

# EMBRACING THE CHANGE

*TO*

## PRE-INSULATED PIPE SUPPORTS

*WHAT ARE THEY?*

*WHY USE THEM?*



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# PRE-INSULATED SUPPORTS FOR DISTRICT ENERGY APPLICATIONS



ABOVE GROUND PIPING FOR DISTRIBUTION  
ABOVE GROUND PIPING IN PLANTS  
PIPING IN TUNNELS  
PIPING IN TRENCHES



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# **EFFICIENCY**

**Isn't this a core objective of IDEA  
and District Energy?**

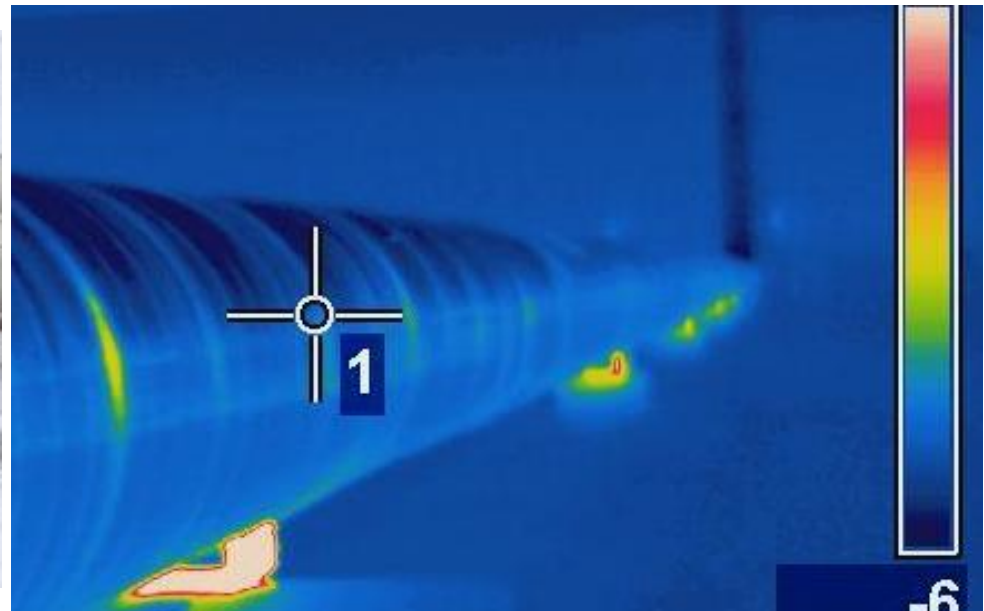


**SUPPORTS THAT  
WELD DIRECTLY TO PIPE  
OR  
CLAMP DIRECTLY TO PIPE**

**HAVE DOCUMENTED INEFFICIENCIES**



# WELDED SUPPORTS ON AN INSULATED LINE





# PRE-INSULATED SUPPORTS ISOLATE THE PIPE FROM THE OUTSIDE STRUCTURE FOR MAXIMUM EFFICIENCY

PRE-INSULATED SUPPORTS  
OFFER AN IMMEDIATE THERMAL  
BREAK

ELIMINATES “RADIATOR FIN” HEAT  
LOSS THROUGH THE BASE

KEEPS BTU’S IN OR OUT OF THE  
PIPE DEPENDING ON  
TEMPERATURE OF SERVICE



# **CASE #1:    CALCULATION OF COMPARITIVE HEAT LOSS OF VARIOUS PIPE SUPPORT DESIGNS and OPERATING COSTS**

As a baseline calculation, “ASTM C680-10 Standard Practice for Estimate of the Heat Gain or Loss and the Surface Temperatures of Insulated Flat, Cylindrical, and Spherical Systems by Use of Computer Programs” is used to predict the surface temperature and heat loss of the insulation system. To evaluate the heat loss of the two pipe support designs, a CFD (computational fluid dynamics) program, Autodesk CFD 360-2015 calculation is utilized.

Using ASTM C680-10 calculations, We compared:

36” pipe with **100mm** of Mineral Wool, process temperature 296 °C. with a welded support that was insulated over the pipe and support

36” pipe with **40mm** of Pyrogel XT, process temperature 296 °C. using a pre-insulated pipe support

36” pipe with **50mm** of Pyrogel XT, process temperature 296 °C. using a pre-insulated pipe support

- All pipe lengths 1 meter
- \* Native insulation of each over the pipe was calculated for a baseline without supports

# RESULTS OF PIPE SUPPORT COMPARISON

**Table 3-Comparison of Heat Loss and Surface Temperature of Native Insulation, welded on support and Insulated Designs**

Pipe Size	Pipe OD (in)	Insulation Thk(mm)	Insul Type	Process Temp (deg C)	Surface Temp. Native Insulation per CFD (deg C)			Heat Loss Native Insulation CFD (W/m)	Heat Loss of Weld Design and Insulated Design with High Strength Inserts CFD (W/m)	% Diff.
36"	36	100	MW	296	1.34	WELDED SUPPORT		-589.8	-4107	596.3%
36"	36	40	PG	296	2.78	PRE-INSULATED SUPPORT		-605.6	-870.2	43.7%
36"	36	50	PG	296	-0.048	PRE-INSULATED SUPPORT		-478	-745.25	55.9%

**PERCENT HEAT  
LOSS FROM NATIVE  
INSULATION  
NOTE WELDED  
SUPPORT SYSTEM**

# COST ANALYSIS

Assuming an energy cost of \$6.00 per MMBTU,

Table 6 compares the net energy costs in utilizing weld on and insulated pipe support versus the same one meter section of pipe with the native insulation.

Table 7 extends the energy costs and savings assuming a system total of 200 support quantity.

## ONE METER SUPPORT / PIPE SECTION

**Table 6 -Calculation of Approximate Net Energy Costs between Native Insulation and Insulated Supports/ Weld on Supports**

Pipe Size	Insulation Thk(mm)	Insul Type & Support Type	Native Insulation Energy Cost per year @ \$6 MMBTU	Weld on and Insulated Support Cost @ \$6/USD per MMBTU	% Increase over Native Insulation	Energy Cost increase at Support over Native Insulation	5 Year Energy Cost increase at Support over Native Insulation
36"	100	MW(Weld on)	\$ 105.78	\$ 736.56	596.3%	\$ 630.78	\$ 3,153.91
36"	40	PG(Insulated)	\$ 108.61	\$ 156.06	43.7%	\$ 47.45	\$ 237.27
36"	50	PG(Insulated)	\$ 85.73	\$ 133.65	55.9%	\$ 47.93	\$ 239.65

## 200 EACH SUPORTS AND ASSOCIATED PIPING

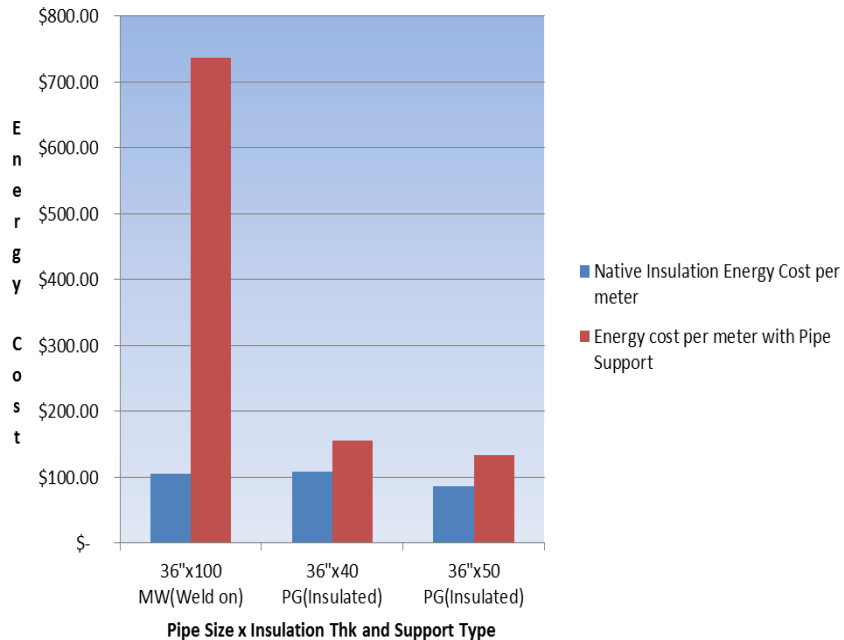
**Table 7 -Calculation of Net Total System Energy Cost Savings Assuming a System Total of 200 Supports**

Pipe Size	Insulation Thk(mm)	Insul Type & Support Type	Annual Energy Cost increase at Support over Native Insulation for Single Support	Assumed Quantity of Supports in System	Annual Energy Cost increase at Support over Native Insulation for System	Annual Net Savings of Pipe Support Design versus Weld on Support	5 Year Energy Cost increase at Support over Native Insulation for System	5 Year Net Savings of Pipe Support Design versus Weld on Support
36"	100	MW(Weld on)	\$ 630.78	200	\$ 126,156.39	N/A	\$ 630,781.96	N/A
36"	40	PG(Insulated)	\$ 47.45	200	\$ 9,490.78	\$ 116,665.61	\$ 47,453.91	\$ 583,328.04
36"	50	PG(Insulated)	\$ 47.93	200	\$ 9,585.83	\$ 116,570.56	\$ 47,929.17	\$ 582,852.79



# VISUAL REPRESENTATION OF COST COMPARISON

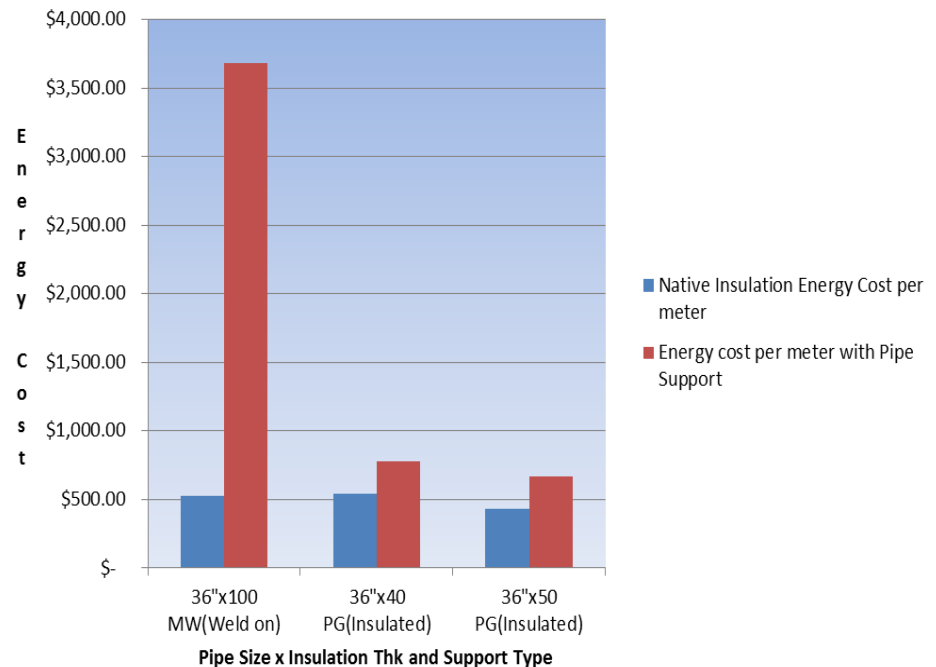
Annual Energy Cost per Design Option (USD)



GRAPHS SHOW ONE SUPPORT  
ON ONE METER OF PIPE.

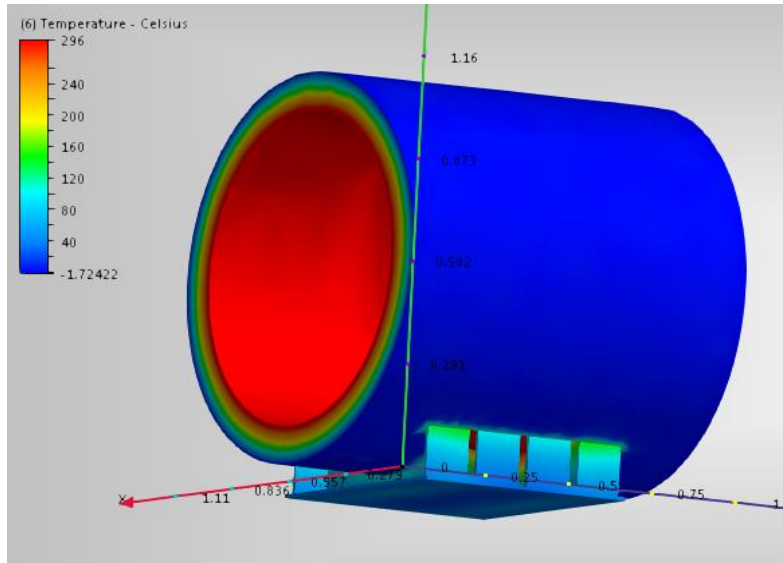
EXTRAPOLATE TO YOUR  
PROJECT SIZE

Five Year Energy Cost per Design Option (USD)

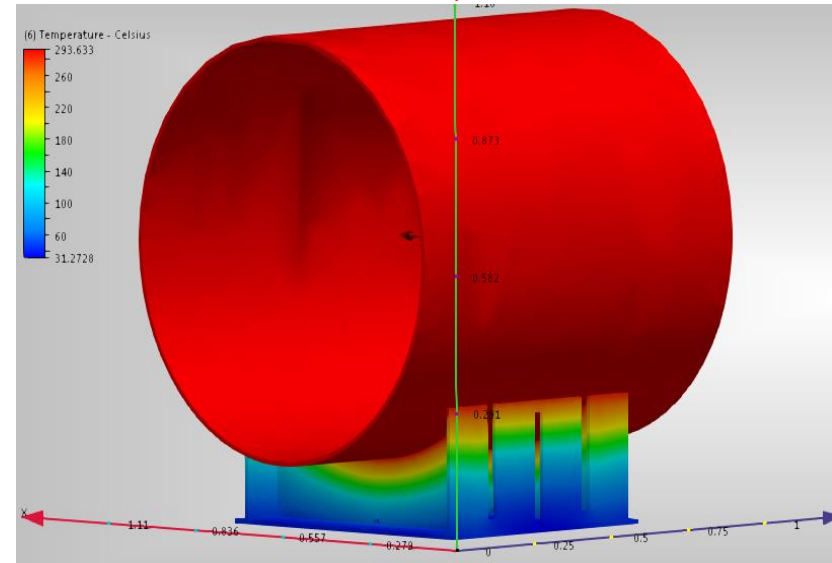


# COMPUTER MODELING OF HEAT LOSS

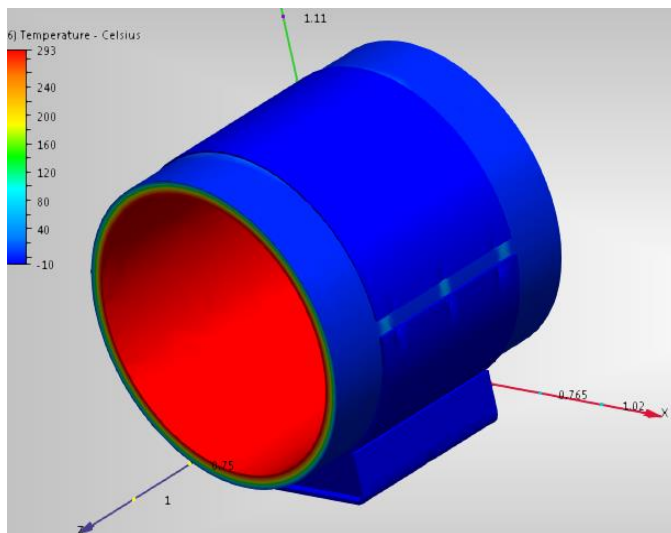
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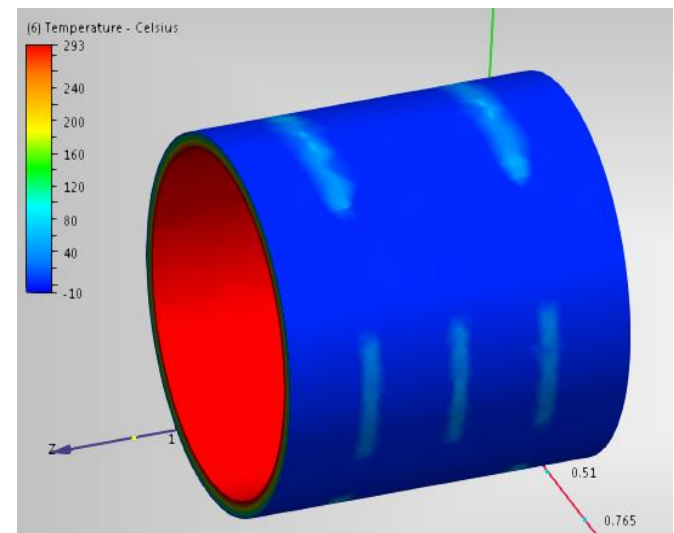
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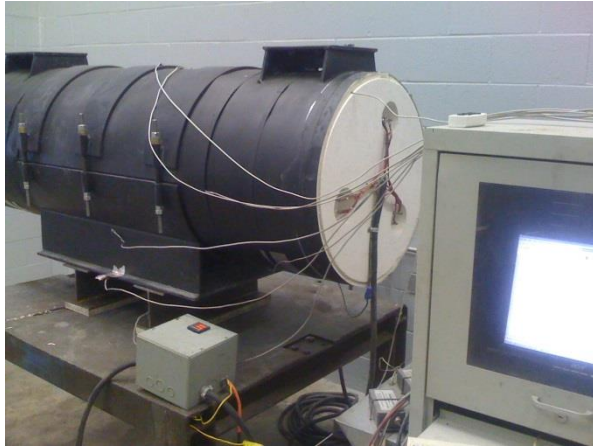
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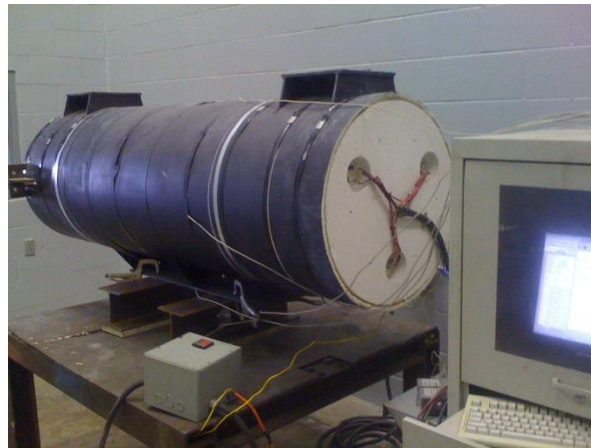
## PRE-INSULATED SUPPORT (STEEL HIDDEN)



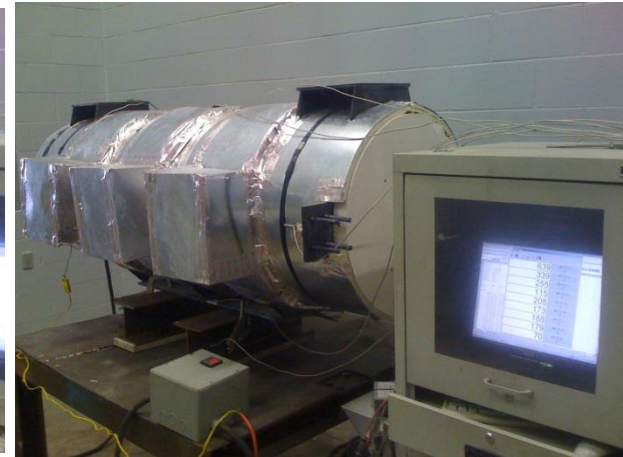
# CASE #2: THERMAL LOSS TEST COMPARISON OF 3 TYPES OF PIPE SUPPORTS



PRE-INSULATED  
SUPPORT



WELD-ON SHOE



CLAMP-ON SHOE

**NOTE:** Testing was performed in a shop environment at approximately 75-80 degrees F (24 degrees C). The test was performed in a calm environment with NO WIND. WIND across the system, and especially the WELDED support will significantly affect the heat loss and energy usage.



WATT  
METER



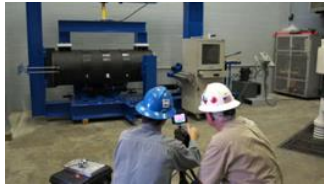
THERMAL  
LOGGING



# THERMALLY TESTED PIPE SUPPORTS

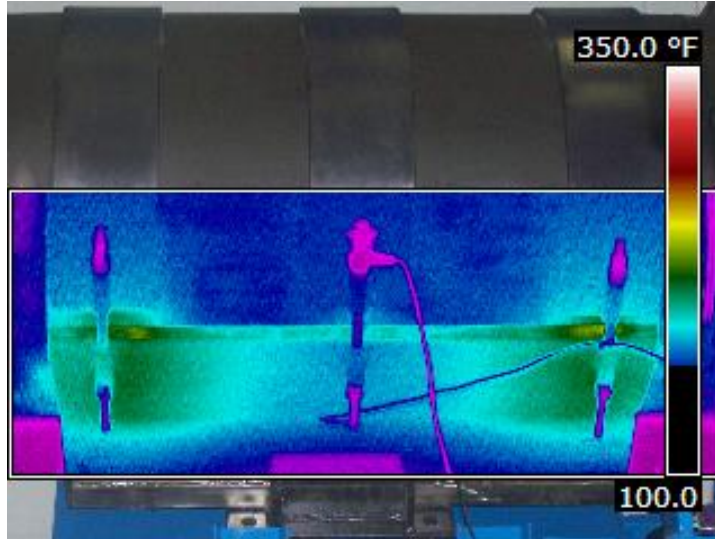
## INFRARED PHOTOGRAPHY OF HEAT LOSS

PRE-INSULATED SUPPORT

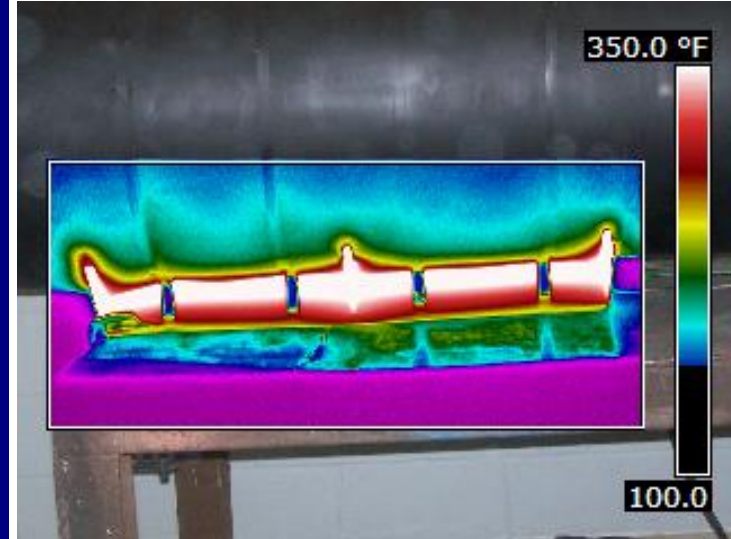


24" STEAM  
LINE  
SUPPORTS

343 Degree C  
( 650 Degree F )

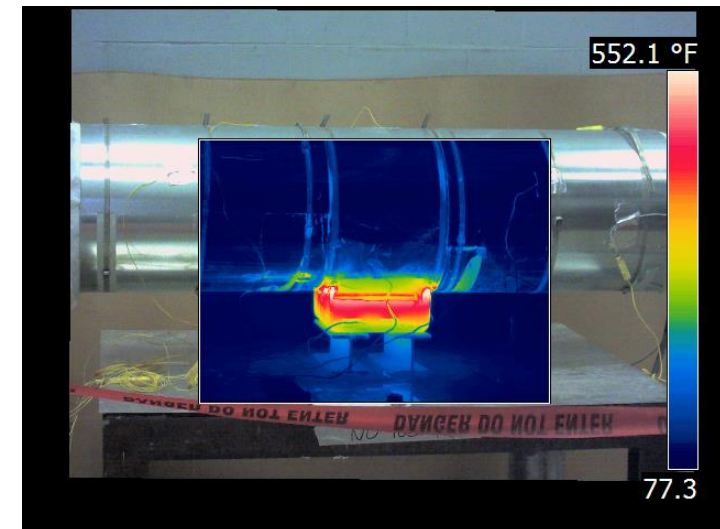
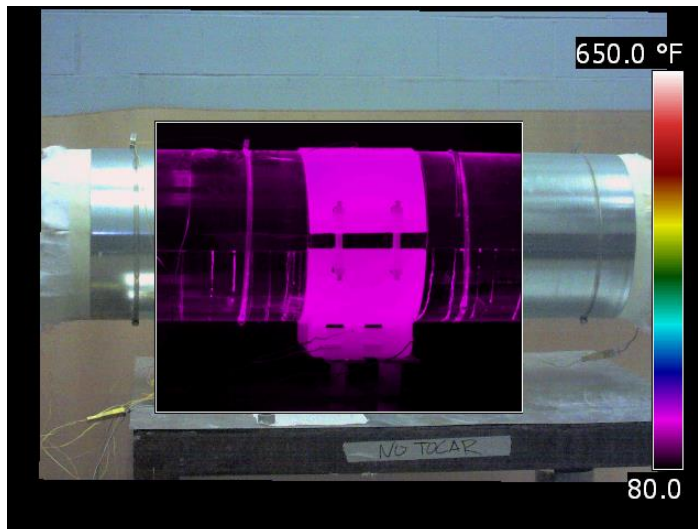


WELD-ON SUPPORT



12" PROCESS  
SUPPORTS

621 Degree C  
( 1150 Degree F )



# RILCO GUIDE SUPPORT



## RILCO PYROWRAP

HOT SERVICE PYROGEL XT  
GUIDED  
PRE-INSULATED PIPE SUPPORT

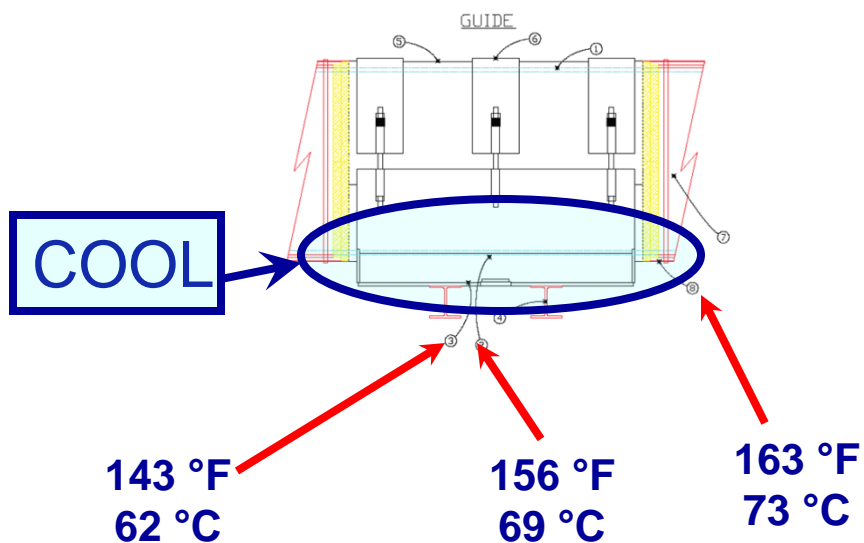
Pipe Size: 24"  
Insulation Thickness: 20 mm  
Length: 900 mm

Design Temperature: 343 Degree C ( 650 Degree F )

Vertical Load: 65 kN ( 14,613 lbf )  
Lateral Load: 65 kN ( 14,613 lbf )  
Axial Load: N/A

**3.4**  
**Kwatt/hour**  
**to Retain**  
**Heat**  
**Saturation**

**651 °F**  
**344 °C**  
**PIPE**



# WELD-ON SUPPORT



## SUNCOR

LS1-3-A-24"

WELDED PIPE SUPPORT

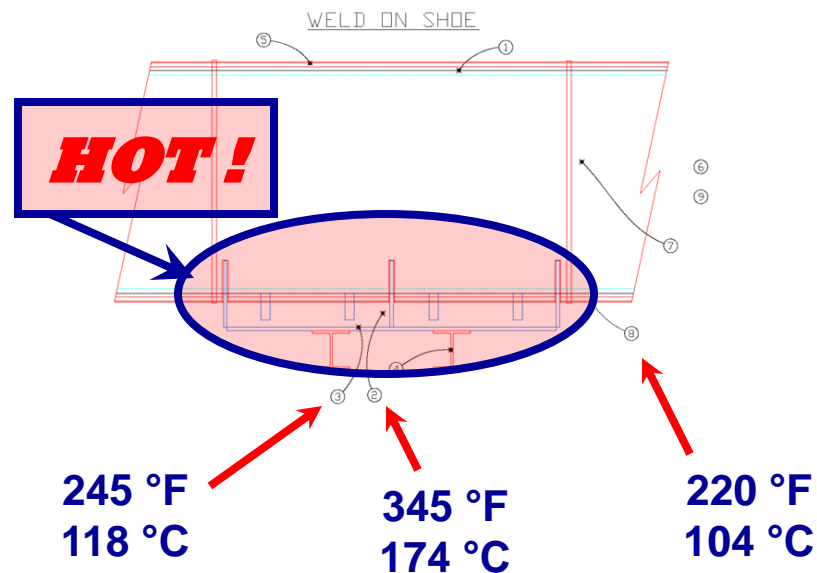
Pipe Size: 24"  
Insulation Thickness: 0mm ( 20 mm over support )  
Length: 900 mm

Design Temperature: 343 Degree C ( 650 Degree F )

Vertical Load: 65 kN ( 14,613 lbf )  
Lateral Load: 65 kN ( 14,613 lbf )  
Axial Load: N/A

**4.6**  
**Kwatt/Hour**  
**to Retain**  
**Heat**  
**Saturation**

**656 °F**  
**347 °C**  
**PIPE**






# ENERGY USAGE COMPARISON

ENERGY USAGE COMPARISON-PER <i>EACH</i> SUPPORT		
Weld-on vs Rilco Guide	<b>1.2</b>	Kwatt/Hour More Energy Required For Weld-on
Clamp-on vs Rilco Guide	<b>1.5</b>	Kwatt/Hour More Energy Required For Clamp-on

1.2 Kwatt/Hour Saved from EACH Support	= 1.2	Kwatts saved PER HOUR
1000 Supports	= 1,200	Kwatts PER HOUR
24 Hours in One Day	= 28,800	Kwatts PER DAY
365 Days in One Year	= 10,512,000	Kwatts PER YEAR
30 Year Plant Life Estimate	= 315,360,000	Kwatts LIFE PLANT

## CONVENTIONAL PIPELINE EFFICIENCY LOSSES AS COMPARED TO RILCO SUPPORTS

UPSTREAM ENERGY IN "X"		EVERY HOUR	8,331	Cubic Feet of Natural Gas Energy is WASTED at pipe support points due to IN-Efficient supports	DOWNSTREAM ENERGY OUT "Y"	"Y" = "X" minus M Btu lost and wasting volumes of Cubic Feet of Gas
		EVERY DAY	199,936			
		EVERY YEAR	72,976,749			
		EVERY HOUR	8.56	M Btu's are LOST at pipe support points due to IN-Efficient Supports		
		EVERY DAY	205.53			
		EVERY YEAR	75,020.10			

# **CASE #3: PRE-ASSEMBLY OF PIPELINES TAKING THE MODULAR APPROACH TO BUILDING A PIPELINE**



# **BENEFITS OF PRE-ASSEMBLED PIPELINES**

ABILITY TO PRE-INSTALL OFFSITE MINIMIZING LAYDOWN SPACE ISSUES

PIPE SYSTEM CAN BE PRE-ASSEMBLED PRIOR TO PROJECT STARTUP

EFFICIENT PRE-INSTALLATION REDUCES LABOR TIME IMPROVING PROJECT SCHEDULE AND REDUCING COSTS

SAFE PRE-INSTALLATION AT WAIST HIGH CONDITIONS

VERY EFFICIENT ON STRAIGHT PIPING RUNS USING UP TO 80 FOOT LONG SECTIONS OF PIPE

PROVEN COST SAVINGS

# OTHER BENEFITS OF PRE-INSULATED SUPPORTS

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## **INSTALLATION** **PRE-INSULATED SUPPORTS**

**VERSUS**

**SUPPORTS THAT WELD OR CLAMP DIRECTLY TO PIPE**

# INSTALLATION COMPARISONS

## BETWEEN VARIOUS TYPES OF PIPE SUPPORTS

### INSTALLATION PROBLEMS WITH NON-INSULATED SUPPORTS

#### WELD-ON SUPPORTS

1.) EXPENSIVE LABOR RATES TO  
WELD AND TIME CONSUMING  
WELDING AND FOR QC



2.) TIME CONSUMING LABOR TO  
TRIM INSULATION AND JACKET  
AROUND STEEL RIBS



### EASY INSTALLATION USING PRE- INSULATED SUPPORTS

#### PRE-INSULATED SUPPORTS

1.) BOLT-ON TO PIPE FOR FAST  
SECURE INSTALLATION



2.) AFTER BOLTING  
YOU ARE FINISHED  
AS THE INSULATION  
AND JACKET ARE  
PART OF THE  
SUPPORT AND ARE  
INSTALLED AS WELL





# **CORROSION UNDER INSULATION**

**PRE-INSULATED SUPPORTS**

**VERSUS**

**SUPPORTS THAT WELD OR CLAMP DIRECTLY TO PIPE**



# **CORROSION UNDER INSULATION**

**PRE-INSULATED SUPPORTS TOTALLY ISOLATE  
THE PIPE FROM THE OUTSIDE STRUCTURE**

**PRE-INSULATED SUPPORTS**



**WELDED  
SUPPORT**





# **CONDENSATION**

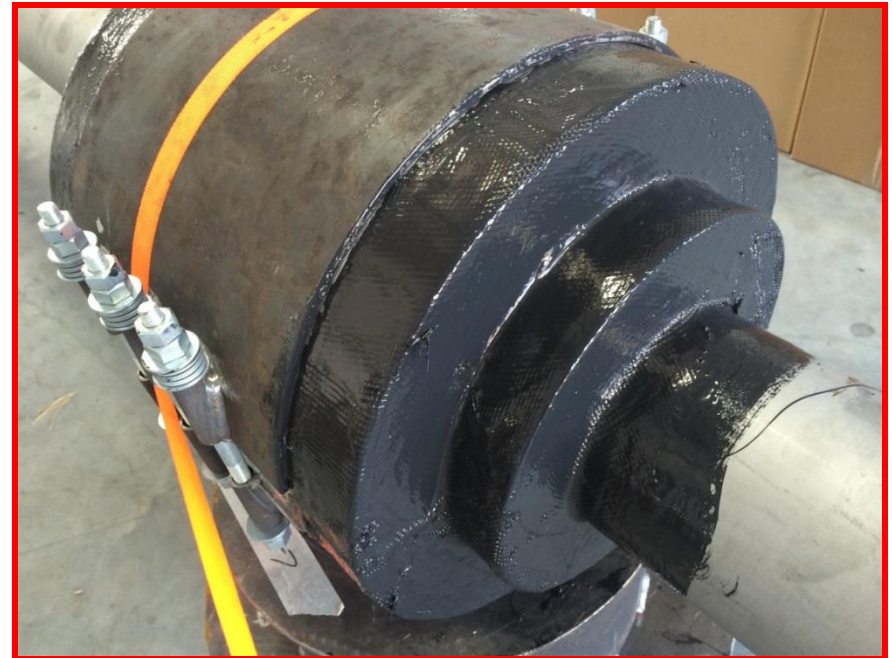
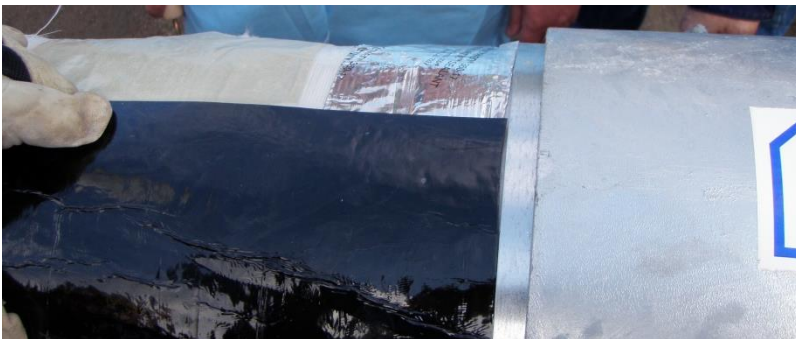
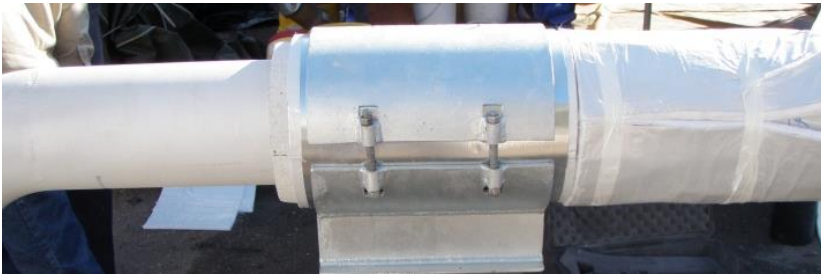
## **PRE-INSULATED SUPPORTS**

**VERSUS**

**SUPPORTS THAT WELD OR CLAMP DIRECTLY TO PIPE**

**PRE-INSULATED SUPPORTS TOTALLY ISOLATE THE PIPE FROM THE  
OUTSIDE STRUCTURE**

**PRE-INSULATED SUPPORTS CAN INCLUDE A SEALED VAPOR BARRIER SYSTEM TO  
ELIMINATE CONDENSATION**



# PRE-INSULATED SUPPORT TYPES



## PIPE SUPPORT INSULATION MATERIAL OPTIONS



ASPEN AEROGELS-PYROGEL-XTE  
ASPEN AEROGELS-CRYOGEL-Z  
CALCIUM SILICATE  
ESLIN  
FOAMGLAS  
ARMACEL  
HIGH DENSITY POLYURETHANE (PUF)  
TRYMER  
PERLITE



COMBINATIONS OF DIFFERENT INSULATIONS

# SO, WHY USE PRE-INSULATED SUPPORTS ?

**EFFICIENT** - SAVES ENERGY  
SAVES OPERATING COST

**EASY TO INSTALL** - SAVES CONSTRUCTION TIME  
SAVES CONSTRUCTION COST

**BENEFITS** — CAN BE BUILT USING VARIOUS TYPES OF  
INSULATION TO WORK WITH YOUR SYSTEM

THEY CARRY THE LOADS OF YOUR PIPE

PROTECT AGAINST CORROSION (CUI)

PROTECT AGAINST CONDENSATION



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