## HIGH PRODUCTIVITY WELDING SOLUTION

FOR THE OFFSHORE WIND INDUSTRY

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#### **GLOBAL TRENDS**

As the global wind industry focuses on solving the supply chain challenges ahead for the expansion of offshore and onshore wind, there are tremendous accomplishments already achieved. The transformation of steel into the key components of the energy transition is already well under way, supported by record new investment commitments.



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\* Source: GLOBAL WIND REPORT 2023, https://gwec.net/globalwindreport2023/ From new steel plant capacity, planned or already online, to pipe mills, shipyards and regional fabricators around the world, these new industry investments are driving one of the most rapid global industrialisation periods we have seen. The outcome of this process will enable the world to build and install turbines, towers and foundations (fixed-bottom and floating) of immense size, never before realised. With the race to wind turbines of 20+ MW accelerating, the offshore wind supply chain of the future will need to produce at elevated levels, higher than ever before. However, it is clear that the present levels of investment commitment across the entire supply chain still fall well short of what is required for the global industry to hit installed capacity targets.

As a key global supplier who supports the entire fabrication supply chain of assets and infrastructure, Lincoln Electric sees the global industry through a unique lens. New installations outlook 2022-2026 (GW)



Key to unlocking the full capacity of the supply chain is innovation, together with new installation methods, designs and advanced technology that can drive the profitable success of the industry. Additionally, the continuous development of a highly skilled workforce will be critical, as well as the implementation of higher levels of automation solutions, which can reduce project hours and overall costs.

#### REDUCE YOUR WELDING TIME WITH THE SAW TANDEM LONG STICK OUT PROCESS

#### **Off-shore Monopile**



100

90

80

### REDUCE YOUR FLUX CONSUMPTION WITH TANDEM LONG STICK OUT

- LSO increases the deposition rate and at the same time significantly reduces the flux consumed during welding
- Higher volumes of metal are deposited whilst the amount of slag produced is moderately increased
- Due to the difference in materials density the consumed flux to deposited metal ratio decreases

# Slag to deposited weld metal ratio for Tandem std and Tandem LSO processes \*

\* At 1m/min travel speed, 30 and 35V for standard and Long Stick Out respectively.

For 100 kg of deposited weld metal, the quantity of additional recyclable flux is 16 kg.

CONSUMPTION DECREASED BY 27%



#### **USER'S ADVANTAGES**

Purchase less flux for completing your project Reduce your waste generation

## **SAVINGS CALCULATION**

Application:		Joint Parameters: Base material: S355 G10+M Thickness: 100 mm Included Angle: 16° Length per year: 40 000 m				pplication:	
Process: SAW			DC+/AC Tandem Standard SO	DC+/AC Tandem 1 Long SO	AC/AC Tandem 2 Long SO	AC/AC/AC Triple Arc 3 Long SO	
Consumable: FLUX + SOLID WIRE			Oerlikon/Lincoln EH 12 K			25 mm r=8 mm	
Process parameter	Stick Out	(mm)	35	35-150	150	150	
	Wire Diameter	(mm)	4	4	4	4	
	Current	(A)	700	700	700	700	
	Av. Heat Input	(kJ/mm)	3,6	3,4	3,4	3,4	-
	Av. Deposition Rate	(kg/h)	20,00	28,00	37,00	43,00	-
Consumables cost	Wire	(€/kg)	2,80	2,80	2,80	2,80	Tandem 2 LSO
	Flux	(€/kg)	2,30	2,30	2,30	2,30	vs Tandem
	Ratio Flux/Wire		0,73	0,67	0,53	0,53	means saving
	Total cost/kg weld	(€/kg)	4,48	4,34	4,02	4,02	a 25 kg flux bag every 6 m
Production cost	Labour cost	(€/h)	50	50	50	50	
	Duty cycle	[%]	60	60	60	60	
	Weight per meter weld	(kg/m)	23,50	23,50	23,50	23,50	-
	Time per meter weld	(h/m)	1,96	1,40	1,06	0,91	
	Cost per meter weld	(€/m)	203	172	147	140	
Total	Total length	(m)	40 000			-	
	Total weight	(kg)	940 000				
	Total welding time	(h)	78 333	55 952	42 342	36 434	-
	Total cost	(€)	8 126 927	6 878 159	5 894 977	5 599 565	-
Time savings vs Tandem standard stick out				-22 381 h	-35 991 h	-41 899 h	-29% -46% <b>-53%</b>
Cost savings vs Tandem standard stick out			-1248768€	2 231 950 €	-2 527 361€	-15% -27% <b>-31%</b>	

## **TESTED IN OFFSHORE WIND JOINTS**

S355G10+N						
Thickness	100 mm					
Flux	0P128TT					
Wire	OE-SD3					
Application	Tandem LSO					
Tensile Transverse Rm	509/514MPa					
AWM Tensile Rp0.2	480/517MPa					
Bend test	ОК					
Test Temperature	-60°C					
Weld metal Cap	86J					
Weld metal (1/2t)	170J					
ВМ	168HV10					
HAZ	229HV10					
Weld	228HV10					



#### **EXCEEDING INDUSTRY AND END USER REQUIREMENTS**

## THE LONG STICK OUT PROCESS

In submerged arc welding, Stick Out, is the distance between the contact tip and the work piece. This distance can be increased using dedicated extensions of various lengths to obtain what is known as Long Stick Out (LSO). The wire electrical resistance increases with its length. Thanks to the "Joules" effect, the electrode is pre-heated and melts faster than it would, at the same amperage, with standard Stick Out.





**STANDARD STICK OUT** 











#### REDUCED ARC TIME HIGHER PRODUCTIVITY AND EFFICIENCY

- The long stick out process is the most productive of the single power source processes.
- In Tandem, 1 or 2 LSO torches can be used. In the 2 LSO configuration, deposition rates can easily exceed 37 kg/h using 4 mm wires.
- Triple Arc LSO is the most efficient configuration for modern offshore wind application, with deposition rates higher than 43 kg/h.

#### SAW TRIPLE ARC LSO



### **KEY COMPONENTS**

**REQUIRED equipments:** 

- Power Wave® AC/DC1000® SD: State of the art power source which insures consistent arc starts.

DC-

Waveform Control Technology®: customised AC mode

• Balance

of a cycle

Improves deposition rate

Percentage of time in the

positive polarity part

Limits penetration

• Limited arc stability

- Maxsa 10822 controller and head: Robust and easy to use operator interface.

Power Wave® AC/DC 1000® SD

WELDING POLARITY CHARACTERISTICS

- Positive contact torch (K148): Easy to mount and engineered for LSO.

Most common mode

• Deep penetration and

Number of switches per

second from positive

to negative polarity

stable arc

Frequency

DC +



KNOW MORE

#### **USER'S ADVANTAGES**

- Wave form control
- Low electrical consumption
- Easy set up and control of multiples arcs
- Check Point (welds recording and monitoring)



AC

Offset

Amplitude

 A compromise between the two DC modes

• The optimum choice

Positive/Negative



## **DEDICATED CONSUMABLES**

Lincoln Electric offers a wide portfolio of welding consumables fulfilling the highest standard requirements. The most frequently used in the wind industry are reported below. Depending on required mechanical properties and joint configuration more options are available.\*







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