#### **The Underground Utilities Event**

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# Commercialization of a True Mechanical Internal Services Reinstatement **Process**

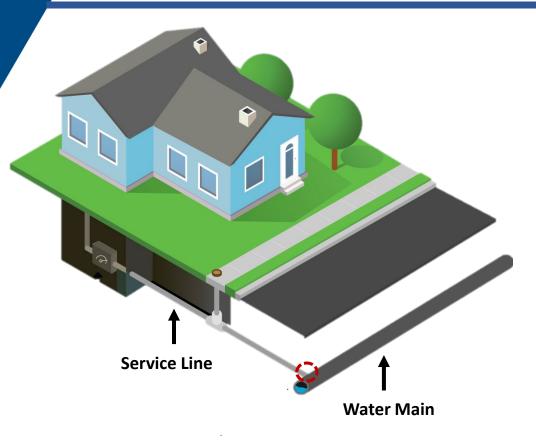


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#### **Potable Water Service Connections**





**Adhesive** 



Mechanical

#### **Historical Service Reinstatement Options**

#### Adhesive reconnections (Relies on host pipe for watertightness)



Plug and drill method whereby liner adheres to host pipe and service corporation

#### **Excavated mechanical reconnections**



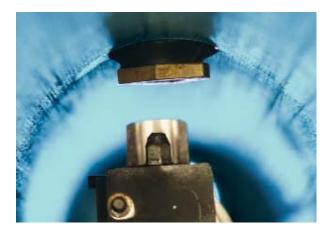
Involves open-cut excavation and installation of new mechanical connections at each service.

#### **Robotic mechanical reconnection**



Robotic installation of a mechanical fitting to provide a watertight internal connection

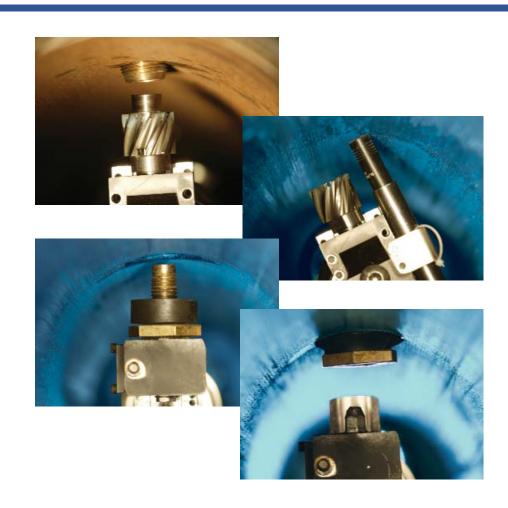




#### **Old Robotics**

- Reverse thread of protruding services
- Plug existing services
- Locate & Drill at connection (post lining)
- Install mechanical fitting

- Highly inefficient:
  - One at a time
  - Miles traveled for each segment
- Success rate just ok
- Limited to direct taps 1" and smaller
- Expensive



### Need for updated and improved methods...



#### **Next Generation Internal Mechanical Reinstatements**



**Measurement probe** 

Consists of laser sensors and inspection camera



**Mechanical fittings** 

Utilizes a patented push-in-place "Corpbite" system that maximizes pull-out force



**Self-locating plug** 

Installed prior to lining to prevent resin migration



**Cartridge loading system** 

Holds up to 8 plugs/mechanical fittings to maximize production



**Drilling tool** 

Detects exact location of plug prior to drilling



#### **Interface software**

Provides operator with easy-touse interface for reinstating connections



#### **Robotic Equipment – Measurement Probe**



# Consists of laser sensors and inspection camera



Laser identifies corporation diameter and alignment to the host pipe



Camera mounted on the probe validates the current position of the corporation valve



#### **Service Relocation Device – Plug**



#### **Installed prior to lining**

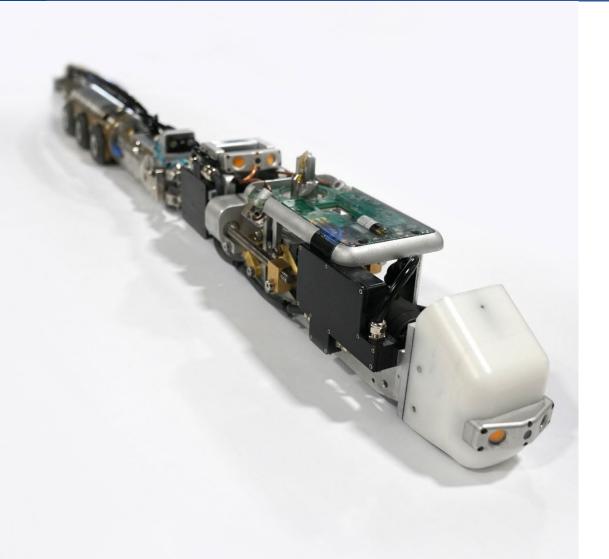


Prevents resin migration during cure



Magnetic array embedded into the rim of the device enables precise relocating after lining

#### **Robotic Equipment – Drilling Tool**



Contains cameras, lights and lasers to assist operator with alignment as well as sensors to detect exact location of plug prior to drilling

**Drills plug out post-lining** 



#### **Robotic Equipment – Measurement Probe**





Manufactured utilizing specialized stainless steel materials and gaskets that are capable of withstanding long-term exposure



Utilizes a patented push-in-place "Corpbite" system that maximizes the pull-out force of the device while maintaining the low force required for installation



#### **Robotic Equipment – Fitting and Plug Installation Tool**





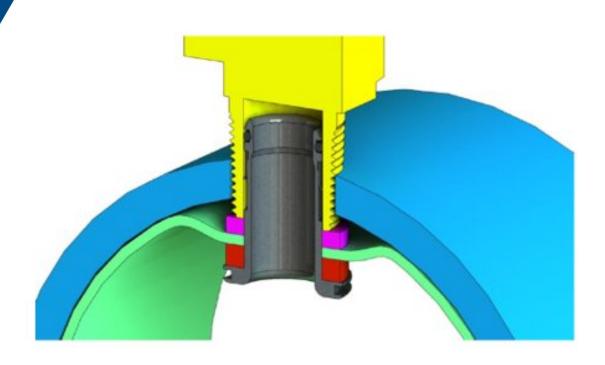
Cartridge system holds up to 8 plugs/mechanical fittings in order to maximize production



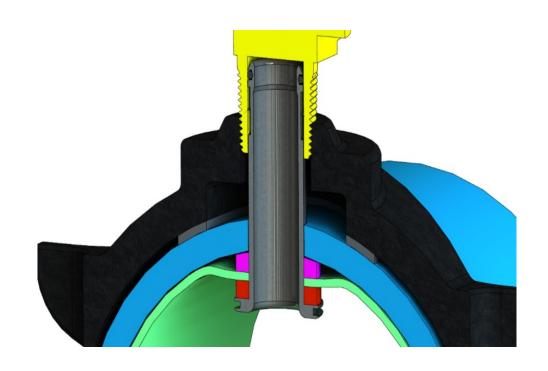
Each cartridge silo includes laser alignment tools and cameras for precise installation



#### **Completed Watertight System**

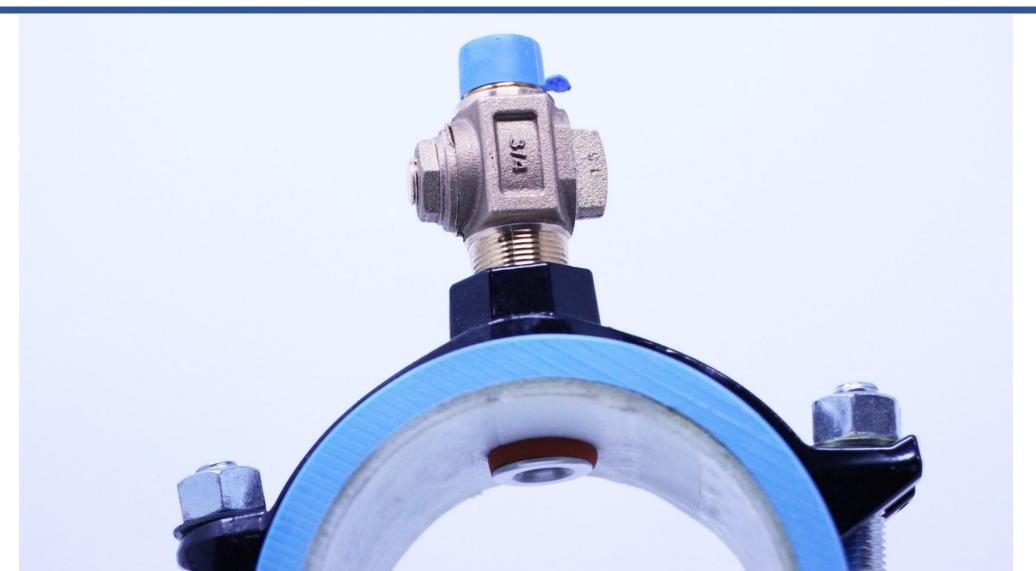


**Direct tapped service** 



Saddle tapped service

#### **Completed Watertight System**



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#### The iTap® System

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The only <u>long-term</u> solution for service reconnections

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Detects exact location of plug prior to drilling



#### **Interface software**

Provides operator with easy-to-use interface for reinstating connections

#### **Questions?**

## THANK YOU!

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