

The pipe was then placed on the platen of our Tinius Olsen 1.2 million pound testing machine. The plug was placed into the pipe. The loading device was placed on the plug and loaded until fracture.

Following are the results:

Sample ID	Maximum Load-Pounds	Comments	
15" No Foam	2500	Plug pushed into pipe	
15" Foam Filled	4850 Plug pushed into pipe		
24" No Foam	2500	Plug pushed into pipe	
24" Foam Filled	5250	Plug pushed into pipe	
36" No Foam	4900	Plug pushed into pipe	
36" Foam Filled	10100	Plug pushed into pipe	
48" No Foam	9500	Plug pushed into pipe	
48" Foam Filled	18750	Plug broke	

For the non-filled plugs, #10 x 2" long screws were placed at 3; 6; 9; and 12 o'clock.

Horizontal/Vertical Load Test

For the testing, a 30" long length of pipe was prepared for each size. The loading devices used for the vertical testing were also used for this testing. The plug was then placed into the pipe and then laid horizontally on the platen of the testing machine between the columns of the machine. The open pipe end beared against the column. A jack assembly was then positioned against the other column of the testing at the center line of the plug. The pipe was then deflected 10% of pipe diameter by using the crosshead of the testing machine. At this point, the jack was used to load the plug.

Following are the results:

Sample ID	Pipe Deflection-Inch	Maximum Load-Pound	Comments
15" No Foam	1.5	1870	Plug pushed in
15" Foam Filled	1.5	2330	Plug pushed in
24" No Foam	2.4	2330	Plug pushed in
24" Foam Filled	2.4	2370	Plug pushed in
36" No Foam	3.6	4350	Plug pushed in
36" Foam Filled	3.6	5800	Plug pushed in
48" No Foam	4.8	11550	Plug pushed in
48" Foam Filled	4.8	17500	Plug pushed in

Note: Plug deformed out as 10% deflection.

Respectfully submitted.

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