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## **Wisconsin ATCP 93 Material Approval**

**Equipment:** PM2 Quantitative Wet and PM2  
Qualitative Dry Line Tightness Tests

**Manufacturer:** Leighton O'Brien, Inc.  
29101 FM 2978, ST. F4  
Magnolia, TX 77354

**Expiration of Approval:** December 31, 2019

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### **SCOPE OF EVALUATION**

The Leighton O'Brien PM2 Wet and Leighton O'Brien PM2 Dry Line Tightness Test Systems, manufactured by Leighton O'Brien USA, Inc. have been evaluated in accordance with **s. ATCP 93.130(1)(a)** of the current edition of the Wisconsin Administrative Flammable, Combustible and Hazardous Liquids Code.

This evaluation summary is condensed to provide the specific installation, application and operation parameters necessary to maintain the subject systems in compliance with the Wisconsin Administrative Code – ATCP 93.

## **DESCRIPTION AND USE**

The Leighton O'Brien Line Test (PM2) is a volumetric test, using a twin cylinder test rig with a digital level gauge in one cylinder. The two-cylinder system permits coarse or fine resolution measurements, and the second cylinder can also act as a liquid reservoir. Pressure or vacuum is applied to the top of both cylinders evenly to challenge the line. The pass/fail criteria are based on the liquid level response. In addition, a vapor trap is added to the system to catch any air ingress during a vacuum test. This allows for very accurate volumetric leak rate calculations based on digitally measured liquid level. According to the manufacturer, "Completely dry lines or lines in an unknown state of prime can also be tested. This is done by isolating the two cylinders at the top and using the rig as a digital manometer, also allowing for a volumetric dry leak rate based on the changing liquid level in the rig."

Both types ("wet" and "dry/unknown") of tests were run during the evaluation. This capability was also tested during the evaluation, using a qualitative approach. Since the line was not full of liquid product, no temperature circulation could be done. This reflects the situation in the field if the system is used to test a line that is dry or only partially full of product. The system in its "dry/unknown" mode is designed to check for leaks of air or vapor.

## **TESTS AND RESULTS**

The performance of the Leighton O'Brien PM2 Wet Line Test as a line tightness testing method was verified by Ken Wilcox Associates in accordance with the EPA Protocol for volumetric tank tightness testing systems. The Leighton O'Brien 2 Wet Test system was found to detect a leak of 0.1 gph with 99.6 percent probability of detection and 0.4% percent probability of false alarm.

The performance of the Leighton O'Brien PM2 Dry Line Test as a line tightness testing method was verified by Ken Wilcox Associates in accordance with the EPA Protocol for non-volumetric tank tightness testing systems. The Leighton O'Brien MP2 Dry Line Test system was found to detect a leak of 0.1 gph with 100 percent probability of detection and 0% percent probability of false alarm.

## **LIMITATIONS / CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL**

- The Leighton O'Brien PM2 Wet and Leighton O'Brien PM2 Dry Line Tightness Test systems are approved for use on pipeline systems for underground storage tank facilities that contain gasoline, diesel, aviation fuel, #4 fuel oil, biodiesel B6-B20 meeting ASTM D7647, biodiesel B100 meeting ASTM D6751, and other liquids with manufacturer approval. They are approved for use on both rigid and flexible piping.
- Manifoldd piping may be tested as long as the total length of piping is within the capacity and configuration limitations.
- The operating instructions and test procedures specified by Leighton O'Brien USA, Inc. shall be used to conduct all tests.
- Line tester operation shall be verified annually, and calibrated in accordance with manufacturer's instructions if necessary. Technician must hold a current Leighton O'Brien

certification to operate equipment. Re-certification is required by the manufacturer every 2 years.

- The manufacturer shall submit for a revision to this Wisconsin Material Approval application if any of the functional performance capabilities of this equipment are revised. This would include, but not be limited to changes in software, hardware, or methodology.
- **Mechanical line leak detectors shall be removed or manually isolated from the pipeline for duration of the test, or check valve in pump must be manually closed if testing is to be conducted with mechanical line leak detector in place.**
- The systems may be used when trapped vapor is present in the pipeline. For both the wet and dry test methods back pressure from groundwater or product in the backfill is overcome by pressurizing the system during the test.
- Data is collected and reviewed for accuracy by technician on-site; however, result declaration and certification can only be determined by remote analysis using Leighton O'Brien proprietary software.
- A sample Leighton O'Brien UPSS Precision Test report is provided in Appendix A of this approval.

Critical performance parameters for the **Leighton O'Brien PM2 Wet Tightness Test:**

Parameter	Value
Test Line Pressure	- The greater of 45 psi or 150% of normal operating pressure
Maximum Test Line Pressure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 150% of normal operating pressure</li> <li>• 7 to 21 psi for suction systems</li> </ul>
Maximum Test Line Size	6 in.
Minimum waiting period between last product dispensing and start of data collection	27.5 minutes
Minimum time for test	17.25 minutes
Total maximum allowable volume of product in any <b>flexible</b> test pipeline	109.8 gallons or less
Total maximum allowable volume of product in any <b>rigid</b> test pipeline	371.22 gallons or less
Total maximum allowable volume of product in any <b>Hybrid</b> (rigid and flexible piping combination) test pipeline	481 gallons or less <sup>1</sup>

1: The capacity of the flexible component cannot exceed 109.8 gallons.

Critical performance parameters for the **Leighton O'Brien PM2 Dry Tightness Test**  
 (lines can be tested empty or partially full of liquid):

Parameter	Value
Test Line Pressure	- The greater of 45 psi or 150% of normal operating pressure
Maximum Test Line Pressure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 150% of normal operating pressure</li> <li>• 7 to 21 psi for suction systems</li> <li>• 1.5 to 21 psi for interstitial</li> </ul>
Maximum Test Line Size	6 in.
Minimum waiting period between last product dispensing and start of data collection	None
Minimum time for test	3 minutes
Total maximum allowable volume of product in any <b>flexible</b> test pipeline	109.8 gallons or less
Total maximum allowable volume of product in any <b>rigid</b> test pipeline	371.22 gallons or less
Total maximum allowable volume of product in any <b>Hybrid</b> (rigid and flexible piping combination) test pipeline	481 gallons or less <sup>1</sup>

1: The capacity of the flexible component cannot exceed 109.8 gallons.

This approval will be valid through December 31, 2019, unless manufacturing modifications are made to the product or a re-examination is deemed necessary by the department. The Wisconsin Material Approval Number must be provided when plans that include this product are submitted for review.

**DISCLAIMER**

The Department is in no way endorsing or advertising this product. This approval addresses only the specified applications for the product and does not waive any code requirement unless specified in this document.

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## APPENDIX A: Sample Report



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### **UPSS Precision Test Report**

14<sup>th</sup> June 2010

Example Site

Test Date: 13<sup>th</sup> June 2010  
Reason for Test: Due Diligence  
Customer Contact: John Smith

#### **Executive Summary**

The Premium pressure line clearly passed the test, however the Unloaded pressure line did not pass the test. The result for the Unleaded line indicates a line wall breach

It is recommended that the Unleaded line to tank 2 be replaced, as the line showed clear and continuous loss during the test.



**Aim**

To investigate the integrity of the underground product line as a due diligence exercise.

**Method**

Individual tests were performed on the product lines using the Leighton O'Brien PM2 line testing system. The lines were isolated at the tank top by closing the

**Summary of Line Results as Tested**

Line Test Round 1		
Product Lines	Date	Line
Premium Unleaded Tank 1 to all dispensers	13-Jun-10	PASS
Unleaded Tank 2 to all dispensers	13-Jun-10	FAIL

**Other Relevant Observations**

- All visible parts of the systems, sealed by the technician, were shown to be tight using soapy water.
- Ground water was measured at 4300mm in the monitoring well.

**Comments/Discussions**

The Premium pressure line clearly passed the test, however the Unleaded pressure line did not pass the test.

The Unleaded pressure line was tested from the shear valves to the ball valve in the tank top opening. There were no visible leaks in the system. The result for the Unleaded line indicates a line wall breach.

**Recommendations**

It is recommended that the Unleaded line to tank 2 be replaced, as the line showed clear and continuous loss during the test.

**Addendum**

Date of Test: 13<sup>th</sup> June 2010  
 Licensed Leighton O'Brien Example Technician  
 Tester:  
 Report Prepared by: Peter Wagner  
 Report ID: Example Diagnostic Report.doc

**Glossary of Acronyms used**

- PM2 Leighton O'Brien Line test.
- HC Hydrocarbons
- PSH Phase Separated Hydrocarbons
- UPP Brand specific double wall high density polyethylene piping
- UPSSs Underground Petroleum Storage Systems
- USEPA United States of America Environmental Protection Agency

The underground pipe and tank configurations contained in this report are deduced from information gathered at the site by to Leighton O'Brien and by information given to Leighton O'Brien by the client.

**Details of Pressure Line Test**

Premium Unleaded Tank 1 to all dispensers					Unleaded Tank 2 to all dispensers				
Line	PASS	time	kPag	Rate ml/hr	Line	FAIL	time	kPag	Rate ml/hr
		11:02:44	311.135	0			10:19:41	287.615	-413
Tested	wet	11:03:44	311.130	0	Tested	wet	10:20:41	287.611	-414
		11:06:44	311.138	0			10:21:41	287.613	-412
Date	13-Jun-10	11:05:44	311.140	0	Date	13-Jun-10	10:22:41	287.631	-415
Unit SN	1224	11:06:44	311.141	0	Unit SN	1224	10:23:41	287.623	-410
Cert. No.	12214	11:07:44	311.138	0	Cert. No.	12215	10:24:41	287.601	-411