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General instructions

CAUTION



Read the operating instructions!

The operating instructions provide an introduction to the safe use of the products.

- Read the operating instructions for all system components!
- Observe accident prevention regulations!
- Observe all local regulations!
- Confirm with a signature where appropriate.

NOTE



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2 Safety instructions

2.1 Notes on the use of these operating instructions



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Working or operating procedures which must be closely observed to prevent imminent serious and even fatal injuries.

- Safety notes include the "DANGER" keyword in the heading with a general warning symbol.
- The hazard is also highlighted using a symbol on the edge of the page.



WARNING

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CAUTION

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CAUTION

Working and operating procedures which must be followed precisely to avoid damaging or destroying the product.

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NOTE

Special technical points which users must observe.

- Notes include the "NOTE" keyword in the heading without a general warning symbol.

Instructions and lists detailing step-by-step actions for given situations can be recognised via bullet points, e.g.:

- Insert the welding current lead socket into the relevant socket and lock.

2.2 Explanation of icons

Symbol	Description
	Press
	Do not press
	Turn
	Switch
	Switch off machine
	Switch on machine
	ENTER (enter the menu)
	NAVIGATION (Navigating in the menu)
	EXIT (Exit the menu)
	Time display (example: wait 4s/press)
	Interruption in the menu display (other setting options possible)
	Tool not required/do not use
	Tool required/use

2.3 General

DANGER



Electromagnetic fields!

The power source may cause electrical or electromagnetic fields to be produced which could affect the correct functioning of electronic equipment such as IT or CNC devices, telecommunication lines, power cables, signal lines and pacemakers.

- Observe the maintenance instructions "See 6 Maintenance, care and disposal chapter"!
- Unwind welding leads completely!
- Shield devices or equipment sensitive to radiation accordingly!
- The correct functioning of pacemakers may be affected (obtain advice from a doctor if necessary).



Do not carry out any unauthorised repairs or modifications!

To avoid injury and equipment damage, the unit must only be repaired or modified by specialist, skilled persons!

The warranty becomes null and void in the event of unauthorised interference.

- Appoint only skilled persons for repair work (trained service personnel)!



Electric shock!

Welding machines use high voltages which can result in potentially fatal electric shocks and burns on contact. Even low voltages can cause you to get a shock and lead to accidents.

- Do not touch any live parts in or on the machine!
- Connection cables and leads must be free of faults!
- Switching off alone is not sufficient!
- Place welding torch and stick electrode holder on an insulated surface!
- The unit should only be opened by specialist staff after the mains plug has been unplugged!
- Only wear dry protective clothing!
- Wait for 4 minutes until the capacitors have discharged!

WARNING



Risk of injury due to radiation or heat!

Arc radiation results in injury to skin and eyes.

Contact with hot workpieces and sparks results in burns.

- Use welding shield or welding helmet with the appropriate safety level (depending on the application)!
- Wear dry protective clothing (e.g. welding shield, gloves, etc.) according to the relevant regulations in the country in question!
- Protect persons not involved in the work against arc beams and the risk of glare using safety curtains!



Explosion risk!

Apparently harmless substances in closed containers may generate excessive pressure when heated.

- Move containers with inflammable or explosive liquids away from the working area!
- Never heat explosive liquids, dusts or gases by welding or cutting!

 **WARNING****Smoke and gases!**

Smoke and gases can lead to breathing difficulties and poisoning. In addition, solvent vapour (chlorinated hydrocarbon) may be converted into poisonous phosgene due to the ultraviolet radiation of the arc!

- Ensure that there is sufficient fresh air!
- Keep solvent vapour away from the arc beam field!
- Wear suitable breathing apparatus if appropriate!

**Fire hazard!**

Flames may arise as a result of the high temperatures, stray sparks, glowing-hot parts and hot slag produced during the welding process.

Stray welding currents can also result in flames forming!

- Check for fire hazards in the working area!
- Do not carry any easily flammable objects such as matches or lighters.
- Keep appropriate fire extinguishing equipment to hand in the working area!
- Thoroughly remove any residue of flammable substances from the workpiece before starting welding.
- Only continue work on welded workpieces once they have cooled down.
Do not allow to come into contact with flammable material!
- Connect welding leads correctly!

**Risk of accidents if these safety instructions are not observed!**

Non-observance of these safety instructions is potentially fatal!

- Carefully read the safety information in this manual!
- Observe the accident prevention regulations in your country.
- Inform persons in the working area that they must observe the regulations!

**Danger when coupling multiple power sources!**

Coupling multiple power sources in parallel or in series has to be carried out by qualified personnel and in accordance with the manufacturer's guidelines. Before bringing the power sources into service for arc welding operations, a test has to verify that they cannot exceed the maximum allowed open circuit voltage.

- Connection of the machine may be carried out by qualified personnel only!
- When decommissioning individual power sources, all mains and welding current leads have to be safely disconnected from the welding system as a whole. (Danger due to inverse voltages!)
- Do not couple welding machines with pole reversing switch (PWS series) or machines for AC welding, as a minor error in operation can cause the welding voltages to be combined.

 **CAUTION****Noise exposure!**

Noise exceeding 70 dBA can cause permanent hearing damage!

- Wear suitable ear protection!
- Persons located within the working area must wear suitable ear protection!

CAUTION



Obligations of the operator!

The respective national directives and laws must be observed for operation of the machine!

- National implementation of the framework directive (89/391/EWG), as well as the associated individual directives.
- In particular, directive (89/655/EWG), on the minimum regulations for safety and health protection when staff members use equipment during work.
- The regulations regarding work safety and accident prevention for the respective country.
- Setting up and operating the machine according to IEC 60974-9.
- Check at regular intervals that users are working in a safety-conscious way.
- Regular checks of the machine according to IEC 60974-4.



Damage due to the use of non-genuine parts!

The manufacturer's warranty becomes void if non-genuine parts are used!

- Only use system components and options (power sources, welding torches, electrode holders, remote controls, spare parts and replacement parts, etc.) from our range of products!
- Only insert and lock accessory components into the relevant connection socket when the machine is switched off.



Damage to the machine due to stray welding currents!

Stray welding currents can destroy protective earth conductors, damage equipment and electronic devices and cause overheating of components leading to fire.

- Make sure all welding leads are securely connected and check regularly.
- Always ensure a proper and secure electrical connection to the workpiece!
- Set up, attach or suspend all conductive power source components like casing, transport vehicle and crane frames so they are insulated!
- Do not place any other electronic devices such as drillers or angle grinders, etc., on the power source, transport vehicle or crane frames unless they are insulated!
- Always put welding torches and electrode holders on an insulated surface when they are not in use!



Mains connection

Requirements for connection to the public mains network

High-performance machines can influence the mains quality by taking current from the mains network. For some types of machines, connection restrictions or requirements relating to the maximum possible line impedance or the necessary minimum supply capacity at the interface with the public network (Point of Common Coupling, PCC) can therefore apply. In this respect, attention is also drawn to the machines' technical data. In this case, it is the responsibility of the operator, where necessary in consultation with the mains network operator, to ensure that the machine can be connected.

CAUTION**EMC Machine Classification**

In accordance with IEC 60974-10, welding machines are grouped in two electromagnetic compatibility classes "See 8 Technical data chapter":

Class A machines are not intended for use in residential areas where the power supply comes from the low-voltage public mains network. When ensuring the electromagnetic compatibility of class A machines, difficulties can arise in these areas due to interference not only in the supply lines but also in the form of radiated interference.

Class B machines fulfil the EMC requirements in industrial as well as residential areas, including residential areas connected to the low-voltage public mains network.

Setting up and operating

When operating arc welding systems, in some cases, electro-magnetic interference can occur although all of the welding machines comply with the emission limits specified in the standard. The user is responsible for any interference caused by welding.

In order to **evaluate** any possible problems with electromagnetic compatibility in the surrounding area, the user must consider the following: (see also EN 60974-10 Appendix A)

- Mains, control, signal and telecommunication lines
- Radios and televisions
- Computers and other control systems
- Safety equipment
- The health of neighbouring persons, especially if they have a pacemaker or wear a hearing aid
- Calibration and measuring equipment
- The immunity to interference of other equipment in the surrounding area
- The time of day at which the welding work must be carried out

Recommendations for reducing interference emission

- Mains connection, e.g. additional mains filter or shielding with a metal tube
- Maintenance of the arc welding equipment
- Welding leads should be as short as possible and run closely together along the ground
- Potential equalization
- Earthing of the workpiece. In cases where it is not possible to earth the workpiece directly, it should be connected by means of suitable capacitors.
- Shielding from other equipment in the surrounding area or the entire welding system

2.4 Transport and installation

WARNING



Incorrect handling of shielding gas cylinders!

Incorrect handling of shielding gas cylinders can result in serious and even fatal injury.

- Observe the instructions from the gas manufacturer and in any relevant regulations concerning the use of compressed air!
- Place shielding gas cylinders in the holders provided for them and secure with fixing devices.
- Avoid heating the shielding gas cylinder!



Risk of accident due to improper transport of machines that may not be lifted!

Do not lift or suspend the machine! The machine can fall down and cause injuries! The handles and brackets are suitable for transport by hand only!

- The machine may not be lifted by crane or suspended!

CAUTION



Risk of tipping!

There is a risk of the machine tipping over and injuring persons or being damaged itself during movement and set up. Tilt resistance is guaranteed up to an angle of 10° (according to IEC 60974-1).

- Set up and transport the machine on level, solid ground.
- Secure add-on parts using suitable equipment.



Damage due to supply lines not being disconnected!

During transport, supply lines which have not been disconnected (mains supply leads, control leads, etc.) may cause hazards such as connected equipment tipping over and injuring persons!

- Disconnect supply lines!

CAUTION



Equipment damage when not operated in an upright position!

The units are designed for operation in an upright position!

Operation in non-permissible positions can cause equipment damage.

- Only transport and operate in an upright position!

2.4.1 Ambient conditions

CAUTION



Installation site!

The machine must not be operated in the open air and must only be set up and operated on a suitable, stable and level base!

- The operator must ensure that the ground is non-slip and level, and provide sufficient lighting for the place of work.
- Safe operation of the machine must be guaranteed at all times.

CAUTION



Equipment damage due to dirt accumulation!

Unusually high quantities of dust, acid, corrosive gases or substances may damage the equipment.

- Avoid high volumes of smoke, vapour, oil vapour and grinding dust!
- Avoid ambient air containing salt (sea air)!



Non-permissible ambient conditions!

Insufficient ventilation results in a reduction in performance and equipment damage.

- Observe the ambient conditions!
- Keep the cooling air inlet and outlet clear!
- Observe the minimum distance of 0.5 m from obstacles!

2.4.1.1 In operation

Temperature range of the ambient air:

- -25 °C to +40 °C

Relative air humidity:

- Up to 50% at 40 °C
- Up to 90% at 20 °C

2.4.1.2 Transport and storage

Storage in an enclosed space, temperature range of the ambient air:

- -30 °C to +70 °C

Relative air humidity

- Up to 90% at 20 °C

3 Intended use

WARNING



Hazards due to improper usage!

Hazards may arise for persons, animals and material objects if the equipment is not used correctly. No liability is accepted for any damages arising from improper usage!

- The equipment must only be used in line with proper usage and by trained or expert staff!
- Do not modify or convert the equipment improperly!

3.1 Applications

3.1.1 TIG welding

TIG welding with direct current.

Non-contact HF ignition or contact ignition with Liftarc.

3.1.1.1 activArc

The EWM activArc process, thanks to the highly dynamic controller system, ensures that the power supplied is kept virtually constant in the event of changes in the distance between the welding torch and the weld pool, e.g. during manual welding. Voltage losses as a result of a shortening of the distance between the torch and molten pool are compensated by a current rise (ampere per volt - A/V), and vice versa. This helps prevent the tungsten electrode sticking in the molten pool and the tungsten inclusions are reduced. This is particularly useful in tacking and in spot welding.

3.1.1.2 spotArc

This process is suitable for tack welding or joint welding of metal sheets made from steel and CrNi alloys up to a thickness of approximately 2.5 mm. Metal sheets of different thicknesses can also be welded on top of one another. As this is a one-sided process, it is also possible to weld metal sheets onto tubular sections such as round or square pipes. In arc spot welding, the arc melts through the upper metal sheet and the lower metal sheet is melted onto it. This produces flat, fine-textured welding tacks which require little or no post weld work, even in visible areas.

3.1.1.3 Spotmatic

In contrast to the operating mode spotArc, the arc ignites not by pressing the torch trigger as is usual, but by shortly touching the tungsten electrode against the workpiece. The torch trigger is used for process activation.

3.1.2 MMA welding

Manual arc welding or, for short, MMA welding. It is characterised by the fact that the arc burns between a melting electrode and the molten pool. There is no external protection; any protection against the atmosphere comes from the electrode.

3.2 Documents which also apply

3.2.1 Warranty

NOTE



For further information, please see the accompanying supplementary sheets "Machine and Company Data, Maintenance and Testing, Warranty"!

3.2.2 Declaration of Conformity



The designated machine conforms to EC Directives and standards in terms of its design and construction:

- EC Low Voltage Directive (2006/95/EC),
- EC EMC Directive (2004/108/EC),

This declaration shall become null and void in the event of unauthorised modifications, improperly conducted repairs, non-observance of the deadlines for the repetition test and / or non-permitted conversion work not specifically authorised by the manufacturer.

The original copy of the declaration of conformity is enclosed with the unit.

3.2.3 Welding in environments with increased electrical hazards



In compliance with IEC / DIN EN 60974, VDE 0544 the machines can be used in environments with an increased electrical hazard.

3.2.4 Service documents (spare parts and circuit diagrams)



DANGER



Do not carry out any unauthorised repairs or modifications!

To avoid injury and equipment damage, the unit must only be repaired or modified by specialist, skilled persons!

The warranty becomes null and void in the event of unauthorised interference.

- Appoint only skilled persons for repair work (trained service personnel)!

Original copies of the circuit diagrams are enclosed with the unit.

Spare parts can be obtained from the relevant authorised dealer.

3.2.5 Calibration/Validation

We hereby confirm that this machine has been tested using calibrated measuring equipment, as stipulated in IEC/EN 60974, ISO/EN 17662, EN 50504, and complies with the admissible tolerances. Recommended calibration interval: 12 months

4 Machine description – quick overview

NOTE

 The maximum possible machine configuration is given in the text description. If necessary, the optional connection may need to be retrofitted "See 9 Accessories chapter".

4.1 Front view

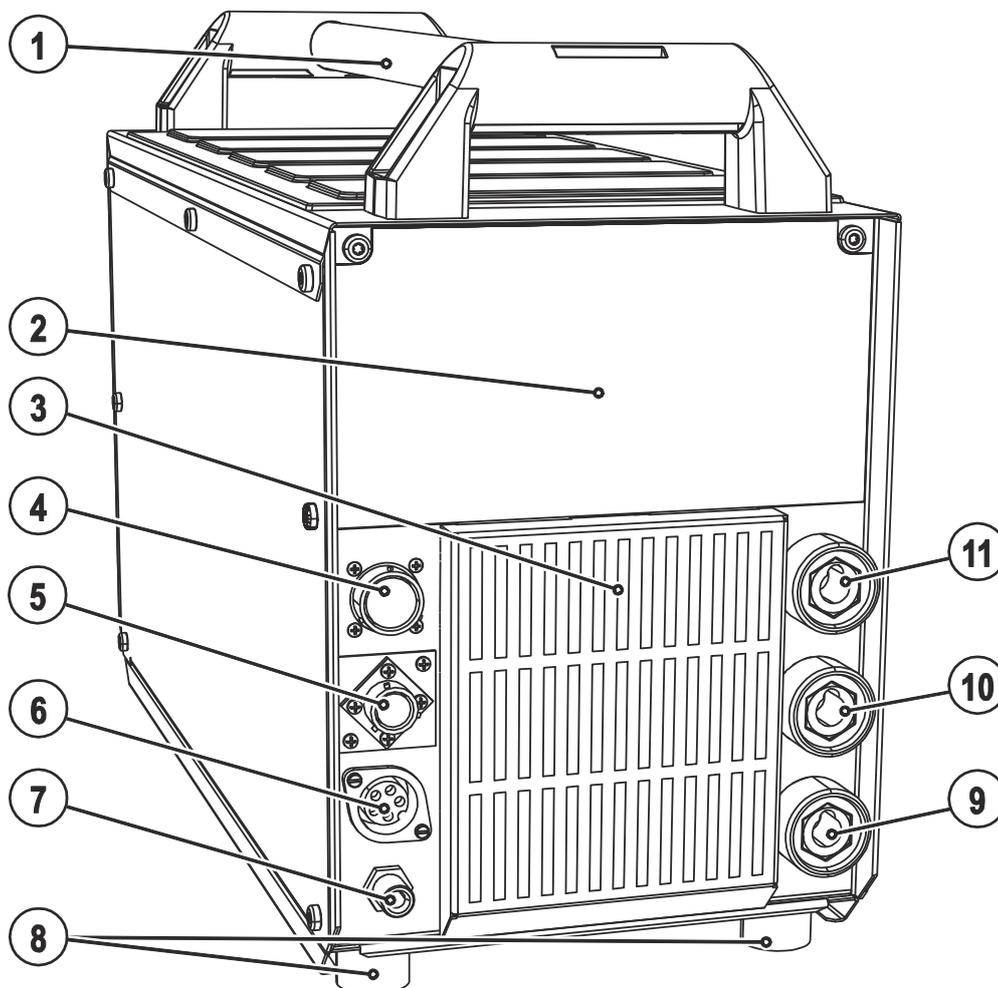


Figure 4-1

Item	Symbol	Description
1		Carrying handle
2		Machine control "See 4 Machine description – quick overview chapter"
3		Cooling air inlet
4		Connection socket, 19-pole Remote control connection
5	 	Connection socket, 8-pole/12-pole (depending on variant) 8-pole: Control cable TIG up/down or potentiometer torch 12-pole: Control cable TIG up/down torch with LED display (option)
6		Connection socket, 5-pole Standard TIG torch control lead
7		G$\frac{1}{4}$" connecting nipple, welding current "-" (with DC- polarity) Shielding gas connection (with yellow insulating cap) for TIG welding torch
8		Machine feet
9		Connection socket, welding current "+" (with DC- polarity) Connection for workpiece lead
10		Connection socket, welding current "-" (with DC- polarity) connection TIG welding torch
11		Connection socket, welding current "-" (with DC- polarity) connection for Electrode holder

4.2 Rear view

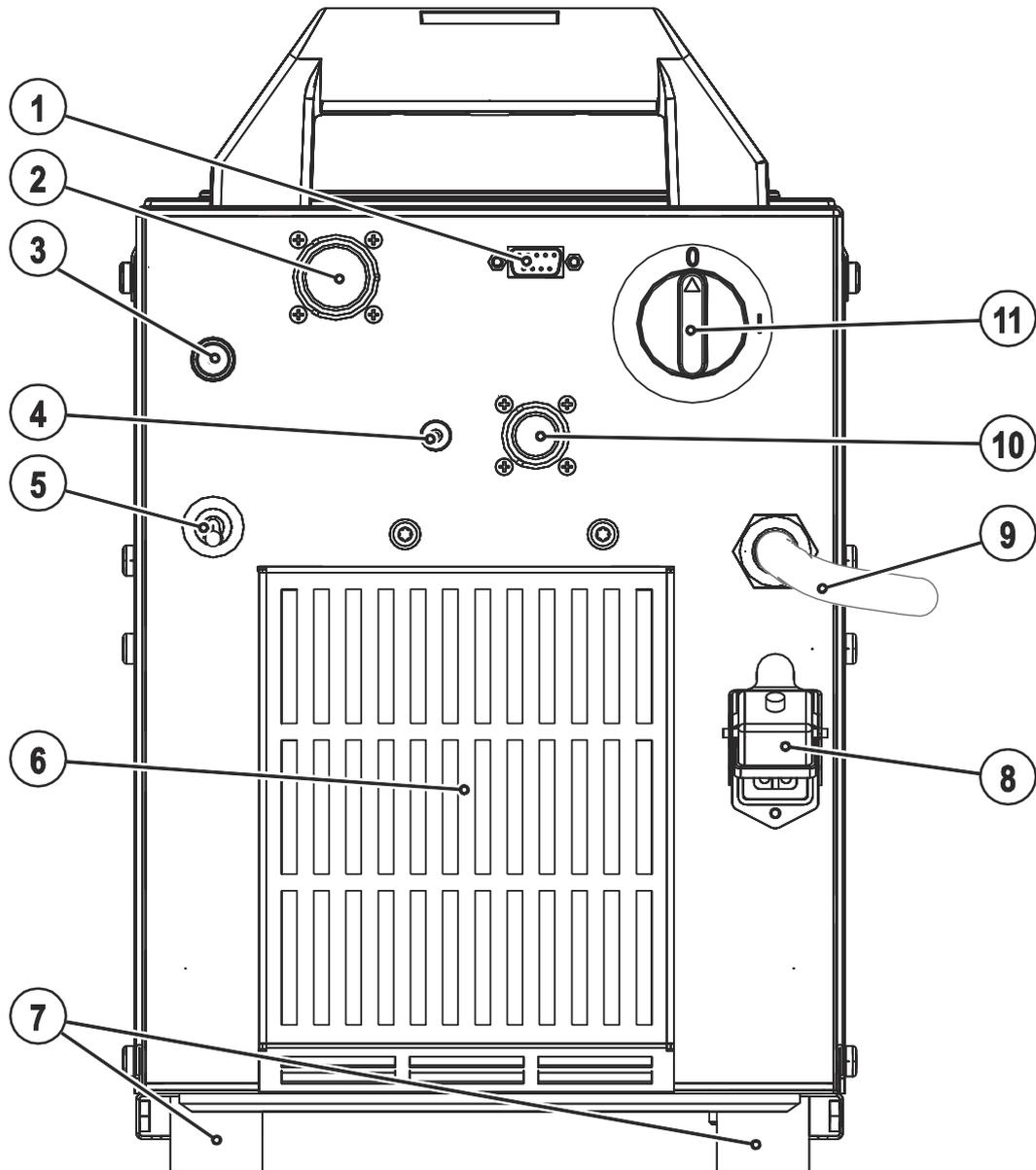


Figure 4-2

Item	Symbol	Description
1		PC interface, serial (D-Sub connection socket, 9-pole)
2	 analog	19-pole connection socket Analogue interface for mechanised welding
3		G$\frac{1}{4}$" connecting nipple Shielding gas connection on the pressure regulator.
4	 42V/4A	"Automatic circuit-breaker" key button; fuse protection: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ignition unit • Gas valve • Peripheral devices on the 7-pole, digital interfaces (rear of the machine) Reset triggered automatic cutout by pressing
5	 HF Liftarc	Ignition type changeover switch "See 5.8.5 Arc ignition chapter" HF = HF ignition Liftarc = Liftarc (contact ignition)
6		Cooling air outlet
7		Machine feet
8		4-pole connection socket Cooling unit voltage supply
9		Mains connection cable "See 5.7 Mains connection chapter"
10		8-pole connection socket Cooling unit control lead
11		Main switch, machine on/off

4.3 Machine control – Operating elements

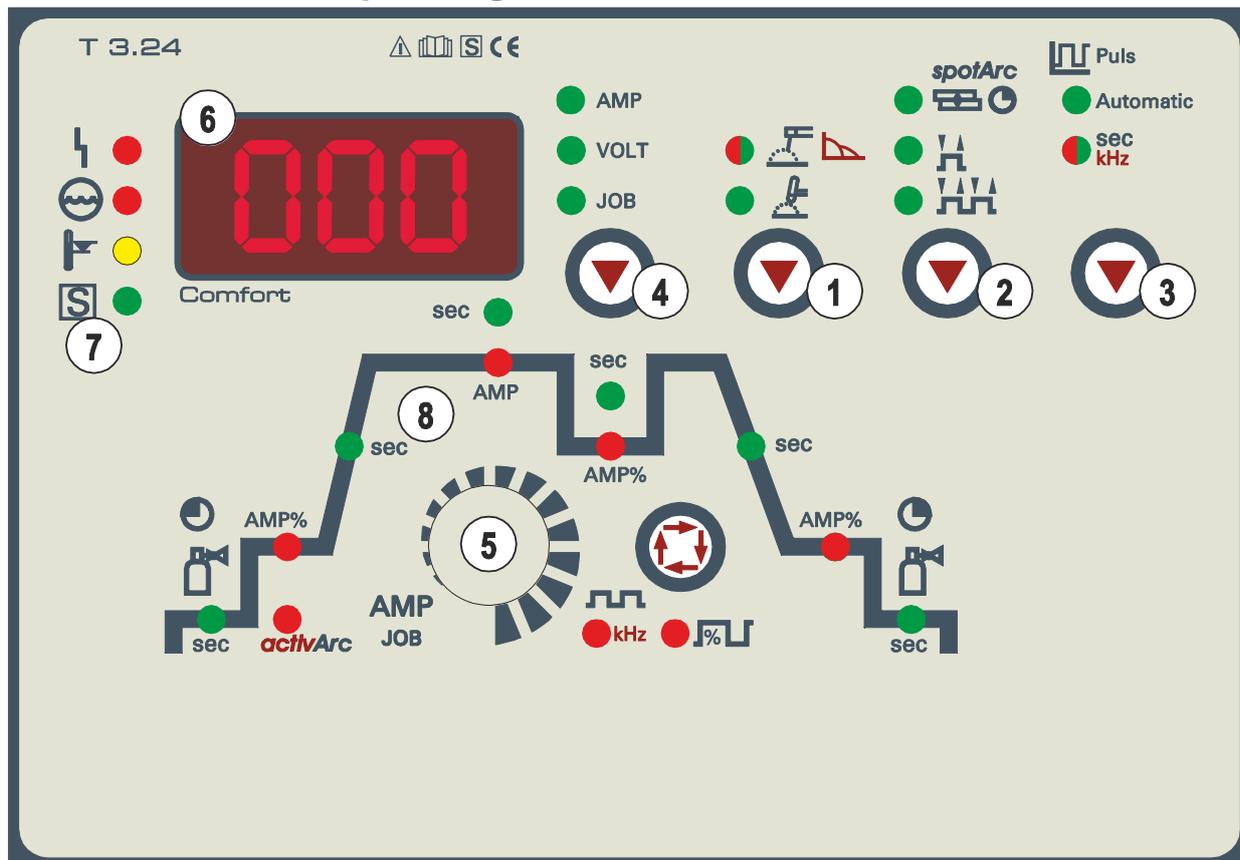


Figure 4-3

Item	Symbol	Description
1		Welding process button MMA welding, lights up in green / arcforce setting, lights up in red TIG welding
2		Operating mode button spotArc spotArc / Spotmatic (spot time setting range) Non-latched Latched
3		TIG pulses key button Automatic TIG automated pulses (frequency and balance) sec TIG pulses with times, lights up in green / Fast TIG DC pulses with frequency and balance, lights up in red kHz
4		Switch display/JOB number button AMP Welding current display VOLT Welding voltage display JOB Display and select JOB number
5		Welding parameter setting rotary dial Setting currents, times and parameters.
6		Three-figure LED display Welding parameter display "See 5.8.3.4 Welding data display chapter".

Item	Symbol	Description
7	   	Error/status indicators  Collective interference signal light  Water deficiency signal light (welding torch cooling)  Excess temperature signal light   safety sign signal light
8		Function sequence (see next chapter)

4.3.1 Function sequence

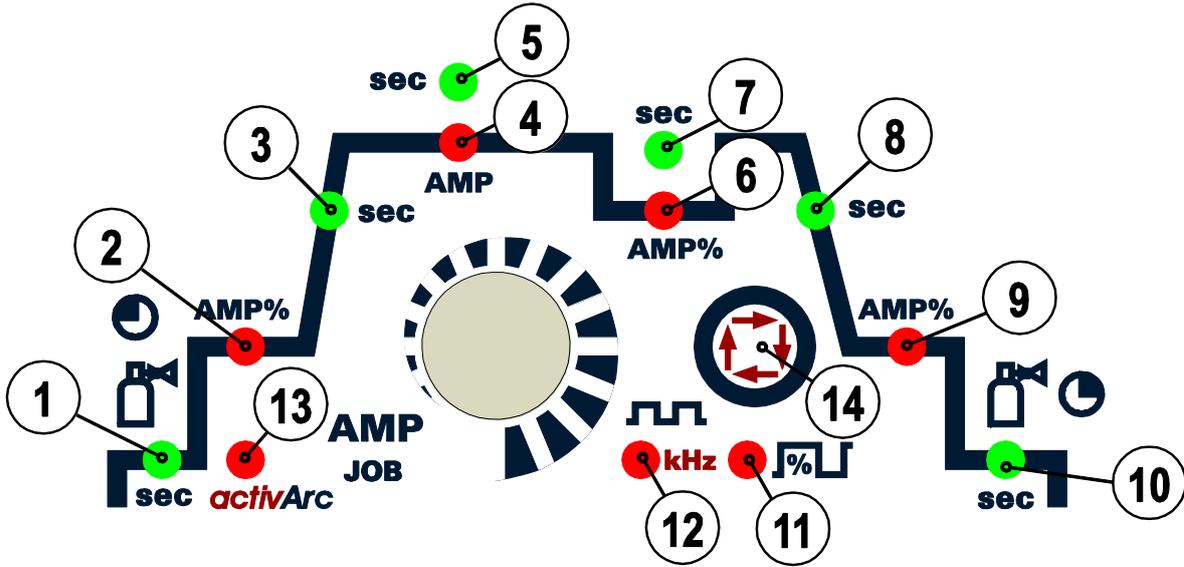


Figure 4-4

Item	Symbol	Description	
1	sec	Gas pre-flow time (TIG) absolute setting range 0.0 sec to 20.0 sec (0.1s increments).	
2	AMP%	Ignition current (TIG) Percentage of the main current. Setting range 1 % to 200 % (1 % increments). There are no pulses during the ignition current phase.	Hotstart current (MMA) Percentage of the main current. Setting range 1 % to 200 % (1 % increments).
3	sec	Up-slope time (TIG) Setting ranges: 0.00 s to 20.0 s (0.1 s increments). The up-slope time can be set separately for non-latched and latched.	Hotstart time (MMA) Setting ranges: 0.00 s to 20.0 s (0.1 s increments).
4	AMP	Main current (TIG) / pulse current I min to I max (1 A increments)	Main current (MMA) I min to I max (1 A increments)
5	sec	Pulse time / slope time from AMP% to AMP / Spot time <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pulse time setting range: 0.01 s to 20.0 s (0.01 s increments < 0.5 s; 0.1 s increments > 0.5 s) Die Pulszeit gilt für die Hauptstromphase (AMP) beim Pulsen. Slope time (tS2) setting range: 0.0 s to 20.0 s "See 5.8.8 Pulse variants chapter" 	
6	AMP%	Secondary current (TIG) / pulse pause current Setting range 1 % to 100 % (1 % increments). Percentage of the main current.	
7	sec	Pulse pause time / slope time from AMP to AMP% <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pulse pause setting range: 0.01 sec to 20.0 sec (0.01 sec increments < 0.5 sec; 0.1 sec increments > 0.5 sec) Slope time (tS1) setting range: 0.0 sec to 20.0 sec "See 5.8.8 Pulse variants chapter" The pulse time applies to the secondary current phase (AMP%)	
8	sec	Down-slope time (TIG) 0.00 s to 20.0 s (0.1 s increments). The down-slope time can be set separately for non-latched and latched.	
9	AMP%	End-crater current (TIG) Setting range 1 % to 200 % (1 % increments). Percentage of the main current.	

Item	Symbol	Description
10	sec	Gas post-flow time (TIG) Setting ranges: 0.00 sec to 40.0 sec (0.1 sec increments).
11		Balance TIG DC pulses (15 kHz) Setting range: 1% to +99% (1% increments).
12	 kHz	Frequency TIG DC pulses (15 kHz) Setting range: 50 Hz to 15 kHz
13	activArc	activArc TIG welding process <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Switch activArc on or off • Correct the activArc characteristic (setting range: 0 to 100)
14		Select welding parameters button This button is used to select the welding parameters depending on the welding process and operating mode used.

5 Design and function

5.1 General

WARNING



Risk of injury from electric shock!

Contact with live parts, e.g. welding current sockets, is potentially fatal!

- Follow safety instructions on the opening pages of the operating instructions.
- Commissioning may only be carried out by persons who have the relevant expertise of working with arc welding machines!
- Connection and welding leads (e.g. electrode holder, welding torch, workpiece lead, interfaces) may only be connected when the machine is switched off!

CAUTION



Risk of burns on the welding current connection!

If the welding current connections are not locked, connections and leads heat up and can cause burns, if touched!

- Check the welding current connections every day and lock by turning in clockwise direction, if necessary.



Risk from electrical current!

If welding is carried out alternately using different methods and if a welding torch and an electrode holder remain connected to the machine, the open-circuit/welding voltage is applied simultaneously on all cables.

- The torch and the electrode holder should therefore always be placed on an insulated surface before starting work and during breaks.

CAUTION



Using protective dust caps!

Protective dust caps protect the connection sockets and therefore the machine against dirt and damage.

- The protective dust cap must be fitted if there is no accessory component being operated on that connection.
- The cap must be replaced if faulty or if lost!

5.2 Workpiece lead, general

CAUTION



Risk of burns due to incorrect connection of the workpiece lead!

Paint, rust and dirt on the connection restrict the power flow and may lead to stray welding currents.

Stray welding currents may cause fires and injuries!

- Clean the connections!
- Fix the workpiece lead securely!
- Do not use structural parts of the workpiece as a return lead for the welding current!
- Take care to ensure faultless power connections!

5.3 Transport and installation

⚠ WARNING



Risk of accident due to improper transport of machines that may not be lifted!
Do not lift or suspend the machine! The machine can fall down and cause injuries! The handles and brackets are suitable for transport by hand only!

- The machine may not be lifted by crane or suspended!

⚠ CAUTION



Installation site!

The machine must not be operated in the open air and must only be set up and operated on a suitable, stable and level base!

- The operator must ensure that the ground is non-slip and level, and provide sufficient lighting for the place of work.
- Safe operation of the machine must be guaranteed at all times.

5.3.1 Adjusting the length of the carrying strap

NOTE



To demonstrate adjustment, lengthening the strap is shown in the figure. To shorten, the strap's loops must be inched in the opposite direction.

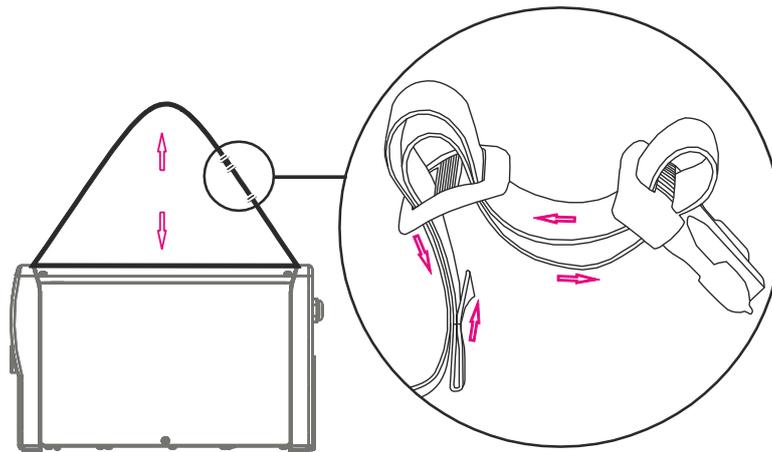


Figure 5-1

5.4 Machine cooling

To obtain an optimal duty cycle from the power components, the following precautions should be observed:

- Ensure that the working area is adequately ventilated.
- Do not obstruct the air inlets and outlets of the machine.
- Do not allow metal parts, dust or other objects to get into the machine.

5.5 Welding torch cooling system

5.5.1 Cooling module connection

NOTE



Please note the relevant documentation of the accessory components.

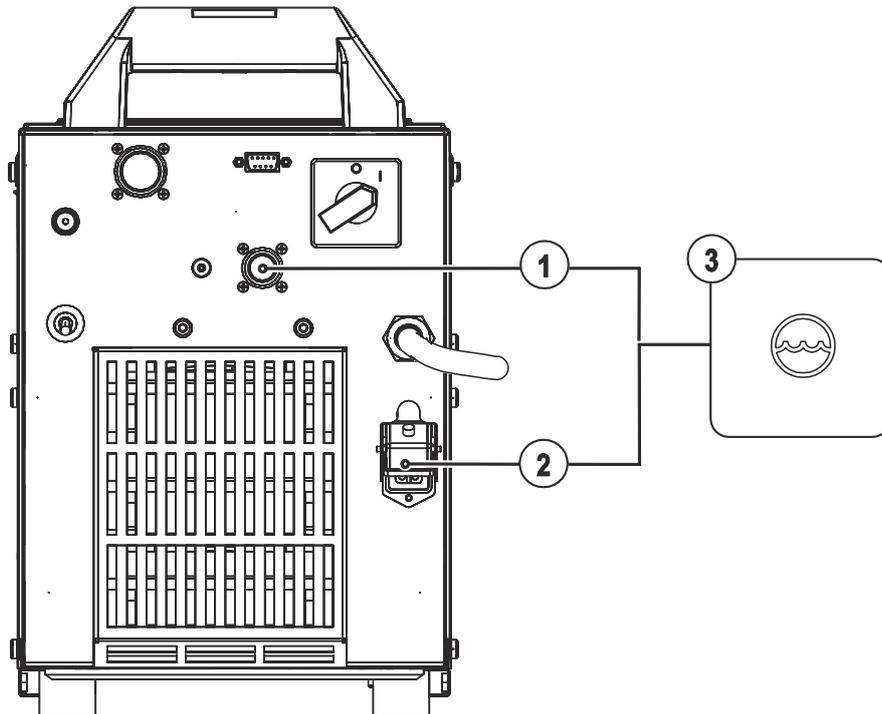


Figure 5-2

Item	Symbol	Description
1		8-pole connection socket Cooling unit control lead
2		4-pole connection socket Cooling unit voltage supply
3		Cooling module

Control and supply lead to the welding machine

The cooling module and welding machine are connected using two leads.

- Insert the control lead plug on the welding machine.
- Insert the power supply lead plug on the welding machine.

5.6 Notes on the installation of welding current leads

NOTE

-  Incorrectly installed welding current leads can cause faults in the arc (flickering).
Lay the workpiece lead and hose package of power sources without HF igniter (MIG/MAG) for as long and as close as possible in parallel.
- Lay the workpiece lead and hose package of power sources with HF igniter (TIG) for as long as possible in parallel with a distance of 20 cm to avoid HF sparkover.
- Always keep a distance of at least 20 cm to leads of other power sources to avoid interferences.

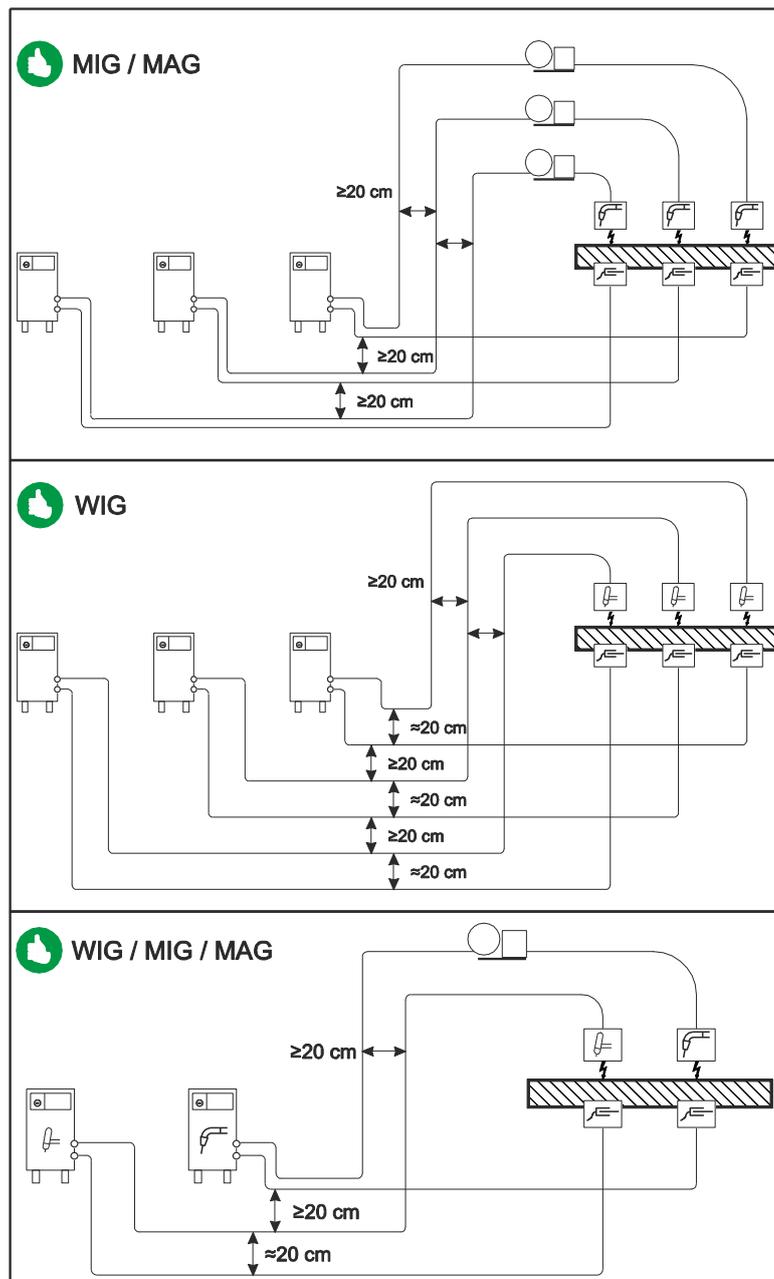


Figure 5-3

NOTE

Use an individual welding lead to the workpiece for each welding machine!

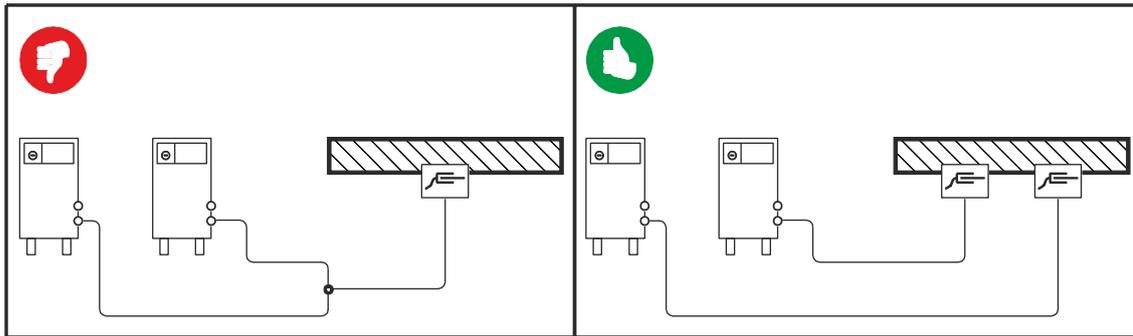


Figure 5-4

NOTE

Fully unroll welding current leads, torch hose packages and intermediate hose packages. Avoid loops!
Always keep leads as short as possible!
Lay any excess cable lengths in meanders.

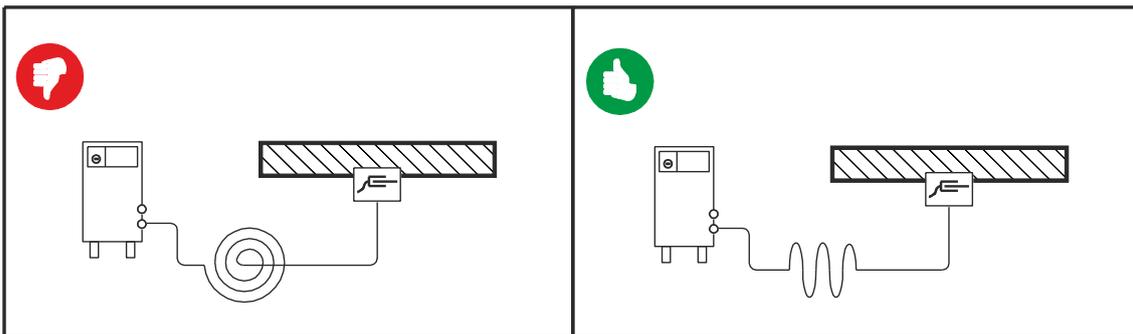


Figure 5-5

5.7 Mains connection

DANGER



Hazard caused by improper mains connection!

An improper mains connection can cause injuries or damage property!

- Only use machine with a plug socket that has a correctly fitted protective conductor.
- If a mains plug must be fitted, this may only be carried out by an electrician in accordance with the relevant national provisions or regulations!
- Mains plug, socket and lead must be checked regularly by an electrician!
- When operating the generator always ensure it is earthed as stated in the operating instructions. The resulting network has to be suitable for operating devices according to protection class 1.

5.7.1 Mains configuration

NOTE



The machine may be connected to:

- a three-phase system with four conductors and an earthed neutral conductor
- a three-phase system with three conductors of which any one can be earthed, e.g. the outer conductor

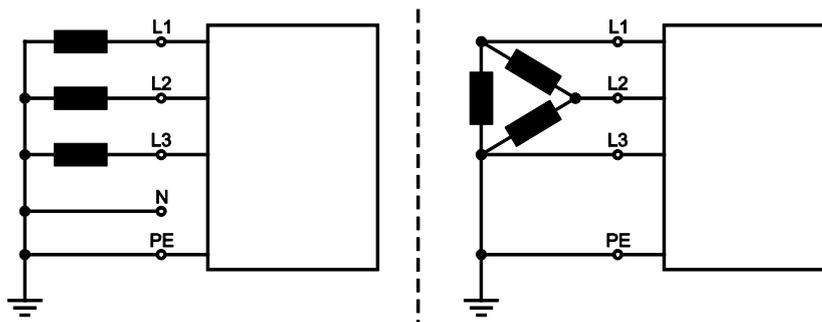


Figure 5-6

Legend

Item	Designation	Colour code
L1	Outer conductor 1	brown
L2	Outer conductor 2	black
L3	Outer conductor 3	grey
N	Neutral conductor	blue
PE	Protective conductor	green-yellow

CAUTION



Operating voltage - mains voltage!

The operating voltage shown on the rating plate must be consistent with the mains voltage, in order to avoid damage to the machine!

- "See 8 Technical data chapter"!

- Insert mains plug of the switched-off machine into the appropriate socket.

5.8 TIG welding

5.8.1 Welding torch and workpiece line connection

NOTE

Prepare welding torch according to the welding task in hand (see operating instructions for the torch).

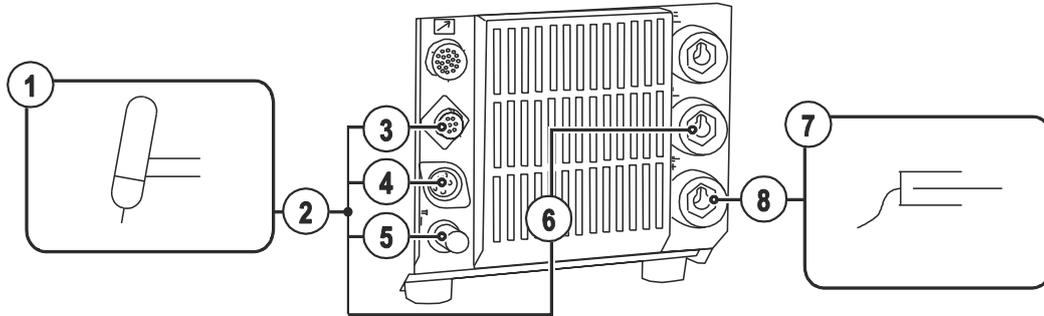


Figure 5-7

Item	Symbol	Description
1		Welding torch
2		Welding torch hose package
3	 	Connection socket, 8-pole/12-pole (depending on variant) 8-pole: Control cable TIG up/down or potentiometer torch 12-pole: Control cable TIG up/down torch with LED display (option)
4		Connection socket, 5-pole Standard TIG torch control lead
5		G$\frac{1}{4}$" connecting nipple TIG welding torch shielding gas connection
6		Connection socket, "-" welding current Welding current lead connection for TIG welding torch
7		Workpiece
8		Connection socket for "+" welding current Workpiece lead connection

- Insert the welding current plug on the welding torch into the welding current connection socket and lock by turning to the right.
- Remove yellow protective cap on G $\frac{1}{4}$ " connecting nipple.
- Screw welding torch shielding gas connection tightly onto the G $\frac{1}{4}$ " connection nipple.
- Insert the welding torch control lead plug into the connection socket for the welding torch control lead (5-pole with standard torch, 8-pole with up/down or potentiometer torch and 12-pole with up/down torch with LED display) and tighten.
- Insert the cable plug on the work piece lead into the "+" welding current connection socket and lock by turning to the right.

If fitted:

- Lock connecting nipples of the cooling water tubes into the corresponding quick connect couplings: Return line red to quick connect coupling, red (coolant return) and supply line blue to quick connect coupling, blue (coolant supply).

NOTE



Please note the relevant documentation of the accessory components.

5.8.1.1 Torch connection options and pin assignments

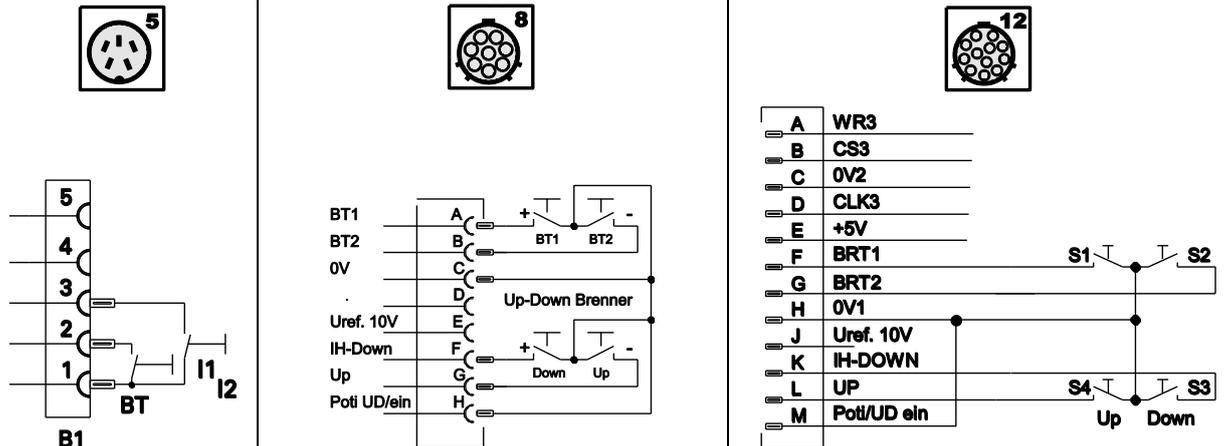


Figure 5-8

5.8.2 Shielding gas supply (shielding gas cylinder for welding machine)

WARNING



Incorrect handling of shielding gas cylinders!

Incorrect handling of shielding gas cylinders can result in serious and even fatal injury.

- Observe the instructions from the gas manufacturer and in any relevant regulations concerning the use of compressed air!
- Place shielding gas cylinders in the holders provided for them and secure with fixing devices.
- Avoid heating the shielding gas cylinder!

CAUTION



Faults in the shielding gas supply.

An unhindered shielding gas supply from the shielding gas cylinder to the welding torch is a fundamental requirement for optimum welding results. In addition, a blocked shielding gas supply may result in the welding torch being destroyed.

- Always re-fit the yellow protective cap when not using the shielding gas connection.
- All shielding gas connections must be gas tight.

NOTE



Before connecting the pressure regulator to the gas cylinder, open the cylinder valve briefly to expel any dirt.

5.8.2.1 Connection

- Place the shielding gas cylinder into the relevant cylinder bracket.
- Secure the shielding gas cylinder using a securing chain.

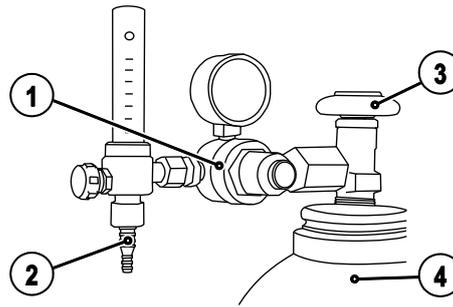


Figure 5-9

Item	Symbol	Description
1		Pressure regulator
2		Shielding gas cylinder
3		Output side of the pressure regulator
4		Cylinder valve

- Tighten the pressure regulator screw connection on the gas bottle valve to be gas-tight.
- Screw gas hose connection crown nut onto the output side of the pressure regulator.

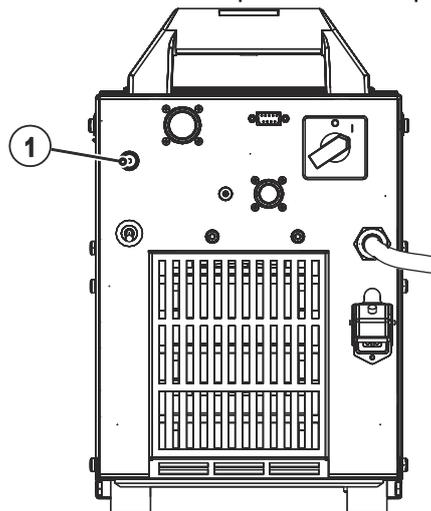


Figure 5-10

Item	Symbol	Description
1		Connecting nipple G $\frac{1}{4}$ ", shielding gas connection

- Connect crown nut of the shielding gas line to the G $\frac{1}{4}$ " connecting nipple.

5.8.2.2 Setting the shielding gas quantity

NOTE

- 
Rule of thumb for the gas flow rate:
 Diameter of gas nozzle in mm corresponds to gas flow in l/min.
 Example: 7mm gas nozzle corresponds to 7l/min gas flow.
- 
Incorrect shielding gas setting!
 If the shielding gas setting is too low or too high, this can introduce air to the weld pool and may cause pores to form.
 - Adjust the shielding gas quantity to suit the welding task!

5.8.2.3 Gas test

Operating element	Action	Result
	x x 	Press the "Select welding parameter" button until the "activArc" LED activArc flashes.
	5 sec. 	Press the "Select welding parameter" button and hold for approx. 5 sec. The gas pre-flow time LED (TIG) will come on, shielding gas flows for approx. 20 sec.

- Set the required shielding gas quantity at the pressure regulator.

5.8.3 Select welding task

NOTE

- Machine control provides the user with up to 8 welding tasks (JOBS). JOB 0 represents manual operating mode. This is where you can change/optimize all parameters directly in machine control "See 5.8.3.1 Manual, standard operation (JOB 0) chapter".

5.8.3.1 Manual, standard operation (JOB 0)

NOTE

- It is only possible to change the basic welding parameters if:
 - No welding current is flowing and
 - The key switch (option) is set to position "1".

"Manual, standard operation (JOB 0)" is set by default on delivery and every time the machine control is reset. This means that the welder repeatedly makes all the required welding settings and re-adjusts them for each individual welding task.

Operating element	Action	Result
		Select and display welding process TIG welding
		Select and display operating mode spotArc spotArc (spot time setting range 0.01 sec. to 20.0 sec.) Non-latched Latched
		Select and display pulse procedure Automatic TIG automated pulses (frequency and balance) sec TIG pulses with times, lights up in green/fast TIG DC pulses with frequency and balance, lights up in red kHz
		Select welding parameter in the functional sequence
		Set welding parameters

5.8.3.2 Save welding tasks (JOBS)

You can select, change and save the required welding parameters for recurring welding tasks (JOBS) in up to 7 JOBS (JOB 1 to JOB 7).

5.8.3.3 Displaying and changing the JOB number

Operating element	Action	Result
		Select JOB display
		Change the JOB number
		If the display switchover is pressed or if there is no keyboard input for 5 seconds, the new JOB will be active

NOTE



The procedure for setting welding tasks is the same as described under "Manual, standard operation (JOB 0)". A JOB can only be switched if no welding current is flowing.

The up-slope and down-slope times can be set separately for non-latched and latched.

5.8.3.4 Welding data display

The following welding parameters can be displayed before (nominal values) or during (actual values) welding.

Parameter	Before welding (nominal values)	During welding (actual values)
Welding current	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Welding voltage	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
JOB number	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Parameter times	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Parameter currents	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

- possible
- not possible

5.8.3.5 Welding parameter setting

The parameters that can be set in the function sequence of the machine control depend on the selected welding task. This means that if for example you have not selected a pulse variant, then you cannot set any pulse times in the function sequence.

5.8.3.6 Welding current display (ignition, secondary, end and hotstart currents)

The welding currents for secondary current, ignition current and end current (expert menu) can be displayed as percentages (factory setting) or absolute values on the machine display.

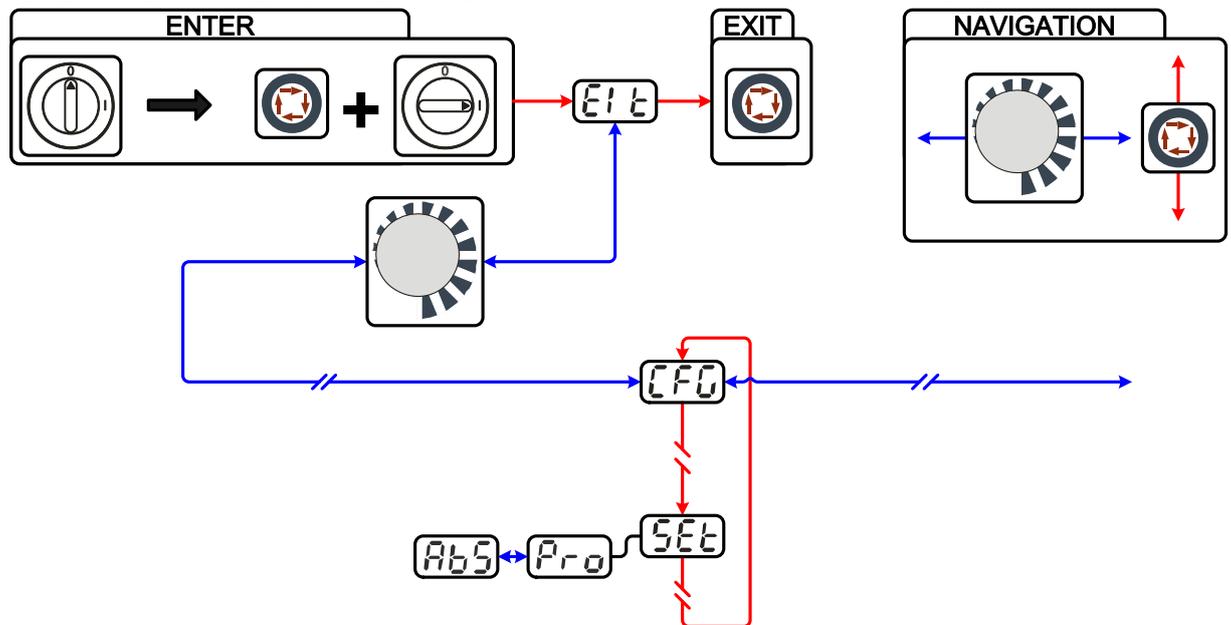


Figure 5-11

Display	Setting/selection
EIt	Exit the menu Exit
CFD	Machine configuration Settings for machine functions and parameter display
SEt	Welding current display (ignition, secondary, end and hotstart currents) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pro = welding current display as a percentage of the main current (factory setting) • Abs = absolute welding current display

5.8.4 Expert menu (TIG)

The expert menu includes functions and parameters which are either not set on the machine control, or which do not require regular setting.

NOTE

ENTER (enter the menu)

- Keep the "welding parameters" button pressed for 4 s.

Navigating in the menu

- Parameters are selected by pressing the "welding parameters" button.
- Set or change the parameters by turning the "welding parameter setting" rotary dial.

EXIT (leave the menu)

- After 4 s, the machine will return automatically to the ready-to-operate status.

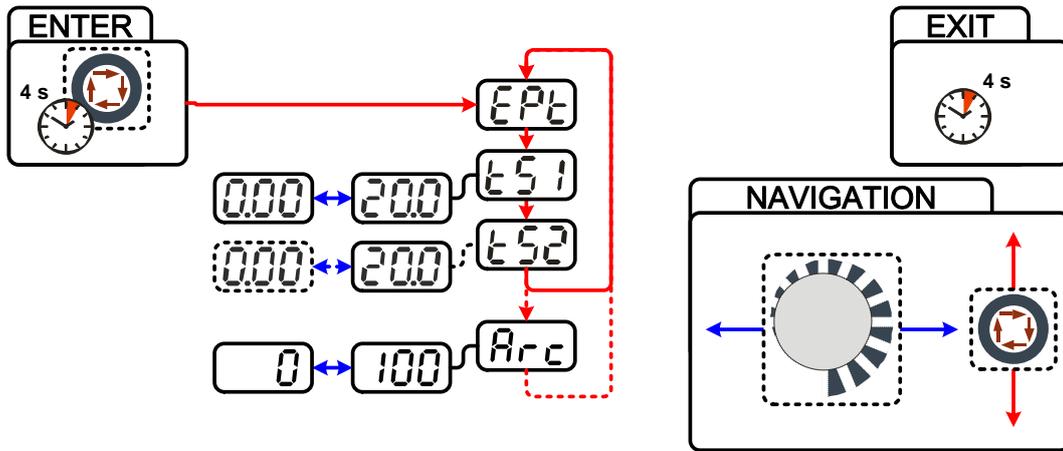


Figure 5-12

Display	Setting/selection
EPl	Expert menu
tS1	Slope time tS1 (main current to secondary current) Setting: 0.00 s to 20.0 s (factory setting 0.00 s)
tS2	Slope time tS2 (secondary current to main current) Setting: 0.00 s to 20.0 s (factory setting 0.00 s)
Arc	activArc parameter Parameter can also be set after activating TIG activArc welding.

5.8.5 Arc ignition

5.8.5.1 HF ignition

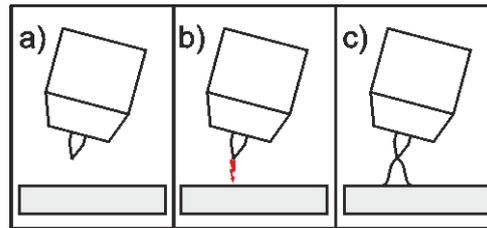


Figure 5-13

The arc is started without contact from high-voltage ignition pulses.

- Position the welding torch in welding position over the workpiece (distance between the electrode tip and workpiece should be approx. 2-3mm).
- Press the torch trigger (high voltage ignition pulses ignite the arc).
- Ignition current flows, and the welding process is continued depending on the operating mode selected.

End the welding process: Release or press the torch trigger depending on the operating mode selected.

5.8.5.2 Liftarc ignition

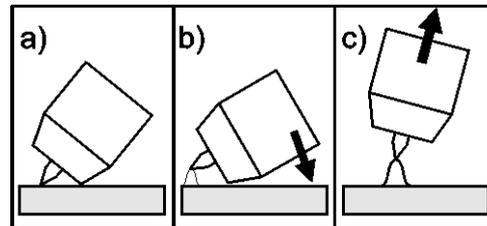


Figure 5-14

The arc is ignited on contact with the workpiece:

- Carefully place the torch gas nozzle and tungsten electrode tip onto the workpiece and press the torch trigger (liftarc current flowing, regardless of the main current set).
- Incline the torch over the torch gas nozzle to produce a gap of approx. 2-3 mm between the electrode tip and the workpiece. The arc ignites and the welding current is increased, depending on the operating mode set, to the ignition or main current set.
- Lift off the torch and swivel to the normal position.

Ending the welding process: Release or press the torch trigger depending on the operating mode selected.

5.8.5.3 Automatic cut-out

NOTE



The automatic cut-out function will be triggered by two conditions during the welding process:

During the ignition phase (ignition fault)

- If there is no welding current within 3s after starting the welding.

During the welding phase (arc interruption)

- If the arc is interrupted for longer than 3s.

In both cases, the welding machine ends the ignition or welding process immediately.

5.8.6 Function sequences/operating modes

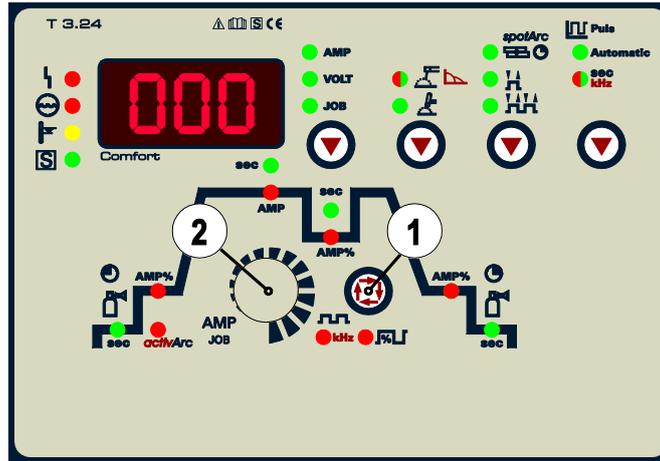


Figure 5-15

Item	Symbol	Description
1		Select welding parameters button This button is used to select the welding parameters depending on the welding process and operating mode used.
2		Welding parameter setting rotary transducer Setting of all parameters such as welding current, sheet metal thickness, gas pre-flow time, etc.

5.8.6.1 Explanation of symbols

Symbol	Meaning
	Press torch trigger 1
	Release torch trigger 1
I	Current
t	Time
	Gas pre-flows
I_{start}	Ignition current
t_{Up}	Up-slope time
tP	Spot time
AMP	Main current (minimum to maximum current)
AMP%	Secondary current (0% to 100% of AMP)
t1	Pulse time
t2	Pulse pause time
ts1	TIG pulses: Slop time from main current (AMP) to secondary current (AMP%)
ts2	TIG pulses: Slop time from secondary current (AMP%) to main current (AMP)
t_{Down}	Down-slope time
I_{end}	End-crater current
	Gas post-flows

5.8.6.2 Non-latched mode

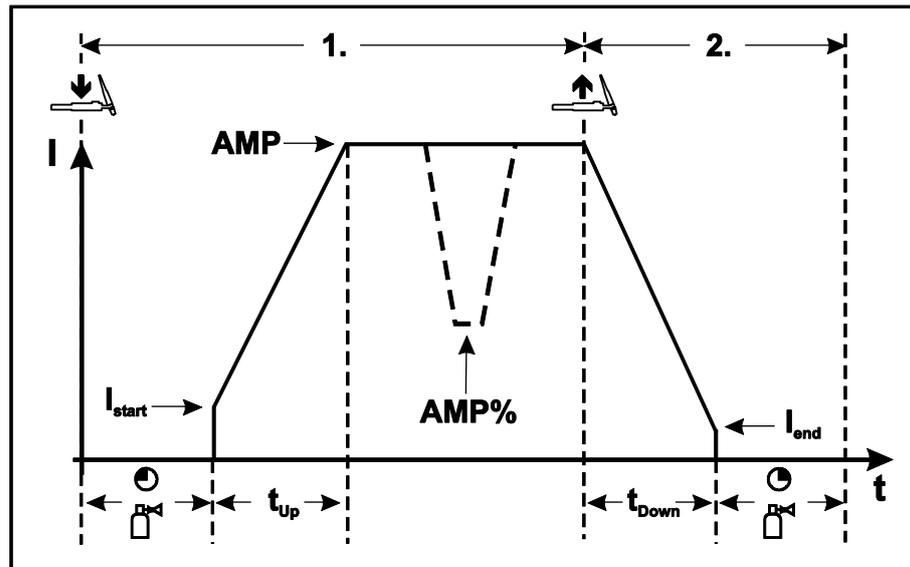


Figure 5-16

1st cycle:

- Press and hold torch trigger 1.
- The gas pre-flow time elapses.
- HF ignition pulses jump from the electrode to the workpiece, the arc ignites.
- The welding current flows and immediately assumes the value set for the ignition current I_{start} .
- HF is switched off.
- The welding current increases with the adjusted up-slope time to the main current AMP.

If torch trigger 2 is pressed in addition to torch trigger 1 during the main current phase, the welding current drops at the slope time set (t_{S1}) to the secondary current AMP%.

After torch trigger 2 is released, the welding current rises at the slope time set (t_{S2}) back to the main current AMP.

2nd cycle:

- Release torch trigger 1.
- The main current falls in the set down-slope time to the end-crater current I_{end} (minimum current).

If the 1st torch trigger is pressed during the down-slope time, the welding current returns to the main current AMP set.

- The main current reaches the end-crater current I_{end} , the arc extinguishes.
- The set gas post-flow time elapses.

NOTE

When the foot-operated remote control RTF is connected, the machine switches automatically to non-latched operation. The up- and down-slopes are switched off.

5.8.6.3 Latched mode

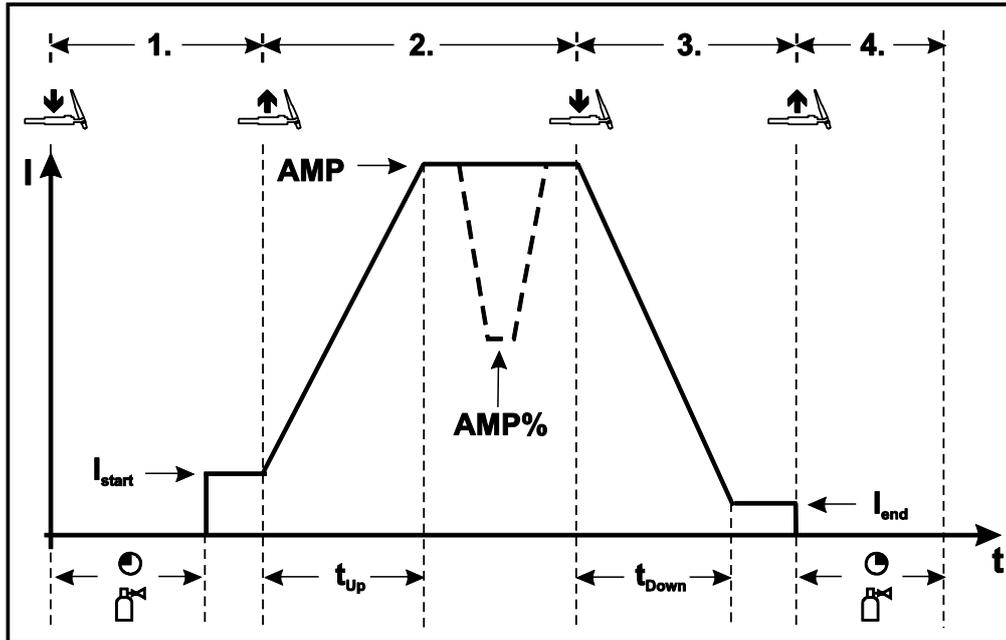


Figure 5-17

Step 1

- Press torch trigger 1, the gas pre-flow time elapses.
- HF ignition pulses jump from the electrode to the workpiece, the arc ignites.
- Welding current flows and immediately assumes the ignition current value set (search arc at minimum setting). HF is switched off.

Step 2

- Release torch trigger 1.
- The welding current increases with the set up-slope time to the main current AMP.

Switching from main current AMP to secondary current AMP%:

- Press torch trigger 2 or
- Tap torch trigger 1

The slope times can be set "See 5.8.4 Expert menu (TIG) chapter".

Step 3

- Press torch trigger 1.
- The main current drops with the set down-slope time to the end-crater current I_{end} (minimum current).

Step 4

- Release torch trigger 1, the arc extinguishes.
- The set gas post-flow time begins.

Immediate termination of the welding procedure without down-slope and end-crater current:

- Briefly press the 1st torch trigger (3rd and 4th step).
The current drops to zero and the gas post-flow time begins.

NOTE



When the foot-operated remote control RTF is connected, the machine switches automatically to non-latched operation. The up- and down-slopes are switched off.



To use the alternative welding start (tapping start) a double-digit torch mode (11-x) has to be set at the welding machine control. The number of torch modes available depends on the machine type. For single-digit torch modes (1-x) this function is disabled.

5.8.6.4 spotArc

This process is suitable for tack welding or joint welding of metal sheets made from steel and CrNi alloys up to a thickness of approximately 2.5 mm. Metal sheets of different thicknesses can also be welded on top of one another.

The spot welding operating modes (spotArc/Spotmatic) can be used with two different intervals, i.e. a "long" or "short" interval, which are defined as follows:

Interval	Setting range	Up-/down-slope	Pulsing	AC	Display	Display
Long	0.01–20.0 s (10 ms)	Yes	Yes	Yes		
Short	5–999 ms (1 ms)	No	No	No		

When selecting the spotArc operating mode, the long interval is automatically preselected. When selecting the Spotmatic operating mode, the short interval is automatically preselected. The user can change the interval in the Configuration menu "See 5.13 Machine configuration menu chapter".

Selecting and setting TIG spotArc

Operating element	Action	Result
 		<p>Signal light comes on</p> <p>The spot time can be set for approx. 4 sec. using the Welding parameter setting rotary dial. (Spot time setting range 0.01 sec. to 20 0 sec.) Afterwards the display switches back to current/voltage. If the button is pressed again, the display switches back to the parameter and can be changed with the rotary dial accordingly. The spot time can also be set in the function sequence.</p>
		Set spot time (tP)
 		<p>The TIG spotArc process is switched on with pulse variant TIG automated pulses by default. The user can select other pulse variants:</p> <p>Automatic TIG automated pulses (frequency and balance)</p> <p>sec kHz TIG pulses with times, lights up in green/ fast TIG DC pulses with frequency and balance, lights up in red</p>

NOTE

The up-slope and down-slope times should be set to "0" to achieve an effective result.

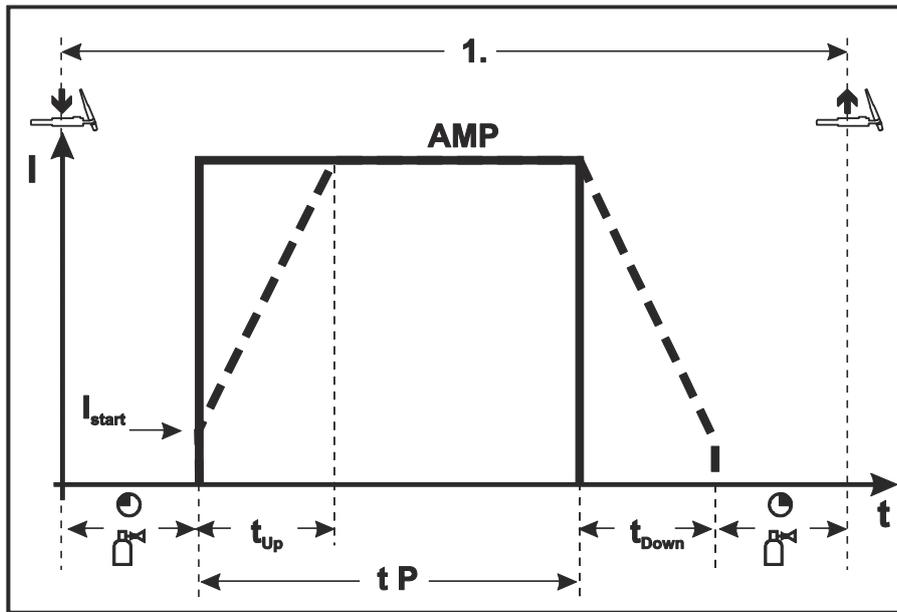


Figure 5-18

As an example the process is shown with HF ignition. Arc ignition with lift arc is also possible, however "See 5.8.5 Arc ignition chapter".

Sequence:

- Press and hold torch trigger 1.
- The gas pre-flow time elapses.
- HF ignition pulses jump from the electrode to the workpiece, the arc ignites.
- The welding current flows and immediately assumes the value set for the ignition current I_{start} .
- HF is switched off.
- The welding current increases in the adjusted up-slope time to the main current AMP.

NOTE

The process ends when the set spotArc time elapses or if the torch trigger is released prematurely.

spotArc/pulse variants table:

Process	Pulse variants	
TIG DC	Automatic	Automated pulses (factory setting)
	300 kHz (lights up in green)	Pulses (thermal pulses)
	300 kHz (lights up in red)	kHz pulse (metallurgic pulses)
		No pulses

5.8.6.5 Spotmatic

NOTE

This function must be enabled before use "See 5.13 Machine configuration menu chapter".

In contrast to the spotarc operating mode, the arc ignites not by pressing the torch trigger as is usual, but by shortly touching the tungsten electrode against the workpiece. The torch trigger is used for process activation. The process can be activated separately for each spot or permanently "See 5.13 Machine configuration menu chapter":

- Separate process activation:
The welding process has to be reactivated for every arc ignition by pressing the torch trigger.
- Permanent process activation:
The welding process is activated by pressing the torch trigger once. The following arc ignitions are initiated by shortly touching the tungsten electrode against the workpiece.

NOTE

Selection and adjustment are made in the same way as with spotArc operating mode "See 5.8.6.4 spotArc chapter".

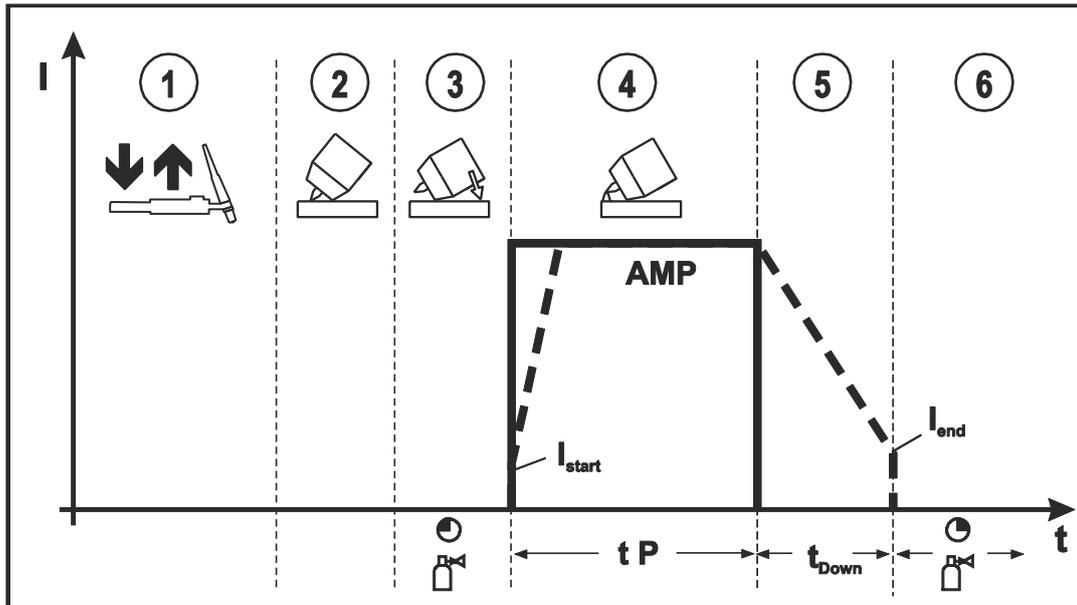


Figure 5-19

As an example the process is shown with HF ignition. Arc ignition with lift arc is also possible, however "See 5.8.5 Arc ignition chapter".

Select the process activation type "See 5.13 Machine configuration menu chapter".

Up- and down-slope times possible for long setting range of the spot time (0.01 s - 20.0 s) only.

- ① Press and release torch trigger (tap) to activate the welding process.
- ② Touch the torch gas nozzle and tungsten electrode tip carefully against the workpiece.
- ③ Incline the torch over the torch gas nozzle until there is a gap of approx. 2-3 mm between the electrode tip and the workpiece. Shielding gas flows in the set gas pre-flow time. The arc ignites and the previously set ignition current (I_{start}) flows.
- ④ The main current phase ends when the set spotArc time expires.
- ⑤ The welding current drops in the set down-slope time to the end current (I_{end}).
- ⑥ The gas post-flow time expires and the welding process ends.

Press and release torch trigger (tap) to reactivate the welding process (only for separate process activation). Touching the torch with the tungsten electrode tip again against the workpiece will initiate the next welding processes.

5.8.6.6 Non-latched operation, version C

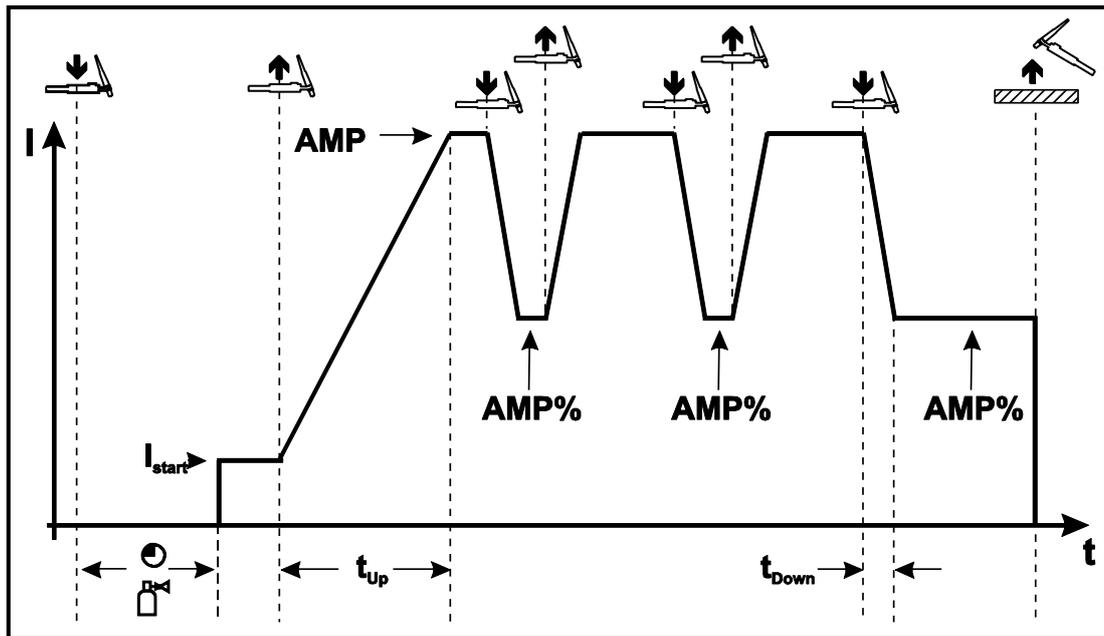


Figure 5-20

1st cycle

- Press torch trigger 1, the gas pre-flow time elapses.
- HF ignition pulses jump from the electrode to the workpiece, the arc ignites.
- Welding current flows and immediately adopts the ignition current value set (search arc at minimum setting). HF is switched off.

2nd cycle

- Release torch trigger 1.
- The welding current increases in the set up-slope time to the main current AMP.

NOTE

- Pressing torch trigger 1 starts the slope (t_{S1}) from main current AMP to secondary current AMP%. Releasing the torch trigger starts the slope (t_{S2}) from the secondary current AMP% back to the main current AMP. This process can be repeated as often as required.

The welding process is ended by the arc interruption in the secondary current (removing the torch from the workpiece until the arc is extinguished).

The slope times can be set "See 5.13 Machine configuration menu chapter".
- This operating mode needs to be activated "See 5.13 Machine configuration menu chapter" section.

5.8.7 Pulses, function sequences

NOTE

- ☛ The function sequences in pulses basically behave in the same way as in standard welding, but during the main current phase there is a continual switching back and forth between the pulse and pause currents at the relevant times.
- ☛ The pulse function can also be deactivated if necessary during the upslope and downslope phases "See 5.8.4 Expert menu (TIG) chapter"

5.8.7.1 TIG pulses – non-latched operation

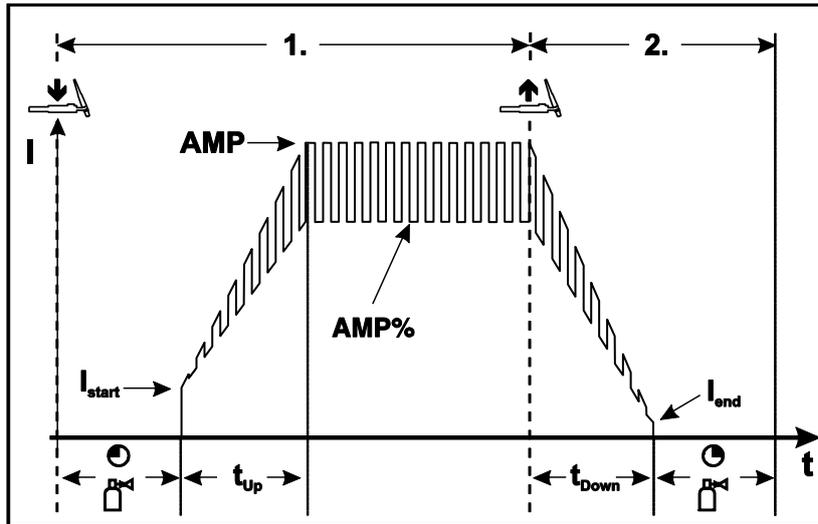


Figure 5-21

5.8.7.2 TIG pulses - latched operation

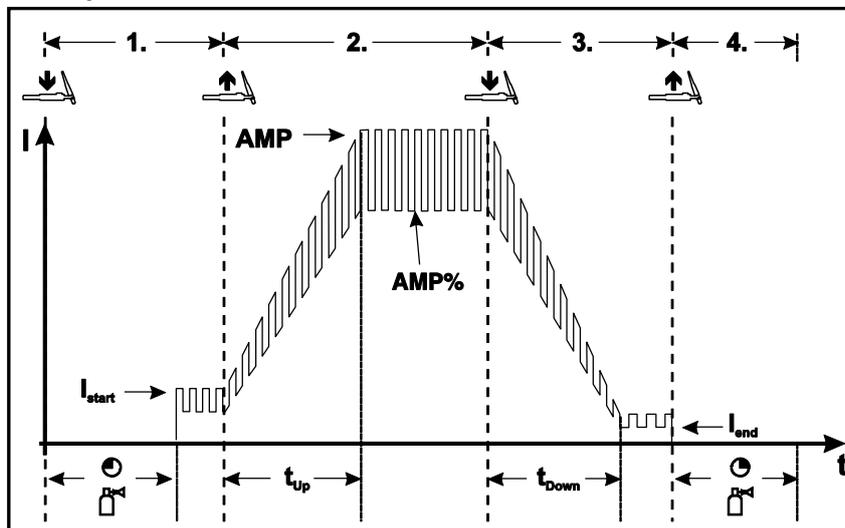


Figure 5-22

5.8.8 Pulse variants

NOTE

The machines have an integrated pulse device.
 With pulses, the machine switches back and forth between the pulse current (main current) and pause current (secondary current).

Pulses (thermal pulses)

With thermal pulses, the pulse and pause times (frequency up to 200 Hz) and the pulse edges (ts1 and ts2) are entered in seconds on the control.

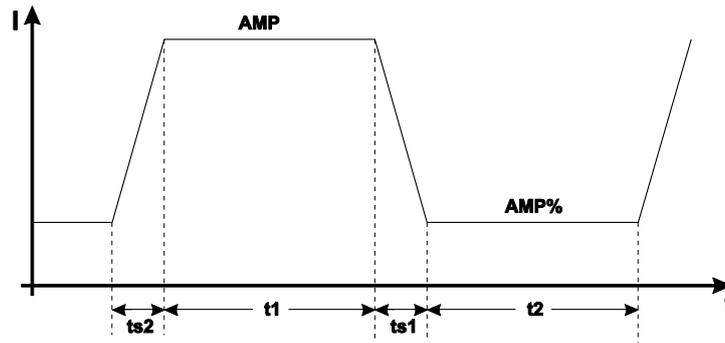


Figure 5-23

Operating element	Action	Result	Display
Puls Automatic sec kHz		Select TIG pulses function • Signal light comes on in green	-
		Select pulse time "t1" LED "Pulse time" comes on	-0-
		Set pulse time "t1"	
		Select pause time "t2" LED "Pulse pause time" comes on	
		Set pause time "t2"	
	2 s	Select slope times "ts1 and ts2"	EPL
		Set slope time "ts1"	t51
		Change between slope times "ts1 and ts2"	
		Set slope time "ts2"	t52

KHz pulses (metallurgic pulses)

The kHz pulses (metallurgic pulses) use the plasma pressure produced at high currents (arc pressure) which is used to achieve a constricted arc with concentrated heat feeding. The frequency can be infinitely adjusted from 50 Hz to 15 kHz and the pulse balance from 1-99 %.

In contrast to thermal pulses, the pulse edge times are not required.

NOTE

The pulse process continues during the up-slope and down-slope phases!

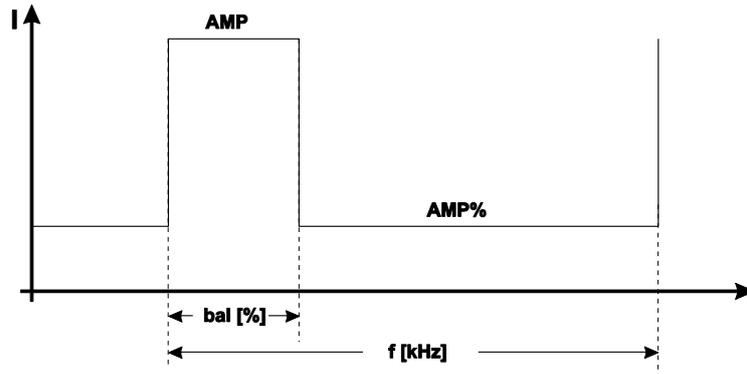


Figure 5-24

Operating element	Action	Result
Puls Automatic sec kHz		Select kHz pulses Press "TIG pulses" key button until signal light comes on in red.
		Select balance Setting range: 1 % to +99 % (1 % increments).
		Select frequency kHz Setting range: 50 Hz to 15 kHz (0.01 kHz increments).

Automated pulses

The automated pulses are used with tacking and spot welding of workpieces in particular. An oscillation in the molten pool is produced by the current-dependent pulse frequency and balance, which positively influences the ability to bridge the air gap. The pulse parameters required are automatically specified by the machine control.

Operating element	Action	Result
Puls Automatic sec kHz		Select TIG automated pulses. Press "TIG pulses" key button until signal light TIG automated pulses Automatic comes on.

5.8.9 TIG *activArc* welding

The EWM *activArc* process, thanks to the highly dynamic controller system, ensures that the power supplied is kept virtually constant in the event of changes in the distance between the welding torch and the weld pool, e.g. during manual welding. Voltage losses as a result of a shortening of the distance between the torch and molten pool are compensated by a current rise (ampere per volt - A/V), and vice versa. This helps prevent the tungsten electrode sticking in the molten pool and the tungsten inclusions are reduced. This is particularly useful in tacking and in spot welding.

Operating element	Action	Result	Display
	n x	Select <i>activArc</i> parameter Press until activArc LED flashes	-
		• Switch parameter on	
		• Switch parameter off	

Parameter setting

The *activArc* parameter (control) can be adjusted specifically for the welding task (panel thickness).

- Preset with: TIG *activArc* welding
- Enter the menu (ENTER) Keep the runtime parameter button pressed for 4 s.
- Leave the menu (EXIT) Keep the runtime parameter button pressed for 4 s.

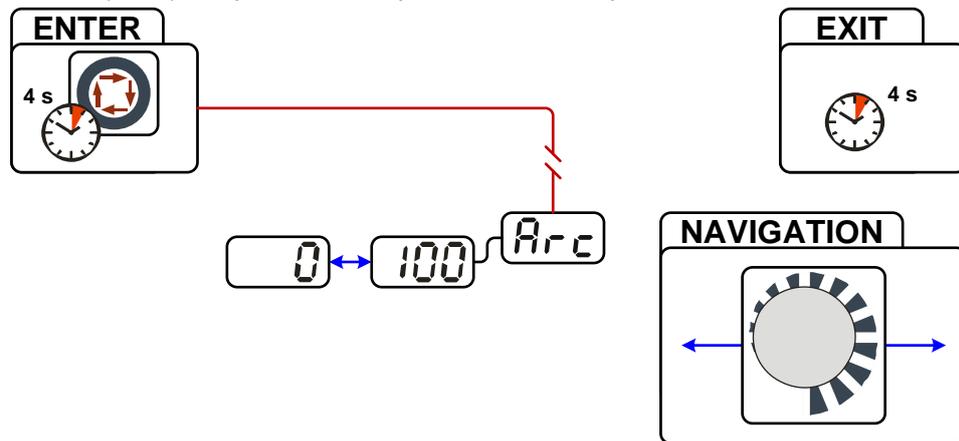


Figure 5-25

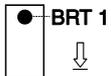
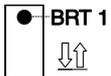
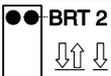
Display	Setting/selection
	activArc parameter Setting: 0 to 100 (factory setting 50)

5.8.10 Welding torch (operating variants)

Different torch versions can be used with this machine.

Functions on the operating elements, such as torch triggers (TT), rockers or potentiometers, can be modified individually via torch modes.

Explanation of symbols for operating elements:

Symbol	Description
	Press torch trigger
	Tap torch trigger
	Tap and press torch trigger

5.8.10.1 Tap torch trigger (tapping function)

NOTE



Swiftly tap the torch trigger to change the function.

The torch mode set determines the operating mode of the tapping function.

5.8.11 Torch mode and up/down speed setting

The user has the modes 1 to 6 and modes 11 to 16 available. Modes 11 to 16 include the same function options as 1 to 6, but without tapping function for the secondary current.

The function options in the individual modes can be found in the tables for the corresponding torch types. The welding process can of course be switched on and off in all modes using torch trigger 1 (TT 1).

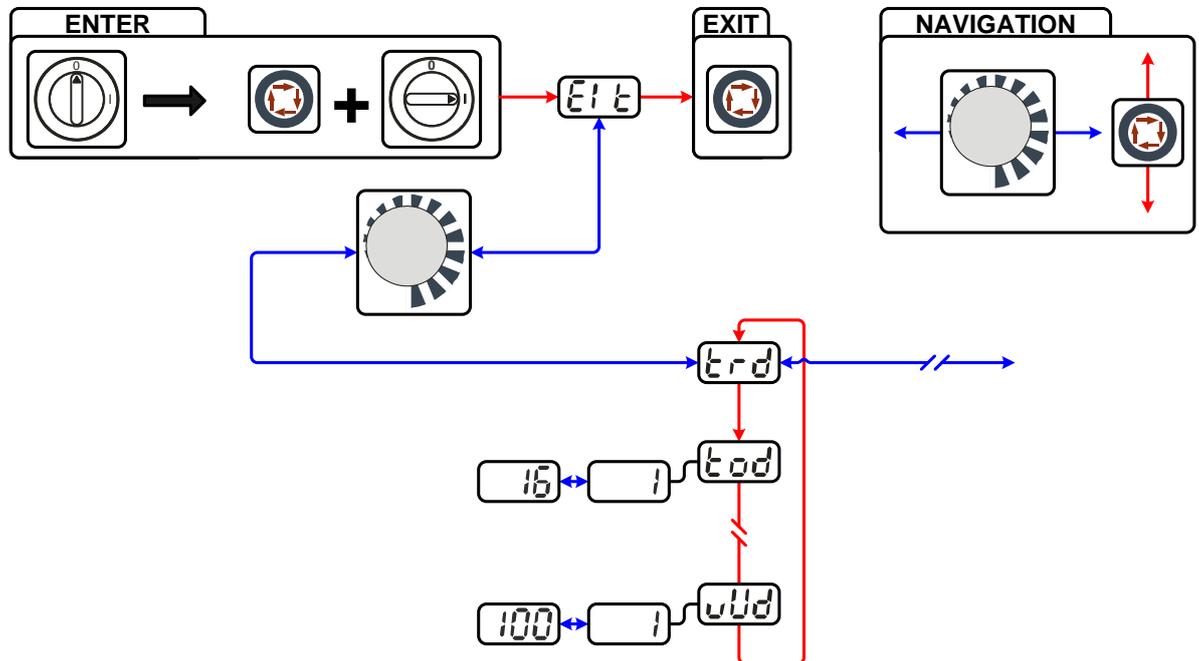


Figure 5-26

Display	Setting/selection
	Exit the menu Exit
	Torch configuration menu Set welding torch functions
	Torch mode (factory setting 1)
	Up-/Down speed Increase value = rapid current change (factory setting 10) Reduce value = slow current change

NOTE

Only the modes listed are suitable for the corresponding torch types.

5.8.11.1 Standard TIG torch (5-pole)

Standard torch with one torch trigger:

Diagram	Operating elements	Explanation of symbols
		BRT1 = Torch trigger 1 (welding current on/off; secondary current via tapping function)
Functions	mode	Operating elements
Welding current On/Off	1 (factory-set)	
Secondary current (Latched mode)		

Standard torch with two torch triggers:

Diagram	Operating elements	Explanation of symbols
		BRT1 = torch trigger 1 BRT2 = torch trigger 2
Functions	mode	Operating elements
Welding current On/Off	1 (factory-set)	
Secondary current		
Secondary current (tapping mode) / (latched mode)		
Welding current On/Off	3	
Secondary current (tapping mode) / (latched mode)		
Up function		
Down function		

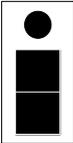
Standard torch with one rocker (MG rocker, two torch triggers)

Diagram	Operating elements	Explanation of symbols
		BRT 1 = torch trigger 1 BRT 2 = torch trigger 2

Functions	mode	Operating elements
Welding current On/Off	1 (factory-set)	
Secondary current		
Secondary current (tapping mode) / (latched mode)		
Welding current On/Off	2	
Secondary current (tapping mode)		
Up function		
Down function		
Welding current On/Off	3	
Secondary current (tapping mode) / (latched mode)		
Up function		
Down function		

5.8.11.2 TIG up/down torch (8-pole)

Up/down torch with one torch trigger

Diagram	Operating elements	Explanation of symbols
		TT 1 = torch trigger 1

Functions	Mode	Operating elements
Welding current on/off	1 (factory-set)	
Secondary current (tapping mode) / (latched mode)		
Increase welding current, infinite adjustment (up function)		
Reduce welding current, infinite adjustment (down function)		
Welding current on/off	2	
Secondary current (tapping mode)		
Welding current on/off	4	
Secondary current (tapping mode) / (Latched mode)		
Increase welding current by an increment "See 5.8.11.6 Setting the first increment chapter"		
Reduce welding current by an increment "See 5.8.11.6 Setting the first increment chapter"		

Up/down torch with two torch triggers

Diagram	Operating elements	Explanation of symbols
		TT 1 = torch trigger 1 (left) TT 2 = torch trigger 2 (right)

Functions	Mode	Operating elements
Welding current on/off	1 (factory-set)	
Secondary current		
Secondary current (tapping mode) / (latched mode)		
Increase welding current, infinite adjustment (up function)		
Reduce welding current, infinite adjustment (down function)		
Welding current on/off	2	
Secondary current		
Secondary current (tapping mode)		
Welding current on/off	4	
Secondary current		
Secondary current (tapping mode)		
Increase welding current by an increment "See 5.8.11.6 Setting the first increment chapter"		
Reduce welding current by an increment "See 5.8.11.6 Setting the first increment chapter"		
Gas test	4	

5.8.11.3 Potentiometer torch (8-pole)

NOTE

The welding machine needs to be configured for operation with a potentiometer torch "See 5.8.11.4 Configuring the TIG potentiometer torch connection chapter".

Potentiometer torch with one torch trigger:

Diagram	Operating elements	Explanation of symbols
		BRT 1 = torch trigger 1

Functions	Mode	Operating elements
Welding current On/Off	3	
Secondary current (tapping mode)		
Increase welding current, infinite adjustment		
Reduce welding current, infinite adjustment		

Potentiometer torch with two torch triggers:

Diagram	Operating elements	Explanation of symbols
		BRT 1 = torch trigger 1 BRT 2 = torch trigger 2

Functions	Mode	Operating elements
Welding current On/Off	3	
Secondary current		
Secondary current (tapping mode)		
Increase welding current, infinite adjustment		
Reduce welding current, infinite adjustment		

5.8.11.4 Configuring the TIG potentiometer torch connection

DANGER



Risk of injury due to electrical voltage after switching off!
Working on an open machine can lead to fatal injuries!
Capacitors are loaded with electrical voltage during operation. Voltage remains present for up to four minutes after the mains plug is removed.

1. Switch off machine.
2. Remove the mains plug.
3. Wait for at last 4 minutes until the capacitors have discharged!

WARNING



Risk of accidents if these safety instructions are not observed!
Non-observance of these safety instructions is potentially fatal!

- Carefully read the safety information in this manual!
- Observe the accident prevention regulations in your country.
- Inform persons in the working area that they must observe the regulations!

CAUTION



Test!
Before re-commissioning, it is essential that an "inspection and test during operation" is carried out conforming to IEC / DIN EN 60974-4 "Arc welding devices - inspection and testing during operation"!

- For detailed instructions, please see the standard operating instructions for the welding machine.

When connecting a potentiometer torch, jumper JP27 on PCB T320/1 inside the welding machine should be unplugged.

Welding torch configuration	Setting
Prepared for TIG standard or up/down torch (factory setting)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> JP27
Prepared for potentiometer torches	<input type="checkbox"/> JP27

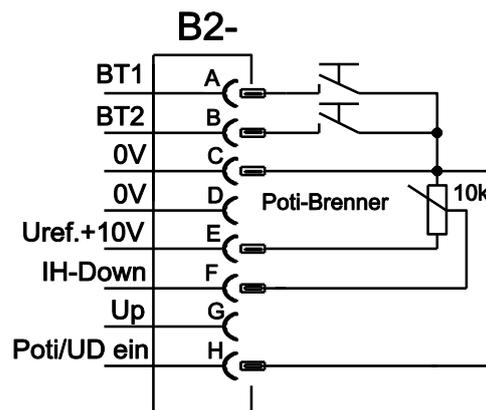


Figure 5-27

NOTE



For this torch type the welding machine has to be set to torch mode 3 "See 5.8.11 Torch mode and up/down speed setting chapter".

5.8.11.5 RETOX TIG torch (12-pole)

NOTE



For operation with this welding torch, the welding machine must be equipped with the retrofit option "ON 12POL RETOX TIG" (12-pole torch connection socket)!

Diagram	Operating elements	Explanation of symbols
		TT= torch trigger
Functions	Mode	Operating elements
Welding current on/off	1 (ex works)	TT 1
Secondary current		TT 2
Secondary current (tapping function)		TT 1 (tapping)
Increase welding current (up function)		TT 3
Reduce welding current (down function)		TT 4
Modes 2 and 3 are not used with this type of torch or, respectively, are not appropriate.		
Welding current on/off	4	TT 1
Secondary current		TT 2
Secondary current (tapping function)		TT 1 (tapping)
Raise welding current in stages (setting the first increment)		TT 3
Decrease welding current in stages (setting the first decrement)		TT 4
Switchover between Up-Down and JOB changeover		TT 2 (tapping)
Increase JOB number		TT 3
Decrease JOB number		TT 4
Gas test		TT 2 (3 s)
Welding current on/off	6	TT 1
Secondary current		TT 2
Secondary current (tapping function)		TT 1 (tapping)
Increase welding current, infinite adjustment (up function)		TT 3
Reduce welding current, infinite adjustment (down function)		TT 4
Switchover between Up-Down and JOB changeover		TT 2 (tapping)
Increase JOB number		TT 3
Decrease JOB number		TT 4
Gas test	TT 2 (3 s)	

5.9 MMA welding

⚠ CAUTION



Risk of being crushed or burnt.

When replacing spent or new stick electrodes

- Switch off machine at the main switch
- Wear appropriate safety gloves
- Use insulated tongs to remove spent stick electrodes or to move welded workpieces and
- Always put the electrode holder down on an insulated surface.



Shielding gas connection!

During MMA welding open circuit voltage is applied at the shielding gas connection (G $\frac{1}{4}$ " connecting nipple).

- Place yellow insulating cap on the G $\frac{1}{4}$ " connection nipple (protects against electrical voltage and dirt).

5.9.1 Connecting the electrode holder and workpiece lead

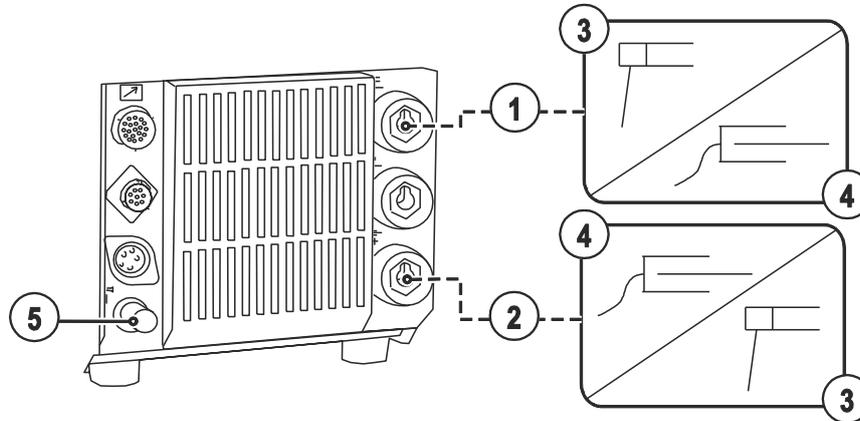


Figure 5-30

Item	Symbol	Description
1		Connection socket, "-" welding current Workpiece lead or electrode holder connection
2		Connection socket for "+" welding current Electrode holder or workpiece lead connection
3		Electrode holder
4		Workpiece
5		G$\frac{1}{4}$" connecting nipple, "-" welding current Shielding gas connection (with yellow insulating cap) for TIG welding torch

- Fit yellow protective cap onto G¼" connecting nipple.
- Insert cable plug of the electrode holder into either the "+" or "-" welding current connection socket and lock by turning to the right.
- Insert cable plug of the workpiece lead into either the "+" or "-" welding current connection socket and lock by turning to the right.

NOTE

Polarity depends on the instructions from the electrode manufacturer given on the electrode packaging.

5.9.2 Select welding task

NOTE

It is only possible to change the basic welding parameters if:

- No welding current is flowing and
- The key switch (option) is set to position "1".

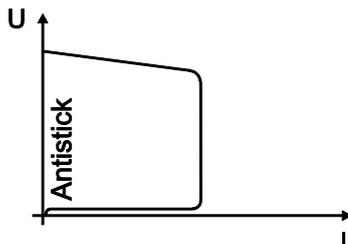
Operating element	Action	Result
		Select MMA welding process The signal light lights up in green
		Set welding current

5.9.3 Arcforce

Shortly before the electrode threatens to stick, the arcforcing device sets an increased current designed to prevent the electrode sticking.

Operating element	Action	Result	Displays
	1 x	Select arcforcing welding parameter The signal light lights up in red	
		Set arcforcing -40 = low current increase > soft arc 0 = default setting +40 = high current increase > aggressive arc	

5.9.4 Antistick



Anti-stick prevents the electrode from annealing.

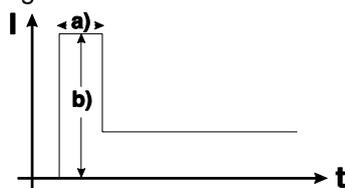
If the electrode sticks in spite of the Arcforce device, the machine automatically switches over to the minimum current within about 1 second to prevent the electrode from overheating. Check the welding current setting and correct according to the welding task!

Figure 5-31

5.9.5 Hotstart

The hotstart device improves the ignition of the stick electrodes using an increased ignition current.

- a) = Hotstart time
- b) = Hotstart current
- I = Welding current
- t = Time



5.9.5.1 Hotstart current

Operating element	Action	Result	Displays
	x x	Select hotstart current welding parameter Press until hotstart current signal light AMP% comes on	
		Set hotstart current The factory setting is a value as a percentage of the selected main current. "See 5.13 Machine configuration menu chapter".	

5.9.5.2 Hotstart time

Operating element	Action	Result	Displays
		Select hotstart time welding parameter Press until hotstart time light sec comes on	
		Set hotstart time	

5.10 Remote control

NOTE



Insert the remote control control cable into the 19-pole connection socket for remote control connection and lock.

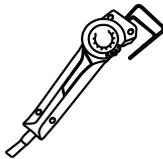
5.10.1 Manual remote control RT1 19POL



Functions

- Infinitely adjustable welding current (0% to 100%) depending on the preselected main current on the welding machine.

5.10.2 RTG1 19POL manual remote control



Functions

- Infinite setting of the welding current (0% to 100%) depending on the main current preselected at the welding machine

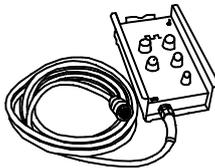
5.10.3 Manual remote control RTP1 19POL



Functions

- TIG/MMA
- Infinitely adjustable welding current (0% to 100%) depending on the preselected main current on the welding machine.
- Pulse/spot/normal
- Pulse, spot and break times are infinitely adjustable.

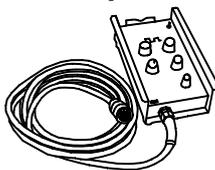
5.10.4 Manual remote control RTP2 19POL



Functions

- TIG/MMA.
- Infinitely adjustable welding current (0% to 100%) depending on the preselected main current on the welding machine.
- Pulse/spot/normal
- Frequency and spot times infinitely adjustable.
- Coarse adjustment of the cycle frequency.
- Pulse/pause ratio (balance) adjustable from 10% to 90%.

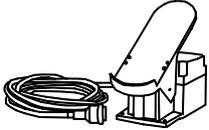
5.10.5 RTP3 spotArc 19POL manual remote control



Functions

- TIG / MMA.
- Infinitely adjustable welding current (0% to 100%) depending on the preselected main current on the welding machine.
- Pulse / SpotArc spots / normal
- Frequency and spot time infinitely adjustable.
- Coarse adjustment of the pulse frequency.
- Pulse/pause ratio (balance) adjustable from 10% to 90%.

5.10.6 Foot-operated remote control RTF1 19POL 5 M / RTF2 19POL 5 M



Functions

- Infinitely adjustable welding current (0% to 100%) depending on the preselected main current on the welding machine.
- Start/stop welding operation (TIG)

ActivArc welding is not possible in combination with the foot-operated remote control.

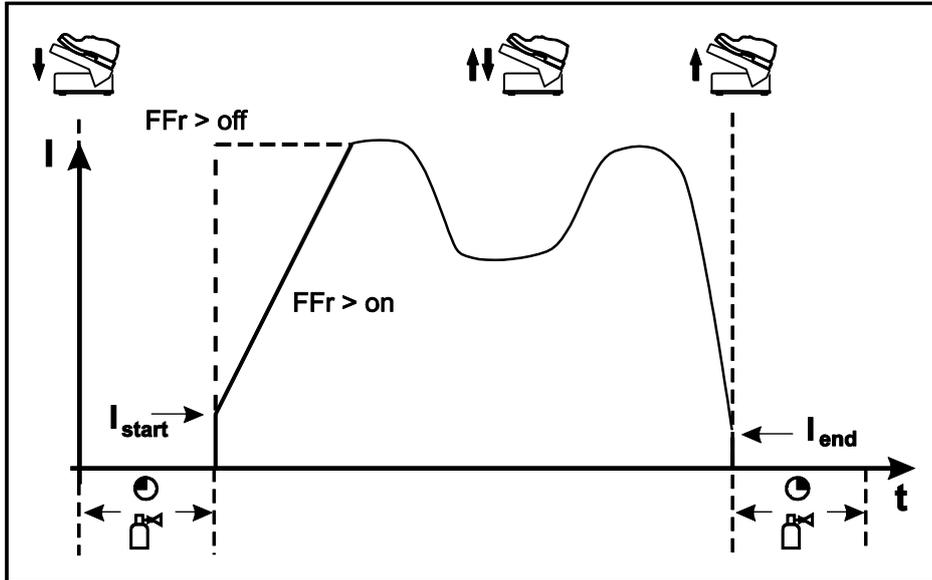


Figure 5-32

Symbol	Meaning
	Actuate foot-operated remote control (start welding process)
	Operate foot-operated remote control (set welding current according to application)
	Release foot-operated remote control (end welding process)
FFr	RTF ramp function on Welding current runs in a ramp function at the specified main current off Welding current goes immediately to the specified main current

5.10.6.1 Ramp function foot-operated remote control RTF 1 / RTF 2

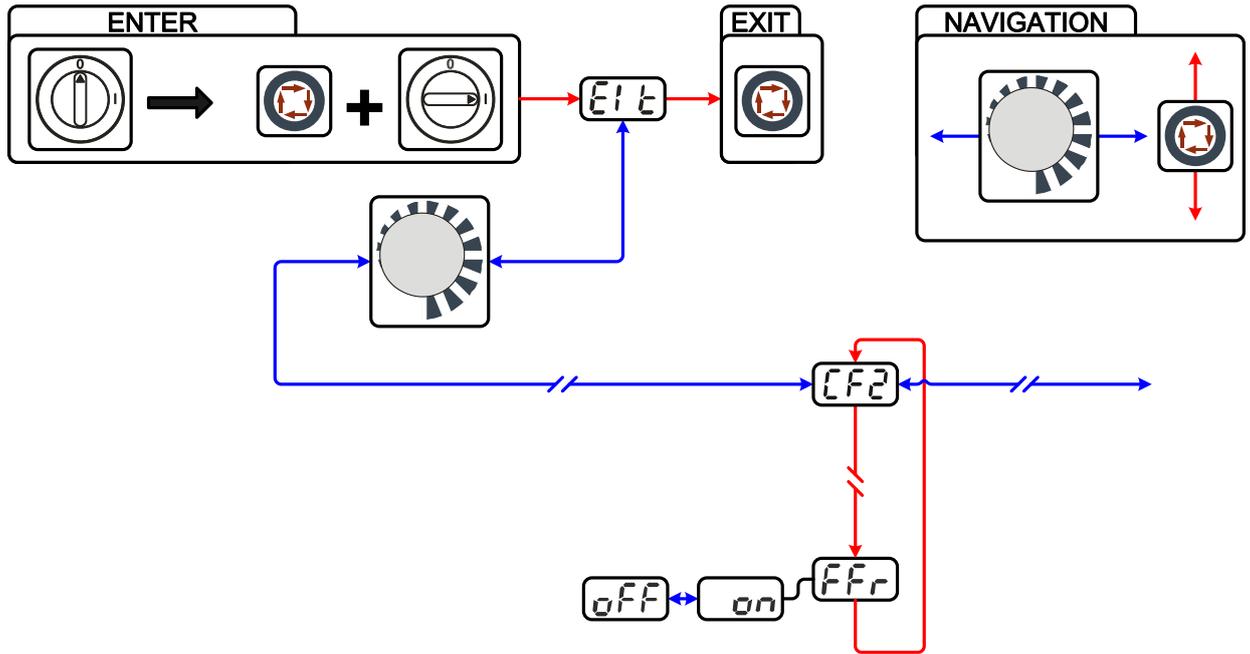


Figure 5-33

Display	Setting/selection
	Exit the menu Exit
	Machine configuration (part two) Settings for machine functions and parameter display
	Ramp function Remote control RTF 1 The ramp function can be switched on and off
	Switch on Switching on machine function
	Switch off Switching off machine function

5.11 Interfaces for automation

CAUTION



Damage to the machine due to improper connection!

Unsuitable control leads or incorrect connection of input and output signals can cause damage to the machine.

- Only use shielded control leads!
- If the machine is to be operated with control voltages connection via suitable isolation amplifiers is required!
- To control the main or secondary current via control voltages, the relevant inputs must be enabled (see specification for activation of control voltage).

5.11.1 TIG interface for mechanised welding

Pin	Signal shape	Designation	Diagram																																																																																															
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5.11.2 Remote control connection socket, 19-pole

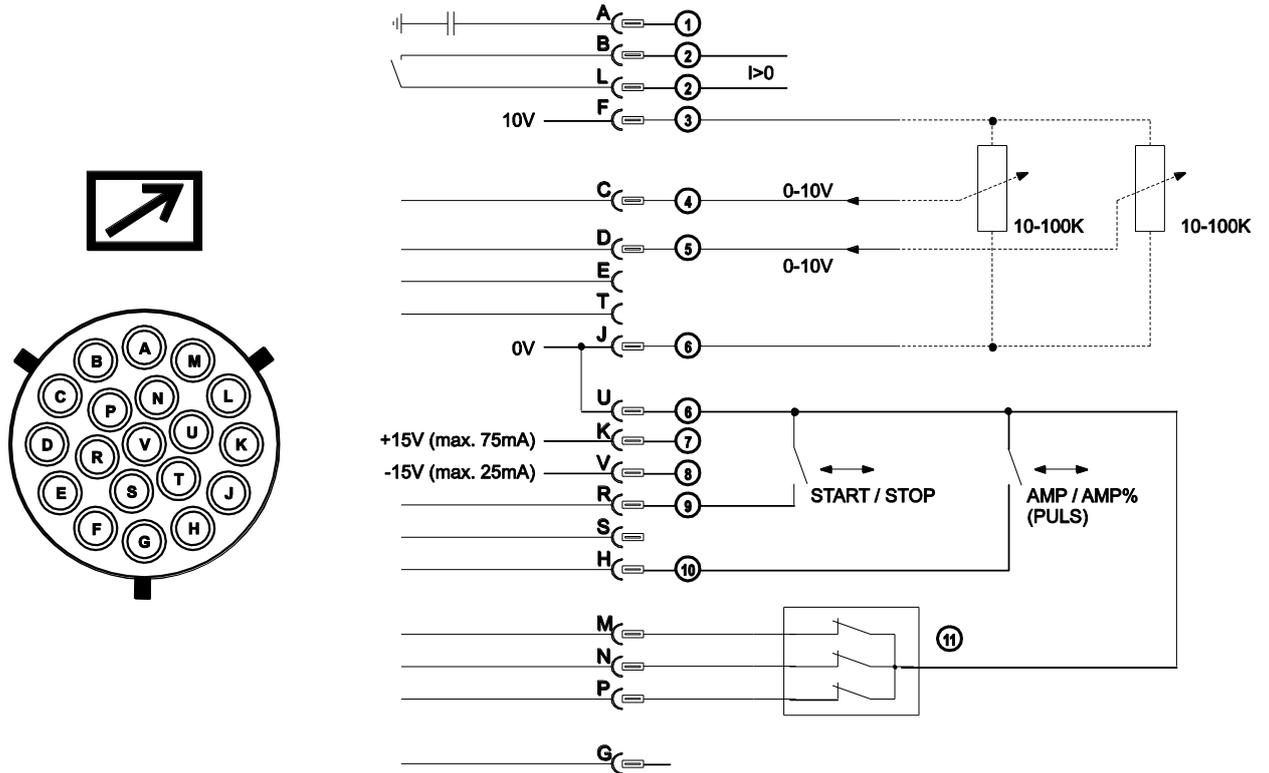


Figure 5-34

Pos.	Pin	Signal shape	Designation
1	A	Output	Connection for cable screen (PE)
2	B/L	Output	Current flows signal $I > 0$, galvanically isolated (max. $\pm 15V/100mA$)
3	F	Output	Reference voltage for potentiometer 10V (max. 10mA)
4	C	Input	Control value specification for main current, 0-10V ($0V = I_{min}$, $10V = I_{max}$)
5	D	Input	Control value specification for secondary current, 0-10V ($0V = I_{min}$, $10V = I_{max}$)
6	J/U	Output	Reference 0V
7	K	Output	Power supply +15V, max. 75mA
8	V	Output	Power supply -15V, max. 25mA
9	R	Input	Start/Stop welding current
10	H	Input	Switching between main and secondary welding currents (pulses)
11	M/N/P	Input	Activation of control voltage specification Set all 3 signals to reference potential 0V to activate external control voltage specification for main and secondary currents
12	G	Output	Measured value $I_{SETPOINT}$ ($1V = 100A$)

5.12 PC interface

CAUTION



Equipment damage or faults may occur if the PC is connected incorrectly!
Not using the SECINT X10USB interface results in equipment damage or faults in signal transmission. The PC may be destroyed due to high frequency ignition pulses.

- Interface SECINT X10USB must be connected between the PC and the welding machine!
- The connection must only be made using the cables supplied (do not use any additional extension cables)!

NOTE



Please note the relevant documentation of the accessory components.

5.13 Machine configuration menu

The machine menu includes basic functions such as torch modes, display settings and the service menu.

5.13.1 Selecting, changing and saving parameters

NOTE



ENTER (enter the menu)

- Switch off machine at the main switch
- Press and hold the "welding parameters" button and switch the machine on again at the same time.

NAVIGATION (navigating in the menu)

- Parameters are selected by pressing the "welding parameters" button.
- Set or change the parameters by turning the "welding parameter setting" rotary dial.

EXIT (leave the menu)

- Select the "Elt" menu item.
- Press the "welding parameters" button (settings will be applied, machine changes to the ready-to-operate status).

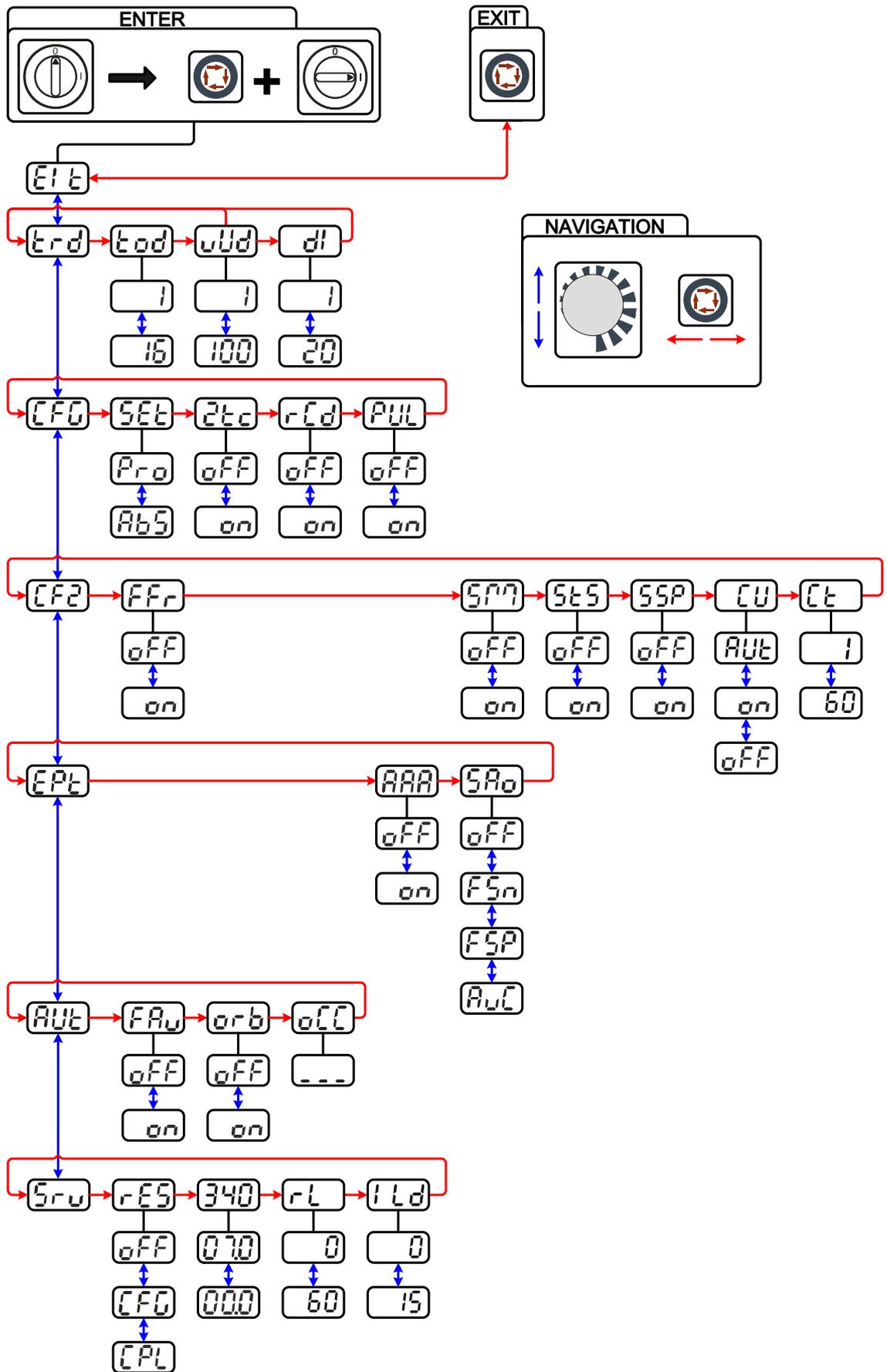
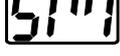
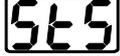


Figure 5-35

Display	Setting/selection
	Exit the menu Exit
	Torch configuration menu Set welding torch functions
	Torch mode (factory setting 1)
	Up-/Down speed Increase value = rapid current change (factory setting 10) Reduce value = slow current change
	Setting the first increment Setting: 1 to 20 (factory setting 1)
	Machine configuration Settings for machine functions and parameter display
	Welding current display (ignition, secondary, end and hotstart currents) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pro = welding current display as a percentage of the main current (factory setting) • Abs = absolute welding current display
	Non-latched operation (C version) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • on = on • off = off (factory setting)
	Power display switching (MMA) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • on = actual value display • off = setpoint value display (factory setting)
	Pulses in the upslope and downslope phases The function can be switched on or off
	Machine configuration (part two) Settings for machine functions and parameter display
	Ramp function Remote control RTF 1 The ramp function can be switched on and off
	spotMatic Variation of operation mode spotArc, ignition with workpiece contact <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • on = on • off = off (factory setting)
	Setting spot time <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • on = Short spot time (5 ms - 999 ms, 1 ms- steps) • off = long spot time (0,01 s - 20,0 s, 10 ms- steps)
	Setting process activation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • on = Separate process activation: The welding process has to be reactivated for every arc ignition by pressing the torch trigger. • off = Permanent process activation: The welding process is activated by pressing the torch trigger once. The following arc ignitions are initiated by shortly touching the tungsten electrode against the workpiece.
	Torch cooling mode <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AUt = automatic operation (ex works) • on = permanently switched on • off = permanently switched off
	Welding torch cooling system pre-flow time Setting 1–60 min. (ex works 5)
	Expert menu

Display	Setting/selection
AAA	activArc voltage measuring <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • on = function on (factory setting) • off = function off
SAd	Error output to automated welding interface, contact SYN_A <ul style="list-style-type: none"> off AC synchronisation or hot wire (factory setting) FSn Error signal, negative logic FSP Error signal, positive logic AvC AVC (Arc voltage control) connection
AUT	Automation menu
FAU	Fast take-over of control voltage (automation) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • on = function on • off = function off (factory setting)
orb	Orbital welding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • off = off (ex works) • on = on
oCC	Orbital welding Correction value for orbital current
Srv	Service menu Modifications to the service menu may only be carried out by authorised maintenance staff!
rES	Reset (reset to factory settings) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • off = aus (factory setting) • CFG = Reset the values in the machine configuration menu • CPL = Complete reset of all values and settings The reset is performed when leaving the menu (EXIT).
070	Software version query (example) 07= System bus ID
340	0340= Version number System bus ID and version number are separated by a dot.
rL	Only qualified service personnel may change the parameters!
ILd	Ignition pulse limit Setting 0 ms–15 ms (increments of 1 ms)

6 Maintenance, care and disposal

DANGER



Do not carry out any unauthorised repairs or modifications!

To avoid injury and equipment damage, the unit must only be repaired or modified by specialist, skilled persons!

The warranty becomes null and void in the event of unauthorised interference.

- Appoint only skilled persons for repair work (trained service personnel)!



Risk of injury from electric shock!

Cleaning machines that are not disconnected from the mains can lead to serious injuries!

- Disconnect the machine completely from the mains.
- Remove the mains plug!
- Wait for 4 minutes until the capacitors have discharged!

Repair and maintenance work may only be performed by qualified authorised personnel; otherwise the right to claim under warranty is void. In all service matters, always consult the dealer who supplied the machine. Return deliveries of defective equipment subject to warranty may only be made through your dealer. When replacing parts, use only original spare parts. When ordering spare parts, please quote the machine type, serial number and item number of the machine, as well as the type designation and item number of the spare part.

6.1 General

When used in the specified environmental conditions and under normal operating conditions, this machine is largely maintenance-free and requires a minimum of care.

There are some points, which should be observed, to guarantee fault-free operation of your welding machine. Among these are regular cleaning and checking as described below, depending on the pollution level of the environment and the length of time the unit is in use.

6.2 Maintenance work, intervals

6.2.1 Daily maintenance tasks

6.2.1.1 Visual inspection

- Mains supply lead and its strain relief
- Gas tubes and their switching equipment (solenoid valve)
- Other, general condition

6.2.1.2 Functional test

- Welding current cables (check that they are fitted correctly and secured)
- Gas cylinder securing elements
- Operating, message, safety and adjustment devices (Functional test)

6.2.2 Monthly maintenance tasks

6.2.2.1 Visual inspection

- Casing damage (front, rear and side walls)
- Transport elements (strap, lifting lugs, handle)

6.2.2.2 Functional test

- Selector switches, command devices, emergency stop devices, voltage reducing devices, message and control lamps

6.2.3 Annual test (inspection and testing during operation)

NOTE

-  **The welding machine may only be tested by competent, capable persons!**
A capable person is one who, because of his training, knowledge and experience, is able to recognise the dangers that can occur while testing welding power sources as well as possible subsequent damage and who is able to implement the required safety procedures.
-  **For further information, please see the accompanying supplementary sheets "Machine and Company Data, Maintenance and Testing, Warranty"!**

A periodic test according to IEC 60974-4 "Periodic inspection and test" has to be carried out. In addition to the regulations on testing given here, the relevant local laws and regulations must also be observed.

6.3 Disposing of equipment

NOTE

-  **Proper disposal!**
The machine contains valuable raw materials, which should be recycled, and electronic components, which must be disposed of.
 - Do not dispose of in household waste!
 - Observe the local regulations regarding disposal!



6.3.1 Manufacturer's declaration to the end user

- According to European provisions (guideline 2002/96/EG of the European Parliament and the Council of January, 27th 2003), used electric and electronic equipment may no longer be placed in unsorted municipal waste. It must be collected separately. The symbol depicting a waste container on wheels indicates that the equipment must be collected separately.
This machine is to be placed for disposal or recycling in the waste separation systems provided for this purpose.
- According to German law (law governing the distribution, taking back and environmentally correct disposal of electric and electronic equipment (ElektroG) from 16.03.2005), used machines are to be placed in a collection system separate from unsorted municipal waste. The public waste management utilities (communities) have created collection points at which used equipment from private households can be disposed of free of charge.
- Information about giving back used equipment or about collections can be obtained from the respective municipal administration office.
- EWM participates in an approved waste disposal and recycling system and is registered in the Used Electrical Equipment Register (EAR) under number WEEE DE 57686922.
- In addition to this, returns are also possible throughout Europe via EWM sales partners.

6.4 Meeting the requirements of RoHS

We, EWM AG Mündersbach, hereby confirm that all products supplied by us which are affected by the RoHS Directive, meet the requirements of the RoHS (Directive 2002/95/EC).

7 Rectifying faults

All products are subject to rigorous production checks and final checks. If, despite this, something fails to work at any time, please check the product using the following flowchart. If none of the fault rectification procedures described leads to the correct functioning of the product, please inform your authorised dealer.

7.1 Checklist for rectifying faults

NOTE



The correct machine equipment for the material and process gas in use is a fundamental requirement for perfect operation!

Legend	Symbol	Description
	↘	Fault/Cause
	✘	Remedy

Functional errors

- ↘ Insufficient coolant flow
 - ✘ Check coolant level and refill if necessary
 - ✘ Eliminate kinks in conduit system (hose packages)
 - ✘ Reset automatic cutout of the coolant pump by activating
- ↘ Air in the coolant circuit
 - ✘ "See 7.6 Vent coolant circuit chapter"
- ↘ Machine control without displaying the signal lights after switching on
 - ✘ Phase failure > check mains connection (fuses)
- ↘ No welding performance
 - ✘ Phase failure > check mains connection (fuses)
- ↘ Various parameters cannot be set
 - ✘ Entry level is blocked, disable access lock "See 6.4 Meeting the requirements of RoHS chapter"
- ↘ Connection problems
 - ✘ Make control lead connections and check that they are fitted correctly.

Welding torch overheated

- ↘ Loose welding current connections
 - ✘ Tighten power connections on the torch and/or on the workpiece
 - ✘ Tighten contact tip correctly
- ↘ Overload
 - ✘ Check and correct welding current setting
 - ✘ Use a more powerful welding torch

No arc ignition

- ✓ Incorrect ignition type setting.
 - ✗ Set ignition type changeover switch to the HF ignition setting.

Bad arc ignition

- ✓ Material inclusions in the tungsten electrode due to contact with filler material or workpiece
 - ✗ Regrind or replace the tungsten electrode
- ✓ Bad current transfer on ignition
 - ✗ Check the setting on the "Tungsten electrode diameter/Ignition optimisation" rotary dial and increase if necessary (higher ignition energy).

Unstable arc

- ✓ Material inclusions in the tungsten electrode due to contact with filler material or workpiece
 - ✗ Regrind or replace the tungsten electrode
- ✓ Incompatible parameter settings
 - ✗ Check settings and correct if necessary

Pore formation

- ✓ Inadequate or missing gas shielding
 - ✗ Check shielding gas setting and replace shielding gas cylinder if necessary
 - ✗ Shield welding site with protective screens (draughts affect the welding result)
 - ✗ Use gas lens for aluminium applications and high-alloy steels
- ✓ Unsuitable or worn welding torch equipment
 - ✗ Check size of gas nozzle and replace if necessary
- ✓ Condensation (hydrogen) in the gas tube
 - ✗ Purge hose package with gas or replace

7.2 Error messages (power source)

NOTE

-  **A welding machine error is indicated by the collective fault signal lamp (A1) lighting up and an error code (see table) being displayed in the machine control display. In the event of a machine error, the power unit shuts down.**
-  **The display of possible error numbers depends on the machine version (interfaces/functions).**

- If multiple errors occur, these are displayed in succession.
- Document machine errors and inform service staff as necessary.

Error message	Possible cause	Remedy
Err 3	Speedometer error	Check wire guide/hose package
	Wire feeder is not connected	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Switch off cold wire mode in the device configuration menu (off status) • Connect the wire feeder
Err 4	Temperature error	Allow the machine to cool down
	Error in emergency stop circuit (interface for automated welding)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check the external interrupt equipment • Check jumper JP 1 on PCB T320/1
Err 5	Overvoltage	Switch off machine and check the mains voltage
Err 6	Low voltage	
Err 7	Coolant error (with connected cooling unit only)	Check coolant level and refill if necessary
Err 8	Gas error	Check gas supply
Err 9	Secondary overvoltage	Switch machine off and on again, inform the service department if the error continues
Err 10	PE error	
Err 11	FastStop position	Edge 'Acknowledge error' signal (0 to 1) via robot interface (if available)
Err 12	VRD error	Switch the machine off and on again. If the error persists, inform the service dept.
Err 16	Pilot arc current	Check welding torch
Err 17	Cold wire error Excess current limit of a motor control card has been triggered Cold wire error – a permanent deviation between wire nominal value and actual value or a blocked drive has been detected in the process	Inspect the wire feed system (drives, tube packages, torch): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check cold wire on the torch / work piece (moved against work piece?) • Check relation of process wire feed speed to robot travel speed, and correct if necessary • Check wire feed for stiffness with wire inching function (resolve by checking wire guides section by section) Reset error via robot interface (reset error)
Err 18	Plasma gas error Nominal value significantly different from actual value -> No plasma gas?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check plasma gas supply; use the plasma gas test function on "cold wire feed unit" if necessary • Check guiding / connections of the gas supply hose for leaks / kinks • Check that the gas supply lead of the plasma torch is not blocked Reset error via robot interface (reset error)
Err 19	Shielding gas Nominal value significantly different from actual value -> No shielding gas?	

Error message	Possible cause	Remedy
Err 20	Coolant The flow quantity of the torch coolant has fallen below the permissible minimum -> the coolant flow is dirty or cut off because the tube package has been unsuitably installed The flow quantity of the torch coolant has fallen below the permissible level	Check coolant level and refill if necessary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check coolant level in the reverse cooler • Check coolant lines for leaks and kinks • Check that the coolant inlet and outlet on the plasma torch is not blocked Reset error via robot interface (reset error)
Err 22	Excess temperature in coolant circuit Coolant temperature exceeded The temperature of the coolant is too high	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check coolant level in the reverse cooler • Check temperature nominal value on the cooling unit Reset error via robot interface (reset error)
Err 23	HF choke excess temperature High frequency blocking inductor excess temperature The excess temperature of the high frequency blocking inductor has triggered	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allow equipment to cool down • Adjust processing cycle times if necessary Reset error via robot interface (reset error)
Err 24	Pilot arc ignition error	Check plasma torch replacement parts
Err 32	Electronics error (I>0 error)	Switch the machine off and on again. If the error persists, inform the service dept.
Err 33	Electronics error (Uactual error)	
Err 34	Electronics error (A/D channel error)	
Err 35	Electronics error (edge error)	
Err 36	Electronics error (S sign)	
Err 37	Electronics error (temperature error)	Allow machine to cool down.
Err 38	---	Switch the machine off and on again. If the error persists, inform the service dept.
Err 39	Electronics error (secondary overvoltage)	
Err 48	Ignition error	Check welding process
Err 49	Arc interruption	Inform the Service department
Err 51	Error in emergency stop circuit (interface for automated welding)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check the external interrupt equipment • Check jumper JP 1 on PCB T320/1

7.3 Resetting welding parameters to the factory settings

NOTE

All customised welding parameters that are stored will be replaced by the factory settings.

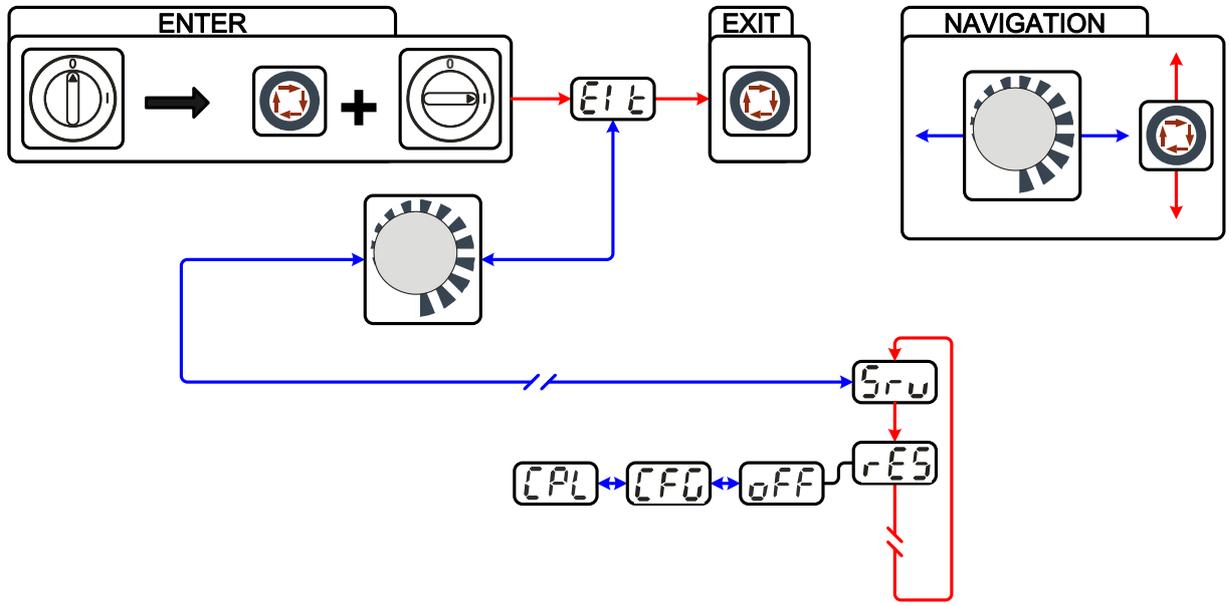


Figure 7-1

Display	Setting/selection
	Exit the menu Exit
	Service menu Modifications to the service menu may only be carried out by authorised maintenance staff!
	Reset (reset to factory settings) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • off = aus (factory setting) • CFG = Reset the values in the machine configuration menu • CPL = Complete reset of all values and settings The reset is performed when leaving the menu (EXIT).
	Switch off Switching off machine function
	Reset machine configuration Resetting the values in the machine configuration menu
	Complete reset Complete reset of all values and settings by the factory settings

7.4 Display machine control software version

NOTE

👉 The query of the software versions only serves to inform the authorised service staff!

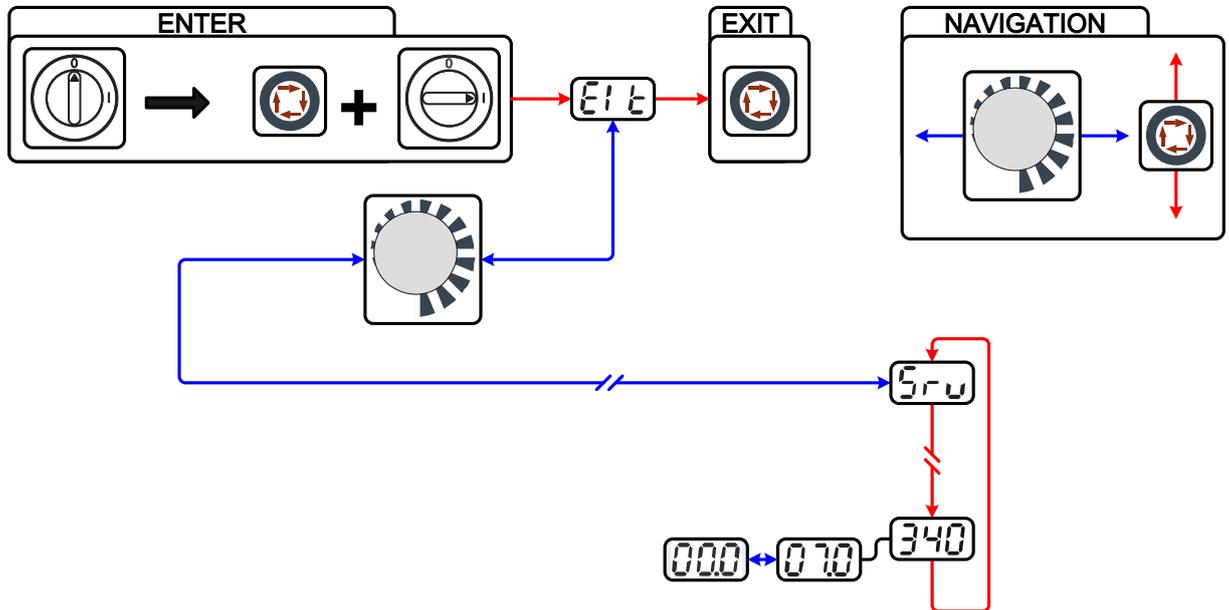


Figure 7-2

Display	Setting/selection
	Exit the menu Exit
	Service menu Modifications to the service menu may only be carried out by authorised maintenance staff!
	Software version query (example) 07= System bus ID 0340= Version number System bus ID and version number are separated by a dot.

7.5 General operating problems

7.5.1 Interface for automated welding

⚠ WARNING

No function of the external interrupt equipment (emergency stop switch)!
If the emergency stop circuit has been realised using an external interrupt equipment via the interface for automated welding, the machine must be configured for this setup. If this is not observed, the power source will ignore the external interrupt equipment and will not shut down!

- Disconnect jumper 1 on PCB T320/1 (Tetrix / forceTig) or M320/1 (Phoenix / alpha Q)!

7.6 Vent coolant circuit

NOTE

To vent the cooling system always use the blue coolant connection, which is located as deep as possible inside the system (close to the coolant tank)!

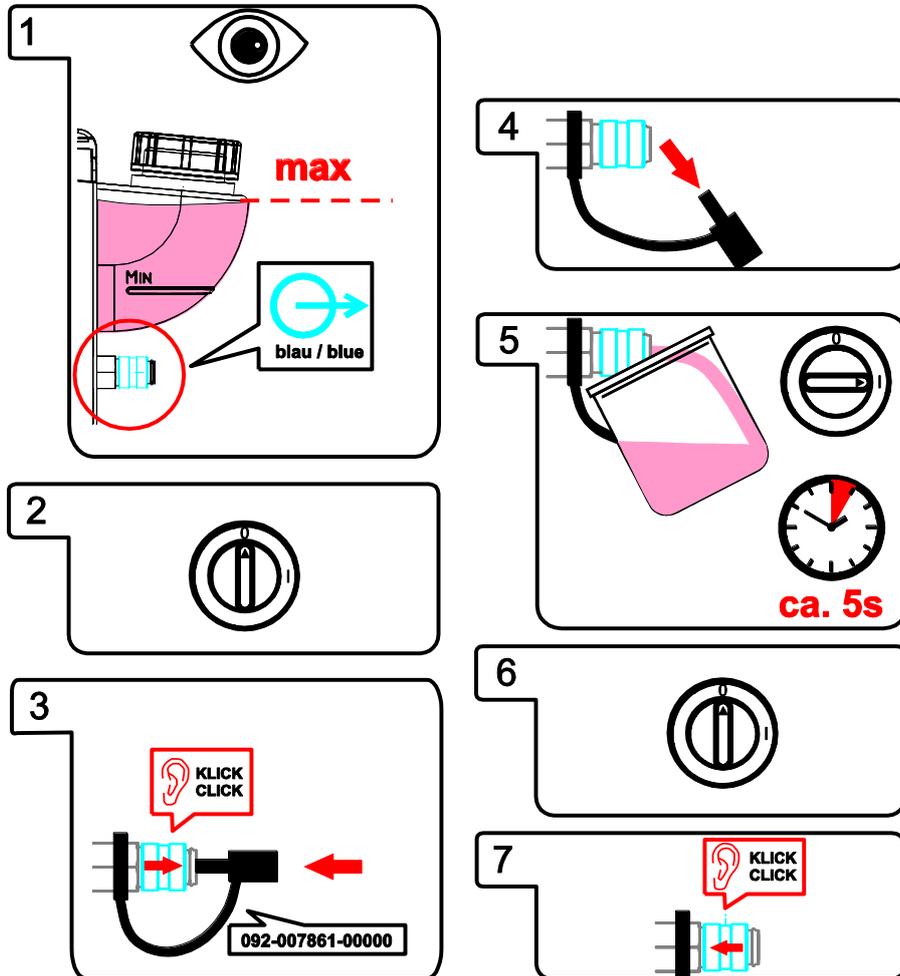


Figure 7-3

8 Technical data

NOTE

 Performance specifications and guarantee only in connection with original spare and replacement parts!

8.1 Tetrix 300 Comfort

	TIG	MMA
Welding current setting range	5 A to 300 A	
Welding voltage setting range	10.2 V to 22.0 V	20.2 V to 32.0 V
Duty cycle at 25 °C	300 A (80% DC)	
	270 A (100% DC)	
Duty cycle at 40 °C	300 A (60% DC)	
	250 A (100% DC)	
Load alternation	10 min. (60% DC \triangle 6 min. welding, 4 min. break)	
Open circuit voltage	98 V	
Mains voltage (tolerances)	3 x 400 V (-25% to +20%)	
Frequency	50/60 Hz	
Mains fuse (safety fuse, slow-blow)	3 x 16 A	
Mains connection lead	H07RN-F4G2.5	
Max. connected power	8.3 kVA	12.0 kVA
Recommended generator rating	16.4 kVA	
cos ϕ /efficiency	0,99	
Insulation class/protection classification	H/IP 23	
Ambient temperature	-25 °C to +40 °C	
Machine cooling	Fan	
Workpiece lead	50 mm ²	
Dimensions L/W/H	590 x 230 x 380 mm	
Weight	29 kg	
EMC class	A	
Constructed to standards	IEC 60974-1, -3, -10;  ; C E	

8.2 Tetrix 400-2 Comfort

	TIG	MMA
Welding current setting range	5 A to 400 A	
Welding voltage setting range	10,2 V bis 26,0 V	20,2 V bis 36,0 V
Duty cycle at 40 °C	400 A (35% ED)	350 A (40% ED)
	330 A (60% ED)	300 A (60% ED)
	300 A (100% ED)	270 A (100% ED)
Load alternation	10 min. (60% DC \triangle 6 min. welding, 4 min. break)	
Open circuit voltage	102 V	
Mains voltage (tolerances)	3 x 400 V (-25% to +20%)	
Frequency	50/60 Hz	
Mains fuse (safety fuse, slow-blow)	3 x 16 A	
Mains connection lead	H07RN-F4G2.5	
Max. connected power	13,2 kVA	15 kVA
Recommended generator rating	20,3 kVA	
cos ϕ /efficiency	0,99	
Insulation class/protection classification	H/IP 23	
Ambient temperature	-25 °C to +40 °C	
Machine cooling	Fan	
Workpiece lead	50 mm ²	
Dimensions L/W/H	590 x 230 x 380 mm	
Weight	29 kg	
EMC class	A	
Constructed to standards	IEC 60974-1, -3, -10; S; C ϵ	

9 Accessories

NOTE



Performance-dependent accessories like torches, workpiece leads, electrode holders or intermediate hose packages are available from your authorised dealer.

9.1 General accessories

Type	Designation	Item no.
DMDIN TN 200B AR/MIX 35L	Manometer pressure regulator	094-000009-00000
DM AR D F1	Flowmeter pressure regulator	094-001980-00000
ADAP 8-5 POL	8 to 5-pole adapter	092-000940-00000
GH 2X1/4" 2M	Gas hose	094-000010-00001
5POLE/CEE/16A/M	Machine plug	094-000712-00000

9.2 Welding torch cooling system

Type	Designation	Item no.
cool35 U31	Air cooling unit	090-008235-00502
KF 23E-10	Coolant (-10 °C), 9.3 l	094-000530-00000
KF 23E-200	Coolant (-10 °C), 200 litres	094-000530-00001
KF 37E-10	Coolant (-20 °C), 9.3 l	094-006256-00000
KF 37E-200	Coolant (-20 °C), 200 l	094-006256-00001
TYP 1	Frost protection tester	094-014499-00000

9.3 Remote controls and accessories

Type	Designation	Item no.
RTF1 19POL 5 M	Foot-operated remote control current with connection cable	094-006680-00000
RTF2 19POL 5 M	Foot-operated remote control current with connection cable	090-008764-00000
RT1 19POL	Remote control current	090-008097-00000
RTG1 19POL	Remote control, current	090-008106-00000
RTP1 19POL	Remote control spot welding / pulses	090-008098-00000
RTP2 19POL	Remote control spot welding / pulses	090-008099-00000
RTP3 spotArc 19POL	spotArc remote control for spot welding / pulses	090-008211-00000
RA5 19POL 5M	Remote control e.g. connection cable	092-001470-00005
RA10 19POL 10M	Remote control e.g. connection cable	092-001470-00010
RA20 19POL 20M	Remote control e.g. connection cable	092-001470-00020
RV5M19 19POLE 5M	Extension cable	092-000857-00000

9.4 Transport systems

Type	Designation	Item no.
Trolly 35.2-2	Transport vehicle	090-008296-00000
Trolly 38-2 E	Transport vehicle, long wheelbase	090-008270-00000

9.5 Options

Type	Designation	Item no.
ON 12pol Retox Tetrax 300/400/401/351/451/551	Optional 12-pole retrofit connection socket	092-001807-00000
ON 19POL Tetrax 300/351	Optional 19-pole retrofit connection socket Accessory components and analogue A interface	092-001827-00000

9.6 Computer communication

Type	Designation	Item no.
PC300.Net	PC300.Net welding parameter software kit incl. cable and SECINT X10 USB interface	090-008777-00000

10 Appendix A

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