USERS HANDBOOK Hydraulic Deadweight Testers

1.0 GENERAL INFORMATION

Deadweight Testers are the primary standards for pressure measurement. Utilising the well-proven Piston/Gauge system, consisting of a vertically mounted precision lapped Piston and Cylinder assembly, accurately calibrated weight masses (FORCE) are loaded on the Piston (AREA) which rises freely within its Cylinder. These weights balance the upward force created by the pressure within the system.

PRESSURE = FORCE AREA

Each weight is marked with the Tester serial number and the pressure measured when placed on a correctly spinning and floating Piston. The total pressure measured is the summation of the weights plus the Piston Weight Carrier.

The Deadweight Tester has been calibrated to the Gravity, Temperature and Air Density stated on the Certificate. Equations and factors are given on the Certificate to adjust for any variations in these environmental conditions.

Gravity varies greatly with geographic location and so will the Deadweight Tester reading. Due to the significant change in gravity throughout the world (0.5%), ensure that the Tester has either been manufactured to your local gravity or that you have applied the correction from the calibrated gravity.

Deadweight Tester calibrated gravity : 980.665 cm/s² (980.665 cm/s² is the International Standard Gravity)

Gravity at site : 981.235 cm/s²

Indicated Pressure : 250 psi

True Pressure = <u>981.235</u> x 250 <u>980.665</u>

Example:

= 1.0005812 x 250

= 250.1453 psi

Temperature and Air Density variations are less significant than Gravity. Variations should be corrected for when maximum accuracy is required. Temperature variation example:

Deadweight Tester calibrated temperature : 20°C
Operating temperature : 24°C
Percentage change per °C : 0.002%
Indicated Pressure : 250 psi

True Pressure = $250 + (20 - 24) \times 0.002 \times 250$

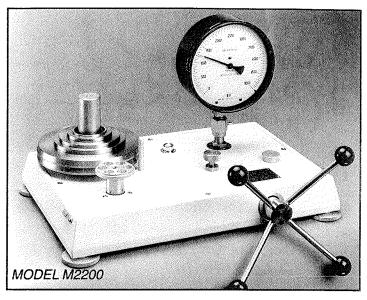
= 250 - <u>0.008</u> x 250

= 250 - 0.02

= 249.98 psi

The pressure measured is at the top of the Test Station Seal (79). Vertical height difference between this datum line and the connection to the instrument under test should be corrected for. To correct for vertical heights above and below the datum line, either subtract or add respectively the amount stated on the certificate.

To ensure accuracy is maintained, the Piston and weights must be kept clean and undamaged. The Tester is accurate when the weights are rotating, but due to the fluid drag between the Piston and Cylinder, the rotation time at low pressure is short. For low pressure calibration a Pneumatic Tester should be used.



2.0 Specifications

Tester Overall Dimensions : 46.5 x 32.5 x 20.5cm

Tester Weight : 12 kg
Weight Set Weight : 26 to 32 kg
Reservoir Volume : 250 cc

Barrel Volume (Ram extended) : 32 cc Testers up to 5000 psi/350 bar

22 cc Testers above 5000 psi/350 bar

Supplied as standard equipment with each Tester:

Calibrated weight set in wooden case.
Certificate of Overall Accuracy.
Certificate of Piston Effective Area.
Computer print-out of weight masses.
Female Adaptors: 1/8", 1/4", 3/8" & 1/2" BSP or NPT.
Spare Seals (4,79,93).

OIL OPERATED MODELS

Operating fluid:

TESTER RANGE OUR REF. SHELL

Up to 5000 psi/350bar :ST25 Tellius R10 Above 5000 psi/350 bar:ST55 Tellius 22 Please note that all the major oil suppliers have equivalents to the Shell grades listed above.

WATER OPERATED MODEL

To ensure correct operation of these Testers, use **ONLY: DE-IONISED** or **DISTILLED WATER**

Use of any other fluid will cause system contamination, and possible Piston damage.

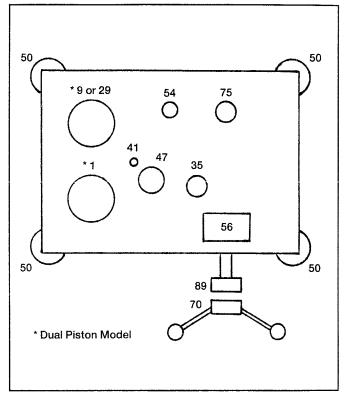


3.0 PREPARATION

- 3.1 Find a level, stable surface.
- 3.2 Remove Capstan (70) from case lid using Allen Key (62) and fit to Hub (89) on front of Tester.
- 3.3 Level the Tester using the four Adjustable Feet (50) to the Spirit Level (54) mounted on the top plate.
- 3.4 Remove Reservoir Bung (47) and fill Reservoir (45) approximately 3/4 full with the correct fluid.
- 3.5 Fit instrument to be tested to Test Station (75).
 - 3.6.1 Screw the appropriate Adaptor (78) fully onto the instrument to be tested.
 - 3.6.2 Screw assembly down **ANTI-CLOCKWISE** on to Test Station (75).

Note: The internal thread in the lower half of the Adaptor is LEFT-HANDED. Hand-tight is sufficient, ensure the bottom face contacts the Test Seal (79) on the Test Station.

- 3.6.3 To adjust the position to face forward. Hold the Adaptor and unscrew the instrument to be tested **ANTI-CLOCKWISE** so that it faces forward. Hold the instrument to be tested steady whilst turning the Adaptor **ANTI-CLOCKWISE** until it pulls down on to the Test Seal.
- 3.6.4 To calibrate rear Connection Gauges, use a T3700 Angle Adaptor see Ancillary Equipment, Section 9, Page 5.



IMPORTANT: ENSURE THAT ANY INSTRUMENT FITTED TO THE TEST STATION IS INTERNALLY CLEAN - see Ancillary Equipment: T3600, API 5000, Section 9, Page 5.

4.0 PRIMING

- 4.1 Open Valve (35) one turn anti-clockwise and screw Capstan (70) fully in.
- 4.2 * Close Valve and screw Capstan FULLY OUT.
- 4.3 Open Valve and screw Capstan FULLY IN.

Note: During this operation bubbles may appear in the Reservoir (45), as trapped air is expelled.

For large volume instruments repeat steps 4.2 and 4.3 until no further bubbles appear.

4.4 With Valve open, screw Capstan FULLY OUT and close Valve. The Tester is now ready for use.

*WARNING:

Screwing the Capstan out with Valve (35) closed will generate 0.75 bar/22 in Hg vacuum. If the instrument under test is vacuum sensitive, leave Valve open during operation 4.2.

5.0 OPERATION

5.1 Select required weights * and stack on the appropriate Piston. (*Fractional Weights: smaller increment weights are available). The pressure measured is the sum of the weights plus the Piston Weight Carrier.

Dual Piston Models:

When using the high pressure Piston Weight Carrier (9), each weight must be multiplied by the factor engraved on the Nameplate (56), either: X 10 or X 20. **Note: Do not multiply Piston Weight Carrier value.**

5.2 Screw the Capstan (70) in. When the Piston rises, ensure the bottom face of the lowest weight is level with the groove, midway in the recessed area on the Indicator Rod(41). See Figure 5.2.

Note: Where variations of 0.0094 psi/0.00065 bar for Piston

Assembly A (See Page 5) or 0.016 psi/0.0011 bar for

Piston Assemblies B or C (See Page 5) are acceptable, then the bottom face of the lowest weight can align anywhere within the recessed area on the Indicator Rod (41).

5.3 Rotate the weight stack clockwise. (For optional Motor Drive, see Section 9, Page 5).
DO NOT ROTATE WEIGHTS WHEN THE PISTON IS AGAINST THE TOP OR BOTTOM STOP.

- 5.4 Observe reading of instrument under test.
- 5.5 For next higher calibration point, repeat from 5.1 above.
- 5.6 To measure reducing pressures, remove the necessary weights, and screw the Capstan out so that the weight stack floats at the correct height, then rotate clockwise.
- 5.7 Depressurise by screwing Capstan FULLY OUT.

 NEVER RELEASE SYSTEM PRESSURE WITHOUT SCREWING CAPSTAN FULLY OUT.
- 5.8 Remove weight stack.

6.0 Calibration In Different Pressure Units

Conversion Weights can be supplied to measure the existing range in any other pressure unit.

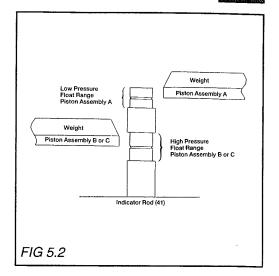
The conversion weight set is supplied with a special converting weight (marked 'CONV') which is placed on the Piston Weight Carrier. This increases the Piston Weight Carrier mass so that it now measures the value stated on this weight, in the new pressure unit. The conversion weight set can now be used in the same way as the standard weight set.

Note: Dual Piston models are supplied with two special converting weights. Each is unique to the low and high pressure Piston Weight Carriers, and is marked 'LP CONV' and 'HP CONV' respectively.

Alternative option see S700, Section 9.0, Page 5.

7.0 Storage And Transportation

- 7.1 With Test Station (75) plugged, open Valve (35) and screw Capstan (70) fully in, close Valve.
- 7.2 Disassemble Capstan (70) and store in the case lid.
- 7.3 For transportation tape, down Adaptors (78) in Accessory Block (61).
- 7.4 Fluid can remain in the Reservoir (45) during transport, providing that the Tester remains horizontal.
- 7.5 Replace Tester case lid, ensuring that the Hinges (60) are properly engaged, and secure with Toggle Clips (58) at sides.
- 7.6 Stack ALL the appropriate weights on the base of the wooden weight case, cover with lid and secure by screwing handle fully down. Ensure handle is tight.





8.0 PISTON CARE

The Piston and Cylinder Assembly is the most critical and sensitive part of the Tester. To maintain accuracy, the Piston must always slide freely in the Cylinder.

Piston assemblies, Figures A, B & C (See Page 5) are specific to the following models:

	Model	Assembly		Model	Assembly
W or	M1800	Α	· W or	M1900	A & B
,	M4000	С	W or	M2000	A & B
W or	M2000/H	В		M2100	A & B
	M2200/H	В		M2200	A & B

Note: Ensure Tester is depressurised before attempting Piston removal, open Valve (35), wait for 10 seconds, then close Valve (35).

8.1 PISTON REMOVAL - ASSEMBLY A

- 8.1.1 Using a small pin-head hammer and a suitable flat-ended punch, tap lightly on the end of the Piston (2) through the centre of the Weight Carrier (1). Remove Weight Carrier.
- 8.1.2 Unscrew Cylinder (3), use the dowel hole if Cylinder is tight.

8.2 PISTON REMOVAL - ASSEMBLY B OR C

- 8.2.1 Lift off 'Top Hat' Weight Carrier (9 or 29) and unscrew Piston Nut (20). Use dowel hole if nut is tight. Remove assembly.
- 8.2.2 Use small Allen Key (63) in Accessory Block (61), unscrew Grub Screw (19 or 27) in Piston Cap (17 or 28), one turn anti-clockwise

Gently pull off Piston cap. **DO NOT PULL IN SUCH A WAY THAT THE PISTON CAN BEND**. The Piston (13 or 25) and Cylinder (14 or 26) can now be removed.

8.3 PISTON CLEANING

- 8.3.1 Use 'non-fluffing', non-abrasive, lint-free tissue or absorbent cloth. Hold the Piston by the larger 'Head' end, rub the tissue back and forth along its length.
- 8.3.2 To remove all traces of contamination (especially important with Water Operated Testers), the Piston must be cleaned in a suitable solvent.
 - **Note:** 'O' Ring seals (where fitted) are Nitryl Rubber and should not be immersed in solvents for prolonged periods as they may become damaged. They should be dried quickly after immersion.
- 8.3.3 After removal from the solvent, using a NEW tissue, repeat the cleaning procedure in 8.3.1.
- 8.3.4 Place Piston carefully on a NEW tissue where it will not be damaged whilst the Cylinder is cleaned.

 IMPORTANT: NEVER TOUCH THE WORKING AREA OF A CLEAN PISTON WITH BARE FINGERS THE NATURAL OIL IN YOUR SKIN CAN CAUSE THE PISTON AND CYLINDER ASSEMBLY TO STICK.

8.4 CYLINDER CLEANING

- 8.4.1 Wipe excess fluid from the outside surfaces of the Cylinder.
- 8.4.2 Roll a tissue into a tapered rod of appropriate size. Force the tissue through the Cylinder bore by rotating. Ensure the tissue is tight so that dirt is removed. Repeat, inserting a NEW tissue from the opposite end.
- 8.4.3 Immerse Cylinder in a suitable clean solvent, see note in 8.3.2.
- 8.4.4 After removal from the solvent, using a NEW tissue, repeat the cleaning procedure in 8.4.2.

8.5 PISTONRE-ASSEMBLY

8.5.1 Holding the Piston by the 'Head' end, dip the other end into a container of clean operating fluid and transfer to the bore in the underside of the Cylinder:

Piston Assembly A - Threaded end of Cylinder (3).

Piston Assembly B - Counter-bored end of Cylinder (14).

Piston Assembly C - Non-engraved, larger diameter end of the Cylinder (26).

Allow the fluid to run through the Cylinder bore. Repeat this procedure 2 or 3 times to ensure an even film of clean fluid exists in the Cylinder bore.

8.5.2 Carefully introduce the end of Piston into the underside of the Cylinder and push gently through.

NEVER FORCE THE PISTON INTO ITS CYLINDER OR DAMAGE MAY RESULT.

If resistance is felt, introduce more fluid. If resistance continues, then re-clean either Piston, Cylinder or both.

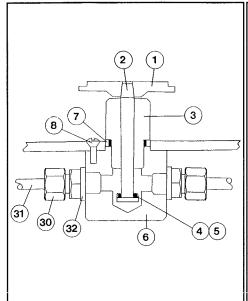
If, after repeated cleaning, the Piston still will not slide freely within the Cylinder, then permanent damage may have occurred. In which case the complete assembly will need to be replaced or returned for evaluation.

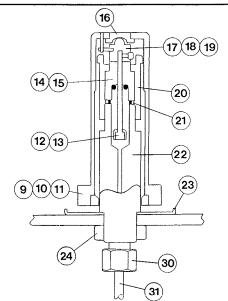
- 8.5.3 **Assembly A:** Stand assembly upright on a clean, hard, stable surface. Ensure Weight Carrier (1) is clean, especially the central mounting hole, and place on tapered end of Piston (2). Tap lightly using the palm of the hand to locate on the taper.
- 8.5.4 **Assembly B or C:** Insert Piston/Cylinder assembly into Piston Nut (20) such that it locates (as shown in drawings, Page 5). Replace Piston Cap (17 or 28), ensuring that it is fully home. Secure cap to Piston with Grub-Screw (19 or 27) **DO NOT OVERTIGHTEN.**

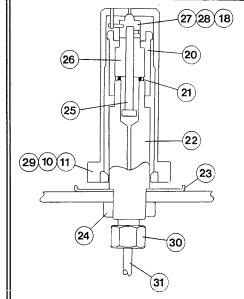
8.6 RE-FITTING PISTON

This is the reverse of the removal procedure outlined in Sections 8.1.2 & 8.2.1 above. Note: Ensure that the Bonded Seal (7 or 21) is clean and re-fitted before assembly. Do not over-tighten.

GENERAL ARRANGEMENT DRAWINGS & PARTS LIST - PISTON ASSEMBLIES Assembly A Assembly B Assembly C







ITEM	PART	DESCRIPTION	ITEM	PART	DESCRIPTION	ITEM	PART	DESCRIPTION
1	D1819	WEIGHT CARRIER	11	B4013B	PIN	21	B1902	BONDED SEAL
2	D4116	PISTON	12	D4106	PISTON STOP	22	D4005	PISTON BODY
3	D4117	CYLINDER	13	D4101	PISTON	23	D4009	SUMP DISH
4	B4118	'O' RING	14	D4102	CYLINDER	24	B4010	LOCKNUT
5	D1820	SUPPORT RING	15	B1801	'O' RING	25	D4001	PISTON
6	D4109	PISTON BODY	16	D4105	BALL RETAINER	26	D4002	CYLINDER
7	B1802	BONDED SEAL	17	D4107	PISTON CAP	27	B4011	GRUB SCREW
8	B1086	SCREW	18	B4013A	PIN	28	D4004	PISTON CAP
9	D4104	CARRIER TUBE	19	B4011	SCREW	29	D4007	CARRIER TUBE
10	D4008	GUIDE BUSH	20	D4103	PISTON NUT			

9.0 ANCILLARY EQUIPMENT

If you require further information on any of the following equipment, please contact your local agent.

S700 SERIES CALIBRATION SOFTWARE

User friendly, menu driven, DOS based calibration software designed specifically for primary pressure standards, Deadweight Testers. This software has been developed as a flexible working tool to make pressure calibrations quicker, easier and more accurate. The software calculates which weights are required to generate a specific pressure. The programme can also calculate the pressure given the weights and piston used. The software will work in an unlimited number of pressure units, regardless of the pressure unit the Deadweight Tester has been manufactured to. You can store details on as many Deadweight Testers as required. The software generates calibration certificates which can be either printed or stored.

T3600 LIQUID TO LIQUID SEPARATOR

If there is any doubt that the instrument to be tested is not internally clean, then the addition of a T3600 Liquid Separator will protect the Deadweight Tester system from contamination and possible damage. The T3600 is also particularly useful for applications where the instruments under test must not be contaminated by the operating fluid in the Deadweight Tester. It contains a flexible 'Viton' diaphragm which separates the two working fluids, preventing transfer either way. Any fluid can be used that is compatible with Viton and Aluminium Bronze.

API 5000 LIQUID TO AIR INTERFACE

For high pressure pneumatic calibration, this unit interfaces with Hydraulic Deadweight Testers, giving rateless liquid to air separation. A series of fluid traps ensures the instrument under test remains dry.

T3700 ANGLE ADAPTOR

To calibrate rear/back connection gauges in their correct position an Angle Adaptor must be used. The Angle Adaptor fits directly onto the test station, converting it through 90 degrees, allowing the same adaptors to be used.

T4600 POINTER REMOVER/PUNCH

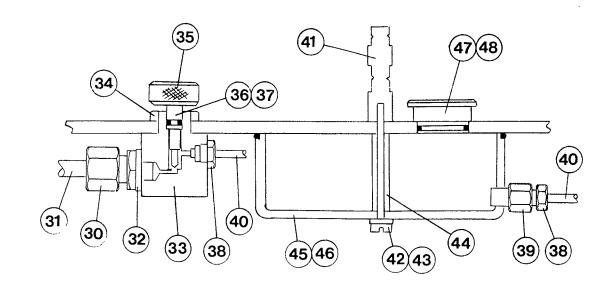
To remove and refit the pointer of a pressure gauge. This two in one tool has a spring-loaded plunger to quickly and consistently refit the pointer.

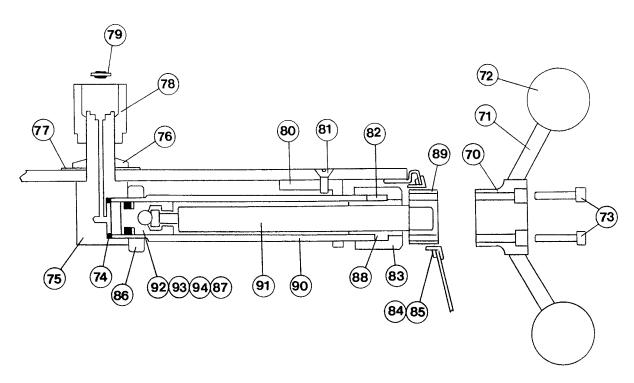
OPTIONAL EQUIPMENT:

MOTOR DRIVE

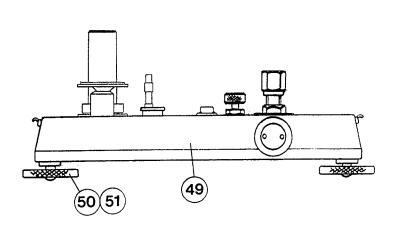
A motor drive can be fitted to rotate the weights, if a continuous pressure is required for long-term testing. This should be specified at the time of order, but can be retro-fitted if necessary.

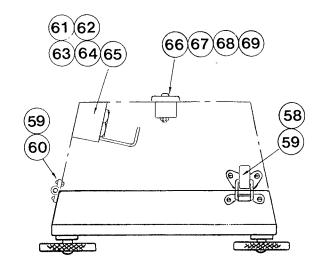
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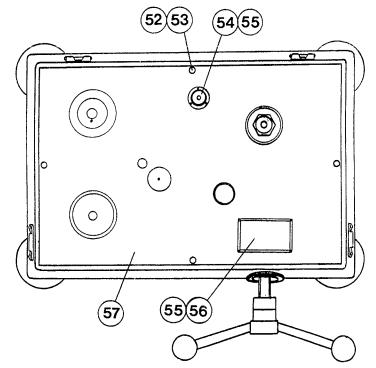


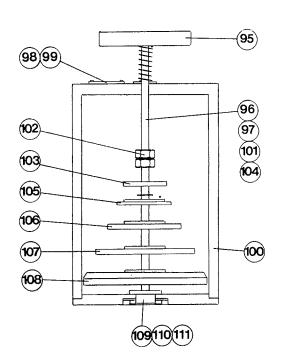


30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42	PART B1910 D4108 B1033 D1810 D1807 D1207 D1811 B1801 B1806B B1805 D1804 D4110 B1025	DESCRIPTION NUT/OLIVE/COUPLING PIPE BONDED SEAL VALVE BODY LOCKNUT VALVE SCREW CAP VALVE SCREW 'O' RING MALE/COUPLING COUPLING NYLON PIPE INDICATOR ROD SEAL	1TEM 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59	PART D1809 B1069 D1007E D1048 B1047 B1086 B1082 B1045 B1044 D1035 D1909 B1076 B1097	DESCRIPTION RESERVOIR BUNG 'O' RING CASE FOOT STUD SCREW CAPTIVE NUT SPIRIT LEVEL SCREW NAMEPLATE TOP PLATE TOGGLE CLIP RIVET	1TEM 64 65 66 67 68 69 70 71 72 73 74 75	PART D1018 B4114 D1836 B1078 B1075 B1081 D1041 D1020 B1021 B1042 B1054 D1038 D1039	DESCRIPTION ADAPTORS SPARES BOTTLE SUPPORT BAR STRAP HANDLE SCREW NUT OUTER HUB SPOKE KNOB SCREW 'O' RING TEST STATION DOME NUT
40 41	D1804 D4110	NYLON PIPE INDICATOR ROD	57 58	D1909 B1076	TOP PLATE TOGGLE CLIP	75	B1054 D1038	TEST STATION









81	B1043	SCREW
82	D1053	KEY
83	D1019	BARREL UNION
84	D1087	'C' CLIP
85	D1050	SHROUD
86	D1023	LOCKNUT
87	D1022	BALL
88	D3902	RAM NUT
89	D3908	INNER HUB
90	D3903	BARREL
91	D3901	RAM SCREW
92	D3904	RAMBLER
93	B4707	'O' RING
94	B3906	ANTI-EXTRUSION RING
95	D1058	HANDLE
96	B1834	SPRING
97	B1835	WASHER
98	D1036	NAME PLATE
99	B1044	SCREW

DESCRIPTION

ITEM PART

ITEM	PART	DESCRIPTION
100	D1079	WEIGHT CASE
101	D1060	STUD
102	B1833	LOCKNUT
103	D1057	WEIGHT RETAINER
104	B1061	CIRCLIP
105	D1008	WEIGHT
106	D1009	WEIGHT
107	D1010	WEIGHT
108	D1011	WEIGHT
109	D1056	LOCATING STAND
110	B1083	WASHER
111	B1063	LOCKNUT

When ordering parts always:
a) Quote Tester Serial Number
b) Water operated Testers,
add 'W' after part.
Example: Item 79 becomes
B1066W

11.0 FAULT FINDING

11.1 POOR PISTON SPIN/SENSITIVITY

- 11.1.1 **Assembly A:** Plug Test Station (75) and open Valve (35). Hold the Weight Carrier (1) and lift gently up and down. The Piston (2) should slide smoothly within its Cylinder. If any resistance greater than fluid drag or a 'gritty' sensation is detected, then it must be removed and cleaned. (See Section 8, Page 4).
- 11.1.2 **Assembly B or C**: Pressurise with one large weight so the Piston (13 or 25) is spinning and floating correctly. Gently push down on the rotating Weight Carrier (9 or 29) and release. This should result in a smooth 'bouncing' oscillation. If the Piston does not spin or 'bounce' freely, it must be removed and cleaned. (See Section 8, Page 4).
- 11.1.3 If spin/sensitivity of a cleaned Piston deteriorates quickly, then the Deadweight Tester system is probably contaminated and must be completely dismantled, cleaned and re-built.

11.2 SYSTEM WILL NOT PRIME

- 11.2.1 Check Valve (35) is closed.
- 11,2.2 Check there is sufficient fluid in the Reservoir (45).
- 11.2.3 Check for damaged/missing/dirty Test Seal (79) in Test Station (75).
- 11.2.4 Check that the face of the instrument under test is contacting the Test Seal (79), and that it is not scored or dented.

11.3 SYSTEM WILL NOT PRESSURISE

- 11.3.1 Check 11.2.
- 11.3.2 Ensure correct valve operation during Priming step 4.4.
- 11.3.3 Check instrument under test is not leaking.
- 11.3.4 Clean system externally, check for fluid leak by continually trying to pressurise. Wherever fluid appears, replace the Seal check sealing faces are clean and undamaged before re-assembly.

11.4 PISTON DROPS QUICKLY

- GENERAL: The Piston will always drop slowly due to a small leak between the Piston and Cylinder. This drop rate will never be so guick that a stable reading cannot be made.
- 11.4.1 If the system has been pressurised quickly then it must be allowed time to thermally stabilise. Continue re-floating the Piston until it stabilises, this should take no longer than one minute.
- 11.4.2 Check 11.3.

11.4.3 IF PISTON HAS JUST BEEN RE-FITTED AFTER CLEANING:

Air pockets can be introduced when re-fitting Piston assemblies. This will cause the Piston to drop faster whilst the air bleeds past the Piston and Cylinder.

Continue to re-float the Piston until the drop-rate slows down. If the Piston continues to drop quickly then check for fluid leakage around base of Piston/Cylinder assemblies. Check for loose/damaged/dirty Seal (7 or 21) under assembly (Remove 'Top-hat' Weight Carrier (9 or 29) for Piston assemblies B or C). Tighten, clean or replace Seal as necessary. (See Section 8.6, Page 4).

11.4.4 Valve (35) leaking.

Remove Reservoir Bung (47) and observe fluid level, it will rise slowly if the Valve leaks. This indicates that the Valve seat may be damaged or dirty. It should be disassembled, cleaned and inspected, then re-tested or replaced as necessary.

11.4.5 Rambler Seal (93) leaking - Check Ram Screw (91) for 'wetness' when extended (Should be greased, not running with operating fluid).

If Ram Screw is 'wet', then replace the Rambler Seal (93) with the spare provided.

11.5 CANNOT ATTAIN MAXIMUM PRESSURE HAVING SCREWED CAPSTAN FULLY IN

- 11.5.1 Check 11.3 & 11.4.
- 11.5.2 Ensure that the Capstan (70) is FULLY OUT (Section 4.4, Page 2).
- 11.5.3 If the instrument under test has a large internal volume or there is air in the system, then re-prime. (See Section 4, Page 2).

12.0 Overhaul And Recertification

The Deadweight Tester's accuracy depends primarily on the effective area of the Piston and the mass of the weights.

The Deadweight Tester will require periodic recertification, the frequency of which is dependent on use. An approximate guide is as follows:-

- (i) High accuracy on-site use, recertify annually or sooner.
- (ii) Harsh, rough on-site use, recertify annually or sooner.
- (iii) High accuracy careful laboratory use, recertify every 2 to 3 years.
- (iv) Low accuracy careful use, recertify every 5 years.

The Deadweight Tester should immediately be overhauled and recertified if either:-

- (a) The Piston performance degrades (spin, sensitivity, drop rate).(Ensure the instructions in Section 8.0, Page 4, have been correctly carried out).
- (b) The weights are damaged or seriously corroded.

The recalibration frequency must ultimately be specified by the user, with reference to the above comments and any organisational or inspection authority requirements.