

# UT News



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## Farewell to a friend.

It is with great sadness to report the death of John McMillan of Mechanical Integrity Inc, who passed away suddenly at his home in Humble, Texas on 9<sup>th</sup> September.

AGR Group and in particular AGR Technology Design, was represented at the funeral by Mark Clark which was also attended by many friends and colleagues.

John moved in many circles but the one most known to ourselves was in the inspection arena and was well respected for his vast knowledge and years of hands on experience in the power, aerospace and petrochemical industries.

Being involved in one form or another of inspection all of his working career, he first made contact with TD just before 2000 and from this date on a very close working relationship was born. The level of business he placed and John's enthusiasm and utter belief in our range of products saw him become our US distributor in 2005 and through many contacts and recommendations he raised the profile of TD's equipment no end and gave his time and wealth of knowledge freely to assist where he could.

John was a man that cherished life and embraced every moment and leaves many fond memories behind. His passing is a sad time for everyone who he came into contact with and none more so than his friends within the Group and TD.

We feel humble in knowing him and experiencing his many sides. Thank you John your great wisdom and friendship given will never be forgotten.



**John D McMillan 1945-2007**



**Come and see us at our next exhibition: ASNT Fall Conference & Quality Testing Show  
2007**

**12-16 November 2007 Riviera Hotel Las Vegas, USA Booth #508**

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# Tip of the month



**F**or users of standard 64 element AGR TD Phased array systems it is worth noting that apart from the obvious visible differences (the Focus-Scan has two ITT Cannon connectors and the Handy-Scan has one D-type connector) there is a difference in the pin configurations between the TD Focus-Scan and TD Handy-Scan that is not immediately apparent; i.e. The Focus-Scan has 32 pins connected to each connector and the Handy-Scan has all 64 pins connected to a single connector. Practically this means that:

On a TD Focus-Scan, two 32 element probes can be connected simultaneously, one on each connector, but to use all the elements of a 64 element probe you would have to use an adapter to combine the two connectors.

On a TD Handy-Scan, a 64 element probe can be connected directly to the system with full use of all the elements. If however you needed to connect, for example, two 32 element probes an adapter is required to split the single connector into two.



## \*Latest TD Scan Software : Version 17.03\*

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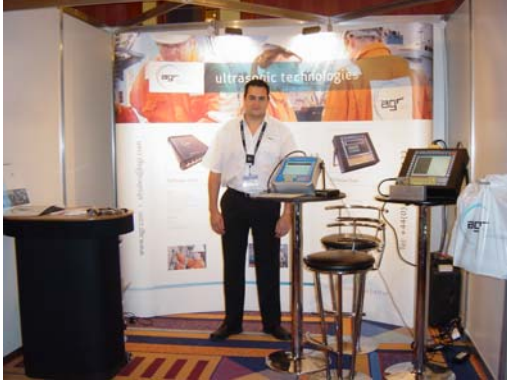


### Quick Facts :TD HANDY-SCAN

- 64/32 Elements/Active, 8 conventional Channels
- Battery Pack
- Colour LCD Screen
- Highly Portable
- Easy to Use Menus
- Powerful Reporting Functions
- Removable Battery
- Exceptional Performance
- Affordable Price
- High Speed Real-time Data Collection
- Fast Inspection Speed
- Extensive Analysis Tools

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## Exhibition News



**AGR Field Operations Electronics Design Engineer Phillip Doman shows off our new exhibition booth.**

This time of year is always busy at AGR Field Operations and this year is no exception. Over the past few weeks we have attended exhibitions in 5 different countries around the globe, that's a lot of airmiles!

The tour kicked off in Glasgow at the MT2007 Exhibition and Conference. There was a good turn out of exhibitors and delegates who were very interested to learn about our latest phased array product, the TD Handy-Scan.

It has been a great opportunity to participate at these events, meet fellow NDT professionals and see the latest products in the field

## 4th International Conference on NDT for the HSNT, Chania, Crete

As the year draws rapidly to a close and the United Kingdom is ablaze with autumn colours, the days become inexorably shorter and the temperatures get lower, two colleagues were fortunate enough to escape and enjoy the Aegean sunshine and holiday atmosphere of Chania (pronounced Hania) on the island of Crete recently. The Hellenic Society for NDT held its 4<sup>th</sup> International Conference in mid October at the CAM Centre on the beautiful and historic harbour waterfront characterised by its Venetian style buildings and numerous open air cafés and restaurants. AGR was represented by Jackie Berry and Mark Nel.

Amongst the group of exhibitors were a cross section of the major manufacturers and local distributors of advanced ultrasonic and other NDT equipment as well as service providers and amusingly one enterprising local tour operator who managed to procure a space at the exhibition as well. Although the exhibition was relatively small there was a good turn out of delegates from about 15 countries mainly from Greece but as far a field as the Ukraine, USA and Malaysia. This was our first foray into the Grecian NDT arena and was therefore as much a fact finding mission as it was an opportunity to network with local industry and gain exposure for our products. The interest shown in AGR as a company and its TD range of products was encouraging

Although the Conference and exhibition were fairly low key compared to some other more established international events, we believe that our participation and exposure to the Greek market will promote greater awareness of the technologies and technique possibilities that our products deliver. This in turn has the potential to generate business for our distributors and indeed for our customers who provide specialist services that may not be available in the local market.



**Mark Nel with the President and members of the HSNT**



**Chania, Crete**



**Mark Nel putting the TD Handy-Scan through its paces**