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COMPACT 250 3 IN ONE SYNERGIC

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1. Safety

Welding and cutting equipment can be dangerous to both the operator and people in or near the surrounding working area if the equipment is not correctly operated. Equipment must only be used under the strict and comprehensive observance of all relevant safety regulations.

Read and understand this instruction manual carefully before the installation and operation of this equipment.

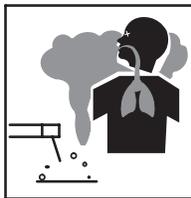
Machine operating safety

- Do not switch the function modes while the machine is operating. Switching of the function modes during welding can damage the machine. Damage caused in this manner will not be covered under warranty.
- Disconnect the electrode-holder cable from the machine before switching on the machine, to avoid arcing should the electrode be in contact with the workpiece.
- Operators should be trained and or qualified.



Electric shock: it 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 internal machine circuits are also live when power is on. In MIG/MAG welding, the wire, drive rollers, wire feed housing, and all metal parts touching the welding wire are electrically live. Incorrectly installed or improperly grounded equipment is dangerous.
- Connect the primary input cable, according to Australian and New Zealand standards and regulations.
- Avoid all contact with live electrical parts of the welding/cutting circuit, electrodes and wires with bare hands.
- The operator must wear dry welding gloves while he/she performs the welding/cutting task.
- The operator should keep the workpiece insulated from himself/herself.
- Keep cords dry, free of oil and grease, and protected from hot metal and sparks.
- Frequently inspect input power cable for wear and tear, replace the cable immediately if damaged, bare wiring is dangerous and can kill.
- Do not use damaged, undersized, or badly joined cables.
- Do not drape cables over your body.
- We recommend (RCD) safety switch is used with this equipment to detect any leakage of current to earth.



Fumes and gases are dangerous

- Smoke and gas generated while welding or cutting can be harmful to people's health. Welding produces fumes and gases. Breathing these fumes and gases can be hazardous to your health.
- Do not breathe the smoke and gas generated while welding or cutting, keep your head out of the fumes.
- Keep the working area well ventilated, use fume extraction or ventilation to remove welding/cutting fumes and gases.
- In confined or heavy fume environments always wear an approved air-supplied respirator.
- Welding/cutting 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/cut in locations near degreasing, cleaning, or spraying operations. The heat and rays of the arc can react with vapours to form highly toxic and irritating gases.
- Materials such as galvanised, lead, or cadmium plated steel, containing elements that can give off toxic fumes when welded/cut. Do not weld/cut these materials unless the area is very well ventilated, and or wearing an air-supplied respirator.



Arc rays: harmful to people's eyes and skin

- Arc rays from the welding/cutting process produce intense visible and invisible ultraviolet and infrared rays that can burn eyes and skin.
- Always wear a welding helmet with the correct shade of filter lens and suitable protective clothing, including welding gloves while the welding/cutting operation is performed.
- Measures should be taken to protect people in or near the surrounding working area. Use protective screens or barriers to protect others from flash, glare and sparks; warn others not to watch the arc.



Fire hazard

- Welding/cutting on closed containers, such as tanks, drums, or pipes, can cause them to explode. Flying sparks from the welding/cutting arc, hot workpiece, and hot equipment can cause fires and burns. Accidental contact of the electrode to metal objects can cause sparks, explosion, overheating, or fire. Check and be sure the area is safe before doing any welding/cutting.
- The welding/cutting sparks & spatter may cause fire, therefore remove any flammable materials well away from the working area. Cover flammable materials and containers with approved covers if unable to be moved from the welding/cutting area.
- Do not weld/cut on closed containers such as tanks, drums, or pipes, unless they are correctly prepared according to the required Safety Standards to ensure that flammable or toxic vapours and substances are totally removed, these can cause an explosion even though the vessel has been "cleaned". Vent hollow castings or containers before heating, cutting or welding. They may explode.
- Do not weld/cut where the atmosphere may contain flammable dust, gas, or liquid vapours (such as petrol)
- Have a fire extinguisher nearby and know how to use it. Be alert that welding/cutting sparks and hot materials from welding/cutting can easily go through small cracks and openings to adjacent areas. Be aware that welding/cutting on a ceiling, floor, bulkhead, or partition can cause a fire on the hidden side.



Gas cylinders

- Shielding gas cylinders contain gas under high pressure. If damaged, a cylinder can explode. Because gas cylinders usually are part of the welding/cutting process, be sure to treat them carefully. CYLINDERS can explode if damaged.
- Protect gas cylinders from excessive heat, mechanical shocks, physical damage, slag, open flames, sparks, and arcs.
- Ensure cylinders are held secure and upright to prevent tipping or falling over.
- Never allow the welding/cutting electrode or earth clamp to touch the gas cylinder, do not drape welding cables over the cylinder.
- Never weld/cut on a pressurised gas cylinder, it will explode and kill you.
- Open the cylinder valve slowly and turn your face away from the cylinder outlet valve and gas regulator.



Gas build-up

- The build-up of gas can cause a toxic environment, deplete the oxygen content in the air resulting in death or injury. Many gases use in welding/cutting are invisible and odourless.
- Shut off shielding gas supply when not in use.
- Always ventilate confined spaces or use approved air-supplied respirator.



Electronic magnetic fields

- MAGNETIC FIELDS can affect Implanted Medical Devices.
- Wearers of Pacemakers and other Implanted Medical Devices should keep away.
- Implanted Medical Device wearers should consult their doctor and the device manufacturer before going near any electric welding, cutting or heating operation.



Noise can damage hearing

- Noise from some processes or equipment can damage hearing.
- Wear approved ear protection if noise level is high.



Hot parts

- Items being welded/cut generate and hold high heat and can cause severe burns.
- Do not touch hot parts with bare hands. Allow a cooling period before working on the welding/cutting gun. Use insulated welding gloves and clothing to handle hot parts and prevent burns.

Caution

Working environment

- The environment in which this welding/cutting equipment is installed must be free of grinding dust, corrosive chemicals, flammable gas or materials etc., and at no more than a maximum of 80% humidity.
- When using the machine outdoors, protect the machine from direct sunlight, rainwater and snow, etc.; the temperature of the working environment should be maintained within -10°C to +40°C.
- Keep this equipment 30cm distant from the wall.
- Ensure the working environment is well ventilated.

Safety tips

- **Ventilation:** This equipment is small-sized, compact in structure, and of excellent performance in amperage output. The fan is used to dissipate heat generated by this equipment during the welding/cutting operation. Important: Maintain good ventilation of the louvres of this equipment. The minimum distance between this equipment and any other objects in or near the working area should be 30 cm. Good ventilation is of critical importance for the normal performance and service life of this equipment.
- **Thermal Overload Protection:** Should the machine be used to an excessive level, or in a high-temperature environment, poorly ventilated area or if the fan malfunctions the Thermal Overload Switch will be activated, and the machine will cease to operate. Under this circumstance, leave the machine switched on to keep the built-in fan working to bring down the temperature inside the equipment. The machine will be ready for use again when the internal temperature reaches a safe level.
- **Over-Voltage Supply:** Regarding the power supply voltage range of the machine, please refer to the “Main parameter” table. This equipment is of automatic voltage compensation, which enables the maintaining of the voltage range within the given range. In case that the voltage of input power supply amperage exceeds the stipulated value, it is possible to cause damage to the components of this equipment. Please ensure your primary power supply is correct.
- Do not come into contact with the output terminals while the machine is in operation. An electric shock may occur.

Maintenance

Exposure to extremely dusty, damp, or corrosive air is damaging to the welding/cutting machine. To prevent any possible failure or fault of this welding/cutting equipment, clean the dust at regular intervals with clean and dry compressed air of required pressure.

Please note that: lack of maintenance can result in the cancellation of the guarantee; the guarantee of this welding/cutting equipment will be void if the machine has been modified, attempt to take apart the machine or open the factory-made sealing of the machine without the consent of an authorized representative of the manufacturer.

Troubleshooting

Caution: Only qualified technicians are authorized to undertake the repair of this welding/cutting equipment. For your safety and to avoid Electrical Shock, please observe all safety notes and precautions detailed in this manual.

Attention! - Check For Gas Leakage

At initial set up and at regular intervals we recommend to check for gas leakage

Recommended procedure is as follows:

1. Connect the regulator and gas hose assembly and tighten all connectors and clamps.
2. Slowly open the cylinder valve.
3. Set the flow rate on the regulator to approximately 8-10 L/min.
4. Close the cylinder valve and pay attention to the needle indicator of the contents pressure gauge on the regulator, if the needle drops away towards zero there is a gas leak. Sometimes a gas leak can be slow and to identify it will require leaving the gas pressure in the regulator and line for an extended time period. In this situation it is recommended to open the cylinder valve, set the flow rate to 8-10 L/min, close the cylinder valve and check after a minimum of 15 minutes.
5. If there is a gas loss then check all connectors and clamps for leakage by brushing or spraying with soapy water, bubbles will appear at the leakage point.
6. Tighten clamps or fittings to eliminate gas leakage.

IMPORTANT! - We strongly recommend that you check for gas leakage prior to operation of your machine. We recommend that you close the cylinder valve when the machine is not in use.

Welding Guns Of Australia PTY LTD, authorised representatives or agents of Welding Guns Of Australia PTY LTD will not be liable or responsible for the loss of any gas.

2. Machine Features

HD Backlit Interface

Experience a new level of convenience with our next-generation interface panel. With its vibrant and easy-to-read display, you'll be able to effortlessly navigate and customise your welding settings in any lighting condition.

Synergic MIG Control

Say goodbye to complicated and time-consuming setup with our innovative Synergic MIG control. This cutting-edge technology automatically adjusts your welding settings based on your wire type, gas, wire size, and material thickness, ensuring precise and efficient results every time.

Digital Control MIG Torch

The ultimate solution for welders seeking unprecedented control and precision in their work. No more hassle of constantly adjusting your settings on a separate control panel. With our leading technology, you can easily fine-tune your amps, wire speed, and voltage right on the MIG torch itself.

Push-Pull Gun Ready

Achieve smooth and steady wire feeding, especially when using softer wires such as aluminium. With a 'Pull' motor built into the torch, the wire can be fed over a greater distance, granting you the freedom to move and manoeuvre with ease while MIG welding.

Spool Gun Ready

Attach a Spool Gun to run softer core wires such as aluminium MIG wire. You don't even need to change the setup of your existing torch or drive rollers.

Gas & Gasless MIG

Our welding machine supports both gas-shielded and gasless MIG wire, allowing you to tackle a wide variety of welding projects with ease. Whether you're working with mild steel, stainless steel, aluminium, or flux-cored wire, our machine has got you covered.

4 Geared Wire Drive

Experience smooth and consistent wire feeding with our advanced 4 geared roller drive unit. This feature ensures that your wire is fed consistently and accurately, even when using longer MIG torches.

Multi-Process Welding

Get the job done quickly and efficiently with our versatile three-in-one welding machine. With the ability to perform MIG, TIG, and STICK welding all in one unit, you can save valuable time and effort without sacrificing quality.



Foot Control Ready

Enjoy greater control and precision with our optional foot control accessory. This handy feature allows you to easily adjust your TIG amperage on the fly, without interrupting your torch movement.

Trigger Controlled DC Lift Arc TIG

With Trigger Controlled DC Lift Arc ignition, starting your welding projects has never been easier. Our Lift Arc TIG technology ensures that your tungsten tip won't stick to the workpiece, preventing costly tip breakages.

Smart Fan

Our advanced Smart Fan technology reduces noise, saves power, and minimises contaminants, making it the perfect choice for any welding environment.

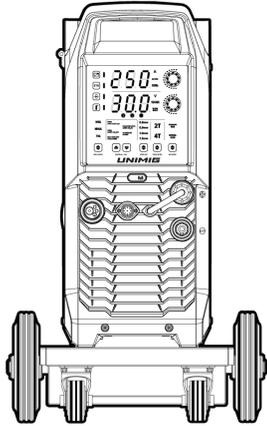
Advanced MMA Features

The RAZOR COMPACT 250 features adjustable Arc Force and Hot Start functionality. These features are designed for improving weld quality and ease of use.

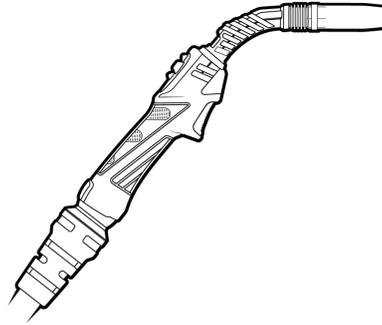
Optional Remote Control

Upgrade your machine with a handy remote control. Both a wired and wireless controller are available.

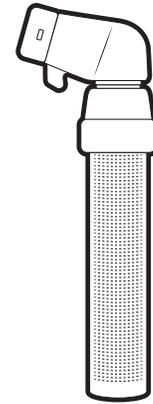
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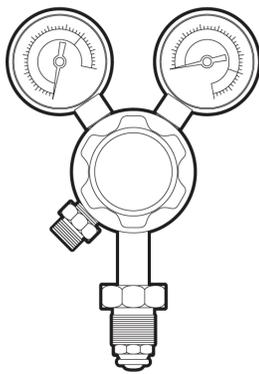
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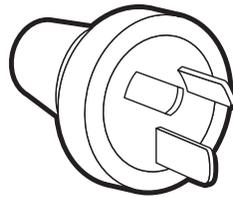
4m M24 Digital MIG Torch



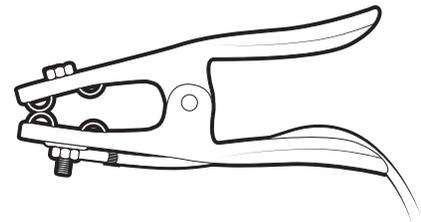
4m Electrode Holder



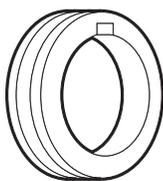
Twin Gauge Argon Regulator



15A Plug Fitted



4m 300 AMP Earth Clamp



Drive Roller

Includes:

- 0.8-0.9mm "V GROOVE" 30/22
- 0.8-0.9mm "F GROOVE" 30/22
- 1.0-1.2mm "U GROOVE" 30/22

4. Machine Specifications

Technical Data

Parameter	Values
SKU	v
Primary Input Voltage	240V Single Phase
Supply Plug	15 AMP
Ieff (A)	15
Rated Output	30A/15.5V - 250A/26.5V
No Load Voltage (V)	65
Protection Class	IP23S
Insulation Class	H
Minimum Generator (kVA)	11.0
Dinse Connector	35/50
Standard	AS/NZ60974-1
Warranty (Years)	5

MIG Specifications

MIG Welding Current Range	30-250A
MIG Duty Cycle @ 40°C	20% @ 250A 60% @ 144A 100% @ 112A
MIG Welding Thickness Range	1-12mm

TIG Specifications

TIG Function Type	DC Lift Arc
TIG Welding Current Range	5-250A
TIG Duty Cycle @ 40°C	20% @ 250A 60% @ 144A 100% @ 112A
TIG Welding Thickness Range	1-10mm

STICK Specifications

STICK Welding Current Range	20-220A
STICK Duty Cycle @ 40°C	20% @ 220A 60% @ 127A 100% @ 98A
STICK Welding Thickness Range	2-12mm

Size & Weight

Dimensions (mm)	900×480×760
Weight (kg)	41.3

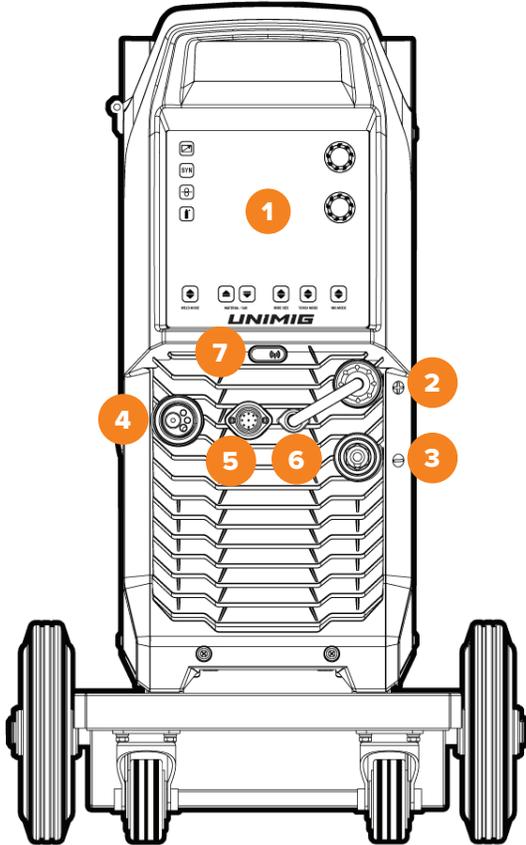
Capable Welding Material Types By Welding Process

MIG: Mild Steel, Stainless Steel, Aluminium, Silicon Bronze

TIG: Mild Steel, Stainless Steel, Copper, Silicon Bronze

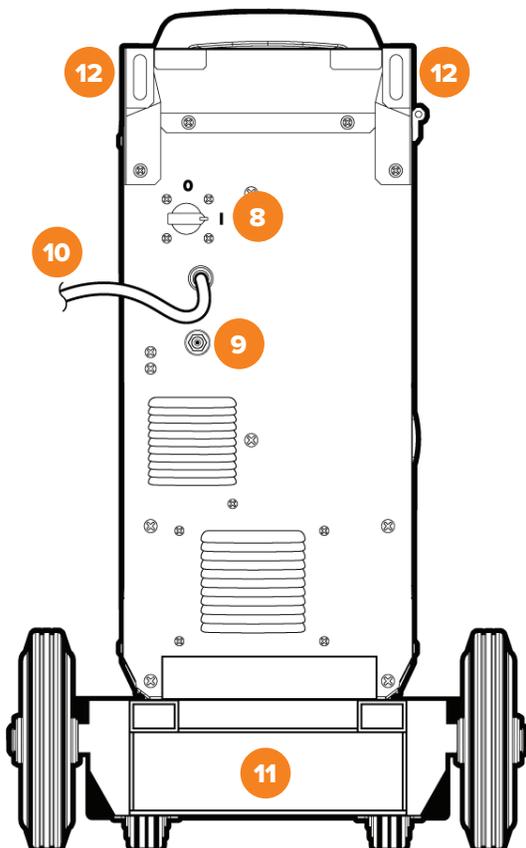
MMA: Mild Steel, Stainless Steel, Cast Iron

5. Machine Layout



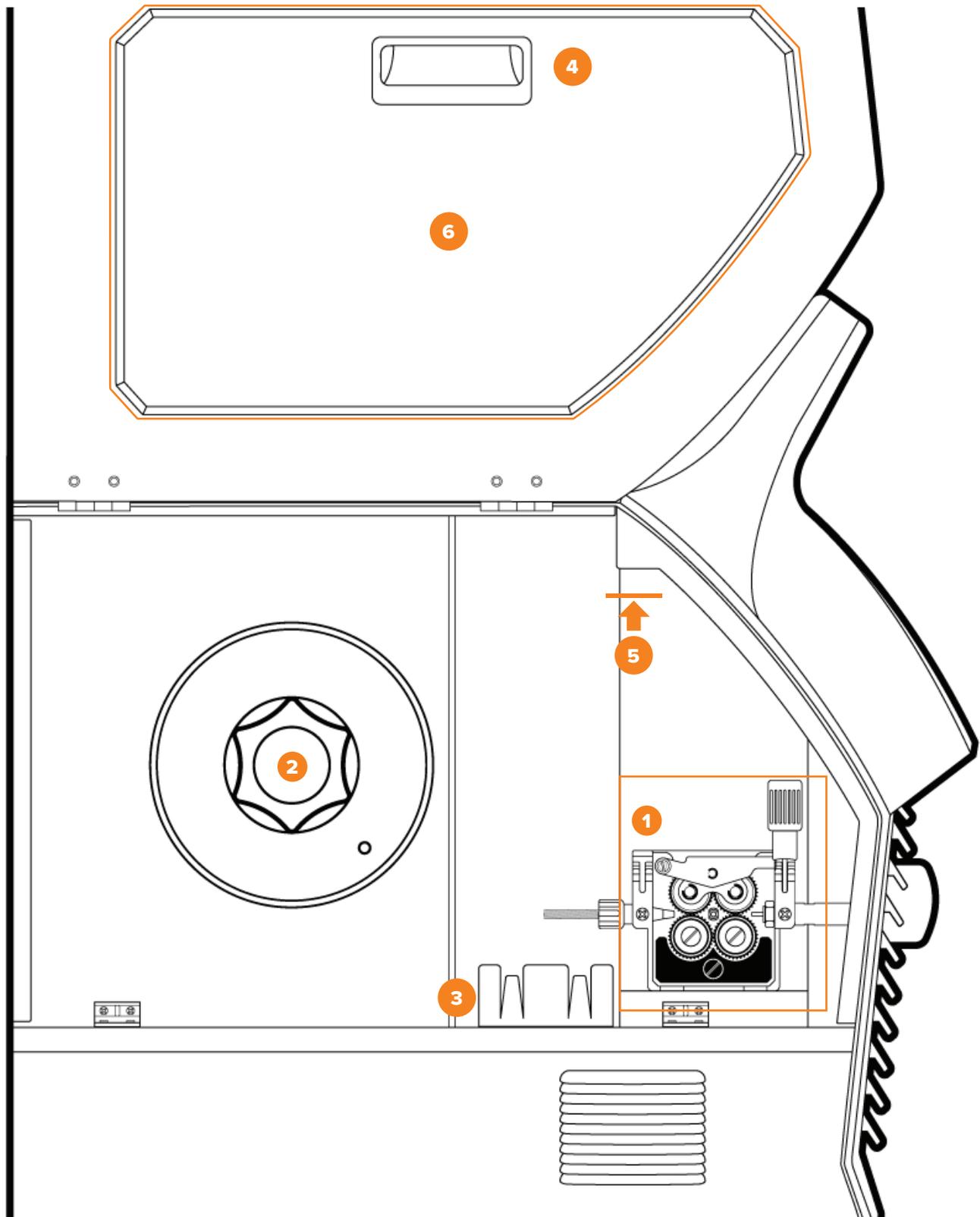
5.1 Front Panel Layout

1. Interface Panel
2. "+" Output Terminal
3. "-" Output Terminal
4. Euro Connect Torch Port
5. Wired Remote Connection Port
6. Polarity Cable
7. Wireless Remote Indicator



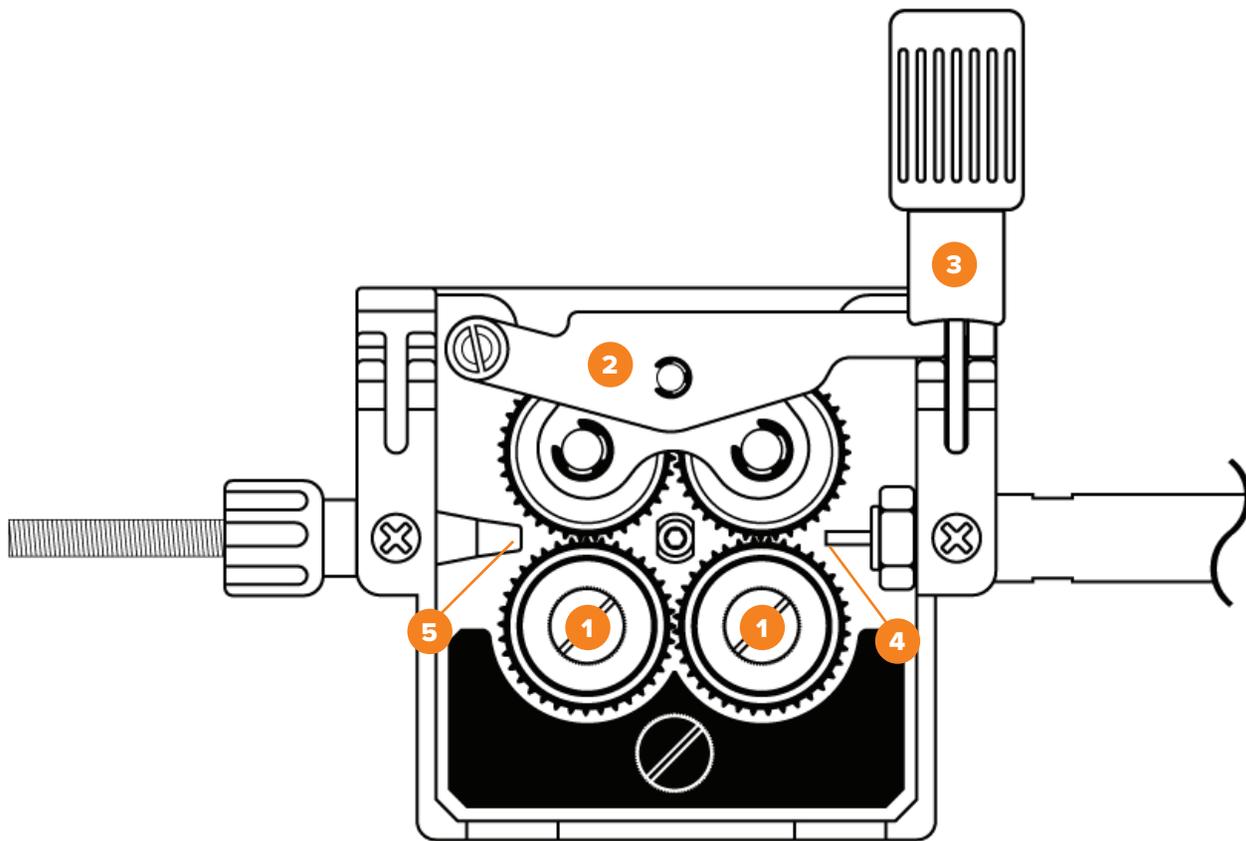
5.2 Rear Panel Layout

8. On/Off Switch
9. Gas Input
10. Input Power Cord
11. Gas Bottle Mounting Base
12. Gas Bottle Chain Mounts



5.3 Interior Layout

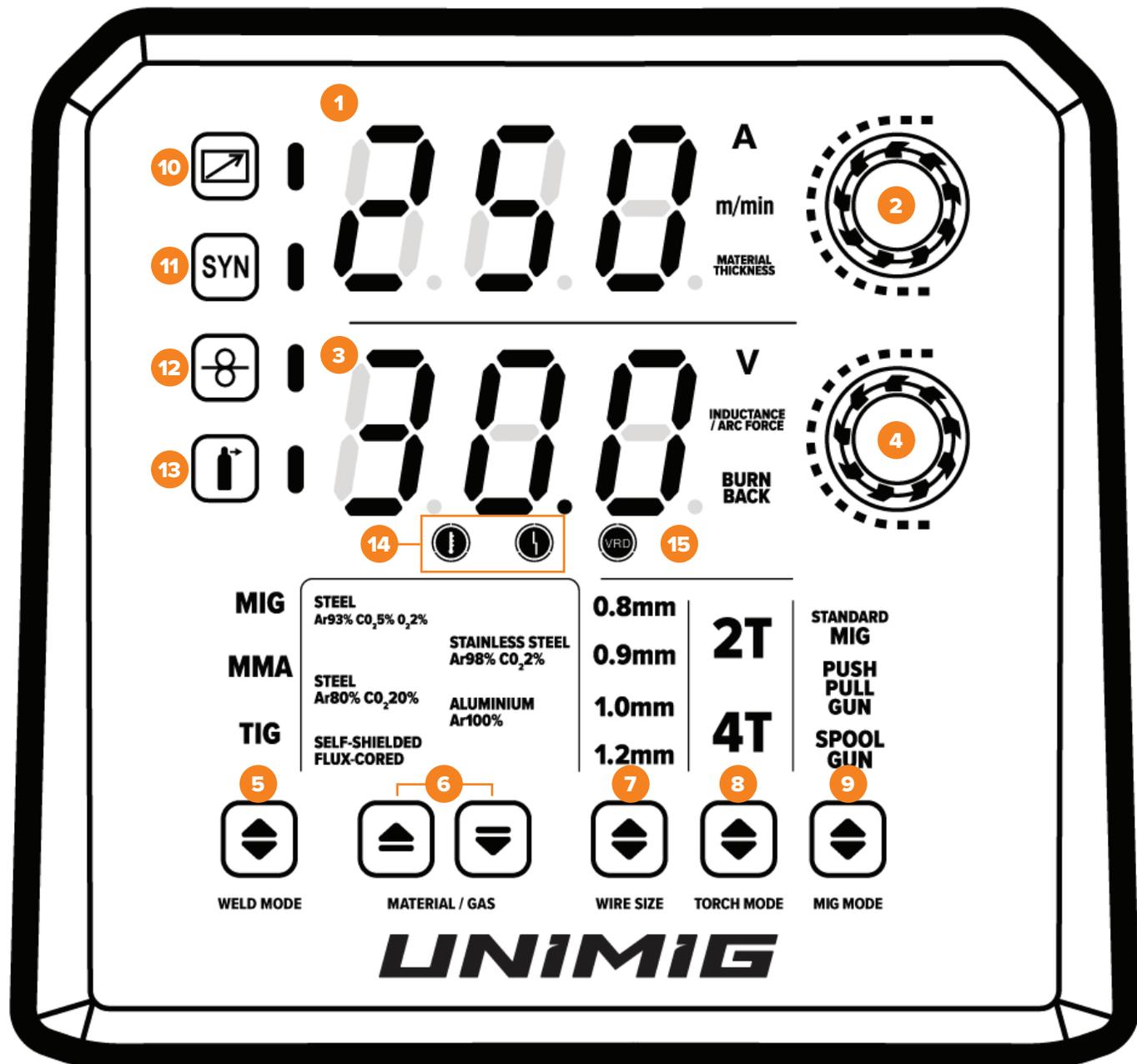
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| 1. 4 Geared Wire Drive System | 4. Lift Handle |
| 2. Wire Spool Holder | 5. Cabinet Light |
| 3. Drive Roller Storage | 6. Settings Guide |



5.4 Geared Wire Drive System

1. Drive Roller Assemblies
2. Upper Roller Assembly
3. Tensioner Knob
4. Guide Tube
5. Wire Inlet Guide Tube

6. Control Panel Layout



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| 1. Numerical Display A
(Amperage, M/Min, Material Thickness) | 6. Material/Gas Selection Buttons | 12. Wire Feed Button |
| 2. Adjustment Knob A | 7. Wire Diameter Size Selection Button | 13. Gas Test Button |
| 3. Numerical Display B
(Volts, Inductance, Arc Force, Burnback) | 8. Torch Mode Selection Button | 14. Warning Indicators
(Overcurrent & Thermal Overload) |
| 4. Adjustment Knob B | 9. MIG Mode Button | 15. VRD Indicator Light |
| 5. Weld Mode Selection Button | 10. Remote Mode Button | |
| | 11. Synergic Mode Button | |

7. Control Panel Details

WELDING MODE SELECTION

MIG

MIG Mode

This indicates that the machine is in MIG mode.

The machine's default is MIG manual mode. For Synergic mode press the **Synergic Mode Button** located on the front panel.

TIG

TIG Mode

This indicates that the machine is in Lift Arc TIG mode (DC only).

MMA

MMA 'Stick' Mode

This indicates that the machine is in Manual Metal Arc mode.

MATERIAL/GAS SELECTION

STEEL

Ar93% CO₂5% O₂2%

STEEL

Ar80% CO₂20%

SELF-SHIELDED FLUX-CORED

STAINLESS STEEL

Ar98% CO₂2%

ALUMINIUM

Ar100%

For MIG Synergic Mode, these options indicate which programming the machine has available. Simply press the **Material/Gas Selection Buttons** to choose the material type and gas type you are using.

WIRE DIAMETER SIZE SELECTION

Press the **Wire Diameter Size Selection Button** to cycle through the wire diameter sizes available for synergic programming. *Note: Not all sizes are available for all material/gas types.*

TORCH MODE

2T

2T Torch Mode

While in 2T mode, press and hold the torch trigger button to initiate the weld, and continue holding the trigger down during the duration of the desired weld.

4T

4T Torch Mode

While in 4T mode, press and release the torch trigger button to initiate the weld. To end the weld cycle, press and release the torch button again.

MIG MODE

STANDARD MIG

Standard MIG Mode

Select this mode while using a regular MIG torch.

PUSH PULL GUN

Push-Pull Gun Mode

Select this mode while using a Push-Pull Gun.

SPOOL GUN

Spool Gun Mode

Select this mode while using a Spool Gun.

ADDITIONAL BUTTONS



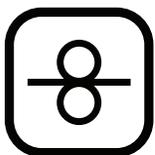
Remote Mode

Press this button to activate Remote Mode. Use this mode to pair with a wired or wireless remote, or a torch with parameter controls.



Synergic Mode

Press this button to activate Synergic Mode. This will give you single knob quick settings based on desired amperage, plate thickness, or wire speed. You can also fine-tune the recommended settings.



Wire Feed

Press this button to activate the drive rollers. This allows for easy and safe wire feeding when changing out rolls of wire.



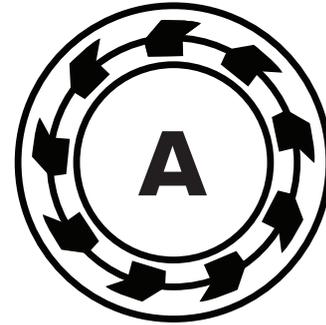
Gas Test

Press this button to activate the gas solenoid. This allows you to ensure the gas system is functioning correctly without wasting wire.

8. Advanced Settings Menu

PRESS AND HOLD THE ADJUSTMENT KNOB A FOR 5 SECONDS TO ENTER THE ADVANCED SETTINGS MENU

While in this menu you can scroll through the available settings with the adjustment knob. Each of the different settings is indicated by a code.



NOTE: SETTINGS MENU IS DEPENDENT ON WHICH WELDING MODE YOU ARE IN.
(CHANGE WELDING MODE TO PARAMETERS YOU WISH TO EDIT)

F01 Standby Timer 0 / 5 / 10 / 15 (minutes) 0 indicates standby mode is off.

F02 Input Over-Voltage Protection 0 OFF 1 ON

F03 Pre-Flow Air Timer (MIG) 0 - 2 **Pre-Flow Air Timer (TIG)** 0 - 5 (seconds)

F04 Post-Flow Air Timer (MIG) 0 - 5 **Post-Flow Air Timer (TIG)** 0 - 10 (seconds)

F05 Downslope Time (TIG) 0 - 5 (seconds)

F06 Burnback Voltage 10-20 (Volts)

F07 Hot Start Current (MMA) 0-60 (Amps)

F08 Slow Wire Feed Speed 0 (Disabled) 1 (1/3 speed) 2 (1/2 speed) 3 (2/3 speed)

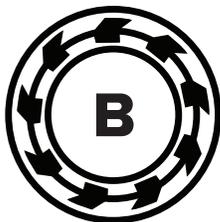
F09 Remote Mode Type 0 (Wireless) 1 (Wired)

9. MIG Manual Mode

By default, the machine will be in Manual Mode when you have selected **MIG** using the **WELD MODE BUTTON**. In Manual MIG Mode the machine can be primarily adjusted using the **A** and **B** Adjustment Knobs.



Adjustment Knob A will adjust your wire speed.
(Adjusted in meters per minute)



Adjustment Knob B will adjust your voltage. Press the knob to cycle through your **Inductance** and **Burnback Settings**.

Inductance: (-10 through 10)

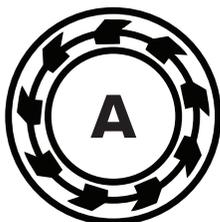
Burnback: (0-800 milliseconds)

10. Synergic Mode

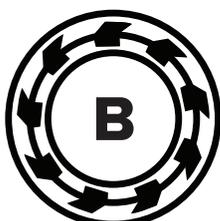


To activate Synergic mode, press the **Synergic Mode Button** while in MIG. You will see the Synergic Mode indicator light to the right of the button light up while Synergic Mode is active.

Using the **Material/Gas Selection Buttons** choose the metal you are welding and gas type you have installed. Then choose the wire diameter using the **Wire Size Button**.



Adjustment Knob A will adjust your amperage by default. Press the knob to cycle through amperage, wire speed, and material thickness adjustment modes based on your preference.

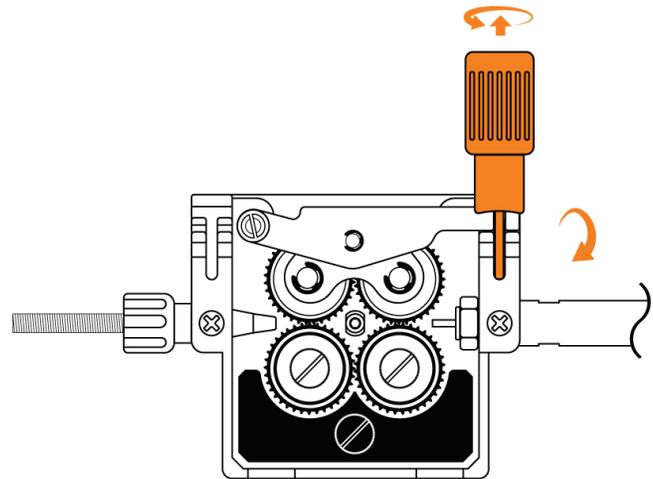
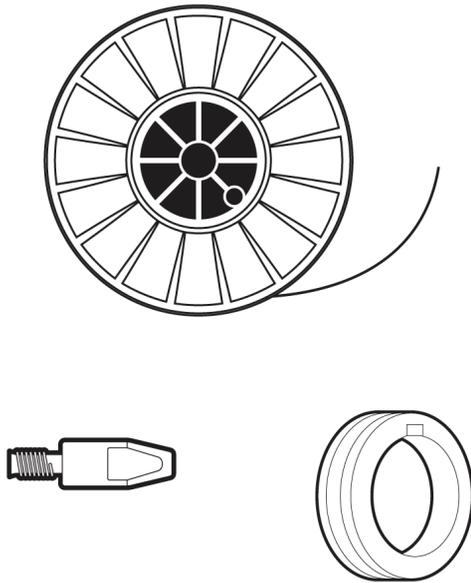


Adjustment Knob B is for fine-tuning your synergic setup. You can adjust voltage by default, as well as Inductance and Burnback by pressing the knob in.

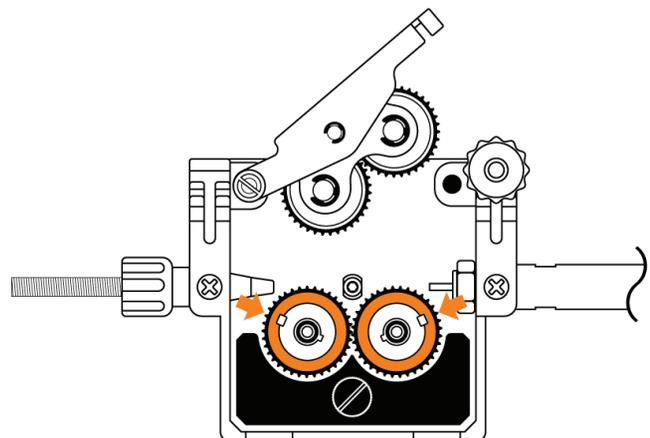
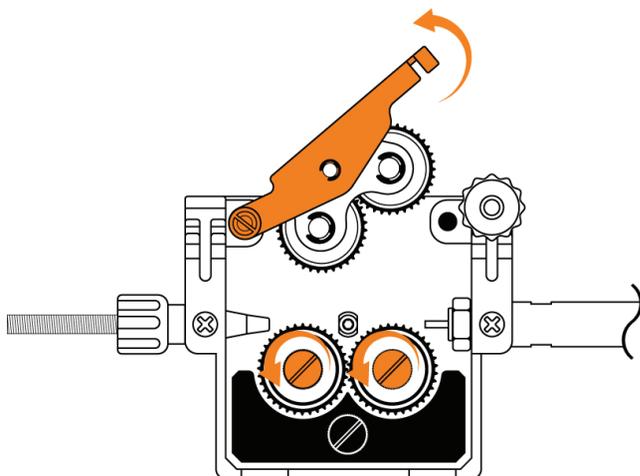
Note: Available adjustment voltage with Knob B is based on your settings with Knob A.

11. MIG: Machine Setup

1. Begin by first choosing your desired MIG wire based on what you're welding. Then ensure that you have paired the selected wire to the correct torch tip, torch liner, and drive roller.
2. To change the drive rollers, start by loosening the tensioner knob by twisting it anti-clockwise. Then pull it towards you so that the knob clears the upper roller assembly.



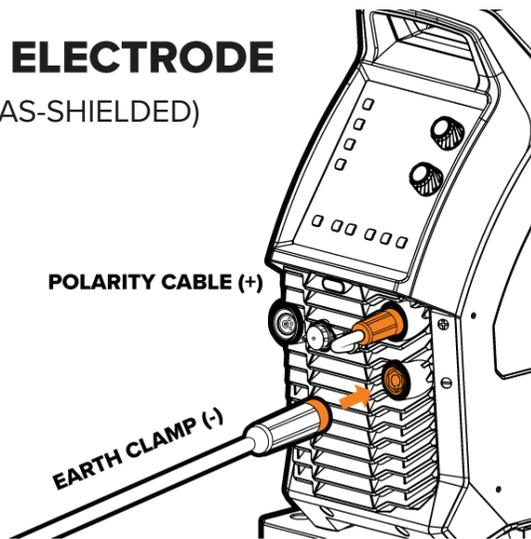
3. Lift the upper drive roller assembly up and out of the way. Then, loosen and remove the drive roller retaining nuts by spinning them anti-clockwise. Do this for both assemblies.
4. You now have access to the drive rollers. When re-installing your desired drive rollers, ensure you line up the key slot on each assembly.



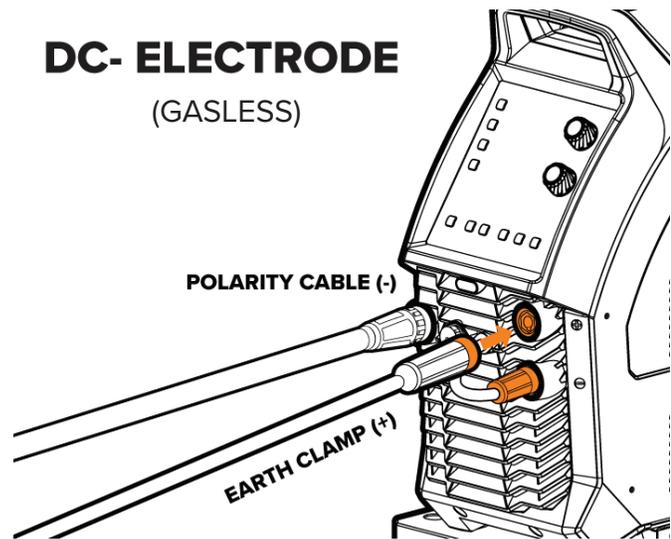
5. Based on what type of wire you wish to run, you need to set the machine up in either DC Electrode (+) or DC Electrode (-). Most MIG welding is done with DCEP (+), so plug the polarity cable into the (+) dinse port. Connect the earth clamp into the (-) dinse port.

6. For DCEN (-), plug the polarity cable into the (-) dinse port, and the earth clamp into the (+) dinse port. DCEN is used primarily for gasless flux-cored welding.

DC+ ELECTRODE (GAS-SHIELDED)

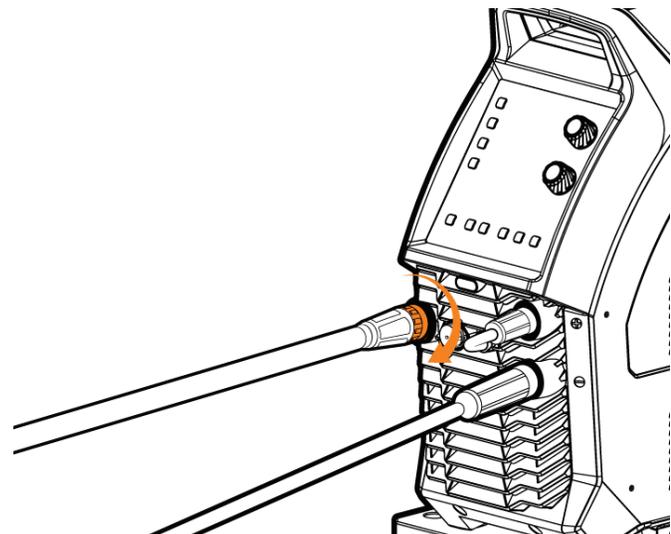
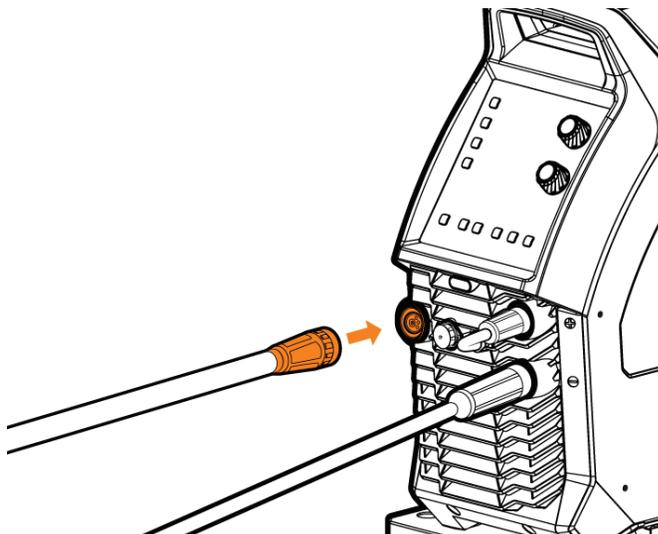


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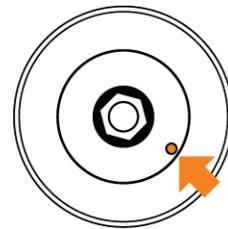
7. With the polarity cable and the earth clamp installed into the correct dinse ports, now install the MIG torch into the Euro Connect Port. Ensure you line up the internal ports correctly.

8. With the torch correctly lined up and pressed inwards, twist the locking nut to finish the torch installation.

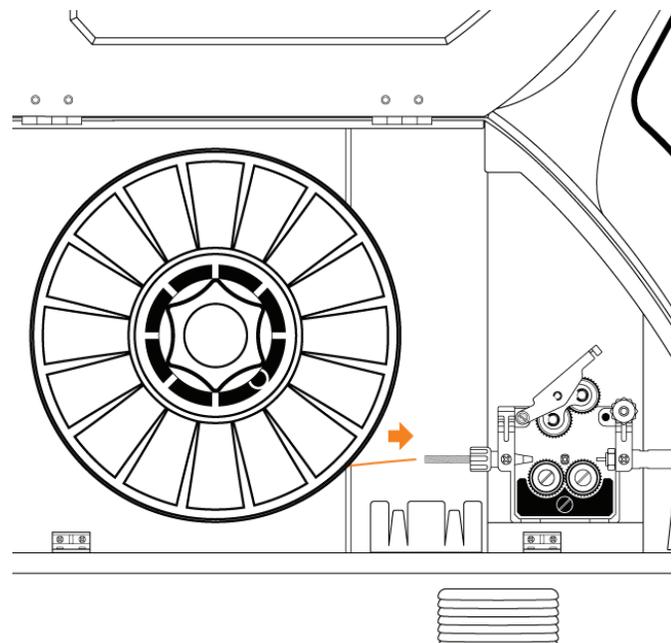
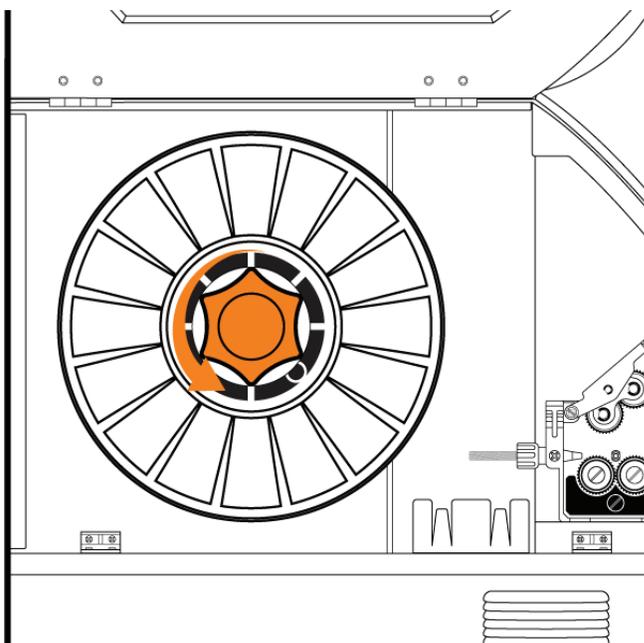


WARNING! Maintain positive control of the loose end of the wire or leave it tensioned into the catch hole on the side of the spool at all times. If the wire becomes too unravelled, the spool of wire can become unusable.

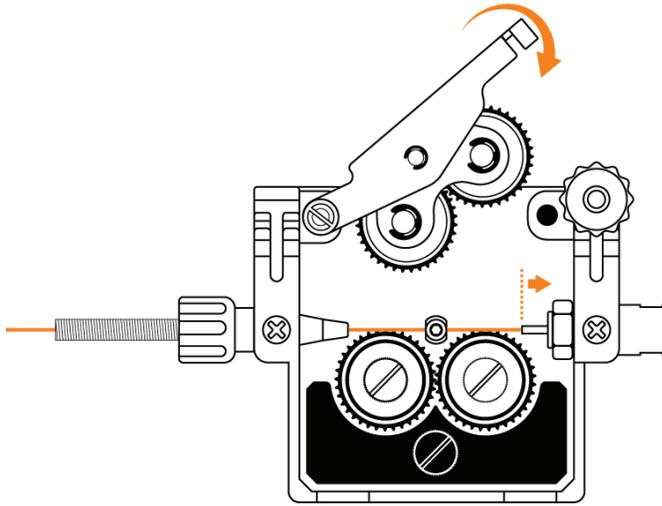
9. After ensuring the required setup has been completed for the wire you wish to run it is now time to install the wire. You can begin to install the spool by loosening and removing the spool holder retainer nut (clockwise to loosen).
10. With the spool holder retainer nut removed, slide the spool onto the spool holder. Ensure you line up the key hole on the spool with the key on the base of the spool holder.



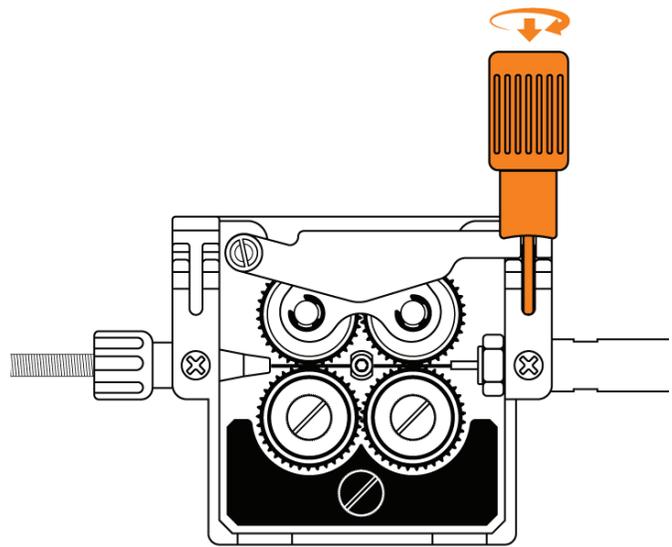
11. You can now lock the spool of wire in place by reinstalling the spool holder retainer nut (anti-clockwise to tighten).
12. With the wire spool installed, begin feeding the wire into the inlet wire guide. Maintain positive control of the wire at all times as it is coiled under tension. Ensure the upper roller assembly is in the upright position.



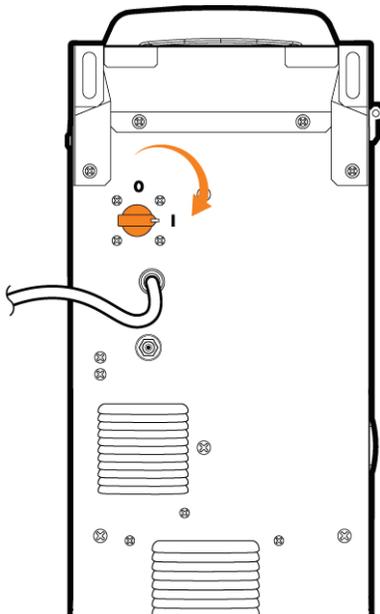
- 13.** Slide the wire across the top of the drive rollers and feed it into and just past the guide tube. You can now lock the upper drive roller assembly down.



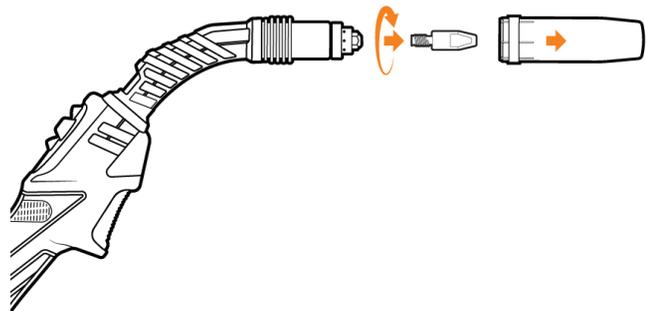
- 14.** With the tensioner knob locked in place, twist the tensioner knob to give the wire a medium amount of tension. This may need to be adjusted later.



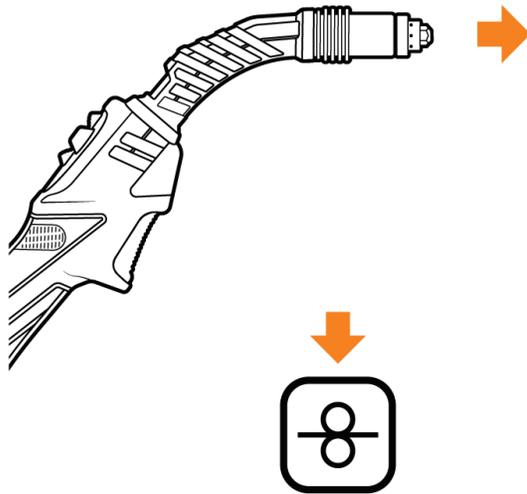
- 15.** Connect the plug into a power point, then switch the machine ON.



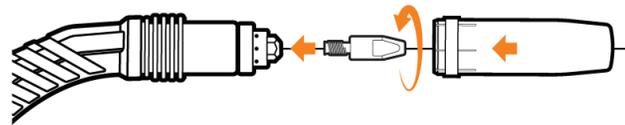
- 16.** Prepare the torch for having wire fed through by removing the gas nozzle and unscrewing the wire tip.



17. You can now feed the wire through the torch. Press the **Wire Feed Button** located on the front panel of the machine. Please maintain positive control of the torch and point it away from you, ensuring any part of your persons is not near the tip.

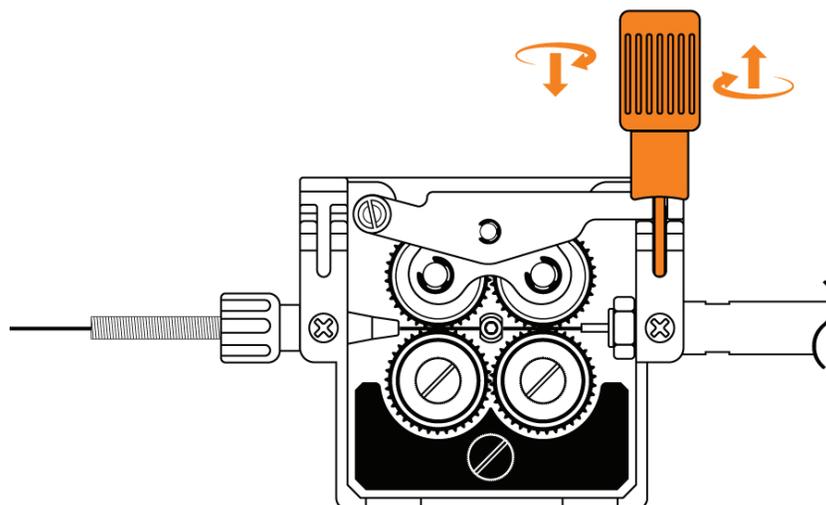


18. Feed extra wire out of the tip of the torch. Then slide the MIG tip along the wire back into place, screwing it in to secure it. Then slide the gas nozzle back into place. Cut the excess wire off just past the gas nozzle.



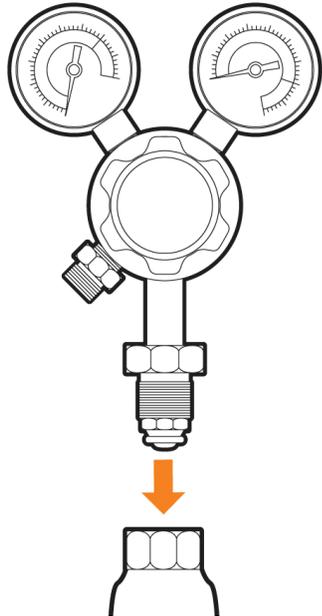
19. Check the tension by pinching the sides of the wire past the tip of the torch while wearing a glove. Feed the wire while applying light pressure with your fingers. You want the tension to be set just past slippage, so adjust the tension knob accordingly. Too little pressure and you will experience slippage. Too much pressure and you might experience wire birdnesting or feeding issues. Too much pressure can also deform the wire.

WARNING!
WEAR GLOVES AND DO NOT ATTEMPT TO PINCH THE TIP OF THE WIRE.
KEEP HANDS CLEAR OF DRIVE ROLLERS WHEN IN MOTION.

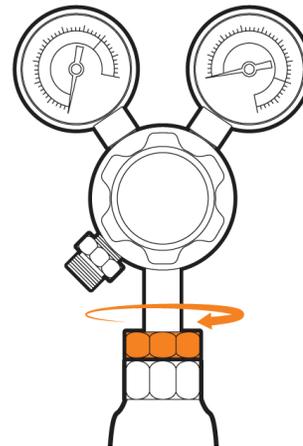


FOR FLUX-CORED GASLESS WIRE SKIP TO STEP 25

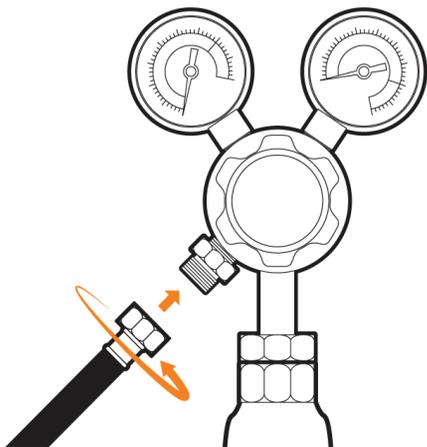
20. Screw in the supplied twin gauge argon regulator into your chosen gas bottle.



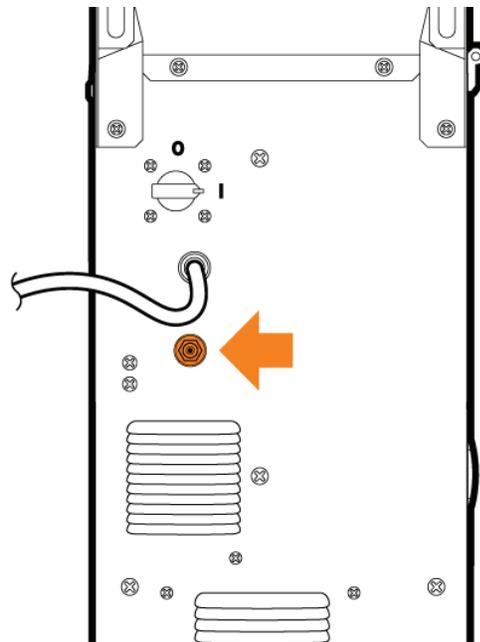
21. Tighten securely with wrench.



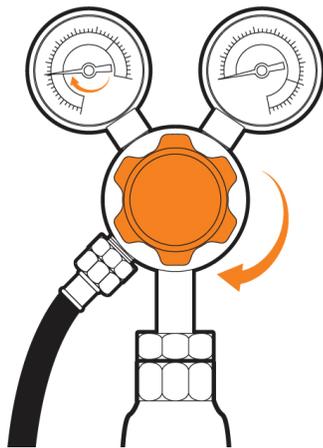
22. Screw in the supplied gas hose to the outlet port of the regulator.



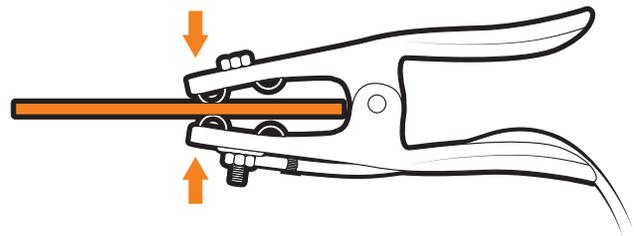
23. Plug the quick connect end of the gas hose to the port on the back of the machine.



24. Turn gas bottle on, and adjust gas flow to 8-12L/min.



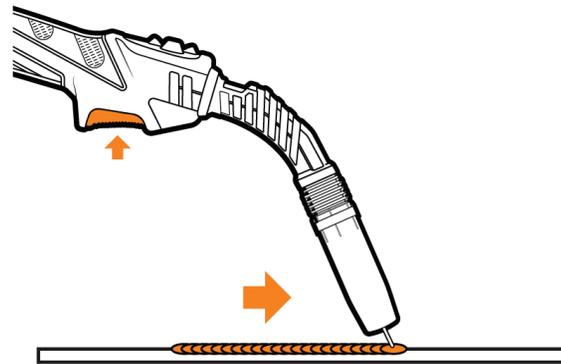
25. Connect earth clamp to your workpiece.



26. Run through your preferred setup using the front panel of the machine, after first ensuring that you have MIG mode selected using the **WELD MODE** button.



27. Line up the torch with your workpiece, then pull the trigger to initiate the weld. For gas-shielded MIG, the push method is recommended for optimum weld quality. Release trigger to end the weld.



12. MIG Welding Further Explained

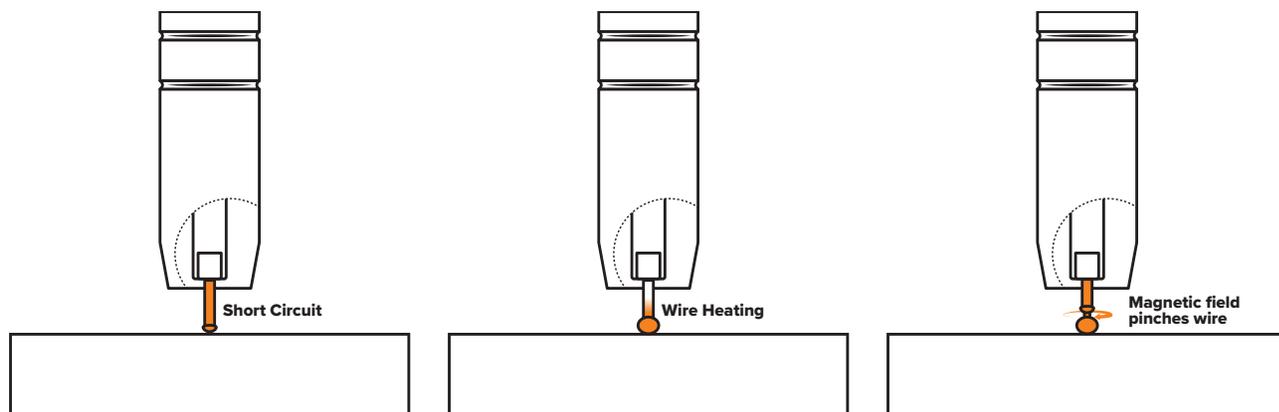
MIG (Metal Inert Gas) Welding

MIG (Metal Inert Gas) welding, also known as GMAW (Gas Metal Arc Welding) or MAG (Metal Active Gas Welding), is a semi-automatic arc welding process in which a consumable wire electrode and a shielding gas are fed through a welding gun. A constant voltage, direct current power source is most commonly used with MIG welding.

There are four primary methods of metal transfer in MIG welding. Short circuit (also known as dip transfer), globular transfer, spray transfer and pulse spray, each of which has distinct properties and corresponding advantages and limitations. To perform MIG welding, the necessary equipment is a welding gun, a wire feed unit, a welding power supply, an electrode wire, and a shielding gas supply.

Short Circuit Transfer

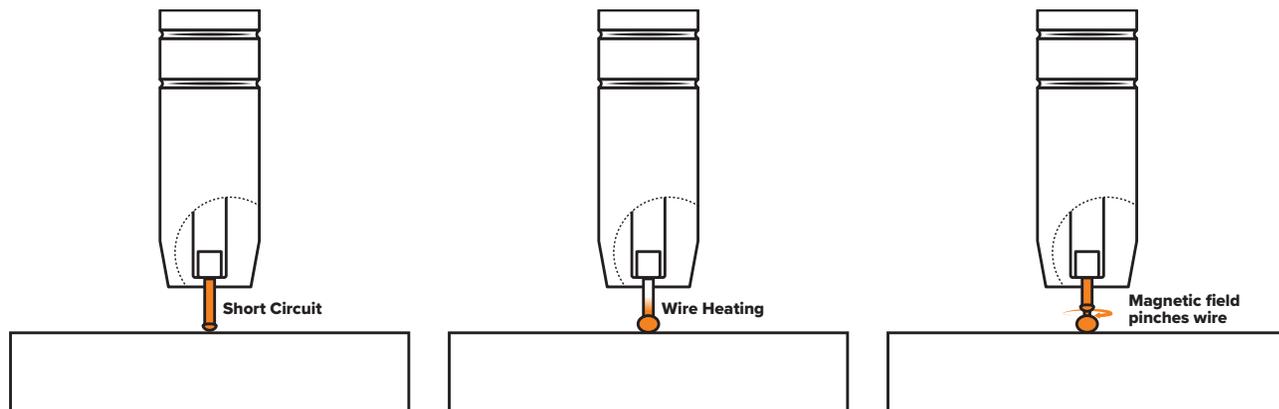
Short circuit transfer is the most commonly used method, whereby the wire electrode is fed continuously down the welding torch through to and exiting the contact tip. The wire touches the workpiece and causes a short circuit. The wire heats up and begins to form a molten bead, the bead separates from the end of the wire and forms a droplet that is transferred into the weld pool. This process is repeated about 100 times per second, making the arc appear constant to the human eye.



The wire approaches the workpiece and touches the work, creating a short circuit between the wire and the base metal, because there is no space between the wire and the base metal there is no arc and current flows through the wire.

The wire cannot support all the current flow, resistance builds up and the wire becomes hot and weak and begins to melt.

The current flow creates a magnetic field that begins to pinch the melting wire forming it into droplet.



The pinch causes the forming droplet to separate and fall towards the forming weld pool.

An arc is created at the separation of the droplet and the heat and force of the arc flattens out the droplet into the weld pool. The heat of the arc melts the end of the wire slightly as it feeds towards the base metal.

The wire feed speed overcomes the heat of the arc and the wire again approaches the work to short circuit and repeat the cycle.

Basic MIG Welding

Good weld quality and weld profile depend on gun angle, the direction of travel, electrode extension (stick out), travel speed, the thickness of base metal, wire feed speed (amperage) and arc voltage. To follow are some basic guides to assist with your setup.

Gun Position - Travel Direction & Work Angle

Gun position or technique usually refers to how the wire is directed at the base metal, the angle and travel direction chosen. Travel speed and work angle will determine the characteristic of the weld bead profile and degree of weld penetration.

Push Technique

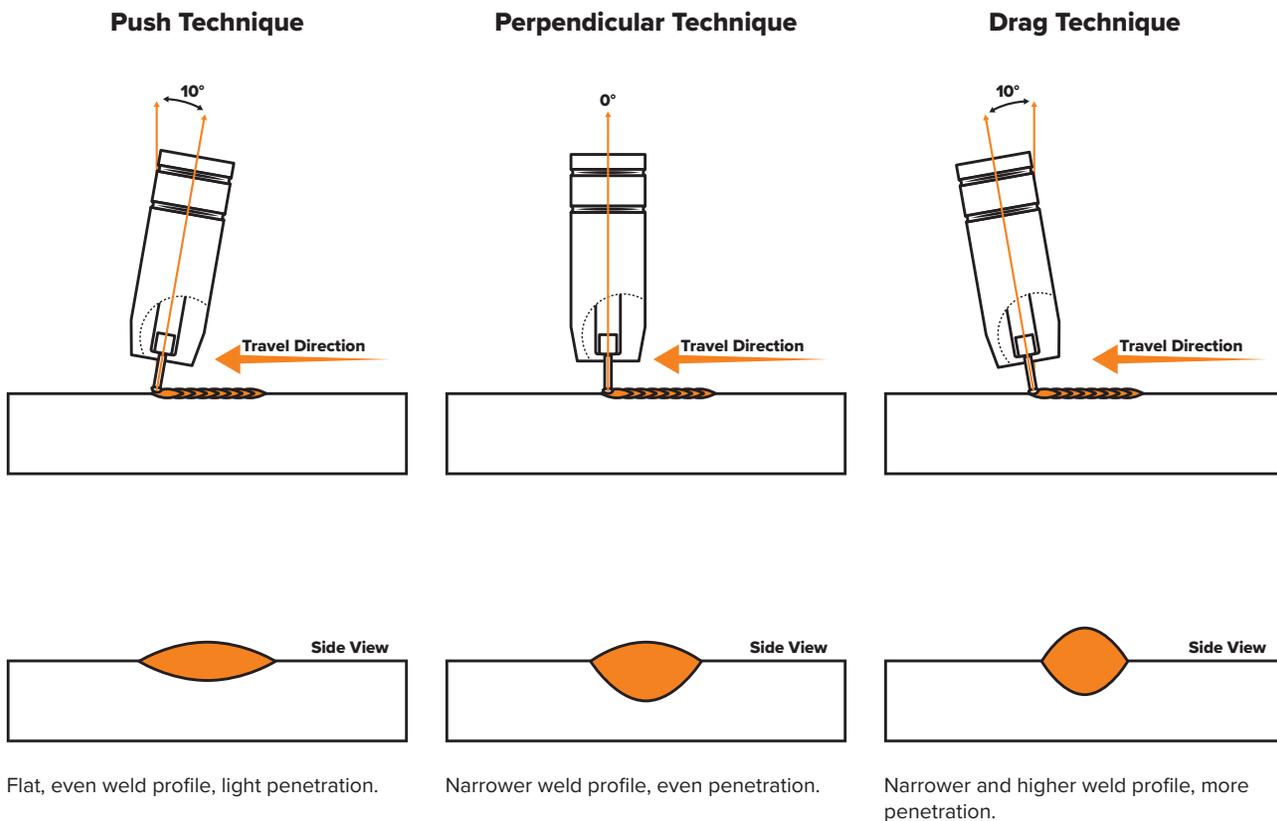
The wire is located at the leading edge of the weld pool and pushed towards the un-melted work surface. This technique offers a better view of the weld joint and direction of the wire into the weld joint. Push technique directs the heat away from the weld puddle, allowing faster travel speeds providing a flatter weld profile with light penetration - useful for welding thin materials. The welds are wider and flatter, allowing for minimal clean up/grinding time.

Perpendicular Technique

The wire is fed directly into the weld. This technique is used primarily for automated situations or when conditions make it necessary. The weld profile is generally higher, and deeper penetration is achieved.

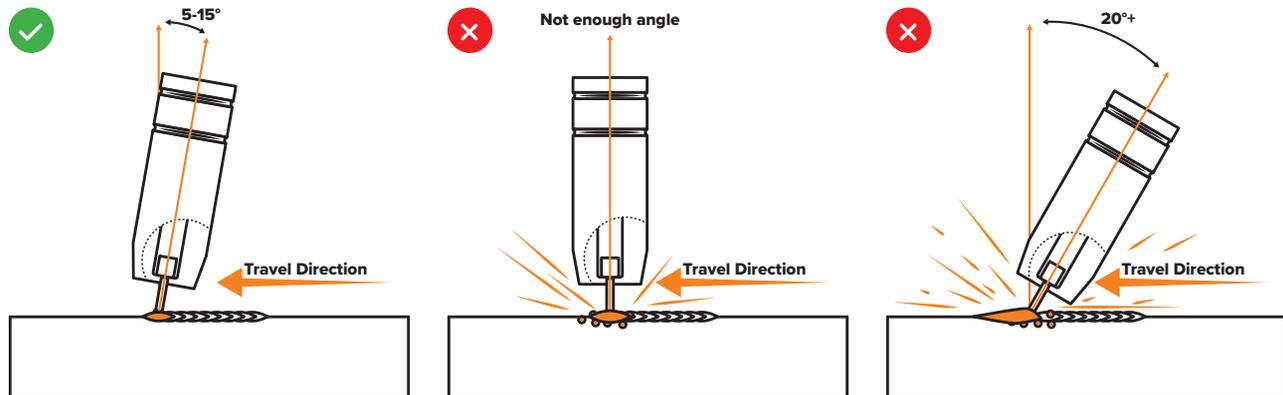
Pull/Drag Technique

The gun and wire are dragged away from the weld bead. The arc and heat are concentrated on the weld pool. The base metal receives more heat, deeper melting, more penetration and the weld profile is higher with more build-up.



Travel Angle

The travel angle is the right to left, relative to the direction of welding. A travel angle of 5°- 15° is ideal and produces the right level of control over the weld pool. A travel angle higher than 20° will give an unstable arc condition with poor weld metal transfer, less penetration, high levels of spatter, weak gas shielding and a poor quality finished weld.



Good level of control over the weld pool, even flat weld.

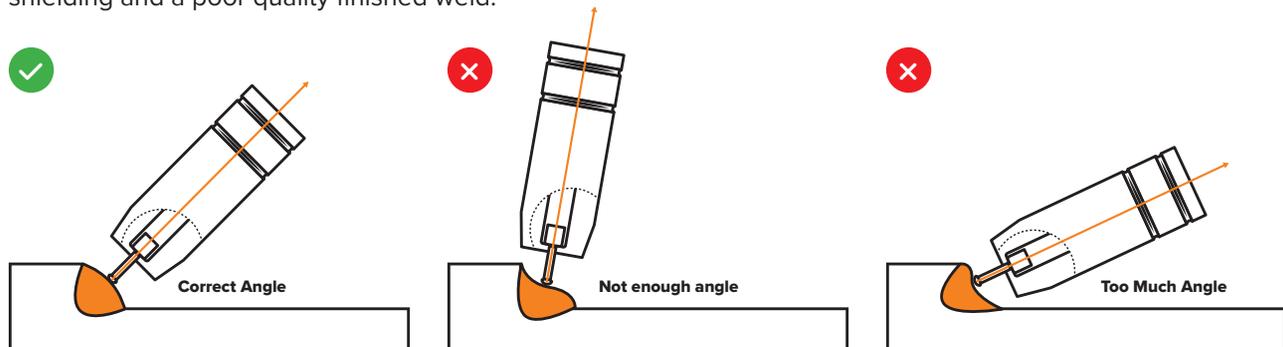
Less control over the weld pool, more spatter.

Poor control, unstable arc, less penetration, lots of spatter.

Work Angle

The work angle is the up and down angle of the gun relative to the workpiece.

The correct work angle provides good bead shape, prevents undercut, uneven penetration, weak gas shielding and a poor quality finished weld.



Good level of control over the weld pool, even flat weld.

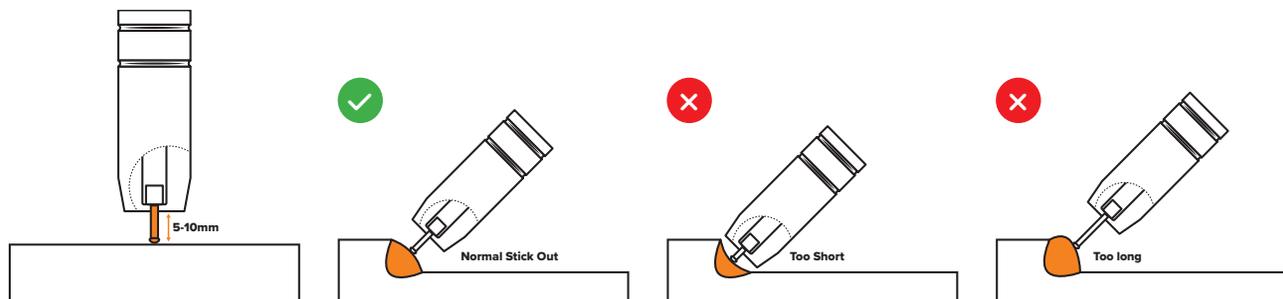
Less control over the weld pool, more spatter.

Poor control, unstable arc, less penetration, lots of spatter.

Stick Out

Stick out is the length of the unmelted wire protruding from the end of the contact tip.

A constant, even stick out of 5-10mm will produce a stable arc and an even current flow providing good penetration and even fusion. Too short a stick out will cause an unstable weld pool, produce spatter and overheat the contact tip. Too long of a stick out will cause an unstable arc, lack of penetration, lack of fusion, and increase spatter.



Even arc, good penetration even fusion, good finish.

Unstable arc, spatter, over heat contact tip.

Unstable arc, spatter, poor penetration and fusion.

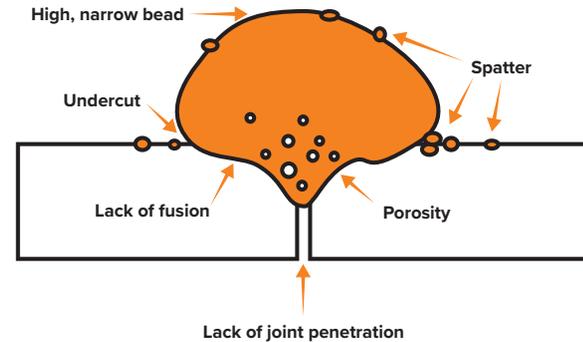
Travel Speed

Travel speed is the rate that the gun is moved along the weld joint and is usually measured in mm per minute. Travel speeds can vary depending on conditions and the welder's skill and is limited to the welder's ability to control the weld pool. The push technique allows faster travel speeds than the drag technique.

The gas flow must also correspond with the travel speed, increasing with faster travel speed and decreasing at a slower speed. Travel speed needs to match the amperage and will decrease as the material thickness and amperage increase.

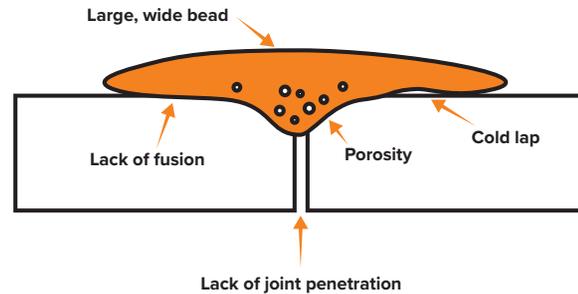
Travel Speed Too Fast

Too fast a travel speed produces too little heat per mm of travel resulting in less penetration and reduced weld fusion. The weld bead solidifies very quickly, trapping gases inside the weld metal and causing porosity. Undercutting of the base metal can also occur, and an unfilled groove in the base metal is created when the travel speed is too fast to allow molten metal to flow into the weld crater created by the arc heat.



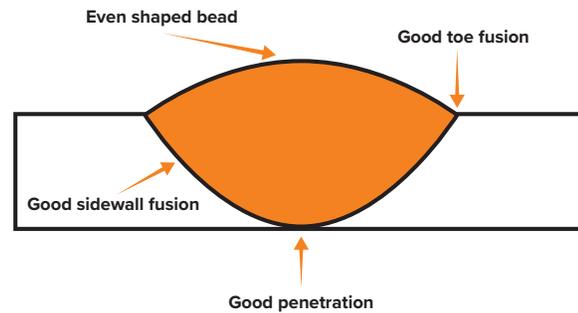
Travel Speed Too Slow

Too slow a travel speed produces a large weld with a lack of penetration and fusion. The energy from the arc dwells on top of the weld pool rather than penetrating the base metal. This produces a wider weld bead with more deposited weld metal per mm than is required, resulting in a weld deposit of poor quality.



Correct Travel Speed

The correct travel speed keeps the arc at the leading edge of the weld pool, allowing the base metal to melt sufficiently to create good penetration, fusion and wetting out of the weld pool producing a weld deposit of good quality.

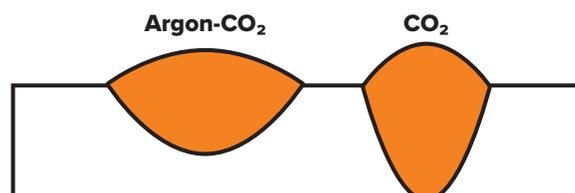


Gas Selection

The purpose of the gas in the MIG process is to shield the wire, the arc and the molten weld metal from the atmosphere. Most metals when heated to a molten state will react with the air in the atmosphere, without the protection of the shielding gas the weld produced would contain defects like porosity, lack of fusion and slag inclusions. Additionally, some of the gas becomes ionised (electrically charged) and helps the current flow smoothly.

- The correct gas flow is critical in protecting the welding zone from the atmosphere.
- Too low a flow will give inadequate coverage and result in weld defects and unstable arc conditions.
- Too high a flow can cause air to be drawn into the gas column and contaminate the weld zone.

Use the correct shielding gas. CO₂ is suitable for steel and offers good penetration characteristics; the weld profile is narrower and slightly more raised than the weld profile obtained from Argon CO₂ mixed gas. Argon CO₂ mix gas offers better weldability for thin metals and has a wider range of setting tolerance on the machine. Argon-CO₂ 5/2 is a good all-round mix suitable for most applications.



Wire Types and Sizes

Use the correct wire type for the base metal being welded. Use stainless steel wire for stainless steel, aluminium wires for aluminium and steel wires for steel.

Using poor quality milled wire can result in poor performance and appearance. To ensure optimal performance when welding, use standards approved wire such as UNIMIG HYPERMIG wire.

Use a smaller diameter wire for thin base metals. For thicker materials use a larger wire diameter and larger machine. Check the recommended welding capability of your machine.

Refer to the welding guide located on the door inside the machine.

Drive Roller Selection

The importance of smooth, consistent wire feeding during MIG welding cannot be emphasised enough. The smoother the wire feed, the better the welding will be. Feed rollers or drive rollers are used to feed the wire mechanically along the length of the welding gun.

Drive rollers are designed to be used for certain types of welding wire, and they have different types of grooves machined in them to accommodate the different types of wire. The wire is held in the groove by the top roller of the wire drive unit and is referred to as the pressure roller. Pressure is applied by a tension arm that can be adjusted to increase or decrease the pressure as required. The type of wire will determine how much pressure can be applied and what type of drive roller is best suited to obtain optimum wire feed.

Solid Hard Wire (V Groove)

Steel or stainless steel require a drive roller with a **V** shape groove for optimum grip and drive capability. Solid wires can have more tension applied to the wire from the top pressure roller that holds the wire in the groove, and the V shape groove is more suited for this.

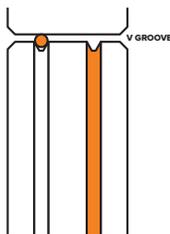
Aluminium (U Groove)

Aluminium requires a **U** shape groove. Aluminium wire has a lot less column strength, can bend easily and is, therefore, more difficult to feed. Soft wires can easily buckle at the wire feeder where the wire is fed into the inlet guide tube of the torch. The U-shaped roller offers more surface area grip and traction to help feed the softer wire. Softer wires also require less tension from the top pressure roller to avoid deforming the shape of the wire, too much tension will push the wire out of shape, causing feed issues.

Flux-Cored/Gasless Wire (Knurled/F Groove)

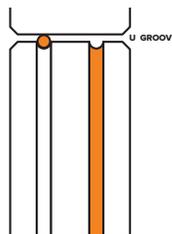
These wires are made up of a thin metal sheath that has fluxing, and metal compounds layered onto it and then rolled into a cylinder to form the finished wire. The wire cannot take too much pressure from the top roller as it can be crushed and deformed if too much pressure is applied. A **Knurled/F** groove drive roller has been developed, and it has small serrations in the groove. The serrations grip the wire and assist in driving it without too much pressure from the top roller. The downside to the knurled wire feed roller on flux-cored wire is it will slowly eat away at the surface of the welding wire, and these small pieces will eventually go down into the liner. This will cause clogging in the liner and added friction that will lead to welding wire feed problems.

Roller Diameter Size: 30/22



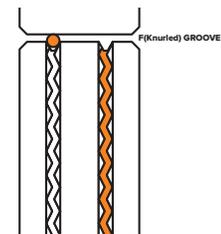
V Groove Roller (Steel Wire)

Size mm	Part Number
0.6 - 0.8	0.6-0.8V30/22
0.8 - 1.0	0.8-1.0V30/22
0.9 - 1.2	0.9-1.2V30/22
1.0 - 1.2	1.0-1.2V30/22



U Groove Roller (Aluminium Wire)

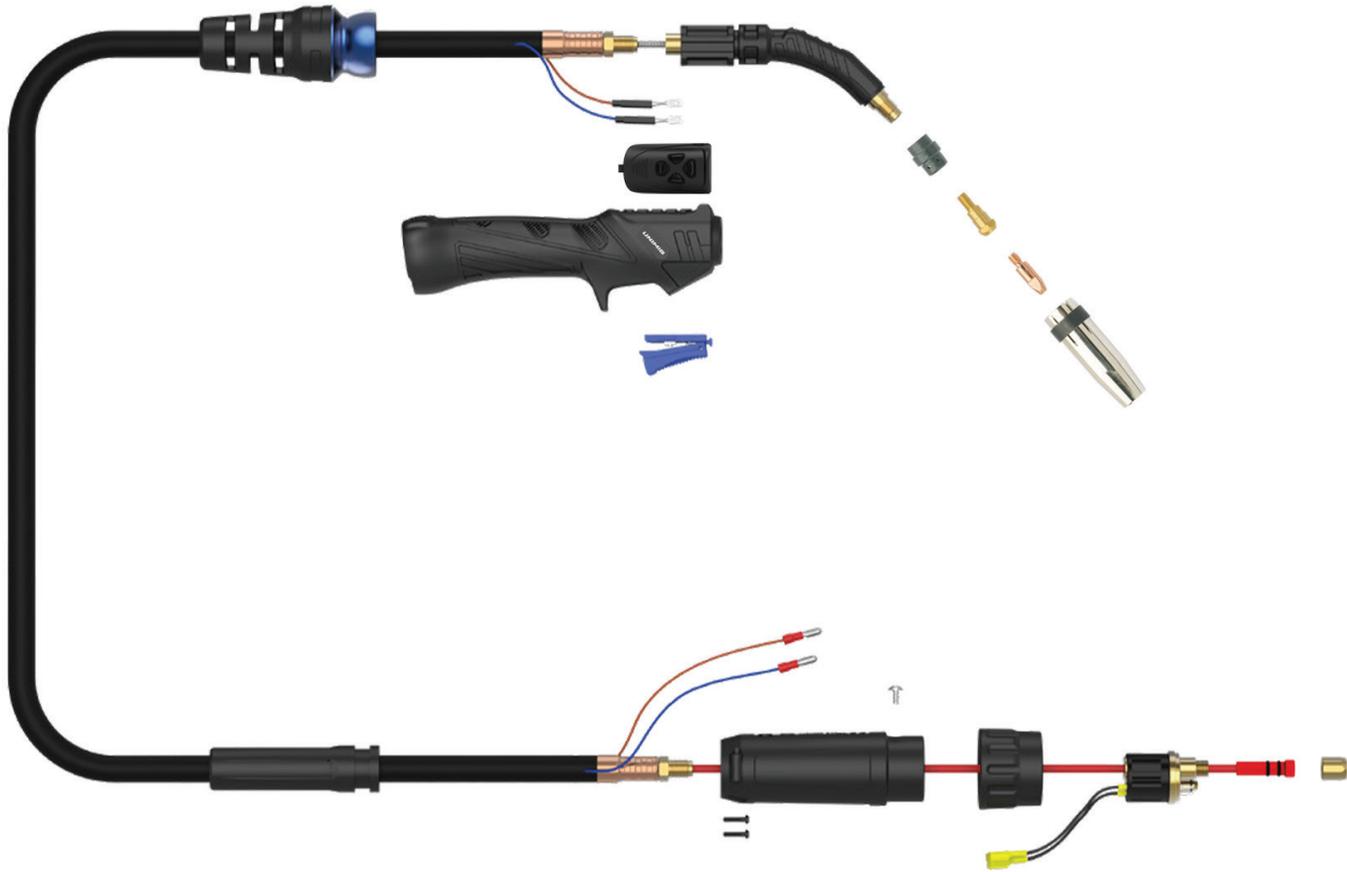
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0.8 - 1.0	0.8-1.0U30/22
0.9 - 1.2	0.9-1.2U30/22
1.0 - 1.2	1.0-1.2U30/22



**Knurled/F Groove Roller
(Flux-Cored Wire)**

Size mm	Part Number
0.8 - 0.9	0.8-0.9F30/22
0.9 - 1.2	0.9-1.2F30/22

M24 BINZEL Style Digital MIG Torch



TECHNICAL DATA	
Cooling Method	Air Cooled
Duty Cycle - CO2	60% @ 250A
Duty Cycle - Mixed Gas	60% @ 220A
Wire Size	0.8-1.2mm
Standard	EN60974-7

TORCH LENGTHS		
Length	3m	4m
SKU	U41010	U41011

M24 Digital MIG Torch Consumables



SKU	DESCRIPTION	QTY
PCTH24	Tip Holder	2



SKU	DESCRIPTION	QTY
PCGD24	Gas Diffuser	2



SKU	DESCRIPTION	QTY
PCT0009-06	CONTACT TIPS - Steel 0.6mm	10
PCT0009-08	CONTACT TIPS - Steel 0.8mm	10
PCT0009-09	CONTACT TIPS - Steel 0.9mm	10
PCT0009-10	CONTACT TIPS - Steel 1.0mm	10
PCT0009-12	CONTACT TIPS - Steel 1.2mm	10
PCT0009-16	CONTACT TIPS - Steel 1.6mm	10
PCTAL0009-09	CONTACT TIPS - Aluminium 0.9mm	10
PCTAL0009-10	CONTACT TIPS - Aluminium 1.0mm	10
PCTAL0009-12	CONTACT TIPS - Aluminium 1.2mm	10



SKU	DESCRIPTION	QTY
PGN24CON	GAS NOZZLE - Conical	2
PGN24CYL	GAS NOZZLE - Cylindrical	2
PGN24TAP	GAS NOZZLE - Tapered	2



SKU	DESCRIPTION	WIRE SIZE
SLB3M	Blue Steel Liner 3 Metre	0.6 - 0.8mm
SLB4M	Blue Steel Liner 4 Metre	0.6 - 0.8mm
SLR3M	Red Steel Liner 3 Metre	0.9 - 1.2mm
SLR4M	Red Steel Liner 4 Metre	0.9 - 1.2mm
TLB3M	Blue Aluminium Liner 3 Metre	0.6 - 0.8mm
TLB4M	Blue Aluminium Liner 4 Metre	0.6 - 0.8mm
TLR3M	Red Aluminium Liner 3 Metre	0.9 - 1.2mm
TLR4M	Red Aluminium Liner 4 Metre	0.9 - 1.2mm
TLY3M	Yellow Aluminium Liner 3 Metre	1.2 - 1.6mm
TLY4M	Yellow Aluminium Liner 4 Metre	1.2 - 1.6mm
NKSTL	Neck Spring for Aluminium	



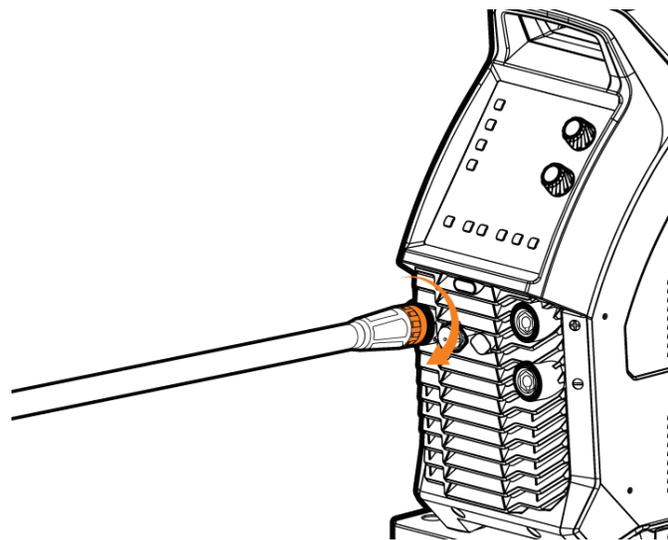
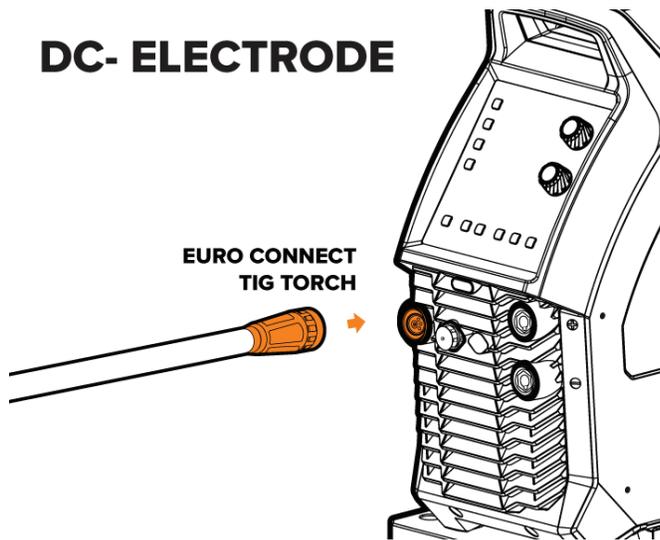
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13. TIG: Machine Setup

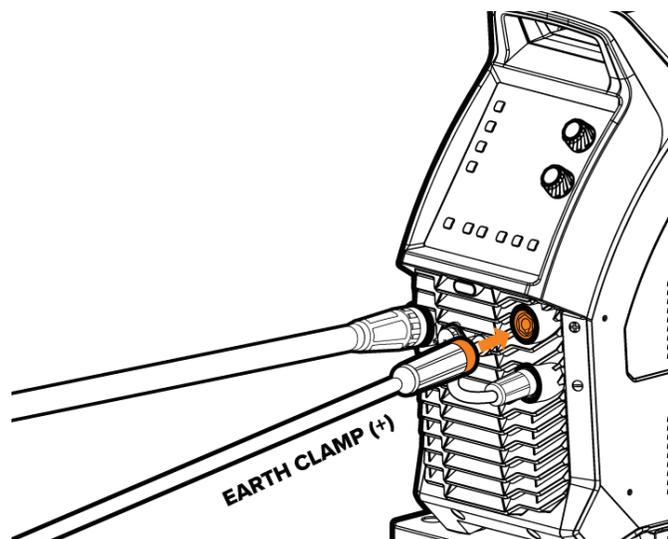
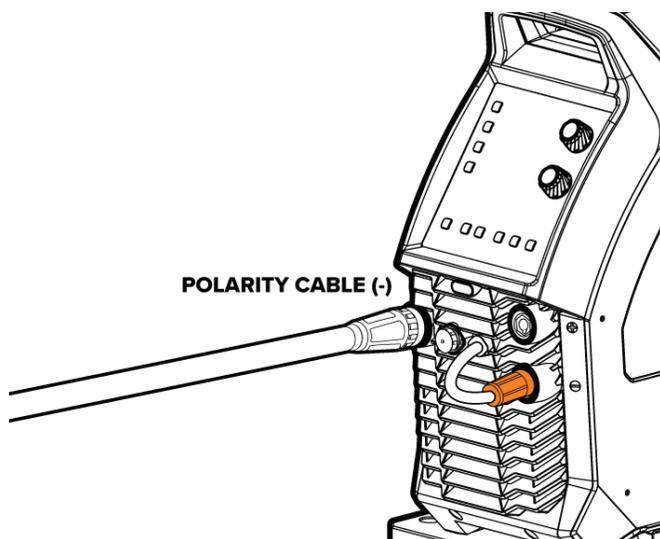
NOTE: THIS MACHINE REQUIRES A EURO CONNECT STYLE TIG TORCH WITH TRIGGER

1. For DC Electrode (-) start by connecting the Euro Connect TIG torch into the center port.
2. With the torch correctly lined up and pressed inwards, twist the locking nut to finish the torch installation.

DC- ELECTRODE



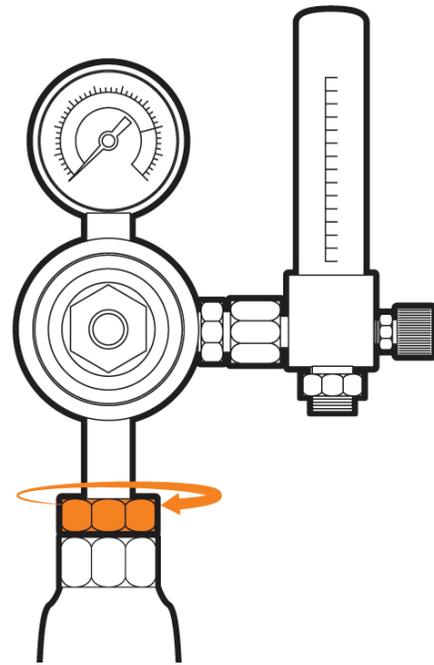
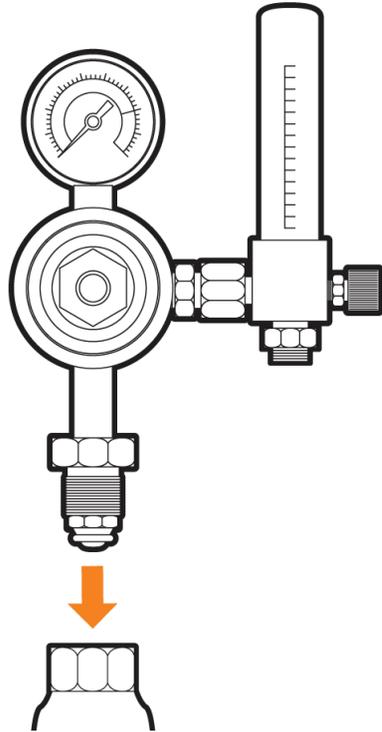
3. Now connect the polarity cable into the (-) dinse port, and twist it to lock it in place.
4. After connecting the torch and polarity cable, plug the earth clamp into the (+) dinse port, and twist it to lock it in place.



NOTE: FOR TIG WELDING WE RECOMMEND USING AN ARGON FLOWMETER

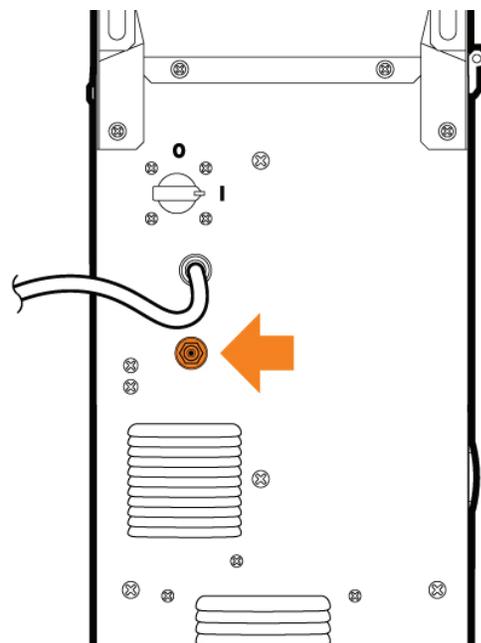
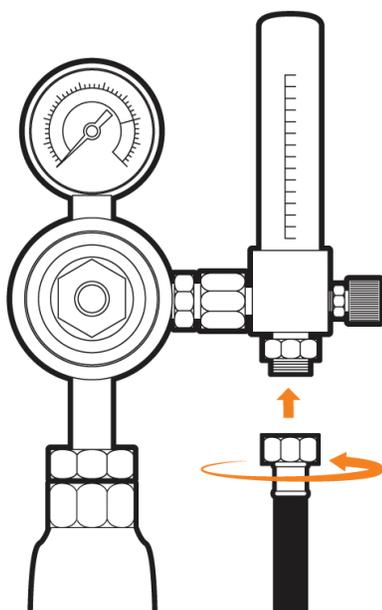
5. Place argon flowmeter regulator into your gas outlet.

6. Tighten securely with wrench.

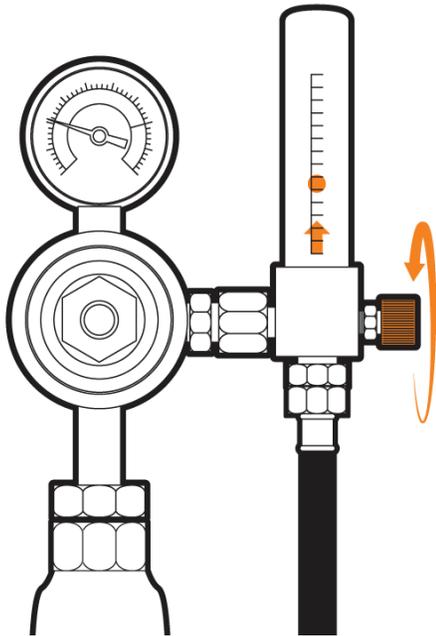


7. Connect gas hose to the flowmeter outlet using the twist nut to tighten the fitting securely.

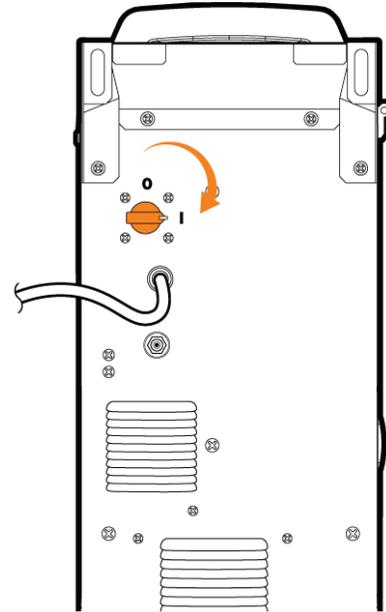
8. Connect the other end of the gas hose to the gas inlet on the back of the machine.



9. Turn gas bottle on and twist the knob to adjust gas flow to 8-12L/min.

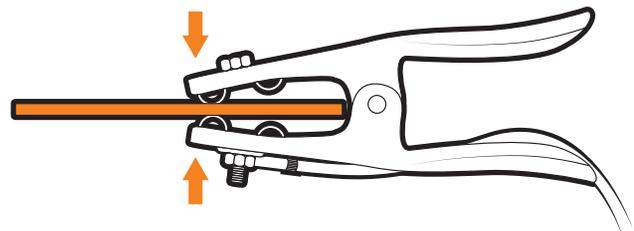


10. Connect the plug into a power point, then switch the machine ON.

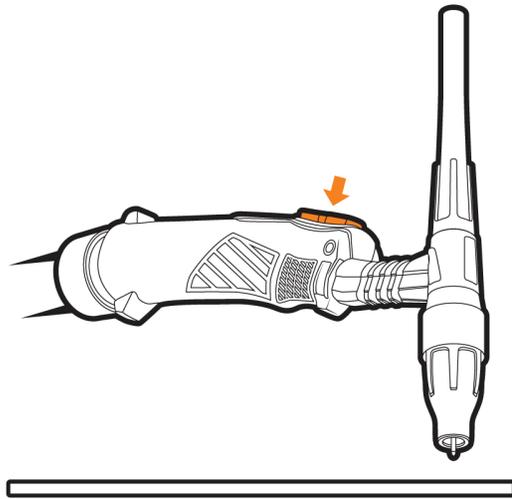


11. Select TIG mode using the **WELD MODE** button located on the front panel. Then input your desired settings for amperage.

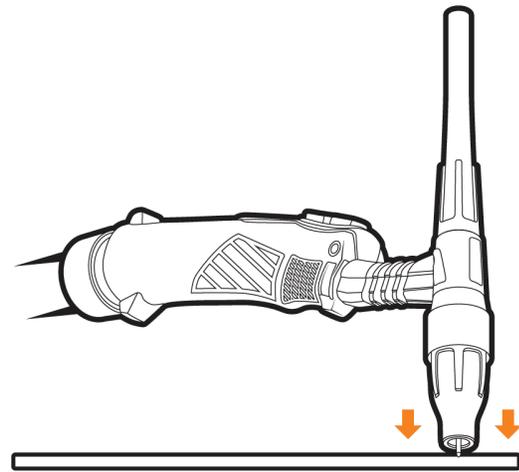
12. Connect earth clamp to your workpiece.



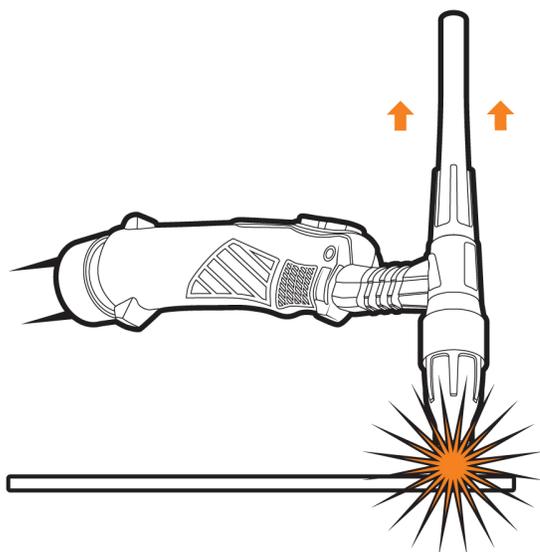
13. Press the button on the torch to initiate the gas flow.



14. Touch the tip of the tungsten to the workpiece.



15. Lift the torch up slightly to initiate the arc.



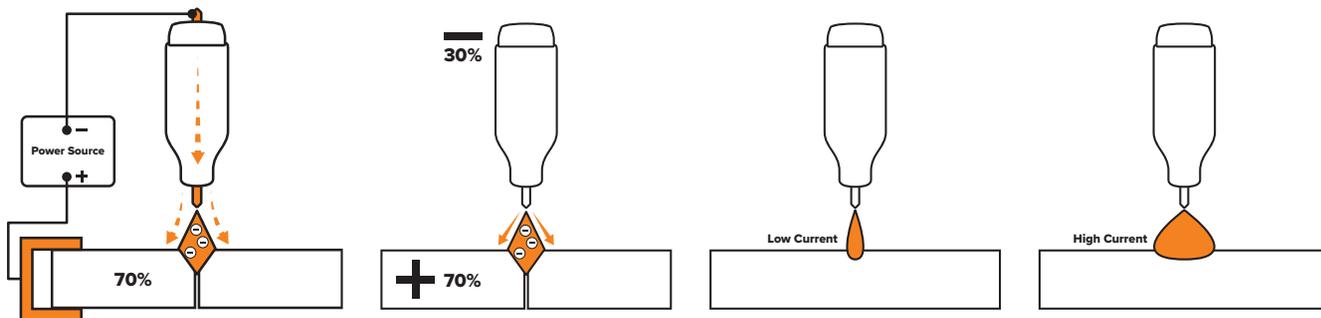
14. TIG Welding Guide

DC TIG Welding

The DC power source uses what is known as DC (direct current), in which the main electrical component known as electrons flow in only one direction from the negative pole (terminal) to the positive pole (terminal). In the DC electrical circuit, there is an electrical principle at work which should always be taken into account when using any DC circuit. With a DC circuit, 70% of the energy (heat) is always on the positive side. This needs to be understood because it determines what terminal the TIG torch will be connected to (this rule applies to all the other forms of DC welding as well).

DC TIG welding is a process in which an arc is struck between a tungsten electrode and the metal workpiece. The weld area is shielded by an inert gas flow to prevent contamination of the tungsten, molten pool and weld area. When the TIG arc is struck, the inert gas is ionised and superheated, changing its molecular structure, which converts it into a plasma stream. This plasma stream flowing between the tungsten and the workpiece is the TIG arc and can be as hot as 19,000°C. It is a very pure and concentrated arc which provides the controlled melting of most metals into a weld pool. TIG welding offers the user the highest amount of flexibility to weld the widest range of material thickness and types. DC TIG welding is also the cleanest weld with no sparks or spatter.

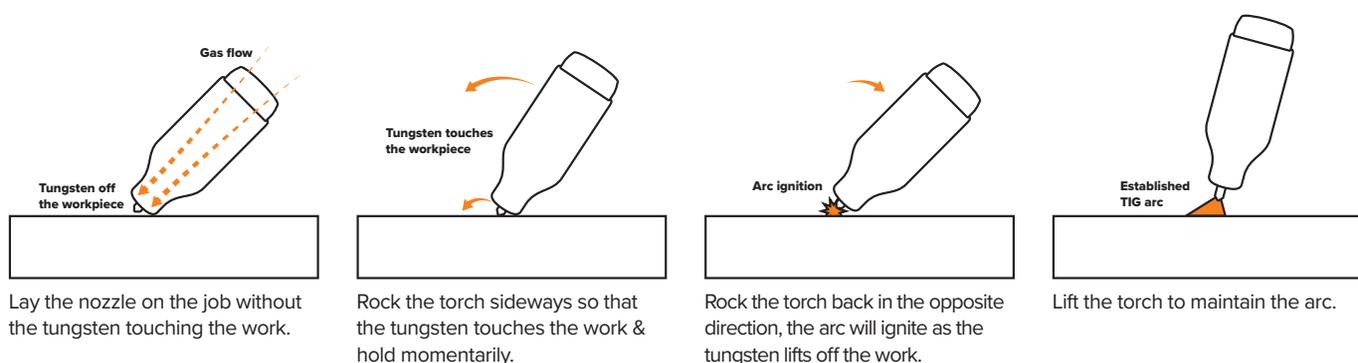
The intensity of the arc is proportional to the current that flows from the tungsten. The welder regulates the welding current to adjust the power of the arc. Typically thin material requires a less powerful arc with less heat to melt the material, so less current (amps) is required. Thicker material requires a more powerful arc with more heat, so more current (amps) is necessary to melt the material.



Lift Arc Ignition for TIG Welding

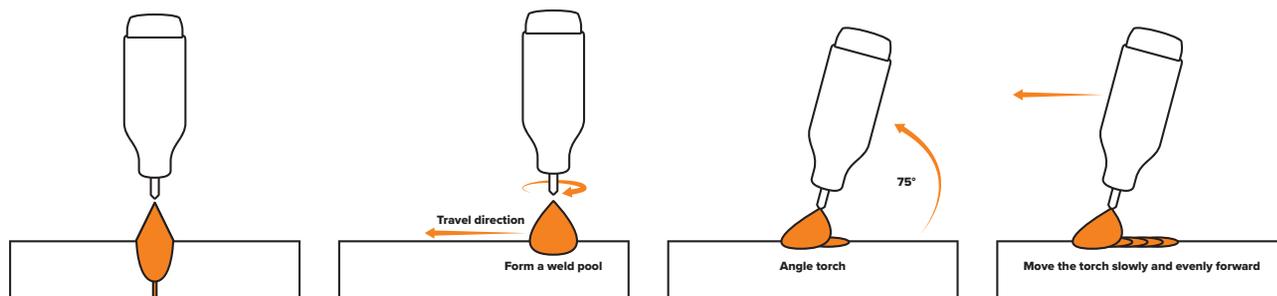
Lift Arc is a form of arc ignition where the tungsten electrode is touched to the workpiece and then pulled upwards to initiate an arc. When the machine detects that the tungsten has left the surface and a spark is present, it immediately (within microseconds) increases power, converting the spark to a full arc. It is a simple, safe, lower-cost alternative arc ignition process to HF (high frequency) and a superior arc start process to scratch start.

Lift Arc ignition allows the arc to be started easily in DC TIG by simply touching the tungsten to the workpiece and lifting it to start the arc. This prevents the tungsten tip from sticking to the workpiece and breaking the tip from the tungsten electrode. There is a particular technique called “rocking the cup” used in the Lift Arc process that provides easy use of the Lift Arc function.



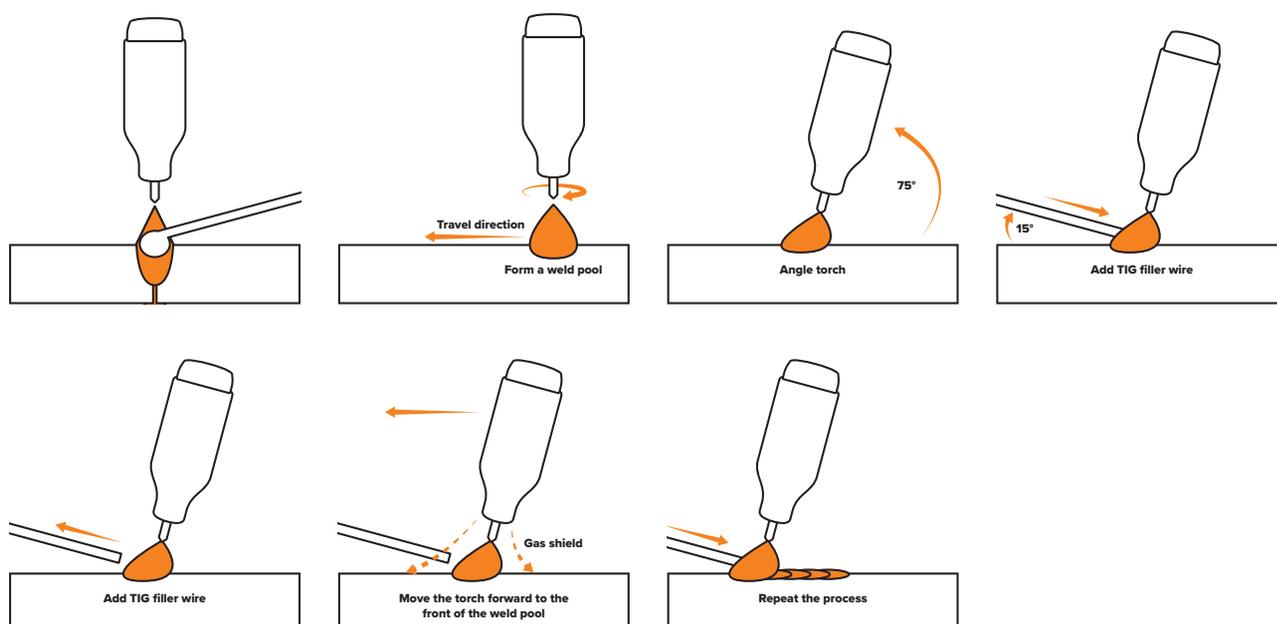
TIG Welding Fusion Technique

Manual TIG welding is often considered the most difficult of all the welding processes. Because the welder must maintain a short arc length, great care and skill are required to prevent contact between the electrode and the workpiece. Similar to Oxygen Acetylene torch welding, TIG welding typically requires two hands and in most instances requires the welder to manually feed a filler wire into the weld pool with one hand while manipulating the welding torch in the other. However, some welds combining thin materials can be accomplished without filler metal, such as edge, corner, and butt joints. This is known as Fusion welding where the edges of the metal pieces are melted together using only the heat and arc force generated by the TIG arc. Once the arc is started, the torch tungsten is held in place until a weld pool is created, a circular movement of the tungsten will assist in creating a weld pool of the desired size. Once the weld pool is established, tilt the torch at about a 75° angle and move smoothly and evenly along the joint while fusing the materials together.



TIG Welding with Filler Wire Technique

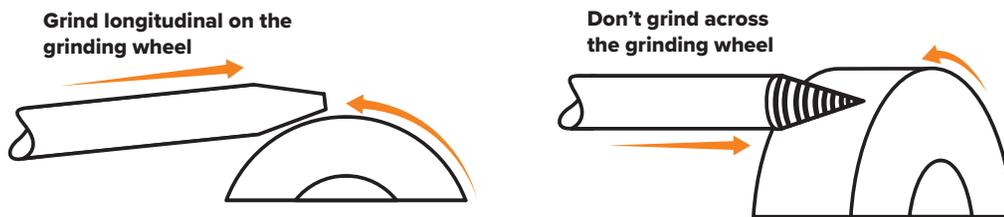
It is necessary for many situations with TIG welding to add a filler wire into the weld pool to build up weld reinforcement and create a strong weld. Once the arc is started, the torch tungsten is held in place until a weld pool is created, a circular movement of the tungsten will assist in creating a weld pool of the desired size. Once the weld pool is established, tilt the torch at about a 75° angle and move smoothly and evenly along the joint. The filler metal is introduced to the leading edge of the weld pool. The filler wire is usually held at about a 15° angle and fed into the leading edge of the molten pool. The arc will melt the filler wire into the weld pool as the torch is moved forward. Also, a dabbing technique can be used to control the amount of filler wire added. The wire is fed into the molten pool and retracted in a repeating sequence as the torch is moved slowly and evenly forward. It is essential during the welding to keep the molten end of the filler wire inside the gas shield as this protects the end of the wire from being oxidised and contaminating the weld pool.



Tungsten Preparation

Always use DIAMOND wheels when grinding and cutting, and be weary of breathing the dust created by the tungsten. While tungsten is a tough material, the surface of a diamond wheel is harder, and this makes for smooth grinding. Grinding without diamond wheels, such as aluminium oxide wheels, can lead to jagged edges, imperfections, or poor surface finishes not visible to the eye that will contribute to weld inconsistency and weld defects.

Always ensure to grind the tungsten in a longitudinal direction on the grinding wheel. Tungsten electrodes are manufactured with the molecular structure of the grain running lengthwise and thus grinding crosswise is "grinding against the grain." If electrodes are ground crosswise, the electrons have to jump across the grinding marks, and the arc can start before the tip and wander. Grinding longitudinally with the grain causes the electrons to flow steadily and easily to the end of the tungsten tip. The arc starts straight and remains narrow, concentrated, and stable.



Electrode Tip/Flat

The shape of the tungsten electrode tip is an important process variable in precision arc welding. A good selection of tip/flat size will balance the need for several advantages. The bigger the flat, the more likely arc wander will occur and the more difficult it will be to arc start. However, increasing the flat to the maximum level that still allows arc starts and eliminates arc wander will improve the weld penetration and increase the electrode life. Some welders still grind electrodes to a sharp point, which makes arc starting easier. However, they risk decreased welding performance from melting at the tip and the possibility of the point falling off into the weld pool.



Electrode Included Angle/Taper - DC

Tungsten electrodes for DC welding should be ground longitudinally and concentrically with diamond wheels to a specific included angle in conjunction with the tip/flat preparation. Different angles produce different arc shapes and offer different weld penetration capabilities. In general, blunter electrodes that have a larger included angle provide the following benefits:

- Last longer
- Have better weld penetration
- Have a narrower arc shape
- Can handle more amperage without eroding

Sharper electrodes with smaller included angle provide:

- Offer less arc weld
- Have a wider arc
- Have a more consistent arc

The included angle determines the weld bead shape and size. Generally, as the included angle increases, penetration increases and bead width decreases.



TIG Tungsten Selection Guide

	 LANTHANATED (GOLD)	 ZIRCONIATED (WHITE)	 THORIATED (RED)	 RARE EARTH (PURPLE)	 CERIATED (GREY)
AC CURRENT	✓	✓		✓	✓
DC CURRENT	✓		✓	✓	✓
ALUMINIUM	✓	✓		✓	✓
MILD STEEL	✓		✓	✓	✓
STAINLESS STEEL	✓		✓	✓	✓
TITANIUM / COPPER ALLOYS	✓		✓	✓	✓
ARC IGNITION	●●●●●	●●●●●	●●●●●	●●●●●	●●●●●
TUNGSTEN LIFE	●●●●●	●●●●●	●●●●●	●●●●●	●●●●●
ARC STABILITY	●●●●●	●●●●●	●●●●●	●●●●●	●●●●●
RESISTANCE TO CONTAMINATION	●●●●●	●●●●●	●●●●●	●●●●●	●●●●●
AC PERFORMANCE	●●●●●	●●●●●	N/A	●●●●●	●●●●●

This information is intended to act as a guide only, individual results may vary depending on technique, skill and material.

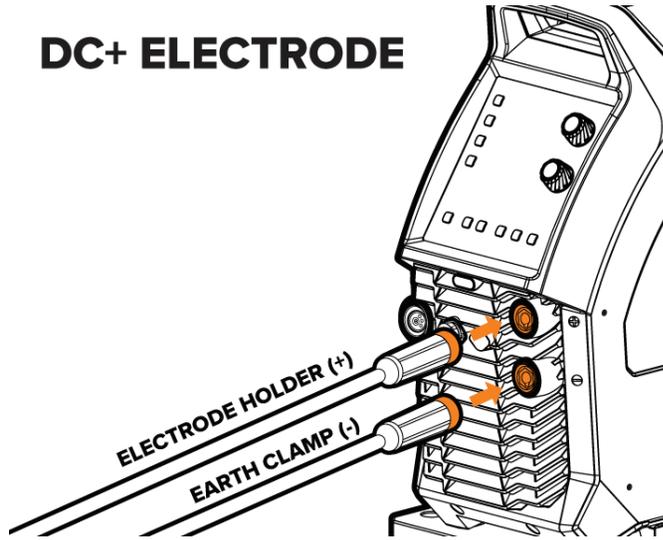
Tungsten Electrodes Rating for Welding Currents

Tungsten Diameter (mm)	Diameter at the Tip (mm)	Constant Included Angle (°)	Current Range (Amps)	Current Range (Pulsed Amps)
1.0mm	0.25	20	5 - 30	5 - 60
1.6mm	0.5	25	8 - 50	5 - 100
1.6mm	0.8	30	10 - 70	10 - 140
2.4mm	0.8	35	12 - 90	12 - 180
2.4mm	1.1	45	15 - 150	15 - 250
3.2mm	1.1	60	20 - 200	20 - 300
3.2mm	1.5	90	25 - 250	25 - 350

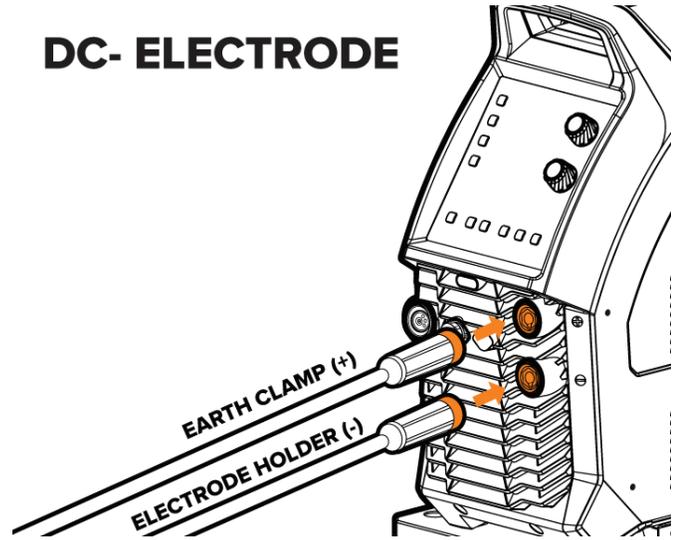
15. MMA: Machine Setup

1. For DC+ electrodes, connect earth clamp to the (-) dinse connection, and electrode holder to the (+) dinse connection.
2. For DC- electrodes, connect earth clamp to the (+) dinse connection, and electrode holder to the (-) dinse connection.

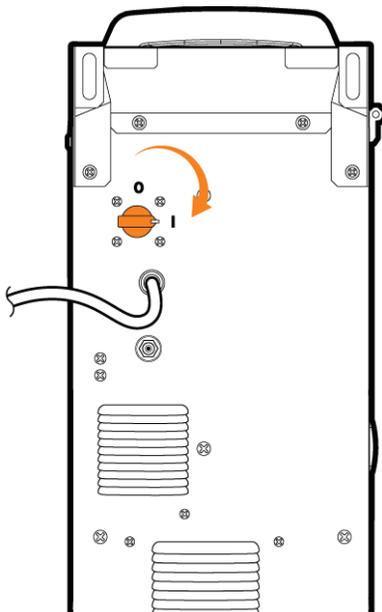
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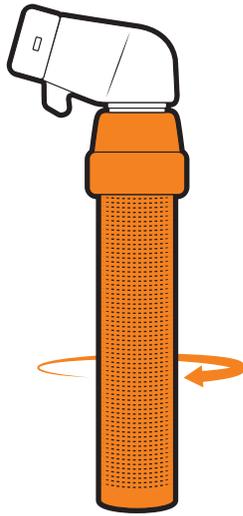
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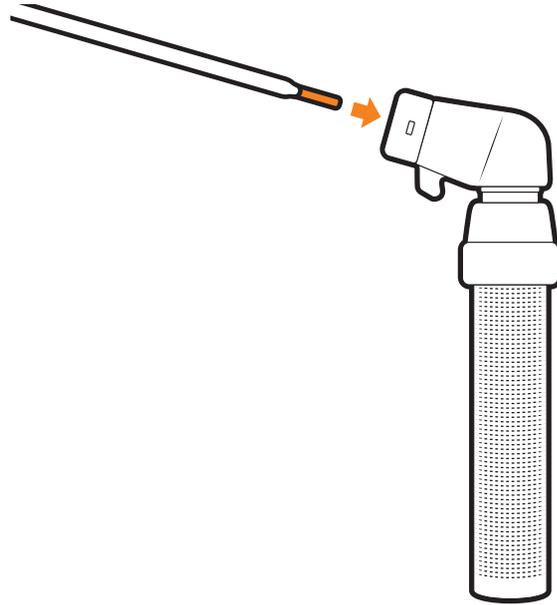
3. Connect the plug into a power point, then switch the machine ON.
4. Ensure that MMA mode is activated on the front panel by pressing the **WELD MODE** button. Then set your desired amperage using **ADJUSTMENT KNOB A**.



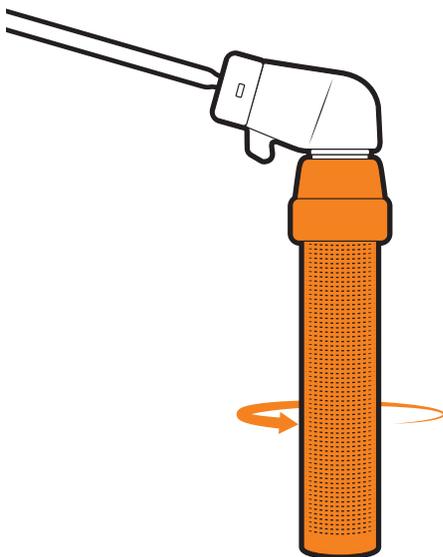
5. Twist electrode holder to loosen grip.



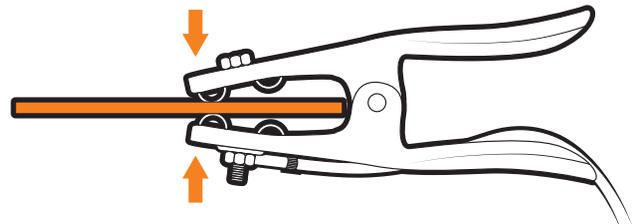
6. Place electrode into electrode holder.



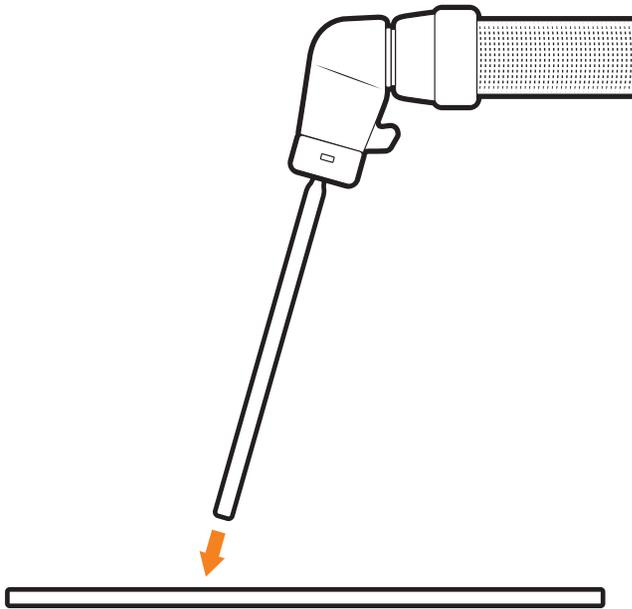
7. Twist electrode holder to tighten and securely grip electrode.



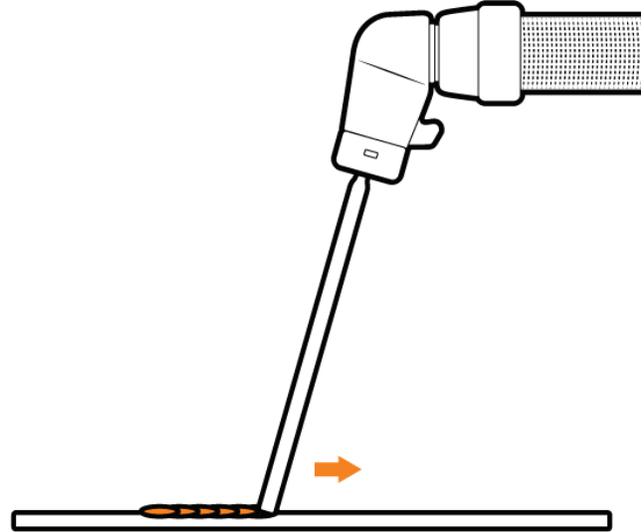
8. Connect earth clamp to your workpiece.



9. Strike electrode to the workpiece to initiate arc.

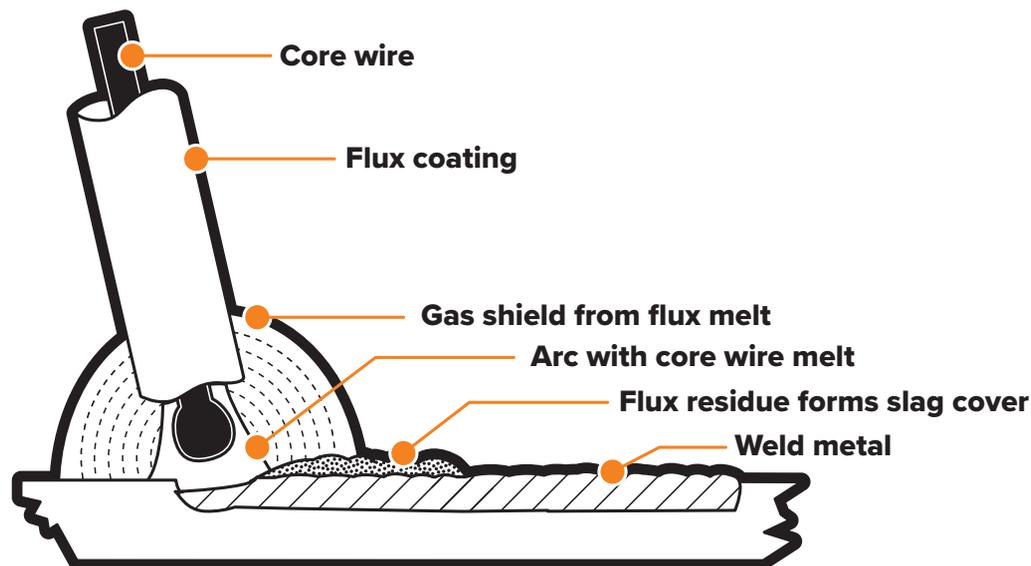


10. Drag along workpiece to weld. Pull the electrode away from the workpiece to finish weld.



16. MMA: Welding Guide

One of the most common types of arc welding is Manual Metal Arc welding, also known as MMA welding. An electric current is used to strike an arc between the base material and a consumable electrode rod or 'stick'. The electrode rod is made of a material that is compatible with the base material being welded. They are covered with a flux that gives off gaseous vapours that serve as a shielding gas and provide a layer of slag, both of which protect the weld area from atmospheric contamination. The electrode core itself acts as filler material. The residue from the flux that forms a slag covering over the weld metal must be chipped away after welding.



- The arc is initiated by momentarily touching the electrode to the base metal.
- The heat of the arc melts the surface of the base metal to form a molten pool at the end of the electrode.
- The melted electrode metal is transferred across the arc into the molten pool and becomes the deposited weld metal.
- The deposit is covered and protected by a slag which comes from the electrode coating.
- The arc and the immediate area are enveloped by an atmosphere of protective gas.

Manual Metal Arc (stick) electrodes have a solid metal wire core and a flux coating. These electrodes are identified by the wire diameter and by a series of letters and numbers. The letters and numbers identify the metal alloy and the intended use of the electrode.

The metal wire core works as a conductor of the current that maintains the arc. The core wire melts and is deposited into the welding pool.

The covering on a shielded metal arc welding electrode is called flux. The flux on the electrode performs many different functions.

These include:

- Producing a protective gas around the weld area.
- Providing fluxing elements and de-oxidisers.
- Creating a protective slag coating over the weld as it cools.
- Establishing arc characteristics.
- Adding alloying elements.

Covered electrodes serve many purposes in addition to adding filler metal to the molten pool. These additional functions are provided mainly by the covering on the electrode.

Electrode Selection

As a general rule, the selection of an electrode is straight forward, in that it is only a matter of selecting an electrode of similar composition to the parent metal. However, for some metals, there is a choice of several electrodes, each of which has particular properties to suit specific classes of work.

The size of the electrode generally depends on the thickness of the section being welded, and the thicker the section, the larger the electrode required. The table gives the maximum size of electrodes that may be used for various thicknesses of section based on using a general-purpose type 6013 electrode.

Average Thickness of Material	Maximum Recommended Electrode Diameter
1.0 - 2.0mm	2.5mm
2.0 - 5.0mm	3.2mm
> 5.0mm	4.0mm

Correct current selection for a particular job is an important factor in arc welding. With the current set too low, it is difficult to strike and maintain a stable arc. The penetration is reduced and beads with a distinct rounded profile will be deposited. Too high a current is accompanied by overheating of the electrode, resulting in undercut, burning through of the base metal and producing excessive spatter.

Electrode Size (ø mm)	Current Range (Amps)
2.5mm	60 - 100
3.2mm	90 - 150
4.0mm	140 - 200

Arc Length

To strike the arc, the electrode should be gently scraped on the work until the arc is established. There is a simple rule for the proper arc length; it should be the shortest arc that gives a good surface to the weld. An arc too long reduces penetration, produces spatter and gives a rough surface finish to the weld. An excessively short arc will cause sticking of the electrode and result in poor quality welds. The general rule of thumb for down hand welding is to have an arc length no greater than the diameter of the core wire.

Electrode Angle

The angle that the electrode makes with the work is important to ensure a smooth, even transfer of metal. When welding in down hand, fillet, horizontal or overhead, the angle of the electrode is generally between 5 and 15 degrees towards the direction of travel. When vertical up welding, the angle of the electrode should be between 80 and 90 degrees to the workpiece.

Travel Speed

The electrode should be moved along in the direction of the joint being welded at a speed that will give the size of run required. At the same time, the electrode is fed downwards to keep the correct arc length at all times. Excessive travel speeds lead to poor fusion, lack of penetration, etc., while too slow a rate of travel will frequently lead to arc instability, slag inclusions and poor mechanical properties.

Material and Joint Preparation

The material to be welded should be clean and free of any moisture, paint, oil, grease, mill scale, rust or any other material that will hinder the arc and contaminate the weld material. Joint preparation will depend on the method used include sawing, punching, shearing, machining, flame cutting and others. In all cases, edges should be clean and free of any contaminates. The chosen application will determine the type of joint.

17. MIG Troubleshooting

1. Excessive Spatter

- **Wire feed speed set too high:** Select lower wire feed speed.
- **Voltage too high:** Select a lower voltage setting.
- **Wrong polarity set:** Select the correct polarity for the wire being used - see machine setup guide.
- **Stick out too long:** Bring the torch closer to the work.
- **Contaminated base metal:** Remove materials like paint, grease, oil, and dirt, including mill scale from base metal.
- **Contaminated MIG wire:** Use clean, dry, rust-free wire. Do not lubricate the wire with oil, grease etc.
- **Inadequate gas flow or too much gas flow:** Check the gas is connected, check hoses, gas valve and torch are not restricted. Set the gas flow between 8-12 L/min flow rate. Check hoses and fittings for holes, leaks etc.

2. Porosity - Small cavities or holes resulting from gas pockets in weld metal

- **Wrong gas:** Check that the correct gas is being used.
- **Inadequate gas flow or too much gas flow:** Check the gas is connected, check hoses, gas valve and torch are not restricted. Set the gas flow between 8-12 L/min flow rate. Check hoses and fittings for holes, leaks etc. Protect the welding zone from wind and drafts.
- **Moisture on the base metal:** Remove all moisture from base metal before welding.
- **Contaminated base metal:** Remove materials like paint, grease, oil, and dirt, including mill scale from base metal.
- **Contaminated MIG wire:** Use clean, dry, rust-free wire. Do not lubricate the wire with oil, grease etc.
- **Gas nozzle clogged with spatter, worn or out of shape:** Clean or replace the gas nozzle.
- **Missing or damaged gas diffuser:** Replace the gas diffuser.
- **MIG torch Euro connect O-ring missing or damaged:** Check and replace the O-ring.

3. Wire stubbing during welding

- **Holding the torch too far away:** Bring the torch closer to the work and maintain stick out of 5-10mm.
- **Welding voltage set too low:** Increase the voltage.
- **Wire feed speed set too high:** Decrease the wire feed speed.

4. Lack of fusion - Failure of weld metal to fuse completely with base metal or a proceeding weld bead

- **Contaminated base metal:** Remove materials like paint, grease, oil, and dirt, including mill scale from base metal.
- **Not enough heat input:** Select a higher voltage range and/or adjust the wire speed to suit.
- **Improper welding technique:** Keep the arc at the leading edge of the weld pool. Gun angle to work should be between 5° & 15°. Direct the arc at the weld joint. Adjust work angle or widen groove to access bottom during welding. Momentarily hold arc on side walls if using weaving technique.

5. Excessive penetration - Weld metal melting through base metal

- **Too much heat:** Select a lower voltage range and/or adjust the wire speed to suit. Increase travel speed.

6. Lack of penetration - Shallow fusion between weld metal and base metal

- **Poor or incorrect joint preparation:** Material too thick. Joint preparation and design needs to allow access to bottom of groove while maintaining proper welding wire extension and arc characteristics. Keep the arc at the leading edge of the weld pool and maintain the gun angle at 5° & 15° keeping the stick out between 5-10mm.
- **Not enough heat input:** Select a higher voltage range and/or adjust the wire speed to suit. Reduce travel speed.
- **Contaminated base metal:** Remove materials like paint, grease, oil, and dirt, including mill scale from base metal.

7. No wire feed

- **Wrong mode selected:** Check that the TIG/MMA/MIG selector switch is set to MIG position.
- **Wrong torch selector switch:** Check that the STANDARD/SPOOL GUN selector switch is set to STANDARD position for MIG welding and SPOOL GUN when using the spool gun.

8. Inconsistent/interrupted wire feed

- **Adjusting wrong dial:** Be sure to adjust the WIRE FEED and VOLTAGE dials for MIG welding. The AMPERAGE dial is for STICK and TIG welding mode.
- **Wrong polarity selected:** Select the correct polarity for the wire being used - see machine setup guide.
- **Incorrect wire speed setting:** Adjust the wire feed speed.
- **Voltage setting incorrect:** Adjust the voltage setting.
- **MIG torch lead too long:** Small diameter wires and soft wires like aluminium don't feed well through long torch leads - replace the torch with a shorter length torch.
- **MIG torch lead kinked or too sharp angle being held:** Remove the kink, reduce the angle or bend.
- **Contact tip worn, wrong size, wrong type:** Replace the tip with correct size and type.
- **Liner worn or clogged (the most common causes of bad feeding):** Try to clear the liner by blowing out with compressed air as a temporary cure. It is recommended to replace the liner.
- **Wrong size liner:** Install the correct size liner.
- **Blocked or worn inlet guide tube:** Clear or replace the inlet guide tube.
- **Wire misaligned in drive roller groove:** Locate the wire into the groove of the drive roller.
- **Incorrect drive roller size:** Fit the correct size drive roller e.g. 0.8mm wire requires 0.8mm drive roller.
- **Wrong type of drive roller selected:** Fit the correct type roller (e.g. knurled rollers needed for flux cored wires).
- **Worn drive rollers:** Replace the drive rollers.
- **Drive roller pressure too high:** Can flatten the wire electrode causing it to lodge in the contact tip - reduce the drive roller pressure.
- **Too much tension on wire spool hub:** Reduce the spool hub brake tension.
- **Wire crossed over on the spool or tangled:** Remove the spool, untangle the wire or replace the wire.
- **Contaminated MIG wire:** Use clean, dry, rust-free wire. Do not lubricate the wire with oil, grease etc.

18. TIG Troubleshooting

1. Tungsten burning away quickly

- **Incorrect gas or no gas:** Use pure argon. Check cylinder has gas, connected, turned on, and torch valve is open.
- **Inadequate gas flow:** Check the gas is connected, check hoses, gas valve and torch are not restricted.
- **Back cap not fitted correctly:** Make sure the torch back cap is fitted so that the O-ring is inside the torch body.
- **Torch connected to DC+:** Connect the torch to the DC- output terminal.
- **Incorrect tungsten being used:** Check and change the tungsten type if necessary.
- **Tungsten being oxidised after weld is finished:** Keep shielding gas flowing 10-15 seconds after arc stoppage.

2. Contaminated tungsten

- **Touching tungsten into the weld pool:** Keep tungsten from contacting weld puddle. Raise the torch so that the tungsten is off of the work piece 2-5mm.
- **Touching the filler wire to the tungsten:** Keep the filler wire from touching the tungsten during welding, feed the filler wire into the leading edge of the weld pool in front of the tungsten.

3. Porosity - Poor weld appearance and colour

- **Wrong gas / poor gas flow / gas leaks:** Use pure argon. Gas is connected, check hoses, gas valve and torch are not restricted. Set the gas flow between 8-12 L/min. Check hoses and fittings for holes, leaks etc.
- **Contaminated base metal:** Remove moisture and materials like paint, grease, oil, and dirt from base metal.
- **Contaminated filler wire:** Remove all grease, oil, or moisture from filler metal.
- **Incorrect filler wire:** Check the filler wire and change if necessary.

4. Yellowish residue/smoke on the alumina nozzle & discoloured tungsten

- **Incorrect gas:** Use pure argon gas.
- **Inadequate gas flow:** Set the gas flow between 8-12 L/min flow rate.
- **Alumina gas nozzle too small:** Increase the size of the alumina gas nozzle.

5. Unstable arc during welding

- **Torch connected to DC+:** Connect the torch to the DC- output terminal.
- **Contaminated base metal:** Remove materials like paint, grease, oil, and dirt, including mill scale from base metal.
- **Tungsten is contaminated:** Remove 10mm of contaminated tungsten and re-grind the tungsten.
- **Arc length too long:** Lower torch so that the tungsten is off of the work piece 2-5mm.

6. Arc wanders during welding

- **Poor gas flow:** Check and set the gas flow between 8-12 L/min flow rate.
- **Amperage too low:** Increase the amperage.
- **Incorrect arc length:** Lower torch so that the tungsten is off of the work piece 2-5mm.
- **Tungsten incorrect or in poor condition:** Check that correct type of tungsten is being used. Remove 10mm from the weld end of the tungsten and re-sharpen the tungsten.
- **Poorly prepared tungsten:** Grind marks should run lengthwise with tungsten, not circular. Use proper grinding method and wheel.
- **Contaminated base metal or filler wire:** Remove contaminating materials like paint, grease, oil, and dirt, including mill scale, from base metal. Remove all grease, oil, or moisture from filler metal.

7. Arc difficult to start or will not start welding

- **Incorrect machine set up:** Check machine set up is correct.
- **No gas, incorrect gas flow:** Check the gas is connected and cylinder valve open, check hoses, gas valve and torch are not restricted. Set the gas flow between 8-12 L/min flow rate.
- **Incorrect tungsten size or type:** Check and change the size and or the tungsten if required.
- **Loose connection:** Check all connectors and tighten.
- **Earth clamp not connected to work:** Connect the earth clamp directly to the workpiece wherever possible.

19. MMA (STICK) Troubleshooting

1. No arc

- **Incomplete welding circuit:** Check earth lead is connected. Check all cable connections.
- **Wrong mode selected:** Check the MMA selector switch is selected.
- **No power supply:** Check that the machine is switched on and has a power supply.

2. Porosity - Small cavities or holes resulting from gas pockets in weld metal

- **Arc length too long:** Shorten the arc length.
- **Workpiece dirty, contaminated or moisture:** Remove moisture and materials like paint, grease, oil, and dirt, including mill scale, from base metal.
- **Damp electrodes:** Use only dry electrodes.

3. Excessive spatter

- **Amperage too high:** Decrease the amperage or choose a smaller electrode.
- **Arc length too long:** Shorten the arc length.

4. Weld sits on top, lack of fusion

- **Insufficient heat input:** Increase the amperage or choose a smaller electrode.
- **Workpiece dirty, contaminated or moisture:** Remove moisture and materials like paint, grease, oil, and dirt, including mill scale, from base metal.
- **Poor welding technique:** Use the correct welding technique or seek assistance for the correct technique.

5. Lack of penetration

- **Insufficient heat input:** Increase the amperage or choose a smaller electrode.
- **Poor welding technique:** Use the correct welding technique or seek assistance for the correct technique.
- **Poor joint preparation:** Check the joint design and fit up, make sure the material is not too thick. Seek assistance for the correct joint design and fit up.

6. Excessive penetration - Burn through

- **Excessive heat input:** Reduce the amperage or use a larger electrode.
- **Incorrect travel speed:** Try increasing the weld travel speed.

7. Uneven weld appearance

- **Unsteady hand, wavering hand:** Use two hands where possible to steady up, practise your technique.

8. Distortion - Movement of base metal during welding

- **Excessive heat input:** Reduce the amperage or use a larger electrode.
- **Poor welding technique:** Use the correct welding technique or seek assistance for the correct technique.
- **Poor joint preparation and/or joint design:** Check the joint design and fit up, make sure the material is not too thick. Seek assistance for the correct joint design and fit up.

9. Electrode welds with different or unusual arc characteristic

- **Incorrect polarity:** Change the polarity, check the electrode manufacturer for correct polarity.

20. Factory Reset

If you wish to reset the machine to factory settings, **press and hold the Welding Mode Selection Button for 5 seconds** to restore factory settings.

After pressing and holding for 5 seconds, the display window will count down from 3. When the countdown ends, the factory settings are restored. If the button is released before the countdown ends, the factory restore will not take place.

WARNING THIS CANNOT BE UNDONE

21. Indicator Lights



THERMAL OVERLOAD

Typically caused by duty cycle limits. **DO NOT POWER OFF MACHINE.** Wait for the machine to cool down and for indicator to turn off before welding again.



OVERCURRENT LIMIT

Typically caused by internal fault of machine. Restart machine and attempt to weld again. If problem persists contact UNIMIG Service Support.



VRD - NORMAL - ABNORMAL

Voltage Reduction Device is a safety feature for MMA welding. If this indicator turns red restart the machine. If it persists contact UNIMIG Service Support.

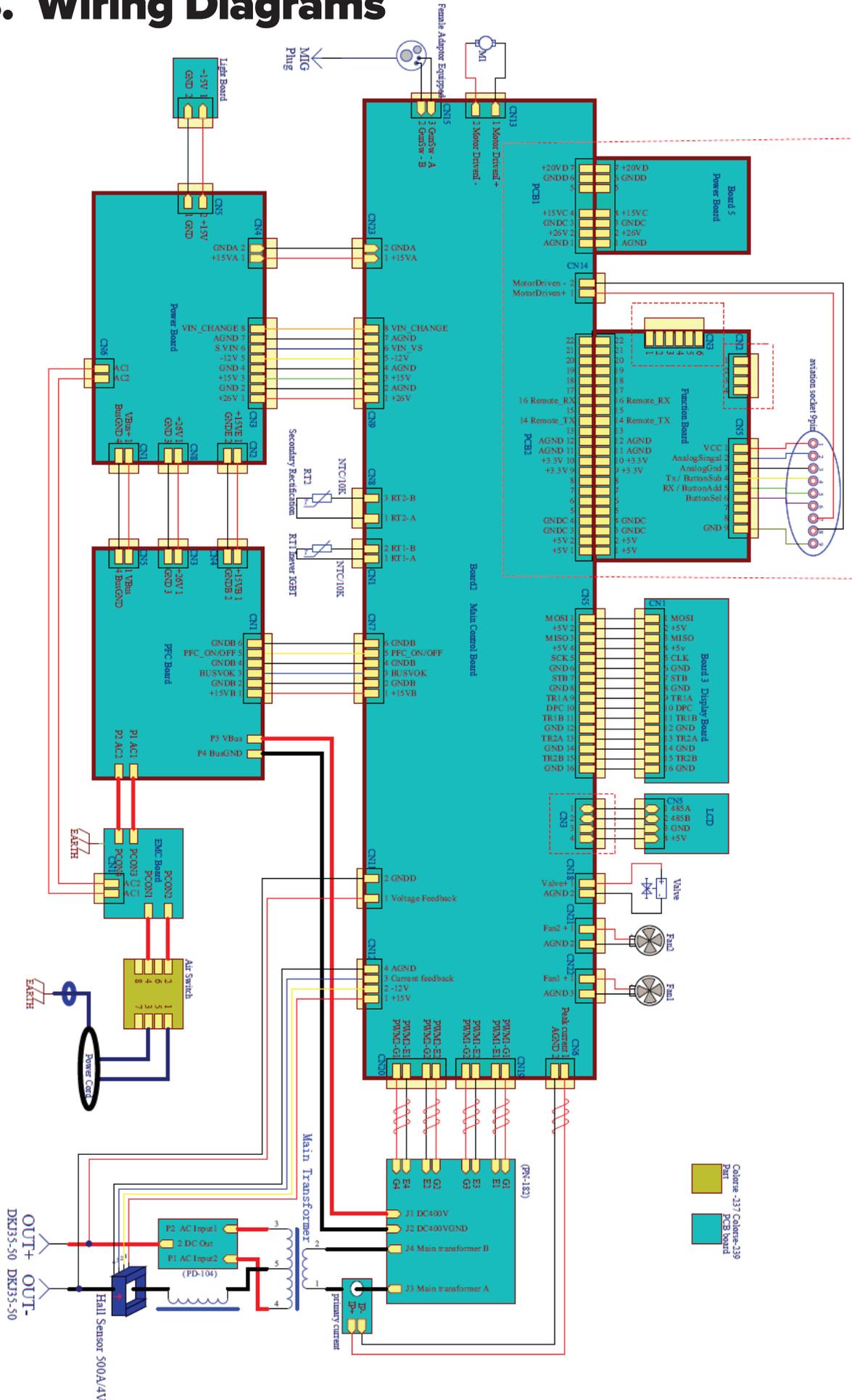
WARNING: There are extremely dangerous voltage and power levels present inside this unit. Do not attempt to diagnose or repair unit by removing external cover unless you are an authorised repair agent for UNIMIG.

22. Error Codes

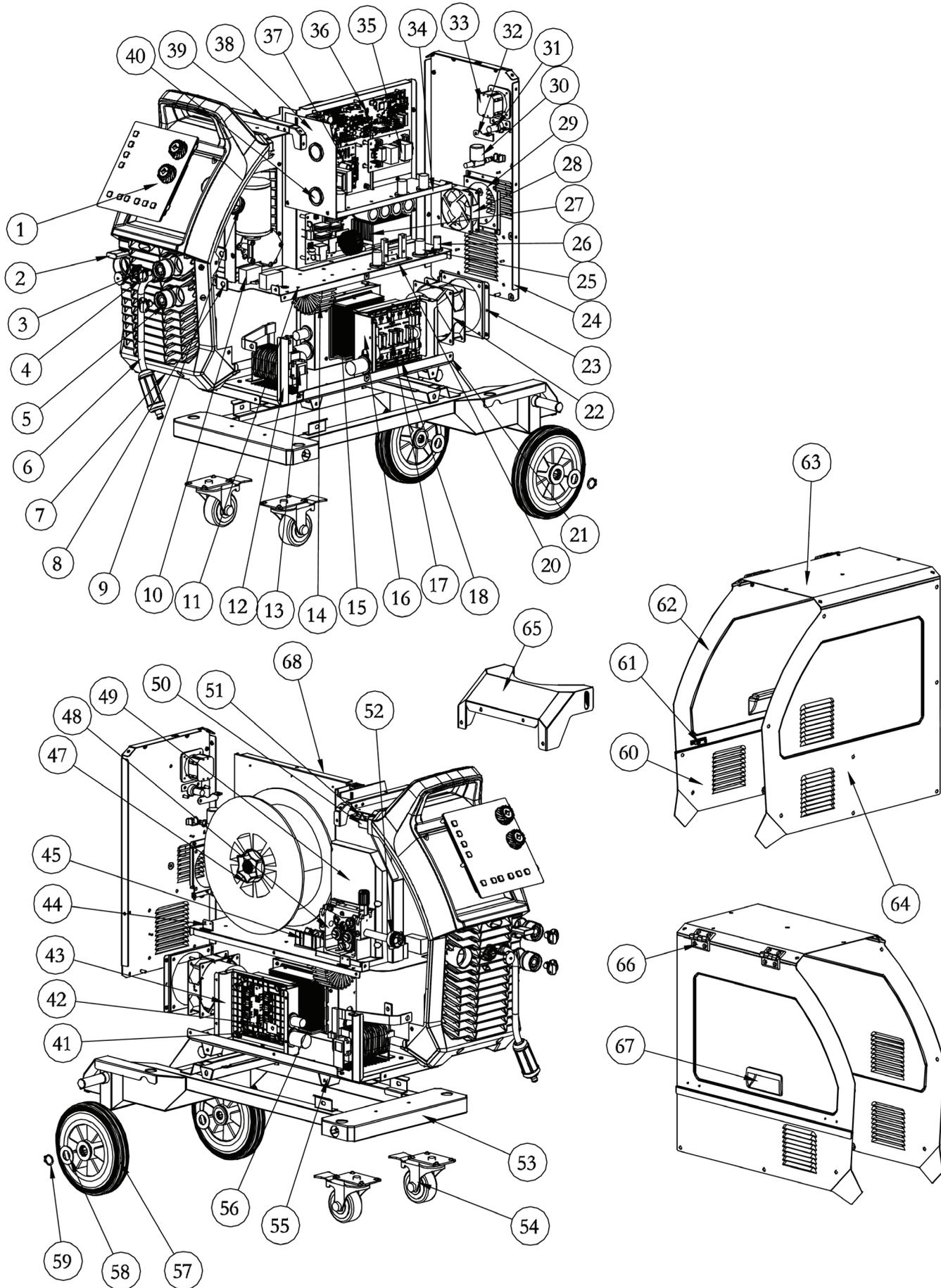
Error Code	Issue	Details
E10	Overcurrent Protection	The machine is outputting more current than it is rated for. This is likely due to internal fault. <i>Possible Solution: Power down and restart machine.</i>
E31	Under Voltage Protection	Voltage source for machine is too low. This is likely caused by an extension cable. <i>Possible Solution: Remove any extension cables and check power socket and machine power wire. Attempt weld on a different power circuit.</i>
E32	Over Voltage Protection	Voltage source for machine is too high. <i>Possible Solution: Remove any extension cables and check power socket and machine power wire. Attempt weld on a different power circuit.</i>
E34	Under Voltage Error	Power supply voltage is too low. This is likely caused by internal fault. <i>Possible Solution: Remove any extension cables and check power socket and machine power wire. Attempt weld on a different power circuit.</i>
E60	Rectifier Overheat	Internal temperature is too high. This is likely caused by reaching duty cycle limit. DO NOT TURN OFF MACHINE! Wait for machine to cool down and for indicator warning to turn off.
E61	IGBT Overheat	Internal temperature is too high. This is likely caused by reaching duty cycle limit. DO NOT TURN OFF MACHINE! Wait for machine to cool down and for indicator warning to turn off.
RED VRD ICON	Abnormal VRD	The No-Load voltage is too high. This is likely caused by VRD fault. <i>Possible Solution: Power down and restart machine.</i>

After attempting the possible solutions listed in the chart above please contact UNIMIG Support Services if you are still experiencing issues with your machine.

23. Wiring Diagrams



24. Machine Breakdown and Parts List



	Code	Name
1	51003613	Display Screen Assembly
1-1	51001736	HD Digital Screen Fixing Board
1-2	51003473	HD Digital Screen Sticker
1-3	51001897	Large Shaft Handle Knob
1-4	51001768	Silicone Key
1-5	51003606	Silicone Key With Orange Key
1-6	51003614	Display Board
2	51001250	Transceiver
3	51001110	9-pin Socket
4	51002149	Plastic Quick Plug
5	51002374	Quick Socket
6	51001157	Polarity Switching Cable
7	51001891	Front Panel
8	51001710	Copper Connection Plate
9	10050722	Protective Ring
10	51001584	Shell Capacitor and Wire
11	51001687	Middle Clapboard
12	51001734	Middle Clapboard Bracket
13	51001513	Reactor
14	51001668	Main Transformer
15	51001291	Rectifier Heat Sink
16	10084877	IGBT Heat Sink Bracket
17	51001594	Inverter Board
18	51000891	Inverter Insulation Support
20	51001716	PFC Heat Sink Bracket
21	51001697	Chassis
22	51001180	DC Fan
23	51001918	Bracket for Fan
24	51003570	Rear Panel
25	51000358	Guard Coil
26	51000357	Guard Coil
27	51001140	PFC Board
28	51002483	DC Fan
29	51001918	Bracket for Fan
30	51001118	Valve
31	10004818	Power Cable

	Code	Name
32	51003429	Large Cable Clip
33	10084286	Knob Switch
34	51001733	Windshield
35	51001088	EMC Board
36	51001148	Control Board
37	51001143	Power Supply Board
38	51001924	Windshield
39	51001735	Front Panel Bracket
40	51000360	With Skirt Guard Coil
41	51000893	Diode Insulation Bracket
42	51001583	Secondary Rectifying Board
43	10084881	Rectifier Heat Sink Bracket
44	51001718	Door Buckle Angle Piece
45	51000840	Plastic Accessory Box
47	51000453	Spool Holder Shaft
48	51002586	Wire Feeding Motor Assembly
49	51001894	Wire Feeder Base
50	51001033	Lamp Board
51	51001245	Lamp Panel Protective Cover
52	51001133	Euro Connector w/ Wires
53	51002849	Trolley Bottom
54	51002230	Universal Wheel
55	51001907	Host Fixing Bracket
56	51001275	IGBT Heat Sink
57	51002367	Wheel
58	51001309	External Circlips
59	51001717	Retaining Ring
60	51003476	Lower Left Side Cover
61	51001910	Stainless Steel Door Latch
62	51003478	Side Door
63	51002029	Top Cover
64	51003477	Right Side Cover
65	51001930	Cylinder Fixing Bracket
66	51001319	Hinge
67	51001908	Restricted Plastic Handle
68	51001694	Centre Clapboard

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