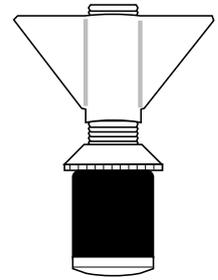


# Cylindrical and Spherical Inflatable Stoppers



HFT PIPESTOPPERS®

## Frequently Asked Questions

### 1. How do I decide when to choose between a mechanical and an Inflatable Stopper?

HFT Pipestoppers® **Inflatable Stoppers** can be inserted and retracted through holes smaller than the one to be sealed.

They are much less expensive than mechanical stoppers, but are not so suitable for applications requiring the ruggedness and strength of a mechanical stopper. (See our rubber stopper range for ruggedness and use at pressure)

### 2. How do I prevent the stoppers from being pushed out the pipe during pressure test?

It is common to brace the ends of pipes to prevent stoppers sliding out. The HFT Pipestoppers® Division of Huntingdon Fusion Techniques HFT® can provide further data. (Note pressure limitations mentioned in question 5).

### 3. Will your stoppers be suitable for use in petrochemical pipework where there are hydrocarbon liquids and gases present?

The HFT Pipestoppers® Division manufactures **Special Rubber Inflatable Stoppers** for the petrochemical industry where long term resistance to chemicals and / or hydrocarbon oils and vapours is necessary.

### 4. What is the inflation pressure of Inflatable Stoppers?

The inflation pressure of each stopper will vary according to diameter. The inflation pressure is stamped quite clearly on the outside of the stopper and it is also shown in your user manual.

### 5. What pressure will the Inflatable Stoppers hold back?

**Inflatable Stoppers** will hold back a pressure of no more than 400 mbar.

### 6. What are Inflatable Stoppers made of?

**Inflatable Stoppers** have a latex bladder inner covered by a polyurethane coated nylon outer cover. The inflation hose is made of pvc and is finished in a Schrader valve for stoppers up to 24" diameter and with a ball valve for stoppers from 25" to 96" diameter.



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