

## **ControlFire**®

Titan Division | Presentation



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- Selective Switch History
- ControlFire Advanced Switch System
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- System Overview
- Safety
- Benefits and Features
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### • 1960's Rotary Select-Fire Switch

- Negative power to switch
- Positive power to fire
- 10-11 guns per run
- Dart activation to cut thru wires and seal the tandem sub
- Skip over capability

### • 1970's, Dart and Diode Switches

- Reduce the maintenance issues associated with Rotary Systems
- Dart would cut thru wires and provide grounding for the detonator
- Diodes kept the next gun in the string from firing
- System had a history of not providing positive grounding resulting in miss-run
- Miss-run required guns to be retrieved from the well for repair
- 1980's, EBS Pressure Activated Piston and Diode Switch
  - System uses a pressure activated piston and diodes to provide the connection to the detonator and provide the seal between guns.
  - Switch can be used with gun of any length, size, or shot density
  - Short coming is it is a sequentially operated system, if a failure occurs in the fire sequence the gun must be retrieved from the well for repair



- Added level of Safety detonator is never electrically connected until specific software command is sent
- Non Sequential Operation independent switch that does not rely on previous gun success
- Skip over Capabilities provide valuable time savings as perforating operations can continue in the case of a gun misfire
- **Positive Shot Indication** confirmation of firing, especially in deep, horizontal well conditions
- User Friendly System avoid user positive/negative wiring mistakes leading to off depth perforations
- Eliminate Premature Activation gun flooding causing piston activation leading to off depth perforations
- **Operational Confirmation** gun string confirmation throughout the descent into the wellbore providing real time confirmation before critical operations commence



ControlFire<sup>®</sup> is a digital switch technology that utilizes unique logic to enable selective operations.

### **Applications**

- Selective Perforating
- Single Trip Plug and Perforating Operations
- Pumpdown Perforating
- Tractor Perforating
- Selective Downhole Tool Control



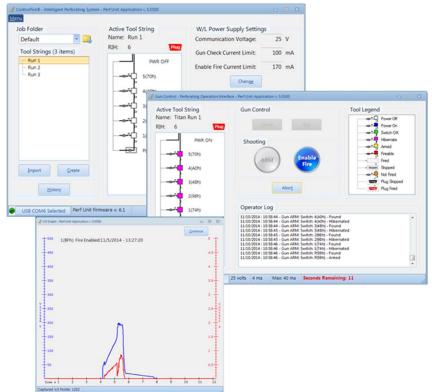


The ControlFire system consists of Perf Command Log Panel Shooting and Control Panel **Power Supply** four primary components: DB9 BNC Female PL-259 Male PL-259 11C ControlFire software • Perforating Command and W/L Collecto Control Panel ControlFire switch • VeriFire<sup>®</sup> Perf Gun ControlFire™ Perf Gun #2 ControlFire™ Perf Gun #1 ControlFire™ CCL

### **ControlFire Software**



- Switch commands fully automated with software controlled command and control panel
- ControlFire Gun Control operation window
- Graphical display of each switch status
- ControlFire Job Setup window
- User friendly, Graphical User Interface (GUI) software
- Compatible with Windows XP/7



## Perforating Command and Control Panel



- Perforating Command and Control Panel connects the shooting panel and wireline
- Fully automated software driven panel
- Relay disconnect when switch communications are not in progress
- On/Off key for power off confirmation
- Gun Communication Limits:
  - Max Voltage: -600VDC
  - Max Current: 100mA
- Available as a portable box, rack mount or integrated into the Titan Shooting Power Supply rack





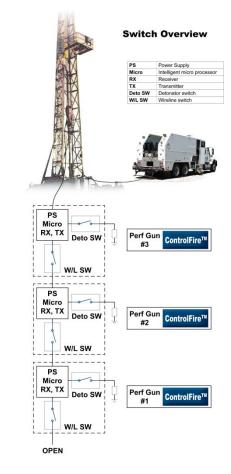




# ControlFire switch circuit consist of 3 primary components:

- Intelligent Micro Processor Controls the switch position and communicates state
  - Transmitter
  - Receiver
- Detonator Switch remains in open state until Enable Fire command is received to connect to the detonator/igniter
- Wireline Switch remains in open state until communication is establish and command is received to close





### VeriFire<sup>®</sup> Switch Tester

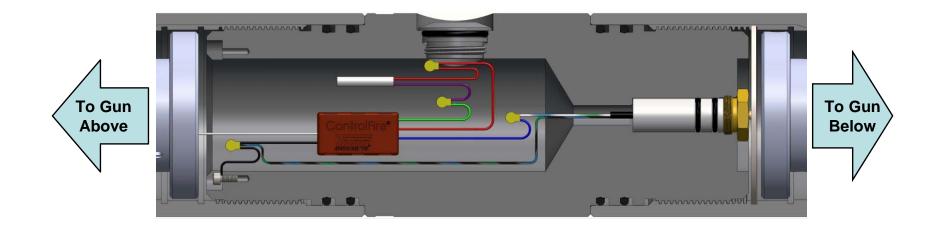


- Portable ControlFire switch tester
- Enables the surface testing of the entire gun string before attaching to the wireline (armed or unarmed)
- Performs switch safety checks and reports failed switch test
- Gun string saved to USB drive for upload into ControlFire software for gun string verification
- User friendly graphical interface
- Improved confidence before running in hole



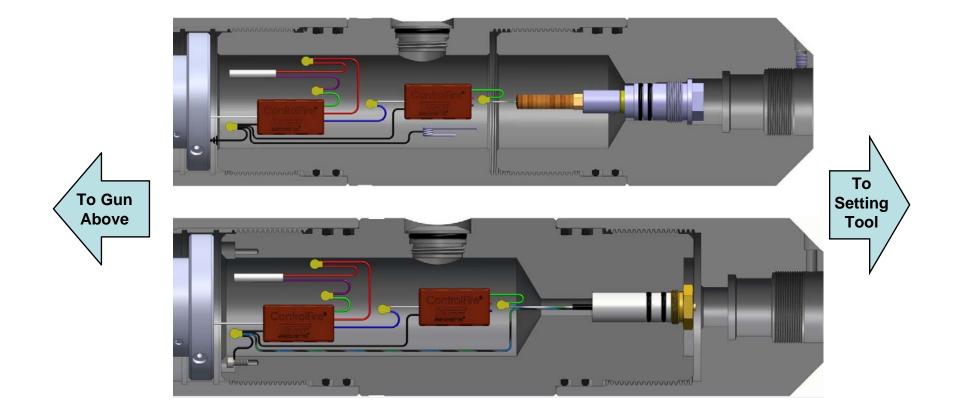






## ControlFire Gun/Plug Shoot Wiring







- ControlFire switches add an additional layer of safety to perforating operations:
  - Each ControlFire switch must be activated with specific software command to establish continuity to the detonator/igniter
  - Aids in the prevention of potential surface detonation due to power remaining on the wireline
  - Automatically aborts the firing sequence and shuts down in the event a circuit fault is detected or an inappropriate command is received
  - Automatically times out, if the user does not perform require action in a given time period



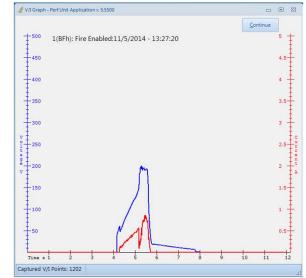
- Unique switch logic enables skip over capabilities providing valuable time savings in the case of misfire
- Eliminates potential off-depth perforating events due to improper mechanical switch wiring and/or premature activation due to gun flooding
- Increased reliability and efficiency of electronic switch over conventional mechanical components
- Switch communication verification prior to, and during, decent into the wellbore
- Improved confidence prior to pumping operations
- Reduced maintenance through fully expendable switch system

### **ControlFire Features**



- Real time surface shot verification with voltage/current plot
- Shoot 100+ guns in a single run
- Integrates into existing perforating gun carrier systems
- Compatible with resistorized and RF safe detonators
- Complete event log stored on file
- Compatible with long wireline cables
- Can be run in combination with perforating gamma ray tools
- Reliable operations up to 347°F (175° C)
- No need for dedicated computer at surface
- Software compatible with Windows XP/7

V/I Plot Shot Verification



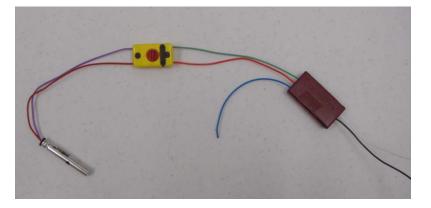


## **RF-Safe ControlFire Assembly (CFA)**

ControlFire technology combined with Austin Powder resistorized detonator for completely RF Safe ControlFire Assembly (CFA)

- Added level of safety
- No need for radio silence prior to arming
- Immune to stray voltage up to 500 VDC
- Immune to human-borne electrostatic discharge energy

- No need for PX-1 or high voltage firing
- Low cost compared to EFI and EBW detonators



**Operational Summary** 



- Four year track record
  - ~750,000 switches run in wells
  - .0005% switch failure rate (better than 1 in 200,000)
- 2014 Track record:
  - ~170,000 switches run in wells including 100,000 RF-Safe Assemblies
- 2015 Track record:
  - ~170,000 switches run in wells including 100,000 RF-Safe Assemblies
- 2016 Track record:
  - ~180,000 switches run in wells including H1 and CFA



### ControlFire® Switch Specifications

Operating Temperature Range	-20 °F (-29 °C) to 347 °F (175 °C)
Survival Temperature	-58 °F (-50 °C) to 392 °F (200 °C)
Max Thermal Change	9 °F (5 °C) / Minute
Vibration Compliant	Compliant to all hollow carrier gun systems
Vibration (3 axis)	50 g RMS @ Sweep Frequency 50-1000 Hz
ECTRICAL	
Operating Voltage Range	-5 VDC to -550 VDC
Operating Current – Standby	>1mA
Current-Communicating	10mA at Surface 30mA Downhole
Bi-directional Communications	Bi-directional
MPATABILITY	
Detonators – Hot Wire	50 ohms or higher (single or double resistor types)
Igniters – Setting Tools	50 ohms or higher
RF Safe Detonators	PX-1/EBW, RED (all versions)



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