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DMNIPRO 220 MULTIPROCESS WELDING SYSTEM



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	WARNING SYMBOLS AND DEFINITIONS
	This is the Safety alert symbol. It is used to alert you to potential personal injury hazards. Obey all Safety messages that follow this symbol to avoid possible injury or death.
	Indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, will result in death or serious injury.
	Indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury.
	Indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in minor or moderate injury.
NOTICE	Addresses practices not related to personal injuny
CAUTION	Addresses practices not related to personal injury.

IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

Read all Safety warnings and instructions. Failure to follow the warnings and instructions may result in electric shock, fire and/or serious injury. Save all warnings and instructions for future reference.

General Safety

PROTECT yourself and others. Read and understand this information.

- Before use, read and understand manufacturer's instructions, Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS's), employer's Safety practices, and ANSI Z49.1.
- 2. Keep out of reach of children. Keep children and bystanders away while operating.
- 3. **Place the welder on a stable location before use.** If it falls while plugged in, severe injury, electric shock, or fire may result.
- 4. Do not overreach. Keep proper footing and balance at all times.
- 5. Stay alert, watch what you are doing and use common sense when operating a welder. Do not use a welder while you are tired or under the influence of drugs, alcohol or medication. A moment of inattention while operating welders may result in serious personal injury.
- 6. **Avoid unintentional starting.** Make sure you are prepared to begin work before turning on the Welder.
- 7. Never leave the Welder unattended while energized. Turn power off if you have to leave.
- 8. The warnings, precautions, and instructions discussed in this instruction manual cannot cover all possible conditions and situations that may occur. It must be understood by the operator that common sense and caution are factors which cannot be built into this product, but must be supplied by the operator.



INHALATION HAZARD:

Welding and Plasma Cutting produce toxic fumes.

- 1. Exposure to welding or cutting exhaust fumes can increase the risk of developing certain cancers, such as cancer of the larynx and lung cancer. Also, some diseases that may be linked to exposure to welding or plasma cutting exhaust fumes are:
 - Early onset of Parkinson's Disease
 - Heart disease
 - Ulcers
 - Damage to the reproductive organs
 - Inflammation of the small intestine or stomach
 - Kidney damage
 - Respiratory diseases such as emphysema, bronchitis, or pneumonia

Use natural or forced air ventilation and wear a respirator approved by NIOSH to protect against the fumes produced to reduce the risk of developing the above illnesses.

2. Do not use near degreasing or painting operations.

- 3. Keep head out of fumes. Do not breathe exhaust fumes.
- 4. Use enough ventilation, exhaust at arc, or both, to keep fumes and gases from breathing zone and general area. If engineering controls are not feasible, use an approved respirator.
- 5. Work in a confined area only if it is well-ventilated, or while wearing an air-supplied respirator.
- 6. Have a recognized specialist in Industrial Hygiene or Environmental Services check the operation and air quality and make recommendations for the specific welding situation. Follow OSHA guidelines for Permissible Exposure Limits (PEL's) and the American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists recommendations for Threshold Limit Values (TLV's) for fumes and gases.

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Arc Ray Safety

ARC RAYS can injure eyes and burn skin.

- 1. Wear ANSI-approved welding eye protection featuring at least a number 10 shade lens rating.
- 2. Wear leather leggings, fire resistant shoes or boots during use. Do not wear pants with cuffs, shirts with open pockets, or any clothing that can catch and hold molten metal or sparks.
- 3. Keep clothing free of grease, oil, solvents, or any flammable substances. Wear dry, insulating gloves and protective clothing.
- 4. Wear an approved head covering to protect the head and neck. Use aprons, cape, sleeves, shoulder covers, and bibs designed and approved for welding and cutting procedures.
- 5. Wear an approved welding jacket or long sleeves to protect forearms from radiation burns.
- 6. When welding/cutting overhead or in confined spaces, wear flame resistant ear plugs or ear muffs to keep sparks out of ears.

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Electrical Safety



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ELECTRIC SHOCK can KILL.



- 1. Turn off, disconnect power, and discharge electrode to ground before setting down torch/electrode holder and before service.
- 2. **Do not touch energized electrical parts.** Wear dry, insulating gloves. Do not touch electrode holder, electrode, welding torch, or welding wire with bare hand. Do not wear wet or damaged gloves.
- 3. Connect to grounded, GFCI-protected power supply only.
- 4. Do not use near water or damp objects.
- 5. **People with pacemakers should consult their physician(s) before use.** Electromagnetic fields in close proximity to heart pacemaker could cause pacemaker interference or pacemaker failure.
- Do not expose welders to rain or wet conditions. Water entering a welder will increase the risk of electric shock.

- 7. Do not abuse the cord. Never use the cord for carrying, pulling or unplugging the welder. Keep cord away from heat, oil, sharp edges or moving parts. Damaged or entangled cords increase the risk of electric shock.
- 8. Do not use outdoors.
- 9. Insulate yourself from the workpiece and ground. Use nonflammable, dry insulating material if possible, or use dry rubber mats, dry wood or plywood, or other dry insulating material large enough to cover your full area of contact with the work or ground.
- 10. THIS WELDING MACHINE MUST BE CONNECTED TO POWER SOURCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH APPLICABLE ELECTRICAL CODES.

Fire Safety





- Clear away or protect flammable objects. Remove or make safe all combustible materials for a radius of 35 feet (10 meters) around the work area. Use a fire resistant material to cover or block all open doorways, windows, cracks, and other openings.
- 2. Keep ABC-type fire extinguisher near work area and know how to use it.
- Maintain a safe working environment. Keep the work area well lit. Make sure there is adequate surrounding workspace. Keep the work area free of obstructions, grease, oil, trash, and other debris.
- 4. Do not operate welders in atmospheres containing dangerously reactive or flammable liquids, gases, vapors, or dust. Provide adequate ventilation in work areas to prevent accumulation of such substances. Welders create sparks which may ignite flammable substances or make reactive fumes toxic.

- 5. If working on a metal wall, ceiling, etc., prevent ignition of combustibles on the other side by moving the combustibles to a safe location. If relocation of combustibles is not possible, designate someone to serve as a fire watch, equipped with a fire extinguisher, during the cutting process and for at least one half hour after the cutting is completed.
- 6. Do not weld or cut on materials having a combustible coating or combustible internal structure, as in walls or ceilings, without an approved method for eliminating the hazard.
- 7. Do not dispose of hot slag in containers holding combustible materials.
- 8. After welding, make a thorough examination for evidence of fire. Be aware that easily visible smoke or flame may not be present for some time after the fire has started.
- 9. Do not apply heat to a container that has held an unknown substance or a combustible material whose contents, when heated, can produce flammable or explosive vapors. Clean and purge containers before applying heat. Vent closed containers, including castings, before preheating, welding, or cutting.

Welder Use and Care

- 1. Do not use the welder if the switch does not turn it on and off. Any welder that cannot be controlled with the switch is dangerous and must be repaired.
- 2. Disconnect the plug from the power source before making any adjustments, changing accessories, or storing welders. Such preventive Safety measures reduce the risk of starting the welder accidentally.
- 3. Prevent unintentional starting. Ensure the switch is in the offposition before connecting to power source or moving the welder. Carrying or energizing welders that have the switch on invites accidents.
- 4. Store idle welders out of the reach of children and do not allow persons unfamiliar with the welder or these instructions to operate the welder. Welders are dangerous in the hands of untrained users.
- 5. Use the welder and accessories in accordance with these instructions, taking into account the working conditions and the work to be performed. Use of the welder for operations different from those intended could result in a hazardous situation.
- 6. Do not use the welder for pipe thawing.

Maintenance

- 1. Maintain welders. Check for misalignment or binding of moving parts, breakage of parts and any other condition that may affect the welder's operation. If damaged, have the welder repaired before use. Many accidents are caused by poorly maintained welders.
- 2. Have your welder serviced by a gualified repair person using only identical replacement parts. This will ensure that the Safety of the welder is maintained.
- Maintain labels and nameplates on the Welder. 3. These carry important information. If unreadable or missing, contact Harbor Freight Tools for a replacement.
- 4. Unplug before maintenance. Unplug the Welder from its electrical outlet before any inspection, maintenance, or cleaning procedures.

Gas Shielded Welding - Cylinder Safety

Cylinders can explode when damaged.

- 1. Do not weld on a pressurized or closed cylinder.
- Do not allow an electrode holder, 2. electrode, welding torch, or welding wire to touch the cylinder.
- Keep cylinders away from any electrical circuits, 3. including welding circuits.
- 4. Keep protective cap in place over the valve except when the cylinder is in use.
- 5. Use only correct gas shielding equipment designed specifically for the type of welding you will do. Maintain this equipment properly.
- 6. Protect gas cylinders from heat, being struck, physical damage, slag, flames, sparks, and arcs.
- 7. Use proper procedures to move cylinders.





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Grounding

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TO PREVENT ELECTRIC SHOCK AND DEATH

FROM INCORRECT GROUNDING WIRE CONNECTION:

Check with a qualified electrician if you are in doubt as to whether the outlet is properly grounded. Do not use the welder if the power cord or plug is damaged. If damaged, have it repaired by a service facility before use. If the plug will not fit the outlet, have a proper outlet installed by a qualified electrician, do not use adapter plugs.

- The green wire inside the cord is connected to the grounding system in the Welder. The green wire in the cord must be the only wire connected to the Welder's grounding system and must never be attached to an electrically "live" terminal. Never leave the grounding wire disconnected or modify either Power Cord Plug in any way.
- 2. Make sure the tool is connected to an outlet having the same configuration as the plug. If the tool must be reconnected for use on a different type of electric circuit, the reconnection should be made by qualified service personnel; and after reconnection, the tool should comply with all local codes and ordinances.

Extension Cords

Do not use an extension cord on this welder.

Replacement Cords

- 1. Use only one of the supplied power cords for this welder or an identical replacement cord.
- 2. Do not install a thinner or longer cord on this welder.

3. Do not patch cords of any length together for this item, patches may allow moisture to penetrate the insulation, resulting in electric shock.

Symbology

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	Wire Feed (Speed)	
4	Workpiece Ground Cable	
	Torch Cable	
جھ جھ	Overheat Shutdown Indicator	
*	Cooling Fan	
ŧ	Housing Ground Point	
VAC	Volts Alternating Current	
Α	Amperes	
OCV	Open Circuit Voltage	
KVA	Kilovolt Amperes (Volts / 1000 * Amperes)	

IPM	Inches Per Minute
AWG	American Wire Gauge
N	Electric Shock Hazard. Do not touch energized parts.
	Inhalation Hazard. Keep head out of fumes and use proper ventilation.
(in the second s	Read manual before setup and/or use.
	Fire Hazard. Keep flammable materials away during welding. Spatter can cause accidental fires.
	Arc Ray Hazard. Wear welding helmet with properly rated filter lens.
	Pacemaker Hazard. Welding processes may interfere with pacemakers. Consult doctor before use.

Specifications

	MIG		
Power Input	120 VAC / 60 Hz	240 VAC / 60 Hz	
Current Input at Output	20.8A at 100A	25.5A at 200A	
Welding Current Range	30–140A	30–220A	
Rated Duty Cycles	40% @ 100A 100% @ 75A	25% @ 200A 100% @ 115A	
Maximum OCV	78VDC		
Weldable Materials	Mild Steel, St Aluminum (with op	ainless Steel tional Spool Gun)	
Welding Wire Capacity	Solid Core: 0.025 Flux Cored: 0.030	"/0.030"/0.035")"/0.035"/0.045"	
Wire Speed	50–500 IPM		
Wire Spool Capacity	Up to 12	lb spool	

	TIG		
Power Input	120 VAC / 60 Hz	240 VAC / 60 Hz	
Current Input at Output	20.6A at 125A	15.6A at 175A	
Welding Current Range	10A–125A	10A–175A	
Rated Duty Cycles	40% @ 125A 100% @ 90A	30% @ 175A 100% @ 105A	
Maximum OCV	78VDC		
Weldable Materials	Mild Steel, Stainless Steel, Chrome Moly		

Stick				
Power Input	120 VAC / 60 Hz	240 VAC / 60 Hz		
Current Input at Output	19.5A at 80A	23.7A at 175A		
Welding Current Range	10A-80A	10A–175A		
Rated Duty Cycles	40% @ 80A 100% @ 60A	25% @ 175A 100% @ 100A		
Maximum OCV	78VDC			
Weldable Materials	Mild Steel, Stainless Steel			

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WIRE

Controls

Front Panel Controls



<u>Note:</u> When using an optional Spool Gun (sold separately), connect the Spool Gun gas hose to the Spool Gun Gas Outlet.

Interior Controls



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MIG/Flux-Cored Wire Welding

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Read the ENTIRE IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION section at the beginning of this manual including all text under subheadings therein before set up or use of this product.

TO PREVENT SERIOUS INJURY FROM ACCIDENTAL OPERATION: Turn the Power Switch off and unplug the Welder before setup.

Note: Remove the protective foam and cardboard from the Welder before setup.

Wire Spool Installation/Wire Setup

Turn the Power Switch OFF and unplug 1. the Welder before proceeding.









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3. 1-2 Pound Wire Spool Installation: Remove the Wingnut and Spacer. If replacing a Spool, remove the old Spool and all remaining wire from the liners.

Pull up on the Door Latch,

then open the Door.

- Place the new Wire Spool over the Spool Spindle 4. and against the Spool Brake Pad as illustrated. To prevent wire feed problems, set the Spool so that it will unwind clockwise.
- Replace the Spacer over the 5. Spool Spindle and secure Spool in place with the Wingnut.

Notice: If Wire Spool can spin freely, Wingnut is too loose. This will cause the welding wire to unravel and unspool which can cause tangling and feeding problems.

- 6. 10-12 Pound Wire Spool Installation: Remove the Wingnut and Spacer. If replacing a Spool, remove the old Spool and all remaining wire from the liners.
- 7. Place the Spool Adapter over the Spool Spindle and against the Spool Brake Pad as illustrated.
- 8. Place the new Wire Spool over the Adapter and line up pin on Adapter with hole in Spool. To prevent wire feed problems, set the Spool so that it will unwind clockwise.
- 9. Replace the Spacer over the Spool Spindle and secure Spool in place with the Wingnut.

Notice: If Wire Spool can spin freely, Wingnut is too loose. This will cause the welding wire to unravel and unspool which can cause tangling and feeding problems.

10. Screw the Spool Knob into the Spool Adapter.

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12. <u>Feed Roller Instructions:</u> Check that the Feed Roller is

Check that the Feed Roller is correct for the type of wire being used (solid core or fluxcored) and that it is turned to properly match the wire size marked on the Wire Spool:

- a. Unscrew the Feed Roller Knob counterclockwise.
- b. Remove the Feed Roller Knob to expose the Feed Roller.
- c. Flip or replace the Feed Roller as needed and confirm that it is the correct Roller for the type of wire being used and that the number showing is the same as the wire diameter on the Spool.
- d. Screw the Feed Roller Knob back into place to secure the Feed Roller.





- 13. Loosen the Knob on the Wire Feed mechanism, then insert the Gun Cable Connector through the hole on the Welder front and into the socket on the Wire Feed.
- 14. Ensure that the Gun Cable Connector is fully inserted into the socket on the Wire Feed mechanism as shown. then tighten the Knob securely. If Connector is not fully inserted, the gas connection will leak, preventing shielding gas from reaching the welding arc.

NOTICE: To prevent damage, do not overtighten the Knob.

15. Insert the Wire Feed Control Cable through the hole on the Welder front and connect it to the Wire Feed Control Socket inside the machine, then tighten the lock ring on the Cable plug. Note that the plug on the Cable fits into the Socket in one specific orientation only.





Correct–Connector fully inserted



Wire Feed Mechanism

Knob

Gun Cable

Connector



IMPORTANT Securely hold onto the end of the welding wire and keep tension on it during the following steps.

If this is not done, the welding wire will unravel and unspool which can cause tangling and feeding problems.

Weldina

Wire

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Wire

Spool

- 18. Cut off all bent and crimped wire. The cut end must have no burrs or sharp edges; cut again if needed.
- 19. Keep tension on the wire and guide at least 12 inches of wire into the Wire Inlet Liner and Feed Guide.
- 20. Make sure the welding wire is resting in the groove of the Feed Roller, then push the wire Idler Arm down, and swing the Feed Tensioner up to latch it across the tip of the arm. After the wire is held by the Tensioner, you may release it.

Note: The tension should be 3–5 for solid wire and 2-3 for flux-cored wire. Too much force on flux-cored wire will crush it and may cause feeding issues.

- 21. Pull the Nozzle to remove it.
- 22. Unscrew the Contact Tip counterclockwise and remove.
- 23. Lay the MIG Gun Cable out in a straight line so that the welding wire moves through it easily. Leave the cover open, so that the feed mechanism can be observed.

IMPORTANT

Stainless steel wire is less flexible than other welding wire. Therefore, it is more difficult to feed through the liner and gun. It is especially important to keep the gun cable straight while feeding stainless steel wire.



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HOLD WIRE Feed SECURELY Guide Wire Inlet

Idler Arm Feed Tensioner

Liner





PARTS MAY BE AT WELDING VOLTAGE TO PREVENT ELECTRIC SHOCK AND DEATH:

- 1. Keep hands away from Wire Feed mechanism.
- 2. Close door before plugging in, unless using Cold Wire Feed to feed wire through to gun.
- 3. Do not touch Trigger while feeding wire through to gun.

24. Plug either 120 VAC or 240 VAC Power Cord into Power Input Socket.

25. Do not touch the Gun's Trigger. Plug the Power Cord into a properly grounded, GFCI protected

action-type circuit breaker or fuses.

120VAC (20 amp rated) or 240VAC receptacle that matches the plug and turn the Power Switch ON. The circuit must be equipped with delayed

Note: Plug will only fit one way.





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26. Point the Gun away from all objects. Press and hold the Cold Wire Feed Switch until the wire feeds through two inches.

The wire liner may come out with the welding wire. This is normal, just push the wire liner back into the Gun.

If the wire does not feed properly and the Spool is stationary, turn OFF and unplug the Welder and slightly tighten the Feed Tensioner clockwise before retrying.





27. To check the wire's drive tension, press and hold Trigger to feed the wire against a piece of wood from 2 to 3 inches away.

Note: After pressing Trigger, wire will stop feeding after 3 seconds if there is no arc. Check tension for less than 3 seconds.

If the wire stops instead of bending, unplug the Welder, slightly tighten the Feed Tensioner clockwise, and try again. If the wire bends from the feed pressure, then the tension is set properly. Before proceeding, turn OFF the Power Switch and unplug the Power Cord from its electrical outlet.

- 28. Turn OFF the Power Switch and unplug the Power Cord from its electrical outlet.
- 29. Close the Door. Make sure Door is securely latched.
- 30. Select a Contact Tip that is compatible with the welding wire used. Slide the Contact Tip over the wire and thread it clockwise into the MIG Gun. Tighten the Contact Tip.
- 31. Replace the Nozzle and cut the wire off at 1/2" from tip (1/2" stickout).

Optional Spool Gun Setup







1. To set up optional Spool Gun (sold separately), plug Ground Clamp Cable into Negative (-) Socket. Plug Wire Feed Power Cable into Positive (+) Socket. Twist cables clockwise all the way to lock in place.

Spool Gun

Spool Gun

Cable Connector

Wire Feed

Control

Cable

Ground

Clamp Cable

in Negative

Socket

- 2. Loosen the Knob on the Wire Feed mechanism, then insert the Spool Gun Cable Connector through the hole on the Welder front and into the socket on the Wire Feed.
- 3. Ensure Cable Connector is fully inserted and tighten the Knob securely. If Connector is not fully inserted, the gas connection will leak, preventing shielding gas from reaching the welding arc.

NOTICE: To prevent damage, do not overtighten the Knob.

- 4. Insert the Wire Feed Control Cable through hole on Welder front and connect to the Wire Feed Control Socket inside the machine, then tighten lock ring on the Cable plug. Note that the plug on the Cable fits into the Socket in one specific orientation only.
- 5. Connect Gas Hose on Spool Gun Cable Connector to Spool Gun Gas Outlet on front of Welder. Refer to paragraph 17 on page 14 for further shielding gas setup information.
- 6. Refer to Spool Gun manual for operational information.

Gas Hose

Spool Gun

Gas Outlet

Wire Feed

Power Cable in

Positive Socket

Basic Wire Welding



CONTROLS

Read the ENTIRE IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION section at the beginning of this manual including all text under subheadings therein before welding.

TO PREVENT SERIOUS INJURY:

Protective gear must be worn when using the Welder; minimum shade number 10 full face shield (or welding mask), ear protection, welding gloves, sleeves and apron, NIOSH-approved respirator, and fire resistant work clothes without pockets should be worn when welding. Light from the arc can cause permanent damage to the eyes and skin. Do not breathe arc fumes.

Flux-cored wire welding is used to weld mild steel and stainless steel without shielding gas.

MIG welding uses solid wire and shielding gas, and is used to weld mild steel and stainless steel. MIG welding can also be used to weld thinner workpieces than flux-cored welding can.

Aluminum welding can be performed with an optional Spool Gun (sold separately) using aluminum wire and shielding gas.

Good welding takes a degree of skill and experience. Practice a few sample welds on scrap before welding your first project. Additional practice periods are recommended whenever you weld:

- a different thickness of material
- a different type of material •
- a different type of connection
- using a different process

Make practice welds on pieces of scrap to practice technique before welding anything of value.



AWARNING



TO PREVENT SERIOUS INJURY, FIRE AND BURNS: Keep welding tip clear of grounded objects whenever unit is plugged in and turned on.



Practice your welding technique on scrap pieces before welding anything of value.

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Duty Cycle (Duration of Use)

Avoid damage to the Welder by not welding for more than the prescribed duty cycle time. The Duty Cycle defines the number of minutes, within a 10 minute period, during which a given welder can produce a particular welding current without overheating.

For example, a welder with a 40% duty cycle at 100A welding current must be allowed to rest for at least 6 minutes after every 4 minutes of continuous welding.

Failure to carefully observe duty cycle limitations can easily over-stress a welder's power generation system contributing to premature welder failure.

This Welder has an internal thermal protection system to help prevent this sort of over-stress. When the Welder overheats, it automatically shuts down and a warning screen appears in the LCD Display window. The Welder automatically returns to service after cooling off. Should this occur, rest the MIG Gun on an electrically non-conductive, heat-proof surface, such as a concrete slab, well clear of the ground clamp.

Allow the Welder to cool with the Power Switch on, so that the internal Fan will help cool the Welder.

When normal operation resumes, use shorter welding periods and longer rest periods to prevent needless wear.

Setting Up The Weld



1. Make practice welds on pieces of scrap the same thickness as your intended workpiece to practice technique before welding anything of value. Clean the weld surfaces thoroughly with a wire brush or angle grinder; there must be no rust, paint, oil, or other materials on the weld surfaces, only bare metal.

- **Rated Duty Cycle** 120VAC 40% Use at 100A For 10 Continuous Minutes 4 6 Minutes Minutes Welding Resting 100% Continuous Use at 75A **Rated Duty Cycle** 240VAC 25% Use at 200A For 10 Continuous Minutes 7-1/2 2 - 1/2Minutes Minutes Welding Resting 100% Continuous Use at 115A
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3. Clamp Ground Cable to bare metal on the workpiece near the weld area, or to metal work bench where the workpiece is clamped.

Use clamps (not included) to hold the workpieces 2. in position so that you can concentrate on proper welding technique. The distance (if any) between the two workpieces must be controlled properly to allow the weld to hold both sides securely while allowing the weld to penetrate fully into the joint. The edges of thicker workpieces may need to be chamfered (or beveled) to allow proper weld penetration.

Notice: When welding equipment on a vehicle, disconnect the vehicle battery power from both the positive connection and the ground before welding. This prevents damage to some vehicle electrical systems and electronics due to the high voltage and high frequency bursts common in welding.





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- Turn the Power Switch to the OFF position, then plug the Power Cord into a properly grounded, GFCI protected 120VAC (20 amp rated) or 240VAC receptacle that matches the plug. The circuit must be equipped with delayed action-type circuit breaker or fuses.
- 5. Set MIG Gun down on nonconductive, nonflammable surface away from any grounded objects.
- 6. Turn the Power Switch ON.

Settings

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- 1. Press Home Button on Control Panel.
- 2. Turn Main Control Knob until desired process appears on LCD display screen.
- 3. Press Main Control Knob to select process.

<u>Note:</u> Press Main Control Knob to go to next screen. Press Back Button to return to the previous screen.

- 4. Adjust settings for the selected process.
 - a. Polarity and Gas Settings:
 - Plug cables in according to screen.
 - Connect gas according to screen.
 - Set SCFH between 20-30.





- b. Set Wire Diameter and Material Thickness:
 - Turn Left Knob to set wire diameter.
 - Turn Right Knob to set material thickness.



- c. Auto Weld Settings:
 - Turn Left Knob to adjust Wire Feed Speed (Amperage).
 - Turn Right Knob to adjust Voltage.



Note: If the Wire Feed Speed or Voltage settings are adjusted manually, the white mark on the line shows the recommended setting for your wire/electrode diameter and workpiece thickness.

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- d. Optional Settings:
 - Press Main Control Knob to enter Optional Settings.
 - Turn Main Control Knob until desired setting appears on screen.
 - Press Main Control Knob to select desired setting.
 - Turn Main Control Knob to adjust setting.

Available Optional Settings:

- Run-In WFS–Adjust wire speed before it contacts workpiece. This setting represents a % of the pre-set wire feed speed (WFS).
- Inductance–Adjust length of arc. Increase for more fluid puddle and flatter bead. Decrease for colder puddle.
- Spot Timer-Set timer for spot welding.
- Recall Setting-Retrieve saved settings.
- Save Setting–Program up to 5 different configurations. Turn Main Control Knob to scroll between 5 available slots. Press Main Control Knob to access OVERWRITE MEMORY SETTING screen and turn Main Control Knob to choose YES selection. Press Main Control Knob to save current Welder settings.

Note: The initial settings may need to be adjusted after stopping and carefully inspecting the weld. Proper welding takes experience.

Gas Shielded, Solid-Core Wire Only

DANGER! TO PREVENT DEATH FROM ASPHYXIATION: Do not open gas without proper ventilation. Fix gas leaks immediately.

Shielding gas can displace air and cause rapid loss of consciousness and death.

Shielding gas without carbon dioxide can be even more hazardous because asphyxiation can start without feeling shortness of breath.

- 1. Open gas cylinder valve all the way.
- 2. Set Flow Gauge to SCFH value indicated on Settings Chart.



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Basic Wire Welding Technique

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- 1. Press (and hold) Trigger and contact the area to be welded with electrode wire to ignite arc.
- 2. For a narrow weld, you can usually draw the wire in a steady straight line. This is called a stringer bead.

For a wider weld, draw the wire back and forth across the joint. This is called a *weave bead* and takes practice to perform properly.

For MIG welding using solid wire and

from the direction you are welding. The

amount of tilt is called the push angle.

When using flux-cored wire without shielding gas, the end of the MIG Gun should be tilted so that wire is angled anywhere in-between straight on and 15° in the direction you are welding. The amount of tilt is called the drag angle.

6. The Contact Tip should remain within 1/2" of the work surface. This distance is called CTWD - Contact Tip to Work Distance.

shielding gas, the end of the MIG Gun should be tilted so that wire is angled anywhere in-between straight on and 15° away



Direct the welding wire straight into the joint. This gives an angle of 90° (straight up and down) for butt (end to end) welds, and an angle of 45° for fillet (T-shaped) welds. 45°



fillet weld joint





Solid Wire with Shielding Gas



Flux-Cored Wire without Gas



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Note: If Welder is used too long, a warning screen appears in the LCD Display window and the unit automatically shuts down. The Welder automatically returns to service after cooling off. Should this occur, rest the MIG Gun on an electrically non-conductive, heat-proof surface, such as a concrete slab, away from the ground clamp.

Allow the Welder to cool with the Power Switch on, so that the internal Fan will help cool the Welder.

When normal operation resumes, use shorter welding periods and longer rest periods to help prevent needless wear.

7. After welding the test weld on a piece of scrap for a few seconds, stop, and check your progress. Clean, then compare your weld's appearance with the diagrams and descriptions in the Welding Tips section starting on the next page. After making any necessary adjustments, continue to weld while carefully following the DUTY CYCLE guidelines as explained on page 19.

CAUTION! Weld will be hot, do not touch.

After practice welding for a few seconds, STOP and examine your weld using the guidelines starting on the next page.



- When welding is complete, set the MIG Gun down on a heat-proof, electrically non-conductive surface. Turn the Power Switch OFF.
- 9. Allow Welder to cool down, then unplug the Power Cord.
- 10. Remove Ground Clamp from workpiece or table and disconnect MIG Gun.
- 11. Respool wire by clipping wire, removing gas nozzle/contact tip on MIG gun, releasing Idler Arm on Wire Feed mechanism, and rotating the Wire Spool counterclockwise. Be sure to securely hold wire as it is being respooled because the end of wire has a tendency to quickly unravel once it clears the wire feeder.
- 12. MIG ONLY: Close shielding gas cylinder valve securely. Remove Regulator and replace cap. Disconnect Gas Hose from Welder. Store and secure gas cylinder.





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WELDING TIPS

Read the <u>ENTIRE</u> IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION section at the beginning of this manual including all text under subheadings therein before set up or use of this product.

WARNING TO PREVENT SERIOUS INJURY FROM ACCIDENTAL OPERATION: Turn the Power Switch off and unplug the Welder before setup.

Note: Remove the protective foam and cardboard from the Welder before setup. Place the Welder on a level surface that can bear its weight near the work area. Leave space around the Welder for proper air flow.

TIG Setup

Connect Cables



- 1. Plug Ground Clamp Cable into Positive Socket. Twist clockwise all the way to lock in place.
- 2. Plug TIG Torch Cable (TIG Torch sold separately) into Negative Socket. Twist clockwise all the way to lock in place.
- Insert the Foot Pedal Cable (Foot Pedal sold separately) through hole on Welder front and connect to the Foot Pedal Socket inside the machine. Secure by turning collar clockwise until tight.
- 4. For connecting Shielding Gas Hose, refer to *Connect Shielding Gas* section on next page.

- With assistance, place an 100% Argon cylinder (not included) onto a cabinet or cart near the Welder and secure the cylinder in place with two straps (not included) to prevent tipping.
- 2. Remove the cylinder's cap. Stand to the side of the valve opening, then open the valve briefly to blow dust and dirt from the valve opening. Close the cylinder valve.
- 3. Locate the Regulator (included) and close its valve until it is loose, then thread Regulator onto cylinder and wrench-tighten connection.
- 4. Connect Shielding Gas Hose on TIG Torch Cable Connector to the Regulator's Outlet and wrench-tighten connection.

Connect Power Cord

Plug either 120 VAC or 240 VAC Power Cord into Power Input Socket.

Note: Plug will only fit one way.

WARNING! TO PREVENT SERIOUS INJURY FROM ACCIDENTAL OPERATION: Do not plug cord into wall outlet at this time.



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Briefly open valve

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to clean,

then close

valve.

Sharpen Tungsten Electrode (sold separately)

To avoid Electrode contamination, dedicate a fine grit grinding wheel exclusively to Electrode grinding.

WARNING! Some Electrodes may have materials added to them that are hazardous to breathe. Wear a respirator and ANSI-approved Safety goggles when grinding an Electrode.

- 1. Shut off the welder and wait until Electrode and Torch have cooled enough to handle.
- 2. Remove Back Cap. Pull Electrode from front of Torch. (Pulling it from rear will damage Collet and create burrs on Electrode).
- 3. If Electrode has dulled or been otherwise contaminated, use pliers or a suitable tool to grip the Electrode above the contaminated section and snap off the end of the Electrode.

Assemble TIG Torch (sold separately)

- 1. Consult Settings Chart, on top of Welder, to determine proper Tungsten Electrode size to be used with thickness of material to be welded.
- 2. Match Collet and Collet Body sizes to Tungsten Electrode size.
- 3. Thread Collet Body into the front of the Torch.
- 4. Make sure Ceramic Nozzle size is appropriate for application.
- 5. Thread Ceramic Nozzle onto Collet Body.
- 6. Insert Collet into back of Torch and into Collet Body.
- 7. Insert Tungsten Electrode into Collet on front of Torch.

 Lightly press Electrode tip against the surface of the grinding wheel at an angle. Rotate Electrode tip until a blunt point is formed.

Electrode

Grinding Wheel

Note: Grinding direction must be parallel to length of Electrode.

- The conical portion of the ideal tip will be 2-1/2 times as long as the Electrode diameter.
- 6. Re-insert Electrode into Collet with tip protruding 1/8"-1/4" beyond the Ceramic Nozzle, then re-tighten the Back Cap.
- Lock Electrode in place with Back Cap. Electrode should protrude 1/8" to 1/4" beyond the Ceramic Nozzle.



Stick Setup

Connect Cables



- 1. Plug Ground Clamp Cable into Negative Socket. Twist clockwise all the way to lock in place.
- 2. Plug Electrode Holder Cable into Positive Socket. Twist clockwise all the way to lock in place.

Connect Power Cord

Plug either 120 VAC or 240 VAC Power Cord into Power Input Socket.

Note: Plug will only fit one way.

WARNING! TO PREVENT SERIOUS INJURY FROM ACCIDENTAL OPERATION: Do not plug cord into wall outlet at this time. Power

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Basic TIG/Stick Welding



CONTROLS

Read the <u>ENTIRE</u> IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION section at the beginning of this manual including all text under subheadings therein before set up or use of this product.

TO PREVENT SERIOUS INJURY:

Protective gear must be worn when using the Welder; minimum shade number 10 full face shield (or welding mask), ear protection, welding gloves, sleeves and apron, NIOSH-approved respirator, and fire resistant work clothes without pockets should be worn when welding. Light from the arc can cause permanent damage to the eyes and skin. Do not breathe arc fumes.

- DC TIG Welding is used to weld mild steel and stainless steel using a TIG Rod and shielding gas.
- AC TIG Welding is used to weld aluminum using a TIG Rod and shielding gas.
- Stick Welding is used to weld mild steel and stainless steel using a Stick Electrode without shielding gas.

Good welding takes a degree of skill and experience. Practice a few sample welds on scrap before welding your first project. Additional practice periods are recommended whenever you weld:

- · a different thickness of material
- · a different type of material
- · a different type of connection
- · using a different process

Make practice welds on pieces of scrap to practice technique before welding anything of value.





TO PREVENT SERIOUS INJURY, FIRE AND BURNS: Keep welding tip clear of grounded objects whenever unit is plugged in and turned on.



Practice your welding technique on scrap pieces before welding anything of value. Avoid damage to the Welder by not welding for more than the prescribed duty cycle time. The Duty Cycle defines the number of minutes, within a 10 minute period, during which a given welder can produce a particular welding current without overheating.

For example, a welder with a 40% duty cycle at 125A welding current must be allowed to rest for at least 6 minutes after every 4 minutes of continuous welding.

Failure to carefully observe duty cycle limitations can easily over-stress a welder's power generation system contributing to premature welder failure.



This Welder has an internal thermal protection system to help prevent this sort of over-stress. When the Welder overheats, it automatically shuts down and a warning screen appears in the LCD Display window. The Welder automatically returns to service after cooling off. Should this occur, rest the Tig Torch or Electrode Holder on an electrically non-conductive, heat-proof surface, such as a concrete slab, well clear of the ground clamp.

Allow the Welder to cool with the Power Switch on, so that the internal Fan will help cool the Welder.

When normal operation resumes, use shorter welding periods and longer rest periods to prevent needless wear.



Setting up the Weld



- 1. Make practice welds on pieces of scrap the same thickness as your intended workpiece to practice technique before welding anything of value. Clean the weld surfaces thoroughly with a wire brush or angle grinder; there must be no rust, paint, oil, or other materials on the weld surfaces, only bare metal.
- 2. Use clamps (not included) to hold the workpieces in position so that you can concentrate on proper welding technique. The distance (if any) between the two workpieces must be controlled properly to allow the weld to hold both sides securely while allowing the weld to penetrate fully into the joint. The edges of thicker workpieces may need to be chamfered (or beveled) to allow proper weld penetration.

NOTICE: When welding equipment on a vehicle, disconnect the vehicle battery power from both the positive connection and the ground before welding. This prevents damage to some vehicle electrical systems and electronics due to the high voltage and high frequency bursts common in welding.

Workpiece Workpiece Clean Surface to bare metal. Clamp

Ground connection depends on desired welding polarity

 Clamp Ground Cable to bare metal on the workpiece near the weld area, or to metal work bench where the workpiece is clamped.

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WELDING TIPS

TO PREVENT SERIOUS INJURY AND DEATH:

Do not weld without Grounding Clamp.

When the operator is not holding the Torch, it must be sitting on a nonconductive, nonflammable surface. Only hold TIG Rod with an electrically insulated welding glove.

TO PREVENT DEATH FROM ASPHYXIATION:

Do not open gas without proper ventilation. Fix gas leaks immediately. Shielding gas can displace air and cause rapid loss of consciousness and death. **Shielding gas without carbon dioxide can be even more hazardous because asphyxiation can start without feeling shortness of breath.**

NOTICE: TIG welding is a complicated process, requiring experience and skill to achieve successful results. Training beyond the scope of this manual is required to TIG weld properly.

- 1. Open gas cylinder's valve all the way.
- 2. Set Flow Gauge to SCFH value indicated on the Settings Chart on the inside of the Welder door.
- Turn the Power Switch to the OFF position, then plug the Welder into a properly grounded, GFCI protected, 120VAC (20 amp rated) outlet or 240V outlet. The circuit must be equipped with delayed action-type circuit breaker or fuses.
- 4. Set TIG Torch down on nonconductive, nonflammable surface away from any grounded objects.
- 5. Turn the Power Switch ON.
- 6. Press Home Button on Control Panel.
- 7. Turn Main Control Knob until TIG process appears on LCD display screen.
- 8. Press Main Control Knob to select TIG process.

<u>Note:</u> Press Main Control Knob to go to next screen. Press Back Button to return to the previous screen.



- 9. Adjust settings for the TIG process.
 - a. Polarity and Gas Settings:
 - Plug cables in according to screen.
 - Connect gas according to screen.
 - Set SCFH between 10-25.



- b. Set Rod Diameter and Material Thickness:
 - Turn Left Knob to set rod diameter.
 - Turn Right Knob to set material thickness.



- c. Auto Weld Settings:
 - Turn Left Knob to adjust output amperage.
 - Turn Right Knob to ON to energize TIG Torch.

<u>WARNING!</u> Welder is now energized and Open Circuit Voltage is present.



- d. Optional Settings:
 - Press Main Control Knob to enter Optional Settings.
 - Turn Main Control Knob until desired setting appears on screen.
 - Press Main Control Knob to select desired setting.
 - Turn Main Control Knob to adjust setting. Available Optional Settings:
 - Recall Setting-Retrieve saved settings.
 - Save Setting–Program up to 5 different configurations.



Note: The initial settings may need to be adjusted after stopping and carefully inspecting the weld. Proper welding takes experience.

WARNING! TO PREVENT SERIOUS INJURY: Protective gear must be worn when using the Welder; minimum shade number 10 full face shield (or welding mask), ear protection, welding gloves, sleeves and apron, NIOSH-approved respirator, and fire resistant work clothes without pockets should be worn when welding. Light from the arc can cause permanent damage to the eyes and skin. Do not breathe arc fumes.

> After practice welding on scrap, stop, and check your progress. Perform Strike Test according to Strike Test on page 34. After making any necessary adjustments, continue to weld while carefully following the DUTY CYCLE guidelines as explained on page 29.

<u>WARNING!</u> Metal work bench must be grounded when TIG welding.

10. Hold TIG Torch in one gloved hand and the TIG Rod (sold separately) in other gloved hand.

NOTE: Maintain a constant distance between the Tungsten Electrode and the workpiece: between 1 and 1.5 times the diameter of the Electrode.

- 11. Open valve on TIG Torch to start gas flow.
- 12. To initiate welding arc, push Foot Pedal and touch Electrode to work piece and lift. If not using Foot Pedal, touch Electrode to work piece and lift.
- When welding puddle is hot enough, tilt Torch backward about 10-15 degrees from vertical and move it back slightly. Add TIG Rod material as needed to the front end of the weld puddle.
- 14. Alternate between pushing the torch/weld puddle and adding the TIG Rod material.

NOTE: Remove the TIG Rod each time the Electrode is advanced, but do not remove it from the gas shield. This prevents oxidation from contaminating the weld.

- 15. When finished welding, release the Foot Pedal but keep Torch on weld puddle until weld solidifies. If not using Foot Pedal, pull Torch away from work piece until welding arc is broken, then return the gas coverage until weld solidifies.
- 16. Close valve on TIG Torch and turn Right Knob to OFF to turn off power to TIG Torch.
- 17. Set TIG Torch down on nonconductive, nonflammable surface away from any grounded objects.
- 18. Turn the Power Switch OFF.
- 19. To prevent accidents, after use:
 - Allow Welder to cool down.
 - Unplug Welder's power cord from outlet.
 - Remove Ground Clamp from workpiece or table.
 - Disconnect TIG Torch, Ground and Food Pedal Cables.
 - Close gas cylinder's valve securely, remove regulator and replace cap.
 - Disconnect Gas Hose from Welder.
 - Store and secure gas cylinder.
 - Clean, then store Welder and its accessories indoors out of children's reach.

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TO PREVENT SERIOUS INJURY AND DEATH: Do not weld without Grounding Clamp. When the operator is not holding the Electrode Holder, it must be sitting on a nonconductive, nonflammable surface.

- Turn the Power Switch to the OFF position, then plug the Welder into a properly grounded, GFCI protected, 120VAC (20 amp rated) outlet or 240V outlet. The circuit must be equipped with delayed action-type circuit breaker or fuses.
- Set Electrode Holder down on nonconductive, nonflammable surface away from any grounded objects.
- 3. Turn the Power Switch ON.
- 4. Press Home Button on Control Panel.
- 5. Turn Main Control Knob until Stick process appears on LCD display screen.
- 6. Press Main Control Knob to select STICK process.

<u>Note:</u> Press Main Control Knob to go to next screen. Press Back Button to return to the previous screen.



- 7. Adjust settings for the STICK process.
 - a. Polarity Setting:
 - Plug cables in according to screen.



- b. Set Electrode type:
 - Turn Main Control Knob to set electrode type.



- c. Set Electrode Diameter and Material Thickness:
 - Turn Left Knob to set electrode diameter.
 - Turn Right Knob to set material thickness.



- d. Auto Weld Settings:
 - Turn Left Knob to adjust output amperage.
 - Turn Right Knob to ON to energize Electrode Holder.

<u>WARNING!</u> Welder is now energized and Open Circuit Voltage is present.



e. Optional Settings:

- Press Main Control Knob to enter Optional Settings.
- Turn Main Control Knob until desired setting appears on screen.
- Press Main Control Knob to select desired setting.
- Turn Main Control Knob to adjust setting. Available Optional Settings:
- Hot Start-Adjust amperage at start of weld.
- Arc Force–Adjust weld penetration and smoothness.
- Recall Setting-Retrieve saved settings.
- Save Setting–Program up to 5 different configurations.



Note: The initial settings may need to be adjusted after stopping and carefully inspecting the weld. Proper welding takes experience.

WARNING! TO PREVENT SERIOUS INJURY: Protective gear must be worn when using the Welder; minimum shade number 10 full face shield (or welding mask), ear protection, welding gloves, sleeves and apron, NIOSH-approved respirator, and fire resistant work clothes without pockets should be worn when welding. Light from the arc can cause permanent damage to the eyes and skin. Do not breathe arc fumes.

> After practice welding on scrap, stop, and check your progress. Perform Strike Test according to Strike Test on page 34. After making any necessary adjustments, continue to weld while carefully following the DUTY CYCLE guidelines as explained on page 29.

- 8. Place the bare metal end of the Stick Electrode (sold separately) inside the jaws of the Electrode Holder.
- 9. Stroke the workpiece lightly to ignite the arc. Tips for igniting the arc:
 - a. Tap the surface with the Electrode.
 - b. Stroke the surface with the Electrode.
 - c. Strike the surface like a match with the Electrode.
- 10. After the arc ignites:
 - a. Lift the Electrode off workpiece the same distance as the diameter of the bare metal end.
 - b. Tilt Electrode back 10 to 20 degrees.
 - c. Drag Electrode to the back end of the weld puddle to deposit material as needed.
- When finished welding; lift the Electrode from the workpiece, then set Electrode Holder down on nonconductive, nonflammable surface away from any grounded objects.
- 12. Turn the Power Switch OFF.
- 13. To prevent accidents, after use:
 - Allow Welder to cool down.
 - Unplug Welder's power cord from outlet.
 - Remove Ground Clamp.
 - Disconnect Electrode Holder and Ground Cables.
- 14. Clean, then store Welder and its accessories indoors out of children's reach.

Welding Tips

A good way to test welding technique is to examine a weld's appearance after it has cooled and the slag has been removed. Then, better welding can be learned by adjusting your weld technique to remedy any problems found.

NOTICE: TIG welding is a complicated process, requiring experience and skill to achieve successful results. Training beyond the scope of this manual is required to TIG weld properly.

After practice welding a couple of welding beads, STOP and examine your weld using the following guidelines.

Strike Test

A test weld on a PIECE OF SCRAP can be tested by using the following procedure. WEAR ANSI-APPROVED SAFETY GOGGLES DURING THIS PROCEDURE.

<u>WARNING!</u> This test WILL damage the weld it is performed on. This test is ONLY an indicator of weld technique and is not intended to test working welds.

- 1. After two scraps have been welded together and the weld has cooled, clamp one scrap in a sturdy vise.
- 2. Stay clear from underneath while you strike the opposite scrap with a heavy hammer, preferably a dead-blow hammer.
- 3. A **GOOD WELD** will deform but not break, as shown on top.

A **POOR WELD** will be brittle and snap at the weld, as shown on bottom.



Cleaning the Weld



TO PREVENT SERIOUS INJURY: Continue to wear ANSI-approved safety goggles and protective wear when cleaning a weld. Sparks or chips may fly when cleaning.

- 1. A weld from flux-cored wire welding or stick welding will be covered by slag. Use a chipping hammer to knock this off. **Be careful not** to damage the weld or base material.
- 2. Use a wire brush to further clean the weld or use an angle grinder (sold separately) to shape the weld.



WELDING TIPS

Wire Weld Diagnosis–Workpiece Heat Control / Weld Penetration



Example Wire Weld Diagrams



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Wire Weld Penetration (Workpiece Heat Control)



- 3. Dirty workpiece: Clean workpiece down to bare metal.
 - Insufficient weld material: 4. Increase wire feed speed.
- 5. Workpiece gap too narrow: Widen groove or increase bevel.

WELD

Slag is a necessary part of a flux-cored wire

weld. It shields the weld from impurities.

and Wire Brush after welding.

Clean off the slag with a Chipping Hammer

Gas-shielded MIG welds are protected by the

shielding gas and do not need slag to protect them.

Wire Weld–Porosity

Small cavities or holes in the bead.

TOP VIEW



POSSIBLE CAUSES AND SOLUTIONS

- 1. Incorrect polarity: Check that polarity is set correctly for type of welding.
- 2. Insufficient shielding gas (MIG only): Increase flow of gas. Clean nozzle. Maintain proper CTWD.
- 3. Incorrect shielding gas (MIG only): Use shielding gas recommended by wire supplier.
- Dirty workpiece or welding wire: 4. Clean workpiece down to bare metal. Make certain that wire is clean and free from oil, coatings, and other residues.
- 5. Inconsistent travel speed: Maintain steady travel speed.
- 6. CTWD too long: Reduce CTWD.

Wire Weld–Excessive Spatter

Fine spatter is normal. Spatter that is grainy and large is a problem.

TOP VIEW



POSSIBLE CAUSES AND SOLUTIONS

- 1. Dirty workpiece or welding wire: Clean workpiece down to bare metal. Make certain that wire is clean and free from oil, coatings, and other residues.
- 2. Incorrect polarity: Check that polarity is set correctly for type of welding.
- Insufficient shielding gas (MIG only): 3. Increase flow of gas. Clean nozzle. Maintain proper CTWD.
- 4. Wire feeding too fast: Reduce wire feed speed.
- CTWD too long: 5. Reduce CTWD.

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Wire Weld-Crooked/Wavy Bead





POSSIBLE CAUSES AND SOLUTIONS

- 1. Inaccurate welding: Use two hands or rest hand on steady surface.
- Inconsistent travel speed: 2. Maintain steady travel speed.

3. CTWD too long: Reduce CTWD.

Wire Weld–Burn-Through



POSSIBLE CAUSES AND SOLUTIONS

- 1. Workpiece overheating: Reduce current and/or wire feed speed.
- 2. Travel speed too slow: Increase travel speed and ensure that travel speed is kept steady.
- 3. Excessive material at weld: Reduce wire feed speed.

Stick Weld Diagnosis–Workpiece Heat Control / Weld Penetration



Good Weld



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WIRE

Stick Weld Penetration (Workpiece Heat Control)



- 3. Workpieces too thick/close: Bevel thick workpieces, allow slight gap, and weld in several passes.
- 4. **Insufficient weld material:** Increase amount of fill material.

Stick Weld–Weld Not Adhering Properly

Gaps present between weld and previous bead or between weld and workpiece. See areas below.

POSSIBLE CAUSES AND SOLUTIONS



 Incorrect welding technique: Place stringer bead at correct place in joint. Adjust workpiece position or weld angle to permit proper welding to bottom of piece. Keep arc on leading edge of weld puddle. Hold Electrode and fill material at proper angles.

Stick Weld-Bend at Joint

POSSIBLE CAUSES AND SOLUTIONS

- 2. **Insufficient weld heat:** Increase current.
- 3. **Dirty workpiece:** Clean workpiece down to bare metal.
- 4. **Insufficient weld material:** Increase amount of fill material.
- 5. **Distance between workpieces to large:** Decrease distance and increase bevel.

- Improper clamping: Clamp workpieces securely. Make tack welds to hold workpieces.
- Excessive heat: Weld a small portion and allow to cool before proceeding. Increase weld speed.

Stick Weld–Coat of Slag Over Weld



Slag is a necessary part of a stick weld. It shields the weld from impurities. Clean off the slag with the Chipping Hammer and Wire Brush after welding.

Stick Weld-Porosity — Small cavities or holes in the bead.

POSSIBLE CAUSES AND SOLUTIONS

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- Dirty workpiece or fill material: Clean workpiece down to bare metal. Make certain that fill material and Electrode are clean and free from oil, coatings, and other residues.
- 2. Inconsistent welding speed: Maintain steady weld speed.

Stick Weld-Crooked/Wavy Bead

POSSIBLE CAUSES AND SOLUTIONS





- 1. **Inaccurate welding:** Use two hands or rest hand on steady surface.
- 2. **Inconsistent welding speed:** Maintain steady weld speed.

Stick Weld–Excessive Spatter

POSSIBLE CAUSES AND SOLUTIONS

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Fine spatter is normal. Spatter that is grainy and large is a problem.

Dirty workpiece or fill material: Clean workpiece down to bare metal. Make certain that fill material and Electrode are clean and free from oil, coatings, and other residues.

Stick Weld-Burn-Through — Base material melts away, leaving a hole in the weld.

POSSIBLE CAUSES AND SOLUTIONS



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- 1. Workpiece overheating: Reduce current.
- Welding speed too slow: Increase welding speed and ensure that welding speed is kept steady.
- 3. **Excessive material at weld:** Reduce amount of fill material.

Maintenance



TO PREVENT SERIOUS INJURY, FIRE AND BURNS: Unplug the Welder, rest the tool on a heat-proof, electrically non-conductive surface, and allow all parts of the Welder to cool thoroughly before service.

- 1. **BEFORE EACH USE,** inspect the general condition of the Welder. Check for:
 - loose hardware
 - misalignment or binding of moving parts
 - damaged cord/electrical wiring
 - frayed or damaged cables
 - cracked or broken parts
 - any other condition that may affect its safe operation.

- 2. **PERIODICALLY,** have a qualified technician remove the Rear Panel and use compressed air to blow out all dust from the interior.
- 3. **AFTER EVERY USE**, store in a clean and dry location.
- 4. For optimal MIG/Flux-Cored wire weld quality, clean and inspect the MIG Gun Contact Tip and Nozzle before each use, as explained below.

Examine the shape of the hole at the end of

the Contact Tip. It should be an even circle; it

should not be oblong or have any bulges in it.

TULGAM

Contact

Tip

If any problems are noted, replace the

correct size for the welding wire used.

Contact Tip. Select a new Tip of the

Reinstall the Tip and securely

reinstall the Nozzle as well.

MIG Gun Nozzle and Contact Tip Inspection and Cleaning

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Nozzle

- 1. Make sure that the entire MIG Gun is completely cool and that the Power Cord is unplugged from the electrical outlet before proceeding.
- 2. Pull the Nozzle to remove it.
- 3. Scrub the interior of the Nozzle clean with a wire brush.
- 4. Examine the end of the Nozzle. The end should be flat and even. If the end is uneven, chipped, melted, cracked, or otherwise damaged, the Nozzle will adversely effect the weld and should be replaced.
- 5. Unscrew the Contact Tip counterclockwise and slide it off the welding wire to remove.
- Scrub the outside of the Tip clean with a wire brush. Clean out the inside of the tip with a tip cleaner (sold separately). Check that the Tip is the proper type for the wire size used.

Replacing the LCD Screen Cover

 Carefully pry frame off of Display (17) by inserting flathead screwdriver (sold separately) into one of the side slots.



2. Insert a new Screen Cover (18) into Screen Frame (19) with the gap facing downward.



3. Insert frame back into slot on Display with the top end being placed in first.

Troubleshooting-MIG/Flux-Cored Welding

IMPORTANT!

Be CERTAIN to shut off the Welder, disconnect it from power, and discharge the MIG Gun to ground before adjusting, cleaning, or repairing the unit.

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Wire Stops 3. Gun liner is too small for welding wire being used. 3. Check that	at gun liner is correct size for wire.
4. Wire is tangled on the spool. 4. Check wi	re for cross winding or tangled spool.
5. Wire is not making contact with Feed Rollers. 5. Check Fe groove fo	eed Rollers and ensure correct or wire diameter is being used.
6. Feed Roller is not making enough contact with wire or is crushing flux-cored wire.6. Check Fe	eed Tensioner and ensure it is set properly.
1. Wire not feeding properly. 1. See first	Troubleshooting section above.
2. Incorrect Contact Tip or liner 2. Replace visite or excessive wear.	with the proper tip or for wire used.
3. Incorrect wire feed speed. 3. Adjust wind a more st	re feed speed to achieve table arc.
4. Loose MIG Gun cable or ground cable. 4. Check to	ensure that all connections are tight.
5. Damaged MIG Gun or loose connection within Gun.5. Have a que and repair	ualified technician inspect ir/replace as necessary.
Welding Arc Not Stable 6. Incorrect polarity for process being run. 6. Ensure process being run. Building Arc Filter and the stable 6. Incorrect polarity for process being run. 6. Ensure process being run.	olarity is correct for operation: r MIG welding and DCEN for ed self-shielded welding.
7. Gas coverage may be insufficient or too high. 7. Ensure gas Settings C Connector mechanis Connector	as flow rate is set according to Chart. Make sure MIG Gun Cable or is fully inserted into Wire Feed sm with no O-Rings exposed.
8. Poor connection with workpiece. 8. Check the workpiece workpiece.	e ground clamp connection to biece and machine. Ensure Gun is properly secured.
1. Incorrect line voltage. 1. Check the a license	e line voltage and, if insufficient, have delectrician remedy the situation.
Weak Arc Strength 2. Improper gauge or length of cord. 2. Do not us Use only this Weld	se an extension cord on this Welder. one of the supplied power cords for er or an identical replacement cord.
3. Not enough current. 3. Switch cu	urrent to proper setting for metal thickness.



MAINTENANCE

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Problem	Possible Causes	Likely Solutions
	 Tripped thermal protection device. 	 If a warning screen appears in the LCD Display window, Welder may have overheated and shut down. Stop and wait with the Power Switch ON for the Welder to cool. The Welder automatically returns to service after cooling off. Reduce duration or frequency of welding periods to help reduce wear on the Welder. Refer to Duty Cycle (Duration of Use) on page 19.
Welder Does Not Function When Switched On	 Circuit supplies insufficient input voltage or amperage. 	 Verify that the circuit is designed to supply the required input voltage and amperage as detailed on the Specifications table. If a warning screen appears in the LCD Display window, check the input voltage to ensure it is within specified range.
	3. Faulty or improperly connected Trigger.	 Ensure the gun connection is properly seated on machine. Qualified technician must check and secure/replace Trigger.
	 Machine is in low- or over-voltage protection. 	 Check input voltage and ensure it falls within the specified range. If input voltage is correct, press Reset Button on back of machine.
	5. Machine is in the incorrect mode.	5. Ensure the correct process has been selected.
	1. Unit is not connected to outlet properly.	 Verify the voltage at the outlet and the connection to the outlet.
LCD Display	2. Outlet is unpowered.	 Check circuit breaker/GFCI devices; if any are tripped, determine and remedy cause before resetting.
When Welder is	3. Plug does not have correct rating.	 Make sure installed plug is correct rating. See Specifications on page 7.
	 Circuit breaker has tripped due to high input amperage. 	 Press Reset Button on back of machine to reset circuit breaker.
	5. Input Power Cord is not seated properly.	 Ensure the twist lock input Power Cord is fully secured.
	1. Improper ground connection.	 Make certain that the workpiece is contacted properly by the Ground Clamp and that the workpiece is properly cleaned near the ground clamp and the welding location.
Wire Feeds, but Arc Does Not Ignite	2. Improperly sized Contact Tip.	 Verify that Contact Tip is the proper size for welding wire. If needed, replace Contact Tip with proper size and type.
	3. Excessively worn Contact Tip.	 Check that the hole in the tip is not deformed or enlarged. If needed, replace Contact Tip with proper size and type.
	4. Dirty Contact Tip.	4. Properly clean Contact Tip.
	1. Shielding gas bottle is empty.	1. Check gas bottle and replenish as necessary.
	2. Not enough or too much shielding gas.	2. Check gas regulator to ensure proper flow.
	3. Dirty workpiece.	3. Clean workpiece down to bare metal.
Porosity in the Weld Metal	 Gun is being used too far away from workpiece. 	 Check CTWD (contact tip to work distance) for the proper procedure.
	5. Polarity is incorrect for the application.	Check the polarity and ensure it is DCEP for MIG and DCEN for Flux-Cored.
	 Dirty welding wire is introducing contamination into the weld. 	 Make certain that welding wire is clean and free of rust and residues.



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IMPORTANT!

Be CERTAIN to shut off the Welder, disconnect it from power, and discharge the electrode to ground before adjusting, cleaning, or repairing the unit.

Problem	Possible Causes	Likely Solutions
Welder Does Not Function When Switched On	1. Tripped thermal protection device.	 Reduce duration or frequency of welding periods to help reduce wear on the welder. Refer to Duty Cycle (Duration of Use) on page 29.
	2. Faulty or improperly connected Trigger.	 Qualified technician must check and secure/replace Trigger.
	 Ground Clamp not attached to workpiece. 	3. Attach Ground Clamp to workpiece.
	4. Shielding Gas not connected.	4. Connect shielding gas to Welder.
LCD Display Does Not Light When Welder	 Unit is not connected to outlet properly. 	 Verify the voltage at the outlet and the connection to the outlet.
is Switched On	2. Outlet is unpowered.	2. Check circuit breaker/GFCI devices; if any are tripped, determine and remedy cause before resetting. Verify that the circuit is designed to supply the required input amperage as detailed in <i>Specifications</i> on page 7.
Weak Arc Strength	1. Incorrect line voltage.	 Check the line voltage and, if insufficient, have a licensed electrician remedy the situation.
	2. Improper gauge or length of cord.	 Do not use an extension cord on this Welder. Use only one of the supplied power cords for this Welder or an identical replacement cord.
Welding Arc Not Stable.	 Loose electrode cable or ground cable. 	1. Check to ensure that all connections are tight.
	2. Damaged electrode holder or loose connection within electrode holder.	 Have a qualified technician inspect and repair/replace as necessary.
	3. Adjust current setting.	 Make sure setting matches recommended setting on chart.
	4. Shielding gas getting low.	4. Replace shielding gas cylinder.



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Wiring Schematic



Parts List and Diagram

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Parts List

Part	Description	Qty	Part	Description	Qty
1	Housing	1	33	Wire Feed Connector	1
2	Handle Base	1	34	Air Connector	1
3	Handle Cover	1	35	Output Inductor	1
4	Hinge	2	36	Air Connector	3
5	Hinge Pin	2	37	Solenoid Valve	2
6	Door	1	38	Base	1
7	Latch	1	39	Insulating Board	1
8	Panel	1	40	Main PCB	1
9	PFC Inductor	1	41	Control PCB	1
10	Spool	1	42	Fast Recovery Diode	6
11	Remote Control PCB	1	43	Air Duct	1
12	Wire Feed Mechanism	1	44	Rectifier Radiator Bracket	1
13	Foot Pedal Connector	1	45	Rectifier Radiator	1
14	Air Connector	1	46	Fan	1
15	Cover	1	47	Transformer	1
16	Display PCB	1	48	IGBT	2
17	Display	1	49	Heatsink	1
18	Screen Cover	1	50	Fast Recovery Diode	2
19	Screen Frame	1	51	IGBT Radiator Bracket	1
20	MIG Welding Gun	1	52	IGBT Radiator	1
21	Front Handle Cover	1	53	Bridge Rectifier	2
22	Front Panel	1	54	IGBT	4
23	Control Panel	1	55	IGBT Radiator	2
24	Side Knob	2	56	Fan	1
25	Knob	1	57	Threaded Y-connector	1
26	Storage Door	1	58	120 VAC Power Cord	1
27	Switch	1	59	Rear Panel	1
28	Air Connector	1	60	Rear Handle Cover	1
29	Air Fitting	1	61	Power Connector	1
30	Quick Connector	2	62	Overload Protector	1
31	Ground Clamp	1	63	Rear Panel	1
32	Electrode Holder	1	64	240 VAC Power Cord	1

WELDING TIPS

Record Product's Serial Number Here:_

Note: If product has no serial number, record month and year of purchase instead.

Note: Some parts are listed and shown for illustration purposes only, and are not available individually as replacement parts.



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