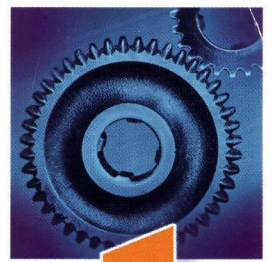
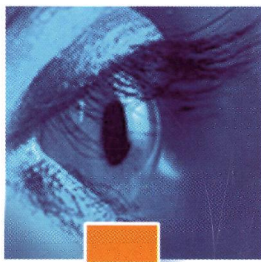
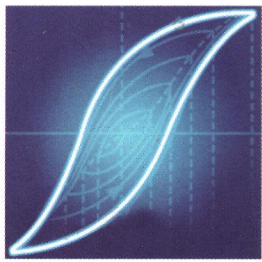


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Wall thickness gauging may seem mundane but is undeniably an essential task in the condition monitoring regime of industrial installations. Measuring a set of discreet points regularly has inherent shortcomings: limited coverage and positional inaccuracy.

This month's front cover depicts a technician using the TD-CM IV® to collect point wall thickness data assessed from a wider area than the traditional gauge point. The CM IV was born from the desire of several oil majors to improve the effectiveness of inspection data without resorting to corrosion mapping and simultaneously streamline workflow cycles seamlessly, with minimal human intervention.

Historic thickness data, location details, isometric drawings and sometimes 3D simulations are pre-loaded onto the CM IV from the plant's ERM database. Thickness data is collected using a standard ultrasonic probe scanned over a distance. The system automatically registers the thinnest point of many thickness readings along the scan line and appends it to the existing data. When all gauge areas are recorded, the data is re-synchronised with the database. The CM IV addresses the end-user brief and additionally provides multifunctional capability if further advanced ultrasonic investigation is required.

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