



COSASCO® ACCESS FITTING

User Manual



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SAFETY WARNINGS

CHAPTER 1

The Cosasco Access assembly system has been in use for over 30 years, and has proven itself to be safe and reliable. However, when working with any high pressure system, safety must be a primary consideration.

WARNING



It is imperative that the following safety warnings are taken into important consideration before and during use of Retrieval Equipment. Safety warnings in this document are to ensure precautions are taken for all procedures where there are risks involved. Failure to follow these warnings could result in serious injury or death.

1. Safe operation under pressure requires 2 experienced and competent operators.
2. Do not use retrieval equipment unless you have been trained and are competent in its safe operation.
3. If it has been longer than 90 days since your last operation, you should review the relevant Work Instruction and complete an operation on a pressurized test rig.
4. Make sure you have complied with all plant safety requirements and environmental regulations.
5. Identify the media, its pressure and temperature. Review material safety data information on the media prior to operation.
6. Ensure you have all the required safety equipment for the given media, “i.e. hard hat, safety glasses, protective clothing, safety gloves, respirator, spill safety equipment, etc...”
7. Any actions which could vary system pressure such as surges caused by opening and closing of valves and chokes should be delayed until completion of retrieval operations.
8. Ensure you have enough clearance for safe operation. Note wind direction prior to starting operations involving hazardous products.
9. WARNING: Surface temperature may be hot. Contact may cause burn.
10. WARNING: Do not exceed equipment specified pressure rating. Over-pressurization can cause equipment to fail/burst posing a variety of safety hazards.

11. WARNING: Do not apply a load of more than 150 pounds, perpendicular to the Access Fitting thread axis, on any access fitting attachment to prevent breakage from bending stresses.
12. WARNING: Heavy Pressure Retaining Covers are available as an optional means of protecting Access Fitting external threads from damage and add an extra safety pressure layer in the event that a fitting may leak.

PRESSURE RETAINING/ PROTECTIVE COVERS

CHAPTER 5

5.1 Overview

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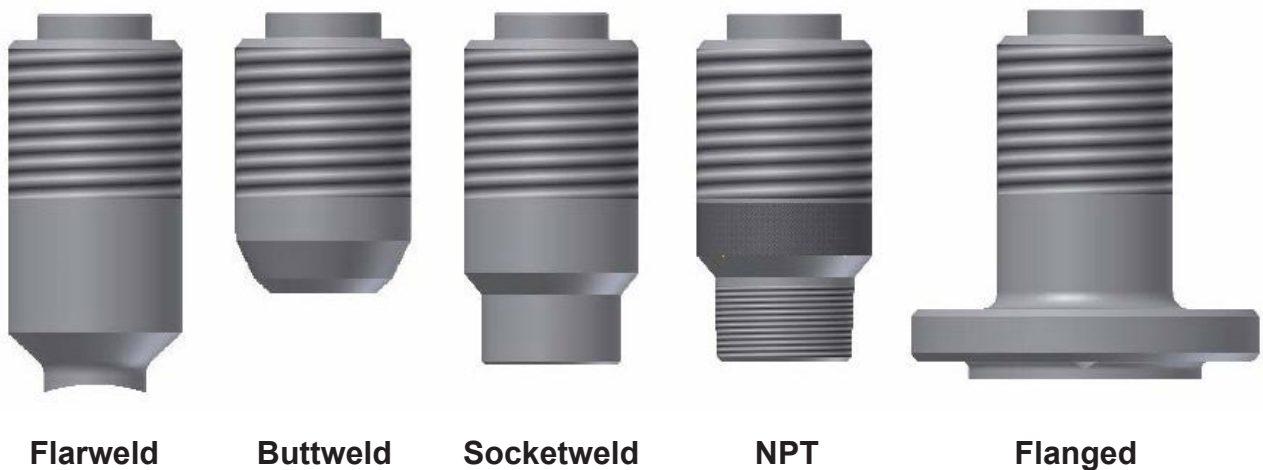
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ACCESS FITTING BODY

CHAPTER 3

3.1 Access Fitting Body Types

The COSASCO Access Fitting Body is available in several standard mounting configurations:

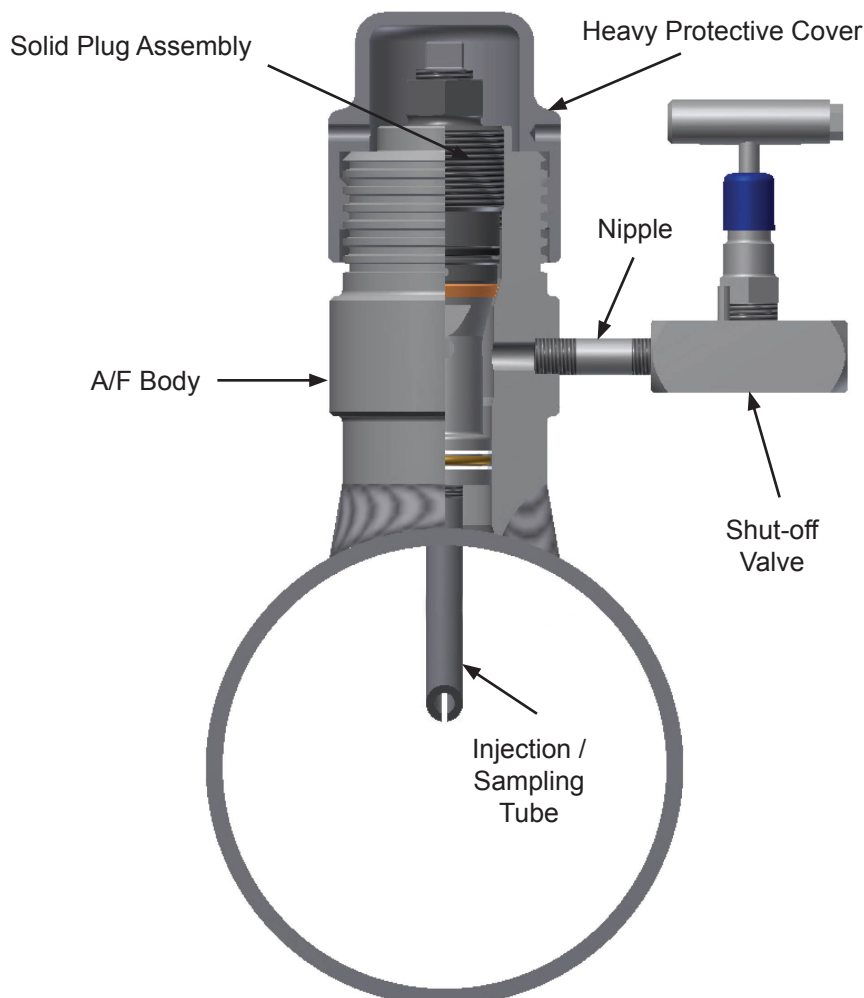


1. **Flarweld** – The model 50 Flarweld Access Fitting body is designed to be welded directly to the pipe or vessel. The fitting incorporates a radius to match the curvature of the pipe or vessel, with a maximum 1/16" weld gap. It also incorporates a thick body to provide adequate branch reinforcement area to help strengthen the weld joint. It is the most popular type of mounting configuration.
2. **Butt weld** – The model 52 Butt weld (aka. Butt weldolet) fitting is designed to be butt welded directly to a 2" schedule 160 pipe end. Possible configurations include welding to an industry standard "Weldolet" fitting, which has been welded to a pipe or vessel, or welding to a 2" schedule 160 butt weld "Tee".
3. **Socket weld** – The model 53 Socket weld fitting is designed to be socket welded directly to a 2" socket end. Possible configurations include welding to an industry standard "Sockolet" fitting, which has been welded to a pipe or vessel, or welding to a 2" schedule 160 socket weld "Tee".

4. NPT – The model 54 NPT fitting can be threaded into a 2” female NPT fitting.
Please note that NPT connections are not recommended for sour gas service.
5. Flanged – Flanged fittings are available in several standard configurations:
 - a. Model 56 – 2” ANSI RJ (Ring Joint)
 - b. Model 57 – 2” ANSI RF (Raised Face)
 - c. Model 58 – 2-1/16” API

All configurations of Access Fitting Bodies are available in two types:

1. Non-Tee Type – Non-Tee fittings are used for all corrosion monitoring devices which do not require injection or sampling of the process fluid, such as coupon holders, Microcor probes, hydrogen probes, etc.
2. Tee Type – Tee fittings incorporate a ¼”, ½”, ¾”, or 1” NPT threaded outlet on the side of the fitting body. This type of fitting is used with an injection/sampling nut for product injection or process fluid sampling. They are also used with sand monitoring probes (old style). The illustration below depicts a typical injection system arrangement through a Tee Type access fitting assembly.



Access Fitting bodies are available in a wide variety of materials. Typically, the Access Fitting body material will be chosen to be compatible with the pipe or vessel material. For severe service locations, Rohrback Cosasco Systems offers a patented type CR “Corrosion Resistant” option on all Access Fitting bodies. This option provides internal threads and seal areas of Hastelloy C276, while the Access Fitting body remains a material compatible to the pipe or vessel.

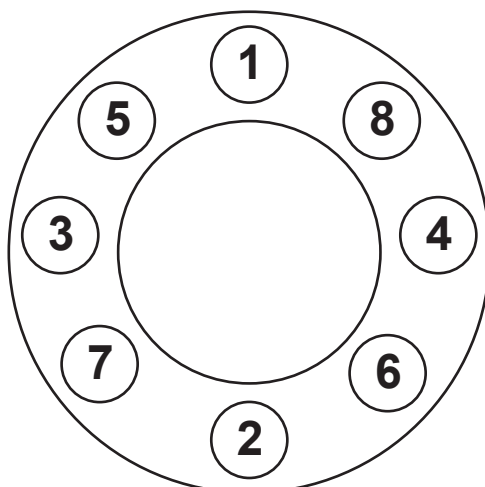
3.2 Attaching the Access Fitting Body

COSASCO Access Fitting Bodies which have a welded end connection, (flarweld, butt weld, or socket weld), welding must be performed in accordance with local and plant codes. Guidelines for preparing Welding Procedures are available in Cosasco manual P/N 740074, “Trepanning, Positioning & Welding Manual”.

NPT type Access Fittings are manufactured in accordance with ANSI/ASME B1.20.1 -Specification for Taper Pipe Threads. As with any taper pipe thread, the joint must be made up wrench tight, using a suitable sealant. The pipe sealant must be compatible with the process fluid and conditions.

ANSI flange fittings are manufactured in accordance with ANSI B16.5 – Specification for Flanges and Flanged Fittings. Flange gaskets and stud-and-nut sets are not provided with the Access Fitting body, and must be chosen to be compatible with the process fluids and conditions. The suggested sequence for tightening flange bolts is shown below. To provide even sealing pressure on the flange gasket, the bolts should be hand tightened according to the sequence until the flange faces are in contact with the gasket. Then firmly tighten the bolts in the same sequence.

NOTE: “Hot Flow” of gasket material may occur under operating conditions, resulting in loss of bolt pressure. Bolts should be retightened after operating temperature has been reached.



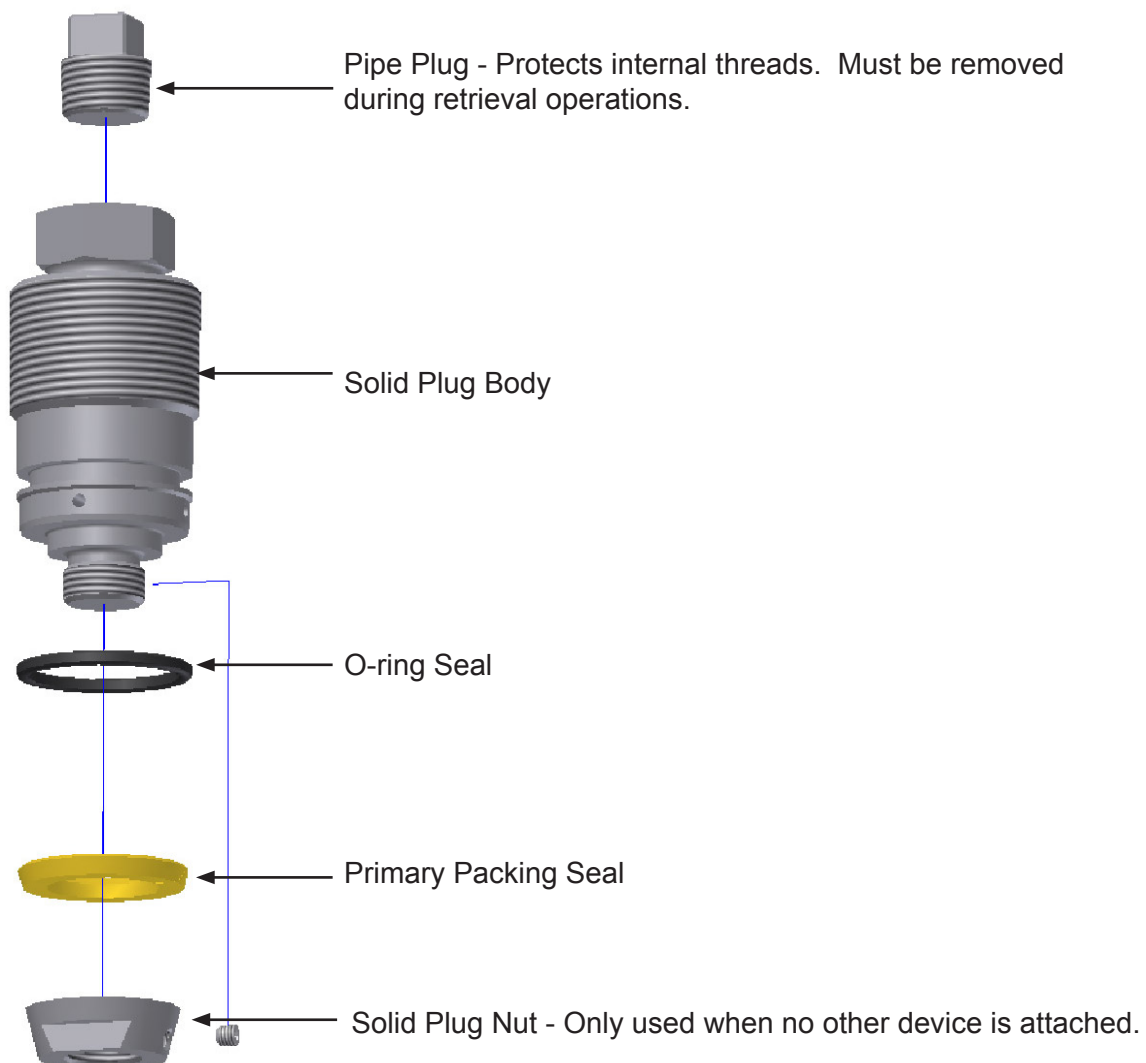
ACCESS FITTING PLUG

CHAPTER 4

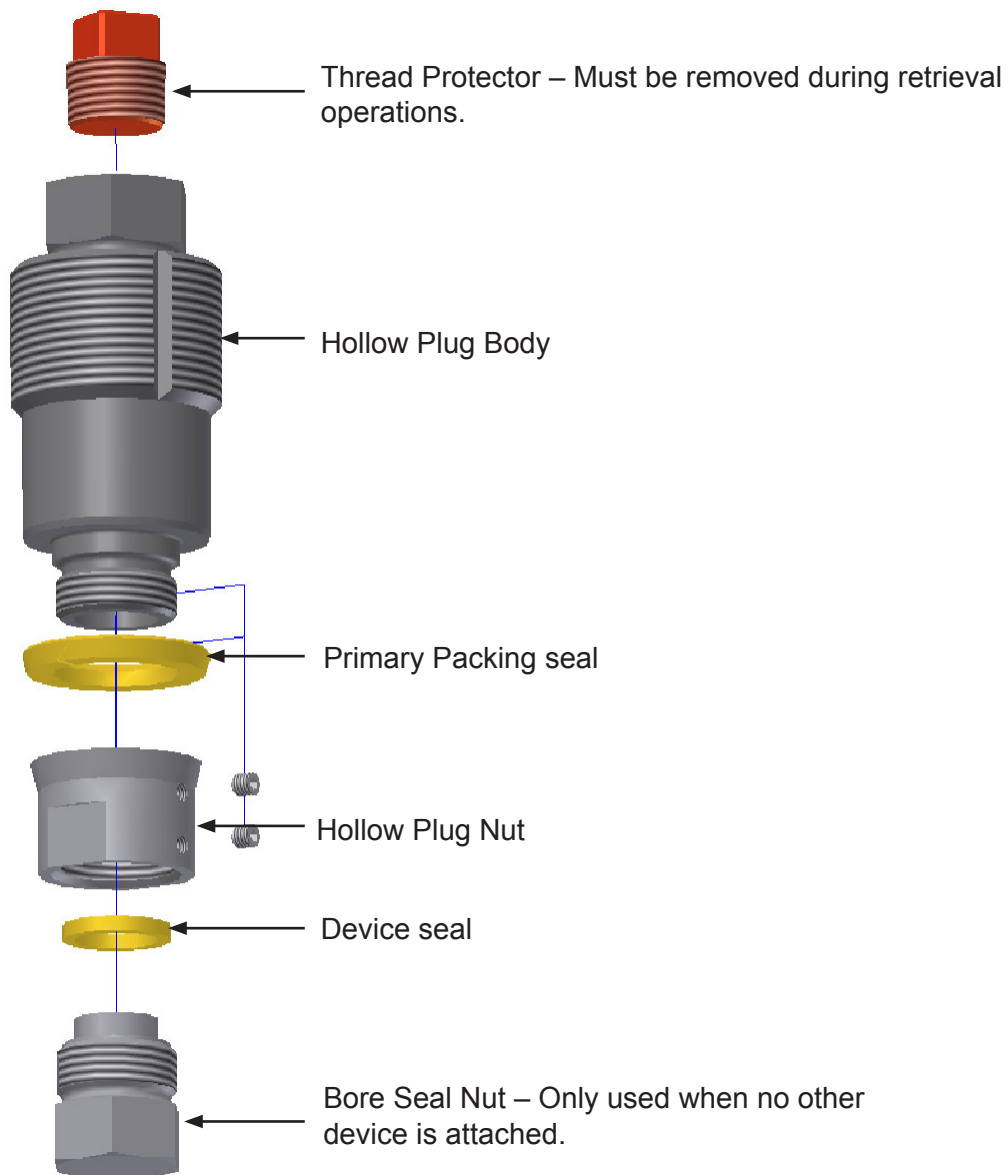
4.1 Solid and Hollow Plugs

The Access Fitting plug is the retrievable “carrier” which holds the device (coupon holder, probe, chemical injection nut, etc.) which may be installed into the Access Fitting. There are two types of plugs:

1. Solid Plug – This plug has a solid bore, and is used to hold devices which do not require external connections, such as coupon holders. They are always used in conjunction with devices which interface to a side-tee access fitting, such as injection or sampling systems.



2. Hollow Plug – This plug has a hollow bore through the plug, and is used to hold devices which require an external connection, such as corrosion monitoring probes and hydrogen monitoring probes.



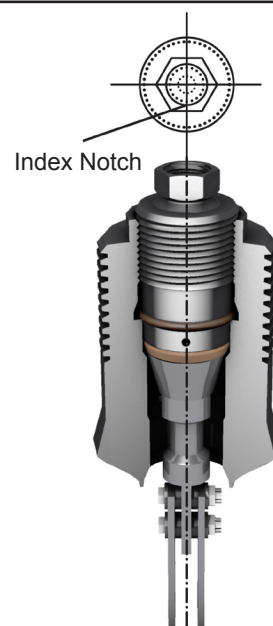
4.2 Installing & Orienting the Plug

WARNING



A COSASCO Retriever and Service Valve must be used if line is under pressure. Installing, operating or maintaining a Rohrback Cosasco Systems high pressure retrieval tool improperly could lead to serious injury or death from a surge of pressure into the Retriever during retrieval (causing pistoning). Comply with all information on the product, in the relevant work instruction, and in COSASCO System Safety Awareness Training that apply to the product. Do not allow untrained or inexperienced personnel to work with these products. Use COSASCO parts and work procedures specified in the work instruction.

1. Remove the plug from the Access Fitting body. Loosen the Allen head set screw and remove the nut. The solid plug nut and the hollow plug bore seal nut are both *left hand* threads, to help prevent the device from coming loose during retrieval operations. Connect the corrosion monitoring or preventing device to the plug assembly (with left-hand threads). See specific work instructions for each monitoring/preventing device. After initial packing contact, compress the packing by tightening the device up to 1/4 turn more. Please note that the Primary Packing seal is not compressed by the tightening of the nut, as the nut is tightened against the plug body. It is normal for the Primary packing seal to remain loose after the nut is tightened. Securely lock into place by tightening the anti-vibration Allen head set screw.



If the corrosion monitoring or preventing device requires orienting with the product flow, “reference” or “index” the plug assembly by filing a notch across the top of the hex (see right). The notch should be filed so that the device can be aligned with the product flow. Apply an appropriate grease to the full length of the plug assembly threads. **DO NOT** apply grease to the monitoring or preventing device.

If inserting the plug under pressure with the use of the Retriever and Service Valve, refer to the Work Instruction supplied with the Retriever and/or Service Valve

If inserting the plug manually, gently thread the plug assembly into the Access Fitting body. Do not use excessive force and be sure that the threads engage properly to prevent cross-threading. If cross-threading does occur, it will be necessary to use the Access Fitting Body Tap Assembly, Part Number 125111.

The reference mark as previously mentioned must now be aligned to product flow direction. Turn the plug assembly hex clockwise until the mark does align to the flow direction. If the plug assembly was installed as described, sufficient room for travel to allow orienting will be available. **CAUTION: DO NOT TURN THE PLUG ASSEMBLY HEX COUNTERCLOCKWISE TO ACHIEVE ORIENTATION!**

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DO NOT TURN THE PLUG ASSEMBLY HEX COUNTERCLOCKWISE TO ACHIEVE ORIENTATION! This will unseat the primary packing seal from the internal sealing face of the access fitting and leakage will occur!

Make sure the fitting is clean and dry, and install the thread protecting pipe plug into the top of the plug. Liberally grease the 1/4" stainless steel pipe plug and install into the solid plug hand tight. Hollow plug assemblies use a red plastic pipe plug, therefore greasing is unnecessary.

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