



# DATA SHEET

# SONAR

## IN-SERVICE INSPECTION OF BULK LIQUID STORAGE TANKS

## THE PURPOSE

This document is composed to assist our clients and the supply chain with a high-level understanding of the benefits and services associated with our IN-Service Inspection of Bulk Liquid Storage Tanks using SONAR.





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The floors of storage tanks can be susceptible to internal and/or external corrosion which may lead to failure with severe consequences. Safe management of tanks therefore relies on inspection of the floor at appropriate intervals. Historically this inspection has been carried out by tools and techniques that rely on internal man entry following emptying and cleaning. This type of inspection relies on the tanks being taken out of service.

Sonomatic has developed and applies robotic technologies to deploy its world leading automated corrosion mapping to tank floors in-service. This approach gives a high degree of assurance of tank floor integrity while avoiding the need for costly shut downs and minimising the hazards associated with confined space entry.



Sonomatic's SONAR robotic tank floor capability is part of a comprehensive inspection offering in which we deliver a API 653 or EEMUA 159 compliant inspection with the tank remaining in operation throughout.

## BENEFITS

In-service inspection is a cost effective alternative to out of service inspection for situations where the likelihood of degradation requiring repair has been assessed as low. In-service inspection provides significant other benefits to tank operators that include:

- ✔ Removes the need for shut downs.
- ✔ No reduction in critical storage capacity.
- ✔ Minimises site personnel requirements during plant shut downs.
- ✔ Eliminates hazards associated with personnel entry to tank internals.
- ✔ Improved knowledge of tank floor condition compared to existing out of service techniques.

A full in-service floor inspection is also provided:

- ✔ Acoustic emission (AE) provides 100% coverage of the tank floor.
- ✔ In-service robotic inspection is performed with sampling coverage.
- ✔ Density of coverage is guided by AE results as necessary.
- ✔ Sampling coverage is defined to ensure reliable information on the floor minimum thickness.
- ✔ Advanced statistical methods are used to assess the results.
- ✔ Fully compliant with API 653

## STORAGE TANK TYPES

FLOATING ROOF	UP TO 120m IN DIAMETER	CONE UP	CONE DOWN	SLOPING
Products:	FUELS AND OILS (DIESEL)	CRUDE OIL	CHEMICALS	WATER

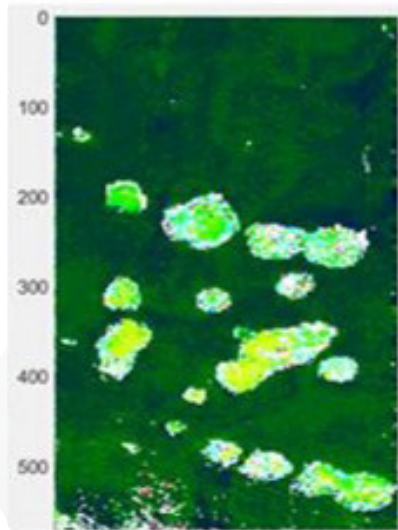


There can be potential application barriers when carrying out inspections if tanks have multiple internal obstructions on or near the floor, if tanks have internal floating roofs and fixed upper roof and/or if tanks have excessive sludge or have certain chemical content.

## DESLUDGING AND WASTE MANAGEMENT

When it comes to desludging and waste management, Sonomatic provides services that include:

- ✔ Tank and Frac tank and truck set up.
- ✔ Filtration system and product polishing.
- ✔ Separator and Bag system.
- ✔ Water tank cleaning to a roll-off and bag system.
- ✔ Selling of sludge and waste products.
- ✔ Planning cleaning cycles maintenance





# SONAR ROBOT

INTEGRATION WITH SONOMATIC INSPECTION PROJECT MANAGEMENT AND ANALYSIS SOFTWARE (MULTIMAP)

UMBILICAL CORD AND CARRIER WITH 106M TO 115M CABLE LENGTH

PURGE SYSTEM FOR PRODUCTS BELOW 37.5°C FLASHPOINTS

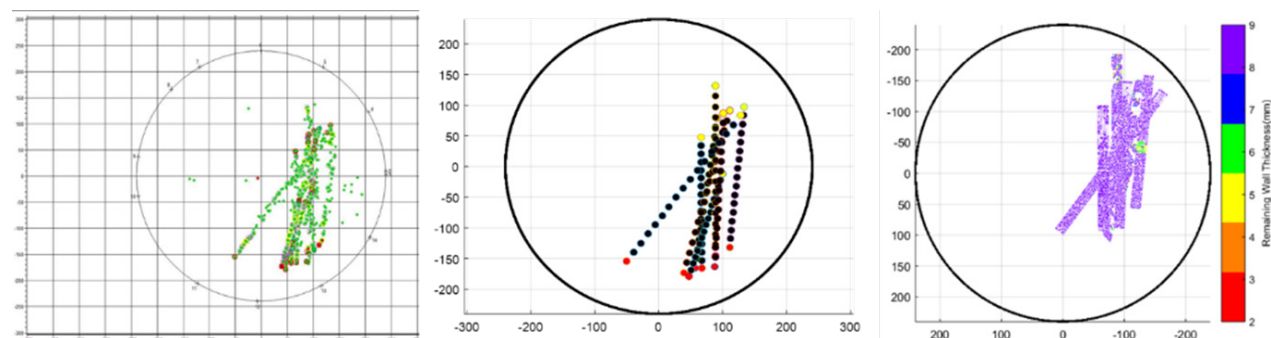
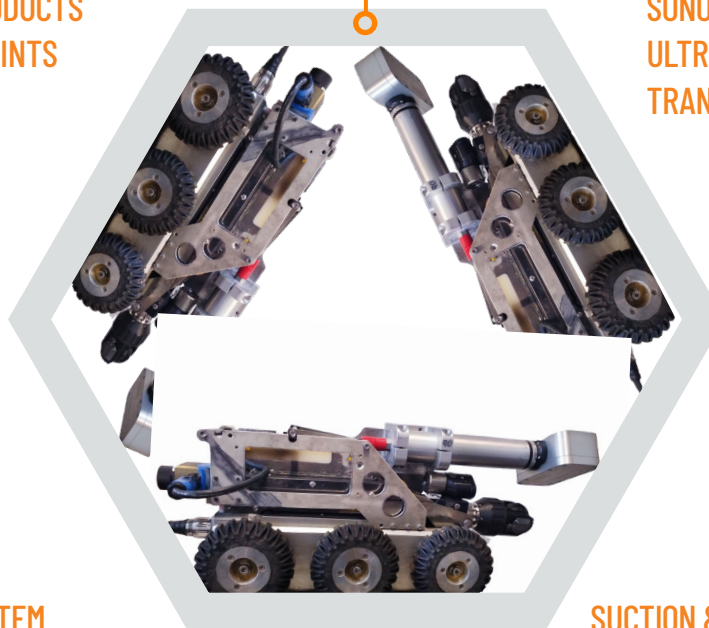
SONOMATIC ADVANCED ULTRASONIC IMMERSION TRANSDUCERS SYSTEM

ADVANCED NAVIGATION SYSTEM

TEMPERATURE RANGE 20°C TO 50°C

CAMERA AND LIGHT SYSTEM (OPTIONAL DEPENDING ON PRODUCT)

SUCTION & DISCHARGE PUMPS (OPTIONAL)



## QA AND HS&E

Sonomatic operate under an integrated QHSE management system and are committed to the highest quality and safety of service provision | ISO 9001: 2015: 00007140 | ISO 14001:2015:00037371 | ISO 45001:2018:00037372 | ISO 17020: 2012: 4276 | Achilles FPAL Verified: 076712 | SEQual 1988 | British Safety Council Member: S0388440 |



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