# Instructions for the Safe Use of P-Quip Mud Pump Rod Systems – Pt. No. 33000000

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## Specification:

1. This product is a direct replacement for the Original Equipment supplied for An Oilwell A1700-PT, A1400-PT, HD1700-PT or HD1400-PT mud pump. It is designed to allow faster and safer swab removal and changing. The selected materials of manufacture will lead to a longer efficient working life.
2. This product is designed to work up to the maximum pump pressure recommended by the Mud Pump Manufacturer.
3. The working pressure of the Release Link (30000002) is 545bar / 8000psi.
4. The weights of the various components are clearly marked on the product and on page 1 of this document.
5. The noise level of this product does not exceed 70dB(A).

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Installation and Preparation Instructions:

Regular Safety Checks:

1) These safety notes should be read in conjunction with local rules and working procedures, particularly where permit to work systems are in place.
2) Prior to working on the mud pump the unit must have its motive power isolated and locked off and hydraulic flow lines isolated and locked off. The pump valve modules should be vented to atmosphere.
3) The following protective clothing should be worn while working with this equipment. Eye protection suitable to protect from inadvertent discharge of pressurized oil. Foot protection suitable to protect the operator from accidental droppages. Hand protection suitable to protect against the effect of mineral oil on the skin.
4) Great care should be taken when handling this equipment as various components are over 25kg (NOTE: All items heavier than 25kg are marked with their weights) and it may not be practical to use mechanical lifting aids. During initial installation the Power end rod should be handled by two people and mechanical assistance used if possible. If a lifting device is used on the Power End Rod then a suitable endless soft sling should be used, by taking a bite at the balance point. Once the Rod is lifted, the balance should be maintained by steadying the free end manually. During regular use it will be necessary to man handle the Release Link and the Piston Link fitted with a swab. Care must be taken during these operations to position the body over the component being lifted by standing astride the rod in the cofferdam.
5) Extra care must be taken when manually handling these components, as they are prone to become slippery due to the spillage of oil and mud.
6) Extreme care must be taken when manually rotating the Mud Pump crankshaft pinion, in order to move the rod during assembly and disassembly. The operative handling the rod should be in line of sight and hearing of the operative turning the crankshaft pinion. On NO account must the pumps motive power be used to rotate the pump during this procedure.

Installation and Preparation Instructions:

1) If an Original Oilwell rod system is fitted to the mud pump then this should be completely removed, following the instructions given in the Oilwell instruction manual. Lay the original rod system safely to one side for disposal.
2) The Power end Rod (1) should be fitted in the same manner as the Oilwell one and fixed using the original bolts tightened to the torque recommended by Oilwell. Bolt locking systems applied to the original system must be utilized. Note that the Pin hole in the rod must be orientated to be vertical.
3) The original power end seal arrangement will then be re-fitted. It is advisable to fit new wiper seals at this time.
4) Push the Splash Shield (4) on to the Power end rod (1) until it locates in the groove near the end of the rod.
5) Prepare the hydraulic pump (11or12) by removing the transport plug and replacing with the vented filler plug. Top up the hydraulic pump with hydraulic oil (preferably EP32 but any grade will be adequate).
6) When an air driven hydraulic pump (12) is used, connect the pump to a suitable air supply using a length of standard air hose. The air supply should be fitted with a water separator, a lubricator and a pressure regulator set to 110 psi / 7.5bar.
7) Fit the Pinlet Adaptor (10) to the mud pump. Briefly run the pump until a flow of oil is emitted from the Pinlet. This has the dual purpose of eliminating air from the system and confirming that the quick connectors are assembled correctly. NOTE: Do not leave the Pinlet Adaptor (10) attached to the hose, as there will be a tendency for the hydraulic oil to siphon from the pump.
8) Install the Piston Link Holder (15) in a suitable location within the pump room. This tool is designed to safely retain the Piston Link (2) while the Piston Nut (5) is being tightened to the swab. The Holder should be bolted or welded to a suitable static point, bench or pump frame. It is designed to allow the nut to be tightened or loosened by pulling down on the wrench (13), depending in which end of the tool the Piston Link (2) is fitted.

Operating Instructions: Fitting A Swab to the Rod.

General Safety:

The following labels will be seen on the product. Should these labels become worn or defaced they should be replaced.
Operating Instructions: Removing A Rod / Swab From The Pump.

1) Select the appropriate size of Piston/Swab to be fitted to the Piston Link (2).
2) Clean the mating surfaces of the Piston Link and the Swab. If any nicks or burrs are noticed they should be carefully removed by filing and rubbing with emery.
3) The sleeve that is supplied with the swab must be utilized as the Piston Link has a 1 ½” stud.
4) Ensure that the O’ring supplied with the swab is greased and carefully fitted in its groove prior to sliding the swab on to the Piston Link.
5) Utilizing the Piston Link Holder (15), fit a fresh Nylock nut (5) and tighten to 750 lb.ft. / 1000N.m. using the Piston Nut Wrench (13) followed by final tightening with a torque wrench. NOTE: Piston Nuts (5) should be discarded after 2/3 uses as the nylon locking mechanism becomes ineffective. If the Piston Nut should back off during use, severe damage could be caused to the pump. Note that the Piston Link Holder (15) is designed to allow the nut to be tightened or loosened by pulling down on the wrench (13), depending in which end of the tool the Piston Link (2) is fitted.

Operating Instructions: Fitting A Rod Dressed with A Swab into the Pump.

1) Assembling a rod into the pump is a two-person job.
2) Rotate the pump crankshaft pinion using the adaptor and wrench supplied by Oilwell, until the selected Power end Rod (1) is fully backed off away from the liner.
3) Select the Piston Link (2) to be used and liberally coat the swab with general purpose grease. Hold the Piston link and swab in the mouth of the liner with the pin hole approximately vertical. Carefully rotate the crankshaft taking particular care with regard to the pinch point between the two rods, until the spigot of the Power end rod enters the Piston Link end hole. Continue rotating until the swab is pushed into the mouth of the liner. Ensure that the lip of the swab is not damaged or distorted as it initially enters the liners. Continue driving forward until the pin hole in the Piston Link (2) is just about to enter the liner and stop (If a P-Quip Liner Retention System is fitted the position to stop is just before entering the Liner Retention Flange). Reverse the direction of rotation until the Power end Rod (1) is fully stroked back.
4) Take a Release link (3) and slide its female end over the spigot on the end of the Power End Rod (1). Rotate the Release Link until it is orientated with the pin hole vertically and the pinlet hole to the top.
5) Push the Pinlet Adaptor (10) fully into the aperture in the Release Link. Connect the pump hose to the Pinlet Adaptor. Energize the hydraulic pump to 8000psi / 545bar. Close the hand valve on the pump to retain the pressure within the system. At this pressure it will be possible to easily push the pin of the Pin With Liner Flush (9) coated with copper-slip, through the holes in the Power End Rod and the Release Link. (Note carefully: It is necessary at this point to trim the tube of the Pin With Liner Flush (9) to length. The tube should be left as long as possible. It should just clear the liner retention flange when the Power End Rod (1) is backed off as far as possible.) The alignment of the pin will be aided by lifting the free end of the Release Link (3) so that it is not drooping. Note carefully that NO HAMMERING will be necessary.
6) Carefully rotate the crankshaft taking particular care with regard to the pinch point between the Release Link (3) and the Piston Link (2), until the spigot of the Release link just enters the Piston Link end hole. At this time the pin in the Release Link should be rotated, using any pin type tool, until the holes in the Release Link Spigot and the Piston link are aligned.
7) Continue forward until all the gaps between the rod sections are closed up. It will now be possible to easily enter the pin (6or7), coated with copper-slip. If difficulty is experienced in entering the pin check that the holes are aligned and that the stated pressure is still retained within the unit. Note carefully that NO HAMMERING will be necessary.
8) Open the valves on the hydraulic pump to release the pressure in the Release Link. The rod will be observed to become rigid and all the gaps will close up. Disconnect the hose from the Pinlet Adaptor. The Pinlet Adaptor may now be pulled free of the Release link.
9) The Oilwell liner flushing flexible pipe-work system should now be connected to the 3/8” BSP fitting on the Pin With Liner Flush (9) to length. The tube should be left as long as possible. It should just clear the liner retention flange when the Power End Rod (1) is backed off as far as possible.
10) The above procedure should now be repeated for the remaining two, rod systems.
5) Pull the Pin With Liner Flush (9) through the holes in the Power End Rod (1) and the Release Link (3). The removal of the Pin (9) will be aided by lifting the free end of the Release Link (3) so that it is not drooping. Note carefully that NO HAMERING will be necessary. The Pin With Liner Flush (9) should be left connected to the hose.

6) Lift the Release link (3) clear of the spigot. If just one swab is being removed, it will not be necessary to disconnect the pressurized Pinlet. The Release Link (3), with the hydraulic hose still attached should be laid in the bottom of the cofferdam. If the operation requires the use of the hydraulic pump elsewhere then the pressure should be released, the hose disconnected from the Pinlet Adaptor (10) and the Pinlet Adaptor (10) withdrawn from the Release Link (3).

7) Connect the Piston Link Puller (16), using the pin (6), to the exposed end of the Piston Link (3), projecting from the liner.

8) Carefully rotate the crankshaft taking particular care with regard to the pinch point between the Power End Rod and the Piston Link, until the spigot of the Power End Rod is at a suitable distance to allow the Piston Link Puller to be connected to it.

9) Rotate the pinion in the opposite direction thus pulling the Piston link and swab from the liner. Care must be taken to manually support the swab end of the piston link as it exits the liner. The Puller Tool will support the outer end.

10) Disconnect the Puller Tool and lift out the Piston Link.

**Maintenance / Troubleshooting**

1) **Preferable hydraulic oil**: ISO grade 32; ISO oil type HM. – This material has no known hazard as defined by local laws. This material if discarded is not expected to be a characteristic hazardous waste. Disposal should be in compliance with federal, state and local laws. All components are in compliance with EC Seventh Amendment Directive 92/32/EEC. Toxic fumes or vapors may evolve on burning.

2) **Power End Rod (1)**: The surface of the power End Rod is coated with hard chrome to prevent wear caused by rubbing against the crank case wiper seals. This chrome surface should be protected from impact damage or excessive wear caused by worn or damaged wiper seals. Should the surface become so worn that the wiper seal is ineffective it will normally be possible to repair the surface. Please seek advice from P-Quip. If the spigot hole becomes distorted due to an extraordinary force being applied to it, it will not normally be possible to effect a satisfactory repair and the unit should be replaced.

3) **Piston Link (2)**: Clean the mating surfaces on both ends of the Piston Link. If any nicks or burrs are noticed they should be carefully removed by filing and rubbing with emery. If the pin hole becomes distorted due to an extraordinary force being applied to it, it will not normally be possible to effect a satisfactory repair and the unit should be replaced.

4) **Release Link (3)**: Site repairs are not possible on this component, as it is factory set and sealed. Before a decision is made to discard this device the following points should be checked:-

   1. If the unit will not energize because the oil is flowing straight back out from the pinlet area then the fault is almost always that the Pinlet O’rings (14) are damaged and require to be changed.
   2. If the unit will not pressurize but no leak is apparent, then the fault must be with the pump. Check the pump by removing the pinlet Adaptor (10) and pressurizing against the closed hose.
   3. If it is not possible to enter pins at the appropriate pressure then an attempt should be made to assemble the unit to spare mating parts on the bench so as to eliminate damage or misalignment of the mating components.
   4. The unit has a working pressure of 545bar / 8000psi. It may however be found that the pin holes line up at 240bar / 3500psi. This is the acceptable, efficient working range.

5) **Piston Nut (5)**: Piston Nuts should be discarded after 2/3 uses, as the nylon locking mechanism becomes ineffective. If the Piston Nut should back off during use, severe damage could be caused to the pump.

6) **Pin (6 and 7)**: Check pins regularly for straightness and scoring. Slight scoring may be dressed out by hand, otherwise a damaged pin must be discarded.

7) **Pinlet (8)**: No attempt should be made to repair these units other than the fitting of new O’rings (14). When a new Pinlet is being fitted to the Adaptor (10) the assembly should be pressure tested by applying the unit to a Release link (3) and energizing it. It is recommended that the outer O’ring on the Pinlet be replaced once a series of energizing actions are complete as this O’ring will become damaged by use.

8) **Hydraulic Pump (11 or 12)**: Refer to manufacturer instructions.

9) **Failure to Release**: In the unlikely event that the unit will not pressurize it will be possible to remove the pins by hammering with an engineers hammer and a punch. If this proves to difficult to do from underneath then the head of the pin can be cut off using a cutter grinder and knocking the pin through from the top. Should this extreme method be resorted to then local safe working methods must be adhered to.

10) **Pump Alignment Checking**: The assembled rod system can not be used to check the axial alignment between the crosshead and the liner. The rod is equipped with the means to self align with a slightly misalign pump and as such will not centralize until a swab is fitted.

11) **Periodical Testing**: The Release Link (3) will require to be checked for efficient operation on an annual basis. The springs in the Release Link will eventually fatigue causing inefficient tension to be applied to the pins (6 or 7). The method of testing this
is simple yet effective. With the rod assembled on the bench, preferably using all new connecting parts, the pin (6) should be tapped firmly with a hand hammer to assess its tightness. The pin should require considerable effort to move it. If this test is carried out on new equipment, the operator will have a datum measurement of the “feel” of the required tightness. The Release link will continue to work efficiently until there is a danger of the pin falling out or the Piston Link (2) turning during normal operations.

**Recommended Spares**

The following parts should be held on the rig as spares. The life expectation of all parts other than "consumables is many years.

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**Modifications**

*Under no circumstance must this equipment be modified without the express written permission of P-Quip Ltd.*