# **Changes**in the Water Well Industry

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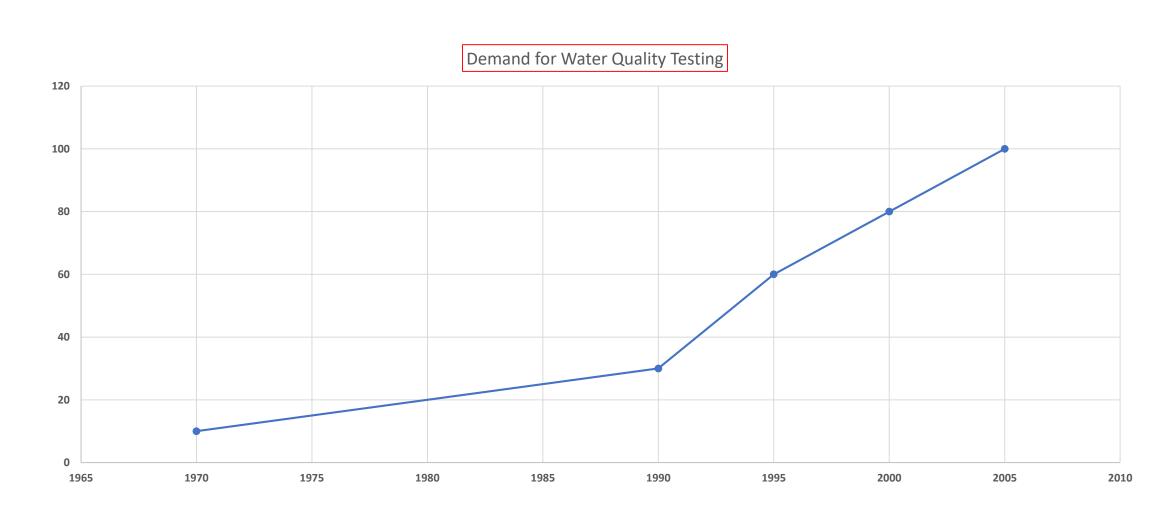
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#### Pitless Adaptor

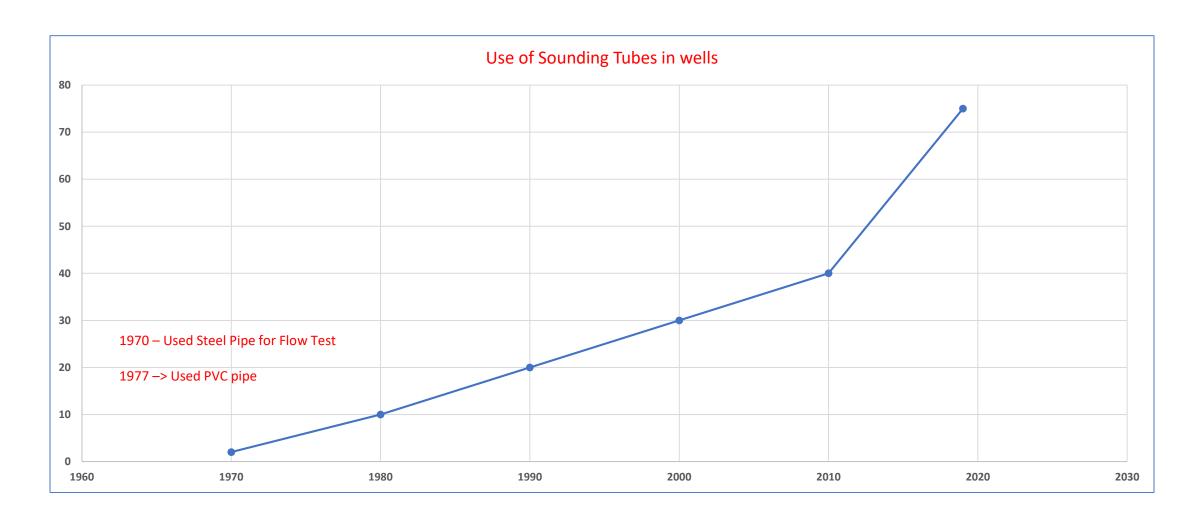
Historically, the Pitless Adaptor breaks into the local Drilling Industry between 1970 - 1975



#### **Demand for Water Quality Testing**



#### Well Sounding Tube



#### Well Sounding Tube Uses

#### **Initially:**

- Measure Water Levels during a Flow (Pump) Test
- Monitor the Pumping level when well is operating
- Monitor the Static Level when well is at rest

#### Added uses:

- House a permanent water level transducer or other sensing equipment
- Track water drawdown interference from neighboring pumping well activities
- Inject Chlorine to the bottom of the well during well disinfection
- And so on....





#### Well Sounding Tube — application perspective

- The time it took for the Sounding Tube knowledge to move from Abbotsford to Chilliwack in the west side of the Fraser Valley, or 15 miles (24 km) => **30 years.**
- The time it took for the knowledge to smelt Iron, from the eastern side of the Eurasian continent to the west (about 5,000 miles) => **600 years.**
- This tracks to about 8.3 miles per year for knowledge about Iron to cross the continent, while the knowledge of well sounding tube tracked out to be about 2 miles per year.!!!

# Base Marks (information)Reporting Needs for customer

- Static Water Level
- 2. Pumping water level
- 3. Initial (original) Water Quality (chemical and microbiological) values
- 4. Specific Capacity of well after X-hours of pumping
- 5. Initial pumping rate through the distribution system
- 6. Original Pump data: Volts; Amps; Operating pressure; etc.

#### Flush Faced vs Clear Way Pitless Adaptor

Pros and Cons – Bolt-On and Weld-On models



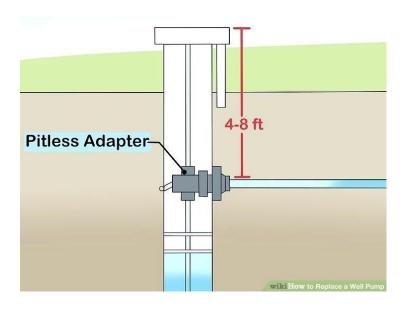


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- Little is known about the Bolt-On model
- Bolt-On models only available in 1-inch and 1 ¼ inch sizes
- 2,000 lbs and 4,000 lbs rated models
- Bolt-On units not stocked by local Pump suppliers at this time takes 2 weeks to order them in.
- The Weld-On units take a skilled Welder to install
- Weld-On units have a higher load rating; more readily available.
- Installers are not wanting to stock them.
- Additional upfront cost of Flush Face easily offsets the well's first rehab

### Pitless Adaptor Installation





## What's Driving the Need for clear passage into the Well-Head?

 When changing out a domestic Pump in a fairly standard 20-year cycle, we are seeing some major messes from Biofouling in the wells.

 This mess should be cleaned out of the well with each pump changeout to increase longevity of the well.

Good access is needed to keep costs down.





### That's All Folks !!!