

Retractable Test Stump Platform

Diamond Offshore



Retractable test stump platform ready to be lowered through the main deck.

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PROJECT PROFILE

Client:	Diamond Offshore Drilling Inc.
Location:	Ocean Epoch, On-site NW Shelf
Design and Fabrication:	44 days
Site Installation :	14 days
Date:	Jun 2004 - Aug 2004
Crew Size:	8

Diamond Offshore's drilling program for the Mutineer-Exeter development required the installation of a retractable test stump to accommodate modifications made to the Ocean Epoch's BOP.

The location of the platform beneath the cellar deck of the rig presented unique installation difficulties. These were overcome by **AME's** early input in the design process and innovative installation methodology.

The platform was fabricated in discrete units which were then passed through a slot cut in the deck, and installed from static rigging. Scaffolding was suspended below decks to create safe working areas for the **AME** installation team.

Project management was performed in-house by **AME**, thus ensuring the timely and efficient coordination of all activities, from the design through to final installation.



(a)



(b)



(c)



(d)



(e)



(f)



(g)

- Photo (a): Slots cut in main deck to facilitate steelwork installation.
- Photos (b)-(d): Platform installation sequence.
- Photo (e): Completed platform.
- Photo (f): With hatch cover removed, retractable stump undergoes testing.
- Photo (g): Newly installed removable "BOP Feet" and test stump hatch cover.

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