INSTRUCTION MANUAL FOR TIG WELDING MACHINE

IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION!!!

READ THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY BEFORE INSTALLATION, USE, OR SERVICING OF THIS UNIT. PAY CLOSE ATTENTION TO THE SAFETY RULES AND CONTACT YOUR DISTRIBUTOR IF YOU DO NOT UNDERSTAND SOME OR ALL OF THE POINTS COVERED IN THESE INSTRUCTIONS.

1 SAFETY RULES CONCERNING THE USE OF THIS WELDING MACHINE

1.1 INTRODUCTION

All people authorized to use this machine should read the following instructions manual before using or servicing this unit.

A REMINDER: YOUR SAFETY DEPENDS ON YOU!!! Always follow all safety regulations and instructions when using this machine. It is your responsibility to protect yourself and others against the risks related to the operation of this welding machine. The operator must be familiar with and observe all the safety rules regarding the safe operation and maintenance of this welding machine.

NOTHING REPLACES GOOD COMMON SENSE!!!

1.2 GENERAL PRECAUTIONS

1.2.1 Fire

- Avoid causing fires due to sparks, slag, hot metal and spatter which are produced during normal welding operations.
- Make sure that a suitable fire extinguisher is located near the welding sight.
- Remove all flammable material within 30 feet of the welding area.
- Do not weld containers (tanks or drums) containing flammable material, even when empty. These must be first carefully cleaned before being welded.
- Allow the welded metal to cool down before touching it or putting it into contact with flammable material.
- Do not weld structures with hollow spaces containing flammable substances.
- Do not work in conditions where there are high concentrations of combustible vapours, gases, or flammable dust.
- Always check the work area half an hour after welding so as to make sure that no fire has started.
- Do not keep any flammable material such as lighters or matches in your pockets while using this equipment.

1.2.2 Burns

- Protect your entire body by wearing fire-proof clothing. This will protect your skin against burns caused by ultra-violet radiation given off by the arc, sparks and molten slag.
- The protective clothing should include: gloves, a hat, and high shoes. Your shirt collar and pocket flaps should be buttoned, and cuff-less trousers should be worn to prevent contact with sparks and molten slag.
- Wear a helmet equipped with the appropriate lens shade and a clear glass cover plate. This is imperative when welding, cutting, and chipping to protect your eyes from ultra-violet arc rays and molten spatter. Replace the glass cover plate when cracked or covered with spatter etc.
- Do not wear clothing soaked with oil or grease as a spark may set them on fire.
- Hot metal, electrode stubs and workpieces, should never be handled without gloves.

- First-aid equipment and a qualified first-aid person should always be available when welding, unless medical facilities are in the immediate vicinity, to treat flash burns of the eyes and skin burns.
- Ear plugs should be worn when working in the overhead position or in confined spaces. A hard hat should be worn when others are working overhead.
- Flammable hair sprays and gels should not be used by those persons intending to weld.

1.2.3 Fumes

Welding operations produce harmful fumes and metal dusts which may be hazardous to your health, therefore:

- Work in well-ventilated areas.
- Keep your head out of the fumes.
- In closed areas, use a fume exhaust system, preferably placed under the welding area if possible.
- If ventilation is inadequate, use an approved respirator set.
- Clean the metal to be welded of any solvents or halogen degreasers which give rise to toxic gases. During some welding operations chlorine solvents may be decomposed by arc radiation thus creating phosgene gas.
- Do not weld coated metals or those containing lead, graphite, cadmium, zinc, chrome, quicksilver, or mercury unless you have an approved respirator set.
- The electric arc creates ozone. Long exposures to high ozone concentrations may cause headaches; nasal, throat and eye irritation; as well as congestion and chest pains. WARNING: NEVER USE OXYGEN FOR VENTILATION.
- Gas leaks in confined spaces should be avoided. Leaked gas in large quantities can dangerously alter oxygen levels in the air surrounding the weld sight. Do not place gas cylinders in confined spaces.
- DO NOT WELD where solvent vapors can be drawn into the welding shield atmosphere or where arc rays can come into contact with even minute quantities of trichloroethylene or perchloroethylene.

1.2.4 Explosions

- Do not weld above or near containers under pressure.
- Do not weld in environments containing explosive dusts, gases or vapours.

This welding machine when used for TIG welding uses ARGON gas to shield the arc. Special precautions must be taken when transporting, handling, and connecting gas cylinders.

A) GAS CYLINDERS

- NEVER DEFACE or alter the name, number, or other markings on a cylinder. It is illegal and dangerous!
- Do not use cylinders whose contents are not clearly identified.
- Do not directly connect cylinder to the unit without using a pressure regulator.
- Handle and use pressure cylinders with care and in conformity with existing safety standards.
- Do not use leaking or damaged cylinders.
- Do not use cylinders which are not well secured.
- Do not transport or move cylinders without the protection of the installed valve and protective valve cap.
- Do not lift cylinders off the ground by: their valves or caps, by chains, by slings, or by magnets.
- Never try to mix gases in a cylinder.
- Never refill a cylinder!
• Never lubricate the cylinder valve with oil or grease.
• Never allow an electrode to touch a cylinder!
• Do not expose cylinders to excessive heat, sparks, molten slag or flames.
• Do not tamper with the cylinder valve.
• Do not try to loosen tight valves by means of a hammer, a wrench, or any other object.

B) PRESSURE REGULATORS
• Keep pressure regulators in good condition. Damaged regulators may cause damages or accidents. They should be repaired by skilled personnel only.
• Do not use regulators for gases other than those for which they were manufactured.
• Never use a leaking or damaged regulator.
• Never lubricate regulators with oil or grease.

C) HOSES
• Replace hoses which appear to be damaged.
• Keep hoses unwound in order to prevent kinks.
• Keep the excess hose neatly wound and out of the working area in order to avoid damage.
• Cylinder fittings should never be modified or exchanged.

1.2.5 Radiation
Ultra-violet radiation emitted by arc rays may damage your eyes and burn you skin. Therefore:
• Wear proper clothing and helmet.
• Do not use contact lenses!! The intense heat created by the arc may cause them to stick to the cornea.
• Use a mask or helmet equipped with lens shades that have a minimum DIN rating of 10
• Warn people in the area surrounding the welding sight that you are going to be welding.

Remember: the arc may dazzle or damage the eyes. It is considered dangerous up to a distance of 15 meters (50 feet). Never look at an arc with the naked eye.
• Prepare the welding area so as to reduce the reflection and transmission of ultra-violet radiation: paint walls and exposed surfaces in black to reduce reflection, install shielding systems or curtains to reduce the transmission of ultra-violet rays.
• Replace protective lenses whenever damaged or broken.

1.2.6 Electric shock
Electric shocks are hazardous and potentially fatal!!
• Do not touch live electrical parts.
• Insulate yourself from the workpiece and the ground by wearing insulated gloves and clothing.
• Keep garments (gloves, shoes, hats, clothing) and body dry.
• Do not work in humid or wet areas.
• If you are welding near a body of water take precautions to ensure that the machine cannot fall into the water.
• Avoid touching or holding the workpiece by hand.
• Should you work in a dangerous area or close to one, use all possible precautions.
• Stop welding immediately if you should feel even the slightest sensation of electric shock. Do not use the machine until the problem is identified and corrected.
• Often inspect the mains input cable.
• Disconnect the power input cable from the mains supply before replacing cables or before removing the unit covers.
• Do not use the unit without protection covers. Always replace any damaged parts with GENUINE SPARE PARTS.
• Never disconnect any of the unit's safety devices.

• Make sure that the mains power supply line is equipped with a good electrical ground.
• Make sure that the workbench and the workpiece are connected to a good electrical ground.
• Servicing of the machine must be done by qualified personnel who aware of the risks involved with the high voltage levels necessary to make the machine operate.

1.2.7 Pacemaker
Magnetic fields created by the high currents in the weld circuit can affect pacemaker operation. Persons wearing electronic life support equipment (pacemakers) should consult their doctor before going near any arc welding, gouging, cutting, or spot welding equipment in operation.

1.2.8 Noise
The noise emitted by the arc may damage your hearing. Always wear ear muffs.

2. GENERAL TECHNICAL DESCRIPTIONS

2.1 SPECIFICATIONS
The TIG STAR 250 AC/DC is a constant current generator suitable for both TIG and coated electrode welding. The unique electronic current regulation range (5/250A), and square-wave technology, make this a hi-tech, quality power source you can rely on.

2.2 DESCRIPTION OF TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS
IEC 974. This machine is manufactured according to the
EN 60947 IEC 974 International standard.
N°. Machine Serial Number which must appear on
requests or inquiries concerning the machine.
1~2 Single-phase transformer-rectifier.

Drooping characteristic.
SMAW Shielded Metal Arc Welding. (Stick Welding)
TIG TIG (Tungsten Inert Gas) welding.
Uo Secondary no-load voltage
X Duty-Cycle Percentage
I2 Output welding current
U2 Secondary voltage, welding current= I2
U1 Nominal supply voltage
1~50/60Hz Single-phase input supply at 50 or 60 Hz
I1 Input Amps absorbed corresponding to different
output levels (I2).
IP21 Protection class of the machine’s case
The .1 in the singles digit place means that this
unit is not fit to work outdoors in the rain.
S Fit to work in hazardous areas.

NOTE: This machine has also been designed to work
in class 3 pollution areas (see IEC 664)

3 INSTALLATION

3.1 PRECAUTIONS

• All sections concerning the installation of this machine
must be read carefully.

WARNING!!
ELECTRIC SHOCK CAN KILL

• This machine must be installed by skilled personnel.
• Make sure that the input power plug has been disconnected
before inspecting, maintaining, or servicing.
• Connect the yellow-green wire to a good electrical ground.

3.2 SETUP

Place the machine in a ventilated area.
Dust, dirt, or any other foreign material that might enter the
machine may restrict the ventilation which could affect the
machine’s performance. Keep the machine as clean as possible.

3.3 PROTECTION AGAINST HIGH FREQUENCY
INTERFERENCE

The circuit generating high frequency inside the machine
can be compared to a radiotransmitter.
Incorrect installation of the machine can cause radio and TV
disturbances.
There are 4 sources of High Frequency interference:
1) Interferences irradiated by the welding machine
2) Interferences irradiated by the welding cables
3) Interferences irradiated on the supply line
4) Interferences intercepted and irradiated by ungrounded
metal objects.

TO REDUCE THE ABOVE PROBLEMS, INSTALL THE
MACHINE ACCORDING TO THE INSTRUCTIONS.

• Keep the line connections between the machine and the
power input source as short as you can, possibly housing
the input cable inside a metal tube which is connected to an
electrical ground, buried in the ground.
• Keep the welding cables as short as possible.
Their length should not exceed 7/8 meters (25 feet). If it
possible wind them together with tape.
• Make sure that there are no cuts, burns, or tears in the
rubber insulation of the welding cables. Wires with high
natural-rubber content can better withstand high-frequency
losses.
• Make sure that all the connections are snug and that the
welding torch is in good condition. These steps will help to
reduce High Frequency losses.
• The ground clamp must be connected both to the workpiece
and to a grounding within a 3 meter range. This
grounding shall be obtained with a copper or galvanized-
steel core bar of at least 16 mm. in diameter.
N.B.: A cable having a cross section area as big as or bigger
than the welding cables must be used for this connection
which has to be as short as possible.
• Keep the machine case panels and covers closed during
operation.
• All wires within a 15 meter range must be enclosed in
metal pipes and these pipes have to be grounded.
Helicoidal-type hoses are not suitable.
• When the machine is used inside a metal construction,
several groundings are recommended.
NEVER USE WATER PIPES AS GROUND CONDUCTORS

3.4 INPUT POWER CONNECTIONS

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• This machine must be installed by skilled personnel.
• Make sure that the input power plug has been disconnected
before inspecting, maintaining, or servicing.
• Connect the yellow-green wire to a good electrical ground.

WARNING!!
FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS CAN
RESULT IN MECHANICAL FAILURE OR DAMAGE OF
THE COMPONENTS INSIDE THE MACHINE.

• After a final inspection, the machine should be connected
to the input supply voltage marked on the input power cord.
• If you wish to change the input supply voltage, remove the
upper cover of the case, locate the voltage-changing
terminal board and arrange the connections as shown in
figure 1.
3.5 OUTPUT WELDING CONNECTIONS

3.5.1 Connecting the TIG torch.
Based on your work requirements, always use the shortest torch (the length of the torch cable is intended) possible, in order to reduce the risk of HF interference to a minimum.

WARNING!!
ELECTRIC SHOCK CAN KILL

- Do not touch uninsulated live electric parts
- Do not touch the hot electrode either with your hands or with your clothes.
- Insulate yourself both from the ground and the workpiece.
- To avoid receiving high-frequency discharges, keep the torch in good condition.
- Before connecting the torch turn the machine off.
- Insert the male plug of the torch cable into the negative terminal and turn to the right until the connector locks. Make sure that the fit is tight.
- Select the diameter and type of electrode on the basis of the metal to be welded and its thickness. The number of output Amps needed and DC or AC welding will also condition the selection of the proper electrode.
- Connect the gas hose which comes out from the torch to 1/4 gas fitting (H) on the machine's front panel.
- Insert the torch control plug into socket (I) on the machine front panel.
- The torch could also be of the water-cooled type, in which case connect the two hoses coming out from the torch as described in paragraph 7.

3.5.2 Connecting the ground clamp
- Connect the male plug of the work lead (ground cable) to the + or - terminal in accordance with the procedure used. Insert and turn clockwise until the connector is snug.
- Connect clamp end of the work lead to the workpiece.

3.5.3 Connecting the gas hose.

WARNING!!
CYLINDERS CAN EXPLODE IF DAMAGED

- Keep the cylinders in an upright position by chaining them to their support.
- Keep the cylinders in a place where they cannot be damaged.
- Do not lift the machine with the cylinder on its support.
- Never touch the cylinder with an electrode.
- Keep the cylinder away from the welding area and uninsulated electric circuits.
- Cylinders containing inert gas have to be equipped with a pressure reducer and a flowmeter.
- After having positioned the cylinder, connect the gas hose that comes out from the rear of machine to the pressure reducer output.

3.5.4 Connecting the electrode holder.

WARNING!!
ELECTRIC SHOCK CAN KILL

- Do not touch uninsulated electric parts.
- Do not touch the electrode either with your hands or skin or greased clothes.
- Insulate yourselves from the workpiece or the ground.
- The electrode holder must be connected to the machine so as to comply with the polarity indicated on the box containing the electrodes that you are going to use. When you connect the electrode holder cable and the earth cable, make sure that the power cable terminals are well tightened.

4 DESCRIPTION OF FEATURES

A - Receptacle for remote control plugs
Various accessories for regulating the welding current are connected to this receptacle for both T.I.G. and coated
electrode welding.

**B - Device for regulating the welding current**
- It gets connected to receptacle A

**C - Procedure selector**
- You can select either the T.I.G. or the coated electrode (SMAW) welding process.

**D - ON/OFF light**
- It remains lit while the machine is on.

**E - Yellow led**
- It lights up when the thermostat trips.

**F - Main switch**
- It turns the machine ON and OFF.

**G - Regulation of the down-slope current time**
(0.2-10 sec.)
- It regulates the time it takes the welding current to pass from the preset value until the arc extinguishes.
- It is activated whenever the control to stop welding is given: it allows the crater to be filled at the end of the weldment.
- It functions only when the TIG procedure is selected.

**H - Fitting**
(1/4 gas) which is for connecting the gas hose of the T.I.G. welding torch to the machine.

**I - Receptacle**
- The torch control plug is inserted here.
- It functions only when the TIG procedure is selected.

**L - selector:**

- **Manual**
- **Automatic**
- It functions only when the TIG procedure is selected except for the function \( \setminus / \setminus \).
- In automatic position: once the torch push button has been pressed, it can be released without causing the arc to turn off, to stop welding, press and release the push button once more.
- In manual position: when the operator presses the button, the machine delivers current, when he releases it, the arc extinguishes.

**M - Digital amperometer**
- It indicates the welding current.

**N.B.: The welding current can be preset and displayed on this instrument. For this function, see the section on presetting of working currents.**

**N - Led**
- It lights up when, in the T.I.G. procedure, the current reaches the preset welding current. It is always ON in the electrode procedure.

**O - Led**
- It lights up when the maximum welding current, preselected by knob (B), has been reached in the program mode \( \setminus / \setminus \).

**P - Led**
- It lights up when the background current, preselected by knob (V), is in operation in the program mode \( \setminus / \setminus \).

**Q - Post Gas**
- It regulates the gas output time once welding has been terminated. The regulation range includes a min. of 0.3 sec. and a max. of 30 sec.

**R - High frequency arc starting selector.**
- In coated-electrode welding it is automatically excluded.
- In A.C. T.I.G. welding it must always be in operation.
- In D.C. T.I.G. welding it can be disconnected if you wish to scratch start the arc.

**S - Welding-programme selector**
- The machine performs this programme \( \setminus / \setminus \) by setting the following knobs:
  - **V** - (Welding-start current or background current).
  - **W** - (Up-slope time, from the background current to the welding current).
  - **G** - (Current down-slope time - "crater filler").

The welding cycle follows the steps listed herebelow:
- Example: manual position selected with (L):
  - Press the torch push button, welding starts at the current preset by knob (V).
  - It takes the time set by knob (W) to reach the welding current preset by (B); welding continues until the button is released, at this point the current goes down to the minimum according to the time set by knob (G), lastly the post-gas, regulated by knob (Q) follows.
- Example: **WELDING CURRENT** 250A (knob B)**
  - **BACKGROUND CURRENT** 125A (knob V) Pos 5
  - **Up-slope** time needed to go from the background current to the MAX. welding current (knob W)
  - **Down-slope** time of the welding current, Pos.5 = 5 seconds (knob G)
  - Post-gas flow time, Pos. 10 = 30 sec. (knob Q)

**N.B.: If the torch push button is pressed again during the down-slope period (G), the cycle starts again.**

**PROGRAMME**
- The machine performs this programme by adjusting these knobs:
  - **V** - background current or pause current.
  - **W** - Up-slope time, from the background current to the welding current.
  - **B** - welding current.
  - **G** - Current down-slope time - "crater filler"
  - **Q** - Post-gas flow time.
This programme has been conceived for applications that require two welding-current levels.

The foot control, part no. 182, cannot be used.

With this programme, the current preset by knob (V), in addition to being the starting weld current, is also the background current within the cycle. The leads N - O - P signal the points in the programme in which welding is performed.

At this position there is less current draw, less electrode consumption, as well as an optimum ratio between width and depth of the weld bead.

If you want to increase penetration, rotate the knob clockwise; vice versa, when you want more a cleaning action and less penetration, rotate the knob anticlockwise. THIS FEATURE FUNCTIONS ONLY WHEN A.C. T.I.G. WELDING HAS BEEN SELECTED.

V - Regulation of the background current

It functions only when TIG welding (A.C. or D.C.)

It is the current from which any programme has to be started and it is always a percentage of the welding current preset by knob (B) in the programme \( \sqrt{V} \).

The current preset by this knob is also the pause current that can be selected within the programme itself.

W - Up-slope current rise time

regulation from the value set by knob (V) to the value set by knob (B).

X - 220V Socket for the Cooling Unit

( DO NOT CONNECT OTHER POWER TOOLS ) Max. Power 440 W.

Y - Socket

for connecting the safety device of the Cooling Unit Part no. 1332.

N.B.: THE MACHINE COMES EQUIPPED WITH A CONNECTOR WHICH, IN THE ABSENCE OF THE COOLING UNIT, MUST BE INSERTED INTO SOCKET (Y).

4.1 PRESELECTION OF WORKING CURRENTS

4.1.1 With coated electrodes:

After having positioned selector (C) on \( \Rightarrow \), wait until led (N) lights up.

Then rotate potentiometer (B), the welding current will be displayed on ammeter (M).

4.1.2 In TIG: (Selecting a single welding current)

Selector (R) pos. zero

Selector (S) pos. \( \Rightarrow \)

Selector (L) pos. \( \Rightarrow \)

Press the torch button; when led (N) lights up rotate knob (B) to adjust the welding current which will be displayed on ammeter (M).

4.1.3 In TIG: (Selecting two current levels)

Selector (R) pos. zero

Selector (S) pos. \( \Rightarrow \)

Press and release the torch button twice. When led (N) lights up, regulate the max. welding current displayed on ammeter (M) by means of knob (B). To set the background current, press and release the torch button and led (P) lights up.

Regulate the current value with knob (V).

Once these operations have been carried out, press and keep the torch button pressed for at least 0.7 sec.

All of the leds will turn off.

5 WELDING PARAMETER GUIDELINES

- The inert gas flow must be regulated to a value in liters per minute approx. 6 times the diameter of the electrode. (E.g. diameter. 2.4x6 = 15 l./min.)

- If accessories such as gas lenses are used, the gas flow can be reduced to approx. 3 times the diameter of the electrode.

- The diameter of the ceramic nozzle must be 4 to 6 times the electrode diameter.
5.1 **TIG ELECTRODE AND CURRENT SELECTION GUIDE**

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5.2 **ALUMINIUM TIG WELDING**

- To achieve the best welding results, you must become familiar with all of the machine’s functions.
- Position selector (T) on A.C., selector (R) on (I) and selector (C) on (TIG). All other settings depend on the diameter of the electrode fitted to the torch and the number of ampere needed to perform a certain job. When welding aluminium, pure tungsten (D.I.N. color GREEN) or zirconium tungsten (D.I.N. color WHITE) electrodes must be used.
- When welding, the electrode tip will tend to become spherical. If the “ball” at the tip of the electrode is bigger than the diameter of the electrode itself, it means that the current you are using is too high for that electrode; the electrode should be replaced with one of a larger diameter. Proper electrode preparation is extremely important.

**ELECTRODE PREPARATION FOR A.C. TIG WELDING**

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- The post-gas time in seconds (REGULATED BY KNOB Q) must be sufficient enough for the electrode to cool down. The electrode should have a bright, glowing tip during the cool down period.
- To adjust the balance of the square wave, see letter (U), section 4.
- To preset working currents, see section 4.1.
- To select the welding programme, read letter (S) in section 4.
- The diameter of the filler material must be less than or equal to the thickness of the workpiece to be welded.
- The ratio between the current to be used and the workpiece thickness is 40 Amp/mm. E.g.: a thickness of 2 mmx40 = 80 Ampere.

**ATTENTION:** THIS RATIO MAY VARY ACCORDING TO WORKPIECE SIZE AND IS ONLY MEANT TO BE AN APPROXIMATE GUIDELINE.

- The alumina (aluminium oxide) must be removed from the weld area to avoid aluminium oxide contamination and the risk of pile up, both typical weld defects when welding aluminium.
- The removal of the alumina layer can be done with mechanical brushes. The brush disc should consist of stainless steel wires. The alumina must be removed from at least a 5 cm area, surrounding the weld area.
- Use protection lenses with shades of at least D.I.N. 11.
- Use pure ARGON to shield the arc.

**RECOMMENDED WELDING POSITIONS**
5.3 D.C. TIG WELDING

- Position Selector (T) on D.C.
- Position Selector (C) on .
- The TIG torch must be connected to the neg. terminal (-).
- The ground cable must be connected to the positive terminal (+).
- Position Selector (R) on (I) if you wish to start the arc without touching the workpiece and on (O) if you wish to touch start the arc.
- To preset the welding current, read section 4.1.
- To select the welding programme, read letter (S) in section 4.
- The diameter of the filler material must be same as or less than the thickness of the workpiece.
- The ratio between the current to be used and the workpiece thickness is: 20/30 Amp. per millimeter for carbon and stainless steel; 80 Amp. per millimeter for copper.

ATTENTION!! THIS RATIO MAY VARY ACCORDING WORKPIECE SIZE, IT IS ONLY MENT TO BE AN APPROXIMATE GUIDELINE.

5.3.1 Shielding gas

- The most commonly used shielding gas is ARGON, however, ARGON mixtures with a max. of 2% HYDROGEN can also be used for welding stainless steel, and HELIUM or ARGON/HELIUM mixtures can be used for welding copper. These mixtures increase the heat generated by the arc.
- As regards weld currents that can be used with different sized electrodes, see table 1, section 5. The indications in this table also apply to D.C. TIG welding.

If you are using helium gas, increase the flow rate (l/min) so as to obtain a ratio 10 times the size of the electrode (example: diam. 1.6x10 = 16 l/min. helium).
- Use protection lenses with shades D.I.N. 10 for up to 75A and D.I.N. 11 for 75A and above.
- Proper electrode preparation is very important.

ELECTRODE PREPARATION FOR D.C. TIG WELDING

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\[\alpha = 30^\circ \div 60^\circ\]

- 2% thorium tungsten electrodes, D.I.N. color RED are recommended when D.C. TIG welding.

5.4 WELDING WITH COATED ELECTRODES (SMAW)

- This machine can weld any type of coated electrode.
- Position selector (C) on .
- When led (N) lights up, you are ready to weld.
- Connect the electrode holder and the ground cable in accordance with the polarity indicated by the electrode manufacturer (normally the electrode goes to the + terminal).

6 MAINTENANCE

WARNING:
ALL SERVICING AND REPAIR MUST BE DONE BY QUALIFIED PERSONNEL.

- Before opening the machine case to service or repair, turn off the machine and disconnect the plug from the power supply.
- As part of general maintenance keep the TIG torch and the welding wires in good condition.
- Periodically clean the inside of the machine by blowing dust away with a light jet of dry air.

7 ACCESSORIES

PART NO. 1332 COOLING UNIT

- This unit has to be secured and connected to the machine as shown in the figure. The input power cable is to be inserted into socket (X) on the rear of the machine.
- The safety cable has to be inserted into socket (Y) as well as to the socket on the cooling unit.
- Should any problems occur with the cooling unit, the machine stops welding and warning light (E) lights up on the machine's front panel.

PART NO. 1326 5-meter EXTENSION FOR REMOTE CONTROL
- The pulsed remote control Part no. 180 and remote control (B) may be detached from the machine and brought near the welding sight by means of this part.

PART NO. 180 PULSED REMOTE CONTROL
This is absolutely necessary when welding thin sheet metal with the TIG procedure. It is inserted into receptacle (A). When this accessory is used, knob (V) shall be positioned on the minimum value (anticlockwise).
8 TROUBLESHOOTING GUIDE

Read this paragraph carefully. Turn the machine off and disconnect the power input plug from the wall outlet before opening the machine case to inspect or work on the inside of the machine.

REMEMBER Many problems are caused by improper positioning of the selectors on the machine’s front panel. If you are sure that the selectors are in the correct position, then check line fuses to make sure they are not blown, check that all the wires are properly connected and check that all the connections are snug.

8.1 ERRORS IN THE MACHINE CONNECTIONS

1- TROUBLE-The machine does not run on
CAUSES-Input power cord not plugged in
- One power supply phase missing
- Machine not connected to the right supply voltage

2- TROUBLE-The machine switches on but does not supply current
CAUSES-Current regulating knob(B) is not inserted into receptacle (A).
- Potentiometer (B) is damaged.
- Welding accessories not connected.

3-TROUBLE-The machine switches on but the yellow warning light (E) remains lit and the machine does not supply current.
CAUSES-The thermostat has tripped. Allow the machine to cool down and then turn it on again.

4- TROUBLE-The line fuse blows.
CAUSES-Installed line power insufficient
- Machine not connected to the right supply voltage.
- Power transformer in short circuit
- S.C.R. diodes in short circuit

8.2 ERRORS IN THE TIG PROCEDURE

1- TROUBLE-High-frequency failure.
CAUSES-Check that the welding cables are not damaged
- Shielding gas missing
- Position selector (R) on (O)
- Position selector (C) on electrode

2- TROUBLE-The amperometer does not display the preselected current
CAUSES-Read the section on the preselection of working currents
- Defective amperometer
- Current regulation device (B) not inserted into receptacle (A)
- With Part no. 182 (foot control), the pedal should be pressed all the way down and the current should be regulated with the pedal MIN and MAX knobs.

3- TROUBLE-Difficulties in starting the arc in TIG
CAUSES-Shielding gas missing
- Regulation of the welding current too low
- Tungsten electrode contaminated. Restore the tip
- Wrong selection of the tungsten electrode. Zirconium tungsten is suitable for A.C. and thorium tungsten is suitable for D.C.
- Defect in the torch push button
- Torch connector not inserted into receptacle(I)

-Electrode diameter too large for the current you are going to use for welding.

N.B. If the welder is connected to an automatic system, the ceramic nozzle should be connected to the work-piece ground by means of a flexible copper wire.

3- TROUBLE-The tungsten electrode wears rapidly or contaminates the weld pool.
CAUSES-The current is too high for the electrode diameter.
- In A.C. welding, knob (U) is positioned to the left i.e. max. cleaning action. If you want to maintain the position selected with knob (U), increase the electrode diameter.

4- TROUBLE-The arc deviates from the weld pool.
CAUSES-In A.C. the electrode is too large for the the preset current.
- During the down slope phase, this happens when the current is lower than the electrode ampere capacity
- Ground clamp not correctly connected
- Using the pulse accessory, the base current is lower than the electrode Ampere capacity

8.3 TROUBLE WITH THE ELECTRODE PROCEDURE

1- TROUBLE-The machine does not supply current.
CAUSES-Position selector (C) on 
- Device (B) not inserted into receptacle (A).
- The thermostat has tripped, light (E) ON
- Welding cables not connected.

2- TROUBLE-The arc starts, then it switches off.
CAUSES-Using basic electrodes:
- Position selector (T) on A.C.
- The electrode holder is connected to the wrong polarity.
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