

COURSE OVERVIEW DE0373

Plunger Lift System
(E-Learning Module)

Course Title

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Course Reference

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Course Format & Compatibility

SCORM 1.2. Compatible with IE11, MS-Edge, Google Chrome, Windows, Linux, Unix, Android, IOS, iPadOS, macOS, iPhone, iPad & HarmonyOS (Huawei)

Course Duration

30 online contact hours
(3.0 CEUs/30 PDHs)



Course Description



This E-Learning course is designed to provide participants with a detailed and up-to-date overview of plunger lift system. It covers the plunger lift monitoring and plunger lift system application considerations; the plunger lift well requirements, applications and benefits; the installation and operation considerations; the tubing fluid height and volume, sufficient volume and pressure, casing pressure required, critical flow rate and standard cubic foot; the plunger lift systems in gas wells; the economic and environmental benefits; the decision process; the revenue from increased production, revenue from avoided emissions, avoided costs and additional benefits; and the alternate technique for calculating avoided emissions when replacing blowdowns.

During this course, participants will learn the artificial lift technology, field and oil production phases, modes of artificial lift, selection parameters and artificial lift methods; the reciprocating rod lift systems, progressing cavity pumping systems, gas lift systems, plunger lift systems, hydraulic lift systems and electric submersible pumping systems; the wellsite optimization equipment, lift system selection approach, artificial lift selection and project scope; the selection and elimination process, systems analysis, final selection, follow-up analysis and artificial lift methods; the various types of artificial lift methods including selection parameters, sucker rod pump, SRP application considerations and gas lift; and the hydraulic jet pumping, progressive cavity pumping, reciprocating pumps, effect of viscosity, piston/plunger pump, diaphragm pump and pump efficiency.

Course Objectives

Upon the successful completion of this course, participants will be able to:-

- Apply and gain an in-depth knowledge on plunger lift system
- Recognize plunger lift system and carryout plunger lift monitoring and plunger lift system application considerations
- Identify plunger lift well requirements, applications and benefits as well as apply installation and operation considerations
- Discuss tubing fluid height and volume, sufficient volume and pressure, casing pressure required, critical flow rate and standard cubic foot
- Install plunger lift systems in gas wells and discuss the economic and environmental benefits
- Apply decision process and identify the revenue from increased production, revenue from avoided emissions, avoided costs and additional benefits
- Estimate incremental production for declining wells and apply alternate technique for calculating avoided emissions when replacing blowdowns
- Recognize artificial lift technology, field and oil production phases, modes of artificial lift, selection parameters and artificial lift methods
- Determine reciprocating rod lift systems, progressing cavity pumping systems, gas lift systems, plunger lift systems, hydraulic lift systems and electric submersible pumping systems including its advantages, limitations and application considerations
- Identify wellsite optimization equipment and employ lift system selection approach, artificial lift selection and project scope
- Illustrate selection and elimination process, systems analysis, final selection, follow-up analysis and artificial lift methods
- Recognize the various types of artificial lift methods including selection parameters, sucker rod pump, SRP application considerations and gas lift
- Describe hydraulic jet pumping, progressive cavity pumping, reciprocating pumps, effect of viscosity, piston/plunger pump, diaphragm pump and pump efficiency

Who Should Attend


This course provides an overview of all significant aspects and considerations of plunger lift system for petroleum engineers, production engineers, reservoir engineers and field supervisors.

Course Certificate(s)

Internationally recognized certificates will be issued to all participants of the course.

Certificate Accreditations


Certificates are accredited by the following international accreditation organizations: -

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USA International Association for Continuing Education and Training (IACET)

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Howard Technology Middle East will award **3.0 CEUs** (Continuing Education Units) or **30 PDHs** (Professional Development Hours) for participants who completed the total tuition hours of this program. One CEU is equivalent to ten Professional Development Hours (PDHs) or ten contact hours of the participation in and completion of Howard Technology programs. A permanent record of a participant's involvement and awarding of CEU will be maintained by Howard Technology. Howard Technology will provide a copy of the participant's CEU and PDH Transcript of Records upon request.

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Course Fee

As per proposal

Training Methodology

This Trainee-centered course includes the following training methodologies:-

- Talking presentation Slides (ppt with audio)
- Simulation & Animation
- Exercises
- Videos
- Case Studies
- Gamification (learning through games)
- Quizzes, Pre-test & Post-test

Every section/module of the course ends up with a Quiz which must be passed by the trainee in order to move to the next section/module. A Post-test at the end of the course must be passed in order to get the online accredited certificate.

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- Installation Considerations
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- Economic and Environmental Benefits
- Decision Process
- Step 1: Determine the Technical Feasibility of a Plunger Lift Installation
- Step 2: Determine the Cost of a Plunger Lift System
- Step 3: Estimate the Savings of a Plunger Lift
- Revenue from Increased Production
- Revenue from Avoided Emissions
- Avoided Costs and Additional Benefits
- Step 4: Evaluate the Plunger Lift's Economics.
- Case Studies
- BP (formerly Amoco) Midland Farm Field
- Costs and Benefits
- Increased Gas Production and Revenue
- Analysis

- ExxonMobil Big Piney Field
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- Selection Parameters
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- Reciprocating Rod Lift System Advantages
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- Progressing Cavity Pumping Systems
- Progressing Cavity Pumping System Advantages
- Progressing Cavity Pumping System Limitations
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- Gas Lift System Advantages
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- Gas Lift System Application Considerations
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- Hydraulic Lift Systems

- Hydraulic Jet Lift System Advantages
- Hydraulic Jet Lift System Limitations
- Hydraulic Jet Lift Application Considerations
- Electric Submersible Pumping Systems
- Electric Submersible Pumping System Advantages
- Electric Submersible Pumping System Limitations
- Electric Submersible Systems Application Considerations
- Wellsite Optimization Equipment
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- Artificial Lift Selection
- Project Scope
- Selection Process
- Elimination Process
- Systems Analysis
- Final Selection
- Follow-Up Analysis
- Artificial Lift Methods
- Introduction
- Types of Artificial Lift Methods
- Selection Parameters
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- Sucker Rod Pump
- Introduction
- Advantages of Sucker Rod Pump
- Limitations of Sucker Rod Pump
- SRP Application Considerations
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- Limitation of Gas Lift
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- Electrical Submersible Pump
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- Limitations of ESP
- ESP Application Considerations
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- Introduction
- Advantages of Hydraulic Jet Pumping
- Limitation of Hydraulic Jet Pumping
- Hydraulic Jet Pumping Application Considerations
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- Principle
- Advantages of Plunger Lift
- Limitations of Plunger Lift
- Plunger Lift Application Considerations
- Progressive Cavity Pumping
- Introduction
- Advantages of Progressive Cavity Pumping
- Limitations of Progressive Cavity Pumping
- Progressive Cavity Pumping Application Considerations
- Reciprocating Pumps
- Family tree
- Operating principle
- Working
- characteristics
- Effect of viscosity
- Piston/Plunger Pump
- Diaphragm Pump
- Working of diaphragm pump
- Pumping power
- Pump efficiency

- Application
- comparison
- Reciprocating pump
- Main components
- Working of Reciprocating Pump
- Classification of Reciprocating pumps
- Discharge through a Reciprocating Pump
- Slip
- Negative slip
- Power Input
- Problem-1
- Problem-2
- Troubleshooting Plunger Lift Wells