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MIG (GMAW) Welding



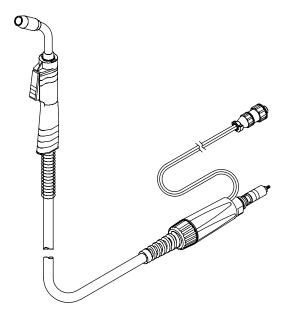
Flux Cored (FCAW) Welding

Description



Semi-Automatic, Air-Cooled MIG (GMAW) Welding Gun

MIGmatic[™] M-25





OWNER'S MANUAL

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From Miller to You

Thank you and congratulations on choosing Miller. Now you can get the job done and get it done right. We know you don't have time to do it any other way.

That's why when Niels Miller first started building arc welders in 1929, he made sure his products offered long-lasting value and superior quality. Like you, his customers couldn't afford anything less. Miller products had to be more than the best they could be. They had to be the best you could buy.

Today, the people that build and sell Miller products continue the tradition. They're just as committed to providing equipment and service that meets the high standards of quality and value established in 1929.

This Owner's Manual is designed to help you get the most out of your Miller products. Please take time to read the Safety precautions. They will help you protect yourself against potential hazards on the worksite.



Miller is the first welding equipment manufacturer in the U.S.A. to be registered to the ISO 9001:2000 Quality System Standard.

We've made installation and operation quick and easy. With Miller you can count on years of reliable service with proper maintenance. And if for some reason the unit needs repair, there's a Troubleshooting section that will help you figure out what the problem is. The parts list will then help you to decide the exact part you may need to fix the problem. Warranty and service information for your particular model are also provided.

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SECTION 1 -SAFETY PRECAUTIONS FOR GMAW **WELDING GUNS - READ BEFORE USING**

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1-1. Symbol Usage



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

▲ Marks a special safety message.

IF Means NOTE; not safety related.







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

GMAW Gun Hazards 1-2.

WARNING

GMAW WELDING can be hazardous.

PROTECT YOURSELF AND OTHERS FROM POSSIBLE SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH. KEEP CHILDREN AWAY. PACEMAKER WEARERS KEEP AWAY UNTIL CONSULTING YOUR DOCTOR.

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.

HAVE ALL INSTALLATION, OPERATION, MAINTENANCE, AND REPAIR WORK PERFORMED ONLY BY QUALIFIED PEOPLE.



ELECTRIC SHOCK can kill.

- 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.



ARC RAYS can burn eyes and skin.

- 1. Wear welding helmet with correct shade of filter.
- 2. Wear correct eye and body protection.
- 3. Cover exposed skin with spatter-resistant clothing.



HOT SURFACES can burn skin.

- 1. Allow gun to cool before touching.
- 2. Do not touch hot metal.
- 3. Protect hot metal from contact by others.



FUMES AND GASES can be hazardous to your health.

- 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.



NOISE can damage hearing; SOME APPLICATIONS, SUCH AS PULSING, are noisy.

- 1. Check for noise level limits exceeding those specified by OSHA.
- Use approved ear plugs or ear muffs if noise level
- 3. Warn others nearby about noise hazard.



WELDING can cause fire or explosion.

- 1. Do not weld near flammable material.
- 2. Do not weld on closed containers.
- 3. Watch for fire; keep extinguisher nearby.



WELDING WIRE can cause puncture wounds.

1. Keep hands and body away from gun tip when trigger is pressed.



BUILD UP OF GAS can injure or kill

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



California Proposition 65 Warnings

- Welding or cutting equipment produces fumes or gases which contain chemicals known to the State of California to cause birth defects and, in some cases, cancer. (California Health & Safety Code Section 25249.5 et seq.)
- Battery posts, terminals and related accessories contain lead and lead compounds, chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm. Wash hands after handling.

For Gasoline Engines:

▲ Engine exhaust contains chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects, or other reproductive harm.

For Diesel Engines:

Diesel engine exhaust and some of its constituents are known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects, and other reproductive harm.

EMF INFORMATION

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

The following is a quotation from the General Conclusions Section of the U.S. Congress, Office of Technology Assessment, Biological Effects of Power Frequency Electric & Magnetic Fields -Background Paper, OTA-BP-E-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."

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

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

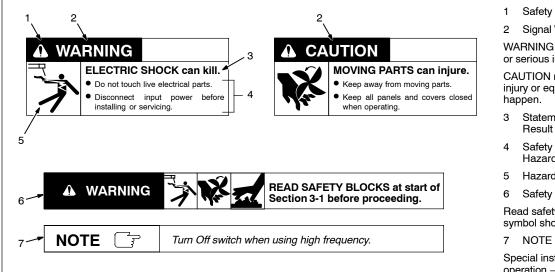
About Pacemakers:

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

SECTION 2 – SAFETY INFORMATION



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



- Safety Alert Symbol
- Signal Word

WARNING means possible death or serious injury can happen.

CAUTION means possible minor injury or equipment damage can

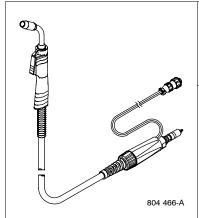
- Statement Of Hazard And
- Safety Instructions To Avoid Hazard
- Hazard Symbol (If Available)
- Safety Banner

Read safety blocks for each symbol shown.

Special instructions for best operation - not related to safety.

SECTION 3 - INSTALLATION

Specifications 3-1.



Air-Cooled Welding Gun For GMAW And FCAW Welding Note: Using gasless flux cored wire reduces gun duty cycle.

M-25 Feeds .023 To .045 in (0.6 To 1.1 mm) Hard Or Flux Cored Wires **Duty Cycle Rating:**

100%: 250 A With CO₂ Shielding Gas; 150 A With Mixed Gases 60%: 300 A With CO2 Shielding Gas; 250 A With Mixed Gases

Weight With 15 ft (4.6 m) Power Cable: 6.0 lb (2.7 kg)

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3-2. Duty Cycle And Overheating



F See Section 3-1. Specifications for amperage rating and duty cycle.

Exceeding duty cycle can damage unit and void warranty.

Definition



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

.023 To .045 in (0.6 To 1.1 mm) Hard Or Flux Cored Wires

100% Duty Cycle At 200 Amperes Using CO₂

100% Duty Cycle At 150 Amperes Using Mixed Gases



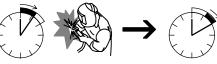


Continuous Welding

.023 To .045 in (0.6 To 1.1 mm) Hard Or Flux Cored Wires

60% Duty Cycle At 300 Amperes Using CO₂

60% Duty Cycle At 200 Amperes Using Mixed Gases



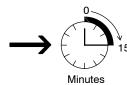
6 Minutes Welding

4 Minutes Resting

Overheating







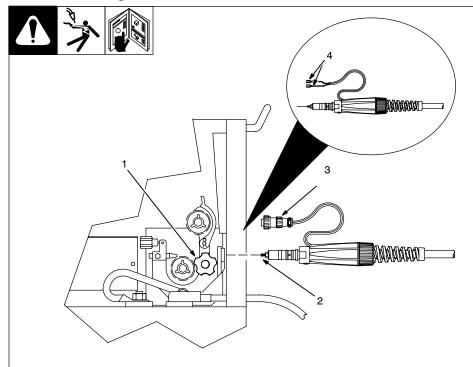








3-3. Installing Gun



- 1 Gun Securing Knob
- 2 Gun End

Loosen knob. Insert gun end until it bottoms against drive assembly. Tighten knob.

3 Gun Trigger Plug

Insert into receptacle, and tighten threaded collar.

4 Friction Terminals

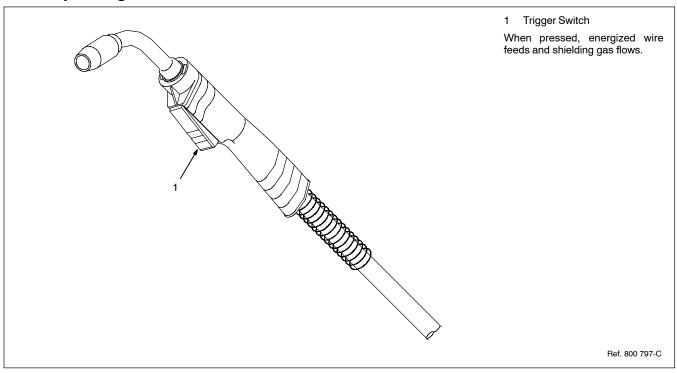
Some applications will require cutting off trigger plug and installing 0.250 female friction terminals onto end of leads.

See wire feeder manual for threading procedure.

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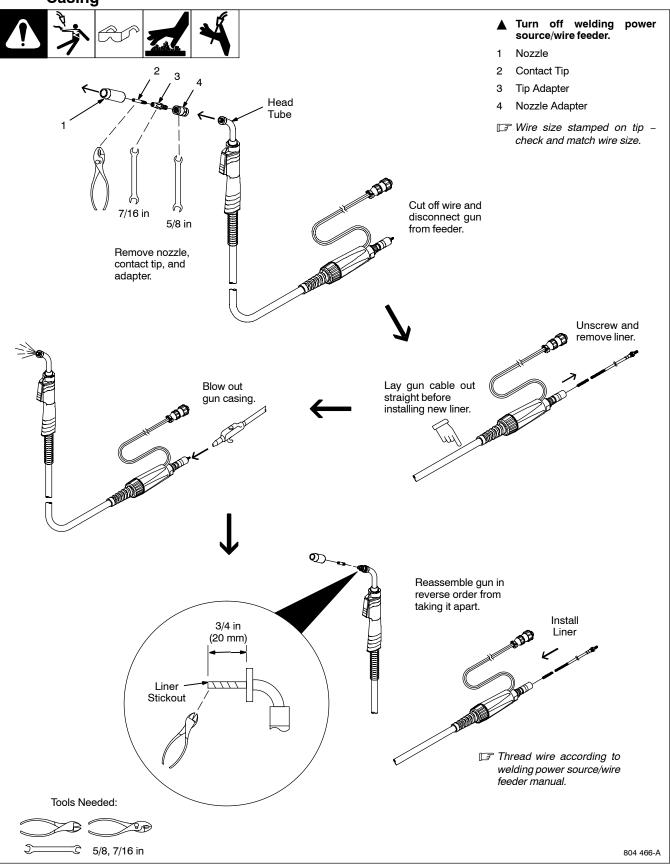
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4-1. Operating The Gun

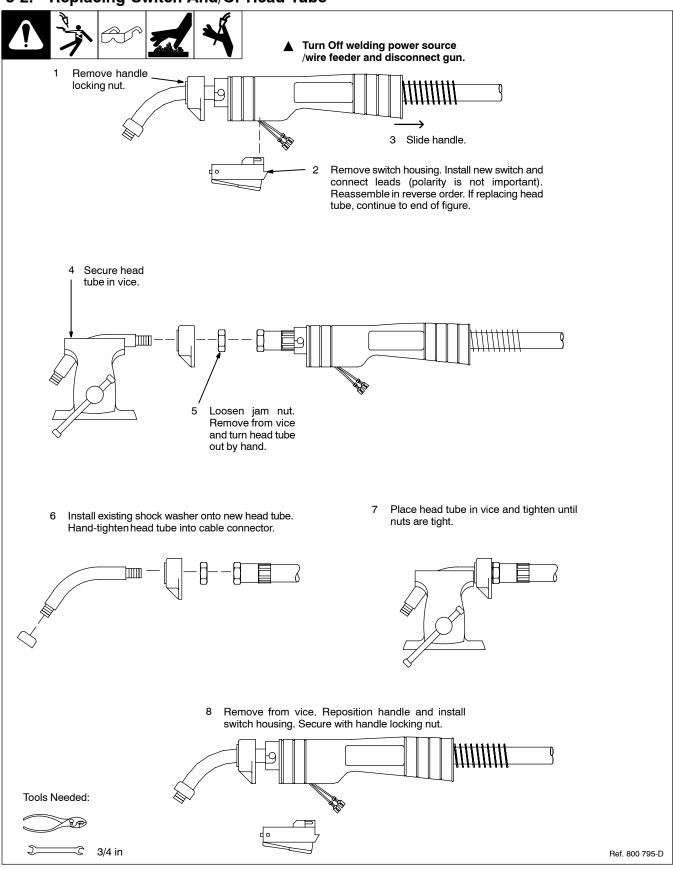


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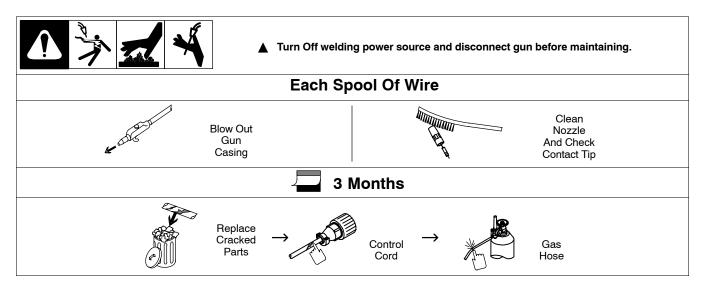
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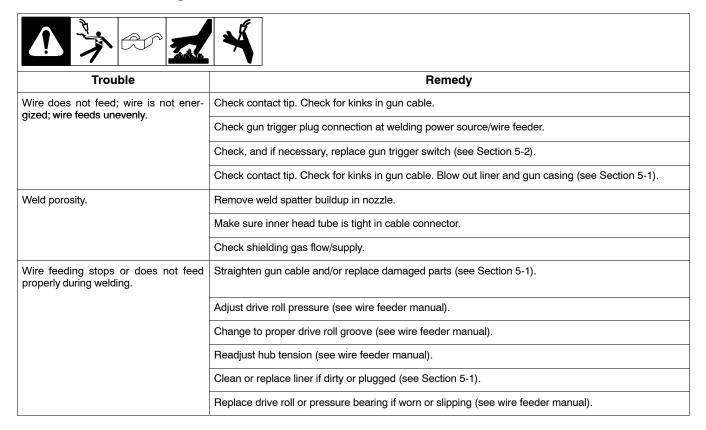
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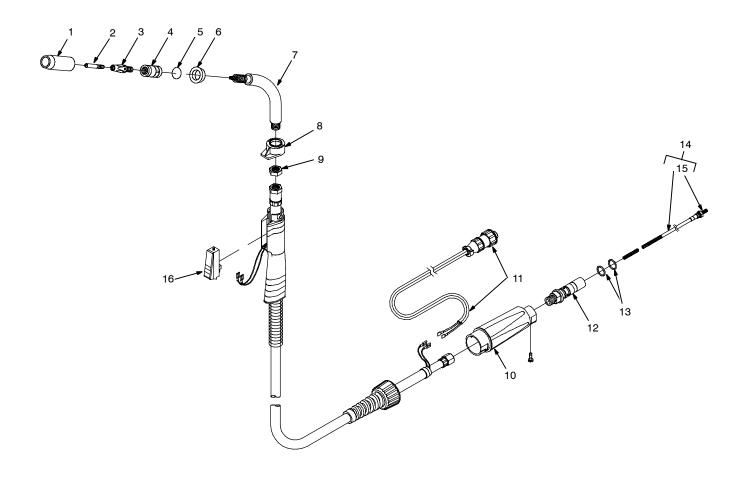
5-3. Routine Maintenance



5-4. Troubleshooting



SECTION 6 - PARTS LIST



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Figure 6-1. M-25 Gun

Item No.	Dia. Mkgs.	Part No.	Description	Quantity
			Figure 6-1. M-25 Gun	
1 1 1 2 2 2 2 3 4 5 6		-169 724 -169 725 -169 726 -169 727 -087 299 -000 067 -000 068 -000 069 169 728 169 729 170 468 169 730	NOZZLE, slip type .500 orf flush NOZZLE, slip type .500 orf .125 recess NOZZLE, slip type .625 orf .125 recess NOZZLE, slip type .625 orf flush NOZZLE, slip type .625 orf .125 stickout TIP, contact scr .023 wire x 1.125 TIP, contact scr .030 wire x 1.125 TIP, contact scr .035 wire x 1.125 TIP, contact scr .045 wire x 1.125 TIP, contact scr .045 wire x 1.125 ADAPTER, contact tip ADAPTER, nozzle w/retaining ring O-RING WASHER, shock	1
/		109 /31	TUBE, head	1

Item No.	Dia. Mkgs.	Part No.	Description	Quantity
	wingo.	110.	Becomplien	
			Figure 6-1. M-25 Gun (Continued)	
			NUT, locking handle	
9		169 732	NUT, jam	1
10		227 799	HANDLE, rear	1
11		227 800	CORD, trigger assembly	1
12		209 495	CONNECTOR, feeder	1
13		079 974	O-RING, .500 ID x .103CS rbr	2
14		+194 010	LINER, monocoil .023/.025 wire x 15ft (consisting of)	1
14		194 011	LINER, monocoil .030/.035 wire x 15ft (consisting of)	1
14		+194 012	LINER, monocoil .035/.045 wire x 15ft (consisting of)	1
14		+194 014	LINER, monocoil 3/64 AL wire x 10ft (consisting of)	1
15		079 975	O-RING, .187 ID x .103CS rbr	1
16		227 798	SWITCH, trigger	1

+OPTIONAL

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

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 - Plasma Arc Cutting Power Sources
 - Process Controllers
 - Semi-Automatic and Automatic Wire Feeders
 - Inverter Power Sources (Unless Otherwise Stated)
 - Water Coolant Systems (Integrated)
 - Intellitia
 - **Engine Driven Welding Generators** (NOTE: Engines are warranted separately by the engine manufacturer.)
- 1 Year Parts and Labor Unless Specified
 - Motor Driven Guns (w/exception of Spoolmate Spoolauns)
 - Positioners and Controllers
 - **Automatic Motion Devices**
 - **RFCS Foot Controls**
 - Induction Heating Power Sources, Coolers, and Electronic
 - Controls/Recorders
 - Water Coolant Systems (Non-Integrated)
 - Flowgauge and Flowmeter Regulators (No Labor)
 - **HF Units**
 - Grids
 - Spot Welders
 - Load Banks
 - Arc Stud Power Sources & Arc Stud Guns
 - Racks
 - Running Gear/Trailers
 - Plasma Cutting Torches (except APT & SAF Models)
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 - (NOTE: Field options are covered under True Blue® for the remaining warranty period of the product they are installed in, or for a minimum of one year whichever is greater.)
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 - Subarc Wire Drive Assemblies
- 6 Months Batteries
- 90 Days Parts
 - MIG Guns/TIG Torches and Subarc (SAW) Guns

- Induction Heating Coils and Blankets, Cables, and Non-Electronic Controls
- APT & SAF Model Plasma Cutting Torches
- Remote Controls
- Accessory (Kits)
- Replacement Parts (No labor)
- Spoolmate Spoolguns
- Canvas Covers

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Model Name	Serial/Style Number
Purchase Date	(Date which equipment was delivered to original customer.)
Distributor	
Address	
City	
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Contact a DISTRIBUTOR or SERVICE AGENCY near you.

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