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SECTION 1: SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS AND WARNINGS



WARNING

PROTECT YOURSELF AND OTHERS FROM POSSIBLE SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH. KEEP CHILDREN AWAY. PACEMAKER WEARERS KEEP AWAY UNTIL CONSULTING YOUR DOCTOR. DO NOT LOSE THESE INSTRUCTIONS. READ OPERATING/INSTRUCTION MANUAL BEFORE INSTALLING, OPERATING OR SERVICING THIS EQUIPMENT.

Welding products and welding processes can cause serious injury or death, or damage to other equipment or property, if the operator does not strictly observe all safety rules and take precautionary actions.

Safe practices have developed from past experience in the use of welding and cutting. These practices must be learned through study and training before using this equipment. Some of these practices apply to equipment connected to power lines; other practices apply to engine driven equipment. Anyone not having extensive training in welding and cutting practices should not attempt to weld.

Safe practices are outlined in the American National Standard Z49.1 entitled: SAFETY IN WELDING AND CUTTING. This publication and other guides to what you should learn before operating this equipment are listed at the end of these safety precautions. **HAVE ALL INSTALLATION, OPERATION, MAINTENANCE, AND REPAIR WORK PERFORMED ONLY BY QUALIFIED PEOPLE.**

1.01 Arc Welding Hazards



WARNING

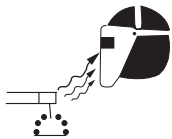
ELECTRIC SHOCK can kill.

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.

1. Do not touch live electrical parts.
2. Wear dry, hole-free insulating gloves and body protection.
3. Insulate yourself from work and ground using dry insulating mats or covers.
4. Disconnect input power or stop engine before installing or servicing this equipment. Lock input power disconnect switch open, or remove line fuses so power cannot be turned on accidentally.
5. Properly install and ground this equipment according to its Owner's Manual and national, state, and local codes.
6. Turn off all equipment when not in use. Disconnect power to equipment if it will be left unattended or out of service.
7. Use fully insulated electrode holders. Never dip holder in water to cool it or lay it down on the ground or the work surface. Do not touch holders connected to two welding machines at the same time or touch other people with the holder or electrode.
8. Do not use worn, damaged, undersized, or poorly spliced cables.
9. Do not wrap cables around your body.
10. Ground the workpiece to a good electrical (earth) ground.

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11. Do not touch electrode while in contact with the work (ground) circuit.
12. Use only well-maintained equipment. Repair or replace damaged parts at once.
13. In confined spaces or damp locations, do not use a welder with AC output unless it is equipped with a voltage reducer. Use equipment with DC output.
14. Wear a safety harness to prevent falling if working above floor level.
15. Keep all panels and covers securely in place.



WARNING

ARC RAYS can burn eyes and skin; NOISE can damage hearing.

Arc rays from the welding process produce intense heat and strong ultraviolet rays that can burn eyes and skin. Noise from some processes can damage hearing.

1. Wear a welding helmet fitted with a proper shade of filter (see ANSI Z49.1 listed in Safety Standards) to protect your face and eyes when welding or watching.
2. Wear approved safety glasses. Side shields recommended.
3. Use protective screens or barriers to protect others from flash and glare; warn others not to watch the arc.

4. Wear protective clothing made from durable, flame-resistant material (wool and leather) and foot protection.
5. Use approved ear plugs or ear muffs if noise level is high.



WARNING

FUMES AND GASES can be hazardous to your health.

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

1. Keep your head out of the fumes. Do not breath the fumes.
2. If inside, ventilate the area and/or use exhaust at the arc to remove welding fumes and gases.
3. If ventilation is poor, use an approved air-supplied respirator.
4. Read the Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDSs) and the manufacturer's instruction for metals, consumables, coatings, and cleaners.
5. Work in a confined space only if it is well ventilated, or while wearing an air-supplied respirator. Shielding gases used for welding can displace air causing injury or death. Be sure the breathing air is safe.

Eye protection filter shade selector for welding or cutting (goggles or helmet), from AWS A6.2-73.					
Welding or cutting	Electrode Size	Filter	Welding or cutting	Electrode Size	Filter
Torch soldering		2	Gas metal-arc		
Torch brazing		3 or 4	Non-ferrous base metal	All	11
Oxygen Cutting			Ferrous base metal	All	12
Light	Under 1 in., 25 mm	3 or 4	Gas tungsten arc welding	All	12
Medium	1 to 6 in., 25-150 mm	4 or 5	(TIG)	All	12
Heavy	Over 6 in., 150 mm	5 or 6	Atomic hydrogen welding	All	12
Gas welding			Carbon arc welding	All	12
Light	Under 1/8 in., 3 mm	4 or 5	Plasma arc welding		
Medium	1/8 to 1/2 in., 3-12 mm	5 or 6	Carbon arc air gouging		
Heavy	Over 1/2 in., 12 mm	6 or 8	Light		12
Shielded metal-arc	Under 5/32 in., 4 mm	10	Heavy		14
	5/32 to 1/4 in.,	12	Plasma arc cutting		
	Over 1/4 in., 6.4 mm	14	Light	Under 300 Amp	9
			Medium	300 to 400 Amp	12
			Heavy	Over 400 Amp	14

6. 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.
7. 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.

**WARNING**

WELDING can cause fire or explosion.

Sparks and spatter fly off from the welding arc. The flying sparks and hot metal, weld spatter, hot workpiece, and hot equipment can cause fires and burns. Accidental contact of electrode or welding wire to metal objects can cause sparks, overheating, or fire.

1. Protect yourself and others from flying sparks and hot metal.
2. Do not weld where flying sparks can strike flammable material.
3. Remove all flammables within 35 ft (10.7 m) of the welding arc. If this is not possible, tightly cover them with approved covers.
4. Be alert that welding sparks and hot materials from welding can easily go through small cracks and openings to adjacent areas.
5. Watch for fire, and keep a fire extinguisher nearby.
6. Be aware that welding on a ceiling, floor, bulkhead, or partition can cause fire on the hidden side.
7. Do not weld on closed containers such as tanks or drums.
8. 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.
9. Do not use welder to thaw frozen pipes.
10. Remove stick electrode from holder or cut off welding wire at contact tip when not in use.

**WARNING**

FLYING SPARKS AND HOT METAL can cause injury.

Chipping and grinding cause flying metal. As welds cool, they can throw off slag.

1. Wear approved face shield or safety goggles. Side shields recommended.
2. Wear proper body protection to protect skin.

**WARNING**

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.

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

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WARNING

Engines can be dangerous.



WARNING

ENGINE EXHAUST GASES can kill.

Engines produce harmful exhaust gases.

1. Use equipment outside in open, well-ventilated areas.
2. If used in a closed area, vent engine exhaust outside and away from any building air intakes.



WARNING

ENGINE FUEL can cause fire or explosion.

Engine fuel is highly flammable.

1. Stop engine before checking or adding fuel.
2. Do not add fuel while smoking or if unit is near any sparks or open flames.
3. Allow engine to cool before fueling. If possible, check and add fuel to cold engine before beginning job.
4. Do not overfill tank — allow room for fuel to expand.
5. Do not spill fuel. If fuel is spilled, clean up before starting engine.



WARNING

MOVING PARTS can cause injury.

Moving parts, such as fans, rotors, and belts can cut fingers and hands and catch loose clothing.

1. Keep all doors, panels, covers, and guards closed and securely in place.
2. Stop engine before installing or connecting unit.
3. Have only qualified people remove guards or covers for maintenance and troubleshooting as necessary.

4. To prevent accidental starting during servicing, disconnect negative (-) battery cable from battery.
5. Keep hands, hair, loose clothing, and tools away from moving parts.
6. Reinstall panels or guards and close doors when servicing is finished and before starting engine.



WARNING

SPARKS can cause BATTERY GASES TO EXPLODE; BATTERY ACID can burn eyes and skin.

Batteries contain acid and generate explosive gases.

1. Always wear a face shield when working on a battery.
2. Stop engine before disconnecting or connecting battery cables.
3. Do not allow tools to cause sparks when working on a battery.
4. Do not use welder to charge batteries or jump start vehicles.
5. Observe correct polarity (+ and -) on batteries.



WARNING

STEAM AND PRESSURIZED HOT COOLANT can burn face, eyes, and skin.

The coolant in the radiator can be very hot and under pressure.

1. Do not remove radiator cap when engine is hot. Allow engine to cool.
2. Wear gloves and put a rag over cap area when removing cap.
3. Allow pressure to escape before completely removing cap.

**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 Sec. 25249.5 et seq.)

NOTE

Considerations About Welding And The Effects of Low Frequency Electric and Magnetic Fields

The following is a quotation from the General Conclusions Section of the U.S. Congress, Office of Technology Assessment, Biological Effects of Power Frequency Electric & Magnetic Fields - Background Paper, OTA-BP-E-63 (Washington, DC: U.S. Government Printing Office, May 1989): "...there is now a very large volume of scientific findings based on experiments at the cellular level and from studies with animals and people which clearly establish that low frequency magnetic fields and interact with, and produce changes in, biological systems. While most of this work is of very high quality, the results are complex. Current scientific understanding does not yet allow us to interpret the evidence in a single coherent framework. Even more frustrating, it does not yet allow us to draw definite conclusions about questions of possible risk or to offer clear science-based advice on strategies to minimize or avoid potential risks."

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 cable around the body.
4. Keep welding power source and cables as far away from body as practical.

ABOUT PACEMAKERS:

The above procedures are among those also normally recommended for pacemaker wearers. Consult your doctor for complete information.

1.02 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.

1.03 Precautions de Sécurité en Soudage à L'Arc



MISE EN GARDE

LE SOUDAGE A L'ARC EST DANGEREUX

PROTEGEZ-VOUS, AINSI QUE LES AUTRES, CONTRE LES BLESSURES GRAVES POSSIBLES OU LA MORT. NE LAISSEZ PAS LES ENFANTS S'APPROCHER, NI LES PORTEURS DE STIMULATEUR CARDIAQUE (A MOINS QU'ILS N'AIENT CONSULTÉ UN MEDECIN). CONSERVEZ CES INSTRUCTIONS. LISEZ LE MANUEL D'OPERATION OU LES INSTRUCTIONS AVANT D'INSTALLER, UTILISER OU ENTREtenir CET EQUIPEMENT.

Les produits et procédés de soudage peuvent sauser des blessures graves ou la mort, de même que des dommages au reste du matériel et à la propriété, si l'utilisateur n'adhère pas strictement à toutes les règles de sécurité et ne prend pas les précautions nécessaires.

En soudage et coupage, des pratiques sécuritaires se sont développées suite à l'expérience passée. Ces pratiques doivent être apprises par étude ou entraînement avant d'utiliser l'équipement. Toute personne n'ayant pas suivi un entraînement intensif en soudage et coupage ne devrait pas tenter de souder. Certaines pratiques concernent les équipements raccordés aux lignes d'alimentation alors que d'autres s'adressent aux groupes électrogènes.

La norme Z49.1 de l'American National Standard, intitulée "SAFETY IN WELDING AND CUTTING" présente les pratiques sécuritaires à suivre. Ce document ainsi que d'autres guides que vous devriez connaître avant d'utiliser cet équipement sont présentés à la fin de ces instructions de sécurité.

SEULES DES PERSONNES QUALIFIEES DOIVENT FAIRE DES TRAVAUX D'INSTALLATION, DE REPARATION, D'ENTRETIEN ET D'ESSAI.

1.04 Dangers Relatifs au Soudage à L'Arc



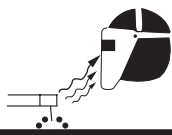
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L'ELECTROCUTION PEUT ETRE MORTELLE.

Une décharge électrique peut tuer ou brûler gravement. L'électrode et le circuit de soudage sont sous tension dès la mise en circuit. Le circuit d'alimentation et les circuits internes de l'équipement sont aussi sous tension dès la mise en marche. En soudage automatique ou semi-automatique avec fil, ce dernier, le rouleau ou la bobine de fil, le logement des galets d'entraînement et toutes les pièces métalliques en contact avec le fil de soudage sont sous tension. Un équipement inadéquatement installé ou inadéquatement mis à la terre est dangereux.

1. Ne touchez pas à des pièces sous tension.
2. Portez des gants et des vêtements isolants, secs et non troués.
3. Isolez-vous de la pièce à souder et de la mise à la terre au moyen de tapis isolants ou autres.
4. Déconnectez la prise d'alimentation de l'équipement ou arrêtez le moteur avant de l'installer ou d'en faire l'entretien. Bloquez le commutateur en circuit ouvert ou enlevez les fusibles de l'alimentation afin d'éviter une mise en marche accidentelle.
5. Veuillez à installer cet équipement et à le mettre à la terre selon le manuel d'utilisation et les codes nationaux, provinciaux et locaux applicables.
6. Arrêtez tout équipement après usage. Coupez l'alimentation de l'équipement s'il est hors d'usage ou inutilisé.
7. N'utilisez que des porte-électrodes bien isolés. Ne jamais plonger les porte-électrodes dans l'eau pour les refroidir. Ne jamais les laisser traîner par terre ou sur les pièces à souder. Ne touchez pas aux porte-électrodes raccordés à deux sources de courant en même temps. Ne jamais toucher quelqu'un d'autre avec l'électrode ou le porte-électrode.
8. N'utilisez pas de câbles électriques usés, endommagés, mal épissés ou de section trop petite.
9. N'enroulez pas de câbles électriques autour de votre corps.

10. N'utilisez qu'une bonne prise de masse pour la mise à la terre de la pièce à souder.
11. Ne touchez pas à l'électrode lorsqu'en contact avec le circuit de soudage (terre).
12. N'utilisez que des équipements en bon état. Réparez ou remplacez aussitôt les pièces endommagées.
13. Dans des espaces confinés ou mouillés, n'utilisez pas de source de courant alternatif, à moins qu'il soit muni d'un réducteur de tension. Utilisez plutôt une source de courant continu.
14. Portez un harnais de sécurité si vous travaillez en hauteur.
15. Fermez solidement tous les panneaux et les capots.



AVERTISSEMENT

LE RAYONNEMENT DE L'ARC PEUT BRÛLER LES YEUX ET LA PEAU; LE BRUIT PEUT ENDOMMAGER L'OUÏE.

L'arc de soudage produit une chaleur et des rayons ultraviolets intenses, susceptibles de brûler les yeux et la peau. Le bruit causé par certains procédés peut endommager l'ouïe.

1. Portez une casque de soudeur avec filtre oculaire de nuance appropriée (consultez la norme ANSI Z49 indiquée ci-après) pour vous protéger le visage et les yeux lorsque vous soudez ou que vous observez l'exécution d'une soudure.
2. Portez des lunettes de sécurité approuvées. Des écrans latéraux sont recommandés.
3. Entourez l'aire de soudage de rideaux ou de cloisons pour protéger les autres des coups d'arc ou de l'éblouissement; avertissez les observateurs de ne pas regarder l'arc.
4. Portez des vêtements en matériaux ignifuges et durables (laine et cuir) et des chaussures de sécurité.
5. Portez un casque antibruit ou des bouchons d'oreille approuvés lorsque le niveau de bruit est élevé.



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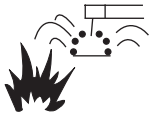
LES VAPEURS ET LES FUMÉES SONT DANGEREUSES POUR LA SANTÉ.

Le soudage dégage des vapeurs et des fumées dangereuses à respirer.

SELECTION DES NUANCES DE FILTRES OCULAIRES POUR LA PROTECTION DES YEUX EN COUPAGE ET SOUDAGE (selon AWS à 8.2-73)					
Opération de coupage ou soudage	Dimension d'électrode ou Epiaisseur de métal ou Intensité de courant	Nuance de filtre oculaire	Opération de coupage ou soudage	Dimension d'électrode ou Epiaisseur de métal ou Intensité de courant	Nuance de filtre oculaire
Brassage tendre au chalumeau	toutes conditions	2	Soudage à l'arc sous gaz avec fil plein (GMAW)		
Brassage fort au chalumeau	toutes conditions	3 ou 4	métaux non-ferreux	toutes conditions	11
Oxycoupage			métaux ferreux	toutes conditions	12
mince	moins de 1 po. (25 mm)	2 ou 3	Soudage à l'arc sous gaz avec électrode de tungstène (GTAW)	toutes conditions	12
moyen	de 1 à 6 po. (25 à 150 mm)	4 ou 5	Soudage à l'hydrogène atomique (AHW)	toutes conditions	12
épais	plus de 6 po. (150 mm)	5 ou 6	Soudage à l'arc avec électrode de carbone (CAW)	toutes conditions	12
Soudage aux gaz			Soudage à l'arc Plasma (PAW)	toutes dimensions	12
mince	moins de 1/8 po. (3 mm)	4 ou 5	Gougeage Air-Arc avec électrode de carbone		
moyen	de 1/8 à 1/2 po. (3 à 12 mm)	5 ou 6	mince		12
épais	plus de 1/2 po. (12 mm)	6 ou 8	épais		14
Soudage à l'arc avec électrode enrobées (SMAW)	moins de 5/32 po. (4 mm)	10	Coupage à l'arc Plasma (PAC)		
	5/32 à 1/4 po. (4 à 6.4 mm)	12	mince	moins de 300 amperès	9
	plus de 1/4 po. (6.4 mm)	14	moyen	de 300 à 400 amperès	12
			épais	plus de 400 amperès	14

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1. Eloignez la tête des fumées pour éviter de les respirer.
2. A l'intérieur, assurez-vous que l'aire de soudage est bien ventilée ou que les fumées et les vapeurs sont aspirées à l'arc.
3. Si la ventilation est inadéquate, portez un respirateur à adduction d'air approuvé.
4. Lisez les fiches signalétiques et les consignes du fabricant relatives aux métaux, aux produits consommables, aux revêtements et aux produits nettoyants.
5. Ne travaillez dans un espace confiné que s'il est bien ventilé; sinon, portez un respirateur à adduction d'air. Les gaz protecteurs de soudage peuvent déplacer l'oxygène de l'air et ainsi causer des malaises ou la mort. Assurez-vous que l'air est propre à la respiration.
6. Ne soudez pas à proximité d'opérations de dégraissage, de nettoyage ou de pulvérisation. La chaleur et les rayons de l'arc peuvent réagir avec des vapeurs et former des gaz hautement toxiques et irritants.
7. Ne soudez des tôles galvanisées ou plaquées au plomb ou au cadmium que si les zones à souder ont été grattées à fond, que si l'espace est bien ventilé; si nécessaire portez un respirateur à adduction d'air. Car ces revêtements et tout métal qui contient ces éléments peuvent dégager des fumées toxiques au moment du soudage.
1. Protégez-vous, ainsi que les autres, contre les étincelles et du métal chaud.
2. Ne soudez pas dans un endroit où des particules volantes ou des projections peuvent atteindre des matériaux inflammables.
3. Enlevez toutes matières inflammables dans un rayon de 10, 7 mètres autour de l'arc, ou couvrez-les soigneusement avec des bâches approuvées.
4. Méfiez-vous des projections brûlantes de soudage susceptibles de pénétrer dans des aires adjacentes par de petites ouvertures ou fissures.
5. Méfiez-vous des incendies et gardez un extincteur à portée de la main.
6. N'oubliez pas qu'une soudure réalisée sur un plafond, un plancher, une cloison ou une paroi peut enflammer l'autre côté.
7. Ne soudez pas un récipient fermé, tel un réservoir ou un baril.
8. Connectez le câble de soudage le plus près possible de la zone de soudage pour empêcher le courant de suivre un long parcours inconnu, et prévenir ainsi les risques d'électrocution et d'incendie.
9. Ne dégelez pas les tuyaux avec un source de courant.
10. Otez l'électrode du porte-électrode ou coupez le fil au tube-contact lorsqu'inutilisé après le soudage.
11. Portez des vêtements protecteurs non huileux, tels des gants en cuir, une chemise épaisse, un pantalon revers, des bottines de sécurité et un casque.



AVERTISSEMENT

LE SOUDAGE PEUT CAUSER UN INCENDIE OU UNE EXPLOSION

L'arc produit des étincelles et des projections. Les particules volantes, le métal chaud, les projections de soudure et l'équipement surchauffé peuvent causer un incendie et des brûlures. Le contact accidentel de l'électrode ou du fil-électrode avec un objet métallique peut provoquer des étincelles, un échauffement ou un incendie.



AVERTISSEMENT

LES ETINCELLES ET LES PROJECTIONS BRULANTES PEUVENT CAUSER DES BLESSURES.

Le piquage et le meulage produisent des particules métalliques volantes. En refroidissant, la soudure peut projeter du éclats de laitier.

1. Portez un écran facial ou des lunettes protectrices approuvées. Des écrans latéraux sont recommandés.
2. Portez des vêtements appropriés pour protéger la peau.

**AVERTISSEMENT****LES BOUTEILLES ENDOMMAGEES PEUVENT EXPLOSER**

Les bouteilles contiennent des gaz protecteurs sous haute pression. Des bouteilles endommagées peuvent exploser. Comme les bouteilles font normalement partie du procédé de soudage, traitez-les avec soin.

1. Protégez les bouteilles de gaz comprimé contre les sources de chaleur intense, les chocs et les arcs de soudage.
2. Enchaînez verticalement les bouteilles à un support ou à un cadre fixe pour les empêcher de tomber ou d'être renversées.
3. Eloignez les bouteilles de tout circuit électrique ou de tout soudage.
4. Empêchez tout contact entre une bouteille et une électrode de soudage.
5. N'utilisez que des bouteilles de gaz protecteur, des détendeurs, des boyaux et des raccords conçus pour chaque application spécifique; ces équipements et les pièces connexes doivent être maintenus en bon état.
6. Ne placez pas le visage face à l'ouverture du robinet de la bouteille lors de son ouverture.
7. Laissez en place le chapeau de bouteille sauf si en utilisation ou lorsque raccordé pour utilisation.
8. Lisez et respectez les consignes relatives aux bouteilles de gaz comprimé et aux équipements connexes, ainsi que la publication P-1 de la CGA, identifiée dans la liste de documents ci-dessous.

**AVERTISSEMENT**

**LES MOTEURS PEUVENT ETRE DANGEREUX
LES GAZ D'ÉCHAPPEMENT DES MOTEURS
PEUVENT ETRE MORTELS.**

Les moteurs produisent des gaz d'échappement nocifs.

1. Utilisez l'équipement à l'extérieur dans des aires ouvertes et bien ventilées.
2. Si vous utilisez ces équipements dans un endroit confiné, les fumées d'échappement doivent être envoyées à l'extérieur, loin des prises d'air du bâtiment.

**AVERTISSEMENT**

**LE CARBURANT PEUT CAUSER UN INCENDIE
OU UNE EXPLOSION.**

Le carburant est hautement inflammable.

1. Arrêtez le moteur avant de vérifier le niveau de carburant ou de faire le plein.
2. Ne faites pas le plein en fumant ou proche d'une source d'étincelles ou d'une flamme nue.
3. Si c'est possible, laissez le moteur refroidir avant de faire le plein de carburant ou d'en vérifier le niveau au début du soudage.
4. Ne faites pas le plein de carburant à ras bord: prévoyez de l'espace pour son expansion.
5. Faites attention de ne pas renverser de carburant. Nettoyez tout carburant renversé avant de faire démarrer le moteur.

**AVERTISSEMENT**

**DES PIÈCES EN MOUVEMENT PEUVENT
CAUSER DES BLESSURES.**

Des pièces en mouvement, tels des ventilateurs, des rotors et des courroies peuvent couper doigts et mains, ou accrocher des vêtements amples.

1. Assurez-vous que les portes, les panneaux, les capots et les protecteurs soient bien fermés.
2. Avant d'installer ou de connecter un système, arrêtez le moteur.
3. Seules des personnes qualifiées doivent démonter des protecteurs ou des capots pour faire l'entretien ou le dépannage nécessaire.

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4. Pour empêcher un démarrage accidentel pendant l'entretien, débranchez le câble d'accumulateur à la borne négative.
5. N'approchez pas les mains ou les cheveux de pièces en mouvement; elles peuvent aussi accrocher des vêtements amples et des outils.
6. Réinstallez les capots ou les protecteurs et fermez les portes après des travaux d'entretien et avant de faire démarrer le moteur.



AVERTISSEMENT

DES ETINGELLES PEUVENT FAIRE EXPLOSER UN ACCUMULATEUR; L'ELECTROLYTE D'UN ACCUMULATEUR PEUT BRULER LA PEAU ET LES YEUX.

Les accumulateurs contiennent de l'électrolyte acide et dégagent des vapeurs explosives.

1. Portez toujours un écran facial en travaillant sur un accumulateur.
2. Arrêtez le moteur avant de connecter ou de déconnecter des câbles d'accumulateur.
3. N'utilisez que des outils anti-étincelles pour travailler sur un accumulateur.
4. N'utilisez pas une source de courant de soudage pour charger un accumulateur ou survolter momentanément un véhicule.
5. Utilisez la polarité correcte (+ et -) de l'accumulateur.



AVERTISSEMENT

LA VAPEUR ET LE LIQUIDE DE REFROIDISSEMENT BRULANT SOUS PRESSION PEUVENT BRULER LA PEAU ET LES YEUX.

Le liquide de refroidissement d'un radiateur peut être brûlant et sous pression.

1. N'ôtez pas le bouchon de radiateur tant que le moteur n'est pas refroidi.
2. Mettez des gants et posez un torchon sur le bouchon pour l'ôter.
3. Laissez la pression s'échapper avant d'ôter complètement le bouchon.

1.05 Principales Normes de Sécurité

Safety in Welding and Cutting, norme ANSI Z49.1, American Welding Society, 550 N.W. LeJeune Rd., Miami, FL 33128.

Safety and Health Standards, OSHA 29 CFR 1910, 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, norme AWS F4.1, American Welding Society, 550 N.W. LeJeune Rd., Miami, FL 33128.

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

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

Code for Safety in Welding and Cutting, norme CSA W117.2 Association canadienne de normalisation, Standards Sales, 276 Rexdale Boulevard, Rexdale, Ontario, Canada M9W 1R3.

Safe Practices for Occupation and Educational Eye and Face Protection, norme ANSI Z87.1, American National Standards Institute, 1430 Broadway, New York, NY 10018.

Cutting and Welding Processes, norme 51B NFPA, National Fire Protection Association, Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02269.

SECTION 2: INTRODUCTION

2.01 How To Use This Manual

This Owner's Manual applies to just specification or part numbers listed on page i.

To ensure safe operation, read the entire manual, including the chapter on safety instructions and warnings.

Throughout this manual, the words **WARNING**, **CAUTION**, and **NOTE** may appear. Pay particular attention to the information provided under these headings. These special annotations are easily recognized as follows:



A WARNING gives information regarding possible personal injury.



A CAUTION refers to possible equipment damage.

NOTE

A NOTE offers helpful information concerning certain operating procedures.

Additional copies of this manual may be purchased by contacting Thermal Arc at the address and phone number in your area listed in the inside back cover of this manual. Include the manual number and equipment identification numbers.

Electronic copies of this manual can also be downloaded at no charge in Acrobat PDF format by going to the Thermal Arc web site listed below and clicking on the Literature Library link:

<http://www.thermalarc.com>

2.02 Equipment Identification

The unit's identification number (specification or part number), model, and serial number usually appear on a nameplate attached to the control panel. In some cases, the nameplate may be attached to the rear panel. Equipment which does not have a control panel such as gun and cable assemblies is identified only by the specification or part number printed on the shipping container. Record these numbers on the bottom of page i for future reference.

2.03 Receipt Of Equipment

When you receive the equipment, check it against the invoice to make sure it is complete and inspect the equipment for possible damage due to shipping. If there is any damage, notify the carrier immediately to file a claim. Furnish complete information concerning damage claims or shipping errors to the location in your area listed in the inside back cover of this manual.














Include all equipment identification numbers as described above along with a full description of the parts in error.

















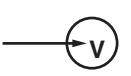
Move the equipment to the installation site before uncrating the unit. Use care to avoid damaging the equipment when using bars, hammers, etc., to uncrate the unit.






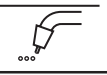






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2.04 Symbol Chart

Note that only some of these symbols will appear on your model.

	On
	Off
	Dangerous Voltage
	Increase/Decrease
	Circuit Breaker
	AC Auxiliary Power
	Fuse
A	Amperage
V	Voltage
Hz	Hertz (cycles/sec)
f	Frequency
-	Negative
+	Positive
	Direct Current (DC)
	Protective Earth (Ground)
	Line
	Line Connection
	Auxiliary Power
115V 15A 	Receptacle Rating- Auxiliary Power

1 	Single Phase
3 	Three Phase
	Three Phase Static Frequency Converter- Transformer-Rectifier
	Remote
X	Duty Cycle
%	Percentage
	Panel/Local
	Shielded Metal Arc Welding (SMAW)
	Gas Metal Arc Welding (GMAW)
	Gas Tungsten Arc Welding (GTAW)
	Air Carbon Arc Cutting (CAC-A)
	Constant Current
	Constant Voltage Or Constant Potential
	High Temperature
	Fault Indication
	Arc Force
	Touch Start (GTAW)
	Variable Inductance
	Voltage Input

	Wire Feed Function
	Wire Feed Towards Workpiece With Output Voltage Off.
	Welding Gun
	Purging Of Gas
	Continuous Weld Mode
	Spot Weld Mode
	Spot Time
	Prewflow Time
	Postflow Time
	2 Step Trigger Operation Press to initiate wirefeed and welding, release to stop.
	4 Step Trigger Operation Press and hold for preflow, release to start arc. Press to stop arc, and hold for preflow.
	Burnback Time
IPM	Inches Per Minute
MPM	Meters Per Minute

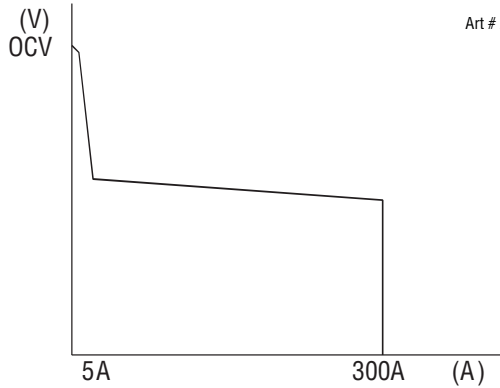
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2.05 Description

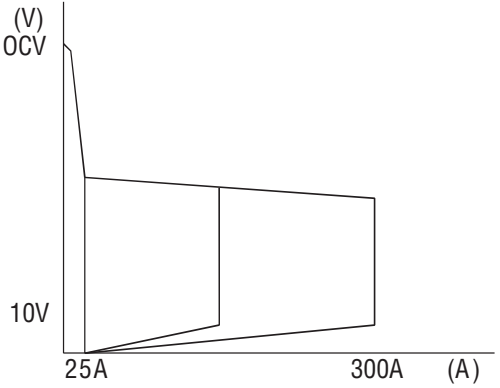
The Thermal ArcTM Model 300ACDC is a self contained single/three-phase AC/DC arc welding power source with Constant Current (CC) output characteristics. This unit is equipped with a Digital Volt/Amperage Meter, gas control valve, built in Sloper and Pulser, lift arc starter, and high-frequency arc starter for use with Gas Tungsten Arc Welding (GTAW), Gas Tungsten Arc Welding-Pulsed (GTAW-P) Gas Tungsten Arc Welding- Sloped (GTAW-S), and Shielded Metal Arc Welding (SMAW) processes. The power source is totally enclosed in an impact resistant, flame retardant and non-conductive plastic case.

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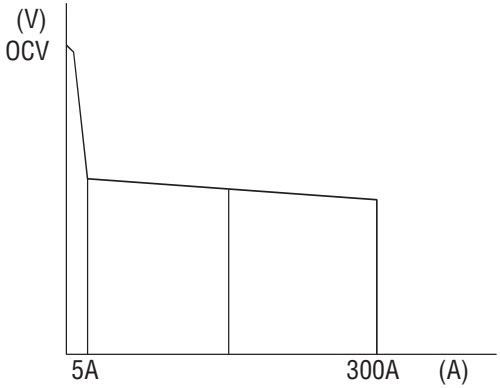
Volt-Ampere curves show the maximum Voltage and Amperage output capabilities of the welding power source. Curves of other settings will fall between the curves shown.



STICK Process



LIFT TIG Process

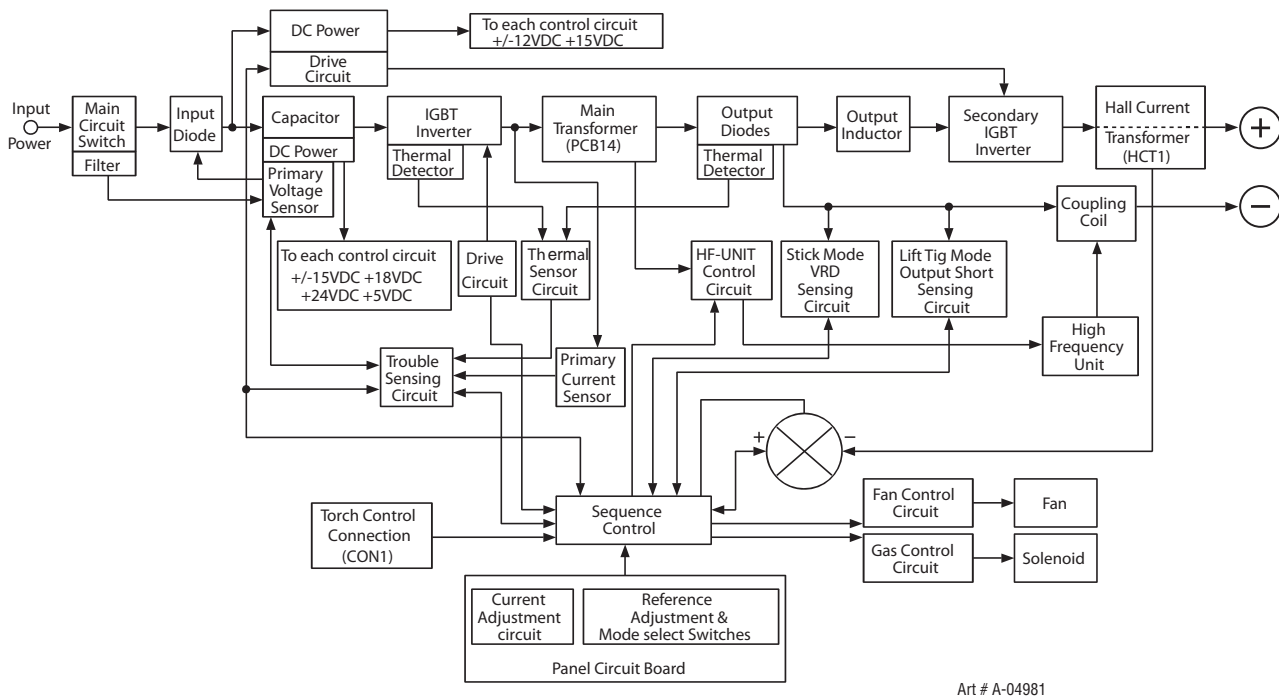


HF TIG Process

Figure 2-1: Model 300 ACDC Volt-Ampere curve

2.06 Functional Block Diagrams

Figure 2-2 illustrates the functional block diagram of the 300 ACDC-power supply.



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Figure 2-2: 300 ACDC Model Functional Block Diagram

2.07 Transporting Methods

These units are equipped with a handle for carrying purposes.



WARNING

ELECTRIC SHOCK can kill. DO NOT TOUCH live electrical parts. Disconnect input power conductors from de-energized supply line before moving the welding power source.

- Lift unit with handle on top of case.
- Use handcart or similar device of adequate capacity.
- If using a fork lift vehicle, place and secure unit on a proper skid before transporting.



WARNING

FALLING EQUIPMENT can cause serious personal injury and equipment damage.

SECTION 3: INSTALLATION

3.03 Electrical Input Connections

**WARNING**

ELECTRIC SHOCK can kill; SIGNIFICANT DC VOLTAGE is present after removal of input power.

3.01 Environment

The ArcMaster 300 ACDC is designed for use in adverse environments.

Examples of environments with increased adverse conditions are:

- a. In locations in which freedom of movement is restricted, so that the operator is forced to perform the work in a cramped (kneeling, sitting or lying) position with physical contact with conductive parts;
- b. In locations which are fully or partially limited by conductive elements, and in which there is a high risk of unavoidable or accidental contact by the operator;
- c. In wet or damp hot locations where humidity or perspiration considerably reduces the skin resistance of the human body and the insulation properties of accessories.

Environments with adverse conditions do not include places where electrically conductive parts, in the near vicinity of the operator, which can cause increased hazard, have been insulated.

3.02 Location

Be sure to locate the welder according to the following guidelines:

- *In areas, free from moisture and dust.*
- *Ambient temperature between 0 degrees C to 40 degrees C.*
- *In areas, free from oil, steam and corrosive gases.*
- *In areas, not subjected to abnormal vibration or shock.*
- *In areas, not exposed to direct sunlight or rain.*
- *Place at a distance of 12" (304.79mm) or more from walls or similar boundaries that could restrict natural airflow for cooling.*

**WARNING**

Thermal Arc advises that this equipment be electrically connected by a qualified electrician.

DO NOT TOUCH live electrical parts.

SHUT DOWN welding power source, disconnect input power employing lockout/tagging procedures. Lockout/tagging procedures consist of padlocking line disconnect switch in open position, removing fuses from fuse box, or shutting off and red-tagging circuit breaker or other disconnecting device.

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3.04 Electrical Input Requirements

Operate the welding power source from a single or three-phase 50/60 Hz, AC power supply. The input voltage must match one of the electrical input voltages shown on the input data label on the unit nameplate. Contact the local electric utility for information about the type of electrical service available, how proper connections should be made, and any inspection required.

The line disconnect switch provides a safe and convenient means to completely remove all electrical power from the welding power supply whenever necessary to inspect or service the unit.

NOTE

These units are equipped with a three-conductor with earth power cable that is connected at the welding power source end for single and three phase electrical input power.

Do not connect an input (WHITE or BLACK or RED) conductor to the ground terminal.

Do not connect the ground (GREEN) conductor to an input line terminal.

Refer to Figure 3-1 and:

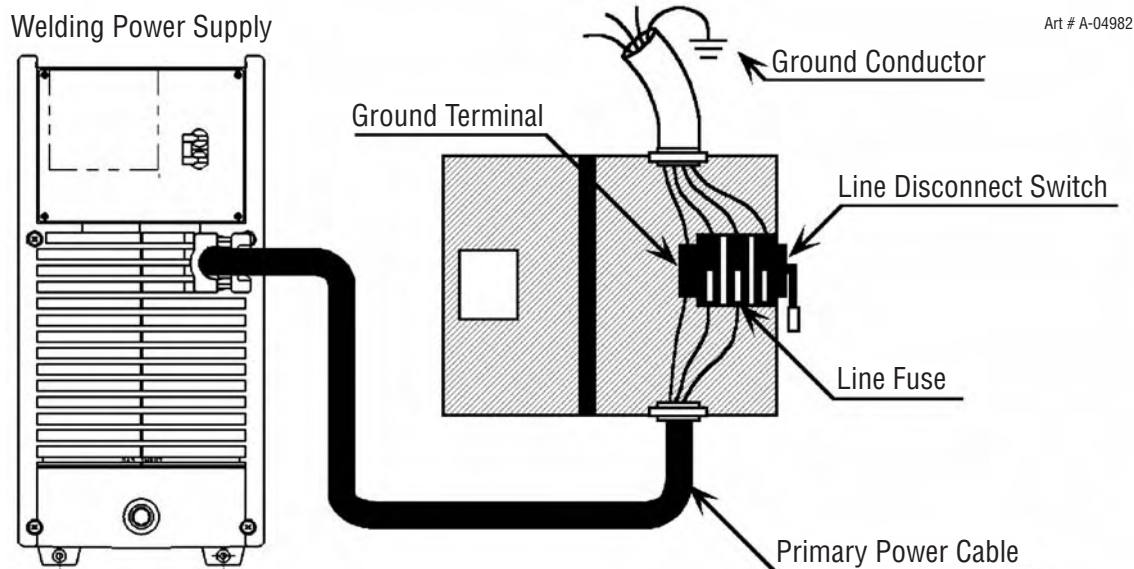
1. Connect end of ground (GREEN) conductor to a suitable ground. Use a grounding method that complies with all applicable electrical codes.
2. Connect ends of line 1 (BLACK) and line 2 (WHITE) and line 3 (RED) input conductors to a de-energized line disconnect switch.
3. Use Table 3-1 and Table 3-2 as a guide to select line fuses for the disconnect switch.

Input Voltage	Fuse Size
208V	100 Amps
230V	100 Amps
480V	50 Amps

Table 3-1: Electrical Input Connections

NOTE

Fuse size is based on not more than 200 percent of the rated input amperage of the welding power source (Based on Article 630, National Electrical Code).



3.05 Input Power

Each unit incorporates an INRUSH circuit and input voltage sensing circuit. When the MAIN CIRCUIT SWITCH is turned on, the inrush circuit provides a pre-charging of the input capacitors. At this point, the Bus Voltages are checked and the welder is enabled after the input capacitors have charged to full operating voltage (after approximately 5 seconds).

NOTE

Note the available input power. Damage to the welder could occur if 575VAC or higher is applied.

The following 208-230/460V Primary Current recommendations are required to obtain the maximum welding current and duty cycle from this welding equipment:

Model	Primary Supply Lead Size (Factory Fitted)	Minimum Primary Current Circuit Size (Vin/Amps)		Current & Duty Cycle	
				TIG	STICK
ARC MASTER 300ACDC	8/4 AWG minimum	3φ	208/31	300 @ 25%	--
			230/28		--
			460/14		--
			208/45	--	300 @ 25%
			230/41	--	
			460/21	--	
		1φ	208/67	300 @ 25%	--
			230/60		--
			208/97	300 @ 25%	--
			230/87		--

Table 3-2 208/230V Primary Current Circuit sizes to achieve maximum current

3.06 High Frequency Introduction

The importance of correct installation of high frequency welding equipment cannot be over-emphasized. Interference due to high frequency initiated or stabilized arc is almost invariably traced to improper installation. The following information is intended as a guide for personnel installing high frequency welding machines.



WARNING: EXPLOSIVES

The high frequency section of this machine has an output similar to a radio transmitter. The machine should NOT be used in the vicinity of blasting operations due to the danger of premature firing.



WARNING: COMPUTERS

It is also possible that operation close to computer installations may cause computer malfunction.

3.07 High Frequency Interference

Interference may be transmitted by a high frequency initiated or stabilized arc welding machine in the following ways:

- 1. Direct Radiation:** Radiation from the machine can occur if the case is metal and is not properly grounded. It can occur through apertures such as open access panels. The shielding of the high frequency unit in the Power Source will prevent direct radiation if the equipment is properly grounded.
- 2. Transmission via the Supply Lead:** Without adequate shielding and filtering, high frequency energy may be fed to the wiring within the installation (mains) by direct coupling. The energy is then transmitted by both radiation and conduction. Adequate shielding and filtering is provided in the Power Source.
- 3. Radiation from Welding Leads:** Radiated interference from welding leads, although pronounced in the vicinity of the leads, diminishes rapidly with distance. Keeping leads as short as possible will minimize this type of interference. Looping and suspending of leads should be avoided where possible.
- 4. Re-radiation from Unearthed Metallic Objects:** A major factor contributing to interference is re-radiation from unearthed metallic objects close to the welding leads. Effective grounding of such objects will prevent re-radiation in most cases.

3.08 Duty Cycle

The duty cycle of a welding power source is the percentage of a ten (10) minute period that it can be operated at a given output without causing overheating and damage to the unit. If the welding amperes decrease, the duty cycle increases. If the welding amperes are increased beyond the rated output, the duty cycle will decrease.



WARNING

Exceeding the duty cycle ratings will cause the thermal overload protection circuit to become energized and shut down the output until the unit has cooled to normal operating temperature.

CAUTION

Continually exceeding the duty cycle ratings can cause damage to the welding power source and will void the manufactures warranty.

NOTE

Due to variations that can occur in manufactured products, claimed performance, voltages, ratings, all capacities, measurements, dimensions and weights quoted are approximate only. Achievable capacities and ratings in use and operation will depend upon correct installation, use, applications, maintenance and service.

3.09 Specifications

Parameter		300ACDC
Rated Output		
Amperes		300
Volts		22
Duty Cycle		25%
Duty Cycle	TIG	300A / 22V @ 25% 190A / 17V @ 60% 150A / 16V @ 100%
	STICK	300A / 32V @ 25% 190A / 27V @ 60% 150A / 26V @ 100%
Output Current Range	TIG	5 - 300 (DC) 5 - 300 (AC) @ 60Hz, 50% Cleaning
	STICK	5 - 300 (DC) 5 - 300 (AC) @ 60Hz, 50% Cleaning
Open Circuit Voltage		65V
Dimensions		
Width		8.3" (210mm)
Height		16.5" (420mm)
Length		17.7" (450mm)
Weight		52.8 lb. 24 kg
Output @ Rated Load		
Rated Input Voltage	Three-phase	Single-phase
Output Amperes	300A	300A
Output Volts	32V	32V
Duty Cycle	25%	25%
KVA	18.0	20.0
KW	12.0	12.0
Output @ No Load		
Rated Input Voltage	Three-phase	Single-phase
KVA	0.5	0.5
KW	0.13	0.13
Input Volts Three Phase 208V 230V 460V		
Amperage Draw @ Rated Load		45 41 21
		No Load Amps 1.4 1.3 0.7
Input Volts Single Phase 208V 230V		
Amperage Draw @ Rated Load		97 87
		No Load Amps 2.5 2.2

Thermal Arc continuously strives to produce the best product possible and therefore reserves the right to change, improve or revise the specifications or design of this or any product without prior notice. Such updates or changes do not entitle the buyer of equipment previously sold or shipped to the corresponding changes, updates, improvements or replacement of such items.

The values specified in this table are optimal values, your values may differ. Individual equipment may differ from the above specifications due to in part, but not exclusively, to any one or more of the following; variations or changes in manufactured components, installation location and conditions and local power grid supply conditions.

Table 3-3: Parameter Specifications

SECTION 4: OPERATOR CONTROLS

4.01 ArcMaster 300 ACDC Controls

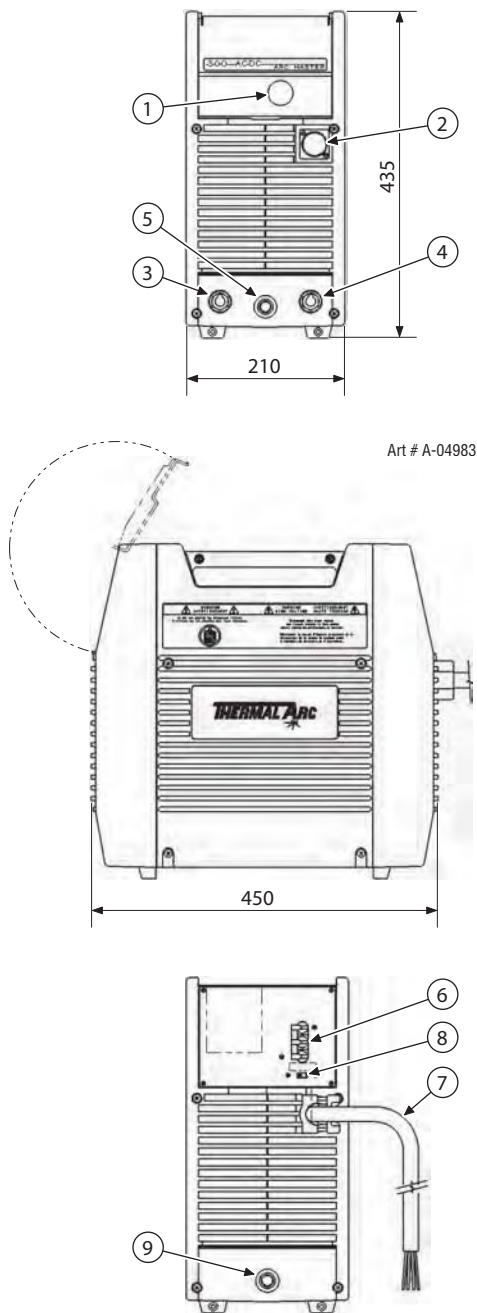


Figure 4-1: ArcMaster 300 ACDC Power Source

1. **Control Knob:** This control sets the selected weld parameter, rotating it clockwise increases the parameter that is indicated on the digital meter. Pushing the knob inward displays the actual welding voltage.
2. **Remote Control Socket:** The 14 pin Remote Control Socket is used to connect remote current control devices to the welding Power Source. To make connections, align keyway, insert plug, and rotate threaded collar fully clockwise.

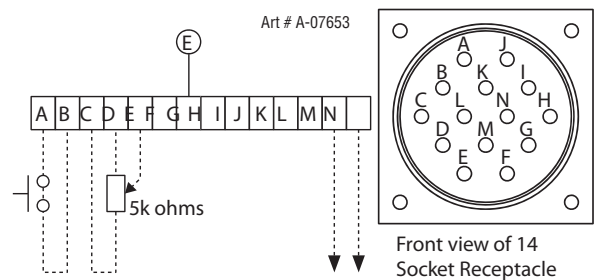


Figure 4-2: 14-Socket Receptacle

Socket Pin	Function
A	Torch Switch Input (24V) to (connect pins A & B to turn on welding current).
B	Torch Switch Input (0V) to energize weld current (connect pins A & B to turn on welding current).
C	5k ohm (maximum) connection to 5k ohm remote control potentiometer.
D	Zero ohm (minimum) connection to 5k ohm remote control potentiometer.
E	Wiper arm connection to 5k ohm remote control potentiometer.
G	Mains Earth.
F, H, I, J, K, L	Not Used.
M	OK to move current detect signal for robotics applications.
N	OK to move current detect signal for robotics applications.

Table 4-1: Socket Pin Functions

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3. **Positive Terminal:** Welding current flows from the Power Source via heavy duty Dinse type terminal. It is essential, however, that the male plug is inserted and turned securely to achieve a sound electrical connection.
4. **Negative Terminal:** Welding current flows from the Power Source via heavy duty Dinse type terminal. It is essential, however, that the male plug is inserted and turned securely to achieve a sound electrical connection.

CAUTION

Loose welding terminal connections can cause overheating and result in the male plug being fused in the bayonet terminal.

5. **Gas Outlet:** The Gas Outlet is a 5/8 18 UNF female gas fitting.
6. **ON/OFF Switch:** This switch connects the Primary supply voltage to the inverter when in the ON position. This enables the Power Supply.



WARNING

When the welder is connected to the Primary supply voltage, the internal electrical components maybe at 720V potential with respect to earth.

7. **Input Cable:** The input cable connects the Primary supply voltage to the equipment.
8. **SMART Logic Switch:** Manual slide switch mounted on the back panel selects for proper input voltage. If this slide is not set to the position that matches the input voltage from the electrical source the Smart Logic circuit will inhibit welding power source output. The digital meter will show primary input error code.
8. **Gas Inlet:** The Gas Inlet is a 5/8 18 UNF female gas fitting.

4.02 Weld Process Selection for ArcMaster 300 ACDC

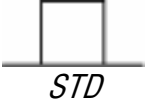


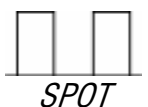

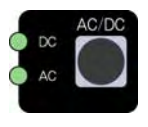


Weld Process Selection	Weld Mode			Description
	STICK	HF TIG	LIFT TIG	
 <i>STD</i>	Yes	Yes	Yes	2T operation in TIG Modes using remote devices to control contactor & current
 <i>SLOPE</i>	No	Yes	Yes	4T operation in TIG Modes with crater fill using a remote contactor device to control sequence.
 <i>REPEAT</i>	No	Yes	Yes	4T operation in TIG Modes with repeat operation and crater fill using a remote contactor device.
 <i>SPOT</i>	No	Yes	No	2T operation spot welding in HF TIG using a remote contactor device.
 <i>PULSE ON/OFF</i>	No	Yes	Yes	Pulse operation in TIG Modes
 <i>AC/DC</i>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Selects AC or DC weld current
 <i>Contactor ON/OFF</i>	Yes	No	Yes	Contactor operation in Stick Mode
 <i>Operation PANEL/REMOTE</i>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Selects mode of operation Panel or Remote

Table 4-2: Weld Process selection versus Weld Mode for ArcMaster 300 ACDC

4.03 Weld Parameter Descriptions for ArcMaster 300 ACDC

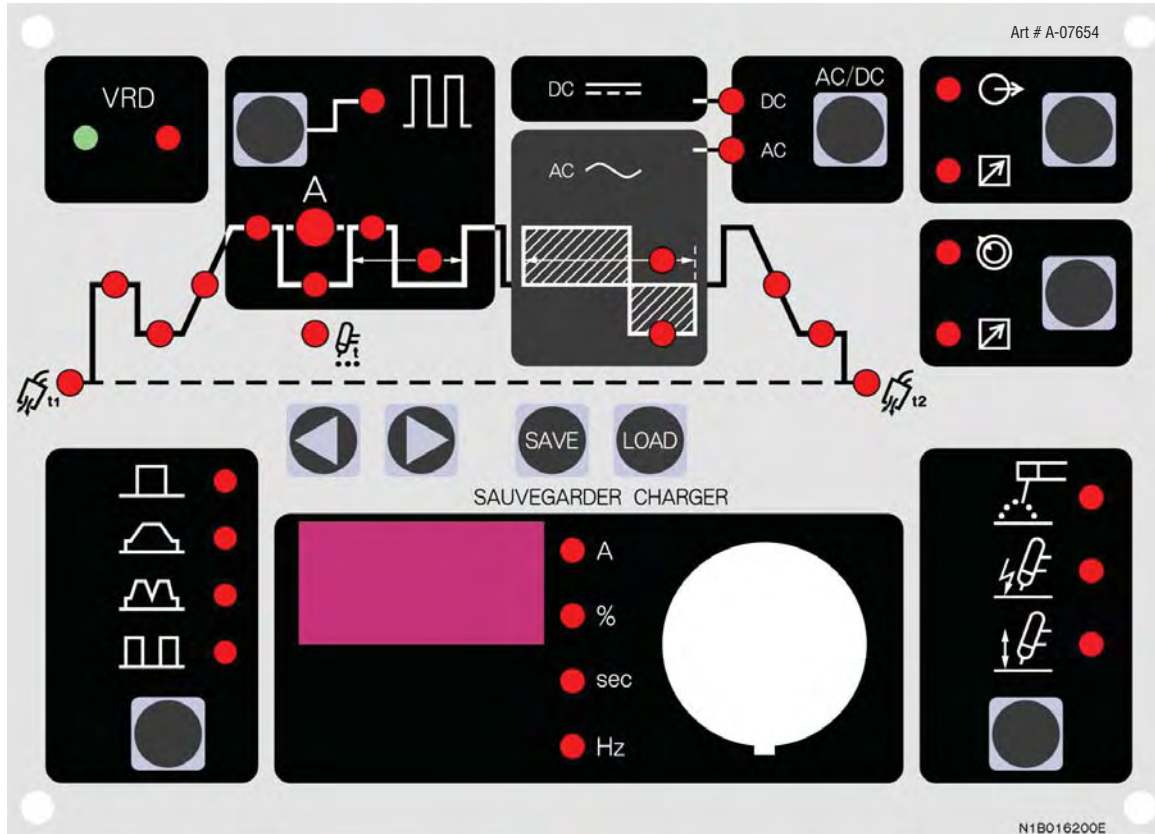


Figure 4-3: ArcMaster 300 ACDC Front Panel


Parameter	Description
	This parameter operates in TIG modes only and is used to provide gas to the weld zone prior to striking the arc, once the torch trigger switch has been pressed. This control is used to dramatically reduce weld porosity at the start of a weld.
<i>PRE-FLOW</i>	
<i>HOT START</i>	This parameter operates in all weld modes except Lift TIG mode and is used to heat up the weld zone in TIG modes or improve the start characteristics for stick electrodes. e.g. low hydrogen electrodes. It sets the peak start current on top of the <i>BASE (WELD)</i> current. e.g. <i>HOT START</i> current = 130 amps when <i>BASE (WELD)</i> = 100 amps & <i>HOT START</i> = 30 amps
<i>INITIAL CUR.</i>	This parameter operates in <i>SLOPE</i> or <i>REPEAT</i> (4T) TIG modes only and is used to set the start current for TIG. The Start Current remains on until the torch trigger switch is released after it has been depressed.
<i>UP SLOPE</i>	This parameter operates in TIG modes only and is used to set the time for the weld current to ramp up, after the torch trigger switch has been pressed then released, from <i>INITIAL CUR</i> to <i>PEAK</i> or <i>BASE</i> current

Table 4-3: ArcMaster 300 ACDC Front Panel Parameter Description

<i>PEAK CUR.</i>	This parameter sets the PEAK weld current when in <i>PULSE</i> mode
<i>WELD</i>	This parameter sets the TIG WELD current in <i>STD</i> , <i>SLOPE</i> , <i>REPEAT</i> and <i>SPOT</i> modes when <i>PULSE</i> is off. This parameter also sets the STICK weld current.
<i>BASE (BackgroundCurrent)</i>	This parameter sets the Background current when in Pulse TIG mode.
<i>SPOT TIME</i>	This parameter sets the duration of the <i>SPOT TIME</i> in <i>HF TIG</i> mode only
<i>PULSE WIDTH</i>	This parameter sets the percentage on time of the <i>PULSE FREQUENCY</i> for PEAK weld current when the <i>PULSE</i> is on.
<i>PULSE FREQ.</i>	This parameter sets the <i>PULSE FREQUENCY</i> when the <i>PULSE</i> is on.
<i>AC FREQUENCY</i>	This parameter operates in AC mode only and is used to set the frequency for the AC weld current.
<i>WAVE BALANCE</i>	<p>This parameter is used for aluminum AC TIG mode and is used to set the penetration to cleaning action ratio for the AC weld current. Generally <i>WAVE BALANCE</i> is set to 50% for AC <i>STICK</i> welding. The <i>WAVE BALANCE</i> control changes the ratio of penetration to cleaning action of the AC TIG welding arc. Maximum weld penetration is achieved when the <i>WAVE BALANCE</i> control is set to 10%. Maximum cleaning of heavily oxidised aluminium or magnesium alloys is achieved when the <i>WAVE BALANCE</i> control is set to 65%.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>WAVE BALANCE=50%</p> <p>Balanced with 50% penetration and 50% cleaning</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>WAVE BALANCE=10%</p> <p>Maximum Penetration and reduced cleaning</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>WAVE BALANCE=65%</p> <p>Maximum Cleaning and reduced penetration</p> </div> </div>
<i>DOWN SLOPE</i>	This parameter operates in TIG modes only and is used to set the time for the weld current to ramp down, after the torch trigger switch has been pressed, to <i>CRATER CUR.</i> This control is used to eliminate the crater that can form at the completion of a weld.
<i>CRATER CUR.</i>	This parameter operates in <i>SLOPE</i> or <i>REPEAT (4T)</i> TIG modes only and is used to set the finish current for TIG. The CRATER Current remains on until the torch trigger switch is released after it has been depressed.
<p><i>POST-FLOW</i></p>	This parameter operates in TIG modes only and is used to adjust the post gas flow time once the arc has extinguished. This control is used to dramatically reduce oxidation of the tungsten electrode.
<p>SAUEGARDER CHARGER</p>	The SAVE/LOAD buttons are used to save and retrieve a total number of 5 programs into the 300ACDC memory.

Table 4-3 (continued): ArcMaster 300 ACDC Front Panel Parameter Description

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4.04 Weld Parameters for ArcMaster 300 ACDC

Weld Parameter	Parameter Range	Factory Setting	Incremental Unit	Weld Mode		
				STICK	HF TIG	LIFT TIG
PRE-FLOW	0.0 to 1.0 sec	0 sec	0.1 sec	No	Yes	Yes
HOT START	0 to 70A	20A	1A	Yes	Yes	No
INITIAL CUR.	5 to 300A	30A	1A	No	Yes	Yes
UP SLOPE	0 to 15 sec	1 sec	0.1 sec	No	Yes	Yes
PULSE PEAK CUR.	5 to 300A	120A	1A	No	Yes	Yes
PULSE BASE CUR.	5 to 300A	80A	1A	No	Yes	Yes
WELD CUR.	5 to 300A	80A	1A	Yes	Yes	Yes
SPOT TIME	0.5 to 5.0 sec	2 sec	0.1 sec	No	Yes	Yes
PULSE WIDTH	15 to 80%	50%	1%	No	Yes	Yes
PULSE FREQ.	0.5 to 500Hz	100.0Hz	See Table Table 4-5	No	Yes	Yes
AC FREQUENCY	15 to 150Hz	60Hz	1Hz	Yes	Yes	Yes
WAVE BALANCE	10 to 65%	50%	1%	Yes	Yes	Yes
DOWN SLOPE	0 to 25 sec	3 sec	0.1 sec	No	Yes	Yes
CRATER CUR.	5 to 300A	30A	1A	No	Yes	Yes
POST-FLOW	0.0 to 60 sec	10 sec	0.1 sec	No	Yes	Yes

Table 4-4: Weld Parameters for ArcMaster 300 ACDC

PULSE FREQ. Range	Incremental Unit
0.5 to 20Hz	0.1Hz
20 to 100Hz	1Hz
100 to 500Hz	5Hz

Table 4-5: PULSE FREQ. Range and Incremental Units

4.05 Power Source Features

Feature	Description
New Digital Control	Almost all welding parameters are adjustable
Touch Panel Switches	Touch switches eliminate mechanical damage
Front Control Cover	Protects front panel controls
Digital Meter	<p>Displays selected weld parameter value</p> <p>Displays weld current when welding</p> <p>Displays weld current for 20 seconds after weld has been completed</p> <p>A selected weld parameter value can be adjusted at any time even while welding</p>
Intelligent Fan Control	<p>The intelligent cooling system is designed to reduce dust and foreign material build-up, while providing optimum cooling.</p> <p>Fan speed reduces approximately 30 seconds after machine is turned on</p> <p>Fan speed increases when internal components reach operating temperature</p>
ON/OFF Switch	Primary voltage Supply ON/OFF switch located on rear panel
Voltage Reduction Device (VRD)	<p>Reduces the OCV when the power supply is not in use. Eliminates the need for add-on voltage reducers and has no effect on arc starting.</p> <p>VRD fully complies to IEC 60974-1</p> <p>When Stick mode is selected the green VRD light is ON when not welding and red when welding.</p> <p>When in TIG modes VRD is off.</p>
Control Knob	<p>For the selected weld parameter, rotating the knob clockwise increases the parameter</p> <p>Rotating the knob counter-clockwise decreases the parameter</p> <p>A selected weld parameter value can be adjusted at any time even while welding</p> <p>Pushing the knob in displays actual arc voltage.</p>
Self Diagnosis Using Error Codes	An error code is displayed on the <i>Digital Meter</i> when a problem occurs with Primary supply voltage or internal component problems. Refer to troubleshooting guide.
Save/Load Function	<p>A total number of 5 programs can be saved into the 300ACDC memory.</p> <p>SAVE the Current Weld Parameters into Memory.</p> <p>Press the SAVE button.</p> <p>Select a memory location by rotating the control knob, 1 to 5 is displayed on the meter.</p> <p>After selecting the desired mem-ory location (ie 1 to 5), press the right scroll button and the machine will give a beep to confirm the weld parameters from the control panel are saved.</p> <p>LOAD (retrieve) a Program to Control Panel.</p> <p>Press the LOAD button.</p> <p>Select a memory location by rotating the control knob, 1 to 5 is displayed on the meter.</p> <p>After selecting the desired memory location (ie 1 to 5), press the right scroll button and the machine will give a beep to confirm the weld parameters are loaded onto the control panel.</p>

Table 4-6:Power Source Features

SECTION 5: SET-UP FOR SMAW (STICK) AND GTAW (TIG)

Conventional operating procedures apply when using the Welding Power Source, i.e. connect work lead directly to work piece and electrode lead is used to hold electrode. Wide safety margins provided by the coil design ensure that the Welding Power Source will withstand short-term overload without adverse effects. The welding current range values should be used as a guide only. Current delivered to the arc is dependent on the welding arc voltage, and as welding arc voltage varies between different classes of electrodes, welding current at any one setting would vary according to the type of electrode in use. The operator should use the welding current range values as a guide, then finally adjust the current setting to suit the application.

WARNING

Before connecting the work clamp to the work and inserting the electrode in the electrode holder make sure the Primary power supply is switched off.

CAUTION

Remove any packaging material prior to use. Do not block the air vents at the front or rear or sides of the Welding Power Source.

CAUTION

DO NOT change the Weld Mode or Weld Process Mode until after POST-FLOW time has finished.

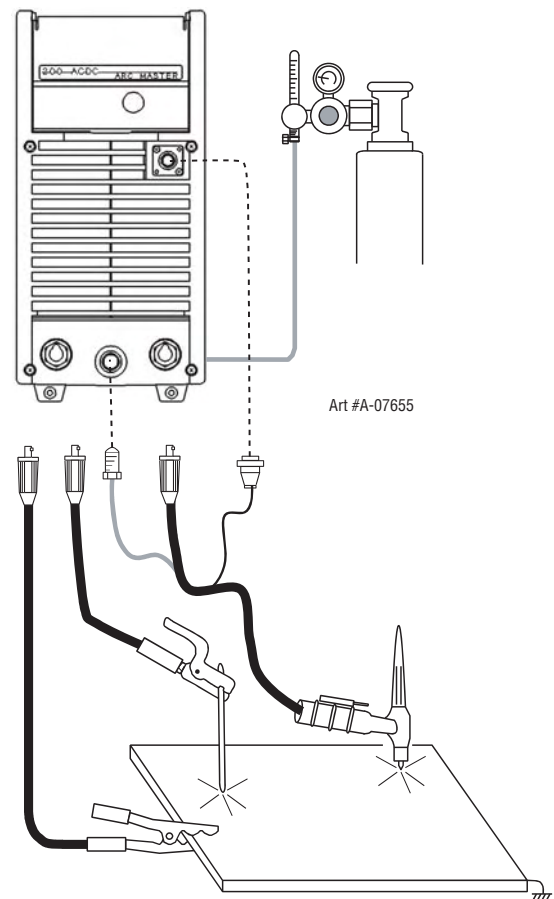


Figure 5-1: 300 ACDC AC/DC Set-up

SECTION 6: SEQUENCE OF OPERATION

NOTE:

Scroll Buttons are used to select the parameters to be set. The LED's show which function is being adjusted on the weld sequence graph. Refer to the Symbols Table located in the front of the manual for Symbol descriptions.

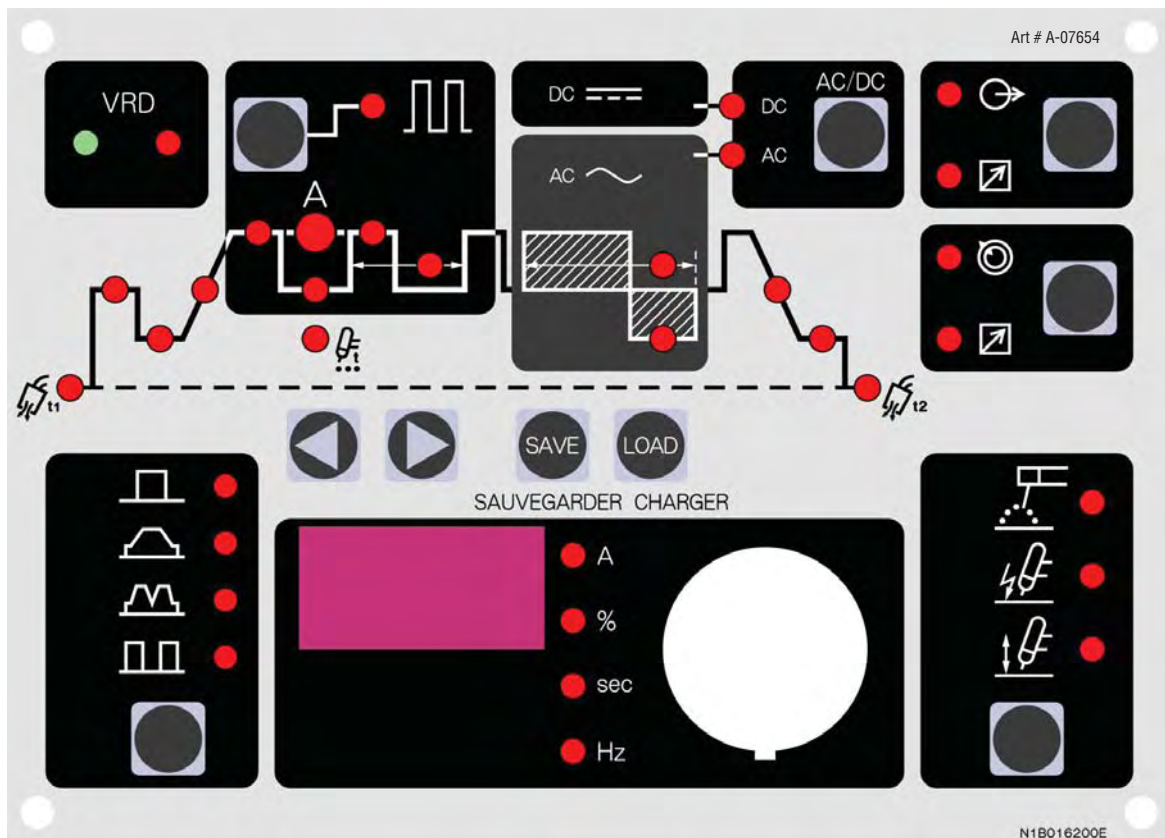


Figure 6-1a: 300 ACDC Front Panel

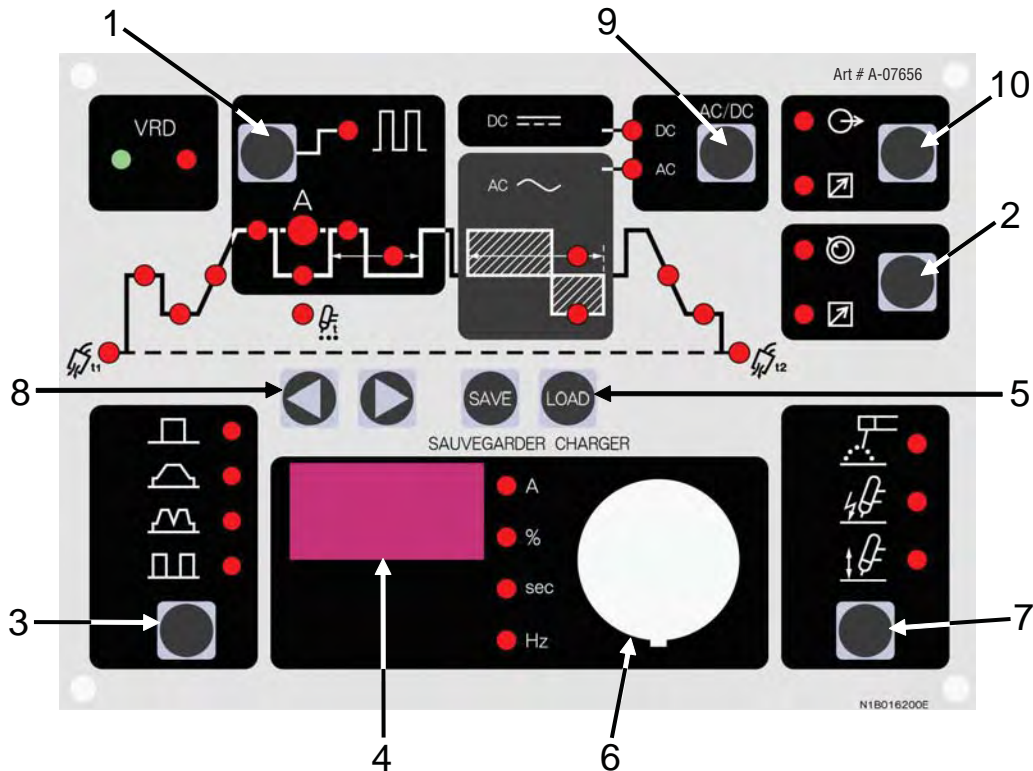


Figure 6-1b: 300 ACDC Front Panel

- 1. Pulse Function:**
Pressing this button enables the TIG current pulse functions.
- 2. Remote Current function:**
Pressing this button enables remote current functions.
- 3. TIG Mode Functions:**
Pressing this button scrolls through the output TIG function modes (Standard, Slope, Slope w/repeat, Spot).
- 4. Digital LED Display:**
Welding amperage and parameter values are displayed in this window. Internal warnings such as over temperature, low or high input voltage applied are signaled to the operator by a warning sound and error message on the screen.
- 5. Save/Load Buttons:**
By using the Save & Load buttons the operator can easily save up to 5 welding parameter programs.
- 6. Control Knob:** Allows the operator to adjust the output amperage within the entire range of the power source and sets each parameter value.
- 7. Process Button:**
This button selects between STICK, HF TIG and Lift TIG mode.
- 8. Scroll Buttons:**
Used to select the parameters to be set. The LED's show which function is being adjusted on the Sequence Graph.
- 9. AC/DC Button:**
Selects between AC or DC welding output.
- 10. Contactor Function:**
Pressing this button enables Contactor functions.

6.01 Stick Welding

- *Connect work lead to negative terminal*
- *Connect electrode lead to positive terminal*
- *Switch machine on*
- *Set AC or DC weld current. If AC is selected then set AC FREQ to 60Hz & WAVE BALANCE to 50%.*
- *Connect remote control device if required.*

Use the Scroll Buttons to move to the parameter to be set. The LED will show which function is being adjusted on the weld sequence graph. Use the control knob to adjust each parameter.

- *Set HOT START*
- *Set WELD current*

Commence welding

6.02 AC or DC HF TIG Welding

- *Connect work lead to positive terminal*
- *Connect TIG torch to negative terminal*
- *Switch machine on*
- *Set AC or DC weld current. If AC is selected then set AC FREQ & WAVE BALANCE*
- *Connect remote control device. . See section **4.01, 2. Remote Control Socket**, for complete details of the remote device.*

Use the Scroll Buttons to move to the parameter to be set. The LED will show which function is being adjusted on the weld sequence graph. Use the control knob to adjust each parameter.

- *Set PRE-FLOW time*
- *Set HOT START current*
- *Set POST-FLOW time*
- *Set WELD current*
- *Set POST-FLOW time*

Slope Mode Parameters if required

- *Set INITIAL CUR current*
- *Set UP SLOPE time*
- *Set (WELD) PEAK CUR current*
- *Set BASE current*
- *Set DOWN SLOPE time*
- *Set CRATER CUR current*

Pulse Mode parameters if required

- *Set PULSE WIDTH % for PEAK CURRENT*
- *Set PEAK CURRENT*
- *Set PULSE FREQ*

Commence welding

6.03 Slope Mode Sequence

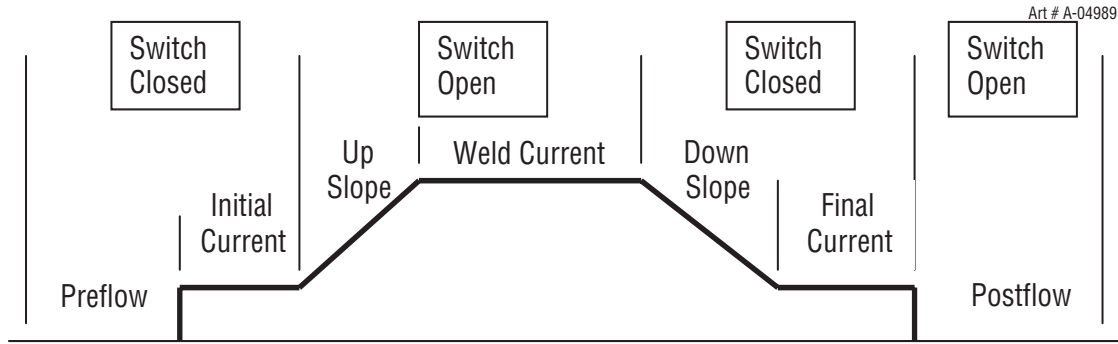


Figure 6-2: Slope Mode Sequence

1. To start the Slope Sequence, close remote switch contacts. Once the welding arc is established the Power Source will maintain the initial current setting as long as the remote switch contacts are closed.
 - a. In the HF TIG mode, after Prewflow time, High Frequency is present at the torch. When the torch is positioned close to the work the welding current will transfer to the work and establish the arc at the initial current setting.
 - b. In the Lift TIG mode, after Prewflow time, Lift Start current is present at the torch. When the electrode is touched to the work and lifted off, the welding arc is established at the initial current setting.
2. Open Remote Switch – current increases to weld current. Once welding arc has reached weld current the power source will maintain weld current as long as the remote switch contacts are open.
3. Close Remote Switch – Welding current decreases to final current setting. Once final welding current is reached the power source will maintain final current setting as long as the remote switch contacts are closed.
4. Open Remote Switch – Welding arc stops and post flow begins.

6.04 Slope Mode with Repeat Sequence

The repeat function is operated during the down slope cycle of the Slope Sequence and is active through the down slope period only. During the down slope period, by opening the Remote Switch contacts, the current will increase back to weld current. Within the Down Slope period the repeat function can be operated as many times as desired. To continue slope cycle and end slope sequence close remote switch contacts and allow weld current to reach final current setting. Once final current setting is reached, opening the Remote Switch again will turn off the welding arc and post flow begins.

6.05 Pulse Controls

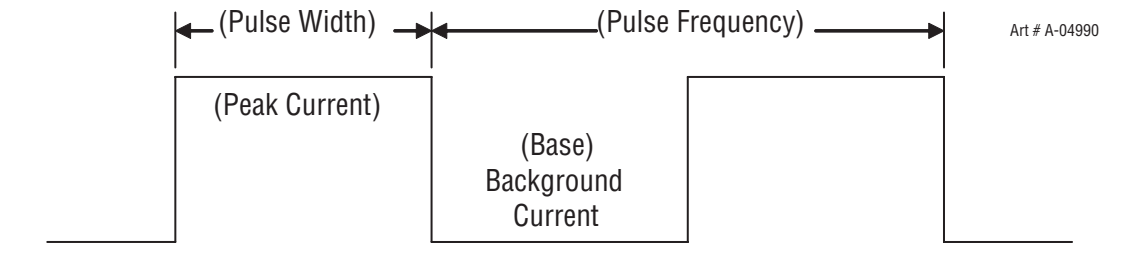


Figure 6-3: Pulse Controls

The Pulse controls are used primarily to control heat input. Pulse offers a number of advantages as follows:

- 1) Control puddle – size and fluidity (especially out of position).
- 2) Increase penetration
- 3) Travel speed control
- 4) Better consistent quality
- 5) Decreased distortion on lighter or thinner materials.

Pulse-current provides a system in which the welding current continuously changes between two levels. During the periods of Peak current, heating and fusion takes place, and during the background (base) current periods, cooling and solidification take place. Pulse Width is the time in one cycle the current remains at the peak current setting. Pulse Frequency, measured in Hertz, is the number of cycles per second the current travels between peak and background current settings. It is as if the foot rheostat were moved up and down to increase and decrease the welding current on a regular basis. The faster you move the foot rheostat up and down the faster the frequency.

SECTION 7: BASIC TIG WELDING GUIDE

7.01 Explanation of “Fluttery Arc” when AC TIG Welding on Aluminum

The following will assist in understanding the phenomenon of Arc Flutter, also referred to as Arc Rectification.

The basic thesis is that the fluttering is caused by lack of oxide in the weld pool.

The oxide layer on the plate reduced the energy for electron emission. Electron emission from the weld pool (DC+) causes the oxide layers to be disrupted, the so-called “cleaning action”. However once the cleaning action has produced a mirror like surface on the weld pool, the effect of the oxide layer is limited because the oxide layer has dissipated. This makes electron emission from the weld pool more difficult and increases the chance of arc instability.

This idea is supported by the observation that once fluttering starts it can be made to stop by working the arc away from the mirror like weld pool to an area of oxide coated material. As soon as this is done the arc settles back to a stable condition. So while the arc is “consuming” oxide coated plate the instability does not occur. But once the arc is stationary, the pool becomes thoroughly “cleaned” by electron emission, the fluttering begins.

Tests conducted on various types of AC TIG power sources, Fluttery Arc is not confined to one type of power source or it’s design, both conventional and inverter types suffer from the same problem.

AC TIG on aluminum

1. The Problem: Arc appears unstable and pulses or flutters. ie. appears to rapidly change welding current.

Conditions that accentuate arc flutter:	Conditions that minimizes arc flutter:
· Cold work piece,	· Preheat the work piece,
· Very short arc length,	· Increase the arc length,
· Weld pool crater about 0.39” to 0.47” (10 to 12mm) diameter,	· Introduce filler rod material to the weld pool, which introduces oxides.
· Arc field in one spot to produce “mirror” clean weld pool,	· Move the weld pool around to introduce oxides to the weld pool.
· Increased cleaning action. ie. Prolonged oxide emission from a stationary weld pool increases the likelihood of arc flutter,	· Decrease the cleaning action by turning the <i>WAVE BALANCE</i> to below 50% or move the weld pool around.
· Accentuated when tungsten running near its current capacity, ie. Molten ball on end.	· Use a larger diameter tungsten electrode.

Table 7-1: Reduction of Arc Flutter

2. Conclusion: Fluttery arc in AC TIG is a physical phenomenon independent of machine design.

7.02 Electrode Polarity

Connect the TIG torch to the - / TORCH terminal and the work lead to the + / WORK terminal for direct current straight polarity. Direct current straight polarity is the most widely used polarity for DC TIG welding. It allows limited wear of the electrode since 70% of the heat is concentrated at the work piece.

7.03 Tungsten Electrode Current Ranges

Electrode Diameter	AC Current (Amps)	DC Current (Amps)
0.040" (1.0mm)	30 – 70	30 – 60
1/16" (1.6mm)	60 – 95	60 – 115
3/32" (2.4mm)	125 – 150	100 – 165
1/8" (3.2mm)	130 – 225	135 – 200
5/32" (4.0mm)	190 – 280	190 – 280
3/16" (4.8mm)	250 – 340	250 – 340

Table 7-2: Current ranges for various tungsten electrode sizes

7.04 Tungsten Electrode Types

Electrode Type (Ground Finish)	Welding Application	Features	Color Code
Thoriated 2%	DC welding of mild steel, stainless steel and copper.	Excellent arc starting, Long life, High current carrying capacity.	Red
Zirconated 1%	High quality AC welding of aluminium, magnesium and their alloys.	Self cleaning, Long life, Maintains balled end, High current carrying capacity.	White
Ceriated 2%	AC & DC welding of mild steel, stainless steel, copper, aluminium, magnesium and their alloys	Longer life, More stable arc, Easier starting, Wider current range, Narrower more concentrated arc.	Grey

Table 7-3: Tungsten electrode types

7.05 Guide for Selecting Filler Wire Diameter

NOTE

The filler wire diameter specified in Table 7-4 is a guide only, other diameter wires may be used according to the welding application

Filler Wire Diameter	AC Current Range (Amps)	DC Current Range (Amps)
1/16" (1.6 mm)	30-95	20 - 90
3/32" (2.4 mm)	125-160	65 - 115
1/8" (3.2 mm)	180-240	100 - 165
3/16" (4.8 mm)	220-320	200-350

Table 7-4: Filler wire selection guide

7.06 Shielding Gas Selection

Alloy	Shielding Gas
	Argoshield is a registered trademark of BOC Gases Limited.
Aluminium & alloys	Welding Argon, Argoshield 80T, 81T
Carbon Steel	Welding Argon
Stainless Steel	Welding Argon, Argoshield 71T, 80T, 81T
Nickel Alloy	Welding Argon, Argoshield 71T
Copper	Welding Argon, Argoshield 81T
Titanium	Welding Argon, Argoshield 80T, 81T

Table 7-5: Shielding gas selection

7.07 TIG Welding Parameters for Low Carbon & Low Alloy Steel Pipe

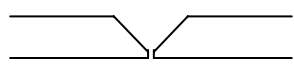
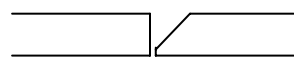

Electrode Type & Diameter	Current Range DC Amperes	Filler Rod for Root Pass	Joint Preparation
Thoriated 2% 3/32" (2.4 mm)	120 - 170	Yes	
Thoriated 2% 3/32" (2.4 mm)	100 - 160	Yes	
Thoriated 2% 3/32" (2.4 mm)	90 - 130	No	

Table 7-6: TIG welding parameters for low carbon & low alloy steel pipe

7.08 Welding Parameters for Aluminum

Base Metal Thickness	AC Current for Aluminum	Tungsten Electrode Diameter	Filler Rod Diameter (if required)	Argon Gas Flow Rate Liters/min	Joint Type
0.040" 1.0mm	30-45 35-50	0.040" 1.0mm	1/16" 1.6mm	5-7	Butt/Corner Lap/ Fillet
0.045" 1.2mm	40-60 45-70	0.040" 1.0mm	1/16" 1.6mm	5-7	Butt/Corner Lap/ Fillet
1/16" 1.6mm	60-85 70-95	1/16" 1.6mm	1/16" 1.6mm	7	Butt/Corner Lap/ Fillet
1/8" 3.2mm	125-150 130-160	3/32" 2.4mm 1/8" 3.2mm	3/32" 2.4mm	10	Butt/Corner Lap/Fillet
3/16" 4.8mm	180-225 190-240	1/8" 3.2mm	1/8" 3.2mm	10	Butt/Corner Lap/ Fillet
1/4" 6.4mm	240-280 250-320	3/16" 4.8mm	3/16" 4.8mm	13	Butt/Corner Lap/ Fillet

Table 7-7: AC TIG welding parameters

7.09 Welding Parameters for Steel

Base Metal Thickness	DC Current for Mild Steel	DC Current for Stainless Steel	Tungsten Electrode Diameter	Filler Rod Diameter (if required)	Argon Gas Flow Rate Liters/min	Joint Type
0.040" 1.0mm	35-45 40-50	20-30 25-35	0.040" 1.0mm	1/16" 1.6mm	5-7	Butt/Corner Lap/ Fillet
0.045" 1.2mm	45-55 50-60	30-45 35-50	0.040" 1.0mm	1/16" 1.6mm	5-7	Butt/Corner Lap/ Fillet
1/16" 1.6mm	60-70 70-90	40-60 50-70	1/16" 1.6mm	1/16" 1.6mm	7	Butt/Corner Lap/ Fillet
1/8" 3.2mm	80-100 90-115	65-85 90-110	1/16" 1.6mm	3/32" 2.4mm	7	Butt/Corner Lap/ Fillet
3/16" 4.8mm	115-135 140-165	100-125 125-150	3/32" 2.4mm	1/8" 3.2mm	10	Butt/Corner Lap/ Fillet
1/4" 6.4mm	160-175 170-200	135-160 160-180	1/8" 3.2mm	5/32" 4.0mm	10	Butt/Corner Lap/ Fillet

Table 7-8: DC TIG welding parameters

SECTION 8: BASIC ARC WELDING GUIDE

8.01 Electrode Polarity

Stick electrodes are generally connected to the '+' terminal and the work lead to the '-' terminal but if in doubt consult the electrode manufacturers literature.

8.02 Effects of Stick Welding Various Materials

- 1. High tensile and alloy steels:** The two most prominent effects of welding these steels are the formation of a hardened zone in the weld area, and, if suitable precautions are not taken, the occurrence in this zone of under-bead cracks. Hardened zone and under-bead cracks in the weld area may be reduced by using the correct electrodes, preheating, using higher current settings, using larger electrode sizes, short runs for larger electrode deposits or tempering in a furnace.
- 2. Manganese steels:** The effect on manganese steel of slow cooling from high temperatures is to embrittle it. For this reason it is absolutely essential to keep manganese steel cool during welding by quenching after each weld or skip welding to distribute the heat.
- 3. Cast Iron:** Most types of cast iron, except white iron, are weldable. White iron, because of its extreme brittleness, generally cracks when attempts are made to weld it. Trouble may also be experienced when welding white-heart malleable, due to the porosity caused by gas held in this type of iron.
- 4. Copper and alloys:** The most important factor is the high rate of heat conductivity of copper, making preheating of heavy sections necessary to give proper fusion of weld and base metal.
- 5. Types of Electrodes:** Arc Welding electrodes are classified into a number of groups depending on their applications. There are a great number of electrodes used for specialized industrial purposes, which are not of particular interest for everyday general work. These include some low hydrogen types for high tensile steel, cellulose types for welding large diameter pipes, etc. The range of electrodes dealt with in this publication will cover the vast majority of applications likely to be encountered; are all easy to use and all will work on even the most basic of welding machines.

Metals being joined	Electrode	Comments
Mild steel	6013	Ideal electrodes for all general purpose work. Features include outstanding operator appeal, easy arc starting and low spatter.
Mild steel	7014	All positional electrode for use on mild and galvanized steel furniture, plates, fences, gates, pipes and tanks etc. Especially suitable for vertical-down welding.
Cast iron	99% Nickel	Suitable for joining all cast irons except white cast iron.
Stainless steel	318L-16	High corrosion resistance. Ideal for dairy work, etc. On stainless steels.
Copper, Bronze, Brass, etc.	Bronze 5.7 ERCUSI-A	Easy to use electrode for marine fittings, water taps and valves, water trough float arms, etc. Also for joining copper to steel and for bronze
High Alloy Steels, Dissimilar Metals, Crack Resistance. All Hard-To-Weld	312-16	It will weld most problematical jobs such as springs, shafts, broken joints mild steel to stainless and alloy steels. Not suitable for Aluminum.

Table 8-1: Types of Electrodes

SECTION 9: ROUTINE MAINTENANCE

The only routine maintenance required for the power supply is a thorough cleaning and inspection, with the frequency depending on the usage and the operating environment.



WARNING

Disconnect primary power at the source before opening the enclosure. Wait at least two minutes before opening the enclosure to allow the primary capacitors to discharge.

To clean the unit, open the enclosure and use a vacuum cleaner to remove any accumulated dirt and dust. The unit should also be wiped clean, if necessary; with solvents that are recommended for cleaning electrical apparatus.



CAUTION

Do not blow air into the power supply during cleaning. Blowing air into the unit can cause metal particles to interfere with sensitive electrical components and cause damage to the unit.



Warning!
Disconnect input power before maintaining.

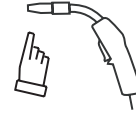
Maintain more often
if used under severe
conditions

Each Use

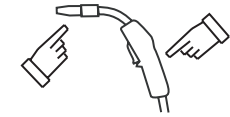
Visual check of
regulator and pressure



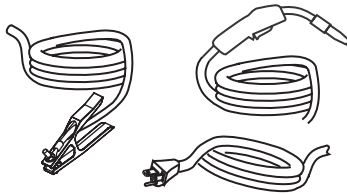
Visual check of torch
Consumable parts



Weekly



Visually inspect the torch
body and consumables



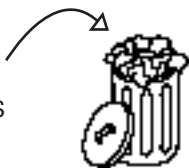
Visually inspect the
cables and leads.
Replace as needed



Visually inspect the Wire
feed mechanisms

3 Months

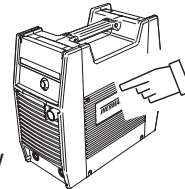
Replace all
broken parts



Gas and
air lines



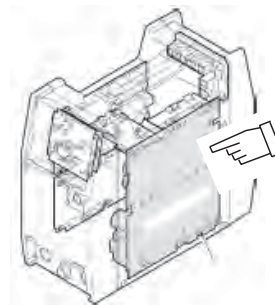
Clean
exterior
of power supply



6 Months



Visually check and
use a vacuum to carefully
clean the interior



SECTION 10: BASIC TROUBLESHOOTING



WARNING

There are extremely dangerous voltages and power levels present inside this product. Do not attempt to open or repair unless you are an Accredited Thermal Arc Service Agent and you have had training in power measurements and troubleshooting techniques.

If major complex subassemblies are faulty, then the Welding Power Source must be returned to an Accredited Thermal Arc Service Agent for repair.

The basic level of troubleshooting is that which can be performed without special equipment or knowledge.

10.01 TIG Welding Problems

Weld quality is dependent on the selection of the correct consumables, maintenance of equipment and proper welding technique.

Description	Possible Cause	Remedy
1 Excessive bead build-up or poor penetration or poor fusion at edges of weld.	Welding current is too low.	Increase weld current and/or faulty joint preparation.
2 Weld bead too wide and flat or undercut at edges of weld or excessive burn through.	Welding current is too high.	Decrease weld current.
3 Weld bead too small or insufficient penetration or ripples in bead are widely spaced apart.	Travel speed too fast.	Reduce travel speed.
4 Weld bead too wide or excessive bead build up or excessive penetration in butt joint.	Travel speed too slow.	Increase travel speed.
5 Uneven leg length in fillet joint.	Wrong placement of filler rod.	Re-position filler rod.

Table 10-1: TIG Welding Problems

Description	Possible Cause	Remedy
6 Electrode melts when arc is struck.	A Electrode is connected to the '+' terminal. B <i>WAVE BALANCE</i> is greater than 50%.	A Connect the electrode to the '-' terminal. B Reduced <i>WAVE BALANCE</i> to below 50% or increase the electrode size.
7 Dirty weld pool.	A Electrode contaminated through contact with work piece or filler rod material. B Gas contaminated with air.	A Clean the electrode by grinding off the contaminates. B Check gas lines for cuts and loose fitting or change gas cylinder.
8 Electrode melts or oxidizes when an arc is struck.	A No gas flowing to welding region. B Torch is clogged with dust. C Gas hose is cut. D Gas passage contains impurities. E Gas regulator turned off. F Torch valve is turned off. G The electrode is too small for the welding current. H <i>WAVE BALANCE</i> is set above 50%.	A Check the gas lines for kinks or breaks and gas cylinder contents. B Clean torch. C Replace gas hose. D Disconnect gas hose from torch then raise gas pressure and blow out impurities. E Turn on. F Turn on. G Increase electrode diameter or reduce the welding current. H Reduced <i>WAVE BALANCE</i> to below 50% or increase the electrode size.
9 Poor weld finish.	Inadequate shielding gas.	Increase gas flow or check gas line for gas flow problems.
10 Arc flutters during TIG welding.	A Tungsten electrode is too large for the welding current. B Absence of oxides in the weld pool.	A Select the right size electrode. Refer to Basic TIG Welding guide. B Refer Basic TIG Welding Guide for ways to reduce arc flutter.

Table 10-1 (continued): TIG Welding Problems

Description	Possible Cause	Remedy
11 Welding arc can not be established.	<p>A Work clamp is not connected to the work piece or the work/torch leads are not connected to the right welding terminals.</p> <p>B Torch lead is disconnected.</p> <p>C Gas flow incorrectly set, cylinder empty or the torch valve is off.</p>	<p>A Connect the work clamp to the work piece or connect the work/torch leads to the right welding terminals.</p> <p>B Connect it to the '-' terminal.</p> <p>C Select the right flow rate, change cylinders or turn torch valve on.</p>
12 Arc start is not smooth.	<p>A Tungsten electrode is too large for the welding current.</p> <p>B The wrong electrode is being used for the welding job.</p> <p>C Gas flow rate is too high.</p> <p>D Incorrect shielding gas is being used.</p> <p>E Poor work clamp connection to work piece.</p>	<p>A Select the right size electrode. Refer to Basic TIG Welding Guide.</p> <p>B Select the right electrode type. Refer to Basic TIG Welding Guide.</p> <p>C Select the correct rate for the welding job. Refer to Basic TIG Welding Guide.</p> <p>D Select the right shielding gas. Refer to Basic TIG Welding Guide.</p> <p>E Improve connection to work piece.</p>

Table 10-1 (continued): TIG Welding Problems

10.02 Stick Welding Problems

Description	Possible Cause	Remedy
1 Gas pockets or voids in weld metal (Porosity).	A Electrodes are damp. B Welding current is too high. C Surface impurities such as oil, grease, paint, etc.	A Dry electrodes before use. B Reduce welding current. C Clean joint before welding.
2 Crack occurring in weld metal soon after solidification commences.	A Rigidity of joint. B Insufficient throat thickness. C Cooling rate is too high.	A Redesign to relieve weld joint of severe stresses or use crack resistance electrodes. B Travel slightly slower to allow greater build up in throat. C Preheat plate and cool slowly.
3 A gap is left by failure of the weld metal to fill the root of the weld.	A Welding current is too low. B Electrode too large for joint. C Insufficient gap. D Incorrect sequence.	A Increase welding current B Use smaller diameter electrode. C Allow wider gap. D Use correct build-up sequence.

Table 10-2: Stick Welding Problems

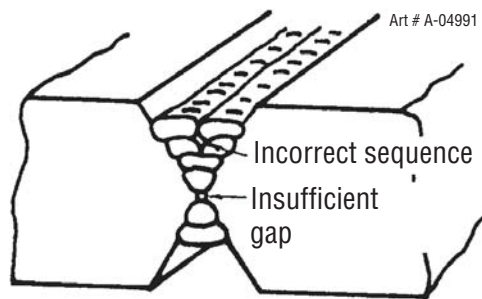


Figure 10-1: Example of insufficient gap or incorrect sequence

Description	Possible Cause	Remedy
4 Portions of the weld run do not fuse to the surface of the metal or edge of the joint.	A Small electrodes used on heavy cold plate. B Welding current is too low. C Wrong electrode angle. D Travel speed of electrode is too high. E Scale or dirt on joint surface.	A Use larger electrodes and pre-heat the plate. B Increase welding current. C Adjust angle so the welding arc is directed more into the base metal. D Reduce travel speed of electrode. E Clean surface before welding.

Table 10-2 (continued): Stick Welding Problems

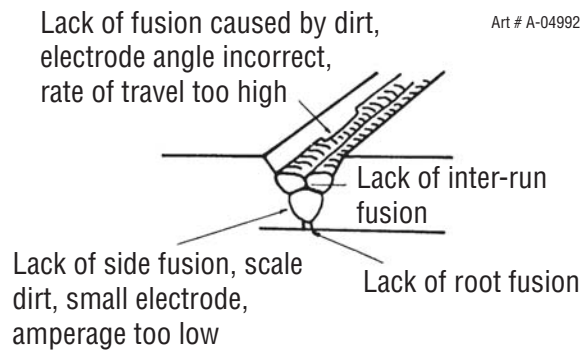


Figure 10-2: Example of lack of fusion

Description	Possible Cause	Remedy
<p>5 Non-metallic particles are trapped in the weld metal (slag inclusion).</p>	<p>A Non-metallic particles may be trapped in undercut from previous run.</p> <p>B Joint preparation too restricted.</p> <p>C Irregular deposits allow slag to be trapped.</p> <p>D Lack of penetration with slag trapped beneath weld bead.</p> <p>E Rust or mill scale is preventing full fusion.</p> <p>F Wrong electrode for position in which welding is done.</p>	<p>A If bad undercut is present, clean slag out and cover with a run from a smaller diameter electrode.</p> <p>B Allow for adequate penetration and room for cleaning out the slag.</p> <p>C If very bad, chip or grind out irregularities.</p> <p>D Use smaller electrode with sufficient current to give adequate penetration. Use suitable tools to remove all slag from corners.</p> <p>E Clean joint before welding.</p> <p>F Use electrodes designed for position in which welding is done, otherwise proper control of slag is difficult.</p>

Table 10-2 (continued): Stick Welding Problems

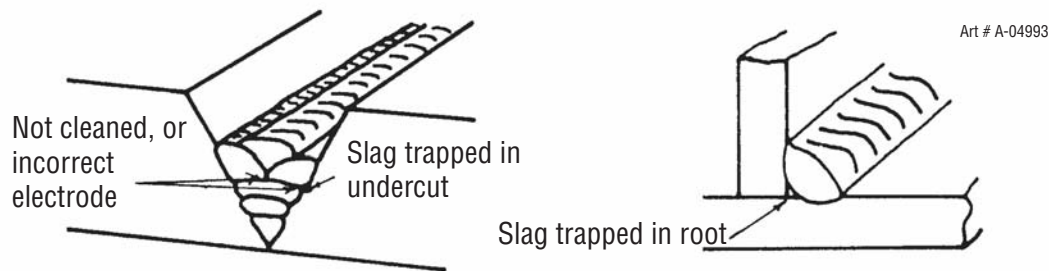


Figure 10-3: Examples of slag inclusion

10.03 Power Source Problems

Description	Possible Cause	Remedy
1 The welding arc cannot be established.	A The Primary supply voltage has not been switched ON. B The Welding Power Source switch is switched OFF. C Loose connections internally.	A Switch ON the Primary supply voltage. B Switch ON the Welding Power Source. C Have an Accredited Thermal Arc Service Agent repair the connection
2 Maximum output welding current can not be achieved with nominal Mains supply voltage.	Defective control circuit.	Have an Accredited Thermal Arc Service Agent repair the connection
3 Welding current reduces when welding.	A Loose welding cable connections. B Incorrect welding cable size. C Improper input connections. D Poor electrode condition. E Wrong welding polarity.	A Tighten all welding cable connections. B Use proper size and type of cable. C Refer to Section 2.05 Electrical Input Requirements. D Replace electrode. E Verify output torch connections.
4 No gas flow when the torch trigger switch is depressed.	A Gas hose is cut. B Gas passage contains impurities. C Gas regulator turned off. D Torch trigger switch lead is disconnected or switch/cable is faulty.	A Replace gas hose. B Disconnect gas hose from the rear of Power Source then raise gas pressure and blow out impurities. C Turn gas regulator on. D Reconnect lead or repair faulty switch/cable.

Table 10-3: Power Source Problems

Description	Possible Cause	Remedy
<p>5 Gas flow won't shut off.</p>	<p>A Weld Mode (<i>STD</i>, <i>SLOPE</i>, <i>REPEAT</i> or <i>SPOT</i>) was changed before <i>POST-FLOW</i> gas time had finished.</p> <p>B Gas valve is faulty.</p> <p>C Gas valve jammed open.</p> <p>D <i>POST-FLOW</i> control is set to 60 sec.</p>	<p>A Strike an arc to complete the weld cycle. OR Switch machine off then on to reset solenoid valve sequence.</p> <p>B Have an Accredited Thermal Arc Service Agent repair or replace the gas valve</p> <p>C Have an Accredited Thermal Arc Service Agent repair or replace the gas valve</p> <p>D Reduce <i>POST-FLOW</i> time.</p>
<p>6 The TIG electrode has been contaminated due to the gas flow shutting off before the pro-grammed <i>POST-FLOW</i> time has elapsed.</p>	<p>The Weld Process Mode (<i>STICK</i>, <i>HF TIG</i> or <i>LIFT TIG</i>) was changed before <i>POST-FLOW</i> gas time had finished.</p>	<p>Do not change Weld Process Mode before the <i>POST-FLOW</i> gas time had finished.</p>

Table 10-3 (continued): Power Source Problems

SECTION 11: VOLTAGE REDUCTION DEVICE (VRD)

11.01 VRD Specification

Description	ArcMaster 300ACDC	Notes
VRD Open Circuit Voltage	15.3 to 19.8V	Open circuit voltage between welding terminals.
VRD Resistance	148 to 193 ohms	The required resistance between welding terminals to turn ON the welding power.
VRD Turn OFF Time	0.2 to 0.3 seconds	The time taken to turn OFF the welding power once the welding current has stopped.

Table 11-1: VRD Specification

11.02 VRD Maintenance

Routine inspection and testing (power source):

An inspection of the power source, an insulation resistance test and an earth resistance test should be carried out

- a. For transportable equipment, at least once every 3 months;
- b. For fixed equipment, at least once every 12 months.

The owners of the equipment shall keep a suitable record of the periodic tests.

NOTE

A transportable power source is any equipment that is not permanently connected and fixed in the position in which it is operated.

In addition to the above tests and specifically in relation to the VRD fitted to this machine, the following periodic tests should also be conducted by an accredited Thermal Arc service agent.

Description	IEC 60974-1 Requirements
VRD Open Circuit Voltage	Less than 20V; at Vin=230V
VRD Turn ON Resistance	Less than 200 ohms
VRD Turn OFF Time	Less than 0.3 seconds

Table 11-2: Periodic Tests

If this equipment is used in a location or an environment with a high risk of electrocution then the above tests should be carried out prior to entering this location.

11.03 Switching VRD On/Off

Switch the machine Off.

A) Remove the clear plastic cover from the control panel (see Figure 11-1).

- Lift up the cover so it rests on the top of the unit
- Place a small flat bladed screw driver between the cover hinge on the front panel
- Gently lift the cover hinge out of the front cover mounting hole
- Remove the control's clear plastic cover

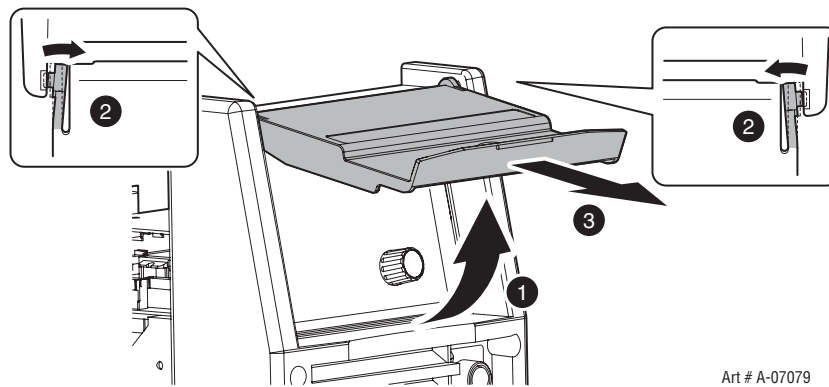


Figure 11-1: VRD ON/OFF Step A

B) Remove the four mounting screws from the the control panel (see Figure 11-2).

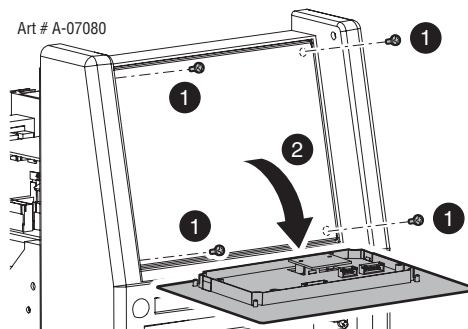


Figure 11-2: VRD ON/OFF Step B

- C) Access the VRD control by gently prying back the front panel controls to reveal the VRD on/off potentiometer (see Figure 11-3).



DO NOT pull back the front panel with excessive force as this will unplug control PCB. Plugging the control PCB back into the front panel controls can only be achieved by removing the side covers.

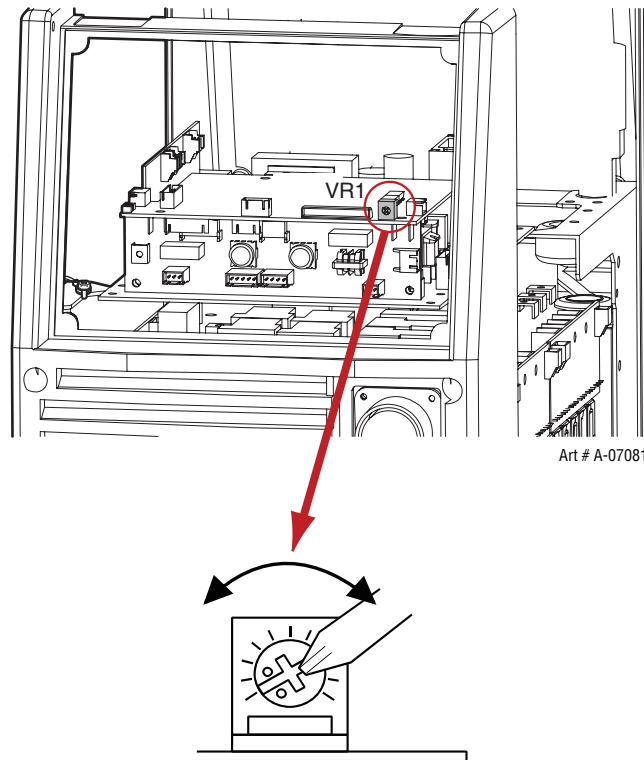


Figure 11-3: VRD ON/OFF Step C and D

- D) Turning the VRD ON/OFF (see Figure 11-3)

- To turn VRD ON: rotate the trim potentiometer on the display PCB fully clockwise. When VRD is turned ON check that it operates as per VRD Specifications on page 11-1.
- To turn VRD OFF: rotate the trim potentiometer on the display PCB fully counter clockwise.



The VRD ON/OFF trim potentiometer MUST ONLY be positioned fully clockwise OR fully counter clockwise as the VRD function will be unknown for every other position.

**SECTION 12:
POWER SOURCE ERROR CODES**

Description	Possible Cause	Remedy	Remarks
1 <u>E01 error code displayed</u> Temperature sensor TH1 (protects IGBTs) is greater than 80°C for about 1 second.	A The Welding Power Source's duty cycle has been exceeded. B Fan ceases to operate. C Air flow is restricted by vents being blocked.	A Let Power Source cool down then keep within its duty cycle. B Have an Accredited Thermal Arc Service Agent investigate. C Unblock vents then let Power Source cool down.	Weld current ceases. Buzzer sounds constantly. Fan operates at max speed. E01 resets when TH1 decreases to 70°C for about 30 seconds.
2 <u>E02 error code displayed</u> Temperature sensor TH2 (protects secondary diodes) is greater than 80°C for about 1 second.	A The Welding Power Source's duty cycle has been exceeded. B Fan ceases to operate. C Air flow is restricted by vents being blocked.	A Let Power Source cool down then keep within its duty cycle. B Have an Accredited Thermal Arc Service Agent investigate C Unblock vents then let Power Source cool down.	Weld current ceases. Buzzer sounds constantly. Fan operates at max speed. E02 resets when TH2 decreases to 70°C for about 30 seconds.
3 <u>E03 error code displayed</u> Primary (input) current too high.	A Primary current is too high because welding arc is too long. B Mains supply voltage is more than 10% below nominal voltage .	A Reduce length of welding arc. B Have an Accredited Thermal Arc Service Agent or a qualified electrician check for low Mains voltage.	Weld current ceases. Buzzer sounds constantly. Fan operates at max speed. Switch machine off then on to reset E03 error.
4 <u>E04 error code displayed</u> Output voltage exceeds the secondary voltage specification.	TIG torch cable and/or work lead are too long or leads are coiled.	Reduce the length of the TIG torch cable and/or work lead or un-coiled leads.	Weld current ceases. Buzzer sounds constantly. Switch machine off then on to reset E04 error.

Table 12-1 Power Source Error Codes

<p>5 <u>E11 error code displayed</u> Over Primary supply (input) voltage at primary capacitors is exceeded for one second.</p>	<p>Primary supply voltage is greater than the nominal voltage plus 10%.</p>	<p>Have an Accredited Thermal Arc Service Agent or a qualified electrician check the Primary voltage.</p>	<p>Weld current ceases. Buzzer sounds constantly. Error code E11 automatically will reset when the voltage reduces.</p>
<p>6 <u>E14 error code displayed</u> Under mains supply (input) voltage warning primary capacitors is reduced for one second.</p>	<p>Mains supply voltage is less than the nominal operating voltage less 10%.</p>	<p>Have an Accredited Thermal Arc Service Agent or a qualified electrician check the Mains voltage.</p>	<p>Weld current available. Buzzer sounds intermittently. Error code E14 automatically will reset when the voltage increases.</p>
<p>7 <u>E12 error code displayed</u> Under mains supply (input) voltage primary capacitors is reduced for one second.</p>	<p>Mains supply voltage is down to a dangerously low level.</p>	<p>A Have an Accredited Thermal Arc Service Agent or a qualified electrician check the Mains voltage. B Have an Accredited Thermal Arc Service Agent or a qualified electrician check the primary cable and fuses.</p>	<p>Weld current ceases. Buzzer sounds constantly. Error code E12 automatically will reset when the voltage increases.</p>
<p>8 <u>E81 error code displayed</u> Wrong Primary supply (input) voltage connected.</p>	<p>When 3 phase machine is first turned on with the wrong Primary supply (input) voltage connected.</p>	<p>Have an Accredited Thermal Arc Service Agent or a qualified electrician check the Mains voltage.</p>	<p>No weld current is available. Buzzer sounds constantly. Switch machine off.</p>

Table 12-1 (continued): Power Source Error Codes

<p>9 <u>E82 error code displayed</u> Rated voltage selection circuit abnormality.</p>	<p>The Primary supply (input) voltage fluctuates and is not stable.</p>	<p>Have an Accredited Thermal Arc Service Agent or a qualified electrician check the Mains voltage.</p>	<p>No weld current is available. Buzzer sounds constantly. Switch machine off then on to reset E82</p>
<p>10 <u>E83 error code displayed</u> CPU checks mains supply (input) voltage when the on/off switch on rear panel of machine is turned ON.</p>	<p>The Primary supply (input) voltage fluctuates and is not stable.</p>	<p>Have an Accredited Thermal Arc Service Agent check connector plug on input PCB and the Mains voltage</p>	<p>No weld current is available. Buzzer sounds constantly. Switch machine off then on to reset E83 error.</p>
<p>11 <u>E85 error code displayed</u> Pre-charge abnormality.</p>	<p>Due to malfunction inside the Welding Power Source, primary capacitors are not charging</p>	<p>Have an Accredited Thermal Arc Service Agent service the machine</p>	<p>No weld current is available. Buzzer sounds constantly. Switch machine off then on to reset E85</p>
<p>12 <u>E93 error code displayed</u> Memory chip (EEPROM) on control PCB can not read/write weld parameters.</p>	<p>Memory chip (EEPROM) error.</p>	<p>Have an Accredited Thermal Arc Service Agent check the control PCB.</p>	<p>Weld current ceases. Buzzer sounds constantly. Switch machine off.</p>

Table 12-1 (continued): Power Source Error Codes

<p>13 <u>E94 error code displayed</u> Temperature sensor TH1 for IGBTs or sensor TH2 for secondary diodes are open circuit.</p>	<p>The Welding Power Source's temperature sensors have malfunctioned.</p>	<p>Have an Accredited Thermal Arc Service Agent check or replace the temperature sensors</p>	<p>Weld current ceases. Buzzer sounds constantly. Switch machine off.</p>
<p>14 <u>E99 error code displayed</u> Mains supply (input) voltage has been turned off but control circuit has power from the primary capacitors.</p>	<p>A Main on/off switch on machine has been turned off Mains supply (input) voltage has been turned off.</p>	<p>A Turn on/off switch on. B Have an Accredited Thermal Arc Service Agent or a qualified electrician check the Mains voltage and fuses.</p>	<p>Weld current ceases. Buzzer sounds constantly. Must switch machine off then on to reset E99 error.</p>

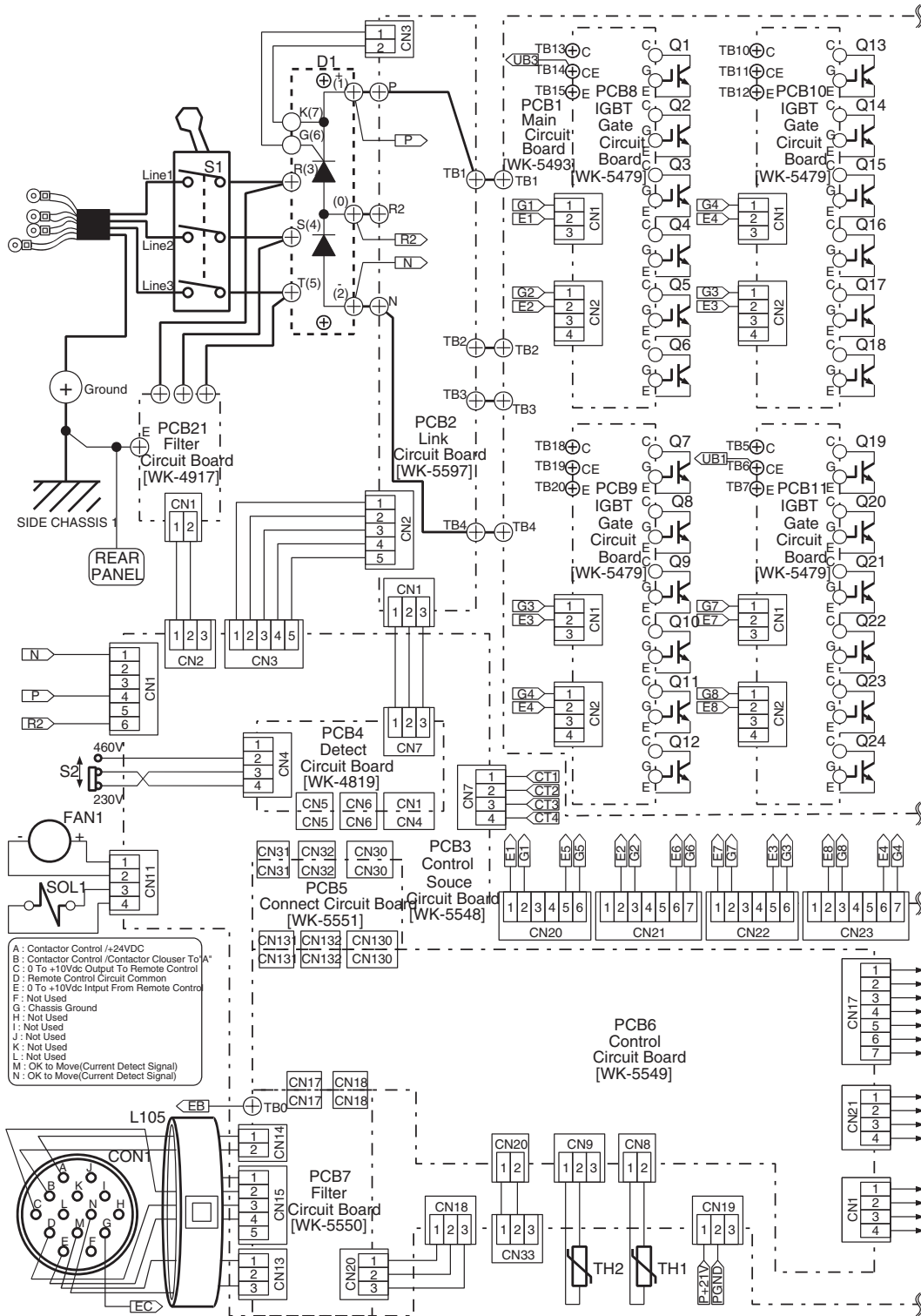
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APPENDIX 1: ARCMaster 300 AC/DC ACCESSORIES

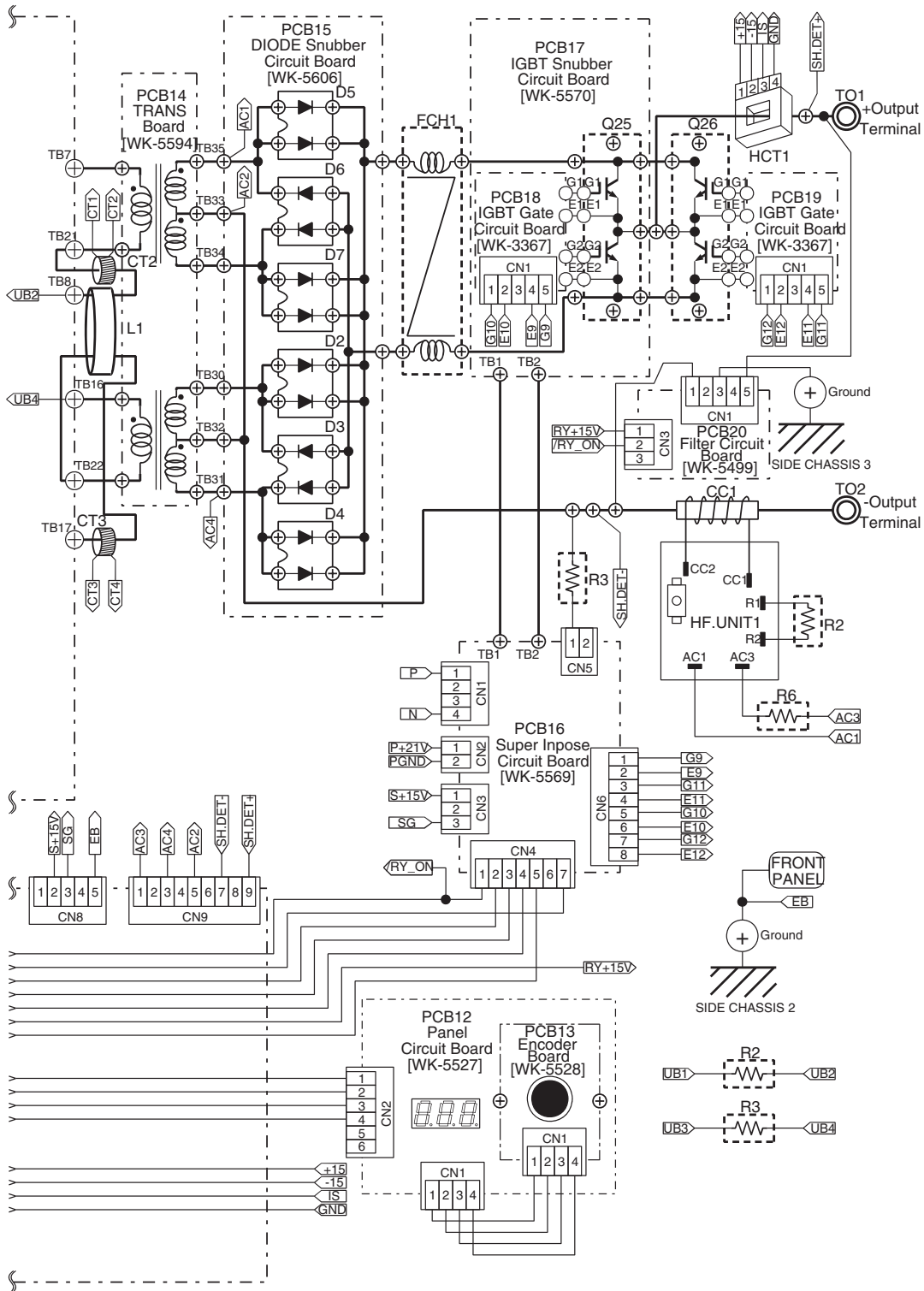
ACCESSORIES	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION
Stick Kit	10-4082	Work clamp with 25' #1 cable, and stick electrode with 25' #1 cable
TIG Kit	10-4081	Includes regulator/flowmeter with 12' gas hose, 12.5' 200 Amp TIG torch, accessory kit includes 1 ea of 0040"x7", 1/16"x7", 3/32"x7" 2% Tungsten with collet & collet bodies, 1 ea 1/4", 5/16", 3/8" alumina cup, 15' cable with clamp & T50 dinse plug
TWECO® TC900 Water Cooler*	4010-1010	TC900-G cooler w/gear pump
	4010-1011	TC900-V cooler w/vane pump
Dinse Connector	10-2020	T50mm Dinse style male plug AVAILABLE 2nd QUARTER
Hand Held Pendant	10-2005	Includes contactor On/Off switch and current control with 25ft cable and 14-pin male plug
Foot Control	10-2008	Contactor On/Off and current control with 15ft cable and 14-pin male plug
	10-2007	Contactor On/Off and current control with 25ft cable and 14-pin male plug
Extension Cable	10-2030	3ft with 14-pin male plug and 14-pin female cable receptacle
	10-2031	15ft with 14-pin male plug and 14-pin female cable receptacle
	10-2032	25ft with 14-pin male plug and 14-pin female cable receptacle
	10-2033	50ft with 14-pin male plug and 14-pin female cable receptacle
	10-2034	75ft with 14-pin male plug and 14-pin female cable receptacle
Torch Switch On/Off	10-2001	25ft torch mounted with 14-pin male plug
Torch Switch On/Off w/current control	10-2002	25ft torch mounted with 14-pin male plug - adapts to 5/8"-7/8" torch
	10-2003	25ft torch mounted with 14-pin male plug - adapts to 7/8"-1-1/8" torch handle
	10-2004	25ft torch mounted with 14-pin male plug - adapts to 1-1/8"-1-3/8" torch handle
	600298	Rotary amperage control 5k 15' velcro for TD14
	600299	Rotary amperage control 5k 25' velcro for TD14
Running Gear/Cylinder Cart	205199	For welding power source and/or gas cylinders

*Note: For detailed information see Tweco MIG Water cooler product information

APPENDIX 2: ARCMaster 300 INTERCONNECT DIAGRAM



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This warranty is exclusive and in lieu of any warranty of merchantability, fitness for any particular purpose, or other warranty of quality, whether express, implied, or statutory.

Limitation of liability: Thermal Arc shall not under any circumstances be liable for special, indirect, incidental, or consequential damages, including but not limited to lost profits and business interruption. The remedies of the purchaser set forth herein are exclusive, and the liability of Thermal Arc with respect to any contract, or anything done in connection therewith such as the performance or breach thereof, or from the manufacture, sale, delivery, resale, or use of any goods covered by or furnished by Thermal Arc, whether arising out of contract, tort, including negligence or strict liability, or under any warranty, or otherwise, shall not exceed the price of the goods upon which such liability is based.

No employee, agent, or representative of Thermal Arc is authorized to change this warranty in any way or grant any other warranty, and Thermal Arc shall not be bound by any such attempt. Correction of non-conformities, in the manner and time provided herein, constitutes fulfillment of thermal's obligations to purchaser with respect to the product.

This warranty is void, and seller bears no liability hereunder, if purchaser used replacement parts or accessories which, in Thermal Arc's sole judgment, impaired the safety or performance of any Thermal Arc product. Purchaser's rights under this warranty are void if the product is sold to purchaser by unauthorized persons.

The warranty is effective for the time stated below beginning on the date that the authorized distributor delivers the products to the Purchaser. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in no event shall the warranty period extend more than the time stated plus one year from the date Thermal Arc delivered the product to the authorized distributor.

Warranty repairs or replacement claims under this limited warranty must be submitted to Thermal Arc via an authorized Thermal Arc repair facility within thirty (30) days of purchaser's discovery of any defect. Thermal Arc shall pay no transportation costs of any kind under this warranty. Transportation charges to send products to an authorized warranty repair facility shall be the responsibility of the Purchaser. All returned goods shall be at the Purchaser's risk and expense. This warranty dated April 1st 2006 supersedes all previous Thermal Arc warranties. Thermal Arc[®] is a Registered Trademark of Thermal Arc, Inc.

WARRANTY SCHEDULE

This information applies to Thermal Arc products that were purchased in the USA and Canada.

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ENGINE DRIVEN WELDERS	WARRANTY PERIOD	LABOR
Scout, Raider, Explorer		
Original Main Power Stators and Inductors	3 years	3 years
Original Main Power Rectifiers, Control P.C. Boards	3 years	3 years
All other original circuits and components including, but not limited to, relays, switches, contactors, solenoids, fans, power switch semi-conductors	1 year	1 year
Engines and associated components are NOT warranted by Thermal Arc, although most are warranted by the engine manufacturer	See the Engine's Warranty for Details	
GMAW/FCAW (MIG) WELDING EQUIPMENT	WARRANTY PERIOD	LABOR
Fabricator 131, 181; 190, 210, 251, 281; Fabstar 4030; PowerMaster 350, 350P, 500, 500P; Excelarc 6045. Wire Feeders; Ultrafeed, Portafeed		
Original Main Power Transformer and Inductor	5 years	3 years
Original Main Power Rectifiers, Control P.C. Boards, power switch semi-conductors	3 years	3 years
All other original circuits and components including, but not limited to, relays, switches, contactors, solenoids, fans, electric motors	1 year	1 year
GTAW (TIG) & MULTI-PROCESS INVERTER WELDING EQUIPMENT	WARRANTY PERIOD	LABOR
160TS, 300TS, 400TS, 185AC/DC, 200AC/DC, 300AC/DC, 400GTSW, 400MST, 300MST, 400MSTP		
Original Main Power Magnetics	5 years	3 years
Original Main Power Rectifiers, Control P.C. Boards, power switch semi-conductors	3 years	3 years
All other original circuits and components including, but not limited to, relays, switches, contactors, solenoids, fans, electric motors	1 year	1 year
PLASMA WELDING EQUIPMENT	WARRANTY PERIOD	LABOR
Ultima 150		
Original Main Power Magnetics	5 years	3 years
Original Main Power Rectifiers, Control P.C. Boards, power switch semi-conductors	3 years	3 years
Welding Console, Weld Controller, Weld Timer	3 years	3 years
All other original circuits and components including, but not limited to, relays, switches, contactors, solenoids, fans, electric motors, Coolant Recirculator	1 year	1 year
SMAW (Stick) WELDING EQUIPMENT	WARRANTY PERIOD	LABOR
Dragster 85		
Original Main Power Magnetics	1 year	1 year
Original Main Power Rectifiers, Control P.C. Boards	1 year	1 year
All other original circuits and components including, but not limited to, relays, switches, contactors, solenoids, fans, power switch semi-conductors	1 year	1 year
160S, 300S, 400S		
Original Main Power Magnetics	5 years	3 years
Original Main Power Rectifiers, Control P.C. Boards	3 years	3 years
All other original circuits and components including, but not limited to, relays, switches, contactors, solenoids, fans, power switch semi-conductors	1 year	1 year
GENERAL ARC EQUIPMENT	WARRANTY PERIOD	LABOR
Water Recirculators	1 year	1 year
Plasma Welding Torches	180 days	180 days
Gas Regulators (Supplied with power sources)	180 days	Nil
MIG and TIG Torches (Supplied with power sources)	90 days	Nil
Replacement repair parts	90 days	Nil
MIG, TIG and Plasma welding torch consumable items	Nil	Nil



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