

VTRAKKA-2

VIEW-BLOCK MOUNT Continuous Position Monitoring Upgrade for Tree Valves

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Installation Guide

The VT2 ships assembled, comprising the following sub-assemblies: 1: Transmitter Block 2: Viewing Block 3: Slider The transmitter block can be removed, in the event that replacement is needed, leaving the view block in place







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<u>NOTE</u>

- 1 There are 4 main bolts on the VT2. These secure the VT2 to the valve chassis. They are self-retaining bolts.
- 2 The VT2 has a "Slider" that does not rotate, so cannot fall out of the View Block.
- 3 This design does not have markings to show "OPEN" and "CLOSED". This supports reversible mounting direction and is deemed a feature: Feedback is welcome.

Installation

Step 1

Identify the correct VT2 for the intended valve to be upgraded: There are 4 VT2 lengths to suit various valves. The first batch will be labeled, similar to the photo on page 1.

Remove the existing viewing block: 3 parts (Upper-block/Lower-block/Perspex-sheet), plus four bolts. May be rusty. These old parts can be removed to storage or disposed of in the appropriate recycle containers.







<u>Step 2</u>

Tree Valve: Clean the mounting surfaces, indicator-rod and view-chamber. The most important part to clean carefully is the valve-rod: This is usually red and should be cleaned of any grit.

Step 3

Fit the VT2 onto the valve whilst being careful to align the VT2 Slider so that it drops over the valve indicator rod.

Secure the VT2 using the 4 bolts.

Note: The base of the VT2 has an adhesive backed nitrile-rubber gasket to protect against dissimilar-metal corrosion. All metal parts of the VT2 are 316 grade stainless steel. Your tree valve casings and body are generally carbon steel.



Valve view-block chamber >>

<u>Step 4</u>

Cable the transmitter to your field cable (or loop-calibrator/remote-logger). Exercise the valve multiple times to establish mA values representing 100% open and closed. Configure Delta-V accordingly. Leave on a cycle or pattern of stroke-testing and record the mA trend for assessment of smooth, repeatable output.

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Although VT2 mounting can be tested quite simply by an instrument technician, performance and trend analysis should be done by or with an ABLE engineer (particularly for the initial batches)

A further note about the VT2 Indicator-cap.....

It is designed to slide over the valve's own indicator rod, which has a link-pin through it; (this is the slim steel rod that protrudes out of the valve as an additional indication of the valve position) This link-pin presents an obstruction to our VT2 Slider; hense the slider-cap design with cut-outs. Hopefully the diagram below will help to explain this:





The different sizes of VT2 are designed for each valve type: VT2-1 (smallest size for RHA35)

Used on the Tubing-Valve, and the lower valves (Anulus and Gas-lift) when MSAS is not in place.

- VT2-2 Used on the Production-Wing valves (RHA48)
- VT2-3 Used on the Upper-Master valves (RHA60)



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