

Pre-Screening NDT (NAVIGATOR)

Aging Infrastructure Challenges

- Detecting where leaks and problem areas are occurring
- Pipelines may have unknown structural or hydraulic deterioration that negatively impacts pipeline operations
- Increasing customer and community expectations for service continuity and environmental stewardship

Service Solution Overview



Proactive Asset Management

- Save money with targeted repairs versus full replacement
- Identification of locations where there is a high probability of corrosion and potential blockages that impact flow
- Avoid negative consequences with customers and communities

PICA's NAVIGATOR pre-screening NDT service solution is ideal for leak detection and is the critical first step in identifying other leading indicators for potential pipeline integrity issues. NAVIGATOR is an internal, free-swimming, adjustable buoyancy, multi-sensor acoustic sphere deployed while pipelines are in service.



NAVIGATOR can be deployed in:

- Cast iron pipe
- Ductile iron pipe
- Steel pipe
- Concrete cylinder (bar-wrapped) pipe
- Reinforced concrete cylinder pipe
- Prestressed concrete cylinder pipe (PCCP)
- AC and plastic pipe

Pipeline applications include:

- Wastewater
- Raw water

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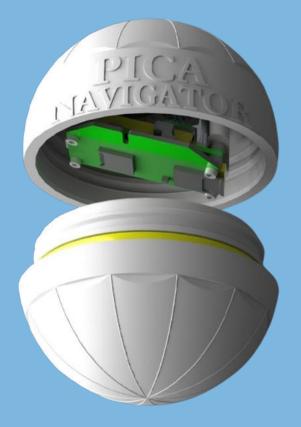
NAVIGATOR – Multi-Sensor Acoustic Sphere

- Identifies leak and gas pocket anomalies with high-sensitivity acoustic and accelerometer sensors
- Profiles pressure gradient information to provide elevation surveys and detect deposits restricting flow
- Uses all screening information to identify leading indicators for potential integrity issues
- Can identify magnetic features in non-metallic pipelines and baseline magnetic flux readings in metallic pipelines

Pre-screening NDT assessments are often followed up with standard, intermediate, or advanced NDT services for more accurate and detailed analysis of pipeline integrity issues.



TECHNOLOGICAL CAPABILITIES



NAVIGATOR is an internal, free-swimming, adjustable buoyancy, multi-sensor acoustic sphere deployed while pipelines are in service. These small diameter (3.25-3.75 inch/8.3-9.5 cm) spheres travel freely within pipelines ranging from 4 inches to 78 inches (10 cm to 198 cm) in diameter, screening for local leaks, gas pockets, elevation profile and other important pipe information from pressure and magnetometer data.

- The buoyancy of the device can be altered on-site to adapt to the operational fluid
 - The NAVIGATOR can either float at the top, travel along the bottom or have neutral buoyancy
- A magnetometer, accelerometer, acoustic and pressure sensor provide data for analysis
- Data is collected with a micro-USB memory card and analyzed by the experts at PICA within 72 hours for initial assessment
- Inspection velocity between 0.3 12 ft/sec (0.1-3.6 m/sec);
 Optimal & Recommended Range 1-4 ft/sec (0.3-1.2 m/sec)
- 32-140°F (0--60°C) and up to 125 psi (861 kPa)

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