

**UNI-MIG**  
**WELDING**



# **WORKSHOP 425SWF**

*Seperate Wire Feeder Manual*





# 3 YEARS Warranty\*

## Machine Model

Description	Part Number
UNIMIG Workshop 425SWF	KUM425SWF

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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 vapours from substance inside. These can cause an explosion even though the vessel has been "cleaned". Vent hollow castings or containers before heating, cutting or welding. They may explode.

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- o 89/336 EGK (*Electromagn. compatibility*)
- o 98/37 EK (*Machines*)

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# SAFETY

## SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

for electric machines of welding/cutting industry



**Present Manual should be studied thoroughly before starting any operation!**



Next paragraphs provide some **safety precautions** and **instructions** how to use electric machines of **welding** and **cutting** industry in order **all persons** to **prevent** accidents, injuries etc.

As all preventing rules cannot be written because of **many variations** of **task environment**, **follow** the rules concerning the actual job(s) and the employer's **safety practices**.

**Read, understand** and **keep industrial safety** and **fire protection** instructions concerning to **safety** of **all parts** and **equipments** used (cylinder, torch, extractor, etc.).

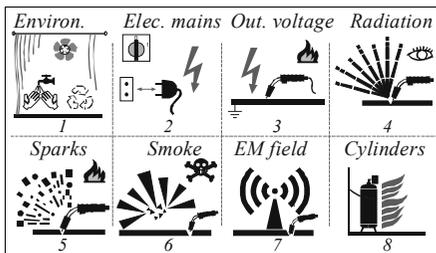
### 1. Dangerous features



1. Formed **conditions** of the machine and work are important: **transport, storage, installation, operation, maintenance**.
2. The machine is connected to the **mains network**.
3. The **electrode, work-piece** (or *ground*), and **cables** are **under voltage** (electrically live). Voltage of more electrodes can be **added up** on the work-piece. At **plasma cutting** there is 200–350 V at the torch!

At **welding/cutting**, the followings **are produced**:

4. Visible **light**, ultraviolet and infra-red **rays**, significant **heat**.
5. **Sparks, spatter** and high-energy **metal drops** with **great temperature** (800–1600 °C). These are thrown from the arc and can **fly** to **adjacent** areas (through small gaps).
6. Toxic **fumes, gases** and **smoke** generated from
  - the **worked** (e.g. galvanized, lead or cadmium plated) metal,
  - the gas used **for work**,
  - those reacting with **each other** (e.g. phosgene).
7. Considerable **electromagnetic field** (because of high-current **arc** and **mains cable**) that **radiates** to the environment. Its effect **highly** decreases with the distance. Radiation of machines with **HF-ignition unit** (TIG, Plas) is **more** bigger.
8. **Cylinders** using for work and **nearby** contain **high-pressure gas**.



### 2. Damaging effects

These **dangerous features** have **harmful** influence to the **workers** and also to near **living beings, machine**, and **other equipments**:

#### ◆ General injuries

1: A not suitable made **environment**, a not well prepared and made **working area** can be **dangerous** (machine tipping over, its overheating, person falling down, etc.).



#### ◆ Electric shock

2: The machine's **inside** is **under mains voltage**.

3: Machine's **cables** have **voltage** while working.



#### ◆ Eye damaging

4: **Arc ray** causes **eye inflammation**.

5: **Flying sparks** can cause **physical** eye damaging.

6: **Smoke, gas, fume** can **irritate** the eye.

8: Cylinders' **overpressure** can come to the eye.



#### ◆ Hand and skin injuries

4: **Heat effect** of the **arc ray** and the overheated **work-piece** can burn the skin.

5: **Flying sparks** can reach the skin.

6: **Smoke, gas, fume** can **irritate** the skin.



#### ◆ Breathing damage

6: **Smoke** etc. can **displace** air and **breathing in** can cause injury or even death.



#### ◆ Fire and explosion danger

2: **Electric fault** can happen in the machine in principle.

3: Cables can **overheat** or a **short-circuit** can happen.

4: **Arc ray** has a **great heat effect** to the work-piece.

5: **Sparks** are of **high** temperature and **fly far away**.

6: **Fumes** can be **hot** and can stimulate burning.

8: **Cylinders** can contain **high-pressure** and **fire-feeding** gas (e.g. oxygen).



#### ◆ Electromagnetic disturbances

7: **EM radiation** has **too much** energy for **sensitive** electrical equipments.



#### ◆ Environmental damage

1,4,5,6: **Welding/cutting** and its **waste materials** can **contaminate** the surrounding **soil, waters, and air**. **Damaging noise, light, and heat** are produced.

### 3. The machine's transport, storage



- » Must be in **upright** position, secured against tipping over.
- » **Lifted** (if **bigger** size) by means of lift device and with the help of **more** personnel.
- » **Protected** against vapour, moisture, **damaging** weather and mechanical effects (in **dry, covered** place, for good cause in its box or covered).



### 4. Creating working area



- » The **working area** should be ...
  - clean and **orderly**
  - well-**lighted** and -aired (e.g. extractor fan), and of good temperature; **protected** from falling water, rain, and storm
  - of straight, smooth floor, **free from obstructions** (of non-combustible material)
  - screened, fenced off with **safety grids** (if necessary).



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» In the *working area* or near, there not be ...

- *inflammable* materials (or cover them)  
- person living with pacemaker
- electrically sensitive appliances in the area of health (e.g. pacemaker), control (e.g. computer), measurement, safety (e.g. guard), radio-waves (e.g. mobile phone), etc.

» The cylinder ...

- must be in upright position, securely chained to a fixed support, and away from areas where they may be subjected to damaging physical or heat effect
- valve protection cap should always be in its *place* if out of use.

» Pay attention to the followings:

- Keep a fire-extinguisher, water hose, blanket, etc. readily available for immediate use.
- Connect work clamp to the work piece close to the working area (not be complex current path). Connections must be tight.
- Ground the work to a good electrical point.
- Place the high-current cables side by side and at floor. Nobody stay close to them for a long time.
- Cables not be wound around metal or living body.

## 5. Operation



» The equipment:

- can be operated at a place which is suitable for safety work and well ventilated
- changes decreasing its safety shall not be carried out
- its electric shock prevention test must be carried out regularly as prescribed
- must be connected to a line provided with protective grounding, circuit breaker or fuse, and possibly protection switch
- its airing grids/slots be free
- can be used only for the purpose that it was designed for
- its all installation, repair and maintenance works (possibly on disconnected machine) can be performed only by qualified, trained, and competent (examined) persons, according to the labour safety provisions, electric shock protection, and local and manufacturer's regulations.

» Protect ...

- cables from any kind of damage, e.g. don't step on them and don't roll anything over them
- low-current cables of the machine(s) by laying them in a safe location, or, if necessary, with screening
- public utilities (gas hoses and fittings, electric wires and equipments, etc.)
- air (by filter usage), soil, worked metal etc. from contamination.

## 6. Working



» Don't weld/cut ...

- with covers removed or with damaged cables
- materials and parts under voltage (also don't touch these)

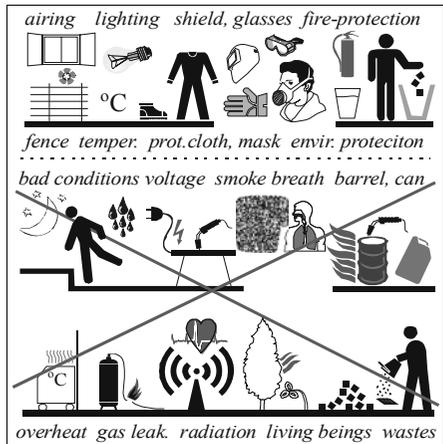
- near to inflammable or explosive materials, dust, vapours (e.g. chlorinated hydrocarbon vapours coming from cleaning or spraying operations)
- when not knowing what gases and fumes can be generated e.g. from coated metals   
- in damp and dirty environment   
- tanks, drums, barrels, cylinders, containers, etc. as these are filled up with vapours (being inside in spite of "cleaning" and produced by working).

» Pay attention to the followings:

- Safe and stable working position is needed.
- Rolls of wire feeder and the fed wire are dangerous (at MIG welding).
- Use enough ventilation and mask or respirator.
- Keep your head and face:
  - ♦ out of the fume (avoid breathing in these)  
  - ♦ away from the valve outlet when opening it.
- Wear protective clothing (isolate yourself from the work-piece):
  - ♦ oil-free, fire-resistant clothing covering all body 
  - ♦ dry, leather gloves with no holes
  - ♦ high shoes, hair cap, ear plugs
  - ♦ safety filter glass with side shield (helmet).
- Switch off the machine when out of use (wait its cooling; also recommended pulling the mains plug out).
- Waste materials must be handled carefully, regularly.
- Keep all parts, fittings (e.g. gas hose) in well and safety condition, suitable for work, according to rules and specifications.

» Don't do the followings:

- Don't turn any switch, don't pull cables from the connector while working.
- Never turn the torch toward anybody (and yourself).
- Don't touch the electrode:
  - ♦ to the work-piece when this is not necessary
  - ♦ to parts or cylinder under voltage
  - ♦ if touching also the work-piece at the same time
  - ♦ to liquid (e.g. for cooling).





## 1. Introduction

In case of MIG/MAG welding method the arc is generated between the automatically fed *welding wire* and the *working piece*, shielding in CO<sub>2</sub> gas or gas mixture.

The machine is able to weld unalloyed and low alloyed *steel plates*. When welding thin car chassis, the application of *gas mixture* is recommended, whilst in other cases, when deep penetration is required, *pure CO<sub>2</sub>* renders better solution.

Important advantages of this technology are high *heat concentration* and *current density* so warp of the material is very low.

Additional advantages:

- ◆ high welding speed, quick melting,
- ◆ deep penetration, high melting rate,
- ◆ ability to weld of thin plates, roots, etc.,
- ◆ wide range of welding parameters,
- ◆ easy automation,
- ◆ no slag on the welded seam.

The equipment consists of two, *separated* units: the **Power Source** and the **Wire Feeder**, and they are connected with cables and hoses of 10 m long. The *power source* is designed to constitute a compact unit with the *gas bottle* and the *undercarriage* fixed to it.

Main parts of these units:

- ◆ Metal housing with wheels and fan
- ◆ Main transformer (of flat static characteristic)
- ◆ Rectifier bridge
- ◆ Choke for smoothing the current
- ◆ Auxiliary transformer and contactor
- ◆ Metal housing with central torch adaptor
- ◆ Wire feeding unit with motor
- ◆ Solenoid (gas) valve
- ◆ Electronic control unit
- ◆ Connecting cables and hoses (10 m)

## 2. Specification

### Power Source

### Wire Feeder

Mains voltage	3×415 V, 50 Hz	Input voltage	42 V, 50 Hz
Nominal input power	20 kVA	Maximum input power	75 VA
Maximum input current	3×28 A	Maximum input current	2 A
Input fuse	3×T25 A		
Open circuit voltage (DC)	19 - 50 V	Wire diameter range	0.6 - 1.6 mm
Welding current range	40 A/16 V - 400 A/34 V	Max. welding current	400 A
Duty cycle	60 % - 400 A, 100% - 310 A	Duty cycle	100%
Number of welding steps	30 (3×10)	Wire feed speed	0 - 18 m/min
Cooling	AF	Cooling	AN
Insulation class	I	Shock prevention class	III
Weight (approx.)	177 kg	Weight (approx.)	25 kg
Dimensions (w×h×l) without wheels	470 × 660 × 1030 mm 470 × 490 × 1030 mm	Dimensions (w×h×l) without wheels	360 × 590 × 620 mm 230 × 495 × 620 mm

Class of heat resistance: F; Protection class: IP 21.

## 3. Transport and storage

The manufacturer delivers the equipment with standard *accessories* and *undercarriage* mounted. Before transport, the machine has to be secured against tipping over and protected against adverse effects of the weather.

It must be stored at dry, covered places.

It shall be loaded and unloaded by *lift trucks*.

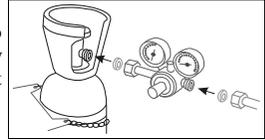
Protect it against moisture and mechanical shock carefully!

## 4. Installation

The equipment must be operated at places providing all the necessary conditions for its *safe operation*.

The machine should be connected to a line provided with protective **grounding**, fuse and differential protection switch. Always comply with the *provisions of standards* when repairing and installing the equipment.

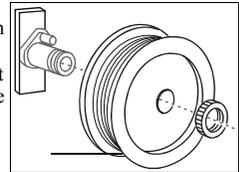
◆ **Equip** the **gas bottle** with *pressure regulator* and *flow meter* according to the instruction manuals. **Put** the gas bottle onto the *power source*, **secure** it by the chain *carefully* and mount the flare nut of the gas hose to the regulator output by a wrench.



Leakage should be **checked** at both ends e.g. by soap-water.

◆ Open the cover of the *wire feeder*. The **reel holder** is placed in a room separated from the electric parts.

Push the *wire reel* onto the holder. Make free the end of the wire and cut it *smoothly*. The reel's *braking* can be adjusted by the *bolt* located on the middle of the holder, after removing the *nut* which fixes the reel.

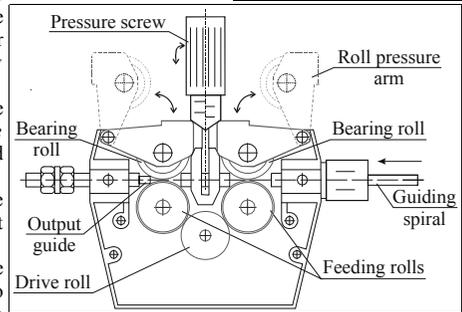


◆ The **wire feed mechanism** which is mounted electrically isolated from the body serves for the reliable feed of the welding wire. The *shaft* of the feeder motor is equipped with a *drive roll*, which drives the *feeding rolls*, the *groove* of which aligns the welding wire.

The wire is pressed against the feeding rolls by free running *bearing rolls* pressed down by the *pressure arms*. The pressure on the feeding rolls can be adjusted by a *screw*. The wire is guided by a *guiding spiral*.

The feeding rolls, marked at their outer surface have *two grooves*. In case of changing the wire, remove shaft nut and *turn* the feeding rolls.

**Unlock** the pressure arm and **align** the wire into the groove of the rolls putting a short part of the wire into the central adaptor. Finally, **put the cover back**, to *protect* the reel of wire and the feeder unit against contamination.



◆ **Connect** the...

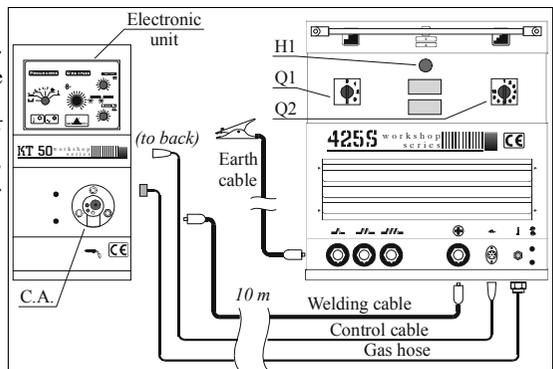
- *wire feeder* to the *power source* by welding and control cable and gas hose (accessories, in a 10 m protective hose);
- *torch* to the standard central adaptor;
- *earth cable* to a socket on the *power source's* front plate (according to the less spatter);
- *earth clamp* to the work piece or bench.

The *gas hose* (to the cylinder), *mains cable* and *fuses* are located at the *power source's* rear plate.

## 5. Operation

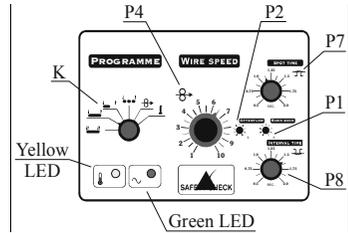
- Q1: Main and coarse setting sw. (0-3)
- Q2: Fine setting switch (1-10)
- H1: "Power on" lamp
- C.A.: Central adaptor (welding current, torch button, shielding gas).

*Thermo-switches* wound onto the main transformer prevent the *power source* from overheating, in this case the welding voltage and wire feeding are *switched off*. The yellow LED on the *wire feeder* signals this. After the built-in fan *cools* the equipment down (through the vent-holes by air flow), welding can be continued.



The machine is controlled by an **electronic unit** which provides the feeding motor's DC voltage, switches the **contactor** and **gas valve** on/off and controls the welding process.

- Green LED: signals the machine's on.
- Yellow LED: signals the overheating of the *power source*.
- K: Function selector switch.
- P4: Wire feed speed potentiometer.
- P7: Welding *on* time potentiometer.
- P8: Welding *off* time potentiometer.
- P1: Wire burn back (mini) potentiometer.
- P2: Gas post-flow time (mini) potentiometer.



Two operation modes which can be chosen by the switch K are:

- » **Wire threading:** While *pushing* the torch button, the feeder is *feeding* the wire with speed approx. 10 m/min. into the torch cable (any other functions are prohibited). For smooth wire feed, keep torch cable as *straight* as possible during this operation. In case of *slippage* of the wire, increase drive roll pressure by the set screw.
- » **Gas test:** While *pushing* the torch button, the gas valve is *open* (any other functions are prohibited). During this time the quantity and the pressure of gas can be checked and set. Set gas flow between approx. 16-20 l/min (*depending* on the welding current).

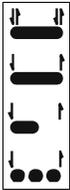


The welding can be started by pushing the button on the welding torch:

- First there is only *gas pre-flow* (its duration can be 0-0.5 sec., setting by P3 potentiometer on the PCB);
- Afterwards the *wire feeding* begins, with soft start (its duration is set to 0.2 sec. by P9 on PCB), and also the *welding current* starts.

The welding work is according to the operation modes set by the function selector switch (K):

- » **4-stroke mode:** Releasing the button the welding *continues* and it stops only if the button is pushed again.
- » **2-stroke mode:** After releasing the button, the welding *stops*.
- » **Spot welding:** After the set time is finished (or releasing the button), the welding stops. The duration of the spot welding can be set by P7 potentiometer (0.5-2.5 sec).
- » **Interval welding:** The welding stops if the button is *released* in the pause time. The duration of the *feeding* can be set by P7, while the *pause* time can be set by P8.



When the welding is finished:

- First the *wire feeding* stops (if it works);
- Elapsing the wire burn back time (P1), the *welding current* ceases;
- Elapsing the gas post-flow time (P2), the *gas flow* stops, too.

The P6 potentiometer *on the PCB* sets the minimal wire speed, while the P5 sets the maximal one.

## 6. Trouble shooting

**All electrical repair's must be carried out by a Licensed Technician,**

**The machine must be disconnected from the electrical supply before any repairs are made to the machine.**

**If the fault of the equipment remains or is caused by an unknown reason, contact the service division!**

- The green LED is off: Faulty switch (Q1), mains cable or transformer(s); ⇒ replace it or contact the service. Bad electric connections to the *power source*; ⇒ *check* these cables.
- Blown fuse: ⇒ Find the *cause* of trouble (there may be short circuit in the machine!), replace fuse and *check* its rating.
- The yellow LED is on: The *power source* is *overheated*; ⇒ *wait* until the fan cools it down and the LED extinguishes.
- No welding arc: Faulty torch or its cable or button; ⇒ *replace* it. Loose connection at welding cables; ⇒ *fasten* it. Faulty control unit; ⇒ contact service.

- **Bad gas flow:** Empty gas bottle, faulty pressure regulator or flow meter, leakage at gas hose or gas valve; ⇒ repair or replace. The bottle or regulator is frozen, ⇒ *heat up* it by hot water or gas heater.
- **Irregular wire feed:** Worn or deformed input guide, roll or its groove, loose wire reel; ⇒ *locate fault* and repair it. Bad pressure on the roll; ⇒ set *correct* pressure. Faulty control unit; ⇒ contact service.
- **Bad quality of weld:** Bad gas flow, incorrect wire speed, contaminated surface, improper quality of wire or gas, bad welding parameters, worn parts of machine ⇒ use *good quality* products for welding, *maintain* the machine regularly.

It is very important that the welding parameters would be set *properly* for the welding task:

- **Welding current:** can be regulated by the wire feed speed, via the melting output.
- **Arc voltage:** weld with a *short* arc if it is possible; width, depth and surface of the seam depend also on this.
- **Sticking out:** it is recommended to be *short*; it influences the melting output, gas shielding, spatter loss.
- **Polarity:** the reverse polarity can be used *only* for piling welding.
- **Nozzle-to-work distance:** be *short* because of gas shielding, but the gas nozzle must be protected from *heat*.
- **Leading of the torch:** usually *pulling*; the *pushing* welding can be used for *root welding* because of the wide and flat seam.

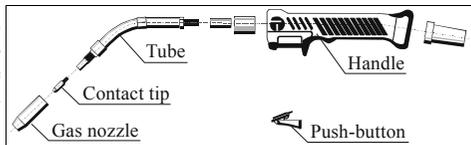
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- **Torch:** During the welding work apply anti-adhesive fluid (silicon spray) to the *gas nozzle* to prevent melted droplets adhering to it. The *contact tip* is a consumable part to be changed regularly depending on its wear (burning, erosion). The *torch liner* should only be cleaned by compressed air.
- **Cables and hoses:** Check *gas hose* and *input/output cables* for flaws, replace if necessary.
- **Wire feeder:** This must be checked and maintained regularly at the *drive roll* and the *guiding spiral*.
- **High-current unit:** *Remove* dust from inside the equipment using compressed air. *Check* and - if necessary - *tighten* screw at connections.



## 8. Parts list

### Accessories:

Nº	Part	Code	Nº	Part	Code
1.	2 feeding rolls Ø40/32, for Ø0.8-1.0	2342240634	2.	Earth cable 50 mm <sup>2</sup> , 10 m	2343630016
3.	Output plug CX-22 (on earth cable)	2142240692	4.	Earth clamp	2142240184
5.	Gas hose Ø9/5, 10 m	2357320078	6.	1/4" flare nut (on gas hose's end)	28274102
7.	Protective hose 10 cm×10 m	2167320021	8.	Welding cable 50 mm <sup>2</sup> , 10 m	2343630053
9.	Output plug CX-22 (to the PS)	2142240692	10.	Output plug CX-42 (to the WF)	2142240617
11.	Control cable 5×1.0 mm <sup>2</sup> , 10 m	2343630071	12.	6+1-pin plug T3104 (to the PS)	2143730091
13.	6+1-pin plug T3105 (to the WF)	2143730089			

**Power Source:**

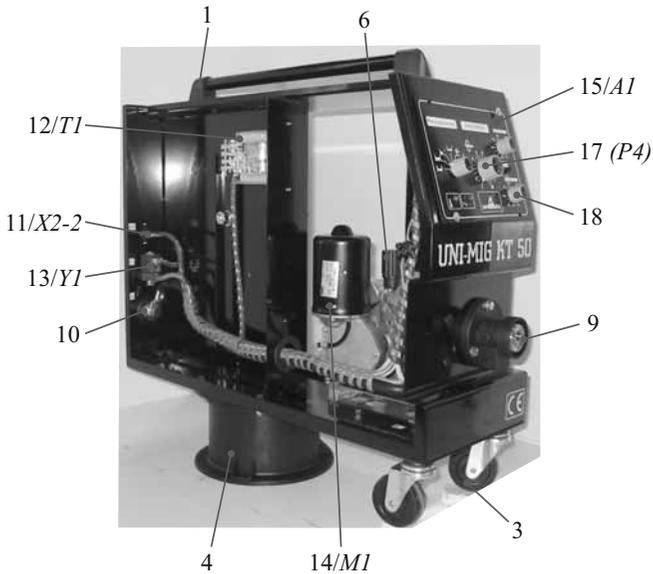
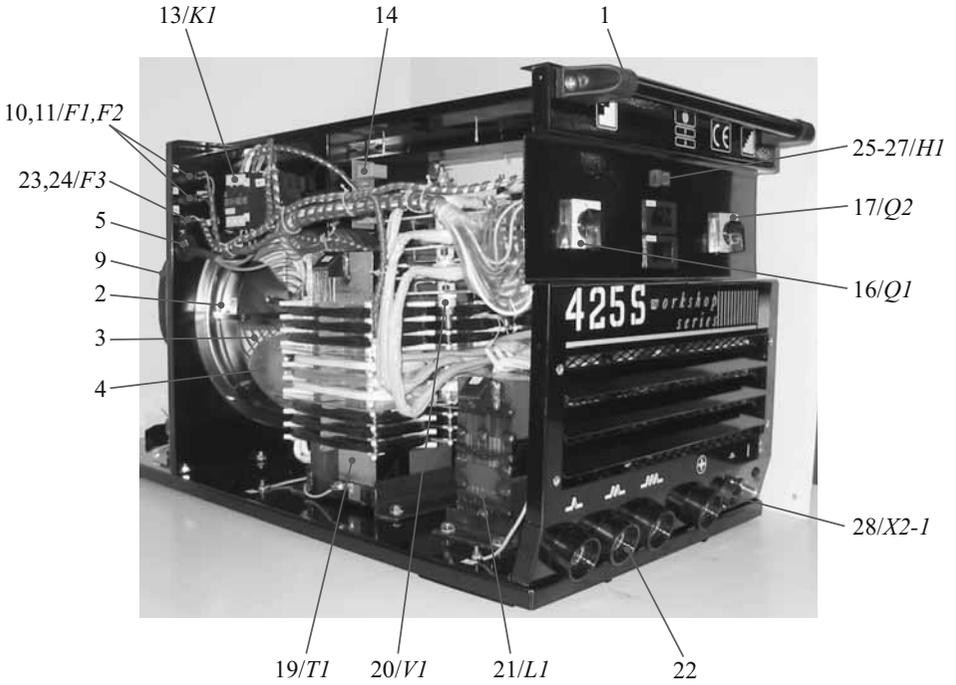
N <sup>o</sup>	Part	qty	Code	N <sup>o</sup>	Part	qty	Code
1.	Plastic handle (half)	2	2142240230	2.	Fan holder Ø300	1	28422411
3.	Safety grid for fan Ø300	1	2142240235	4.	Fan blade Ø300	1	2142240178
5.	Cable fixing clamp ( <i>mains cable</i> )	1	2342240567	6.	Gas hose Ø9/5, 1.5 m ( <i>to bottle</i> )	1	2357320008
7.	3/8" flare nut ( <i>on gas hose's end</i> )	1	28274101	8.	O-ring 7×2	1	2356560004
9.	Mains cable 4×2.5 mm <sup>2</sup> , 5 m	1	2343630024	10.	Fuse holder G-30 (500V)	2	2343730050
11.	Fuse B30/6.3, 1A <i>F1,F2</i>	4	2343730052	12.	Screw terminal K2.5B	1	2343730009
13.	Contactor LC1-D32.01, 42V <i>KI</i>	1	2142320096	14.	Filter unit EMC-3	1	28040623
15.	Fan motor VNT 34-45, 230V <i>MI</i>	1	2142241120	16.	Switch GN 25-6720 (0-3) <i>QI</i>	1	2142330065
17.	Switch GN 25-8407 (1-10) <i>Q2</i>	1	2142330160	18.	Auxiliary transformer <i>T2</i>	1	29081140
19.	Main transformer <i>TI</i>	1	29080292	20.	Rectifier bridge PTS 500 <i>VI</i>	1	2142240239
21.	DC choke <i>LI</i>	1	29090238	22.	Output socket CX-31	4	2142240068
23.	Fuse holder PTF-35 (250V)	1	2343730015	24.	Fuse B20/5.2, 3.15A ( <i>feeder</i> ) <i>F3</i>	2	2343730049
25.	Lamp holder 18×18, LJ 243 <i>HI</i>	1	2342340064	26.	Cap for lamp, green	1	2342340065
27.	Bulb T4.5, 48V	1	2345210001	28.	6+1-pin socket T3107 <i>X2-I</i>	1	2143730087

Option: Shunt 600A/60 mV (*SI*, 28475413) and V-A-meter (2147540008).

**Wire Feeder:**

N <sup>o</sup>	Part	qty	Code	N <sup>o</sup>	Part	qty	Code
1.	Plastic handle (half)	2	2142240230	2.	Wheel Ø160	2	2132750052
3.	Swivel wheel Ø65	2	2132750047	4.	Swivel plate	1	2142240110
5.	Wire reel holder	1	2142240076	6.	Feeding mechan. 2465L-504A	1	2142241562
7.	Feeding roll Ø40/32, Ø0.9-1.2V	2	2342240742	8.	Plastic plug for wheel's axle	2	2342240173
9.	Standard central adaptor	1	2142240095	10.	Output socket CX-12	1	2142240155
11.	6+1-pin socket T3106 <i>X2-2</i>	1	2143730088	12.	Auxiliary transformer <i>TI</i>	1	29081120
13.	Solenoid valve 42V~ <i>YI</i>	1	2142241101	14.	Feed. motor D76, 24V 65W <i>MI</i>	1	2142241562
15.	Electronic unit MHT 3.0 <i>AI</i>	1	2142241056	16.	11-pin PCB connector	1	2342240179
17.	Turning knob FF-25 ( <i>P4</i> )	1	2342240017	18.	Turning knob FF-16 ( <i>K,P7,P8</i> )	3	2342240015

## Parts of the machine



# Welding Tips

## Welding tips

The built-in main transformer of flat static characteristic provides stable welding even with *hand*-moved torch.

This means that e.g. the arc length increases (*shifting* work point), the arc voltage hardly changes but welding current and melting rate decrease: work point is *restored*.

### 1. Using gas

Properties of **argon** and **CO<sub>2</sub>** are in the next table. Properties of **mixed gas** are between the two so it is good *compromise* between quality and cost.

Property	Ar	CO <sub>2</sub>
Width of seam	wide	narrow
Height of seam	flat	big
Depth of penetration	small	deep
Dimensions of bath	big	small
Current of welding torch	low	big
Danger of contact tip burning	frequent	rare
Spatter	low	strong
Danger of porosity	-	middle
Weldability of structural steels	less	good
Pulse arc welding	excellent	not poss.
Dipping arc welding	adequate	excellent
Weldability of Cr-Ni steels	good (+O <sub>2</sub> )	condition-ally
Weldability of Al and alloys	possible	not poss.
Costs	very high	low

It can be seen that only un- or low alloyed steels are practical to weld with CO<sub>2</sub>.

It is worth considering offers of gas manufacturers!  
Flux-cored wire *doesn't* need any gas!

Typical values of *gas consumption* (litre/min):

wire Ø mm	gas cons.	wire Ø mm	gas cons.
0.8	8 – 12	1.2	10 – 15
1.0	10 – 12	1.4	12 – 16

### 2. Welding properties

Welding unalloyed **steel** (in case of butt joint, 82% Ar+18% CO<sub>2</sub> gas):

thickness	wire	current	voltage	w. speed
mm	Ømm	A	V	m/min
1.0	0.8	70	17	3.6
1.5	0.8	90	18	4.9
2.0	0.8	120	20	7.2
3.0	0.8	130	21	8.0
4.0	1.0	130	21	4.5
5.0	1.0	130	21	4.5
6 – 9	1.0	130 – 200	21 – 25	4.5 – 8.3
10 – 20	1.2	135 – 300	21 – 30	3.0 – 9.6

**Aluminium** and alloys (SG-AlSi5 wire and Ar gas):

thickness.	wire	current	voltage	w. speed
mm	Ømm	A	V	m/min
1.0	0.8	70	17	7.3
1.5	0.8	70	17	7.3
2 – 3	0.8	90	18	9.7
4.0	1.2	130	20	5.5
5.0	1.2	160	22	6.9
6.0	1.2	180	23	8.0

**Copper** and alloys (Ar gas):

thickness	wire	current	voltage	w. speed
mm	Ømm	A	V	m/min
3.0	0.8	175	23	10.9
5.0	1.2	210	25	6.0

### 3. Welding parameters

It is very important *welding parameters* properly to set to the welding process.

#### ◆ Welding current

Wire feed speed determines the welding current which assures uniform melting. Welding current is set by the wire feed speed.

#### ◆ Arc voltage

Too high: wider and longer weld, lower penetration depth, higher spatter and burning alloying elements - in turn good appearance of seam surface.

Too low: narrow and deep weld, poor appearance of seam surface, bulgy fillet weld.

#### ◆ Wire stickout

Too long: reduction of welding current (melting rate), bad gas shielding, strong spatter.

Too short: contact tip can be melted, and the wire can burn back.

Recommended values (according to welding current)

A	50	100	150	200	250	300	350	400
mm	5	6	8	10	12	14	17	20

#### ◆ Polarity

Unusual polarity can be used only for *piling* welding, but arc burns irregularly and spatter is stronger.

#### ◆ Gas nozzle-to-work distance

Too big: bad gas shielding.

Too small: difficult visible welding bath, easier melting gas nozzle, to which melted metal droplets can adhere.

Recommended value approx. 10-12 mm (15 mm upper 350 A).

#### ◆ Tipping torch

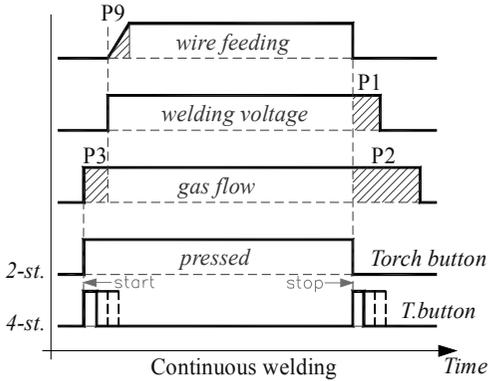
In the direction of travel (pulling): higher penetration depth, narrow and high seam; good gas shielding, well visible welding bath.

In the opposite (pushing): fusion defects, lower penetration depth, wide and flat seam (but good for thin plates and roots).

# Welding Tips

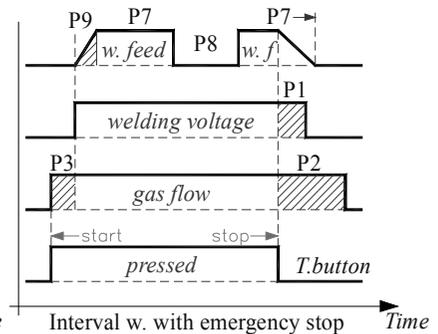
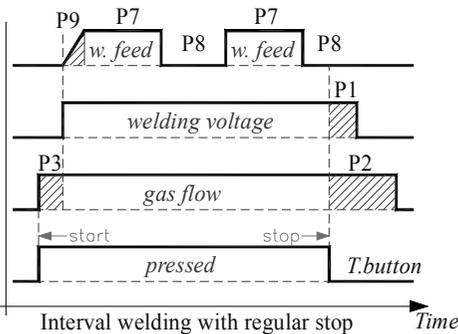
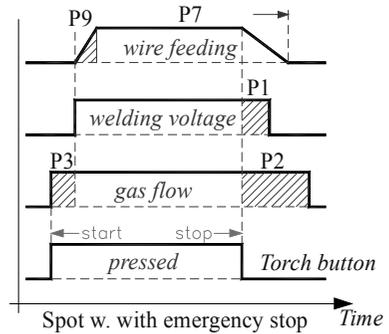
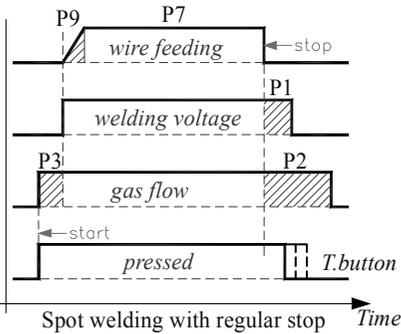


## Welding time diagrams



- ⊙ P3: Gas pre-flow time (0-0.5 s)
- ⊙ P9: Soft start time (0-0.2 s)
- ⊙ P1: Wire burn-back time (0-0.5 s)
- ⊙ P2: Gas post-flow time (0-2.5 s)

- ⊙ P7: Welding time (0.5-2.5 s)
- ⊙ P8: Pause time (0.5-2.5 s)





## MAINTENANCE

### WARNING:

Exposure to extremely dusty, damp, or corrosive air is damaging to the welding machine. In order to prevent any possible failure or fault of this welding equipment, clean the dust at regular intervals with clean and dry compressed air of required pressure.

Please note that: lack of maintenance can result in the cancellation of the guarantee; the guarantee of this welding equipment will be void if the machine has been modified, attempt to take apart the machine or open the factory-made sealing of the machine without the consent of an authorized representative of the manufacturer.

## TROUBLESHOOTING

### Caution:

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