Failure Investigation Report - Pig Trap Gas Release - Activity ID 127555

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Regional Director Byron Coy

Date of Report 02/17/2011

Subject Failure Investigation Report – Pig Trap Gas Release

Summary:

On March 24, 2009, Hampshire Gas Company personnel were performing pipeline cleaning operations with a scraper pig on the 10" main storage line. The crew was going through the procedure to receive the pig in the trap, blow down the barrel, equalize the pressure, open the door, and retrieve the pig when the abnormal operation occurred. After the gas stopped venting from the equalizing bleed valves ahead and behind the pig, personnel removed the safety interlock device to allow opening the door on the barrel. No gas was venting from either the bleed valves or the safety interlock. The crew loosened the restraining clamp on the door, and as they were doing this, residual pressure in the barrel caused the door to swing open abruptly. The door struck one of the crew in the abdomen. The injuries were considered serious enough to warrant observation at the local hospital. The individual was kept overnight for observation and released the next day.

The operator determined during the post-incident investigation that the ¾" ball valves and the safety interlock on the door became fouled with pipeline debris during pressure equalization, which caused a pressure differential great enough on the pig door to force the door open abruptly.

Operator, Location, & Consequences

Date & Time of Failure: 3/24/2009

Commodity Released: Natural Gas

City/County & State: Hampshire County, WV

OpID & Operator Name 7050 Hampshire Gas

Unit # & Unit Name 2581 Hampshire Gas Storage Field

SMART Activity #: 127555

Milepost / Location Briar Lick, Romney, WV

Lat: 39.18775

Long: -78.75006

Type of Failure: No failure occurred

Fatalities: 0

Injuries 1

Description of area R

impacted

Rural

Property damage Minimal – Not estimated

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System Details

The pipeline system is a natural gas storage field located in Hampshire County, West Virginia, near the Town of Romney. The system MAOP is 2467 psig. There were no impacts on the ability of the storage field to receive and send natural gas.

The natural gas storage system consists of 18.25 miles of pipeline (NPD of 10", 8", and 6") 12 storage wells, and the Grassy Lick compressor station. There are two HCA segments with a total of 0.47 miles of pipeline. There is no plastic pipe in the system.

Events Leading up to the Failure

On March 24, 2009, Hampshire Gas Company personnel were performing pipeline cleaning operations with a scraper pig on the 10" main storage line. The crew was going through the procedure to receive the pig in the trap, blow down the barrel, equalize the pressure, open the door, and retrieve the pig when the abnormal operation occurred. After the gas stopped venting from the equalizing bleed valves ahead and behind the pig, personnel removed the safety interlock device to allow opening the door on the barrel. No gas was venting from either the bleed valves or the safety interlock. The crew loosened the restraining clamp on the door, and as they were doing this, residual pressure in the barrel caused the door to swing open abruptly. The door struck one of the crew in the abdomen.

Emergency Response

After the door abruptly opened, there was no further release of product and no emergency response was needed.

Summary of initial start-up plan and return-to-service, including preliminary safety measures

The 2007 Pigging Operations Procedure (Appendix 3) was reviewed and modified on April 21, 2009 (Appendix 6). They now require opening of door from catwalk above instead of off to the side. Safety plug to be opened from side as per current procedure. A 2" ball valve was added to the 2" crossover line on the 14" receiver. This will allow a larger flow for blowdown of barrel. Hampshire Gas installed the same configuration on the other receivers after further discussion with safety department.

Investigation Findings & Contributing Factors

The ¾" ball valves and the safety interlock on the door became fouled with pipeline debris during pressure equalization, which caused a pressure differential great enough on the pig door to force the door open abruptly. Personnel standing in the door "operating area" were put at risk for being struck by the door.

Appendices

0	WV_DAH_Hampshire Gas_7050_Storage Field_2581_I03_05062009
1	NRC Report #901003
2	HGCo Incident Report 03-24-09
3	Pigging Operations Procedures 03312007
4	TDW SD-85 Clamp-Ring Closure
5	TDW SD-85 Drawing
6	10303 Pigging Operations 04212009

127555 Appendix 1 - NRC Incident Report #901003

NATIONAL RESPONSE CENTER 1-800-424-8802

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Incident Report # 901003

INCIDENT DESCRIPTION

*Report taken at 13:26 on 26-MAR-09

Incident Type: PIPELINE

Incident Cause: EQUIPMENT FAILURE

Affected Area:

The incident occurred on 24-MAR-09 at 10:15 local time.

Affected Medium: AIR TO THE AIR

SUSPECTED RESPONSIBLE PARTY

Organization:

HAMPSHIRE GAS COMPANY SPRINGFIELD, VA 22151

Type of Organization: PUBLIC UTILITY

INCIDENT LOCATION

COUNTY 10/5 County: HAMPSHIRE

City: ROMNEY State: WV

Distance from City: 10 MILES

Direction from City: S

Latitude: 39 Degrees 11' 16" N

Longitude: 78 Degrees 45' 11" W

RELEASED MATERIAL(S)

CHRIS Code: ONG

Official Material Name: NATURAL GAS

Also Known As:

Qty Released: 0 UNKNOWN AMOUNT

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT

CALLER STATED THERE WAS A SMALL AMOUNT OF NATURAL GAS RELEASED FROM A 10 INCH STEP TEN PIPELINE AND AN INJURY TO AN EMPLOYEE THAT REQUIRED AN OVERNIGHT STAY AT THE HOSPITAL. THE EMPLOYEE WAS HIT BY A HINGE CLOSURE FROM PIG BARREL. WHEN THIS OCCURRED THERE WAS A SMALL RELEASE OF NATURAL GAS. THIS TOOK PLACE DURING A PIGGING OPERATION.

INCIDENT DETAILS

Pipeline Type: TRANSMISSION

DOT Regulated: YES

Pipeline Above/Below Ground: ABOVE

Exposed or Under Water: NO Pipeline Covered: UNKNOWN

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DAMAGES

Fire Extinguished: UNKNOWN Fire Involved: NO

Hospitalized: INJURIES: YES 1 Empl/Crew: Empl/Crew: FATALITIES: NO

Passenger: Passenger: Occupant:

Who Evacuated: EVACUATIONS: NO Radius/Area:

NO Damages:

> Length of Direction of

Closure Type Description of Closure Closure Closure

Air:

Road:

Waterway: N

Track: N

Passengers Transferred: NO Environmental Impact: UNKNOWN

N

Media Interest: NONE Community Impact due to Material:

REMEDIAL ACTIONS

CALLER STATED THE VALVE WAS CLOSED PRIOR TO VENTING. THE EMPLOYEE HAS SINCE BE RELEASED FROM THE HOSPITAL.

Release Secured: YES

Release Rate:

Estimated Release Duration:

WEATHER

Weather: CLEAR, ºF

ADDITIONAL AGENCIES NOTIFIED

Federal:

NONE

State/Local:

WV PSC

State/Local On Scene:

NONE

State Agency Number:

NONE

NOTIFICATIONS BY NRC

ATLANTIC STRIKE TEAM (MAIN OFFICE)

26-MAR-09 13:38

USCG ICC (ICC ONI)

26-MAR-09 13:38

CG INVESTIGATIVE SERVICE BALTIMORE (MAIN OFFICE)

26-MAR-09 13:38

INFO FOR CRITICAL MFG SECTOR (MAIN OFFICE)

26-MAR-09 13:38

DOT CRISIS MANAGEMENT CENTER (MAIN OFFICE)

26-MAR-09 13:38

U.S. EPA III (MAIN OFFICE)

26-MAR-09 13:41

NATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE COORD CTR (MAIN OFFICE)

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NOAA RPTS FOR WV (MAIN OFFICE)

26-MAR-09 13:38

PIPELINE & HAZMAT SAFETY ADMIN (OFFICE OF PIPELINE SAFETY (AUTO))

26-MAR-09 13:38

SECTOR OHIO VALLEY (COMMAND CENTER)

26-MAR-09 13:38

MD DEPT OF ENV (MAIN OFFICE)

26-MAR-09 13:38

VA DEPT EMERGENCY MANANGEMENT (MAIN OFFICE)

26-MAR-09 13:38

WEST VIRGINIA DEP (MAIN OFFICE)

26-MAR-09 13:38

WV DEP ATTN: DUTY OFFICER (MAIN OFFICE)

26-MAR-09 13:38

WV DEP SPILL LINE (MAIN OFFICE)

26-MAR-09 13:38

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

CALLER DID NOT HAVE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

*** END INCIDENT REPORT # 901003

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NOTICE: This report is required by 49 CFR Part 191. Failure to report can result in a civil penalty not to exceed \$25,000 for each violation for each day that such violation persists except that the maximum civil penalty shall not exceed \$500,000 as provided in 49 USC 1678.

OMB No. 2137-0522

U.S. Department of Transportation Research and Special Programs Administration

INCIDENT REPORT - GAS TRANSMISSION AND GATHERING SYSTEMS

Report Date		
No	DOT Use Only)	

INSTRUCTIONS

Important:

Please read the separate instructions for completing this form before you begin. They clarify the information requested and provide specific examples. If you do not have a copy of the instructions, you can obtain one from the Office Of Pipeline Safety Web Page at http://ops.dot.gov .

PART A – GENERAL REPORT INFORMATION	Check one or more boxes		
Operator Name and Address	Original Report	Supplemental Report	Final Report
a. Operator's 5-digit Identification Number (when	known) <u>/</u>	<u></u>	
b. If Operator does not own the pipeline, enter O	wner's 5-digit Identification	Number (when known) /	
c. Name of Operator			
d. Operator street address			
e. Operator address			
City, County or Parrish, S			
2. Time and date of the incident	5. Cons a.	sequences (check and complete Fatality Total nur	e <i>all that apply)</i> nber of people: //
<u>/ / / / / / / / / / / / / / / / / / / </u>		/ / / /	General Public: //
		on-employee Contractors:	/
3. Location of incident	b.	Injury requiring inpatient	<u> </u>
a Nearest street or road			mber of people: //
b		nployees: / / /	General Public: //
City and County or Parrish	No	on-employee Contractors: <u>I</u>	<u></u>
CState and Zip Code		Property damage/loss (estima	ted) Total \$
d. Mile Post/Valve Station		Gas loss \$	Operator damage \$
e. Survey Station No.		Public/private property dama	ge \$
f. Latitude: Longitude:		Release Occurred in a 'High C	onsequence Area'
(if not available, see instructions for how to provide spec	cific location) e.	Gas ignited – No explosion	f. Explosion
g. Class location description Onshore: Class 1 Class 2 Class 3	Class 4 g.	Evacuation (general public onl	(y) / / people
Offshore: Class 1 (complete rest of this		Reason for Evacuation:	
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State // or Outer Continental SI h. Incident on Federal Land other than Outer Con	/	/ / hr. /	
Yes No			<u>/</u> 111111.
i. Is pipeline Interstate Yes No	7. Tele	phone Report	
4. Type of leak or rupture	<u>I</u>	NRC Report Number	month day year
Leak: Pinhole Connection Failure (con	nplete sec. F5) 8. a. E	stimated pressure at point and	time of incident:
Puncture, diameter (inches)			_ PSIG
Rupture: Circumferential – Separation	b. M	lax. allowable operating pressur	re (MAOP):PSIG
Longitudinal – Tear/Crack, length (inc	hes) c. N	IAOP established by 49 CFR se	ection:
Propagation Length, total, both sides	(feet)	192.619 (a)(1) 192.	619 (a)(2) 192. 619 (a)(3)
N/A		192.619 (a)(4) 192.	619 (c)
Other:	d. D	id an overpressurization occur	relating to the incident? Yes No
PART B – PREPARER AND AUTHORIZED SIGNAT	URE		
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(type or print) Preparer's Name and Title			
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Preparer's E-mail Address			
		Date Area Code	e and Telephone Number
Authorized Signature (t)	pe or print) Name and Title		

OPS Data Facsimile

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PART C - ORIGIN OF THE INCIDEN	IT				
Incident occurred on Transmission System	(11)				
Gathering System		Plastic (If plastic, complete all	Plastic (If plastic, complete all items that apply in a-c)		
Transmission Line of Distribu	tion System	Plastic failure was: a.ducti	le b.brittle c.joint failure		
Failure occurred on		Material other than plastic or st	eel:		
Body of pipe Pipe S	eam	4. Part of system involved in incident			
Joint			Regulator/Metering System		
Component		Compressor Station	Other:		
Other:		5. Year the pipe or component which f	ailed was installed: //		
PART D - MATERIAL SPECIFICATI	ON (if applicable)	PART E – ENVIRONMENT			
Nominal pipe size (NPS)		1. Area of incident	In open ditch		
2. Wall thickness	/ in.	Under pavement	Above ground		
3. Specification	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Under ground	Under water		
4. Seam type		Inside/under building	Other:		
		2. Depth of cover:	inches		
5. Valve type					
Pipe or valve manufactured by			in year <u>/</u>		
PART F – APPARENT CAUSE	cause of the incident. Check of	nbered causes in this section. Check it one circle in each of the supplemental in ostructions for this form for guidance			
F1 – CORROSION	f either F1 (1) External Corrosion, or	F1 (2) Internal Corresion is checked, c	omplete all subparts a – e.		
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	Other:		obiological ss Corrosion Cracking		
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		sidered to be under cathodic protection ion Started: /	prior to discovering incident?		
2. Internal Corrosion	e. Was pipe previously damaged in the				
		or to incident: // years /	<u>/</u> months		
F2 - NATURAL FORCES					
3. Earth Movement =>	Earthquake Subsidence	e Landslide Other:			
4. Lightning 5. Heavy Rains/Floods =>	Washouts Flotation		Othor		
6. Temperature =>	Thermal stress Frost heav	•	Other:		
7. High Winds	Thermal stress Trost fleav	e i Tozen components	Other		
F3 - EXCAVATION					
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o. Operator Excavation Barri	/	it illiu Faity			
9. Third Party Excavation Da	amage <i>(complete a-d)</i>				
a. Excavator group General Public	Government Excavator other	er than Operator/subcontractor			
b. Type: Road Work	Pipeline Water Electr		andowner Railroad		
Other:					
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14.	Body of Pipe	=>	Dent	Gouge	Wrinkle Bend	Arc Burn	Other:
15.	Component	=>	Valve	Fitting	Vessel	Extruded Outlet	Other:
16.	Joint	=>	Gasket	O-Ring	Threads		Other:
Weld							
17.	Butt	=>	Pipe	Fabrication			Other:
18.	Fillet	=>	Branch	Hot Tap	Fitting	Repair Sleeve	Other:
19.	Pipe Seam	=>	LF ERW	DSAW	Seamless	Flash Weld	
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Appendix 3 - Pigging Operations Procedures

HAMPSHIRE GAS CO PIGGING OPERATIONS

This document is on file at PHMSA

Installation, Operation, and Maintenance TDW SD-85 Clamp-Ring Closure (4-14")

1.0 Purpose

To provide instructions for the installation, operation, and maintenance of the TDW SD-85 Clamp-Ring closure, 4" through 14".

2.0 Discussion

The TDW clamp-ring closure is a quickopening closure which can be operated easily by one person. It contains a pressure-warning lock which must be opened prior to opening the closure. This alerts the operator to any pressure in the vessel before the closure is opened. The closure is designed primarily for horizontal installation. Figure 1 shows the clamp-ring closure.

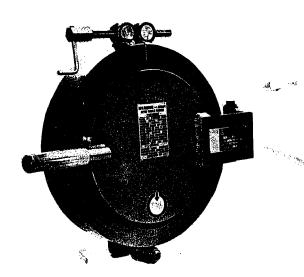


Fig. 1. TDW SD-85 Clamp-Ring Closure

3.0 Installation

3.1 General

A. It is imperative that the welding instructions and preventive maintenance instructions are carefully followed by those making the shop or field installation in order to maintain the closure in proper working order.

- It is important that the closure be leveled during the installation process, the collar properly aligned, and the hinge be in the vertical position (horizontal on a vertical installation) to permit easy opening and closing of the door.
- C. A bleeder valve and a pressure gauge must be installed on the vessel. An operator must be able to bleed the vessel and determine when there is zero (0) psig within the vessel.

3.2 Welding Procedures

- A. The same welding procedures are to be used whether post-weld heat treatment is required or not.
 - 1. Remove closure door O-ring and pressure-warning lock O-ring before welding.
 - If post-weld heat treatment is required, it is recommended that it be accomplished by localized stress relieving if at all possible. If not, the closure door and clamp-ring assembly will have to be removed prior to heat treatment. See Section 5.0 for removal instructions.

B. Barrel Collar-Materials:

ASTM A694 Grade F42

Carbon maximum 0.30%; Manganese maximum 1.50% Minimum tensile strength: 60,000 psi Minimum yield strength: 42,000 psi

- TDW refers the welder to the applicable codes such as ASME, API, ANSI, etc. These codes require that the welder and the weld procedure be previously qualified.
- These codes recommend the proper preheat and post-weld heat treatment procedures. The welder should refer to these codes and follow the recommended welding procedures for the materials being welded.

NOTE: Any practical welding process (manual, submerged arc, etc.) can be used. Use of as low a heat range as possible is recommended to help avoid warpage of the collar sealing surface.

C. Procedures for welding are:

1. Position barrel collar to align properly with the vessel. Make sure the hinge pin is in a vertical position.

CAUTION: When welding to a vessel of high yield strength steel (over 60,000 psi) preheating may be required to avoid cracking. Refer to proper ASME, API or ANSI codes. A preheat of 50° F minimum is a good practice when ambient temperatures are below 50° F.

2. Tack weld appproximately every four inches around the circumference, and check again for proper alignment.

CAUTION: When welding on the collar, a low welding heat range and the following proper sequence of welds will help to avoid possible warping of the collar sealing surface.

- 3. Weld stringer bead and immediately start the hot pass. Figure 2 shows the recommended welding sequence.
- 4. When the welding process is completed, replace O-rings on the closure door and pressure-warning lock.

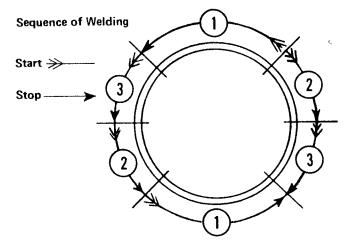


Fig. 2. Recommended Welding Pass Sequence

- D. If post-weld heat treatment is required, it is recommended that a localized heat-treatment procedure be followed.
 - 1. Coat the O-ring groove with heat resistant material (such as *TURCO PRETREAT* or *WATER NO SCALE*) for protection during post-weld heat treatment.
 - 2. Precautions such as interior braces should be used during treatment so that the collar does not "warp" or "droop."
 - Remove O-rings from the door and pressure-warning lock. After postweld heat treatment, clean the barrel collar and reinstall O-rings. Open and close the door to check for proper actuation and alignment.
 - 4. If a localized heat treatment procedure is not possible, the closure door and clamp-ring assembly will have to be removed prior to heat treatment. Refer to Section 5.0 for removal instructions.

CAUTION: When cleaning the barrel collar, be very careful not to damage the O-ring sealing surfaces. Damage to these surfaces may prevent the O-ring from sealing.

- E. Before placing in service, all surfaces should be clean, with the O-ring and O-ring sealing surfaces covered with a thin film of grease. The closure door face should be parallel and concentric to the face of the collar.
- F. Lubricate the closure at the three grease fittings; two are on the clamp-ring pivot pin and one is on the door hinge. See Figure 3.

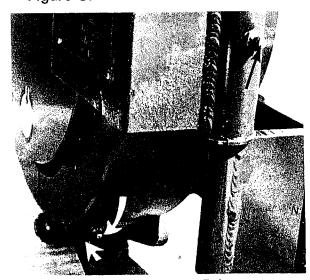


Fig. 3. Lubrication Points

4.0 Operation

4.1 General

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- A. A warning plate is attached to the front of the closure door as shown in Figure 1. This warning concerns personal safety precautions and must be observed to prevent injury to personnel. Always keep this plate legible.
- B. The closure contains a pressure-warning lock, as shown in Figure 4, to alert the operator to pressure in the vessel before the closure is opened. The pressure-warning lock is integral to the clamp rings and must be opened before the clamp rings can be spread.

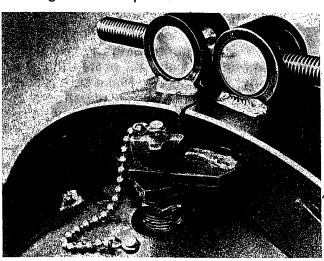


Fig. 4. Pressure-Warning Lock

C. Always clean the O-rings and O-ring surfaces and coat with a thin film of grease each time the closure is open. Inspect for cuts, scratches, or deterioration. Replace if there is any sign of damage. See Figure 5.

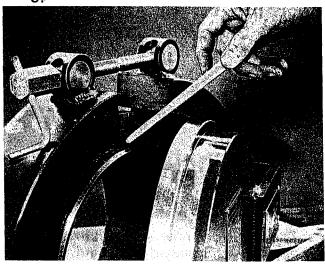


Fig. 5. Inspect and Lubricate O-ring

- WARNING: Replace damaged 0-rings imme diately:
 - A damaged O-ring will cause leakage of hazardous gases or fluids which can lead to serious injury and/or property damage:
- D. Always clean interior surfaces of clamp rings and apply a thin film of lubricant. When opening, check lubrication of all hinge points on the clamp-ring assembly. These include two on the clamp-ring pivot pin and one on the door hinge, as shown in Figure 3. Keep threads on the clamp-ring operating screw lightly lubricated.

4.2 Opening Procedures

- WARNING: To avoid serious personal injury,
 do not open closure while vessel
 is under pressure.

 Bleed, all pressure from vessel
 before opening the pressure
 warning lock Pressure gaugeton
 vessel must read zero (0) psig.
 If product vents pressure stem
 pressure warning lock vessel is
 still pressure is relieved open the
 pressure-warning lock and open
 the closure.

 Do not stend in front of the
 closure while opening
- A. Isolate vessel from line pressure, bleed pressure to 0 psig, and drain.
- B. Open pressure-warning lock by turning counterclockwise. See Figure 6.

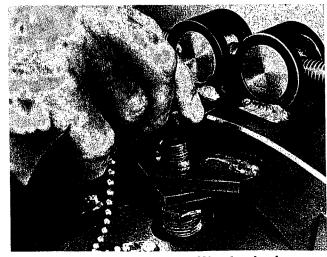


Fig. 6. Open Pressure-Warning Lock

NOTE:

The pressure-warning lock is not designed, or intended to be used as a pressure bleed down valve and should never be used as such.

C. Once the pressure-warning lock is completely unthreaded, open the clamp rings by turning the operating screw counterclockwise, spreading the clamp rings so that the closure door can be opened. See Figure 7.

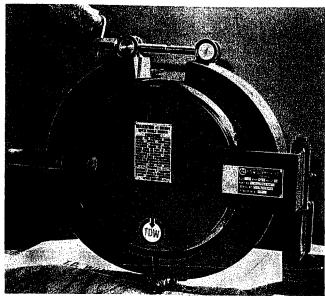


Fig. 7. Clamp Rings Spread, Door Can Be Opened

4.3 Closing Procedures

A. Inspect, clean, and lubricate the O-ring, O-ring grooves and sealing surfaces, and the pressure-warning lock. Replace Oring if damaged.

WARNING: Replace damaged 0-rings immediately.

A damaged O-ring will cause leakage of hazardous gases or fluids which can lead to serious injury and/or property damage.

- B. Push the door firmly shut. Before the clamp rings can be closed, the door must be completely closed, showing no gap between the door face and the hub face.
- C. Close the clamp rings by turning the operating screw clockwise until the clamp rings are closed and the clamp-ring brackets are aligned over the pressurewarning vent hole. See Figure 8.

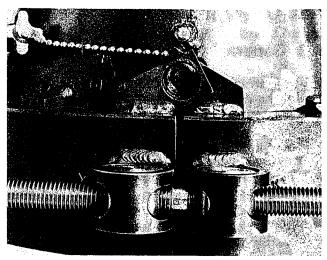


Fig. 8. Align Clamp-Ring Brackets

D. Install the pressure-warning lock. Hand tighten only. If too much torque is applied, a spring pin holding the two-piece assembly will shear, protecting the threads. See Figure 9. Make sure it does not cross-thread. Minor adjustment to align the clamp-ring brackets may be required. Slightly turn the operating screw.

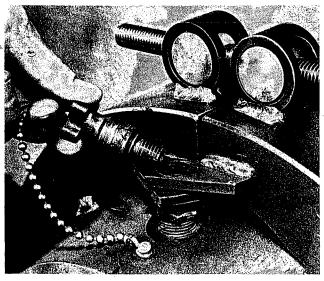


Fig. 9. Install Pressure-Warning Lock

WARNING: Make sure door clamp rings and pressure-warning lock are fully closed and secured before attempting to pressurize vessel.

Spraying line fluids or sudden door opening may result in serious personal injury and/or property damage.

E. The vessel can now be pressurized to line pressure and placed onstream.

5.0 Closure Door Removal/ Installation Instructions

5.1 Removal

Refer to Figure 10.

A. Unthread pressure-warning lock and Oring (12) and (13).

B. Open the closure door and remove the Oring carefully to prevent damage (16).

C. Remove retainer ring (22) and seal (23) from hinge. Carefully lift the door up and off hinge pin.

D. Remove nut (29) and washer (28) from pivot pin (5). Before removing clamp rings, brace or wedge the clamp rings in an open position. Carefully slide clamp-ring assembly off pivot while inserting a .750" diameter stay pin to keep the clamp rings together.

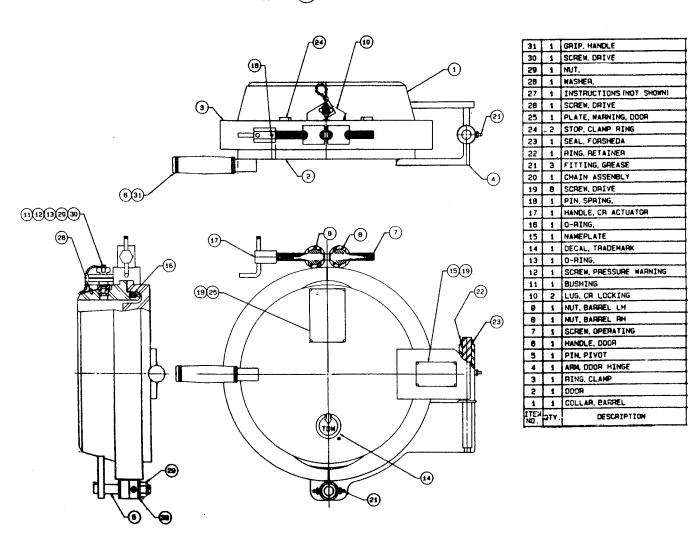


Fig. 10. Closure Assembly

5.2 Installation

A. To reinstall the closure door, follow the reverse of the removal instructions.

NOTE:

Shims may be used on lower clamp-ring pivot pin and door hinge pin. Make sure these shims are reinstalled in their original position.

6.0 Maintenance

6.1 General

Little maintenance is required on TDW closures. Most is preventive-type maintenance and can be performed each time the closure is opened.

6.2 O-ring/O-ring Surfaces

There are two O-rings on the SD-85 Closure. One is on the pressure-warning lock and one is on the barrel collar, making a seal when the door is closed. Always clean and coat these with a thin film of grease each time the closure is open. Inspect for cuts and scratches or deterioration. Replace O-rings if there is any sign of damage.

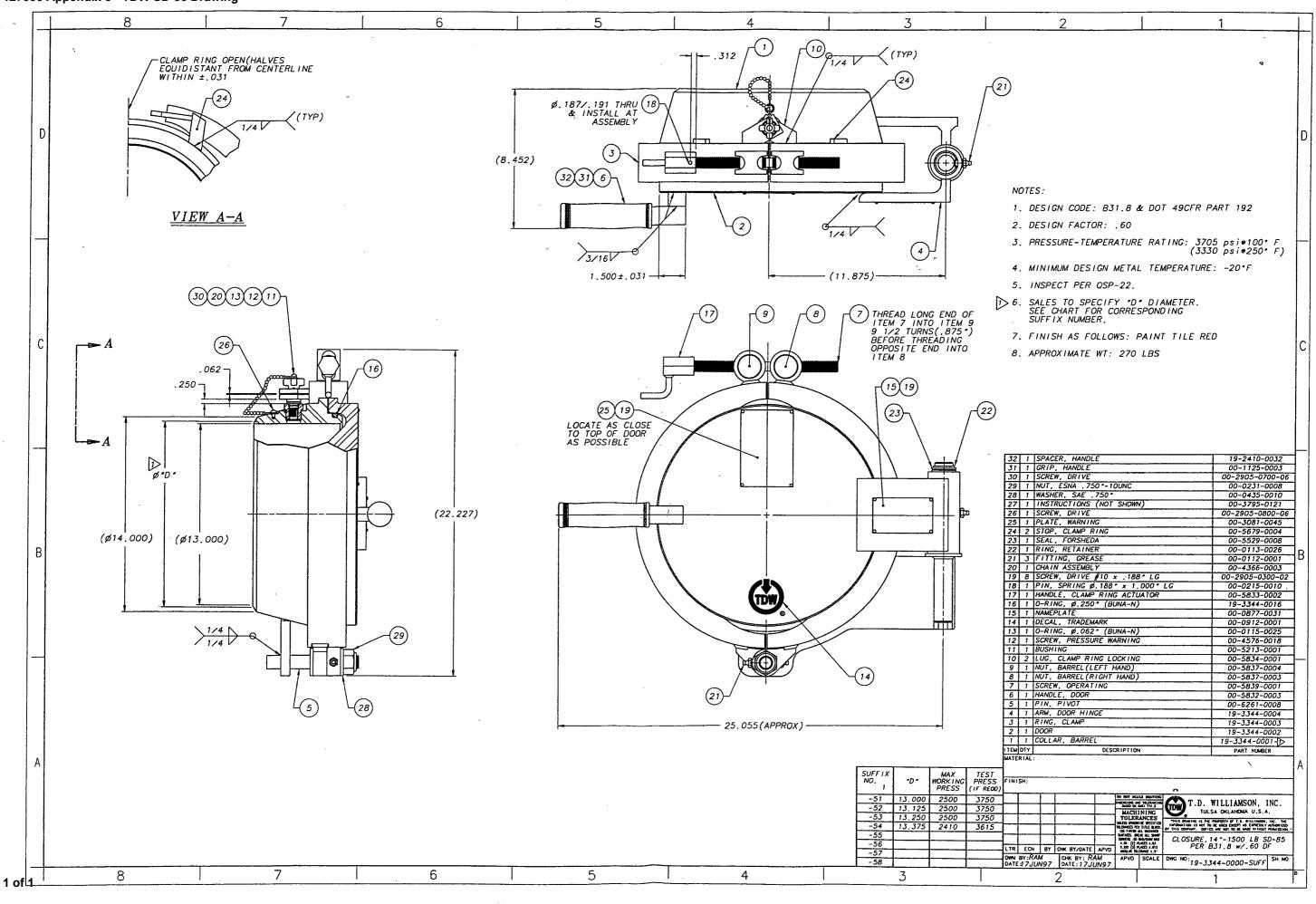
6.3 Clamp Rings

Always çlean interior surfaces of clamp rings and apply a thin film of lubricant. At regular intervals:

- A. Keep threads on the operating screw lightly lubricated.
- B. Check the three grease fittings regularly for lubrication.
- C. Keep all exterior surfaces painted to prevent rust.

6.4 Pressure-Warning Lock

- A. Make sure threads are clean and free of nicks.
- B. Inspect O-ring and bushing.
- C. Keep assembly free of paint.



Appendix 6 - Pigging Operations

HAMPSHIRE GAS CO PIPELINE PIGGING OPERATIONS

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