

7 5/8” 39# P110 VAM HTF running for DEVON (USA)

The first “commercial” string of VAM HTF has been run in the USA for DEVON, in an on-shore well located in East Texas. The string was the first production order manufactured at VAM USA. It was threaded at the Hardy Road facility – line3 - on V&M Star pipes.

The running of the 7 5/8” 39# P110 VAM HTF string took place on September 27-28th, 2008 in the Neal 15H well, Fairfield, TX, under the supervision of VAM USA Field Service and R&D engineers as well as VAM Field Service International.

50 joints were successfully run downhole, at the bottom of the well (13,200 ft), in a 60 deg deviated section (build rate below 13 deg/100ft). VAM TOP was run on the vertical upper section.



At the beginning of the running, during the make-up of the accessories, adjustments of the make-up acceptance criteria, that did not compromise the connection integrity, had to be made.

After running these first 8 joints, the remainder of the job went smoothly, at a 12 jts/hour rate, with no reject and very consistent make-up graphs demonstrating the VAM HTF field friendliness. The string was cemented in place and pressure tested successfully.

The field running procedure will be optimized for future jobs.