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For use with machines having Code Numbers: 11624

#### **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.



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# **OPERATOR'S MANUAL**





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# SAFETY

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

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

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The Above For Diesel Engines

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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.



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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. I 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.

	cause fire or explosion.
	6.a. Remove fire hazards from the welding area.
	Remember that 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 cir- cuits. 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-I, "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.

# **PRÉCAUTIONS DE SÛRETÉ**

Pour votre propre protection lire et observer toutes les instructions et les précautions de sûreté specifiques qui parraissent dans ce manuel aussi bien que les précautions de sûreté générales suivantes:

#### Sûreté Pour Soudage A L'Arc

- 1. Protegez-vous contre la secousse électrique:
  - a. Les circuits à l'électrode et à la piéce sont sous tension quand la machine à souder est en marche. Eviter toujours tout contact entre les parties sous tension et la peau nue ou les vétements mouillés. Porter des gants secs et sans trous pour isoler les mains.
  - b. Faire trés attention de bien s'isoler de la masse quand on soude dans des endroits humides, ou sur un plancher metallique ou des grilles metalliques, principalement dans les positions assis ou couché pour lesquelles une grande partie du corps peut être en contact avec la masse.
  - c. Maintenir le porte-électrode, la pince de masse, le câble de soudage et la machine à souder en bon et sûr état defonctionnement.
  - d.Ne jamais plonger le porte-électrode dans l'eau pour le refroidir.
  - e. Ne jamais toucher simultanément les parties sous tension des porte-électrodes connectés à deux machines à souder parce que la tension entre les deux pinces peut être le total de la tension à vide des deux machines.
  - f. Si on utilise la machine à souder comme une source de courant pour soudage semi-automatique, ces precautions pour le porte-électrode s'applicuent aussi au pistolet de soudage.
- Dans le cas de travail au dessus du niveau du sol, se protéger contre les chutes dans le cas ou on recoit un choc. Ne jamais enrouler le câble-électrode autour de n'importe quelle partie du corps.
- Un coup d'arc peut être plus sévère qu'un coup de soliel, donc:
  - a. Utiliser un bon masque avec un verre filtrant approprié ainsi qu'un verre blanc afin de se protéger les yeux du rayonnement de l'arc et des projections quand on soude ou quand on regarde l'arc.
  - b. Porter des vêtements convenables afin de protéger la peau de soudeur et des aides contre le rayonnement de l'arc.
  - c. Protéger l'autre personnel travaillant à proximité au soudage à l'aide d'écrans appropriés et non-inflammables.
- 4. Des gouttes de laitier en fusion sont émises de l'arc de soudage. Se protéger avec des vêtements de protection libres de l'huile, tels que les gants en cuir, chemise épaisse, pantalons sans revers, et chaussures montantes.

- Toujours porter des lunettes de sécurité dans la zone de soudage. Utiliser des lunettes avec écrans lateraux dans les zones où l'on pique le laitier.
- 6. Eloigner les matériaux inflammables ou les recouvrir afin de prévenir tout risque d'incendie dû aux étincelles.
- Quand on ne soude pas, poser la pince à une endroit isolé de la masse. Un court-circuit accidental peut provoquer un échauffement et un risque d'incendie.
- 8. S'assurer que la masse est connectée le plus prés possible de la zone de travail qu'il est pratique de le faire. Si on place la masse sur la charpente de la construction ou d'autres endroits éloignés de la zone de travail, on augmente le risque de voir passer le courant de soudage par les chaines de levage, câbles de grue, ou autres circuits. Cela peut provoquer des risques d'incendie ou d'echauffement des chaines et des câbles jusqu'à ce qu'ils se rompent.
- Assurer une ventilation suffisante dans la zone de soudage. Ceci est particuliérement important pour le soudage de tôles galvanisées plombées, ou cadmiées ou tout autre métal qui produit des fumeés toxiques.
- 10. Ne pas souder en présence de vapeurs de chlore provenant d'opérations de dégraissage, nettoyage ou pistolage. La chaleur ou les rayons de l'arc peuvent réagir avec les vapeurs du solvant pour produire du phosgéne (gas fortement toxique) ou autres produits irritants.
- Pour obtenir de plus amples renseignements sur la sûreté, voir le code "Code for safety in welding and cutting" CSA Standard W 117.2-1974.

# PRÉCAUTIONS DE SÛRETÉ POUR LES MACHINES À SOUDER À TRANSFORMATEUR ET À REDRESSEUR

- Relier à la terre le chassis du poste conformement au code de l'électricité et aux recommendations du fabricant. Le dispositif de montage ou la piece à souder doit être branché à une bonne mise à la terre.
- Autant que possible, l'installation et l'entretien du poste seront effectués par un électricien qualifié.
- 3. Avant de faires des travaux à l'interieur de poste, la debrancher à l'interrupteur à la boite de fusibles.
- Garder tous les couvercles et dispositifs de sûreté à leur place.

## **Electromagnetic Compatibility (EMC)**

#### Conformance

Products displaying the CE mark are in conformity with European Community Council Directive of 15 Dec 2004 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to electromagnetic compatibility, 2004/108/EC. 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.

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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 manufacturers 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 workpiece 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 workpiece, 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<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Portions of the preceding text are contained in EN 60974-10: "Electromagnetic Compatibility (EMC) product standard for arc welding equipment."

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Thank You—for selecting a QUALITY product by Lincoln Electric. We want you to take pride in operating this Lincoln Electric Company product ... as much pride as we have in bringing this product to you!

#### CUSTOMER ASSISTANCE POLICY

The business of The Lincoln Electric Company is manufacturing and selling high quality welding equipment, consumables, and cutting equipment. Our challenge is to meet the needs of our customers and to exceed their expectations. On occasion, purchasers may ask Lincoln Electric for advice or information about their use of our products. We respond to our customers based on the best information in our possession at that time. Lincoln Electric is not in a position to warrant or guarantee such advice, and assumes no liability, with respect to such information or advice. We expressly disclaim any warranty of any kind, including any warranty of fitness for any customer's particular purpose, with respect to such information or advice. As a matter of practical consideration, we also cannot assume any responsibility for updating or correcting any such information or advice once it has been given, nor does the provision of information or advice create, expand or alter any warranty with respect to the sale of our products.

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## 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.

Please record your equipment identification information below for future reference. This information can be found on your machine nameplate.

Product

Model Number \_\_\_

Code Number or Date Code\_\_\_\_\_

Serial Number

Date Purchased

Where Purchased

Whenever you request replacement parts or information on this equipment, always supply the information you have recorded above. The code number is especially important when identifying the correct replacement parts.

### **On-Line Product Registration**

- Register your machine with Lincoln Electric either via fax or over the Internet.

• For faxing: Complete the form on the back of the warranty statement included in the literature packet accompanying this machine and fax the form per the instructions printed on it.

• For On-Line Registration: Go to our WEB SITE at www.lincolnelectric.com. Choose "Quick Links" and then "Product Registration". Please complete the form and submit your registration.

Read this Operators Manual completely before attempting to use this equipment. Save this manual and keep it handy for guick reference. Pay particular attention to the safety instructions we have provided for your protection. The level of seriousness to be applied to each is explained below:

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This statement appears where the information **must** be followed **exactly** to avoid **serious personal injury** or **loss of life**.

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This statement appears where the information must be followed to avoid minor personal injury or damage to this equipment.

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# **INSTALLATION**

# **TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS - POWER WAVE® C300 CE**

	POW	ER SC	OURCE-INPUT V	OLTAGE	AND C	URRENT		
Model	Duty Cycle	Inpu	It Voltage ± 10%	Input Am	peres	Idle Power	Power Factor @ Rated Output	
	40% rating	208/	230/ <b>400</b> */460/575	/575 30/28/16/14/11 Hz 415V) 23/21/12/11/9 30				
K2865-1	100% rating	3   (* incl	phase 50/60 Hz Iudes 380V to 415V)			300 Watts Max (fan on)	95	
			RATED C	UTPUT				
Process	Duty Cycle	1	Volts at Rated Amp	peres	Amperes			
GMAW-Pulse	40%		29		300			
FCAW	100%		26.5		250			
SMAW	40%		31.2		280			
	100%		29		225			
	40%		22		300			
	100%		20	250				
	REC	ОММ	ENDED INPUT W	VIRE AND	FUSE	SIZES <sup>1</sup>		
INPUT VOLTAGE / PHASE/ FREQUENCY			INPUT AMPERE RATING ON NAMEPLATE	CORD SIZES <sup>3</sup> AWG SIZES (mm <sup>2</sup> )		n <sup>2</sup> ) TIME SIZ	DELAY FUSE BREAKER E <sup>2</sup> (AMPS)	
208/3/50/60 230/3/50/60 400/3/50/60 460/3/50/60 575/3/50/60			30 28 16 14 11	8 (10) 8 (10) 12 (4) 14 (2.5) 14 (2.5)			40 40 25 20 15	

<sup>1</sup> Cord and Fuse Sizes based upon the U.S. National Electric Code and maximum output for 40°C (104°) ambient.

<sup>2</sup> Also called "inverse time" or "thermal/magnetic" circuit breakers; circuit breakers that have a delay in tripping action that decreases as the magnitude of current increases.

 $^3$  Type SO cord or similar in 30° C ambient.

# **INSTALLATION**

WIRE FEED SPEED RANGE-WIRE SIZE									
WFS RANGE		GMAW ( MILD STEEL AL		AL	GMAW UMINUM	GMAW STAINLESS		FCAW	
		WIRE	SIZES	WIF	RE SIZES	WIRE	SIZES	V	VIRE SIZES
50 – 700 ipm .025 – .04 (1.3 – 17.8 m/min) (0.6 – 1.1r		045" 1.1mm)	.03 (0.8	0 – 3/64" – 1.2mm)	.035 – .045" (0.9 – 1.1mm)		.(0	035 – .052" ).9 – 1.4mm)	
					WEL	DING	PROCI	ESS	
PR	OCESS		OUTPU	JT R/	ANGE (AM	PERES	)	00	CV (U₀)
GMAW GMAW-Pulse			40-300 44			40-	40-70 VDC average, 100V peak		
GT	AW-DC			5-300 24 VDC average, 100V p			rage, 100V peak		
S	SMAW			5-280 60 VDC average, 100V peak			rage, 100V peak		
-			WIRE	SPE	ED RAN	GE			
	Wire Speed				50	– 700 I	PM (1	.27 – 17.8	3 m/minute)
		P	HYSIC	ALI	DIMENSI	ONS			
MODEL	HEIGHT			١	WIDTH DEPTH			тн	WEIGHT
K2865-1	18.80in (478mm) 14.0			14.00	in (356mm) 27.43in (697mm)		697mm)	100lbs (47.6kg)*	
				EM	PERATU	RE RA	NGES		
OPERATII Environmentally Ha	NG TEMPERAT ardened: -4°F to	<b>TURE R</b> 104°F (-2	ANGE 20°C to 40	)°C)	Environm	STORAC	GE TEM ardened:	PERATUI -40°F to 1	<b>RE RANGE</b> 85°F (-40°C to 85°C)

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\* Weight does not include input cord.

Thermal tests have been performed at ambient temperature. The duty cycle (duty factor) at 40°C has been determined by simulation.

# SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

Read this entire installation section before you start installation.

WARNING



**ELECTRIC SHOCK can kill.** 

- Only qualified personnel should perform this installation.
- Turn the input power OFF at the

disconnect switch or fuse box before working on this equipment. Turn off the input power to any other equipment connected to the welding system at the disconnect switch or fuse box before working on the equipment.

- Do not touch electrically hot parts.
- Always connect the POWER WAVE® C300 CE grounding lug (located inside the reconnect input access door) to a proper safety (Earth) ground.

# SELECT SUITABLE LOCATION

The POWER WAVE® C300 CE will operate in harsh environments. Even so, it is important that simple preventative measures are followed in order to assure long life and reliable operation.

- The machine must be located where there is free circulation of clean air such that air movement in the back, out the sides and bottom will not be restricted.
- Dirt and dust that can be drawn into the machine should be kept to a minimum. The use of air filters on the air intake is not recommended because normal air flow may be restricted. Failure to observe these precautions can result in excessive operating temperatures and nuisance shutdown.
- Keep machine dry. Shelter from rain and snow. Do not place on wet ground or in puddles.
- Do not mount the POWER WAVE® C300 CE over combustible surfaces. Where there is a combustible surface directly under stationary or fixed electrical equipment, that surface shall be covered with a steel plate at least .060" (1.6mm) thick, which shall extend not less than 5.90" (150mm) beyond the equipment on all sides.

# LIFTING

Both handles should be used when lifting POWER WAVE® C300 CE. When using a crane or overhead device a lifting strap should be connected to both handles. Do not attempt to lift the POWER WAVE® C300 CE with accessories attached to it.

Do not weld with the POWER WAVE® C300 CE while the machine is suspended by the handles.

## WARNING



· Lift only with equipment of adequate lifting capacity.

- · Be sure machine is stable when lifting.
- · Do not operate machine while suspended when lifting.

FALLING EQUIPMENT can

cause injury.

## STACKING

The POWER WAVE® C300 CE cannot be stacked.

## TILTING

Place the machine directly on a secure, level surface or on a recommended undercarriage. The machine may topple over if this procedure is not followed.

## INPUT AND GROUND CONNECTIONS

Only a gualified electrician should connect the POWER WAVE® C300 CE. Installation should be made in accordance with the appropriate National Electrical Code, all local codes and the information in this manual.

# MACHINE GROUNDING



The frame of the welder must be grounded. A ground terminal marked with a ground symbol is located next to the input power connection block.

See your local and national electrical codes for proper grounding methods.

## HIGH FREQUENCY PROTECTION

The EMC classification of the POWER WAVE® C300 CE is Industrial, Scientific and Medical (ISM) group 2, class A. The POWER WAVE® C300 CE is for industrial use only. (See Electromagnetic Compatibility EMC Safety Section).

Locate the POWER WAVE® C300 CE away from radio controlled machinery. The normal operation of the POWER WAVE® C300 CE may adversely affect the operation of RF controlled equipment, which may result in bodily injury or damage to the equipment.



## INPUT CONNECTION

## \Lambda WARNING

Only a qualified electrician should connect the input leads to the POWER WAVE® C300 CE. Connections should be made in accordance with all local and

national electrical codes and the connection diagram located on the inside of the reconnect access door of the machine. Failure to do so may result in bodily injury or death.

The supply cable provided with the Power Wave C300 CE is rated for 450 VAC (line-to-neutral). Replace the supply cable in accordance with all national and local codes when operating at higher voltages.

A 15 ft. (4.6m) power cord is provided and wired into the machine.

Single Phase Input not supported.

#### **Three Phase Input**

Connect green/yellow lead to ground per National Electric Code.

Connect grey, brown and black leads to power.

## INPUT FUSE AND SUPPLY WIRE CONSIDERATIONS

Refer to Specification Section for recommended fuse, wire sizes and type of the copper wires. Fuse the input circuit with the recommended super lag fuse or delay type breakers (also called "inverse time" or "thermal/magnetic" circuit breakers). Choose input and grounding wire size according to local or national electrical codes. Using input wire sizes, fuses or circuit breakers smaller than recommended may result in "nuisance" shut-offs from welder inrush currents, even if the machine is not being used at high currents.

## INPUT VOLTAGE SELECTION

The POWER WAVE® C300 CE automatically adjusts to work with different input voltages. No reconnect switches settings are required.

# nection diagram located on the inside of the reconnect access door of the machine. Failure to do so may result in bodily injury or death.

## **POWER CORD REPLACEMENT**

## \Lambda WARNING

Only a qualified electrician should connect the input leads to the POWER WAVE® C300 CE. Connections should be made in accordance with all local and national electrical codes and the

connection diagram located on the inside of the reconnect access door of the machine. Failure to do so may result in bodily injury or death.

If the input power cord is damaged or needs to be replaced an input power connection block is located in the access panel under the wire spool.

ALWAYS CONNECT THE POWER WAVE GROUNDING LUG (LOCATED INSIDE THE ACCESS PANEL) TO A PROPER SAFETY (EARTH) GROUND.

**FIGURE A.1** 





all local and national electrical codes and the con-

## RECOMMENDED WORK CABLE SIZES FOR ARC WELDING

A work cable is provided with the POWER WAVE® C300 CE. This cable is appropriately sized for all of the POWER WAVE® C300 CE's welding procedures. If the work cable needs to be replaced a similar quality of cable should be used as excessive voltage drops caused by undersized welding cables can result in unsatisfactory welding performance. Always use the largest work cables that is practical, and be sure all connections are clean and tight.

**Note:** Excessive heat in the weld circuit indicates undersized cables and/or bad connections.

## REMOTE SENSE LEAD SPECIFICA-TIONS

Since the POWER WAVE® C300 CE has the ability to be in close proximity to the welding arc, the POWER WAVE® C300 CE does not require the use of remote sense leads.

# SEMI-AUTOMATIC WELDING POLARITY

The Fast Mate adapter is permanently wired for Electrode Positive welding for all GMAW and FCAW processes.

The polarity for GTAW and SMAW processes is determined by connecting the electrode lead to either the + or - output stud on the front of the machine

# CABLE CONNECTION

There is one circular connection on the front of the machine.

(See Figure A.2---Table A.1)

	BLE	A.1	
FIGURE A.2	Function	PIN	Wiring
	12 pin connector for Push pull guns; foot pedal; remote controls; Hand –amptrols.	А В С О Ш F G T J K L Z	CANL CANH Remote Pot Common Remote Pot Wiper Remote Pot +10VDC ArcLink Peripheral Sense Trigger Trigger Power Common Power + Motor Negative Motor Positive

## CABLE INDUCTANCE AND ITS EFFECTS ON WELDING

# Whenever possible always weld in a direction away from the work (ground) connection.

Excessive cable inductance will cause the welding performance to degrade. There are several factors that contribute to the overall inductance of the cabling system including cable size, and loop area. The loop area is defined by the separation distance between the electrode and work cables, and the overall welding loop length. The welding loop length is defined as the total of length of the electrode cable (A) + work cable (B) + work path (C) (see Figure A.3).

To minimize inductance always use the appropriate size cables, and whenever possible, run the electrode and work cables in close proximity to one another to minimize the loop area. Since the most significant factor in cable inductance is the welding loop length, avoid excessive lengths and do not coil excess cable. For long work piece lengths, a sliding ground should be considered to keep the total welding loop length as short as possible.

For additional Safety information regarding the electrode and work cable set-up, See the standard "SAFETY INFORMATION" located in the front of this Instruction Manual.



# SHIELDING GAS CONNECTION

# A WARNING



CYLINDER may explode if damaged.

• Keep cylinder upright and chained to support.

- Keep cylinder away from areas where it may be damaged.
- Never lift welder with cylinder attached.
- Never allow welding electrode to touch cylinder.
- Keep cylinder away from welding or other live electrical circuits.



• BUILD UP OF SHIELDING GAS MAY HARM HEALTH OR KILL.

• Shut off shielding gas supply when not in use.

• See American National Standard Z-49.1, "Safety in Welding and Cutting" Published by the American Welding Society.

Customer must provide a cylinder of shielding gas, a pressure regulator, a flow control valve, and a hose from the flow valve to the gas inlet fitting of the wire drive unit. Connect a supply hose from the gas cylinder flow valve outlet to the 5/8-18 female inert gas fitting on the back panel of the POWER WAVE® C300 CE.

**MAXIMUM INLET PRESSURE IS 100 PSI. (6.9 BAR.)** Install the shielding gas supply as follows:

- 1. Secure the cylinder to prevent it from falling.
- Remove the cylinder cap. Inspect the cylinder valves and regulator for damaged threads, dirt, dust, oil or grease. Remove dust and dirt with a clean cloth. DO NOT ATTACH THE REGULATOR IF OIL, GREASE OR DAMAGE IS PRESENT! Inform your gas supplier of this condition. Oil or grease in the presence of high pressure oxygen is explosive.
- Stand to one side away from the outlet and open the cylinder valve for an instant. This blows away any dust or dirt which may have accumulated in the valve outlet.
- 4. Attach the flow regulator to the cylinder valve and tighten the union nut(s) securely with a wrench. Note: if connecting to 100% CO<sub>2</sub> cylinder, insert regulator adapter between regulator and cylinder valve. If adapter is equipped with a plastic washer, be sure it is seated for connection to the CO<sub>2</sub> cylinder.

- 5. Attach one end of the inlet hose to the outlet fitting of the flow regulator. Attach the other end to the welding system shielding gas inlet. Tighten the union nuts with a wrench.
- 6. Before opening the cylinder valve, turn the regulator adjusting knob counterclockwise until the adjusting spring pressure is released.
- 7. Standing to one side, open the cylinder valve slowly a fraction of a turn. When the cylinder pressure gage stops moving, open the valve fully.
- 8. The flow regulator is adjustable. Adjust it to the flow rate recommended for the procedure and process being used before making a weld.

## LOADING SPOOLS OF WIRE

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- Keep hands, hair, clothing and tools away from rotating equipment.
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 Do not wear gloves when threading wire or changing wire spool.

 Only qualified personnel should install, use or service this equipment.

#### Loading 10 to 15 lb. (4.5 – 6.8kg) Spools.

A K468 spindle adapter is required for 8" (203.2mm) spools.

- 1. Squeeze the release bar on the retaining collar and remove it from the spindle.
- 2. Place the spindle adapter on the spindle, aligning the spindle brake pin with the hole in the adapter.
- 3. Place the spool on the spindle and align the adapter brake tab with one of the holes in the back side of the spool. An indicator mark on the end of the spindle shows the orientation of the brake tab. Be certain the wire feeds off of the spool in the proper direction.
- 4. Re-install the retaining collar. Make sure that the release bar snaps out and that the retaining collar fully engages the groove on the spindle.

#### Loading 16 to 44 lb. (7.3 – 20kg) Spools

- 1. Squeeze the release bar on the retaining collar and remove it from the spindle.
- 2. Place the spool on the spindle, aligning the spindle brake pin with one of the holes in the back side of the spool. An indicator mark on the end of the spindle shows the orientation of the brake holding pin. Be certain the wire feeds off of the spool in the proper direction.
- 3. Re-install the retaining collar. Make sure that the release bar snaps out and that the retaining collar fully engages the groove on the spindle

# PROCEDURE TO INSTALL DRIVE ROLLS AND WIRE GUIDES

# WARNING



• Turn the input power OFF at the welding power source before installation or changing drive rolls and/or guides.

- Do not touch electrically live parts.
- When inching with the gun trigger, electrode and drive mechanism are "hot" to work and ground and could remain energized several seconds after the gun trigger is released.
- Do not operate with covers, panels or guards removed or open.
- Only qualified personnel should perform maintenance work.
- 1. Turn power off at the welding power source.
- 2. Release the idle roll pressure arm.
- 3. Remove the outer wire guide by turning the knurled thumbscrews counter-clockwise to unscrew them from the feed plate.
- 4. Rotate the triangular lock and remove the drive rolls. (See Figure A.5)

#### FIGURE A.5



- 5. Remove the inner wire guide.
- 6. Insert the new inner wire guide, groove side out, over the two locating pins in the feed plate.
- 7. Install a drive roll on each hub assembly secure with the triangular lock.
- 8. Install the outer wire guide by aligning it with the pins and tightening the knurled thumbscrews.
- 9. Close the idle arm and engage the idle roll pressure arm. Adjust the pressure appropriately.

## **GUN USED**

The Magnum 350 PRO is the recommended gun for the POWER WAVE® C300 CE. Refer to the Magnum Pro's operators manual for installation instructions.

## FEEDING ELECTRODE AND BRAKE ADJUSTMENT

### **DRIVE ROLL PRESSURE SETTING**



ELECTRIC SHOCK can kill.

- Turn the input power OFF at the welding power source before installation or changing drive rolls and/or guides.
- Do not touch electrically live parts.
- When feeding with the gun trigger, unless "COLD FEED" trigger mode is selected, the electrode and drive mechanism are always "HOT" to work and ground and could remain "HOT" several seconds after the gun trigger is released.
- Do not operate with covers, panels or guards removed or open
- Only qualified personnel should perform maintenance work.

The POWER WAVE® C300 CE's optimum drive roll pressure varies with type of wire, surface condition, lubrication, and hardness. Too much pressure could cause birdnesting", but too little pressure could cause wire feed slippage with load and/or acceleration. The optimum drive roll setting can be determined as follows:

- 1. Turn the Reel or spool until the free end of the electrode is accessible.
- 2. While tightly holding the electrode, cut off the bent end and straighten the first 6" (150 mm). Cut off the first 1" (25 mm). (If the electrode is not properly straightened, it may not feed or may jam causing a "birdnest".)
- 3. Insert the free end through the incoming guide tube.
- 4. Press the Cold Inch key and push the electrode into the drive roll.
- 5. Feed the electrode through the gun.
- 6. Adjust the brake tension with the thumbscrew on the spindle hub, until the reel turns freely but with little or no overrun when wire feeding is stopped. Do not over tighten.

### PRESSURE ARM ADJUSTMENT

The pressure arm controls the amount of force the drive rolls exert on the wire. Proper adjustment of pressure arm gives the best welding performance.

Set the pressure arm as follows (See Figure A.6):

Aluminum wires	between 1 and 3
Cored wires	between 3 and 4
Steel, Stainless wires	between 4 and 6





## TIG WELDING

(Figure A.7)

When TIG (GTAW) welding with the Power Wave C300CE, a torch with an integral gas valve is required.

## **SMAW WELDING**

Most SMAW welding procedures use Electrode Positive welding. For these applications, connect the stick electrode holder to the positive (+) output stud and connect the work clamp to the negative (-) output stud.

Some SMAW welding procedures use Electrode Negative Polarity. For these applications, connect the stick electrode holder to the negative (-) output stud and connect the work clamp to the positive (+) output stud.

**FIGURE A.7** 



## SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

READ AND UNDERSTAND ENTIRE SECTION BEFORE OPERATING MACHINE.

# A WARNING



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- 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 part or electrode with skin or wet clothing.
- Insulate yourself from work and ground.
- Always wear dry insulating gloves.
- Do not operate with covers, panels or guards removed or open.



- FUMES AND GASSES 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.



• Wear eye, ear and body protection.

SEE ADDITIONAL WARNING INFORMATION UNDER ARC WELDING SAFETY PRECAUTIONS AND IN THE FRONT OF THIS OPERATING MAN-UAL. GRAPHIC SYMBOLS THAT APPEAR ON THIS MACHINE OR IN THIS MANUAL



### **POWER-UP SEQUENCE**

When the POWER WAVE® C300 CE is powered it can take as long as 30 seconds for the machine to be ready to weld. During this time period the user interface will not be active.

### DUTY CYCLE

The POWER WAVE® C300 CE is rated at 250 amps at 26.5 volts with a 100% duty cycle. It is further rated to provide 300 amps at 29 volts with a 40% duty cycle. The duty cycle is based on a ten-minute period. A 40% duty cycle represents 4 minutes of welding and 6 minutes of idling in a ten-minute period.

## **PRODUCT DESCRIPTION**

The POWER WAVE® C300 CE is a high performance multi-process machine with GMAW, FCAW, SMAW, DC TIG, and pulse capability. It will offer a premier welding performance solution for specific areas such as aluminum, stainless, nickel where size and weight are an issue.

#### The POWER WAVE® C300 CE will provide the following:

- Power 300A @ 40%, 250A @ 100%.
- Multi Input Voltage with no reconnect 200-600V, 50-60 Hz input.
- Three Phase Power.
- < 95% Power factor optimizes available electrical capacity.
- Environmentally Hardened IP23 rated for operating in difficult environments.
- Versatile Feeding Options FastMate Mig guns, Spool guns, and Push-pull guns.
- Ethernet connectivity allows access to the Power Wave utilities software tools.

# RECOMMENDED PROCESSES AND EQUIPMENT

### **RECOMMENDED PROCESSES**

The POWER WAVE® C300 CE is a high speed, multiprocess power source capable of regulating the current, voltage, or power of the welding arc. With an output range of 5 to 300 amperes, it supports a number of standard processes including synergic GMAW, GMAW-P, FCAW, FCAW-SS, SMAW, GTAW and GTAW-P on various materials especially steel, aluminum and stainless steel.

#### The following capabilities are supported:

- Push-pull (12-pin) connection Panther<sup>™</sup> and Cougar<sup>™</sup>.
- Spool gun connection (K2490-1 and K2519-1).
- Remote foot pedal (K870) or hand amptrol (K963-3) via a 12-pin connection.
- Standard MIG gun trigger connection, Integrated in Euro Connector.
- The Gun bushing with Euro Connector installed. Cannot be changed to other gun bushings.
- Watercooler, Integral CoolArc 50.
- Simple process to switch between different welding processes.

## **PROCESS LIMITATIONS**

The software based weld tables of the POWER WAVE® C300 CE limit the process capability within the output range and the safe limits of the machine. In general the processes will be limited to .025-.045 solid steel wire, .035-.045 stainless wire, .035-.052 cored wire, and .035 and 3/64 Aluminum wire. 1/16 Aluminum wire is not supported.

The following items will not be supported on this product, but may be supported by other product in the product portfolio:

- STT
- AC welding processes

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The POWER WAVE® C300 CE is not recommended for pipe thawing.

## **EQUIPMENT LIMITATIONS**

- Maximum gun length is 25 ft (7.6m) for push-only systems.
- Maximum gun length is 50 ft (15.2) for push-pull systems.
- Maximum spool size is 12 in (305 mm) diameter.
- Maximum spool weight is 44 lb (20 kg).
- The Fast Mate Adapter is integral to the machine and cannot be changed to other gun bushings
- Wire welding processes are limited to positive polarity only.
- · Does not operate on single phase power

# DESIGN FEATURES

#### Loaded with Standard Features

- Multiple process DC output range: 5 300 Amps.
- 208 575 VAC, 3 phase, 50-60Hz input power.
- New and Improved Line Voltage Compensation holds the output constant over wide input voltage fluctuations.
- Utilizes next generation microprocessor control, based on the ArcLink® platform.
- State of the art power electronics technology, yields superior welding capability.
- Electronic over current protection.
- Input over voltage protection.
- F.A.N. (fan as needed). Cooling fan runs when the output is energized 15 seconds following the strike of the welding arc and will continue to run 5 minutes following the end of the weld.
- Thermostatically protected for safety and reliability.
- Recessed connection panel for protection against accidental impact.
- Ethernet connectivity.
- Panel mounted Status and Thermal LED indicators facilitate quick and easy troubleshooting.
- Potted PC boards for enhanced ruggedness/reliability.
- Enclosure reinforced with heavy duty aluminum extrusions for mechanical toughness.
- Push-Pull ready for welding aluminum.
- Remote control/Foot amptrol ready.
- Waveform Control Technology<sup>™</sup> for good weld appearance and low spatter, even when welding nickel alloys.
- 8 memories for easily selecting procedures.
- Full sequence control for tailoring the weld from start to end.
- Patented MAXTRAC<sup>™</sup> 2 roll drive system.
- Patent pending drive rolls improve traction on solid wire by up to 20%.
- The precision machined, rigid aluminum alloy frame results in maximum drive roll clamping pressure.
- Patented split wire guides fully support the wire and virtually eliminate birdnesting.
- No tools required to change the drive rolls and wire guides.

- Patented dual spring pressure arms have sensitivity for feeding soft wires without crushing them, and have plenty of compression force for feeding solid or stiff wires.
- All gear driven rolls for more feeding force.
- Brass-to-brass connections between the electrode connection and the gun minimize voltage drop variations, resulting in consistent arc performance all day, every day.
- Powerful, quiet motor with integrated tachometer for accurate WFS regulation.

## **CASE FRONT CONTROLS**



All operator controls and adjustments are located on the case front of the Power Wave. (See Figure B.1)

- LEFT DISPLAY- Shows wire feed speed or amperage,
- 2. LEFT KNOB Adjusts value in left display.
- MAIN DISPLAY- Shows detailed welding and diagnostic information.
- 4. LEFT BUTTON- Changes the Main display to show the Weld Mode or UltimArc<sup>™</sup> Control or Memories.
- 5. ON/OFF SWITCH- Controls power to the Power Wave C300CE.
- **6. + OUTPUT STUD-** Connection for electrode positive.
- 7. OUTPUT STUD- Connection for electrode negative.
- 8. RIGHT DISPLAY- Shows voltage or trim.

- 9. RIGHT KNOB- Adjusts value in right display.
- **10. THERMAL LIGHT-** Indicates when machine has thermal fault.
- 11. SET-UP- Lights when machine is in set-up mode,
- **12. RIGHT BUTTON-** Changes the Main display to arc start, arc end and trigger options.
- **13. MAIN KNOB-** Changes the values on the Main display.
- **14. 12 PIN CONNECTOR-** Connection for push pull guns, remotes.



# **CASE BACK CONTROLS**



- **1. ETHERNET CONNECTOR**
- 2. POWER CORD
- 3. GAS CONNECTION
- 4. CIRCUIT BREAKER

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# OPERATION

# **INTERNAL CONTROLS**



**1. SPINDLE BRAKE** 

- 2. WIRE DRIVE PRESSURE ARM
- 3. COLD INCH / GAS PURGE SWITCH

## MAKING A WELD WITH WAVEFORM TECHNOLOGY POWER SOURCES

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#### MAKING A WELD

The serviceability of a product or structure utilizing the welding programs is and must be the sole responsibility of the builder/user. Many variables beyond the control of The Lincoln Electric Company affect the results obtained in applying these programs. These variables include, but are not limited to, welding procedure, plate chemistry and temperature, weldment design, fabrication methods and service requirements. The available range of a welding program may not be suitable for all applications, and the build/user is and must be solely responsible for welding program selection.

Choose the electrode material, electrode size, shielding gas, and process (GMAW, GMAW-P etc.) appropriate for the material to be welded.

Select the weld mode that best matches the desired welding process. The standard weld set shipped with the Power Wave C300 encompasses a wide range of common processes that will meet most needs. If a special weld mode is desired, contact the local Lincoln Electric sales representative.

All adjustments are made through the user interface. Because of the different configuration options your system may not have all of the following adjustments. Regardless of availability, all controls are described in the following section (See Figure B.4 Panel Controls Used)

#### **DEFINITION OF WELDING MODES**

#### NON-SYNERGIC WELDING MODES

• A Non-synergic welding mode requires all welding process variables to be set by the operator.

#### SYNERGIC WELDING MODES

 A Synergic welding mode offers the simplicity of single knob control. The machine will select the correct voltage and amperage based on the wire feed speed (WFS) set by the operator.

### **BASIC WELDING CONTROLS**

#### WELD MODE

Selecting a weld mode determines the output characteristics of the Power Wave power source. Weld modes are developed with a specific electrode material, electrode size, and shielding gas. For a more complete description of the weld modes programmed into the Power Wave at the factory, refer to the Weld Set Reference Guide supplied with the machine or available at www.powerwavesoftware.com.

#### WIRE FEED SPEED (WFS)

In synergic welding modes (synergic CV, GMAW-P), WFS is the dominant control parameter. The user adjusts WFS according to factors such as wire size, penetration requirements, heat input, etc. The Power Wave then uses the WFS setting to adjust the voltage and current according to settings contained in the Power Wave.

In non-synergic modes, the WFS control behaves like a conventional power source where WFS and voltage are independent adjustments. Therefore, to maintain proper arc characteristics, the operator must adjust the voltage to compensate for any changes made to the WFS.

#### AMPS

In constant current modes, this control adjusts the welding current.

#### VOLTS

In constant voltage modes, this control adjusts the welding voltage.

#### TRIM

In pulse synergic welding modes, the Trim setting adjusts the arc length. Trim is adjustable from 0.50 to 1.50. 1.00 is the nominal setting and is a good starting point for most conditions.

#### **ULTIMARC™ CONTROL**

UltimArc<sup>™</sup> Control allows the operator to vary the arc characteristics from "soft" to "crisp". UltimArc<sup>™</sup>Control is adjustable from –10.0 to +10.0 with a nominal setting of 0.0.



#### CASE FRONT CONTROLS USED



# **SMAW (STICK) WELDING**

SMAW is most often used for outdoor construction, pipe welding and general repairs. The POWER WAVE® C300 CE controls Amperage, Output Control and Arc Force during SMAW welding.

During SMAW welding the wire drive remains idle.



**CONTROL OPTIONS** 



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# NON-SYNERGIC GMAW AND FCAW WELDING

In non-synergic modes, the WFS control is similar to a conventional CV power source where WFS and voltage are independent adjustments. Therefore to maintain the arc characteristics, the operator must adjust the voltage to compensate for any changes made to the WFS.

UltimArc<sup>™</sup>Control, adjusts the apparent inductance of the wave shape. The UltimArc<sup>™</sup>Control adjustment is similar to the "pinch" function in that it is inversely proportional to inductance. Therefore, increasing UltimArc<sup>™</sup>Control greater than 0.0 results in a crisper arc (more spatter) while decreasing the UltimArc<sup>™</sup>Control to less than 0.0 provides a softer arc (less spatter).



## GMAW (MIG) SYNERGIC WELDING

In synergic welding modes, WFS is the dominant control parameter. For each wire feed speed, a corresponding voltage is programmed into the machine at the factory. The user adjusts WFS according to factors such as wire size, material thickness, penetration requirements, etc. The Power Wave then uses the WFS setting to select the appropriate voltage. The voltage selected will be a nominal voltage. The user can adjust the voltage higher or lower to compensate for material condition or individual preference.

UltimArc<sup>™</sup>Control, adjusts the apparent inductance of the wave shape. The UltimArc<sup>™</sup>Control adjustment is similar to the "pinch" function in that it is inversely proportional to inductance. Therefore, increasing UltimArc<sup>™</sup>Control greater than 0.0 results in a crisper arc (more spatter) while decreasing the UltimArc<sup>™</sup>Control to less than 0.0 provides a softer arc (less spatter).

°¢⊚ ▲ ⊚ 4.50 **Synergic CV** programs feature an ideal voltage best suited for most procedures. Use this voltage as a starting point and adjust if needed for personal preferences.

When the voltage knob is rotated, the display will show an upper or lower bar indicating if the voltage is above or below the ideal voltage.

- Preset voltage above ideal voltage. (upper bar displayed)
- Preset voltage at ideal voltage. (no bar displayed)
- Preset voltage below ideal voltage. (lower bar displayed)

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	AMPS AMPS	OUTPUT	OUTPUT ON	
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TIONS		Pr 0	reflow Time: To 10 Seconds	Adjusts the time that shielding gas flows after the trigger is pulled and prior to feeding.
WEL	D MODE	Ri	un-in WFS: )ff, 0.76 to 3.81 m/min	Run-In sets the wire feed speed from the time the trigger
ELECTRODE AND GAS	WIRE SIZE .08 .09 1.0	1.2		is pulled until an arc is estab-
Steel CO <sub>2</sub>	93 14 10	20 St	art Procedure	The Start Procedure controls
Steel Ar(Mix)	94 15 11	21		the WFS, Volts at a specified
Stainless Ar(MIX)	61 29 31	41		weld During the start time the
Aluminum 4043 Ar		71		machine will ramp up or down
Aluminum 5356 Ar	151	75		from the Start Procedure to the
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UltimArc <sup>™</sup> (	Control			
EFFECT / RANGE	DESCRIPTION		Spot Timer	Adjust the time welding will
(-10.0 to +10.0)	when short-arc welding		0 to 120.0 Seconds	continue even if the trigger is still pulled. This option has no effect in 4-Step Trigger Mode.
		c	Crater Procedure	Crater Procedure controls the WFS and Volts for a specified time at the end of the weld after the trigger is released. During the Crater time, the machine will ramp up or down from the Weld Procedure to the Crater Procedure.
		B	Burnback: 0 to 0.25 Seconds	The burnback time is the amount of time that the weld output continues after the wire stops feeding. It prevents the wire from sticking in the puddle and prepares the end of the wire for the next arc start.
		F	Postflow Time 0 to 10 Seconds	Adjusts the time that shielding gas flows after the welding output turns off.
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#### CONTROL OPTIONS

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## STEEL AND STAINLESS SYNERGIC GMAW-P (PULSED MIG) WELDING

When pulse welding, the power source primarily regulates the arc current, not the arc voltage. During a pulsing cycle, arc current is regulated from a low background level to a high peak level and then back down to the low background level. The average arc voltage increases and decreases as the average arc current is increased or decreased. The peak current, back ground current, rise time, fall time and pulse frequency all affect the average voltage. Since the average voltage for a given wire feed speed can only be determined when all the pulsing waveform parameters are known, a unitless value called "trim" is used for adjusting the arc length.

Trim adjusts the arc length and ranges from 0.50 to 1.50 with a nominal value of 1.00. Increasing the trim value increases the arc length. Decreasing the trim value decreases the arc length.

Pulse welding modes are synergic; using wire feed speed as the main control parameter. As the wire feed speed is adjusted, the power source adjusts the waveform parameters to maintain good welding characteristics. Trim is used as a secondary control to change the arc length for material conditions or individual preference. (See Figure B.5)



#### **ULTIMARC™CONTROL** (See Figure B.6)

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UltimArc<sup>™</sup>Control adjusts the focus or shape of the arc. UltimArc<sup>™</sup>Control is adjustable from -10.0 to +10.0 with a nominal setting of 0.0. Increasing the arc control increases the pulse frequency and background current while decreasing the peak current.

This results in a tight, stiff arc used for high speed sheet metal welding. Decreasing the arc control decreases the pulse frequency and background current while increasing the peak current. This results in a soft arc good for out of position welding.



The Power Wave utilizes adaptive control to compensate for changes in the electrical stick-out(distance from the contact tip to the work piece) while welding. The Power Wave waveforms are optimized for a 5/8" to 3/4" stick out depending on the wire type and wire feed speed.

The adaptive behavior supports a range of stick outs from approximately 1/2" to 1-1/4". At low or high wire feed speeds, the adaptive range may be less due to physical limitations of the welding process.

# STEEL AND STAINLESS GMAW-P (PULSED MIG) WELDING

**BASIC OPERATION** 



#### **CONTROL OPTIONS**

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1.0mm ArMix

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STEEL

Pulse

WELD MODE					
ELECTRODE AND GAS		WIRE SIZE			
		0.8	0.9	1.0	1.2
Steel(Crisp)	Ar(Mix)	95	16	12	22
Steel(Rapid Arc)	Ar(Mix)		17	13	18
Steel(Vert Up)	Ar(Mix)				23
Stainless	Ar/CO <sub>2</sub>	66			
Stainless	Ar/ CO <sub>2</sub>	62	30	32	42
Stainless	Ar/He/CO <sub>2</sub>	64			
Stainless(Vert Up)	Ar(Mix)				48

STA	RT OPTIONS
EFFECT	DESCRIPTION
Preflow Time 0 to 10 Seconds	Adjusts the time that shielding gas flows after the trigger is pulled and prior to feeding wire.
RUN-IN WFS: OFF, 0.76 to 3.81m/mm	Run-in sets the wire feed speed from the time the trigger is pulled until an arc is estab- lished.
Start Procedure	The Start Procedure controls the WFS, Trim at a specified time at the beginning of the weld. During the start time, the machine will ramp up or down from the Start Procedure to the preset Welding Procedure.

UltimArc™ Control			
EFFECT / RANGE	DESCRIPTION		
ARC FOCUS -10.0 (SOFT to 10.0 (STIFF)	Arc Focus adjusts the arc from a wide, soft arc good for out of position work to a narrow, stiff arc preferred for faster travel speeds. The pulse frequency is lower with a soft arc and higher with a stiff arc.		

END OPTIONS			
EFFECT	FUNCTION		
Spot Timer 0 to 120.0 Seconds	Adjust the time welding will continue even if the trigger is still pulled. This option has no effect in 4-Step Trigger Mode.		
Crater Procedure	Crater Procedure controls the WFS and Volts for a specified time at the end of the weld after the trigger is released. During the Crater time, the machine will ramp up or down from the Weld Procedure to the Crater Procedure.		
Burnback: 0 to 0.25 Seconds	The burnback time is the amount of time that the weld output continues after the wire stops feeding. It prevents the wire from sticking in the puddle and prepares the end of the wire for the next arc start.		
Postflow Time 0 to 10 Seconds	Adjusts the time that shielding gas flows after the welding out- put turns off.		

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# OPERATION

## **ALUMINUM SYNERGIC GMAW-P** (PULSED MIG)AND GMAW-PP (PULSE ON PULSE) WELDING

The POWER WAVE® C300 CE can produce top guality aluminum welds with excellent appearance, little spatter and good bead shape. Push-pull guns are available for consistent feeding when welding a long distance away from the wire feeder.

#### PULSE-ON-PULSE WELDING

The Power Wave system offers both traditional pulse and Pulse-on-Pulse<sup>™</sup>. Pulse-on-Pulse (GMAW-PP) is an exclusive waveform for aluminum welding. Use it to make welds with a "stacked dime" appearance, similar to GTAW welds.(See Figure B.7)

#### **FIGURE B.7**



The pulsing frequency is adjustable. Changing the frequency modulation (or arc control) of the waveform changes the ripple spacing. Faster travel speeds may be achieved by using higher values of frequency modulation. (See Figure B.8 and B.9p)





Frequency Modulation = -10 Wide weld and ripple spacing, slow travel speed.





Frequency Modulation = 10 Narrow weld and ripple spacing, fast travel speed.

## ALUMINUM GMAW-P AND GMAW-PP

#### **ALUMINUM PULSE WELDING**

Synergic GMAW-P (Pulsed MIG) welding is ideal for low spatter, out of position and reduced heat input applications. During pulse welding, the welding current continuously switches from a low level to a high level and then back again. Each pulse sends a small droplet of molten metal from the wire to the weld puddle.

Pulse welding controls the arc length with 'Trim' instead of voltage. When trim (arc length) is adjusted, the Power Wave automatically recalculates the voltage, current and time of each part of the pulse waveform for the best result. Trim adjusts the arc length and ranges from 0.50 to 1.50, with a nominal value of 1.00 for a 3/4" (19mm) electrode stick-out. Trim values greater than 1.00 increase the arc length, while values less than 1.00 decrease the arc length. (See Figure B.10)





Arc Length Short

Arc Length Medium

Arc Length Long



# **OPERATION**

# ALUMINUM GMAW-P (PULSED MIG) AND GMAW-PP (PULSE ON PULSE) WELDING

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#### **CONTROL OPTIONS**

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Aluminum

Pulse

1.2mm

Ar

WELD MODES			
	WIRE SIZE		
ELECTRODE AND GAS	1.0	1.2	
ALUMINUM 4043 Pulse Ar		72	
ALUMINUM 4043 Pulse -on-Pulse Ar		99	
ALUMINUM 5356 Ar	76	152	
ALUMINUM 5356 Pulse -on-Pulse Ar	101	102	

ST	ART OPTIONS
EFFECT	DESCRIPTION
Preflow Time 0 to 10 Seconds	Adjusts the time that shielding gas flows after the trigger is pulled and prior to feeding wire.
RUN-IN WFS:	
OFF, 0.76 to 3.81m/mm	Run-in sets the wire feed speed from the time the trigger is pulled until an arc is estab- lished.
Start Procedure	The Start Procedure controls the WFS. Trim at a specified time at the beginning of the weld. During the start time, the machine will ramp up or down from the Start Procedure to the preset Welding Procedure.

UltimArc™ Control			
EFFECT / RANGE	DESCRIPTION		
PULSE FREQUENCY: (Low)-10.0 to (High)+10.0	For Pulse modes, Arc Control changes the pulsing frequency. When the frequency changes, the Power Wave system auto- matically adjusts the back- ground current to maintain a similar heat input into the weld. Low frequencies give more con- trol over the puddle and high frequencies minimize spatter.		
PULSE-ON-PULSE FREQ.MODULATION (Low)-10.0 to (High)+10.0	For Pulse -On-Pulse modes, Arc controls changes the frequ- ency modulation. The freque- -ncy modulation controls the spacing of the ripples in the weld. Use low values for slow travel speeds and wide welds, and high values for fast travel speeds and narrower welds.		

END OPTIONS			
EFFECT	FUNCTION		
Spot Timer 0 to 120.0 Seconds	Adjust the time welding will continue even if the trigger is still pulled. This option has no effect in 4-Step Trigger Mode.		
Crater Procedure	Crater Procedure controls the WFS and Volts for a specified time at the end of the weld after the trigger is released. During the Crater time, the machine will ramp up or down from the Weld Procedure to the Crater Procedure.		
Burnback: 0 to 0.25 Seconds	The burnback time is the amount of time that the weld output continues after the wire stops feeding. It prevents the wire from sticking in the puddle and prepares the end of the wire for the next arc start.		
Postflow Time 0 to 10 Seconds	Adjusts the time that shielding gas flows after the welding out- put turns off.		

# GTAW (TIG) WELDING

The POWER WAVE® C300 CE is excellent for (Touch Start TIG) welding.

**BASIC OPERATION** 



#### **CONTROL OPTIONS**



## WELD MODE SEARCHING

The Weld Mode Search feature allows the selection of a welding mode based on certain criteria (wire size, process type, etc.).

#### **SEARCHING FOR A WELD MODE**

To search for a mode, turn the control knob until "Weld Mode Search" is displayed. This will appear in between the highest and the lowest weld mode numbers.

Once "Weld Mode Search" is displayed, pressing the right pushbutton labeled "Begin" will start the search process.

During the search process, pressing the right pushbutton typically acts as a "next" button and the left pushbutton typically acts as a "back" button.

Rotate the control knob then press the right pushbutton to select relevant welding details such as welding process, wire type, wire size, etc.

When the final selection is made, the C300<sup>TM</sup> will automatically change to the weld mode found by the Weld Mode Search process.

Earlier products may not have this feature. To activate this feature, a software update may be needed from www.powerwavesoftware.com
## SAVING A MEMORY:

To save the current machine settings to the selected memory, **press and hold the center knob for (2 seconds).** After two seconds, the alphanumeric displays will show "**Memory # Save Memory**" at which time the center knob should be released. After saving to a memory, a message will briefly appear indicating that the selected memory has been saved.

# 1. Press the Left Push Button until Memory 'M' LED is illuminated.



2. Rotate center knob to cycle to desired memory location.



3. Press and hold center knob for 2 seconds. The active procedure will be saved into the selected memory.



## **RECALLING A MEMORY**

To recall the selected memory, **press and hold center knob for (1 second)**. After recalling a memory, a message will briefly appear indicating that the selected memory has been recalled. The **Memory LED** will remain lit so that the user can quickly recall a different memory if needed.

1. Press the Left Push Button until Memory 'M' LED is illuminated.



2. Rotate center knob to cycle to desired memory location.



3. Press and hold center knob for 1 second. The selected memory is now active.



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### LIMITS

Limits allow the welder to adjust the welding procedure only within a defined range.

Each user memory may have a different set of limits. For example, memory 1 can be set to limit the WFS to 200 through 300 in/min, and memory 2 can be set to limit the WFS to 275 through 310 in/min, while memory 3 may not have any WFS limits.

Parameters are always constrained by machine limits. When memory limits are enabled, the parameter will flash whenever an attempt is made to exceed the memory limit value. The parameter will not flash if an attempt is made to exceed the machine limit.

The system machine limits are:

Parameter	Range	Units	
Wire Feed Speed	Weld mode and wire feeder dependent.	in/min	
Voltage	Weld mode dependent	Volts	
Trim	0.50 to 1.50		
UltimArc™Control	-10.0 to 10.0	Weld mode dependent	
Preflow	0.0 to 2.5	Seconds	
Start Time	0.0 to 10.0	Seconds	
Run-In WFS	Off, 50 to 150	in/min	
Crater Time	0.0 to 10.0	Seconds	
Burnback Time	0.00 to 0.25	Seconds	
Postflow Time	0.0 to 10.0	Seconds	

#### Limits may be set for:

- Wire Feed Speed/Amperage
- Voltage/Trim
- UltimArcTM Control

Weld modes cannot be selected through the Limits Setup menu, and must be chosen and saved to memory before entering the Limits Setup Menu. Press the Left Push Button until Memory 'M' LED is illuminated.



Rotate center knob to cycle to desired memory.



Press and hold center knob for 5 seconds. The Set Limits Menu will be active.



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1. Rotate center knob to select parameter to be set (WFS, Voltage, Trim).



2. Press the Left pushbutton to select the limit to be set (High, Nominal, Low). The selected value will blink.



 Once all limits have been set, press and hold for 1 second, release the center knob to accept. changes.



4. Press the left push button to confirm changes (or press the right push button to cancel).



### WELD MODE SEARCH

The Weld Mode search function allows for a particular mode to be selected based on the process, wire type and wire size.

1. Press the Left Push Button until Weld Mode LED is illuminated.



2. Press and hold the center knob for 1 second release center knob. The Weld Mode search menu will be active.



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### 3. Rotate center knob to cycle to desired process.



4. Press the right Push Button to select the process. If necessary, repeat steps 3 and 4 to select wire type, wire size, and final selection.



### 2-STEP 4-STEP- TRIGGER OPERATION

The **2-Step - 4-Step** switch changes the function of the gun trigger. **2-Step** trigger operation switches the welding output ON-OFF in direct response to the trigger. **4-Step** trigger operation provides 'trigger interlock' capability and gives the ability to control the amount of time spent in the arc start and arc crater steps.

Press the right push button on the case front to toggle between **2-Step** and **4-Step** operation.

The **2-Step**, **4-Step** trigger has no effect when welding with SMAW.



### 2-Step Trigger

**2-Step** trigger operation is the most common. When the gun trigger is pulled, the welding system (power source and wire feeder) cycles through the arc starting sequence and into the main welding parameters. The welding system will continue to weld as long as the gun trigger is activated. Once the trigger is released, the welding system cycles through the arc ending steps

#### 4-Step Trigger

**4-Step** trigger operation gives the welder additional control in the welding sequence. **4-Step** trigger allows the welder to choose the arc start, weld and arc end time. It may also be set-up to work as a trigger interlock.

For this sequence,

### PREFLOW:

Shielding gas begins to flow immediately when the gun trigger is pulled.

### **RUN-IN:**

After preflow time expires, the power source regulates to the welding output and wire is advanced towards the work piece at the Run-In WFS. If an arc is not established within 1.5 seconds, the wire feed speed will jump to the welding wire feed speed

### WELD:

The power source output and the wire feed speed continue at the weld settings for as long as the trigger is pulled.

**POSTFLOW:** As soon as the trigger is released, the power source output and the wire feed speed are turned OFF. Shielding gas continues until the post flow timer expires.



### FIGURE B.11

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EXAMPLE 2 - 2 STEP TRIGGER: Improved Arc Start and Arc End. Tailoring the arc start and arc end is a common method for reducing spatter and improving weld quality. This can be accomplished with the Start and Burnback functions set to a desired values and Crater set to OFF. (See Figure B.12)

#### For this sequence,

#### **PREFLOW:**

Shielding gas begins to flow immediately when the gun trigger is pulled.

#### **RUN-IN:**

After preflow time expires, the power source regulates to the start output and wire is advanced towards the work piece at the Run-In WFS. If an arc is not established within 1.5 seconds, the power source output and wire feed speed skips to the weld settings.

### **UPSLOPE:**

Once the wire touches the work and an arc is established, both the machine output and the wire feed speed ramp to the weld settings throughout the start time. The time period of ramping from the start settings to the weld settings is called UPSLOPE.

### WELD:

After upslope, the power source output and the wire feed speed continue at the weld settings.

#### **BURNBACK**:

As soon as the trigger is released, the wire feed speed is turned OFF and the machine output continues for the burnback time.

### **POSTFLOW:**

Next, the machine output is turned OFF and shielding gas continues until the post flow timer expires.



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**EXAMPLE 3 - 2 STEP TRIGGER:** Customized Arc Start, Crater and Arc End. Sometimes it is advantageous to set specific arc start, crater and arc ending parameters for the ideal weld. Many times when welding aluminum crater control is necessary to make a good weld. This is done by setting Start, Crater and Burnback functions to desired values. (See Figure B.13)

#### For this sequence,

#### **PREFLOW:**

Shielding gas begins to flow immediately when the gun trigger is pulled.

#### **RUN-IN:**

After preflow time expires, the power source regulates to the start output and wire is advanced towards the work piece at the Run-In WFS. If an arc is not established within 1.5 seconds, the power source output and wire feed speed skips to the weld settings.

#### START & UPSLOPE:

As soon as the trigger is pulled, this starts preflow. The Strike arc established, Start time, and Upslope parameters are used at the beginning of the weld sequence to establish a stable arc and provide a smooth transition to the weld settings.



After upslope, the power source output and the wire feed speed continue at the weld settings.

#### **CRATER & DOWNSLOPE:**

As soon as the trigger is released, the wire feed speed and power source output ramp to the crater settings throughout the crater time. The time period of ramping from the weld settings to the crater settings is called DOWNSLOPE.

#### **BURNBACK:**

After the crater time expires, the wire feed speed is turned OFF and the machine output continues for the burnback time.

#### **POSTFLOW:**

Next, the machine output is turned OFF and shielding gas continues until the post flow timer expires.



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#### FIGURE B.13

**EXAMPLE 4 – 4 STEP TRIGGER:** Trigger Interlock The 4 step trigger can be configured as a trigger interlock. Trigger interlock adds to the welder's comfort when making long welds by allowing the trigger to be released after an initial trigger pull. Welding stops when the trigger is pulled a second time and then released, or if the arc is interrupted. (See Figure B.14)

For this sequence,

### PREFLOW:

Shielding gas begins to flow immediately when the gun trigger is pulled.

#### **RUN-IN:**

After preflow time expires, the power source regulates to the welding output and wire is advanced towards the work piece at the Run-In WFS. If an arc is not established within 1.5 seconds, the wire feed speed will jump to the welding wire feed speed.

#### WELD:

The power source output and the wire feed speed continue at the weld settings. Welding continues when the trigger is pulled a second time.

### **POSTFLOW:**

As soon as the trigger is released for the second time, the power source output and the wire feed speed are turned OFF. Shielding gas flows until the post flow timer expires.



### FIGURE B.14

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**EXAMPLE 5 - 4 STEP TRIGGER:** Manual control of Start and Crater times with Burnback ON. The 4 step trigger sequence gives the most flexibility when the Start, Crater and Burnback functions are active. This is a popular choice when welding aluminum because extra heat may be needed during Start and less heat desired during crater. With 4 step trigger, the welder chooses the amount of time to weld at the Start, Weld and Crater settings by using the gun trigger. Burnback reduces the occurrence of wire to sticking into the weld pool at the end of a weld and conditions the end of the wire for the next arc start. (See Figure B.15)

#### In this sequence,

#### **PREFLOW:**

Shielding gas begins to flow immediately when the gun trigger is pulled.

#### **RUN-IN:**

After preflow time expires, the power source regulates to the start output and wire is advanced towards the work piece at the run-in WFS. If an arc is not established within 1.5 seconds, the power source output and wire feed speed skips to the weld settings.

### START:

The power source welds at the start WFS and voltage until the trigger is released.

### UPSLOPE:

During upslope, the power source output and the wire feed speed ramp to the weld settings throughout the start time. The time period of ramping from the start settings to the weld settings is called UPSLOPE.

### WELD:

After upslope, the power source output and the wire feed speed continue at the weld settings.

#### DOWNSLOPE:

As soon as the trigger is pulled, the wire feed speed and power source output ramp to the crater settings throughout the crater time. The time period of ramping from the weld settings to the crater settings is called DOWNSLOPE.

#### CRATER:

During CRATER, the power source continues to supply output at the crater WFS and voltage.

#### **BURNBACK:**

When the trigger is released, the wire feed speed is turned OFF and the machine output continues for the burnback time.

#### **POSTFLOW:**

Next, the machine output is turned OFF and shielding gas continues until the post flow timer expires.



FIGURE B.15

### COLD FEED/GAS PURGE SWITCH

Cold Feed and Gas Purge are combined into a single spring centered toggle switch.



To activate Cold Feeding, hold the switch in the **UP** position. The wire

drive will feed electrode but neither the power source nor the gas solenoid will be energized. Adjust the speed of cold feeding by rotating the WFS knob. Cold feeding, or "cold inching" the electrode is useful for threading the electrode through the gun.

Hold with toggle switch in the **DOWN** position to activate Gas Purge and let the shielding gas flow. The gas solenoid valve will energize but neither the power source output nor the drive motor will be turned on. The Gas Purge switch is useful for setting the proper flow rate of shielding gas. Flow meters should always be adjusted while the shielding gas is flowing.

### SETUP MENU FEATURES

The Setup Menu gives access to the Setup Configuration. Stored in the setup configuration are user parameters that generally only need to be set at installation. The parameters are grouped as shown in the following table.

PARAMETER	DEFINITION
P.1 through P.99	Unsecured Parameters (always adjustable)
P.101 through P.199	Diagnostic Parameters (always read only)
P.501 through P.599	Secured Parameters (only accessible through a p.c. or palm application)

### SET-UP FEATURES MENU

(See Figure B.16)

 To access the set-up menu, press the **Right** and Left buttons of the Main Display panel simultaneously. Note that the set-up menu cannot be accessed if the system is welding, or if there is a fault (The status LED is not solid green).

Change the value of the blinking parameter by rotating the **SET** knob.

- 2. After changing a parameter it is necessary to press the **Right** hand button to save the new setting. Pressing the **Left** button will cancel the change.
- 3. To exit the set-up menu at any time, press the **Right** and **Left** buttons of the Main Display panel simultaneously. Alternately, 1 minute of inactivity will also exit the set-up menu.

### FIGURE B.16 - SETUP MENU



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Parameter	Definition	
P.0	<b>Exit Setup Menu</b> This option is used to exit the setup menu. When P.0 is displayed, press the Left Button to exit the setup menu.	
P.1	Wire Feed Speed Units This option selects which units to use for displaying wire feed speed. English = inches/minute wire feed speed units (default). Metric = meters/minute wire feed speed units.	
P.2	Arc Display Mode This option selects what value will be shown on the upper left display while welding. Amps = The left display shows Amperage while welding (default). WFS = The left display shows Wire Feed Speed while welding.	
P.3	Display Options         This setup parameter was previously named "Display Energy"         If the previous software revision had this parameter set to display energy, that selection will remain.         This option selects the information displayed on the alphanumeric displayes while welding. Not all P.3 selections will be available on all machines. In order for each selection to be included in the list, the power source must support that feature. A software update of the power source may be needed to include the features.         Standard Display = The lower displays will continue to show preset information during and after a weld (default).         Show Energy = Energy is displayed, along with time in HH:MM:SS format.         Show Weld Score = The accumulative weld score result is shown.	
P.4	<b>Recall Memory with Trigger</b> This option allows a memory to be recalled by quickly pulling and releasing the gun trigger. To recall a memory, quickly pull and release the trigger the number of times that correspond to the memory number. For example, to recall memory 3, quickly pull and release the trigger 3 times. To recall memory 1, quickly pull and release the trigger the number of user memories plus 1. Memories cannot be recalled while the system is welding. Disabled = The gun trigger cannot be used to recall user memories (default). Enabled = The gun trigger can be used to recall user memories.	

Parameter	Definition	
P.5	<b>Procedure Change Method</b> Selects how remote procedure selection (A/B) will be made. The selected procedure can be changed locally at the user interface by pressing the 'A-Gun-B' button. The following methods can be used to remotely change the selected procedure:	
	<ul> <li>Use an external switch wired to the procedure select input.</li> <li>Quickly releasing and re-pulling the gun trigger.</li> <li>Using a dual-schedule gun which incorporates a procedure select switch in the trigger mechanism (pulling the trigger more than half way changes the procedure from A to B).</li> </ul>	
	The possible values for this parameter are:	
	<ul> <li>External Switch = Procedure selection may only be performed at the memory panel or an external switch (e.g. K683).</li> <li>Quick Trigger = The selected procedure can be changed remotely by releasing and re-pulling the trigger quickly while welding. This feature is disabled in 4-Step trigger mode. The external procedure switch is disabled. To operate: <ol> <li>Select "GUN" on the memory panel.</li> <li>Start the weld by pulling the gun trigger. The system will weld with procedure A settings.</li> <li>While welding, quickly release then pull the gun trigger once. The system will switch to procedure B settings. Repeat to switch back to procedure A settings. The procedure can be changed as many times as needed during the weld.</li> </ol> </li> <li>Release the trigger to stop welding. The system will automatically return to procedure A settings.</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Integral TrigProc = When using a Magnum DS dual-schedule gun (or similar) that incorporates a procedure switch in the gun trigger mechanism. While welding in 2-step, machine operation is identical to the "External Switch" selection. When welding in 4-step, additional logic prevents procedure A from being re-selected when the trigger is released at step 2 of the 4-step weld sequence. The machine will always operate in 2-step if a weld is made exclusively in procedure A, regardless of the 2/4 step switch position (this is intended to simplify tack welding when using a dual-schedule gun in 4-step).</li> </ul>	
P.6	<b>Stall Factor Adjustment</b> This option allows the adjustment of the stall factor in Push/Pull operation. The stall factor con- trols the stall torque of the push motor when using a push-pull gun. The wire feeder is factory- set to not stall unless there is a large resistance to feeding wire. The stall factor can be reduced to stall more easily and possibly prevent bird nesting. However, low stall factors can cause motor stalling during normal welding conditions, which results in the wire burning back to the tip or rapid tack welds. If you are experiencing bird nests, check for other feeding problems before adjusting the stall factor. The default value for the stall factor is 75, with a range of 5 to 100.	

## **USER DEFINED PARAMETERS**

Parameter	Definition	
P.7	<ul> <li>Gun Offset Adjustment</li> <li>This option adjusts the wire feed speed calibration of the pull motor of a push-pull gun. This should only be performed when other possible corrections do not solve any push-pull feeding problems. An rpm meter is required to perform the pull gun motor offset calibration. To perform the calibration procedure do the following: <ol> <li>Release the pressure arm on both the pull and push wire drives.</li> <li>Set the wire feed speed to 200 ipm.</li> <li>Remove wire from the pull wire drive.</li> <li>Hold an rpm meter to the drive roll in the pull gun.</li> <li>Pull the trigger on the push-pull gun.</li> <li>Measure the rpm of the pull motor. The rpm should be between 115 and 125 rpm. If necessary, decrease the calibration setting to slow the pull motor, or increase the calibration setting to speed up the motor.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>	
P.8	<ul> <li>TIG Gas Control</li> <li>This option allows control over which gas solenoid actuates while TIG welding.</li> <li>"Valve (manual)" = No MIG solenoid will actuate while TIG welding, gas flow is manually con trolled by an external valve.</li> <li>"Solenoid (auto) = This selection only applicable to PWC300. The MIG solenoid will turn on and off automatically while TIG welding.</li> <li>"Feeder Solenoid" = No applicable to PWC300. The internal (feeder) MIG solenoid will turn on and off automatically while TIG welding.</li> <li>"Pwr Src Solenoid" = Not applicable to PWC300. Any gas solenoid connected to the power source will turn on and off automatically while TIG welding.</li> <li>"Pwr Src Solenoid" = Not applicable to PWC300. Any gas solenoid connected to the power source will turn on and off automatically while TIG welding.</li> <li>Notes: Preflow is not available while TIG welding. Postflow is available - the same postflow time will be used in MIG and TIG. When machine output on/off is controlled via the upper right knob, gas flow will not start until the tungsten touches the work. Gas flow will continue when the arc is broken until the Postflow time expires. When machine output on/off is controlled via an arc start switch or foot Amptrol, gas will begin flowing when the output is turned on and will continue flowing until the output is turned off and the Postflow time expires.</li> </ul>	
P.9	<b>Crater Delay</b> This option is used to skip the Crater sequence when making short tack welds. If the trigger is released before the timer expires, Crater will be bypassed and the weld will end. If the trigger is released after the timer expires, the Crater sequence will function normally (if enabled).	
P.14	Reset Consumable Weight Use this option to reset the initial weight of the consumable package. Press the Right Button to reset the consumable weight. This option will only appear with systems using Production Monitoring.	

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## **USER DEFINED PARAMETERS**

Parameter	Definition	
P.16	<b>Push-Pull Gun Knob Behavior</b> This option determines how the potentiometer on the Push/Pull torch will behave. Gun Pot Enabled = The welding wire feed speed is always controlled by the potentiometer on the push- pull gun (default). The left front panel knob is only used to adjust Start and Crater wire feed speed. Gun Pot Disabled = The wire feed speed is always controlled by the left front panel knob. This setting is useful when the operator wishes to have wire feed speed settings recalled from memories and not have the potentiometer "overwrite" the setting. Gun Pot Proc A = When in procedure A, the welding wire feed speed is controlled by the potentiometer on the push-pull gun. When in procedure B, the welding wire feed speed is controlled by the left front panel knob. This setting allows a fixed wire feed speed to be selected in procedure.	
P.17	Remote Control Type This setup parameter was previously named "Spool/Push-Pull".	
	This option selects the type of analog remote control being used. Digital remote control devices (those with a digital display) are configured automatically. Not all P.17 selections will be available on all machines. When P.17 is used to configure the remote control to function in a specific process, the remote will be ignored in other processes. For example, if P.17 = TIG Amp Control, the remote control will only function when TIG welding - the remote will be ignored in other processes (MIG, stick and gouge).	
	Spool Gun = Use this setting while MIG welding with a spool gun that uses a potentiometer used for wire feed speed control (this setting is backward compatible with "P.17 Gun Selection" = Standard/Spool).	
	Push-Pull Gun = Use this setting wile MIG welding with a push-pull gun that uses a potentiome- ter for wire feed speed control (this setting is backward compatible with "P.17 Gun Selection" = PushPull).	
	TIG Amp Control = Use this setting while TIG welding with a foot or hand current control device (Amptrol). While TIG welding, the upper left knob on the User Interface sets the maximum current obtained when the TIG amp control is at its maximum setting.	
	Stick/Gouge Rem. = Use this setting while stick welding or gouging with a remote output control device. While stick welding, the upper left knob on the User Interface sets the maximum current obtained when the stick remote is at it's maximum setting. While gouging, the upper left knob is disabled and the gouging current is set on the remote control.	
	All Mode Remote = This setting allows the remote control to function in all weld modes which is how most machines with 6-pin and 7-pin remote control connections operate. This setting was provided so that customers with a mix of Lincoln Electric equipment can have consistent remote control behavior across all of their equipment. (N. American default)	
	Joystick MIG Gun = Use this setting while MIG welding with a push MIG gun with a joystick control. Stick, TIG and gouge welding currents are set at the User Interface. (European default)	
P.20	<b>Display Trim as Volts Options</b> This option determines how trim is displayed. False = The trim is displayed in the format defined in the weld set (default). True = All trim values are displayed as a voltage.	

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Parameter	Definition	
P.22	Arc Start/Loss Error Time	
	This option can be used to optionally shut off output if an arc is not established, or is lost for a specified amount of time. Error 269 will be displayed if the machine times out. If the value is set to OFF, machine output will not be turned off if an arc is not established nor will output be turned off if an arc is lost. The trigger can be used to hot feed the wire (default). If a value is set, the machine output will shut off if an arc is not established within the specified amount of time after the trigger is pulled or if the trigger remains pulled after an arc is lost. This is disabled while welding in Stick, TIG or Gouge. To prevent nuisance errors, set Arc Start/Loss Error Time to an appropriate value after considering all welding parameters (run-in wire feed speed, weld wire feed speed, electrical stick out, etc). To prevent subsequent changes to Arc Start/Loss Error Time, the setup menu should be locked out by setting Preference Lock = Yes using the Power Wave Manager software.	
P.80	Sense From Studs	
	Use this option for diagnostic purposes only. When power is cycled, this option is automatically reset to False.	
	False = Voltage sensing is automatically determined by the selected weld mode and other machine settings (default).	
	True = Voltage sensing is forced to "studs".	
P.81	Sense Leads Selection	
	<ul> <li>Used in place of DIP switches for configuration of the work and electrode sense leads. This option will only appear in the list if the power source has a hardware selection option. 67 pos polarity = An electrode sense lead is connected using positive polarity. This is used by most GMAW welding procedures.</li> <li>67 neg polarity = An electrode sense lead is connected using negative polarity. This is used by most GTAW welding procedures and some Innershield procedures.</li> <li>67 &amp; 21 = An electrode sense lead and work sense lead are connected.</li> <li>Hardware Config = The hardware determines the best remote sensing configuration. This is applicable to MIG welding procedures only.</li> </ul>	
P.82	Voltage Sense Display	
	Allows viewing of Voltage Sense Lead Selection to aid in troubleshooting. The configuration is displayed as a text string on the lower display whenever the output is enabled. This parameter is not saved on a power cycle, but will be reset to False.	
P.99	Show Test Modes?	
	Most power sources contain weld modes used for calibration and test purposes. By default, the machine does not include test weld modes in the list of weld modes that are available to the operator. To manually select a test weld mode, set this option to "Yes". When the power source is turned off and back on again, the test modes will no longer appear in the mode list. Test weld modes typically require the machine output to be connected to a grid load and cannot be used for welding.	
P.100	View Diagnostic?	
	Diagnostics are only used for servicing or troubleshooting the Power Wave system. Select "Yes" to access the diagnostic options in the menu. Additional parameters will now appear in the setup menu (P.101, P.102, etc).	

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Parameter	Definition	
P.102	View Fatal Logs Used for viewing all the system fatal logs. Press the Right Button to enter the option. Rotate Control Knob to select the desired fatal log to read. Press the Right Button again to enter that log. Rotating the Control Knob will scroll through the log, displaying the log index number and fatal code. Press the Left Button to back out to select another log. Press the Left Button again to exit this option.	
P.103	View Software Version Information Used for viewing the software versions for each board in the system. Press the Right Button to enter the option. Rotate Control Knob to select the desired board to read. Press the Right Button again to read the firmware version. Press the Left Button to back out to select another board. Rotate the Control Knob to select another board, or press the Left Button to exit this option.	
P.104	View Hardware Version Information Used for viewing the hardware version for each board in the system. Press the Right Button to enter the option. Rotate Control Knob to select the desired board to read. Press the Right Button again to read the hardware version. Press the Left Button to back out to select another board. Press the Left Button again to exit this option.	
P.105	View Welding Software Information Used for viewing the Weld Set in the Power Source. Press the Right Button to read the Weld Set version. Press the Left Button to back out and exit this option.	
P.106	View Ethernet IP Address Used for viewing the IP address of Ethernet compatible equipment. Press the Right Button to read the IP Address. Press the Left Button to back out and exit this option. The IP address can- not be changed using this option.	
P.107	View Power Source Protocol Used for viewing the type of power source the feeder is connected to. Press the Right Button to identify the power source as either LincNet or ArcLink. Press the Left Button to back out and exit this	
P.501	<b>Encoder Lockout</b> Locks one or both of the upper knobs (encoders), preventing the operator from changing wire feed speed, amps, volts or trim. The function of each upper knob depends on the selected weld mode. When a constant current weld mode is selected (e.g. Stick, TIG, Gouge), the upper right knob will always function as an on/off switch. This parameter can only be accessed using PowerWave	
P.502	Memory Change Lockout Determines if the memories can be overwritten with new contents. No = Memories can be saved and limits can be configured (default). Yes = Memories cannot be changed - saving is prohibited and limits cannot be re-configured. This parameter can only be accessed using Power Wave Manager software.	

Parameter	Definition	
P.503	<b>Memory Button Disable</b> Disables the specified memory button(s). When a memory is disabled, welding procedures can- not be restored from or saved to that memory. If an attempt is made to save or restore a dis- abled memory, a message will be displayed on the lower display indicating the memory number is disabled. In multi-head systems, this parameter disables the same memory buttons on both feed heads. This parameter can only be accessed using Power Wave Manager software.	
P.504	<ul> <li>Mode Select Panel Lock</li> <li>Selects between several Mode Select Panel lockout preferences. When a Mode Select Panel selection is locked and an attempt is made to change that parameter, a message will be displayed on the lower display indicating the parameter is locked.</li> <li>All MSP Options Unlocked = All adjustable parameters on the Mode Select Panel are unlocked.</li> <li>All MSP Options Locked = All knobs and buttons on the Mode Select Panel are locked.</li> <li>Start and End Options Locked = The Start and End parameters on the Mode Select Panel are locked, all others are unlocked.</li> <li>Weld Mode Option Locked = The weld mode cannot be changed from the Mode Select Panel, all others Mode Select Panel settings are unlocked.</li> <li>Wave Control Options Locked = The Wave Control parameters on the Mode Select Panel are locked, all others are unlocked.</li> <li>Start, End, Wave Options Locked = The Start, End and Wave Control parameters on the Mode Select Panel are locked, all others are unlocked.</li> <li>Start, End, Mode Options Locked = The Start, End and Wave Control parameters on the Mode Select Panel are locked, all others are unlocked.</li> <li>Start, End, Mode Options Locked = The Start, End and Weld Mode Select parameters on the Mode Select Panel are locked, all others are unlocked.</li> <li>This parameter can only be accessed using Power Wave Manager software.</li> </ul>	
P.505	Setup Menu Lock Determines if the setup parameters can be modified by the operator without entering a pass- code. No = The operator can change any set menu parameter without first entering the passcode even if the passcode is non-zero (default). Yes = The operator must enter the passcode (if the passcode is non-zero) in order to change any setup menu parameters. This parameter can only be accessed using Power Wave Manager software.	
P.506	<b>Set User Interface Passcode</b> Prevents unauthorized changes to the equipment. The default passcode is zero which allows full access. A nonzero passcode will prevent unauthorized: changes to memory limits, saving to memory (if P.502 = Yes), changes to setup parameters (if P.505 = Yes). This parameter can only be accessed using Power Wave Manager software.	
P.509	<b>UI Master Lockout</b> Locks all user interface controls, preventing the operator from making any changes. This para- meter can only be accessed using Power Wave Manager software.	

Parameter	Definition	
P.507	<b>UI Clear All Memories</b> Allows the operator to quickly set all memories to the default weld mode and welding parame- ters. Presently, this option does not exist in any setup menu.	
P.509	<b>UI Master Lockout</b> Locks all user interface controls, preventing the operator from making any changes. This para- meter can only be accessed using Power Wave Manager.	

## **OPTIONS / ACCESSORIES**

### **K857 REMOTE OUTPUT CONTROL**

Portable current control provides the same dial range as the current control on the welder. Consists of a 6-pin Amphenol connector which plugs into the remote control Amphenol. 25 foot cable length.



### TIG OPTIONS

Lincoln Electric offers a full line of **TIG Torches**. Contact your local Lincoln Electric sales office for more information.



### K870 FOOT AMPTROL\*

Depress pedal to increase current. Depressing pedal fully achieves maximum set current. Fully raising the pedal finishes the weld and starts the Afterflow cycle.

### K963-3 HAND AMPTROL\*

Provides 25 ft (7.6m) of remote current control for TIG welding. (6-pin plug connection).



K814 ARC START SWITCH (25FT., 7.6m)\*

### **CUT LENGTH CONSUMABLES**

TIG welding filler metals are available for welding stainless steel, mild steel, aluminum and copper alloys.



\* Requires K2909-112 pin - 6 pin Remote Adapter Cable

## WIRE FEEDER OPTIONS

### K2490-1 MAGNUM® 250LX SPOOL GUN

Air-Cooled, 25 ft. 280 amps,60% duty cycle Feeds .025"-3/64" (0.6-1.2mm) diameter aluminum wire on 2lbs. (0.9kg.) spool.



The Magnum 250LX spool gun is a professional grade solution for feeding small spools of aluminum and steel wire.

### **K2519-1 CONTROL CABLE EXTENSION**

Extend your spool gun reach with a 25 ft. (7.5 m) control cable extension. Features a 7-pin female MS-type connector on the spool gun end and a 7-pin male MS-type connector on the power source end.



### **PUSH PULL GUNS**

Lincoln Electric offers both the **Cougar™** pistol grip and **Panther™** gooseneck style push-pull guns for feeding aluminum wire. Both **Air** and **Water** cooled versions are available. Contact your local Lincoln Electric sales office for more information.

### K1738-1 SPOOL GUN HOLDER

K2378-1 CANVAS COVER

### K2734-1 POWER WAVE® C300 CE CART

### WELD FUME EXTRACTORS

Lincoln Electric's® WELD FUME EXTRACTORS are portable, low vacuum/high volume self-cleaning filtration system designed for heavy duty extraction and filtration of welding fumes. Easily wheeled around the shop-wide central systems servicing many welding stations.



## SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

### 🔒 WARNING

ELECTRIC SHOCK can kill.

- Do not operate with covers removed.
  - Turn off power source before installing or servicing.
  - Do not touch electrically hot parts.
- Turn the input power to the welding power source off at the fuse box before working in the terminal strip.
- Only qualified personnel should install, use or service this equipment.

### **ROUTINE MAINTENANCE**

Routine maintenance consists of periodically blowing out the machine, using a low-pressure air stream, to remove accumulated dust and dirt from the intake and outlet louvers, and the cooling channels in the machine.

### PERIODIC MAINTENANCE

Calibration of the POWER WAVE® C300 CE is critical to its operation. Generally speaking the calibration will not need adjustment. However, neglected or improperly calibrated machines may not yield satisfactory weld performance. To ensure optimal performance, the calibration of output Voltage and Current should be checked yearly.

### CALIBRATION SPECIFICATION

Output Voltage and Current are calibrated at the factory. Generally the machine calibration will not need adjustment. However, if the weld performance changes, or the yearly calibration check reveals a problem, use the calibration section of the **Diagnostics Utility** to make the appropriate adjustments.

The calibration procedure itself requires the use of a grid, and certified actual meters for voltage and current. The accuracy of the calibration will be directly affected by the accuracy of the measuring equipment you use. The **Diagnostics Utility** includes detailed instructions, and is available on the **Service Navigator CD** or at **www.powerwavesoftware.com**.



# HOW TO USE TROUBLESHOOTING GUIDE

### A 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 (SYMP-TOMS)". 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.

## 🛦 WARNING



ELECTRIC SHOCK can kill.

- Turn the input power OFF at the welding power source before installation or changing drive rolls and/or guides.
- Do not touch electrically live parts.
- When inching with the gun trigger, electrode and drive mechanism are "hot" to work and ground and could remain energized several seconds after the gun trigger is released.
- Welding power source must be connected to system ground per the National Electrical Code or any applicable local codes.
- Only qualified personnel should perform maintenance work.

Observe all additional Safety Guidelines detailed throughout this manual.

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## USING THE STATUS LED TO TROUBLESHOOT SYSTEM PROBLEMS

Not all of the **Power Wave C300 CE** errors will be displayed on the user interface. There are three status lights that contain error sequences that may not show up on the user interface. If a problem occurs it is important to note the condition of the status lights. **Therefore, prior to cycling power to the system, check the power source status light for error sequences as noted below.** 

There are two status lights located above the wire drive in the wire feeder compartment. One of the status lights is for the main control board ( labeled "status", and one for the wire drive module. The third status light is internal and is located on the input control board. There is an audible beeper associated with this input control board's status light. So the error codes on the input board can be detected through either the status light or the status beeper.

Included in this section is information about the Status Lights and some basic troubleshooting charts for both machine and weld performance.

The status lights on the main control board and the wire drive module are dual-color LED's. Normal operation for each is steady green. Where as the status light on the input control board is one color. Normal operation is for the status light to be off ( and the buzzer to be off).

Error conditions are indicated in the following Table E.1.

Light	Meaning		
Condition	Main control board status light and Wiredrive Status Light	Input control board	
Steady Green	System OK. Power source is operational, and is communicating normally with all healthy peripheral equipment connected to its ArcLink network.	Not applicable.	
Blinking Green	Occurs during power up or a system reset, and indicates the POWER WAVE® C300 CE is mapping (identifying) each component in the sys- tem. Normal for first 1-10 seconds after power is turned on, or if the system configuration is changed during operation.	Not applicable.	
Fast Blinking Green	Indicates Auto-mapping has failed	Not applicable.	
Alternating Green and Red	Non-recoverable system fault. If the Status lights are flashing any com- bination of red and green, errors are present. <b>Read the error code(s)</b> <b>before the machine is turned off.</b>	Not applicable.	
	<b>Error Code interpretation</b> 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.		
	Error codes can also be retrieved with the <b>Diagnostics Utility</b> (includ- ed on the <b>Service Navigator</b> CD or available at <b>www.power- wavesoftware.com</b> ). This is the preferred method, since it can access historical information contained in the error logs.		
	To clear the active error(s), turn power source off, and back on to reset.		
Steady Red	Not applicable.	Not applicable.	
Blinking Red	Not applicable.	Error Code interpretation - Individual code digits are flashed in red with a long pause between digits. These error codes are three digit codes that all start with a number three.	
Status LED off	Not applicable.	System OK	

### TABLE E.1

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Observe all Safety Guidelines detailed throughout this manual

### ERROR CODES FOR THE POWER WAVE®

The following is a partial list of possible error codes for the POWER WAVE® C300 CE. For a complete listing consult the Service Manual for this machine.

	MAIN CONTROL BOARD ( "STATUS" LIGHT)		
	Error Code #	Indication	
36	Thermal error	Indicates over temperature. Usually accompanied by Thermal LED. Check fan operation. Be sure process does not exceed duty cycle limit of the machine	
54	Secondary (Output) over current error	The long term average secondary (weld) current limit has been exceeded. <b>NOTE:</b> The long term average secondary current limit is 325 amps.	
56	Chopper communication error	Indicates communication link between main control board and chopper has errors. If cycling the input power on the machine does not clear the error, contact the Service Department.	
58	Primary Fault error	Review error code from input board status light or status beeper. Most likely caused by an over power condition which caused an under voltage on the primary bus. If cycling the input power on the machine does not clear the error, contact the Service Department.	
Other		Error codes that contain three or four digits are defined as fatal errors. These codes generally indicate internal errors on the Power Source Control Board. If cycling the input power on the machine does not clear the error, contact the Service Department.	
	WI	RE DRIVE MODULE	
81	Motor Overload	Long term average motor current limit has been exceeded. Typically indicates mechanical overload of system. If problem con- tinues consider higher torque gear ratio (lower speed range).	
82	Motor Overcurrent	Absolute maximum motor current level has been exceeded. This is a short term average to protect drive circuitry.	

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INPUT CONTROL BOARD			
	Error Code #	Indication	
331	Peak input current limit	Input current limit has been exceeded. Typically indicates short term power overload. If problem persists contact Service Department.	
333	Under-voltage lockout	+15 VDC supply on Input control board too low. Verify input voltage is within the acceptable range. If problem persists contact service department.	
336	Thermal Fault	Thermostat on primary module tripped. Typically caused by bottom fan not working.	
337	Pre-charge timeout	Problem with start-up sequence. If problem persists contact Service Department.	
346	Transformer primary over current	Transformer current too high. Typically indicates short term power overload. If problem persists contact service department.	
Othe	r	Contact the Service Department.	

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PROBLEMS (SYMPTOMS)	POSSIBLE CAUSE	RECOMMENDED COURSE OF ACTION	
	Basic Machine Problems		
Input fuses keep blowing	1. Improperly sized input fuses.	<ol> <li>Make sure fuses are properly sized. See installation section of this manual for recommended sizes.</li> </ol>	
	<ol> <li>Improper Weld Procedure requir- ing output levels in excess of machine rating.</li> </ol>	2. Reduce output current, duty cycle, or both.	
	<ol> <li>Major physical or electrical dam- age is evident when the covers are removed.</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>Contact your local authorized Lincoln Electric Field Service facility for technical assistance.</li> </ol>	
Machine will not power up (no lights)	1. No Input Power	<ol> <li>Make sure input supply discon- nect has been turned ON. Check input fuses. Make certain that the Power Switch (SW1) on the power source is in the "ON" posi- tion.</li> </ol>	
	2. Input voltage is too low or too high.	2. Make certain that input voltage is correct, according to the Rating Plate located on the rear of the machine.	
Machine won't weld, can't get any output.	1. Input voltage is too low or too high.	<ol> <li>Make certain that input voltage is correct, according to the Rating Plate located on the rear of the machine.</li> </ol>	
This problem will normally be	2. Thermal Error.	2. See "Thermal LED is ON" sec- tion.	
accompanied by an error code. See "Status Light" section of this docu- ment for additional information.	<ol> <li>Secondary current limit has been exceeded. (see error 54)</li> <li>Input control board fault (see input control board error status).</li> </ol>	3. Possible short in output circuit. If condition persists, contact an authorized Lincoln Electric Field Service facility.	

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PROBLEMS (SYMPTOMS)	POSSIBLE CAUSE	RECOMMENDED COURSE OF ACTION
E	Basic Machine Problems (Continue	d)
Thermal LED is ON	1. Improper fan operation.	1. Check for proper fan operation. Fan should run in a low speed setting when the machine is idle and in a high speed when the output is triggered. Check for material blocking intake or exhaust louvers, or for excessive dirt clogging cooling channels in machine.
	2. Open thermostat circuit.	2. Check for broken wires, open connections or faulty thermostats in the thermostat circuit.
"Real Time Clock" no longer func- tioning	1. Control PC Board Battery.	1. Replace the battery (Type: BS2032)
	Weld and Arc Quality Problems	
General degradation of weld perfor- mance	1. Wire feed problem.	<ol> <li>Check for feeding problems. Make sure proper gear ratio has been selected.</li> </ol>
	2. Cabling problems.	2. Check for bad connections, excessive loops in cable, etc.
		<b>NOTE:</b> The presence of heat in the external welding circuit indicates poor connections or undersized cables.
	3. Loss of, or improper Shielding Gas.	<ol> <li>Verify gas flow and type are cor- rect.</li> </ol>
	<ol> <li>Verify weld mode is correct for process.</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>Select the correct weld mode for the application.</li> </ol>
	5. Machine calibration.	5. The power source may require calibration. (current, voltage, WFS).
	6. Wire feed problem.	<ol> <li>Check for feeding problems. Make sure proper gear ratio has been selected.</li> </ol>

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PROBLEMS (SYMPTOMS)	POSSIBLE CAUSE	RECOMMENDED COURSE OF ACTION
Weld Wire burns back to tip at the end of the weld.	d and Arc Quality Problems (Contin 1. Burnback Time	ued) 1. Reduce burnback time and/or work point.
Machine output shuts down during a weld.	<ol> <li>Secondary current limit has been exceeded, and the machine shuts down to protect itself.</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>Adjust procedure or reduce load to lower current draw from the machine.</li> </ol>
	2. System Fault	<ol> <li>A non-recoverable fault will inter- rupt welding. This condition will also result in a status light blink- ing. See the Status Light section for more information.</li> </ol>
Machine won't produce full output.	<ol> <li>Input voltage may be too low, lim- iting output capability of the power source.</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>Make certain that the input voltage is proper, according to the Rating Plate located on the rear of the machine.</li> </ol>
	2. Machine calibration.	<ol> <li>Calibrate secondary current and voltage.</li> </ol>
Excessively long and erratic arc.	1. Wire feed problem.	<ol> <li>Check for feeding problems. Make sure proper gear ratio has been selected.</li> </ol>
	2. Loss of, or improper Shielding Gas	<ol> <li>Verify gas flow and type are cor- rect</li> </ol>
	3. Machine calibration.	<ol> <li>Calibrate secondary current and voltage.</li> </ol>

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PROBLEMS (SYMPTOMS)	POSSIBLE CAUSE	RECOMMENDED COURSE OF ACTION
	Ethernet	
Cannot Connect	1. Physical connection.	<ol> <li>Verify that the correct patch cable or cross over cable is being used (refer to local IT department for assistance).</li> </ol>
		<ol> <li>Verify the cables are fully insert- ed into the bulk head connector.</li> </ol>
		1b. The LED under the PC board ethernet connector will be lit when the machine is connected to another network device.
	2. IP address information.	<ol> <li>Use the appropriate PC utility to verify the correct IP address infor- mation has been entered.</li> </ol>
		2a. Verify no duplicate the IP addresses exist on the network.
	3. Ethernet Speed	<ol> <li>Verify that the network device connected to the Power Wave is either a 10-baseT device or a 10/100-baseT device.</li> </ol>
Connection Drops while welding	1. Cable Location	<ol> <li>Verify Network cable is not locat- ed next to current carrying con- ductors. This would include input power cables and welding output cables.</li> </ol>

# **A** CAUTION









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WARNING	<ul> <li>Do not touch electrically live parts or electrode with skin or wet clothing.</li> <li>Insulate yourself from work and ground.</li> </ul>	• Keep flammable materials away.	• Wear eye, ear and body protection.
AVISO DE PRECAUCION	<ul> <li>No toque las partes o los electrodos bajo carga con la piel o ropa moja- da.</li> <li>Aislese del trabajo y de la tierra.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Mantenga el material combustible fuera del área de trabajo.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Protéjase los ojos, los oídos y el cuerpo.</li> </ul>
French ATTENTION	<ul> <li>Ne laissez ni la peau ni des vête- ments mouillés entrer en contact avec des pièces sous tension.</li> <li>Isolez-vous du travail et de la terre.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Gardez à l'écart de tout matériel inflammable.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Protégez vos yeux, vos oreilles et votre corps.</li> </ul>
German WARNUNG	<ul> <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>	Entfernen Sie brennbarres Material!	<ul> <li>Tragen Sie Augen-, Ohren- und Kör- perschutz!</li> </ul>
Portuguese ATENÇÃO	<ul> <li>Não toque partes elétricas e electrodos com a pele ou roupa molhada.</li> <li>Isole-se da peça e terra.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Mantenha inflamáveis bem guarda- dos.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Use proteção para a vista, ouvido e corpo.</li> </ul>
注意事項	<ul> <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> <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>	● 目、耳及び身体に保護具をして下 さい。
Chinese 营工	<ul> <li>●皮肤或濕衣物切勿接觸帶電部件及 銲條。</li> <li>●使你自己與地面和工件絶縁。</li> </ul>	●把一切易燃物品移離工作場所。	●保戴眼、耳及身體勞動保護用具。
Korean 위 험	<ul> <li>● 전도체나 용접봉을 젖은 헝겁 또는 피부로 절대 접촉치 마십시요.</li> <li>● 모재와 접지를 접촉치 마십시요.</li> </ul>	●인화성 물질을 접근 시키지 마시요.	●눈, 귀와 몸에 보호장구를 착용하십시요.
Arabic تحذیر	لا تلمس الاجزاء التي يسري فيها التيار الكهرباني أو الالكترود بجلد الجسم أو بالملابس المبللة بالماء. ضع عاز لا على جسمك خلال العمل.	<ul> <li>ضع المواد القابلة للاشتعال في مكان بعيد.</li> </ul>	<ul> <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 HER-Stellers. Die Unfallverhütungsvorschriften des Arbeitgebers sind ebenfalls zu beachten.

	No.		
<ul> <li>Keep your head out of fumes.</li> <li>Use ventilation or exhaust to remove fumes from breathing zone.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Turn power off before servicing.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Do not operate with panel open or guards off.</li> </ul>	WARNING
<ul> <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> <li>Desconectar el cable de ali- mentación de poder de la máquina antes de iniciar cualquier servicio.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>No operar con panel abierto o guardas quitadas.</li> </ul>	AVISO DE PRECAUCION
<ul> <li>Gardez la tête à l'écart des fumées.</li> <li>Utilisez un ventilateur ou un aspira- teur pour ôter les fumées des zones de travail.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Débranchez le courant avant l'entre- tien.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>N'opérez pas avec les panneaux ouverts ou avec les dispositifs de protection enlevés.</li> </ul>	French ATTENTION
<ul> <li>Vermeiden Sie das Einatmen von Schweibrauch!</li> <li>Sorgen Sie für gute Be- und Entlüftung des Arbeitsplatzes!</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Strom vor Wartungsarbeiten abschalten! (Netzstrom völlig öff- nen; Maschine anhalten!)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Anlage nie ohne Schutzgehäuse oder Innenschutzverkleidung in Betrieb setzen!</li> </ul>	German WARNUNG
<ul> <li>Mantenha seu rosto da fumaça.</li> <li>Use ventilação e exhaustão para remover fumo da zona respiratória.</li> </ul>	<ul> <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> <li>Mantenha-se afastado das partes moventes.</li> <li>Não opere com os paineis abertos ou guardas removidas.</li> </ul>	Portuguese ATENÇÃO
<ul> <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>	● 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 必ず切って下さい。	● パネルやカバーを取り外したまま で機械操作をしないで下さい。	注意事項
●頭部遠離煙霧。 ●在呼吸區使用通風或排風器除煙。	● 維修前切斷電源。	●儀表板打開或沒有安全罩時不準作 業。	Chinese 警告
<ul> <li>얼굴로부터 용접가스를 멀리하십시요.</li> <li>호홉지역으로부터 용접가스를 제거하기 위해 가스제거기나 통풍기를 사용하십시요.</li> </ul>	● 보수전에 전원을 차단하십시요.	● 판넬이 열린 상태로 작동치 마십시요.	Korean 위 험
<ul> <li>ابعد رأسك بعيداً عن الدخان.</li> <li>استعمل التهوية أو جهاز ضغط الدخان للخارج</li> <li>لكي تبعد الدخان عن المنطقة التي تتنفس فيها.</li> </ul>	اقطع التيار الكهربائي قبل القيام بأية صيانة.	<ul> <li>لا تشغل هذا الجهاز اذا كانت الاغطية الحديدية الواقية ليست عليه.</li> </ul>	Arabic

# LEIA E COMPREENDA AS INSTRUÇÕES DO FABRICANTE PARA ESTE EQUIPAMENTO E AS PARTES DE USO, E SIGA AS PRÁTICAS DE SEGURANÇA DO EMPREGADOR.

使う機械や溶材のメーカーの指示書をよく読み、まず理解して下さい。そして貴社の安全規定に従って下さい。

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