

## **GAS METAL ARC WELDER**

### SAFE OPERATING PROCEDURE

Do not use this equipment unless you have been properly trained and instructed in its safe use and have been given prior permission.



A MASK MUST BE WORN WHEN EXCESSIVE AIRBORNE DUST IS CREATED



HEARING PROTECTION MAY BE REQUIRED FOR SOME OPERATIONS



SAFETY GLASSES MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES IN ADDITION TO A WELDING MASK



LOOSE OR LONG HAIR MUST BE CONTAINED. REMOVE EXPOSED RINGS OR JEWELLERY



STURDY FOOTWEAR WITH RUBBER SOLES MUST BE WORN



PROTECTIVE CLOTHING MUST BE WORN



A WELDING MASK WITH CORRECT GRADE LENS MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES WHILE



RESPIRATORY PROTECTION DEVICES MAY BE REQUIRED FOR SOME OPERATIONS

### PRE-OPERATIONAL SAFETY CHECKS:

- 1. The task (e.g. Drawings, Instructions, Specifications etc.) is clearly understood.
- 2. Ensure the workspace is clear of grease, oil and an flammable materials.
- 3. Ensure the workspace is clean and there are no slip/ trip hazards present.
- 4. Always keep welding equipment, gloves and the work area dry to avoid electrical shocks.
- 5. Ensure that no other staff members are in the immediate area. Erect screens or curtains to protect others from flashes.
- 6. Never use faulty equipment, always report any suspected faulty equipment to the supervisor.
- 7. Ensure the fume extraction unit is on before beginning welding operations.
- 8. Ensure you are wearing the correct protective clothing, never use your bare hands to operate this equipment.

#### **OPERATIONAL SAFETY CHECKS:**

- 1. Ensure that the machine is set to the correct voltage, current, wire feed and gas flow.
- 2. Ensure the work return cables make firm contact to provide a good electrical connection.
- 3. Work cautiously to avoid flashes.
- 4. Never leave the welder running unattended.



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### **HOUSE KEEPING**

- 1. Switch off the machine and fume extraction unit once work is completed.
- 2. Close the gas cylinder valve.
- 3. Hang up welding gun and cables.
- 4. Leave the workspace in a safe, clean and tidy state.

### **POTENTIAL HAZARDS**

- Electric shock
- Fumes.
- Radiation burns to eyes or body.
- · Body burns due to hot or molten materials.
- Flying sparks.
- Fire.