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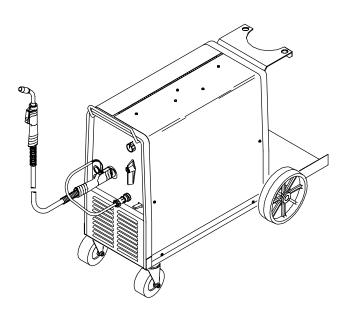






Arc Welding Power Source And Wire Feeder

Millermatic 185 And M-15 Gun





OWNER'S MANUAL

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WARNING

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

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

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SECTION 1 – SAFETY PRECAUTIONS - READ BEFORE USING

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1-1. Symbol Usage



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

▲ Marks a special safety message.

IF Means "Note"; not safety related.



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

1-2. Arc Welding Hazards

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

ELECTRIC SHOCK can kill.

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

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

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

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

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

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



FUMES AND GASES can be hazardous.

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

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



ARC RAYS can burn eyes and skin.

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

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



WELDING can cause fire or explosion.

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

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

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



FLYING METAL can injure eyes.

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



BUILDUP OF GAS can injure or kill.

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



HOT PARTS can cause severe burns.

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



MAGNETIC FIELDS can affect pacemakers.

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



NOISE can damage hearing.

Noise from some processes or equipment can damage hearing.

 Wear approved ear protection if noise level is high.



CYLINDERS can explode if damaged.

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

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

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



FIRE OR EXPLOSION hazard.

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



MOVING PARTS can cause injury.

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



FALLING UNIT can cause injury.

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



OVERUSE can cause OVERHEATING

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



STATIC (ESD) can damage PC boards.

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



MOVING PARTS can cause injury.

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



WELDING WIRE can cause injury.

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



H.F. RADIATION can cause interference.

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



ARC WELDING can cause interference.

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

1-4. Principal Safety Standards

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1-5. EMF Information

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

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

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

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

About Pacemakers:

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

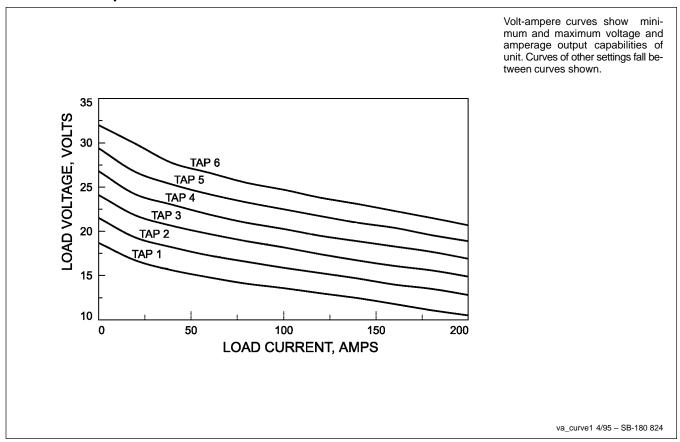
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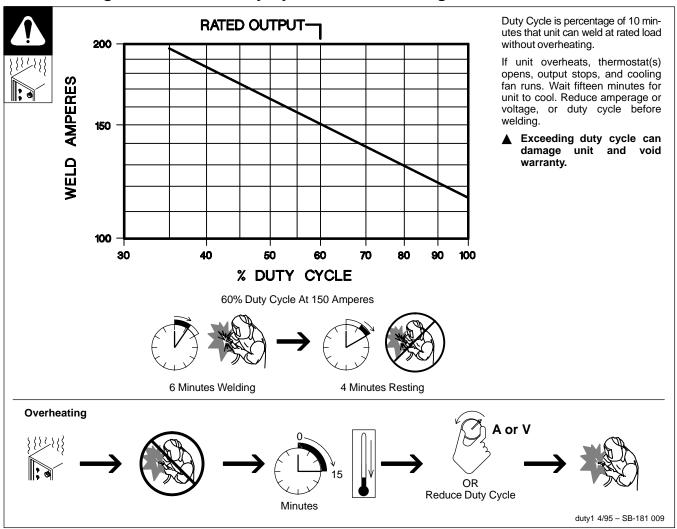
Rated Welding Amperage Output Range		Maximum Open-Circuit Voltage DC	Amperes Input at Rated Load Output, 60 Hz, Single-Phase				Weight	Overall Dimensions	
		_	200 V	230 V	KVA	KW		ı	
	30 – 185		30 (1.6)*	26 (1.4)*			165 lb (75 kg)	Length: 36 in (915 mm)	
150 A @ 23 Volts DC, 60% Duty Cycle		33			6 (0.27)*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

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

2-2. Volt-Ampere Curves



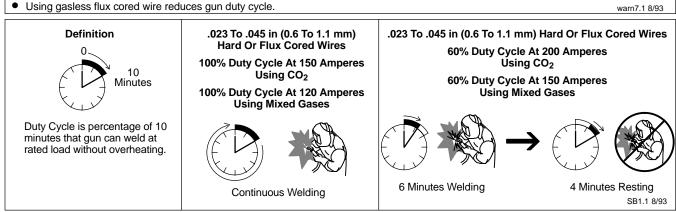
2-3. Welding Power Source Duty Cycle And Overheating



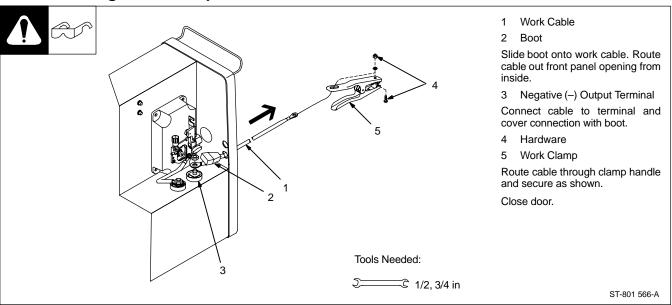
2-4. Welding Gun Duty Cycle And Overheating

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

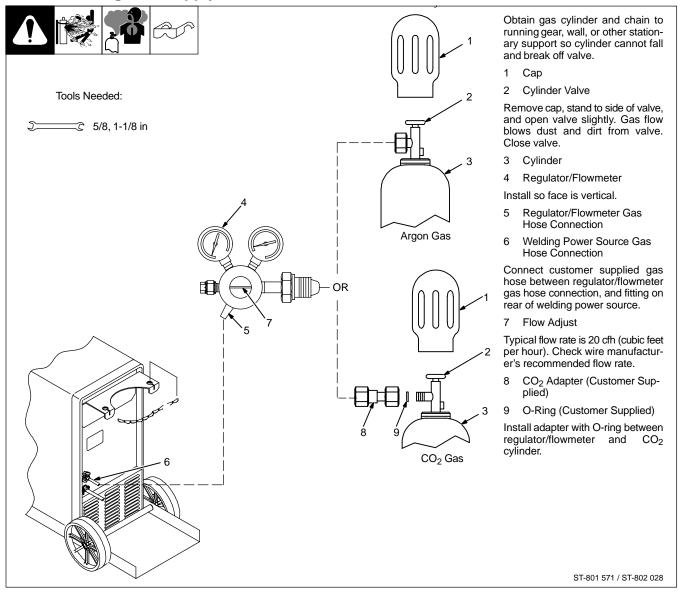
- Do not weld at rated load longer than shown below.



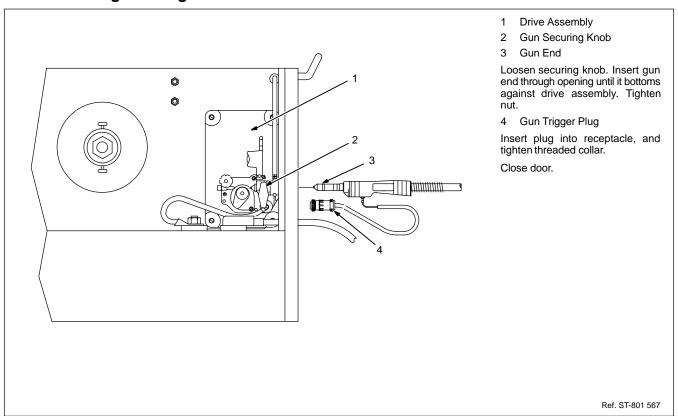
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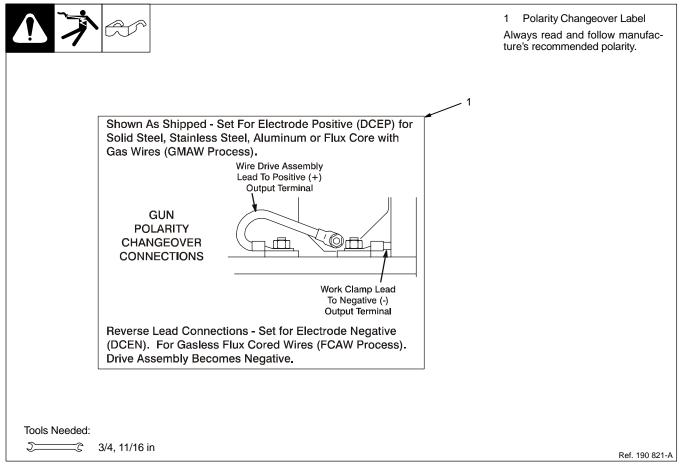
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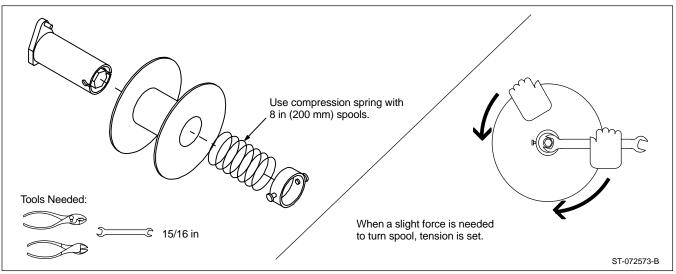
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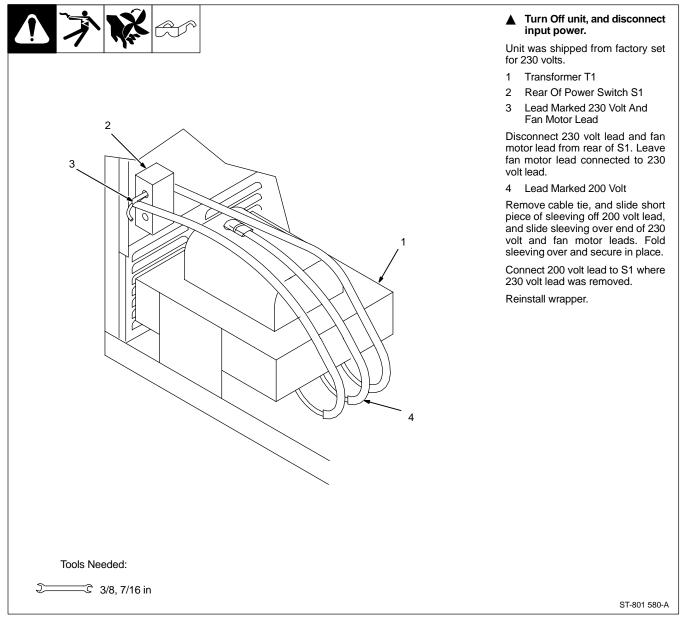
2-8. Setting Gun Polarity



2-9. Installing Wire Spool And Adjusting Hub Tension



2-10. Changing Input Voltage



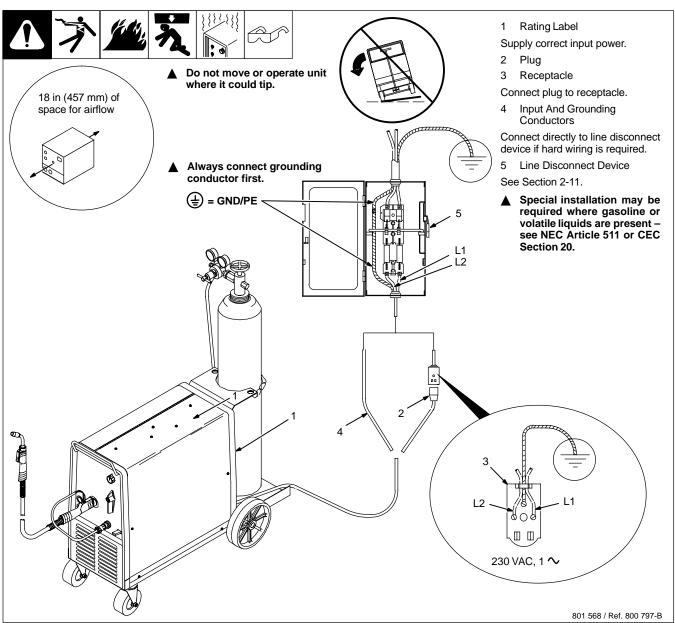
2-11. Electrical Service Guide

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

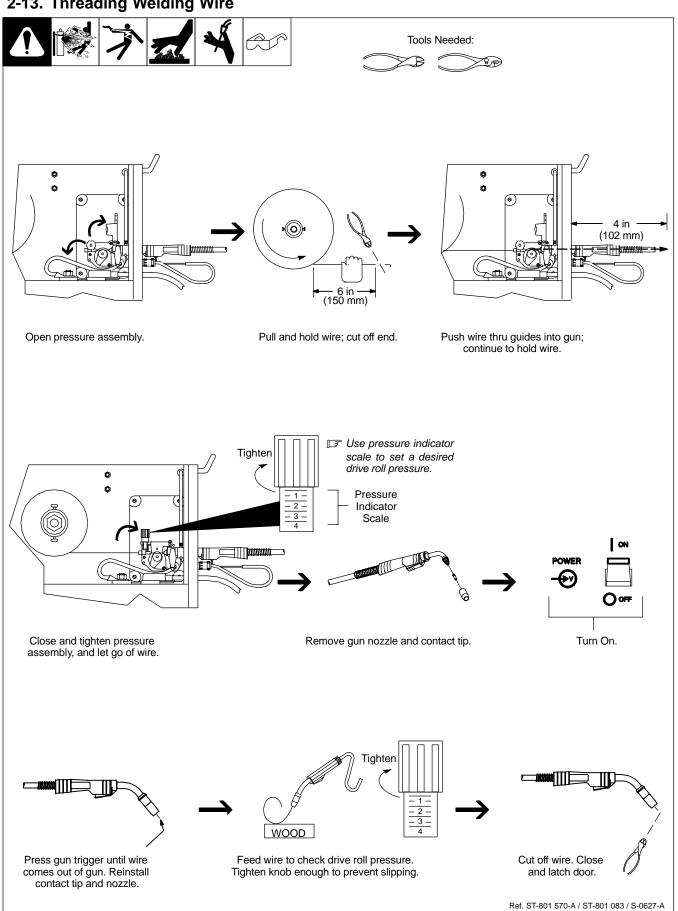
Reference: 1999 National Electrical Code (NEC)

- 1 Choose a circuit breaker with time-current curves comparable to a Time Delay Fuse.
- 2 "Time-Delay" fuses are UL class "RK5".
- 3 "Normal Operating" (general purpose no intentional delay) fuses are UL class "K5" (up to and including 60 amp), and UL class "H" (65 amp and above).
- ▲ Caution: Failure to follow these fuse and circuit breaker recommendations could create an electric shock or fire hazard.

2-12. Selecting A Location And Connecting Input Power



2-13. Threading Welding Wire





SECTION 3 – OPERATION

3-1. Front Panel Controls

Controls For Standard Units

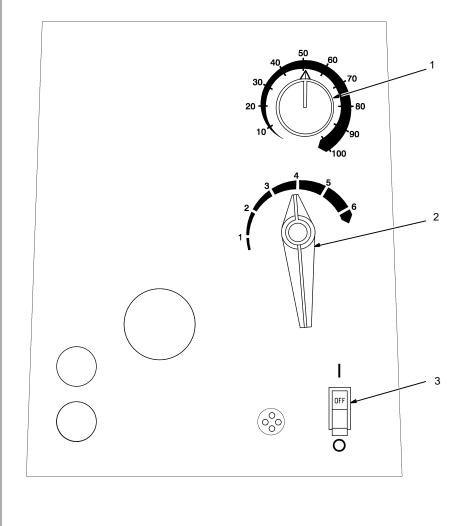
1 Wire Speed Control

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

2 Voltage Switch

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

3 Power Switch

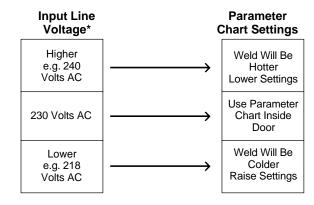


Ref. ST-180 930

Selecting Wire, Gas and Control Settings

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

^{*}Line voltage can affect weld output, settings on this chart are starting values only. You may need to adjust voltage and wire feed speed to optimize your settings.



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

To read settings:

Number on left of slash is voltage, number on right of slash is wirespeed. "—" Means not recommended.

Example: 2/40 =



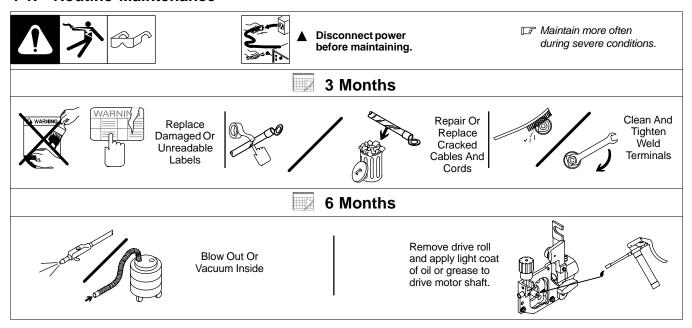


					TECOIIII	recommended.					
	3/8" (9.5 mm)	1/4" (6.4 mm)	3/16" (4.8 mm)	1/8" (3.2 mm)	12 ga. (2.8 mm)	14 ga. (2.0 mm)	16 ga. (1.6 mm)	18 ga. (1.2 mm)	20 ga. (0.9 mm)	22 ga. (0.8 mm)	
	6/80 6/70	6/100 5/70 5/60	5/80 4/60 4/50	4/65 3/55 3/45	3/55 3/45 3/40	3/45 2/35 2/30	2/35 2/25 2/20	2/25 1/15 2/10	1/15 1/5 —	1/5 — —	
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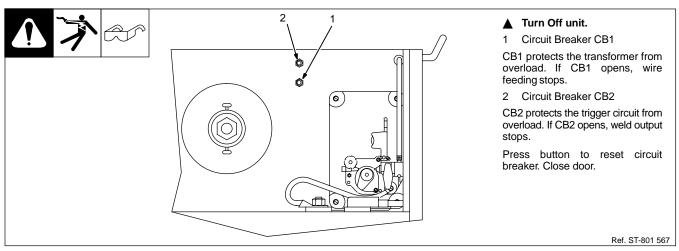
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SECTION 4 – MAINTENANCE & TROUBLESHOOTING

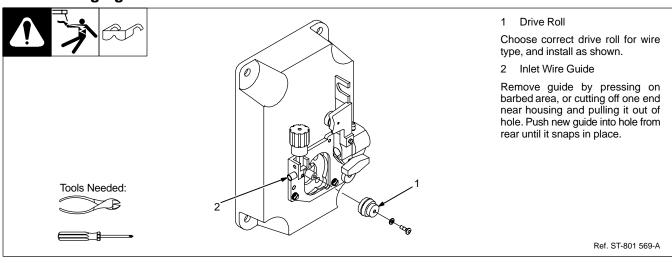
4-1. Routine Maintenance



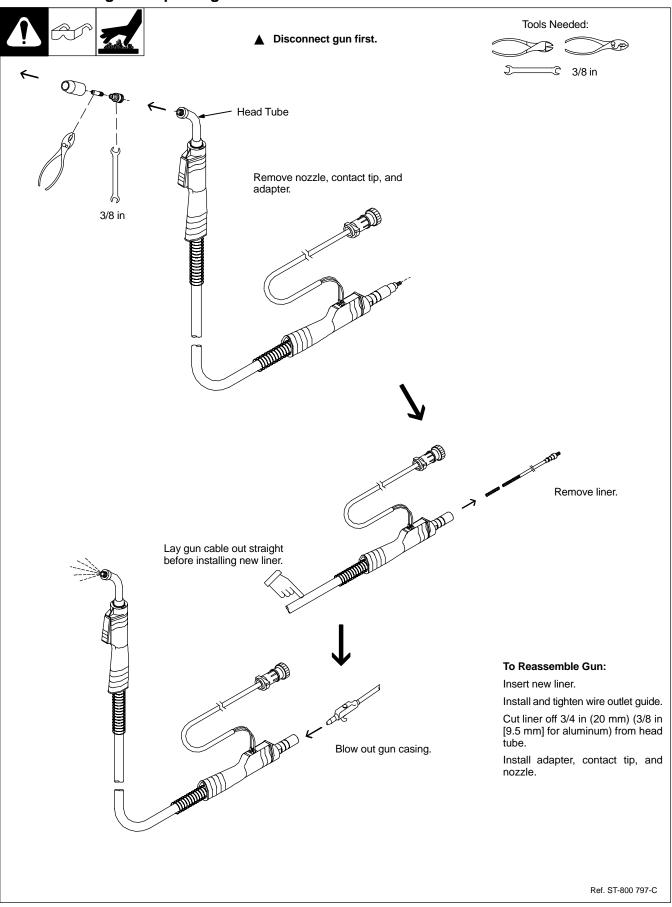
4-2. Circuit Breakers CB1 And CB2



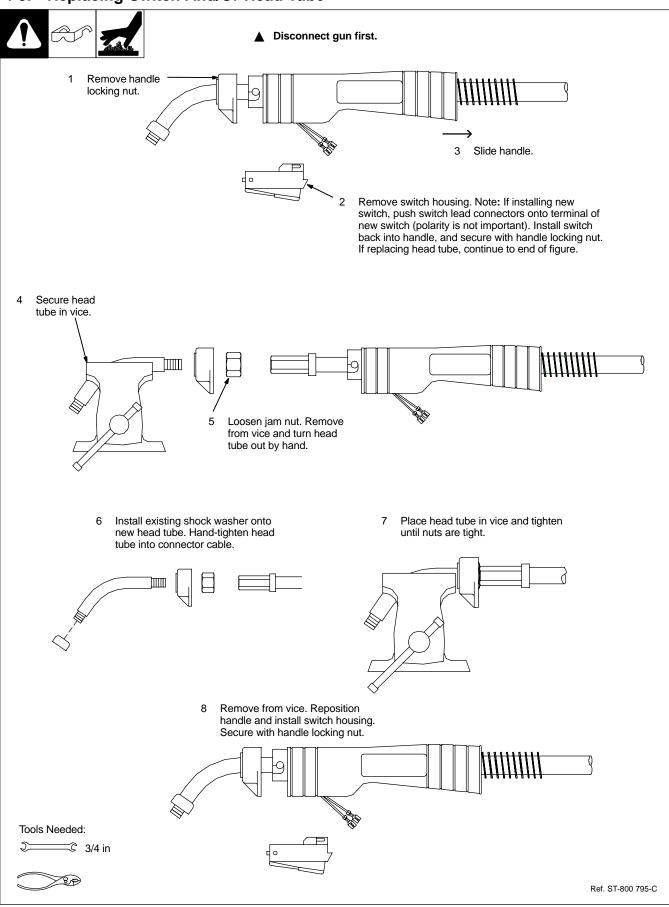
4-3. Changing Drive Roll And Inlet Wire Guide



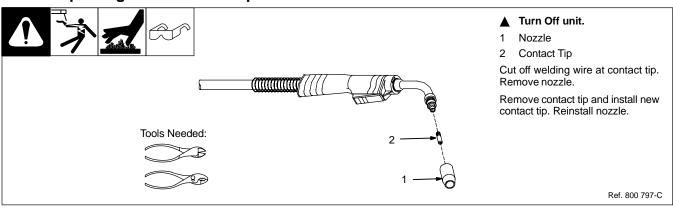
4-4. Cleaning Or Replacing Gun Liner



4-5. Replacing Switch And/Or Head Tube



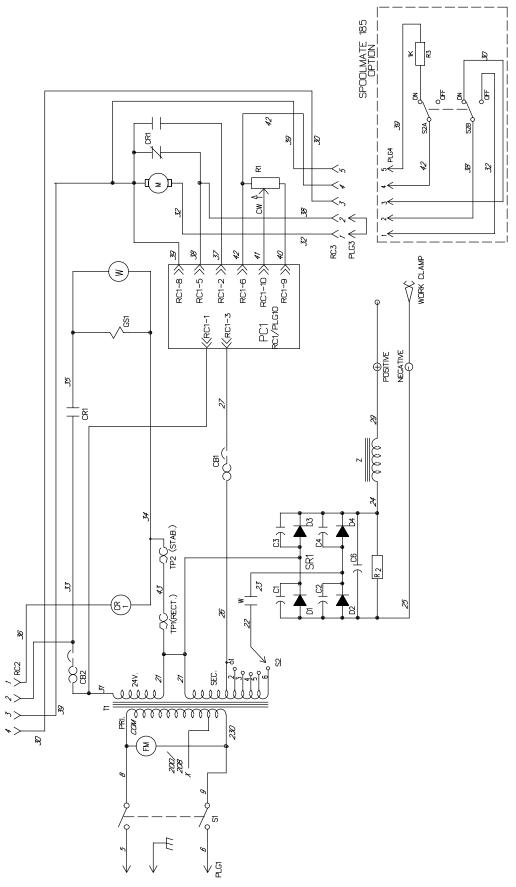
4-6. Replacing Gun Contact Tip



4-7. Troubleshooting

Welding Trouble	Remedy				
No weld output; wire does not feed.	Secure power cord plug in receptacle (see Section 2-12).				
	Check and replace power switch if necessary.				
	Check circuit breakers CB1 and/or CB2, and reset if necessary (see Section 4-2).				
	Replace building line fuse or reset circuit breaker if open (see Section 2-12).				
	Secure gun plug in receptacle or repair leads, or replace trigger switch (see Section 2-7 and/or 4-5).				
	Thermostat TP1 open (overheating). Allow fan to run; the thermostat will close when the unit has cooled (see Section 2-3).				
No weld output; wire feeds.	Connect work clamp to get good metal to metal contact.				
	Replace contact tip (see Section 4-6).				
Low weld output.	Connect unit to proper input voltage or check for low line voltage (see Section 2-12).				
Low, high, or erratic wire speed.	Readjust front panel settings (see Section 3-1).				
	Change to correct size drive roll (see Section 4-3).				
	Readjust drive roll pressure (see Section 2-13).				
	Replace inlet guide, contact tip, and/or liner if necessary (see Sections 2-13, and 4-4).				
Wire Drive/Gun Trouble	Remedy				
Electrode wire feeding stops during	Straighten gun cable and/or replace damaged parts (see Section 4-4).				
welding.	Adjust drive roll pressure (see Section 2-13).				
	Readjust hub tension (see Section 2-9).				
	Replace contact tip if blocked (see Section 4-6).				
	Clean or replace wire inlet guide or liner if dirty or plugged (see Section 4-4).				
	Replace drive roll if worn or slipping (see Section 4-3).				
	Secure gun plug in receptacle or repair leads, or replace trigger switch (see Section 2-7 and/or 4-4).				
	Check and clear any restrictions at drive assembly and liner (see Section 4-4).				
	Have nearest Factory Authorized Service Agent check drive motor.				

SECTION 5 – ELECTRICAL DIAGRAM



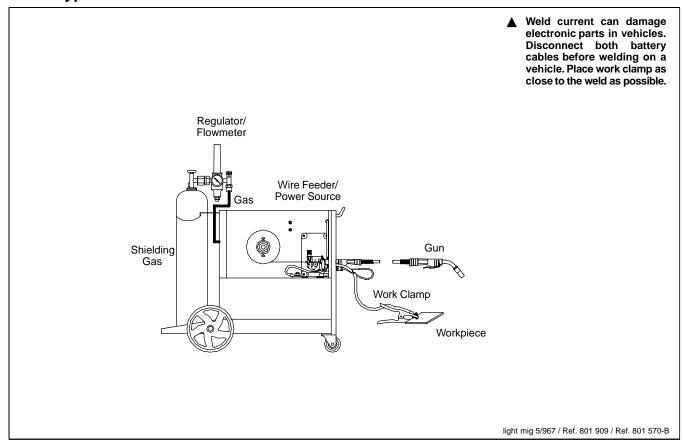
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Figure 5-1. Circuit Diagram

SECTION 6 - MIG WELDING (GMAW) GUIDELINES



6-1. Typical MIG Process Connections

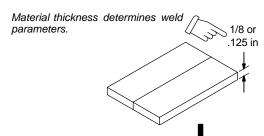


6-2. Typical MIG Process Control Settings

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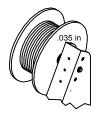


These settings are guidelines only. Material and wire type, joint design, fitup, position, shielding gas, etc. affect settings. Test welds to be sure they comply to specifications.



Convert Material Thickness to Amperage (A)

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



Amperage Range
30 – 90 A
40 – 145 A
50 – 180 A

Select Wire Size



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

Select Wire Speed (Amperage)

125 A based on 1/8 in material thickness

ipm = inch per minute

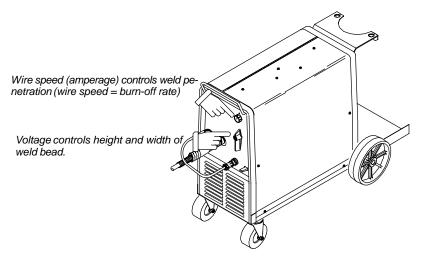


Low voltage: wire stubs into work

High voltage: arc is unstable (spatter)

Set voltage midway between high/low voltage.

Select Voltage



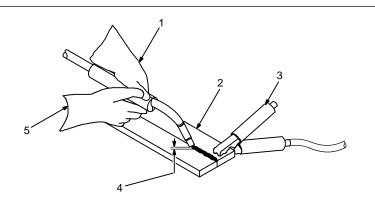
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6-3. Holding And Positioning Welding Gun

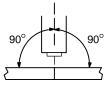
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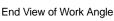


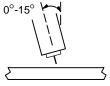
Welding wire is energized when gun trigger is pressed. Before lowering helmet and pressing trigger, be sure wire is no more than 1/2 in (13 mm) past end of nozzle, and tip of wire is positioned correctly on seam.



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



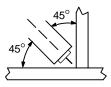




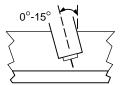
Side View of Gun Angle

GROOVE WELDS

FILLET WELDS



End View of Work Angle



Side View of Gun Angle

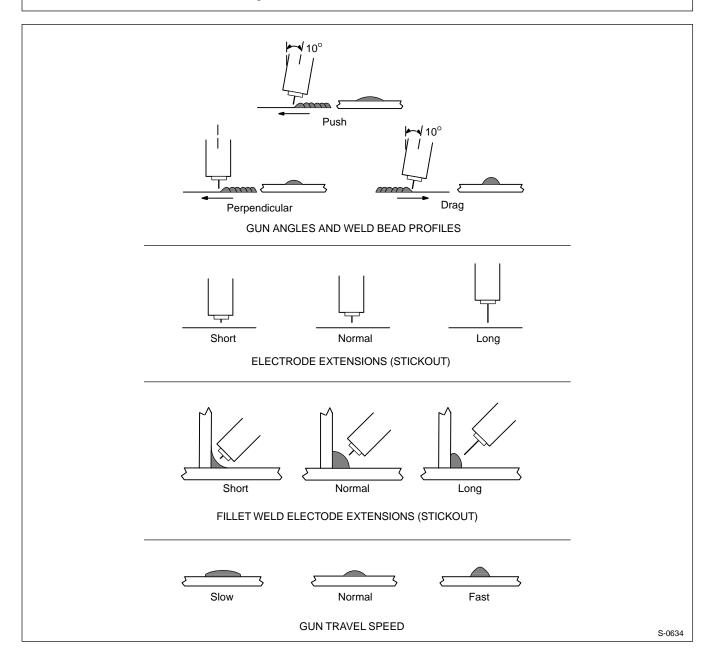
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6-4. Conditions That Affect Weld Bead Shape

NOTE



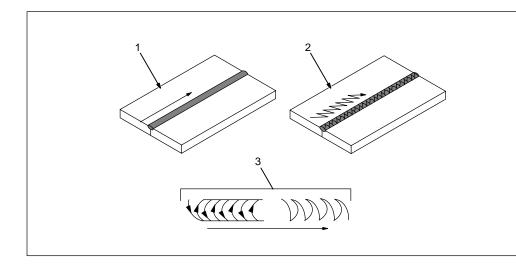
Weld bead shape depends on gun angle, direction of travel, electrode extension (stickout), travel speed, thickness of base metal, wire feed speed (weld current), and voltage.



6-5. Gun Movement During Welding

NOTE []

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

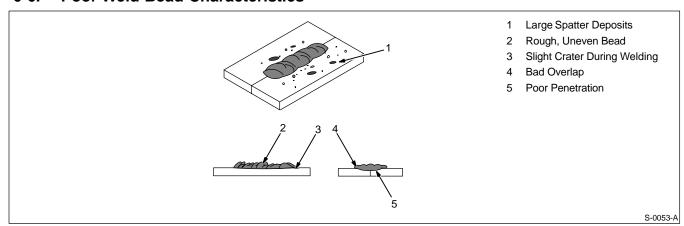


- Stringer Bead Steady Movement Along Seam
- Weave Bead Side To Side Movement Along Seam
- 3 Weave Patterns

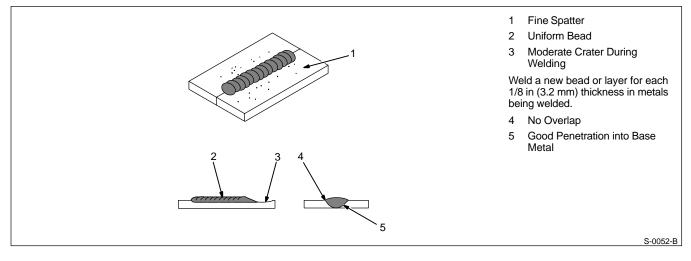
Use weave patterns to cover a wide area in one pass of the electrode.

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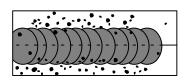
6-6. Poor Weld Bead Characteristics



6-7. Good Weld Bead Characteristics



6-8. Troubleshooting – Excessive Spatter



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

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

6-9. Troubleshooting - Porosity



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

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

6-10. Troubleshooting – Excessive Penetration

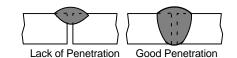


Excessive Penetration Good Penetration

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

6-11. Troubleshooting – Lack Of Penetration

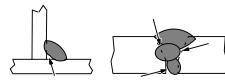


Lack Of Penetration – shallow fusion between weld metal and base metal.

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

6-12. Troubleshooting - Incomplete Fusion

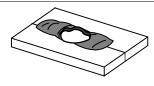


Incomplete Fusion – failure of weld metal to fuse completely with base metal or a preceeding weld bead.

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

6-13. Troubleshooting - Burn-Through

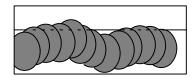


Burn-Through – weld metal melting completely through base metal resulting in holes where no metal remains.

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

6-14. Troubleshooting - Waviness Of Bead

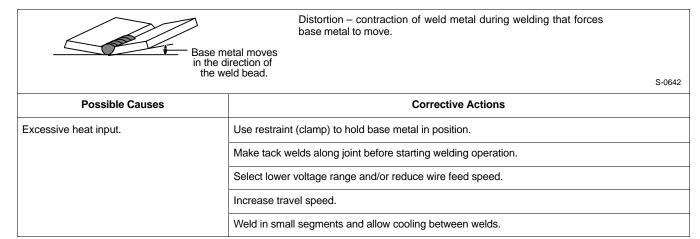


Waviness Of Bead – weld metal that is not parallel and does not cover joint formed by base metal.

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

6-15. Troubleshooting - Distortion



6-16. Common MIG Shielding Gases

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

	Application			
Gas	Spray Arc Steel	Short Circuiting Steel	Short Circuiting Stainless Steel	Aluminum
Argon				Х
Argon + 25% CO ₂		X		
80% or greater Argon + balance CO ₂ or Oxygen	Х	X ¹		
100% CO ₂		Х	Х	
Tri-Mix ²			X	

¹ Limited short circuiting use

6-17. Troubleshooting Guide For Semiautomatic Welding Equipment

Problem	Probable Cause	Remedy
Wire feed motor operates, but wire does not feed.	Too little pressure on wire feed rolls.	Increase pressure setting on wire feed rolls.
wire does not reed.	Incorrect wire feed rolls.	Check size stamped on wire feed rolls, replace to match wire size and type if necessary.
	Wire spool brake pressure too high.	Decrease brake pressure on wire spool.
	Restriction in the gun and/or assembly.	Check and replace cable, gun, and contact tip if damaged. Check size of contact tip and cable liner, replace if necessary.
Wire curling up in front of the wire feed rolls (bird nesting).	Too much pressure on wire feed rolls.	Decrease pressure setting on wire feed rolls.
wire reed rolls (blid riesting).	Incorrect cable liner or gun contact tip size.	Check size of contact tip and check cable liner length and diameter, replace if necessary.
	Gun end not inserted into drive housing properly.	Loosen gun securing bolt in drive housing and push gun end into housing just enough so it does not touch wire feed rolls.
	Dirty or damaged (kinked) liner.	Replace liner.
Wire feeds, but no gas flows.	Gas cylinder empty.	Replace empty gas cylinder.
	Gas nozzle plugged.	Clean or replace gas nozzle.
	Gas cylinder valve not open or flowmeter not adjusted.	Open gas valve at cylinder and adjust flow rate.
	Restriction in gas line.	Check gas hose between flowmeter and wire feeder, and gas hose in gun and cable assembly.
	Loose or broken wires to gas solenoid.	Have Factory Authorized Service Agent repair wiring.
	Gas solenoid valve not operating.	Have Factory Authorized Service Agent replace gas solenoid valve.
	Incorrect primary voltage connected to welding power source.	Check primary voltage and relink welding power source for correct voltage.

^{2 90%} HE + 7-1/2% AR + 2-1/2% CO₂

Problem	Probable Cause	Remedy
Welding arc not stable.	Wire slipping in drive rolls.	Adjust pressure setting on wire feed rolls. Replace worn drive rolls if necessary.
	Wrong size gun liner or contact tip.	Match liner and contact tip to wire size and type.
	Incorrect voltage setting for selected wire feed speed on welding power source.	Readjust welding parameters.
	Loose connections at the gun weld cable or work cable.	Check and tighten all connections.
	Gun in poor shape or loose connection inside gun.	Repair or replace gun as necessary.



SECTION 7 – PARTS LIST

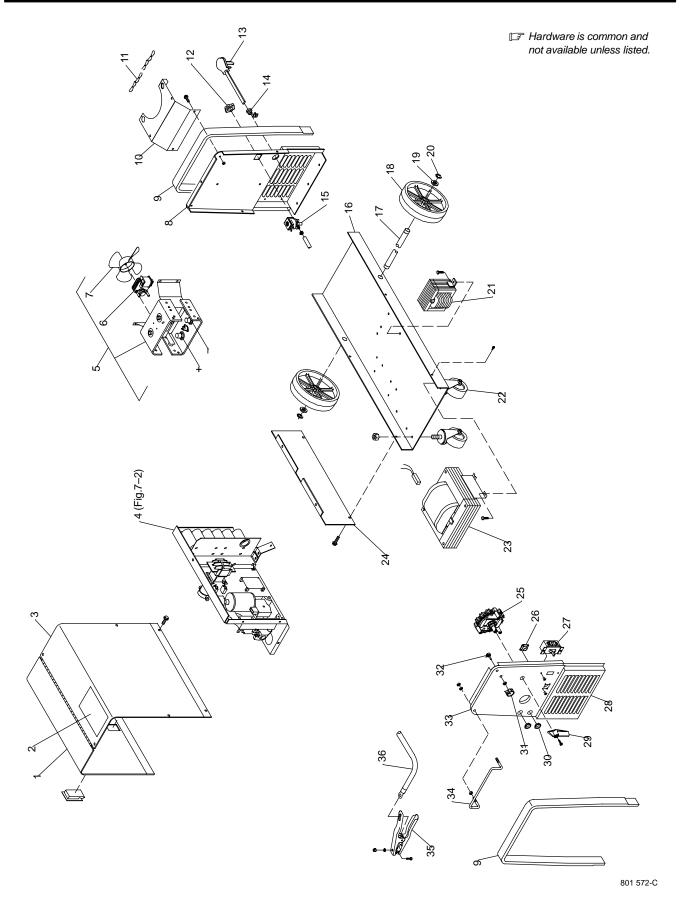


Figure 7-1. Main Assembly

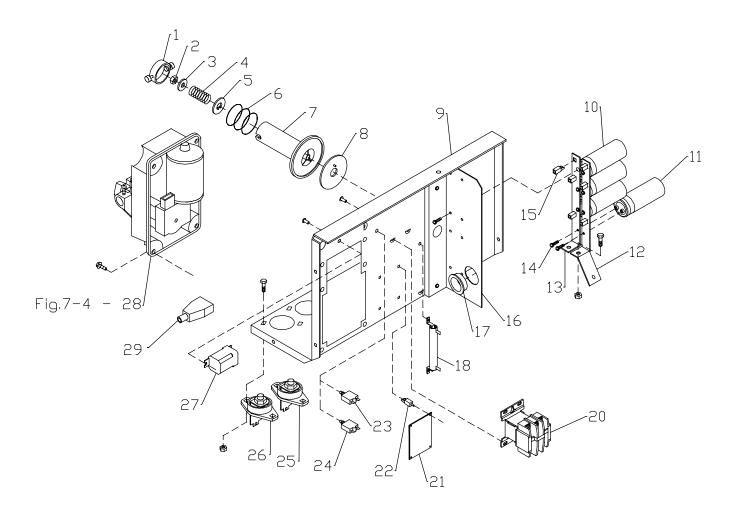
Figure 7-1. Main Assembly

1 151 187	LATCH, slide flush
2 134 464	
3 +151 565	
4 Fig 7-2	
5 SR1 191 487	
	RECTIFIER ASSEMBLE, (CONSISTING OF)
180 920	BRACKET RECTIFIER
191 375	RECTIFIER SI DIODE ASSEMBLY, POS
	RECTIFIER SI DIODE ASSEMBLY, NEG 1
152 862	
	STAND-OFF 2
	THERMOSTAT, NC open 211F 1
6 FM 123 468	MOTOR, fan 230V 60/50 Hz 3000RPM 1
	BLADE, fan 6.000 4wg 30 deg .175 bore 1
8 180 918	
9 190 773	
10 180 923	·
200 285	
11 602 387	·
12 605 227	
13 PLG1 181 072	
14 111 443	BUSHING, strain relief
15 GS1 125 785	
16 180 916	
19 602 250	
20 121 614	
21 Z *180 989	
TP2 163 266	
22 008 999	,
23 T1 180 925	
24 180 924	
25 S2 153 197	
26 RC2 048 282	RECEPTACLE W/SOCKETS 1
27 S1 124 511	SWITCH, tgl DPST 40A 600VAC scr
28 180 917	
29 148 956	HANDLE, switch 1
30 057 357	
31 097 924	KNOB, pointer 1
	POTENTIOMETER
33 200 033	
34 147 571	
	CLAMP, work 300A
36 600 318	
	1100L, yas oil

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

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^{*}When ordering stabilizer 180 989, also order thermostat 163 266.



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Figure 7-2. Center Baffle w/Components

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

1	058 427	RING, retaining spool
2		NUT, 625-11 .94 hex
3		WASHER, flat
4		SPRING, cprsn .84500 x .110W
5		WASHER, flat .632 ID x 1.500 OD x .12
6		SPRING, cprsn 2.430 OD x .90 wire x 2.500
7	186 435	HUB, spool
8	186 436	WASHER, brake plastic 1
9	180 915	BAFFLE, center 1
10 C6	191 385	CAPACITOR ASSEMBLY, (consisting of)
		CAPACITOR, elctlt 30000uf 4
12	191 101	BUSS BAR, positive 1
13		BUSS BAR, negative 1
14		SCREW, .010-32 x .50 hex hd-slt S
15		,
16		REEL SUPPORT 1
17		BUSHING, snap-in nyl 1.000 ID x 1.375mtg hole
18 R2		RESISTOR, WW fxd 50W 25 ohm
20 W	189 486	CONTACTOR, def prp 40A 3P
21 PC1	171 986	CIRCUIT CARD ASSEMBLY, control
PLG10		HOUSING & PINS
22	134 201	STAND-OFF SUPPORT, PC card
23 CB2		
24 CB1		CIRCUIT BREAKER, man reset 10A 250V
25		TERMINAL, pwr output red
26		TERMINAL, pwr output black
27 CR1		RELAY, encl 24VAC DPDT 20
28 PLG3		DRIVE ASSEMBLY, wire
RC3	131 059	CONNECTOR & SOCKETS
29	196 318	
29		COVER, cable
		PLATE, switch
	ZUZ 443	LAIL, 3WILOH

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Item No.	Part No.	Description	Quantity
	169 589	Figure 7-3. M-15 Gun (Fig 7-1 Item 36)	
2 2 2 3 5 8 9 10	◆000 068 ◆000 069 . 169 716 . 170 470 . 169 718 . 169 738 . 194 524 . 169 737	TIP, contact scr .023 wire x 1.125 TIP, contact scr .030 wire x 1.125 TIP, contact scr .035 wire x 1.125 TIP, contact scr .045 wire x 1.125 ADAPTER, contact tip RING, retaining TUBE, head NUT, locking handle NUT, jam HANDLE	1 1 2 1 2
13 14 15 15 16	169 741 180 433 079 974 • 194 010 • 194 011 • 194 012 079 975 196 255	CORD, trigger assembly O-RING, .500 ID x .103CS rbr LINER, monocoil .023/.025 wire x 15ft (consisting of) LINER, monocoil .030/.035 wire x 15ft (consisting of) LINER, monocoil .035/.045 wire x 15ft (consisting of)	1 2 1 1
		2 3 5 9 10 11 11 12 13 14	800 792-B

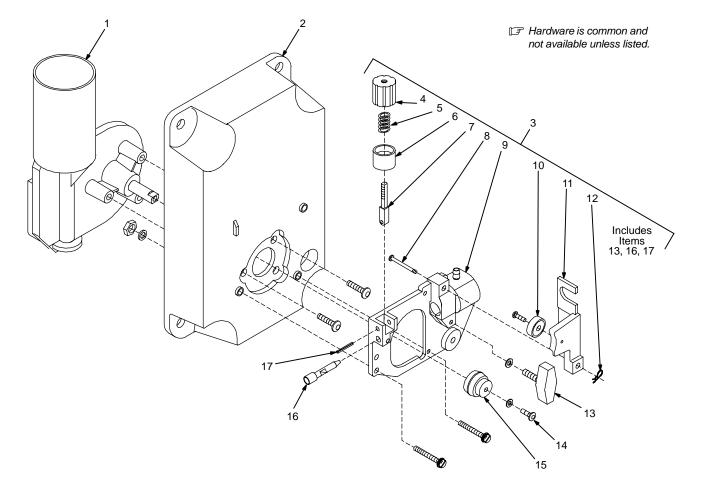
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Figure 7-3. M-15 Gun

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

1	196 237 . MOTOR, gear 24VDC
	180 929 HOUSING, motor drive 1
	198 789 DRIVE ASSEMBLY, wire (consisting of)
	196 895 KNOB, tension
	090 415 SPRING, cprsn .695 OD x .080 wire x 1.500
	198 080 CUP, spring 185 1
	085 242 FASTENER, pinned 1
8	090 416 PIN, hinge 1
	124 817 HOUSING, wire drive
	090 443 BEARING, ball rdl sgl row .315 x .866 x .27 (consisting of) 1
	. 111 622 SPACER, bearing .196 ID x .310 OD x .500 collar
	. 112 031 LEVER, pressure roll 1
12	151 828 PIN, cotter hair .054 x .750
13	124 778 KNOB, T 2.000 bar w/.312-18 st 1
	174 609 SCREW 3
	090 423 ROLL, drive V groove .023035 1
	058 549 . GUIDE, wire inlet 1/16
	010 224 . PIN, spring CS .187 x 1.000
	, 1 3



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Figure 7-4. Drive Assembly, Wire

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- 1. 5 Years Parts 3 Years Labor
 - * Original main power rectifiers
 - * Inverters (input and output rectifiers only)
- 2. 3 Years Parts and Labor
 - * Transformer/Rectifier Power Sources
 - Plasma Arc Cutting Power Sources
 - * Semi-Automatic and Automatic Wire Feeders
 - * Inverter Power Supplies
 - * Intellitig
 - Engine Driven Welding Generators (NOTE: Engines are warranted separately by the engine manufacturer.)
- 3. 1 Year Parts and Labor
 - * DS-2 Wire Feeder
 - Motor Driven Guns (w/exception of Spoolmate 185 & Spoolmate 250)
 - * Process Controllers
 - * Positioners and Controllers
 - * Automatic Motion Devices
 - * RFCS Foot Controls
 - * Induction Heating Power Sources
 - * Water Coolant Systems
 - * HF Units
 - * Grids
 - Maxstar 140
 - * Spot Welders
 - * Load Banks
 - * Miller Cyclomatic Equipment
 - * Running Gear/Trailers
 - Plasma Cutting Torches (except APT & SAF Models)
 - * Field Options

(NOTE: Field options are covered under True Blue® for the remaining warranty period of the product they are installed in, or for a minimum of one year — whichever is greater.)

- 4. 6 Months Batteries
- 5. 90 Days Parts
 - * MIG Guns/TIG Torches
 - * Induction Heating Coils and Blankets

- APT, ZIPCUT & PLAZCUT Model Plasma Cutting Torches
- * Remote Controls
- * Accessory Kits
- * Replacement Parts (No labor)
- * Spoolmate 185 & Spoolmate 250
- Canvas Covers

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