

LWD 1

System Specifications

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**What changes during the drilling
of a well that may affect the
selection of an MWD system?**

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- **Hole Size (Collar Size)**
- **Mud Flow Rate**
- **Mud Density**
- **Formation Temperature**
- **Bottom Hole Pressure**

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Hole Size

 Usually decreases with hole depth
Why?

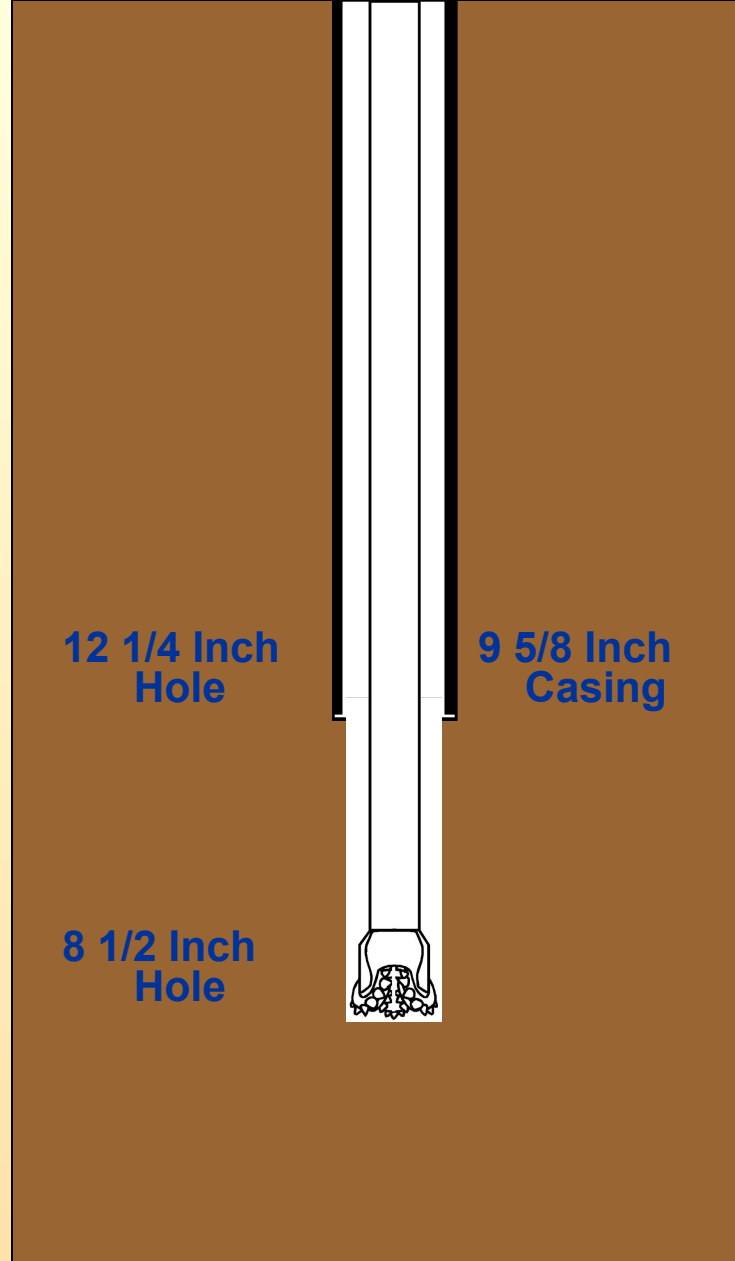
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Hole Size

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Why?

- Casing or liner is run to isolate shallower hole sections.
- A smaller diameter drill bit is then required to pass through the casing.
- Smaller diameter drill collars are used.



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System	Collar OD	Typical Hole Sizes
1200	7- ³ / ₄ to 11	24 to 12 ¹ / ₄
650	6- ¹ / ₂ to 9- ¹ / ₂	8 ¹ / ₂ to 12 ¹ / ₄
Slimhole	4- ³ / ₄	6 to 6 ¹ / ₂
Superslim	3- ¹ / ₈ to 3- ¹ / ₂	4 to 5 ?

Hole Size

12 1/4 inch hole

8 inch collars

Select

650 or 1200 System

8 1/2 inch hole

6-3/4 inch collars

Select

650 system

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Mud Flow Rate

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Why?

- As hole diameter decreases less flow is required to clean the hole.
- As hole depth increases circulating pressure also increases
- Flow is reduced to keep the circulating pressure within limits.

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System	Flow Range gpm
1500 option	1200 to 1500
1200	400 to 1200
650	225 to 650
Slimhole	150 to 350
Superslim	
Straight	60 to 175
Undercut	100 to 220

Flow Rate

12 1/4 inch hole

8 inch collars

850 gpm

Select

1200 System

8 1/2 inch hole

6-3/4 inch collars

620 gpm

Select

650 system

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Mud Density

 Changes with hole conditions
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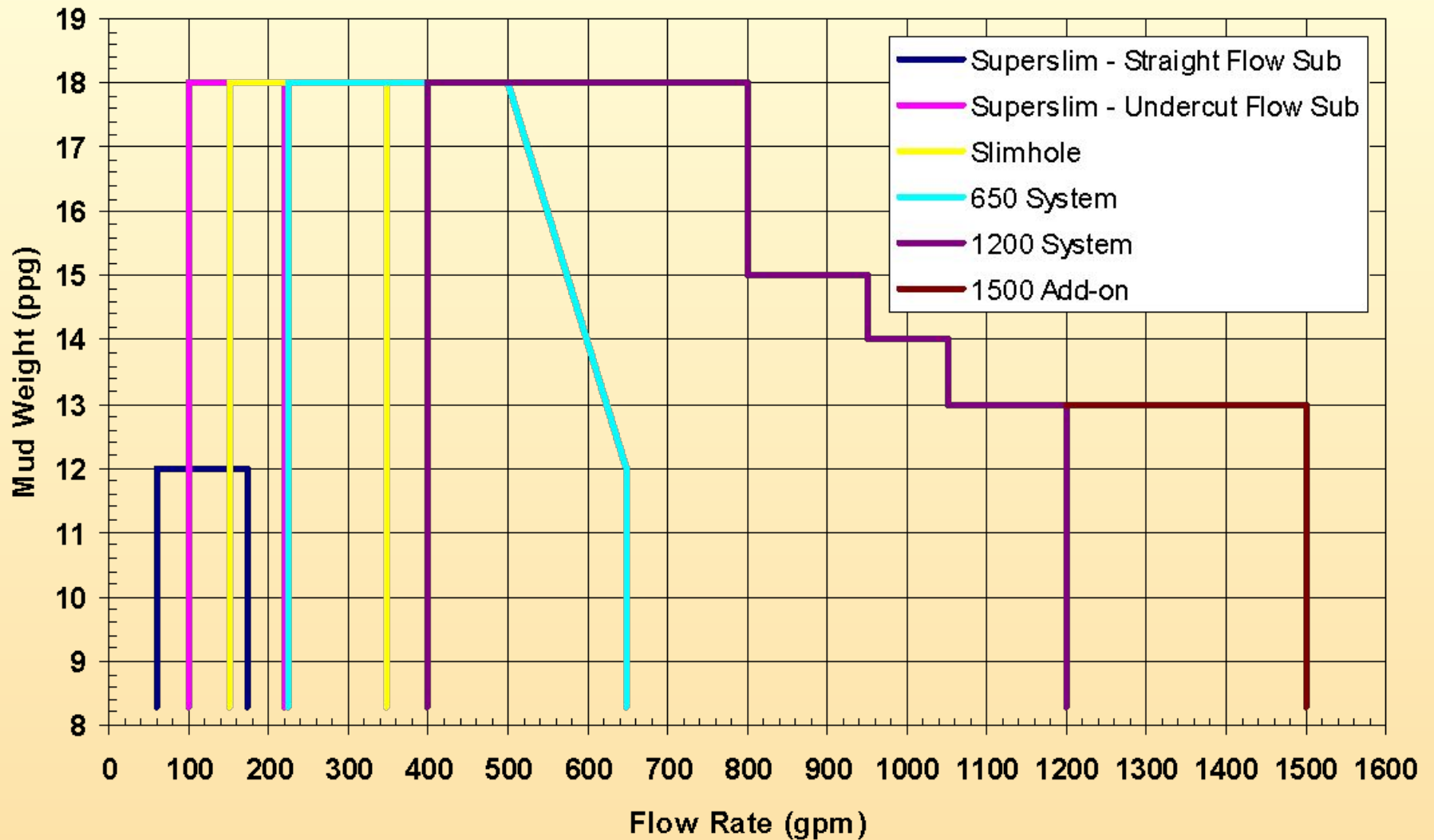
Mud Density

 Changes with hole conditions

Why?

- Mud density is adjusted to balance the formation pressure.
- It usually increases with depth, but may decrease again after casing is set.

Flow Rate Envelopes



Mud Density

12 1/4 inch hole

8 inch collars

850 gpm

12 ppg

Select

1200 System

8 1/2 inch hole

6-3/4 inch collars

620 gpm

13 ppg

Select

650 system

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Temperature

T Increases with true vertical depth
Why?

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Temperature

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Why?

- Due to conductance of heat from earth's core to surface.
- Temperature increases between 0.5°-5°C per 100 m, average 2.5°C per 100 m
- Temperature increases between 0.25°-2.5°F per 100 ft, average 1.5°F per 100 ft

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Temperature

- Affects the selection of:
 - Pulser

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- **Pulser Temperature Ratings**

Pulser	Maximum Temperature
Mk VI	175° C (347° F)
Mk VII	200° C (392° F)
Mk VIII	200° C (392° F)

Temperature

12 1/4 inch hole

8 inch collars

850 gpm

12 ppg

100° C at 10,000 ft

Select

1200 System

Any pulser

8 1/2 inch hole

6-3/4 inch collars

620 gpm

13 ppg

145° C at 14,000 ft

Select

650 system

Any pulser

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Temperature

- Affects the selection of:
 - Pulser
 - Directional sensor

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- **Directional Sensor Temperature Ratings**

Sensor	Maximum Temperature
DEP, DEP II	140° C (284° F)
PCD, PCD-K, PCD-R	150° C (302° F)
DM	175° C (347° F)

Temperature

12 1/4 inch hole

8 inch collars

850 gpm

12 ppg

100° C at 10,000 ft

Select

1200 System

Any pulser

Any directional probe

8 1/2 inch hole

6-3/4 inch collars

620 gpm

13 ppg

145° C at 14,000 ft

Select

650 System

Any pulser

Do not use DEP/DEPII

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Temperature

- Affects the selection of:
 - Pulser
 - Directional sensor
 - Gamma sensor

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- **Gamma Sensor Temperature Ratings**

Sensor	Maximum Temperature
PCG, PCG-R	150° C (302° F)
GM	175° C (347° F)

Temperature

12 1/4 inch hole

8 inch collars

850 gpm

12 ppg

100° C at 10,000 ft

Select

1200 System

Any pulser

Any directional probe

Any gamma sensor

8 1/2 inch hole

6-3/4 inch collars

620 gpm

13 ppg

145° C at 14,000 ft

Select

650 System

Any pulser

Do not use DEP/DEPII

Any gamma sensor

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Pressure

Two components

- Hydrostatic Pressure
- Circulating Pressure

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Hydrostatic Pressure

- ↑ Increases with true vertical depth
- ↑ Increases with increases in mud density

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Why?

- $\text{Pressure} = 0.052 \times \text{TVD (ft)} \times \text{Mud Density (ppg)}$

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Circulating Pressure

- T Increases with hole depth.
- T Increases with increases in flow rate.
- T Increases with increases in Mud Density, PV, YP.
- T Increases with decreases in flow area of drillstring, jets, and annulus.

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Pressure

What pressure is the tool exposed to?

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What pressure is the tool exposed to?

- **Hydrostatic Pressure plus the following circulating pressure losses:**
 - Pressure loss in the BHA below the tool
 - Pressure loss at the jets
 - Pressure loss in the annulus

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Sensor Pressure Ratings

- Sondes are limited by pressure case.**
- Superslim pressure cases have molded on centralizers, hence thinner walls, lower pressure rating.**

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Sensor Pressure Ratings

Sensor	Pressure	
	Standard	Superslim
DEP, DEP II	18,000 psi	15,400 psi*
PCD-R/PCG-R	20,000 psi	??,??? psi*
DM/GM	22,500 psi	16,500 psi*

* Unofficial pressure rating

Pressure

12 1/4 inch hole

8 inch collars

850 gpm

12 ppg

100° C at 10,000 ft

6,240 hyd + 1,500 circ

Select

1200 System

Any pulser

Any directional probe

Any gamma sensor

8 1/2 inch hole

6-3/4 inch collars

620 gpm

13 ppg

130 ° C at 14,000 ft

9,464 hyd + 1,200 circ

Select

650 System

Any pulser

Do not use DEP/DEPII

Any gamma sensor

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What other specifications are important?

Dogleg Severity

Sand Content

Plastic Viscosity

Lost Circulation Material

Tool Joint Torque

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Dogleg Severity

- Rotating is the worst situation

Collar Size	Rotating	Sliding
3-1/2, 4-3/4	14°/100 ft	30°/100 ft
6-1/2 to 7-1/4	10°/100 ft	21°/100 ft
7-1/4 to 9-1/2	8°/100 ft	14°/100 ft

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Sand Content

- Less than 2%, recommended less than 1%.**
- Above 1100 gpm limited to 1% or less.**

Plastic Viscosity

- Maximum 50 centipoise**

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Lost Circulation Material (LCM)

- 40 lb/bbl medium non-fibrous (nut plug) and some fine fibrous (kwik seal)**
- Superslim is less tolerant to LCM**
 - Straight flow sub less than 7.5 lb/bbl**
 - Undercut flow sub greater than 7.5 lb/bbl**

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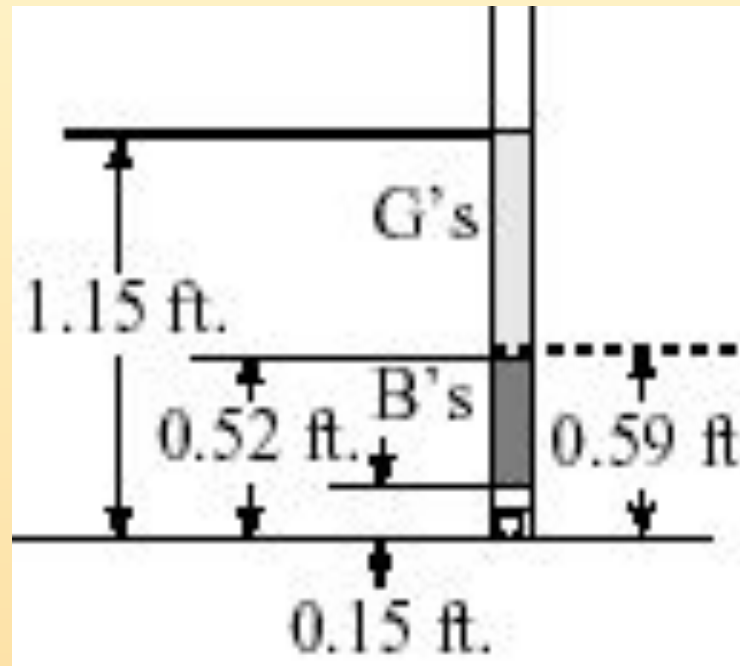
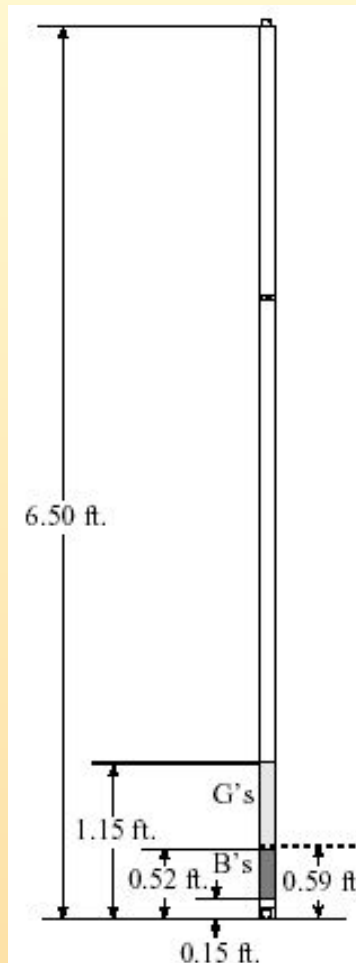
Tool Joint Torque

- Pin ID on positive pulse 1500, 1200, 650
System HOS/HOC's are bored-out.
- Use torque specifications for standard sizes
 - For Pin ID 2.88 inch, use 2-13/16 inch
 - For Pin ID 3.31 inch, use 3-1/4 inch
 - For Pin ID 4.04 inch, use 4 inch

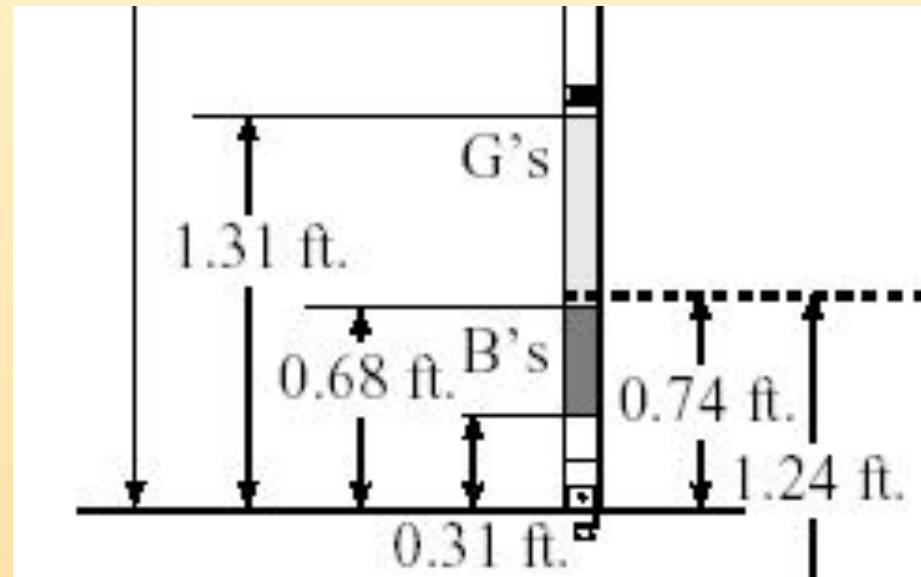
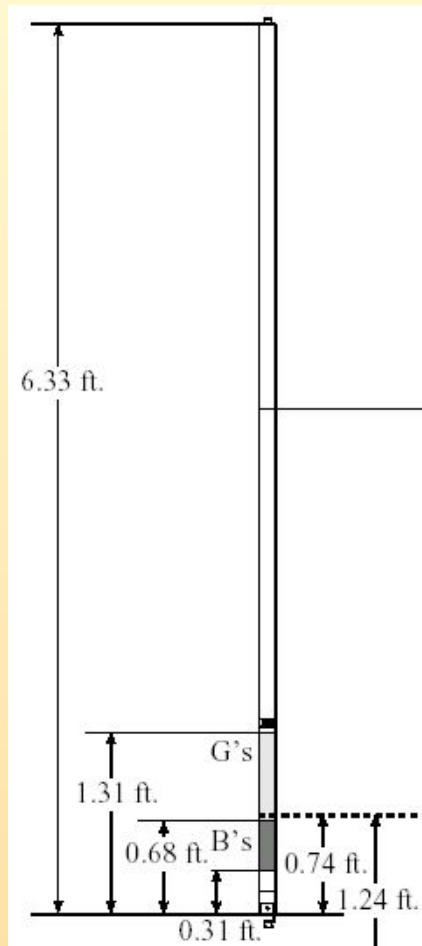
Sensor Measure Point

- **Used to calculate sensor to bit distance**
- **Surveys referenced to where measurements made, not to bit**
- **Gamma referenced to where measurements made, not to bit**

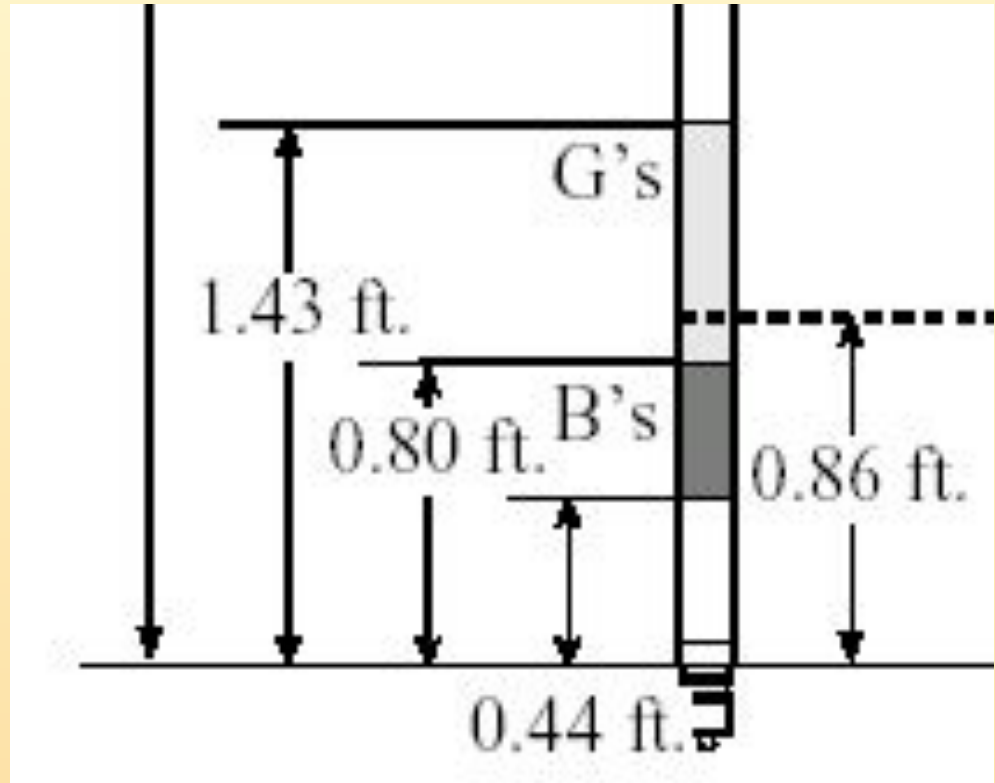
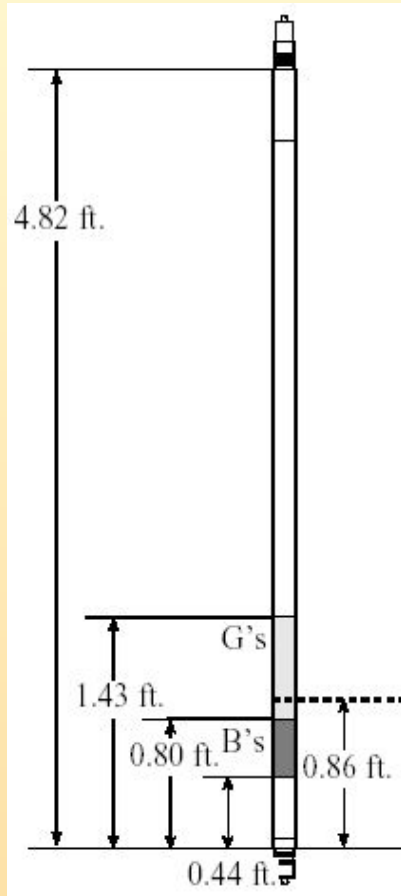
Sensor to bit distance - DEP



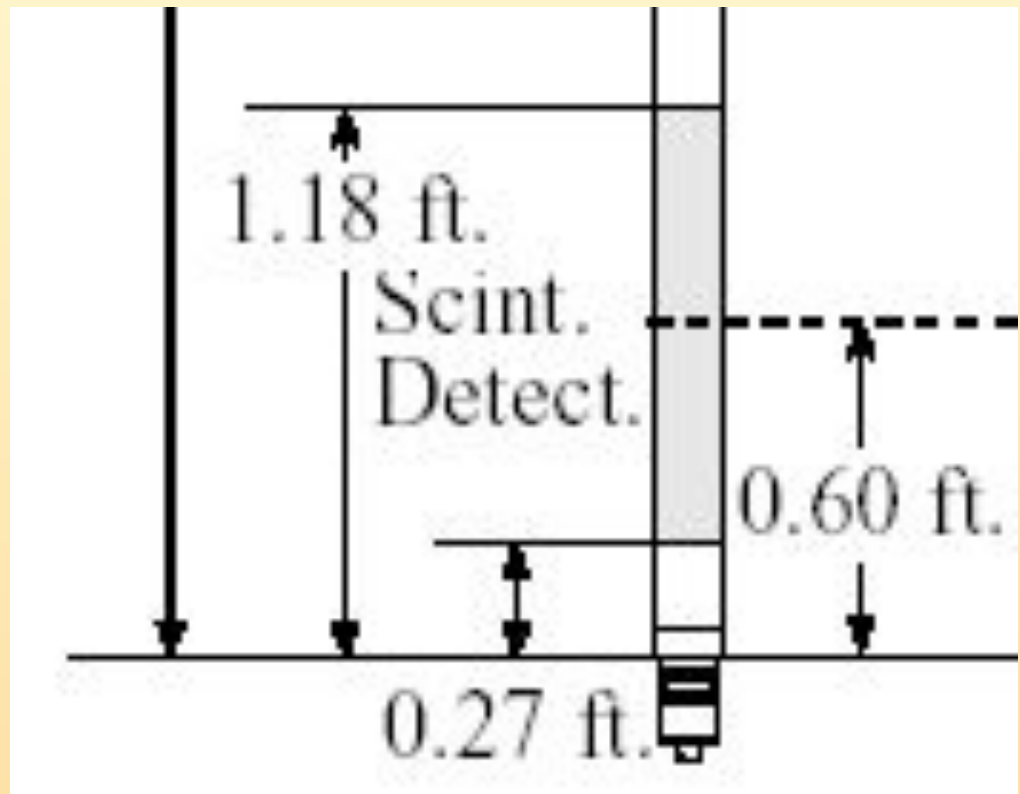
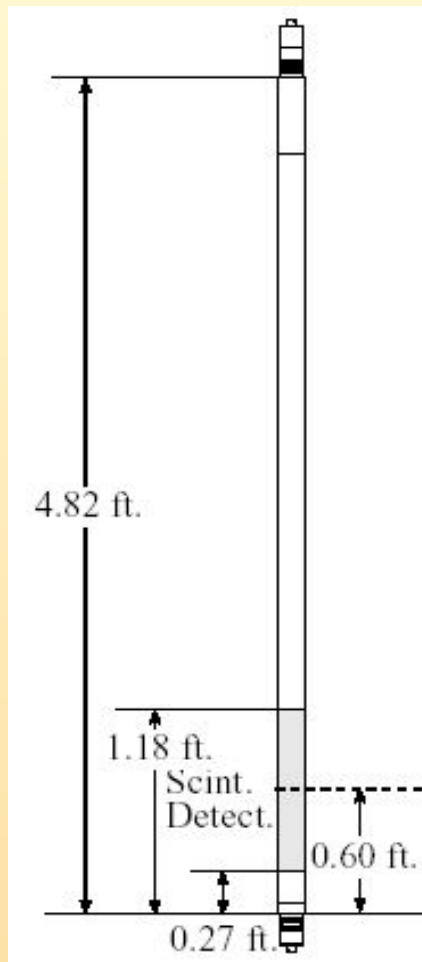
Sensor Measure Point – DEP2



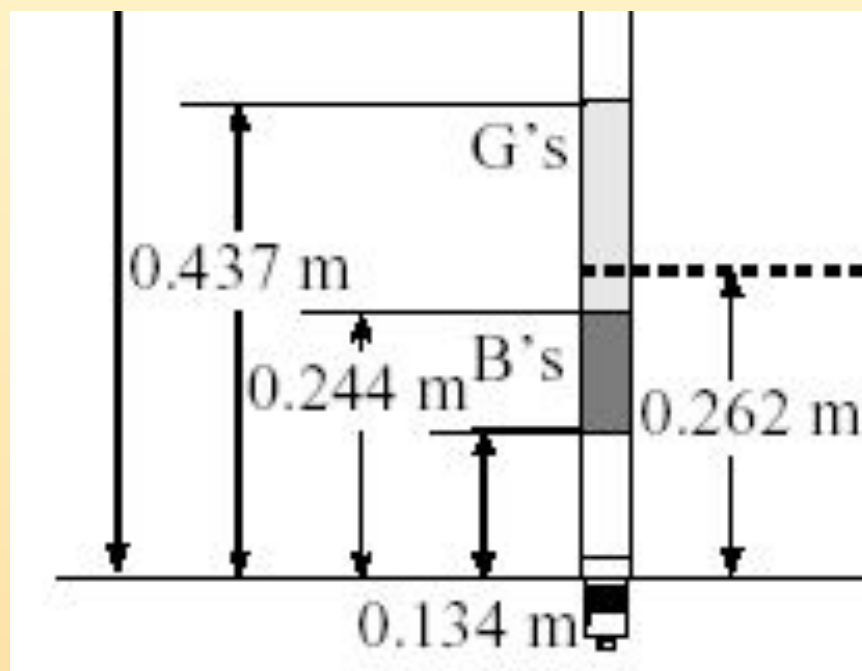
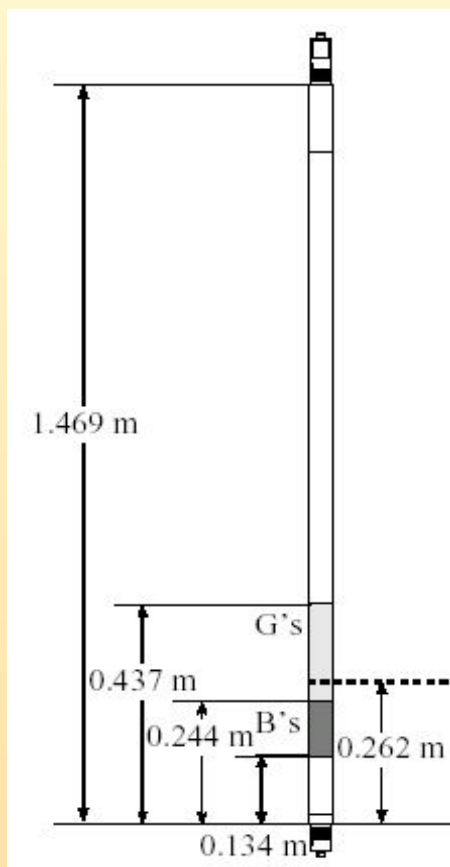
Sensor Measure Point - PCD



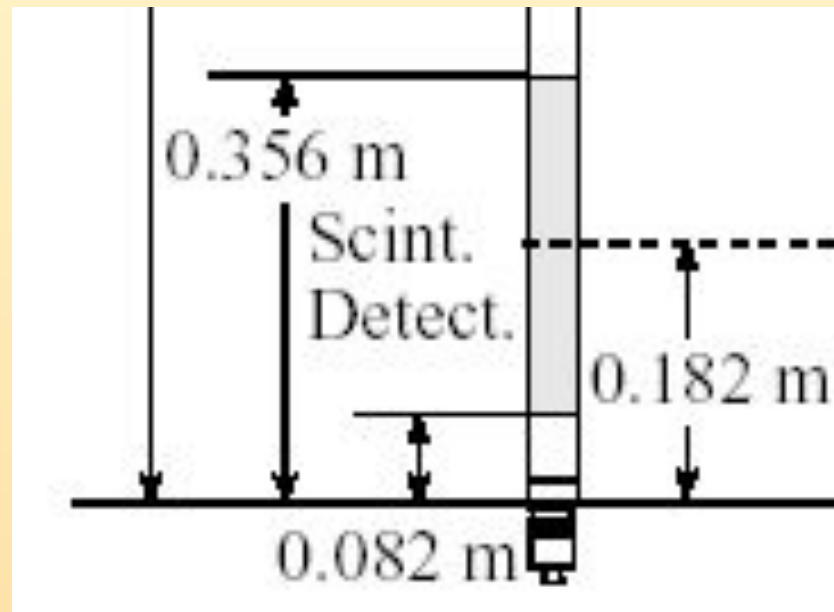
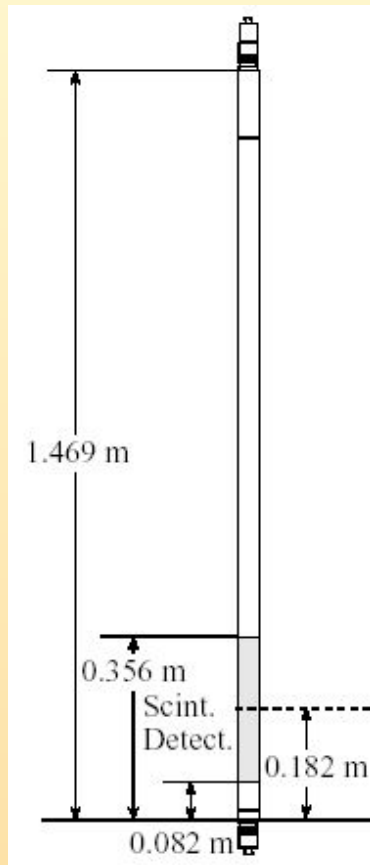
Sensor Measure Point - PCG



Sensor Measure Point – PCD Metric Units



Sensor Measure Point – PCG Metric Units



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Tool Joint Torque

How do we apply it correctly?

For example:

8 inch collar

6-5/8 API Regular Connection

3-1/4 inch pin bore

47,000 ft-lb Torque

4 foot tongs

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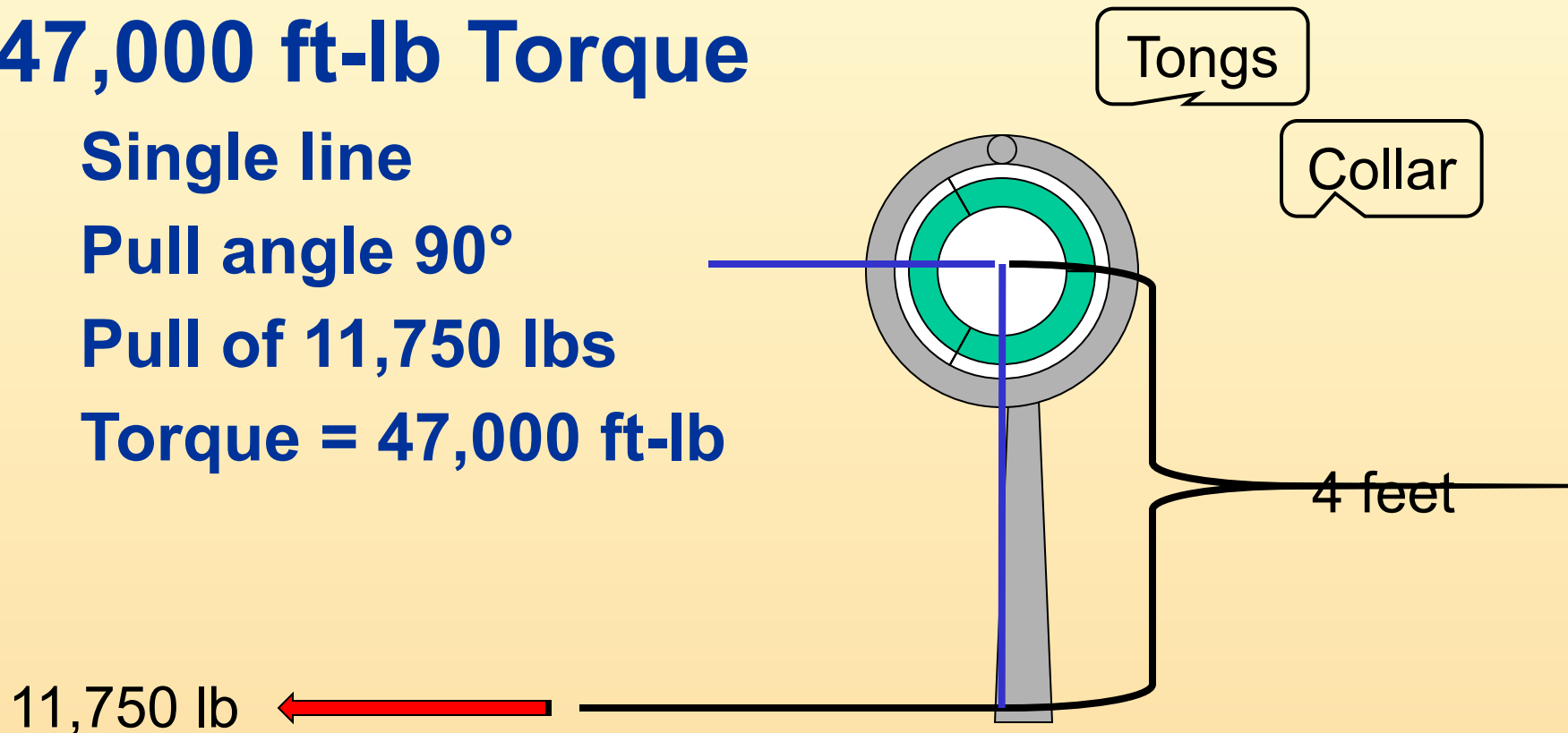
47,000 ft-lb Torque

Single line

Pull angle 90°

Pull of 11,750 lbs

Torque = 47,000 ft-lb



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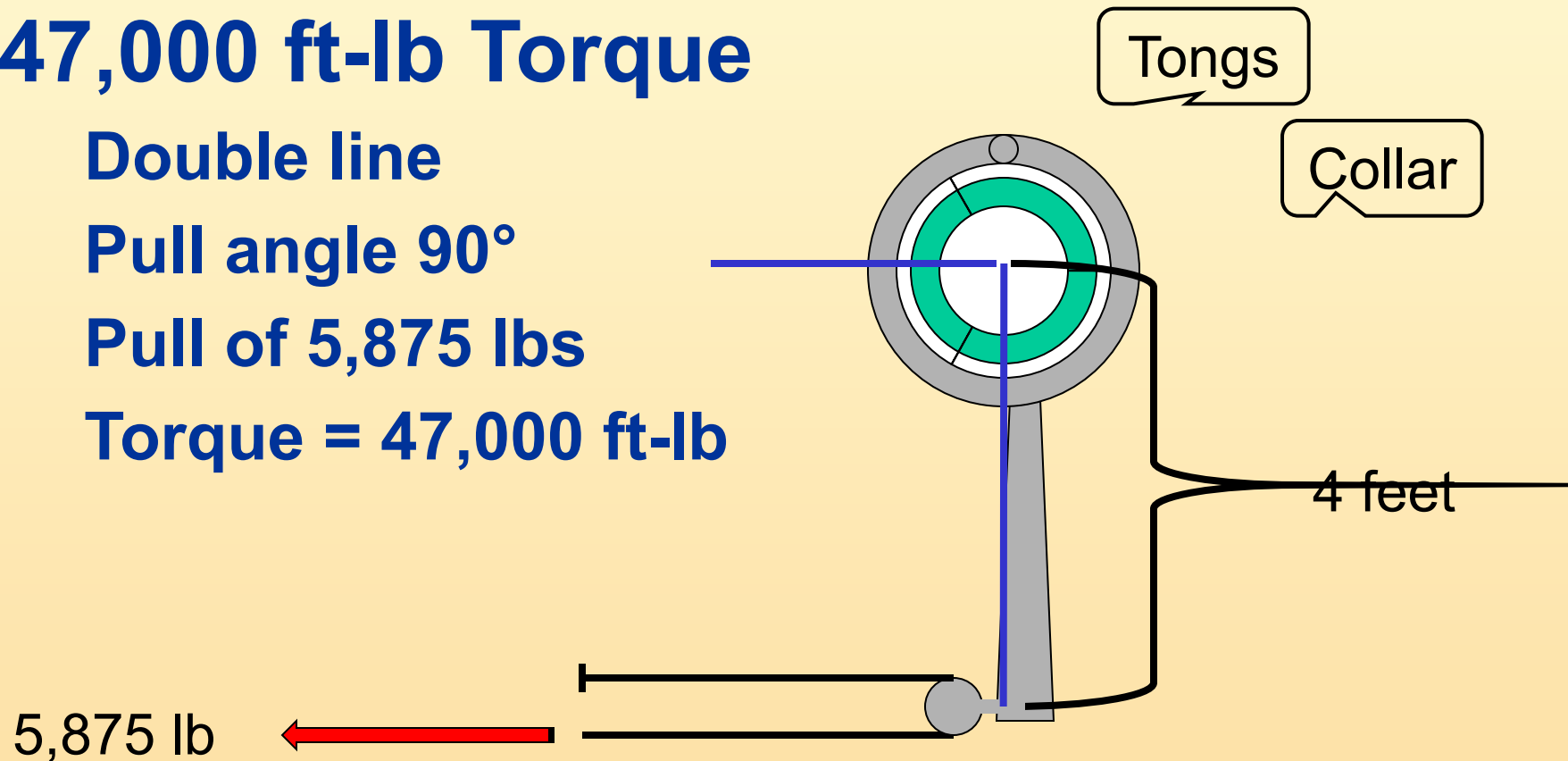
47,000 ft-lb Torque

Double line

Pull angle 90°

Pull of 5,875 lbs

Torque = 47,000 ft-lb



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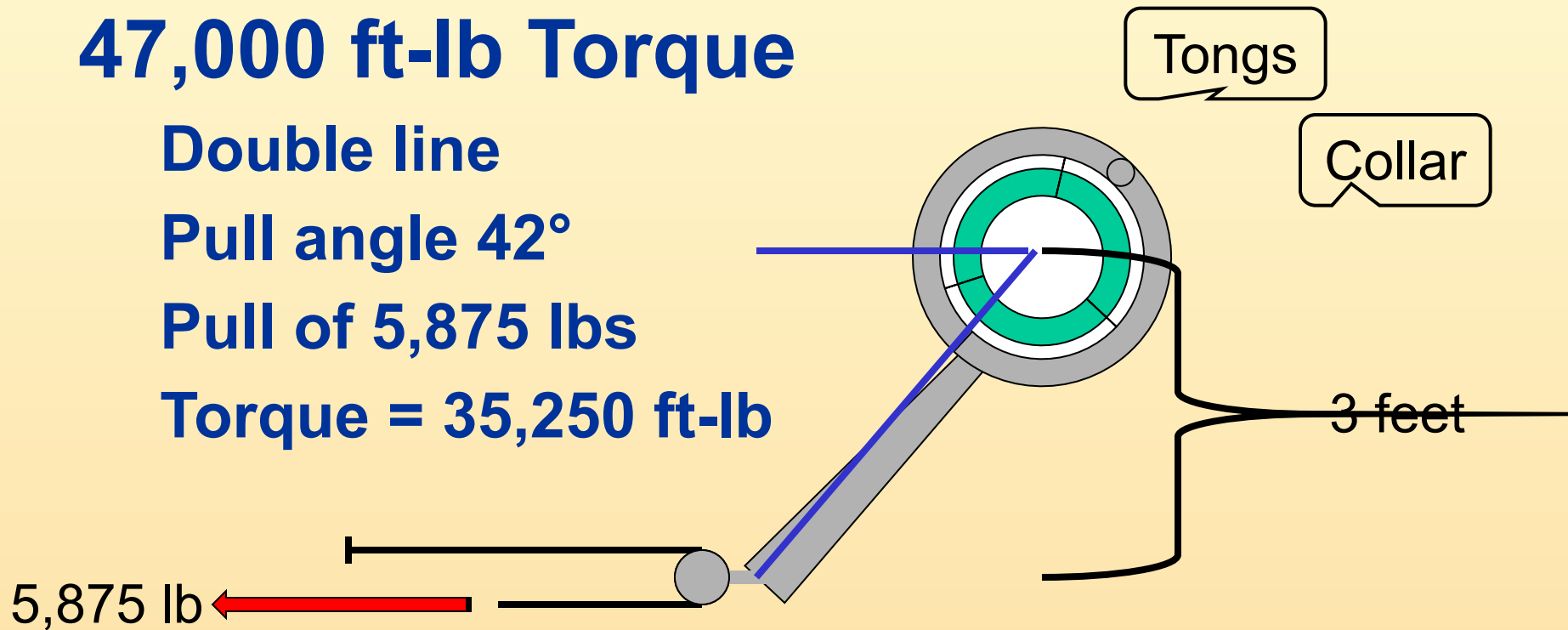
47,000 ft-lb Torque

Double line

Pull angle 42°

Pull of 5,875 lbs

Torque = 35,250 ft-lb



System Specifications

47,000 ft-lb Torque

Double line

Pull angle 42°

Pull of 7,833 lbs

Torque = 47,000 ft-lb

