HPHT Perforating Practices - IPS-12-14

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How We Define HP/HT

- **Ultra HP/HT**
  - > 20K psi
  - > 138 MPa

- **Extreme HP/HT**
  - > 15K psi
  - > 103 MPa

- **HP/HT**
  - > 10K psi
  - > 69 MPa

- **Standard**

Temperature

- > 300°F
- > 350°F
- > 400°F

- > 150°C
- > 175°C
- > 200°C
Worldwide HP/HT Areas
Operator’s Challenge to the Service Industry

Develop new perforating processes and tools with higher temperatures and pressure capabilities.

- How do we safely and effectively perforate HPHT wells?
  - **Health, Safety and Environment** are first on the list
  - Study the project to **identify and understand** all challenges
  - Software **simulations and lab** tests to ensure it is feasible.
  - Resource selection (Personnel, explosives and hardware)
Keep this in mind

– Hardware (steel) is rarely affected by temperature or wellbore completion and drilling fluids but they are affected by pressure.

– Explosives are not affected by pressure or wellbore fluids but are affected by temperature.

– Elastomers are the one item that can be affected by all three of these variables – temperature, pressure and fluid type.
Identify/Understand the Challenges

**Challenges**
- Effects of high temperature on explosives and elastomers
- Combined loading and pressure differential
- Limitations in metallurgy selection
- Design constraints due to high-pressure effects (OD / ID)
- Sealing technologies (dynamic and static)
- Economically viable solution

**Engineering Capabilities**
There are significant challenges with a number of technologies in providing higher levels of HPHT performance and reliability (e.g. electronics, materials, explosives, etc.)

**Testing**
Systems integration testing is critical
Testing facilities to handle the extreme temperatures (500°F) and Pressures (40000psi +)
Job Simulation
High Temperature Explosives and Conveyance Method

![Graph showing temperature vs. time for different explosives: PYX/BRX, HNS, HMX, RDX. The graph indicates the degradation of explosives at various temperatures over time, with specific labels for E-line, Coil Tubing, and TCP.]
Steps to be followed to setup HPHT Services

**Temperature**
- Less: Buna
- More: Temperature 325 - 400

**Systems testing** should be required on all jobs that exceed the max. temp. of 425 °F and the time exceeds 200 hrs.

**Pressure**
- Less: Pressure 13,000 psi
- More: Always

**Back-ups**
- No: No Back-ups
- Yes: Back-ups

**Wellbore Fluid Requirements**
- Yes: Adhere to Fluid Compatibility Chart
- No: Contact Engineering

Contact Engineering
# Elastomer Selection

## ASTM D1418 Designation

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<th>Trade Name</th>
<th>NBR - Peroxide Cure</th>
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<td>Specification</td>
<td>Nitrile</td>
<td>Viton®</td>
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<td>Min. Temp. °F (°C)</td>
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## Gases

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## Other Fluids

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<th>Alcohols</th>
<th>Methanol</th>
<th>HCl &amp; HF Acid Mixture</th>
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## Notes

1. Use Virgin PEEK backup rings above 400°F (204°C) and 10,000 psi (68,940 kPa).
2. Use Virgin PEEK backup rings above 350°F (177°C) and 5,000 psi (34,470 kPa).
3. Minimum temperature is 100°F (38°C) if backup rings are used. The minimum temperature is 40°F (4°C) if backup rings are not being used.
4. Field reports have shown successful results of working at 350°F (190°C) for 15 days.
5. Field reports have shown successful results of working at 410°F (210°C) for 8 days.
6. Virgin PEEK backup rings (beige) are rated to 10,000 psi (68,940 kPa) at 550°F (288°C). Pink 25% glass Teflon backups are rated to 10,000 psi (68,940 kPa) at 400°F (204°C).
7. Physical degradation could occur.
8. Explosive decompression is compound dependent and could damage seals or elements. Consult Elastomer Best Practices for ED Resistant compounds.
9. Testing is recommended due to variability of proprietary ingredients of oil based muds.
Hardware Requirements

- Ultra High Pressure Perforating Gun
- FH’s capable of low pressure cycle
- Immediate or delayed detonation
- Operate in ultra high pressure
- Prevent damage to lower rated tools
- Helps reduce rig time and costs
- Completion procedure flexibility
- Rated up to 30,000 psi
Shrouded High Pressure Electronic Dual FH System

Dual low pressure cycle Intelligent Trigger Devices in a shroud that would make the connection between landing string and the gun assembly, thus eliminating the tensile and compression loads from the firing heads.

- Shut down/restart
- 30Kpsi rated
- 315°F
- Up to 36 hr. delay
MultiCycle Firing System

- 4 - 10 low pressure cycles to activate
- Function and test other tools prior to firing gun system
- Fires on bleed off – Optional Delay
- 30Kpsi rated
- No electronics
Absolute Pressure

- Installed bottom or top of gun assembly
- 425°F for 200hrs.
- 30Kpsi rated
- Deployable with other firing devices
Wireline Deployed

- Deploy guns w/o the FH
- Deploy firing head after pressure testing and displacing heavier fluids.
- FH less exposure to high temperature
- Rated for 425°F for 200hrs.
- Rated for 27Kpsi
- Retrieve and replace without having to pull guns
High Pressure Gun Systems

- 30Kpsi rated
- Special metallurgy – internal and external
- Shrouded firing head
Permanent Packer Installations

- Hydraulic set permanent packer
- Profile nipple
- Pressure operated Tubing Release
- Pressure operated Vent
- Circulating valve
- Firing head
- Perforating guns
- Firing head

- Flow nipple/debris barrier
- Tubing release
- Firing head
- Perforating guns
- Firing head

- Permanent packer
- Profile nipple
- Flow nipple
- Tubing release
- Firing head
- Perforating guns
- Firing head
Case History: Mexico

CASE STUDY

CHALLENGE:
Perforate and DST a high temperature/high pressure gas well in 5 days.
Temperature – 320F
Pressure – 15093psi
Top Shot – 21522ft

SOLUTION:
Perforating Guns – Deploy 262ft of 3-3/8" 6spf guns loaded with HNS charges.
Firing head – Mechanical and hydraulic delayed as backup
Packer – Retrievable

RESULT:
The well was successfully tested and completed within the required time frame of 5 days.
**Case History: North Sea**

**CHALLENGE:**
Perforate a high temperature/high pressure gas well.
Temperature – 400F
Pressure – 16737psi

**SOLUTION:**
Perforating Guns – Deploy 2 ¾” 6spf guns loaded with HNS charges on Coiled Tubing
Firing head – Pressure actuated
Packer – Permanent
Depth Control – Memory GR/CCL

**RESULT:**
Successfully deployed gun through tubing, placed guns on depth and fired with no major issues.
Case History: GOM

**CHALLENGE:**
Perforate shoot and pull a high pressure gas well without unsetting packer or damaging work string. Fast gauge recording is also required.
- Water depth – 4468ft
- TVD – 24500ft
- Temperature – 183F
- Pressure – 18670psi

**SOLUTION:**
- Perforating Guns – Deploy 154ft of 6 1/2” 14spf guns loaded with RDX low debris (Mirage) charges.
- Firing head – Dual Intelligent Trigger Devices
- Packer – Retrievable
- Data Recorder – Fast Gauge (115000 dps)

**RESULT:**
Job was successfully executed and data recorders captured the event.
Case History: GOM

A. Pressure Before Guns Fired: 18,163.1
B. Max. Pres. During Perforating: 20,198.6
C. Min. Pres. During Perforating: 13,973.8
Case History: Malaysia

**CASE STUDY**

**CHALLENGE:**
Successfully perforate and test this high temperature well. Utilizing a 2500psi underbalance
Temperature – 392F
Pressure – 9450psi

**SOLUTION:**
Perforating Guns - 4 5/8” 12spf guns loaded with HNS charges
Firing head – TDF bottom and top
Packer - Permanent

**RESULT:**
The well was successfully tested and completed.