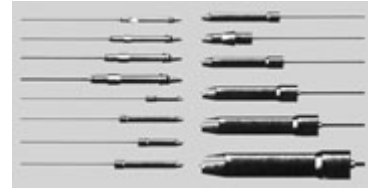


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Pipebursting Trenchless Replacement of Fracturable Pipe

Pipebursting is rapidly becoming one of the leading "No Dig" technologies in the USA for the replacement of old and undersized sewers. BG plc, the pipebursting patent owner, is licensing operators and equipment suppliers throughout the USA on a non-exclusive basis. Pipebursting is a method by which fracturable pipes, such as concrete, clay, or cast iron pipes, can be replaced by plastic pipes of the same or larger size without using boring or open cut construction methods. During operation, a pipebursting machine is pulled through the old pipe, breaking the pipe into pieces, and pulling a new plastic pipe into place behind the machine. Pipebursting was developed by British Gas in the UK, and its advantages have proven attractive to municipalities and utilities in the USA for sewer installations.



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