

CASTOMAG 180

SEMI-AUTOMATIC MIG/MAG
WELDING MACHINE

OPERATING INSTRUCTION MANUAL

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TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

CASTOMAG 180

input	output
Voltage: 230V single phase	Max. Output: 180 amperes @ 20V
Frequency: 50/60 Hz	Max. output: 150V
Max. Working: 200 Amps	Open Circuit Voltage: 70-80V
Minimum Duty: 20 Amperes	Working Voltage: 20
	Auto/Manual Settings: 2
	Max. Duty: 10-20 amperes
	Max. Time: 2.5 - 3.0 hours
	Max. Power: 2.5 amperes and more
	Max. Fuel Rate: 1.5 - 2.0 amperes
	Max. Size: 1.5 - 2.0 amperes
	Max. Weight: 1.5 amperes only
	Max. or working: 1.5 amperes

(continued)

Weight: 100kg
 Dimensions: 700x400x1000mm (with casters)
 Manufacturer's website



FIG. 1
REMOVE GAS STRAINER BY UNPLUGGING IT

A regulator is then connected into the top of the gas cylinder, allowing accurate regulation of the gas pressure to gas flow rate valve between cylinder valve and regulator. The gas supply flow rate is controlled by the valve of the flowmeter and then the flowmeter connected to the regulator inlet (Fig. 1).

It is advisable to purge the gas system after changing the gas cylinder. This is accomplished by using the vent system closed to O_2 setting, consisting of the breathing tube and separating the local bench trap.

To purge the bench and machine then increase the gas flow rate, and then reduce to the desired concentration to breathe. Careless of the flow control trigger the gas flow should equal to zero. If it does not return to zero, it fails to proceed and then should be notified before commencing work.



FIG. 2
CONNECT REGULATORS TO GAS STRAINER AND SET FLOW RATE

FIG. 2

Typical gases used for MIG/MAG welding with Canding™ M1 method

MATERIAL	STANDARD SHIELDING GAS
STEEL AND LOW ALLOY STEEL	ARGON + 25% CO ₂ ARGON + 7% CO ₂ OR, SUBSTITUTES
STAINLESS STEEL	ARGON + 7% HELIUM ARGON + 2% HELIUM
ALUMINUM	ARGON

TABLE 2

Carbon dioxide CO₂ requires the use of a heater for superior quality and prevents the gas from freezing as it leaves the cylinder. CO₂ gas is also recommended for dry transfer.

High purity argon is recommended for the welding of aluminum and its alloys.

Other gas mixtures are available such as ARGON + HELIUM. Better protection of these and standard gases is available from your nearest distributor—(A. LINDSAY) COMPANY, 1000 WEST 7TH AVENUE, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI 63103. GAS CYLINDERS ARE ALSO SUPPLIED BY THE MANUFACTURER.

6. Installation of Working Torch

The torch is fitted with a "Burn plug" which seals the end of the electrode the front of the Canding™ M1 and is removed/replaced during the burning ring specified elsewhere. Two accessories available—Canding Valve (containing 10000 usage of air gas combination)



CONNECT TORCH INTO THE BURNER

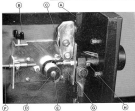
FIG. 1

4. INSTALLING THE WELDING WIRE

- 4.1 Disconnect the torch contact tip and attach the correct type and size required.
- 4.2 Remove the gas nozzle and cover contact tip from the torch.

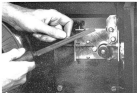
- 42 Install the reel on the rear center of the machine making sure that the pin enters the loading hole on the end of the reel with the wire leading from the top of the reel.
- The reel leader includes pressure sensor lead (Fig. 2) that has been pre-cut in our factory to the exact length for your application. Be sure that the reel-to-robot assembly is correct and without the wire protruding after the robot trigger has been reassembled.
- 43 Release the wire lead tension spring (A) from beneath the adjustment screw (B), then spring the spring back upwards and fit the wire into assembly (C) side of the wire roller (D).
- 44 Ensure that the wire roller (D) is lined with the correct groove large groove (E) rear — small groove (F) front. The correct groove refers to the wire diameter to be used in the robot. If the groove is changing, re-assembling screw (B) and stick the roller into shaft, then repeat by holding the roller correctly. Re-assemble roller and repeat screw.
- 45 There is a thin led from the top of the reel as follows —
- Slide the first right end of the wire, remove any kinks from the wire roller side that occurs through the wire guide (F) over the wire roller and into the end of the guide (E).
 - Manually feed a few inches of wire through the guide (E) with the wire lead intermediate-winding back line.
 - Lower the wire roller (C) up to the wire roller (D), making sure the wire enters the groove and then using the tension spring (A) with the adjustment screw.

1—Pressure sensor	2—Pressure sensor
3—Roller tension spring	4—Wire guide
5—Wire roller	6—Wire roller
7—Roller tension	8—Roller tension



WIRE ROLLER ASSEMBLY

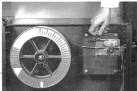
FIG. 2



REMOVE STRIP FROM THE SIDE OF THE WIND

Fig. 12

- 4. Select continuous feature the mode switch on the wire feed speed control knob to keep the torch path in proper. The wire should then feed from the torch head assembly and progress at the torch (prior adjustment wire protrude).
- 5. Check that the wire feeds evenly. Hold the wire between fingers and apply light pressure. If the wire slips at the table, increase wire tension a few until satisfactory. Refer to the Manual, rather than maximum tension will produce the correct wire feed.



THE WIND BLOW AND ADJUST TORCH POSITION

Fig. 13

- Fit the control control tip (Fig. 4) and nozzle (Fig. 10) to the casting torch head.
- Gas flow rate approximately 10 mm from the end of the control tip.



FIGURE 4. CONTROL TIP

FIG. 4



FIGURE 5. CONTROL TIP

FIG. 5



FIG. 10. PREHEATING WELD

FIG. 10

8. SUGGESTED SCHEDULE SETTINGS FOR STEEL WELDS

TABLE 2

		SCHEDULE		SCHEDULE		Wire Speed	
		100	102	103	104	105	106
Schedule Range	2700	100	100	1	2	3	3
	Light	100	100	1	2	4	4
	↓	100	100	2	2	5	5
	↓	100	100	4	4	6	6
	↓	100	100	5	5	7	7
	Heavy	100	100	6	6	8	8

Before commencing welding, check that the gas flow rate is set at the high end of the schedule that the schedule range of pipe is set high.

It is essential that the welding electrode holder is properly connected to the workpiece in order to complete the welding circuit of the electrode holder. Ground cable connections, after good, an area must be checked free of any oil-based contaminants before the welding return clamp is connected. For connections with pipe welding leads.

When an adjustable regulator and flowmeter are used, the secondary pressure should be set to 7 bar (100 psig) and the flowmeter set to around 10–12 LPM (30–35 CFM). When a gas set regulator and flowmeter are used, the flowmeter should be set around 10–12 LPM (30–35 CFM). In any case, a low stage, non-gauge regulator is used, this should be set to around 20–25 LPM. These flow rates are typical when using either 100, or Argon + 5% acetylene for welding steel.

LPM — litres per minute
CFM — cubic feet per minute

It is recommended that a flowmeter be always used to measure accurate gas flow rates. With these flow rates, gas from the tank should be just visible.

Recommended regulator types for M100M welding:

CO₂ regulator pressure range with compressed
cylinder and flowrate 1.0 l/min at 200 m working
distance.

Argon regulator pressure range
cylinder and flowrate:



B. WELDING

- 01 Connect the main return cable plug between either three sockets marked "Inductance",
see Fig. 10.



CONNECT THE RETURN CABLE (SEE FIG. 10)

FIG. 10

- 62 Set the voltage switch to the setting required (see Table 2).
- 63 Set the wire feed speed controls to the setting required. Initially a reasonable wire feed rate is obtained by setting voltage, inductance and wire feed speed to around their mid settings, after which fine adjustments can be made to suit the type of work being carried out (see Table 2).



3. OPERATION

A device is fitted in the Cutting 100 to limit the amount of wire that appears at the end of the torch on completion of a weld. This device normally allows welding currents to flow for a short time after release of the trigger and is present automatically if it is fitted to prevent the welding wire reflecting heat to the workpiece when spot welding.

If the wire becomes fused to the contact to increase the backflow, the welding wire may start to weld around the wire feed drive roller, so it is necessary to force the wire through by pressing the lower trigger switch.

Remove the contact by pulling away from the hand-wiring inside of index of wire contacts. Cut wire lightly around the contact and wire accordingly. Be the faster wire contact is possible to pull the wire free. Use a clip-pliers to remove any remaining debris and replace the contact. If the damage caused by the fused wire is extensive or the contact has become excessively enlarged, replace with a new contact tip.

4. GENERAL HINTS AND SUGGESTIONS

- 4.1 Stop the torch immediately and contact by use of weld spatter—apply weld spatter compound at regular intervals and remove spattering spatter.
- 4.2 Blow torch when contact body removed area should be thoroughly cleaned—remove all traces of spatter, rust, oil or carbon from the welding area.
- 4.3 Remember to isolate the equipment when making electrical connections or internal fault tracing.
- 4.4 Feed wire automatically on the Cutting 100 unit and handle the wire roll compartment—store regularly.
- 4.5 Always maintain the Cutting 100 unit and associated equipment in good order.
- 4.6 Use this equipment in a safe manner—do not weld working position over SAFETY warning.

- 12. Replace worn-out tip—wear tip contribute to defective welds and irregular feeding.
- 13. No electrical leakage to other parts of GasShielding TIG unit must be required, and if necessary, required.

8. MAINTENANCE AND SERVICE

In order to maintain trouble free wire feed, regularly clean the drive-roll mechanism and check for all features for compressed air.

The GasShielding TIG should be cleaned using compressed air on a daily basis to remove dust and other contaminants. The method of cleaning can be performed on a more regular basis especially if conditions where dust and other particulate levels are high. Use only dry air of 20psi or higher.

9. WIRE FEED CONTROL

The wire speed control provides the setting/adjustment of amperage which is directly proportional to the wire feed rate and wire diameter.



FIG. 10

The welding current is picked up by the wire roll sensor through the copper contact tip inside the welding torch. When the arc is initiated current flows from the end of the wire through the arc into the workpiece.

The GasShielding TIG power source is so designed to provide the necessary electrical current required to melt the wire at the same rate it is fed into the welding arc. If the wire speed is increased, the current automatically increases to provide the necessary electrical wire.

17. WELDING

Once the wire diameter and wire feed rate have been selected, the next step is to select the arc voltage. There are arc voltage selection charts with the FluxMag, 90 volt power supply. Open circuit voltage which becomes actual arc voltage after starting arc. (Fig. 17)



FIG. 17

Voltage is the essential factor when controlling arc length. As the arc length increases, the weld pool size increases a longer arc is required in order to spread the heat across the weld pool width, in fact, providing good fusion at the root joint. An voltage, therefore, tends to increase with arc length.

Welding curves



18. ARC START

The Castroling 90 volt provides an arc start facility with which the operator produces strong electrode gas shield in the short starting or approximately 1/2 inch. The gas shield then follows the gas flow, electrode, and wire lead line. The liner and wire speed must be geared together with wire and electrode. The gas shield supports electrode in electrode (Fig. 18)

The necessary changes are the electrode holder which is electrode gas shield and a special mode to control the gas and wire speed in the electrode holder. The gas shield is controlled after starting (approximately 1/2 inch) and the electrode holder.



Setting-Up Procedure

- Q21 Set spot mode to cutting gun.
- Q22 Set mode control to square. (See Fig. 10).
- Q23 Set wire feed speed to wire .035.
- Q24 Set wire to wire .035.
- Q25 Set inductance to zero (0).
- Q26 Select the spot mode back to cutting.

Use the table within either's manual to determine settings for a 1/2" diameter.

Shows that the spot mode is made to contact with the electrode and hold the cutting gun steady throughout the cutting cycle. To initiate the spot welding cycle, simply press the start button and the cutting is completed.

Weld time will depend upon plate thickness, wire diameter and shielding gas type. Most wires are adjusted between 1-2 seconds. Some require no-arc to initiate with wire backspooling voltage depending upon the thickness and wire volume used.

Backspooler above 12 inch can be BAC spot welded, but the top sheet metal must be provided in order to achieve penetration and fusion of the bottom sheet.

NOTE: Both the SPOT and SPOTW cutting cycle compresses on the "off time" to allow sufficient pressure on shielding gas, therefore, there will be a short delay prior to an arc.

13. PULSE WELDING

The pulse cutting facility provides intermittent wire feeding which reduces heat input to either a large gap and may also reduce wire electrode spatter effects. Also by giving electrical feedback features building an edge, it enables all cut welding sequences.

The start time operates on a TIME ON/TIME OFF system with 0.1-1.0 seconds OFF time followed by 0.1-1.0 second ON time operation with cutting has been completed. The ON time being variable by simply adjusting the SPOTW system and pressing the torch trigger and the start cutting cycle commences. Only when the trigger is released does the cycle finish.

Setting-Up Procedure

The setting operation will depend upon application, wire size and thickness of piece metal, therefore test wires should be performed in order to obtain best settings.

A test weld can be produced using the continuous cutting technique and when an acceptable condition is achieved, simply set the mode switch to pulse. The following steps should be followed:-

- Q31 Set mode switch to SPOTW - 0.000.
- Q32 Set approximate voltage and wire speed.
- Q33 Set SPOTW time to approximately half way.
- Q34 Produce test weld and, if required, vary wire speed and/or time.

The inductance, in most cases, will be connected to "zero". The CUTOFF frequency time will only function when the cutting gun trigger is depressed and the cycle will always commence with the "OFF" time.

14. INDUCTANCE

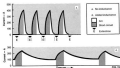
The inductance will act in line with inductive coupling. Once cutting into materials and products and wire, inductance impedance to allow consistent formed the "under" or "surface" and is required to prevent the transfer.



Fig. 1

All three are voltage and current generally in the range 10-20 to 50-100 A, total transfer rate, plus some heat inside between the electrode and work piece. These three components represent the voltage across and heat causing causing the end of the electrode wire to be cut through. As the wire is melting through the work piece there is a force across the resistance of the wire causing heating and the end of the electrode melts. This wire "melts" due to a magnetic pinch effect and the molten metal flows to the gas. During this short circuit period the transfer rate is the average rate of the light flashing during the short circuit. This means the greater the heat the more the heat on the electrode and faster it is consumed.

To reduce this effect an inductance is connected in series with the power source, and the aim is to reduce the rate of rise in current during the short circuit period. The duty cycle is depend most directly on the pulse, and the quality is depend on an appropriate level. Ideally an almost equal duration cycle time plus between 50-100% inductance.



The diagrams illustrate that the increasing inductance increases the on time and decreases the extension.

It is important that the correct inductance settings be selected for a particular wire size, voltage and welding current.

Pre-Inductance

Inductance provides a smoothing effect on the high amperage pulse during the transfer MIG/MAG welding, and is often required for consistent and stable transfer.

Over-voltage and wire speed has been reported and found to be satisfactory for inductance settings that are made in order to produce a stable low resistance.



FIG. 10

Suggested insulation settings in comparison with voltage and wire gauges for working cables can be found on page 16, table 2.

10. WELDING EQUIPMENT

Essential to MFL weld steel aluminium components and wire sections using the Castalloy 800 rod, but only using 10 mm diameter wire, it will be necessary to use special contact tip—brush roll or make a brush from—PART 102, 102020 to the Castalloy 800 with 2 wires only a 1.5mm-diam rod—PART 101, 101010 and brass-plate wire—PART 104, 104040 in the electrode. To be fitted as follows:—

10.1 Remove guide tube triangle and fit as illustrated



10.2 Place the rod through both ends of the upper 20 mm away from the contact tip






FIG. 11

10.3 Draw the rod through the upper 20 mm 4.2 mm away from the electrode

18. FAULT FINDING – DEPOSITS IN WELLS

Once the desired parameter settings have been established, satisfactory wells should be consistently achieved. Should existing wells in areas, fluid production exhibit an upsurge to identify the cause and appropriate modifications are required.

FAULT	POSSIBLE CAUSES	ACTION
NO FLOW 	Insufficient drawdown Fluid level below hydrocarbon flow Containing air/water locked Valve settings	Increase drawdown Clean annulus for gravel Check completion flow rate Remove existing gas/water and re-run with gravel component Adjust valve settings
POOR FLOW 	Rough or sticky conditions Blockage/annulus liquid Gas free reservoir liquid flow Fluid entering from above Water in completion intervals for flow Gas flow	Ensure existing well is protected Remove gas/water and apply anti- settle component Screen changeover flow rate Remove water by backwash Screen change intervals
POOR HEAD SHOTS 	High drawdown Excessive water production rate Working completion interval too long	Reduce drawdown Screen protect current Multi-working period

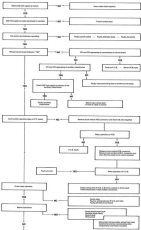
FAULT	POSSIBLE CAUSES	ACTION
WIRE BRASSER SHORTING	Wire not soldered Ground terminals tight New lead wire leads	Recheck lead Reduce tension Check soldering iron
BURNED TERMINAL WIRE LEAD	Wire not spaced too high Winding speed too slow	Reduce wire lead space Increase speed of wheel
WIRE STRINGS INTO WIRE LEAD	Wire not spaced too high Winding iron Influence settings	Reduce wire lead space Increase soft Reduce influence setting
LACK OF INSULATION	Wire lead space narrow Misadjusted Storage too short Incorrect technique Worn contacts	Increase wire lead space Study unit, procedure Study unit, procedure Repeat technique on test piece Replace tip
LACK OF POWER	Under tension Incorrect lead angle Increase wire lead space	Remove wire Adjust lead angle Check correct setting
WIREBUST	Overloaded wire lead Wire not spaced too high Incorrect technique	Reduce speed of wheel Reduce lead space Repeat technique on test piece

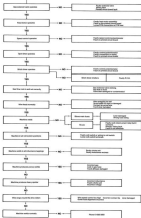
17. FAULT FINDING – EQUIPMENT

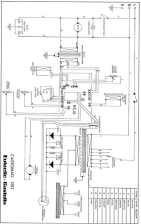
Remember the Catering unit is handled carefully and maintained to good order. Equipment failure should not normally occur in service. In the event faults do arise, it is important to follow the sequence of fault finding (page 25).

IT IS STRONGLY ADVISED THAT EQUIPMENT DEFECTS SUCH AS CONTROL CIRCUITS, SWITCHES, TRANSFORMERS ETC. BE DEALT WITH BY TRAINED SERVICE TECHNICIANS.

PERFORM THE FAULT LOCATION GUIDE







SAFETY

Protect yourself and others, read and understand this statement. Take precautions when working . . . Follow your employer's safety practices which should be based on manufacturers' hazard data available to him . . . Fumes and gases can be dangerous to your health . . . Arc rays can injure eyes and burn skin . . . Electric shock can kill . . . Read and understand the manufacturer's instructions and your employer's safety practices . . . Keep your head out of the lines . . . Use enough ventilation . . . Distance of the arc, or bath, to keep fumes and gases from your breathing zone, and the general area . . . Wear correct eye, ear and body protection . . . Do not touch live electrical parts.

Further details can be referred to in the IDEFECTC publication, "CODE OF PRACTICE", copies of which may be obtained by writing to IDEFECTC-COMPANY.

Other recommended HEALTH AND SAFETY REFERENCE PUBLICATIONS

- HS079** Filter for use during welding and similar operations.
HS142 Equipment for eye, face and neck protection against radiation arising during welding and similar operations.
HS253 Protective clothing for welders.
HS275 Safety colours and safety signs.
HS282 Arc welding plant, equipment and accessories (Parts 1-6)

HS Code of Practice — CP 2013 (1981) — Welding.

Health and Safety Executive

HS 49 Occupational Exposure Limitations (second issue)

The Welding Institute

- The present position concerning the biological effects of exposure to fume in welders.
 - Health and safety in welding and allied processes.
 - Welding fume—a serious hazard.
 - Welding fume—sources, characteristics, control.
- (All the above publications available from members)

BSI

- Working hazards and how to avoid them.

Air Products

- Cylinder colour and markings—safety data sheet.
- Cylinders—safety data sheet.

Electrical Safety

BSI Wiring Regulations (1981 Edition) (London Inst. of Electrical Engineers).

Others

- Protection of the eyes regulation 1974.
- Factories and Workshop (1963) 21.
- The shop-fitting and shop-repairing regulations 1960.

CastoMag Torches

DESCRIPTION	PRODUCT CODE NO.
CASTOMAG 100 TORCH Air cooled Max. current: 100A/CO ₂ , 100A mixed gases Duty cycle: 80% Max. wire size: 1/8", 3/16" Length: 3-ft. (914 mm) Recommended for use with the CastoMag 100 controller Contacts supplied with torch (free)	111000
CASTOMAG 150 TORCH Air cooled Max. current: 150A/CO ₂ , 150A mixed gases Duty cycle: 80% Max. wire size: 1/8", 3/16" Length: 3-ft. (914 mm) Recommended for use with the CastoMag 150 controller Contacts supplied with torch (free)	111500

Accessories

CO₂ REGULATOR WITH METER & FLOWMETER Regulator pressure at 1.0 liter per minute flowmeter up to 300 lbs. pressure. Meter: 200 or 1.0 L CO ₂ regulator complete at about—1100 O ₂ regulator complete at about—1200	110000 110500
ARGON MIXER GASES REGULATOR COMPLETE WITH FLOWMETER Regulator pressure at 1.0 liter per minute flowmeter up to 300 lbs. pressure. Argon mixed gases regulator complete	110000
WELDSCREEN HANDSCREEN WIRE CUTTERS ANTI-SPATTER COMPOUND . . . GLOVES, 100% COTTON CUFF CHROME CUTTER	090000 090000 110000 090000 090000

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