary **"0").** The distance between each *bit* represents one foot of length along the pipeline.

- **A** long *bit* normally has **a** binary value of **1.** If it **is** assigned **some** meaning that does not follow the normal binary code, it is called a *"fig:* If **^Q flag** is short, it will have an alternative meaning **to** a long **flag.** Further explanation of this follows.

Word - Each group of four *bi&* on the same side of the baseline **is** called *8 "word".* **A** word may represent either **a** number, one or more **figs,** or some combination of **a** number and one or more **nags.** The first ten *wordk* in each *frame* arc alternated on opposite sides of the baseline to aid in differentiating them

^J**oe** Frame - Twelve *words* plus two extra bits make a "log **framem.** Since each Jog *frame* contains 50 *bits* and the distance between two *bits* is one unit of measurement (either 1 **loot** or **1/2** meters), each *log* frame reprcscnts **50** units of measurement of pipeline. All *bits* in the Jog *frame* are derived from thc tool's distance **w** hccl pu **IscS.**

*f*came Identifice \cdot This is a special signal to mark the beginning of each frame.

fE - This **is a** scrics of **8** *bits* which arc used **to** check the pcrformancc **or** thc **tool** and signal the decoder electronics that **3** new **frame** is starting.

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Divisions of a Log Frame (continued)

rtentation L The first word in a Log frame is the first of three orientation samples to be taken during a frame. See Figure **3.10** below. The first bit Of the word is a flag. It indicates how the pipeline is being measured. **A** high bit indicates metric measurement (meters); a low bit indicates English measurement (feet). The next three bits $i\pi$ this word follow the binary code. These three bits indicate which of the quadrants the number 1 shoe appears in. For more information, see Calculating Orientation **on** page 3.1 **1.**

Wheel Count. Words 2-6 represent the Wheel Count at the end of the preceding frame. For Words **2-5,** we use a code known **as** Binary Coded Decimal *(BCD)* **in** which each digit of **a** number **iZ** represented by **a** word. In this system, **the numeric** value of each word cannot exceed *9.* Figure **3.11** shows **an** example of the number **"14"** in BCD.

Word **2** is the Wheel Count hundred thousands digit, Word 3 is the ten thousands digit. Word **4** is the thousands digit, and Word **5** is the hundreds digit. The tens digit and ones digit are contained in Word 6 in flag form.

Since the Wheel Count starts **at** *0,* and each frame **iS 50** units long, the last two digits repeat in a predictable sequence. Therefore, they can be represented **by flags** of known meaning **in** just one word (Word *6).* Four values can be determined by the flags **in** Word **6:** *0,* **25,** *50,* **75** (see Figure 3.12). If all four bits are low, the number is 0; if only the fourth bit from the left is high, the number **is 25;** if only the third bit from the left it high, the number **is 50;** if only the second bit is high, the number is **75.** These are the only conditions that are allowed to exist in Word 6. The results **25** and **75** are **only used** in metric **surveys.**

Figure 3.12. Wheel Count - **Tens and Ones Digits**

)rientation **2,** Word **7** of a log frame is the second place that tool orientation **is** ampled during the frame. See Figure **3.13.** It is similar to Word I except that he first bit is always **low** and has no meaning. Therefore, the numeric value of he last 3 bits will be between 0 and **7** indicating one of the **8** orientation sectors in the orientation calculator.

Figure 3.13. Divuionr of *8* **Log Frame**

Tool Speed. The tool speed is checked during the 3 inches of pipe immediately preceding the first bit of Word **8. The** tool speed is then doubled and recorded in BCD form in Words **8** and *9.* See Figure **3.14.**

Figure S.14. Determining Toot Speed

orientation *3* Word 10 **of a** log frame is the third place **the tool** orientation **is** sampled during the frame. Word **10** is coded in the same manner as Word **7** (Orientation **2)** described above.

pemainder **of' Frame.** Following Word **10** are two **extra** bits which are inserted **to** make the frame **50** units of distance long (see Figure **3.13).** These **two** bits cause the last two words in the frame not **to** alternate in the normal sequence. **The** last two words **(7** high bits and I low **bit)** are **3** signal to alert the decoder electronics in the playback **to** start **a** new frame. This enables the playback system **to** bc started anywhcrc within the log and still format data properly. **It** also prevents **dam** errors from affecting any fnmc other than the one in which they occurred. $\tilde{\pi}$

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steps: Attachcd is an orientation calculator similar to the **ones** used by Linalog personnel. The orientation calculator allows the user to determine the o'clock position of an anomaly with greater ease. **To** use the calculator, follow these

- 1. Draw a vertical line up from the first bit of an orientation word to the first survey channel. Do this for several orientation **words** on eich sidc of the anomaly of interest.
- **2.** Begin with the first orientation word. .Decode the last three bits. This will produce *8* decimal number. Rotate the clear plastic disk on the calculator until the **Shoe** 1 is centered in the sector numbered the same **as** you just decoded. With the calculator **so** aligned, read the o'clock position of each survey channel, Mark the 12 o'clock position and the *6* o'clock position on the log. Repeat this procedure for two more orientation words near the anomaly of interest.
- **3.** Draw a solid line through the 12 o'clock marks and **a** dotted line through thc *6* o'clock marks.
- **4.** To dctcrmine the approximate o'clock position of the anomaly, compare thc position of **the** anomaly to the positions of the **I2** and *6* o'clock lines.

The orientation channel is intended to locate the quadrant of the pipe where the anomaly can bc locatcd. Although an exact o'clock position can normally **bc** dcrcrmined through the above steps, this channel is only designed to provide an approximatc location.

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Figure 3.11. Previous Survey Grades

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One optional pipeline **marking** system is the Magnet Marking System. The concept of the system is very easy to understand. See Figure **4.1.**

Figure 41. Magnet Marking System

Theorv of Omration. The Magnet Marking System consists of **a** series of permanent magnets. These magnets are placed in pairs along the pipeline. The magnets are placed in direct contact with the pipe at the desired locations The magnetic field, induced into the pipe wall **by the** magnets, **is** detected by the tool as it passes through the pipeline. **A** corresponding signal **is** recorded **on** the magnetic tape. The result is an image on the log that is unique and easily recognized.

Criteria for Placement. The following criteria must be observed during placement of the magnzts **on** the pipeline.

- The magnets must be placed at least 3 feet from the welds **If** the magnet is closer to the weld, its signal may **be** lost in the signal associated with the weld.
- The magnets must be placed on top of the pipe. This will aid in distinguishing the magnets from other signals on the log.
- The magnets must **be** in direct contact with the pipe. (Scrape off the coating **to** the bare metal.)
- The magnets must be placed parallel to the axis of the pipe, with the white edges towards the downstream end of the pipeline.

Applications. The Magnet Marking System is designed to work well under most conditions. Interference with the magnet's signal is very seldom **a** problem. The usc of this system is most efficient in areas where excavation of the pipeline \cos **be** done fairly easily. The Magnet Marking System is the original marking system and has been used with success for many years.

Above Ground Marker System

The other pipeline marking system is the Above Ground Marker System. It provides the means to mark a pipeline without excavating and making direct contact with the pipe. Refer to Figure **4.2.** Although this system is more convenient,.it is not as foolproof **as** the Magnet Marking System.

Figure 42. Above **Ground** Marker System

cow of **Ooeration,** The Above Ground Marker System **consists** of **two** units **a** transmitter unit, placed **on** the ground above the pipelhe; and **B** receiver, mounted on the inspection tool. ?he transmitter unit consists of a detector coil, **a** larger transmitter coil, and a pulser **box** The two coils **connect** to **the pukr box.** The detector coil senses the magnetic field of the approaching inspection tool and activates the pulser **box. The** pulser **box,** in turn, supplies the alternating current to the transmitter coil. The result is a time varying magnetic field which penetrates the surrounding medium and **the** pipeline. This field **is** detected **by** the inspection tool as it **passes** underneath. A corresponding signal **iS** recorded **on** the magnetic **tape.** The end result is an image on the marker channels **of** the log, that is unique and easily distinguished from other pipeline features. This image provides **a** reference point for locating the anomalies revealed **on** the survey log.

Criteria for Placement. The following criteria must be observed during placement of the Above Ground Markers.

- The distance between the pipe and the surface on which the two coils sit must not exceed 5 feet. Probing the line is required to locate the pipeline and determine depth. Both coils must **be** placed directly above the pipeline.
- The detector (small) coil must be upstream of the transmitter (large) coil.
- The transmitter coil must not **be** placed closer than **IO** feet upstream of the upstream end of a road casing.
- The detcctor coil must not be placed less than **200** feet downstream of thc downstream end of **a** road casing. Explanation: When the Linalog magnetizer passes through **a road** casing, the magnetic field of thc tool

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SURVEY EQUIPMENT

INTRODUCTION

The equipment used in producing 3 complete Linalog survey log includes the Linalog Survey Tool, any necessary adaptations to the tool, and the Linalog Playback System. The tool performs the actual inspection. The playback system transforms the data gathered by the tool into a readable scroll of information.

LINALOG SURVEY TOOL Description

The Linalog Survey Tool (referred to **as** the "tool") is a self-contained unit which generates a complete, launch-to-trap, full circumferential inspection of a pipeline. See Figure 5.1. Normal pigging operations are used to launch, propel, and trap the tool. The standard **16** inch diameter tool consists of **4** sections connected by universal joints (U-joints). The multi-section design allows the tool to negotiate most pipeline bends. The Linalog Tool produces an indirect survey of the condition of the pipeline. The actual specifications of the tool used in this survey can be found in Appendix **SA** of this report.

Figure 1.1. Lfndoc Survey *Tool*

Operating Principle

The Linalog System of pipeline inspection incorporates the principles of magnetic flux leakage technology. The inspection process involves two steps.

The pipe to be inspected is magnetized to an optimum inspection level, **1.**

If the section of pipe free of defects, then all magnetic lines *d* **flux** will be contained within the pipewall. See Figure **5.2.**

If the section df pipe contains *8* defect, the lines of flux will **be** redistributed around the defect The result will **be** that some of **the lines of** flux will "leak" out into the surrounding medium.

A magnetic field sensor, scanning along the surface of the pipewall, will detect the leakage field and output a corresponding electrical signal This signal is a measure of the defect's size and shape. **2.**

Figure S.Z. Flux-Leakage Principle

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¹⁶INCH TYPE 4-2-2 LINALOG TOOL

INSPECTION CAPABILITY Minimum Wall Thickness: **0.188** inch Maximum Wall Thickness: **OPERATXNG INFORMATION** * Maximum Pressure: 3000 psi Temperature Range: **140** deg **F** max. **40** deg **F** min. **TOO1** Weight: **1276** lb / **1400 Ib** with tray Speed Range: **1** to **7** mph

Tray Width: **26** inch Tray Length **118** inch **RUN TIME** Standard Tool: 39 hrs

MINIMUM STRAIGHT **PIPE DISTANCE BETWEEN BENDS** inch for **4 D** inch for *5* **D** inch for **6 D** inch for **8 D** inch for **10** D and greater

BEND CAPABILITY

 $NOTE:$ **NOTE** Minimum Recommended Operating Conditions In Gu . 700 psi, 18.7 mmcfd and 2 mi/hr. The **Typicd Wall** Thickness **la** provided **u** convenience only. Abnormal conditions in **the** pipe such as unusual ovality may make the Typical Wall Thickness value unusable. The vdue for **the** minimum **I. D. h the moat** critical value.

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