

THIN-LINE™ 180M METRIC WELD HEADS

USER MANUAL



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FOREWORD

Thank you for purchasing an Amada Weld Tech Thin-Line 180M Metric Weld Head.

Upon receipt of your equipment, please thoroughly inspect it for shipping damage before its installation. Should there be any damage, please immediately contact the shipping company to file a claim, and notify us at:

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The purpose of this manual is to supply operating, maintenance and service personnel with the information needed to properly and safely operate and service the 180M Metric Weld Head.

We have made every effort to ensure that the information in this manual is accurate and adequate. Should questions arise, or if you have suggestions for improvement of this manual, please contact us at the above location/numbers. The contents of this manual are subject to change without notice.

Amada Weld Tech is not responsible for any loss or injury due to improper use of this product.

SAFETY WARNINGS



DANGER

DEATH ON CONTACT may result if you fail to observe the safety precautions labeled on the equipment and noted on this page.



WARNING

HIGH VOLTAGE is used in the operation of this equipment.



CAUTION

Do **not** modify the electrode holders or attach additional mechanisms to the moving parts of the head. Doing so may hurt welding performance, damage the head, and **void the warranty**.

- **Never** work on electronic equipment unless there is another person nearby who is familiar with the operation and hazards of the equipment, and who is competent in administering first aid. The technician who is aided by operators must warn them about the hazards.
- Whenever possible, turn the power supply to the equipment **OFF** before beginning work on it.
- Do **not** touch high-voltage connections, including input power connections, when installing or operating the equipment.
- Do **not** be misled by the term "low voltage." Potentials as low as 50 volts can be lethal under certain conditions.

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LIMITED WARRANTY

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR THE SALE OF GOODS

1. Applicability.

(a) These terms and conditions of sale (these “**Terms**”) are the only terms which govern the sale of the goods (“**Goods**”) by Amada Weld Tech Inc. (“**Seller**”) to the buyer identified in the Sales Quotation and/or Acknowledgment (as each defined below) to which these Terms are attached or incorporated by reference (“**Buyer**”). Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, if a written contract signed by authorized representatives of both parties is in existence covering the sale of the Goods covered hereby, the terms and conditions of said contract shall prevail to the extent they are inconsistent with these Terms.

(b) The accompanying quotation of sale (the “**Sales Quotation**”) provided to Buyer, and/or sales order acknowledgement (“**Acknowledgement**”) and these Terms (collectively, this “**Agreement**”) comprise the entire agreement between the parties, and supersede all prior or contemporaneous understandings, agreements, negotiations, representations and warranties, and communications, both written and oral. For clarification, after the Acknowledgement is received by Buyer, the order for Goods is binding and cannot be cancelled by Buyer for any reason and the full purchase price amount set forth in the Acknowledgement shall be due and payable by Buyer to Seller pursuant to the payment schedule set forth in the Acknowledgement unless otherwise agreed to in writing by Seller. All terms and conditions contained in any prior or contemporaneous oral or written communication which are different from, or in addition to, the terms and conditions in this Agreement are hereby rejected and shall not be binding on Seller, whether or not they would materially alter this Agreement. These Terms prevail over any of Buyer’s terms and conditions of purchase regardless whether or when Buyer has submitted its purchase order or such terms. Fulfillment of Buyer’s order does not constitute acceptance of any of Buyer’s terms and conditions and does not serve to modify or amend these Terms. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, all orders for Goods must be for a minimum purchase price of \$100 or such orders will be rejected by Seller.

2. Delivery.

(a) The Goods will be delivered within a reasonable time after Seller provides Buyer the Acknowledgment, subject to availability of finished Goods. Seller will endeavor to meet delivery schedules requested by Buyer, but in no event shall Seller incur any liability, consequential or otherwise, for any delays or failure to deliver as a result of ceasing to manufacture any product or any Force Majeure Event. Delivery schedules set forth in the Acknowledgment are Seller’s good faith estimate on the basis of current schedules. In no event shall Seller be liable for special or consequential damages resulting from failure to meet requested delivery schedules.

(b) Unless otherwise agreed in writing by the parties in the Acknowledgement, Seller shall deliver the Goods to Seller’s plant in Monrovia, CA, USA (the “**Shipping Point**”) using Seller’s standard methods for packaging and shipping such Goods. Buyer shall take delivery of the Goods within three (3) days of Seller’s written notice that the Goods have been delivered to the Shipping Point. Buyer shall be responsible for all loading costs (including freight and insurance costs) and provide equipment and labor reasonably suited for receipt of the Goods at the Shipping Point. Seller shall not be liable for any delays, loss or damage in transit.

(c) Seller may, in its sole discretion, without liability or penalty, make partial shipments of Goods to Buyer, if applicable. Each shipment will constitute a separate sale, and Buyer shall pay for the units shipped whether such shipment is in whole or partial fulfillment of Buyer’s purchase order.

(d) If for any reason Buyer fails to accept delivery of any of the Goods on the date fixed pursuant to Seller’s notice that the Goods have been delivered at the Shipping Point, or if Seller is unable to deliver the Goods at the Shipping Point on such date because Buyer has not provided appropriate instructions, documents, licenses or authorizations: (i) risk of loss to the Goods shall pass to Buyer; (ii) the Goods shall be deemed to have been delivered; and (iii) Seller, at its option, may store the Goods until Buyer picks them up, whereupon Buyer shall be liable for all related costs and expenses (including, without limitation, storage and insurance).

3. Non-delivery.

(a) The quantity of any installment of Goods as recorded by Seller on dispatch from Seller’s place of business is conclusive evidence of the quantity received by Buyer on delivery unless Buyer can provide conclusive evidence proving the contrary.

(b) Seller shall not be liable for any non-delivery of Goods (even if caused by Seller’s negligence) unless Buyer gives written notice to Seller of the non-delivery within three (3) days of the date when the Goods would in the ordinary course of events have been received.

(c) Any liability of Seller for non-delivery of the Goods shall be limited to (in Seller’s sole discretion) replacing the Goods within a reasonable time or adjusting the invoice respecting such Goods to reflect the actual quantity delivered.

4. Shipping Terms. Unless indicated otherwise in the Acknowledgment, Delivery shall be made EXW (Incoterms 2010), Shipping Point, including without limitation, freight and insurance costs. If no delivery terms are specified on the Acknowledgement, the method of shipping will be in the sole discretion of Seller. Unless directed in writing otherwise by Buyer, full invoice value will be declared for all shipments.

5. Title and Risk of Loss. Title and risk of loss passes to Buyer upon delivery of the Goods at the Shipping Point. As collateral security for the payment of the purchase price of the Goods, Buyer hereby grants to Seller a lien on and security interest in and to all of the right, title and interest of Buyer in, to and under the Goods, wherever located, and whether now existing or hereafter arising or acquired from time to time, and in all accessions thereto and replacements or modifications thereof, as well as all proceeds (including insurance proceeds) of the foregoing. The security interest granted under this provision constitutes a purchase money security interest under the California Commercial Code.

6. Amendment and Modification. These Terms may only be amended or modified in a writing which specifically states that it amends these Terms and is signed by an authorized representative of each party.

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7. Inspection and Rejection of Nonconforming Goods.

(a) Buyer shall inspect the Goods within two (2) days of receipt (“**Inspection Period**”). Buyer will be deemed to have accepted the Goods unless it notifies Seller in writing of any Nonconforming Goods during the Inspection Period and furnishes such written evidence or other documentation as required by Seller. “**Nonconforming Goods**” means only the following: (i) product shipped is different than identified in Buyer’s Acknowledgement; or (ii) product’s label or packaging incorrectly identifies its contents. Notwithstanding the foregoing, for shipped Goods that require field installation, the “re-verification” terms in the Acknowledgement shall apply and for custom installations, the inspection and verification shall take place at Buyer’s site immediately after the installation is completed.

(b) Seller will only accept Nonconforming Goods that are returned under Seller’s Return Material Authorization procedures then in effect (“**RMA**”). Buyer shall obtain a RMA number from Seller prior to returning any Nonconforming Goods and return the Nonconforming Goods prepaid and insured to Seller at 1820 South Myrtle Avenue, Monrovia, CA 91016 or to such other location as designated in writing by Seller for the examination to take place there. If Seller reasonably verifies Buyer’s claim that the Goods are Nonconforming Goods and that the nonconformance did not developed by use from Buyer, Seller shall, in its sole discretion, (i) replace such Nonconforming Goods with conforming Goods, or (ii) credit or refund the Price for such Nonconforming Goods pursuant to the terms set forth herein. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the only remedy for Nonconforming Goods that are custom systems is repair (not refund or replacement). No returns for Nonconforming Goods are allowed after thirty (30) days from the original shipping date.

(c) Buyer acknowledges and agrees that the remedies set forth in Section 7(a) are Buyer’s exclusive remedies for the delivery of Nonconforming Goods. Except as provided under Section 7(a) and Section 14, all sales of Goods to Buyer are made on a one-way basis and Buyer has no right to return Goods purchased under this Agreement to Seller.

8. Price.

(a) Buyer shall purchase the Goods from Seller at the prices (the “**Prices**”) set forth in Seller’s published catalogue literature in force as of the date of the Sales Quotation. However, the Prices shown in such catalogue literature or any other publication are subject to change without notice. Unless specifically stated to the contrary in the Sales Quotation, quoted Prices and discounts are firm for thirty (30) days from the date of the Sales Quotation. Unless otherwise stated, prices are quoted EXW (Incoterms 2010), Shipping Point. Unless otherwise stated in the Acknowledgement, if the Prices should be increased by Seller before delivery of the Goods to a carrier for shipment to Buyer, then these Terms shall be construed as if the increased prices were originally inserted herein, and Buyer shall be billed by Seller on the basis of such increased prices.

(b) All Prices are exclusive of all sales, use and excise taxes, and any other similar taxes, duties and charges of any kind imposed by any governmental authority on any amounts payable by Buyer. Buyer shall be responsible for all such charges, costs and taxes (present or future); provided, that, Buyer shall not be responsible for any taxes imposed on, or with respect to, Seller’s income, revenues, gross receipts, personnel or real or personal property or other assets.

9. Payment Terms.

(a) Unless otherwise provided in the Acknowledgement, if Buyer has approved credit with Seller, Buyer shall pay all invoiced amounts due to Seller within thirty (30) days from the date of Seller’s invoice. If Seller does not have Buyer’s financial information and has not provided pre-approved credit terms for Buyer, the payment must be made in cash with order or C.O.D. in US dollars. If Buyer has approved credit terms, the payment may be made by cash with order, wire transfer of immediately available funds, or check in US dollars. Certain products require a down payment. Any payment terms other than set forth above will be identified in the Acknowledgement. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, all prepaid deposits and down payments are non-refundable. If a deposit is not received when due, Seller reserves the right to postpone manufacturing of Goods until payment is received. Seller will not be responsible for shipment delays due to deposit payment delays.

(b) In Seller’s sole discretion, Seller may access Buyer interest on all late payments at the lesser of the rate of 1.5% per month or the highest rate permissible under applicable law, calculated daily and compounded monthly. Buyer shall reimburse Seller for all costs incurred in collecting any late payments, including, without limitation, attorneys’ fees. In addition to all other remedies available under these Terms or at law (which Seller does not waive by the exercise of any rights hereunder), Seller shall be entitled to suspend the delivery of any Goods if Buyer fails to pay any amounts when due hereunder and such failure continues for ten (10) days following written notice thereof.

(c) Buyer shall not withhold payment of any amounts due and payable by reason of any set-off of any claim or dispute with Seller, whether relating to Seller’s breach, bankruptcy or otherwise.

10. Intellectual Property; Software License.

(a) To the extent that any Goods provided under this Agreement contains software, whether pre-installed, embedded, in read only memory, or found on any other media or other form (“**Software**”), such Software and accompanying documentation are licensed to Buyer, not sold and shall remain the sole and exclusive property of Seller or third party licensors of Seller. Seller grants Buyer a non-exclusive license to use the Software solely as provided in and in connection with the use of the Goods in which such Software is contained and in accordance with any applicable user documentation provided with such Goods and subject to the provisions of this Agreement. Certain of Seller’s Goods may include third party software such as computer operating systems. Licenses to such third party software are subject to the terms and conditions of any applicable third party software license agreements. Unless identified in the Acknowledgement, no license is granted by Seller with respect to such third party software products that may be provided with the Goods (if any). Seller makes no warranties regarding any third party software that may accompany the Goods or otherwise and such software is explicitly included in the definition of Third Party Products below.

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(d) If Buyer is the United States Government or any agency thereof, each of the components of the Software and user documentation are a “commercial item,” and “computer software” as those terms are defined at 48 C.F.R. 2.101, consisting of “commercial computer software” and “commercial computer software documentation,” as such terms are used in 48 C.F.R. 12.212. Consistent with 48 C.F.R. 12.212 and 48 C.F.R. 227.7202-1 through 227.7202-4, all United States government Buyers acquire only those rights in the Software and user documentation that are specified in this Agreement.

11. Installation and Other Services. Seller shall provide installation services (“**Installation Services**”) to Buyer if set forth in the Acknowledgment. If Installation Services are provided for in the Acknowledgment, Buyer will prepare the location for the installation consistent with Buyer’s written specifications and Buyer will install necessary system cable and assemble any necessary equipment or hardware not provided by Seller, unless agreed otherwise in writing by the parties. For Goods that will be operated on or in connection with Buyer supplied hardware or software, Buyer is responsible for ensuring that its hardware and software conform with Seller minimum hardware and software requirements as made available to Buyer. Seller shall provide other field services, such as maintenance visits and field repairs (the “**Other Services**” and together with the Installation Services, the “**Services**”) if set forth in the Acknowledgment.

12. Limited Warranty.

(a) Subject to the exceptions and upon the conditions set forth herein, Seller warrants to Buyer that for a period of one (1) year from the date of shipment (“**Warranty Period**”), that such Goods will be free from material defects in material and workmanship.

(b) Notwithstanding the foregoing and anything herein to the contrary, the warranty set forth in this Section 12 shall be superseded and replaced in its entirety with the warranty set forth on **Exhibit A** hereto if the Goods being purchased are specialty products, which include, without limitation, laser products, fiber markers, custom systems, workstations, Seller-installed products, non-catalogue products and other custom-made items (each a “**Specialty Product**”).

(c) **EXCEPT FOR THE WARRANTY SET FORTH IN SECTION 12(A), SELLER MAKES NO WARRANTY WHATSOEVER WITH RESPECT TO THE GOODS (INCLUDING ANY SOFTWARE) OR SERVICES, INCLUDING ANY (a) WARRANTY OF MERCHANTABILITY; (b) WARRANTY OF FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE; (c) WARRANTY OF TITLE; OR (d) WARRANTY AGAINST INFRINGEMENT OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS OF A THIRD PARTY; WHETHER EXPRESS OR IMPLIED BY LAW, COURSE OF DEALING, COURSE OF PERFORMANCE, USAGE OF TRADE OR OTHERWISE.**

(d) Products manufactured by a third party and third party software (“**Third Party Product**”) may constitute, contain, be contained in, incorporated into, attached to or packaged together with, the Goods. Third Party Products are not covered by the warranty in Section 12(a). For the avoidance of doubt, **SELLER MAKES NO REPRESENTATIONS OR WARRANTIES WITH RESPECT TO ANY THIRD PARTY PRODUCT, INCLUDING ANY (a) WARRANTY OF MERCHANTABILITY; (b) WARRANTY OF FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE; (c) WARRANTY OF TITLE; OR (d) WARRANTY AGAINST INFRINGEMENT OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS OF A THIRD PARTY; WHETHER EXPRESS OR IMPLIED BY LAW, COURSE OF DEALING, COURSE OF PERFORMANCE, USAGE OF TRADE OR OTHERWISE.** Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event of the failure of any Third Party Product, Seller will assist (within reason) Buyer (at Buyer’s sole expense) in obtaining, from the respective third party, any (if any) adjustment that is available under such third party’s warranty.

(e) Seller shall not be liable for a breach of the warranty set forth in Section 12(a) unless: (i) Buyer gives written notice of the defect, reasonably described, to Seller within five (5) days of the time when Buyer discovers or ought to have discovered the defect and such notice is received by Seller during the Warranty Period; (ii) Seller is given a reasonable opportunity after receiving the notice to examine such Goods; (iii) Buyer (if requested to do so by Seller) returns such Goods (prepaid and insured to Seller at 1820 South Myrtle Avenue, Monrovia, CA 91016 or to such other location as designated in writing by Seller) to Seller pursuant to Seller’s RMA procedures and Buyer obtains a RMA number from Seller prior to returning such Goods for the examination to take place; and (iii) Seller reasonably verifies Buyer’s claim that the Goods are defective and that the defect developed under normal and proper use.

(f) Seller shall not be liable for a breach of the warranty set forth in Section 12(a) if: (i) Buyer makes any further use of such Goods after giving such notice; (ii) the defect arises because Buyer failed to follow Seller’s oral or written instructions as to the storage, installation, commissioning, use or maintenance of the Goods; (iii) Buyer alters or repairs such Goods without the prior written consent of Seller; or (iv) repairs or modifications are made by persons other than Seller’s own service personnel, or an authorized representative’s personnel, unless such repairs are made with the written consent of Seller in accordance with procedures outlined by Seller.

(g) All expendables such as electrodes are warranted only for defect in material and workmanship which are apparent upon receipt by Buyer. The foregoing warranty is negated after the initial use.

(h) Subject to Section 12(e) and Section 12(f) above, with respect to any such Goods during the Warranty Period, Seller shall, in its sole discretion, either: (i) repair or replace such Goods (or the defective part) or (ii) credit or refund the price of such Goods at the pro rata contract rate, provided that, if Seller so requests, Buyer shall, at Buyer’s expense, return such Goods to Seller.

(i) **THE REMEDIES SET FORTH IN SECTION 12(H) SHALL BE BUYER’S SOLE AND EXCLUSIVE REMEDY AND SELLER’S ENTIRE LIABILITY FOR ANY BREACH OF THE LIMITED WARRANTY SET FORTH IN SECTION 12(A).** Representations and warranties made by any person, including representatives of Seller, which are inconsistent or in conflict with the terms of this warranty, as set forth above, shall not be binding upon Seller.

13. Limitation of Liability.

(a) **IN NO EVENT SHALL SELLER BE LIABLE FOR ANY CONSEQUENTIAL, INDIRECT, INCIDENTAL, SPECIAL, EXEMPLARY, OR PUNITIVE DAMAGES, LOST PROFITS OR REVENUES OR DIMINUTION IN VALUE, LOSS OF INFORMATION OR DATA, OR PERSONAL INJURY OR DEATH ARISING IN ANY WAY OUT OF THE MANUFACTURE, SALE, USE, OR INABILITY TO USE ANY GOODS, SOFTWARE OR SERVICE, OR ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO ANY BREACH OF THESE TERMS, WHETHER OR NOT THE POSSIBILITY OF SUCH DAMAGES HAS BEEN DISCLOSED IN ADVANCE BY BUYER OR COULD HAVE BEEN REASONABLY FORESEEN BY BUYER, REGARDLESS OF THE LEGAL OR EQUITABLE THEORY (CONTRACT, TORT OR OTHERWISE) UPON WHICH THE CLAIM IS BASED, AND NOTWITHSTANDING THE FAILURE OF ANY AGREED OR OTHER REMEDY OF ITS ESSENTIAL PURPOSE.**

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(b) IN NO EVENT SHALL SELLER'S AGGREGATE LIABILITY ARISING OUT OF OR RELATED TO THIS AGREEMENT, WHETHER ARISING OUT OF OR RELATED TO BREACH OF CONTRACT, TORT (INCLUDING NEGLIGENCE) OR OTHERWISE, EXCEED THE TOTAL OF THE AMOUNTS PAID TO SELLER FOR THE GOODS SOLD HEREUNDER.

(c) ALL WARRANTIES SET FORTH HEREIN, DIRECT OR IMPLIED, ARE VOIDED IF THE INITIAL INSTALLATION AND START-UP OF THE SUBJECT GOOD IS NOT SUPERVISED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF SELLER. AFTER INSTALLATION, ANY RE-ALIGNMENT, RE-CLEANING, OR RE-CALIBRATION, PROVIDED THEY ARE NOT RELATED TO A PROVEN DEFECT IN MATERIALS OR WORKMANSHIP, SHALL BE PERFORMED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF SELLER AT THE CURRENT SERVICE RATES.

(d) WHERE GOODS ARE SUBJECT TO A MOVE TO ANOTHER LOCATION AFTER THE ORIGINAL INSTALLATION HAS BEEN MADE, THE WARRANTY MAY BE MAINTAINED ONLY IF SUPERVISED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF SELLER. SELLER, FOR A SERVICE CHARGE, WILL ARRANGE FOR AND SUPERVISE THE DISCONNECTION, TRANSPORTATION, REINSTALLATION AND START-UP OF THE EQUIPMENT. CLAIMS FOR DAMAGE IN SHIPMENT ARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF BUYER AND SHALL BE FILED PROMPTLY WITH THE TRANSPORTATION COMPANY.

14. Return Goods Policy. Seller's products may be returned to Seller for credit within sixty (60) days of shipment subject to the following conditions.

(a) In order to return products for credit, Buyer must obtain a RMA number from Seller. Upon receipt, it must be executed by an authorized person and then returned with the Goods. Goods returned to Seller without a RMA will be returned at Buyer's expense.

(b) Goods are to be returned to Seller at 1820 South Myrtle Avenue, Monrovia, CA 91016 with Freight Prepaid. Seller will not accept collect shipments.

(c) Restocking fees will be assessed in accordance with the following schedules: (i) Goods returned within the first thirty (30) days from shipment date will be restocked less twenty percent (20%) of the amount billed on the original invoice. (ii) Goods returned over thirty (30) days of shipment but less than sixty (60) days will be restocked less thirty percent (30%) of the amount billed on the original invoice. (iii) No returns are allowed after sixty (60) days from the original shipping date.

(d) The restocking fees set forth above are the minimum fees. If a returned Good requires rework to restore it to a saleable condition, further charges will be assessed. Seller's quality assurance department will document the condition of the Goods when received by Seller and report their findings to Buyer.

(e) **Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Section 14, the following Goods cannot be returned, are not eligible for any credit and cannot be restocked: (i) custom or modified products and (ii) any expendable product(s) that have been used.**

15. Compliance with Law and Indemnification. Buyer shall comply with all applicable laws, regulations and ordinances. Buyer shall maintain in effect all the licenses, permissions, authorizations, consents and permits that it needs to carry out its obligations under this Agreement. Buyer shall comply with all export and import laws of all countries involved in the sale of the Goods under this Agreement or any resale of the Goods by Buyer. Goods, Services and technical data delivered by Seller shall be subject to U.S. export controls. Buyer shall, and shall cause its customers to, obtain all licenses, permits and approvals required by any government and shall comply with all applicable laws, rules, policies and procedures of the applicable government and other competent authorities. Buyer will indemnify and hold Seller harmless for any violation or alleged violation by Buyer of such laws, rules, policies or procedures. Buyer shall not transmit, export or re-export, directly or indirectly, separately or as part of any system, the Goods or any technical data (including processes and Services) received from Seller, without first obtaining any license required by the applicable government, including without limitation, the U.S. government. Buyer also certifies that none of the Goods or technical data supplied by Seller under this Agreement will be sold or otherwise transferred to, or made available for use by or for, any entity that is engaged in the design, development, production or use of nuclear, biological or chemical weapons or missile technology. No Buyer information will be deemed "technical data" unless Buyer specifically identifies it to Seller as such. Buyer assumes all responsibility for shipments of Goods requiring any government import clearance. Seller may terminate this Agreement if any governmental authority imposes antidumping or countervailing duties or any other penalties on Goods. For all international shipments, Seller requires that all required Export Control documentations, including Form BIS-711 Statement by Ultimate Consignee and Purchases, are submitted by Buyer along with the purchase order. Seller reserves the right to postpone shipment until all documentations are completed and submitted to Seller. Seller will not be responsible for shipment delays due to non-compliance by Buyer of the foregoing two sentences.

16. Termination. In addition to any remedies that may be provided under these Terms, Seller may terminate this Agreement with immediate effect upon written notice to Buyer, if Buyer: (i) fails to pay any amount when due under this Agreement and such failure continues for ten (10) days after Buyer's receipt of written notice of nonpayment; (ii) has not otherwise performed or complied with any of these Terms, in whole or in part; or (iii) becomes insolvent, files a petition for bankruptcy or commences or has commenced against it proceedings relating to bankruptcy, receivership, reorganization or assignment for the benefit of creditors.

17. Waiver. No waiver by Seller of any of the provisions of this Agreement is effective unless explicitly set forth in writing and signed by Seller. No failure to exercise, or delay in exercising, any rights, remedy, power or privilege arising from this Agreement operates or may be construed as a waiver thereof. No single or partial exercise of any right, remedy, power or privilege hereunder precludes any other or further exercise thereof or the exercise of any other right, remedy, power or privilege.

18. Confidential Information. All non-public, confidential or proprietary information of Seller, including, but not limited to, specifications, samples, patterns, designs, plans, drawings, documents, data, business operations, customer lists, pricing, discounts or rebates, disclosed by Seller to Buyer, whether disclosed orally or disclosed or accessed in written, electronic or other form or media, and whether or not marked, designated or otherwise identified as "confidential," in connection with this Agreement is confidential, solely for the use of performing this Agreement and may not be disclosed or copied unless authorized in advance by Seller in writing. Upon Seller's request, Buyer shall promptly return all documents and other materials received from Seller. Seller shall be entitled to injunctive relief for any violation of this Section 18. This Section 18 does not apply to information that is: (a) in the public domain through no fault of Buyer; (b) known to Buyer at the time of disclosure without restriction as evidenced by its records; or (c) rightfully obtained by Buyer on a non-confidential basis from a third party.

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19. Force Majeure. Seller shall not be liable or responsible to Buyer, nor be deemed to have defaulted or breached this Agreement, for any failure or delay in fulfilling or performing any term of this Agreement when and to the extent such failure or delay is caused by or results from acts or circumstances beyond the reasonable control of Seller including, without limitation, acts of God, flood, fire, earthquake, explosion, governmental actions, war, invasion or hostilities (whether war is declared or not), terrorist threats or acts, riot, or other civil unrest, national emergency, revolution, insurrection, epidemic, lock-outs, strikes or other labor disputes (whether or not relating to either party's workforce), or restraints or delays affecting carriers or inability or delay in obtaining supplies of adequate or suitable materials, materials or telecommunication breakdown or power outage (each a "**Force Majeure Event**"), provided that, if the event in question continues for a continuous period in excess of thirty (30) days, Buyer shall be entitled to give notice in writing to Seller to terminate this Agreement.

20. Assignment. Buyer shall not assign any of its rights or delegate any of its obligations under this Agreement without the prior written consent of Seller. Any purported assignment or delegation in violation of this Section 20 is null and void. No assignment or delegation relieves Buyer of any of its obligations under this Agreement.

21. Relationship of the Parties. The relationship between the parties is that of independent contractors. Nothing contained in this Agreement shall be construed as creating any agency, partnership, joint venture or other form of joint enterprise, employment or fiduciary relationship between the parties, and neither party shall have authority to contract for or bind the other party in any manner whatsoever.

22. No Third-Party Beneficiaries. This Agreement is for the sole benefit of the parties hereto and their respective successors and permitted assigns and nothing herein, express or implied, is intended to or shall confer upon any other person or entity any legal or equitable right, benefit or remedy of any nature whatsoever under or by reason of these Terms.

23. Governing Law. All matters arising out of or relating to this Agreement is governed by and construed in accordance with the internal laws of the State of California without giving effect to any choice or conflict of law provision or rule (whether of the State of California or any other jurisdiction) that would cause the application of the laws of any jurisdiction other than those of the State of California.

24. Dispute Resolution.

(a) If Buyer is an entity formed under the laws of the United States of America, or any of its states, districts or territories ("**U.S. Law**"), then any dispute, legal suit, action or proceeding arising out of or relating to this Agreement shall be adjudicated and decided in the federal courts of the United States of America or the courts of the State of California in each case located in the City of Los Angeles and County of Los Angeles, California and each party irrevocably submits to the exclusive and personal jurisdiction of such courts in any such dispute, suit, action or proceeding.

(b) If Buyer is an entity formed under the laws of any country, state, district or territory other than U.S. Law, then the parties irrevocably agree that any dispute, legal suit, action or proceeding arising out of or relating to this Agreement shall be submitted to the International Court of Arbitration of the International Chamber of Commerce ("**ICC**") and shall be finally settled under the Rules of Arbitration of the ICC. The place and location of the arbitration shall be in Los Angeles, California, pursuant to the ICC's Rules of Arbitration and shall be finally settled in accordance with said rules. The arbitration shall be conducted before a panel of three arbitrators. Each party shall select one arbitrator and the two arbitrators so selected shall select the third arbitrator, who shall act as presiding arbitrator. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the matter under dispute is \$500,000 or less, there shall only be one arbitrator who shall be mutually selected by both parties. If the party-selected arbitrators are unable to agree upon the third arbitrator, if either party fails to select an arbitrator, or in the case that only one arbitrator is required and the parties are unable to agree, then the International Court of Arbitration shall choose the arbitrator. The language to be used in the arbitral proceeding shall be English. The arbitrator(s) shall have no authority to issue an award that is contrary to the express terms of this Agreement or the laws of the State of California or applicable US Federal Law, and the award may be vacated or corrected on appeal to a court of competent jurisdiction for any such error. The arbitrator(s) shall be specifically empowered to allocate between the parties the costs of arbitration, as well as reasonable attorneys' fees and costs, in such equitable manner as the arbitrator(s) may determine. The arbitrator(s) shall have the authority to determine issues of arbitrability and to award compensatory damages, but they shall not have authority to award punitive or exemplary damages. Judgment upon the award so rendered may be entered in any court having jurisdiction or application may be made to such court for judicial acceptance of any award and an order of enforcement, as the case may be. In no event shall a demand for arbitration be made after the date when institution of a legal or equitable proceeding based upon such claim, dispute or other matter in question would be barred by the applicable statute of limitations. Notwithstanding the foregoing, either party shall have the right, without waiving any right or remedy available to such party under this Agreement or otherwise, to seek and obtain from any court of competent jurisdiction any interim or provisional relief that is necessary or desirable to protect the rights or property of such party, pending the selection of the arbitrator(s) hereunder or pending the arbitrator(s)' determination of any dispute, controversy or claim hereunder.

25. Notices. All notices, request, consents, claims, demands, waivers and other communications hereunder (each, a "**Notice**") shall be in writing and addressed to the parties at the addresses set forth on the face of the Acknowledgement or to such other address that may be designated by the receiving party in writing. All Notices shall be delivered by personal delivery, nationally recognized overnight courier (with all fees pre-paid), facsimile (with confirmation of transmission) or certified or registered mail (in each case, return receipt requested, postage prepaid). Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, a Notice is effective only (a) upon receipt of the receiving party, upon confirmation of delivery by nationally recognized overnight courier or upon forty-eight (48) hours after being sent by certified or registered mail (as applicable), and (b) if the party giving the Notice has complied with the requirements of this Section 25.

26. Severability. If any term or provision of this Agreement is invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any jurisdiction, such invalidity, illegality or unenforceability shall not affect any other term or provision of this Agreement or invalidate or render unenforceable such term or provision in any other jurisdiction.

27. Survival. Provisions of these Terms which by their nature should apply beyond their terms will remain in force after any termination or expiration of this Order including, but not limited to, the following provisions: Compliance with Laws, Confidentiality, Governing Law, Dispute Resolution, Survival, and the restrictions on Software in Sections 10(b), (c) and (d).

180M METRIC THIN-LINE™ WELD HEADS

CHAPTER 1

SYSTEM DESCRIPTION

Section I. Features

Overview

This manual is organized to assist you in getting productive quickly with your 180M Metric Thin-Line Weld Head. *Chapter 1* describes the equipment, *Chapter 2* describes installation, *Chapter 3* describes operating procedures so you can run the weld head safely and efficiently, and *Chapter 4* describes maintenance and troubleshooting procedures.

The Weld Heads are production line heads having a narrow vertical profile. They are characterized by low inertia, force fired operation. Depending on the model, their primary operational features allow them to be used in a wide variety of precision resistance welding applications.

- 4.44 cm (1.75 inch) width (actual head module)
- 3.17 cm (1.25 inch) stroke
- 22.2 to 445 N (5 to 100 pound) force range
- 15.32 to 25.72 (6.031 to 10.125 inch) throat depth

Bearing life is designed for a minimum of 20 million operations when the head is used according to specifications.

The design of the aluminum extrusion mounting system and main shaft ensures that the offset electrodes do not slide from side to side more than 0.381 mm (0.015 inch) at 445 N (100 pounds). The four mounting holes on the head spine allow you to easily incorporate the head into your custom welding machines. In addition, you can modify the aluminum extrusion used for the base of the head to accommodate your custom fixtures and tooling.

Precision Welding

The weld heads excel in their ability to deliver repeatable weld force and electrode placement on your parts. The low inertia, lightweight design ensures fast dynamic response. This allows the top electrode to follow the minute expansion and contraction of the weld joint as it heats and cools. A "differential motion" force-firing system triggers the weld energy power source at the precise moment when the electrodes reach the preset firing force applied on the work pieces.

Rugged construction, linear ball bearing bushings, and an over-sized anti-rotation system provide perfect in-line electrode travel, which assures smooth vertical travel of the upper electrode arm. This system minimizes the "wiping" (side-to-side sliding) action of the electrodes during welding, even at maximum force settings.

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Weld Force

The weld force is continuously adjustable from a minimum of 22.2 N (5 pounds) to a maximum of 445 N (100 pounds). Settings are quickly reproduced by using the force adjustment knob and easy-to-read visual scale. An adjustable tare spring allows you to compensate for the weight of non-standard electrode holders. An adjustment screw allows you to adjust the sensitivity of the force-firing switch.

Weld force is applied via a foot pedal in the case of the manual weld head model. It is applied via an air cylinder in the case of an air-actuated model.

Adjustable Stops

All of the Model 180M Weld Heads have adjustable upstops and downstops. You can use the downstop to limit excessive over-travel. You can use the upstop to reduce the stroke and, therefore, the travel time of the head. This is a particularly useful feature when using the head in an automated system.

Electrode Holders

Electrode holders for the Models 180MF, and 180MA use 6 mm diameter, ES0800M Series Electrodes.

Welding Cables

Depending upon model, either #2 or #2/0 Welding Cables are provided to connect Model 180M Weld Heads to the power source. Amada Weld Tech Weld Heads deliver maximum performance when used with the appropriate Amada Weld Tech Power Supplies.

Footpedal Actuation

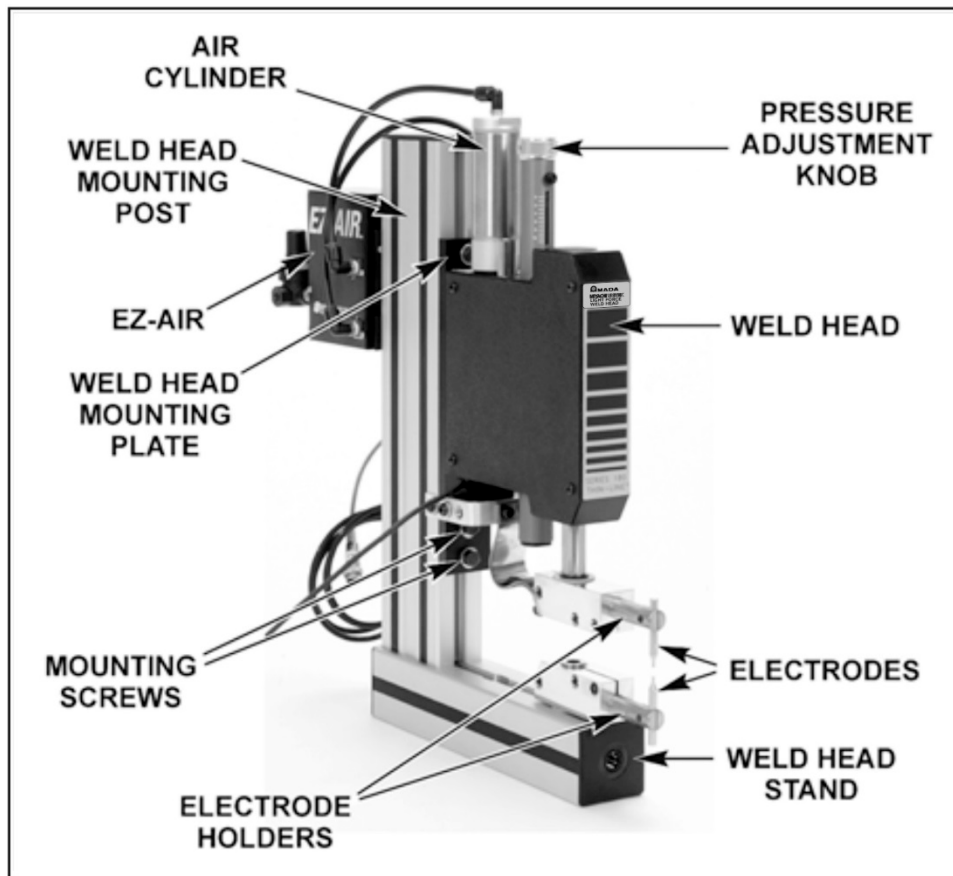
The Model 180MF Weld Head is manually actuated using the Model MSP, Swing Action Footpedal, which provides an approximate 5 to 1 mechanical advantage.

EZ-AIR™ Actuation

The Model 180A-EZ weld head is equipped with factory-installed EZ-AIR, an Amada Weld Tech pneumatic control that actuates the electrodes and maintains a preset firing force. At a predetermined firing force, EZ-AIR closes the inlet and outlet valves to the weld head actuation cylinder and eliminates over-force. The air-actuated Weld Heads are easy to incorporate into automated welding systems. EZ-AIR can be energized by most of the Amada Weld Tech Power Supplies, or by a Model FSAC Footswitch. The Footswitch can be a single or two-level type, dependent upon the power supply and the user's preference.

For EZ-AIR instructions, see the separate EZ-AIR Operator Manual supplied with the weld head.

Section II. System Components



Typical Model 180M Weld Head

Model 180MA

The Model 180MA is an air-actuated head. The actuation source is the top-mounted, 3.81 cm (1.5-inch) diameter air cylinder. This model provides throat depth of 25.72 cm (10.125 inches). The Model 180MF Weld Head includes the Model HE180KM Offset Electrode Holder Block and the Model HE2000M Electrode Holders.

Model 180MF (legacy model)

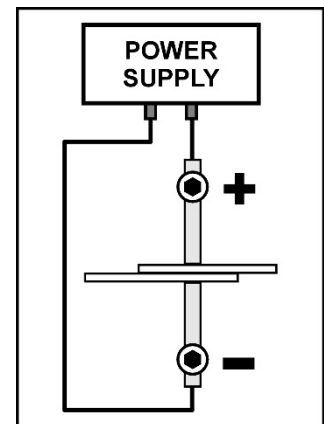
This is a manually-actuated head that uses the Model MSP Foot Pedal for operation. This head includes the Model HE180KM Offset Electrode Holder Block and the Model HE2000M Electrode Holders. These electrode holders use the 6 mm diameter ES0800M Series electrodes. The Model 180MF provides a throat depth of 19.68 cm (7.75 inches).

Section III. Welding Capabilities

Opposed Welding

With opposed welding, the top and bottom electrodes are used to hold the parts and provide the current path. Weld current flows from one electrode through both parts to the other electrode.

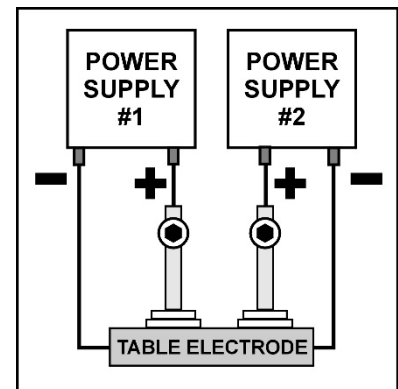
An opposed weld is preferred over other configurations because it is easier to set up and the current path is more easily controlled. It should be used whenever possible.



Dual-Opposed Welding

This method of welding uses two opposed welds being made on a single part, using two separate weld energy power supplies. Weld energy can be delivered in a simultaneous or alternate fashion, depending on your manufacturing requirements. Opposed welding provides maximum weld strength repeatability.

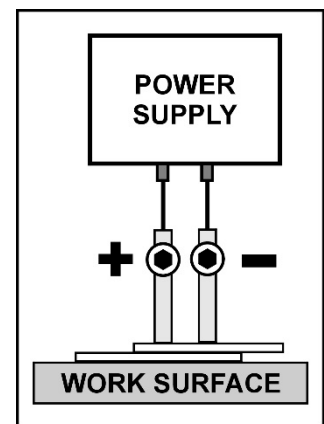
The Table Electrode, or a user supplied fixture, acts as a support for the workpieces in step welding. If the Table is insulated from the workpieces, there is no possibility of shunting current away from the (-) electrode.



Series Welding

In series welding applications, both electrodes contact the *same* surface of each workpiece. The weld current flows from one electrode through the workpiece to the other electrode. This technique is used to weld workpieces which have only one surface accessible.

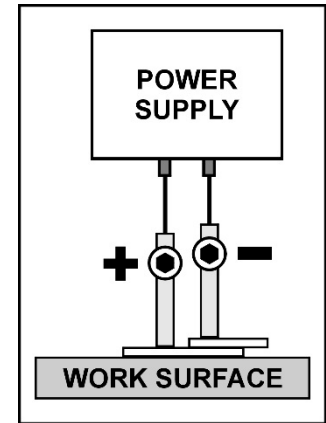
The work surface, or a user supplied fixture, acts as a support for the workpieces in series welding. If the Table is insulated from the workpieces, there is no possibility of shunting current away from the (-) electrode.



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Step Welding

Series welding is ideal for welding thin resistive parts, 0.15 mm (0.006 inch) maximum thickness, to a larger part that cannot easily accommodate an opposed electrode. In step welding, the size of the weld and the surface marking is frequently controlled by the diameter of the face of each electrode. If the (+) Electrode is significantly larger than the (-) Electrode the lower workpiece will not have any marking and the weld will be under the (-) Electrode.



Section IV. Operating Controls

There are several Amada Weld Tech direct energy welding Power Supplies, high frequency inverter Power Supplies, and microprocessor controlled series of stored energy power supplies that have a 24 VAC valve output for automatically energizing the EZ-AIR solenoid valve. The Model FS1L or FS2L Foot Switch is used to initiate all of these Amada Weld Tech weld energy controls.

The 24VAC air actuated Weld Heads can also be used in automated environments where a programmable logic control (PLC) provides solenoid power and timing control. The Footswitch can be a single or two level types, depending on the power supply and the user's preference. Lubricators should not be used in "clean" environments. However, the user will then be required to periodically put a few drops of oil in the cylinder. Some users use lubricators, some do not.

CHAPTER 2

INSTALLATION

Section I. Introduction

Overview

Before you start installation, become familiar with the specific model you are using. 180M Weld Heads come in different sizes and configurations, which require different stands and installation hardware.

Despite differences from model-to-model, the installation principle is the *same* for each head:

- If not already attached, the weld head mounting post is attached to the stand.
- The weld head stand is bolted securely to a workbench.
- If not already attached, the weld head is attached to the mounting post.
- If necessary, the air head (if used), foot pedal (if used), and optics (if used) are installed.
- Electrodes and weld cables are installed on the weld head.

Requirements

Work Area

We recommend that you install your weld head in a well-ventilated area that is free from excessive dirt and moisture. The workstation must be stable, free from vibration, and capable of supporting the combined weight of the head, its accessories, and the weld energy power supply and welding transformer. The combined system weight can reach approximately 54.4 kg (120 lbs).

Utilities

- **AC Power**
For Legacy Model 180MF – None required.
For Models 180MA-- Included in Amada Weld Tech weld energy power supplies.
- **Compressed Air**
For Models 180MA only. 4.5 bar (65 psi) minimum.

Section II. Weld Head Installation

Overview

First, this section will give "Typical Installation" instructions that are common to *all* 180M Weld Heads. Then, additional instructions for installing *specific* weld head models are listed by model number. **Before you start installation:**

- Read the *Typical Installation* instructions **and** the instructions for the *specific* weld head you want to install.
- Make sure you have all necessary parts and mounting hardware. Use the shipping list as a reference. Verify that the paper mounting template corresponds to the model number of the weld head. If you do **not** have the correct template, contact Amada Weld Tech at the address shown in the front of the manual.

180M Weld Heads may be purchased with or without mounting hardware. Amada Weld Tech provides an extruded aluminum post with channels on the front and back. By inserting T-Nuts into the channels, mounting plates can be screwed onto the front (for weld head), back (for air head), or both sides of the post (only the weld head is shown). This installation allows you to adjust the height of the weld head and air head separately.

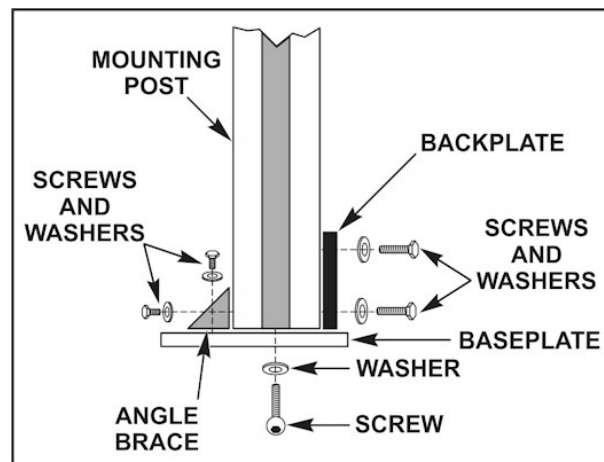
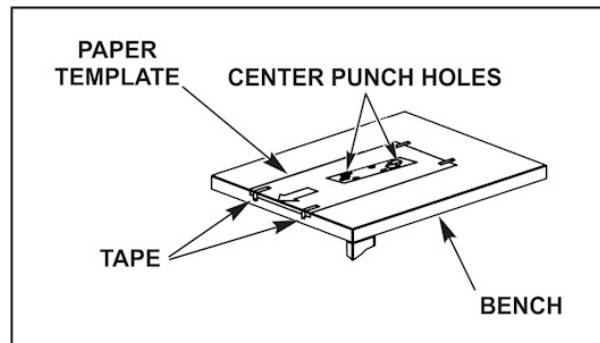
Typical Installation

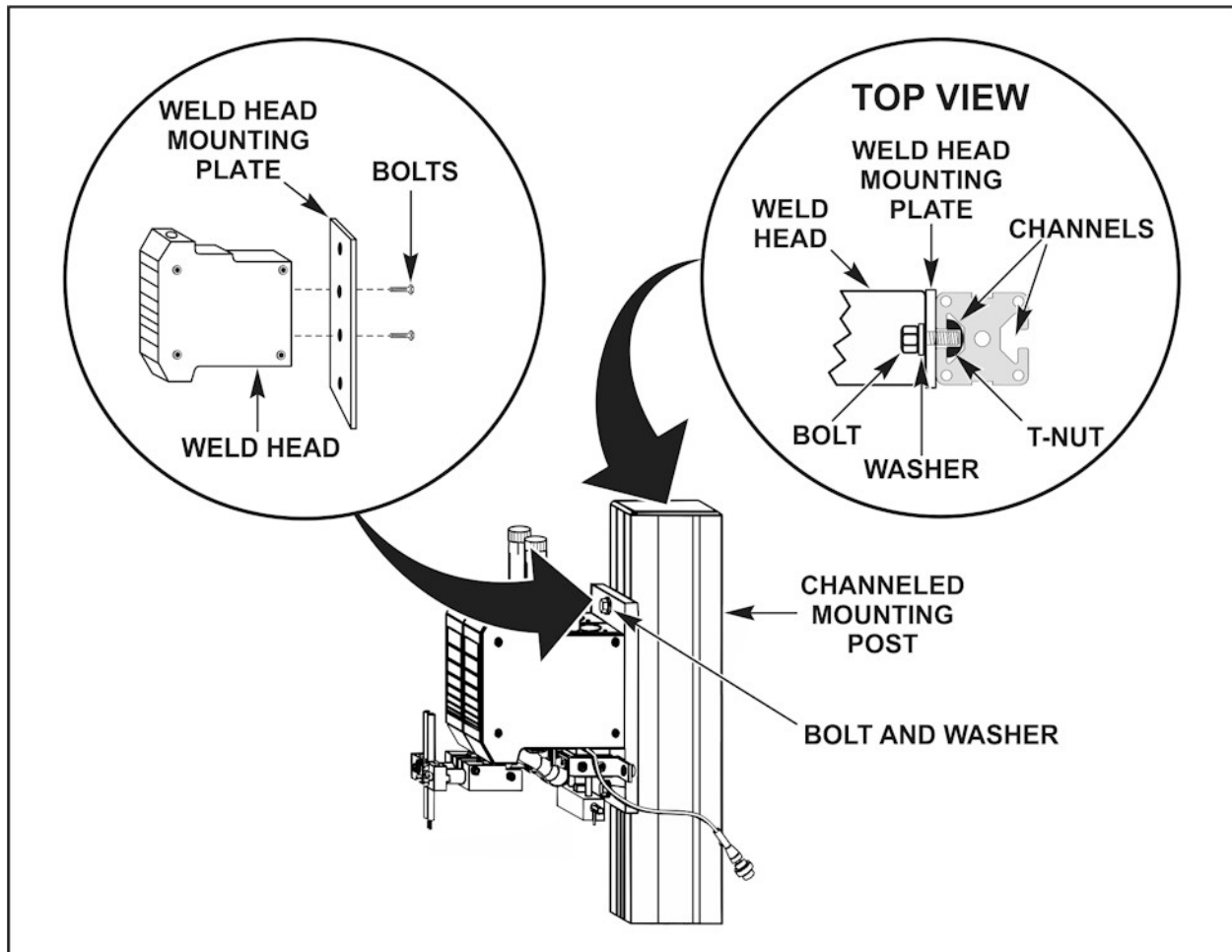
Allow about 20.32-25.4 cm (8-10 inches) between the front edge of the bench and the stand so the operator can use the bench as a support when positioning the workpiece.

- 1 Place the mounting template in the desired location on the workbench and tape it in place.
- 2 Drill the mounting holes as shown on the template.
- 3 If necessary, install the weld head mounting post to the stand.

NOTE: If you are using optional optics (microscope/illuminator), install the optics according to the instructions that came with the optics.

- 4 Screw the weld head stand (and optics baseplate if used) to the workbench.

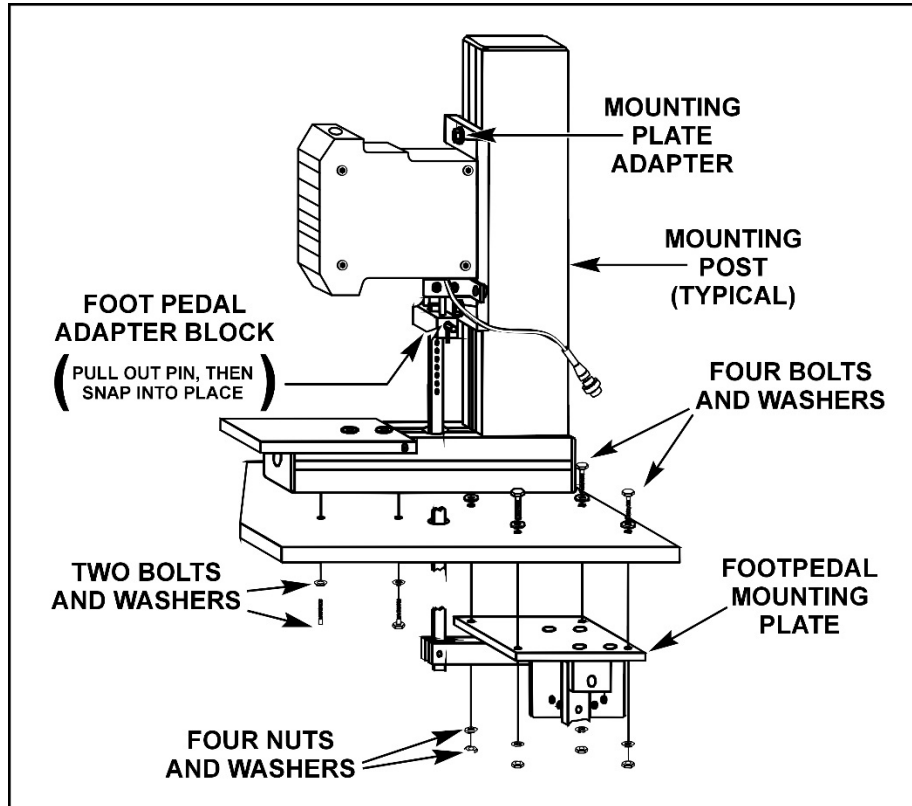




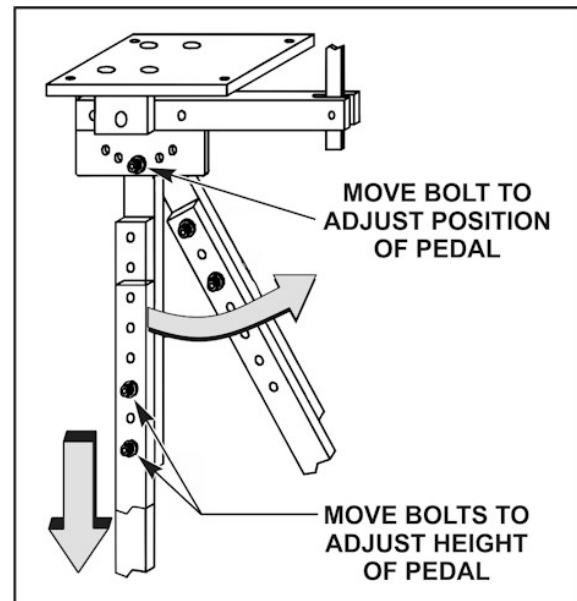
- 5 Install the weld head mounting plate onto the weld head using the screws as shown.
- 6 Install the screws, washers, and T-nuts into the weld head mounting plate as shown.
- 7 If necessary, remove the end cap from the mounting post to expose the channels in the mounting post.
- 8 Raise the weld head and mounting plate above the mounting post, insert the bottom T-nut into the front channel of the mounting post, and slowly lower the weld head until you can insert the top T-nut into the channel. Slide the weld head to the desired height, then tighten the mounting screws.
- 9 If you are using an air head, install it on the rear of the mounting post following the procedures in Steps 3 through 7.

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Legacy Model 180MF MSP Footpedal Installation



- 1 Screw the head to the bench and Model MSP Footpedal using four (4) screws, washers and nuts supplied with the shipping kit.
- 2 To adjust the height of the head, loosen two hex head cap screws on the mounting plate adapter, as illustrated, and slide Head up or down the stand.
- 3 Pull out the pin on footpedal adapter block, as illustrated. Insert the pullrod and allow the pin to snap back into place.
- 5 Attach the pullrod to footpedal. Adjust the height of head, loosen two Allen head cap screws on the mounting plate adapter as shown, and slide Head up or down the stand.
- 6 Attach the pullrod to footpedal. Adjust the angle and length of the footpedal so that it is comfortable for the operator.



EZ-AIR Installation and Connection

Model 180MA-EZ comes with EZ-AIR factory-installed, no further installation is required by the user. For instructions on connecting EZ-AIR to an air supply, follow the procedures in the separate *EZ-AIR Operator Manual* supplied with the weld head.

Optics

If you are using any of the optional optics (microscope or illuminator):

- 1 Verify that the optics mounting post is securely attached to the optics baseplate.
- 2 Install the optics following the instructions provided with the optics.

Section III. Connect Weld Cables

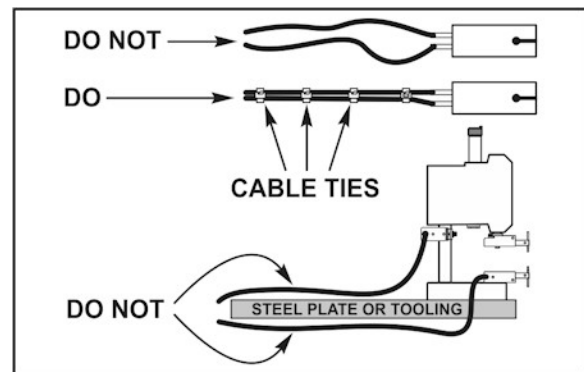
Weld Cables and Energy Losses

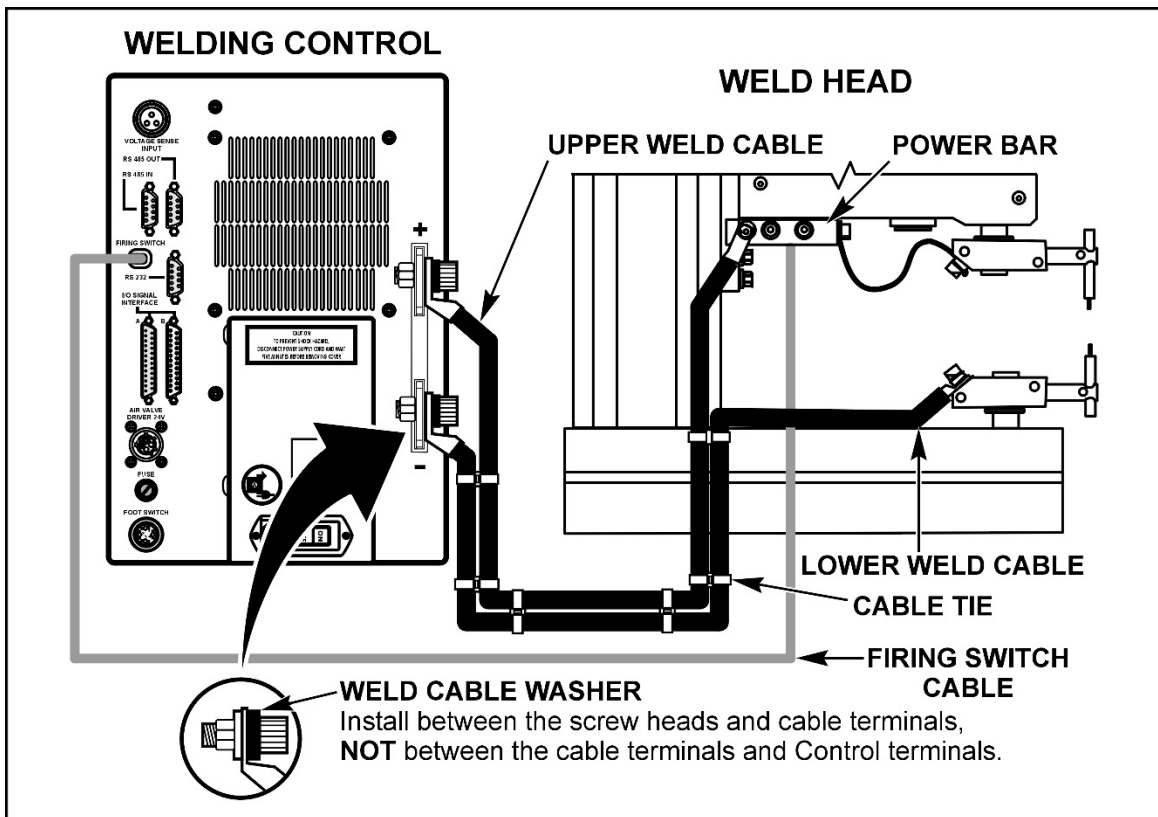
All Amada Weld Tech Weld Heads are supplied with the correct weld cables to provide maximum weld energy. If you need to install longer cables, or replace damaged cables,

- **Use #2 AWG for lengths under 30.5 cm (12 inch) and #2/0 AWG for longer lengths.** Tie or tape cables together to minimize inductive losses. A separation of weld cables surrounding an area of one square foot could result in losses of up to 65%.
- **Use the shortest possible Welding Cables.** It is common to have losses of up to 50% per foot for #6 cables and 20% for #2 cables.
- Connect the welding cables on the **same side of the head**. Otherwise, the inductive losses added by the intervening support post could substantially increase the amount of energy required to join metal satisfactorily.

Connect Cables to Head

- Place the washer securing the welding cable terminal between the screw head and the welding cable terminal, *not* the welding cable terminal, and the terminal to which the cable is being attached.
- Make sure the connections are free of oxidation, dirt and grease.
- Use 2/0 AWG cable for lengths under 45 centimeters (18 inches), and 4/0 AWG for longer lengths.
- Use the shortest possible welding cables. Energy losses can range up to 20% per foot for 2/0 AWG cables.
- Tie the welding cables together to minimize weld energy losses caused by unwanted welding cable inductance.
- Route the welding cables so that they do not run adjacent to magnetic materials and devices such as air solenoids, tooling and steel heads. Run the welding cables through a single hole in a steel plate.



Model 180MA (and Legacy Model 180MF) Weld Head Connections

- 1 Place the welding control, weld energy power supply, or welding transformer approximately 10.2 to 12.7 cm (4 to 5 inch) behind the weld head.
- 2 Inspect the connections on the weld cables, welding control, weld energy power supply, or welding transformer. Remove any oxidation, dirt, or grease.
- 3 Connect the short welding cable to one terminal on the weld head power bar, using a M8 x 25 hex head bolt, and flat washer. Place the washer between the bolt head and the welding cable terminal, do **not** place the washer between the Cable and the Power Bar because you will get an unstable connection and, consequently, unstable current flow. Tighten connections securely.
- 4 Connect the longer welding cable to the lower electrode holder, or user-supplied welding fixture, using the procedures in Step 3.
- 5 Connect the other end of the cables to the welding control, weld energy power supply, or welding transformer in accordance with the instructions in its Users' Manual.
- 6 Connect the firing switch cable to the welding control, weld energy power supply, or welding transformer in accordance with the instructions in its Users' Manual.

Section IV. Install Electrode Holders

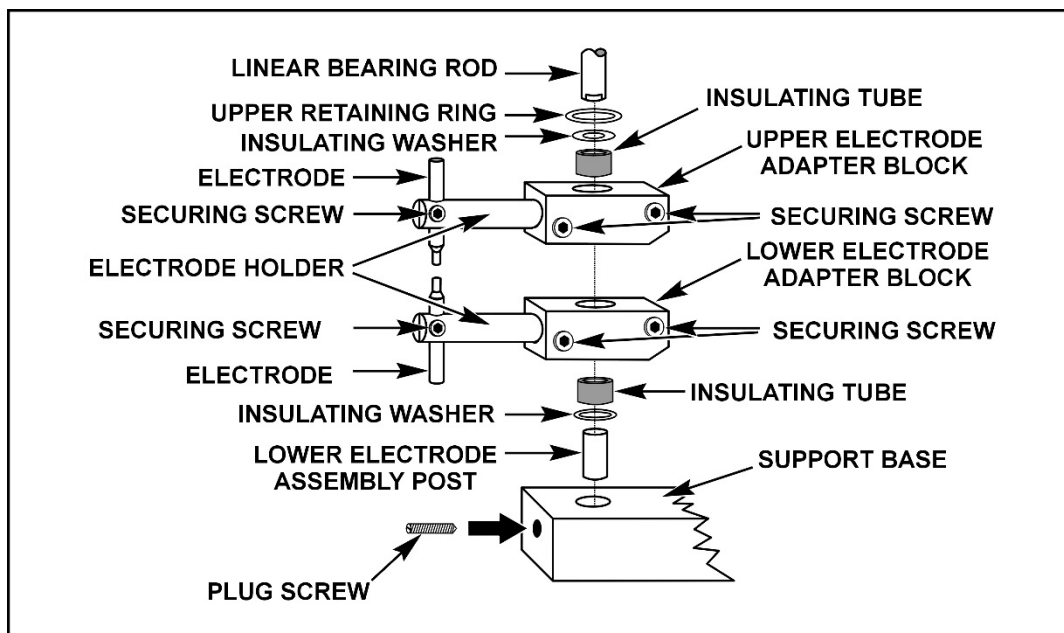
Various electrode holders are interchangeable, as required by your weld head application. All Model 180M Weld Heads are shipped with the electrode holders installed. Use the following procedures to change electrode holders.



CAUTION

Do **not** modify the electrode holders or attach additional mechanisms to the moving parts of the head. Doing so may hurt welding performance, damage the head, and **void the warranty**.

Models 180MA (and legacy model 180MF) Offset Electrode Holders



- 1 Install the upper insulating washer on the linear bearing rod, followed by the upper insulating tube.
- Note:** Do **not** remove the upper retainer ring from the linear bearing rod.
- 2 Slip the upper electrode adapter block over the upper insulating tube. The linear bearing rod should now be flush with the bottom of the upper electrode adapter block.
- 3 Secure the upper electrode adapter block on the linear bearing rod by tightening the upper electrode adapter block securing screw.

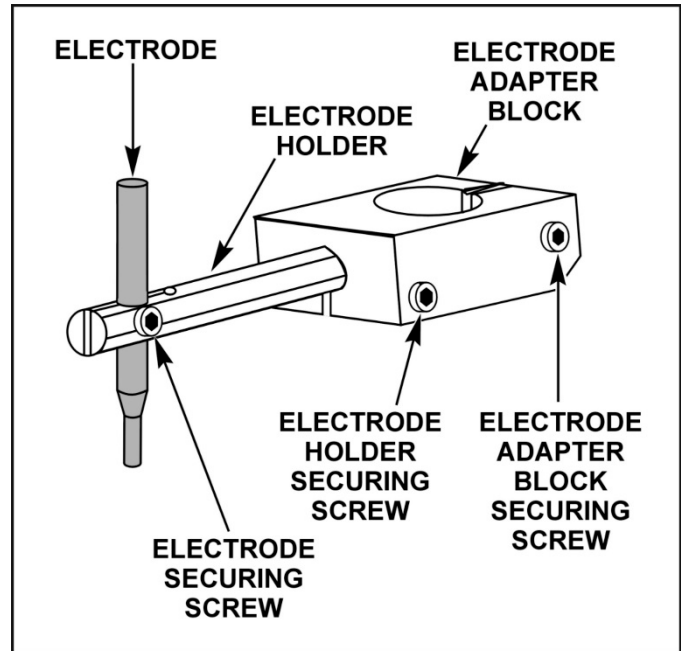
- 4 Slip the lower insulating washer over the lower electrode assembly post, followed by the lower insulating tube.
- 5 Slip the lower electrode adapter block over the lower insulating tube. Secure the lower electrode adapter block on the lower electrode post by tightening the lower electrode adapter block securing screw.
- 6 Insert one finger into the lower electrode post mounting hole in the support base until you feel the plug screw. Turn the plug screw counter-clockwise until it no longer protrudes from the mounting hole.
- 7 Insert the lower electrode assembly post into the support base mounting hole. Secure the assembly by turning the plug screw clockwise.
- 8 To remove the offset electrode holder assembly, reverse the installation procedure.

Section V. Install Electrodes

Model 180MA (and legacy Model 180MF) Offset Electrodes

- 1 Turn the electrode securing screw in the upper electrode holder counterclockwise to loosen it.
- 2 Insert the electrode in the electrode holder and turn the electrode securing screw clockwise to secure the electrode in the holder.
- 3 Repeat Steps 1 and 2 for the lower electrode and electrode holder.

CAUTION: For safety purposes, adjust the upper and lower electrodes so that the gap between the electrode tips is less than a finger diameter.



- 4 Loosen the lower electrode holder securing screw and rotate the electrode holder to bring the lower electrode into alignment with the upper electrode. Re-tighten the lower electrode holder securing screw.
- 5 Loosen the lower electrode adapter block securing screw and rotate the lower electrode holder assembly to bring the lower electrode into alignment with the upper electrode. Re-tighten the lower electrode adapter block securing screw.
- 6 Tighten the plug screw to secure the lower electrode holder assembly.

CHAPTER 3

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

Section I. Getting Started

Installation Checklists

INSTALLATION CHECKLIST FOR ALL HEADS	
✓	Check that the cables are correctly attached at both ends.
✓	Verify that the Firing Switch Cable is attached to the welding power supply (Control).
✓	Set the WELD/NO WELD Switch, located on the front of the welding power supply (Control), to the NO WELD position.
✓	Verify that the welding power supply (Control) is connected to the appropriate power source and that the power is switched to ON .
✓	Switch the welding power supply (Control) to ON . Follow the procedures in the manual to program and operate the welding power supply (Control).
INSTALLATION CHECKLIST FOR AIR ACTUATED HEADS	
✓	Verify that the air lines are properly connected to the head and the main air supply (448 kPa (65 psi) nominal) is turned ON .
✓	Verify that the line cord from the air solenoid is connected to the power supply (Control), if required.
✓	Verify that the footswitch is connected to the welding power supply (Control).

Welding Force Theory

Welding force (pressure) is a key variable in the resistance welding process. Excessive or insufficient welding force or pressure can cause a weak weld. More information is available from Amada Weld Tech:

- A) Resistance Welding Troubleshooting Guide
- B) Electrode/Material Selection Guide
- C) Resistance Welding Spot Welding Applications
- D) Technical Service Bulletins on a variety of subjects

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Troubleshooting

WELDHEAD TROUBLESHOOTING GUIDE			
SYMPTOM OR PROBLEM	PRIMARY CAUSE Weldhead-Related Cause	PRIORITY*	SOLUTION
Overheating of Weldment	Excess Welding Time	1	Decrease Welding Time (A.C. Welding)
	Insufficient Force	2	Increase force in steps of 10-20%
	Wrong Electrode Material	2	Check Electrode/Material Selection Guide
	Dirty Electrodes	3	Clean electrodes and/or parts to be welded
	Electrode Tip Shape	3	Use constant area electrodes or shape to suit application
Discoloration	Excess Welding Time	1	Decrease Welding Time (A.C. Welding)
	Wrong Electrode Material	1	Check Electrode/Material Selection Guide
	Insufficient Force	2	Increase force in steps of 10-20%
Weak Weld	Insufficient Current/Energy	1	Increase current/energy in steps of 5-10%
	Dirty Electrodes	1	Clean electrodes and/or parts to be welded
	Electrode Tip Shape	1	Use constant area electrodes or shape to suit application
	Mushroomed Electrodes	1	Replace or reshape electrodes or increase cleaning schedule
	Excess Force	2	Decrease force in steps of 10-20%
	Insufficient Force	2	Increase force in steps of 10-20%
	Wrong Electrode Material	2	Check Electrode/Material Selection Guide
	Poor Weldhead Follow-up	3	Reduce mass of top electrode holder assembly
Insufficient Nugget **	Insufficient Current/Energy	1	Increase current/energy in steps of 5-10%
	Wrong Electrode Material	1	Check Electrode/Material Selection Guide
	Electrode Tip Shape	1	Use constant area electrodes or shape to suit application
	Mushroomed Electrodes	1	Replace or reshape electrodes or increase cleaning schedule
	Dirty Electrodes	2	Clean electrodes and/or parts to be welded
	Excess Force	2	Decrease force in steps of 10-20%
	Insufficient Force	3	Increase force in steps of 10-20%
Metal Expulsion	Excess Current/Energy	1	Decrease current/energy in steps of 5-10%
	Insufficient Force	1	Increase force in steps of 10-20%
	Poor Weldhead Follow-up	1	Reduce mass of top electrode holder assembly***
	Dirty Electrodes	2	Clean electrodes and/or parts to be welded
	Electrode Tip Shape	2	Use constant area electrodes or shape to suit application

CHAPTER 3: OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

WELDHEAD TROUBLESHOOTING GUIDE			
SYMPTOM OR PROBLEM	PRIMARY CAUSE Weldhead-Related Cause	PRIORITY*	SOLUTION
Sparking	Excess Current/Energy	1	Decrease current/energy in steps of 5-10%
	Insufficient Force	1	Increase force in steps of 10-20%
	Poor Weldhead Follow-up	1	Reduce mass of top electrode holder assembly***
	Electrode Tip Shape	1	Use constant area electrodes or shape to suit application
	Wrong Electrode Material	2	Check Electrode/Material Selection Guide
	Dirty Electrodes	2	Clean electrodes and/or parts to be welded
Warping	Excess Welding Time	1	Decrease Welding Time (A.C. Welding)
	Excess Force	1	Decrease force in steps of 10-20%
	Electrode Tip Shape	2	Use constant area electrodes or shape to suit application

** In most cases capacitor discharge welds do not have a significant nugget.

*** For non-Amada Weld Tech weld heads.

A certain amount of experimentation is necessary to achieve the proper welding force setting for a specific application. The following are some general rules to make quality welds:

- Larger parts require higher force.
- Larger diameter electrode faces require higher force.
- Higher electrode forces require higher weld currents (energy).

Section II. Legacy Model 180MF Manually-Actuated Head Setup

This Section describes the following adjustments for the Model 180MF:

- **Firing force** to the value required by the specific application.
- **Maximum force** the electrodes can exert on the workpiece during the welding cycle.
- **Down stroke** limits.

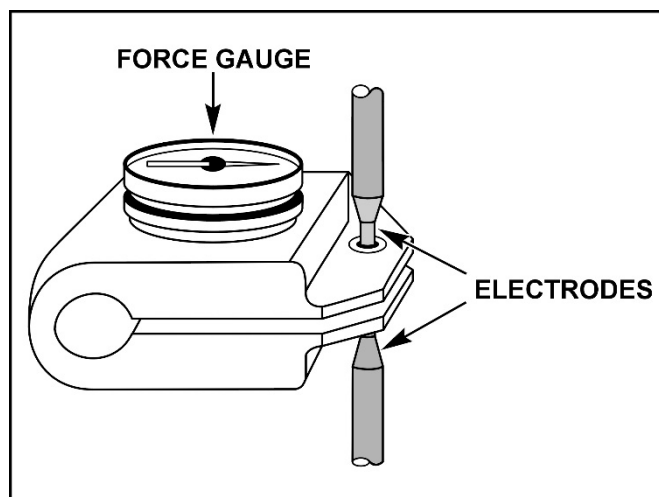
Electrode Sticking	Insufficient Force	1	Increase force in steps of 10-20%
	Wrong Electrode Material	1	Check Electrode/Material Selection Guide
	Electrode Tip Shape	1	Use constant area electrodes or shape to suit application
	Dirty Electrodes	2	Clean electrodes and/or parts to be welded
Electrode Damage	Poor Weldhead Follow-up	3	Reduce mass of top electrode holder assembly ***
	Excess Current/Energy	1	Decrease current/energy in steps of 5-10%
	Insufficient Force	1	Increase force in steps of 10-20%
	Electrode Tip Shape	1	Use constant area electrodes or shape to suit application
	Excess Force	2	Decrease force in steps of 10-20%
	Wrong Electrode Material	2	Check Electrode/Material Selection Guide
	Dirty Electrodes	2	Clean electrodes and/or parts to be welded

- * Priority numbers refer to troubleshooting priority, with 1 as highest priority. Start troubleshooting with 1 and then proceed to 2 and so on. When there are multiple causes with the same priority, use personal judgement in determining which is more probable in the specific application.

CAUTION: Excessive force can damage the electrodes and/or the workpiece.

- 1 Use the force adjustment knob to set the weld head force indicator to "4." The indicator is located on the front of the force tube just below the force adjustment knob. Set heads with digital readouts to "100."
- 2 Adjust the electrode spacing so that an Amada Weld Tech Force Gauge fits between the electrodes, as illustrated.
- 3 Depress and hold the footpedal. Note the force indication on the force gauge when the head firing switch "clicks." If the firing switch closure is inaudible, it is easily detected by observing the firing switch indicator on the welding power supply or control. For older or non-Amada Weld Tech Power Supplies, an ohmmeter or continuity checker can be connected to the pins on the firing switch connector.
- 4 Use the force gauge reading from the previous step as a starting point. Use the force adjustment knob to **increase** the indicated force if the initial force reading is **less than** the required force setting. If the initial force reading is **greater than** the required force setting, **decrease** the indicated force.
- 5 Depress and release the footpedal. Verify that the force applied by the operator does not exceed the force required to close the firing switch by more than five percent (5%).
- 6 After setting the required force, remove the force adjustment knob by loosening the two setscrews that secure it to the shaft. Invert the knob and place it on the shaft. Be sure to insert the locking tab on the knob into the slot on the force tube. Re-tighten both setscrews.
- 7 If necessary, re-adjust the electrodes in their holders to accommodate the workpiece.
- 8 Turn the downstop screw counter-clockwise to its fullest extension without actually disengaging it. This will allow maximum downward travel of the upper arm. The following downstop adjustment should be made **only** if the workpiece would be damaged if the upper arm travels too far. ***In most applications, use of the downstop is not recommended.***
 - A) Place the workpiece in the appropriate position. Rotate the downstop screw clockwise until the electrode(s) no longer contacts the workpiece. Check the adjustment by depressing and releasing the footpedal.
 - B) Depress and **hold** the footpedal. Slowly rotate the downstop counter-clockwise until the force-firing switch in the head closes. Rotate the downstop one or two additional turns counter-clockwise. The additional turn(s) will allow for electrode wear and/or the slight variations of the position of the electrode in its holder. Re-check that the firing switch consistently closes.

CAUTION: Do **not** attempt to use the downstop adjustment to limit the force, which is applied to the workpiece. This will result in inconsistent welds.



Section III. Model 180MA EZ-AIR Air-Actuated Head Setup

This Section describes the following adjustments for the Model 180MA-EZ:

- **Welding force** to the value required by the specific application.
- **Down speed** of the electrode approaching the parts.
- Eliminating any **down stop** setting.

CAUTION: Excessive force can damage the electrodes and/or the workpiece.

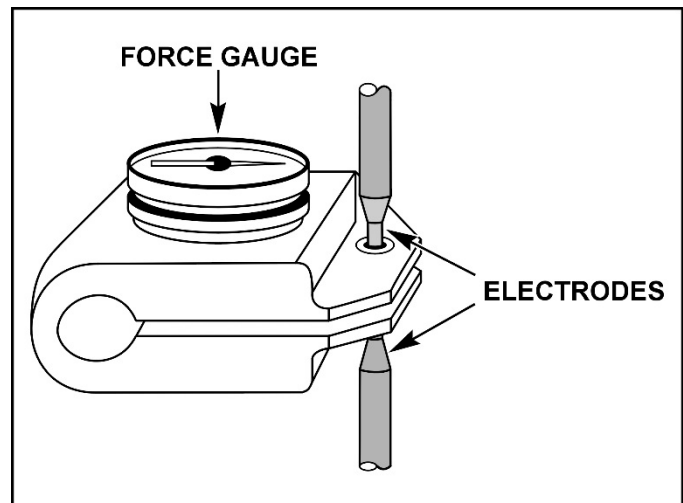
The Model 180MA-EZ air-actuated weld head is supplied with EZ-AIR, a pneumatic control that actuates the electrodes and maintains a preset firing force. At a predetermined firing force, EZ-AIR automatically closes the inlet and outlet valves to the weld head actuation cylinder and eliminates over-force.

Down speed and welding force are the only two adjustments to be made when setting up the EZ-AIR. Down stops are *not* required.

NOTE: *Before* performing the following instructions, get the separate EZ-AIR Operator Manual supplied with the weld head and follow the detailed procedures for operating and adjusting EZ-AIR.

- 1 Use the force adjustment knob to set the weld head force indicator to "4." The indicator is located on the front of the force tube, just below the force adjustment knob. Set heads with digital readouts to "100."
- 2 If electrodes are being used, adjust the electrode spacing so that an Amada Weld Tech Force Gauge fits between the electrodes, as shown.

Depress and hold the footswitch. Note the force indication on the force gauge. When the head-firing switch "clicks" (closes), the force will stabilize. If the firing switch does not close, or the force keeps increasing, verify that all of the connections have been properly made as described in the EZ-AIR manual.



- 3 Cycle the electrode up and down several times and adjust the down speed by turning the knob that is located on the back of the EZ AIR. The down speed should be adjusted to provide a comfortable speed for the operator or automation without excessive impact force to the parts.

- 4 The force gauge will indicate the electrode force. Use the force adjustment knob to increase the indicated force if the initial force reading is less than the required force setting for the welding application. If the initial force reading is greater than the required force setting, decrease the indicated force.
- 5 After setting the required force, particularly in automated applications, remove the force adjustment knob by loosening the two setscrews, which secure it to the shaft. Invert the knob and place it on the shaft. Be sure to insert the locking tab on the knob into the slot on the force tube. Re-tighten both setscrews.
- 6 If necessary, re-adjust the electrodes in their holders to accommodate the work piece.
- 7 A down stop is never required when using EZ-AIR. Turn the down stop screws counter-clockwise to their fullest extension without actually disengaging them. This will allow maximum downward travel of the upper arms.

CHAPTER 4

USER MAINTENANCE

Section I. General Maintenance

Inspection

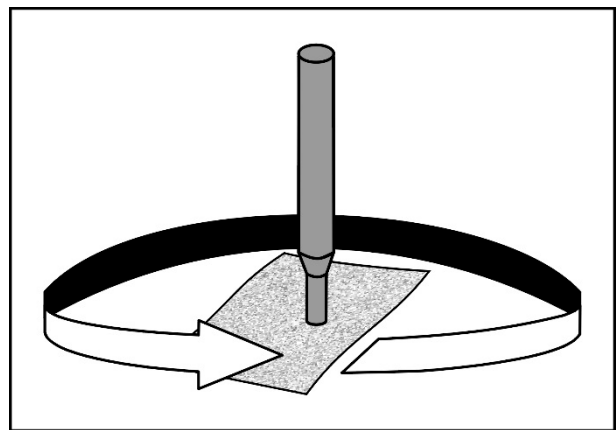
Clean all electrical connections every six months to minimize welding circuit resistance. Inspect all bearings and braces for excessive wear every three years and replace as necessary.

Lubrication

All bearing surfaces are designed for non-lubricated operation. Do **not** oil any bearings or sleeves *except* for the use of a dry lubricant on weld heads used in automated, air actuated systems.

Section II. Electrode Cleaning

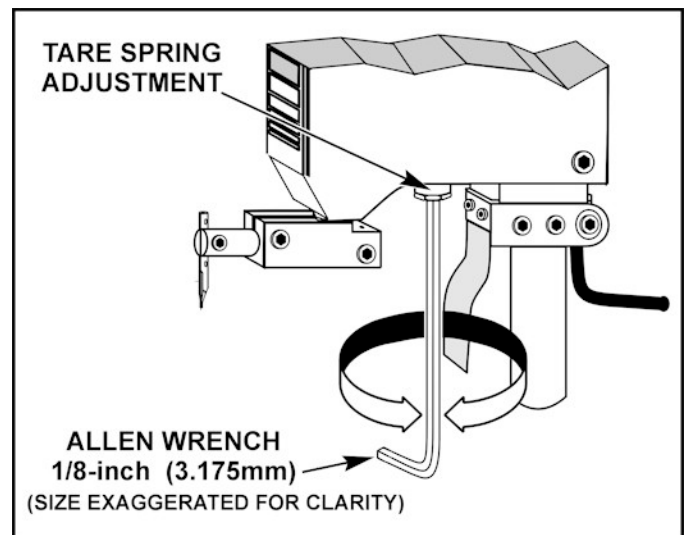
- 1 Re-surface tips periodically to remove oxides and welding debris from the electrodes.
- 2 Set the **WELD/NO WELD** Switch on the welding power supply to the **NO WELD** position.
- 3 Clean the electrodes using 400 to 600 grit emery paper. Fold the emery paper over a *flat, rigid backing* with the grit surface facing out. The rigid backing will maintain the "flatness" of the electrode face during cleaning.
- 4 Place emery paper and backing between electrodes. If the head is air actuated, reduce the pressure on the top of the cylinder. Actuate the head. The electrodes should contact with the paper with a force which is low enough to allow the paper to be moved without damaging its surface. Move the paper in a circular motion while maintaining the contact force.
- 5 Wipe the electrodes so that they are clean.



Section III. Tare Spring Adjustment

The tare spring adjustment compensates for the varying mass of different upper electrodes and adapters.

- 1 With the head in a vertical position and the upper arm and electrodes installed, set the force adjustment to **minimum** by turning the firing force adjustment knob fully counterclockwise.
- 2 Hold a measuring scale beside the upper electrode adapter block, grasp the block, and move the block up and down between the tare spring travel limits. The total travel will be about 3.2 mm ($\frac{1}{8}$ inch). Push the block down against the bottom limit, then gently release it. The tare spring should exert enough force to return the electrode to the center of its travel, approximately 1.6 mm ($\frac{1}{16}$ inch) from either extreme. If the electrode block does not re-center, adjust the tare spring.
- 3 If necessary, adjust the tare spring tension adjustment screw setting with a $\frac{1}{8}$ inch Allen wrench. The adjustment screw is recessed in the center of the tare spring assembly at the bottom of the force spring tube.
- 4 Adjust the screw until the electrode block centers itself after being depressed and released. Tightening the screw increases tare spring tension, which increases the upward force on the upper electrode assembly. If the upper electrode interconnecting flexure interferes with the adjustment procedure temporarily disconnect it from the upper electrode adapter block.
- 5 After adjusting the tare spring tension, recheck the firing force adjustment and readjust if required.



APPENDIX A.

Technical Specifications

FEATURES			180MF	180MA
Production Status			Legacy Model	Active Model
Actuation			Manual	Air
Air Cylinder Inside Diameter	mm (inch)		-	38.1 (1.5)
Air Cylinder Stroke	mm (inch)		-	50.8 (2)
Air Pressure for Max. Force	kg/cm ² (psi)		-	4.57 (65)
Air Solenoid Voltage	(VAC)		-	24
Cycle Rate	(full strokes/sec)		1	1
Electrode Diameter	mm (inch)		6.4 (0.25)	6.4 (0.25)
Electrode Holder Type			Offset	Offset
Electrode Series			ES-0800M	ES-0800M
Electrode Stroke Maximum	mm (inch)		31.75 (1.25)	31.75 (1.25)
Foot Pedal Model Number			MSP	-
Max. Throat Size	mm		N/A	46 x 79
Height x Width	in			1.8 x 3.1
Maximum Rating	KVA (watt-seconds)		20 (1,000)	20 (1,000)
Weld Cable Size (AWG)			#2/0	#2/0
Weld Force	Maximum:	N (Lbs)	445 (100)	445 (100)
	Minimum:	N (Lbs)	8.9 (2)	22.3 (5)
Dimensions:	Height:	mm (inch)	609.6 (24)	609.6 (24)
	Width:	mm (inch)	95.3 (3.75)	95.3 (3.75)
	Depth:	mm (inch)	400.2 (15.75)	400.2 (15.75)
Weight	kg (lbs)		8.4 (18.5)	9.8 (21.5)

APPENDIX B

ACCESSORIES

Accessories

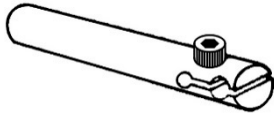
MODEL	DESCRIPTION
BLFOI	Fiber Optic Illuminator System , 115V-50/60Hz. Self-Supporting Gooseneck, Bifurcated Light Pipes, Focusing Lenses, and Mounting Adapter for Optic Mounting Assembly.
BLFOI/230	Fiber Optic Illuminator System , 230V-50/60Hz. Self-Supporting Gooseneck, Bifurcated Light Pipes, Focusing Lenses, and Mounting Adapter for Optic Mounting Assembly.
DFS	Firing Switch Junction Box . Connects 2 Firing Switch Cables to one Power Supply.
DFS/88	Series Firing Switch Junction Box . Connects two firing switch cables in Series.
FG100	Electrode Force Gage , 100lb, SCALE 100lb x 1lb.
FG20	Electrode Force Gage , 20lbs, SCALE 20lb x 0.2lb
FG10KG	Electrode Force Gage , 10 kg, SCALE 10 kg x 0.1 kg.
FS1L	Footswitch, Single Level .
FS2L	Footswitch, Two Level .
MSP	Footpedal, Medium Force Swing Type , 45.5 kg (100lb) maximum, 5:1 mechanical advantage (Model 180MF).
OMA	Optic Mounting Assembly . Use with SZO and BPTL.
PD	Polishing Disks , 600 grit, 1.5 in. diameter, 50 pieces. Use to polish electrodes.
SMZ-660	Nikon SMZ 660 Stereo Zoom Microscope , 10X wide eyepieces, object lens 0.5X wide field, 195 mm maximum working distance. Includes C-Bonder arm.
WP	Work Positioner , 76 mm (3 inch) diameter, Height Adjustable from 36.5 mm (1-7/16) to 50.8 mm (2 inches).

APPENDIX B. ACCESSORIES

Electrodes

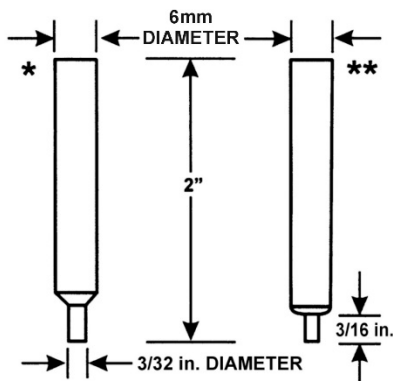
MATERIAL	DESCRIPTION
RWMA 2 -- Copper-Chromium Alloy	83B Rockwell Hardness, 85% conductivity. Used for welding steels, nickel alloys and other high resistance materials.
RWMA 3 -- Copper-Beryllium Alloy	100B Rockwell Hardness, 48% conductivity. Used for welding high resistance materials requiring high weld forces.
GLIDCOP -- AL-15 -- Dispersion Strengthened Copper With 0.15% Aluminum Oxide	68B Rockwell Hardness, 92% conductivity. Longer life, greater thermal stability, higher strength than RWMA 2. Generally interchangeable with RWMA 2 without changing schedules. GLIDCOP is a trademark of SCM.
RWMA 11 -- Copper-Tungsten Alloy	90B Rockwell Hardness, 46% conductivity. Usually inserted into an RWMA 2 shank. Used for welding cuprous and precious metals. Used for light projection welding dies.
RWMA 13 -- Tungsten	70A Rockwell Hardness, 32% conductivity. Usually inserted into an RWMA 2 shank. Cannot be machined but may be ground to the desired shape. Used to weld non-ferrous metals such as copper and brass.
RWMA 14 -- Molybdenum	90B Rockwell Hardness, 31% conductivity. Usually inserted into an RWMA 2 shank. Machineable. Used for welding copper, silver, gold, and their alloys.

Electrode Holders

	<p>Electrode Holder, holds 6 mm diameter electrodes. Used on Model 180M weld heads.</p>
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Electrodes

ES0800M 6 MM DIAMETER STRAIGHT ELECTRODES	
Used with Model 180M Weld Heads	
Model	Material
ES0802M	RWMA 2
ES0803M	RWMA 3
ES0850M	GLIDCOP
ES0811M	RWMA 11 INSERT
ES0813M	RWMA 13 INSERT
ES0820M	MOLY INSERT
ES0820AM	3 mm DIAMETER MOLY INSERT
* Copper Alloy ** Refractory Alloy Insert	



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