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Divertor CA Integration Technical Overview for Market Survey

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1 Purpose

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2 Background

The ITER Project aims to demonstrate the scientific and technological feasibility of fusion power for peaceful purposes and to gain the knowledge necessary for the design of the next-stage DEMOnstration fusion power plant.

ITER is a joint international research and development project for which initial construction activities have started. The seven Members of the IO form the seven Domestic Agencies (DA) and include: European Atomic Energy Community (EUDA), Japan (JADA), People's Republic of China (CNDA), Republic of India (INDA), Republic of Korea (KODA), Russian Federation (RFDA) and United States of America (USDA).

ITER is being constructed in Europe, at St Paul Les Durance, in southern France, where the IO has its headquarters.

The main components of the ITER Tokamak are the Magnets, Vacuum Vessel, Cryostat, Blanket and Divertor. As a main component, the Divertor is a Tungsten ring located at the bottom of the vacuum chamber that faces the thermonuclear plasma. It removes most of the impurities coming from the plasma. The figure below shows the Divertor relative to the machine.

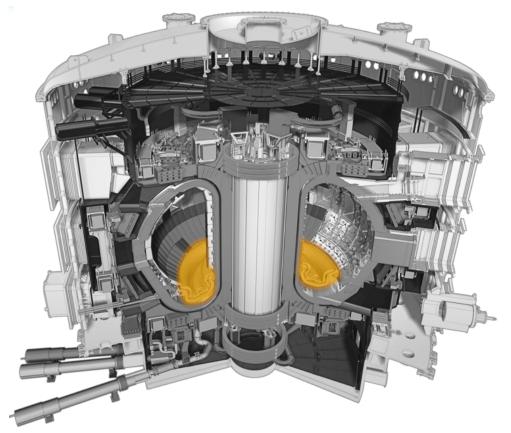


Figure 1: ITER Machine and Main Components

The Divertor consist of 54 CAs that are made of one Cassette Body (CB) and three Tungsten Plasma Facing Components (PFCs), namely from inboard to outboard: Inner Vertical Target (IVT), Dome and Outer Vertical Target (OVT). There are 33 Standard CAs and 21 Non-Standard CAs. As shown in the figure below, the Non-Standard CA is similar to the Standard CA but also includes other components, essentially parts of

Diagnostics and Instrumentation (sensors, looms, connectors, etc). Collectively, the PFCs, Diagnostics and Instrumentation are referred to as Free-Issued Items (FII). Each CA is about 3.3m long, 2.2m tall and weighs around 10tons. The IO will install the Divertor for Pre Fusion Power Operation-1, at the end of Assembly Phase II.

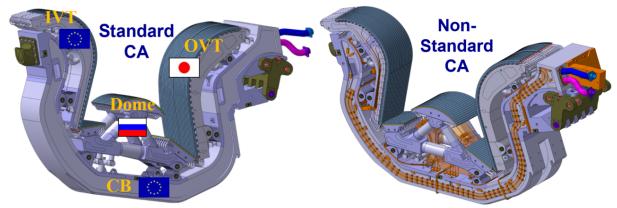


Figure 2: Standard and Non-Standard CAs

The procurement of the FII and CB is at the charge of the DAs via in-kind Procurement Arrangements or direct (in-cash) at the charge of IO (see Table 1 for details).

The IO is considering establishing a long partnership (~10 years) with a single supplier (so-called Integrator in the contract), including a facility/platform (so-called Integration Site in the contract) for the integration activities and executing the activities.

The table below shows the 22 components and stakeholders involved with these activities.

Free	e – Issued Items	Quantity	PBS	Supplier	FDR	MRR
1.	Central Cassette Outer Rail	3	17	EUDA	2018	
2.	Divertor Operational Instrumentation	3 Sets	17	10	2021	
3.	Dome	58	17	RFDA	2013	
4.	Inner Vertical Target	58	17	EUDA	2013	
5.	Outer Vertical Target	58	17	JADA	2013	
6.	Cassette Body	58	17	EUDA	2013	2019
7.	Bolometers	5 Sets	55.D1	EUDA	2022	2025
8.	Diagnostic Electrical Services	17 Sets	55.NE	EUDA	2020	2023
9.	Divertor Impurity Monitor	1 Set	55.E4	JADA	2020	2022
10.	Divertor Shunts	6 Sets	55.AM	EUDA	2020	2023
11.	Dust Monitor	2 Sets	55.G9	10	2022	2022
12.	Equilibrium Coils	6 Sets	55.AL	EUDA	2019	
13.	Erosion Monitor	1 Set	55.G8	10	2021	2024
14.	Langmuir Probes	5 Sets	55.G7	CNDA	2021	2022
15.	Lower Vertical Neutron Camera	1 Set	55.B2	RFDA	2021	2024
16.	Poloidal Polarimeter	1 Set	55.C6	JADA	2020	2024
17.	Pressure Gauges	4 Sets	55.G3	EUDA	2021	2023
18.	Rogowski Coils	6 Sets	55.AN	10	2024	2025
19.	Thermocouples	3 Sets	55.G2	10	2021	2024
20.	Thomson Scattering	2 Sets	55.C4	RFDA	2022	2024
21.	Lost Alpha Monitor	2 Sets	55.B9	10	2022	2023
22.	Toroidal Coils	6 Sets	55.AO	EUDA	2019	

Table 1: Procurement & Maturity of Free-Issued Items

2.1 Technical Scope

The following summarizes the full scope of work required for integrating and preparing the CAs for installation in the Tokamak machine:

- Acceptance Tests of the FII and CBs
- Integration of the FII and CBs to form the CAs
- Factory Acceptance Tests of the CAs
- Functional Tests (Knuckle Test for the CB, Instrumentation and Diagnostics)

- Customization, welding and testing of cooling pipes on CA
- Cleaning, packaging and delivery of the CAs to IO
- Storage of FII and CAs (as needed)

This scope of work is organized into Stages and may not all be under the responsibility of the Integrator. Refer to Section 2.4 for more information.

From a technical standpoint, these components are all classified Quality Class 1 and Vacuum Quality Class 1. These components are outside the scope of the ESPN regulation and classified non-Protection Important Components. Additionally, a number of them are classified Metrology Class 1. Overall, the manufacturing of these items requires state of the art industrial codes and standards.

2.1.1 Acceptance Tests of Free-Issued Items

The Acceptance Tests of the FII and CB at the Integration Site consists of the following:

- Visual Inspection and review of accelerometers
- Cold He Leak Test (as applicable)
- 3D Geometrical Survey (as applicable)
- Functional Tests (Knuckle Test for the CB, Instrumentation and Diagnostics)

2.1.2 Integration of CAs

The overall integration for completion of a CA for installation in the Tokamak consists in

- Mounting the PFCs onto the CB using the multilink and swaging procedure
- Welding the PFC cooling pipes to the CB cooling pipes
- Installing (for the non-standard CA) the Diagnostics and Instrumentation (welding sensors, boxes, connectors, looming cables)
- Customizing and welding cooling pipes on the CA

The figures below show a summary for integration of a Standard CA. Refer to Annex 2 for the full sequence of Non-Standard CA #41 (based on 2014 baseline). The technical specification for the contract will specify conceptual assembly sequences for each CA. The Integrator will have the charge to develop the detailed assembly sequences.

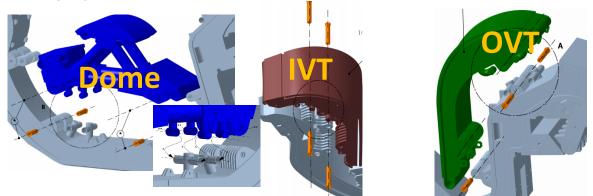


Figure 3: Mounting and Welding Cooling Pipes of Dome, IVT and OVT on CB

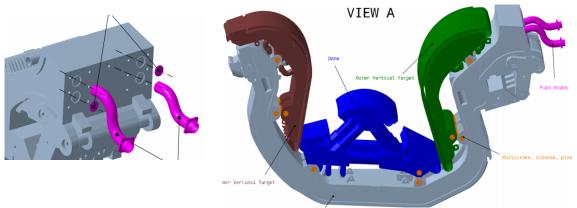


Figure 4: Welding of Customized Cooling Pipes and Complete Standard CA

2.1.3 Factory Acceptance Tests of the CAs

The Factory Acceptance Test of each CA following integration include:

- Cold Water Flow Test
- Hydraulic Pressure Test
- Cold Helium Leak Test (with local heating of welds)
- 3D Geometrical Survey
- Functional Tests

2.2 Skills and Equipment

As part of the past Divertor R&D, mock ups of the components were used to demonstrate the concept for integration of a standard CA. Based on this information and lessons learned in the prototyping and handling of the CB, the following technical skills and equipment are highlighted as key for performing the integration work, handling such heavy equipment, meeting tight tolerances and performing required testing:

- Special Equipment: 5 axis milling machine, etc
- Manufacturing/Assembly Skills:
 - Welding
 - o Dimensional Inspections to perform reverse engineering
 - Vacuum Technique
 - o Cleanliness
 - o Milling and customization
- Engineering Skills

Based on current experience in managing interfaces and interactions with 20+ stakeholders and lessons learned from ITER facilities, the following project management skills are required:

- High quality communication
- High quality, clear procedures
- o Flexibility to understand and manage the various maturity of the components and stages
- o Allow visits of the various TROs and DAs to the Integration Site

2.3 Integration Site

A single Integration Site fully equipped and capable of performing the full activities is envisioned. The allowable distance between the Integration and ITER Sites will be controlled. This is technically necessary in order to credit the Factory Acceptance Tests as Site Acceptance Tests (SAT). The purpose of the SAT would be to confirm that there was no damage during the transportation of the CAs to the ITER Site. If the distance to the ITER Site after the Factor Acceptance Test is controlled, the risk of damaging a CA during transportation is mitigated and the SAT are technically not needed.

2.4 Stages

The following five stages summarize the integration activities:

- 1 Prototype Standard CA (PFC + CB)
 - a) Reception and Acceptance Tests of PFC + CB
 - b) Integration of Prototype
 - c) Factory Acceptance Tests of CA
 - d) Cleaning and packaging
- 2 Prototype Non-Standard CA (Free-Issued Items + CB)
 - a) Reception and Acceptance Tests of Non-Standard FII
 - b) Dismounting of Standard CA Prototype
 - c) Integration of Non-Standard CA
- 3 Series Standard CA (PFCs + CB)
 - a) Reception and Acceptance Tests of PFC + CB
 - b) Integration of Series Standard CA
 - c) Factory Acceptance Tests of CAs

- d) Cleaning, packaging and delivery
- 4 Series Non-Standard CA (Free-Issued Items + CB)
 - a) Reception and Acceptance Tests of PFC + CB + Non-Standard FII
 - b) Functional Tests of Diagnostics and Instrumentation
 - c) Integration of Series Non-Standard CA
 - d) Factory Acceptance Tests of CAs
 - e) Cleaning, packaging and delivery
- 5 Storage (as needed)

The tasks for Stages 2, 3 and 4 are similar and build on the lessons learned from Stage 1. For the purpose of the Market Survey, the Integrator is only responsible for providing basic services and support (water, electricity, time and space) for the performance of the functional tests of the Instrumentation and Diagnostics. IO is responsible for performing the actual functional tests, which consist of electrical tests, optical alignments and temperature response tests.

3 Risks

The challenge for this procurement is to develop a collaborative interplay between IO, the DAs, suppliers and the Integrator, while keeping an intricate schedule and addressing technical requirements deviations or non-conformities.

Depending on the procurement strategy, three parent risks can classify from high to medium: Schedule, Non-conformities of Free-Issued Items or CB and Stakeholder Management.

Schedule – As implied in Table 1, the schedule for design, manufacturing and delivery of the Free-Issued Items do not progress at the same rate. Some Items are just finishing the preliminary design and others are readying for series manufacturing. This represents a challenge for delivering final information at the beginning of the contract, including delivery dates of the actual Items. A staged and flexible arrangement with the Integrator will help address this risk.

Non-Conformities of Free-Issued Items – The clearances and tolerance requirements of the CAs are very tight, motivated by functional requirements. As a result, seemingly acceptable non-conformities of individual Free-Issued Items can have serious consequences when considering the build-up of the non-conformities and tolerances. In an extreme case, an Item out of tolerance can prevent proper alignment or even installation of other PFCs, Diagnostics or Instrumentation. Furthermore, most of the Items are first-of-a-kind with a long lead-time and high cost for manufacturing another. A technical Integrator with proper equipment for repairing or addressing non-conformities will help mitigate this risk.

Stakeholder Management – The large number of stakeholders represents a risk because given the different components, technical requirements, schedules, TROs and teams, there is a high probability for miscommunication, inefficiencies, delays and technical issues. However, a single Integrator that is experienced in multi-cultural project management and communication can maintain a big picture perspective to issue common procedures and strategy, yet be knowledgeable and flexible enough to provide customized solutions to the stakeholders. Additionally, early involvement of the Integrator during the prototype phase is important to facilitate the implementation of lessons learned for series production.

4 Procurement Strategy

A single contract that consists of five stages (Section 2.4) with a duration of 10+ years is proposed.

The stages are defined to build on previous stages with some overlap and parallel activities expected. Each stage will have its own procedures, deliverables, schedule, budget and incentive scheme. Instructions to Proceed (ITP) will be used to confirm the expectations (scope, schedule, deliverables and budget) of a Stage. Readiness Reviews will be used to review procedures, facilities and equipment to authorize the start of actual physical activities (reception, integration, factory acceptance tests, etc). The dates and frequency of these tools (ITPs and Readiness Reviews) will be agreed at the signing of the contract.

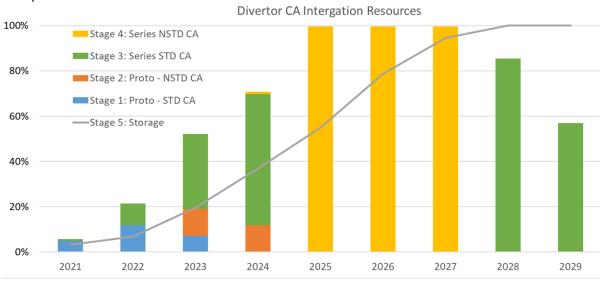
Note that an incentive scheme as part of the procurement strategy is important to incentivize the Integrator to identify realistic and implementable lessons learned and address schedule related risks.

Annex 1: Divertor CA Integrator – FAQ

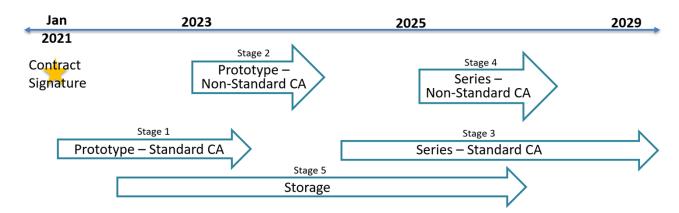
These Frequently Asked Questions provide supporting information for the Divertor Cassette Assembly (CA) Integrator Market Survey. It provides background and supporting information for understanding and responding to the questions of the market survey. Note that this information is not contractual in any way and may evolve and differ significantly at the Call for Tender.

- 1 Why does the ITER Organization (IO) aim to place a contract with one single integrator for the full scope of the project? The stages build on each other, primarily, the series production depends heavily on the qualification and lessons learned from the prototype stages. Could it be envisaged to place two contracts in parallel for respectively the standard and non-standard CA? In order to be able to integrate a non-standard CA, a supplier essentially has to qualify a prototype standard CA. This would limit the application of lessons learned and learning curves. This also adds the complication of coordinating the delivery of the Plasma Facing Components and Cassette Bodies to supply both Integration Sites and would probably require some storage at both sites too.
- 2 In particular, the storage could be perceived as an independent activity not subject to specific technical expertise which could be contracted from a separate contractor. Would it be acceptable from a technical point of view to store parts with another contractor than the Integrator? Every time a component is transferred from one entity (supplier, IO or Domestic Agencies), some kind of acceptance check must be done. For the CA components, we are generally talking about a Cold Water Flow Test, a 3D Survey and possible a Knuckle Test. Due to the size of these components, this requires special equipment that the Integrator will already need to have anyway. Expecting a storage supplier to also have this equipment is costly and requires additional time. These requirements could be relaxed at the risk of complicating the transfer of responsibility.
- 3 Why do we aim to implement the Prototype for standard CA and non-standard CA sequentially (instead of in parallel)? The lessons learned and qualification of the prototype standard CA is of high priority so the series production of the standard CA can start as quickly as possible. The non-standard CAs prototype require input from the Diagnostics which will not be mature enough at the time of the contract signature and would cause delays to the prototype standard CA. Furthermore, it is efficient to focus on the integration of a standard CA before adding the various and differing requirements of a non-standard CA. A sequential planning also allows the opportunity to practice dismantling a completed standard CA and rebuilding. This will help address non-conformities of a fully assembled CA.
- 4 Why do we aim to alternate the series production of the standard and non-standard CA? This is due to the schedule. Several simulations were done considering the durations of activities for standard and non-standard activities (non-standard CAs take longer to integrate), delivery schedule of the components and in particular, the scheduling for the non-standard CAs. Ideal scenario would be to do all the standard CAs first and finish with the non-standard CA, but this creates a significant delay in the delivery of CA-54. Scheduling the non-standard CAs in the middle of the standard CAs optimizes the schedule, takes advantage of gaps in the delivery of critical components and optimizes the use of the two integration production lines. This is an example where the exact sequence of activities should be confirmed at the beginning of a stage once we have better confirmation of the delivery dates of the components.
- Considering the fact that a constant work distribution would be most cost effective, it is recommended to give the Integrator the possibility to work on several CA in parallel and/or to swap work packages (i.e. allow modification of installation sequence). Are before mentioned options possible? The Dome always has to be installed first, followed by the OVT and then the IVT. The sequence for the customization and welding the cooling pipes can differ. The sequencing for the non-standard items can be swapped. Note that the current planning assumes two production lines, meaning that two CAs can be integrated at the same time. To try to work on three or more, additional equipment to move, manipulate, and store the other CAs would be needed.

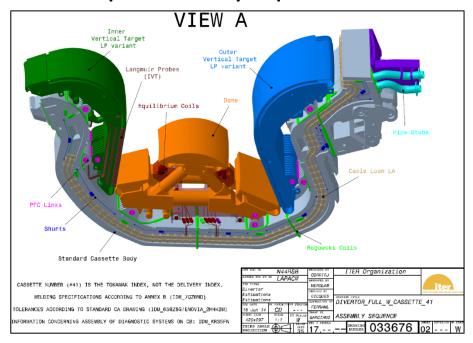
- 6 Would it be possible to define all installation work packages upfront and order the work packages on a piece by piece basis? Advanced conceptual documentation is available, but this needs further work for confirmation. It is only after the prototype of the standard CA that we will have real confirmation of the works needed. For the non-standard CA, due to the maturity of the free-issued items, final and reliable information is not available at this time and will not be available for a while. We can provide conceptual assembly sequences for each CA for the Integrator to complete the detailed sequences.
- 7 What would the resource load curve look like for this scope of work? A potential curve is shown below with peak activities between 2025-2027.

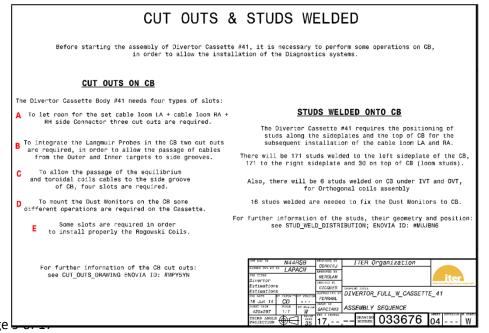


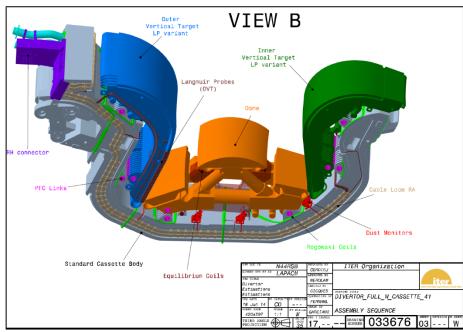
8 Is a general timeline of the Stages available? A potential timeline is shown below.

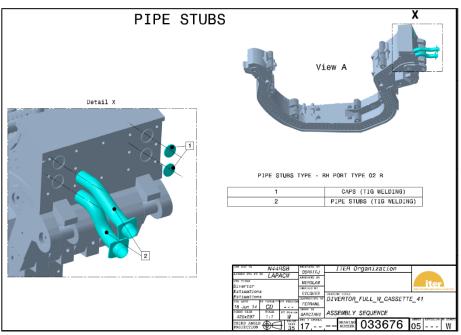


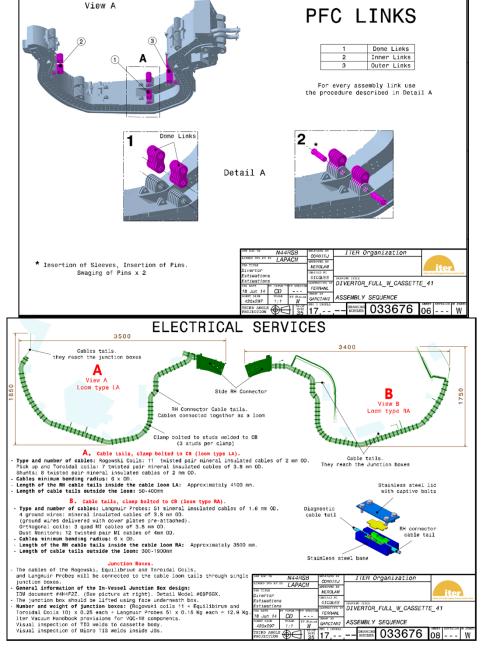
Annex 2: Conceptual Assembly Sequence CA #41

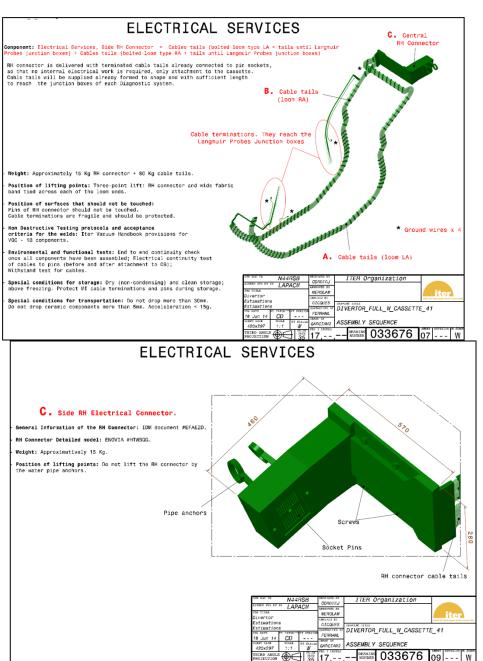




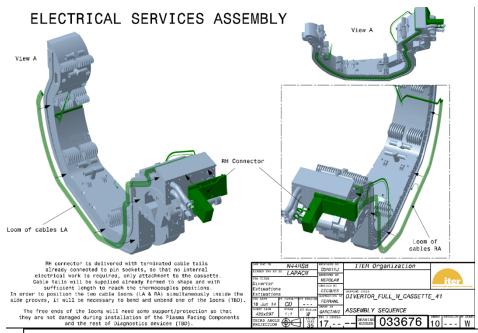


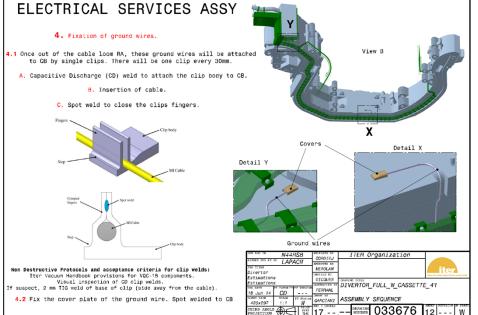


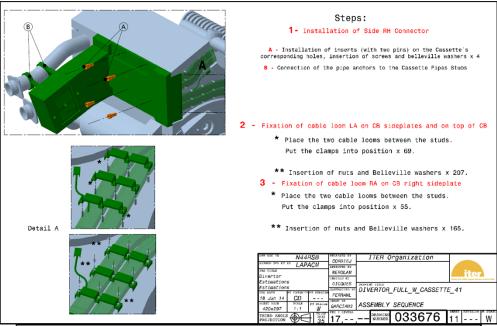


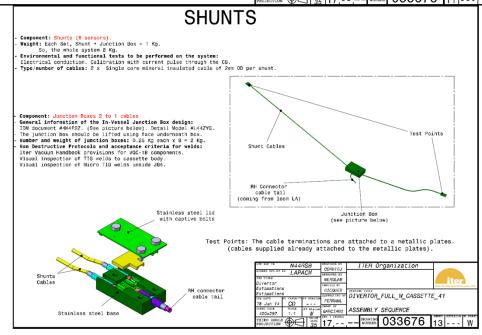


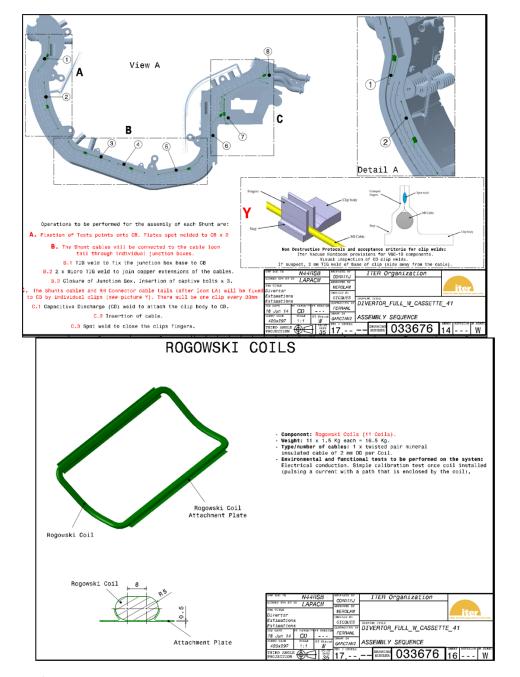
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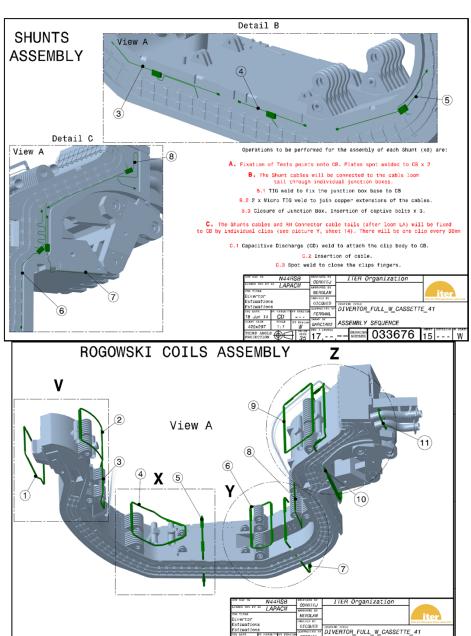






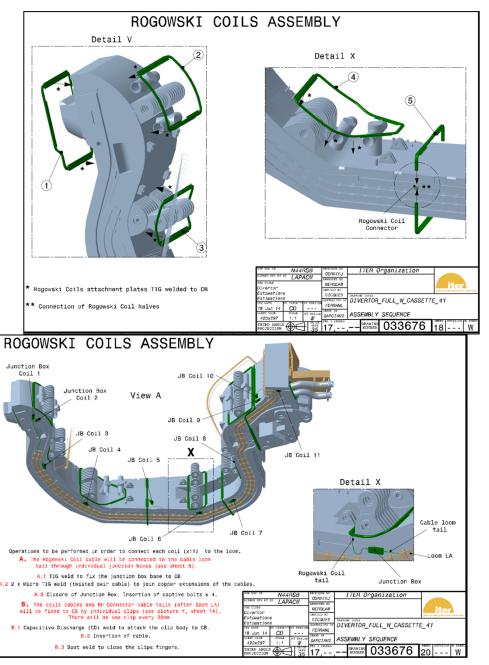


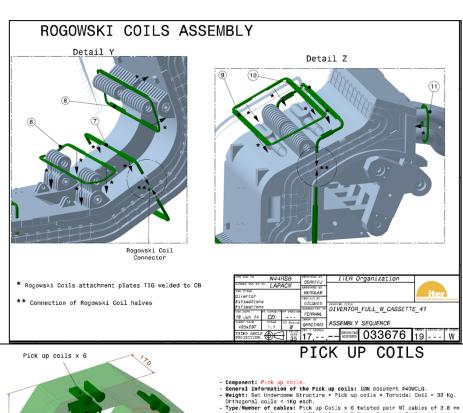


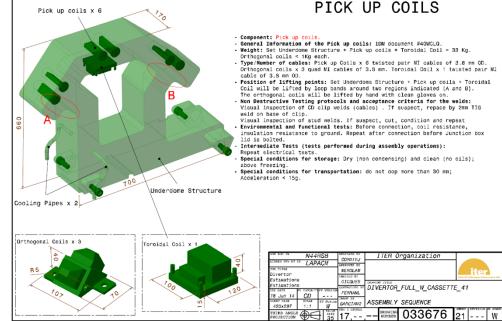


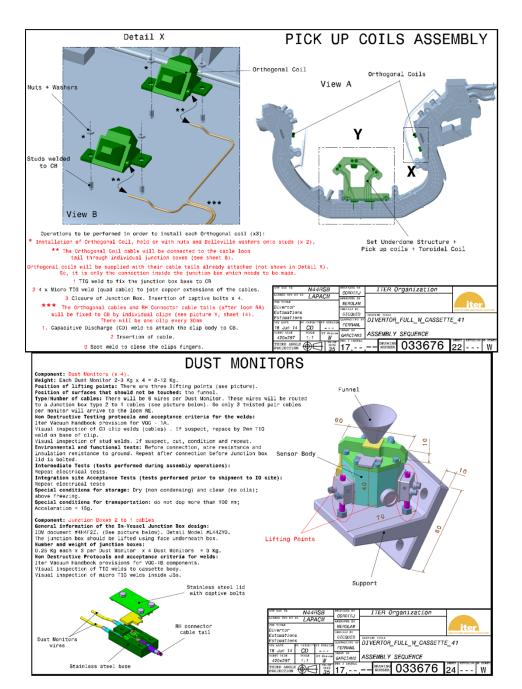
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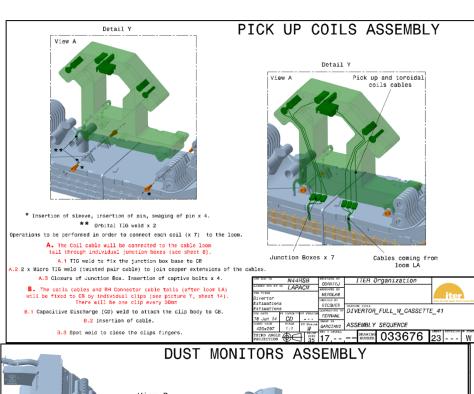
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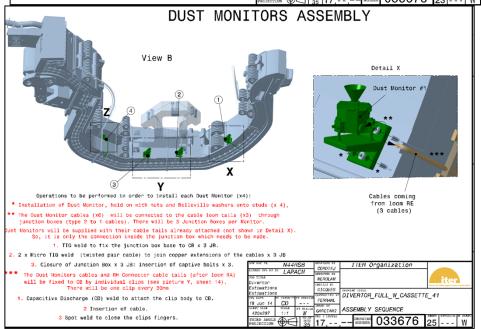


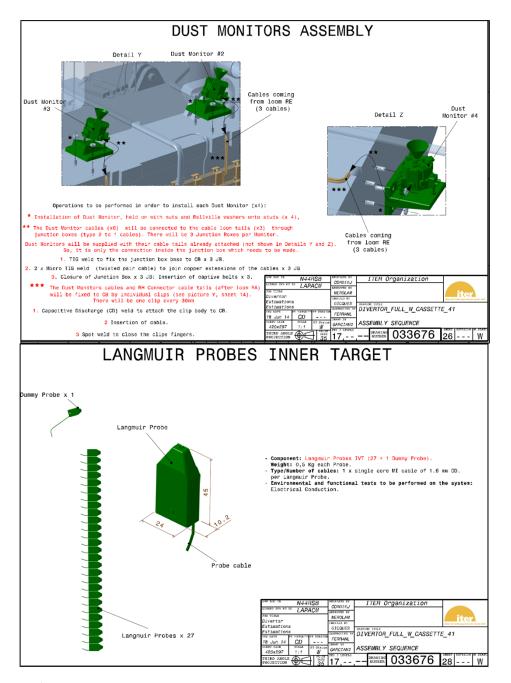


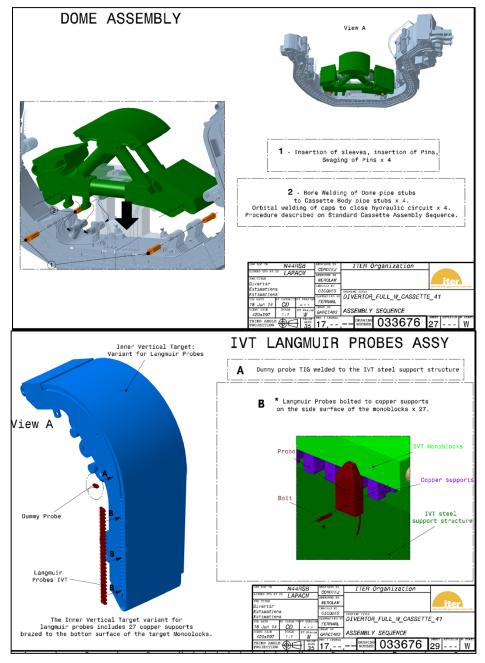


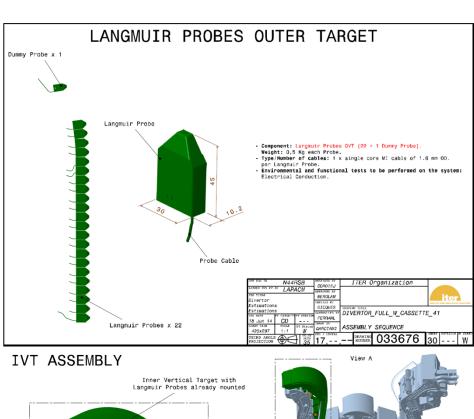






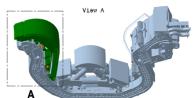


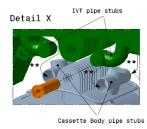






- $f \star$ Insertion of Sleeves, Insertion of Pins, Swaging of Pins x 4.
- $\ensuremath{^{\star\star}}$ Bore Welding of IVT pipe stubs to Cassette Body pipe stubs x 4. Orbital welding of caps to close hydraulic circuit x 4.
 Procedure described on Standard Cassette Assembly Sequence.





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