

DC PULSE TIG/STICK INVERTER WELDER

















Operator's Manual for the Power i-Tig 201 Safety, Setup and General Use Guide

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Dear Customer,

THANKS! You had a choice, and you bought an Everlast. We appreciate you as a customer and hope that you will enjoy years of use from your welder.

Please go directly to the Everlast website to register your unit and receive your warranty information. Your unit registration is important should any information such as product updates or recalls be issued. It is also important so that we may track your satisfaction with Everlast products and services. If you are unable to register by website, contact Everlast directly through the sales department through the main customer service number in your country. Your unit will be registered and warranty will be issued and in full effect. Keep all information regarding your purchase. In the event of a problem you must contact technical support before your welder can be a candidate for warranty service and returned.

<u>Please review the current online warranty statement and information found on the website of the Everlast division located in or nearest to your country. Print it for your records and become familiar of its terms and conditions.</u>

Everlast offers full technical support, in several different forms. We have online support available through email, and a welding support forum designed for customers and noncustomer interaction. Technical advisors are active on the forum daily. We also divide our support into two divisions: technical and welding performance. Should you have an issue or question concerning your unit, please contact performance/technical support available through the main company headquarters available in your country. For best service call the appropriate support line and follow up with an email, particularly during off hours, or in the event you cannot reach a live person. In the event you do not reach a live person, particularly during heavy call volume times, holidays, and off hours, leave a message and your call will normally be returned within 24 hours. Also,for quick answers to your basic questions, join the company owned forum available through the website. You'll find knowledgeable, helpful people and staff available to answer your questions, and perhaps find a topic that already addresses your question at http://www.everlastgenerators.com/forums/.

Should you need to call or write, always know your model name, purchase date and welder manufacturing inspection date. This will assure the quick and accurate customer service. REMEMBER: Be as specific and informed as possible. Technical and performance advisors rely upon you to carefully describe the conditions and circumstances of your problem or question. Take notes of any issues as best you can. You may be asked many questions by the advisors to clarify problems or issues that may seem very basic. However, diagnosis procedures MUST be followed to begin the warranty process. Advisors can't assume anything, even with experienced users, and must cover all aspects to properly diagnose the problem. Depending upon your issue, it is advisable to have basic tools handy such as screwdrivers, wrenches, pliers, and even an inexpensive test meter with volt/ohm functions before you call.

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Sincerely,

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Safe operation and proper maintenance is your responsibility.

We have compiled this operator's manual to instruct in the safe operation and maintenance of your Everlast product. It is not exhaustive however. This manual is provided to assist the operator with the information needed to be able to enjoy the best and safest operating experience. Overall, welding and cutting require experience and common sense to obtain the best results in the safest manner. As thorough as this welding manual may be, it is no substitute for either. Welding takes time, patience and training to perfect. This manual is not a substitute for professional training or experience. Exercise extreme caution and care in all activities related to welding and cutting. Your safety, health and even life depends upon it. If you are in doubt of your skills or capability, don't attempt to use this unit. Stop and consult a welding professional.

<u>Please carefully read this manual before you operate your Everlast unit.</u> This manual is not written only for the use of the unit, but to assist you in obtaining the best performance out of your unit. Do not operate this welder until you have read this manual and you are thoroughly familiar with the safe operation of the unit. If you feel you need more information on this unit or do not understand how a feature of function operates, please contact Everlast Support.

The warranty does not cover improper use, maintenance or consumables. Torches and accessories are covered under a separate warranty. **Do not attempt to alter or defeat or otherwise render any piece or part of your unit unserviceable, particularly any safety device.** Keep all shields and covers in place during unit operation should an unlikely failure of internal components result in the possible presence of sparks and explosions. If a failure occurs, discontinue further use until malfunctioning parts or accessories have been repaired or replaced by qualified personnel.



Note on High Frequency electromagnetic disturbances:

Certain welding and cutting processes generate High Frequency (HF) waves. These waves may disturb sensitive electronic equipment such as televisions, radios, computers, cell phones, and related equipment. High Frequency may also interfere with fluorescent lights. Consult with a *licensed* electrician if disturbance is noted. Sometimes, improper wire routing or poor shielding may be the cause. Keep in mind HF interference is not easily predictable or identifiable.



HF can interfere with pacemakers and other medical devices. See EMF warnings in following safety section for further information. Always consult your physician before entering an area known to have welding or cutting equipment if you have a pacemaker.



These safety precautions are for protection of safety and health. Failure to follow these guidelines may result in serious injury or death. Be careful to read and follow all cautions and warnings. Protect yourself and others.



Welding and cutting processes produce high levels of ultraviolet (UV) radiation that can cause severe skin burn and damage. There are other potential hazards involved with welding such as severe burns and respiratory related illnesses. Therefore observe the following to minimize potential accidents and injury:



Use appropriate safety glasses with wrap around shields while in the work area, even under welding helmets to protect your eyes from flying sparks and debris. When chipping slag or grinding, goggles and face shields may be required.



When welding or cutting, always use an approved shielding device, with the correct shade of filter installed. Always use a welding helmet in good condition. Discard any broken or cracked filters or helmets. Using broken or cracked filters or helmets can cause severe eye injury and burn. Filter shades of no less than shade 5 for cutting and no less than shade 9 for welding are highly recommended. Shades greater than 9 may be required for high amperage welds. Keep filter lenses clean and clear for maximum visibility. It is also advisable to consult with your eye doctor should you wear contacts for corrective vision before you wear them while welding.



Do not allow personnel to watch or observe the welding or cutting operation unless fully protected by a filter screen, protective curtains or equivalent protective equipment. If no protection is available, exclude them from the work area. Even brief exposure to the rays from the welding arc can damage unprotected eyes.



Always wear hearing protection because welding and cutting can be extremely noisy. Ear protection is necessary to prevent hearing loss. Even prolonged low levels of noise has been known to create long term hearing damage. Hearing protection also further protects against hot sparks and debris from entering the ear canal and doing harm.



Always wear personal protective clothing. Flame proof clothing is required at all times. Sparks and hot metal can lodge in pockets, hems and cuffs. Make sure loose clothing is tucked in neatly. Leather aprons and jackets are recommended. Suitable welding jackets and coats may be purchased made from fire proof material from welding supply stores. Discard any burned or frayed clothing. Keep clothing away from oil, grease and flammable liquids.



Leather boots or steel toed leather boots with rubber bottoms are required for adequate foot protection. Canvas, polyester and other man made materials often found in shoes will either burn or melt. Rubber or other non conductive soles are necessary to help protect from electrical shock.



Flame proof and insulated gauntlet gloves are required whether welding, cutting or handling metal. Simple work gloves for the garden or chore work are not sufficient. Gauntlet type welding gloves are available from your local welding supply companies. Never attempt to weld with out gloves. Welding with out gloves can result in serious burns and electrical shock. If your hand or body parts comes into contact with the arc of a plasma cutter or welder, instant and serious burns will occur. Proper hand protection is required at all times when working with welding or cutting machines!



WARNING! Persons with pacemakers should not weld, cut or be in the welding area until they consult with their physician. Some pacemakers are sensitive to EMF radiation and could severely malfunction while welding or while being in the vicinity of someone welding. *Serious injury or death may occur!*



Welding and plasma cutting processes generate electro-magnetic fields and radiation. While the effects of EMF radiation are not known, it is suspected that there may be some harm from long term exposure to electromagnetic fields. Therefore, certain precautions should be taken to minimize exposure:

- Lay welding leads and lines neatly away from the body.
- Never coil cables around the body.
- Secure cables with tape if necessary to keep from the body.
- Keep all cables and leads on the same side the body.
- Never stand between cables or leads.
- Keep as far away from the power source (welder) as possible while welding.
- Never stand between the ground clamp and the torch.
- Keep the ground clamp grounded as close to the weld or cut as possible.



Welding and cutting processes pose certain inhalation risks. Be sure to follow any guidelines from your chosen consumable and electrode suppliers regarding possible need for respiratory equipment while welding or cutting. Always weld with adequate ventilation. Never weld in closed rooms or confined spaces. Fumes and gases released while welding or cutting may be poisonous. Take precautions at all times.

Any burning of the eyes, nose or throat are signs that you need to increase ventilation.

- Stop immediately and relocate work if necessary until adequate ventilation is obtained.
- Stop work completely and seek medical help if irritation and discomfort persists.



WARNING! Do not weld on galvanized steel, stainless steel, beryllium, titanium, copper, cadmium, lead or zinc without proper respiratory equipment and or ventilation.



WARNING! This product when used for welding or cutting produces fumes and gases which contains chemicals known to the State of California to cause birth defects and in some cases cancer. (California Safety and Health Code §25249.5 et seq.)



WARNING! Do not weld or cut around Chlorinated solvents or degreasing areas. Release of Phosgene gas can be deadly. Consider all chemicals to have potential deadly results if welded on or near metal containing residual amounts of chemicals.



Keep all cylinders upright and chained to a wall or appropriate holding pen. Certain regulations regarding high pressure cylinders can be obtained from OSHA or local regulatory agency. Consult also with your welding supply company in your area for further recommendations. The regulatory changes are frequent so keep informed.



All cylinders have a potential explosion hazard. When not in use, keep capped and closed. Store chained so that overturn is not likely. Transporting cylinders incorrectly can lead to an explosion. Do not attempt to adapt regulators to fit cylinders. Do not use faulty regulators. Do not allow cylinders to come into contact with work piece or work. Do not weld or strike arcs on cylinders. Keep cylinders away from direct heat, flame and sparks.

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WARNING! Electrical shock can kill. Make sure all electrical equipment is properly grounded. Do not use frayed, cut or otherwise damaged cables and leads. Do not stand, lean or rest on ground clamp. Do not stand in water or damp areas while welding or cutting. Keep work surface dry. Do not use welder or plasma cutter in the rain or in extremely humid conditions. Use dry rubber soled shoes and dry gloves when welding or cutting to insulate against electrical shock. Turn machine on or off only with gloved hand. Keep all parts of the body insulated from work, and work tables. Keep away from direct contact with skin against work. If tight or close quarters necessitates standing or resting on work piece, insulate yourself with dry boards and rubber mats designed to insulate the body from direct contact.



All work cables, leads, and hoses pose trip hazards. Be aware of their location and make sure all personnel in area are advised of their location. Taping or securing cables with appropriate restraints can help reduce trips and falls.



WARNING! Fire and explosions are real risks while welding or cutting. Always keep fire extinguishers close by and additionally a water hose or bucket of sand. Periodically check work area for smoldering embers or smoke. It is a good idea to have someone help watch for possible fires while you are welding. Sparks and hot metal may travel a long distance. They may go into cracks in walls and floors and start a fire that would not be immediately visible. Here are some things you can do to reduce the possibility of fire or explosion:

- Keep all combustible materials including rags and spare clothing away from area.
- Keep all flammable fuels and liquids stored separately from work area.
- Visually inspect work area when job is completed for the slightest traces of smoke or embers.
- If welding or cutting outside, make sure you are in a cleared off area, free from dry tender and debris that might start a forest or grass fire.
- Do not weld on tanks, drums or barrels that are closed, pressurized or anything that held flammable liquid or material.



Metal is hot after welding or cutting! Always use gloves and or tongs when handling hot pieces of metal. Remember to place hot metal on fire-proof surfaces after handling. Serious burns and injury can result if material is improperly handled.



WARNING! Faulty or poorly maintained equipment can cause injury or death. Proper maintenance is your responsibility. Make sure all equipment is properly maintained and serviced by qualified personnel. Do not abuse or misuse equipment.



Keep all covers in place. A faulty machine may shoot sparks or may have exploding parts. Touching uncovered parts inside machine can cause discharge of high amounts of electricity. Do not allow employees to operate poorly serviced equipment. Always check condition of equipment thoroughly before start up. Disconnect unit from power source before any service attempt is made and for long term storage or electrical storms.



Further information can be obtained from The American Welding Society (AWS) that relates directly to safe welding and plasma cutting. Additionally, your local welding supply company may have additional pamphlets available concerning their products. Do not operate machinery until your are comfortable with proper operation and are able to assume inherent risks of cutting or welding.

Power i-TIG 201 and Accessories







Argon Regulator



Consumable Kit (Does not include Tungsten)



Air-Cooled, 26 Series Torch 12.5 ft (Style may vary)



Stick Electrode Holder



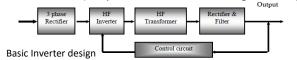
10 ft. Work Clamp

NOTE: Accessory and consumable style and quantities are subject to change without notice.

Power i-TIG 201 TIG/Stick Welder	Specification
Process	DC GTAW-P/DC SMAW
Inverter Type	Digitally controlled IGBT
Minimum/Maximum Rated Output DC TIG	110V: 5A/10.2V- 125A/15V 220V: 5A/10.2V - 200A/18V
Minimum/Maximum Rated Output DC Stick	110V:5A/20.2V -100A/24V 220V:5 A/20.2 V - 160 A/26.4 V
Start Type	HF and Lift Start
HF Point Gap	.030"045" (.035" suggested)
TIG Duty Cycle @ Rated Amps 110V/220V	110V: 35%@125A/15V, 60%@100A/14V, 100%@80A/13.2V 220V: 35%@200A/18V, 60%@160A/16.4V, 100% 130A/15.2V
Stick Duty Cycle @ Rated Amps/Volts	110V: 35%@100A/24V, 60%@80A/22.4V, 100%@60A/22.4V 220V: 35%@160A/26.4V, 60%@130A/25.2V, 100%@100A
OCV (U ₀)	70 V
Voltage Input (U ₁)	110/120/220/230/240V; 50/60Hz,1 Phase
Maximum Inrush Amps (I _{IMAX})	110V: 31.2A 220V: 27.5A
Maximum Operating Amps (Rated Effective) (I1EFF)	110V: 19A 220V: 17A
Gas Pre-Flow /Post Flow Time	0-5 Seconds/ 0-25 Seconds
Start Amps/End Amps	Non adjustable, preset at minimum
Up/Down Slope	0-5 Seconds/0-5 Seconds
Pulse Frequency Hz (Pulses Per Second)	.2-250 Hz
Pulse Amps (Ratio)	5-95%
Pulse Time On (Balance)	10-90%
Stick Arc Force Control	0-100%
Minimum Water Ingress Protection Standard	IP21S
Efficiency	>85%
Cooling Method	Full Time Fan
Dimensions	7.5" W x 12.5" H x 16.5" W
Weight (Bare Unit)	28 lbs

General overview: The Power i-TIG 201 is a digitally controlled DC Pulse TIG/Stick inverter welder. While it uses a digital microprocessor to manage output and parameters, the unit incorporates a simple analog-style interface which allows the user easy access to and monitoring of its features without a complicated setup menu or an extensive setup routine. In TIG mode it features a low 5 amp start capability and a pulse mode up to 250 Hz if needed. The arc stability and control make desirable for use in many specialty applications such as gun smithing, restaurant repair, and food processing facilities. The DC only machine will weld almost any metal except aluminum and magnesium. Some of the key features of the Power i-TIG 201 are as follows:

- A. IGBT components and digital microcontroller provide excellent reliability and performance.
- B. Improved HF design offers better and more stable arc starts, even at lower amperages.
- C. Features automatic over-voltage, over current and duty cycle protection (over-heat).
- D. Arc force control and built in hot start helps improve the SMAW process performance.
- E. Dual voltage design allows the unit to be used in almost any environment where 120V or 240V power is available. (Output is reduced while using on 120V).



General Use and Care: The welder is designed for use in many industrial environments such as ship yards, fabrication shops and pipelines. However, care should be taken to keep the unit out of direct contact with water spray. The unit is rated IP21S, which rates it for light contact with dripping water. It is a good idea to remove the welder from the vicinity of any water or moisture source to reduce the possibility of electrocution or shock. Never operate in standing water.

Every 1-2 months, depending upon use, the welder should be unplugged, opened up and carefully cleaned with dry compressed air. Monitor particle buildup on the fan blades. Regular maintenance will help extend the life of the unit. Use eye protection while using compressed air to shield the eyes from flying debris. IMPORTANT: Before removing the protective covers of the unit for any reason, make sure the unit has been unplugged for at least 10 minutes to allow time for the capacitors to fully discharge. Severe shock and/or death can occur. Remove rear panel first. Then remove metal cover. Do not remove the front panel unless absolutely necessary. The front panel is an integral part of the welder framework and requires extensive effort to remove and re-

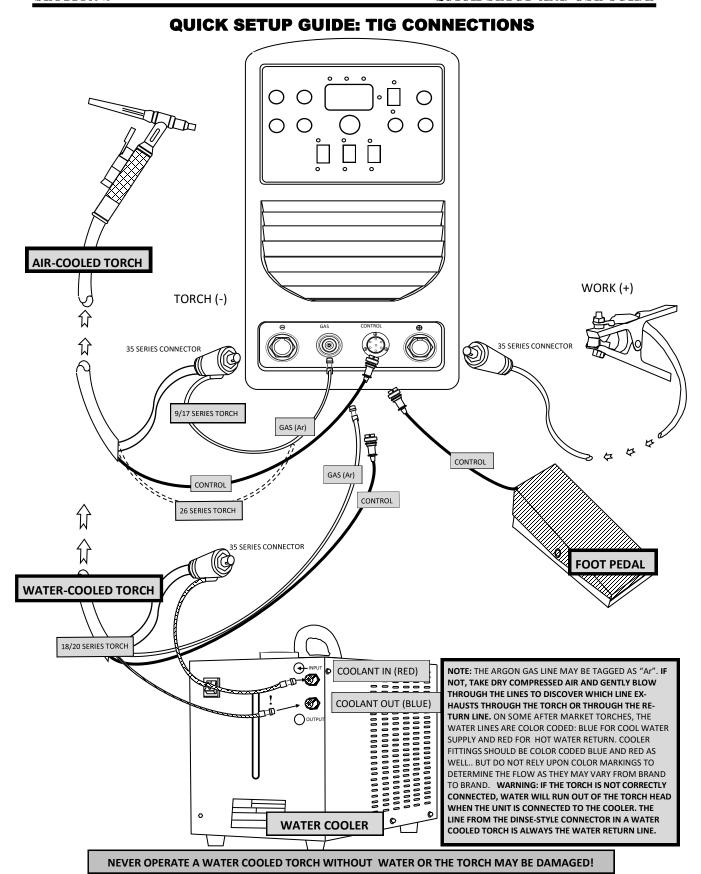
place. Remove the rear plastic cover first and then the metal cover (housing) only.

Do not restrict air flow or movement of air around the welder. Allow a buffer distance of at least 18" clearance from all vented sides. Do not operate the welder immediately in the weld area or the blast of the fan will cause welding issues such as unstable arc or porosity. Do not mount in areas that are prone to severe shock or vibration. Lift and carry the welder by the handle. Do not direct metallic dust or any dirt intentionally toward the machine, particularly in grinding and welding operations.

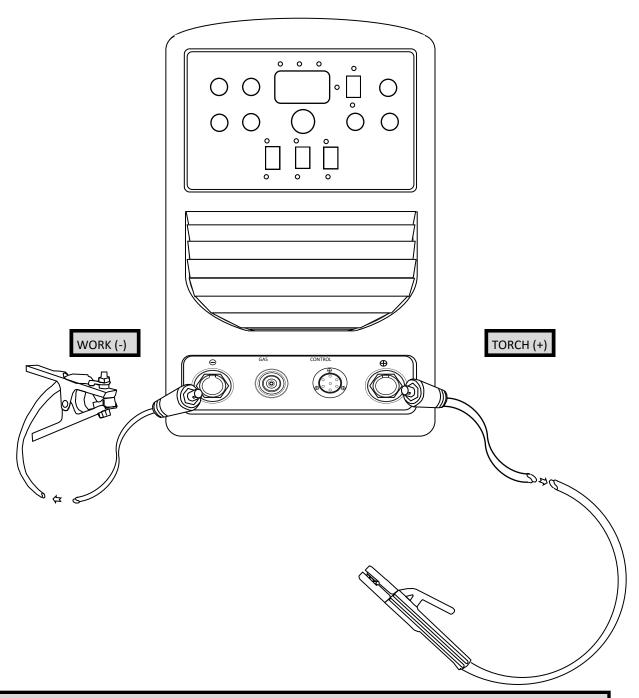
Duty Cycle. The Power i-TIG 201's duty cycle while operating on 240V is 35% at 200 amps in TIG mode and 35% duty cycle at 160 amps in stick mode. Operating on 120V the duty cycle is rated 35% at 125 amps for TIG and 35% at 100 amps for stick based off the reduced amperage available. This means that the unit is can be operated continuously at the maximum stated amps for 3.5 minutes out of every 10 minutes. If an overheat condition occurs, the unit will cease welding output and will display a light under the thermometer shaped icon along with an error code in the display. If this happens let the unit cool down while remaining switched on so that the fan will continue to cool the unit. Duty Ratings are determined at a standard temperature of 40° C (US). Welding in humid, or hot conditions can negatively affect duty cycle. NOTE: Once the overheated condition has cleared, welding can resume. Continuously running the unit at or near the duty cycle maximum, will shorten the life of the welder.

Over Current: If welding output ceases and the unit triggers an error code along with the overcurrent light being lit, do not attempt to reset the unit by cycling the power switch until the source of the overcurrent has been investigated and fixed. If the unit does not reset after the power switch is cycled, contact Everlast.

HF Start. The welder uses High Frequency to start the arc. A slight buzz, or hiss may be heard immediately upon start as the HF energizes. A bright blue light may be seen glowing from the front or side panel as the spark energizes. This is normal. If the torch switch or foot pedal is held down or stuck for more than 2-3 seconds with out initiating an arc, the unit may generate an error code.

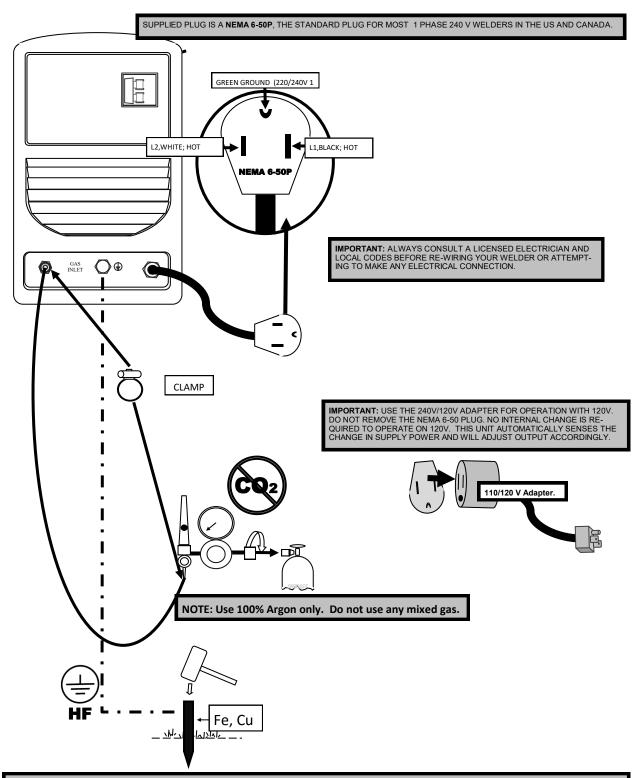


QUICK SETUP GUIDE: STICK POLARITY AND CONNECTIONS



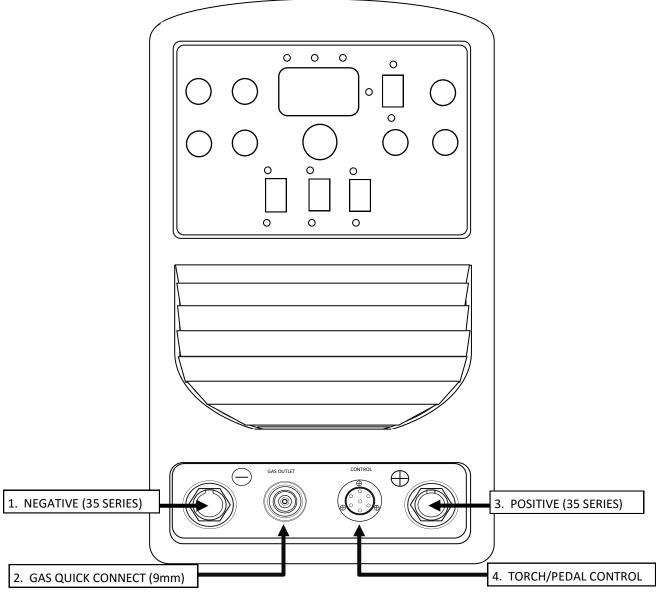
NOTE: Most stick (SMAW) electrodes require electrode positive (also referred to as DCEP (+) or reverse polarity) to weld correctly. Some electrodes may be rated for use with both electrode positive and electrode negative (DCEN(-) or straight polarity) by the electrode manufacturer. However, most electrodes are generally welded with an electrode positive connection regardless of the electrode negative polarity capability. When the electrode (welding rod) is rated for DCEN(-) use and is used that way, the arc may not penetrate as fully or may seem softer.

QUICK SETUP GUIDE: REAR CONNECTIONS FOR TIG / WIRING (US/Canada)



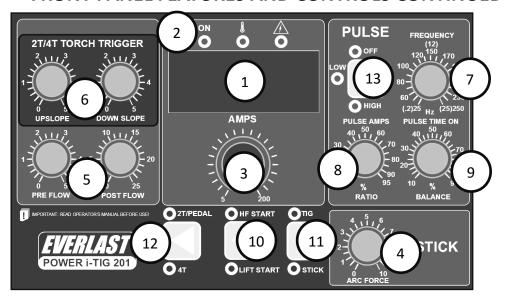
NOTE: TO PREVENT STRAY HIGH FREQUENCY INTERFERENCE, THIS UNIT PROVIDES AN ADDITIONAL GROUNDING POINT AT THE REAR OF THE UNIT. IT SHOULD BE DIRECTLY GROUNDED THROUGH A SEPARATE WIRE TO AN OUTSIDE METAL ROOD DRIVEN IN THE GROUND. THIS HELPS PREVENT BLEEDBACK OF HF INTO THE POWER GRID, AND HELPS MUTE HF INTERFERENCE. ADDITIONALLY, ALL SURROUNDING METAL OBJECTS SHOULD BE GROUNDED INCLUDING THE TABLE, PIPES, WALLS ETC. TO PREVENT ELECTRICAL INTERFERENCE WITH OTHER CIRCUITS. DO NOT COUPLE THIS WIRE TO THE GROUND PROVIDED IN THE ELECTRICAL CIRCUIT OR PANEL BOX.

POWER i-TIG 201 FRONT PANEL CONNECTIONS



POWER i-TIG 201	PARAMETERS	PURPOSE
1. Negative Connector	35 Series DINSE style connector	Always connect the TIG torch to the negative connector. Connect the work clamp to the negative side while in stick mode for most welding electrodes and applications.
2. Gas quick connect coupling	9 mm	This quick connector couples the Argon gas to the TIG torch. Slide the outer sleeve back to disconnect the gas line. Additional quick connects are available from Everlast if needed for aftermarket torches.
3. Positive Connector	35 Series DINSE style connector	While welding in TIG mode, always connect the work camp to this connector. For most stick mode applications, connect the electrode holder (torch) to this connector.
4. Torch/Pedal Control Connector	7 Pin Panasonic style connector	Connect TIG torch switch, torch amptrol, or foot pedal to this connector. Must be connected to activate TIG arc.

FRONT PANEL FEATURES AND CONTROLS CONTINUED

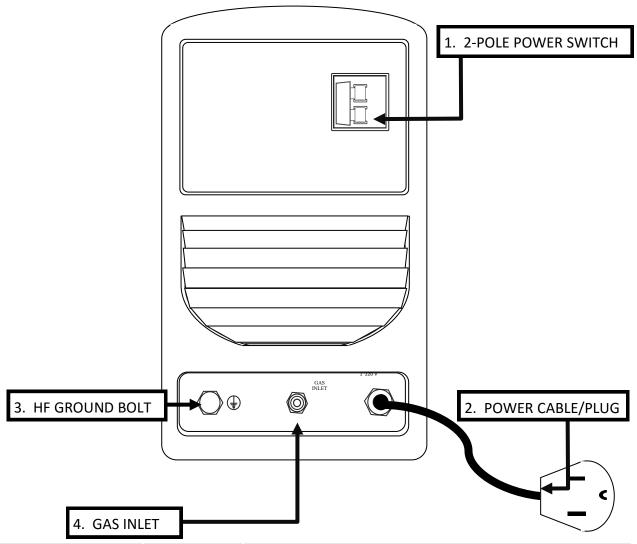


POWER i-TIG 201	PARAMETERS	PURPOSE
1. Amp Display	N/A	Displays maximum selected amps until the weld is started. Displays actual amps while welding. Display may cycle rapidly and randomly after pulse has been turned on. This is normal. The meter "samples" the pulse at a fixed rate and is not synchronized with the pulse. Immediately after the pulse is turned on, a short delay is built into the programming that prevents the display from cycling to allow the pulse to be adjusted. Once the adjustment is finished, pulse will begin to cycle after a few seconds if no input is made.
2. ON/ TEMP/CURRENT Indicator	Indicator/Warning Or Fault	On Indicator: Confirms unit is switched on. Temperature/Duty cycle Indicator (the thermometer symbol): Lights up and welding output is interrupted until the welder has cooled within normal limits. Allow 15 minutes before attempting to reset manually by cycling the power switch. Current fault indicator (triangle symbol with electrical symbol). This indicates that a voltage or amp fault has occured. Eliminate the source of the surge and manually cycle the power switch to reset. Check for improper wiring, undersized circuits or low/high voltage. If the light remains on after cycling the power switch, this may indicate a more serious internal fault was created during the event. In this case, contact Everlast.
3. Amp Control Knob	5-200 Amps	Sets Maximum limit for Amps with foot pedal or torch. Sets higher amp value for pulse.
4. Arc Force Control (DIG)	0-100%	Controls the arc response when an arc is held short and voltage begins to drop. Arc force automatically compensates by modifying the volt/amp curve to maintain the energy needed to weld. Represented as a percent of available amperage.
5. Pre/Post Flow Control	0-5/ 0-25 Seconds	Pre-Flow sets the amount of shielding gas flow time before arc starts. It is used to purge and flood the weld area with shielding gas so the arc start is stable and weld is porosity free. The pre-flow will delay the arc start. Set pre-flow for .5 ~1 second for best starting. Post-Flow sets the amount of shielding gas flow time after arc ends to shield the weld to prevent oxidation and cool the torch. Use 1 second post-flow or less for every 10 amps.
6. Up/Down Slope Control (Part of 2T/4T sequence)	0-5/ 0-5 Seconds	Ramps amps from start amp value to welding amp value (Up slope). Ramps amps from welding amp value to end amps value to fill crater (Down Slope).

FRONT PANEL FEATURES AND CONTROLS CONTINUED

POWER i-TIG 201	PARAMETERS	PURPOSE
7. Pulse Frequency Control	.5-250 Hz Low: .5-25 Hz High: 25-250 Hz	Represented by Hertz (Hz), the pulse frequency adjusts the actual number of times per second the pulse makes one complete cycle between welding amps (Peak value) and pulse amps (Background (low) amp value). This is also commonly referred to as Pulses Per Second (PPS). Low pulse frequencies are ideal for timing when filler metal is added. This helps improve appearance and uniformity. Higher pulse frequencies are useful for welding seams and edges of thin material. Also it is useful for overall heat control for thicker metals. Higher pulse frequencies are useful for automated welding processes. WARNING: WELDING AT HIGH PULSE FREQUENCIES INCREASES THE DECIBEL /NOISE LEVEL OF THE ARC. HEARING PROTECTION IS RECOMMENDED! The adjustment is not 100% linear and symmetrical in adjustment. The further clockwise the control is turned, the more rapidly the value increases.
8. Pulse Amps (Ratio) Control	5-95%	Sets the lower Pulse Amp (base or background current) value during the pulse cycle by adjusting it as a percent of Welding Amps. When pulse mode is selected, the main amp welding knob determines the Welding Amp (upper /peak) value.
9. Pulse Time On (Balance) Control	10-90%	Sets the duty cycle (balance) of the pulse, by dividing or skewing the amount of time the pulse is in the lower or upper stage of the pulse. The pulse consists of two stages: Welding Amps (Peak) and Pulse amps (base/background current). This is represented by a % of total time the pulse spends in the pulse amp part of the cycle during one full pulse. The control can be used to increase or decrease pulse amp time relative to the Welding Amp time of the cycle to help manage heat input.
10. HF Start/Lift Start	HF/Lift/ Stick	Selects type of TIG start. HF is touch free and activates during start only. Lift start requires brief touch to metal to draw an arc and is good for areas where sensitive electronics are present. Also selects Stick welding process.
11. TIG/Stick Selector Switch	N/A	Selects TIG or Stick process.
12. 2T/4T Sequencer Switch	2T -Pedal/4T	Used with the torch switch function. Select 2T for simple press and hold operation of the torch switch. Release the switch to cease operation. Select 4T for advanced use of the panel sequencer controls such as start/end amps, up/down slope. 1) Press and hold switch to start arc. 2) Release switch to begin current upslope to reach normal welding current. 3) Press and hold switch once again to begin downslope. 4) Release switch to terminate the arc. In 4T mode, if the puddle becomes too hot, it can be cooled by lightly tapping the switch to begin downslope and tapping again to restart upslope before end current is reached. Setting a long downslope helps improve heat control with this feature. IMPORTANT: For foot pedal use: Select 2T and turn up/down slope to minimum settings or the foot pedal will not operate correctly.
13. Pulse Off/High/Low Switch	Off/ Low/ High	Turns pulse on. Low range operates with a fine control from .5-25 Hz. High range operates with a more coarse range of control from 25-500 Hz

POWER i-TIG 201 REAR PANEL FEATURES AND CONTROLS



POWER i-TIG 201	PARAMETERS	PURPOSE
1. 2-Pole Power Switch	On/Off	The is the main power switch for the welder. Always turn the welder on and off by the switch first before turning off a main disconnect. The welder may run for an additional few seconds after switching off . This is normal
2. Power Cable and Plug	NEMA 6-50	The Power i-TIG 201 features dual voltage capability. The unit is equipped with a NEMA 6-50 Plug. This specific plug is designed for 220V use with welders. For use with 120V, use the pig tail adapter which steps down the unit to a standard 120 V power plug. Removal of the NEMA 6-50 Plug is not necessary. No other conversion is necessary as the unit automatically senses the lower input voltage and adjusts output.
3. HF Ground Bolt	N/A	If the operating environment includes electronic equipment, this connection can serve as a direct path to an outdoor grounded metal rod that is isolated from the main electrical circuit to help bleed off excess HF circuit. All metal parts inside the building should be grounded as well, including pipes, tables, and even metal siding. It is recommended that a small, separate ground wire (minimum 14 gauge) be attached at this point while in use if interference is suspected.
4. Gas Input Connection	5/8" CGA	This is the point where the Argon regulator connects. If you suspect leaking, test the connection with a solution of mild soapy water. If bubbles are seen, retighten. Avoid the use of thread tape unless absolutely necessary and use sparingly to prevent excess tape from getting stuck between the solenoid needle valve and seat.

REAR PANEL FEATURES AND CONTROLS CONTINUED

NOTE:

- 1. The gas input connection should be checked for tightness periodically, especially if the machine is moved.
- 2. Never operate welder on a generator that is not certified by its manufacturer to be "clean" power, which is less than 10% total harmonic distortion. Less than 5% is preferred. Operating the unit on square wave output or modified sine wave generator is strictly prohibited. Contact the manufacturer of the generator for this information. Everlast does not have an "approved" list of generators. But, if the generator is not listed as clean power by its manufacturer, then operation is prohibited. Generators that do not at least meet the operating input requirements of the welder are also forbidden to be used with the welders. Surge amp capability of the generator should equal or exceed the maximum inrush demand of the welder. But the surge capability should not be used as the only factor. The regular, running output of the generator should match or exceed the running or "rated" demand of the welder. Any damage done by operating the welder on a generator not specified by its manufacturer to be "clean", will not be covered under warranty. This also includes suspect power sources where voltage is below 208 V and above 250 V.

Welder Function Summary and Explanations.

1. 2T/4T sequencer. The 2T/4T feature allows operation of the TIG welder without a foot pedal. In many circumstances, a foot pedal is not practical for use. So, the 2T/4T function has been created to allow programming of the welder to simulate the activities of the foot pedal while providing more accurate control. The "T" refers to the number of "travels" of the remote switch required to operate the programming of the sequencer. 2T is essentially a "press and hold" operation and all programming is cycled automatically. Releasing the switch begins the final stage of programming. 4T operates differently in the fact that each touch activates a different stage of the programming, allowing for greater control. Also, in 4T, while actually welding at full amps, no finger contact with the switch is required. Following the graphic lines below, you can visually trace the activity and function of each part of the welding cycle. In either 2T or 4T operation the programming can be reset to "upslope" before reaching the end amp stage by pressing the switch once more. See the graphics below for further explanation. The up and down arrows indicate the switch travel direction.

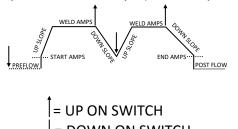
The following features are exclusive features that can only be used with the 2T/4T sequencer function:

1) Up Slope/Down Slope

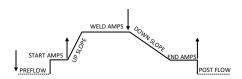
Pre-Flow and Post-Flow are features that work in conjunction with both the foot pedal and the 2T/4T sequencer. The start will be delayed until the pre-flow cycle has finished. Set for .5-1 seconds to reduce the arc start delay while providing adequate shielding for the tungsten and the weld at the beginning. Post flow time should be set longer and is used to provide shielding as the weld is cooling. Add more pre/post flow time for larger welds.

2. Cooling. When using the Power i-TIG, particularly during long periods of welding, even when not at maximum amps, leave the welder switched on to allow the unit to keep cooling. Switching the welder on and off while welding may saturate the heat sinks with heat and create an over temperature condition, triggering a thermal duty cycle shut down, even though very little welding has taken place.

2T Torch Operation Effect on Weld Cycle (Start/End Amps are fixed)



4T Torch Operation Effect on Weld Cycle (Start/End Amps are fixed)

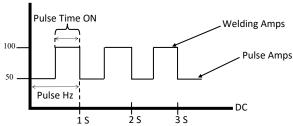


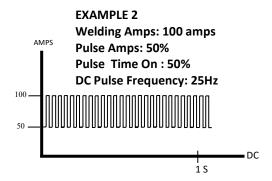
- 4. *Pulse*. The pulse creates two amp values, a high and a low value that cycle back and forth between each other while welding. The upper amperage is called the "welding amps" (sometimes called "peak" current) and the lower amperage is called "pulse amps" (sometimes called "background" or "base" current). This creates a situation where penetration can be achieved without overheating the metal, particularly on metals that are prone to structural deterioration or burn through. In effect you are creating an average of amps. The Power i-TIG 200 features three adjustable parameters concerning the pulse:
- 1. Pulse Amps. Both welding amps and pulse amps are independently set. Adjust the welding amps with the main control knob and the pulse amps with the pulse amp knob. However, when you adjust the pulse amps, you are actually setting a fixed ratio of amps expressed as a percentage of Welding Amps. When setting Welding Amps, the welder will display actual amp value when the pulse is turned on. However, after about 3-5 seconds, if you do not begin adjustment of the pulse amps, the meter will begin to fluctuate rapidly (depending upon frequency setting), sampling the pulse setting at odd points along the pulse cycle. To be able to read and set the pulse after the default setup time expires, turn the pulse frequency to the minimum setting first, then adjust the pulse amps. (If the default time expires before you are able to set the pulse amps, you may get a fairly accurate reading of the pulse amperage while it is pulsing slowly.) Alternatively, you can turn the pulse off and back on to reset the default display time. The display is not synchronized with the pulse so it samples at a set rate that is independent of pulse changes, which yields randomly fluctuating numbers. As you increase welding amperage, the pulse will maintain the same ratio of amps you have selected. To adjust the pulse amps to a desired setting using an example of 100 Welding Amps, setting the pulse amps to 50% yield s a 50 amp value for the pulse amps. The foot pedal will control both Welding Amps and Pulse Amps according to the %(Ratio) selected on the panel.
- 2. Pulse Frequency. Pulse speed or frequency as it is referred to is measured in the standard unit "Hertz". Simply, it is the number of pulses per second that occur. Pulse frequency controls the arc constriction and also helps with heat management.
- 3. Pulse Time On (Balance). Pulse Balance is the percentage (%) of time that the pulse stays in the pulse

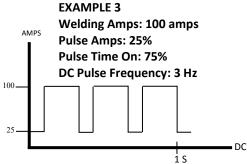
EXAMPLE 1
Welding Amps: 100 amps,
PulseAmps: 50%

Pulse Time On: 50%
DC Pulse Frequency: 1 Hz

AMPS







amp stage of the cycle. Increasing the Pulse time on will increase the duration the pulse amp stage of the cycle which in turn will decrease heat and still allow good penetration. Pulse Balance is also known in the industry as duty cycle. For welding purposes the term "Pulse Time On" is used here.

Setting up the pulse is not a process with a fixed adjustment procedure. Changes to frequency, balance, and time will skew the final result. A slow pulse with a equal 50% pulse time on and somewhere around a

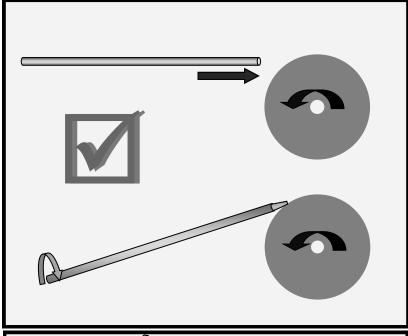
50-75% Pulse Amp setting is typically used to help with timing the addition of filler metal to the weld puddle. A higher pulse frequency level combined with variations in Pulse Time On and a narrow/wider ratio can be used to prevent burn through and speed up welding on thin materials. It can also help maintain a proper bead on a thin edge weld or prevent burn through on extremely thin metal. A fast pulse speed will make fine ripples in the weld while a slow pulse speed will give a much more coarse, but visually appealing result. There are limitless ways to adjust the pulse. Keep in mind though, that the basic purpose of the pulse is to average the heat input while maintaining penetration. Do not attempt to use pulse while in stick mode.

- 5. Arc Force Control. When stick welding, arc force is used to help improve performance of the welder with certain metals and welding rods. The arc force boosts current flow to match the demands of arc length and position. As an arc is held shorter, voltage tends to drop so extra amps are introduced to help maintain a steady arc.
- 6. Foot Pedal. 22k Ω . Select 2T on the panel. The foot pedal controls the full range of amps from 5 to 200 amps. The amps cannot limited on the panel. The pedal will always have a maximum limit of 200 amps. The foot pedal also controls both Welding Amps, and Pulse Amps through the ratio established by selecting the pulse Amp % on the panel. Welding with pulse and the foot pedal takes practice, as it will seem the welder is welding at less amps than it is. Be sure to turn the up/down slope to the minimum settings or the 2T programming will be active and interfere with pedal operation. The pedal cannot override the 2T slope controls if they are turned up. Do not attempt to control the stick function with the foot pedal. Foot pedal overrides amp control knob on panel and always has full range of amps at its disposal.
- 7. Air-Cooled vs. Water-cooled torch. A water-cooled torch may be necessary if operating consistently in the upper range of the unit if torch is too warm to handle comfortably. The units are equipped with a 17 or 26 series air-cooled torch which should serve well for light to average use, though you may feel them getting slightly warm. Keep in mind that if you decide on a water-cooled option, using a water-cooled torch even briefly without water can seriously and permanently damage your torch. In the case you need a water-cooled torch, you will need to purchase a water cooler

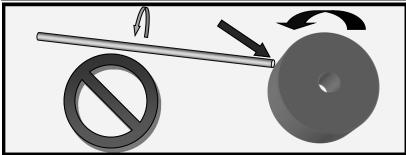
separately. Torches used without water-coolers cannot be warrantied unless cleared by Everlast. Everlast carries water-coolers designed to cool the maximum amp capacity of the welder. Everlast torches easily interchange consumables with brand-name torches with similar designations. Consumables should be available for local purchase at any supply house selling TIG welders. No special consumables are required. Although a small starter kit of consumables is included, you will need more consumables fairly quickly. No Tungsten is included with the starter kit. Actual starter kit contents may vary. Contact Everlast if you desire to purchase a torch consumable kit with an array of consumables and Tungsten samples for your torch. These kits offer everything you need for the torch you are using. Also available are gas lens kits and stubby consumable kits for your torch.

- 9. DINSE style connector. Everlast uses a 35/70mm² connector for both negative and positive connectors, which is a standard connector within the welding industry. This is commonly known as a 1/2" or 35 series DINSE-style connector. The connector allows the use of almost any brand or style of TIG torch.
- 10. 7 pin remote/foot pedal connector. This 7 pin connector is available from Everlast should it become damaged. See Pin-out reference found near the end of this manual.
- 11. Argon quick connect. This is a 9 mm size quick connect nipple. These are commonly available from Everlast or online sites which carry torches and fittings. Should you need a new one for your torch or damage yours, consult Everlast. Do not use a nipple that is scarred, bent or otherwise deformed. Damage to the female connector may result. Serious leaks may occur.
- 12. Low amp starts. The units have been configured to be able to start and weld at approximately 5(±2) amps. However, to obtain the most stable starts, a slightly higher amp setting may be required, or a smaller tungsten may be necessary. After the arc is started, amps may be reduced to a minimum level. This is accomplished by pressing down more on the foot pedal until the arc stabilizes, then backing the amps down slowly until the arc stabilizes at the minimum selected amps.
- 13. Argon Regulator. The argon regulator is calibrated in cfh for US and Canadian markets. (subject to change)

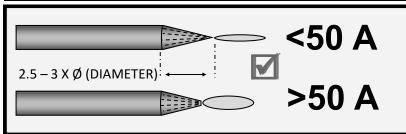
TUNGSTEN PREPARATION



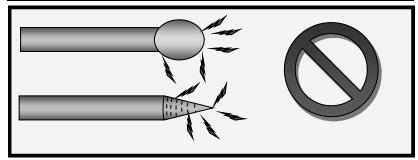
- 1. Use a dedicated grinding wheel or contamination may result. Do not breath grinding dust! Wear eye protection and gloves.
- 2. Hold Tungsten firmly.
- 3. Grind perpendicular to grinding wheel face. Allow tungsten to grind away slowly, creating point.
- 4. Rotate tungsten quickly as it is being ground to keep point even and symmetrical.



DO NOT GRIND TUNGSTEN
PARALLEL TO WHEEL FACE OR
AN UNSTABLE ARC WILL RESULT.



Use a point for low amp use to help control arc. Create a slight truncation on the tip for higher amp use for best arc stability. Grind the tip so that it is 2.5-3 times longer than the tungsten is wide (Diameter).



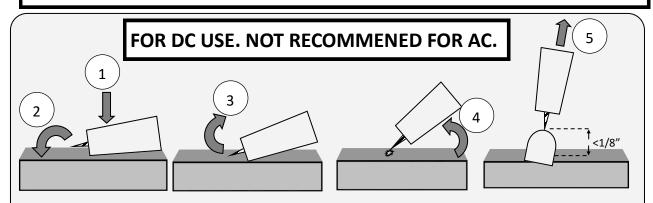
DO NOT BALL TUNGSTEN WHILE WELDING. ERRATIC ARC WILL RESULT. MAKE SURE GRINDING MARKS RUN PARALLEL TO TIP. CONCENTRIC MARKS WILL CAUSE ERRATIC ARC.

NEVER USE PURE (GREEN) TUNGSTEN IN AN INVERTER WELDER.

SEE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS ABOUT TUNGSTEN SELECTION FOUND IN THIS MANUAL ON NEXT PAGE.

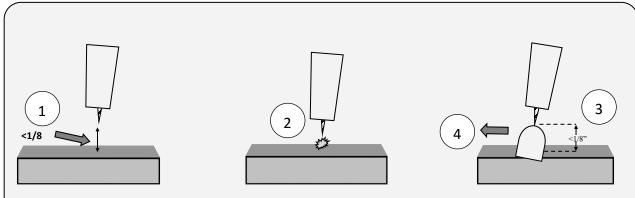
LIFT START TIG OPERATION

Note: A Lift TIG start should be done with a nearly seamless motion. Use a light touch and a quick motion for best results.



- 1. Position the edge of the ceramic cup on the metal. Press and hold the torch switch or press the foot pedal. Wait for the Pre-flow to start. (Make sure pre-flow is set for less than .5 seconds or start will be delayed.)
- 2. Quickly rotate cup so that the tungsten comes in brief contact (< .5 seconds) with the metal.
- 3. After contact with the metal, quickly rock the torch back so that the tungsten breaks contact with the metal.
- 4. An arc should form. As the arc grows, raise the cup up off the metal and slowly rotate the torch into welding position.
- 5. Leave 1/8" or less gap between the tungsten tip and the metal. Proceed with welding, leaving the torch inclined at a 15° angle.

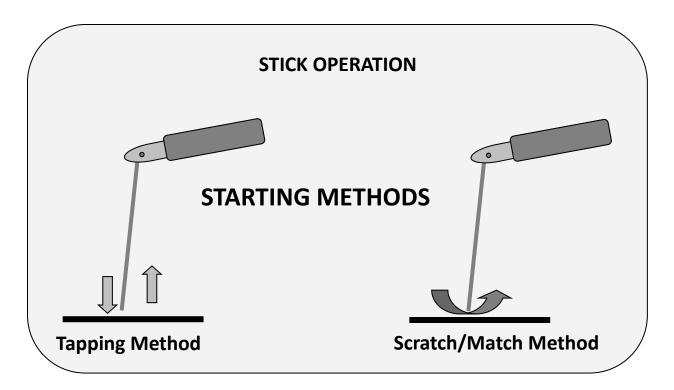
HIGH FREQUENCY START TIG OPERATION



- 1. Position the point of the sharpened tungsten about 1/8" or less above the metal.
- 2. Press the torch trigger or press the foot pedal to initiate the arc. The HF arc will be initiated. It may appear briefly as a blue spark.
- 3. An arc should form, almost immediately after the pre-flow cycle is completed. HF arc initiation will be delayed by the amount of pre-flow time used. If arc does not start after the pre-flow interval, and the HF is creating a spark, then check the work clamp contact with the work piece. Move the tungsten closer to the work. Repeat steps 1 and 2.
- 4. Leave 1/8" or less gap between the tungsten tip and the metal and proceed with welding, leaving the torch inclined at a 15° angle.

General TIG Arc Starting Steps

- 1. Turn unit on, allow time for power up cycle to complete its start up process.
- ${\bf 2. \ Select\ either\ HF\ or\ Lift\ Start\ TIG\ with\ the\ HF/Lift\ Start/Stick\ selector\ switch.}$
- 3. Plug in Torch and select 4T or 2T mode with the selector switch *OR* plug in foot pedal and select 2T.
- 4. If using the torch switch, select up/down slope time by rotating the knob to increase/decrease the ramp up or ramp down time of the amperage.
- 5. Adjust amps with amp control knob.
- 7. Start arc as depicted above.
- 7. If using 2T, continue to hold the torch switch until you are ready to stop welding. Release the switch. The Arc will then cease. If using pedal raise foot fully off the pedal and arc will stop automatically.
- 8. If using 4T, release the switch, after arc initiates. Continue to weld without holding the switch down. To stop, press and release the switch again.



- 1. Turn on the power switch on the rear of the unit. Allow unit to cycle through its start up program.
- 2. Select the Stick mode with the HF/Lift Start/Stick selector switch.
- 3. Make sure electrode holder is hooked into the positive connector and the work clamp is hooked the negative connector.
- 4. Select the amps desired. Use the electrode diameter selection chart in this manual to determine the approximate range of amps suitable for the rod size selected. Consult the welding electrode manufacturer's recommendation for proper amperage range. Each manufacturer has specific recommendations for its electrodes.
- 5. Use the arc force control to select the desired arc characteristics, creating the desired arc characteristic and automatic amp response needed to maintain the arc when voltage falls below the threshold. 6011 Cellulose electrodes will require more arc force control than other rods, but each brand and size will weld a little differently. The arc force control setting will vary from person to person as well, with different rod angles, positions, and arc lengths all factoring into the arc force control performance.
- 6. Strike the arc with either the tapping method or the match strike method. Beginners usually find that the match strike method yields best results. Professionals tend to gravitate toward the tapping method because of its placement accuracy which helps prevent arc striking outside of the weld zone.

IMPORTANT: Do not weld in the TIG mode with the stick electrode holder still attached.

GENERAL POLARITY RECOMMENDATIONS*

PROCESS	TORCH POLARITY	WORK POLARITY
TIG (GTAW)	-	+
STICK (SMAW)	+	-

TIG (GTAW) OPERATION GUIDE FOR STEEL

METAL THICKNESS	WELDING AMPS (A)	TUNGSTEN DIA.	Ar FLOW RATE
1-3 mm/.040"-1/8"	40-80	1-2 mm/.040"-3/32"	8-15 CFH /4-7 lpm
3-6 mm/ 1/8"-1/4"	80-200	2-3 mm/ 3/32"-1/8"	15-25 CFH/ 7-14 lpm
6-10 mm 1/4"-3/8"	150-200	3-6 mm/ 1/8"-1/4"	20+ CFH/10-15 lpm.

STICK (SMAW) OPERATION GUIDE

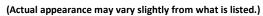
METAL THICKNESS	ELECTRODE SIZE	WELDING AMPS
< 1 mm/.040"	1.5 mm/ 1/16"	20-40
2 mm/.080"	2 mm/3/32"	40-50
3 mm/ 1/8"	3.2 mm/1/8"	90-110
4-5 mm/ 3/16"	3.2-4 mm/ 1/8"	90-130
6-10 mm/ 1/4"-3/8"	4–5 mm/ 1/8"-5/32"	130-200

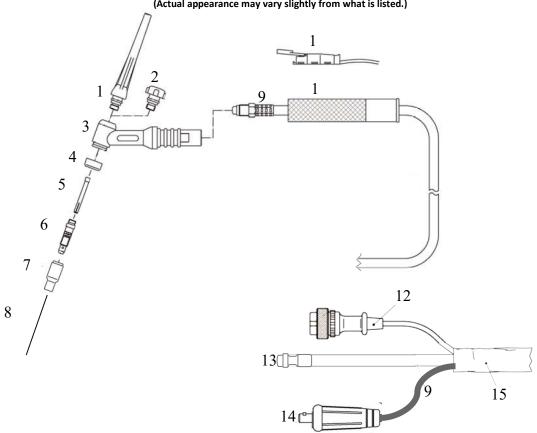
TUNGSTEN SELECTION GUIDE FOR AN INVERTER

TYPE	PERCENT	COLOR	PROCESS	RECOMMENDATION
Pure	100% Tungsten	Green	AC	NOT RECOMMENDED! Do not use in an inverter. (AC not available on Power i-TIG 201 Model).
Thoriated (slightly radioactive)	2% Thorium	Red	AC/DC	YES. Great for all purpose welding. Most economical.
Ceriated	2% Ceria	Orange	AC/DC	YES. Good for low amp use.
Lanthanated	1.5% Lanthanum	Gold	AC/DC	YES. Best alternative to 2% Thoriated. Tough performer.
Lanthanated	2% Lanthanum	Blue	AC/DC	YES. Slight advantage over 1.5% Lanthanated.
Zirconiated	1% Zirconia	Brown	AC	NOT RECOMMENDED! Do not use in an inverter.

NOTE: Thoriated tungsten is slightly radioactive, but is commonly used in the US. Care should be used when grinding so as not to breath the dust. If you have concerns about Thoriated (red) tungsten, choose from Lanthanated or Ceriated tungsten.

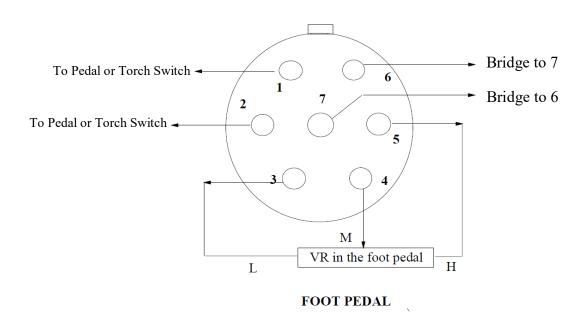
EXPANDED VIEW OF TIG TORCH





NO.	PARTS FOR 17/26 Series Torch (STYLE MAY VARY)	QTY.
1	Long Back Cap with O-Ring	
2	Short Back Cap	Opt.
3	Torch Head	1
4	Insulator	1
5	Collet 1/16 or 3/32	1
6	Collet Holder	1
7	Ceramic Cup #5,6, or 7	1
8	Tungsten (customer supplied)	0
9	Torch Cable	1
10	Torch Handle (Blue ergo handle std, not pictured)	1
11	Torch Switch (Built into ergo handle, separate on straight handle)	1
12	Torch Switch Connector	1
13	9mm (1/8") b quick connect coupling (male)	1
14	Power Connector	1
15	Protective Synthetic Rubber Cover	1

7 PIN CONNECTOR FOR 22K Ω FOOT PEDAL



TROUBLE:	CAUSE/SOLUTION
Machine will not turn on.	Check cords and wiring in the plug. Check circuit breaker.
Machine runs, but will not weld in either mode.	Check for sound work clamp and cable connections. Make sure work cable and TIG Torch are securely fastened to the Dinse style connector. Reset main power switch if overcurrent light is on. Contact Technical Support.
Arc will not start unless lift started.	Check HF point gap. Set to .035" See next page and/or contact Technical Support. Make sure unit is set to HF
Tungsten is rapidly consumed.	Inadequate gas flow. Too small of tungsten. Wrong shielding gas. Use only Ar. Using green tungsten. Use red thoriated or other color. Wrong polarity.
Tungsten is contaminated, arc changes to a green color.	Tungsten is dipping into weld. Check and adjust stick out to minimum 1/8 inch. Tungsten is melting. Reduce amperage or increase tungsten size.
Porosity of the Weld. Discolored weld color. Tungsten is discolored.	Low flow rate of shielding gas. High flow rate of shielding gas. Too short of post flow period. Wrong TIG cup size. Possible gas leaks internally or externally due to loose fittings. Base metal is contaminated with dirt or grease.
Weld quality is poor. Weld is dirty/oxidized.	Eliminate drafts. Check if there is sufficient shielding gas left in tank. Check gas flow. Adjust for higher flow of gas. Listen for audible click of gas solenoid. If no click is heard, then contact Everlast Support. Clean weld properly. Too short of post flow. Check tungsten stick out.
Over current/Duty cycle LED illuminates. Machine runs, but no output.	Duty cycle exceeded or Over current. Allow machine to cool. Reset main power switch after full cool down period. Make sure fan is not blocked. Check wiring.
Unstable Arc.	Poorly ground or shaped tungsten. Regrind to proper point. Wrong polarity. Place torch in DC negative (-).
Other issues.	Contact Everlast support.

POINT GAP ADJUSTMENT

Note: Although point gap adjustment is usually considered a part of regular maintenance, and is not an item covered by warranty, the following adjustment process is intended for experienced users only. If you suspect you have a a problem with the point gap due to hard starting of the arc, contact Everlast Tech Support before proceeding with point gap adjustment for proper diagnosis and a more detailed adjustment procedure.

To open the unit to adjust the point gap:

- 1) Unplug the welder. Wait 20 minutes to allow capacitors to discharge to prevent possible shock and injury. WARNING: If possible, do not touch unrelated circuits and components, especially capacitors, during this adjustment process to reduce the chance of possible shock and injury.
- 2) Remove the Rear plastic cover by removing screws with a small screw driver, remembering to remove screws holding the cover that are located on the bottom. There is no need to remove the front cover.
- 3) Remove screws in metal cover. Gently spread the bottom of the cover with your fingers about 1" on either side. Simultaneously slide the metal cover toward the rear and pull up to remove the cover from the chassis.



- 4) Locate the HF board located toward the front of the unit. This board is mounted under the top metal pan and the points should be visible from the left side (side determined by facing the front of the unit). The points will have two carbon contacts hanging under the bottom of the metal pan. These will be held in place by two brass nuts that are used to lock the contacts in place. Check the point gap with either a feeler gauge by sliding it between the points. Access may be tight, but try several angles to get the feeler gauge in between the points. The gap should be set to anywhere between .030 "and .045", with .035" being preferred.
- 5) If adjustment is needed, loosen the locking nuts slightly so that the end of the brass contact holder can be rotated with a small flat bladed screw driver. Slowly adjust the points until slight contact is made with the feeler gauge. When completed hold the contact in place with the screw driver while the locknut is retightened, making sure the contact holder does not rotate in the process.
- 6) Recheck the point gap. Make any necessary re-adjustments. Reassemble the unit.