WIRE FEEDER



OPERATOR'S MANUAL

Cobramatic[®]

K2259-1 For use with code 11480

Safety Depends on You Lincoln arc welding 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.





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Note II This information is provided for units with CE certification (see rating label on unit).

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Low Voltage Directive: 73/23/EEC

Electromagnetic Compatibility (EMC) Directive: 89/336/EEC

<u>Standards</u>

Arc Welding Equipment Part I: Welding Power Sources: IEC 60974-1 (September 1998 - Second Edition)

> Arc Welding Equipment: Wirefeed Systems: IEC 974-5 (September 1997 - Draft Revision)

Degrees of Protection Provided by Enclosures (IP Code): IEC 529:1989 (November 1989 - First Edition)

Insulation Coordination For Equipment With Low-Voltage Systems: Part I: Principles, Requirements and Tests: IEC 664-1: 1992 (October 1992 - First Edition)

> Electromagnetic Compatibility, (EMC): EN 50199 (August 1995)

Torches And Guns For Arc Welding, EN 50078



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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.

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- · 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.

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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. I 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 below Threshold Limit Values (TLV) 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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CYLINDER may explode if damaged.

7.a. Use only compressed gas cylinders containing the correct shielding gas for the process used and properly operating regulators designed for the gas and pressure used. All hoses, fittings, etc. should be suitable for the application and maintained in good condition.

- 7.b. Always keep cylinders in an upright position securely chained to an undercarriage or fixed support.
- 7.c. Cylinders should be located:
 •Away from areas where they may be struck or subjected to physical damage.
 - •A safe distance from arc welding or cutting operations and any other source of heat, sparks, or flame.
- 7.d. Never allow the electrode, electrode holder or any other electrically "hot" parts to touch a cylinder.
- 7.e. Keep your head and face away from the cylinder valve outlet when opening the cylinder valve.
- 7.f. Valve protection caps should always be in place and hand tight except when the cylinder is in use or connected for use.
- 7.g. Read and follow the instructions on compressed gas cylinders, associated equipment, and CGA publication P-I, "Precautions for Safe Handling of Compressed Gases in Cylinders," available from the Compressed Gas Association 1235 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202.



FOR ELECTRICALLY powered equipment.

8.a. Turn off input power using the disconnect switch at the fuse box before working on the equipment.

- 8.b. Install equipment in accordance with the U.S. National Electrical Code, all local codes and the manufacturer's recommendations.
- 8.c. Ground the equipment in accordance with the U.S. National Electrical Code and the manufacturer's recommendations.

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PRÉCAUTIONS DE SÛRETÉ

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

Sûreté Pour Soudage A L'Arc

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- 1. Protegez-vous contre la secousse électrique:
 - a. Les circuits à l'électrode et à la piéce 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 vétements mouillés. Porter des gants secs et sans trous pour isoler les mains.
 - b. Faire trés attention de bien s'isoler de la masse quand on soude dans des endroits humides, ou sur un plancher metallique ou des grilles metalliques, 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 defonctionnement.
 - 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.
 - Si on utilise la machine à souder comme une source de courant pour soudage semi-automatique, ces precautions pour le porte-électrode s'applicuent aussi au pistolet de soudage.
- Dans le cas de travail au dessus du niveau du sol, se protéger contre les chutes dans le cas ou on recoit un choc. Ne jamais enrouler le câble-électrode autour de n'importe quelle partie du corps.
- 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.
 - 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.
- 4. Des gouttes de laitier en fusion sont émises de l'arc de soudage. Se protéger avec des vêtements de protection libres de l'huile, tels que les gants en cuir, chemise épaisse, pantalons sans revers, et chaussures montantes.
- Toujours porter des lunettes de sécurité dans la zone de soudage. Utiliser des lunettes avec écrans lateraux dans les zones où l'on pique le laitier.

- 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 accidental peut provoquer un échauffement et un risque d'incendie.
- 8. S'assurer que la masse est connectée le plus prés 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'echauffement des chaines et des câbles jusqu'à ce qu'ils se rompent.
- Assurer une ventilation suffisante dans la zone de soudage. Ceci est particuliérement important pour le soudage de tôles galvanisées plombées, ou cadmiées ou tout autre métal qui produit des fumeés 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 phosgéne (gas fortement toxique) ou autres produits irritants.
- Pour obtenir de plus amples renseignements sur la sûreté, voir le code "Code for safety in welding and cutting" CSA Standard W 117.2-1974.

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

- Relier à la terre le chassis du poste conformement au code de l'électricité et aux recommendations du fabricant. Le dispositif de montage ou la piece 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.
- Avant de faires des travaux à l'interieur de poste, la debrancher à l'interrupteur à la boite de fusibles.
- Garder tous les couvercles et dispositifs de sûreté à leur place.

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR ELECTRO-MAGNETIC COMPATIBILITY

Conformance

Products displaying the C-Tick mark are in conformity with Australian/New Zealand requirements for Electromagnetic Compatibility (EMC) according to standard (emission) AS/NZS 3652 "Electromagnetic Compatibility – Arc Welding Equipment".

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Products are:

For use with other Lincoln Electric/LiquidArc equipment.
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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 effect many kinds of electrical equipment: other nearby welding equipment, radio and TV transmitters and receivers, 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 purchaser/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 purchaser/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 below). In other cases it could involve constructing 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 assess whether the changes increase the risk of injury, eg. by allowing parallel welding current return paths which may damage the earth circuits of other equipment.

Assessment of Area

Before installing welding equipment the purchaser/user shall make an assessment of potential problems in the surrounding area.

The following shall be taken into account:

- Other supply cables, control cables, signalling and telephone cables above, below and adjacent to the welding equipment;
- Radio and television transmitters and receivers;
- · Computer and other control equipment;
- Safety critical safety equipment, eg. guarding of industrial equipment;
- The health of people around, eg. the use of pacemakers and hearing aids;
- · Equipment used for calibration or measurement;
- The immunity of other equipment in the environment. The purchaser/user shall ensure that other equipment being used in the environment is compatible. This may require additional protection measures;
- The time of the day that welding or other activities are to be carried out.

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 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 adjustment covered in the manufacturer's instructions. In particular, the spark gaps of arc initiation 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 the 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, nor connected to earth because of its size and position, eg. ship's 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 work pieces 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 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.

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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_____

Serial Number____

Date Purchased_

Where Purchased_

Whenever you request replacement parts or information on this equipment, always supply the information you have recorded above. The code number is especially important when identifying the correct replacement parts.

On-Line Product Registration

- Register your machine with Lincoln Electric either via fax or over the Internet.

• For faxing: Complete the form on the back of the warranty statement included in the literature packet accompanying this machine and fax the form per the instructions printed on it.

• For On-Line Registration: Go to our **WEB SITE at www.lincolnelectric.com.** Choose "Quick Links" and then "Product Registration". Please complete the form and submit your registration.

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:

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

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

Section A	Installation
	Technical Specifications
	Wire Diameter Capacity
	Wire Capacity 12" Standard
	(Insulated or Non-Insulated)
	Power Input 42 VAC 50/60 Hz,
	150 Watts Peak (3 amps)
	Weight 42 pounds
	Shipping Weight
	Support Equipment Required C.V. or C.C. Power Source of Sufficient Capacity for Your Needs.
	Regulated Gas Supply and Hoses.
	Properly Sized Power Leads from Power Source to Wire Feeder and Ground.
	Coolant Recommendations (for Water Cooled Guns) Water Source and Hose Capable of Providing a Minimum of 1 qt/min. at 45 p.s.i. when using water cooled guns.
	MK Recommended Coolant Solution:
	1 part ethylene glycol 3 parts distilled water 1 teaspoon liquid glycerin
	Check coolant periodically to remain within limits of the following:
	 A. Coolant Flow rate - 1 quart/minute at 45 p.s.i. B. Resistivity - 10K ohms/centimeter C. Ph Range - 5.5-8.5 D. Particle Size005"
	Machine Grounding
	The Cobramatic [®] and GMAW wire feeders are grounded to the power source through the input cable. The power source grounding terminal must be properly connected to electrical ground per the power source operating manual.
	Mounting Location
	The cabinet should be placed in a location where it can be protected from damage. Lead lengths and accessibility must also be considered when installing the cabinet.
	Input Power Connections
	Your Wire Feeder comes factory ready with a harness to plug directly into all 14 pin Lincoln Power Sources equipped with 42 VAC auxiliary.
	The 42 VAC is connected to the PC Board on terminal strip J5 #1 (neutral- white) and #2 (hot-black) and Ground (green) to the Cabinet chassis. See diagram in the appendix.
	Wire Threading Procedure
	Wire Spool Installation Release latches, and open right side door of cabinet.

Remove spool retainer nut from spindle hub.

Raise wire retainer bar to latched position.

Install wire spool onto spindle hub so that wire feeds from bottom of spool towards slave motor. Make sure that the hole in the wire spool aligns with pin on spindle hub. The white dot on the end of the spindle hub will aid in this alignment.

Replace the spool retainer nut.

Lower the wire retainer bar onto the spool.

Wire Spool Drag Setting

NOTE: Standard factory setting of the Spindle Tension Knob is set for All Other Wires.

There are two visible position settings for this Knob, IN - All Other Wires (Fig. 1) and, OUT - $.030^{\circ}/.035^{\circ}$ Al Only (Fig. 2). The Spindle Tension Knob must be set to match the Wire Size Selector Switch on the Cobramatic[®] front panel.

To change this setting, it is easier done without the spool of wire on the spindle. Remove the wire spool retainer nut and re-install it reversed back onto the Spindle Tension Knob (Fig. 3). In the "Tool Mode", the square shaped end of the retainer fits onto the Knob. Grab the retainer nut and turn in the COUNTER-CLOCKWISE direction until it stops. The Knob is now set to the OUT position (.030"/.035" AL Only).







IN - All other wires Figure 1

OUT - .030/.035 Aluminum ONLY Figure 2

Wire Spool Retainer In "Tool Mode"; used to change spindle drag. Figure 3

To reset the Knob back to the factory setting of All Other Wires, use the retainer nut as described above, and turn in the CLOCKWISE direction until it stops. The Spindle Knob is now set to the IN position. Turning the retainer nut and Spindle Knob in this direction may require more effort, since turning CLOCKWISE is working against a spring.

Load wire spool onto spindle according to the previous instructions.

Replace the spool retainer nut.

Lower the wire retainer bar onto the spool.

Wire Threading Procedure

Place wire size selector switch on front panel to the correct position for the wire being used.

Loosen end of wire from spool and cut off any kinked or bent portions.

Unreel and straighten out first 6" to 8" of wire.

Raise wire type lever on the slave motor assembly of gun to center position.

Route wire into inlet guide, along drive roll groove, and into wire conduit.

Flip wire type lever to display name of wire type being used.

When using a Cobra[®] Gold or Prince[®] XL gun tighten the gun pressure adjusting knob so the wire will be picked up and fed through the contact tip. Proper tension is achieved when wire does not slip if a small amount of pres-

sure is added to the wire as it exits the tip.

Wire Retainer Bar

The design of the patented Cobramatic[®] Wire Retainer Bar performs two very important and very basic functions of the wire feeder: a) spool drag tension, and b) wire maintenance on the spool.

The spool drag tension is set by lowering the wire retainer bar onto the surface of the wire inside of the spool. The spring tension of the wire retainer bar applies enough pressure on the spool so that when the gun trigger is released, engaging the brake pall, the spool does not overrun kicking wire off the spool.

Wire maintenance on the spool is performed by the applied pressure of the wire retainer bar spread across the coiled wire on the spool. The replaceable pad (P/N 437-0255) of the wire retainer bar is designed to hold the wire on the spool, maintaining the smooth layering of the wire and keeping it from jumping off, and possibly, electrically shorting to the cabinet chassis.

Welding Gun Connections

Control Cable

The 7-Pin "W" Clocked connector screws onto the mating receptacle on the front panel of the wire feeder. This provides all electrical signals (motor voltage, potentiometer control & trigger) to and from the feeder to the gun.

Water Inlet (For Water Cooled Guns)

Front panel access to connect the water hose to the middle fitting on the power block.

Wire Conduit Inlet

Front panel access to attach conduit to front of slave motor assembly.

Power Cable Inlet

Front panel access to attach power cable (air or water) to top of power block.

Guns with ring lugs, **MUST** connect to top bolt of power block.

Gas Inlet

Front panel access to attach gas hose to bottom fitting of power block.

Work Cable (Ground)

Connect a work lead of sufficient size and length between the proper output stud on the power source and the work. Be sure the connection to the work makes tight metal to metal electrical contact. Improper work lead connections can result in poor arc initiation and unsatisfactory weld results.

Consult welding power supply manufacturer for proper work lead sizing.

Section B Operation

General

The AC slave motor in the feeder runs at a fast, constant speed, but has very low torque. It is always trying to feed more wire than the gun motor wants, and when the gun motor gets all the wire it wants, the slave motor automatically slows, preventing a bird's nest. Because of the low torque produced by the slave motor, a combination drag and electric brake system is used to prevent wire overrun rather than relying on spindle tension alone. The spool drag tension is produced by the patented Wire Retainer Bar mechanism to keep the wire slightly taut. The 24 VDC gun "pull" motor is controlled by a solid state speed control in the cabinet and through a potentiometer located in the gun.

The normal operating sequence of the wire feeder can be viewed on the board itself via sequence LED's. When the system is triggered, the green Trigger LED (L3) and the yellow Gas Solenoid LED (L1) illuminate simultaneously. The red Contactor/Wire Feed LED (L2) illuminates after the prepurge time. The blue Arc On LED (LED) illuminates as the arc is established. When the trigger is released the normal LED operating sequence is blue, green and red (L4, L3, & L2) turn off simultaneously followed by the yellow (L1) after the postpurge time has elasped (Figure 4).



Figure 4 - L1, L2, L3 & L4 For reference, see Main P.C. Board Connections picture in Section F

Recommended Processes and Equipment

The Cobramatic[®] is recommended for use in the GMAW and FCAW welding applications. It is recommended for use with constant voltage power sources. The Cobramatic[®] is capable of feeding wires (diameter capacity) ranging from .030" through .045" solid/cored and .030" through 1/16" aluminum.

Controls and Settings

On/Off Switch

Placing the switch in the "ON" position energizes the feeder circuitry and the power indicator light.

Wire Size Selector Switch

The wire size selector switch changes the torque of the slave motor for the wire you are using. When in the .030" - .035" aluminum only position, the slave motor produces approximately 1 1/2 lbs inches and approximately 4 1/2 lbs inches when in the all other wires position.

NOTE:

Operating the cabinet with the switch in the wrong position will cause wire feed difficulties.

PosaStart Switch & Run Speed Setting

The Posa Start Run-in Speed Control, located on the front panel, provides wire speed adjustment for slow wire run-in. This setting tracks as a percentage of the welding wire speed setting. Once the arc has been established, the wire feed speed automatically changes from the slow run-in speed to the welding wire speed set on the gun potentiometer.

PosaStart operation and configuration is explained later in this section.

Trigger Normal/Trigger Latched

This switch configures the electronic Trigger Latching mechanism. In the Trigger Normal mode, pull and hold the trigger to start welding functions - release to stop welding functions. In the Trigger Latched mode, pull and

release trigger to start welding functions - pull trigger again and release to stop welding functions.

<u>The Prepurge/Postpurge functions</u> are pre-configured to provide a preset amount of pre & postpurge gas time; **0.25** and **2.0** second respectively. The default factory position of this jumper is horizontal (top right) across pins.

Changing the position of the JP3 jumper changes the configuration of the pre & postpurge sequences. Refer to Figure 5 for the desired pre and postpurge sequence. Once the desired sequence is selected, relocate on JP3 jumper from its horizontal default pattern (top right) to its new vertical sequence positurn.



Pre-Purge Settings & Adjustments (JP2)

The Pre-Purge Jumper/Pot Configuration at JP2 has 3 available settings: 0.25 sec. fixed, variable from 0-1 sec. or variable from 0-5 seconds.

By default, the twin two-pin jumpers, across rows 1 & 3, are configured for 0.25 sec. Just to the left of the jumpers is a $\frac{3}{4}$ -turn potentiometer (pot) which is used with both variable settings. For the 0-1 sec. range, move the jumpers across rows 3 & 5. For the 0-5 second range, move the jumpers across rows 5 & 7 (Figure 6a).







Rows 1 & 3: 0.25 sec. fixed Rows 3 & 5: 0-1 sec. Figure 6a

Rows 5 & 7: 0-5 sec.

Timing adjustment for the variable settings are as follows: Move the jumpers to either variable setting location. Turn potentiometer screw (Small flat or cross-head) half way. Pull gun trigger and count time between red contactor wire feed LED (L2) and yellow Gas Solenoid LED (L1). Adjust pot screw as necessary.

Post-Purge Settings & Adjustments (JP1)

The Post-Purge Jumper/Pot Configuration at JP1 has 2 available settings: 2 sec. fixed and variable from 0-5 seconds.

By default, the two-pin jumper across the top-and-middle pins, is configured for 2 sec. Just to the left of the jumper is a ³/₄-turn pot which is used with the variable setting. For the 0-5 second range, move the jumper from the top-and-middle to the middle-and-bottom pins (Figure 6b).





Middle/Bottom: 0-5 sec.

Top/Middle: 2 sec fixed

Timing adjustment for the variable settings are as follows: Move the jumpers to variable setting location. Turn potentiometer screw (Small flat or crosshead) half way. Upon release of gun trigger, count time between yellow Gas Solenoid LED (L1) and green Trigger LED (L3). Adjust as necessary.

Figure 6b

Posa Start Operating Procedure

CAUTION:

Do not operate this wire feeder on a power source having a high-frequency (HF) starting circuit until the high frequency feature has been turned off or disabled. Failure to disable the HF will result in damage to the PosaStart circuitry of the main board.

General

The Posa Start Run-in Speed Control, located on the front panel, provides adjustment for slow wire run-in. Once the arc has been established, the wire feed speed is automatically changed from the slow run-in speed to the weld-ing speed set on the gun potentiometer.

The Posa Start feature allows the Cobramatic[®] feeder and gun to be used in conjunction with constant current DC welding power sources of open circuit voltage in excess of 55 volts - also, any constant voltage welding power source capable of a minimum of 50 amps.

Once the PosaStart circuit has transferred from slow run-in to weld speed, the blue LED (L4) illuminates (Figure 7).



Blue LED when PosaStart engages.

Figure 7

CV/CC Posa Start Operations

NOTE:

CV Posa Start does not need welding voltage sensing lead.

The default factory setting is CV mode. Attach Cobramatic[®] cabinet to CV power source according to the installation instructions.

Turn the Cobramatic[®] cabinet to the "**ON**" position and the Posa Start to the "**OFF**" position. Adjust power source to desired voltage for your weld condition. Depress gun trigger and adjust wire feed speed at gun to match voltage setting.

Turn the Posa Start switch to the "ON" position. Depress gun trigger and,



Testing the Feeder

Testing the Input Power Circuits

The AC circuits are protected by pico-fuses F1 and F2 (see page 13 for location). If these continually fail, especially when powering up the cabinet, remove the connectors for the components that draw on this power, J6 (Brake Solenoid), J7 (Slave Motor) and J5-3 & 4 (AC Contactor - if used) from the P.C. Board. Replace fuses and retrigger system. If fuses does not fail, isolate the problem by plugging in J4, J7, and J5-3,4 one at a time until the fuses fail.

Testing the Speed Control

NOTE:

The gun should be tested prior to testing circuitry on the main board. Gun amphenol must be connected to the Cobramatic[®] to perform the following tests.

To test the motor voltage circuit and measure how much voltage is being delivered to the gun motor, place a voltmeter across diode test points TP1 & TP2 and pull gun trigger. A reading between 0 VDC & 28 VDC+/- should be observed, as the gun potentiometer is varied (Figure 9).





TP2

Test Point TP1

Testing the Gun

Motor Check

Remove the amphenol connector from the cabinet.

Using the gun amphenol, check the resistance across pins "A" and "B" (motor leads). The resistance across the motor should be between 5-10 ohms.

If an open circuit or short exists, check the motor leads and motor independently.

Testing the Potentiometer - "W" Clocked

Using the gun amphenol, check the resistance across pin "D" (wiper) and pin "C". The resistance should vary from 0 - 5K ohms as you turn pot.

Check the resistance across pin "D" (wiper) and pin "G". The resistance should vary from 5K - 0 ohms as you turn pot.

Testing the Micro Switch

Using the gun amphenol, check for continuity across pins "E" and "F" when the trigger is pressed.



	Troubleshooting		
Symptom	Cause	Remedy	
No wire feed at gun, feeder not oper- ating, i.e., no slave motor or brake solenoid.	F1 & F2 fuse(s) in feeder failed.	Check AC circuit. Replace fuse(s).	
	F3 (4 amp) fuse in feeder failed.	Check motor leads for shorts then replace fuse.	
	Micro-switch defective/not being activated. Broken electrical cable.	Replace switch. Check switch for operation. Check micro switch wires for continuity.	
	Loose J2, J3, P.C. board connector.	Check J2, J3 connectors.	
Brake solenoid inoperative.	Solenoid defective.	Replace solenoid.	
	Loose connector at J6.	Check J6 connector.	
No wire feed at gun, feeder operating	Bad potentiometer.	Check potentiometer with meter.	
properly.	Bad gun motor.	Check/Replace motor.	
	Broken electrical cable.	Check motor and potentiometer wires for continuity.	
	Bad speed control/PCB.	Check/Replace P.C. board.	
Wire feeds, but welding wire is not energized.	Loose or no cable power supply con- nections.	Check all power connections.	
	Contactor control cable loose or in wrong position.	Check power supply owner's manual for location and type of contactor signa required, i.e. closing contacts or AC.	
	Welding power source not working correctly.	Check power supply for proper operation.	
Wire feeds erratically.	Dirty or worn conduit.	Blow out or replace conduit.	
	Incorrect pressure on drive rolls.	Adjust pressure at gun (Gold or Prince	
	Idler roll stuck in gun.	Check for lock washer under idler roll, or replace if damaged or worn.	
	Wrong size contact tip.	See contact tip table.	
Wire feeds one speed only.	Bad potentiometer.	Check with meter.	
	Broken electrical cable in lead assy.	Check potentiometer wires for continu- ity or shorts.	
	Bad speed control.	Check/Replace P.C. boards.	
Wire walks out of drive rolls.	Idler roll upside-down.	Place groove in idler roll toward the top.	
	Rear wire guide missing.	Replace wire guide.	
Trigger inoperable or not operating correctly.	Trigger mode configuration.	Check front panel Trigger Normal/ Latched toggle switch.	
Purge not operating correctly.	Jumper incorrectly configured. Gas solenoid malfunctioning.	Check jumper location per Jumper Table in Appendix. Check cable con- nections to gas solenoid Check valve in gun.	
No PosaStart Wire Speed Transition	Welding power cable and/or gun power cable connected to wrong bolt on power block.	Welding power cable to bottom bolt. Gun power cable to top bolt.	
	Welding current not being sensed.	Check current sensor in power block.	
Remote Functions Not Working	Wires not connected at TB1	Reseat all wire connections at TB1.	

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Input / Output Configuration for TB1









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WARNING	 Do not touch electrically live parts or electrode with skin or wet clothing. Insulate yourself from work and ground. 	● Keep flammable materials away.	• Wear eye, ear and body protection.
AVISO DE PRECAUCION	 No toque las partes o los electrodos bajo carga con la piel o ropa moja- da. Alsiese del trabajo y de la tierra. 	 Mantenga el material combustible fuera del área de trabajo. 	 Protéjase los ojos, los oídos y el cuerpo.
ATTENTION	 Ne laissez ni la peau ni des vête- ments mouillés entrer en contact avec des pièces sous tension. Isolez-vous du travail et de la terre. 	 Gardez à l'écart de tout matériel inflammable. 	 Protégez vos yeux, vos oreilles et votre corps.
German WARNUNG	 Berühren Sie keine stromführenden Teile oder Elektroden mit Ihrem Körper oder feuchter Kleidung! Isolieren Sie sich von den Elektroden und dem Erdboden! 	• Entfernen Sie brennbarres Material!	 Tragen Sie Augen-, Ohren- und Kör- perschutz!
ATENÇÃO	 Não toque partes elétricas e electrodos com a pele ou roupa molhada. Isole-se da peça e terra. 	 Mantenha inflamáveis bem guarda- dos. 	 Use proteção para a vista, ouvido e corpo.
注意事項	 通電中の電気部品、又は溶材にヒ フやぬれた布で触れないこと。 施工物やアースから身体が絶縁さ れている様にして下さい。 	● 燃えやすいものの側での溶接作業 は絶対にしてはなりません。	●目、耳及び身体に保護具をして下 さい。
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 Keep your head out of tumes. Use ventilation or exhaust to remove tumes from breathing zone. 	• Turn power off before servicing.	• Do not operate with panel open or guards off.	WARNING
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