RipTide® RFID Drilling Reamer 16500

Provides unlimited actuations to enlarge boreholes below casing restrictions and simultaneously drill and enlarge wellbores

Applications

- Drilling and enlarging simultaneously in a single trip
- Underreaming concentric boreholes below casing restrictions to facilitate casing running and to permit a larger intermediate casing diameter
- Expanding existing pilot holes in a wide range of formations
- Reducing annular fluid velocities to effectively manage equivalent circulation density and minimize the risk of kicks
- Facilitating solid-expandable installations and openhole, gravel-pack, and oversized-liner completions
- Optimizing cement jobs

Features and Benefits

- The RipTide drilling reamer offers two methods of activation—radiofrequency identification (RFID) and pressure cycling—and delivers virtually unlimited activation and deactivation during tripping and drilling.
- The fullbore ID permits wireline retrieval of radioactive sources beneath the reamer, which saves rig time and associated costs.
- The RipTide RFID drilling reamer records downhole events such as vibration, pressure, and temperature to provide the operator with a better understanding of downhole conditions.
- Tandem tools can be run in the same bottomhole assembly (BHA) with fully independent control, which improves operational efficiency.
- The reamer can operate with low flow rates to protect sensitive formations.
- Cutter blocks grip the reamer body at full actuation to reduce vibration, which extends cutter life.
- The retractable cutter blocks facilitate reamer retrieval to save substantial rig time and costs.

Tool Description

The Weatherford RipTide RFID drilling reamer 16500 is a concentric massbalance underreamer that enlarges the borehole below casing restrictions. The versatile reamer can simultaneously drill and enlarge when used in conjunction with a rotary-steerable system, motor, or rotary BHA. The RipTide reamer can also be used to underream existing boreholes and to open selective zones for solid-expandable installations.

The reamer is electronically activated using RFID technology, which provides virtually unlimited activations and deactivations on demand. A small yet durable RFID tag is dropped into the drillpipe ID at surface level and carried downhole in the drilling fluid. The tag transmits instructions to the electronic downhole reader on the reamer controller. Then the controller unlocks, which allows the cutter blocks to fully extend from the reamer body. Alternatively, the reamer controller is equipped with a second method of activation via pressure cycling. At any point in the operation either method of activation can be used.



The Weatherford RipTide RFID drilling reamer 16500 has retractable and concentric cutter blocks that minimize vibration while drilling and facilitate tool retrieval.



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Specifications

Overall length	٨	22.16 ft (6.75 m)
Length with booster sub	A	26.71 ft (8.14 m)
Fishing neck length	В	2.00 ft (0.61 m)
Fishing neck OD	С	8.25 in. (209.55 mm)
		9.50 in. (241.30 m)
Reamer body OD	D	16.00 in. (406.40 mm)
Distance from bottom sub pin to cutter blocks (open position)	E	6.00 ft (1.83 m)

Additional Specifications

Maximum flow rate	2,000 gal/min (7,571 L/min)
Tensile yield	1,777,800 lbf (806,396 kgf)
Torsional yield	118,100 ft-lb (160,122 N·m)
Inside diameter	2.81 in. (71.37 mm)
	3.50 in. (88.90 mm)
Nozzle size in reamer, minimum and maximum	7/32 to 16/32 in. (5.56 to 12.70 mm)
Maximum flow through each nozzle ^a	206 gal/min (779.8 L/min)
Maximum flow through all nozzles ^a	618 gal/min (2,339 L/min)
Top sub length	3.00 ft (0.91 m)
Top sub box up connection	6-5/8 Reg or 7-5/8 Reg
RFID controller OD	9.25 in. (234.95 mm)
RFID controller length	10.86 ft (3.31 m)
Booster sub length (optional)	4.55 ft (1.39 m)
Reamer body length	5.50 ft (1.68 m)
Equivalent body diameter ^b	15.05 in. (382.29 mm)
Bottom sub OD	9.50 in. (241.30 mm)
Bottom sub length	2.80 ft (0.85 m)
Bottom sub pin down connection	7-5/8 Reg
Reamer assembly weight ^c	2,775 lb (1,259 kg)
Controller assembly with top sub	2,370 lb (1,075 kg)



^c The reamer assembly weight does not include cutter blocks.

Available Cutter Block Sizes

PDC	Pilot Hole	Opening Diameter
16 × 13 mm	16.25 in.	19.00 in. (482.60 mm)
		20.00 in. (508.00 mm)
		21.00 in. (533.40 mm)
19 × 13 mm	17.50 in.	22.00 in. (558.80 mm)
	18.50 in.	24.00 in. (609.60 mm)
	21.00 in.	26.00 in. (660.40 mm)
	23.00 in.	28.00 in. (711.20 mm)
	26.00 in.	32.00 in. (812.80 mm)
	28.00 in.	35.00 in. (889.00 mm)



Recommended Drilling Parameters

Maximum rotation	150 rpm
Weight on reamer	35,000 lb (155,690 N⋅m)
Torque	60,000 ft-lb (81,350 N⋅m)
Dogleg severity	15°/100 ft (30 m)
Lost-circulation material	75 lb/bbl (0.21 g/cm ³)
Maximum temperature	266°F (130°C)



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