



Operator's Manual

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Lincoln 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.



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.



KEEP YOUR HEAD OUT OF THE FUMES.

DON'T get too close to the arc. Use corrective lenses if necessary to stay a reasonable distance away from the arc.

READ and obey the Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) and the warning label that appears on all containers of welding materials.

USE ENOUGH VENTILATION or exhaust at the arc, or both, to keep the fumes and gases from your breathing zone and the general area.

IN A LARGE ROOM OR OUTDOORS, natural ventilation may be adequate if you keep your head out of the fumes (See below).

USE NATURAL DRAFTS or fans to keep the fumes away from your face.

If you develop unusual symptoms, see your supervisor. Perhaps the welding atmosphere and ventilation system should be checked.



WEAR CORRECT EYE, EAR & BODY PROTECTION



PROTECT your eyes and face with welding helmet properly fitted and with proper grade of filter plate (See ANSI Z49.1).

PROTECT your body from welding spatter and arc flash with protective clothing including woolen clothing, flame-proof apron and gloves, leather leggings, and high boots.

PROTECT others from splatter, flash, and glare with protective screens or barriers.

IN SOME AREAS, protection from noise may be appropriate.

BE SURE protective equipment is in good condition.

Also, wear safety glasses in work area **AT ALL TIMES.**



SPECIAL SITUATIONS

DO NOT WELD OR CUT containers or materials which previously had been in contact with hazardous substances unless they are properly cleaned. This is extremely dangerous.

DO NOT WELD OR CUT painted or plated parts unless special precautions with ventilation have been taken. They can release highly toxic fumes or gases.

Additional precautionary measures

PROTECT compressed gas cylinders from excessive heat, mechanical shocks, and arcs; fasten cylinders so they cannot fall.

BE SURE cylinders are never grounded or part of an electrical circuit.

REMOVE all potential fire hazards from welding area.

ALWAYS HAVE FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT READY FOR IMMEDIATE USE AND KNOW HOW TO USE IT.



SECTION A: WARNINGS



CALIFORNIA PROPOSITION 65 WARNINGS

Diesel Engines

Diesel engine exhaust and some of its constituents are known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects, and other reproductive harm.

Gasoline Engines

The engine exhaust from this product contains chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects, or other reproductive harm.

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.

- 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.



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.



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.





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.




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 022690-9101.
- 6.j. Do not use a welding power source for pipe thawing.



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-1, “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.

Refer to

<http://www.lincolnelectric.com/safety>

for additional

safety information.

Welding Safety
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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.

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 work piece 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 work piece, 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."

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TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS – R3R 600-I K1381-[]

INPUT - THREE PHASE ONLY			
<u>Standard Voltage Frequency</u>			
220-230V/50/60Hz 380-400V/50/60Hz 440-460V/50/60Hz			
<u>Rated Input Current</u>		<u>(Volts/Hz)</u>	
103A @ 600A Output 92A @ 500A Output 68A @ 375A Output		} (220V/50/60Hz)	
DC RATED OUTPUT			
<u>Duty Cycle</u>	<u>Amps</u>	<u>Volts at Rated Amperes</u>	
100%	375	35	
60%	500	40	
35%	600	44	
OUTPUT			
<u>Current Range</u>		<u>Maximum Open Circuit Voltage</u>	
75-625 Amps		64VDC	
POWER FACTOR @ RATED LOAD			
.74 @ 500A			
IDLE CURRENT			
11.3@220V/50Hz			
TEMPERATURE RANGES			
OPERATING TEMPERATURE RANGE			
-40°C to +40°C			
PHYSICAL DIMENSIONS			
HEIGHT 27.5 in 699 mm	WIDTH 22.3 in 566 mm	DEPTH 32.0 in 813 mm	WEIGHT 446 lbs. 203 kg.

Insulation Class: 155°C (F)



IDEALARC R3R 600-I



INSTALLATION

⚠ WARNING



FALLING EQUIPMENT can cause injury.

• Do not lift this machine using lift bail if it is equipped with a heavy accessory such as trailer or gas cylinder.

- Lift only with equipment of adequate lifting capacity.
- Be sure machine is stable when lifting.

The machine should be located in a clean, dry place where there is free circulation of clean air, such that air movement entering the front and exiting the back will not be restricted. Dirt and dust that can be drawn into the machine should be kept to a minimum. Failure to observe these precautions can result in excessive operating temperatures and nuisance shutdown of the machine.

The Idealarc R3R welders can be stacked three high when the following precautions are observed:

1. Be sure the bottom machine is on a firm, level surface suitable for the total weight [up to 1340 pounds (608 kg)] of the stacked machines.
2. Stack the machines with the fronts flush. Be certain the pins on the top front corners of the lower machines fit through the holes in the base rails of the upper machines.
3. No unit heavier than the bottom unit should be stacked on top of it. For example, an R3R 500-I shall not be slacked on top of an R3R 400-I, but an R3R 400-I may be stacked on top of an R3R 500-I.

INPUT POWER CONNECTION

⚠ WARNING



ELECTRIC SHOCK can kill.

- Have an electrician install and service this equipment.
- Turn the input power off at the fuse box before working on equipment.

• Do not touch electrically hot parts.

Remove the rear access panel. Connect the three phase input power to the three line terminals on the input contactor, and the earth ground lead to the ground stud marked with the \equiv symbol. Install the reconnect panel for the proper input voltage per the diagram pasted inside the access panel cover.

R3R Welder	Input Volts 50/60 Hz	Amps Input	Copper Wire Size Type 75°C in Conduit AWG (mm ²) Size		Super Lag Fuse Size in Amps
			3 Input Wires	1 Ground Wire	
600-I	220 - 230	103	4 (25)	6 (16)	150
	380 - 400	60	8 (10)	8 (10)	90
	440 - 460	52	8 (10)	8 (10)	70

DUTY CYCLE

The maximum output rating of this welder is at a 35% duty cycle. Duty cycle is based on a ten minute period. Therefore, the welder can be operated at the maximum rated output for 3.5 minutes out of every 10 minute period without overheating.

Failure to follow these instructions can cause immedi-

⚠ CAUTION

ate failure of components within the machine.

When powering welder from a generator be sure to turn off welder first, before generator is shut down, in order to prevent damage to welder!

OUTPUT CONNECTION

With the machine power switch off, the output leads are connected to the Magnum™ Twist-Mate™ output terminals marked “-” and “+”. They are located at the lower right and lower left corners of the front panel. Strain relief for the electrode and work cables is provided by routing the leads through the rectangular holes in the base before the connections to the output terminals are made. Twist-Mate Lead plugs must be installed to the output cables before connections can be made to the power source. See S18737 instructions included with the plugs.

The recommended output cable sizes can be found in the Table below.

Machine Size	Up to 100 ft. (30 m)	100 to 150 ft. (30 - 46 m)	150 to 200 ft. (46 - 61 m)	200 to 250 ft. (61 - 76 m)
600-I	2/0 (68 mm ²)	3/0 (86 mm ²)	3/0 (86 mm ²)	4/0 (108 mm ²)

OPERATION

⚠ WARNING

ELECTRIC SHOCK can kill.



- Do not touch electrically live parts or electrode with skin or wet clothing.
- Insulate yourself from 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 SPARKS can cause fire or explosion.

- Keep flammable material away.
- Do not weld on containers that have held combustibles.



ARC RAYS can burn.

- Wear eye, ear and body protection.

STARTING THE MACHINE

The “power on-off” switch on the machine control panel energizes the three phase line contactor from a small 115 volt pilot transformer. This in turn energizes the main power transformer.

NOTE: All PC boards are protected by a moisture resistant coating. When the welder is operated, this coating will “bake off” of certain power resistors that normally operate at high temperatures, emitting some smoke and odor for a short time. These resistors and the PC board beneath them may become blackened. This is a normal occurrence and does not damage the component or affect the machine performance.

PILOT LIGHT

The white light on the machine control panel indicates when the line contactor is energized.



NOTE: If the amber High Temperature Warning Light is lit, it indicates that one or both of the protective thermostats has opened the line contactor.

OUTPUT CONTROL

The “current control” dial (labeled “I”) on the front of the machine indicates the output current.

On the R3R 375-I, there is only one dial. On the R3R 500-I, and 600-I, there are two dials. The “A” range controls the current over about 1/2 of the “B” range. A toggle switch on the control panel allows selection of the desired range. The output control can be adjusted while welding.

MACHINE OR REMOTE CURRENT CONTROL SWITCH

Provisions for remote control are standard on each power source. A current control switch on the machine control panel labeled “ or “ I “ is provided for selecting the desired mode of operation, either remote ( or at the machine (I).




ARC FORCE CONTROL

The arc force control, located on the right side of the front control panel, is calibrated from one to ten. For most welding, the dial should be set at approximately mid-range, 5-6. Adjustments up or down can then be made depending on the electrode, procedures, and operator preference. Lower settings will provide less short circuit current and a softer arc. A setting that is too low may cause the electrode to stick in the puddle. Higher settings will provide a higher short circuit current and a more forceful arc. Excessive spatter may result if the control setting is too high. For most TIG welding applications, adjust this control to minimum for best operating characteristics.

INTERNATIONAL SYMBOLOGY REFERENCE

The R3R name plates feature international symbols in describing the function of the various components. Below are the symbols used and an explanation of what each represents.

A. POWER ON-OFF SWITCH

	----->	On
	----->	Off
	----->	Power Input

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B. ARC FORCE CONTROL DIAL



-----> Arc Force



-----> Increase/Decrease of Arc Force

C. OUTPUT CURRENT CONTROL DIAL



-----> Output Current

D. OUTPUT CURRENT CONTROL RANGE SWITCH
(R3R 500-I and R3R 600-I only)



-----> Output Current Control Dial Range A



-----> Output Current Control Dial Range B

E. OUTPUT CURRENT CONTROL "MACHINE-REMOTE" SWITCH



-----> Remote Output Current Control

F. POLARITY SWITCH (Factory installed option on domestic models only)



-----> Electrode Polarity Positive



-----> Electrode Polarity Negative



-----> Do Not Switch While Welding

G. RATING PLATE



-----> Three Phase Power



-----> Transformer



-----> Rectifier



-----> Rectified DC Output



-----> Constant Current Characteristics



-----> Shielded Metal Arc Welding



-----> Line Connection

H. HIGH TEMPERATURE WARNING LIGHT



-----> High Temperature Limit



-----> Warning Identification

J. GROUND



-----> Signifying the Earth (Ground) Connection

OPTIONAL EQUIPMENT

K857 – REMOTE CURRENT CONTROL

The K857 consists of a control box with 8.5 m (28 ft) of four conductor cable and a 6 pin Amphenol for easy connection to the front of the power source.

The K857 will give the same control as the current control on the machine depending on the position of the current dial selector switch. (Current dial selector switch not used on the R3R 375-I.)

CAUTION

Extreme care must be observed when installing or extending the wiring of a remote control. The Remote Control cord can be lengthened to any length by splicing four wires to the standard 28 ft (8.5 m) cord before connecting to the R3R receptacle. Only the green lead can and should be grounded to the machine case.

K841 – UNDERCARRIAGE

For easy moving of the machine. Platform undercarriage with mounting for two gas cylinders at the rear of welder.

K963 – HAND AMPTROL AND K870 FOOT AMPTROL

Connect directly to the 6 pin Amphenol on the front of the power source.

AMMETER AND VOLTMETER – (factory installed only)

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- Do not touch electrically hot parts.

ROUTINE MAINTENANCE

1. The fan motor has sealed bearings which require no service.
2. In extremely dusty locations, dirt may clog the air channels causing the welder to run hot. Blow out the machine at regular intervals.

POCKET AMPTROL

Routine cleaning should be the only maintenance required. The probe tip should be kept in condition to provide sharp edges at the ends to assure penetration of heavy oxide coatings on the work piece. A blunted tip could result in giving different welding currents for a given dial setting.

POWER RECTIFIER REPLACEMENT

Refer to the troubleshooting section “Power Rectifier Bridge Assembly Checking Procedure” if a rectifier failure is suspected

NOTE: Since proper material and correct assembly procedures are critical, field disassembly of the power rectifier bridge sections can do more harm than good. Return a defective rectifier bridge section (or the entire bridge) to the factory for repairs.

HOW TO USE TROUBLESHOOTING GUIDE

WARNING

Service and Repair should only be performed by Lincoln Electric 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.

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

WARNING



ELECTRIC SHOCK can kill.

- Do not touch electrically hot parts.
- Have an electrician install and service this equipment.
- Turn the input power off at the fuse box before working on equipment.

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PROBLEMS (SYMPTOMS)	POSSIBLE CAUSE	RECOMMENDED COURSE OF ACTION
FUNCTION PROBLEMS		
A. Input contactor chatters.	1. Faulty input contactor. 2. Low line voltage.	1. Repair or replace. 2. Check with Power Company.
B. Machine input contactor does not operate.	1. Supply line fuse blown. 2. Power circuit dead. 3. Broken or loose power lead. 4. Wrong voltage. 5. Thermostats tripped. (High Temperature Warning Light should be lit.) (Welder overheated.) 6. Input contactor coil open. 7. Open winding on 115V pilot transformer. 8. Power ON-OFF switch not closing. 9. Lead broken or loose connection in 115V starter circuit. 10. Thermostats defective. (High Temperature Warning Light should be lit.)	1. Replace (look for reason for blown fuse first). 2. Check voltage. 3. Repair. 4. Check voltage against instructions. 5.a. Make sure the fan is operating and that there are no obstructions to free flow of air. b. Operate at normal current and duty cycle. c. Replace High Temperature Warning Light if defective. 6. Replace. 7. Replace. 8. Replace. 9. Replace. 10. Turn input power off (115V circuit is hot when input power is connected). Check thermostats with continuity meter – should read short-circuit when machine is cool. Replace if defective. There are two thermostats; one on the secondary lead and one on the choke. Replace High Temperature Warning Light if defective.

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FUNCTION PROBLEMS		
<p>C. Machine input contactor closes but has no or low output. Open circuit voltage should be 67 to 71 volts.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Electrode or work lead loose or broken. 2. Open transformer primary or secondary circuit. 3. Supply line fuse blown. 4. Input line grounded causing single phase input. 5. Input leads not connected to contactor. 6. Latching resistor, R3, open. 7. Control circuit problems. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Repair connections. 2. Repair. 3. Replace blown fuse – check fuse size. 4. Repair input to machine. 5. Connect input lead. 6. a. Replace. b. Check leads to the resistor and repair if defective. 7. See Troubleshooting Procedures – Power Silicon Controlled Rectifier.
<p>D. Machine has maximum output but no control.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Possible defective power SCR. 2. Possible defective control board. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Remove all gate leads G1, G2 and G3 at PC board connector J4. If welder has any open circuit voltage, power SCR is defective. See Troubleshooting Procedures Section J. 2. See PC board Troubleshooting Procedures Section A

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FUNCTION PROBLEMS		
E. Machine does not have maximum output (67 to 71 volts).	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Input fuse blown. Machine is single phased. 2. One phase of main transformer windings open. 3. Defective power bridge. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Replace fuse or repair input line. Check reason for fault. 2. Repair. 3. Check bridge per Troubleshooting Procedures Section J and check snubber per Section F.
F. Machine comes on but soon trips off while under load and High Temperature Warning Light glows. (Thermostat tripped)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Improper ventilation. 2. Loaded beyond rating. 3. Fan inoperative. 4. Shorted diode or SCR in power rectifier bridge. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Make sure all case openings are free for proper circulation of air. 2. Operate at rated current and duty cycle. 3. Check leads and motor bearings. Fan can be tested on 115 volt line. 4. Refer to Troubleshooting Procedures Section J and Snubber, Section F.
G. Machine comes on but reduces to low output under load and remains there until the load is broken and arc restarted. See Fault Protection Troubleshooting Section E.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Excessive load causing the overload protection on control board to operate. 2. Machine output shorted causing overload protection on control board to operate. 3. Control circuit defective. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reduce load. 2. Turn machine off and remove short. 3. Replace per PC board, Troubleshooting, Section A.

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FUNCTION PROBLEMS		
H. Machine trips off when under no load or makes excessive noise like it is loaded.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Power bridge rectifier may have a shorted diode or SCR. 2. Short in the transformer. 3. Fan hitting vertical baffle. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Refer to Power Hybrid, Troubleshooting Procedures, Section J and Snubber, Section F. 2. Repair. 3. Clear the fan.
I. Variable or sluggish welding arc.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Poor work or electrode cable connection. 2. Current too low. 3. Welding leads too small. 4. Open SCR or diode in power rectifier bridge. 5. Control circuit problems. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Check and clean cable connections. 2. Check recommended currents for rod type and size. 3. See Table in Output Connection Section. 4. Check per Power Rectifier Bridge Troubleshooting Procedures, Section J and Snubber, Section F. 5. See SCR Troubleshooting, Section K.
J. Welder will not shut off.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Input contactor contacts frozen. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Replace input contactor.
K. Current control on machine not functioning.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Current control switch in wrong position. 2. Current control switch defective. 3. Current control potentiometer defective. 4. Lead or connection in control circuit open. 5. Defective control or circuit boards. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Place switch in "machine" (I) position. 2. Check per Section H. 3. Check per Section G. 4. Repair or connect. 5. See SCR Troubleshooting, Section K.


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FUNCTION PROBLEMS		
<p>L. Optional remote current control not functioning. See Troubleshooting , Section C before connecting.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Current control switch in the wrong position. 2. Leads 75, 76 and 77 not connected to correct numbers on models with terminal strip. 3. Remote control leads broken. 4. Remote control potentiometer open. 5. Lead or connection in current control circuit open. 6. Control PC board plug disconnected or loose. 7. Control circuit problems. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Place switch in "remote" () position. 2. Correct connection. 3. Repair broken leads. 4. See Troubleshooting, Section C. 5. Connect or repair. 6. Connect plug. 7. See SCR Troubleshooting, Section K.

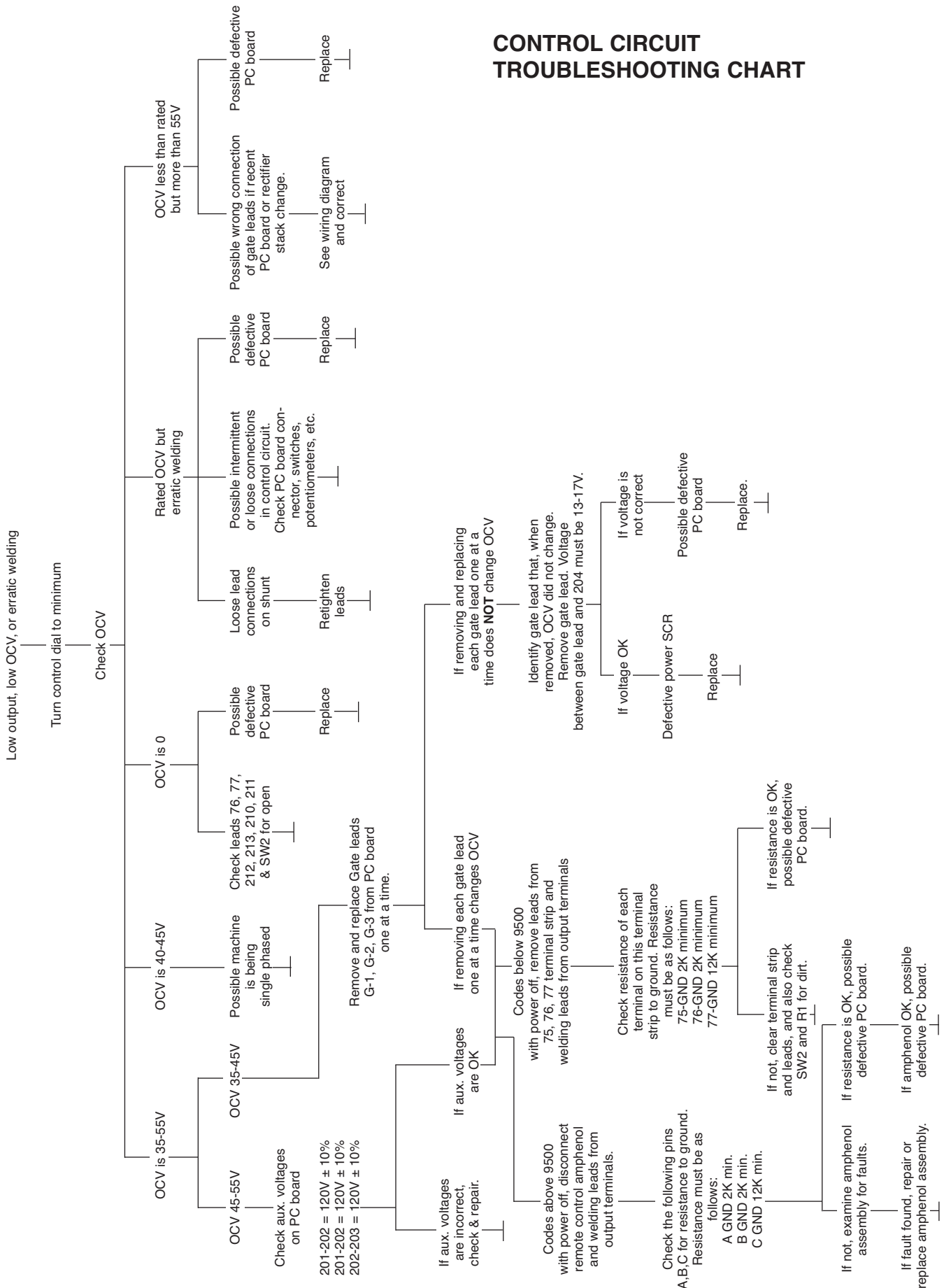
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**CONTROL CIRCUIT
TROUBLESHOOTING CHART**



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TROUBLESHOOTING PROCEDURES

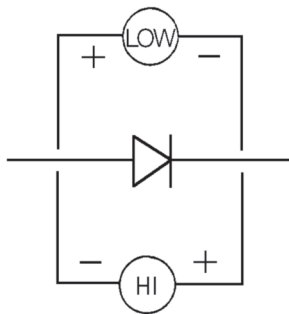
A. PROCEDURE FOR REPLACING PC BOARDS

When a PC board is to be replaced, the following procedure must be followed:

1. Visually inspect PC board in question. Are any of the components damaged? Is a conductor on the back side of the board damaged?
 - a. If there is no damage to the PC board, insert a new one and see if this remedies the problem. If the problem is remedied replace the old PC board and see if the problem still exists with the old PC board.
 1. If the problem does not exist with the old board, check the PC board harness plug and PC board plug for corrosion, contamination, or oversize.
 2. Check leads in the harness for loose connections.
 - b. If there is damage to the PC board, refer to the Troubleshooting Guide.

B. PROCEDURE FOR CHECKING DIODES

1. Isolate the diode in question. (Electrically disconnect from other circuits.)
2. Use an ohmmeter X10 scale. Connect the meter across the diode and note the resistance value. Reverse the ohm-meter leads and note the resistance value.



Shorted diode – Low resistance readings in both directions.

Open diode – High or infinite resistance in both directions.

Good diode – One reading will be high or infinite and the other reading will be low.

C. CONNECTING THE REMOTE CONTROL TO THE MACHINE

Extreme caution must be observed when installing or extending the wiring of a remote control. Improper connection of this unit can lead to failure of the current control rheostat or the control circuit. Only the green lead can and should be grounded to the machine case. When extending the standard remote control make sure the leads are the same and the splice is waterproof. Be very careful not to ground the cable when in use and do not let these connections touch against the case.

D. OUTPUT VOLTAGE

The open circuit voltage of the machine should be 66 to 71 volts and should not vary when the rheostat is varied unless the machine is welding. If any other condition exists, refer to the Troubleshooting Guide.

E. FAULT PROTECTION OPERATION

The overload protection circuit, in the control board, will reduce the welding current (heat) to some safe value if the machine is overloaded for 2 to 3 seconds. The overload values are as appears in the following table.

Machine Name	f	Load Current $\pm 5\%$
R3R 375-I R3R 500-I R3R 600-I	50 Hz	100 A

F. CHECKING SNUBBER CIRCUIT

In case of an SCR malfunction or failure, the snubber assembly should be checked. Turn the machine off and disconnect one lead of the snubber assembly. (Either 221, 222 or 223 depending on the SCR in question. See wiring diagram.) The sides of the machine have to be removed to do this. (See the instruction manual parts list for the exact location.)

1. Visually inspect the snubber assembly for overheated components.
2. Using a VOLT meter on the X10 scale, connect the positive lead to the lead removed. Touch the negative lead to the other lead still connected to the SCR bridge. The indicating needle on the meter will move quickly to the right (low resistance value) and then slowly return to the left (high resistance value). This indicates that the capacitor in the snubber circuit is taking a charge.

3. If the needle stays to the right, the capacitor is shorted and the assembly is defective.
4. If the needle does not move, the capacitor is open and the assembly is defective.

G. CHECKING CURRENT CONTROL RHEOSTAT ON MACHINE

1. Turn machine off.
2. Remove the control panel screws and open the front cover.
3. Turn the current control switch to remote.
4. Disconnect the harness plug from the control board.
5. Put current range switch to B range.
6. With an ohmmeter on X1K, connect it to lead 210 and 211 on SW #2. Rotate the current control rheostat. The resistance reading should be from around zero to 10K ohms. Check the resistance reading between 75 on the terminal strip (codes below 9500) or Amphenol (codes above 9500), and 211 on SW #2. The reading must be 10K ohms. No reading will indicate an open rheostat and low reading will indicate a shorted or partially shorted rheostat; in either case, replace.

H. TOGGLE SWITCH CHECK

1. Turn off the machine power input. SW-1 has 110 volts across it when the input power is connected.
2. Isolate the switch to be tested by removing all connecting leads.
3. Check to make sure the switch is making connections with a VOLT meter. The meter should read zero resistance.
4. Put the ohmmeter on X1K scale and measure the resistance between the terminal and the case of the machine (touch a self-tapping screw). Reading should be infinite.
5. If either step (3) or step (4) fails, replace the switch.

I. REMOTE CONTROL CHECK

For codes above 9500, the remote control Amphenol pin assignments are: pin C-75, pin B-76, and pin A-77. Disconnect the remote field control and connect an ohmmeter across 75 and 76 and rotate the rheostat in the remote control. The resistance reading should go from zero to 10K ohms. Repeat with triplet across 77 and 76 with same results. Connect ohmmeter across 75 and 77. The reading should be 10K ohms. A lower reading will indicate a shorted or partially shorted rheostat. A very high reading will indicate an open rheostat. In either of the last two cases, replace rheostat. Check cable for any physical damage.

J. POWER RECTIFIER BRIDGE ASSEMBLY CHECKING PROCEDURE

CAUTION

The rectifier bridge tests outlined below will identify the most common effects found in power diodes or power silicon controlled rectifiers. If a bridge problem still exists after test, please call a Lincoln Field Service Shop. Further evaluation of diodes or silicon controlled rectifiers may require laboratory equipment.

1. **DEVICE ISOLATION** (see the instruction manual Parts List for the exact location)

Disconnect the following leads from the bridge, shown in Diagram 1:

- a. Wiring harness gate leads (G1, G2, G3) from the gate lead terminals⁽¹⁾ on the Control PC board.
- b. AC leads X1, X2 and X3 from the anodes of the SCR's and cathodes of the diodes.
- c. The 220, 221 and 223 leads from the Snubber PC board.
- d. Lead 220 that connects to the latching resistor (R3).
- e. The cathode of each diode (4 total).

⁽¹⁾ Connector J4 on latest control board.

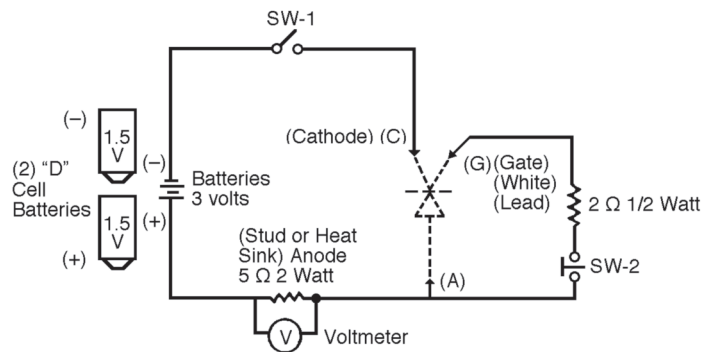


DIAGRAM 1

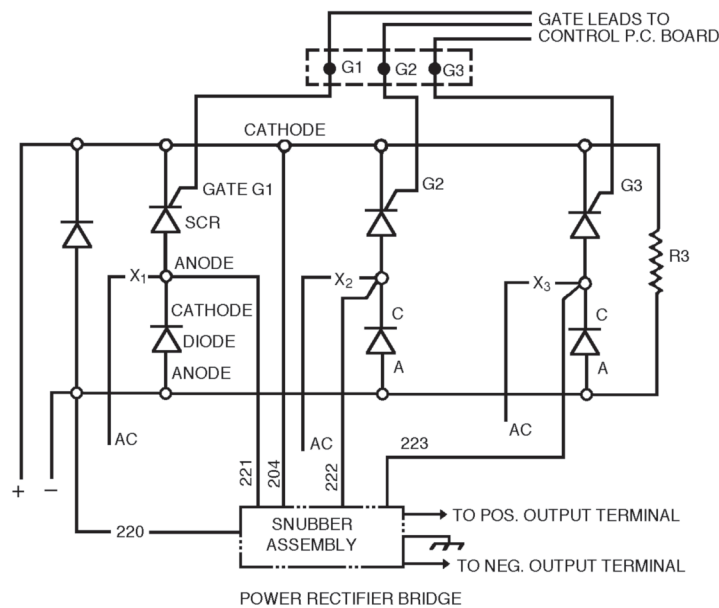


DIAGRAM 2

2. POWER DIODE TEST

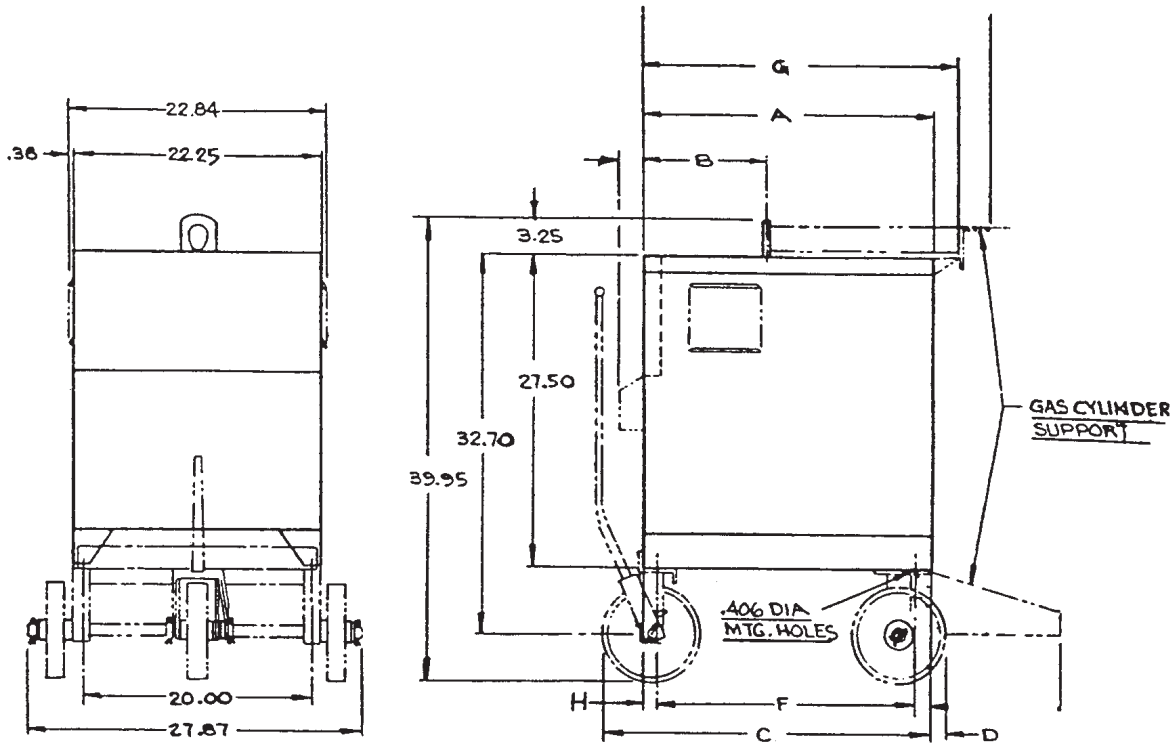
- Establish the polarity of the ohmmeter leads and set to X10 scale.
- Connect the ohmmeter positive lead to anode and negative lead to the cathode.
- Reverse the leads of the ohmmeter from Step b.
- A shorted diode will indicate zero or an equally low resistance in both directions. An open diode will have an infinite or high resistance in both directions, and a good diode will have a low resistance in Step b and a much higher resistance in Step c.

K. POWER SILICON CONTROLLED RECTIFIER TEST

The SCR must be mounted in the heat sink when making this test.

- Connect the ohmmeter (set to the X10 scale) leads to the anode and cathode.
- Reverse the leads of the ohmmeter from Step a.
- A shorted SCR will indicate zero or an equally low resistance in one or both directions.
- Establish the polarity of the ohmmeter. Connect the positive lead to the gate and the negative lead to the cathode.
- An open gate circuit will have an infinite or high resistance. A good gate circuit will read a low resistance, but not zero ohms.

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K817 or K817R
 (K841 not shown)



N.A.-OPTIONAL UNDERCARRIAGE AVAILABLE

Part No.	Type	A	B	C	D	F	G	H
M12244-7	R3R	32.00	15.39	3092	1.44	30.02±.11	33.07±.06	.94

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