

RipTide® RFID Drilling Reamer 9500

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—radio-frequency 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 9500 is a concentric mass-balance 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.



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Specifications

Overall length	A	21.13 ft (6.44 m)
Length with booster sub		24.46 ft (7.46 m)
Fishing neck length	B	2.00 ft (0.61 m)
Fishing neck OD	C	6.75 in. (171.45 mm)
Reamer body OD	D	9.25 in. (234.90 mm)
Distance from bottom sub pin to cutter blocks (open position)	E	4.81 ft (1.47 m)

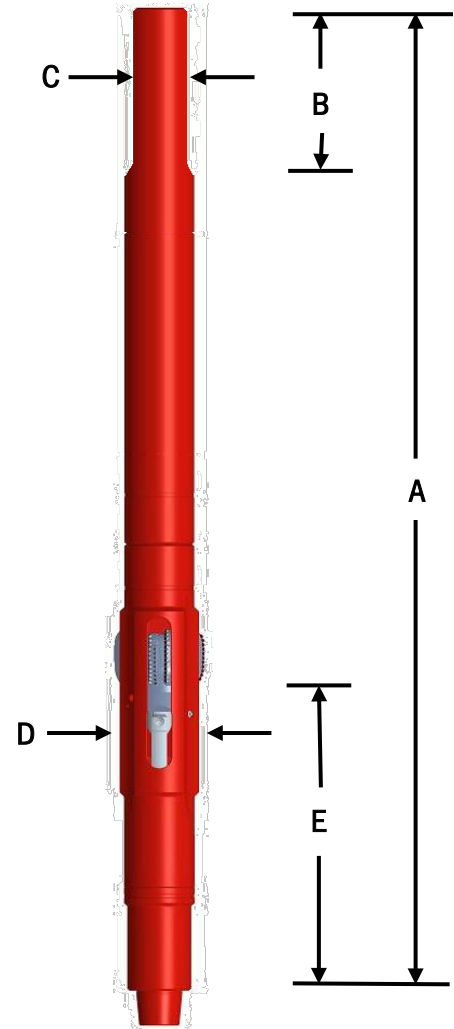
Additional Specifications

Maximum flow rate	830 gal/min (3,141 L/min)
Tensile yield	985,800 lbf (447,151 kgf)
Torsional yield	56,900 ft-lb (77,146 N·m)
Inside diameter	2.125 in. (53.98 mm)
Nozzle size in reamer, minimum and maximum	7/32 to 20/32 in. (5.56 to 15.88 mm)
Maximum flow through each nozzle ^a	72 gal/min (272.55 L/min)
Maximum flow through all nozzles ^a	216 gal/min (817.65 L/min)
Top sub length	3.00 ft (0.91 m)
Top sub box up connection	NC50
RFID controller OD	7.625 in. (193.68 mm)
RFID controller length	11.80 ft (3.60 m)
Booster sub length (optional)	3.33 ft (1.01 m)
Reamer body length	3.58 ft (1.09 m)
Equivalent body diameter ^b	8.90 in. (226.06 mm)
Bottom sub OD	6.75 in. (171.45 mm)
Bottom sub length	2.75 ft (0.84 m)
Bottom sub pin down connection	NC50
Reamer assembly weight ^c	864 lb (392 kg)
Controller assembly with top sub	1,400 lb (635 kg)

^a The flow rate is 75 ft/sec (22.9 m/sec).

^b The measurement indicates the body OD minus the junk slot.

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



Available Cutter Block Sizes

PDC	Pilot Hole	Opening Diameter
13 × 13 mm	9.50 in.	10.25 in. (260.30 mm)
		10.50 in. (266.70 mm)
		11.00 in. (279.40 mm)
		11.25 in. (285.75 mm)
		11.50 in. (292.10 mm)
		11.75 in. (298.50 mm)
		12.00 in. (304.80 mm)
		12.25 in. (311.20 mm)

Recommended Drilling Parameters

Maximum rotation	150 rpm
Weight on reamer	20,000 lb (88,960 N·m)
Torque	28,000 ft-lb (37,960 N·m)
Dogleg severity	12°/100 ft (30 m)
Lost-circulation material	55 lb/bbl (0.16 g/cm ³)
Maximum temperature	266°F (130°C)

