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MIG (GMAW) Welding Flux Cored (FCAW) Welding

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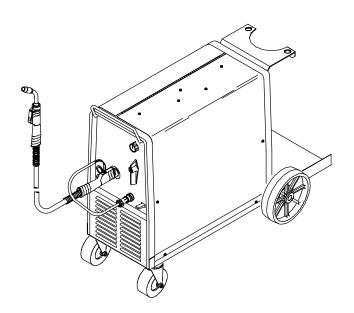






Arc Welding Power Source And Wire Feeder

Millermatic 185 And M-15 Gun





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WARNING

This product, when used for welding or cutting, produces fumes or gases which contain chemicals known to the State of California to cause birth defects and, in some cases, cancer. (California Health & Safety Code Section 25249.5 et seq.)

The following terms are used interchangeably throughout this manual: MIG = GMAW

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SECTION 1 – SAFETY PRECAUTIONS - READ BEFORE USING

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1-1. Symbol Usage



Means Warning! Watch Out! There are possible hazards with this procedure! The possible hazards are shown in the adjoining symbols.

▲ Marks a special safety message.

IF Means "Note"; not safety related.



This group of symbols means Warning! Watch Out! possible ELECTRIC SHOCK, MOVING PARTS, and HOT PARTS hazards. Consult symbols and related instructions below for necessary actions to avoid the hazards.

1-2. Arc Welding Hazards

- ▲ The symbols shown below are used throughout this manual to call attention to and identify possible hazards. When you see the symbol, watch out, and follow the related instructions to avoid the hazard. The safety information given below is only a summary of the more complete safety information found in the Safety Standards listed in Section 1-4. Read and follow all Safety Standards.
- ▲ Only qualified persons should install, operate, maintain, and repair this unit.
- ▲ During operation, keep everybody, especially children, away.

ELECTRIC SHOCK can kill.

Touching live electrical parts can cause fatal shocks or severe burns. The electrode and work circuit is electrically live whenever the output is on. The input power circuit and machine internal circuits are also

live when power is on. In semiautomatic or automatic wire welding, the wire, wire reel, drive roll housing, and all metal parts touching the welding wire are electrically live. Incorrectly installed or improperly grounded equipment is a hazard.

- Do not touch live electrical parts.
- Wear dry, hole-free insulating gloves and body protection.
- Insulate yourself from work and ground using dry insulating mats or covers big enough to prevent any physical contact with the work or ground.
- Do not use AC output in damp areas, if movement is confined, or if there is a danger of falling.
- Use AC output ONLY if required for the welding process.
- If AC output is required, use remote output control if present on unit.
- Disconnect input power or stop engine before installing or servicing this equipment. Lockout/tagout input power according to OSHA 29 CFR 1910.147 (see Safety Standards).
- Properly install and ground this equipment according to its Owner's Manual and national, state, and local codes.
- Always verify the supply ground check and be sure that input power cord ground wire is properly connected to ground terminal in disconnect box or that cord plug is connected to a properly grounded receptacle outlet.
- When making input connections, attach proper grounding conductor first double-check connections.
- Frequently inspect input power cord for damage or bare wiring replace cord immediately if damaged – bare wiring can kill.
- Turn off all equipment when not in use.
- Do not use worn, damaged, undersized, or poorly spliced cables.
- Do not drape cables over your body.

- If earth grounding of the workpiece is required, ground it directly with a separate cable.
- Do not touch electrode if you are in contact with the work, ground, or another electrode from a different machine.
- Use only well-maintained equipment. Repair or replace damaged parts at once. Maintain unit according to manual.
- Wear a safety harness if working above floor level.
- Keep all panels and covers securely in place.
- Clamp work cable with good metal-to-metal contact to workpiece or worktable as near the weld as practical.
- Insulate work clamp when not connected to workpiece to prevent contact with any metal object.
- Do not connect more than one electrode or work cable to any single weld output terminal.

SIGNIFICANT DC VOLTAGE exists after removal of input power on inverters.

 Turn Off inverter, disconnect input power, and discharge input capacitors according to instructions in Maintenance Section before touching any parts.



FUMES AND GASES can be hazardous.

Welding produces fumes and gases. Breathing these fumes and gases can be hazardous to your health.

- Keep your head out of the fumes. Do not breathe the fumes.
- If inside, ventilate the area and/or use exhaust at the arc to remove welding fumes and gases.
- If ventilation is poor, use an approved air-supplied respirator.
- Read the Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDSs) and the manufacturer's instructions for metals, consumables, coatings, cleaners, and degreasers.
- Work in a confined space only if it is well ventilated, or while wearing an air-supplied respirator. Always have a trained watchperson nearby. Welding fumes and gases can displace air and lower the oxygen level causing injury or death. Be sure the breathing air is safe.
- Do not weld in locations near degreasing, cleaning, or spraying operations. The heat and rays of the arc can react with vapors to form highly toxic and irritating gases.
- Do not weld on coated metals, such as galvanized, lead, or cadmium plated steel, unless the coating is removed from the weld area, the area is well ventilated, and if necessary, while wearing an air-supplied respirator. The coatings and any metals containing these elements can give off toxic fumes if welded.



ARC RAYS can burn eyes and skin.

Arc rays from the welding process produce intense visible and invisible (ultraviolet and infrared) rays that can burn eyes and skin. Sparks fly off from the weld

- Wear a welding helmet fitted with a proper shade of filter to protect your face and eyes when welding or watching (see ANSI Z49.1 and Z87.1 listed in Safety Standards).
- Wear approved safety glasses with side shields under your helmet.
- Use protective screens or barriers to protect others from flash and glare; warn others not to watch the arc.
- Wear protective clothing made from durable, flame-resistant material (leather and wool) and foot protection.



WELDING can cause fire or explosion.

Welding on closed containers, such as tanks, drums, or pipes, can cause them to blow up. Sparks can fly off from the welding arc. The flying sparks, hot workpiece, and hot equipment can cause fires and

burns. Accidental contact of electrode to metal objects can cause sparks, explosion, overheating, or fire. Check and be sure the area is safe before doing any welding.

- Protect yourself and others from flying sparks and hot metal.
- Do not weld where flying sparks can strike flammable material.
- Remove all flammables within 35 ft (10.7 m) of the welding arc. If this is not possible, tightly cover them with approved covers.
- Be alert that welding sparks and hot materials from welding can easily go through small cracks and openings to adjacent areas.
- Watch for fire, and keep a fire extinguisher nearby.
- Be aware that welding on a ceiling, floor, bulkhead, or partition can cause fire on the hidden side.
- Do not weld on closed containers such as tanks, drums, or pipes, unless they are properly prepared according to AWS F4.1 (see Safety Standards).
- Connect work cable to the work as close to the welding area as practical to prevent welding current from traveling long, possibly unknown paths and causing electric shock and fire hazards.
- Do not use welder to thaw frozen pipes.
- Remove stick electrode from holder or cut off welding wire at contact tip when not in use.
- Wear oil-free protective garments such as leather gloves, heavy shirt, cuffless trousers, high shoes, and a cap.
- Remove any combustibles, such as a butane lighter or matches, from your person before doing any welding.



FLYING METAL can injure eyes.

- Welding, chipping, wire brushing, and grinding cause sparks and flying metal. As welds cool, they can throw off slag.
- Wear approved safety glasses with side shields even under your welding helmet.



BUILDUP OF GAS can injure or kill.

- Shut off shielding gas supply when not in use.
- Always ventilate confined spaces or use approved air-supplied respirator.



HOT PARTS can cause severe burns.

- Do not touch hot parts bare handed.
- Allow cooling period before working on gun or torch.



MAGNETIC FIELDS can affect pacemakers.

- · Pacemaker wearers keep away.
- Wearers should consult their doctor before going near arc welding, gouging, or spot welding operations.



NOISE can damage hearing.

Noise from some processes or equipment can damage hearing.

 Wear approved ear protection if noise level is high.



CYLINDERS can explode if damaged.

Shielding gas cylinders contain gas under high pressure. If damaged, a cylinder can explode. Since gas cylinders are normally part of the welding process, be sure to treat them carefully.

- Protect compressed gas cylinders from excessive heat, mechanical shocks, slag, open flames, sparks, and arcs.
- Install cylinders in an upright position by securing to a stationary support or cylinder rack to prevent falling or tipping.
- Keep cylinders away from any welding or other electrical circuits.
- Never drape a welding torch over a gas cylinder.
- Never allow a welding electrode to touch any cylinder.
- Never weld on a pressurized cylinder explosion will result.
- Use only correct shielding gas cylinders, regulators, hoses, and fittings designed for the specific application; maintain them and associated parts in good condition.
- Turn face away from valve outlet when opening cylinder valve.
- Keep protective cap in place over valve except when cylinder is in use or connected for use.
- Read and follow instructions on compressed gas cylinders, associated equipment, and CGA publication P-1 listed in Safety Standards.

1-3. Additional Symbols For Installation, Operation, And Maintenance



FIRE OR EXPLOSION hazard.

- Do not install or place unit on, over, or near combustible surfaces.
- Do not install unit near flammables.
- Do not overload building wiring be sure power supply system is properly sized, rated, and protected to handle this unit.



MOVING PARTS can cause injury.

- Keep away from moving parts such as fans.
- Keep all doors, panels, covers, and guards closed and securely in place.



FALLING UNIT can cause injury.

- Use lifting eye to lift unit only, NOT running gear, gas cylinders, or any other accessories.
- Use equipment of adequate capacity to lift and support unit.
- If using lift forks to move unit, be sure forks are long enough to extend beyond opposite side of unit



OVERUSE can cause OVERHEATING

- Allow cooling period; follow rated duty cycle.
- Reduce current or reduce duty cycle before starting to weld again.
- Do not block or filter airflow to unit.



H.F. RADIATION can cause interference.

- High-frequency (H.F.) can interfere with radio navigation, safety services, computers, and communications equipment.
- Have only qualified persons familiar with electronic equipment perform this installation.
- The user is responsible for having a qualified electrician promptly correct any interference problem resulting from the installation.
- If notified by the FCC about interference, stop using the equipment at once.
- Have the installation regularly checked and maintained.
- Keep high-frequency source doors and panels tightly shut, keep spark gaps at correct setting, and use grounding and shielding to minimize the possibility of interference.



STATIC (ESD) can damage PC boards.

- Put on grounded wrist strap BEFORE handling boards or parts.
- Use proper static-proof bags and boxes to store, move, or ship PC boards.



MOVING PARTS can cause injury.

- Keep away from moving parts.
- Keep away from pinch points such as drive rolls



WELDING WIRE can cause injury.

- Do not press gun trigger until instructed to do so.
- Do not point gun toward any part of the body, other people, or any metal when threading welding wire.



ARC WELDING can cause interference.

- Electromagnetic energy can interfere with sensitive electronic equipment such as computers and computer-driven equipment such as robots.
- Be sure all equipment in the welding area is electromagnetically compatible.
- To reduce possible interference, keep weld cables as short as possible, close together, and down low, such as on the floor.
- Locate welding operation 100 meters from any sensitive electronic equipment.
- Be sure this welding machine is installed and grounded according to this manual.
- If interference still occurs, the user must take extra measures such as moving the welding machine, using shielded cables, using line filters, or shielding the work area.

1-4. Principal Safety Standards

Safety in Welding and Cutting, ANSI Standard Z49.1, from American Welding Society, 550 N.W. LeJeune Rd, Miami FL 33126

Safety and Health Standards, OSHA 29 CFR 1910, from Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402.

Recommended Safe Practices for the Preparation for Welding and Cutting of Containers That Have Held Hazardous Substances, American Welding Society Standard AWS F4.1, from American Welding Society, 550 N.W. LeJeune Rd, Miami, FL 33126

National Electrical Code, NFPA Standard 70, from National Fire Protection Association, Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02269.

Safe Handling of Compressed Gases in Cylinders, CGA Pamphlet P-1, from Compressed Gas Association, 1235 Jefferson Davis Highway, Suite 501, Arlington, VA 22202.

Code for Safety in Welding and Cutting, CSA Standard W117.2, from Canadian Standards Association, Standards Sales, 178 Rexdale Boulevard, Rexdale, Ontario, Canada M9W 1R3.

Safe Practices For Occupation And Educational Eye And Face Protection, ANSI Standard Z87.1, from American National Standards Institute, 1430 Broadway, New York, NY 10018.

Cutting And Welding Processes, NFPA Standard 51B, from National Fire Protection Association, Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02269.

1-5. EMF Information

Considerations About Welding And The Effects Of Low Frequency Electric And Magnetic Fields

Welding current, as it flows through welding cables, will cause electromagnetic fields. There has been and still is some concern about such fields. However, after examining more than 500 studies spanning 17 years of research, a special blue ribbon committee of the National Research Council concluded that: "The body of evidence, in the committee's judgment, has not demonstrated that exposure to power-frequency electric and magnetic fields is a human-health hazard." However, studies are still going forth and evidence continues to be examined. Until the final conclusions of the research are reached, you may wish to minimize your exposure to electromagnetic fields when welding or cutting.

To reduce magnetic fields in the workplace, use the following procedures:

- 1. Keep cables close together by twisting or taping them.
- 2. Arrange cables to one side and away from the operator.
- 3. Do not coil or drape cables around your body.
- Keep welding power source and cables as far away from operator as practical.
- Connect work clamp to workpiece as close to the weld as possible.

About Pacemakers:

Pacemaker wearers consult your doctor first. If cleared by your doctor, then following the above procedures is recommended.

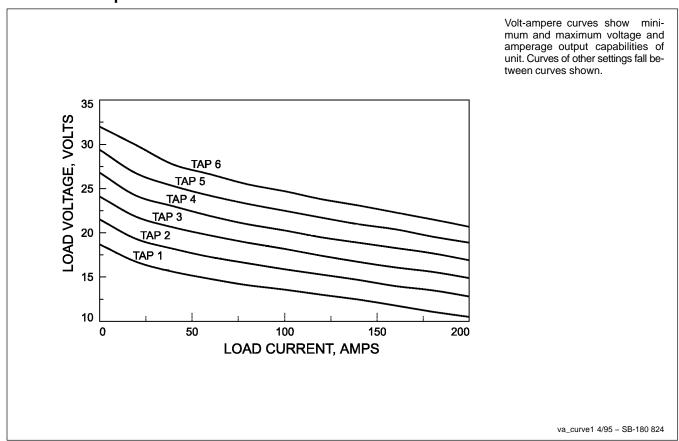
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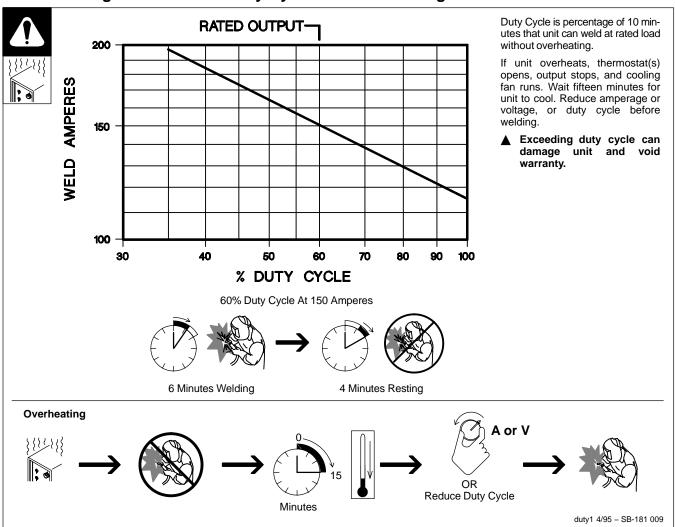
Rated Welding Amperage Output Range Woltage DC		Rated Output	s Input at I Load , 60 Hz, -Phase			Weight	Overall Dimensions	
			200 V	230 V	KVA	KW		
								Length: 36 in (915 mm)
150 A @ 23 Volts DC, 60% Duty Cycle	30 – 185	33	30 (1.6)*	26 (1.4)*	6 (0.27)*	5 (0.13)*	165 lb (75 kg)	Width: 18 in (457 mm)
								Height: 27 in (686 mm)

Wire Type And Diameter						
Solid Steel / Stainless Steel	Flux Cored	Aluminum	Calculated Wire Speed Range At No Load		Max Wire Feed Speed While Welding	
.023 – .035 in (0.6 - 0.9 mm)	.030 – .045 in (0.8 – 1.2 mm)	.030 – .035 in (0.8 – 0.9 mm)	138 – 795 IPM (3.5 – 20.3 m/min)		650 IPM (16.5 m/min)	
*While idling						
Operating Temperature Range – –20C to +40C				Storage Temperature	e Range – -30C to + 50C	

2-2. Volt-Ampere Curves



2-3. Welding Power Source Duty Cycle And Overheating

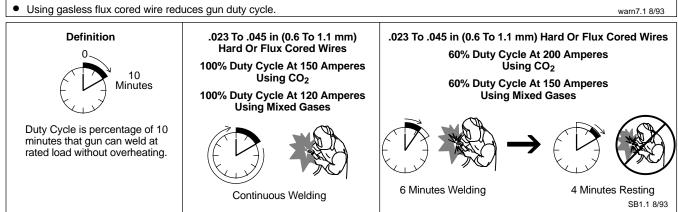


2-4. Welding Gun Duty Cycle And Overheating

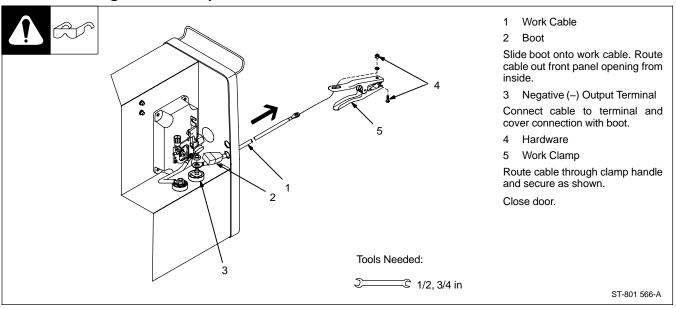
A CAUTION

WELDING LONGER THAN RATED DUTY CYCLE can damage gun and void warranty.

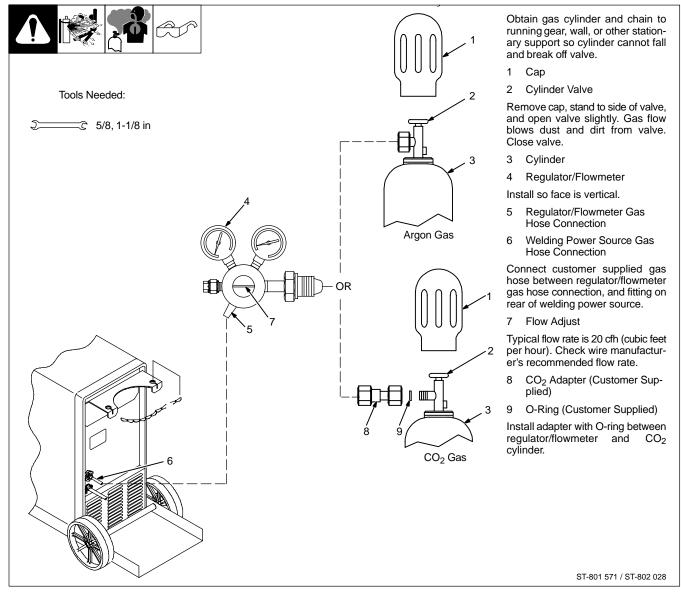
• Do not weld at rated load longer than shown below.



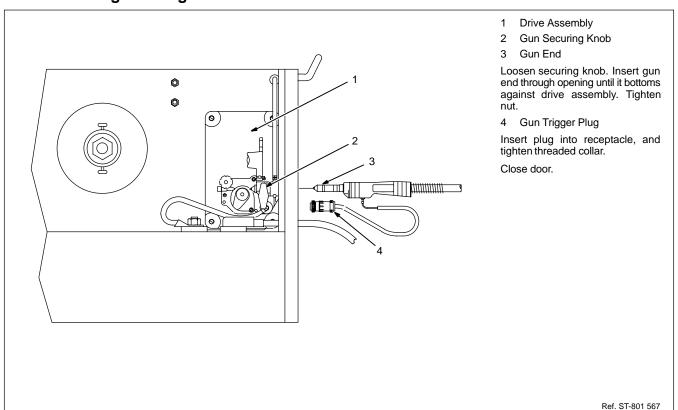
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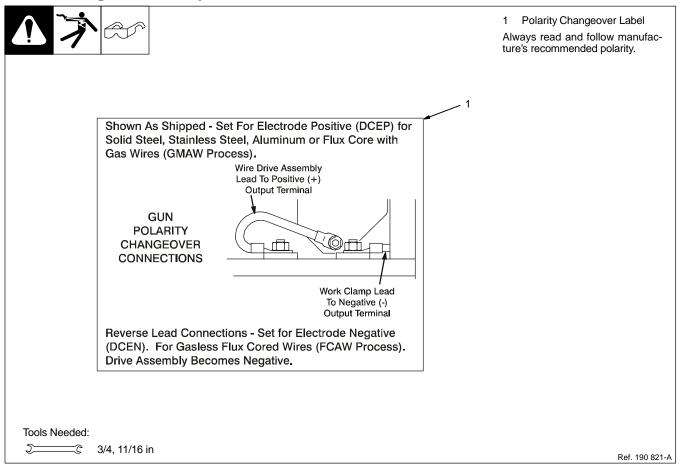
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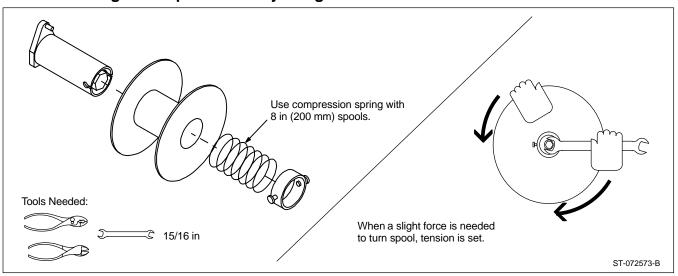
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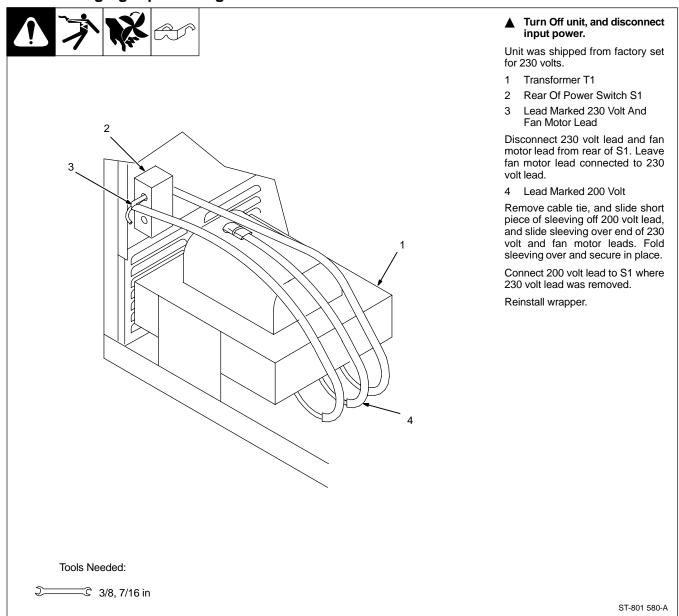
2-8. Setting Gun Polarity



2-9. Installing Wire Spool And Adjusting Hub Tension



2-10. Changing Input Voltage



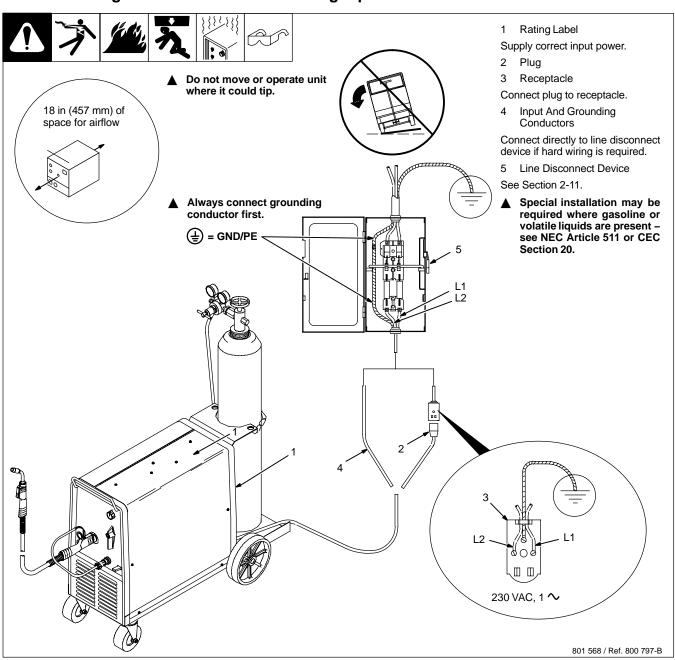
2-11. Electrical Service Guide

Input Voltage	200	230
Input Amperes At Rated Output	30	26
Max Recommended Standard Fuse Rating In Amperes ¹		
Time-Delay ²	35	30
Normal Operating 3	45	40
Min Input Conductor Size In AWG/Kcmil	10	10
Max Recommended Input Conductor Length In Feet (Meters)	97 (29)	128 (39)
Min Grounding Conductor Size In AWG/Kcmil	10	10

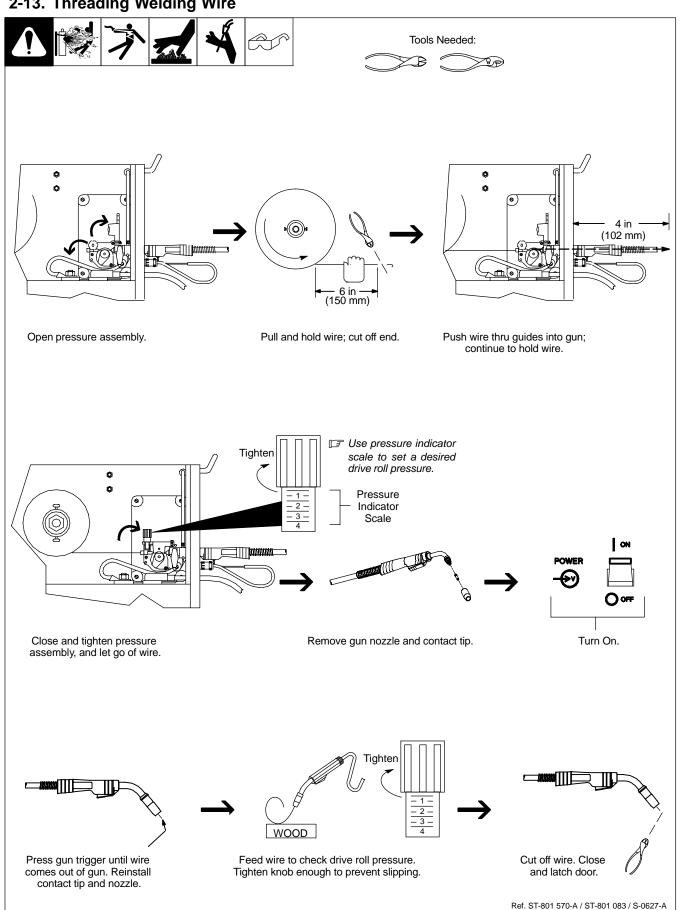
Reference: 1999 National Electrical Code (NEC)

- 1 Consult factory for circuit breaker applications.
- 2 "Time-Delay" fuses are UL class "RK5".
- 3 "Normal Operating" (general purpose no intentional delay) fuses are UL class "K5" (up to and including 60 amp), and UL class "H" (65 amp and above).

2-12. Selecting A Location And Connecting Input Power



2-13. Threading Welding Wire



Notes

SECTION 3 – OPERATION

3-1. Front Panel Controls

Controls For Standard Units

1 Wire Speed Control

Use control to select a wire feed speed. Scale around control is not actual wire feed speed, but is for reference only.

2 Voltage Switch

The higher the selected number, the thicker the material that can be welded (see Section 3-2). Do not switch under load.

- 3 Pilot Light
- 4 Power Switch

Ref. ST-180 930

Selecting Wire, Gas and Control Settings

What Material are You Welding?	Suggested Wire Types	Suggested Shielding Gases and Flow Rate	Wire Sizes (Diameter)
Steel	Solid (or hard) ER70S-6	100% CO ₂ , 20 cfh	.023" (0.6 mm) .030" (0.8 mm) .035" (0.9 mm)
		75% Ar/25% CO ₂ , 20 cfh (Ar/CO ₂ produces less spatter – better overall appearance)	.023" (0.6 mm) .030" (0.8 mm) .035" (0.9 mm)
Steel – for outdoor, windy applications or when weld appearance is not critical.	Flux core E71T-GS	No shielding gas required	.030" (0.8 mm) .035" (0.9 mm) .045" (1.1 mm)
Stainless steel	Stainless steel ER 308	Tri-Mix, 20 cfh (90% He/7.5% Ar/ 2.5% CO ₂)	.023" (0.6 mm) .030" (0.8 mm) .035" (0.9 mm)
Aluminum with Optional Spoolmate™	Aluminum 4043 AL	100% Ar, 20 cfh	.030" (0.8 mm) .035" (0.9 mm)
185 spoolgun	Aluminum 5356 AL	100% Ar, 20 cfh	.030" (0.8 mm) .035" (0.9 mm)

Select Voltage and Wire Speed Based on Thickness of Metal Being Welded

To read settings: Number on left of slash is voltage, number on right of slash is wire-speed. "—" Means not recommended.

Example: 2/40 =



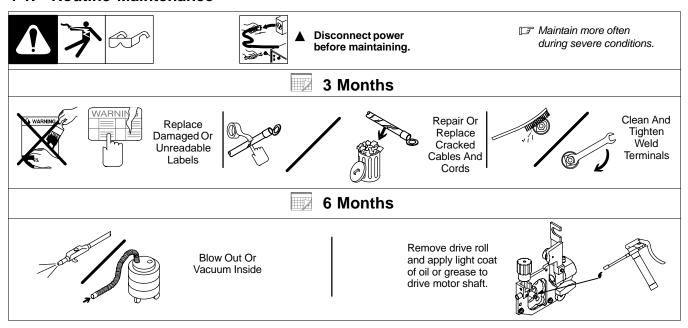


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3/8" (9.5 mm)	1/4" (6.4 mm)	3/16" (4.8 mm)	1/8" (3.2 mm)	12 ga. (2.8 mm)	14 ga. (2.0 mm)	16 ga. (1.6 mm)	18 ga. (1.2 mm)	20 ga. (0.9 mm)	22 ga. (0.8 mm)
6/80 6/70	6/100 5/70 5/60	5/80 4/60 4/50	4/65 3/55 3/45	3/55 3/45 3/40	3/45 2/35 2/30	2/35 2/25 2/20	2/25 1/15 2/10	1/15 1/5 —	1/5 — —
6/85 6/80	5/90 5/75 5/70	4/80 4/65 4/60	3/70 3/55 3/45	3/60 3/50 3/40	2/50 2/45 2/30	2/40 2/35 2/20	1/35 1/20 1/10	1/25 1/5 1/0	1/12 1/0 —
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6/95 6/70 6/65	4/85 5/70 5/40	4/80 4/70 5/40	4/60 3/50 4/30	3/50 3/45 3/30	3/50 2/50 2/25	3/50 2/45 2/20	2/30 2/40 2/10	2/20 1/0 —	2/20 — —
5/88 6/95	5/88 6/85	4/73 5/68	3/55 4/59	3/50 4/54	2/45 2/34	_	_	_	_
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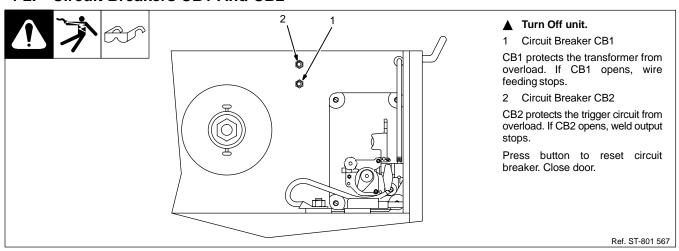
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SECTION 4 - MAINTENANCE & TROUBLESHOOTING

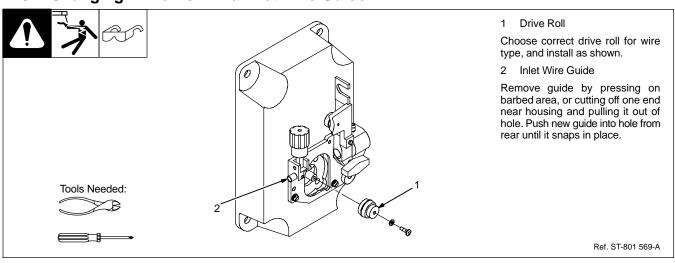
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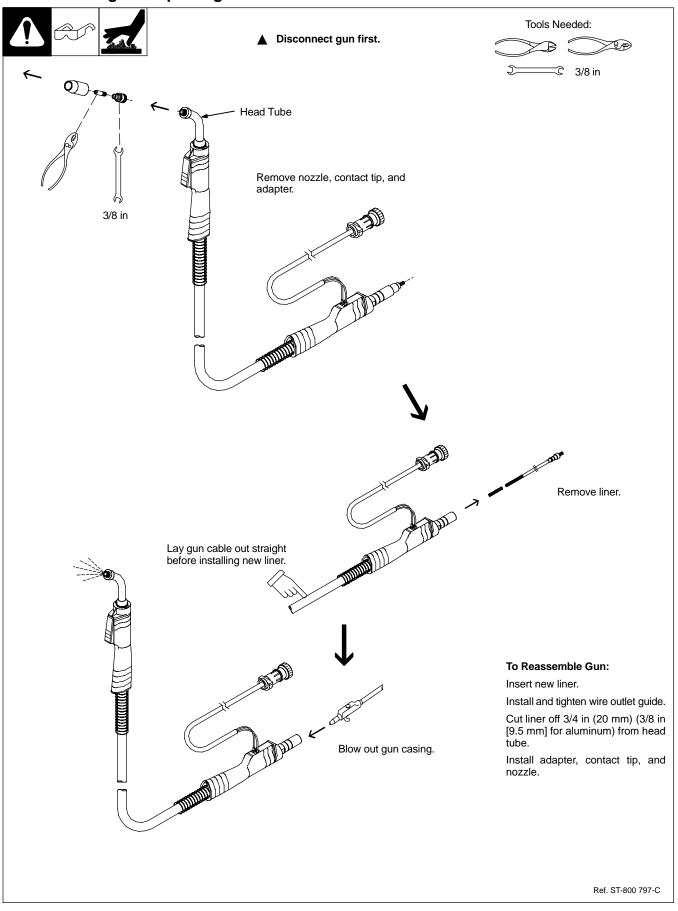
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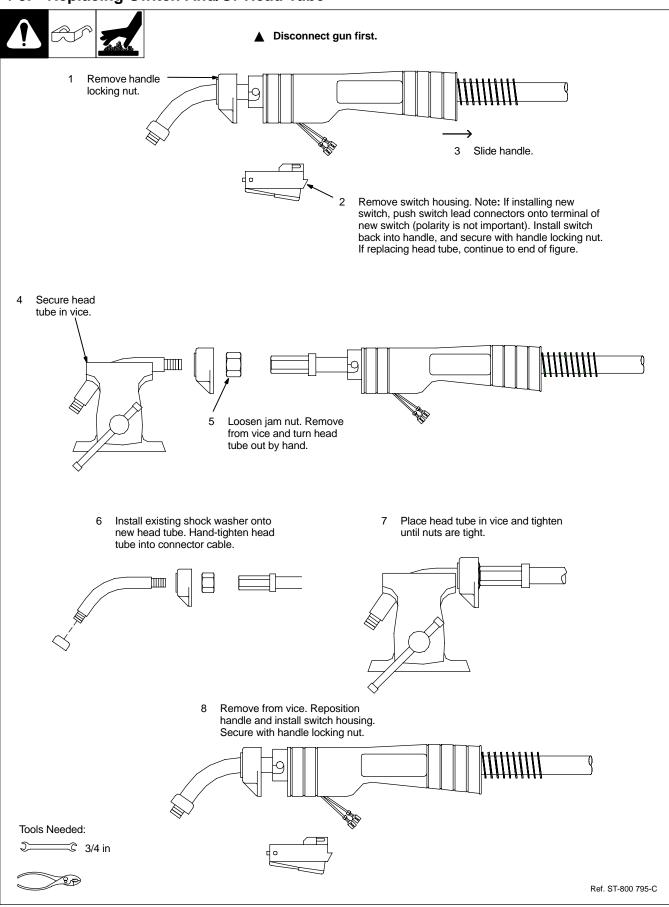
4-3. Changing Drive Roll And Inlet Wire Guide



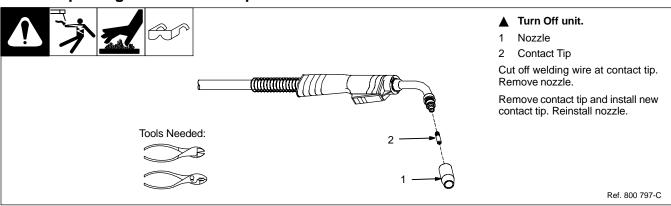
4-4. Cleaning Or Replacing Gun Liner



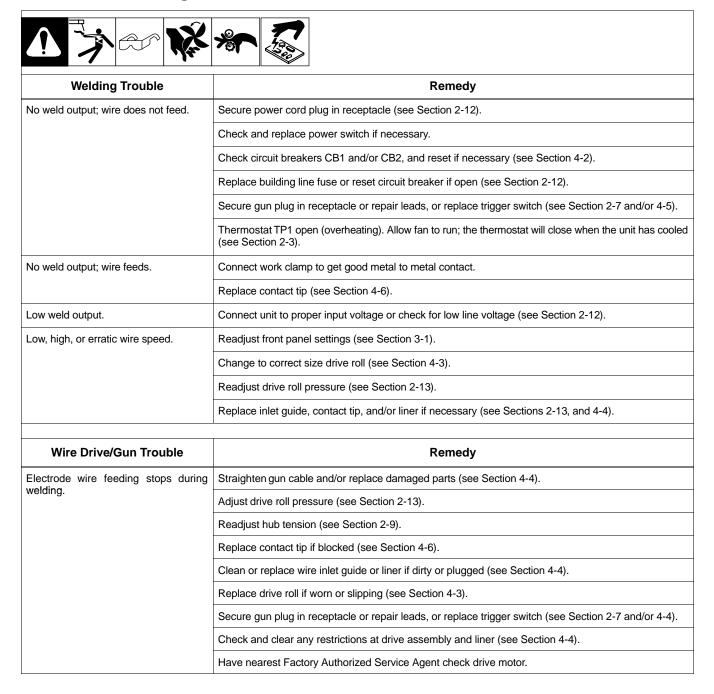
4-5. Replacing Switch And/Or Head Tube



4-6. Replacing Gun Contact Tip



4-7. Troubleshooting



SECTION 5 – ELECTRICAL DIAGRAM

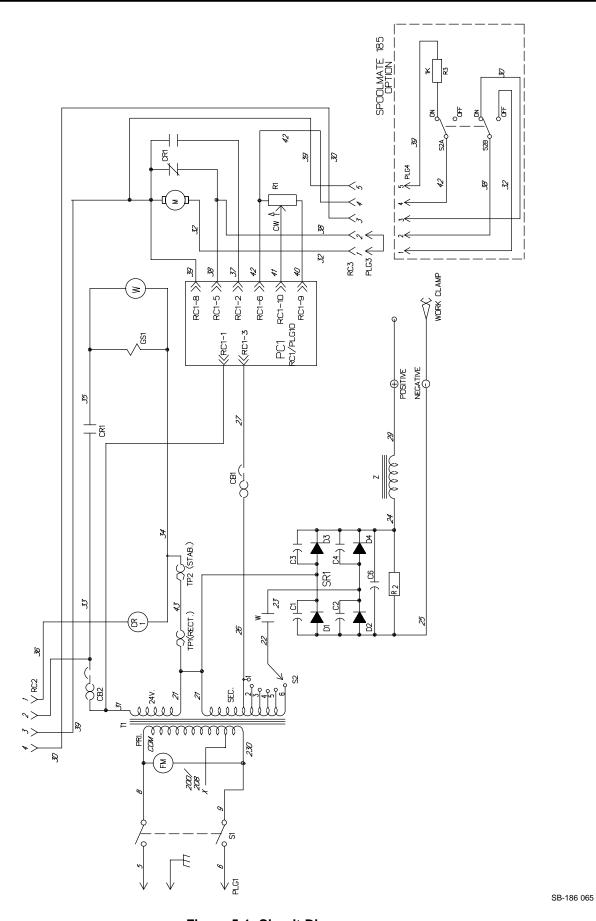
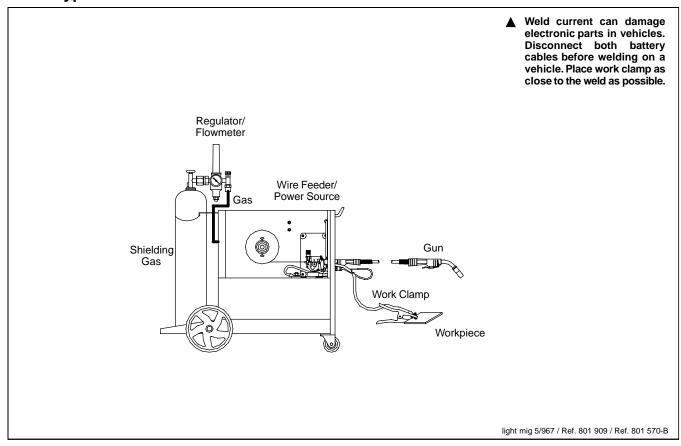


Figure 5-1. Circuit Diagram

SECTION 6 – MIG WELDING (GMAW) GUIDELINES



6-1. Typical MIG Process Connections

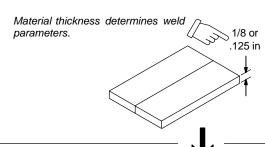


6-2. Typical MIG Process Control Settings

NOTE



These settings are guidelines only. Material and wire type, joint design, fitup, position, shielding gas, etc. affect settings. Test welds to be sure they comply to specifications.



Convert Material Thickness to Amperage (A)

(.001 in = 1 ampere) .125 in = 125 A



Wire Size	Amperage Range
.023 in	30 – 90 A
.030 in	40 – 145 A
.035 in	50 – 180 A

Select Wire Size



Wire Size	Recommendation	Wire Speed (Approx.)
.023 in	3.5 in per ampere	3.5 x 125 A = 437 ipm
.030 in	2 in per ampere	2 x 125 A = 250 ipm
.035 in	1.6 in per ampere	1.6 x 125 A = 200 ipm

Select Wire Speed (Amperage)

125 A based on 1/8 in material thickness

ipm = inch per minute

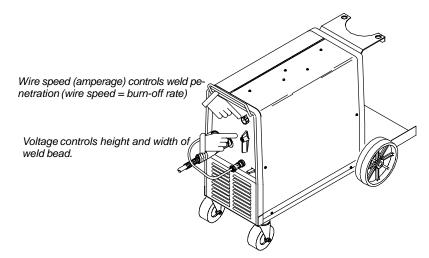


Low voltage: wire stubs into work

High voltage: arc is unstable (spatter)

Set voltage midway between high/low voltage.

Select Voltage



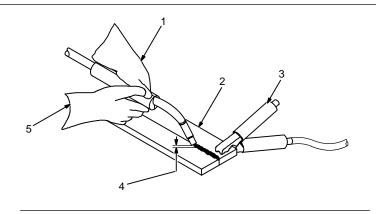
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6-3. Holding And Positioning Welding Gun

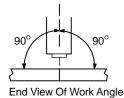
NOTE



Welding wire is energized when gun trigger is pressed. Before lowering helmet and pressing trigger, be sure wire is no more than 1/2 in (13 mm) past end of nozzle, and tip of wire is positioned correctly on seam.

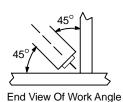


- Hold Gun and Control Gun Trigger
- 2 Workpiece
- 3 Work Clamp
- 4 Electrode Extension (Stickout) 1/4 to 1/2 in (6 To 13 mm)
- 5 Cradle Gun and Rest Hand on Workpiece



0°-15°
Side View Of Gun Angle

GROOVE WELDS





FILLET WELDS

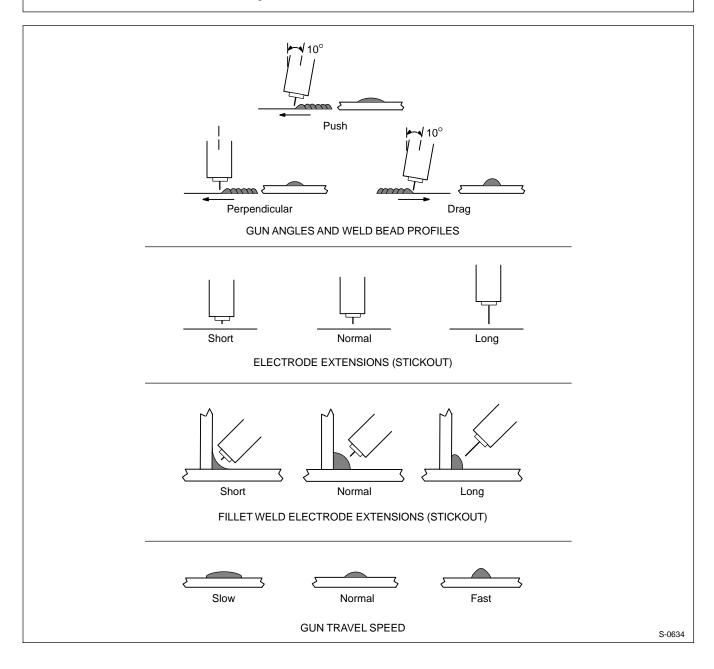
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6-4. Conditions That Affect Weld Bead Shape

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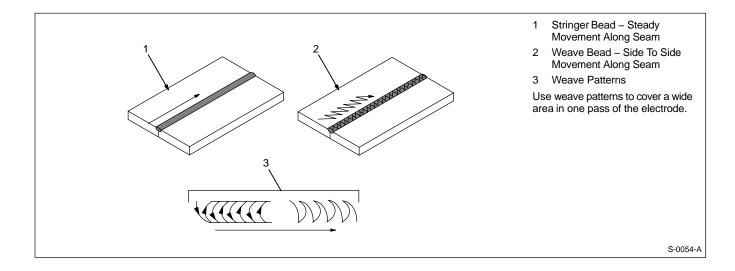
Weld bead shape depends on gun angle, direction of travel, electrode extension (stickout), travel speed, thickness of base metal, wire feed speed (weld current), and voltage.



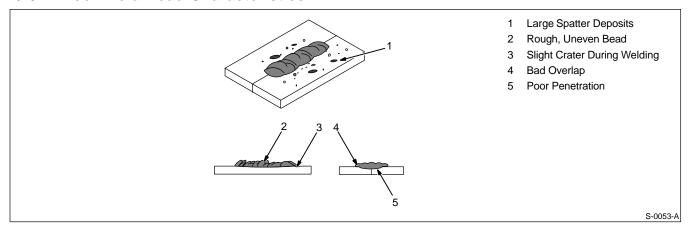
6-5. Gun Movement During Welding

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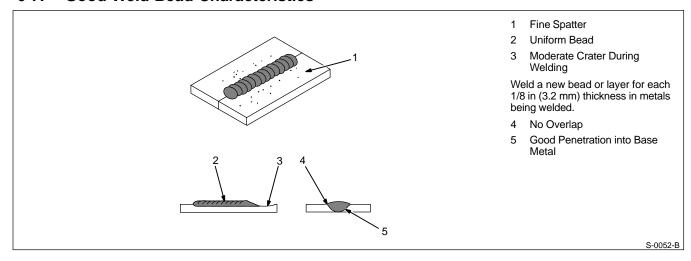
Normally, a single stringer bead is satisfactory for most narrow groove weld joints; however, for wide groove weld joints or bridging across gaps, a weave bead or multiple stringer beads works better.



6-6. Poor Weld Bead Characteristics

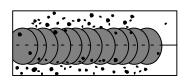


6-7. Good Weld Bead Characteristics



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6-8. Troubleshooting – Excessive Spatter

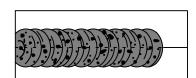


Excessive Spatter – scattering of molten metal particles that cool to solid form near weld bead.

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Possible Causes	Corrective Actions
Wire feed speed too high.	Select lower wire feed speed.
Voltage too high.	Select lower voltage range.
Electrode extension (stickout) too long.	Use shorter electrode extension (stickout).
Workpiece dirty.	Remove all grease, oil, moisture, rust, paint, undercoating, and dirt from work surface before welding.
Insufficient shielding gas at welding arc.	Increase flow of shielding gas at regulator/flowmeter and/or prevent drafts near welding arc.
Dirty welding wire.	Use clean, dry welding wire.
	Eliminate pickup of oil or lubricant on welding wire from feeder or liner.

6-9. Troubleshooting - Porosity

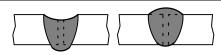


Porosity – small cavities or holes resulting from gas pockets in weld metal.

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Possible Causes	Corrective Actions		
Insufficient shielding gas at welding arc.	Increase flow of shielding gas at regulator/flowmeter and/or prevent drafts near welding arc.		
	Remove spatter from gun nozzle.		
	Check gas hoses for leaks.		
	Place nozzle 1/4 to 1/2 in (6-13 mm) from workpiece.		
	Hold gun near bead at end of weld until molten metal solidifies.		
Wrong gas.	Use welding grade shielding gas; change to different gas.		
Dirty welding wire.	Use clean, dry welding wire.		
	Eliminate pick up of oil or lubricant on welding wire from feeder or liner.		
Workpiece dirty.	Remove all grease, oil, moisture, rust, paint, coatings, and dirt from work surface before welding.		
	Use a more highly deoxidizing welding wire (contact supplier).		
Welding wire extends too far out of nozzle.	Be sure welding wire extends not more than 1/2 in (13 mm) beyond nozzle.		

6-10. Troubleshooting – Excessive Penetration



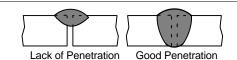
Excessive Penetration – weld metal melting through base metal and hanging underneath weld.

Excessive Penetration Good Penetration

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Possible Causes Corrective Actions	
Excessive heat input.	Select lower voltage range and reduce wire feed speed.
	Increase travel speed.

6-11. Troubleshooting – Lack Of Penetration

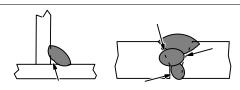


Lack Of Penetration – shallow fusion between weld metal and base metal.

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Possible Causes	Corrective Actions		
Improper joint preparation.	Material too thick. Joint preparation and design must provide access to bottom of groove while maintaining proper welding wire extension and arc characteristics.		
Improper weld technique.	Maintain normal gun angle of 0 to 15 degrees to achieve maximum penetration.		
	Keep arc on leading edge of weld puddle.		
	Be sure welding wire extends not more than 1/2 in (13 mm) beyond nozzle.		
Insufficient heat input.	Select higher wire feed speed and/or select higher voltage range.		
	Reduce travel speed.		

6-12. Troubleshooting - Incomplete Fusion

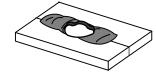


Incomplete Fusion – failure of weld metal to fuse completely with base metal or a preceeding weld bead.

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Possible Causes	Corrective Actions			
Workpiece dirty.	Remove all grease, oil, moisture, rust, paint, undercoating, and dirt from work surface before welding.			
Insufficient heat input.	Select higher voltage range and/or adjust wire feed speed.			
Improper welding technique.	Place stringer bead in proper location(s) at joint during welding.			
	Adjust work angle or widen groove to access bottom during welding.			
	Momentarily hold arc on groove side walls when using weaving technique.			
	Keep arc on leading edge of weld puddle.			
	Use correct gun angle of 0 to 15 degrees.			

6-13. Troubleshooting - Burn-Through

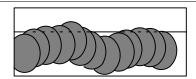


Burn-Through – weld metal melting completely through base metal resulting in holes where no metal remains.

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Possible Causes	Corrective Actions
Excessive heat input.	Select lower voltage range and reduce wire feed speed.
	Increase and/or maintain steady travel speed.

6-14. Troubleshooting – Waviness Of Bead



Waviness Of Bead – weld metal that is not parallel and does not cover joint formed by base metal.

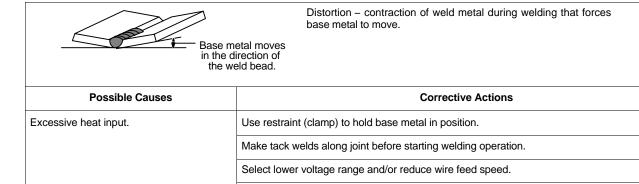
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Possible Causes	Corrective Actions
Welding wire extends too far out of nozzle.	Be sure welding wire extends not more than 1/2 in (13 mm) beyond nozzle.
Unsteady hand.	Support hand on solid surface or use two hands.

Weld in small segments and allow cooling between welds.

6-15. Troubleshooting - Distortion



Increase travel speed.

6-16. Common MIG Shielding Gases

This is a general chart for common gases and where they are used. Many different combinations (mixtures) of shielding gases have been developed over the years. The most commonly used shielding gases are listed in the following table.

	Application			
Gas	Spray Arc Steel	Short Circuiting Steel	Short Circuiting Stainless Steel	Short Circuiting Aluminum
Argon				All Positions
Argon + 25% CO ₂	Flat & Horizontal ¹ Fillet	All Positions	All Positions ²	
CO ₂	Flat & Horizontal ¹ Fillet	All Positions		
Tri-Mix ³			All Positions	

- 1 Globular Transfer
- 2 Single Pass Welding Only
- 3 90% HE + 7-1/2% AR + 2-1/2% CO₂

SECTION 7 - PARTS LIST

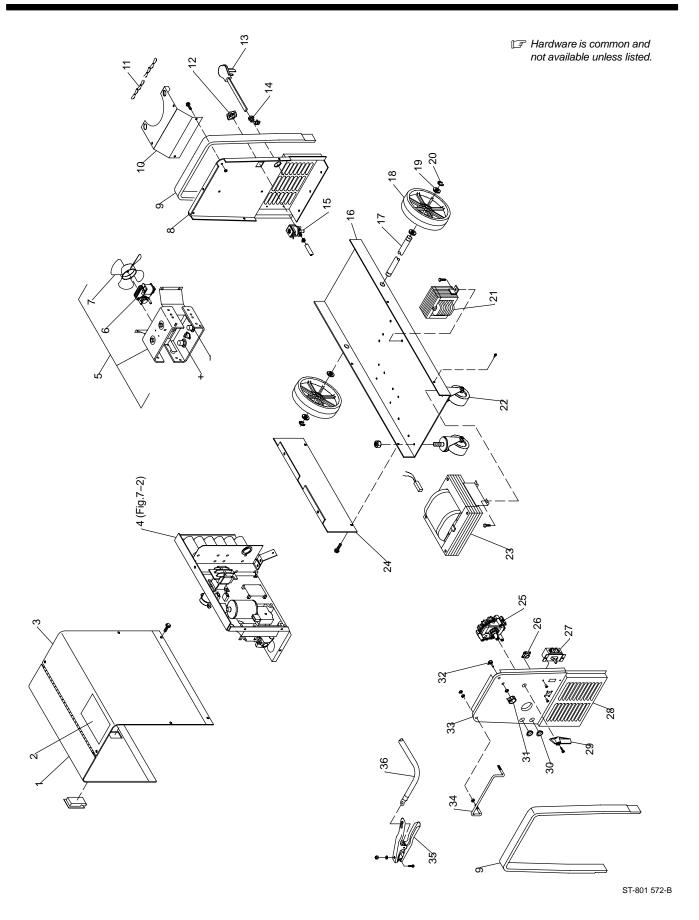


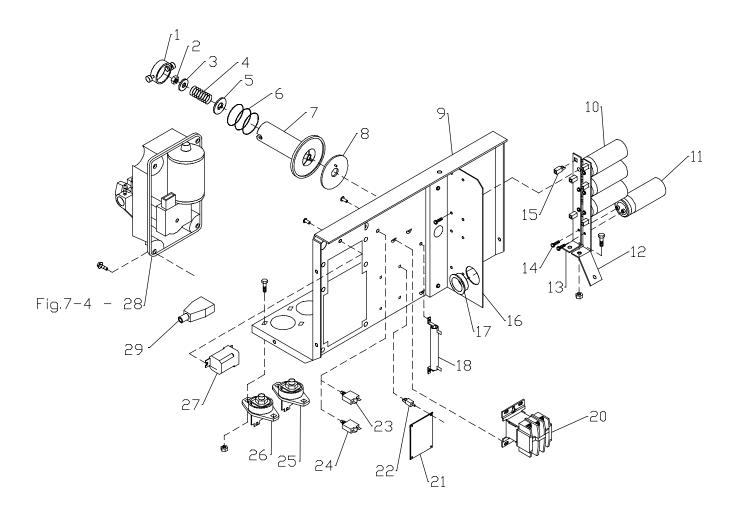
Figure 7-1. Main Assembly

Figure 7-1. Main Assembly

1 089 899	LATCH, slide flush
2 134 464	LABEL, warning general precautionary 1
3 +151 565	
4 Fig 7-2	
5 SR1 191 487	
	BRACKET RECTIFIER 1
	RECTIFIER SI DIODE ASSEMBLY, POS
	RECTIFIER SI DIODE ASSEMBLY, NEG
	GROMMET, SCR .250 panel hole 8
026 947	STAND-OFF 2
TP1 604 515	THERMOSTAT, NC open 211F 1
6 FM 123 468	MOTOR, fan 230V 60/50 Hz 3000RPM 1
	BLADE, fan 6.000 4wg 30 deg .175 bore 1
	PANEL, rear 1
	BEZEL, front rear 2
10 180 923	
11 602 387	
12 605 227	
13 PLG1 181 072	
14 111 443	
	VALVE, 24VAC 2 way 1
	BASE 1
17 147 893	
	WHEEL, rubolene 10in dia x 2.25
	WASHER, flat .812 ID x 1.469 OD
20 121 614	
21 Z 180 989	
	THERMOSTAT, NC
	CASTER, swvl 4.00 in plastic
	TRANSFORMER, power main
24 180 924	PANEL, side lower
25 S2 153 197	
26 RC2 048 282	RECEPTACLE W/SOCKETS
27 S1 124 511	
28 180 917	
29 148 956	
30 057 357	
31 097 924	
32 R1 035 897	
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34 147 571	
35 130 750	
36 600 318	
	REGULATOR/FLÖWMETER, 10–50 cfh
	HOSE, gas 5ft 1

⁺When ordering a component originally displaying a precautionary label, the label should also be ordered.

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Figure 7-2. Center Baffle w/Components

Figure 7-2. Baffle, Center w/Components (Fig 7-1 Item 4)

1 058 427 .	RING, retaining spool
2 085 980 .	
3 605 941 .	
4 186 437 .	
5 057 971 .	. WASHER, flat .632 ID x 1.500 OD x .12 1
6 057 745 .	
7 186 435 .	
8 186 436 .	. WASHER, brake plastic 1
9 180 915 .	
10 C6 191 385 .	
	CAPACITOR, elctlt 30000uf 4
	BUSS BAR, positive 1
	BUSS BAR, negative 1
	SCREW, .010-32 x .50 hex hd-slt S
15 083 147 .	,
16 180 927 .	
17 057 358 .	
18 R2 091 685 .	,
20 W 189 486 .	
21 PC1 171 986 .	
PLG10 165 745 .	
22 134 201 . 23 CB1 183 492	STAND-OFF SUPPORT, PC card
24CB2180 912	CIRCUIT BREAKER, man reset 10A 250V
25 097 421 .	CIRCUIT BREAKER, man reset 5A 250V
26 097 416 .	
27 CR1 072 817 .	
28 Fig 7-4 .	,
RC3 131 059 .	
29 196 318 .	

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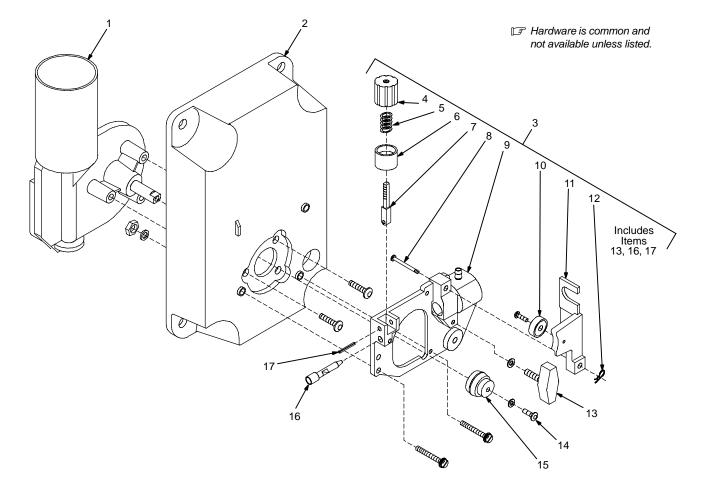
Item Part No. No.	Description	Quantity
169 589	Figure 7-3. M-15 Gun (Fig 7-1 Item 36)	
2	NOZZLE, slip type .500 orf flush TIP, contact scr .023 wire x 1.125 TIP, contact scr .030 wire x 1.125 TIP, contact scr .035 wire x 1.125 TIP, contact scr .045 wire x 1.125 TIP, contact scr .030 wire x 1.125 TIP, contact scr .	
16 079 975	2 LINER, monocoil .035/.045 wire x 15ft (consisting of)	1
	2 3 5 9 10 11 12 13 14 11 12 11	800 792-B

Figure 7-3. M-15 Gun ♦ OPTIONAL

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Figure 7-4. Drive Assembly, Wire (Fig 7-2 Item 29)

1	196 237 . MOTOR, gear 24VDC
	180 929 HOUSING, motor drive 1
	198 789 DRIVE ASSEMBLY, wire (consisting of)
	196 895 KNOB, tension
	090 415 SPRING, cprsn .695 OD x .080 wire x 1.500
	198 080 CUP, spring 185
	085 242 FASTENER, pinned
	090 416 PIN, hinge 1
9	124 817 HOUSING, wire drive
10	090 443 BEARING, ball rdl sgl row .315 x .866 x .27 (consisting of)
	. 111 622 SPACER, bearing .196 ID x .310 OD x .500 collar
	. 112 031 LEVER, pressure roll 1
	151 828 PIN, cotter hair .054 x .750
	124 778 KNOB, T 2.000 bar w/.312-18 st
14	174 609 SCREW 3
15	090 423 ROLL, drive V groove .023035 1
	058 549 GUIDE, wire inlet 1/16
17	010 224 PIN, spring CS .187 x 1.000 1



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Figure 7-4. Drive Assembly, Wire

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 - * Intellitig
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