# AUTOMATIC PIG LAUNCHING

Production Optimization & Corrosion Mitigation for High Frequency & Remote Pigging Applications







## We are committed to product safety and quality. Argus Pig Ball Valves conform to the following standards:

API AMERICAN PETROLEUM INSTITUTE

SPEC. 6D<sup>1,2</sup> Specification for Pipeline Valves

SPEC. 6FA<sup>2,3</sup> Fire Test for Valves

STD. 607<sup>2,3</sup> Fire Test for Quarter-turn Valves and Valves Equipped with Nonmetallic Seats

STD. 598 Valve Inspection and Testing

SPEC. Q1 Specification for Quality Programs for the Petroleum and Natural Gas Industry

ASME AMERICAN SOCIETY OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERS

B1.20.1 Pipe Threads, General Purpose
B16.5 Pipe Flanges and Flange Fittings

B16.10 Face-to-Face and End-to-End Dimensions of Valves
B16.34<sup>2</sup> Valves - Flanged, Threaded, and Welding End

B31.3 Process Piping

Section VIII Div. 1<sup>4</sup> Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code - Rules for Construction of Pressure Vessels

ISO INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR STANDARDIZATION

ISO 9001 Quality Management System

ISO 15156 Materials for Use in H2S Containing Environments in Oil and Gas Production

ISO 10497<sup>2,3</sup> Testing of Valves - Fire Type Testing

NACE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CORROSION ENGINEERS

MR0175 Materials for Use in H2S Containing Environments in Oil and Gas Production

CSA CANADIAN STANDARDS ASSOCIATION

Z245.12 Steel Flanges Z245.15 Steel Valves

Z662⁴ Oil and Gas Pipeline Systems

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Pig Ball Valves with a "Right to Left" flow direction are not marked with the API Monogram; although they meet the design requirements of API 6D 24th Edition, Addendum 2, their closing direction is required to be counter-clockwise which does not meet the clockwise to close requirement specified in API 6D.

 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 2}\,$  Applies to Pig Valve only, not the Automatic Pig Launcher barrel.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Certifcation available for 6" - 12" 900 & 1500 ASME, 8" & Larger 300 & 600 ASME.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Applies only to Model "D" valves.

# **AUTOMATIC PIG LAUNCHING**

The Argus automatic pig launcher allows for remote pigging operation for up to 11 launches. This system is ideally suited for remote well sites, limited access, offshore production platforms and where reducing emissions is required or of interest.

#### **CONSIDER THESE BENEFITS**

- Optimize production through effective liquids sweeping and debris removal.
- 2. Reduce travel time and operator intervention resulting in lower operational costs.
- 3. Remote pigging from the control room.
- 4. Enhance operator safety through reduced intervention.
- 5. Reduce emissions by up to 92% compared to traditional launching method.
- 6. Reduce and prevent the formation of hydrates by effectively keeping moisture content in the pipeline at lower levels.
- 7. Mitigate corrosion through frequent pigging.
- 8. Maintain pipeline integrity.
- 9. Small footprint and minimized weight for offshore applications.
- Actuation options include pneumatic, onsite electric power supply, manually operated, or selfcontained solar.



# PRODUCTION OPTIMIZATION AND CORROSION MITIGATION

Flow rates and ultimately your bottom line are influenced by pipeline constrictions. Debris and extraneous fluid within the pipeline causes reduced flow and results in decreased production.

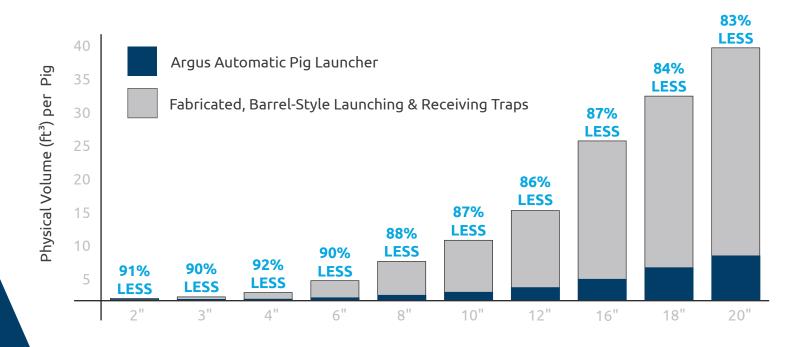
With increased pigging frequency comes successful debris removal and effective liquids sweeping allowing you to achieve lower pipeline pressures. This equates to more efficient flow rates and increased production.

## **REDUCE EMISSIONS UP TO 92%**

Compared to conventional barrel-style launching and receiving, the automatic pig launcher is clearly more efficient, saving you time and money.

## **Emissions Comparison**

Argus Automatic Pig Launcher vs. Fabricated, Barrel-Style Launching & Receiving Traps



## **SAFETY FEATURES**

1	Pressure Alert Valve  Must be opened before the entry cap will fully open and can audibly warn the operator of existing pressure.		3 3
2	Pressure Alert Groove Safety redundancy in the unlikely event the pressure alert valve malfunctions that will also audibly warn the operator.		1
3	Non-Impact Wrench and Entry Cap  Eliminates hammering on the entry cap and the associated material failure and sparking hazards.		4
4	<b>Lifting Lugs</b> Allows for safe handling of the Argus Pig Launcher during installation and repair.		6 → FLOW
5	Entry Cap Alignment Arrows  High visibility painted arrows and tactile drive pins line up when the entry cap is closed and properly tightened.	7	Entry Cap Orientation for Media Spillage  Vertical orientation of all Argus Pig Launcher entry caps eliminates the threat of horizontal pressurized openings.
6	Flow Direction Labels  High visibility stenciling minimizes potential confusion or misapplication during installation.	8	Actuation Lockout (Not Shown) Prevents inadvertent operation of Argus Launcher.

# TRIM MATERIALS

STANDARD TRIM MATERIALS FOR 6" 900 ASME & ABOVE					
Body	ASTM A350-LF2, Class 1				
End Connections	ASTM A350-LF2, Class 2				
Ball	ASTM A350-LF2 c/w 0.001" High-Phosphorus ENC				
Entry Cap	ASTM A350-LF2, Class 1				
Trunnion	A516-Gr. 70				
Seat Springs	Inconel X-750				
Seat Support	ASTM A350-LF2 c/w 0.001" ENC				
Seat Insert	Devlon 'V'				
Primary Seals	Highly Saturated Nitrile (HSN)				
Bolting - Pressure Containing	ASTM A320 L7M / ASTM A194 L7M				

Trim materials applicable to valve only.

Note: Alternative trim materials available upon request.

### **OPERATION / ACTUATION OPTIONS**

- Manual by lever or gear operator.
- Electric by power on site, 110 & 220 (single phase VAC), 240 & 480 (three phase VAC), Class 1, Div. 1.
- Electric by solar power with panels and batteries 12, 24 VDC (solar), Class 1, Div. 1.
- Pneumatic Quarter Turn Actuation with clean and dry fuel gas, instrument quality air on nitrogen.

# OPERATING PROCEDURES

#### **Step 1-3**

- 1. Close Pig Valve.
- 2. For Pneumatic actuators install safety pin through actuator adapter, preventing inadvertent opening of valve.

  For electric actuators install padlock to prevent inadvertent tripping of actuator and opening of valve.
- 3. Relieve pressure in pig launcher by opening blow-down valve.



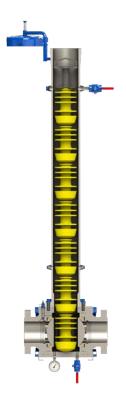
#### Step 4

4. Open the drain valve on the bottom of the Pig Valve to drain residual liquids.



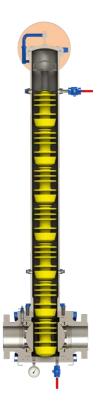
#### Step 7

 Install pigs "nose down" into the launcher and reinstall pig weight on top of the pigs.



#### Step 8

8. Re-install cap and pressure alert valve stem on cap.



## Step 5

5. Remove / open pressure alert valve stem on closure to verify that the launcher is fully depressurized.



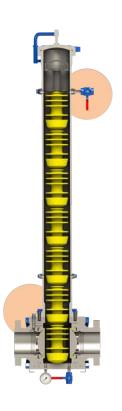
#### Step 6

6. Open the entry cap and remove the pig weight using the supplied pig weight retriever.



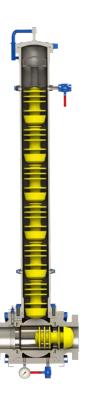
## Step 9-10

- Close blow-down valve and drain valve. The spring return pressure equalization line should be closed.
- 10. Open pressure equalization line valve.



## Step 11-12

- 11. Disengage actuator lock out features.
- 12. When the signal to the actuator is removed the valve rotates and the launcher will send the first pig located in the ball core of the pigging valve.



# **DIMENSIONS** 3" TO 20"

SIZE	PRESSURE CLASS	PIG CAPACITY
3 inch	150, 300 & 600 ASME	11
4 inch	150, 300 & 600 ASME	11
6 inch	150, 300, 600 & 900 ASME	11
8 inch	150, 300 & 600 ASME	7
10 inch	150, 300 & 600 ASME	7
12 inch	150, 300 & 600 ASME	7
16 inch	150, 300 & 600 ASME	7
14 inch	150, 300 & 600 ASME	7
18 inch	150 ASME	7
20 inch	150, 300 & 600 ASME	7



MPL shown with 480 VAC three-phase actuation

MODEL P 10+1 AUTOMATIC PIG LAUNCHERS																		
	A (OVERALL LENGTH)										_		MEIGHT					
SIZE AND PRESSURE RATING (ASME)	R	F	R'	RTJ B		5	С		D		Е		WEIGHT					
	in	mm	in	mm	in	mm	in	mm	in	mm	in	mm	lbs	kg				
3" - 300 / 600	14.00	356	14.12	359	72.75	1850	4.75	121	8.38	213	6.18	157	310	141				
4" - 300	16.00	406	16.50	419	94.56	94.56	94.56	94.56	94.56	2405	F 62	5.62 143	143 10.75	273	7.83	199	540	245
4" - 600	17.00	432	17.12	435						94.56   2405	2405 5.62						560	254
6" - 300	18.88	480	19.38	492	126.56	2015	7.42	404	42.42	42 200	0.20		1120	508				
6" - 600	22.00	559	22.12	562	126.56	126.56	126.56	3215	7.12	181	12.12	308	9.20	234	1200	544		

## **MODEL D 6+1 AUTOMATIC PIG LAUNCHERS**

	A (OVERALL LENGTH)			В		С				E		WEIGHT		
SIZE AND PRESSURE RATING (ASME)	RF		RTJ		В		,		D		_		WEIGHT	
	in	mm	in	mm	in	mm	in	mm	in	mm	in	mm	lbs	kg
8" - 300	28.50	724	29.00	737	113.53 2884	2004 10.67	10.67 271	271 18.75	.75 477	11.09	282	2900	1315	
8" - 600	31.20	792	31.32	796		10.67 271	2/1	18.75				3100	1406	
10" - 300	35.36	898	35.86	911	113.34 3387	2207	87 12.00 30	305	20.57	522	13.22	336	4400	1996
10" - 600	37.12	943	37.25	946		3387		305					4600	2086
12" - 300	40.75	1035	41.25	1048	465.00	165.99 4216	4447	360	26.94	684	15.66	398	7100	3221
12" - 600	42.06	1068	42.19	1071	165.99		14.17	14.17 360					7300	3311
14" - 150 / 300 / 600						Contact	Argus for [	Dimensiona	al Details					
16" - 150	47.62	1210	-	-		1616	1774	451	28.06	713	10.22	463	10450	4740
16" - 300	54.00	1372	54.50	1384	182.90	4646	17.74	451	30.04	763	18.23		11620	5271
16" - 600	54.00	1372	54.12	1375	4645	17.12	435	30.04	763	19.55	497	11800	5352	
18" - 150	48.50	1232	-	-	204.54	5195	17.82	453	30.04	763	16.67	423	9000	4082
20" - 150	49.38	1254			225.66	5732	19.43	494	31.95	812	18.77	477	9700	4400
20" - 300 / 600	Contact Argus for Dimensional Details													

Face-to-face length does not meet API Spec. 6D, ASME B16.10, or CSA Z245.15.

Numerous actuation options available - manual, electric, and pneumatic.

Contact Argus for dimensional details for specific actuation or additional sizes/pressure classes.

Note: Design specifications subject to change without notice.

# **ARGUS URETHANE PIGS**

#### **Cup and Disc Pigs**



 Argus offers a full range of cup and disc urethane pigs that are also compatible with steel alternative pipelines.

#### **Specialty Pigs**



- Mag Pigs supplied with rare earth magnets for non-intrusive pig signaling.
- **Filming Pigs** for batch, corrosion inhibition programs.
- **Low-Flow Pigs** with a two-cup design for pigging at low pressure differentials.

NOMINAL		WALL	PIGL	ENGTH		DUROMETER	
PIG SIZE	THIC in	KNESS mm	in	mm	COLOR	(SHORE 'A')	
					Grey	60	
					Yellow	70	
2 INCH	.154188	3.91 - 4.78	4.50	114.3	Blue	80	
					Black	90	
					Purple	60	
					Green	70	
ĺ	.109125	2.77 - 3.18	5.75	146.0	Red	80	
					Orange	90	
3 INCH					Grey	60	
<b>i</b>					Yellow	70	
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i i					Black	90	
					Purple	60	
					Green	70	
ĺ	.109125	2.77 - 3.18	7.50	190.5	Red	80	
					Orange	90	
4 INCH					Grey	60	
į					Yellow	70	
l l	.156188	3.96 - 4.78	7.50	190.5	Blue	80	
i i					Black	90	
	.109125	2.77 - 3.18	10.50		Purple	60	
j i				2667	Green	70	
i i				266.7	Red	80	
c INICII					Orange	90	
6 INCH		3.96 - 7.11	10.50		Grey	60	
	456 200			2667	Yellow	70	
	.156280			266.7	Blue	80	
					Black	90	
		6.35 - 9.53	14.25		Grey	60	
8 INCH	.250375			362.0	Yellow	70	
o iiven	.230 .373			302.0	Blue	80	
					Black	90	
		6.35 - 11.13	17.25		Grey	60	
10 INCH	.250438			438.2	Yellow	70	
				130.2	Blue	80	
					Black	90	
	.250500				Grey	60	
12 INCH		6.35 - 12.70	20.00	508.0	Yellow	70	
					Blue	80	
					Black	90	
			22.38		Grey	60	
14 INCH	.250500	6.35 - 12.70		568.5	Yellow	70	
				Blue	80		
					Black	90	
					Grey	60	
16 INCH	.250563	6.35 - 14.30	24.63	625.6	Yellow	70	
			2		Blue	80	
					Black	90	
		7.14 - 15.88			Grey	60	
18 INCH	.281625		27.63	701.8	Yellow	70	
					Blue	80	
					Black	90	
					Grey	60	
20 INCH	.250625	6.35 - 15.88	30.63	778.0	Yellow	70	
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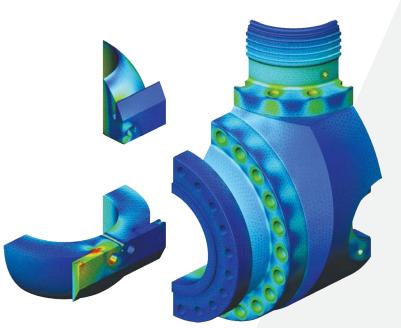
## **COMPLEX ANALYSIS**

Argus Engineering leverages finite element analysis (FEA) in the design of Argus Pig Ball Valves.

This computational method allows for a comprehensive assessment of components under load. Compared to only using traditional analysis techniques, this method of analysis also provides greater insight into how these components function as an assembly.

Our expertise in this approach offers a number of unique benefits to the customer:

- Confidence for all applications, with stringent compliance to industry standards.
- More reliable, standardized, and predictable operation characteristics.
- Optimized geometry reducing mass and cost of materials - while providing unmatched safety of the Argus Pig Ball Valve and Automated Pig Launchers.



## **APPLICATIONS**



Colorado, USA 12 inch 600 ASME, five pig capacity Pneumatically actuated



North Dakota, USA

16 inch 600 ASME, seven pig capacity
Electrically actuated



**REGISTRATION NO. Q1-0424** 

## **Certificate of Registration**

The American Petroleum Institute certifies that the quality management system of

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has been assessed by the American Petroleum Institute and found to be in conformance with the following:

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The scope of this registration and the approved quality management system applies to the

Design, Manufacture and Assembly of Pigging Systems, Pressure Switches, Wiring Harnesses, Cementing Equipment and Valves; Manufacture of Couplings, Oilfield Connectors and Drill Stem Subs; Provision of General Machining and Threading Services

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