



*Pipeline pigs are mechanical devices that travel inside the pipe with oil flow. They can weigh up to 7,500 pounds. Alyeska uses five types of pigs to help engineers and maintenance crews keep track of the condition of the pipe.*

*Four of the pigs are called "smart pigs." They look to see if there are dents or areas where the pipe has settled. They also look for 'anomalies'—irregularities in the thickness of the pipe wall that might mean there's corrosion. The fifth pig isn't as 'smart' but it still does an important job. Its main job is to reduce turbulence in the flow of oil which makes the pipeline system run more efficiently. Pigs are one of the tools that help us take care of every inch of the pipeline.*



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