AutoPIPE® CONNECT Edition
Design and Pipe Stress Analysis Application

AutoPIPE CONNECT Edition is Bentley’s design and analysis application for calculating piping code stresses, loads, and deflections under static and dynamic load conditions to meet the highest nuclear standards. AutoPIPE’s 3D hot clash detection capability alerts engineers to pipe movement when pipes heat up and prevents costly plant shutdowns. This functionality is also used to avoid piping failures during extreme loading conditions (like earthquakes). AutoPIPE also includes special features for advanced buried pipeline analysis, wave loading, fluid transients, FRP/GRP or plastic pipe, as well as time saving integration with STAAD.Pro® SACS and all plant design systems.

Integrated Modeling and Documentaton Workflows
The CONNECT Edition provides a connected environment for comprehensive project delivery and connects users, projects, and the enterprise. With the CONNECT Edition, users have a personal portal to access learning, communities, and project information. Users can share personal files including i-models and PDFs directly from a desktop with other users, or stage them for easy access from a Bentley mobile app, such as Structural Navigator. With the new project portal, project teams can review project details and status, and gain visibility into project performance.

Unique, Object-based Graphical User Interface
The OpenGL CAD graphical user interface found in AutoPIPE enables users to easily create and modify the pipe stress model. Users can simply point and click on the graphical model to insert, modify, or delete pipe supports, loads, or components. After each operation, the model display is automatically updated for instant visual feedback. With AutoPIPE graphical select options, users can insert, delete, or modify components, supports, pipe properties, temperatures/pressures, or other parameters across an entire range of points with one command. Graphical selection of ranges is also used to cut, copy, and paste operations. Moreover, users can check, sort, or make changes to the input data quickly using interactive grid spreadsheets like Excel. AutoPIPE features up to 99 undo or redo steps to correct mistakes, perform ‘what-if’ analysis, or to iterate quickly through design scenarios.

Advanced Analysis Features for Varied Piping Environments
AutoPIPE provides unique capabilities for process, power, oil and gas, nuclear, underground, offshore floating, production, storage, and offloading (FPSO) platform and subsea pipeline areas with 25 international piping codes. Advanced AutoPIPE capabilities include built-in wave loading, buried pipeline analysis, jacketed piping, dynamic loadings, orthotropic fiberglass reinforced plastic (FRP/GRP), and HDPE plastic piping analysis. It also includes thermal stratification or bowing, thermal transient, pipe/structure interaction, fluid transient with closure time and relief valve utilities, advanced load sequencing, non-linear support gaps and friction and jacketed piping. Local stress calculation to WRC 107, WRC 297, PO 5500, KH, API 650 is available using AutoPIPE Nozzle.

Graphical Review of Analysis Results
Once a system is analyzed, users can click on the graphical model and instantly view stresses, deflections, forces, and moments. Color-coded results and pop-up windows enable users to quickly identify and investigate critical areas without having to review a voluminous amount of batch output data. View up to 1,000 load combinations with the on-screen results grid, which provides interactive filtering, sorting, and printing of maximum result values.

Interface with ProjectWise®, STAAD.Pro, SACS, CAE, and Plant Design CAD Applications
AutoPIPE provides a truly integrated design between piping and structural analysis. It automatically transfers pipe support loads and imports complete structures to and from STAAD.Pro, as well as SACS saving weeks of design time and providing safer, more-realistic engineered designs. Import 3D plant design CAD models from AutoPLANT®, PlantSpace®, OpenPlant, Intergraph PDS®, SmartPlant®, CADWORX®, Inventor®, Plant 3D, CATIA®, and Aveva PDMS®, into AutoPIPE® to save hundreds of resource hours and ensure accurate pipe stress models.

AutoPIPE provides users with full read/write interoperability with Caesar II, and its models and data can be read by Bentley Navigator or MicroStation® alongside any CAD model to support early engineering decision making, perform 3D ‘hot’ clash detection, and reduce design iterations. AutoPIPE also generates fully dimensioned stress isometrics with custom data and comments highlighting the pipe stress engineer’s changes. In addition, AutoPIPE is integrated with ProjectWise® for global collaboration of engineering and CAD data files on major projects.

Quality Assurance
AutoPIPE’s rigorous quality assurance program has passed numerous nuclear and Nuclear Procurement Issues Committee (NUPIC) audits to 10CFR50 App. B, ISO9001, CSA N286.7-99, ASME NQA-1, and ANSI N45.2 standards, earning AutoPIPE its reputation in providing a high level of quality. AutoPIPE Nuclear provides design of critical safety pipework to ASME Class 1, 2, or 3.
AutoPIPE CONNECT Edition At-A-Glance

Modeling
- Single line, wire-frame, and solid render drawing modes
- CAD style single, double, or quad view ports
- Vertical axis (Y or Z) can be switched on the fly
- On-screen distance calculator for accurate coordinate checks
- Built-in valve actuator for more accurate valve modeling
- Segment management: reverse, split, join, and re-order segments
- CAD line class and line numbers
- Connectivity checker to avoid model disconnects
- English, metric, SI, and user-defined units
- Extensive ANSI/ASME, DIN, EN, JIS, GB, GGOST, and GRP/FRP standard piping component and material libraries
- Structural steel modeling using structural databases for 17 countries
- Expansion joint modeling with tie rod assemblies
- Model import from AutoPLANT®, PlantSpace®, OpenPlant, MicroStation®, Excel®, AutoCAD®, Intergraph PDS®, SmartPlant®, Aveva PDM®, CADWORK®, SolidWorks®, Inventor®, Plant 3D, CATIA®, and PlantFLOW®
- PIPELINK bi-directional integration with STAAD.Pro
- Automatic stress isometric generation in DXF, DWG or DGN formats with engineers mark-ups
- Integration with SACS via PipeLink
- Model geometry data export into AutoPLANT®, MicroStation®, and AutoCAD®
- Automated ring main wizard
- Automatic ASCE soil calculator

Dynamic Analysis
- Time history dynamic analysis with ground motion
- Mode shapes, accelerations, and natural frequencies
- Harmonic load analysis
- Uniform and MSRS response spectrum and shock spectra
- Multiple spectrum enveloping
- NRC spectra and code case N411 (PVRC) damping and spectra
- NUREG CR-1677, CR-6441, and CR-6049 benchmarks
- Automatic mass discretization
- Missing mass and ZPA correction

Piping Codes
- ASME B31.1 (multiple years), B31.3, B31.4, and B31.8
- ASME Sec. 3, Class I, II, and III (multiple years from 1972)
- European Standard Metallic Industrial Piping EN13480
- B31.4, B31.8, B31.4 Offshore, B31.8 Offshore and CSA_Z662 Offshore codes, DNV OS F101 offshore code
- Canadian CAN/CSA-Z662
- British Standard BS 806, BS 7159 (GRP piping code)
- FRP ISO 14962
- ASME N755 HOPE Code Case
- Russian SNIP 2.05.06-85 Oil and Gas
- Swedish Piping Code (SPC) Method 2
- Norwegian Det Norske Veritas (DNV) and TBK 5-6
- Dutch Stoomwezen D1101
- Japanese KHK, MITI class 3, JSME NC1-PPC and General Fire Protection code
- French RCC-M and SNCT

Analysis
- Unlimited static analysis to examine different loading scenarios including hot modulus for any combination of 100 thermal, 3D seismic, 10 wind, and 50 dynamic load cases
- Automatic generation of wind profiles per ASCE and UBC guidelines
- Wave loading and buoyancy for offshore applications
- Hydrotest analysis with locking spring hangers
- Linear and non-linear hydrotest analysis
- Fluid transient utilities for water and steam hammer plus relief valve load analysis
- Automatic spring hanger sizing from 27 manufacturers
- State-of-the-art nonlinear support gap, friction, yielding, and soil interaction with advanced features of seismic wave propagation, overburden and settlement loads, and stresses to ASCE, AWWA, and ASME
- Thermal stratification bowing analysis
- Thermal transient analysis (TTA), fatigue and high energy/leakage design for ASME Class 1
- Seismic static and response spectra load generator to IBC, Euro, ASCE, Indian, Spanish, Mexican, and Chinese, standards
- Ec/Eh ratio applied to expansion stresses for any piping code
- Integrated flange loading analysis per ASME VIII Div 1 and 2, ASME III App XI, and ANSI B16.5
- Nozzle flexibility analysis per API 650 App. P, ASME Class 1, WRC 297 and Biljaard methods

Input and Results
- Results saved to Microsoft Access MDB file for post-processing
- Automatic or user-defined load combinations grid
- Automated batch processing
- Maximum intermediate stresses
- Reference point for manufacturer equipment loading reports
- Rotating equipment calculations to API 610, NEMA and API 617, and user-defined standards
- Results can be filtered and sorted by stress, deflection, or load criteria

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