




# SECTION 1 – SAFETY PRECAUTIONS – READ BEFORE USING

 Protect yourself and others from injury—read, follow, and save these important safety precautions and operating instructions.

## 1-1. Symbol Usage

 **DANGER!** – Indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, will result in death or serious injury. The possible hazards are shown in the adjoining symbols or explained in the text.

 Indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury. The possible hazards are shown in the adjoining symbols or explained in the text.


**NOTICE** – Indicates statements not related to personal injury.


 Indicates special instructions.




This group of symbols means Warning! Watch Out! ELECTRIC SHOCK, MOVING PARTS, and HOT PARTS hazards. Consult symbols and related instructions below for necessary actions to avoid these hazards.

## 1-2. Arc Welding Hazards

 The symbols shown below are used throughout this manual to call attention to and identify possible hazards. When you see the symbol, watch out, and follow the related instructions to avoid the hazard. The safety information given below is only a summary of the more complete safety information found in the Principal Safety Standards, and in welding power source Owner's Manual. Read and follow all Safety Standards.

 Only qualified persons should install, operate, maintain, and repair this equipment. A qualified person is defined as one who, by possession of a recognized degree, certificate, or professional standing, or who by extensive knowledge, training and experience, has successfully demonstrated the ability to solve or resolve problems relating to the subject matter, the work, or the project and has received safety training to recognize and avoid the hazards involved.

 During operation, keep everybody, especially children, away.



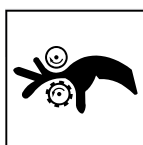
### ELECTRIC SHOCK can kill.

- Always wear dry insulating gloves.
- Insulate yourself from work and ground.
- Do not touch live electrode or electrical parts.
- Do not store or use equipment in standing water.
- Replace worn, damaged, or cracked guns or cables.
- Turn off welding power source before changing contact tip or gun parts.
- Keep all covers and handle securely in place.



### FUMES AND GASES can be hazardous.

- Keep your head out of the fumes.
- Ventilate area, or use breathing device. The recommended way to determine adequate ventilation is to sample for the composition and quantity of fumes and gases to which personnel are exposed.
- Read and understand the Safety Data Sheets (SDSs) and the manufacturer's instructions for adhesives, coatings, cleaners, consumables, coolants, degreasers, fluxes, and metals.



### MOVING PARTS can injure.

- Keep away from moving parts.
- Keep away from pinch points such as drive rolls.



### WELDING can cause fire or explosion.

- Do not weld near flammable material.
- Do not weld on containers that have held combustibles, or on closed containers such as tanks, drums, or pipes unless they are properly prepared according to AWS F4.1 (see Safety Standards).
- Watch for fire; keep extinguisher nearby.
- Read and understand the Safety Data Sheets (SDSs) and the manufacturer's instructions for adhesives, coatings, cleaners, consumables, coolants, degreasers, fluxes, and metals.



### BUILDUP OF GAS can injure or kill.

- Shut off compressed gas supply when not in use.
- Always ventilate confined spaces or use approved air-supplied respirator.



### ARC RAYS can burn eyes and skin.

Arc rays from the welding process produce intense visible and invisible (ultraviolet and infrared) rays that can burn eyes and skin. Sparks fly off from the weld.

- Wear an approved welding helmet fitted with a proper shade of filter lenses to protect your face and eyes from arc rays and sparks when welding or watching (see ANSI Z49.1 and Z87.1 listed in Safety Standards).
- Wear approved safety glasses with side shields under your helmet.
- Use protective screens or barriers to protect others from flash, glare, and sparks; warn others not to watch the arc.
- Wear body protection made from leather or flame-resistant clothing (FRC). Body protection includes oil-free clothing such as leather gloves, heavy shirt, cuffless trousers, high shoes, and a cap.



### HOT PARTS can burn.

- Allow gun to cool before touching.
- Do not touch hot metal.
- Protect hot metal from contact by others.



### NOISE can damage hearing.

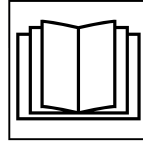
Noise from some processes or equipment can damage hearing.

- Check for noise level limits exceeding those specified by OSHA.
- Wear appropriate ear protection if noise level is high.
- Warn others nearby about noise hazard.



### WELDING WIRE can injure.

- Keep hands and body away from gun tip when trigger is pressed.



### READ INSTRUCTIONS.

- Read and follow all labels and the Owner's Manual carefully before installing, operating, or servicing unit. Read the safety information at the beginning of the manual and in each section.
- Use only genuine replacement parts from the manufacturer.
- Perform installation, maintenance, and service according to the Owner's Manuals, industry standards, and national, state, and local codes.

## 1-3. California Proposition 65 Warnings

**⚠ WARNING – This product can expose you to chemicals including lead, which are known to the state of California to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm.**

For more information, go to [www.P65Warnings.ca.gov](http://www.P65Warnings.ca.gov).

## 1-4. Principal Safety Sections

*Safety in Welding, Cutting, and Allied Processes*, American Welding Society standard ANSI Standard Z49.1. Website: [www.aws.org](http://www.aws.org).

*Safe Practice For Occupational And Educational Eye And Face Protection*, ANSI Standard Z87.1, from American National Standards Institute. Website: [safetysupply.com](http://safetysupply.com).

*Safe Practices for the Preparation of Containers and Piping for Welding and Cutting*, American Welding Society Standard AWS F4.1. Website: [www.aws.org](http://www.aws.org).

*National Electrical Code*, NFPA Standard 70 from National Fire Protection Association. Website: [www.nfpa.org](http://www.nfpa.org).

*Safe Handling of Compressed Gases in Cylinders*, CGA Pamphlet P-1 from Compressed Gas Association. Website: [www.cganet.com](http://www.cganet.com).

*Safety in Welding, Cutting, and Allied Processes*, CSA Standard W117.2 from Canadian Standards Association. Website: [www.csagroup.org](http://www.csagroup.org).

*Standard for Fire Prevention During Welding, Cutting, and Other Hot Work*, NFPA Standard 51B from National Fire Protection Association. Website: [www.nfpa.org](http://www.nfpa.org).

OSHA, Occupational Safety and Health Standards for General Industry, Title 29, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 1910.177 Subpart N, Part 1910 Subpart Q, and Part 1926, Subpart J. Website: [www.osha.gov](http://www.osha.gov).

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## 1-5. EMF Information

Electric current flowing through any conductor causes localized electric and magnetic fields (EMF). The current from arc welding (and allied processes including spot welding, arc gouging, plasma arc cutting, and induction heating operations) creates EMF around the welding circuit. EMF can interfere with some medical implants, e.g. pacemakers. Protective measures for persons wearing medical implants have to be taken. For example, restrict access for passersby or conduct individual risk assessment for operators. All operators should use the following procedures in order to minimize exposure to EMF fields:

1. Keep cables close together by twisting or taping them, or using a cable cover.
2. Do not place your body between cables. Arrange cables to one side and away from the operator.

3. Do not coil or drape cables around your body.
4. Keep head and trunk as far away from the equipment in the output circuit as possible.
5. Connect work clamp to workpiece as close to the arc as possible.
6. Do not work next to, sit or lean on, or carry the power source or other equipment while operating.

### About Implanted Medical Devices:

Implanted Medical Device wearers should consult their doctor and the device manufacturer before performing or going near arc welding, spot welding, arc gouging, plasma arc cutting, or induction heating operations. If cleared by your doctor, follow the procedures above.