



**2024 GAS LIFT
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Deep Water Gulf of Mexico – Challenging Hi Angle Subsea Gas Lift Valve Intervention

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Agenda

- Details of the “technical challenge”. What problem were we trying to solve?
- Details of the operation
- Technology utilized to perform the operation
- How the technology works and what it actually did
- Value to the operator



Technical Challenge

- Technical challenge - replace leaking GLV, at short notice (due to the operating window). Well shut in for 8 months
- Design and manufacture non standard “Slim” Kick Over Tool
- Deploy Kickover Tool (KOT) to pass a minimum restriction up hole of 3.313”, and open up into an SPM with an ID of 4”
- Perform this on a subsea intervention vessel, Deep Water GOM in February, in a 65 degree well at 12,000ft with an “S” shaped profile

Advanced Kickover Tool (AKT)

- Traditional Kickover Tools are well known for not reliably retrieving the Gas Lift Valve on the first run
- Customers often report that 4 to 6 mis runs is the norm
- AKT reduces operating time & cost by increasing the chance of first time Gas Lift Valve retrieval, regardless of mandrel deviation or pocket orientation
- Allows Gas Lift to be planned deeper and in more deviated wellbores (success at inclinations up to 83°)
- The Integral Valve Catcher eliminates the need for additional wireline runs (to set and retrieve a separate valve catcher)





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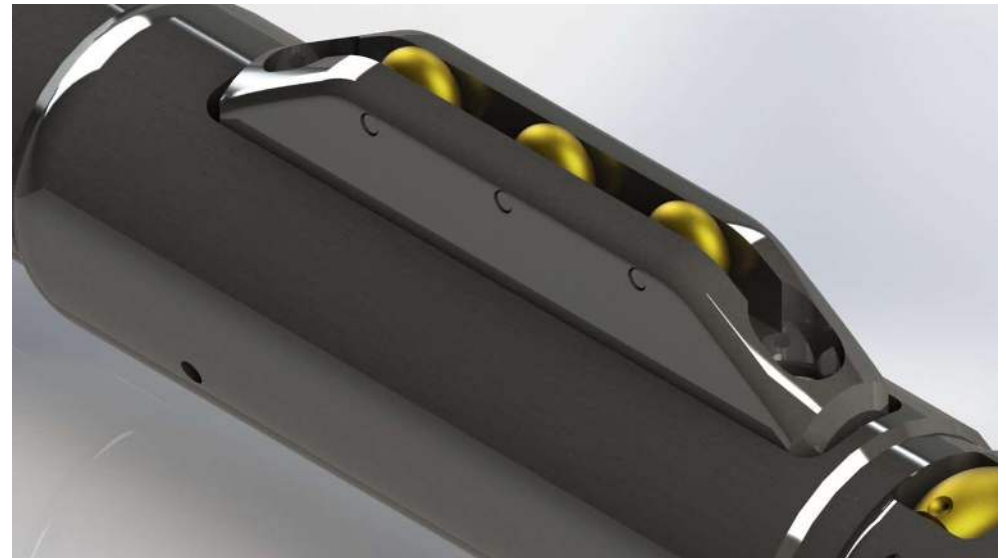
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Spring Loaded – Offset Dogs

- Two sets of Offset Dogs positioned at the top & bottom of the tool.
- Spring loaded – with wheels.
- Facilitates passing through a small restriction (dogs collapse) and open out into a larger opening (dogs expand back to original position).
- (4) Coil Springs installed in the Offset Dog can be adjusted. (4) springs for maximum force to collapse, or remove springs for less force to collapse.
- Wheels / Rollers on the Offset dogs allow for smoother transition and friction reduction inside wellbore and SPM.





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Friction Reducing Rollers

- Two sets of Rollers positioned at the top & bottom of the tool.
- Roller Housing rotates and self orients in the wellbore and SPM.
- Free spinning Rollers provide friction reduction and aide conveyance.
- Allows Gas Lift to be planned deeper and in more deviated wellbores (success at inclinations up to 83°).



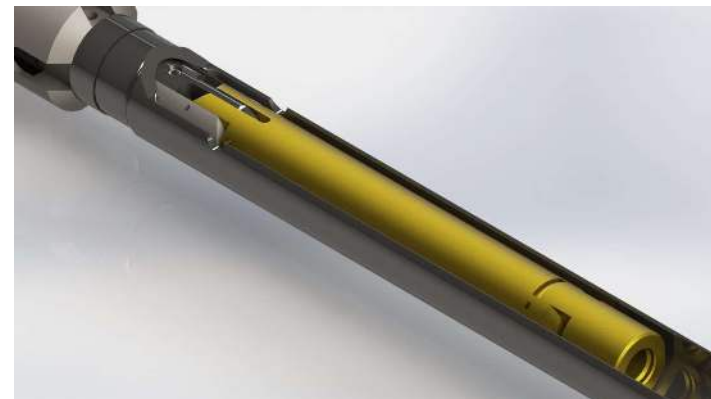
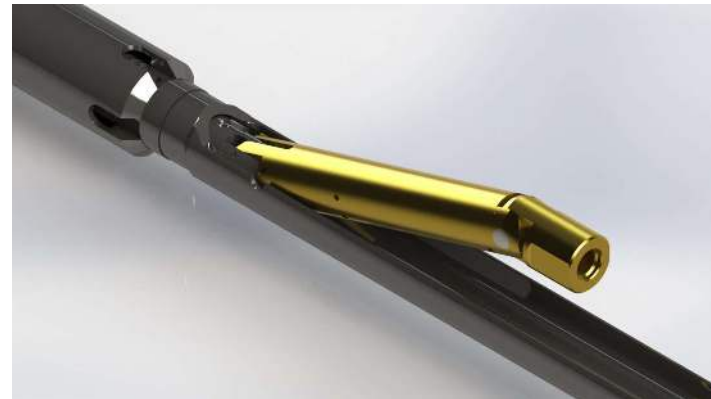
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Parallel Arm

- Engineered Arm that opens out parallel to the main tool body.
- Engages GLV at the correct approach angle (straight - in line).
- Less risk of not latching first time and avoids mis runs.
- Avoids damage to the V-Packing seals when setting the GLV.



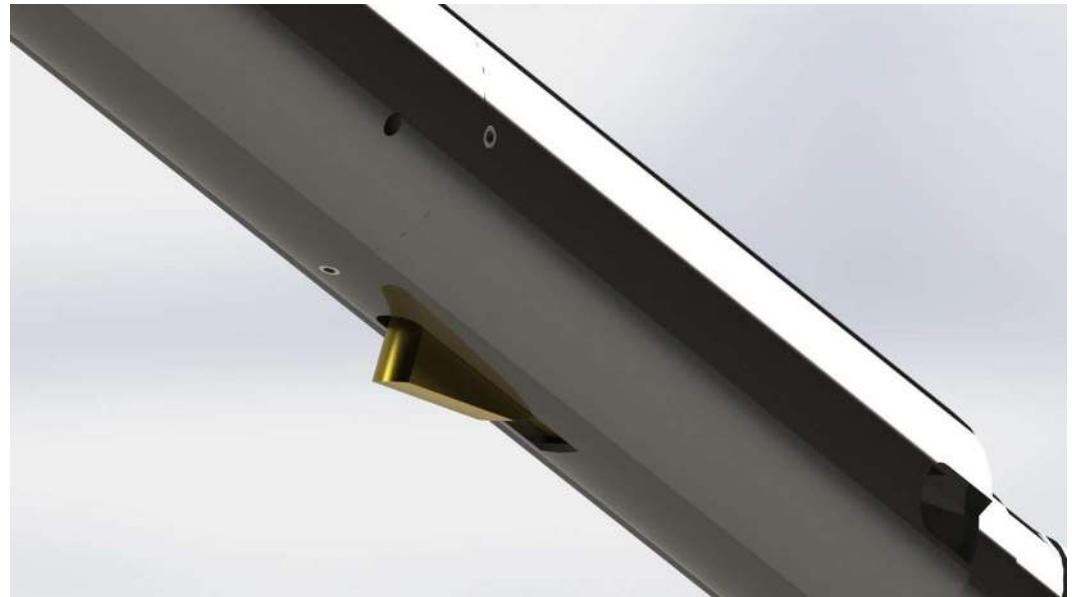
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Engineered Trigger

- Precision Engineered Trigger – ultra reliable / field proven location, orientation and initiation mechanism to “kick out” the arm.
- Less risk of not latching first time and avoids mis runs.
- Kick out force is provided by a leaf spring sub assembly.
- Adjustable by adding or removing leaf spring elements as required.



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Operator Value

- Reduce / eliminate miss runs = Operational Charges – Crew and equipment.
- Reduce / eliminate miss runs = Lost Time. PCE equipment rig up / down. Pressure test, tool redress etc.
- Subsea high angle intervention – well was shut in and not producing – expensive, challenging & risky operation.
- Well could be producing +/- 5,000 barrels per day. At \$80.00 +/- per barrel = \$400K / day lost production.

Quote from the Operator:-

The Asset in consultation with our GLV SMEs decided to go ahead and change out all the GLVs.

Conservative decision because this was a high producing well that was down for 8 months.

Very expensive to intervene on a Subsea well.

Value of information - First subsea gas lift intervention for Operator in the GOM.

Highlights of the retrieval

*Slickline runs with newly designed slim kick over tool worked great. **Valves retrieved and replaced with no miss runs.** KOT was designed to pass through a 3.313 restriction.*

Deeper Gas lift valves were successfully retrieved in a 65 deg S- shaped deviation but stoker had to be used for junk catcher and reservable plug



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Question Time



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