

## Blowout preventer Gulf of Mexico was faulty

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A House of Representatives Energy Panel investigation has revealed that the blowout preventer that failed to stop the major oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico had a dead battery in its control pod, leaks in its hydraulic system, a "useless" test version of a key component and a cutting tool that wasn't strong enough to shear through steel joints in the well pipe and stop the flow of oil. The Chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Committee's subcommittee on oversight said Wednesday that documents and interviews show that the device was anything but "fail-safe" as claimed earlier by BP.

More [here](#)

A diagram of the blowout preventer and its flaws can be seen [here](#)

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