



## Dent Assessment of UKOPA Pipelines

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# UKOPA Study - Dent assessment of UKOPA pipelines

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- ❑ The dent assessment tool has been used to carry out a fatigue analysis of UKOPA pipelines
- ❑ Data was compiled from responses to a questionnaire circulated to UKOPA members
- ❑ Data was returned by 8 gas and liquid pipeline operators

# Dent Questionnaire

<b>1 Operator</b>		<b>13 ILI</b>	
<b>2 Pipeline reference</b>		Date of last inspection	
<b>3 Date of Commissioning</b>		Inspection tool (inc resolution)	
<b>4 Diameter</b>		<b>14 MFL tool dent data</b>	
<b>5 Wall thickness</b>		Number of dent indications	
<b>6 Length</b>		Number of dents associated with welds	
<b>7 Material</b>		Number of TOL dents	
Type		Number of TOL dents associated with welds	
Grade		Number of BOL dents	
<b>8 Weld Quality</b>		Number of BOL dents associated with welds	
Seam weld		<b>15 Geometric tool dent data</b>	
Girth weld		Number of dent indications	
<b>9 Precommissioning hydrotest details</b>		Max depth	
Test pressure		Number of dents associated with welds	
Duration		Number of TOL dents	
<b>10 Pressure:</b>		Max depth	
Design Pressure		Number of TOL dents associated with welds	
Operating pressure (if different)		Max depth	
<b>11 Operating pressure drop:</b>		Number of BOL dents	
Inlet pressure		Max depth	
Delivery pressure		Number of BOL dents associated with welds	
<b>12 Max pressure cycle:</b>		Max depth	
Max pressure		<b>16 Dent Investigations</b>	
Min pressure		ILI dent indications investigated	
Frequency		Investigation details	
<b>Estimate of pressure cycle history</b>		Investigation of dents detected by other means	
<b>Estimate of future pressure cycling</b>		Investigation details	

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- ❑ Data was returned by 8 gas and liquid pipeline operators representing the maximum size dents on 2,300 kms of gas and oil pipelines
- ❑ 29 cases for analysis were selected and presented in terms of priority for further investigation or confirming no further action

# Analysis of UKOPA Pipelines - Input

Pipeline Reference	Year of Commissioning	Diameter (mm)	Wall Thickness (mm)	Length (km)	Material Grade	Operating Pressure (barg)	Dent ID Number	Orientation (h:mm)	Depth at Pressure (%OD)	Weld Quality	Cycle Min Pressure	Cycle Max Pressure	Cycle History
Case 1	1966	711	7.14	14	X52	50.5	Dent 1	12:00	2.2	N/A	15	32	11880
Case 2	1966	711	7.14	14	X52	50.5	Dent 2	6:00	5.6	N/A	15	32	11880
Case 3	1966	711	7.14	14	X52	50.5	Dent 3	6:00	2.38	Probably Good			
Case 4	1964	457.2	10.31	17	X46	38	Dent 4	12:00	N/A	Poor			
Case 5	1964	457.2	10.31	17	X46	38	Dent 5	12:00	3	N/A	0	50.6	348
Case 6	1960	219.1	7.04	114	B	49.5	Dent 6	12:00	N/A	Poor			
Case 7	1940	273	7.8	116	B	49.5	Dent 7	12:00	N/A	Poor			
Case 8	1940	323.8	7.14	140	X42	80	Dent 8	12:00	N/A	Poor			
Case 9	1967	219.1	7.04	145	X42	90	Dent 9	6:00	6.9	N/A	65	90	17155
Case 10	1979	273	7.09	250	X52	90	Dent 10	12:00	6.9	N/A	65	95	12775
Case 11	1991	273	7.92	233	X52	90	Dent 11	12:00	1.9	Good	0	100	7084
Case 12	1973	406.4	6.35	229	X52	90	Dent 12	12:00	2.84	N/A	35	70	10250
Case 13	1973	406.4	6.35	229	X52	90	Dent 13	12:00	2.7	Probably Good			
Case 14	1973	406.4	6.35	229	X52	90	Dent 14	6:00	2.85	Probably Good			
Case 15	1973	406.4	6.35	229	X52	90	Dent 15	6:00	3.98	N/A	35	70	10250
Case 16	1975	914.4	9.52	213	X65	69	Dent 16	12:00	5.7	N/A	30	50	9750
Case 17	1975	914.4	9.52	213	X52	69	Dent 17	6:00	2	N/A	30	50	9750
Case 18	1975	762	7.92	19.2	X52	49	Dent 18	12:00	4.2	Probably Good			
Case 19	1975	1066.8	12.7	4.2	X42	50	Dent 19	6:00	7	Probably Good			
Case 20	1975	323.8	10.31	25.2	X42	70	Dent 20	12:00	2	N/A	30	50	9750
Case 21	1992	323.8	5.56	53.45	X60	88.5	Dent 21	6:00	2.1	N/A	28.5	88.5	191
Case 22	1992	323.8	5.56	53.45	X60	88.5	Dent 22	12:00	2.1	N/A	28.5	88.5	191
Case 23	1969	273	6.35	99.5	X52	82.7	Dent 23	12:00	3.4	N/A	22.7	82.7	846
Case 24	1972	219.1	9.52	2.5	B	82.7	Dent 24	12:00	1.7	N/A	22.7	82.7	735.3
Case 25	1981	273	4.78	115.6	X52	79	CHECK	12:00	2	N/A	24	79	2074
Case 26	1962	323.8	6.35	50	X42	76	CHECK	12:00	2	N/A	0	76	3620
Case 27	1963	168.3	5.56	133	B	99.3	Dent 25	12:00	2.7	N/A	13.3	99.3	3074
Case 28	1962	168.3	5.56	133	B	99.3	Dent 26	12:00	3.4	N/A	13.3	99.3	3074
Case 29	1985	355.6	5.56	185.5	X60	88.5	Dent 27	12:00	2.8	N/A	0	88.5	666

# Analysis of UKOPA Pipelines - Results

Pipeline Reference	EPRG Fatigue Life	SN + Dent SCF Fatigue Life	Kinked	Interacts with metal loss or other defects	Corrosion <20% wall thickness	Interacts with weld or weld not visible	Weld in "poor" category	Weld in "probably good" category	Depth <2% or strain <2%	Depth <2% or strain <4%	Evidence of external interference or coating damage?	Depth <7% or Strain <6%	Fatigue Analysis EPRG or FEA Life exceeded	Constrained?	Priority
Case 1	11711	169466	No	No	N/A	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	No	Yes	No	N/A	No Further Action
Case 2	1576.96	38913.3	No	No	N/A	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	No	Yes	No	N/A	No Further Action
Case 3			No	No	N/A	Yes	No	Yes	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes	11
Case 4			No	No	N/A	Yes	Yes	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	No	4
Case 5	930.889	N/A	No	No	N/A	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	No	Yes	No	N/A	No Further Action
Case 6			No	No	N/A	Yes	Yes	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	No	4
Case 7			No	No	N/A	Yes	Yes	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	No	4
Case 8			No	No	N/A	Yes	Yes	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	No	4
Case 9	14285.6	648354	No	No	N/A	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	No	Yes	No	N/A	No Further Action
Case 10	3874.83	133444	No	No	N/A	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	No	Yes	No	N/A	No Further Action
Case 11	90.6686	12626.1	No	No	N/A	Yes	No	No	N/A	Yes	No	Yes	No	N/A	No Further Action
Case 12	2045.84	36225.9	No	No	N/A	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	No	Yes	No	N/A	No Further Action
Case 13			No	No	N/A	Yes	No	Yes	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	No	5
Case 14			No	No	N/A	Yes	No	Yes	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes	11
Case 15	991.617	21182.1	No	No	N/A	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	No	Yes	No	N/A	No Further Action
Case 16	715.88	22873.4	No	No	N/A	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	No	Yes	No	N/A	No Further Action
Case 17	2828.05	119997	No	No	N/A	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	No	Yes	No	N/A	No Further Action
Case 18			No	No	N/A	Yes	No	Yes	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes	11
Case 19			No	No	N/A	Yes	No	Yes	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes	11
Case 20	320581	N/A	No	No	N/A	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	No	Yes	No	N/A	No Further Action
Case 21	1753.11	N/A	No	No	N/A	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	No	Yes	No	N/A	No Further Action
Case 22	1753.11	N/A	No	No	N/A	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	No	Yes	No	N/A	No Further Action
Case 23	1117.4	N/A	No	No	N/A	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	No	Yes	No	N/A	No Further Action
Case 24	20639	N/A	No	No	N/A	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	No	Yes	No	N/A	No Further Action
Case 25	2437.42	N/A	No	No	N/A	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	No	Yes	No	N/A	No Further Action
Case 26	479.162	7244.71	No	No	N/A	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	No	Yes	No	N/A	No Further Action
Case 27	1643.82	21571.7	No	No	N/A	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	No	Yes	No	N/A	No Further Action
Case 28	1002.32	14865.5	No	No	N/A	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	No	Yes	No	N/A	No Further Action
Case 29	180.262	909.371	No	No	N/A	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	No	Yes	No	N/A	No Further Action

# Results of dent assessment of UKOPA pipelines

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- ❑ Of the 29 cases assessed, 18 require no further action, 9 require further investigation and 2 were check cases (analysed with an assumed dent of 2% OD depth)
- ❑ Fatigue assessment was carried out for 19 cases, of these 13 exceeded the EPRG fatigue life assessment but were acceptable using the calculated SCF and BS 7608 Class B SN Curve