

COMPACT DESIGN

Vantage® 500 (Compact Case)



KEY FEATURES

Get a 500 amp welder in a compact case; it's the same size as the Vantage 300 and 400. The use of a turbo-charged diesel engine with Lincoln Electric Chopper Technology® makes this possible. Also, the low weight makes the Vantage 500 Compact a great choice for truck bed installation where space and weight capacity are limited.

- Stainless steel panels offer added durability
- Select one of five welding process modes
- Plenty of AC Generator power
- Tier 4i Perkins® diesel engine

Processes »

Stick, TIG, MIG, Flux-Cored, Gouging

Output »



Input »



Product Number »

K2686-1

FEATURES

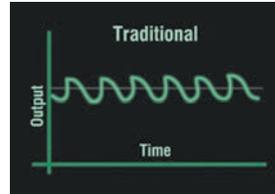
- » **Compact Case with Stainless Steel Enclosure**
 - One of the most compact 500 amp machines available. Suitable for many pickup and service trucks (subject to vehicle capacity limits).
 - Standard stainless steel roof, side panels and engine-access door deliver added protection and durability.
- » **Multi-Process Welding - Separate Arc Gouge Mode**
 - Select one of five process modes, including CC-stick, downhill pipe (for stick), DC Touch Start TIG®, CV-wire or new arc gouging mode which maximizes output with up to 3/8 in. (9.5 mm) carbon rods.
- » **Plenty of AC Generator Power**
 - 22 kW peak (20 kW continuous) 3-phase 240V AC generator power. Will power industrial equipment such as a plasma cutter, pump or inverter welder.
 - 13 kW peak (12 kW continuous) 1-phase AC generator power for common construction tools.
- » **Engine: 4 Cylinder 1800 RPM Turbo-Charged Perkins®**
 - 4 cylinder 1800 RPM Perkins turbo-charged diesel engine runs smooth and quiet. Standard engine gauges allow you to monitor performance at a glance.
 - More HP for output at high altitude than a naturally-aspirated engine.
- » **Innovative Service Access**
 - Lockable, removable sliding engine access door provides ample space for engine and oil filter work without requiring a large clearance space on your truck.
 - Battery drawer on front of machine and top-mounted radiator cover provide convenient access to these systems.
 - Patented tilt down control panel for easy servicing of internal components.
 - Patented radiator cap cover is latched for easy access and is lockable.

PERFORMANCE

Arc Performance

- 500 amps @100% duty cycle with output range up to 525 amps using  Chopper Technology. All ratings are at temperatures of 104°F/40°C.

WHAT IS CHOPPER TECHNOLOGY?



Traditional weld control is more variable around the desired output.



 Chopper Technology delivers extremely fast response for tighter output control.

Patented and award-winning Lincoln Electric  Chopper Technology delivers superior DC arc welding performance for general purpose stick, downhill pipe, DC TIG, MIG, cored-wire and arc gouging.

Benefits of Chopper Technology include:

- Easy arc starting
- Smooth arc action
- Low spatter levels
- Excellent bead appearance

VRD™ (Voltage Reduction Device™) reduced OCV (open circuit voltage) in CC-stick welding mode for added safety.

WHAT IS VRD™?

The VRD provides additional safety in the CC-stick weld mode, especially when working in an environment with a higher risk of electrical shock such as wet areas and hot, humid, sweaty conditions. The VRD reduces the OCV at the welding output terminals while not welding to less than 30 volts DC.

The VRD is activated by flipping a toggle switch inside the machine to the "ON" position. Indicator lights monitor the voltage: green for less than 30 volts while not welding, and either red (greater than 30 volts) or green while welding, depending on the actual voltage of the arc.

Other weld modes when VRD is on:

- Downhill Pipe – There is no output.
- CV-Wire – OCV is not reduced.
- Touch Start TIG® – No difference in operation. TIG is normally a low voltage (less than 30 volts) operation.



VRD portion of nameplate with green light on.

- CC-stick mode is optimized for general purpose stick using E7018 low hydrogen electrode.

PERFORMANCE

- Built-in “hot” start for easier starts and restrikes minimizing the electrode “sticking” to the work.
- Downhill pipe mode with active arc force control – enhanced downhill pipe welding mode. Excellent for cellulosic electrodes. Fast travel speeds, especially on fill passes. Arc control adjustment for a soft, buttery arc or a more forceful digging arc.
- Standard DC Touch Start TIG welding, not scratch start, for easy arc starting that avoids tungsten contamination and the use of high-frequency equipment.

WHAT IS TOUCH START TIG®?

Touch Start TIG® uses a very low voltage to sense when the tip of the tungsten electrode is touched to the work piece. When this occurs, a complete circuit is established. When the tungsten is then raised from the work piece, the circuit senses a change in voltage and initiates the appropriate welding current and voltage to support the TIG welding process.

Enjoy the added benefits of Lincoln Electric’s Touch Start TIG when DC TIG welding. Not only do you avoid tungsten contamination when arc starting, but you also don’t need extra high frequency equipment.

- Excellent CV wire welding with cored-wire and MIG (CO₂ and mixed gas).

Generator Performance

- 3-phase 240V AC generator power rated at 22 kW peak (20 kW continuous) output to power industrial equipment such as a plasma cutter, pump or inverter welder. Simultaneously weld and use 3-phase AC power – for example, up to 12,000 watts can be delivered while welding at 250 amps. Compare to competitive product which has 3-phase power available as an extra cost factory-only option.
- 3-phase 240V receptacle on control panel eliminates the need to hard-wire the connections. Compare to competitive product which usually requires hard-wired connections.
- The Vantage 500 provides added value at the job site by delivering up to 13 kW peak (12 kW continuous) watts of 1-phase AC auxiliary power for equipment such as a Lincoln Electric plasma cutter. Also use for lights, grinders and other common construction tools. And, you can simultaneously weld and have access to AC power – 12,000 watts can be delivered while welding at 250 amps. Compare this to competitive product which has high output 1-phase AC power available as an extra cost factory option.
- AC generator voltage is constant at 120V or 240V at any weld dial setting.
- Two 120V GFCI modules sealed from moisture for more reliable operation.
- All receptacles are circuit breaker protected. Each receptacle has a spring-loaded weather protective cover which keeps each receptacle protected from the environment when not in use.

SIMULTANEOUS WELDING AND AC GENERATOR POWER

Weld Amps	1 Phase			3 Phase			Simultaneous 1 and 3 Phase	
	Watts	Amps		Watts	Amps		Watts	Amps
0	12,000	50	OR	20,000	50	OR	–	50
100	11,100	50		19,200	50		–	50
200	10,900	50		18,000	48		–	48
300	9,100	43		15,100	40		9,100	–
400	6,900	23		11,700	31		6,900	–
500	2,400	11		3,900	10		2,400	–

FEATURES



Single-side engine access with lockable sliding door.



Fuel, oil pressure and engine temperature gauges help you monitor performance.



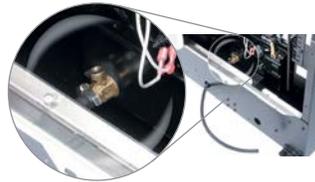
Output automatically switches to remote mode when remote device is connected. For the CC-stick, downhill pipe and Touch Start TIG modes, the machine output dial becomes a maximum current limit for more fine tuning with the remote control dial or Amptrol™.



Convenient slide-out battery drawer below control panel.



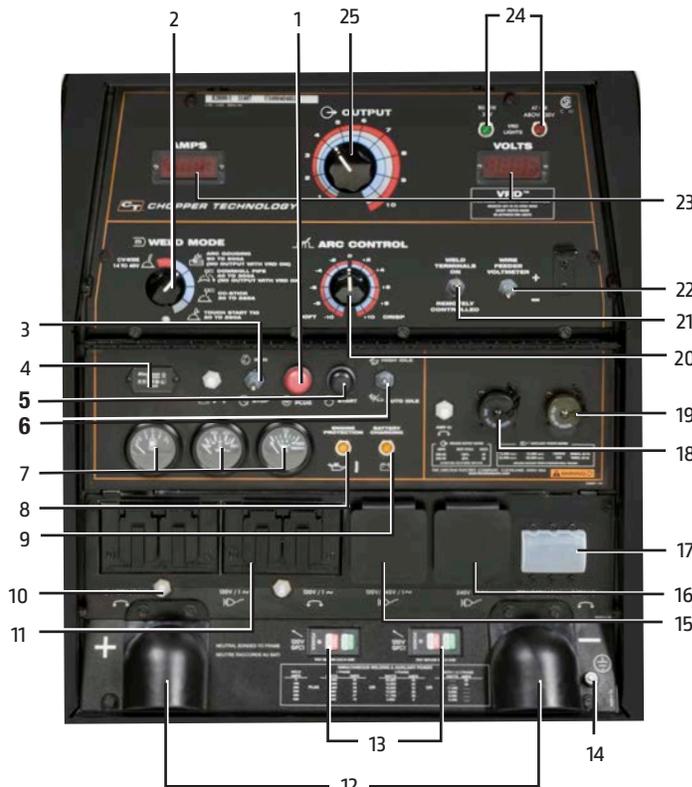
Patented latched and lockable radiator cap cover.



Handy oil drain valve and tube makes oil changes easy.

- Simple Controls – Keeps training time to a minimum. The flip-down control panel door keeps less frequently used dials out of the way. Scratch-resistant Lexan® nameplate.
- Digital weld meters for amps and volts output make it easy to precisely set your procedures.
- Output at welding terminals controlled by electronic contactor. Can be switched to “Weld Terminals On” or to “Remotely Controlled”.
- Large 20 gallon [76 liter] fuel tank provides run time for an extended day—9 hours of welding at 500A/40V/100% duty cycle output, or 33 hours at high idle.
- Great Engine – 45 HP water-cooled 4 cylinder Perkins 404D-22T turbo-charged diesel engine. Engine has an automatic idler for greater fuel economy and reduced noise. Glow plug button for cold weather starting.
- More HP for output at high altitude than a naturally-aspirated engine.
- Engine hour meter for scheduled maintenance.
- LN-25 Ironworker™ across-the-arc wire feeder is a recommended option. Other across-the-arc choices are the LN-25 PRO and Activ8™.
- 14-pin connector for Lincoln Electric wire feeders with control cables: LF-72, LF-74, LN-7 GMA, LN-8, and LN-25 PRO Dual Power. Also compatible with Magnum® SG Spool Gun System.
- Two Vantage 500 units can be paralleled in the CC-stick mode to increase output.

KEY CONTROLS

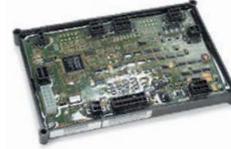


1. Glow Plug Button
2. Weld Mode Selector Switch
3. Run/Stop Switch
4. Hour Meter
5. Start Push Button
6. Engine Idler Switch
7. Fuel Level, Engine Temperature and Oil Pressure Gauges
8. Engine Protection Light
9. Engine Battery Charging Light
10. 120 VAC Circuit Breakers
11. 120 VAC Receptacles
12. Covered Weld Output Terminals + and -
13. Sealed GFCI Modules
14. Ground Stud
15. 120/240 VAC Full-KVA 1-Phase Receptacle
16. 240 VAC Full-KVA 3-Phase Receptacle
17. Full-KVA 1- and 3-Phase Circuit Breaker
18. 14-Pin Wire Feeder Connector
19. 6-Pin Remote Control Connector
20. Arc Force and Inductance/Pinch Control Dial
21. Welding Terminals Control Switch
22. Wire Feeder Voltmeter Polarity Switch
23. Digital Amps and Volts Output Meters
24. VRD™ Indicator Lights
25. Output Control Dial

Note: Control panel door not shown.

QUALITY AND RELIABILITY

- Simple wire harnessing keeps connections to a minimum for greater reliability. Lead and harness strain reliefs on all control connections help ensure trouble-free performance.
- Engine protection system includes automatic shutdown for low oil pressure or high engine temperature.
- Indicator light turns on for low oil pressure or high engine temperature. A second indicator light turns on if the engine battery charging system malfunctions.
- Circuit breaker protection on the battery ignition system provides added component protection.
- Environmental friendly engine! Engine has a closed breather system to keep the engine compartment and ground clean. This system eliminates oil mist from collecting inside the engine compartment, especially on surfaces that would lower engine cooling efficiency.
- Self-bleeding engine simplifies startup if your fuel tank runs dry.
- Perkins engine camshaft is gear-driven. No timing belt maintenance.
- Printed circuit boards are environmentally-shielded using Lincoln Electric's engineered potting and protective frame trays.



- Dependability and long life aided by all-copper windings in rotor and stator with high quality insulation.
- Standard stainless steel roof, side panels and engine-access door deliver added protection, durability and corrosion-resistance. Eliminates the need to paint or replace rusting panels.
- Manufactured under a quality system certified to ISO 9001 requirements and ISO 14001 environmental standards.
- CSA (Canadian Standards Association) Certified.
- Three-year Lincoln Electric warranty on welder (engine is warranted separately by the manufacturer - see Engine Specifications, footnote 6).

MACHINE SPECIFICATIONS

Product Name	Ordering Information	Description	CC Rated Output ⁽¹⁾ Current/Voltage/Duty Cycle	CV-Rated Output ⁽²⁾ Current/Voltage/Duty Cycle	Generator AC Power ⁽³⁾⁽⁴⁾	Dimensions H x W x L inches (mm)	Weight lbs. (kg)
Vantage 500	K2686-1	500 Amp DC Welder with Engine Gauges 22,000 Watts Peak 20,000 Watts Continuous AC Power 3-Phase 13,000 Watts Peak 12,000 Watts Continuous AC Power 1-Phase	DC Constant Current 500A/40V/100% 525A/38V/100% 30-525A DC Pipe Current 300A/32V/100% 40-300A Touch Start TIG [®] Range 250A/30V/100% 20-250A Arc Gouge 500/40V/100% 30-525A Single Dial Continuous Control 60V DC Max OCV @1850 RPM	DC Constant Voltage ⁽²⁾ 500A/40V/100% 525A/38V/60% 14-40V Single Dial Continuous Control Wire Feeder Power 120V/60Hz 42V/60Hz	22,000 Peak Watts, 60 Hz Two 120V Duplex Receptacles w/ Sealed GFCI Modules 20A Per Duplex 40A Total ⁽⁵⁾ 1-Phase Full KVA Receptacle 50A@240V 50A@120V Each Branch Circuit ⁽⁵⁾ 3-Phase Full KVA Receptacle 50A@240V	35.9 x 25.3 x 60.0 (913 x 642 x 1524) To top of exhaust tube: 46.6 (1184)	1290 (586)

⁽¹⁾ High Altitude: For maximum rating, derate the output 1% for every 2,000 ft. (610 m) up to 6,000 ft. (1828 m) and 2% for every 2,000 ft. (610 m) over 6,000 ft. (1828 m).

High Temperature: For maximum rating, derate 2 volts for every 18°F (10°C) above 104°F (40°C).

⁽²⁾ DC Constant Voltage capability provides convenience and added safety when welding in electrically hazardous conditions.

⁽³⁾ When welding, available auxiliary power will be reduced. Output voltage is within +/- 10% at all loads up to rated capacity.

⁽⁴⁾ 120V will operate either 60 Hz or 50/60 Hz power tools, lights, etc.

⁽⁵⁾ Circuits cannot be wired in parallel to operate the same device.

ENGINE SPECIFICATIONS

Engine Model	Description	Horsepower & Displacement	Dry Capacities	Operating Speeds	Fuel Consumption
Perkins 404D-22T EPA Tier 4i	4 Cylinder, 4 Cycle Water-Cooled, Turbo-Charged, Diesel Engine, 12V Electric Start, Dry Type Air Cleaner, Fuel Filter with Water Separator	45 HP@1850 RPM 136 cu. in. (2.2 liters)	FUEL: 20 gals (76 liters)	500A Load 1850 RPM	2.2 Gals/H 8.1 liters/Hr
			OIL: 11.2 qts (10.6 liters)	High Idle 1850 RPM	0.6 Gals/Hr 2.2 liters/Hr
			RADIATOR COOLANT: 11.5 qts (10.9 liters)	Low Idle 1400 RPM	0.4 Gals/Hr 1.4 liters/Hr

RECOMMENDED ACCESSORIES



120V

GENERAL OPTIONS

Power Plug Kit (20A)

Provides four 120V plugs rated at 20 amps each, and one dual voltage, full KVA 1-phase plug rated at 120/240V, 50 amps. 120V plug may not be compatible with common household receptacles.

Order K802N



Full-KVA Power Plug (1-Phase)

One dual voltage plug rated at 120/240V, 50 amps. NEMA 14-50P.

Order T12153-9



Full-KVA Power Plug (3-Phase)

One plug rated at 240V, 50 amps. NEMA 15-50P.

Order T12153-10



Full-KVA Adapter Kit (1-Phase)

Provides convenient connection of Lincoln Electric equipment having a 240V AC 1-phase plug (NEMA 6-50P) to the full-KVA receptacle on Lincoln engine-driven welders.

Order K1816-1



Shown with optional K2639-1 Fender & Light Kit

Medium Welder Trailer

For heavy-duty road, off-road, plant and yard use. Includes pivoting jack stand, safety chains, and 13 in. (330 mm) wheels. Stiff .120 in. (3.0 mm) welded rectangular steel tube frame construction is phosphate etched and powder coat painted for superior rust and corrosion resistance. Low sway suspension gives outstanding stability with manageable tongue weight. Wheel bearings are packed with high viscosity, high pressure, low washout Lubriplate® grease. Includes a Duo-Hitch® – a 2 in. (51 mm) Ball/Lunette Eye combination hitch. Overall width 60 in. (1524 mm). Overall length 124 in. (3150 mm).

Order:

K2636-1 Trailer

K2639-1 Fender & Light Kit

K2640-1 Cable Rack

Four-Wheeled Steerable Yard Trailer

For off-road, plant and yard use. Includes an automatically engaging drawbar lock when the drawbar is raised to the verticle position. 13 in. (330 mm) wheels. Wheel bearings are packed with high viscosity, high pressure, low washout Lubriplate® grease. Stiff 3/16 in. (4.8 mm) welded rectangular steel frame construction is phosphate etched and powder-coat painted for superior rust and corrosion resistance. Also includes a Duo-Hitch® – a 2 in. (51 mm) Ball/ Lunette Eye combination hitch. Overall width 55 in. (1397 mm). Overall length 132 in. (3353 mm).

Order K2641-2



Spark Arrestor Kit

Mounts to muffler exhaust tube. Virtually eliminates spark emissions.

Order K903-1



Cold Weather Heater and Tarp Kit

For engine starting and operation in extreme cold weather conditions down to -40°F [-40°C] (with the use of 0W40 synthetic oil and arctic diesel fuel). Includes 120V AC oil pan heater, 120V AC engine block heater, and radiator grill tarp.

Order K2679-1



Polarity/Multi-Process Switch

For easy polarity switching. Example: DC-stick root pass on pipe and DC+ stick for hot, fill and cap passes. Also for an easy process change. Example: DC+ stick root pass on pipe and DC - Innershield® self-shielded flux-cored wire for hot, fill and cap passes. 6 and 14-pin remote connections can be made to this unit. For all Lincoln Electric Chopper Technology engine-driven welders. Mounts on roof with K2663-1 Docking Kit.

Order K2642-1



Docking Kit

Secures the K2642-1 Polarity/Multi-Process Switch to the engine-driven welder roof. Release latch permits removal of K2642-1 Polarity/Multi-Process Switch. Made from stainless steel for rust-free operation. For all Lincoln Electric Chopper Technology engine-driven welders.

Order K2663-1



STICK OPTIONS

Accessory Kit

Includes 35 ft. (10.7 m) 2/0 electrode cable with lug, 30 ft. (9.1 m) 2/0 work cable with lugs, headshield, filter plate, cover plate, work clamp and electrode holder. 400 amp capacity.

Order K704



Remote Output Control

Consists of a control box with choice of two cable lengths. Permits remote adjustment of output.

Order K857 for 25 ft. (7.6 m)

K857-1 for 100 ft. (30.5 m)



TIG OPTIONS

Pro-Torch™ PTA-26V TIG Torch

Air-cooled 200 amp torch (2 piece) equipped with valve for gas flow control. 25 ft. (7.6 m) length.

Order K1783-9



Magnum Parts Kit for PTA-26V TIG Torch

Magnum Parts Kit provides all the torch accessories you need to start welding. Parts kit provides collets, collet bodies, a back cap, alumina nozzles and tungstens in a variety of sizes, all packaged in an easy to carry reclosable sack.

Order KP509



Foot Ampctrl™

Provides 25 ft. (7.6 m) of remote output control for TIG welding. (6-pin plug connection).

Order K870



Hand Ampctrl™

Provides 25 ft. (7.6 m) of remote current control for TIG welding. (6-pin plug connection). Velcro straps secure torch.

Order K963-3 (one size fits all Pro-Torch™ TIG Torches)



Square Wave TIG 200

This 46 lb (21 kg) TIG and stick welder includes adjustable AC Frequency Control and AC Balance for great results on aluminum, pulse mode and 120V or 230V input power capability.

Order K5126-1



WIRE FEEDER OPTIONS

LN-25 Ironworker™ Wire Feeder

Portable CV unit for flux-cored and MIG welding with MAXTRAC® wire drive system. Includes digital meters for wire feed speed/ amperage and voltage, gas solenoid, internal contactor and 5/64 in. (2.0 mm) drive roll kit for cored wire. Has 83% reduced wire feed speed capability for 6 o'clock pipe welding with Innershield® wire.

Order K2614-9



K126™ PRO Innershield™ Gun

For self-shielded wire with 15 ft. (4.5 m) cable. For .062-5/64 in. (1.6-2.0 mm) wire. Includes K466-10 Connector Kit.

Order K126-12



Drive Roll and Guide Tube Kit

For .068-.072 in. (1.7-1.8 mm) cored or solid steel wire.

Order KP1697-068

RECOMMENDED ACCESSORIES



Magnum PRO 350 Ready-Pak 15 ft., .035-5/64 in.
Magnum® PRO MIG/flux-cored welding guns are rated 100% duty cycle. The guns are designed for high amperage, high duty cycle applications in extreme environments where heat-resistance and fast serviceability are key.
Order K2652-2-10-45



SG Control Module
The interface between the power source and the spool gun. Provides control of the wire speed and gas flow. For use with a spool gun.
Order K488



PLASMA CUTTING
Tomahawk® 1000
Cuts metal using the AC generator power from the engine-driven welder. Requires the T12153-9 Full-KVA Power Plug (1-Phase).
Order K2808-1



Drive Roll and Guide Tube Kit
For .035 in. and .045 in. (0.9-1.1 mm) solid steel wire.
Order KP1696-1



Input Cable
(For SG Control Module)
For Lincoln engine power sources with 14-pin MS-type connection, separate 115V NEMA receptacles and output stud connections.
Order K691-10



Magnum SG Spool Gun
Hand held semiautomatic wire feeder. Requires SG Control Module and Input Cable.
Order K487-25

PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS

Product Name	Product Number	Rated Output Current/Voltage/Duty Cycle	Output Range	Engine	Number of Cylinders	HP @ Speed (RPM)	H x W x D inches (mm)	Net Weight lbs. (kg)
Vantage 500	K2686-1	500A/40V/100% 525A/38V/60%	30-525A DC 40-300A Pipe 20-250A DC TIG 14-40V CV 30-525A Gouge 3-Phase AC Power: 22 kW Peak, 20 kW Continuous 1-Phase AC Power: 13 kW Peak, 12 kW Continuous	Perkins 404D-22T Turbo Diesel EPA Tier 4i	4	45 @ 1850	Machine only: 35.9 x 25.3 x 60.0 (913 x 642 x 1524) To top of exhaust tube: 46.6 (1184)	1290 (586)

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Manufactured at a facility with certified ISO Quality and Environmental Management Systems.

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