

# ROBBINS

## SBU DIVISION

### REMOTE CONTROLLED SMALL BORING UNIT (SBU-RC)



#### ABOUT

The SBU-RC is a game-changer for the trenchless industry, making long, line-and-grade-sensitive crossings possible at small diameter. The SBU-RC is an unmanned, articulated mixed ground and hard rock boring machine for use with standard Auger Boring Machines (ABMs) or pipe jacking systems. In a launch pit or shaft, the SBU-RC is attached to the lead steel casing. The ABM or pipe jacking system provides thrust through this steel casing.

To excavate the material, a circular cutterhead mounted with disc cutters fractures hard rock into chips. In mixed ground, two-row carbide cutters can be used. An in-shield drive motor provides torque for cutterhead rotation, while muck is removed via a tube connected to a vacuum truck at the surface.

#### A COST-EFFECTIVE ALTERNATIVE TO MICROTUNNELING

Because the SBU-RC uses vacuum spoil removal, there is no slurry as would be needed for standard microtunneling. The simplified operation takes out the extra step of slurry cleaning and gives contractors a more cost-effective alternative. The end result is a highly successful machine with a price tag that wins bids, time and again.

#### PINPOINT STEERING

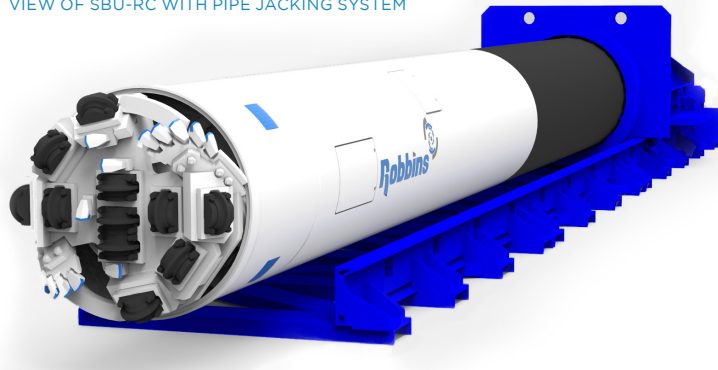
The SBU-RC incorporates a smart guidance system, installed in an operator's station at the surface. The guidance system shows an operator projections of the future bore path so steering corrections can be made before the machine is ever out of line and grade. An articulated forward shield is able to make adjustments within two degrees in all directions.

#### SBU-RC APPLICATIONS

- Line-and-grade-sensitive crossings
- Small diameter crossings
- Long crossings up to 500 ft, depending on conditions
- Cost effective alternative to microtunneling in hard rock and mixed ground



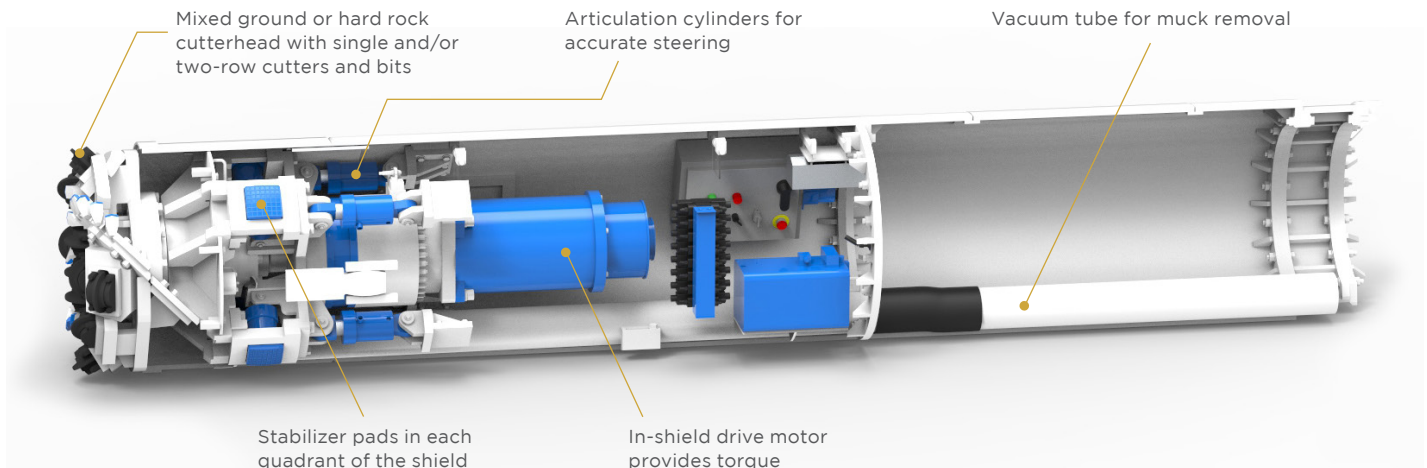
VIEW OF SBU-RC WITH PIPE JACKING SYSTEM



SBU-RC CUTTERHEAD



SBU-RC CUTAWAY VIEW



## SPECIFICATIONS

### MACHINE DIAMETERS

36 to 42 inches

### ROCK STRENGTHS

Up to 20,000 psi UCS

### GROUND CONDITIONS

Medium to hard rock or mixed ground above the water table.  
Mixed ground may include rock with gravel and clay seams or other non-compressible materials.

### VACUUM SYSTEM

6,000 cfm - supplied by customer

### ELECTRICAL

Powered by VFD. 50 Hz or 60 Hz acceptable

### LEASING AVAILABLE WORLDWIDE

## SBU-RC 36

Bore Diameter - 38 in

Approx. Weight - 11,400 lbs

Approx. Length - 10.5 ft

Power Required - 75 kW generator

Max. Thrust - 180,000 lbs

Cutterhead Torque -  
16,200 lb-ft at 16 RPM

## SBU-RC 42

Bore Diameter - 44 in

Approx. Weight - 15,100 lbs

Approx. Length - 10.5 ft

Power Required - 75 kW generator

Max. Thrust - 216,000 lbs

Cutterhead Torque -  
16,200 lb-ft at 16 RPM



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