# HIGH PRODUCTIVITY WELDING SOLUTION FOR THE WIND INDUSTRY



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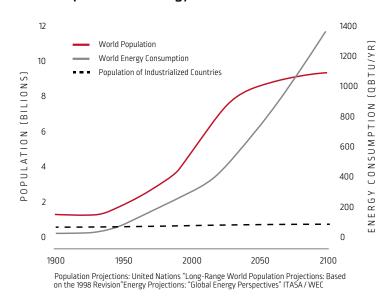
# DEMAND FOR GREEN ENERGY IS RISING SHARPLY

As the world population approaches 8 billion, global energy consumption is growing exponentially. To fight global warming, clean energies are increasingly popular. Hence the number of Wind farms is rising sharply across the globe.

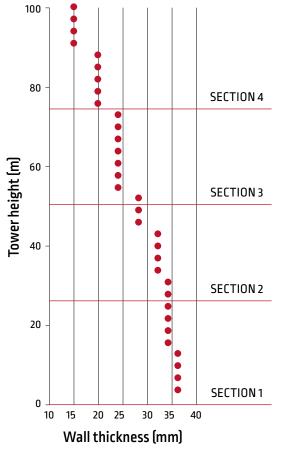
At the same time, governments are reducing or eliminating clean energy subsidies and the Wind industry is challenged with producing at lower costs. To remain profitable, the only way forward is to **increase productivity** whilst **maintaining quality**.

Regarding welding productivity, Lincoln Electric has the products, knowledge, experience and support teams to help wind tower manufacturers achieve their targets. In particular, the Tandem Long Stick Out (TLSO) submerged arc welding process can deliver **substantial savings**.

### World Population and Energy Demand Growth







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

### **On-shore tower**

- Height: 96 m
- 4 m diameter at the base and 3 m at the top
- 14-35mm wall thickness
- Symmetrical 60° X bevel type used between 14 and 20 mm
- 60° Y bevel type used above 20 mm

Tandom Drococc	Average Deposi	tion Rate (kg/h)	Welding time per tower (h)	
Tandem Process	Multi Run	Two Run	Welding time per tower (h) using 85% operating factor	
2 torches with standard SO*	18	15	74	
2 torches with long SO*	32	15	50	1

\*SO – Stick out

**CUT YOUR** 

**WELDING** 

TIME

BY 33%

# 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

# **USER'S ADVANTAGES**

- Purchase less flux for completing your project
- Reduce your waste generation



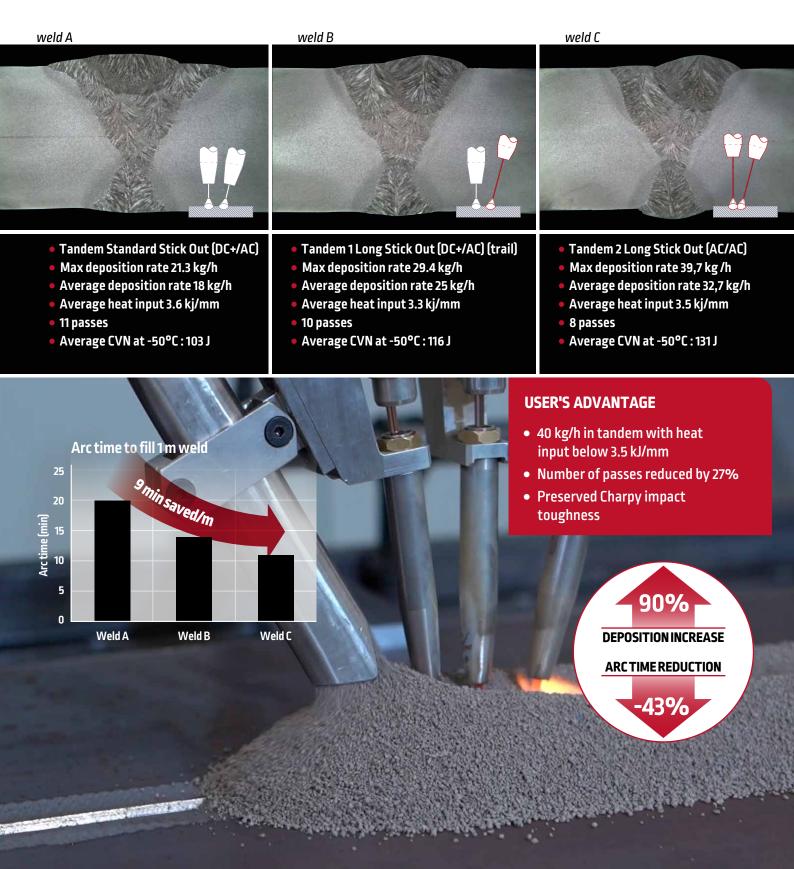
# SAVINGS CALCULATION



	Application:			Joint welding Base material: S355 Thickness: 40 mm Length per year: 10,1				
	PROCESS: SAW			DC+/AC Tandem Standard SO	DC+/AC Tandem 1 Long SO	AC/AC Tandem 2 Long SO		
	CONSUMABLE: FLUX + SOLID WIRE			Oerlikon/Lincoln EH 12 K				
	PROCESS PARAMETER	Stick Out	(mm)	35	35-120	120		
		Wire Diameter	(mm)	4	4	4	Tandem 2 LSO vs Tandem 2 standard SO means saving a 25 kg flux bag every 21 m	
40 mm welds		Current range	(A)	[600-720]	[650-850]	[650-850]		
		Av. Heat Input	(kJ/mm)	3,6	3,3	3,4		
		Av. Deposition Rate	(kg/h)	18,0	25	32,7		
	CONSUMABLES COST	Wire	[€/kg]	1,20	1,20	1,20		
		Flux	[€/kg]	1,70	1,70	1,70		
		Ratio Flux/Wire		0,73	0,67	0,53		
		Total cost/kg weld	(€/kg)	2,44	2,34	2,10		
	PRODUCTION COST	Labour cost	[€/h]	60	60	60		
		Duty cycle	[%]	100	100	100		
		Weight per meter weld	(kg/m)	6,00	6,00	6,00		
		Time per meter weld	(h/m)	0,33	0,24	0,18		
		Cost per meter weld	(€/m)	35	28	24		
	TOTAL	Total length	(m)		10 000			
		Total weight	(kg)		60 000			
		Total welding time	(h)	3 333	2 400	1 835		
		Total cost	[€]	346 460	284 340	236 152		
	TIME SAVINGS VS TANDEM STANDARD STICK OUT			-933 h	-1 498 h	-45%		
	COST SAVINGS VS TANDEM STANDARD STICK OUT				-62 120 €	-110 308 €	-32%	

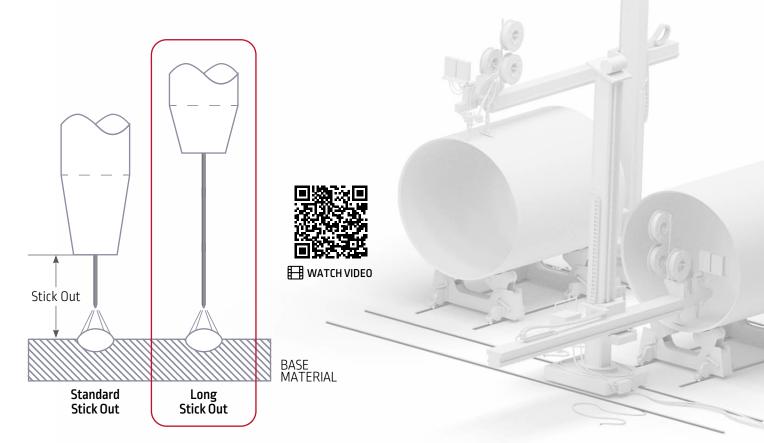
### **EXAMPLE : PERFORMANCE COMPARISON OF TANDEM WELDS**

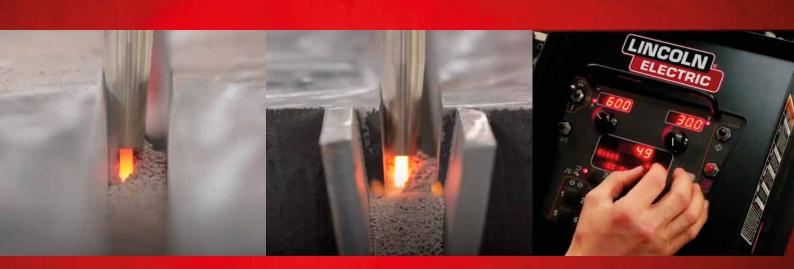
Application: S355G10+M, 40 mm plate thickness, 1 m length Heat input range: 3.3-3.6 kJ/mm Consumables: Oerlikon OP128TT with OE-SD3 (EH12K) wire (diameter 4 mm)



# 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.





# **KEY COMPONENTS**

### **REQUIRED** equipments:

- Power Wave® AC/DC1000® SD: State of the art power source which insures consistent arc starts.
- Maxsa 10822 controller and head: Robust and easy to use operator interface.
- Positive contact torch (K148) and its extension (K149): Easy to mount and engineered for LSO.



# Power Wave® AC/DC 1000® SD

### WELDING POLARITY CHARACTERISTICS

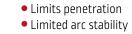
AC DC + DC- Improves deposition rate Most common mode A compromise between

Percentage of time in the

 Deep penetration and stable arc

Number of switches per

Frequency



# the two DC modes

• The optimum choice

Positive/Negative

Offset

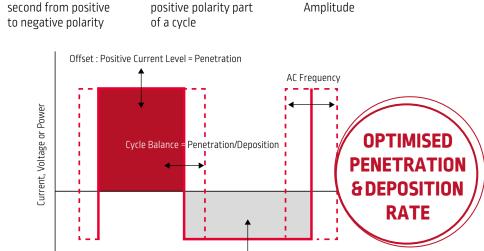
Waveform Control Technology® : customised AC mode

Balance

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## **USER'S ADVANTAGES**

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



Offset : Negative Current Level = Deposition







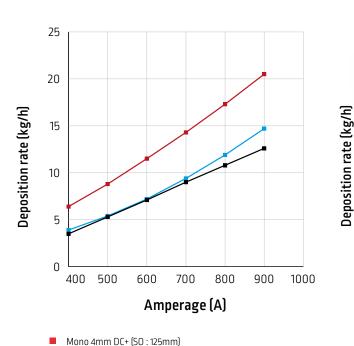
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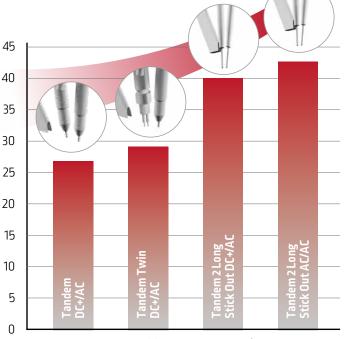
- Easy torch installation
- Reduced number of passes
- Reduced flux consumption
- Preserved mechanical properties

Positive Contact torch and its extension providing Long Stick Out (125 mm)

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 40 kg/h using 4 mm wires.





**Double Power Sources\*** 

Comparison carried out at : \*800/875A for double power source processes

Twin 2x2.4mm DC+ (SO : 25mm) Mono 4mm DC+ (SO : 25mm)

# **SPECIFIC 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.\*



\*Please contact your local representative for advice on other consumables alternatives.

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