

DATA SHEET

SH-EMAT INSPECTION



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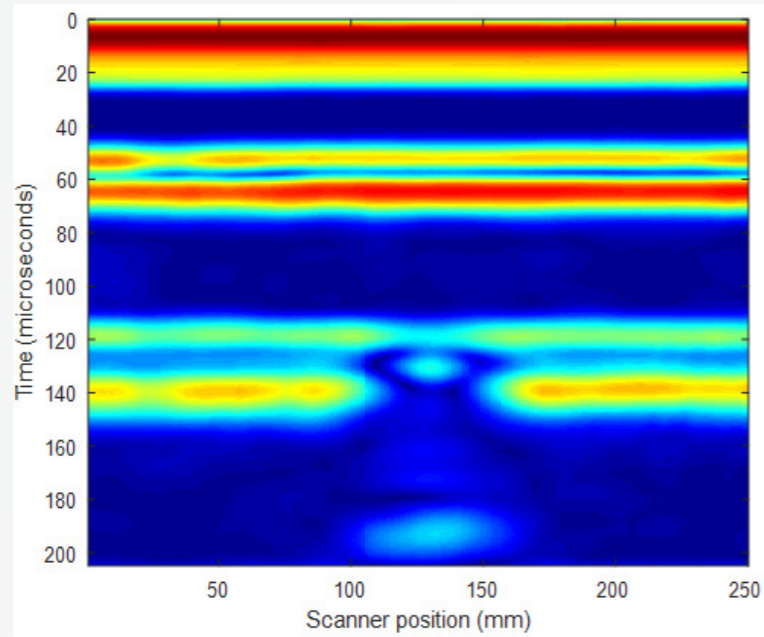
THE PURPOSE

This document is composed to assist our clients and the supply chain with a high-level understanding of the benefits, services and specialist packages associated with our SH-EMAT Inspection capabilities.



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Sonomatic's topside SH-EMAT inspection technique allows rapid screening of pipework and pipelines. The system is compact, battery powered and does not require couplant, making it extremely portable. Due to its design, the system can easily be deployed using rope access. The technique has been validated through blind trials and has proven its capability on-site at various locations around the world. Inspection under pipe supports is a major application for this technique, as it allows the condition of the material to be reliably assessed without the need for lifting the pipe from the support.



The Sonomatic topside EMAT system uses a pitch-catch setup with one probe acting as a transmitter and another as a receiver. The probes produce shear horizontal (SH) guided waves and provide information on the condition of the sample between the transmitter and receiver. The probes can be separated by over one metre and are sensitive to both internal and external degradation. This system is suitable for material with a thickness range between 3 mm and 15 mm.

Unlike piezo-electric probes, EMATs do not require couplant and they do not need to be in direct contact with the sample. Once setup, the system can be used to collect encoded data on the condition of the sample between the probes. The system can be setup to scan axially along the length of a pipe or to scan circumferentially around a pipe.

When scanning axially, the probes are placed at approximately the 1 o'clock and 11 o'clock positions at the same axial location. The guided waves produced by the system then provide information on the condition of the entire circumference of the pipe. Encoded scans are then collected as the scanner is moved over the area of interest, the location of a pipe support for example. This setup can be applied to pipe diameters between 4" and 28".

If the full circumference of a pipe is obstructed, in the vicinity of bracket pipe supports for example, the probes can be located either side of the obstruction and moved circumferentially. In this case, the probes are placed at the same circumferential position but separated axially. The guided waves produced by the system then provide information on the condition of the sample between the probes. Encoded scans are then collected as the scanner is moved around the circumference of the pipe; this approach is suitable for the inspection of bracket pipe supports which cover the full circumference of a pipe. This setup can be applied to pipe diameters between 8" and 36".



Any areas of degradation between the probes will affect the amplitude and arrival times of the received signals. Areas where evidence of degradation has been recorded can be ranked according to the severity of the signal disruption. This is a screening method allowing the condition of locations to be determined rapidly. The system has been used on-site in the UK, USA, Australia, and South Africa.

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