



Frequently Asked Questions

1. Question: Why does the MIC-Pig come only in a few relatively small sizes?

Answer: The MC-Pig is a different kind of pig with a different function from common pig functions. The MIC-Pig is not a cleaning pig or a gauge pig which requires diameters close to internal pipeline diameter to function well. The MIC-Pig is used as an in-situ sampling device for black powder and MIC bacterium as it travels through gas and oil pipelines. Exact diameter requirements are not necessary to perform this action.

2. Question: How is the MIC-Pig usually ran through a pipeline?

Answer: The MIC-Pig can be ran through a pipeline in three ways: As a stand-alone pig where the internal diameter of the pipeline is close to the diameter of the MIC-Pig; as a "spearhead" (in front of another pig) in your scheduled pig runs and in the middle of a pig train. Other ways are possible depending upon the velocity and conditions of your particular application and pipeline. Please contact MIC Corrosion's technical help to discuss such options at Support@MIC-Tek.com.

3. Question: How does the MIC-Pig take samples in a time related manner?

Answer: The MIC-Pig contains coated absorbents which function like pharmaceutical time released medications. This proven technology allows us to back calculate where the absorbents began to absorb in the pipeline. The calculations involves quantitative and qualitative properties of the product being transported, average velocity, temperature, pressure and a number of other properties of the pipeline being tested.

4. Question: Why does the MIC-Pig have to be shipped back by FedEx 2-day or by International Priority shipping methods after sampling is complete?

Answer: Time is of the essence after the sampling procedure. To obtain an accurate "snapshot" of microbiological information and chemical compositions, the sample must be analyzed ASAP. Shipping by FedEx 2-day service is free with included prepaid shipment form for companies located in the USA and Canada.

Have a question about the MIC-Pig? Please submit it to us by emailing us at Support@MIC-Tek.com and we will respond ASAP.

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