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(57) Abstract

An apparatus and method for testing the integrity of oil delivery tubing (16) within an oil well casing (14) includes a rupture disc holder (24) coupled with the tubing (16) near the lower end thereof. As successive lengths of tubing (16) are added, the assembled tubing (16) is subjected to a test pressure with the pressure maintained by the presence of the rupture disc (22) within the holder (24). When the tubing assembly is complete, it is subjected to a higher burst pressure sufficient to rupture the disc (22). This opens a passage through the holder (24) for installation of the push-pull rod and for passage of oil from the pump (20), which is coupled with the tubing (16) below the level of the holder.

