



# AC/DC TIG INVERTER WELDER 415V MANUAL

AC-DC B 20X





# Thank you for choosing a Bossweld X-Series 320X AC/DC TIG Welder 415V

In this manual you will find instructions on how to set up your welder along with general welding information, safety information and helpful tips. We encourage you to go online to our website for more tips and troubleshooting as well as many welding resources.

The Bossweld X-Series 320X AC/DC TIG Welder 415V is the latest in IGBT inverter welder technology, this precise power source delivers a smooth output in AC and DC Lift TIG, HF TIG, MMA/Stick settings, providing the user adjustments via the full digital control. A perfect choice for the astute tradesman, or serious welding hobbyist wanting to tackle Aluminium TIG welding.

We truly hope you enjoy using your welder!





# TIG

- Gives a better weld finish
- Accurate heat control
- · Considered the most challenging process to learn
- · Good way to weld thin material
- Argon gas is required

#### **METAL TYPES**

Mild steel, stainless steel & aluminium



# STICK

- Easiest process to learn
- Best choice for quick repairs
- Slower than MIG welding
- · Forgiving in dirty/rusty environments
- · Not recommended for thin sheet metal welding

#### **METAL TYPES**

Mild steel, stainless steel & cast iron

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#### WARRANTY

This warranty is in addition to the statutory warranty provided under Australian Consumer Law, but does not include damage resulting from transport, misuse, neglect or if the product has been tampered with. The product must be maintained as per this manual, and installed and used according to these instructions on an appropriate power supply. The product must be used in accordance with industry standards and acceptable practice.

This warranty covers the materials used to manufacture the machine and the workmanship used to produce the item. This Warranty does not cover damage caused by:

- 1. Normal wear and tear due to usage
- 2. Misuse /abuse or Neglect of the item
- 3. Transport / handling breakages
- 4. Lack of maintenance, care and cleaning
- 5. Environmental factors, such as usage in temperatures exceeding 40 degrees, above 1000mt sea level, rain, water, excessive damp, cold or humid conditions.
- 6. Improper setup or installation
- 7. Use on Incorrect voltage or non authorised electrical connections and plugs
- 8. Use of non standard parts
- 9. Repair, case opening, tampering with, modifications to any part of the item by non authorised BOSSWELD repairers.

This warranty covers the machine only and does not include Torches, Leads, Earth Clamps, Electrode holders, Plasma Torches, Tig Torches and any of the parts on those items unless there is a manufacturing fault.

#### 1. REGISTRATION

Purchasers are encouraged to register for warranty on our website. www.bossweld.com.au/warranty

#### 2. TIME PERIOD - 3 Years

A warranty claim must be made within 3 years from the date of purchase of this product. Any claim must include proof of purchase.

#### 3. HOW TO MAKE A CLAIM - NEED SOME HELP?

- Visit our website www.bossweld.com.au/troubleshooting for many helpful tips and guides to assist with the setup and usage of your new machine. Still stuck....?
- Call the BOSSWELD Helpdesk on 1300 899 710 for over the phone assistance.
- If the machine is not operational then return the item to the place of purchase.

BOSSWELD MAKES NO OTHER WARRANTY, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED. THIS WARRANTY IS EXCLUSIVE AND IN LIEU OF ALL OTHERS, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO ANY WARRANTY OF MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR ANY PARTICULAR PURPOSE.



#### DO NOT GRIND YOUR PLUG

This will void any warranty on your machine

# **BOSSWELD AC/DC 320X Inverter TIG Welder Box Contents**

- 1. Bossweld X-Series 320X AC/DC TIG Welder 415V
- 2. 4m 26 Series TIG Torch
- 3. 3 metre Electrode Holder Lead 600 Amp
- 4. 3 metre Earth Clamp
- 5. Gas Hose Quick Disconnect
- 6. Flow Nitrogen Dual Stage Regulator
- 7. Owners Manual (not shown)

















The device and packaging material are not toys! Children must not be allowed to play with the machine and its accessories. Plastic parts and packaging are choking risks for children.

- · Open the packaging and remove the welder carefully.
- · Check that the delivery is complete.
- If possible, store the packaging until the warranty period has expired.

# PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE)



#### **GLOVES AND PROTECTIVE CLOTHING**

Use protective gloves and fire resistant protective clothing when welding. Avoid exposing skin to ultraviolet rays produced by the arc.



#### WELDING HELMET

Under no circumstances should the welder be operated unless the operator is wearing a welding helmet to protect the eyes and face. There is serious risk of eye damage if a helmet is not used. The sparks and metal projectiles can cause serious damage to the eyes and face. The light radiation produced by the arc can cause damage to eyesight, and burns to skin. Never remove the welding helmet whilst welding.



#### SAFETY GLASSES

After welding use appropriate safety glasses when brushing, chipping or grinding the slag from the weld.



#### OTHER PERSONS

Ensure that other persons are screened from the welding arc and are at least 15 metres away from the work piece. Always ensure that the welding arc is screened from onlookers, or people just passing by. Use screens if necessary, or non-reflecting welding curtain. Do not let children or animals have access to the welding equipment or to the work area.



#### **SWITCHING OFF**

When the operator has finished welding they must switch the welder off. DO NOT put the electrode holder down with the welder switched ON. When leaving the welder unattended, move the ON/OFF switch to the OFF position and disconnect the welder from the electrical mains supply. Do not leave hot material unattended after welding.



#### **FUMES &GASES ARE DANGEROUS**

Smoke and gas generated whilst welding or cutting can be harmful to people's health. Welding produces fumes and gases. Breathing these fumes and gases can be hazardous to your health.

- Do not breathe the smoke and gas generated whilst welding or cutting, keep your head out of the fumes
- Keep the working area well ventilated, use fume extraction or ventilation to remove welding fumes and gases.
- In confined or heavy fume environments always wear an approved air-supplied respirator.
   Welding fumes and gases can displace air and lower the oxygen level causing injury or death. Be sure the breathing air is safe.
- Do not weld in locations near de-greasing, cleaning, or spraying operations.

  The heat and rays of the arc can react with vapours to form highly toxic and irritating gases.
- Materials such as galvanized, lead, or cadmium plated steel, containing elements that can give off toxic fumes when welded. Do not weld these materials unless the area is very well ventilated, and or wearing an air supplied respirator.



Keep the welding cables, earth clamp and electrode holder in good condition. Failure to do this can result in poor welding quality, which could be dangerous in structural situations.

Prior to use, check for breakage of parts and any other conditions that may affect operation of the welder. Any part of the welder that is damaged should be carefully checked to determine whether it will perform its intended function whilst being safe for the operator. Any part that is damaged should be properly repaired, or replaced by an authorised service centre.

#### **IMPROPER USE**

It is hazardous to use the welding machine for any work other than that for which it was designed e.g. do not use welder for thawing pipes.

## **HANDLING**

Ensure the handle is correctly fitted. As welding machines can be heavy, always use safe lifting practices when lifting.

#### **POSITION AND HANDLING**

To reduce risk of the machine being unstable / danger of overturning, position the welding machine on a horizontal surface that is able to support the machine weight. Operators MUST NOT BE ALLOWED to weld in raised positions unless safety platforms are used.



#### WARNING

The user of this welder is responsible for their own safety and the safety of others. It is important to read, understand and respect the contents of this user guide. When using this welder, basic safety precautions, including those in the following sections must be followed to reduce the risk of fire, electric shock and personal injury. Ensure that you have read and understood all of these instructions before using this welder. Persons who are not familiar with this user guide should not use this welder. Keep this booklet in a safe place for future reference.

#### **TRAINING**

The operator should be properly trained to use the welding machine safely and should be informed about the risks relating to arc welding procedures. This user guide does not attempt to cover welding technique. Training should be sought from qualified / experienced personnel on this aspect, especially for any welds requiring a high level of integrity for safety.

#### **SERIOUS FIRE RISK**

The welding process produces sparks, droplets of fused metal, metal projectiles and fumes.

This constitutes a serious fire risk. Ensure that the area in which welding will be undertaken is clear of all inflammable materials. It is also advisable to have a fire extinguisher, and a welding blanket on hand to protect work surfaces.





Ensure a clear, well lit work area with unrestricted movement for the operator.



The work area should be well ventilated, as welding emits fumes which can be dangerous.



Always maintain easy access to the ON/OFF switch of the welder, and the electrical mains supply.



Do not expose the welder to rain and do not operate in damp or wet locations

Where welding must be undertaken in environments with increased risk of electric shock, confined spaces or in the presence of flammable or explosive materials, it is important that the environment be evaluated in advance by an "expert supervisor". It is also recommended that welding in these circumstances be carried out in the presence of persons trained to intervene in emergencies.

#### AVOID ELECTRICAL CONTACT

Use adequate electrical insulation with regard to the electrode, the work piece and any accessible earthed metal parts in the vicinity. Avoid direct contact with the welding circuit. The no load voltage between the earth clamp and the electrode can be dangerous under certain circumstances.

Note: For additional protection from electric shock. It is recommended that this welder be used in conjunction with a residual current device (RCD) with rated residual current of 30MA or less.

In general the use of extension leads should be avoided. If used however, ensure that the extension lead is used with the welder is of a suitable current rating and heavy duty in nature that MUST have an earth connection. If using the welder outdoors, ensure that the extension lead is suitable for outdoor use. Always keep extension leads away from the welding zone, moisture and any hot materials.

#### **WELDING SURFACES**

Do not weld containers or pipes that hold, or have held, flammable liquids or combustible gases or pressure. Do not weld on coated, painted or varnished surfaces as the coatings may ignite, or can give off dangerous fumes.

#### **WORK PIECE**

When welding, the work piece will remain at high temperature for a relatively long period. The operator must not touch the weld or the work piece unless wearing welding gloves. Always use pliers or tongs. Never touch the welded material with bare hands until it has completely cooled.

#### **VOLTAGE BETWEEN ELECTRODE HOLDERS OR TORCHES**

Working with more than one welding machine on a single work piece, or on work pieces that are connected, may generate a dangerous accumulation of no-load voltage between two different electrode holders or torches, the value of which may reach double the allowed limit.



#### WARNING

Before starting any cleaning, or maintenance procedures on the welding machine, make sure that it is switched OFF and disconnected from the mains supply.

There are no user serviceable parts inside the welder. Refer to a qualified service personnel if any internal maintenance is required. After use, wipe the welder down with a clean soft dry cloth.

Regular inspection of the supply cord is required and if damaged is suspected, it must be immediately replaced by the manufacturer, its service agent or similarly qualified persons in order to avoid a hazard

#### STORAGE/ TRANSPORT

Store the welder and accessories out of children's reach in a dry place. If possible store the welder in the original packaging. The appliance must unconditionally be secured against falling or rolling over during transport.



#### DISPOSING OF THE PACKAGING

Recycling packaging reduces the need for landfill and raw materials. Reuse of the recycled material decreases pollution in the environment. Please recycle packaging where facilities exist. Check with your local council authority for recycling advice.

#### **DISPOSING OF THE WELDER**

Welders that are no longer usable should not be disposed of with household waste but in an environmentally friendly way. Please recycle where facilities exist. Check with your local council authority for recycling advice.



#### **ATTENTION! - CHECK FOR GAS LEAKS**

At initial set up and at regular intervals we recommend to check for gas leakage Recommended procedure is as follows:

- 1. Connect the regulator and gas hose assembly and tighten all connectors and clamps.
- 2. Slowly open the cylinder valve.
- 3. Set the flow rate on the regulator to approximately 10-15 l/min.
- 4. Close the cylinder valve and pay attention to the needle indicator of the contents pressure gauge on the regulator, if the needle drops away towards zero there is a gas leak. Sometimes a gas leak can be slow and to identify it will require leaving the gas pressure in the regulator and line for an extended time period. In this situation it is recommended to open the cylinder valve, set the flow rate to 8-10 l/min, close the cylinder valve and check after a minimum of 15 minutes. Ensuring adequate ventilation for small spaces.
- 5. If there is a gas loss then check all connectors and clamps for leakage by brushing or spraying with soapy water, bubbles will appear at the leakage point.
- 6. Tighten clamps or fittings to eliminate gas leakage.

**IMPORTANT!** - We strongly recommend that you check for gas leakage prior to operation of your machine. We recommend that you close the cylinder valve when the machine is not in use. BOSSWELD, authorised representatives or agents of BOSSWELD will not be liable or responsible for the loss of any gas.

# **FRONT PANEL**

- 1. Control Panel
- 2. Gas Output Connector
- 3. Negative Output Connection
- 4. Control Socket
- 5. Positive Output Connection

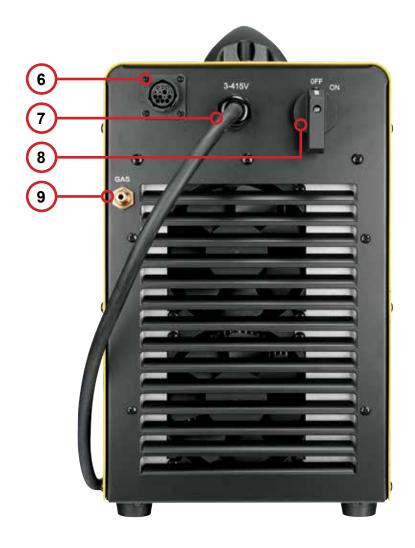


# **REAR PANEL**

- 6. Water Box Connector
- 7. Input Power Cable
- 8. Power Switch
- 9. Gas Inlet Connector



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- A Indicator: illuminate when Amps is displayed on left LCD panel Job Indicator
- 2. Welding Current and Other Parameter Display
- 3. S Indicator: illuminate when Seconds is displayed on left LCD panel % Indicator: illuminate when Percentage is displayed on left LCD panel Hz Indicator: illuminate when Hertz is displayed on left LCD panel
- 4. Welding Voltage Display
- 5. Power Indicator: illuminate when power is turned on Low Water Indicator: illuminate when low water in water cooler machine Alarm Indicator: illuminate when over-voltage, over-current, over-heat, when the problems listed before occurred and the output current will be cut off.
- 6. Weld Mode Selection: TIG (High Frequency), Lift TIG and MMA
- 7. Wave Mode Selection: Square, Sine, Triangle and DC
- 8. Cooling Mode Selection: Gas and Water
- 9. Trigger Selection: 2T and 4T
- 10. MMA Selection: Hot Start, Welding Current and Arc Force
- 11. Multi-Function Control Knob
  - A. Press down to toggle through the menu
  - B. Turn clockwise to increase the value (or anti-clockwise to decrease the value) of the selected function
- 12. TIG Parameter: Weld cycle explanation on page 18-19

#### **DUTY CYCLE**

#### Special note:

If this welders duty cycle is exceeded the welder will enter "thermal overload" which will automatically stop the welding output in order to protect, both the user and the welder. You will know the welder has gone into thermal overload when the overload error indicator light is illuminated.

The welder will then cool itself down, and once the overload error indicator light is no longer illuminated, welding can then re-commence.

Please note. Exceeding the machine's duty cycle, cannot be considered grounds for warranty or return.

The term duty cycle indicates the percentage welding time available at the output current for each 10 min period over 4 hours.

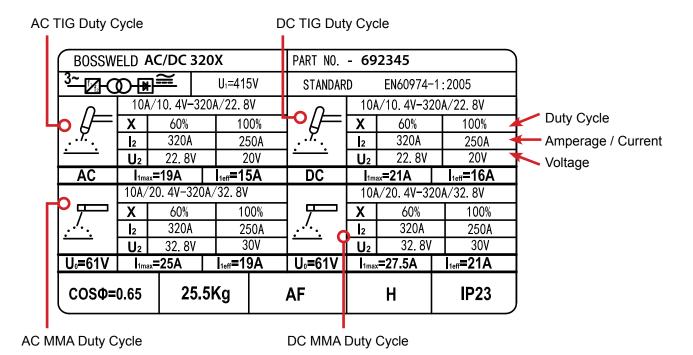
The specification plate on the machine list three given ratings at a given current and voltage.

NOTE: Amps refer to the Current setting - TIG DC setting duty cycle shown

60% 100% 320-Amps 250-Amps 22.8 Volts 20 Volts

For example this means when the machine is set at a current of 170 Amps in TIG-AC it can only weld for Two an a half minutes in a Ten minute period. The power source is protected by a built in temperature protection device, This will activate if the machine is operated in excess of its amperage and duty cycle rating.





#### MACHINE SET UP STICK/MMA AC / DC

# Note: The below image shows setup for DCEP / Negative Polarity (Most Common application)





Plug the machine 415V 3 phase input power plug into the wall socket, ensuring that the power switch on the machine is in the OFF position.

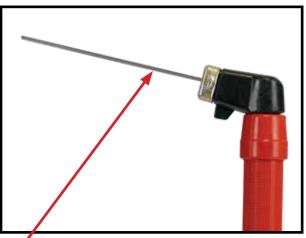


Connect earth clamp firmly to work-piece ensuring that the clamp makes good contact with bare metal.



Assemble Arc and Earth leads into the welding terminals depending on requirements of electrodes. Refer to your electrode packet for polarity and current requirements.

DCEP: Electrode connected to Positive (+) output socket. DCEN: Electrode connected to Negative (-) output socket.



Take electrode holder and insert bare metal rod end of electrode and twist red handle to clamp electrode.

Note: Pictures may vary from your machine model

# **MACHINE SET UP STICK/MMA - CONTINUED**



Ensure the electrode / electrode holder is not near the work-piece or can earth out, turn the machine on using the mains power switch. The front displays will light up and the cooling fan will start.



6 Select Stick / MMA on WELD MODE and select AC or DC on WAVE MODE

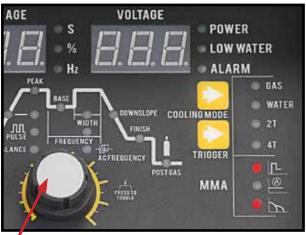
**MMA (DC)**: Choosing the connection of DCEN or DCEP according to the different electrodes. Please refer to the electrode manual.

MMA (AC): No requirements for polarity connection.



Select your required amperage by turning the Multi-Function Control knob

Note: Pictures may vary from your machine model



Press 1 time on the Control knob for Hot Start. This control provides extra power when the weld starts to counteract the high resistance of the electrode and workpiece as the arc is started.

Press 2 times on the Control knob for **Arc Force**. This control boosts the welding power if its senses the welding voltage is getting too low. The higher the arc force adjustment, the higher the minimum voltage that the power source will allow. This effect will also cause the welding current to increase.

	Function	Setting
[]	Hot Start	0 ~ 10
P	Arc Force	0 ~ 10

Average Metal Thickness	Electrode Size
1.0 - 2.0mm	2.0mm
2.0 - 5.0mm	2.6mm
5.0 - 8mm	3.2mm
8.0mm +	4.0mm
Amperage Selection Guide	
Rod Size/ Gauge	Welding Current
Rod Size/ Gauge 1.6mm	
	Welding Current
1.6mm	Welding Current 40-50 Amps
1.6mm 2.0mm	Welding Current 40-50 Amps 50-75 Amps

Please see table on page 15 as a guide to Welding Parameters.

#### Note

It is advisable to run a few test welds using scrap or offcut materials, in order to tune the machine to the correct settings prior to welding the job.

# **MANUAL METAL ARC PROCESS (MMA WELDING)**

When an arc is struck between the metal rod (electrode) and the workpiece, both the rod and workpiece surface melt to form a weld pool. Simultaneous melting of the flux coating on the rod will form gas and slag which protects the weld pool from the surrounding atmosphere. The slag will solidify and cool and must be chipped off the weld bead once the weld run is complete (or before the next weld pass is deposited). The process allows only short lengths of weld to be produced before a new electrode needs to be inserted in the holder. Weld penetration is low and the quality of the weld deposit is highly dependent on the skill of the welder.

#### **TYPES OF ELECTRODES**

Arc stability, depth of penetration, metal deposition rate and positional capability are greatly influenced by the chemical composition of the flux coating on the electrode. There are many types of Electrodes, and these are generally matched to the base metal. For example if welding Mild Steel then select a Mild Steel (General Purpose Electrode). Electrodes are identified by a universal numbering system (AWS Type code).

Base Metal	Electrode Type	Туре
Mild Steel	Mild Steel General Purpose	6013
Stainless Steel	Stainless Steel 316L	316L
Dissimilar Metals	Dissimilar 680	312
Cast Iron	Nickel Arc 98	Ni99
High Strength Steel	Low Hydrogen	TC16

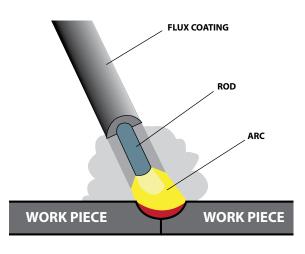
Electrodes are often packed in sealed packaging to keep moisture out. However, if a pack has been opened or damaged, it is essential that the electrodes are redried according to the manufacturer's instructions.

#### **ARC FORCE**

Also called Dig and Arc Control. Gives a power source variable additional amperage during low voltage (short arc length) conditions while welding. Helps avoid "sticking" stick electrodes when a short arc length is used.

#### **POWER SOURCE**

Electrodes can be operated with AC and DC power supplies. Not all DC electrodes can be operated on AC power sources; however AC electrodes may be used on either AC or DC



#### **ELECTRODE SIZE SELECTION**

Electrode size selection will be determined by the thickness of the section being welded. A thicker section will need a larger diameter electrode. The table below shows the maximum size of electrodes for average thicknesses of section (based on General Purpose 6013 Electrode).

Average Metal Thickness	Electrode Size
1.0 - 2.0mm	2.0mm
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5.0 - 8mm	3.2mm
8.0mm +	4.0mm

#### WELDING CURRENT

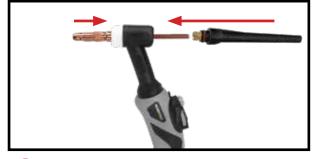
Welding current level is determined by the size of electrode - the normal operating range and current are recommended by manufacturers. Typical operating ranges for a selection of electrode sizes are illustrated in the table. As a rule of thumb when selecting a suitable current level, an electrode will require about 40 Amps per millimetre (diameter). Therefore, the preferred current level for a 4mm diameter electrode would be 160 Amps, but the acceptable operating range is 140 to 180 Amps. It is important to match the machine to the job

Amperage Selection Guide		
Rod Size/ Gauge	Welding Current	
1.6mm	40-50 Amps	
2.0mm	50-75 Amps	
2.5mm	75-105 Amps	
3.2mm	105-140 Amps	
4.0mm	140-160 Amps	

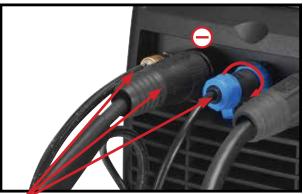




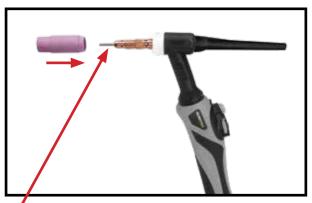
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Set up the TIG torch. Ensure collect body, collet with back cap are screw in firmly.



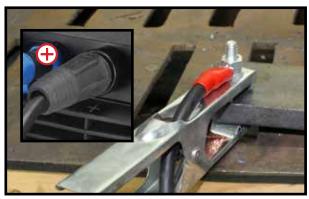
Install the TIG Torch to the machine by connecting the Dinse Connector to the Negative Output Connection Socket, the Gas hose to the Gas Output and the TIG Torch Control Socket and screw the nut up firmly.



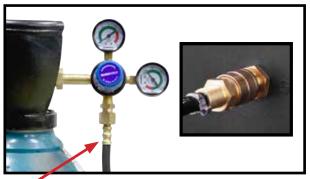
Place the Tungsten Electrode into the torch head then screw in alumina cap.

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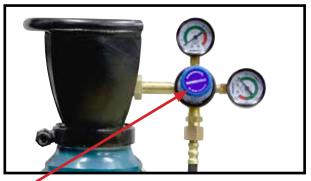
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Fit the Earth lead Dinse Plug to the positive terminal for gas welding and then connect earth clamp to the work piece ensuring that the clamp makes good contact with bare metal.



Fit gas regulator to the gas bottle and install gas hose to the gas inlet on the back panel of welder.

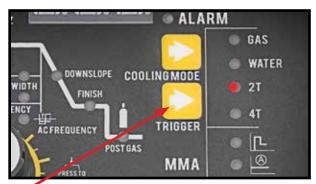


Turn on regulator and set gas flow to between 10-15 L/min depending on your welding environment.

**IMPORTANT!** - We strongly recommend that you check for gas leakage prior to operation of your machine. We recommend that you close the cylinder valve when the machine is not in use. BOSSWELD authorised representatives or agents of BOSSWELD will not be liable or responsible for the loss of any gas.



Switch the machine <u>ON</u> using the mains power switch. Wait a few seconds whilst the machine powers up.



Press **TRIGGER** button to select 2T or 4T mode.

**2T Mode.** Press the gun/torch trigger to weld and release to stop. **4T Mode.** Press and release the gun/torch trigger to start, weld without holding the trigger on and stop by pressing and releasing the trigger again.



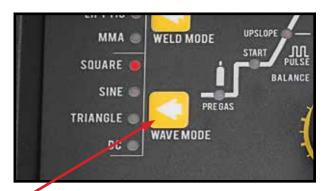
Press **WELD MODE** button to select TIG (HF) or Lift TIG.

<u>TIG HF</u> (high frequency ignition) allows the operator to position the tungsten electrode near the job, and simply press the torch trigger to start the arc.

TIG Lift is a method of starting the arc when TIG welding that enables the operator to touch the tungsten to the work piece, lift it off the work piece, and then have full welding current begin flowing.

Ref HF Arc Start and Lift Arc Start Guide on page 20

#### **MACHINE SET UP TIG WELD - CONTINUED**





Press **WAVE MODE** button to select AC Square, AC Sine, AC Triangle or DC



AC <del>}</del>





Direct current TIG (DC) welding is when the current flows in one direction only. Compared with AC (Alternating Current) TIG welding the current once flowing will not go to zero until welding has ended.

DC is used for TIG welding Mild Steel/Stainless material and AC would be used for welding Aluminium.

Ref AC / DC Welding Guide on page 21-22



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# For DC Welding

Select your requireed amperage by turning the Multi-Function Control knob.

Ref AC / DC Welding Guide on page 21-22



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#### For AC Welding

Select your requireed amperage by turning the Multi-Function Control knob.

Press the knob to cycle the <u>AC Balance</u>; this control allows the operator to adjust the balance between the penetration (EN) and cleaning action (EP) portions of the cycle.

It produces a greater cleaning action to remove heavy oxidation and minimizes penetration, which may help prevent burnthrough on thin materials. Reducing the EN cycle, however, decreases tungsten electrode life and increases balling action because more heat is being directed into the electrode. This creates a large ball at the end of the tungsten and causes the arc to lose stability, making it hard to direct the arc weld puddle.

Press the knob to cycle the <u>AC Frequency</u>; it controls the width of the arc cone. Increasing the AC frequency provides a more focused arc with increased directional control. Decreasing the AC frequency softens the arc and broadens the weld puddle for a wider weld band.

Ref AC / DC Welding Guide on page 21-22

Function	Setting
AC Balance	-5 ~ <b>5</b>
~f AC Frequency	50 ~ 250Hz





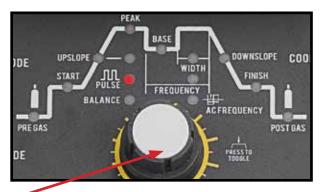
For NO Pulse Welding

To adjust functions, press the knob to cycle the function selection and rotate the knob for setting then press the knob again for confirmation.

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Ref Pulse TIG Welding Guide on page 23

Function	Setting	
1 Pre Gas	0.0s ~ 2.0s	Selection for gas flow time prior to the arc starting
2 Start Current	10A ~ 320A	Selection for the amount of amps required at the start of the weld (only with 4T)
3 Up Slope	0.0s ~ 10.0s	Selection for the transition time from Start Amperage to Peak Amperage
Peak Current	10A ~ 320A	Selection for the Maximum Welding Amperage required during welding
5 <b>Pulse</b> Weld	On or off	Selection for Pulse or No Pulse
6 Base Current	10A ~ 320A	Selection for the Base Welding Amperage required during welding
7 Down Slope	0s ~ 10s	Selection for the transition time from Peak Amperage to Finish Amperage
Finish 8 Post Current	10A ~ 320A	Selection for the amount of amps required at the end of the weld (only with 4T)
9 Post Flow	0s ~ 10s	Selection for gas flow time after the arc finishes



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# For Pulse Welding

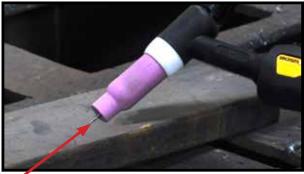
Pulse TIG welding is most commonly used to weld thin sections of stainless steel, non-ferrous metals such as aluminum, magnesium and copper alloys. It is comparatively more complex in functions.

To adjust functions, press the knob to cycle the function selection and rotate the knob for setting then press the knob again for confirmation.

Ref Pulse TIG Welding Guide on page 23

	Function	Setting	
1	Pre Gas	0.0s ~ 2.0s	Selection for gas flow time prior to the arc starting
2	Start Current	10A ~ 320A	Selection for the amount of amps required at the start of the weld (only with 4T)
3	Up Slope	0.0s ~ 10.0s	Selection for the transition time from Start Amperage to Peak Amperage
4	Peak Current	10A ~ 320A	Selection for the Maximum Welding Amperage required during welding
5	Pulse Weld	On or off	Selection for Pulse or No Pulse
6	Base Current	10A ~ 320A	Selection for the Base Welding Amperage required during welding
9	Pulse Frequency	0.5Hz ~ 999Hz	Selection for the frequency with which the welding amperage goes from peak amperage to a basic current in a second
10	Width Duty Cycle	5% ~ 95%	Selection for the percentage of time for safely operate
7	Down Slope	0s ~ 10s	Selection for the transition time from Peak Amperage to Finish Amperage
8	Finish Post Current	10A ~ 320A	Selection for the amount of amps required at the end of the weld (only with 4T)
9	Post Flow	0s ~ 10s	Selection for gas flow time after the arc finishes

#### **LIFT ARC START**



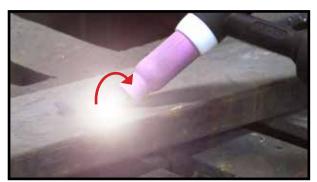
Lay the outside edge of the Gas Cup on the work piece with the Tungsten Electrode 1- 2mm from the work piece.



With a small movement rotate the Gas Cup forward so that the Tungsten Electrode touches the work piece.

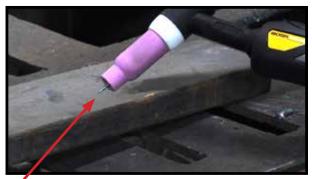


2 Press the button on the TIG torch



Now rotate the Gas Cup in the reverse direction to lift the Tungsten electrode from the work piece to create the arc.

# **HF ARC START**



Lay the outside edge of the Gas Cup on the work piece with the Tungsten Electrode 1- 2mm from the work piece.



The Arc will start forming an arc between the tungsten tip and the work piece



(2) Press the button on the TIG torch

# PROCESS CHARACTERISTICS

In the TIG process the arc is formed between a pointed tungsten electrode and the workpiece in an inert atmosphere of argon. The small intense arc provided by the pointed electrode is ideal for high quality and precision welding. Because the electrode is not consumed during welding, the welder does not have to balance the heat input from the arc as the metal is deposited from the melting electrode. When filler metal is required, it must be added separately to the weldpool.

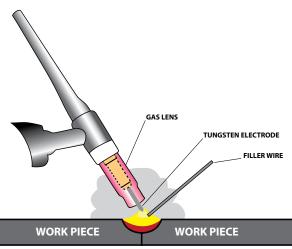
#### **POWER SOURCE**

TIG must be operated with a constant current power source. A constant current power source is essential to avoid excessively high currents being drawn when the electrode is short-circuited onto the workpiece surface. This could happen either deliberately during arc starting or inadvertently during welding. If, as in MIG welding, a flat characteristic power source is used, any contact with the workpiece surface would damage the electrode tip or fuse the electrode to the workpiece surface. In DC, because arc heat is distributed approximately one- third at the cathode (negative) and two-thirds at the anode (positive), the electrode is always negative polarity to prevent overheating and melting. However, the alternative power source connection of DC electrode positive polarity has the advantage in that when the cathode is on the workpiece, the surface is cleaned of oxide contamination.

#### **APPLICATIONS**

TIG is applied in all industrial sectors but is especially suitable for high quality welding. In manual welding, the relatively small arc is ideal for thin sheet material or controlled penetration (in the root run of pipe welds). Because deposition rate can be quite low (using a separate filler rod) MMA or MIG may be preferable for thicker material and for fill passes in thick-wall pipe welds.





## **AC / DC WELDING**

Alternating current (AC) is electricity that switches direction back and forth so the voltage also periodically reverses because the current changes direction. Typical AC currents are what you would expect to see from your electrical outlets in your home and often used in higher voltage devices such as household appliances. AC current changes its polarity 120 times per second with a 60-hertz current. Reversed polarity (AC) results in deeper penetration. In Alternate Current (AC) welding, since the current and the magnetic field of the arc reverse direction many times a second, there is no net deflection of the arc.

# Applications of AC Welding

AC welding can be used to weld magnetic metals. This cannot be done with DC welding. AC welding is ideal for the following types of welds:

- Downhand heavy plate
- Fast fill
- Aluminum TIG welding with high frequency

The primary advantage of using AC welding is that it allows the weld operator to weld on magnetized materials. In AC current, the current changes direction and is not affected by magnetism. The arc remains stable and is easier to control.

#### **AC / DC WELDING - CONTINUE**

# AC welding is also the preferred method for:

- TIG welding aluminum, because the current supports welding at a higher temperature.
- Making repairs on machinery because the machinery usually has a magnetized field and is older and may have rusty areas where there is concern about the higher heat penetration that can occur with DC welding.
- Seam welding in shipbuilding because the current settings can often be higher than those used in DC welding and a deeper penetration of plate metals can be obtained.

The biggest drawback to using AC welding is the quality of the weld. It is not as smooth as DC welding because of the continuous change in directional flow and there is likely to be more spatter.

# Different waveforms for AC welding on TIG welding machines

There will be different waveforms depending on the parameter settings. This gives the welder even more precise control of the weld pool and the seam's appearance. The flickering of the pulse arc can also be affected, reducing the stress on the welder's eyes in the process. There are also acoustic differences as noise is reduced.

AC <del>∏</del>	AC <del>//</del>	AC <del>/</del> √
Waveform: Hard rectangle	Waveform: Soft rectangle	Waveform: Triangle
Switching between the plus and minus pole is very fast.  Effect: The goal is an extremely fast zero crossing of the half-wave. The arc becomes highly stable while a very loud, "hard" arc noise is produced at the same time.  Applications: This "hard" arc is still the standard today for many welders as they have always been used to it and it offers good welding properties. There is also the advantage that the arc can be used on very thick oxide layers.	The switching between plus and minus is therefore not quite as abrupt as it is with the hard rectangle function, and not as delayed as in sine mode.  Effect: The arc combines the advantage of the sine and the hard rectangle modes. The result is a relatively stable arc, with relatively low/quiet background noise.  Applications: Due to these properties, the option "soft rectangle" for TIG welding systems is also the universal setting—for a wide range of welding tasks.	The variation of the current between plus and minus is distributed entirely evenly over time.  Effect: The zero crossing is therefore rather slow in comparison to the other waveforms. However, the even distribution of the current-time area achieves a higher peak current, although the mean current remains the same. This in turn results in a particularly high arc pressure. Acoustically, the arc is only slightly louder than the sine setting.  Applications: The high arc pressure means the
		triangle setting is particularly well suited for root passes.

#### Applications of DC Welding

Welding with DC is best used for:

- Hard facing
- Build-up of heavy deposits
- Overhead or vertical welding
- Stainless steel TIG welding
- Single carbon brazing
- Cutting tap

#### As a rule of thumb, DC is preferred for welding because:

It produces a smoother weld and there is less spatter because of the constant linear direction of the current. It maintains a constant and stable arc and is thus is easier to handle and more reliable than AC current. Machinery that uses DC current is generally cheaper and easier to use. It welds thinner metals better than AC current.

#### **Overall Strength of Welds**

Overall the strength of the weld can be determined by many factors, such as:

- Proper electrode, welding apparatus and procedures;
- Properties of the materials being welded-magnetic vs. non-magnetic;
- Proper edge preparation-the cleaner the edge, the better the weld;
- Current settings DC vs. AC;
- Speed of travel the angle of the electrode needs to be maintained throughout the length of the joint as it is being welded.

A strong weld can be achieved in both AC welding and DC welding so long as you weld with the current and polarity appropriate for the material being welded. One doesn't necessarily, always and everywhere, produce a better weld than the other. It's a matter of choosing the right one for your job.

#### **PULSE TIG WELDING**

TIG welding with the pulse feature is most often done for thin metals such as aluminum and can also be used with copper and varieties of steel. Pulsing can be set up with a foot pedal or as a setting on your TIG welder, but when should you use pulsing? There are some very specific applications for pulsing with a TIG welder and then there are times when it can just come in handy to get a job done better. Here's a look at some TIG welding with pulse applications:

#### **Greater Control Over the Heat**

Pulse for TIG is all about improving your control when you don't want to burn through your metal work piece. Using the pedal or setting up the pulse will moderate the heat as you weld and ensure you have enough heat present at the joint without laying a ton of filler metal into the joint or burning through the metal.

Too much metal in the weld joint could create a headache for your welding project, as you'll have to stop to grind it down and then clean up the metal before you can start welding again. The pulse setting gives you far more control over the welding process without compromising the strength and integrity of your weld.

#### When You Need a Neat Weld

Pulsing your weld is an easy way to create a smooth, clean weld for a TIG welding application. Getting yourself in a steady pulsing rhythm is an ideal way to keep moving the puddle forward or walking the cup along a weld joint.

TIG welding is most often used when there is little margin for error and the metal is especially thin. By pulsing along the weld joint you can moderate the amount of filler metal you add so that it's evenly distributed and you create a great looking weld.

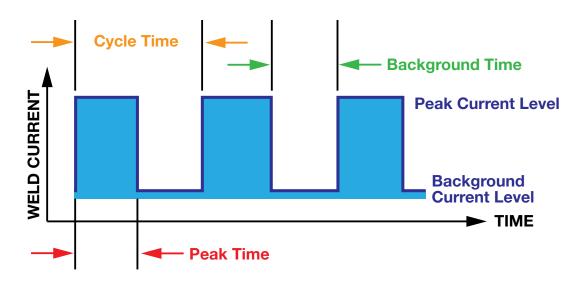
#### **Minimal Movement**

If you're in a tight spot and you don't have a lot of room to maneuver, pulsing your TIG welder is one way to glide along the weld joint, adding filler metal as you go, without worrying about introducing too much heat and filler. The main thing for this application will be a steady hand on the torch and an even pace for the filler metal. If this is a particularly tight spot, you can pick up shorter torches that have a very small head and can fit in a variety of spaces. With TIG welding you can reach a tight spot much better than with a stick welder and you can control the input of filler metal better than with MIG, making it a great option when welding is particularly challenging.

#### Moving Faster with High Speed Pulse

Given some practice, many welders can effectively weld at the high speed of 150 pulses per second, creating neat welds in far less time. While you wouldn't want to try a faster pulsing speed if you're not used to it, many welders prefer to move either really slow or really fast in order to create a steady rhythm. Pulsing at around 20 per second has led some welders to make uneven, spotty welds.

This would be especially useful in a fabrication shop where you're seeing a lot of the same metal work pieces over and over and over again. If you have a handle on how fast you need to move on each piece, then there's a good chance you can bump up the pulsing rate to improve your welding speed.

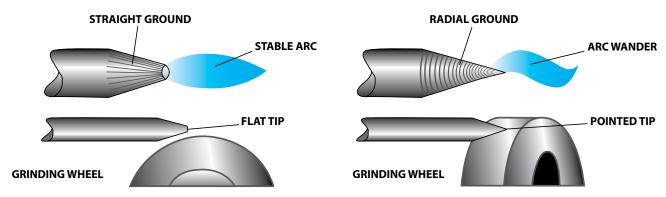


#### **TUNGSTEN PREPARATION & GRINDING**

**Caution:** Grinding can create a hazard as the exposed tungsten/thoria area is greatly increased and fine particles of dust are released into the atmosphere. It is recommended that a dedicated grindstone with local dust extraction is used, and a simple filter mask is worn. If the grinding wheel is not fitted with a protective viewing screen, eye protection must be worn.

#### **CORRECT PREPERATION - STABLE ARC**

#### **INCORRECT PREPERATION - STABLE ARC**



Note: Do not use wheel for other jobs or tugsten can become contaminated and cause lower weld quality

#### **FOOT CONTROL - OPTIONS**



3 metre cord Ideal for bench work Parent-Child relationship between the welder and foot controller. This means if you set the welder to 120 Amps, the foot controller range will be between min and 120 Amps.

# **BOSSWELD AC/DC 320X WATER COOLER PACKAGE BOX CONTENTS**

- 1. Bossweld TIG 320X Inverter Welder 415V
- 2. Bossweld Water Cooler 415V (Suits X series)
- 3. Bossweld Trolley suits
  MST 350/500X & AC/DC 320X
- 4. 4mt Water Cooled TIG Torch
- 5. 3mt Electrode Holder
- 6. 3mt Earth clamp
- 7. 3mt Gas Hose 5mm ID
- 8. Argon Regulator Bobbin
- 9. Owners Manual (not shown)

















#### WATER COOLER PACKAGE SET UP - CONTINUED



Place the Aqua 5X Water Cooler Machine on the base of the Bossweld Trolley and screw tightly in position on both sides.



Place the TIG 320X Welder machine on top of the water cooler machine and screw tightly in position on both sides.



Plug the machine 415V 3 phase input power plug into the wall socket, ensuring that the power switch on the machine is in the OFF position.



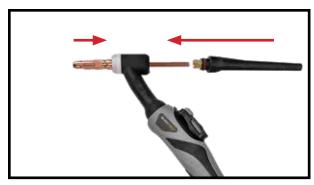
Install the power cable transfer within the welder and the water cooler machine.



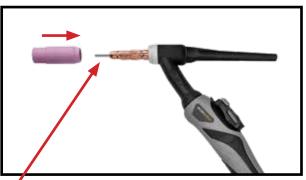
Install the Water Cooled TIG Torch to the machine by connecting the Dinse Connector to the Negative Output Connection Socket, the Gas hose to the Gas Output and the TIG Torch Control Socket and screw the nut up firmly.



Connect the coolant inlet and outlet hose to the Aqua 5X water cooler machine.



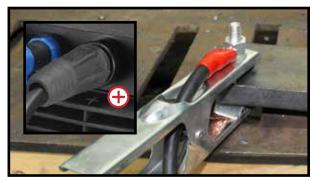
Set up the TIG torch. Ensure collect body, collet with back cap are screw in firmly.



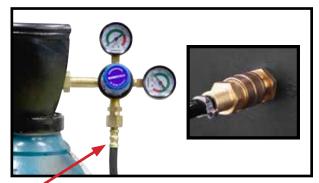
Place the Tungsten Electrode into the torch head then screw in alumina cap.

Note: Pictures may vary from your machine model

#### WATER COOLER PACKAGE SET UP - CONTINUED



9 Fit the Earth lead Dinse Plug to the positive terminal for gas welding and then connect earth clamp to the work piece ensuring that the clamp makes good contact with bare metal.



Fit gas regulator to the gas bottle and install gas hose to the gas inlet on the back panel of welder.



Turn on regulator and set gas flow to between 10-15 L/min depending on your welding environment.

**IMPORTANT!** - We strongly recommend that you check for gas leakage prior to operation of your machine. We recommend that you close the cylinder valve when the machine is not in use. BOSSWELD authorised representatives or agents of BOSSWELD will not be liable or responsible for the loss of any gas.



Fill the water cooler liquid into Aqua 5X Water Cooler machine, by checking the level on the left side of the machine.



Switch the machine <u>ON</u> using the mains power switch. Wait a few seconds whilst the machine powers up.



Press **Cooling Mode** button to select Water mode.

Continue from TIG weld set up page 17; step 9 to 13.

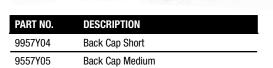
# **BOSSWELD 26 SERIES 200AMP TIG TORCH COMPLETE & SPARES**



PART NO.	DESCRIPTION
95.26F.4.1.SW9A	Bossweld 26 Series TIG Torch 4mt 9 pin Plug
95.26F.8.1.SW9A	Bossweld 26 Series TIG Torch 8mt 9 pin Plug









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PART NO.	DESCRIPTION
9518CG	Torch Body Front Insulator
9554N01	Torch Body Front Insulator Lens Cup



PART NO.	DESCRIPTION
9510N21	Collet 0.5mm
9510N22	Collet 1.0mm
9510N23	Collet 1.6mm
9510N24	Collet 2.4mm
9510N25	Collet 3.2mm
9510N20	Collet 4.0mm



PART NO.	DESCRIPTION	
9510N29	Collet Body 0.5mm	
9510N30	Collet Body 1.0mm	
9510N31	Collet Body 1.6mm	
9510N32	Collet Body 2.4mm	
9510N28	Collet Body 3.2mm	
95406488	Collet Body 4.0mm	



PART NO.	DESCRIPTION	
9510N50	Alumin Cup Size 4	
9510N49	Alumin Cup Size 5	
9510N48	Alumin Cup Size 6	
9510N47	Alumin Cup Size 7	
9510N46	Alumin Cup Size 8	
9510N45	Alumin Cup Size 10	
9510N44	Alumin Cup Size 12	



··· TORCH BODY

PART NO.	DESCRIPTION	
95WP26	Torch Head	
954WP26V	Torch Head with Valve	
95WP26F	Flex Torch Head	
95WP26FV	Flex Torch Head with Valve	
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PART NO.	DESCRIPTION	
9545V24	Gas Lens Collet 1.0mm	
9545V25	Gas Lens Collet 1.6mm	
9545V26	Gas Lens Collet 2.4mm	
9545V27	Gas Lens Collet 3.2mm	
9545V28	Gas Lens Collet 4.0mm	



PART NO.	DESCRIPTION
9554N18	Gas Len Alumin Cup Size 4 - 6.0mm
9554N17	Gas Len Alumin Cup Size 5 - 8.0mm
9554N16	Gas Len Alumin Cup Size 6 - 9.5mm
9554N15	Gas Len Alumin Cup Size 7 - 11.0mm
9554N14	Gas Len Alumin Cup Size 8 - 12.7mm
9554N19	Gas Len Alumin Cup Size 11 - 17.5mm

# **TROUBLE SHOOTING**

Issue	Possible Reason	Suggestion Remedy
Power indicator is not lit, fan does not work and no output current	<ul> <li>Welder is not plugged into power supply</li> <li>Circuit breaker may have operated</li> <li>Main power switch may not be in the ON position</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Check that the welder is plugged into the 240V mains outlet and is switched on.</li> <li>Check that the mains fuse or breaker has not operated.</li> <li>Check that the main switch on the rear of the unit is in the on position.</li> </ul>
Power indicator is lit, fan works, no output current	Output connectors may be disconnected or damaged     Welding cables or earth clamp not connected properly	Check output connectors are connected properly and are not damaged     Check connections and that workpiece is free of paint and rust at connection point
Over temperature indicator is on, no output current	Duty cycle of the unit has been exceeded.	Allow the unit to cool for 20 minutes
Output current is not stable.	<ul><li>Earth clamp connection loose</li><li>Mains Voltage is not constant</li><li>Loose welding cables</li><li>Leads reversed</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Check earth clamp is connected to work piece properly.</li> <li>Change the Main Supply to an alternative</li> <li>Check the welding connectors are tight in the sockets.</li> <li>Check Leads are not reversed and correct +/_</li> </ul>
Hot Welding Clamp	Welding clamp rated current is too small	Replace with larger size welding clamp
Porosity - small cavities or holes resulting from gas pockets in weld metal	Wrong gas     Inadequate gas flow or too much gas flow      Moisture on the base metal     Contaminated base metal     Contaminated MIG wire     Loose gas connection	<ul> <li>Check that the correct gas is being used</li> <li>Check the gas is connected; check hoses, gas valve and torch are not restricted. Set the gas flow between 10 - 15 l/min flow rate. Check hoses and fittings for holes, leaks etc. Protect the welding zone from wind and drafts</li> <li>Remove all moisture from base metal before welding</li> <li>Remove materials like paint, grease, oil, and dirt, including mill scale from base metal</li> <li>Use clean dry rust free wire. Do not lubricate the wire with oil, grease etc.</li> <li>Check and tighten connection.</li> </ul>
Lack of Fusion – failure of weld metal to fuse completely with base metal or a proceeding weld bead	Contaminated base metal     Not enough heat input     Improper welding technique	<ul> <li>Remove materials like paint, grease, oil, and dirt, including mill scale from base metal</li> <li>Select a higher voltage range and /or adjust the wire speed to suit</li> <li>Keep the arc at the leading edge of the weld pool. Gun angle to work should be between 5 &amp; 15° Direct the arc at the weld joint.  Adjust work angle or widen groove to access bottom during welding, Momentarily hold arc on side walls if using weaving technique</li> </ul>

#### TROUBLE SHOOTING - CONTINUED

Issue	Possible Reason	Suggestion Remedy
Excessive Penetration  - weld metal melting through base metal	Too much heat	Select a lower voltage range
Lack of Penetration – shallow fusion between weld metal and base metal	<ul> <li>Poor or incorrect joint preparation</li> <li>Not enough heat input</li> <li>Contaminated base metal</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Material too thick. Joint preparation and design needs to allow access to bottom of groove while maintaining proper welding wire extension and arc characteristics.  Keep the arc at the leading edge of the weld pool and maintain the gun angle at 5 &amp; 15° keeping the stick out between 5-10mm</li> <li>Select a higher voltage range and</li> <li>Remove materials like paint, grease, oil, and dirt, including mill scale from base metal</li> </ul>
No gas flow	Gas Regulator is off or pressure too low     Something caught in the valve     Solenoid valve is damaged	Check Regulator     Remove     Contact BOSSWELD hotline

#### **OPERATIONAL ENVIRONMENT**

- Height above sea level ≤1000m
- Operation temperature range -10~+40°C
- Air relative humidity is below 90%( 20°C)
- Preferably site the machine above floor level, ensure the maximum angle does not exceed 15 degrees.
- Protect the machine against heavy rain and against direct sunshine.
- The content of dust, acid, corrosive gas in the surrounding air or substance must not exceed normal standard.
- Take care that there is sufficient ventilation during welding. There must be at least 30cm free distance between the machine and wall.



# **OTHER PRODUCTS IN OUR RANGE**

- **ELECTRODES**
- TIG RODS
- WELDING HELMETS
- WELDING MACHINES
- TORCH SPARE PARTS
- WELDING ACCESSORIES

- MIG WIRE
- GAS EQUIPMENT
- WELDING SAFETY
- MIG TORCHES
- TIG TORCHES
- WELDING CABLE

