

# Horizontal Directional Drilling

for Microduct Installation



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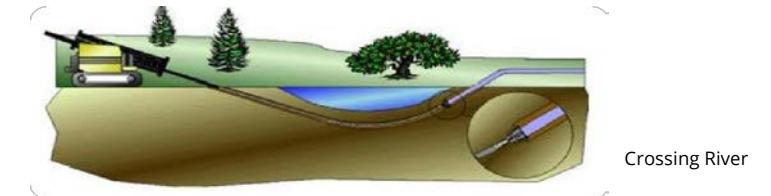
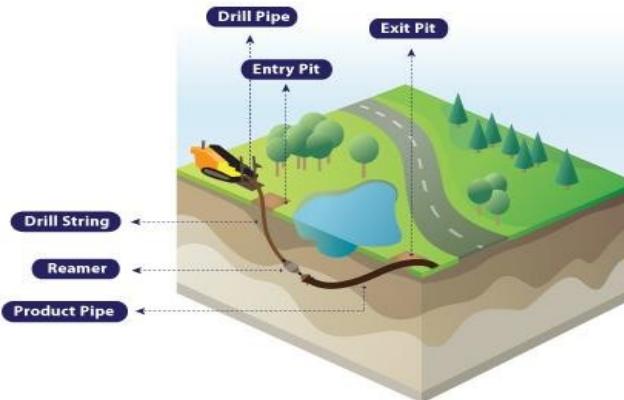
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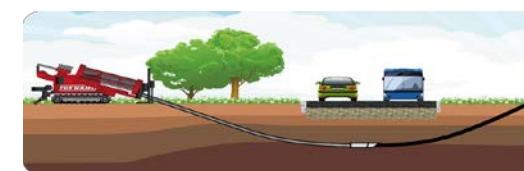
# Overview

## ✓ Definition

- Trenchless construction technology to install underground utility with minimal disruption of ground surface
- Direction adjustment using location sensor
- Up to **2,000m & 60" diameter** PE pipe installable



Crossing River



Crossing Road

## ✓ Advantage

FAST deployment  
Able to running in LIMITED space



Reduce of time, space and COST.  
Designed for EASY to mobilize at congested area or traffic

# General Drilling process

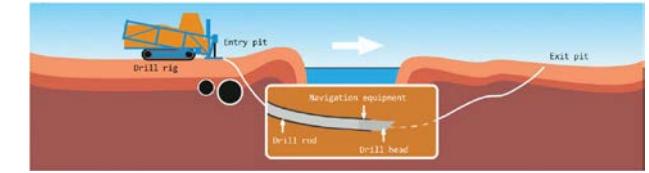
## Pilot drilling

Reaming  
Pull back

### ✓ Pilot drilling

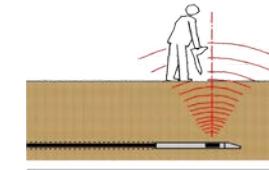
#### Drilling from entry to exit pit

Boring by drill bit rotation or rod pushing  
At entry pit, rods supplied for sequential string connection  
Boring mud is supplied through rod



#### Sensing & adjustment

Sensing of bit location :  
RF signal & detector: wireless detection(battery driven)  
Around 25m depth range(DigiTrak)  
Magnetic: wired & precise method  
Direction control  
By bit angle or rotation



#### Drilling mud- Bentonite

Montmorillonite(Sodium)  
Clay of volcanic ash: absorbent Aluminum phyllosilicate  
5% mix with water: swell(x 15), lubricant & gel state  
Function  
Drill bit cooling & lubricant, borehole suspension, soil cutting removal etc.  
Thixotropic: gel – sol change



# General Drilling process

Pilot drilling/Boring

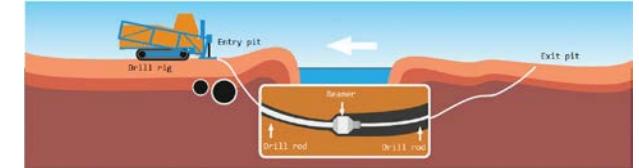
**Reaming**  
**Pull back**

## ✓ Reaming

Borehole diameter enlargement

To get enough diameter for pipe accommodation  
**120~150% bigger** than utility pipe diameter  
If necessary, more than one pass reaming is done

Reamer - Depending on application  
Diameter and shape varies



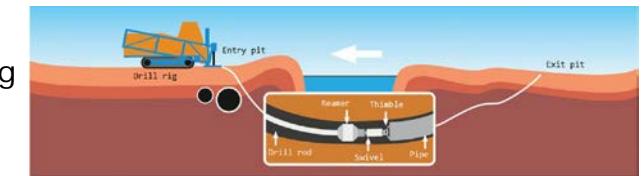
## ✓ Pipe pulling & install

Installation of pipe

Swivel, thimble & fuse are required for proper pulling  
At entry, each drill rod is removed after pulling  
Control of **tensile load & deformation** is important

Pulling

More than one pipe can be pulled at a time  
**Excess length** needed for shrinkage due to axial tensile elongation & thermal stabilization  
At exit pit location, butt fusion is done



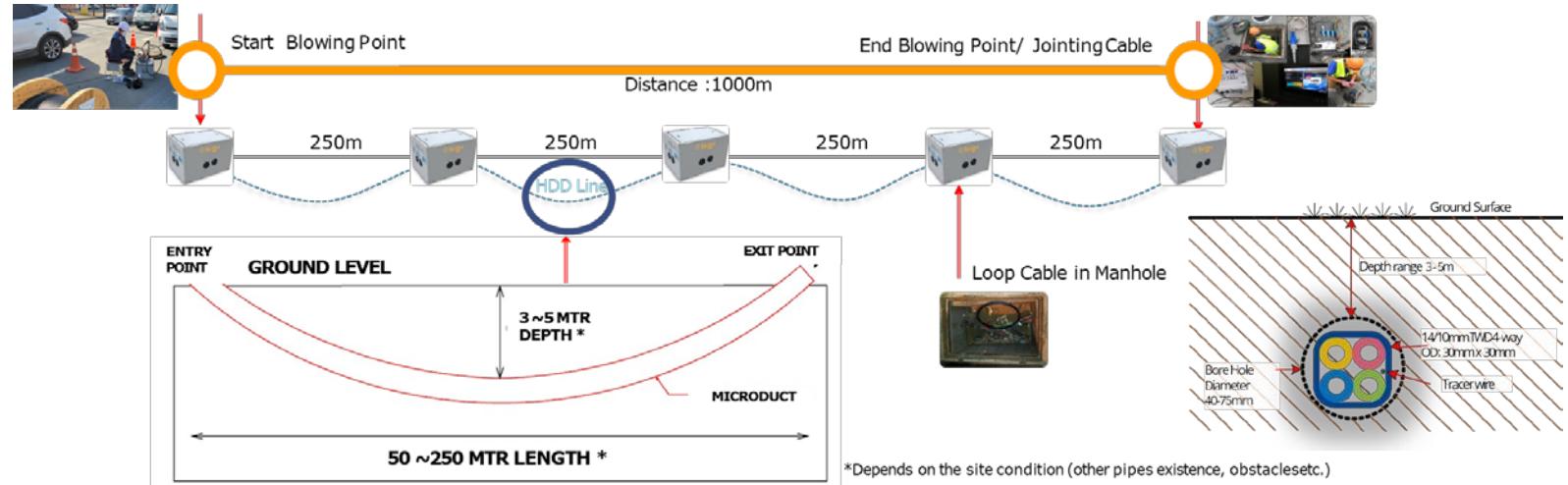
# Microduct HDD Installation

## ✓ HDD Cross Sectional Drawing Sample ( Microduct Installation)

Microduct type - Direct Buried Duct or Double Sheath Duct

Up to 3 ~5 meter depth range / 100~ 250m Bore length / 40~75 mm Bore Diameter

Ground Dive Speed : 3.5 mph (93meter/min)



## ✓ Drilling Process

Pilot drilling/Boring

Reaming ( No need for microduct installation)

Pull back

# Microduct Recommendation

## Double Sheath Duct - Developed for HDD

Knet's Double Sheath Multi Duct is designed with double layers of outer sheath applied to thick walled tube to maximize the prevention of duct damage during HDD Installation or Pulling.

Double sheath double protection

Prevention from excessive abrasion while installing the duct

Crush and impact resistance

Solution specialized in Horizontal Directional Drilling and Open Cut

Applicable in harsh environment



14/10mm 7way

Unwelcomed method of trenching was driving the customer to chose HDD in Philippines. Trenchless drilling requires the microduct withstanding pullback loads, external service loads and 14/10mm 7way with Double Sheath Multi duct were the right choice for this installation requirement



14/10mm 4way

This product were used for river crossing with HDD. Two layer of sheath meets the hydraulic requirement. Average 5000ft (1.5Km) were installed under the river at one time

## Direct Buried Duct

TWD ( Thick Walled Duct) or DBHS ( Direct Buried High Strength)



T W D



D B H S

# Comparison

## Conventional Duct VS Microduct

### Installation Scenario for 216 fiber capacity

#### Conventional Duct



#### Microduct



CONVENTIONAL DUCT		MICRODUCT
Duct Type	HDPE Pipe	
Formation of Duct	1 x 110mm HDPE Pipe + 3 innerduct	1 x 4way microduct 14/10mm
Outer Diameter Size	HDPE Duct: 110mm Subduct: 32mm	Microduct 93mm Subduct 14mm
Total Subduct	3 subduct	1 Duct
Type of Cable Used	Conventional Fiber Optic Cable 72core Outer Diameter: 14mm	Air Blown Cable 72core Outer Diameter: 6.0mm
Total Cable	72core x 3subduct = 216core	72core x 3subduct = 216core + 1 subduct for future proof

#### 4way Double Sheath Microduct

- Using 3 duct to cover 216core and even save 1 tube for future usage which total capacity becomes 288 core

#### 72 Core Micro cable (6.0mm)

#### Air Blowing Installation

# Benefit

## HDD of Microduct

### Benefit of HDD Method

- 5 Long and complicated crossings can be accomplished with a great degree of accuracy
- 4 Can make deep installations and avoid surface obstacles such as rivers, railways, or highways
- 3 Requires a relatively short set up time
- 2 Less invasive than the traditional open cut
- 1 Surface disruption is minimized

### Benefit of Using Microduct

- 1) Minimizing the costs
  - ✓ Initial costing : one time charge for civil works
  - ✓ Long term costing : reduce cost for upgrading
- 2) Future-proofing
  - ✓ Future expansion of subscription can be installed immediately
  - ✓ Easy to change and upgrade to latest technology / fiber types
- 3) Minimize number of splicing points
  - ✓ Splicing cable only done after ~1.5km
- 4) Quick and smooth installation of duct and cable
  - ✓ Reducing the risk of cable damaged
  - ✓ Increasing installation distance of cable blowing
- 5) Less use of manpower
  - ✓ Small equipment and tools, easy to install

## Reference & Useful Videos

- Chapter 12 Horizontal Directional Drilling, The Plastics Pipe Institute Handbook of Polyethylene Pipe 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, PPI
- Horizontal Directional Drilling, Brochure of MEC, 2012

### Video clips

[horizontal directional drilling \(HDD\) demo video](#)

[Horizontal directional drilling \(how it works\)](#)

[Prime Drilling - Horizontal directional Drilling explained](#)

[Horizontal Directional Drilling \(HDD\): How the Drill Bit is Steered](#)

### Further reading

[Guidelines for Use of Mini-Horizontal Directional Drilling for Placement of High Density Polyethylene Pipe, TR-46, PPI, 2009](#)



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