

DRS INSPECTION THROUGH COATINGS

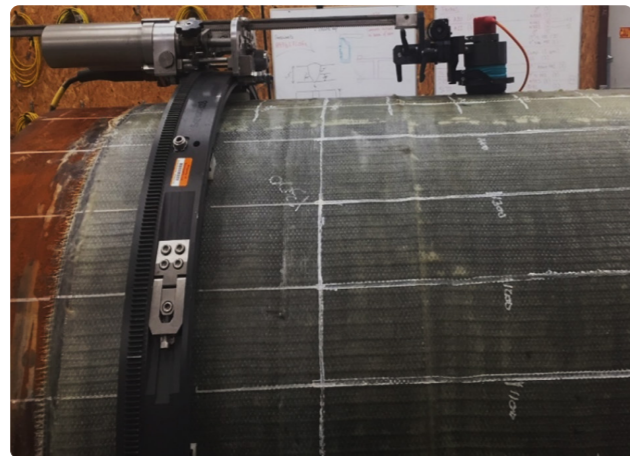
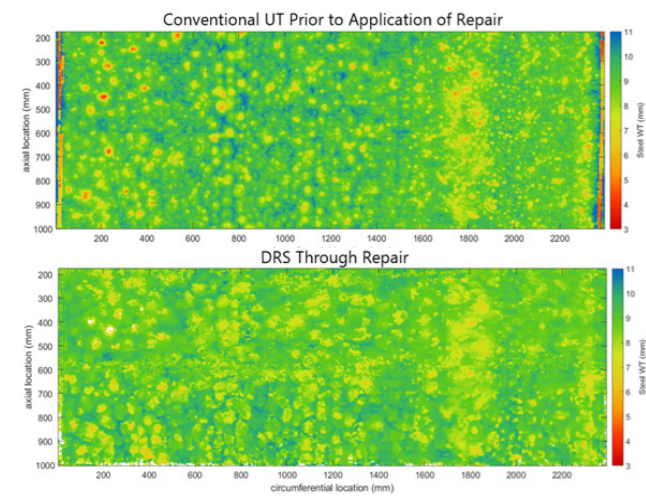
Dynamic Response Spectroscopy (DRS) is an innovative ultrasonic inspection technique developed by Sonomatic for corrosion mapping through challenging coatings, where conventional ultrasonic testing is ineffective. It also maps delaminations in coatings such as composite repairs and corrosion protection tapes. DRS is deployed on Sonomatic's range of field proven and customisable topside and subsea inspection tools.

DRS TECHNIQUE

A custom DRS probe excites the steel with a range of low ultrasonic frequencies that pass easily through challenging coatings. The steel responds, vibrating at natural frequencies related to the local thicknesses. Using advanced algorithms, these frequencies are extracted and used to determine the steel thickness profile. The probe travels over the coating, constructing a map of the underlying steel wall thickness.

Where delamination type flaws exist in the coating, the signals cannot travel into the steel. DRS detects these flaws by loss of response from the steel.

Below are maps of a corroded 30 inch pipe showing the UT results prior to application of a composite repair and the DRS results through the repair. DRS inspection can be used to monitor the corrosion and extend the life of the repair.



APPLICATIONS

DRS has been optimised for inspection through a range of coatings, including:

- ✔ Composite Repairs
- ✔ Intumescent Passive Fire Protection (PFP)
- ✔ Corrosion Protection Tapes (CPT)
- ✔ Polychloroprene (PCP) e.g. Neoprene®
- ✔ Coal Tar Enamel and Coal Tar Epoxy
- ✔ Multi-layer Polypropylene
- ✔ Injection Moulded Polypropylene (IMPP)
- ✔ Glass Syntactic Polyurethane (GSPU)
- ✔ Polypropylene (PP) & Polyethylene (PE) Shrink Wraps
- ✔ Application to other coatings is ongoing.

DEPLOYMENT

DRS is deployed on a range of field proven tools:

- ✔ Nautilus – topside and subsea inspection system
 - Diver deployed subsea
 - Diameters from 6" up to flat
- ✔ ROV-iT – subsea inspection system
 - ROV deployed
 - Depths to 2000 m (6500 ft)
 - Diameters from 6" to 30"
 - Horizontal and vertical deployment
- ✔ SPIRO – Internal Caisson Tool
 - Inspection of wet and dry regions

Sonomatic inspection systems are designed in-house and can be modified to suit project requirements.

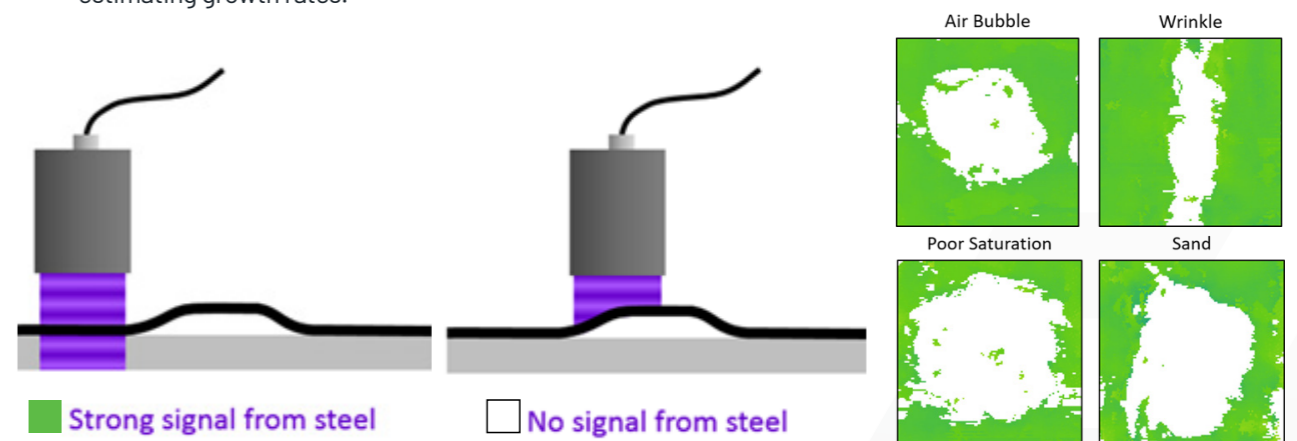


DRS MAPS

DRS thickness measurement accuracy is typically ± 0.5 mm (80% tolerance)

DRS maps are suitable for:

- ✔ Identifying flaws in coatings.
- ✔ Quantifying extent of steel wall loss.
- ✔ Determining if corrosion growth is active and estimating growth rates.
- ✔ Input to Fitness for Service assessment, including Level 3 using finite element analysis.
- ✔ Statistical analysis of limited coverage inspections.



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