



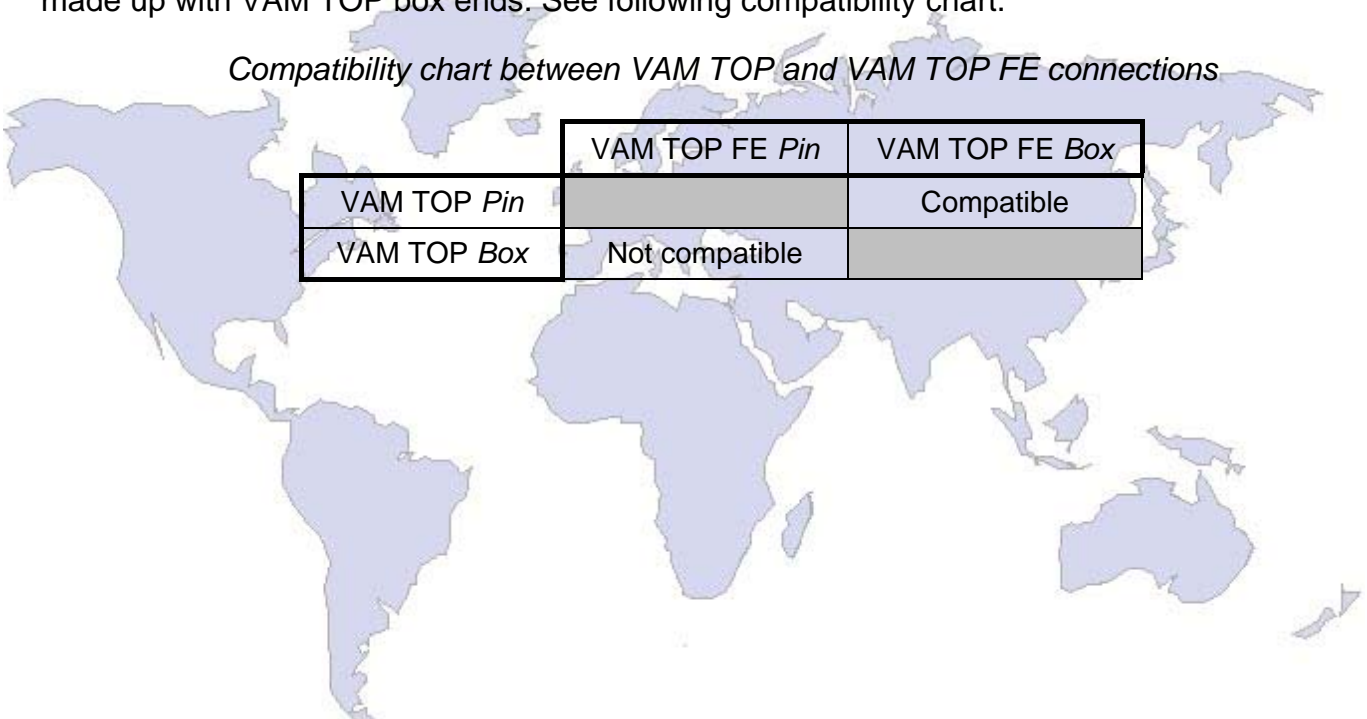
STANDARD PRODUCTS

Considerations about VAM TOP and VAM TOP FE compatibility

Cases exist, where there is a need to assemble VAM TOP and VAM TOP FE threads, for example hydraulic test plugs (in the mill or in the field) or possibly accessories. This kind of assembly is to be considered very cautiously since the resulting fatigue performance can no longer be guaranteed : it is therefore not a recommended practice.

Due to the specificity of VAM TOP FE thread profile compared to VAM TOP, VAM TOP pin ends can be assembled with VAM TOP FE couplings, but VAM TOP FE pin ends can not be made up with VAM TOP box ends. See following compatibility chart.

Compatibility chart between VAM TOP and VAM TOP FE connections



	VAM TOP FE <i>Pin</i>	VAM TOP FE <i>Box</i>
VAM TOP <i>Pin</i>		Compatible
VAM TOP <i>Box</i>	Not compatible	