

# AUTO-DARKENING HELMET

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## OPERATOR'S MANUAL

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## SAFETY WARNINGS – READ BEFORE USING

### WARNING

#### **ARC Rays can injure eyes and burn skin**



- Before welding, always inspect helmet and filter lens to be sure they are fitted properly, in good condition and not damaged.
- Check to see that the clear lens is clean and securely attached to the helmet.
- Always wear safety glasses or goggles under the welding helmet and protective clothing to protect your skin from radiation, burns and spatter.
- Ensure that optical radiation from other welder's arcs in the immediate area does not enter in from behind the helmet and auto-darkening filter.

**Note:** Auto-darkening filters in Lincoln helmets are designed to protect the user against harmful ultra-violet and infrared rays both in the dark and light states. No matter what shade the filter is set to, the UV/IR protection is always present.

#### **FUMES AND GASES can be dangerous to your health.**



- Keep your head out of fumes.
- Use enough ventilation or exhaust at the arc or both to keep fumes and gases from your breathing zone and general area.
- **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.**

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

## HELMET INFORMATION

This Auto-Darkening Welding Helmet will automatically change from a light state (shade 3.5) to a dark state (Shade 9-13) when arc welding starts.

The filter automatically returns to a light state when the arc stops. Shade control adjustments can be made while welding.

Match your welding application to the shade indicated on the shade chart. (See Page 6)

- Operating temperature: 14°F ~ 131°F (-10°C ~ 55°C).
- Do not use or open the auto-darkening filter if damaged by shock, vibration or pressure.
- Keep the sensors and solar cell clean. Clean the filter cartridge using a soapy water solution and soft cloth which should be damp but not saturated.

This Auto-Darkening Welding Helmet is designed for use with GMAW, GTAW, MMAW welding, or Plasma Arc and air carbon arc cutting.

The cartridge provides protection from harmful UV and IR radiation, in both dark and light states.

The cartridge contains two sensors to detect the light from the welding arc, resulting in the lens darkening to a selected welding shade.

- Do not use solvents or abrasive cleaning detergent.
- If cover lens is spattered or covered with dirt, it should be replaced immediately.
- Use only replacement parts specified in this manual.
- Do not use the helmet without inside and outside cover lenses properly installed.

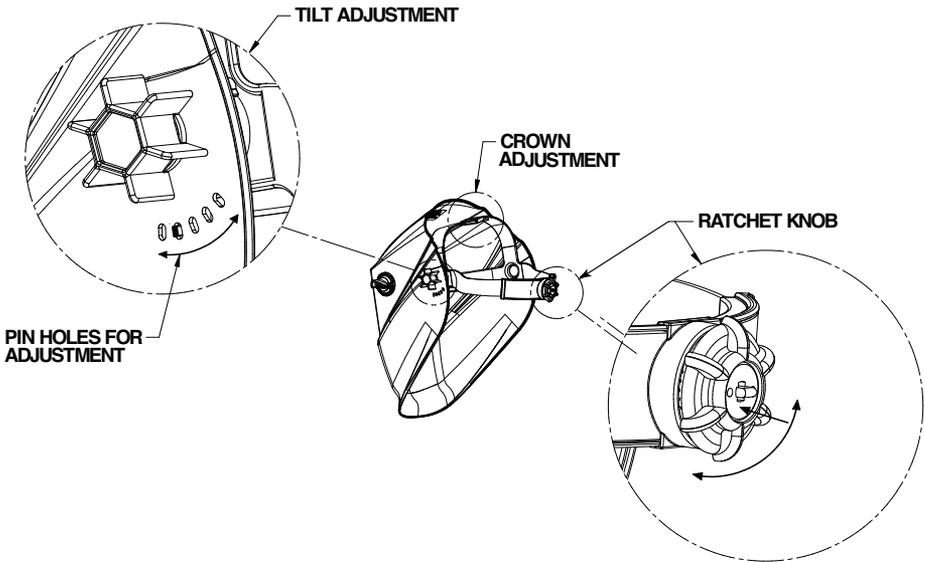
## SPECIFICATIONS

LCD Viewing Area	97 x 44mm (3.82 x 1.73in)
Cartridge size	110 x 90mm (4.33 x 3.54in)
UV/IR Protection	Up to Shade DIN 16 at all times
Arc Sensors	2
Light State Shade	DIN 4
Variable Welding Shades	DIN 9 to 13 and Grind
Shade Control	External knob - full adjustment
Power Supply	Solar cells with replaceable batteries
Low Battery Warning	Red Light
Battery	AAA Alkaline (2 required)
Power On/Off	Fully automatic
Light to Dark Switching Time	0.00004 sec (1/25,000 sec)
Sensitivity Control	Variable
Delay Control (Dark to Light)	.1min. ~ 1.0 sec. max.
TIG Rating	5 amps
Operating Temperature	14°F ~ 131°F (-10°C ~ 55°C)
Storage Temperature	-4°F ~ 158°F (-20°C ~ 70°C)
Total Weight	483g (17 Oz.)
Compliance <sup>(1)</sup>	CE,ANSI Z87.1-2003, CSA Z94.3

<sup>(1)</sup> Headgear compliance with ANSI Z87.1 is without sweatband installed.

# OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

## Headgear Adjustment



**Head Size Adjustment:** Headband tightness is adjusted by pushing in the ratchet knob and turning to adjust to desired comfort level. This knob is located at the back of the helmet. **HEAD GEAR CROWN ADJUSTMENT** is made by adjusting crown strap for vertical placement on the head and snapping the pin into the hole to lock securely in place.

**Tilt:** Tilt is adjusted on the left side of the helmet. TILT is adjusted by loosening outside tension knob and releasing the adjustment lever from its current location and moving it to another location. Retighten the outside tension knob when finished.

## CARTRIDGE OPERATION/FEATURES

### Variable Shade Control

The shade can be adjusted from shade 9 to 13 based upon welding process or application (refer to Shade selection chart on page 6). The variable shade control knob is mounted on the exterior of the helmet shell. **Grind** mode can be selected by rotating the shade control knob counterclockwise till an audible click is heard.

**Grind mode is intended for grinding only not for welding.**

### Sensitivity Knob

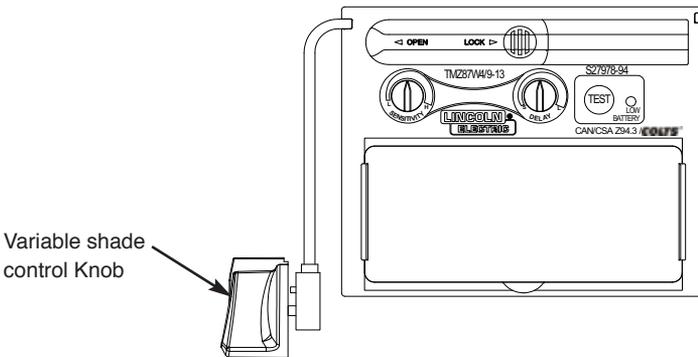
You can adjust the light sensor by turning the **Sensitivity** knob to the left or right as shown in figure below. Generally, turning the knob all the way to the right, or the **highest** setting, is selected for normal use. When the helmet is used in the presence of excess ambient light or with another welding machine close by, improved helmet performance can be obtained with a **lower** setting turning the knob to the left to reduce the sensitivity.

### Delay Time Knob

This control is designed to protect the welder's eyes from the strong residual rays after welding. Changing the **Delay Time** knob will vary dark to light time between .1 second (minimum) to 1.0 second (maximum). Turning the **Delay Time** knob to the left is maximum (1.0 second). This setting is recommended for high amperage applications where the weld puddle is still very bright after the welding arc has ceased and for situations where the filter may be temporarily blocked from seeing the welding arc.

### Power

This ADF cartridge is powered by replaceable batteries and solar power. Battery installation is required prior to use. The batteries are located at the top of the ADF cartridge. Replace batteries when **LOW BATTERY** light is lit. See the specification chart on page 3 for type of batteries required.



**ALWAYS TEST TO BE SURE THE ADF CARTRIDGE IS CHARGED BEFORE WELDING.** The **TEST** button is for the user to verify the ADF cartridge is darkening properly. If cartridge is not darkening properly, replace batteries with fresh batteries and test again before use. While welding, the arc and solar cell will keep the ADF charged.

## SHADE GUIDE SETTINGS

GUIDE FOR SHADE NUMBERS				
OPERATION	ELECTRODE SIZE 1/32 in. (mm)	ARC CURRENT (A)	MINIMUM PROTECTIVE SHADE	SUGGESTED <sup>(1)</sup> SHADE NO. (COMFORT)
Shielded metal arc welding	Less than 3 (2.5) 3-5 (2.5-4) 5-8 (4-6.4) More than 8 (6.4)	Less than 60	7	–
		60-160	8	10
		160-250	10	12
		250-550	11	14
Gas metal arc welding and flux cored arc welding		Less than 60	7	–
		60-160	10	11
		160-250	10	12
		250-500	10	14
Gas tungsten arc welding		Less than 50	8	10
		50-150	8	12
		150-500	10	14
Air carbon Arc cutting	(Light) (Heavy)	Less than 500	10	12
		500-1000	11	14
Plasma arc welding		Less than 20	6	6 to 8
		20-100	8	10
		100-400	10	12
		400-800	11	14
Plasma arc cutting	(Light) <sup>(2)</sup> (Medium) <sup>(2)</sup> (Heavy) <sup>(2)</sup>	Less than 300	8	9
		300-400	9	12
		400-800	10	14
Torch brazing		–	–	3 or 4
Torch soldering		–	–	2
Carbon arc welding		–	–	14
PLATE THICKNESS				
	in.	mm		
Gas welding	Light	Under 1/8	Under 3.2	4 or 5
	Medium	1/8 to 1/2	3.2 to 12.7	5 or 6
	Heavy	Over 1/2	Over 12.7	6 or 8
Oxygen cutting	Light	Under 1	Under 25	3 or 4
	Medium	1 to 6	25 to 150	4 or 5
	Heavy	Over 6	Over 150	5 or 6

<sup>(1)</sup> As a rule of thumb, start with a shade that is too dark, then go to a lighter shade which gives sufficient view of the weld zone without going below the minimum. In oxyfuel gas welding or cutting where the torch produces a high yellow light, it is desirable to use a filter lens that absorbs the yellow or sodium line the visible light of the (spectrum) operation.

<sup>(2)</sup> These values apply where the actual arc is clearly seen. Experience has shown that lighter filters may be used when the arc is hidden by the workpiece.

Data from ANSI Z49.1-2005

If your helmet does not include any one of the shades referenced above, it is recommended you use the next darker shade.

## HELMET CARE AND MAINTENANCE

**Replacing Front Cover Lens:** Replace the front cover lens if it is damaged – cracked, soiled or pitted. Place your finger or thumb into recess (C) at the bottom edge of the cover lens and flex the lens upwards until it releases from the edges marked A and B. (Refer to figure 1). Use only the replacement front cover lenses specified in this manual.

**Replace the Inside Cover Lens:** if it is damaged (cracked, soiled or pitted). Place your fingernail in recess above cartridge view window and flex lens upwards until it releases from edges of cartridge view window.

**Change the Shade Cartridge** (See figure 2)

**Fitting New Cartridge:** Take the new shade cartridge and pass the potentiometer cable under the wire loop before placing the cartridge into its retaining frame inside the helmet. Hinge down the wire loop and ensure the front edge of the loop (D) is properly retained under the retaining lugs (E) as shown in (figure 3).

Position the shade potentiometer to the inside of the helmet with the shaft protruding through the hole. Secure potentiometer to shell. On the outside of the helmet, push the shade control knob onto the shaft.

**Installing an Aftermarket Magnifying Lens:** Unclip the wire loop (D) from retaining lugs (E) and move hinge up. Place magnifying lens over ADF viewing area and retain with wire loop.

**Cleaning:** Clean helmet by wiping with a soft cloth. Clean cartridge surfaces regularly. Do not use strong cleaning solutions. Clean sensors and solar cells with soapy water solution and a clean cloth and wipe dry with a lint-free cloth. Do NOT submerge shade cartridge in water or other solution.

**Storage:** Store in a clean, dry location.

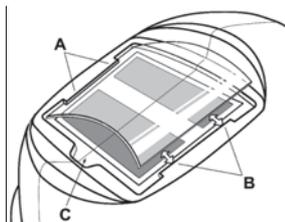


Figure 1

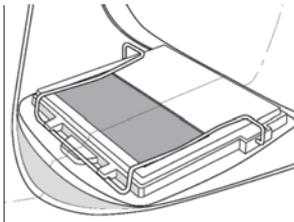


Figure 2

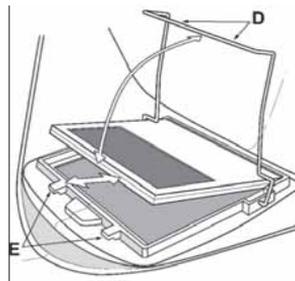


Figure 3

## TROUBLE SHOOTING GUIDE

Test your shade cartridge prior to welding by directing the front of the cartridge toward a bright source of light, then using your fingers rapidly cover and uncover the sensors. The cartridge should darken momentarily as the sensor is exposed. A torch striker can also be used.

PROBLEM	POSSIBLE CAUSE	SOLUTION
Difficult to see through filter.	Front cover lens dirty.	Clean or replace front cover lens.
	Cartridge dirty.	Clean the Auto-Darkening cartridge with soapy water solution and soft cloth.
Filter does not darken when arc is struck.	Sensitivity is set too low.	Adjust sensitivity to required level.
	Front cover lens dirty.	Clean or replace front cover lens.
	Front cover lens is damaged.	Check for cracked or pitted front cover lens and replace as required.
	Sensors are blocked or Solar panel is blocked.	Make sure you are not blocking the sensors or solar panels with your arm or other obstacle while welding. Adjust your position so that the sensors can see the weld arc.
Filter darkening without arc being struck.	Sensitivity set too high.	Adjust sensitivity to required level.
Filter remains dark after completing a weld.	Delay set to high.	Adjust to required level.



### WARNING

	<b>ADF is cracked.</b>	<b>Cease (STOP) using this product if this problem exists. UV/IR protection may be compromised resulting in burns to the eyes and skin.</b>	
	<b>Weld spatter is damaging the filter.</b>	<b>Missing, damaged, broken, cracked or distorted front cover lens</b>	<b>Replace front cover lens as needed.</b>

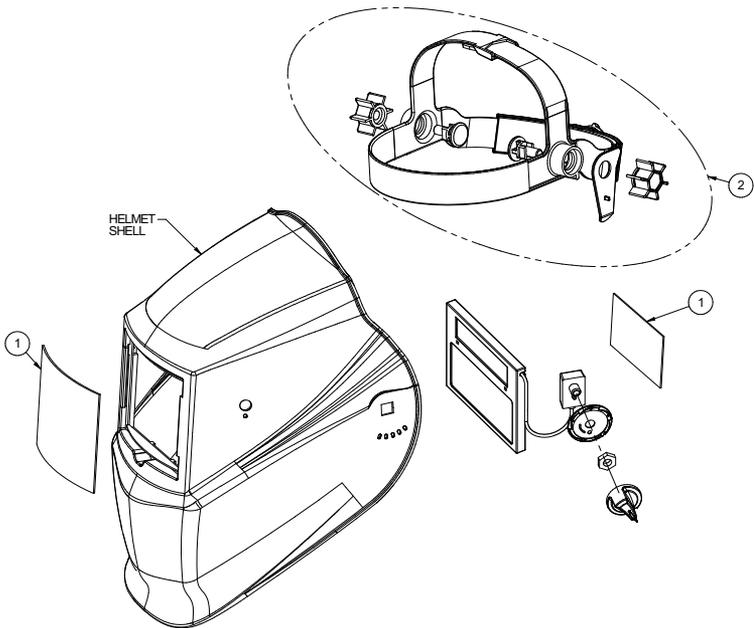
## WARRANTY INFORMATION

**WARRANTY INFORMATION:** These helmets are warranted for a period of two years. Please contact us at **1 (866) 236-0044** for any service or warranty questions.

### **SPATTER DAMAGE IS NOT COVERED BY WARRANTY:**

Do not use this product without the correct protective clear cover lenses installed properly on both sides of the Auto-Darkening Filter cartridge (ADF). The cover lenses supplied with this helmet are properly sized to work with this product and substitutions from other suppliers should be avoided.

### REPLACEMENT PARTS



ITEM	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION
1	KH778	INSIDE AND OUTSIDE COVER LENSES (2 EACH)
2	KP2851-1	HEADGEAR ASSEMBLY WITH SWEATBAND



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