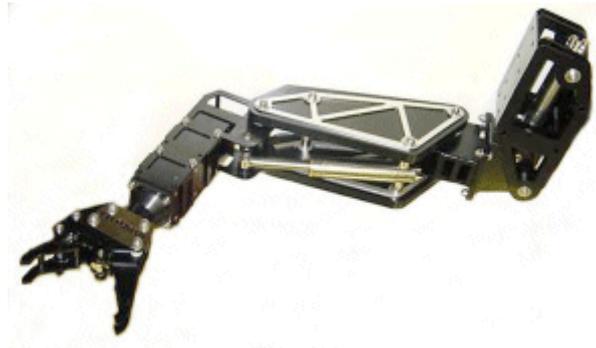


Hydro-Lek arms for marine archaeology

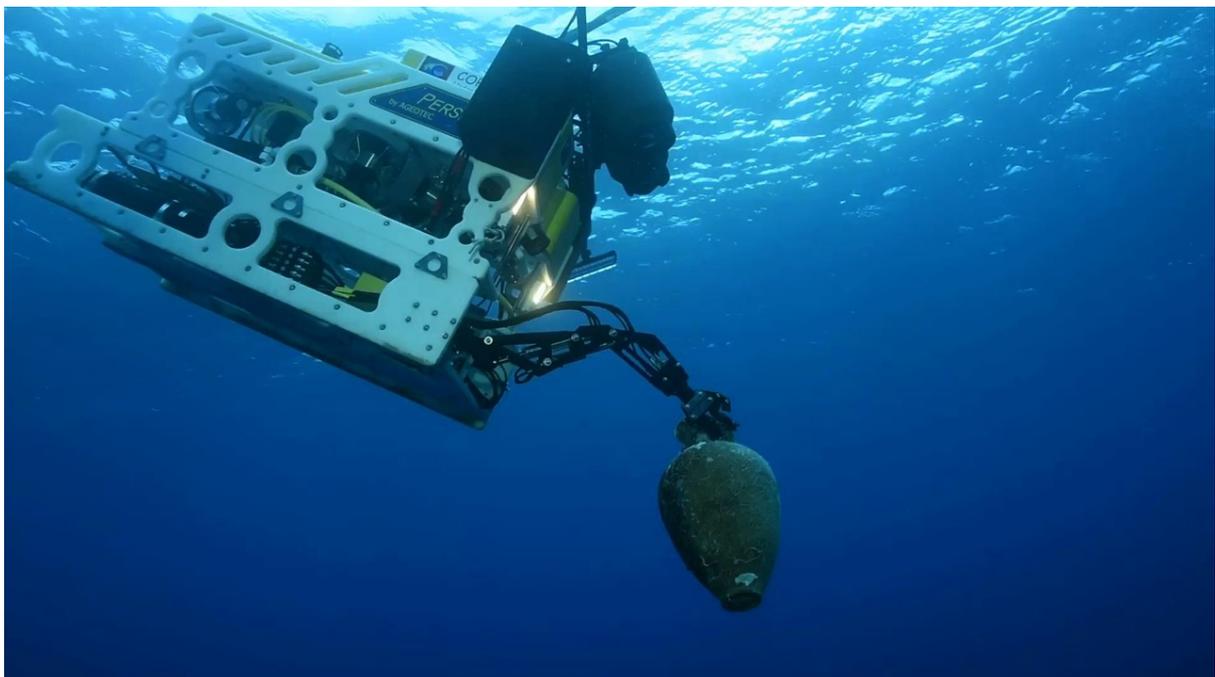
Saab Seaeye has delivered a Hydro-Lek HD5 manipulator system, complete with valve packs, HPU, and control electronics to French submarine research and survey specialists, Copetech-SM for integration with their Perseo GTV ROV.



Hydro-Lek HD5 5 function manipulator

Based in Marseille, Copetech-SM will be deploying the new manipulator for marine archaeological applications in the Mediterranean. Working closely with DRASSM (Direction des Recherches Archéologiques Subaquatiques et Sous-Marines) which reports directly to the French Ministry of Culture and Communications, the HLK-5600 arm will be collecting delicate ancient amphoras and oil lamps from the seabed off the east coast of Corsica.

Copetech-SM also intends to deploy the arm in oil and gas applications in Tunisia and Azerbaijan for platform inspection, mattress installation and the connection and disconnection of risers.



Hydro-Lek's 5 function arm collecting amphora from the seabed

A robust manipulator, the HLK-HD5 is designed for the smaller ROV and incorporates a continuous jaw rotate assembly and three Hydro-Lek hydraulic cylinders. Weighing just over 16 kg in water it is capable of lifting 40 kg at full reach of 800mm.

"We have been using Hydro-Lek manipulator systems for many years now," says Copetech-SM General Manager, Jerome Salielli. "They are well adapted to the size of our Class II ROVs and provide

an effective balance between capacity, size and price. This new 5 function manipulator will provide us with the extra dexterity required for future applications.”

Hydro-Lek design and manufacture a wide range of compact and reliable hydraulic manipulators for small and medium class ROVs and other remote platforms. Ranging from a compact 5 function arm weighing less than 5 kg in water to a more rugged 7 function manipulator system, Hydro-Lek has become the supplier of choice for many remote intervention tasks worldwide across a broad spectrum of industries from oil and gas pipeline inspection through to the collection of ancient artefacts from the seabed.

Hydro-Lek became a business line within Saab Seaeye in January 2016. Saab Seaeye is the world's leading underwater e-robotics company, with the most advanced range of tethered, autonomous and hybrid electric robotic systems, engineered to address the diverse range of tasks found across commercial, defence and scientific markets.

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