

# AQUASTOP WINS INTERNATIONAL WATER AWARD FOR INNOVATION



Sarco Stopper Stand at the IWEX Show NEC, Birmingham



Sarco Stopper, Managing Director, Bill Menzies (right) receives the Award at IWEX



Aquastop in Action

The IWEX awards are designed to recognise and reward excellence in new products and, with over 60 UK and foreign entries, the Aquastop line stopping and bypass system for water mains won second place and was highly commended by the distinguished water industry panel of judges.

Aquastop is the result of a three year project involving Sarco Stopper and WASK to develop a simple, inexpensive method of constructing water main repairs or maintenance, without interrupting supply to customers.

Transportable in the boot of an average car, Aquastop can be employed quickly and easily to isolate a pipe section and bypass the flow to a point downstream.

Innovation award judges were impressed with the ingenuity and operating simplicity of the device, which functions by inflating under pressure a Sarco Stopper Hydra bag inside the pipe using water and mains line pressure to maintain the Hydra bag differential pressure. The Hydra bag launching and flow stopping equipment is produced by WASK.

Sarco Stopper have been established as quality manufacturers since 1877 and have a world wide reputation for bagging-off systems, producing under pressure pipe stoppers to suit ferrous and PE pipes with more than 30 years experience in gas bag manufacturing.

The Aquastop system has adapted traditional gas enstopment techniques to produce a completely novel bagging-off technique for the water distribution sector. It avoids interrupting supply to customers and risk of DG3 non compliance, while delivering over 50% savings on capital costs and up to 80% on labour costs compared to other conventional methods of line stopping.



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## BAGGING-OFF FOR WATER MAINS

