

# Horizontal Directional Drilling

for Microduct Installation



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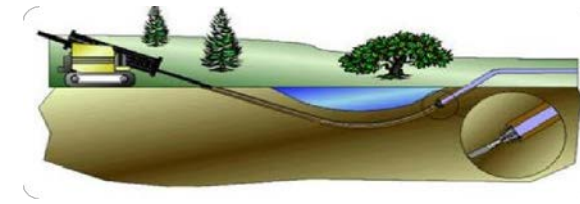
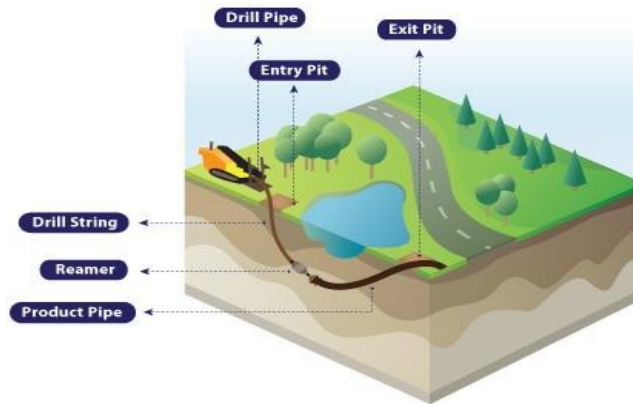
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# Overview

## ✓ 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

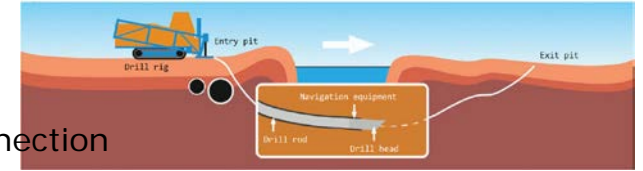
## Pilot drilling

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



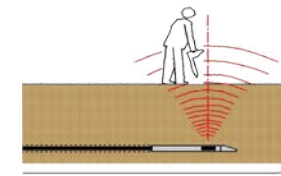
### Sensing & adjustment

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

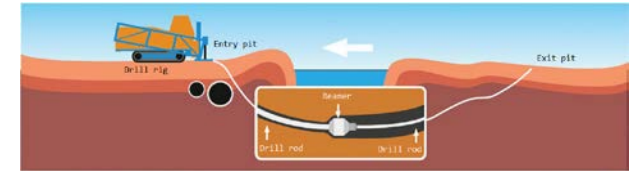
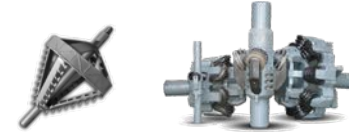
**Reaming**  
**Pull back**

## ✓ 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



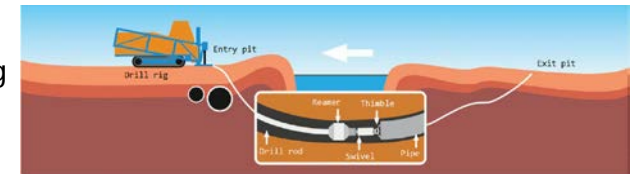
## ✓ Pipe pulling & install

### 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

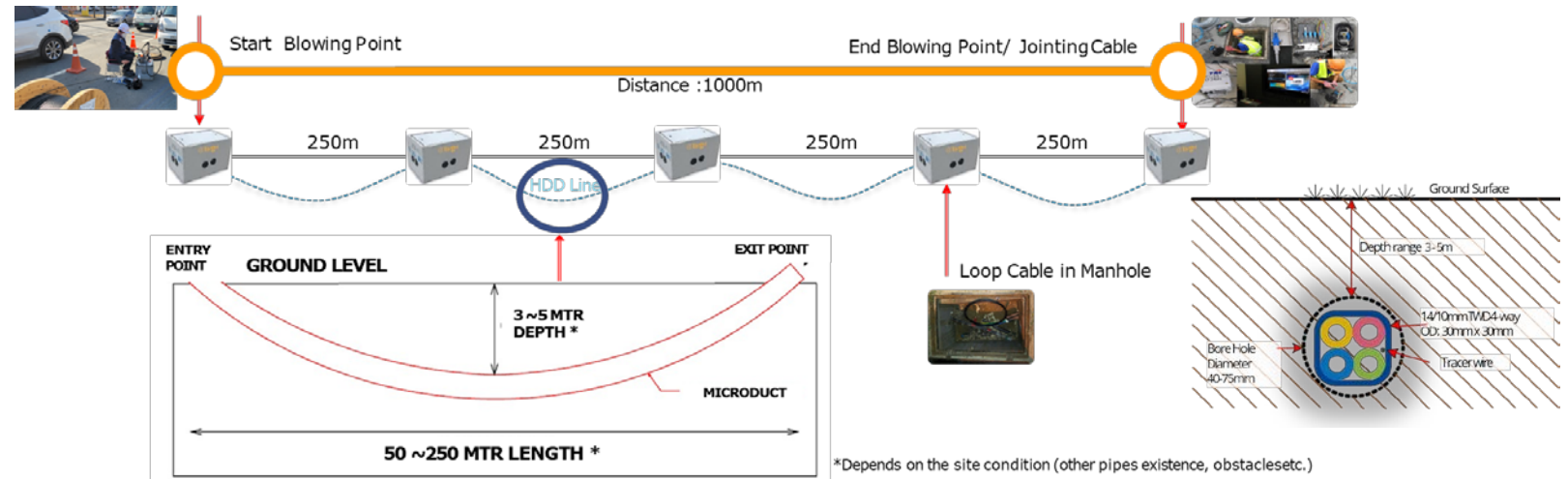
More than one pipe can be pulled at a time  
**Excess length** needed for shrinkage due to axial tensile elongation & thermal stabilization  
At exit pit location, butt fusion is done



# Microduct HDD Installation

## ✓ HDD Cross Sectional Drawing ( 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



# Recommended Microduct



## 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



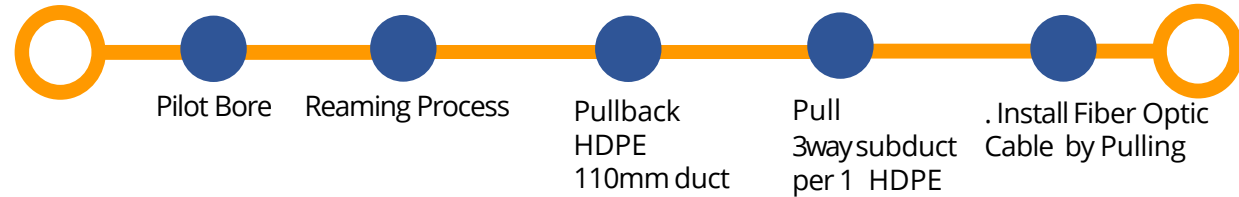
D B H S

# Comparison

Conventional Duct  
VS  
Microduct

## Installation Scenario for 216 fiber capacity

Conventional Duct



Microduct



	CONVENTIONAL DUCT	MICRODUCT
Duct Type		
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 33mm 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 3 subduct = 216core	72core x 3 subduct = 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

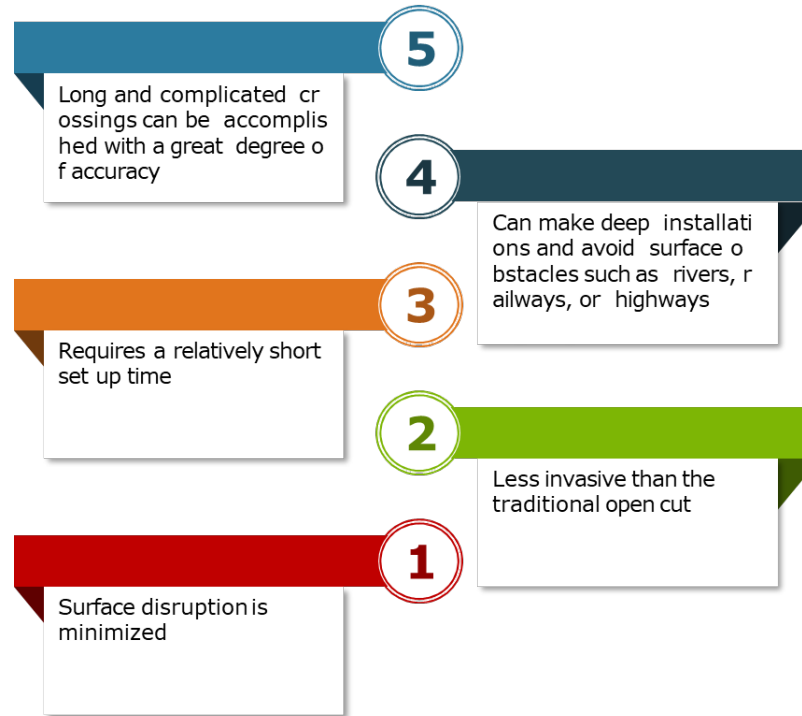









# Benefit

## HDD of Microduct

### Benefit of HDD Method



### 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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