Safety Depends on You
Century® arc welding and cutting equipment is designed and built with safety in mind. However, your overall safety can be increased by proper installation ... and thoughtful operation on your part. DO NOT INSTALL, OPERATE OR REPAIR THIS EQUIPMENT WITHOUT READING THIS MANUAL AND THE SAFETY PRECAUTIONS CONTAINED THROUGHOUT. And, most importantly, think before you act and be careful.
FOR ENGINE powered equipment.

1.a. Turn the engine off before troubleshooting and maintenance work unless the maintenance work requires it to be running.

1.b. Operate engines in open, well-ventilated areas or vent the engine exhaust fumes outdoors.

1.c. Do not add the fuel near an open flame welding arc or when the engine is running. Stop the engine and allow it to cool before refueling to prevent spilled fuel from vaporizing on contact with hot engine parts and igniting. Do not spill fuel when filling tank. If fuel is spilled, wipe it up and do not start engine until fumes have been eliminated.

1.d. Keep all equipment safety guards, covers and devices in position and in good repair. Keep hands, hair, clothing and tools away from V-belts, gears, fans and all other moving parts when starting, operating or repairing equipment.

1.e. In some cases it may be necessary to remove safety guards to perform required maintenance. Remove guards only when necessary and replace them when the maintenance requiring their removal is complete. Always use the greatest care when working near moving parts.

1.f. Do not put your hands near the engine fan. Do not attempt to override the governor or idler by pushing on the throttle control rods while the engine is running.

1.g. To prevent accidentally starting gasoline engines while turning the engine or welding generator during maintenance work, disconnect the spark plug wires, distributor cap or magneto wire as appropriate.

1.h. To avoid scalding, do not remove the radiator pressure cap when the engine is hot.

ARC WELDING CAN BE HAZARDOUS. PROTECT YOURSELF AND OTHERS FROM POSSIBLE SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH. KEEP CHILDREN AWAY. PACEMAKER WEARERS SHOULD CONSULT WITH THEIR DOCTOR BEFORE OPERATING.

Read and understand the following safety highlights. For additional safety information, it is strongly recommended that you purchase a copy of “Safety in Welding & Cutting - ANSI Standard Z49.1” from the American Welding Society, P.O. Box 351040, Miami, Florida 33135 or CSA Standard W117.2-1974. A Free copy of “Arc Welding Safety” booklet E205 is available from the Lincoln Electric Company, 22801 St. Clair Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44117-1199.

BE SURE THAT ALL INSTALLATION, OPERATION, MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR PROCEDURES ARE PERFORMED ONLY BY QUALIFIED INDIVIDUALS.

ELECTRIC AND MAGNETIC FIELDS may be dangerous

2.a. Electric current flowing through any conductor causes localized Electric and Magnetic Fields (EMF). Welding current creates EMF fields around welding cables and welding machines

2.b. EMF fields may interfere with some pacemakers, and welders having a pacemaker should consult their physician before welding.

2.c. Exposure to EMF fields in welding may have other health effects which are now not known.

2.d. All welders should use the following procedures in order to minimize exposure to EMF fields from the welding circuit:

2.d.1. Route the electrode and work cables together - Secure them with tape when possible.

2.d.2. Never coil the electrode lead around your body.

2.d.3. Do not place your body between the electrode and work cables. If the electrode cable is on your right side, the work cable should also be on your right side.

2.d.4. Connect the work cable to the workpiece as close as possible to the area being welded.

2.d.5. Do not work next to welding power source.

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**ELECTRIC SHOCK can kill.**

3.a. The electrode and work (or ground) circuits are electrically “hot” when the welder is on. Do not touch these “hot” parts with your bare skin or wet clothing. Wear dry, hole-free gloves to insulate hands.

3.b. Insulate yourself from work and ground using dry insulation. Make certain the insulation is large enough to cover your full area of physical contact with work and ground.

In addition to the normal safety precautions, if welding must be performed under electrically hazardous conditions (in damp locations or while wearing wet clothing; on metal structures such as floors, gratings or scaffolds; when in cramped positions such as sitting, kneeling or lying, if there is a high risk of unavoidable or accidental contact with the workpiece or ground) use the following equipment:

- Semiautomatic DC Constant Voltage (Wire) Welder.
- DC Manual (Stick) Welder.
- AC Welder with Reduced Voltage Control.

3.c. In semiautomatic or automatic wire welding, the electrode, electrode reel, welding head, nozzle or semiautomatic welding gun are also electrically “hot”.

3.d. Always be sure the work cable makes a good electrical connection with the metal being welded. The connection should be as close as possible to the area being welded.

3.e. Ground the work or metal to be welded to a good electrical (earth) ground.

3.f. Maintain the electrode holder, work clamp, welding cable and welding machine in good, safe operating condition. Replace damaged insulation.

3.g. Never dip the electrode in water for cooling.

3.h. Never simultaneously touch electrically “hot” parts of electrode holders connected to two welders because voltage between the two can be the total of the open circuit voltage of both welders.

3.i. When working above floor level, use a safety belt to protect yourself from a fall should you get a shock.

3.j. Also see Items 6.c. and 8.

**ARC RAYS can burn.**

4.a. Use a shield with the proper filter and cover plates to protect your eyes from sparks and the rays of the arc when welding or observing open arc welding. Headshield and filter lens should conform to ANSI Z87.1 standards.

4.b. Use suitable clothing made from durable flame-resistant material to protect your skin and that of your helpers from the arc rays.

4.c. Protect other nearby personnel with suitable, non-flammable screening and/or warn them not to watch the arc nor expose themselves to the arc rays or to hot spatter or metal.

**FUMES AND GASES can be dangerous.**

5.a. Welding may produce fumes and gases hazardous to health. Avoid breathing these fumes and gases. When welding, keep your head out of the fume. Use enough ventilation and/or exhaust at the arc to keep fumes and gases away from the breathing zone. When welding with electrodes which require special ventilation such as stainless or hard facing (see instructions on container or MSDS) or on lead or cadmium plated steel and other metals or coatings which produce highly toxic fumes, keep exposure as low as possible and within applicable OSHA PEL and ACGIH TLV limits using local exhaust or mechanical ventilation. In confined spaces or in some circumstances, outdoors, a respirator may be required. Additional precautions are also required when welding on galvanized steel.

5.b. The operation of welding fume control equipment is affected by various factors including proper use and positioning of the equipment, maintenance of the equipment and the specific welding procedure and application involved. Worker exposure level should be checked upon installation and periodically thereafter to be certain it is within applicable OSHA PEL and ACGIH TLV limits.

5.c. Do not weld in locations near chlorinated hydrocarbon vapors coming from degreasing, cleaning or spraying operations. The heat and rays of the arc can react with solvent vapors to form phosgene, a highly toxic gas, and other irritating products.

5.d. Shielding gases used for arc welding can displace air and cause injury or death. Always use enough ventilation, especially in confined areas, to insure breathing air is safe.

5.e. Read and understand the manufacturer’s instructions for this equipment and the consumables to be used, including the material safety data sheet (MSDS) and follow your employer’s safety practices. MSDS forms are available from your welding distributor or from the manufacturer.

5.f. Also see item 1.b.
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WELDING and CUTTING

SPARKS can cause fire or explosion.

6.a. Remove fire hazards from the welding area. If this is not possible, cover them to prevent the welding sparks from starting a fire.

Remember that welding sparks and hot materials from welding can easily go through small cracks and openings to adjacent areas. Avoid welding near hydraulic lines. Have a fire extinguisher readily available.

6.b. Where compressed gases are to be used at the job site, special precautions should be used to prevent hazardous situations. Refer to “Safety in Welding and Cutting” (ANSI Standard Z49.1) and the operating information for the equipment being used.

6.c. When not welding, make certain no part of the electrode circuit is touching the work or ground. Accidental contact can cause overheating and create a fire hazard.

6.d. Do not heat, cut or weld tanks, drums or containers until the proper steps have been taken to insure that such procedures will not cause flammable or toxic vapors from substances inside. They can cause an explosion even though they have been “cleaned”. For information, purchase “Recommended Safe Practices for the Preparation for Welding and Cutting of Containers and Piping That Have Held Hazardous Substances”, AWS F4.1 from the American Welding Society (see address above).

6.e. Vent hollow castings or containers before heating, cutting or welding. They may explode.

6.f. Sparks and spatter are thrown from the welding arc. Wear oil free protective garments such as leather gloves, heavy shirt, cuffless trousers, high shoes and a cap over your hair. Wear ear plugs when welding out of position or in confined places. Always wear safety glasses with side shields when in a welding area.

6.g. Connect the work cable to the work as close to the welding area as practical. Work cables connected to the building framework or other locations away from the welding area increase the possibility of the welding current passing through lifting chains, crane cables or other alternate circuits. This can create fire hazards or overheat lifting chains or cables until they fail.

6.h. Also see item 1.c.

6.i. Read and follow NFPA 51B “Standard for Fire Prevention During Welding, Cutting and Other Hot Work”, available from NFPA, 1 Batterymarch Park, PO box 9101, Quincy, Ma 02269-9101.

6.j. Do not use a welding power source for pipe thawing.

Refer to http://www.lincolnelectric.com/safety for additional safety information.

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**PRÉCAUTIONS DE SÛRETÉ**

Pour votre propre protection lire et observer toutes les instructions et les précautions de sûreté spécifiques qui paraissent dans ce manuel aussi bien que les précautions de sûreté générales suivantes:

**Sûreté Pour Soudage A L’Arc**

1. **Protégez-vous contre la secousse électrique:**
   a. Les circuits à l’électrode et à la pièce sont sous tension quand la machine à souder est en marche. Eviter toujours tout contact entre les parties sous tension et la peau nue ou les vêtements mouillés. Porter des gants secs et sans trous pour isoler les mains.
   b. Faire très attention de bien s’isoler de la masse quand on soude dans des endroits humides, ou sur un plancher métallique ou des grilles métalliques, principalement dans les positions assis ou couché pour lesquelles une grande partie du corps peut être en contact avec la masse.
   c. Maintenir le porte-électrode, la pince de masse, le câble de soudage et la machine à souder en bon et sûr état de fonctionnement.
   d. Ne jamais plonger le porte-électrode dans l’eau pour le refroidir.
   e. Ne jamais toucher simultanément les parties sous tension des porte-électrodes connectés à deux machines à souder parce que la tension entre les deux pinces peut être le total de la tension à vide des deux machines.
   f. Si on utilise la machine à souder comme une source de courant pour soudage semi-automatique, ces precautions pour le porte-électrode s’appliquent aussi au pistolet de soudage.

2. Dans le cas de travail au dessus du niveau du sol, se protéger contre les chutes dans le cas ou on reçoit un choc. Ne jamais enrouler le câble-électrode autour de n’importe quelle partie du corps.

3. Un coup d’arc peut être plus sévère qu’un coup de soliel, donc:
   a. Utiliser un bon masque avec un verre filtrant approprié ainsi qu’un verre blanc afin de se protéger les yeux du rayonnement de l’arc et des projections quand on soude ou quand on regarde l’arc.
   b. Porter des vêtements convenables afin de protéger la peau de soudeur et des aides contre le rayonnement de l’arc.
   c. Protéger l’autre personnel travaillant à proximité au soudage à l’aide d’écrans appropriés et non-inflammables.


5. Toujours porter des lunettes de sécurité dans la zone de soudage. Utiliser des lunettes avec écrans latéraux dans les zones où l’on pique le laitier.

6. Eloigner les matériaux inflammables ou les recouvrir afin de prévenir tout risque d’incendie dû aux étincelles.

7. Quand on ne soude pas, poser la pince à une endroit isolé de la masse. Un court-circuit accidentel peut provoquer un échauffement et un risque d’incendie.

8. S’assurer que la masse est connectée le plus près possible de la zone de travail qu’il est pratique de le faire. Si on place la masse sur la charpente de la construction ou d’autres endroits éloignés de la zone de travail, on augmente le risque de voir passer le courant de soudage par les chaines de levage, câbles de grue, ou autres circuits. Cela peut provoquer des risques d’incendie ou d’échauffement des chaines et des câbles jusqu’à ce qu’ils se rompent.

9. Assurer une ventilation suffisante dans la zone de soudage. Ceci est particulièrement important pour le soudage de tôles galvanisées plombées, ou cadmiées ou tout autre métal qui produit des fumées toxiques.

10. Ne pas souder en présence de vapeurs de chlore provenant d’opérations de dégraissage, nettoyage ou pistolage. La chaleur ou les rayons de l’arc peuvent réagir avec les vapeurs du solvant pour produire du phosgène (gas fortement toxique) ou autres produits irritants.


**PRÉCAUTIONS DE SÛRETÉ POUR LES MACHINES À SOUDER À TRANSFORMATEUR ET À REDRESSEUR**

1. Relier à la terre le chassis du poste conformément au code de l’électricité et aux recommandations du fabricant. Le dispositif de montage ou la pièce à souder doit être branché à une bonne mise à la terre.

2. Autant que possible, l’installation et l’entretien du poste seront effectués par un électricien qualifié.

3. Avant de faire des travaux à l’intérieur de poste, la débrancher à l’interrupteur à la boîte de fusibles.

4. Garder tous les couvercles et dispositifs de sûreté à leur place.
Electromagnetic Compatibility (EMC)

Conformance
Products displaying the CE mark are in conformity with European Community Council Directive of 3 May 1989 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to electromagnetic compatibility (89/336/EEC). It was manufactured in conformity with a national standard that implements a harmonized standard: EN 60974-10 Electromagnetic Compatibility (EMC) Product Standard for Arc Welding Equipment. It is for use with other Lincoln Electric equipment. It is designed for industrial and professional use.

Introduction
All electrical equipment generates small amounts of electromagnetic emission. Electrical emission may be transmitted through power lines or radiated through space, similar to a radio transmitter. When emissions are received by other equipment, electrical interference may result. Electrical emissions may affect many kinds of electrical equipment; other nearby welding equipment, radio and TV reception, numerical controlled machines, telephone systems, computers, etc. Be aware that interference may result and extra precautions may be required when a welding power source is used in a domestic establishment.

Installation and Use
The user is responsible for installing and using the welding equipment according to the manufacturer’s instructions. If electromagnetic disturbances are detected then it shall be the responsibility of the user of the welding equipment to resolve the situation with the technical assistance of the manufacturer. In some cases this remedial action may be as simple as earthing (grounding) the welding circuit, see Note. In other cases it could involve construction of an electromagnetic screen enclosing the power source and the work complete with associated input filters. In all cases electromagnetic disturbances must be reduced to the point where they are no longer troublesome.

Note: The welding circuit may or may not be earthed for safety reasons according to national codes. Changing the earthing arrangements should only be authorized by a person who is competent to access whether the changes will increase the risk of injury, e.g., by allowing parallel welding current return paths which may damage the earth circuits of other equipment.

Assessment of Area
Before installing welding equipment the user shall make an assessment of potential electromagnetic problems in the surrounding area. The following shall be taken into account:

a) other supply cables, control cables, signaling and telephone cables; above, below and adjacent to the welding equipment;

b) radio and television transmitters and receivers;

c) computer and other control equipment;

d) safety critical equipment, e.g., guarding of industrial equipment;

e) the health of the people around, e.g., the use of pacemakers and hearing aids;

f) equipment used for calibration or measurement

g) the immunity of other equipment in the environment. The user shall ensure that other equipment being used in the environment is compatible. This may require additional protection measures;

h) the time of day that welding or other activities are to be carried out.
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The size of the surrounding area to be considered will depend on the structure of the building and other activities that are taking place. The surrounding area may extend beyond the boundaries of the premises.

Methods of Reducing Emissions

Mains Supply
Welding equipment should be connected to the mains supply according to the manufacturer’s recommendations. If interference occurs, it may be necessary to take additional precautions such as filtering of the mains supply. Consideration should be given to shielding the supply cable of permanently installed welding equipment, in metallic conduit or equivalent. Shielding should be electrically continuous throughout its length. The shielding should be connected to the welding power source so that good electrical contact is maintained between the conduit and the welding power source enclosure.

Maintenance of the Welding Equipment
The welding equipment should be routinely maintained according to the manufacturer’s recommendations. All access and service doors and covers should be closed and properly fastened when the welding equipment is in operation. The welding equipment should not be modified in any way except for those changes and adjustments covered in the manufacturer’s instructions. In particular, the spark gaps of arc striking and stabilizing devices should be adjusted and maintained according to the manufacturer’s recommendations.

Welding Cables
The welding cables should be kept as short as possible and should be positioned close together, running at or close to floor level.

Equipotential Bonding
Bonding of all metallic components in the welding installation and adjacent to it should be considered. However, metallic components bonded to the work piece will increase the risk that the operator could receive a shock by touching these metallic components and the electrode at the same time. The operator should be insulated from all such bonded metallic components.

Earthing of the Workpiece
Where the workpiece is not bonded to earth for electrical safety, not connected to earth because of its size and position, e.g., ships hull or building steelwork, a connection bonding the workpiece to earth may reduce emissions in some, but not all instances. Care should be taken to prevent the earthing of the workpiece increasing the risk of injury to users, or damage to other electrical equipment. Where necessary, the connection of the workpiece to earth should be made by a direct connection to the workpiece, but in some countries where direct connection is not permitted, the bonding should be achieved by suitable capacitance, selected according to national regulations.

Screening and Shielding
Selective screening and shielding of other cables and equipment in the surrounding area may alleviate problems of interference. Screening of the entire welding installation may be considered for special applications.

1 Portions of the preceding text are contained in EN 60974-10: “Electromagnetic Compatibility (EMC) product standard for arc welding equipment.”
Thank You for selecting one of our QUALITY products. We want you to take pride in operating this product as much pride as we have in bringing this product to you!

CUSTOMER ASSISTANCE POLICY
The business of our company is manufacturing and selling high quality welding equipment. Our challenge is to meet the needs of our customers and to exceed their expectations. On occasion, purchasers may ask us for advice or information about their use of our products. We respond to our customers based on the best information in our possession at that time. We are not in a position to warrant or guarantee such advice, and assume no liability, with respect to such information or advice. We expressly disclaim any warranty of any kind, including any warranty of fitness for any customer’s particular purpose, with respect to such information or advice. As a matter of practical consideration, we also cannot assume any responsibility for updating or correcting any such information or advice once it has been given, nor does the provision of information or advice create, expand or alter any warranty with respect to the sale of our products.

We are a responsive manufacturer, but the selection and use of specific products sold by us is solely within the control of, and remains the sole responsibility of the customer. Many variables beyond our control affect the results obtained in applying these types of fabrication methods and service requirements.

Subject to Change – This information is accurate to the best of our knowledge at the time of printing.

Please Examine Carton and Equipment For Damage Immediately
When this equipment is shipped, title passes to the purchaser upon receipt by the carrier. Consequently, Claims for material damaged in shipment must be made by the purchaser against the transportation company at the time the shipment is received.

Please record your equipment identification information below for future reference. This information can be found on your machine nameplate.

Product ____________________________________________
Model Number __________________________________________
Code Number or Date Code (if available) _________________
Serial Number (if available) _____________________________
Date Purchased _______________________________________
Where Purchased ____________________________________
Whenever you request replacement parts or information on this equipment, always supply the information you have recorded above.

Read this Operators Manual completely before attempting to use this equipment. Save this manual and keep it handy for quick reference. Pay particular attention to the safety instructions we have provided for your protection. The level of seriousness to be applied to each is explained below:

⚠️ WARNING
This statement appears where the information must be followed exactly to avoid serious personal injury or loss of life.

⚠️ CAUTION
This statement appears where the information must be followed to avoid minor personal injury or damage to this equipment.
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INSTALLATION

Read entire installation section before starting installation.

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

**WARNING**

**ELECTRIC SHOCK** can kill.

- Only qualified personnel should perform this installation.
- Disconnect input power by removing plug from receptacle before working inside INVERTER ARC™ 230. Allow machine to sit for 5 minutes minimum to allow the power capacitors to discharge before working inside this equipment.

- Insulate yourself from the work and ground.
- Always wear dry insulating gloves.
- Always connect the INVERTER ARC™ 230 to a power supply grounded according to the National Electrical Code and local codes.

SELECT SUITABLE LOCATION

This machine can operate in harsh environments. However, it is important that simple preventative measures are followed to assure long life and reliable operation:

- This machine must be located where there is free circulation of clean air without restrictions for air movement to and from the air vents. Do not cover the machine with paper, cloth or rags when switched on.
- Dirt and dust that can be drawn into the machine should be kept to a minimum.
- This machine has a protection rating of IP21S. Keep it dry and do not place it on wet ground or in puddles. Do not use in wet or damp locations. Store indoors.
- Locate the machine away from radio controlled machinery. Normal operation may adversely affect the operation of nearby radio controlled machinery, which may result in injury or equipment damage. Read the section on electromagnetic compatibility in this manual.
- Do not operate in areas with an ambient temperature greater than 40°C.

STACKING

The INVERTER ARC™ 230 cannot be stacked.

TILTING

Place the machine directly on a secure, level surface. Do not place or operate this machine on a surface with an incline greater than 15° from horizontal. The machine may topple over if this procedure is not followed.

INPUT CONNECTIONS

GROUND CONNECTION

The frame of the welder must be grounded. A ground terminal marked with the symbol is located on the under panel for this purpose. See your local and national electrical codes for proper grounding methods.

**WARNING**

A grounding conductor is supplied in the input cord, it is important that the supply receptacle ground is connected.

- The welding power source supply cable is provided with a green or yellow/green wire that must ALWAYS be earthed. This green or yellow/green wire must NEVER be used with other voltage conductors.
- Only install plugs that conform with safety regulations.

INPUT POWER CONNECTION

Check the input voltage, phase, and frequency supplied to this machine before turning it on. The allowable input voltage is indicated in the technical specification section of this manual and on the rating plate of the machine. Be sure that the machine is grounded.

Make sure the power available at the input connection is adequate for normal operation of the machine. The fuse rating and cable sizes are both indicated in the technical specification section of this manual.

Fuse the input circuit with time delay fuses marked “D” or delay type(1) circuit breakers. Using fuses or circuit breakers smaller than recommended may result in “nuisance” shut-offs from welder inrush currents even if not welding at high currents.

(1)Also called “inverse time” or “thermal/magnetic” circuit breakers. These circuit breakers have a delay in tripping action that decreases as the magnitude of the current increases.

The INVERTER ARC™ 230 is recommended for use on an individual branch circuit.
The INVERTER ARC™ 230 is provided with a 230V cable, 6.0 ft. (1.8m) in length, with a 50 Amp (NEMA 6-50P) plug molded onto the cord.

The rated output of the INVERTER ARC™ 230 is available when connected to a 30A branch circuit. When connected to a branch circuit with lower ampacity, lower welding current and duty cycle must be used. Other loads on the circuit and fuse/circuit breaker characteristics will affect the available output.

**OUTPUT CONNECTIONS**

A quick disconnect system using Twist-Mate™ cable plugs is used for the welding cable connections. Refer to the following sections for more information on connecting the machine for operation of stick welding (SMAW) or TIG welding (GTAW).

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**WARNING**

**ELECTRIC SHOCK** can kill.
- Keep the electrode holder and cable insulation in good condition.
- Do not touch electrically live parts or electrode with skin or wet clothing.
- Insulate yourself from work and ground.
- Turn the input line Switch on the INVERTER ARC™ 230 “off” before connecting or disconnecting output cables or other equipment.

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**STICK WELDING (SMAW)**

First determine the proper electrode polarity for the electrode to be used. Consult the electrode data for this information. Then connect the output cables to the output terminals of the machine for the selected polarity. Shown here is the connection method for DC(+) welding. (See Figure A.1)

Connect the electrode cable to the (+) terminal and the work clamp to the (-) terminal. Insert the connector with the key lining up with the keyway and rotate approximately 1/4 turn clockwise. Do not over tighten.

For DC(-) welding, switch the cable connections at the machine so that the electrode cable is connected to (-) and the work clamp is connected to (+).

**TIG WELDING (GTAW)**

This machine does not have a built in Gas Solenoid so a one piece gas valve TIG Torch is required. A K960-2 Twist-mate TIG Torch adapter is also required. Refer to the accessories section for more information about TIG Torches and required Twist-mate adapter. Most TIG welding is done with DC(-) polarity shown here. If DC(+) polarity is necessary switch the cable connections at the machine. (See Figure A.2)

Connect the torch cable to the (-) terminal of the machine and the work clamp to the (+) terminal. Insert the connector with the key lining up with the keyway and rotate approximately 1/4 turn clockwise. Do not over tighten. Finally, connect the Twist-mate adapter gas hose to the gas regulator on the cylinder of gas to be used.
Read and understand this entire section before operating your machine.

SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

**WARNING**

ELECTRIC SHOCK can kill.

- Do not touch electrically live parts such as output terminals or internal wiring.
- Insulate yourself from the work and ground.
- Always wear dry insulating gloves.

FUMES AND GASES can be dangerous.

- Keep your head out of fumes.
- Use ventilation or exhaust to remove fumes from breathing zone.

WELDING, CUTTING and GOUGING SPARKS can cause fire or explosion

- Keep flammable material away.
- Do not weld, cut or gouge on containers that have held combustibles.

ARC RAYS can burn.

- Wear eye, ear and body protection.

Only qualified personnel should operate this equipment. Observe all safety information throughout this manual.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The INVERTER ARC™ 230 is a 150 amp arc welding power source which utilizes single phase input power to produce constant current output. The welding response of this Inverter has been optimized for stick (SMAW) and TIG (GTAW) welding.

WELDING CAPABILITY

The INVERTER ARC™ 230 is rated at 150 amps at 30% duty cycle on a ten minute basis. It is capable of higher duty cycles at lower output currents. If the duty cycle is exceeded, a thermal protector will shut off the output until the machine cools.

The INVERTER ARC™ 230 is recommended for the following Electrode Types and Diameters:

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<th>5/64 in. (2.0 mm)</th>
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LIMITATIONS

The INVERTER ARC™ 230 is not recommended for pipe thawing.
CONTROLS AND OPERATIONAL FEATURES

FRONT CONTROL PANEL
(See Figure B.1)

1. **Output Current Knob:** Potentiometer used to set the output current used during welding. Set the output according to the type and size of electrode.

2. **Power Switch:** Turns ON / OFF the input power to the machine.

3. **Welding Mode Switch:** Controls the welding mode of the machine: Select Stick welding or Lift TIG welding.
   - **Stick (SMAW):**
   - **Lift TIG (GTAW):** When the mode switch is in the Lift TIG position, the stick welding functions are disabled and the machine is ready for Lift TIG welding. Lift TIG is a method of starting a TIG weld by first pressing the TIG torch electrode on the work piece in order to create a low current short circuit. Then, the electrode is lifted from the work piece to start the TIG arc.

4. **Thermal LED:** This indicator will turn on when the machine is overheated and the output has been disabled. This normally occurs when the duty cycle of the machine has been exceeded. Leave the machine on to allow the internal components to cool. When the indicator turns off, normal operation is again possible.

5. **Negative Quick Disconnect:** Negative output connector for the welding circuit.

6. **Positive Quick Disconnect:** Positive output connector for the welding circuit.

REAR CONTROL PANEL
(See Figure B.2)

7. **Input cable:** This machine is provided with a plugged input cord. Connect it to input receptacle.

8. **Fan**

FIGURE B.1

FIGURE B.2
Current flows through the electrode cable and electrode holder to the electrode and across the arc. On the work side of the arc, the current flows through the base metal to the work cable and back to the welding machine. The circuit must be complete for the current to flow.

To weld, the work clamp must be tightly connected to clean base metal. Remove paint, rust, etc. as necessary to get a good connection. Connect the work clamp as close as possible to the area you wish to weld. Avoid allowing the welding circuit to pass through hinges, bearings, electronic components or similar devices that can be damaged.

An electric arc is made between the work and the end of a small metal rod, the electrode, which is clamped in a holder and the holder is held by the person doing the welding. A gap is made in the welding circuit (see Figure B.3) by holding the tip of the electrode 1/16-1/8” away from the work or base metal being welded. The electric arc is established in this gap and is held and moved along the joint to be welded, melting the metal as it is moved.

**ELECTRIC ARC (Stick-Welding)**
(See Figure B.4)
Action that takes place in the electric arc.

This figure closely resembles what is actually seen during welding. The “arc stream” is seen in the middle of the figure. This is the electric arc created by the electric current flowing through the space between the end of the electrode and the work.

The temperature of this arc is about 6000°F (3315°C), which is more than enough to melt metal. The arc is very bright, as well as hot, and cannot be looked at with the naked eye without risking painful injury. A very dark lens, specifically designed for arc welding, must be used with a hand or face shield whenever viewing the arc. The arc melts the base metal and actually digs into it, much as water through a nozzle on a garden hose digs into the earth. The molten metal forms a pool or crater and tends to flow away from the arc. As it moves away from the arc, it cools and solidifies. A slag forms on top of the weld to protect it during cooling.

The function of the covered electrode is much more than simply to carry current to the arc. The electrode is composed of a core rod of metal with an extruded chemical covering. The core rod melts in the arc and tiny droplets of molten metal shoot across the arc into the molten pool. The electrode provides additional filler metal for the joint to fill the groove or gap between the two pieces of the base metal. The coverage also melts or burns in the arc. It has several functions. It makes the arc steadier, provides a shield of smoke-like gas around the arc to keep oxygen and nitrogen in the air away from the molten metal, and provides a flux for the molten pool. The flux picks up impurities and forms the protective slag.

**MAKING A WELD**

Insert the bare part of the electrode into the electrode holder jaws and connect the work clamp to the welding piece. Make sure to have good electrical contact.

1. Turn the welder on.
2. Lower your welding helmet to protect your face and eyes.
3. Strike the electrode at the work point on the workpiece as if striking a match. Do not hit the electrode on the workpiece, which will damage the stick electrode and make striking an arc difficult. Scratch the electrode slowly over the metal and you will see sparks. While scratching, lift the electrode 1/8” (3.2mm) and the arc will establish.

**NOTE:** If you stop moving the electrode while scratching, the electrode will stick.

**NOTE:** Most beginners try to strike the arc by a fast jabbing motion down on the plate. Result: They either stick or their motion is so fast that they break the arc immediately.
4. Immediately after striking the arc try to maintain a distance from the workpiece that is equivalent to the diameter of the electrode used. Maintain this distance as constantly as possible during the weld. Whenever possible, weld from left to right (if right-handed). Hold the electrode at a slight angle as shown. (See Figure B.5)

FIGURE B.5

5. As the electrode burns off the electrode must be fed to the work to maintain correct arc length. The easiest way to tell whether the arc has the correct length is by listening to its sound. A nice, short arc has a distinctive, "crackling" sound, very much like eggs frying in a pan. The incorrect, long arc has a hollow, blowing or hissing sound.

6. The important thing to watch while welding is the puddle of molten metal right behind the arc. Do NOT watch the arc itself. It is the appearance of the puddle and the ridge where the molten puddle solidifies that indicate correct welding speed. The ridge should be approximately 3/8" (9.5mm) behind the electrode. (See Figure B.6)

FIGURE B.6

7. Once the electrode is burned down move the electrode quickly from the weld to extinguish the arc.

8. Turn the machine off and remove the stub by opening the jaws of the electrode holder and insert a new electrode.

**Note:** The welded work piece and electrode stub are hot after welding. Allow them to cool down before touching or use pliers to move. Always make sure the welder is turned off before setting down the Electrode Holder.

**TIG Welding (Tungsten Inert Gas Welding)**

This machine is capable of direct current (DC) TIG welding which is suitable for hard metals such as steel, stainless steel, copper & brass. The TIG process is good for welding thin materials requiring very good cosmetic appearance with low heat input and low spatter. TIG welding uses a tungsten electrode which delivers electrical current to the work piece by way of an electric arc. Unlike stick welding in which the electrode is consumed in the arc, the tungsten electrode is not consumed. Instead filler metal is added to the weld by manually dipping a filler rod into the weld puddle. TIG welding requires a higher skill level than stick welding and practice is required to master the technique. For best results a TIG welding class is suggested or obtaining a book on how to TIG weld.

TIG welding also requires 100% Argon shielding gas to shield the arc, preventing porosity in the weld. This is different than stick welding which has a coating on the electrode to produce its own shielding. In addition, a gas regulator, a manual gas valve TIG torch, torch parts kit, torch adapter and filler metal are required. Refer to the accessories section of this manual for an appropriate optional TIG torch, parts kit and torch adapter. A gas regulator, filler metal and a bottle of shielding gas are readily available from a welding gas distributor.

Figure B.7 shows the basic TIG welding set-up:

**FIGURE B.7**
Making a TIG Weld:

1. Connect the work cable to the positive “+” output terminal.

2. Connect the TIG torch to the negative “-” output terminal.

3. Connect the gas line from the TIG torch adapter to the gas regulator connected to the gas bottle.

4. Open the gas valve on the gas bottle and adjust the gas regulator to approximately 20-30 cfm.

5. Set the amperage based on material thickness:

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<td>(1/16”) 1.6mm</td>
<td>60-90 Amps</td>
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<td>(1/8”) 3.2mm</td>
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<td>(3/16) 4.8mm</td>
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6. Turn machine on.

7. Turn the gas valve on the torch to start shielding gas flowing.

8. Touch the tungsten to the work piece and pause for a second.

9. Slowly lift the tungsten off the work piece to establish the arc. (Note: Rocking the torch back onto the ceramic shielding cup is an easy way to do this steadily.)

10. With the torch pointed in the direction of travel angled about 75 degrees to the work piece slowly move the torch in the direction of travel. Maintain about a 1/4” distance from the tungsten to the work piece while moving. Apply filler metal to the weld puddle by dipping the filler rod into the weld puddle allowing it to melt off and being careful not to touch the filler metal to the tungsten electrode.

11. At the end of the weld lift the TIG torch quickly away from the work piece to break the arc.

12. Turn off torch gas valve.

13. Turn machine off.

NOTE:
OPTIONAL ACCESSORIES AND COMPATIBLE EQUIPMENT

Factory Installed

Electrical Holder and Cable Assembly
Work Cable and Clamp
Strap Packet
Instruction Manual

Field Installed

PTA-17V TIG Torch - 150 Amp air-cooled compact and durable Tig Torch with integral gas valve for gas control at the torch. The following 1-piece cable torches can be used with a K960-2 adapter:

- K1782-6 (12.50 Ft.) 1-Piece Cable
- K1782-8 (25.0 Ft.) 1-Piece Cable

PTA-9FV TIG Torch - 125 Amp Gas Valve flexible head torch:

- K1781-7 (25.0 Ft.) 1-Piece Cable

PTA-17FV TIG Torch - 150 Amp Gas Valve flexible head torch:

- K1782-11 (25.0 Ft.) 1-Piece Cable
- K1782-13 (12.5 Ft.) 1-Piece Ultra Flex Cable

K960-2-TIG Torch Adapter - for connection of PTA-17V torches (1-piece cable) to power sources without gas passing through the Twist Mate connection.

CABLE PLUGS

K852-25 - Cable Plug Kit attaches to welding cable to provide quick disconnect from machine.

TIG Torch Parts Kits - Parts kits are available for the PTA-9FV and PTA-17 TIG torch. These kits include back cap, collets, collet bodies, nozzles and tungstens.

Order KP508 for PTA-17 torches

Order KP507 for PTA-9 torches

See publication E12.150 for parts kits breakdown.

Cut Length Consumables - TIG welding filler metals are available for welding stainless steel, mild steel, aluminum and copper alloys. See Lincoln Electric publication C9.10.
SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

**WARNING**

**ELECTRIC SHOCK** can kill.
- Have an electrician install and service this equipment.
- Turn the input power off at the fuse box, disconnect supply lines and allow machine to sit for five minutes minimum to allow the power capacitors to discharge before working inside this equipment.
- Do not touch electrically hot parts.

**WARNING**

Do not open this machine and do not introduce anything into its openings. Power supply must be disconnected from the machine before each maintenance and service. After each repair, perform proper tests to ensure safety.

**CAUTION**

Power supply must be disconnected from the machine before each maintenance and service. Always use gloves in compliance with the safety standards.

ROUTINE MAINTENANCE

The frequency of the maintenance operations may vary in accordance with the working environment. Any noticeable damage should be reported immediately.

- Check cables and connections integrity. Replace, if necessary.
- Clean the power source inside by means of low-pressure compressed air.
- Keep the machine clean. Use a soft dry cloth to clean the external case, especially the airflow inlet/outlet louvers.
TROUBLESHOOTING

HOW TO USE TROUBLESHOOTING GUIDE

⚠️ WARNING

Service and Repair should only be performed by Factory Trained Personnel. Unauthorized repairs performed on this equipment may result in danger to the technician and machine operator and will invalidate your factory warranty. For your safety and to avoid Electrical Shock, please observe all safety notes and precautions detailed throughout this manual.

This Troubleshooting Guide is provided to help you locate and repair possible machine malfunctions. Simply follow the three-step procedure listed below.

Step 1. LOCATE PROBLEM (SYMPTOM).
Look under the column labeled “PROBLEM (SYMPTOMS)”. This column describes possible symptoms that the machine may exhibit. Find the listing that best describes the symptom that the machine is exhibiting.

Step 2. POSSIBLE CAUSE.
The second column labeled “POSSIBLE CAUSE” lists the obvious external possibilities that may contribute to the machine symptom.

Step 3. RECOMMENDED COURSE OF ACTION
This column provides a course of action for the Possible Cause, generally it states to contact your local Authorized Field Service Facility.

If you do not understand or are unable to perform the Recommended Course of Action safely, contact your local Authorized Field Service Facility.

⚠️ CAUTION

If for any reason you do not understand the test procedures or are unable to perform the tests/repairs safely, contact your Local Authorized Field Service Facility for technical troubleshooting assistance before you proceed.
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| Excessive spatter    | 1. Improper welding polarity.  
2. Long Arc Length.  
3. High Current. | 1. Make sure the electrode holder is plugged into the positive “+” output terminal.  
2. Move the electrode closer into the weld joint.  
3. Turn the output knob down. |
| Craters              | 1. Fast movement of the electrode away from the work piece. | 1. Maintain a steady consistent arc length |
| Inclusions           | 1. Poor cleanliness.  
2. Poor distribution of the welding passes. | 1. Clean work piece with wire brush prior to welding.  
2. Consult a welding guide for proper weld bead placement. |
| Insufficient penetration | 1. High travel speed.  
2. Welding current is too low. | 1. Travel at a slower speed.  
2. Adjust welding output higher. |
| Electrode Sticking   | 1. Arc length is too short.  
2. Welding current is too low. | 1. Move the electrode further away from the weld joint.  
2. Turn the output knob up. |
| Porosity             | 1. Humidity in the electrode.  
2. Long arc length. | 1. Store welding electrodes in a warm dry place.  
2. Move the electrode closer into the weld joint. |
| Cracks               | 1. Weld current is set too high.  
2. Dirty materials.  
3. Hydrogen in the weld due to moisture. | 1. Turn the output knob down.  
2. Clean work piece with wire brush prior to welding.  
3. Store welding electrodes in a warm dry place. |

**CAUTION**

If for any reason you do not understand the test procedures or are unable to perform the tests/repairs safely, contact your Local Authorized Field Service Facility for technical troubleshooting assistance before you proceed.
Observe all Safety Guidelines detailed throughout this manual

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<td><strong>ELECTRICAL FAILURES</strong></td>
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| Machine fails to come on (Power LED off) | 1. No Input Voltage.  
2. Faulty supply plug or cable.  
3. Supply fuse blown or breaker tripped. | If all recommended possible areas of misadjustment have been checked and the problem persists, **Contact your local Authorized Field Service Facility.** |
| Thermal overload (Thermal LED on) | 1. Unit has been operated beyond its capacity rating.  
2. Airflow through machine is restricted or fan has failed. |                             |
| The fan works, but the output current is unstable and cannot be controlled by the potentiometer while welding is carried out. | 1. Check the output current potentiometer, and replace it if necessary.  
2. Verify output cables are attached to the welder and tightly connected. |                             |
NOTE: This diagram is for reference only. It may not be accurate for all machines covered by this manual. The specific diagram for a particular code is pasted inside the machine on one of the enclosure panels. If the diagram is illegible, write to the Service Department for a replacement. Give the equipment code number.
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<td>Do not touch electrically live parts or electrode with skin or wet clothing.</td>
<td>No toque las partes o los electrodos bajo carga con la piel o ropa mojada.</td>
<td>Ne laissez ni la peau ni des vêtements mouillés entrer en contact avec des pièces sous tension.</td>
<td>Berühren Sie keine stromführenden Teile oder Elektroden mit Ihrem Körper oder feuchter Kleidung!</td>
<td>Não toque partes elétricas e electrodos com a pele ou roupa molhada.</td>
<td>Se recomienda leer y entender las instrucciones del fabricante para el uso de este equipo y los consumibles que va a utilizar, siga las medidas de seguridad de su supervisor.</td>
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<td>Insulate yourself from work and ground.</td>
<td>Aíslense del trabajo y de la tierra.</td>
<td>Isolez-vous du travail et de la terre.</td>
<td>Entfernen Sie brennbares Material!</td>
<td>Isole-se da peça e terra.</td>
<td>Lisez et comprenez les instructions du fabricant en ce qui regarde cet équipement et les produits à être employés et suivez les procédures de sécurité de votre employeur.</td>
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<td>Wear eye, ear and body protection.</td>
<td>Protéjase los ojos, los oídos y el cuerpo.</td>
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<td>• Keep your head out of fumes. Use ventilation or exhaust to remove fumes from breathing zone.</td>
<td>• Turn power off before servicing.</td>
<td>• Do not operate with panel open or guards off.</td>
<td>• Los humos fuera de la zona de respiración. Utilice ventilación o aspiración para gases.</td>
<td>• Desconectar el cable de alimentación de poder de la máquina antes de iniciar cualquier servicio.</td>
<td>• No operar con panel abierto o guardas quitadas.</td>
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<td>• Vermeiden Sie das Einatmen von Schweibrauch! Sorgen Sie für gute Be- und Entlüftung des Arbeitsplatzes!</td>
<td>• Strom vor Wartungsarbeiten abschalten! (Netzstrom völlig öffnen; Maschine anhalten!)</td>
<td>• Anlage nie ohne Schutzgehäuse oder Innenschutzverkleidung in Betrieb setzen!</td>
<td>• Mantenha seu rosto da fumaça. Use ventilação e exclusão para remover fumo da zona respiratória.</td>
<td>• N’opérez pas avec les panneaux ouverts ou avec les dispositifs de protection enlevés.</td>
<td>• Usez un ventilateur ou un aspirateur pour éloigner les fumées des zones de travail.</td>
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<td>• Combustioni di fumo.</td>
<td>• Los humos fuera de la zona de respiración.</td>
<td>• Mantenha-se afastado das partes moventes. Não opere com os painéis abertos ou guardas removidas.</td>
<td>• Não opere com as tampas removidas. Desligue a corrente antes de fazer serviço. Não toque as partes elétricas nuas.</td>
<td>• 機械を運転する前に、不完全なガスの排出を確認してください。</td>
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<td>• 該點處避免吸入。</td>
<td>• 頭部遠離煙霧。</td>
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