



Acoustic Emission Pressure Vessel Testing (MONPAC™)

MONPAC™ is an Acoustic Emission based expert system for evaluating the structural integrity of metallic pressure vessels, spheres, columns and tanks. MONPAC™ consists of AE test procedures and evaluation criteria and enables 100% inspection of the vessel during one pressure test.

MONPAC™ can be applied during:

- First Hydrotest of a new Pressure Vessel according to ASME-V Part 12
- Requalification Hydrotest of a used Pressure Vessel
- On-line Pressurization (in-service with working fluid)

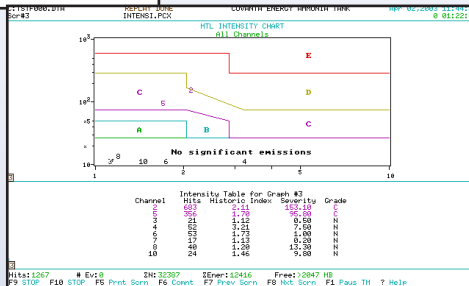
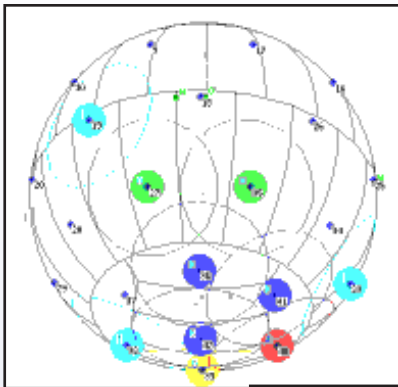
The method utilizes PAC's multichannel Acoustic Emission systems and sensors that detect the high-frequency signals resulting from deterioration in the structure when subject to stress. The systems have sufficient speed and resolution to ensure real-time, on-screen indications of the development of any defects.

The signals may result from local over-stressed areas, crack growth, corrosion products de-cohesion. According to evaluation criteria, which were developed after thousands of tests, MONPAC™ gives 'color coding' for severity of emission and complete associated recommendations.



Advantages

- Rapid inspection (e.g. a 15m sphere is tested in approximately 3 days)
- Global monitoring (100% inspection, including welds, repairs, base metal etc.)
- On-line testing (can be tested with service product)
- Minor disturbance of insulation (insulation not removed, only few holes are cut locally)
- Reduction in inspection costs
- Reduction in downtime resulting from improved information about plant condition
- The Acoustic Emission test is performed in accordance with ASME - Section V, Article 12



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