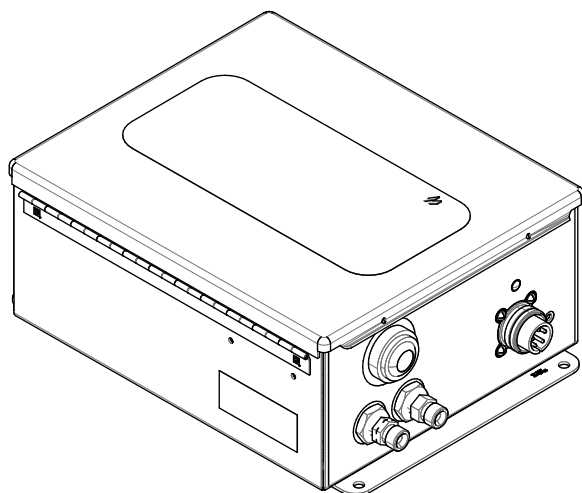


## Operator's Manual

# ***FlexStart™***

For use with machines having Code Numbers:

**12749**



**Register your machine:**

[www.lincolnelectric.com/register](http://www.lincolnelectric.com/register)

**Authorized Service and Distributor Locator:**

[www.lincolnelectric.com/locator](http://www.lincolnelectric.com/locator)

**Save for future reference**

Date Purchased

Code: (ex: 10859)

Serial: (ex: U1060512345)

## THANK YOU FOR SELECTING A QUALITY PRODUCT BY LINCOLN ELECTRIC.

### PLEASE EXAMINE CARTON AND EQUIPMENT FOR DAMAGE IMMEDIATELY

When this equipment is shipped, title passes to the purchaser upon receipt by the carrier. Consequently, claims for material damaged in shipment must be made by the purchaser against the transportation company at the time the shipment is received.

### SAFETY DEPENDS ON YOU

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 Safety Data Sheet (SDS) 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



**WARNING:** Breathing diesel engine exhaust exposes you to chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects, or other reproductive harm.

- Always start and operate the engine in a well-ventilated area.
- If in an exposed area, vent the exhaust to the outside.
- Do not modify or tamper with the exhaust system.
- Do not idle the engine except as necessary.

**For more information go to**  
**[www.P65warnings.ca.gov/diesel](http://www.P65warnings.ca.gov/diesel)**

**WARNING:** This product, when used for welding or cutting, produces fumes or gases which contain chemicals known to the State of California to cause birth defects and, in some cases, cancer. (California Health & Safety Code § 25249.5 *et seq.*)



**WARNING:** Cancer and Reproductive Harm  
**[www.P65warnings.ca.gov](http://www.P65warnings.ca.gov)**

**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.**



### 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.

- 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.



## 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.



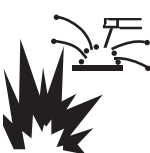
## FUMES AND GASES CAN BE DANGEROUS.



- 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 hardfacing (see instructions on container or SDS) 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 unless exposure assessments indicate otherwise. In confined spaces or in some circumstances, outdoors, a respirator may also 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 Safety Data Sheet (SDS) and follow your employer's safety practices. SDS forms are available from your welding distributor or from the manufacturer.
- 5.f. Also see item 1.b.



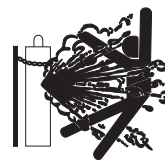
## WELDING AND CUTTING SPARKS CAN CAUSE FIRE OR EXPLOSION.



- 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 02269-9101.
- 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, 14501 George Carter Way Chantilly, VA 20151.



## 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.**

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CONTENT/DETAILS MAY BE CHANGED OR UPDATED WITHOUT NOTICE. FOR MOST CURRENT INSTRUCTION MANUALS, GO TO PARTS.LINCOLNELECTRIC.COM.

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**TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS -  
FLEXSTART™ - K4817-1****INPUT VOLTAGE AND CURRENT**

VOLTAGE	INPUT AMPERES
40VDC	0.5A

**PEAK VOLTAGE**

15KV
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**OUTPUT CURRENT CAPACITY\***

DUTY CYCLE	AMPERES
100%	400

\*Defines capability of the FlexStart™. The actual output current is supplied by the plasma power source.

**PHYSICAL DIMENSIONS**

Height	Width	Depth	Weight
10.98 in. (27.9 cm)	13.52 in. (34.3 cm)	5.29 in. (13.4 mm)	

**TEMPERATURE RANGES**

OPERATING TEMPERATURE RANGE	STORAGE TEMPERATURE RANGE
14°F to 104°F (-10°C to 40°C)	-40°F to 185°F (-40°C to 85°C)

# INSTALLATION

## SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

**READ THIS ENTIRE INSTALLATION SECTION BEFORE YOU START INSTALLATION.**

### **WARNING**

#### **ELECTRIC SHOCK can kill.**

- Turn off the power source at the disconnect switch before connecting or working inside of the equipment.
- Only a qualified electrician should install and connect the FlexStart™.

## ELECTROMAGNETIC COMPATIBILITY (EMC)

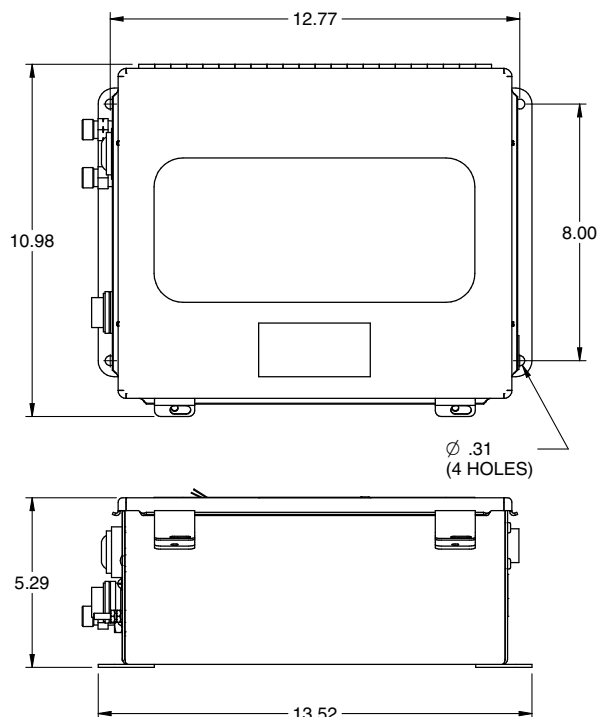
The EMC classification of the FlexStart™ is Industrial, Scientific and Medical (ISM) group 2, class A. The FlexStart™ is for industrial use only. (See print L10093 for further details).

Locate the FlexStart™ away from radio controlled machinery. The normal operation of the FlexStart™ may adversely affect the operation of RF controlled equipment, which may result in bodily injury or damage to the equipment.

## LOCATION AND MOUNTING

This equipment is for industrial use only and it is not intended for use in residential locations where the electrical power is provided by the public low-voltage supply system. There can be potential difficulties in residential locations due to conducted as well as radiated radio-frequency disturbances. The EMC or RF classification of this equipment is Class A.

The FlexStart™ is designed to be mounted to the gantry of a plasma cutting table or other fixed surface within 20 ft. (6m) of the torch. Mount using the holes shown below.



## MACHINE GROUNDING AND HIGH FREQUENCY INTERFERENCE PROTECTION

The plasma power source must be earth grounded! See your local and national electrical codes for proper grounding methods.

The FlexStart™ utilizes a high frequency impulse to initiate the arc of plasma cutting procedures. Although the power of this impulse is significantly less than traditional arc stabilization circuits, it is best to locate the power source and FlexStart™ away from radio controlled machinery as it may adversely affect the operation of the RF controlled equipment, which may result in bodily injury or damage to the equipment.

The high frequency starting impulse may also cause radio, TV and electronic equipment interference problems. These problems may be the result of radiated interference. Proper grounding methods can reduce or eliminate radiated interference.

Radiated interference can develop in the following four ways:

1. Direct interference radiated from the FlexStart™.
2. Direct interference radiated from the torch leads.
3. Direct interference radiated from feedback into the power lines.
4. Interference from re-radiation of "pickup" by ungrounded metallic objects.

Keeping these contributing factors in mind, installing equipment per the following instructions should minimize problems.

1. Keep the plasma power supply lines as short as possible and enclose as much of them as possible in rigid metallic conduit or equivalent shielding for a distance of 50 feet (15.2m). There should be good electrical contact between this conduit and the welder case ground. Both ends of the conduit should be connected to a driven ground and the entire length should be continuous.
2. Keep the torch leads as short as possible and as close together as possible. The torch should have a continuous shield that makes good electrical contact with the FlexStart™ box.
3. Be sure the torch and work cable rubber coverings are free of cuts and cracks that allow high frequency leakage.
4. Keep the torch in good repair and all connections tight to reduce high frequency leakage.
5. The work piece must be connected to an earth ground close to the work clamp, using one of the following methods:
  - A metal underground water pipe in direct contact with the earth for ten feet or more.
  - A 3/4" (19mm) galvanized pipe or a 5/8" (16mm) solid galvanized iron, steel or copper rod driven at least eight feet into the ground.

The ground should be securely made and the grounding cable should be as short as possible using cable of the same size as the work cable, or larger. Grounding to the building frame electrical conduit or along pipe system can result in re-radiation, effectively making these members radiating antennas.

6. Keep covers and all screws securely in place.
7. Electrical conductors within 50 ft (15.2m) of the plasma



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## CONTROL CABLE CONNECTIONS

### General Guidelines

Genuine Lincoln control cables should be used at all times (except where noted otherwise). Lincoln cables are specifically designed for the communication and power needs of the FlexCut™ systems. Most are designed to be connected end to end for ease of extension. Generally, it is recommended that the total length not exceed 100 feet (30.5 m). The use of non-standard cables, especially in lengths greater than 25 feet, can lead to communication problems (system shutdowns) and poor motor acceleration (poor arc starting). Always use the shortest length of control cable possible, and DO NOT coil excess cable.



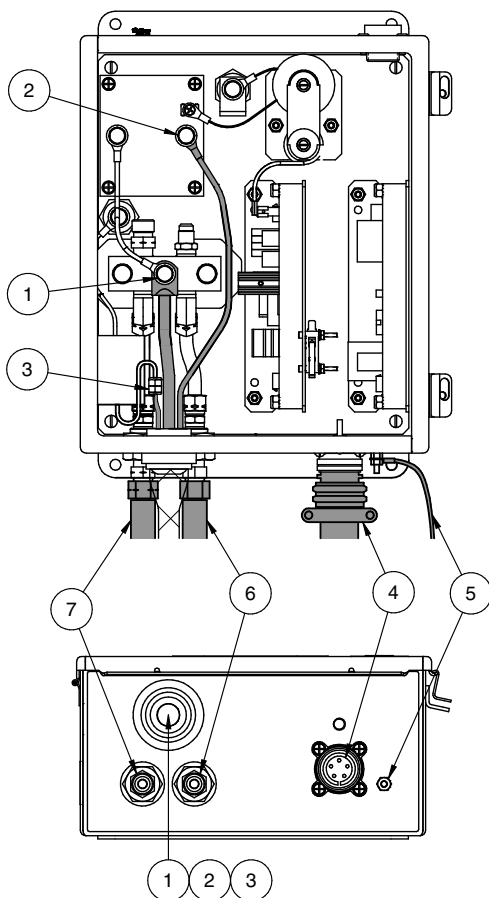
### CAUTION

Regarding cable placement, best results will be obtained when control cables are routed separate from the plasma cables. This minimizes the possibility of interference between the high currents flowing through the weld cables, and the low level signals in the control cables. These recommendations apply to all communication cables including ArcLink® connections.

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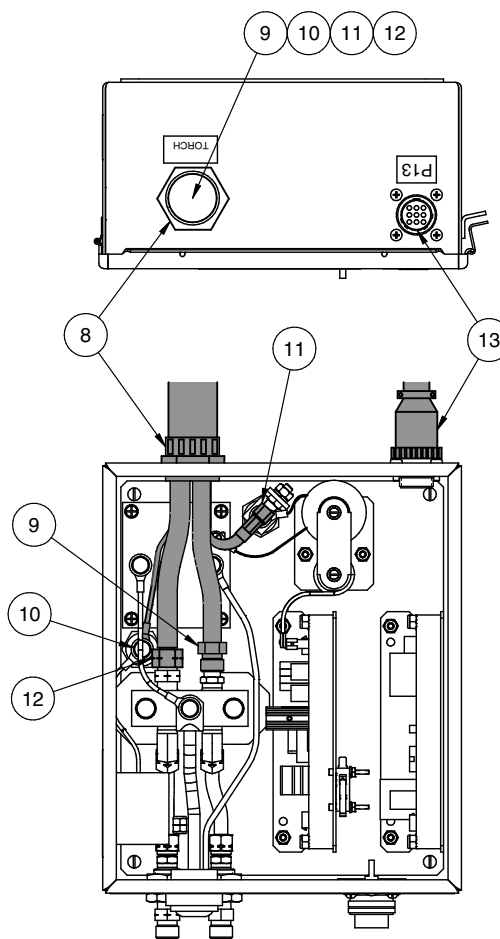
### FLEXSTART™ CONNECTIONS TO POWER SUPPLY / FLEXCOOL™

1. **Power Supply Electrode Lead** - Route the power supply electrode lead through the strain relief on the arc starting console and connect it to the cathode manifold as shown.
2. **Power Supply Nozzle Lead** - Route the power supply nozzle lead through the strain relief on the arc starting console and connect it to the proper terminal on the PCB as shown. Connection is made with a 1/4-20x.50 bolt.
3. **Power Supply CTP Sensor Lead** - Route the CTP sensor lead with the quick connect terminal end through the strain relief and connect it to the lead inside the FlexStart™ console as shown.
4. **Power Supply Arclink Cable** - Connect the 5-pin Arclink cable from the power supply to the FlexStart™ console.
5. **Flexstart™ Ground Cable** - Connect a ground/bonding cable between this stud and a good earth ground location on the cutting table. Be sure both ends make good metal to metal contact.
6. **Coolant Supply Hose** - Connect the coolant supply hose to the "IN" connector on the FlexStart™ console. Note that this fitting has right hand threads.
7. **Coolant Return Hose** - Connect the coolant return hose to the "OUT" connector on the FlexStart™ console. Note that this fitting has left hand threads.



### FLEXSTART™ CONNECTIONS TO TORCH / MANIFOLD

8. **Braided Shield** - Remove the threaded ring from the brass shield connector on the end of the braided shield. Route the torch leads through the opening in the arc starting console and push the shield connector through the hole until it is seated flush against the side of the enclosure.  
Slide the threaded ring over the torch leads and thread it onto the brass shield connector. Tighten this nut firmly to make good electrical contact between the braided shield and the FlexStart™ enclosure.
9. **Torch Electrode / Coolant Supply Lead** - Connect the torch electrode / coolant supply lead to the brass cathode manifold. Note that this lead has right hand threads.
10. **Torch Coolant Return Lead** - Connect the torch coolant return lead to the brass cathode manifold as shown. Note that this lead has left hand threads.
11. **Torch Nozzle Lead** - Connect the nozzle lead to the angled bus bar as shown. Note that the torch nozzle lead has right hand threads.
12. **Torch CTP Sensor Lead** - Connect the torch CTP sensor lead to the red standoff inside the FlexStart™ as shown.
13. **2-Gang Gas Manifold Control** - Connect the 2-gang gas manifold control cable to the 9 pin connector on the FlexStart™ as shown. This connection is labelled "P13".



# OPERATION

## SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

Read this entire section of operating instructions before operating the machine.

### WARNING

#### ELECTRIC SHOCK can kill.

- Unless using cold feed feature, when feeding with gun trigger, the electrode and drive mechanism are always electrically energized and could remain energized several seconds after the welding ceases.
- Do not touch electrically live parts or electrodes with your skin or wet clothing.
- Insulate yourself from the 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.



## PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

The FlexStart™ module is designed for use with the FlexCut™ 200 plasma system. It provides a high frequency output to the plasma torch for arc initiation and controls the plasma and shielding gas solenoids at the 2-gang manifold. The FlexStart™ is designed to be fully controlled by the plasma power source or HMI controller and after installation should require no operator interactions.

## RECOMMENDED PROCESS AND EQUIPMENT

The FlexStart™ is recommended only for the plasma arc cutting process. It is designed for use with the FlexCut™ 200 Plasma system.

## GRAPHIC SYMBOLS THAT APPEAR ON THIS MACHINE OR IN THIS MANUAL



WARNING OR CAUTION



READ INSTRUCTION MANUAL



PROTECTIVE GROUND



COOLANT OUT



COOLANT OUT



STATUS



ELECTRODE



NOZZLE

# OPTIONS / ACCESSORIES

# MAINTENANCE

## Safety Precautions



### WARNING

#### **ELECTRIC SHOCK can kill.**

- Disconnect input power before servicing.
- Do not operate with covers removed.
- Do not touch electrically live parts.
- Only qualified persons should install, use or service this equipment.



### WARNING

To avoid receiving a high frequency shock, keep all cables in good condition.

See additional warning information throughout this Operator's Manual

## PERIODIC MAINTENANCE

Very little maintenance is required to keep your FlexStart™ in top operating condition. No specific schedule can be set for performing the following items; factors such as hours of usage and the machine environment should be considered when establishing a maintenance schedule.

1. Periodically blow off dust and dirt which may accumulate on the outside of the FlexStart™.
2. Inspect the plasma and control cables for fraying, cuts and bare spots.
3. Verify that all electrical connections remain tight and that the torch braided shield remains securely fastened to the enclosure.

# TROUBLESHOOTING

## 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, generally it states to contact your local Lincoln Authorized Field Service Facility.

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

## USING THE STATUS LED TO TROUBLESHOOT SYSTEM PROBLEMS

The FlexStart™ is equipped with two externally mounted status light. If a problem occurs it is important to note the condition of the status light. Therefore, prior to cycling power to the system, check the power source status light for error sequences as noted below.

The STATUS LIGHT is a dual-color LED that indicates system errors. Normal operation is steady green. Error conditions are indicated in the following Table E.1.

TABLE E.1

LIGHT CONDITION	MEANING
Steady Green	System OK. FlexStart™ is operational, and is communicating normally with all healthy equipment connected to its ArcLink network.
Blinking Green	Occurs during power up or a system reset, and indicates the FlexStart™ is mapping (identifying) each component in the system. Normal for first 1-10 seconds after power is turned on, or if the system configuration is changed during operation.
Fast Blinking Green	Under normal conditions indicates Auto-mapping has failed.  Also used by the Diagnostics Utility to identify the selected machine when connecting to a specific IP address.
Alternating Green and Red	Non-recoverable system fault. If the Status light is flashing any combination of red and green, errors are present. Read the error code(s) before the machine is turned off.  Error Code interpretation through the Status light is detailed in the Service Manual. Individual code digits are flashed in red with a long pause between digits. If more than one code is present, the codes will be separated by a green light. Only active error conditions will be accessible through the Status Light.  To clear the active error(s), turn power source off, and back on to reset.
Steady Red	Not applicable.
Blinking Red	Not applicable.



If for any reason you do not understand the test procedures or are unable to perform the tests/repairs safely, contact your Lincoln Authorized Service Facility for technical troubleshooting assistance before you proceed.

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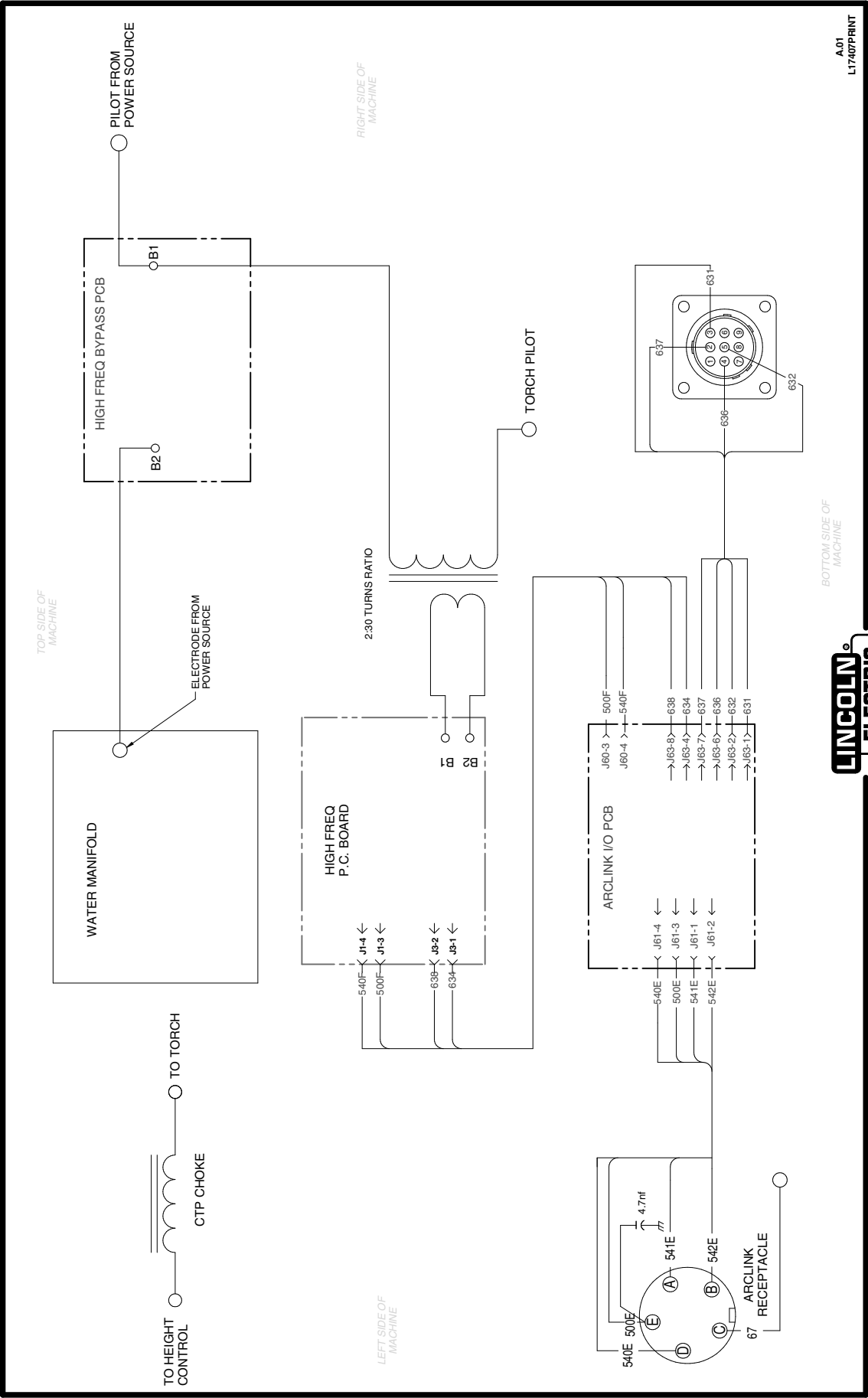
Observe all Safety Guidelines detailed throughout this manual		
PROBLEMS (SYMPTOMS)	POSSIBLE CAUSE	RECOMMENDED COURSE OF ACTION
BASIC MACHINE PROBLEMS		
Error 447 - FlexStart™ Not Found	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Arclink cable disconnected</li> <li>2. 40V circuit breaker on machine is tripped</li> </ol>	If all recommended possible areas of misadjustment have been checked and the problem persists, <b>Contact your local Lincoln Authorized Field Service Facility.</b>
Error 811 - FlexStart™ door open	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Door on FlexStart™ open or not latched</li> <li>2. Door switch disconnected or damaged.</li> </ol>	
Front LED does not light up	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. LED disconnected from case front lens</li> </ol>	



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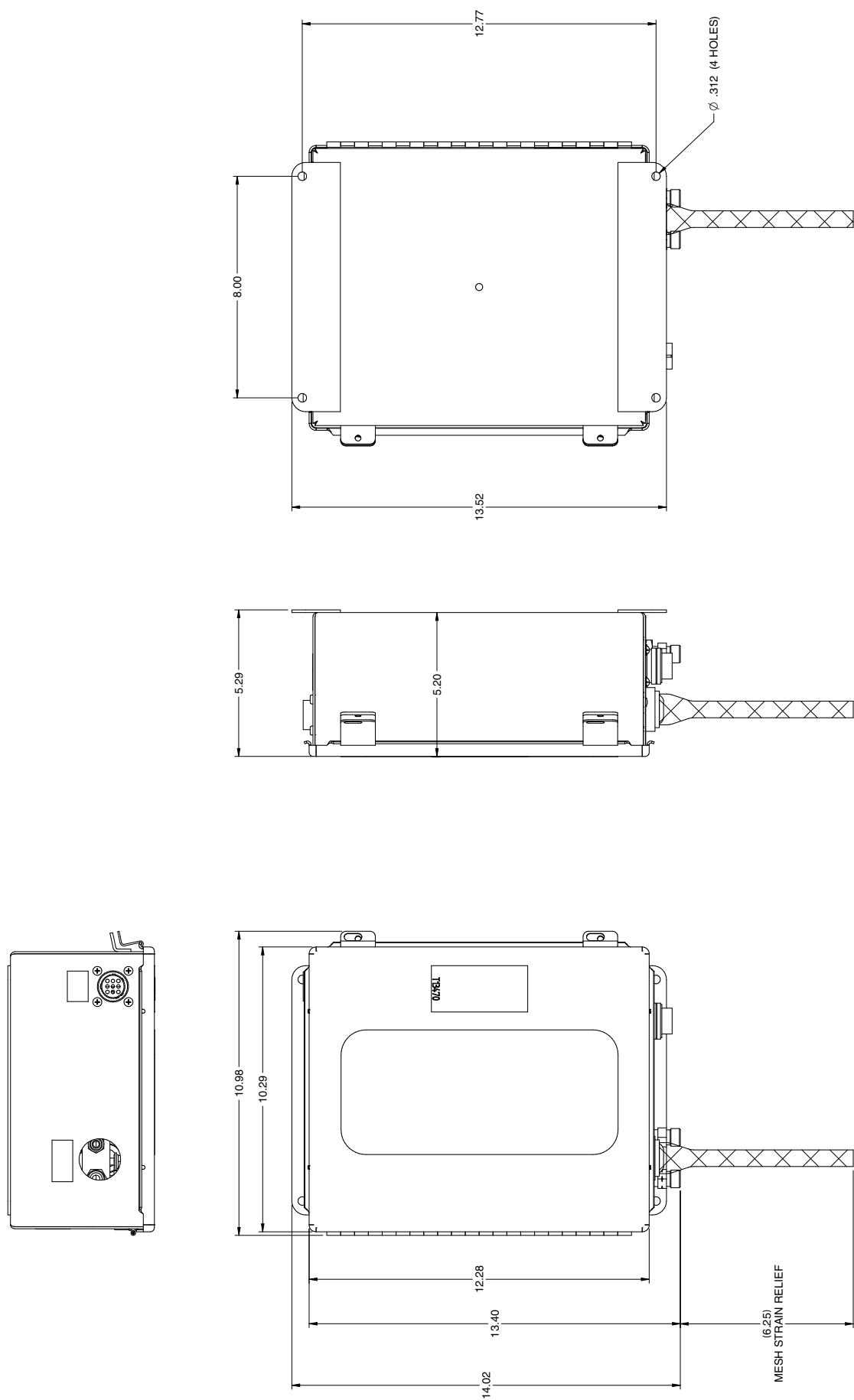
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FLEXSTART WIRING DIAGRAM



NOTE: This diagram is for reference only. It may not be accurate for all machines covered by this manual. The specific diagram for a particular code is pasted inside the machine on one of the enclosure panels. If the diagram is illegible, write to the Service Department for a replacement. Give the equipment code number.





<b>WARNING</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do not touch electrically live parts or electrode with skin or wet clothing.</li> <li>Insulate yourself from work and ground.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Keep flammable materials away.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wear eye, ear and body protection.</li> </ul>
Spanish <b>AVISO DE PRECAUCION</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No toque las partes o los electrodos bajo carga con la piel o ropa mojada.</li> <li>Aíslese del trabajo y de la tierra.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mantenga el material combustible fuera del área de trabajo.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Protéjase los ojos, los oídos y el cuerpo.</li> </ul>
French <b>ATTENTION</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ne laissez ni la peau ni des vêtements mouillés entrer en contact avec des pièces sous tension.</li> <li>Isolez-vous du travail et de la terre.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gardez à l'écart de tout matériel inflammable.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Protégez vos yeux, vos oreilles et votre corps.</li> </ul>
German <b>WARNUNG</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Berühren Sie keine stromführenden Teile oder Elektroden mit Ihrem Körper oder feuchter Kleidung!</li> <li>Isolieren Sie sich von den Elektroden und dem Erdboden!</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Entfernen Sie brennbares Material!</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tragen Sie Augen-, Ohren- und Körperschutz!</li> </ul>
Portuguese <b>ATENÇÃO</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Não toque partes elétricas e electrodos com a pele ou roupa molhada.</li> <li>Isole-se da peça e terra.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mantenha inflamáveis bem guardados.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use proteção para a vista, ouvido e corpo.</li> </ul>
Japanese <b>注意事項</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>通電中の電気部品、又は溶材にヒフやぬれた布で触れないこと。</li> <li>施工物やアースから身体が絶縁されている様にして下さい。</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>燃えやすいものの側での溶接作業は絶対にしてはなりません。</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>目、耳及び身体に保護具をして下さい。</li> </ul>
Chinese <b>警告</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>皮肤或湿衣物切勿接触带电部件及焊条。</li> <li>使你自己与地面和工件绝缘。</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>把一切易燃物品移离工作场所。</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>佩戴眼、耳及身体劳动保护用具。</li> </ul>
Korean <b>위험</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>전도체나 용접봉을 젖은 형갑 또는 피부로 절대 접촉치 마십시오.</li> <li>모재와 접지를 접촉치 마십시오.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>인화성 물질을 접근시키지 마십시오.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>눈, 귀와 몸에 보호장구를 착용하십시오.</li> </ul>
Arabic <b>تحذير</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>لا تلمس الاجزاء التي يسري فيها التيار الكهربائي أو الألكترود بجسد الجسم أو بالملابس المبللة بالماء.</li> <li>ضع عازلا على جسمك خلال العمل.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ضع المواد القابلة للاشتعال في مكان بعيد.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ضع أدوات وملابس واقية على عينيك وأذنيك وجسمك.</li> </ul>

**READ AND UNDERSTAND THE MANUFACTURER'S INSTRUCTION FOR THIS EQUIPMENT AND THE CONSUMABLES TO BE USED AND FOLLOW YOUR EMPLOYER'S SAFETY PRACTICES.**

**SE RECOMIENDA LEER Y ENTENDER LAS INSTRUCCIONES DEL FABRICANTE PARA EL USO DE ESTE EQUIPO Y LOS CONSUMIBLES QUE VA A UTILIZAR, SIGA LAS MEDIDAS DE SEGURIDAD DE SU SUPERVISOR.**

**LISEZ ET COMPRENEZ LES INSTRUCTIONS DU FABRICANT EN CE QUI REGARDE CET EQUIPMENT ET LES PRODUITS A ETRE EMPLOYES ET SUIVEZ LES PROCEDURES DE SECURITE DE VOTRE EMPLOYEUR.**

**LESEN SIE UND BEFOLGEN SIE DIE BETRIEBSANLEITUNG DER ANLAGE UND DEN ELEKTRODENEINSATZ DES HERSTELLERS. DIE UNFALLVERHÜTUNGSVORSCHRIFTEN DES ARBEITGEBERS SIND EBENFALLS ZU BEACHTEN.**

			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Keep your head out of fumes.</li> <li>● Use ventilation or exhaust to remove fumes from breathing zone.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Turn power off before servicing.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Do not operate with panel open or guards off.</li> </ul>	<b>WARNING</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Los humos fuera de la zona de respiración.</li> <li>● Mantenga la cabeza fuera de los humos. Utilice ventilación o aspiración para gases.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Desconectar el cable de alimentación de poder de la máquina antes de iniciar cualquier servicio.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● No operar con panel abierto o guardas quitadas.</li> </ul>	Spanish <b>AVISO DE PRECAUCION</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Gardez la tête à l'écart des fumées.</li> <li>● Utilisez un ventilateur ou un aspirateur pour ôter les fumées des zones de travail.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Débranchez le courant avant l'entretien.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● N'opérez pas avec les panneaux ouverts ou avec les dispositifs de protection enlevés.</li> </ul>	French <b>ATTENTION</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Vermeiden Sie das Einatmen von Schweißrauch!</li> <li>● Sorgen Sie für gute Be- und Entlüftung des Arbeitsplatzes!</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Strom vor Wartungsarbeiten abschalten! (Netzstrom völlig öffnen; Maschine anhalten!)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Anlage nie ohne Schutzgehäuse oder Innenschutzverkleidung in Betrieb setzen!</li> </ul>	German <b>WARNUNG</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Mantenha seu rosto da fumaça.</li> <li>● Use ventilação e exaustão para remover fumo da zona respiratória.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Não opere com as tampas removidas.</li> <li>● Desligue a corrente antes de fazer serviço.</li> <li>● Não toque as partes elétricas nuas.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Mantenha-se afastado das partes moventes.</li> <li>● Não opere com os painéis abertos ou guardas removidas.</li> </ul>	Portuguese <b>ATENÇÃO</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● ヒュームから頭を離すようにして下さい。</li> <li>● 換気や排煙に十分留意して下さい。</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● メンテナンス・サービスに取りかかる際には、まず電源スイッチを必ず切して下さい。</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● パネルやカバーを取り外したまま機械操作をしないで下さい。</li> </ul>	Japanese <b>注意事項</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 頭部遠離煙霧。</li> <li>● 在呼吸區使用通風或排風器除煙。</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 維修前切斷電源。</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 儀表板打開或沒有安全罩時不準作業。</li> </ul>	Chinese <b>警告</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 얼굴로부터 용접가스를 멀리하십시오.</li> <li>● 호흡지역으로부터 용접가스를 제거하기 위해 가스제거기나 통풍기를 사용하십시오.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 보수전에 전원을 차단하십시오.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 판넬이 열린 상태로 작동치 마십시오.</li> </ul>	Korean <b>위험</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● ابعد رأسك بعيداً عن الدخان.</li> <li>● استعمل التهوية أو جهاز ضغط الدخان للخارج لكي تبعد الدخان عن المنطقة التي تتنفس فيها.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● اقطع التيار الكهربائي قبل القيام بأية صيانة.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● لا تشغيل هذا الجهاز اذا كانت الاغطية الحديدية الواقية ليست عليه.</li> </ul>	Arabic <b>تحذير</b>

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