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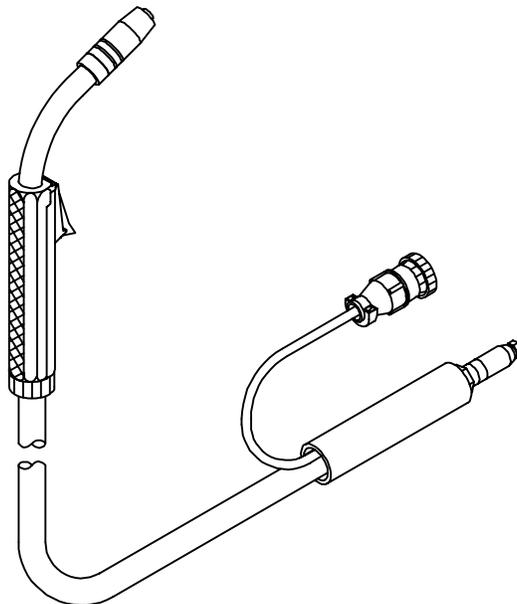
MIG (GMAW) Welding

Flux Cored (FCAW) Welding

Description

Air-Cooled Gun

GA-16C And GA-16C1



OWNER'S MANUAL



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SAFETY PRECAUTIONS FOR GMAW GUNS

 WARNING	GMAW WELDING can be hazardous.
<p>PROTECT YOURSELF AND OTHERS FROM POSSIBLE SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH. KEEP CHILDREN AWAY. PACEMAKER WEARERS KEEP AWAY UNTIL CONSULTING YOUR DOCTOR.</p> <p>In welding, as in most jobs, exposure to certain hazards occurs. Welding is safe when precautions are taken. The safety information given below is only a summary of the more complete safety information found in the wire feeder and welding power source Owner's Manuals. Read and follow all safety precautions.</p> <p>HAVE ALL INSTALLATION, OPERATION, MAINTENANCE, AND REPAIR WORK PERFORMED ONLY BY QUALIFIED PEOPLE.</p>	

	<p>ELECTRIC SHOCK can kill.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Always wear dry insulating gloves. 2. Insulate yourself from work and ground. 3. Do not touch live electrode or electrical parts. 4. Repair or replace worn, damaged, or cracked gun or cable insulation. 5. Turn off welding power source before changing contact tip or gun parts. 6. Keep all covers and handle securely in place. 		<p>ARC RAYS can burn eyes and skin.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Wear welding helmet with correct shade of filter. 2. Wear correct eye and body protection. 3. Cover exposed skin with spatter-resistant clothing.
	<p>HOT SURFACES can burn skin.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Allow gun to cool before touching. 2. Do not touch hot metal. 3. Protect hot metal from contact by others. 		<p>WELDING WIRE can cause puncture wounds.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Keep hands and body away from gun tip when trigger is pressed.
	<p>FUMES AND GASES can be hazardous to your health.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Keep your head out of the fumes. 2. Ventilate area, or use breathing device. 3. Read Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDSs) and manufacturer's instructions for material used. 		<p>NOISE can damage hearing; SOME APPLICATIONS, SUCH AS PULSING, are noisy.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Check for noise level limits exceeding those specified by OSHA. 2. Use approved ear plugs or ear muffs if noise level is high. 3. Warn others nearby about noise hazard.
	<p>WELDING can cause fire or explosion.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Do not weld near flammable material. 2. Do not weld on closed containers. 3. Watch for fire; keep extinguisher nearby. 		

EMF INFORMATION

<p>NOTE </p>	<p><i>Considerations About Welding And The Effects Of Low Frequency Electric And Magnetic Fields</i></p>
<p>The following is a quotation from the General Conclusions Section of the U.S. Congress, Office of Technology Assessment, <i>Biological Effects of Power Frequency Electric & Magnetic Fields – Background Paper</i>, OTA-BP-E-53 (Washington, DC: U.S. Government Printing Office, May 1989): “. . . there is now a very large volume of scientific findings based on experiments at the cellular level and from studies with animals and people which clearly establish that low frequency magnetic fields can interact with, and produce changes in, biological systems. While most of this work is of very high quality, the results are complex. Current scientific understanding does not yet allow us to interpret the evidence in a single coherent framework. Even more frustrating, it does not yet allow us to draw definite conclusions about questions of possible risk or to offer clear science-based advice on strategies to minimize or avoid potential risks.”</p>	<p>To reduce magnetic fields in the workplace, use the following procedures:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Keep cables close together by twisting or taping them. 2. Arrange cables to one side and away from the operator. 3. Do not coil or drape cables around the body. 4. Keep welding power source and cables as far away as practical. 5. Connect work clamp to workpiece as close to the weld as possible. <p>About Pacemakers:</p> <p>The above procedures are among those also normally recommended for pacemaker wearers. Consult your doctor for complete information.</p>
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SECTION 1 – SAFETY INFORMATION

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- Read all safety messages throughout this manual.
- Obey all safety messages to avoid injury.
- Learn the meaning of WARNING and CAUTION.

1 → **WARNING**

2 → **ELECTRIC SHOCK can kill.**

3 → Do not touch live electrical parts.

4 → Disconnect input power before installing or servicing.

5 →

2 → **CAUTION**

MOVING PARTS can injure.

• Keep away from moving parts.

• Keep all panels and covers closed when operating.

6 → **WARNING** **READ SAFETY BLOCKS at start of Section 3-1 before proceeding.**

7 → **NOTE** *Turn Off switch when using high frequency.*

1 Safety Alert Symbol

2 Signal Word

WARNING means possible death or serious injury can happen.

CAUTION means possible minor injury or equipment damage can happen.

3 Statement Of Hazard And Result

4 Safety Instructions To Avoid Hazard

5 Hazard Symbol (If Available)

6 Safety Banner

Read safety blocks for each symbol shown.

7 NOTE

Special instructions for best operation – not related to safety.

Figure 1-1. Safety Information

SECTION 2 – SPECIFICATIONS

Table 2-1. Welding Gun

Specifications	Description
Rated Output	160 Amperes Using CO ₂ Shielding Gas – Air-Cooled
Duty Cycle	See Figure 2-1
Wire Diameter	.023 And .030 in (0.6 And 0.8 mm) Hard Or Flux-Cored Wires
Weight	10 ft Gun – Net: 2.8 lb (1.3 kg); Ship: 5.4 lb (2.4 kg)

2-1. Duty Cycle

CAUTION

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

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

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0
10
Minutes

Definition

Duty Cycle is percentage of 10 minutes that gun can weld at rated load without overheating.

60% Duty Cycle At 160 Amperes Using CO₂ Gas

6 Minutes Welding → 4 Minutes Resting

30% Duty Cycle At 160 Amperes Using Mixed Gases

3 Minutes Welding → 7 Minutes Resting

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Figure 2-1. Duty Cycle

SECTION 3 – INSTALLATION

3-1. Preparing And Installing Gun

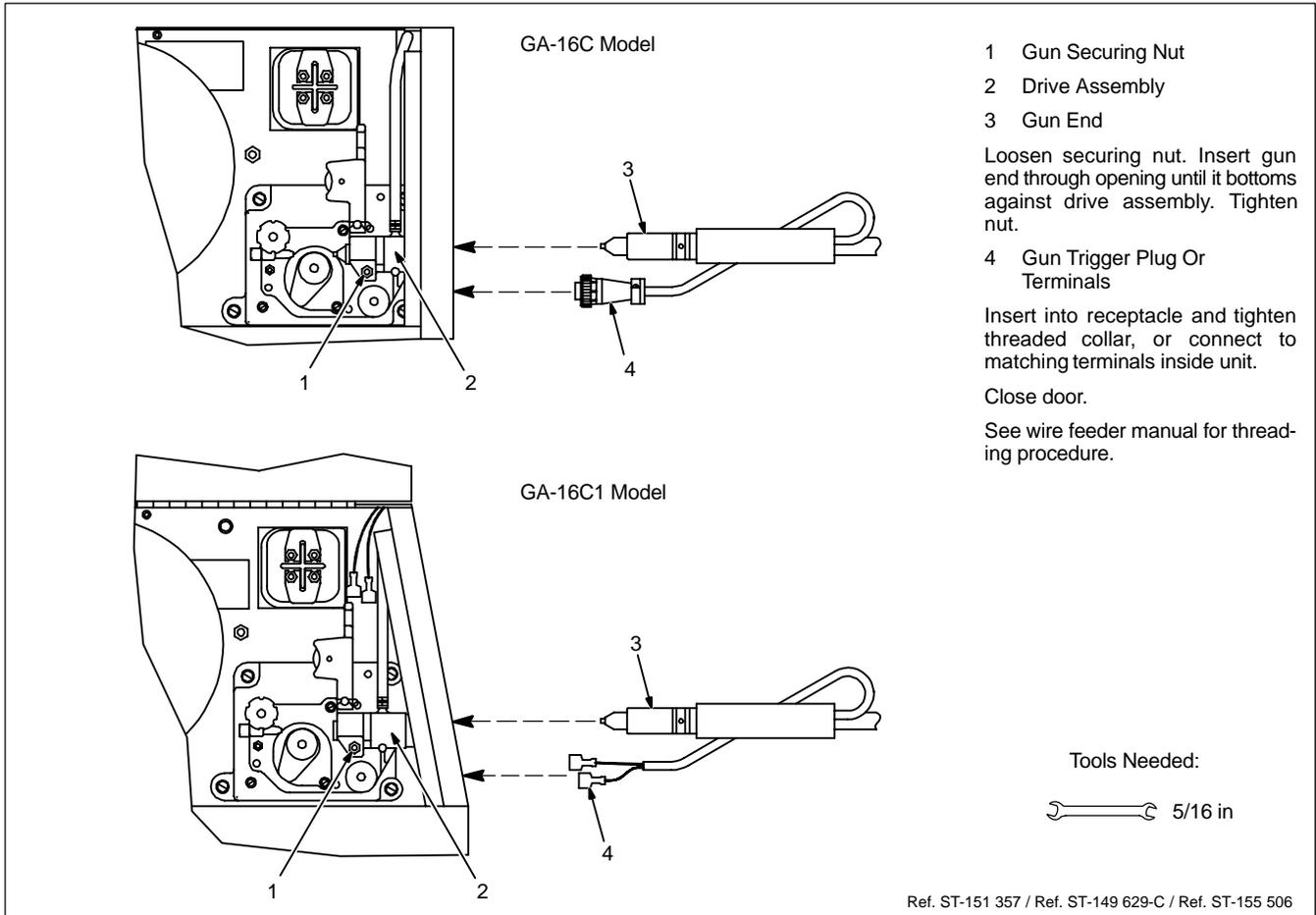


Figure 3-1. Installing Gun

SECTION 4 – OPERATION

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4-1. Operating The Gun

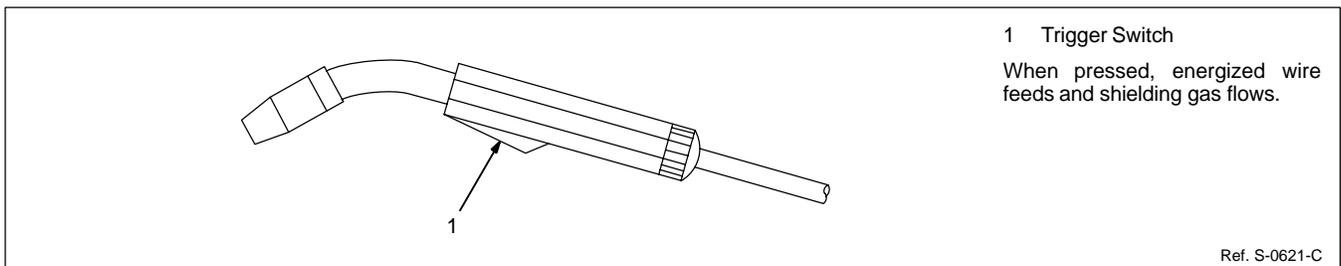
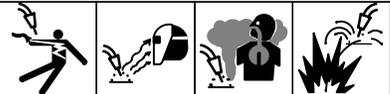


Figure 4-1. Using Gun Switch

SECTION 5 – MAINTENANCE & TROUBLESHOOTING

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5-1. Maintenance And Troubleshooting

 Turn Off all power before maintaining.	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <th colspan="2" style="text-align: center; padding: 5px;">Each Spool Of Wire</th> </tr> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; padding: 5px;">  See Section 5-2 </td> <td style="width: 50%; padding: 5px;">  Blow Out Gun Casing </td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">  Clean Nozzle And Check Contact Tip </td> <td style="padding: 5px;">  </td> </tr> </table>	Each Spool Of Wire		 See Section 5-2	 Blow Out Gun Casing	 Clean Nozzle And Check Contact Tip		<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <th colspan="2" style="text-align: center; padding: 5px;">3 Months</th> </tr> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; padding: 5px;">  Replace Cracked Parts </td> <td style="width: 50%; padding: 5px;">  Control Cord </td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">  Gas Hose </td> <td style="padding: 5px;">  Gun Cable </td> </tr> </table>	3 Months		 Replace Cracked Parts	 Control Cord	 Gas Hose	 Gun Cable
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Figure 5-1. Routine Maintenance

Table 5-1. Troubleshooting

Trouble	Remedy
Wire does not feed.	Check contact tip. Check for kinks in gun cable. Check trigger connection at welding power source/wire feeder. Have nearest Factory Authorized Service Station/Service Distributor check gun trigger switch.
Wire is not energized.	Check contact tip. Check trigger connection at welding power source/wire feeder. Have nearest Factory Authorized Service Station/Service Distributor check gun trigger switch.
Wire feeds unevenly.	Check contact tip. Check for kinks in gun cable. Blow out liner and gun casing.

5-2. Changing Contact Tip And Liner

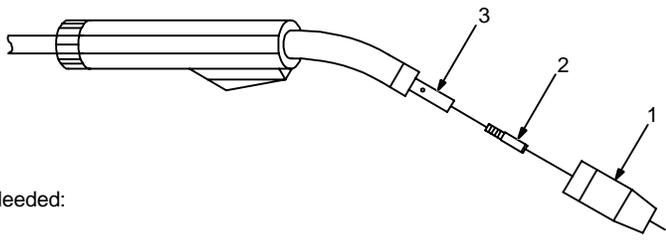
	<p>Turn off welding power source/wire feeder. Cut off wire at nozzle.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Nozzle 2 Contact Tip 3 Contact Tip Adapter
<p>Tools Needed:</p> 	<p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">Ref. ST-149 326-A</p>

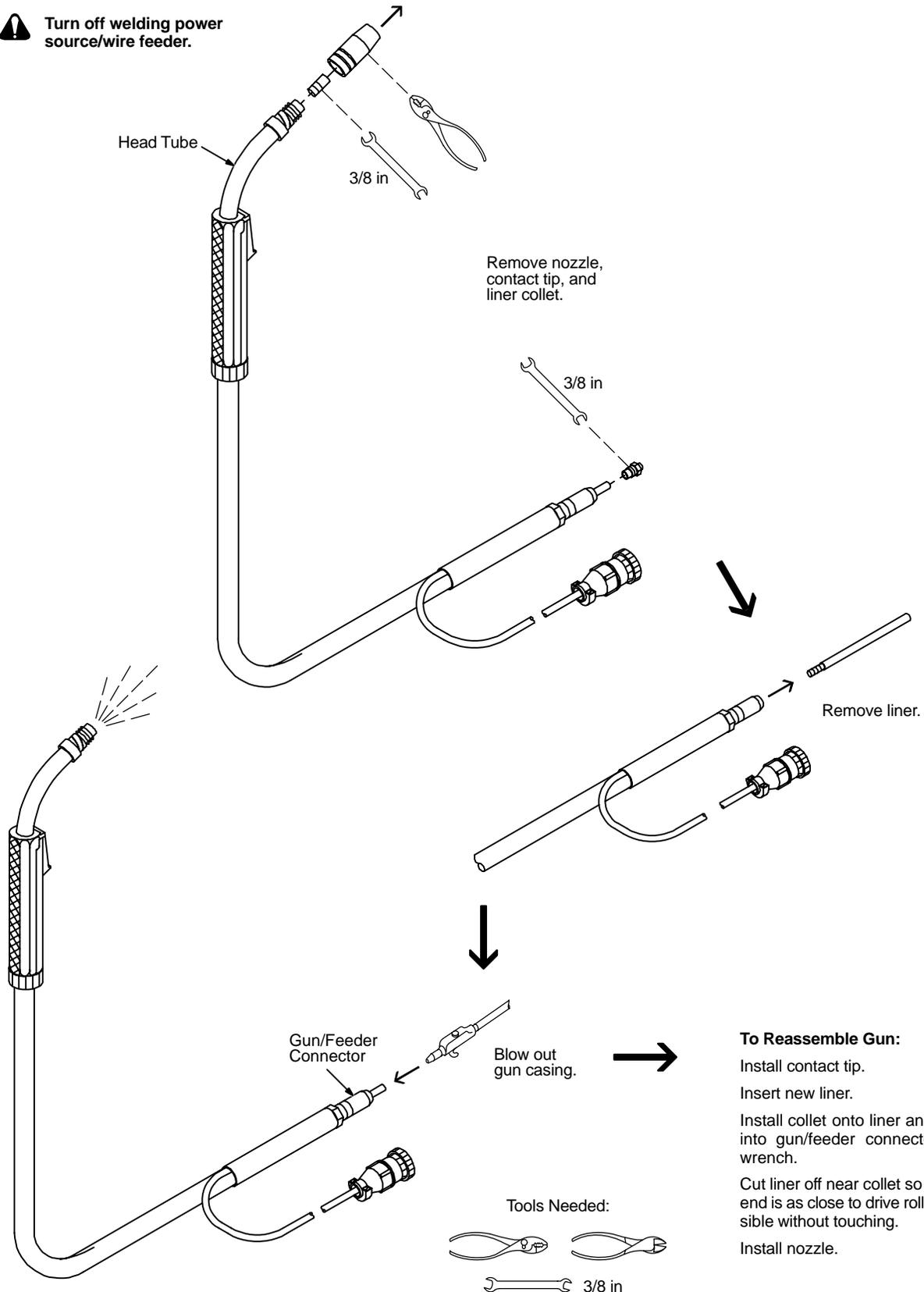
Figure 5-2. Changing Contact Tip

⚠ CAUTION

FLYING METAL CHIPS AND DIRT can cause injury and damage equipment.

- Point gun away from people and in a safe direction when blowing out with compressed air.

⚠ Turn off welding power source/wire feeder.



Ref. ST-155 509

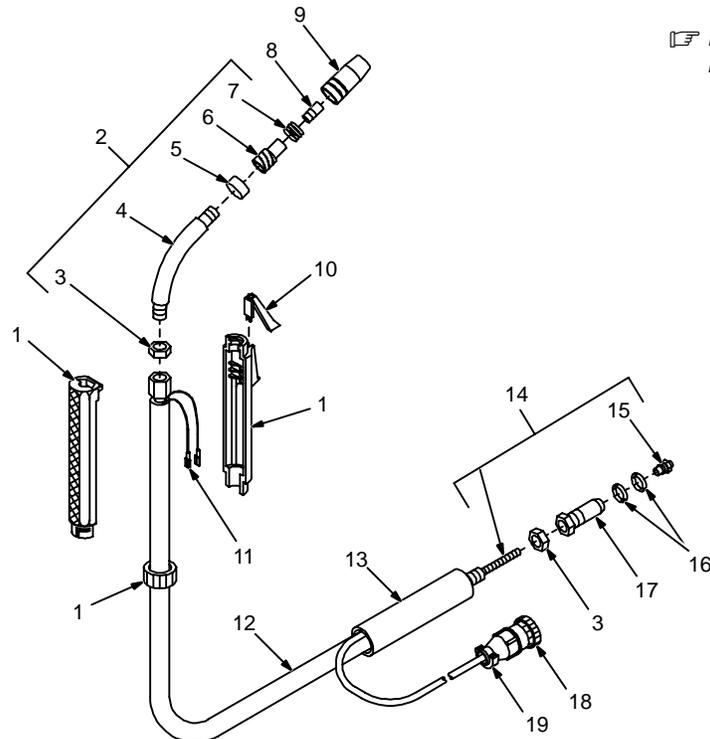
Figure 5-3. Changing Liner

SECTION 6 – PARTS LIST

Item No.	Part No.	Description	Quantity
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Figure 6-1. Complete Assembly (GA-16C Gun Illustrated)

...	1	110 793	HANDLE ASSEMBLY	1
...	2	110 795	TUBE, head (consisting of)	1
...	3	110 780	NUT, M 10 x 1	2
...	4	110 779	JACKET, head tube	1
...	5	110 781	STOP, nozzle	1
...	6	128 878	ADAPTER, head tube nozzle	1
...	7	110 782	SPRING, nozzle	1
...	8	110 785	TIP, contact .023 (16C Model)	1
...	8	110 786	TIP, contact .030 (16C1 Model)	1
...	9	110 789	NOZZLE, slip type 1/2 orifice	1
...	9	◆112 420	NOZZLE, slip type 3/8 orifice	1
...	9	◆110 790	NOZZLE, spot flat	1
...	9	◆110 791	NOZZLE, spot	1
...	10	110 794	TRIGGER SWITCH ASSEMBLY	1
...	11	080 565	TERMINAL, frict uninsul fem 22-18ga	2
...	12	110 792	CABLE, 10ft	1
...	13	110 797	SLEEVE, rubber	1
...	14	167 440	LINER, monocoil .023-.035 wire 10ft (consisting of)	1
...	15	110 784	COLLET, liner .023-.030 wire (16C Model)	1
...	15	120 715	COLLET, liner .035 wire (16C1 Model)	1
...	16	079 974	O-RING, 1/2 ID x .103	2
...	17	110 796	CONNECTOR, gun/feeder	1
...	18	079 878	CONNECTOR & PINS, (16C Model) (consisting of)	1
...		079 535	CONNECTOR, circ pin push-in 14-18ga Amp 66359-6	4
...	18	047 994	TERMINAL, frict ultrafast fem 22-18ga (16C1 Model)	2
...	19	048 834	CONNECTOR, circ clamp str rlf sz 11 Amp 206062-4 (16C Model)	1



☞ Hardware is common and not available unless listed.

Ref. ST-110 832-D

Figure 6-1. Complete Assembly (GA-16C Gun Illustrated)

◆ OPTIONAL

To maintain the factory original performance of your equipment, use only **Manufacturer's Suggested Replacement Parts**. Model and serial number required when ordering parts from your local distributor.

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 - * Plasma Arc Cutting Power Sources
 - * Semi-Automatic and Automatic Wire Feeders
 - * Inverter Power Supplies
 - * Intelligig
 - * Engine Driven Welding Generators
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 - * Motor Driven Guns (w/exception of Spoolmate 185 & Spoolmate 250)
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 - * Automatic Motion Devices
 - * RFCS Foot Controls
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 - * Grids
 - * Maxstar 140
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Purchase Date	(Date which equipment was delivered to original customer.)
Distributor	
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