

ASAMS SYSTEM 3 MAGNETIC PARTICLE INSPECTION

The ASAMS SYSTEM 3 MPI is a result of further development of well proven and highly successful OIS underwater technology systems which have been used by underwater operators around the world since 1980.



System Features:-

- Three magnetising techniques in one system.
- Full surface control and monitoring facilities.
- High intensity Ultra-Violet (U/V) Lamp.
- De-magnetising facility.
- Transformer isolated power supply.
- Built-in Earth Leakage Detectors.
- Operates at any depth.

Manufactured now by ASAMS, the SYSTEM 3 MPI is a modular design employing a sophisticated power control Surface Unit and an integrated, pressure compensated, Subsea Unit with built-in ink management systems.

A heavy-duty isolating transformer supplies power to the Surface Unit, which is connected to the Subsea Unit via a single 200 metre umbilical, which is deployed from a strong hand operated spooling frame.

The Surface Unit is housed in a rugged stainless steel case with removable front cover. Its key features include: • An input-output current ammeter • Earth Leakage detectors and trips • A magnetising loop operation indicator • A demagnetising facility • Remote control of the magnetising current.

The Subsea Unit has AC and DC outlets for three magnetising techniques - Electromagnetic Yoke, Magnetising Coil and Prods. The Magnetising Coil and Prods can be AC or DC powered, whilst the Yoke is DC powered and allows bolton articulated sections to be fitted to enable inspection of irregular/awkward shaped work pieces. These three options allow the user to select the best tool for a particular structure or pipeline configuration, increasing operational flexibility and speeding up MPI diving programmes.

The Subsea Unit contains a 7KVA magnetising transformer, power/supply conditioning choke for the powerful UV lamp and a motor-driven ink circulation system which continuously agitates the magnetic particles. The top of the unit carries a 10 litre ink reservoir fitted with quick-release hoses to enable the diver to change the reservoir easily.

The Powerful UV Lamp is connected to the Subsea Unit via a 6 metre combined power and ink delivery umbilical. A lever controlled ink nozzle on the lamp head allows one-handed operation

ISOLATING TRANSFORMER:

Power Supplies: 110V to 240V ac, 30A, Single Phase; or

380/440V ac, 15A, connection across Two Phases.

Power Output: 8KVA mains isolated with Earth Tap.



SURFACE UNIT:

Front Panel: Mains Supply Indicator.

Earth Leakage Trips - Mains and U/V Lamp.

Dual Range Ammeter 40A to 1500A (for magnetising current). Independent Switching of U/V Lamp and Ink Pump supplies.

Magnetising Loop Indicator. Demagnetising Facility. UV Lamp Indicator.

Housing/Case: Stainless Steel with removable front cover.

Dimensions: 480mm x 250mm x 250mm.

Weight: 35.5kg.



SUBSEA UNIT:

Housing: Anodised Aluminium, oil filled - pressure compensated.
Outputs: (a) 7KVA Power Transformer (Magnetising Current):-

1500A ac. (Continuous), open circuit voltage of 5V RMS.

1500A dc. (5min. On/Off Duty Cycle).

(b) 200V ac Output for U/V Lamp via supply conditioning choke.

Ink System: 10 litre Stainless Steel housed Reservoir Bag with

quick-release connectors. The ink is agitated by a motor driven pump system in the Subsea Unit.

Dimensions: 365mm diameter x 450mm overall height.

Weight: 56.8kg in Air, 26kg in Seawater.



U/V LAMP:

Mercury Arc Lamp: Life typically > 1000 hours

Warm-up time: 3 - 5 minutes.

Light Output: 1 .4mw/cm2 at 450mm.

Dimensions: 150mm diameter x 240mm overall length.

Weight: 1.6kg (in sea water).



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