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Standard Practice for Laser Technologies for Direct Measurement of Cross Sectional Shape of Pipeline and Conduit by Rotating Laser Diodes and CCTV Camera System¹

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1. Scope*

1.1 This practice covers the procedure for the post installation verification and acceptance of buried pipe deformation using a visible rotating laser light diode(s), a pipeline and conduit inspection analog or digital CCTV camera system and image processing software. The combination CCTV pipe inspection system, with cable distance counter or onboard distance encoder, rotating laser light diode(s) and ovality measurement software shall be used to perform a pipe measurement and ovality confirmation survey, of new or existing pipelines and conduits as directed by the responsible contracting authority. This standard practice provides minimum requirements on means and methods for laser profiling to meet the needs of engineers, contractors, owners, regulatory agencies, and financing institutions.

1.2 This practice applies to all types of material, all types of construction, or shape.

1.3 This practice applies to gravity flow storm sewers, drains, sanitary sewers, and combined sewers with diameters from 6 in. to 72 in. (150 mm to 1800 mm).

1.4 The Laser Light Diode(s) shall be tested, labeled and certified to conform to US requirements for CDRH Class 2 or below (not considered to be hazardous) laser products or certified to conform to EU requirements for Class 2M or below laser products as per IEC 60825-1, or both.

1.5 The profiling process may require physical access to lines, entry manholes and operations along roadways that may include safety hazards.

1.6 This practice includes inspection requirements for determining pipeline and conduit ovality only and does not include all the required components of a complete inspection. The user of this practice should consider additional items outside this practice for inspection such as joint gap

measurement, soil/water infiltration, crack and hole measurement, surface damage evaluation, evaluation of any pipeline repairs, and corrosion evaluation.

1.7 This standard practice does not address limitations in accuracy due to improper lighting, dust, humidity, fog, moisture on pipe walls or horizontal/vertical offsets. Care should be taken to limit environmental factors in the pipeline that affect accuracy of the inspection.

1.8 The values stated in inch-pound units are to be regarded as standard. The values given in parentheses are mathematical conversions to SI units that are provided for information only and are not considered standard.

1.9 *This standard does not purport to address all of the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate safety, health, and environmental practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.* There are no safety hazards specifically, however, associated with the use of the laser profiler specified (listed and labeled as specified in 1.3).

1.10 *This international standard was developed in accordance with internationally recognized principles on standardization established in the Decision on Principles for the Development of International Standards, Guides and Recommendations issued by the World Trade Organization Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) Committee.*

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:²

E177 Practice for Use of the Terms Precision and Bias in ASTM Test Methods

E691 Practice for Conducting an Interlaboratory Study to Determine the Precision of a Test Method

F1216 Practice for Rehabilitation of Existing Pipelines and Conduits by the Inversion and Curing of a Resin-Impregnated Tube

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² For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, www.astm.org, or contact ASTM Customer Service at service@astm.org. For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

*A Summary of Changes section appears at the end of this standard

F2019 Practice for Rehabilitation of Existing Pipelines and Conduits by the Pulled in Place Installation of Glass Reinforced Plastic Cured-in-Place (GRP-CIPP) Using the UV-Light Curing Method

2.2 Other Documents:

IEC 60825-1 Safety of Laser Products—Part 1: Equipment Classification and Requirements, Jan 2011³

CDRH Regulations CFR 21, Section I, Subchapter J, Parts 1002 to 1040.11⁴

3. Terminology

3.1 Definitions of Terms Specific to This Standard:

3.1.1 authority, *n*—party reasonable for the generation and verification of performance to job specification(s) and contract requirements.

3.1.2 barrel distortion, *n*—distortion of an image produced by an optical system that causes straight lines at image margins to bulge outwards.

3.1.3 CCTV, *n*—a closed circuit pipeline and conduit inspection television system including a camera, camera transporter, integrated lighting, central control system, video monitor and recording device.

3.1.4 laser, *n*—a solid state device that produces a monochromatic and coherent beam of visible light in an intense, narrow beam.

3.1.5 laser light diode, *n*—a mobile, certified “eye safe” laser light source and internal optics capable of projecting a narrow beam of laser light onto an internal pipe wall in pipes from 6 to 72 in. (150 to 1800 mm) in diameter regardless of material, design, or shape.

3.1.6 laser profile, *n*—the spatial intensity profile of a laser beam at a particular plane transverse to the beam propagation path.

3.1.7 laser profiling survey, *n*—a survey composed of taking measurements of the cross sectional shape of the pipe at various stations along its alignment, processing the data using an appropriate software and producing a condition assessment report using laser profiling technology.

3.1.8 ovality, *n*—percentage of shape deflection in circular and noncircular pipes as calculated per Practice **F1216** or Practice **F2019** as defined in **Annex A1**.

3.1.9 profiling software, *n*—the software that analyzes the collected data from a laser profiling effort into deformed cross sectional profiles along the pipe of conduit alignment.

4. Significance and Use

4.1 Laser profiling assessment is a quality control tool for identifying and quantifying deformation, physical damage, and other pipe anomalies after installation, providing means and

methods for determining the quality of workmanship and compliance with project specifications. Laser profiling capabilities include:

4.1.1 Measurement of the structural shape, cross sectional area and defects;

4.1.2 Collection of data needed for pipe rehabilitation or replacement design; and

4.1.3 Post rehabilitation, replacement or new construction workmanship verification.

4.2 A laser profile pre-acceptance and condition assessment survey provides significant information in a clear and concise manner, including but not limited to graphs and still frame digital images of pipe condition prior to acceptance, thereby providing objective data on the installed quality and percentage ovality, or degree of deformation, deflection or deviation, that is often not possible from an inspection by either a mandrel or only CCTV.

5. Contract Responsibilities

5.1 Apart from the provisions generally included in a testing and certification contract, the laser profiling survey contract shall define and assign responsibilities for the following items:

5.2 Access to the survey site to be provided to the extent that the contracting authority can provide such access.

5.3 The utility owner shall ensure that all lines to be profiled are free of debris, obstructions, and cleaned within 24 h prior to the profiling inspection. Standing or flowing water or debris shall not exceed 10 % of the nominal pipe diameter, or six (6) in. (150 mm) in depth, whichever is the lesser.

6. Equipment

6.1 The laser profiling equipment, including laser diode(s) and CCTV inspection system (**Fig. 1**) shall be configured and calibrated by the laser profiling equipment manufacturer, as per the same specifications of the equipment “Certificate of Accuracy” in accordance with **Section 9**.

6.2 Only calibration and laser distance software algorithms, as specified by the software manufacturer, shall be used as per the same specifications of the equipment “Certificate of Accuracy.”



FIG. 1 CCTV—Rotating Laser Profile Camera in Pipe

³ Available from International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC), 3 rue de Varembe, P.O. Box 131, CH-1211 Geneva 20, Switzerland, <http://www.iec.ch>.

⁴ Available from Center for Devices and Radiological Health (CDRH), Food and Drug Administration, 10903 New Hampshire Avenue, WO66-4621, Silver Spring, MD 20993, <http://www.fda.gov>.