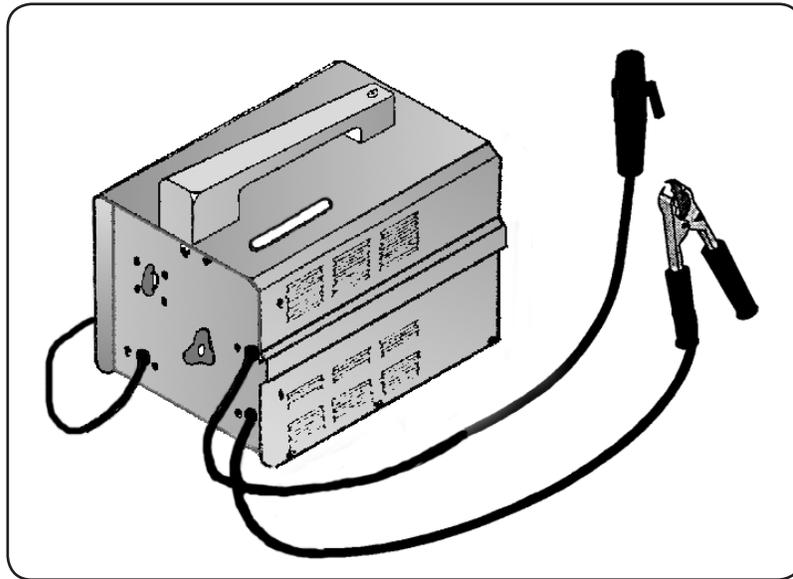


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ARC WELDER - 120

Model 98870

SET UP AND OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS



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SPECIFICATIONS

Input Power	115/230 V~, 42 A
Maximum Amperage Output	120 A
Electrode Sizes (Note: Electrodes not included)	1/16" to 5/64" (115V) 1/16" to 3/32" (230V)

Features

This is a high-quality hobby arc welder, delivering up to 140 Amps welding current. It will hold electrodes sizes from 1/16" to 3/32" in diameter. It is thermally protected, and has a high temperature warning light. Step-less variable Amperage is easily adjustable using a control knob, with an easy-to-read gauge on top of the unit. This welder is easily portable, using the attached carrying handle. This welder will use either 115 Volt or 230 Volt current.

Save This Manual

You will need the manual for the safety warnings and precautions, assembly instructions, operating and maintenance procedures, parts list and diagram. Keep your invoice with this manual. Write the invoice number on the inside of the front cover. Keep the manual and invoice in a safe and dry place for future reference.

SAFETY WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

WARNING: When using tool, basic safety precautions should always be followed to reduce the risk of personal injury and damage to equipment.

Read all instructions before using this tool!

1. **Keep work area clean.** Cluttered areas invite injuries.
2. **Observe work area conditions.** Do not use machines or power tools in damp or wet locations. Don't expose to rain. Keep work area well lighted. Do not use electrically powered tools in the presence of flammable gases or liquids.
3. **Keep children away.** Children must never be allowed in the work area. Do not let them handle machines, tools, or extension cords.
4. **Store idle equipment.** When not in use, tools must be stored in a dry location to inhibit rust. Always lock up tools and keep out of reach of children.
5. **Do not force tool.** It will do the job better and more safely at the rate for which it was intended. Do not use inappropriate attachments in an attempt to exceed the tool capacity.
6. **Use the right tool for the job.** Do not attempt to force a small tool or attachment to do the work of a larger industrial tool. Do not use a tool for a purpose for which it was not intended.
7. **Dress properly.** Do not wear loose clothing or jewelry as they can be caught in moving parts. Protective, electrically non-conductive clothes and non-skid footwear are recommended when working. Wear restrictive hair covering to contain long hair.

8. **Use eye and ear protection.** Wear ANSI-approved impact safety goggles at all times. Wear a full face shield if you are producing metal filings or wood chips. Wear an ANSI approved dust mask or respirator when working around metal, wood, and chemical dusts and mists.
9. **Do not overreach.** Keep proper footing and balance at all times. Do not reach over or across running machines.
10. **Maintain tools with care.** Keep tools sharp and clean for better and safer performance. Follow instructions for lubricating and changing accessories. Inspect tool cords periodically and, if damaged, have them repaired by an authorized technician. The handles must be kept clean, dry, and free from oil and grease at all times.
11. **Disconnect power.** Unplug electrical equipment when not in use.
12. **Remove adjusting keys and wrenches.** Check that keys and adjusting wrenches are removed from the tool or machine work surface before plugging it in.
13. **Avoid unintentional starting.** Be sure the switch is in the Off position when not in use and before plugging in. Do not carry any tool with your finger on the trigger, whether it is plugged in or not.
14. **Stay alert.** Watch what you are doing, use common sense. Do not operate any tool when tired.
15. **Check for damaged parts.** Before using any tool, any part that appears damaged should be carefully checked to determine that it will operate properly and perform its intended function. Check for alignment and binding of moving parts, any broken parts or mounting fixtures, and any other condition that may affect proper operation. Any part that is damaged should be properly repaired or replaced by a qualified technician. Do not use the tool if any switch does not turn On and Off properly.
16. **Guard against electric shock.** Prevent body contact with grounded surfaces such as pipes, clamps, vises, and metal enclosures.
17. **Replacement parts and accessories.** When servicing, use only identical replacement parts. Use of any other parts will void the warranty. Only use accessories intended for use with this tool. Approved accessories are available from Harbor Freight Tools.
18. **Do not operate tool if under the influence of alcohol or drugs.** Read warning labels on prescriptions to determine if your judgment or reflexes are impaired while taking drugs. If there is any doubt, do not operate the tool.
19. **People with pacemakers should consult their physician(s) before use.** Electromagnetic fields in close proximity to heart pacemaker could cause pacemaker interference or pacemaker failure.
20. **WARNING:** This product, when used for welding or similar applications, produces chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects (or other reproductive harm). (California Health & Safety Code § 25249.5, *et seq.*)
21. **The warnings, precautions, and instructions discussed in this instruction manual cannot cover all possible conditions and situations that may occur. It must be understood by the operator that common sense and caution are factors which cannot be built into this product, but must be supplied by the operator.**

Safety Warnings and Precautions for Arc Welding

WARNING! Arc Welding Can be Hazardous.

It is your responsibility to operate this equipment in a safe manner.

Fire or Explosion Precautions

Arc welding creates heat and sparks. These can cause fire or explosion. Please follow these safety considerations while using your spot welder.

1. Be aware of flying sparks. Only weld in an area that does not contain any materials which can be ignited by flying sparks. Extinguish any significant flying sparks before continuing to weld.
2. Protect yourself and others around you from burns which can be caused by flying sparks.
3. Never weld in an area which contains materials which can be ignited by flying sparks.
4. Be sure that you have a fire extinguisher nearby before using this welder.
5. Never weld enclosed containers. Sparks in an enclosed container can trigger an explosion.
6. Never weld in an atmosphere which might contain flammable fumes.
7. Periodically during welding, and after completion of job, inspect your area for any ignition that might have been caused by flying sparks.

Electric Shock Hazard Precautions

Be aware that your arc welder operates through high resistance electrical current. Exposure to this current can cause injury or death. Please use safety precautions against electrical shock while using your welder.

1. Always unplug your welder prior to making any adjustments or repairs.
2. Never leave your welder unattended while plugged in.
3. Never use your welder in a wet environment, or while you are wet or on a wet surface.
4. Always wear electrical insulating clothing, gloves and shoes while using your welder.
5. Never use an extension cord which is not properly approved and rated for this equipment.
6. Assure that you are drawing from an electrical supply which is protected by a 30 Amp fuse or breaker switch.

Personal Safety Precautions

Flying Sparks can cause injury, and Hot Materials can cause burns. Please wear appropriate safety clothing, and observe precautions to prevent burns or injury to yourself or others.

1. Wear ANSI approved safety goggles or glasses when using this equipment.
2. Wear protective clothing such as heavy gloves, apron, boots, mask or hood.
3. Do not look directly into the welding arc without appropriate protective eyeshields. Do not allow others to look directly into the arc without appropriate eye protection.
4. Wear protective gloves while welding. Welding causes the metal to become very hot, which can cause burns. Do not touch welded areas until you are certain they have cooled.
5. Assure that hot welded materials are not placed where others can touch them, or they can cause a fire.
6. The electrode, and especially the welding rods become very hot during welding. Exercise extreme caution to prevent burns to yourself or others from these areas.

Inhalation Hazard

Welding/Plasma Cutting Produces TOXIC FUMES and GASSES.



Exposure to welding or cutting gasses can increase the risk of developing certain cancers, such as cancer of the larynx and lung cancer. Also, some diseases that may be linked to exposure to welding or plasma cutting gasses or fumes are:

- Early onset of Parkinson's Disease
- Heart Disease
- Damage to the reproductive organs
- Ulcers
- Inflammation of the small intestine or stomach
- Kidney damage
- Respiratory diseases such as emphysema, bronchitis or pneumonia



Safety precautions, such as using natural or forced air ventilation and wearing an ANSI approved respirator, are ESSENTIAL to reduce the risk of developing the above illnesses.

ARC WELDER ASSEMBLY

Installing the Handle

1. Locate the HANDLE (27) and SCREW (28).
2. Slide the HANDLE (27) onto the top of the CASE (26), indexing the tabs on the underside of the HANDLE onto the slots on top of the CASE, as indicated by lines (A) in Figure 1.
3. Insert the SCREW (28) through the HANDLE (27), as shown in Figure 1, and tighten securely with a screwdriver.

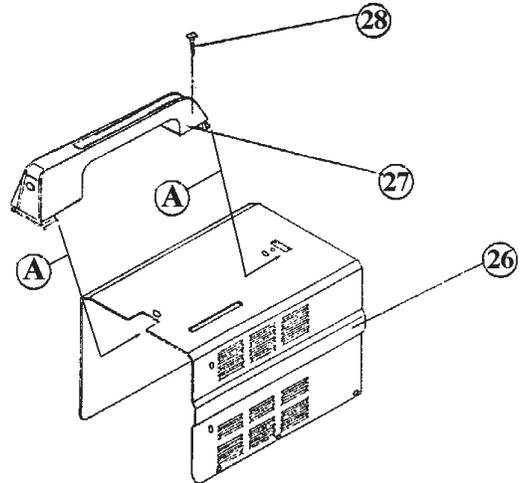


Figure 1. Handle Installation

WARNING! Be sure to connect the Ground Clamp to the GROUND WIRE (4) ONLY. Check the Parts Diagram to be sure you have selected the correct wire.

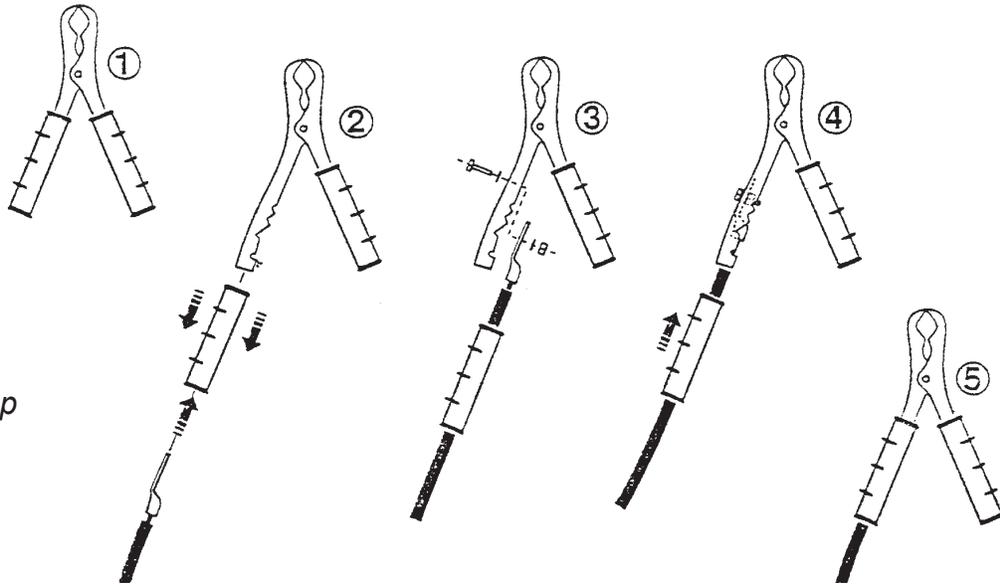


Figure 2.
Ground Clamp
Installation

1. Locate the Ground Clamp which is included in your welder kit, see Figure 2, step 1.
2. Slide the Handle Grip off the Ground Clamp, exposing the Wire Attachment area . Slide the Handle Grip over the end of the GROUND WIRE (4), see Figure 2, Step 2.
3. Attach the GROUND WIRE (4) to the Ground Clamp, using a Bolt, Nut and Washer, as shown in Figure 2, Step 3.
4. With the GROUND WIRE secure, slide the Handle Grip over the Ground Clamp, covering the attachment of the Ground Wire to the Ground Clamp.
5. Your assembled Ground Clamp will look like Figure 2, Step 5.

WARNING! Welder produces powerful electric currents. Operator must remain insulated from this current. Never use if any insulating Handle Grip is not in good repair.

Installing the Electrode Handle

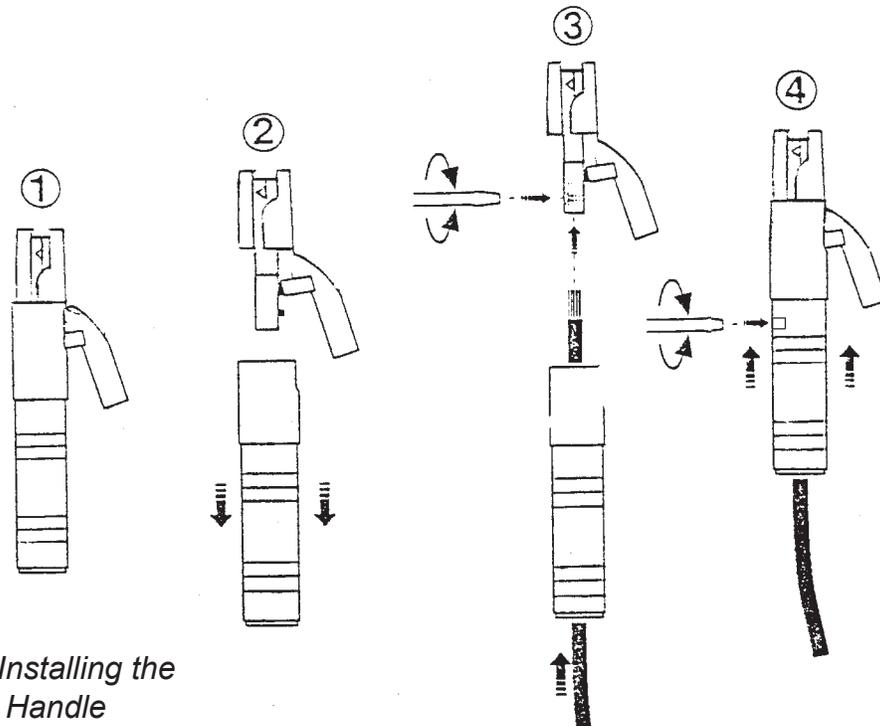


Figure 3. Installing the Electrode Handle

1. Locate the ELECTRODE CABLE (5), as shown in the parts diagram, and the Electrode Handle as shown in figure 3, Step 1 above.
2. Slide the Handle Grip off the Electrode Handle, as shown in Step 2 above.
3. Insert the ELECTRODE CABLE (5) through the Handle Grip, and attach to the Electrode Handle as shown in Step 3 above. Note: You must place bare end of ELECTRODE CABLE wire into opening in end of Electrode Handle, then by tightening the Screw, tighten the Clamping Plate onto the bare end of the ELECTRODE CABLE, clamping it securely into place.
4. With the ELECTRODE CABLE secured into the Electrode Handle, slide the Handle Grip over the wire connection, as shown in Step 4 above. Tighten the Handle Grip securely in place by tightening the screw in the base of the Handle Grip, as shown.

WARNING! Never use your welder if the Insulating Handle Grips are not in good condition and securely in place. Dangerous potentially fatal shocks can result from improper handle insulation.

Installing the Power Plug

Note: This Arc Welder is equipped to operate with either 115 or 230 Volt power supply. Standard “household” current in the U.S. is 110-120 Volts. If you will be using a “household” outlet, follow directions for 115 Volt wiring. Electric service for appliances such as stoves in the U.S. are 220-240 Volts. If you will be using an “appliance” outlet, follow directions for 230 Volt wiring. If you have ANY DOUBT, consult a qualified electrician. Severe damage can result from improperly wiring this Arc Welder.

1. Determine which voltage you will be using, and secure a UL approved plug for the selected voltage which will fit your wall outlet.
2. Identify the correct wires you will be using for your voltage from the chart below.

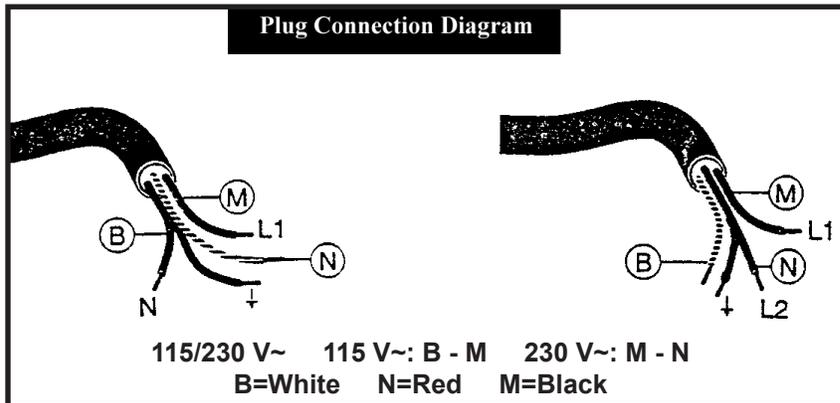
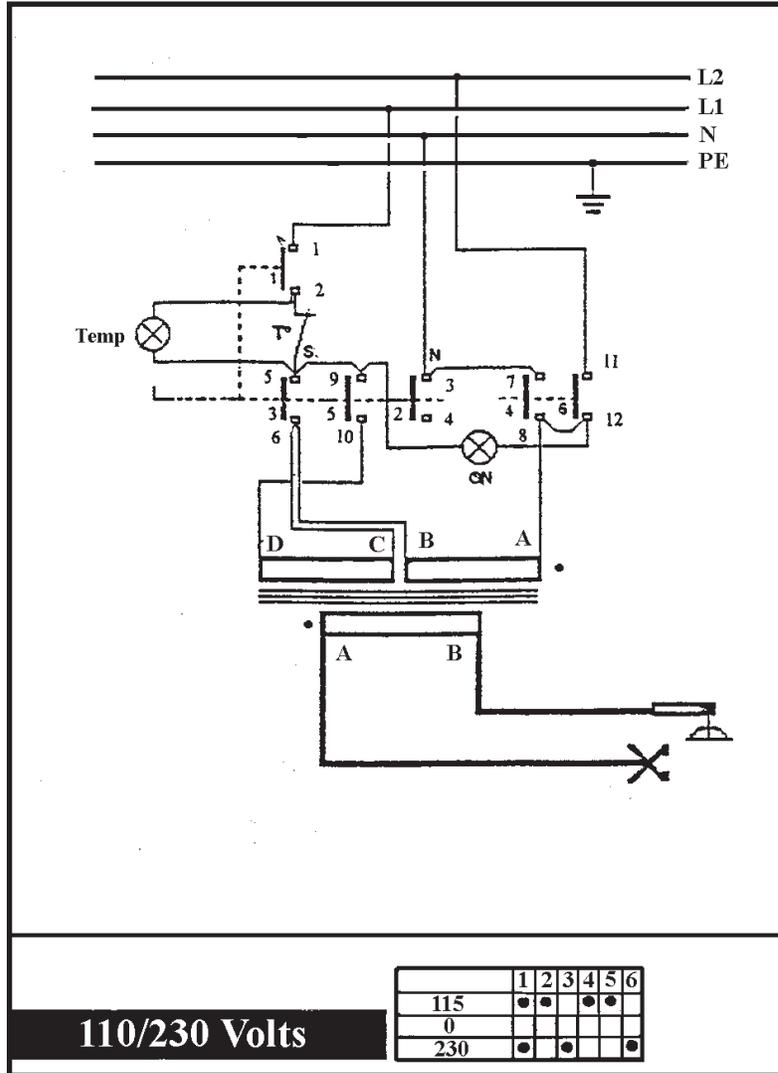
	115 Volt installation	230 Volt Installation
Ground	Green	Green
Neutral	White	
Hot	Black L1	Black L1, Red L2
Tied Off Wire	Red	White

3. Prepare the wires by stripping approximately 1/2” of the insulation from the end of each wire.
4. Depending on the plug design, insert the prepared cable ends into the plug from the back.
5. Attach the Green wire to the Ground pole of the plug.
6. Wire the appropriate plug as shown in #2 above.
7. To tie off the wire shown in #2 above: Using a Wire Nut, cap the bare end of the unused wire, carefully insulating it from contact with any metal or conducting surface.

WARNING! Before operating this welder, make sure that the plug is properly wired for the voltage to be used, AND that the SELECTOR SWITCH (1) is set for the proper voltage. The Selector Switch must be set before the Arc Welder is plugged in and turned on. Severe equipment failure and property damage can result from improper wiring or switch selection.

WARNING! If Arc Welder is operated at 115 V~, be sure not to regulate the current over 70 A, or the 30 A breaker in your house line will trip.

Wiring Diagram



Preparing a Safe Workplace Environment to Avoid Hazardous Conditions

The primary hazards to be managed when using Arc Welding equipment include Electric Shock, Fumes and Gasses, Sparks and Fire, Arc Light, and Tools and Equipment in the Work Area.

Electrical Hazards

1. Work only in a dry environment. This includes dry clothing, shoes, floors and tools.
2. Maintain an insulation layer between yourself and the electrodes, the workpiece and the floor. Keep the Electrode Insulated Handle Grips in good condition, wear insulated gloves, and insulated shoes.
3. Do not plug in or turn on the welder until you are prepared to work, and are confident that it is safe to do so. Do not allow the Welding Rod, or Electrode Holder to touch anything that you do not intend to weld.

Fumes and Gasses

1. The Flux and alloying metals components of the welding rods gives off fumes as the rod is used. Be sure to work in a well-ventilated are to avoid excessive inhalation of these fumes.
2. The heat generated by welding, and the sparks and splatter that can fly out can ignite any flammable materials or gasses in the area. Be sure that there are no flammable materials in the are before beginning to weld.
3. Work piece coatings may burn or fume with Arc ignition. Be sure to provide for proper ventilation.

Sparks and Fire

1. Arc welding creates considerable heat, both in the workpiece, and in sparks and splatter that may fly or drip from the workpiece.
2. Remove any combustibles from the area.
3. Always have a second person present to watch for fires.
4. Keep a fire extinguisher available at the worksite.
5. Remember that the workpiece becomes very hot, and can cause fire or injury.

Arc Light

1. The light created by Arc Welding can damage your eyes and skin.
2. Always wear an ANSI approved welding face shield before striking an arc.
3. Never allow an onlooker to view the welding Arc.
4. Wear dark colored long sleeve clothing to protect your skin.

General Workplace Cautions

1. Prepare and maintain a safe, uncluttered workplace.
2. Make sure the welding ground circuit is direct to the work. Be wary of hoist chains, cables, scaffolding, etc.
3. Avoid contacting other electrical equipment in the area, such as hoists, grinders, etc.
4. Always unplug the power line before servicing this equipment.
5. Be aware of your surroundings and hazards caused by debris, tools, equipment, etc.
6. Always be aware of the risk of fire caused by sparks and splatter.

Additional Equipment Recommended for Safe and Successful Welding

1. Always wear heavy protective gloves when welding, to protect yourself from sparks, splatter and hot workpieces.
2. If welding overhead, always wear protective leather welder's jacket and overalls.
3. Always wear sturdy shoes or boots for protection against splatter, and to provide insulation from the ground.
4. Always wear a protective face shield, with UV and IR rated filters matching the process and amperage you will be using. The helmet should have a clear splatter shield to protect the filter.
5. You will need a slag hammer to chip slag off the surface of the weld.
6. You will need a stainless steel scratch brush for each type of material you weld, e.g.. Steel, Stainless, Aluminum, etc.
7. A skull cap or beanie will protect your hair while wearing the helmet.
8. You will need an assortment of locking pliers, clamps, and fixtures to hold your workpieces for accurate joining.

Preparing the Workpiece for Welding

1. For successful welding the workpiece must be clean: free of corrosion, dirt and grease.
2. Test fit the workpiece prior to welding to assure it will assemble properly.
3. Hold the workpieces in place with an appropriate and secure clamping system

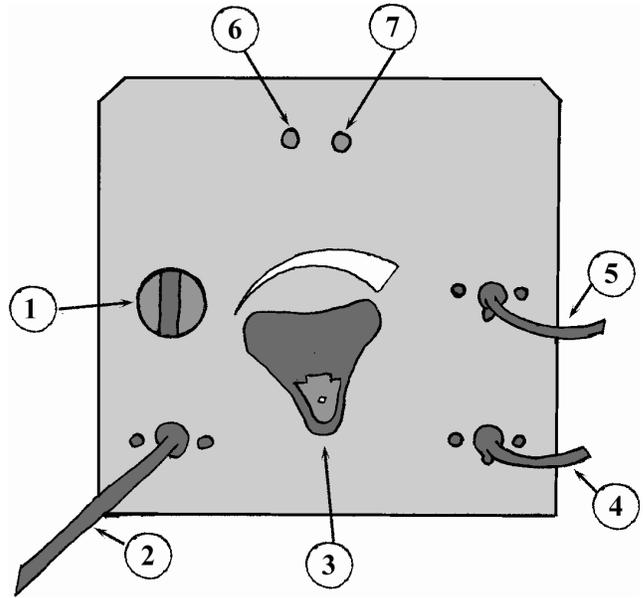
Selecting the Correct Welding Rod

1. Welding rods are available in a variety of alloys, sizes and fluxes for various welding applications. Be sure you are using the correct welding rod before working.

Note: Welding rods are variously referred to as “Electrodes”, “Rods”, and “Sticks”. Do not confuse these with “MIG Wire” which is used in a different process.

CONTROLS

1. POWER SWITCH (1). Use this selector to turn the welder Off, or On to the correct Voltage. *WARNING: It is imperative that you select ONLY the Voltage setting for which you have wired the Power Cable.*
2. POWER CABLE (2). You will have wired this for either 115 or 230 Volts.
3. AMPERAGE CONTROL KNOB (3). Use this control to regulate the Amperage. Turn in the direction indicated by the arrow to increase or decrease Amperage.
4. GROUND CABLE (4). Use the clamp on this cable to ground your workpiece.
5. ELECTRODE CABLE (5). Use the Electrode on this cable to hold the welding rod, and to weld.
6. GREEN PILOT LAMP (6). This lamp indicates that the Welder is turned On.
7. YELLOW LAMP (7). This lamp lights when the Welder has overheated, and the thermostat has tripped. *Notice: If the Yellow Warning Light goes on. Stop welding, turn off and unplug the welder, and wait at least 15 minutes for the unit to cool down. Recheck your electrode selection and Amperage setting to determine if they are correct for the welds being made. When restarting, either use a lower Amperage setting, or allow more time between welds to avoid overheating the Welder. Continued overheating can cause damage.*



SETTING THE CORRECT AMPERAGE

Control the Amperage of your Arc Welder by turning the AMPERAGE CONTROL KNOB (3) on the front of the welder, and reading the setting through the CLEAR COVER (23) on top of the welder, and comparing the position of the INDICATOR (24) with the information on the label.

WARNING! If welding at 115 Volts, do not exceed 70 A, or the 30 A breaker switch in your power source will trip.

WARNING! Never use an extension cord for this unit that is not UL rated for the Voltage and Amperage that the welder requires.

ARC WELDING BASICS

1. In Arc Welding, the electrical arc struck between the electrode and the welding joint generates such a high temperature that it melts both the electrode and the base metal. As this molten metal pool cools, it welds the joint.
2. To consistently achieve good weld joints, it is important to have the right equipment, use the proper electrodes, prepare the workpiece properly, and utilize skill which can only be gained through training and practice. *While this booklet provides useful and*

important information, you are strongly urged to obtain appropriate training, and to practice on non-critical test pieces before attempting to weld important items.

3. To begin welding, first observe all safety precautions, then attach the Ground Clamp to the workpiece in such a way as to provide good electrical conductivity between the weld area and the ground clamp. Adjust the Amperage to the correct setting, by turning the AMPERAGE CONTROL KNOB (3) and observing the INDICATOR (24) through the CLEAR COVER (23).
4. While wearing protective clothing and holding the Electrode Clamp away from conducting surface, insert correct electrode (welding rod) into Electrode Clamp, at convenient angle.
5. Turn the SWITCH (1) to the correct Voltage, and pause momentarily for the TRANSFORMER (19) to fully charge.
6. Drag the electrode along the workpiece in a motion similar to striking a match. Do not “rap” the electrode on the workpiece as that may damage the electrode by dislodging flux and inhibit proper welding performance.
7. Once the arc is ignited, position the electrode at a 30° angle to the workpiece. While working, maintain the arc by holding the electrode away from the workpiece a distance equal to the electrode’s diameter.
8. Proceed at a smooth, steady pace. Observe the weld as you proceed, tempering your motions to achieve a good weld.

TIPS FOR WELDING SUCCESS

1. Good welds depend on the action of an appropriate flux. Do not use welding rods which have a damaged or missing flux coating.
2. Experienced welders often use a “weaving” technique. This is a smooth oscillating motion of the electrode during the weld process to evenly disperse the weld puddle throughout the joint. This also results in a repetitive wave-like pattern on the surface of the weld.
3. As you progress, periodically use a “Slag Hammer” and “Scratch Brush” to remove flux and slag deposits on the surface of the weld before the weld is fully cooled. This will help prevent inclusions and pitting in the weld.
4. Strive for an even weld joint that fully penetrates the workpiece, and is completely filled with the pooled welding material. Avoid leaving gaps, undercuts, cavities or excess material overflowing from the joint.
5. Minimize the Heat Affected Zone (HAZ) of your workpiece. The welding process heats the base material, and may adversely affect its tensile strength or state of heat-treatment. Expert welders apply only the amount of heat needed to produce a good weld by moving smoothly along the weld joint, using the correct setting, and applying the electrode efficiently.
6. Do not contaminate joint by using dirty materials or tools, or using slag hammers or scratch brushes which have been previously used on different material. For example, a scratch brush previously used on steel weld may cause rust contamination if used on stainless steel weld.

Troubleshooting Arc Welding Defects

Porosity and Surface Holes

Most porosity cannot be seen, but serious porosity weakens the weld.

1. Before welding, remove all surface contaminants, such as Mill Scale, Rust, Paint, Dirt, Grease, or Moisture.
2. Keep the weld puddle molten for a longer period, allowing time for gasses to escape.
3. Steel with an extra low Manganese or Carbon content, or with a high percentage of Sulfur or Phosphorous will need to be welded using an E7018 rod.
4. Use a shorter arc length electrode, such as E7018.

Undercut

Undercutting appears as slight scratches at the bead edges. Under certain conditions it can seriously decrease the weld strength.

1. Reduce the Amperage, travel speed, or electrode diameter until the puddle size becomes manageable.
2. Adjust the Electrode angle so the Arc Force holds the metal in the corners.
3. Use a uniform travel speed, and avoid excessive weaving.

Weld Material Spatter

Spattering does not influence weld strength, but is considered an appearance defect.

1. Lower the current, check the specified range for the electrode being used.
2. Be sure you are using the correct polarity.
3. Try to minimize the arc length.
4. Look for Arc Blow conditions. *Note: Arc Blow generally occurs only when using a DC welder. This is an AC welder.*
5. Wet or moist flux or workpiece may cause splatter. *Note: Wet electrodes may be dried by baking at 300° F until the moisture is gone, usually in 1-2 hours.*

Poor Fusion

Poor Fusion is bad bonding of the weld metal to any part of the work piece. This must be corrected, since it results in a weak weld joint.

1. Increase the Amperage.
2. Clean the joint edges of dirt, rust, paint, or use an E6013 electrode.
3. Decrease the gap between the work pieces.
4. Use a weaving technique to better fill the gap.

Visual Inspection of the finished weld

Compare your weld joints to these drawings for suggestions on achieving better welds.



Advancement too slow



Arc too short



Current correct



Current too low



Advancement too fast



Arc too long



Current too high

Parts List

Part	Code	Q'ty	Description
1	ZH-HC-3	1	SWITCH 115/230V
2	BA.B12.6	1	POWER CABLE
3	BA.B12.4	1	AMPERAGE CONTROL KNOB
4	BA.B12.7	1	GROUND CABLE
5	BA.B12.7	1	ELECTRODE CABLE
6	ND10 T90	1	GREEN PILOT LAMP
7	ND10 T90	1	YELLOW LAMP
8	GB818	3	SCREW M4 X 12
9		1	WELDING STEP SELECTOR
10	GB818	1	SCREW M3 x 10
11	BA.B12.4-1	1	LOCATING COLLAR
12	BA.B12-5	1	BASE FRAME
13	BA.B12-6	4	FOOT
14	GB96	4	WASHER
15	GB818	4	SCREW M14 x 16
16	BA.B12-4	1	FRAME FOR MOVABLE IRON CORE
17	BA.B12.3	2	MOVABLE IRON CORE
18	BA.B12.3-1	2	INSULATION CUSHION
19	BA.B11m.2	1	TRANSFORMER 120 x 160 x 60
20	BA.B12-8	2	TRANSFORMER CARRIAGE
21	TJWT211E-140	1	THERMOSTAT
22	BA.B12-7	1	BAFFLE
23	BA.B04-7	1	CLEAR COVER
24	BA.B12-2	1	INDICATOR
25	BA.B12-3	2	CLAMP RING
26	BA.B12.1	1	CASE
27	BA.B12-1	1	HANDLE
28	GB845	1	SCREW ST3.9 x 25
29		1	RUBBER RING

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