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POWERTIG 250EX



Operator's Manual for the PowerTig 250EX

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.**

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.

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.**

Let us know how we may be of service to you should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Everlast Customer Service

Serial number: _____

Model number: _____

Date of Purchase _____



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Everlast is dedicated to providing you with the best possible equipment and service to meet the demanding jobs that you have. We want to go beyond delivering a satisfactory product to you. That is the reason we offer technical support to assist you with your needs should an occasion occur. With proper use and care your product should deliver years of trouble free service.



Safe operation and proper maintenance is your responsibility.

We have compiled this operator's manual, to instruct you in basic safety, operation and maintenance of your Everlast product to give you the best possible experience. Much of welding and cutting is based upon experience and common sense. As thorough as this welding manual may be, it is no substitute for either. Exercise extreme caution and care in all activities related to welding or cutting. Your safety, health and even life depends upon it. While accidents are never planned, preventing an accident requires careful planning.

Please carefully read this manual before you operate your Everlast unit. This manual is not only for the use of the machine, but to assist in obtaining the best performance out of your unit. Do not operate the unit 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 please contact Everlast Support.

The warranty does not cover improper use, maintenance or consumables. **Do not attempt to alter or defeat any piece or part of your unit, 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.



HF can interfere with pacemakers. 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.

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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 or 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!**

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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 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 you are comfortable with proper operation and are able to assume inherent risks of cutting or welding.

PowerTIG 250EX



Water-Cooled, 18 Series Torch Assembly
12.5 ft



Argon Regulator



Consumable Kit
(Does not include Tungsten)



Work Clamp



47K Ω
Foot Pedal Assembly



Stick Electrode Holder

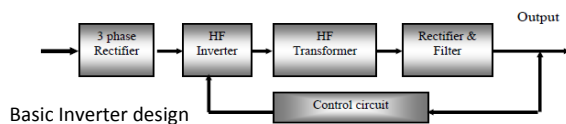
NOTE: Accessory and consumable style and quantities are subject to change without notice.

PowerTIG 250 EX TIG/Stick Welder	Specification
Process	AC/DC GTAW-P/DC SMAW
Inverter Type	Analog, IGBT Module Construction
Minimum/Maximum Rated Output TIG	AC/DC: 5 A/10.2 V - 250 A/20 V ($\pm 3A$)
Minimum/Maximum Rated Output Stick	5 A/20.2 V - 200 A/28 V ($\pm 3A$)
Start Type	HF and Lift Start
HF Point Gap	.030"-.045" (.035" suggested)
TIG Duty Cycle @ Rated Amps/Volts	60% @ 250 A/ 20 .0 V 100% @ 200 A/ 18 .0 V
Stick Duty Cycle @ Rated Amps/Volts	35% @ 200 A/ 28.0 V 60% @ 160 A/ 26.4 V 100% @ 130 A/ 25.2 V
OCV (U_0)	70 V
Voltage Input (U_1)	Standard 220/ 240 V; 50/60Hz 1 and 3 Phase
Maximum Inrush Amps (I_{1MAX})	45 A @ 220 V
Maximum Operating Amps (Rated Effective) (I_{1EFF})	36 A @ 220 V
Gas Pre-Flow /Post Flow Time	0-10 Seconds/ 0-25 Seconds
Start Amps/End Amps	5-250 A/ 5-250 A ($\pm 3A$)
Up/Down Slope	0-10/0-25 Seconds
AC Frequency Control	20-250 Hz
AC Balance Control	10-90% of Electrode Positive (EP)
Pulse Frequency Hz (Pulses Per Second)	.5-500 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 High Velocity Fan with Tunnel design
Dimensions (approximate)	18" H X 10" W X 25" L
Weight (Bare Unit)	70 lbs

SECTION 1

General overview: The new, redesigned 250 EX Pulse-TIG/Stick welder from Everlast is the latest in a new generation of analog style GTAW-P /SMAW inverter welders. With Infineon IGBT components the inverter cycles at a frequency of up to 120 kHz, to deliver a stable, smooth arc. Several key design elements give the PowerTig 250 EX a competitive edge:

- A. Siemens IGBT modules improve reliability while make servicing a unit quicker, and more cost efficient. Most parts are standard components reducing the cost of long term repair.
- B. Full bridge design features soft switching technology which further extends IGBT component life and extends its capabilities.
- C. Improved HF point design offers better and more stable arc starts, even at lower amperages.
- D. Features automatic over-voltage, over current and duty cycle protection (over-heat).
- E. The square wave design creates a stable arc in AC, with a fast melting puddle and good wet in.
- F. Arc force control and built in hot start helps improve the SMAW process performance.
- G. New, improved design offers more intuitive adjustments , and provides better panel protection.



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 compressed air. Regular maintenance will extend the life of the unit.

IMPORTANT: Before opening 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.

Do not restrict air flow or movement of air around the welder. Allow a buffer distance of 2 ft from all sides if possible, with a minimum distance of at least 18" clearance. Do not operate the welder immediately in the

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weld area or the force 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. Make sure the panel is protected from damage during welding and cutting operations by flipping down the clear protective cover.

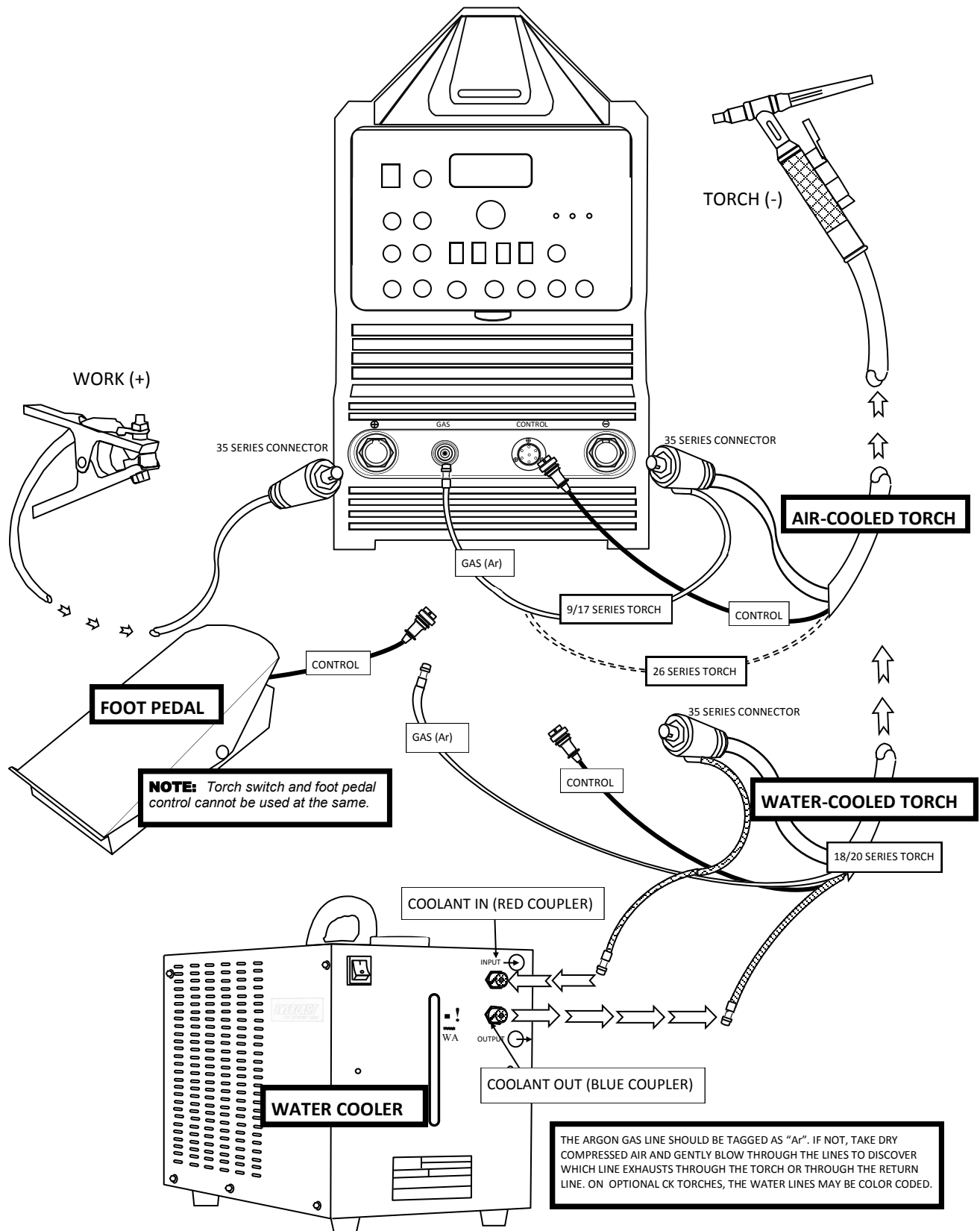
Duty Cycle. For the 250EX, the duty cycle is rated for 60% at 250 amps.(220/240 V 1 and 3 phase). The duty cycle is based off a 10 minute duty cycle rating at 40° C. This means that the unit is capable of being operated at the stated amps for 6 out of every 10 minutes without a break to cool down the unit. This does NOT mean that the unit can work 60% of any greater length of time. A full 4 minute rest should be given to the welder for maximum life. The temperature light will come on and the welder will automatically stop welding when an overheat condition has occurred. If the light is on but the unit does not stop welding, this does not necessarily mean that you have not exceeded duty cycle. Heat will continue to be generated by and transferred to the electronics after welding has ceased. Welding in humid, or hot conditions can affect duty cycle as well. Do not shut down an overheated welder until it has safely cooled. Once the overheated condition has cleared, welding can resume. Do not operate the welder with the covers removed.

HF Start. The welder uses High Frequency to start the arc. HF is generated by a point gap system similar to an older automotive point/coil system. A slight buzz, or hiss may be heard immediately upon start as the HF energizes. A bright blue light may be emitted from the front or side panel as the spark energizes. This is normal and safe as long as the covers are in place.

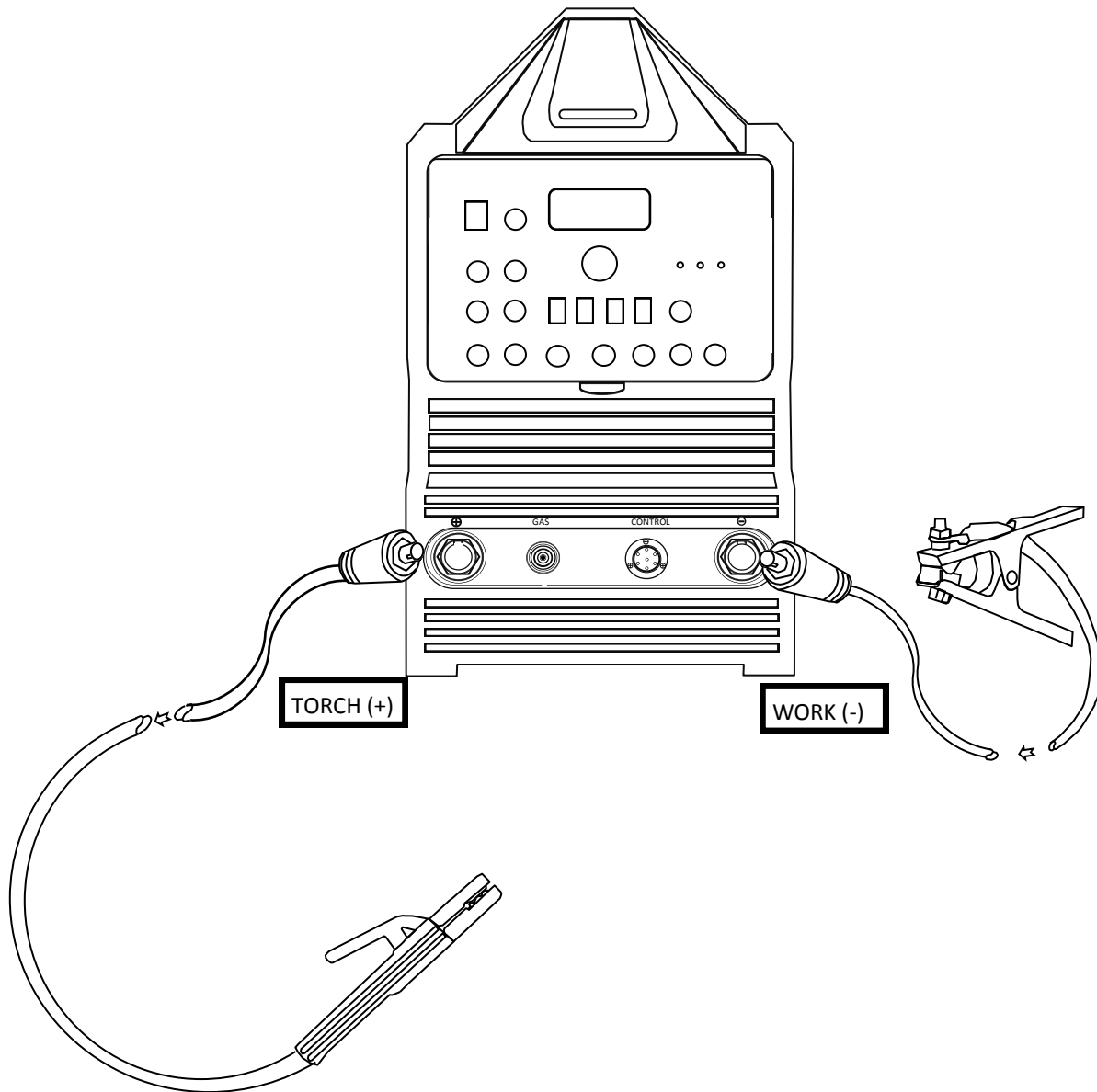


This manual has been compiled to give an overview of operation and is designed to offer information centered around safe, practical use of the welder. Welding is inherently dangerous. Only YOU, the operator of this welder, can ensure that safe operating practices are followed, through the exercise of common sense practices and training. Do not operate this machine until you have fully read the manual, including the safety section. If you think that you do not have the skill or knowledge to safely operate this welder, do not use this welder until formal training is received.

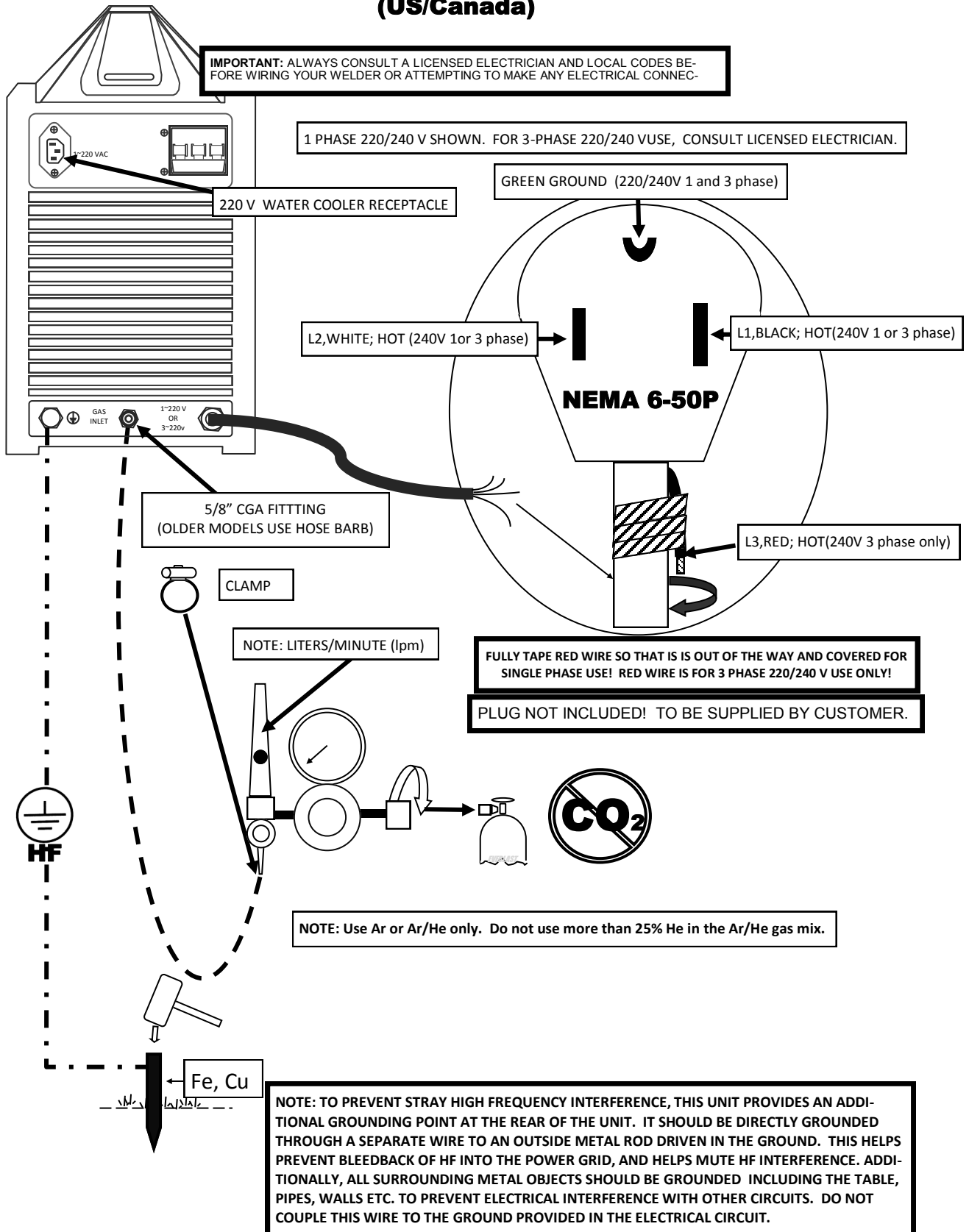
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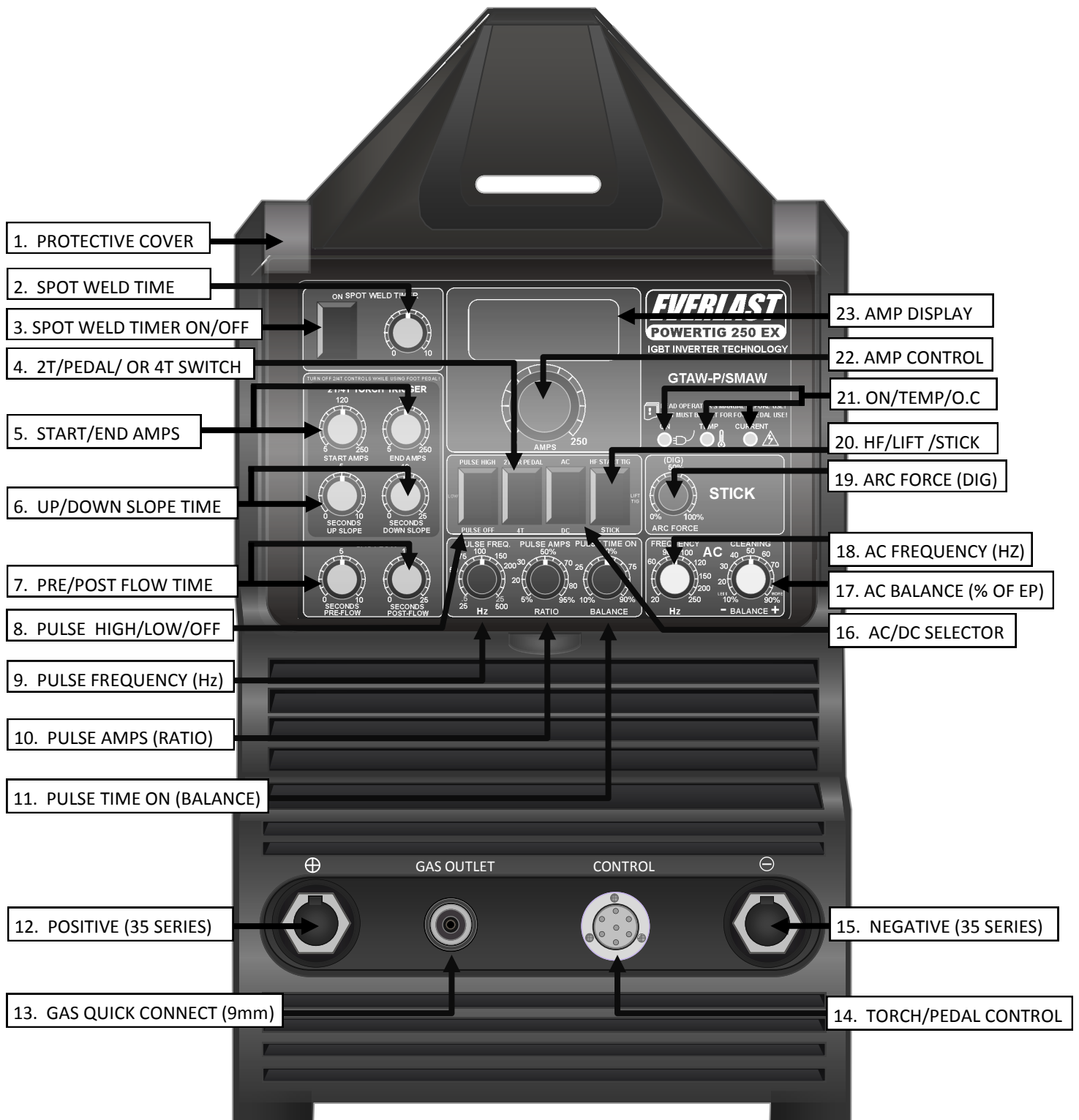
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QUICK SETUP GUIDE: REAR CONNECTIONS AND WIRING (US/Canada)



FRONT PANEL FEATURES AND CONTROLS



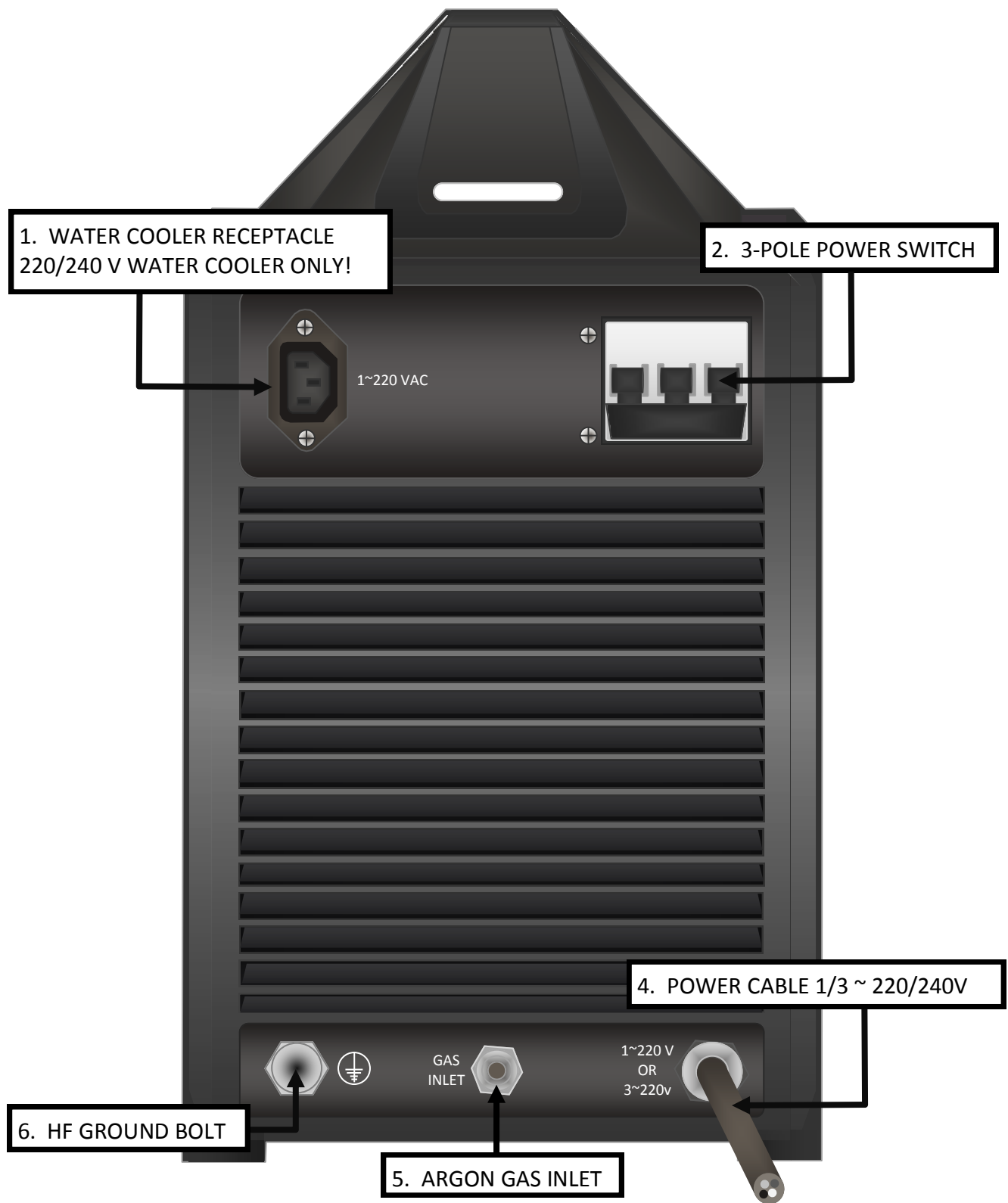
FRONT PANEL FEATURES AND CONTROLS CONTINUED

POWERTIG 250EX FEATURES	PARAMETERS	PURPOSE
1. Protective Cover	N/A	Clear hinged cover protects panel from damage. Keep closed during welding operations.
2. Spot Weld Timer Switch	On/Off	Activates Spot Weld Timer circuit. Use only in 2T with torch switch or foot pedal. It may also be used with CNC circuits to time spot welds. (Use pins 1 and 2) Contact Everlast for further support and use of the Spot weld timer with CNC related equipment if needed.
3. Spot Weld Timer Control	0-10 Seconds	Selects amount of time the arc remains energized when the torch switch is pressed to yield uniform spot welds. Once the weld timer times out, the arc will stop automatically.
4. 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, turn start/end amps and up/down slope to minimum settings or the foot pedal will not operate correctly.
5. Start/End Amps Control (Part of 2T/4T sequence)	5-250 Amps	Serves as the 2T/4T beginning and final amp value while using the torch switch. Allows the arc to be started and ended at a different amp value than normal welding while using the torch switch. Typically used to start the weld puddle more quickly/slowly and to fill the puddle at the end of the weld at a lower amp value to prevent cracking. Must be turned to the minimum setting (fully left) while the foot pedal is in use or arc start/finish may flare unexpectedly. The foot pedal does not override these features.
6. Up/Down Slope Control (Part of 2T/4T sequence)	0-10/ 0-25 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).
7. Pre/Post Flow Control	0-10/ 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.
8. 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
9. Pulse Frequency Control	.5-500 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.
10. 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 knob determines the Welding Amp (upper /peak) value.
11. 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 upper (Peak) part 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 upper (peak) stage of one full pulse. The control can be used to increase or decrease welding amp (Peak) time relative to the pulse amp time of the cycle to help manage heat input.
12. Positive Connector	35-70 mm ²	Location of the positive terminal connection. DINSE-style connector. (35 Series) For Stick: Torch connection. For TIG: Work Clamp Connection.

FRONT PANEL FEATURES AND CONTROLS CONTINUED

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13. Quick Connect Gas Outlet	9 mm	Connects the gas to the TIG torch. To connect: Push the torch fitting into the connector until the collar slides forward with a click. To Release: Slide the collar back.
14. Control Connector	7 Pin	Connect the foot pedal or torch switch to this socket to control the welder. Only the foot pedal or torch control connector can be plugged in at one time. If the torch has a torch switch feature, tie the loose connector back or leave it hanging while using the pedal.
15. Negative Connector	35-70 mm ²	Location of the negative terminal connection. Dinse-style. (35 series) For Stick: Work Clamp Connection. For TIG: Torch Connection
16. AC/DC Selector	AC/DC process	Select DC output for Steel, Stainless and most metals. Select AC output for Aluminum and Magnesium alloys.
17. AC Balance Control	10-90% of EP	Selects the percent of Electrode Positive (EP) used during AC welding to provide cleaning. This divides the amount of time that the AC cycle is in Electrode Positive or Electrode Negative during one full AC cycle. It controls the amount of cleaning and penetration via a ratio to achieve the best balance while welding on AC. When the control knob is rotated left, more Electrode Negative is present and more penetration will be achieved. When the control knob is rotated right, more Electrode Positive is present and more cleaning (cathodic etching) will be achieved. Too much cleaning action will result in tungsten balling or splitting, making a larger tungsten necessary for the same amperage range. Too little cleaning can result in dirty, sooty welds and even a dull weld appearance. NOTE: This is expressed as a percent of full EP Polarity. This unit uses 100% Electrode Positive as the reference, which is just the opposite from some other brands. Using the welder in excess of 50% EP can vaporize the tungsten. It can also reduce the duty cycle of the welder. For most welds, no more than 45% cleaning is needed. Ideally, start with 30% EP for a reference point, and adjust it up or down to achieve best results.
18. AC Frequency Control	20-250 Hz	Controls the number of times per second that the current alternate in AC mode. To achieve greater arc focus (constriction) and increase puddle agitation while welding in AC mode, increase AC frequency. This allows pinpoint use on thin materials, and helps penetration on thicker materials. Ideal adjustment range is usually 100-150 Hertz. For comparison most transformer welders in the US operate on 60 Hz. Greater results can be achieved through the use of the higher frequency range of this welder. Lower Frequencies will widen and soften the arc but reduce the level of control. WARNING: INCREASING THE AC FREQUENCY ALSO INCREASES THE DECIBEL / NOISE LEVEL OF THE AC WELDING ARC. HEARING PROTECTION SHOULD BE WORN!
19. 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.
20. HF Start/Lift Start/Stick Switch	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.
21. On/Temperature/ Over Current	Indicator/ Warning Or Fault	On Indicator: Confirms unit is switched on. Temperature Indicator: Lights up and stops welding output until the welder has cooled within normal limits. Allow 10 minutes before attempting to reset manually by cycling the power switch. If the light does not go out after the cool down period by cycling the switch, or if comes on again when the arc is struck, contact Everlast. Over Current Indicator: Lights up when a voltage /amp surge has surpassed the units capabilities. Eliminate the source of the surge and manually cycle the power switch to reset. If the light remains on after cycling the switch, this may indicate a unit fault created during the over current event. In this case, contact Everlast.
22. Amp Control Knob	5-250 Amps	Sets Maximum limit for Amps with foot pedal or torch. Sets higher amp value for pulse.
23. 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 in 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.

REAR PANEL FEATURES AND CONTROLS



REAR PANEL FEATURES AND CONTROLS CONTINUED

POWERTIG 250EX FEATURES	PARAMETERS	PURPOSE
1. Water Cooler Receptacle	IEC 60320-1 “C-14”	This connection supplies power to the Everlast PowerCool 300 water cooler. This is a 220 VAC outlet. Do not use this connection to power any other device. 4 amp max.
2. HF Ground Bolt	N/A	HF energy can be devastating to surrounding electronic equipment. 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. HF energy has been known to bleed back into the power grid and disrupt electronic devices further down the grid. If the point gap becomes out of adjustment, more HF energy may build up, or even jump across circuitry within the welder. It is recommended that a small, separate ground wire (minimum 14 gauge) be attached at this point while in use.
5. Gas Input Connection	5/8” CGA Fitting (Older North American and international models are fitted with a 1/4-5/16” hose barb)	This is the point where the shielding gas from the regulator connects. The unit is supplied with tubing and clamps which connect this fitting to the regulator. New units for the US and Canada use the industry standard 5/8” CGA fitting for maximum compatibility with different regulators. The international hose barb design allows universal connection of the welder to almost any regulator or setup found throughout the world. Make sure the tubing is slides fully over the hose barb connector and thoroughly tighten the hose clamp. Use an additional clamp if necessary to prevent leaking. If you suspect leaking with the CGA or Hose barb type fitting, test the connection with a solution of mild soapywater. If bubbles are seen, retighten or reinstall the tubing.
4. Power Cord	220/240 V 1 and 3 phase.	The PowerTIG 250 EX can be used with either one or three phase 220/240 V power, including good quality 208 V power. The power cord contains 4 separate wires. Everlast uses standard wire color codes for welders. Standard welder wire colors are L-1 black (hot), L-2 white (hot), and green (ground) for 1 phase 220/240 V. Standard wire colors for 3 phase 220/240 V are L-1 black (hot), L-2 white, L-3 red (hot) and green (ground). Do not attempt to use a 4 wire 1 phase 220/240 connection. NOTE: In many home circuits, red and black are the power wires. But in standard welding circuitry, white and black are hot wires. Green is always the ground in both circuits. There is NO neutral in a standard welder circuit. The suggested single phase plug for the PowerTIG 250 EX is the NEMA 6-50, which is the standard 50 amp welder plug used on single phase welders in the US and Canada. See wiring diagram for more details on wiring this plug. Always consult a licensed electrician who is aware of local codes before attempting any wiring of the welder or of the power circuits. Everlast is not responsible for any miswiring or damage caused to the unit by miwiring the welder. If additional help is needed, contact Everlast. WARNING: DO NOT CONNECT THE WELDER TO 460/480 V 1 OR 3 PHASE POWER , OR SEVERE DAMAGE WILL RESULT TO THE WELDER!
5. 3-Pole Power Switch	On/Off	The breaker switch has 3 poles. It serves as the On/Off switch for the welder. Always turn the welder on and off by the switch first before using any disconnect. In single phase, only two poles are active. The remaining pole is inactive until it is connected to three phase power.

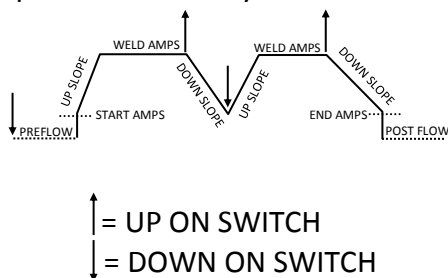
NOTES:

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.

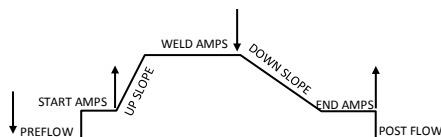
Welder Function Summary and Explanations.

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.

2T Torch Operation Effect on Weld Cycle



4T Torch Operation Effect on Weld Cycle

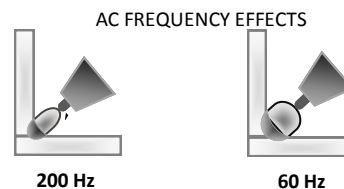


Most of the green coded controls on the welder panel are devoted to the use of the 2T/4T operation and should not be used with foot pedal. The following features are exclusive features that can only be used with the 2T/4T sequencer function:

- 1) Start/End Amps
- 2) 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 preflow cycle has finished. Set for .5-1 seconds for best results. Add more pre/post flow time for larger welds.

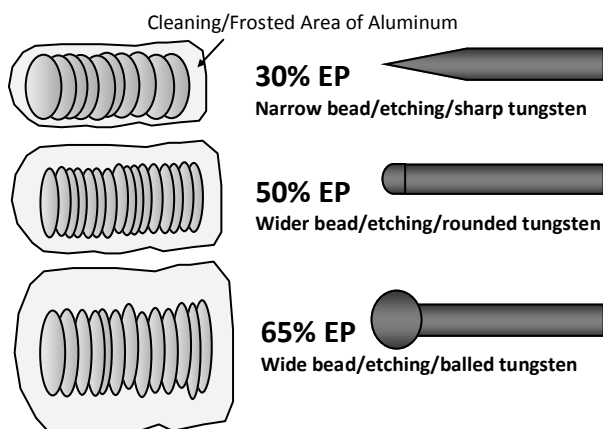
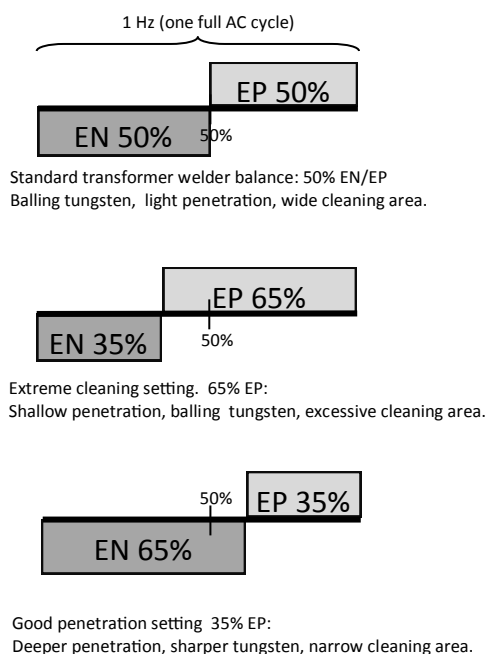
2. *AC Frequency.* The AC frequency only applies to the AC mode. Standard transformer welders typically have a fixed frequency of 60 Hz which is essentially the line input frequency supplied by the power company. But with inverters, the AC frequency adjustment is practically limitless due to the IGBT components that create the welding power. Frequency adjustment is useful to help improve the directional control of the arc, and to focus the arc so that a narrower bead profile can be achieved. Also, at higher frequencies, the puddle agitation is greater which improves the breakup of undesirable oxides. A setting of 100-120 Hz is a good starting point. See the graphic below.



3. *AC Balance.* The advanced form of AC square wave output is formed by alternating polarity rapidly between electrode negative and electrode positive, creating a wave form that resembles a square “sine” wave when viewed on an oscilloscope. Normally, with standard transformer welders, both standard sine wave and even square wave welders have little or no way to adjust the balance of EN to EP, which results in having to weld with a molten ball at the tip of the tungsten and a less stable arc. Electrode negative (EN) provides penetration in the TIG welding process. Electrode positive (EP) creates a strong reverse flow of electricity that breaks up the weld-resistant oxidation that covers aluminum and magnesium components. EP also places a lot of heat on the tungsten. In a “balanced” wave where both EP and EN are equal in time length (50%), penetration is reduced and overcleaning results in wide etch lines running parallel to

the side of the weld. Not all weld conditions will be alike, so more cleaning is required at times than others. Similarly, more penetration will be required at times than others. Ordinarily, about 30-35% electrode positive is considered an ideal amount (65-70% electrode negative). This means that more heat is put into the work than is placed on the tungsten. A sharper point can be used. Cleaning is still sufficient at that level. Good results can be achieved with about 30% EP or less. The cleaning action is still visible even at these levels. Ideally, the cleaning action should be adjusted until a small amount of frosting can be seen no more than 1/8" distance from the edge of the weld. If a piece of metal is particularly heavily oxidized or dirty, more cleaning action will be required. If too much cleaning action is used, the tungsten will begin to ball and even may start to burn away. If this much cleaning action is needed, then switch to a larger size of tungsten that can handle the increased heating level. Signs of too little cleaning action while welding aluminum include soot, porosity, and dull looking (scummy) welds. A dedicated stainless steel brush and suitable aluminum cleaner such as acetone should be used before starting any aluminum weld to help break up the heaviest oxide layer so less EP is needed and better penetration can be achieved.

EXAMPLE: AC EP (+) BALANCE



NOTES:

1. Due to the rapid switching of the inverter, High Frequency (HF) is not used except to start the arc. In a transformer welder, the HF would remain on to stabilize the AC arc, but in an inverter, this is not necessary. So, the HF switch refers only to the Start of the arc, and not to AC operation. However to reduce tungsten contamination, you should only operate the AC mode with the HF start selected.
2. The addition of Helium to Argon can increase the welding capacity of the welder and alter the amount of cleaning typically needed. Do not exceed 25% however or arc starts will be difficult and erratic.
3. If arc wandering in AC is a problem, reduce cleaning percent, then if it continues, reduce gas flow and then check for drafts.
4. Yellow-coded AC controls only apply to AC operation, and do not affect the settings on DC.
5. If cleaning lines are excessive at low settings, it is likely not a welder issue, but rather, a speed/heat issue. The longer the electrode remains in the same place, the more the cleaning area will widen. If you find yourself with this issue, try increasing the amperage to travel faster. If overheating is feared, then use pulse to increase forward travel speed to reduce the cleaning lines. You should only suspect a welder issue if adjusting the AC balance to above 40-60% does not begin to ball the tungsten.
6. If tungsten balling is experienced at settings below 40%, make sure that the torch is in the negative connector and that pure tungsten is NOT being used.
7. Do NOT use pure tungsten or Zirconiated tungsten in an inverter to weld in AC or DC mode.

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 PowerTIG series feature three adjustable parameters concerning the pulse:

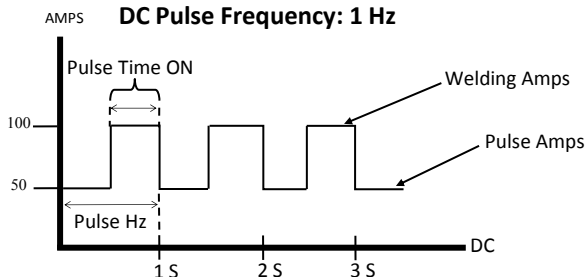
1. **Pulse Amps.** Both welding amps and pulse amps are independently set. Adjust the welding amps with the main control knob and the pulse amps with the pulse amp knob. However, when you adjust the pulse amps, you are actually setting a fixed ratio of amps expressed as a percentage of Welding Amps. 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% yields 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 per-

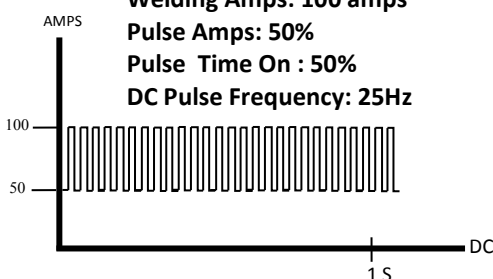
EXAMPLE 1

**Welding Amps: 100 amps,
Pulse Amps: 50%
Pulse Time On: 50%
DC Pulse Frequency: 1 Hz**



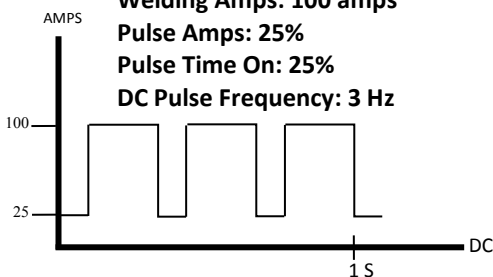
EXAMPLE 2

**Welding Amps: 100 amps
Pulse Amps: 50%
Pulse Time On : 50%
DC Pulse Frequency: 25Hz**



EXAMPLE 3

**Welding Amps: 100 amps
Pulse Amps: 25%
Pulse Time On: 25%
DC Pulse Frequency: 3 Hz**



centage (%) of time that the pulse stays in the peak (welding) amp stage of the cycle. Increasing the Pulse time on will increase the duration the welding amp stage of the cycle which in turn will increase heat and wetting in of the puddle. 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

30-50% 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/Surge Amp 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. Surge amps boost the starting amperage briefly to heat up the welding electrode and weld area so the arc starts cleanly, without sticking or porosity. Both controls are inactive while welding in TIG mode.

6. *Foot Pedal. 47k Ω .* Select 2T on the panel. Select the maximum amp value desired on the panel. The foot pedal will only control amps up to the range governed by the main amp control. If more amperage is needed raise the amp level on the panel. 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. Always set the panel amps to about 25% more than what is needed. Increasing the amps more than this margin on the panel will reduce the accuracy of the foot pedal by lowering the resolution of the foot pedal. Be sure to turn the start/end amps and 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 amp and slope controls. For more accurate and responsive control, Everlast offers a US made foot pedal available as an additional option. **Do not attempt to control the stick function with the foot pedal.**

8. *Water-cooled torch.* A water cooler is necessary for

use with the PowerTIG 250 EX torch. The units are equipped with a WP 18 water-cooled torch. Using a water-cooled torch even briefly without water can seriously and permanently damage your torch. Torches used without water-coolers cannot be warranted unless cleared by Everlast. Everlast carries water-coolers designed to cool the maximum amp capacity of the welder. If you are not able to provide a water cooler or have not purchased a water cooler, you will need to use an air cooled (gas cooled) torch such as a 17 or 26 series, purchased separately.

All consumables should be interchangeable with other brand torches with similar designations. They should be available for local purchase. 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 an air cooled torch that is complete, ready to go.

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.

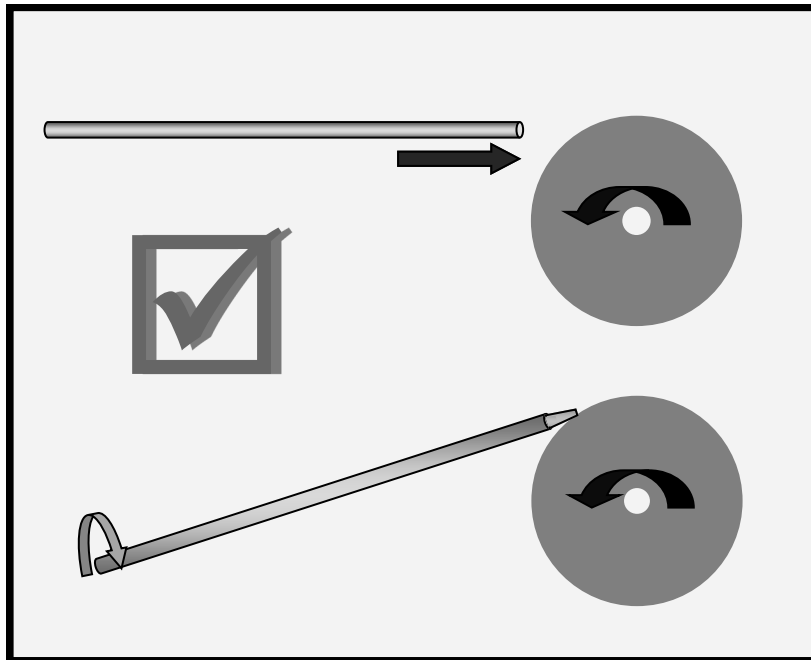
10. *7 pin remote/foot pedal connector.* This 7 pin connector is available from Everlast should it become damaged. See Pin-out reference found near the end of this manual.

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(\pm 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 with setting a higher start amp value (2T/4T) or 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 lpm, not in cfh. (subject to change)

TUNGSTEN PREPARATION

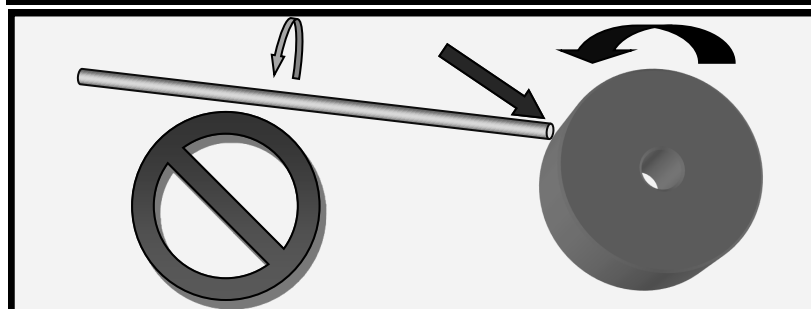


1. Use a dedicated grinding wheel or contamination may result. Do not breath grinding dust! Wear eye protection and gloves.

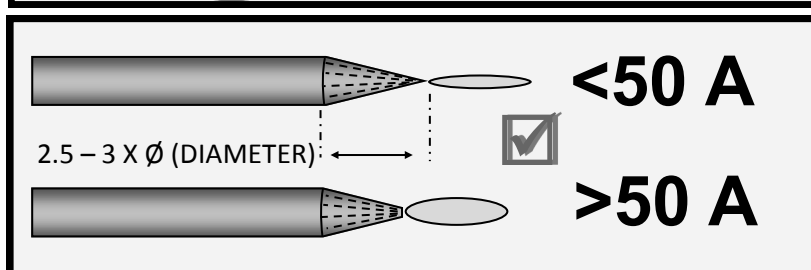
2. Hold Tungsten firmly.

3. Grind perpendicular to grinding wheel face. Allow tungsten to grind away slowly, creating point.

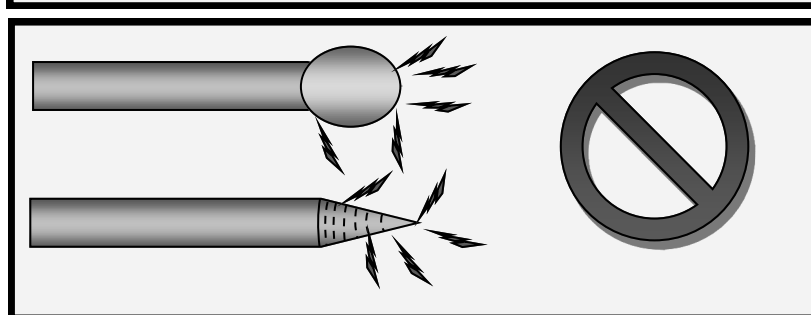
4. Rotate tungsten quickly as it is being ground to keep point even and symmetrical.



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



Use a point for low amp use to help control the 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).



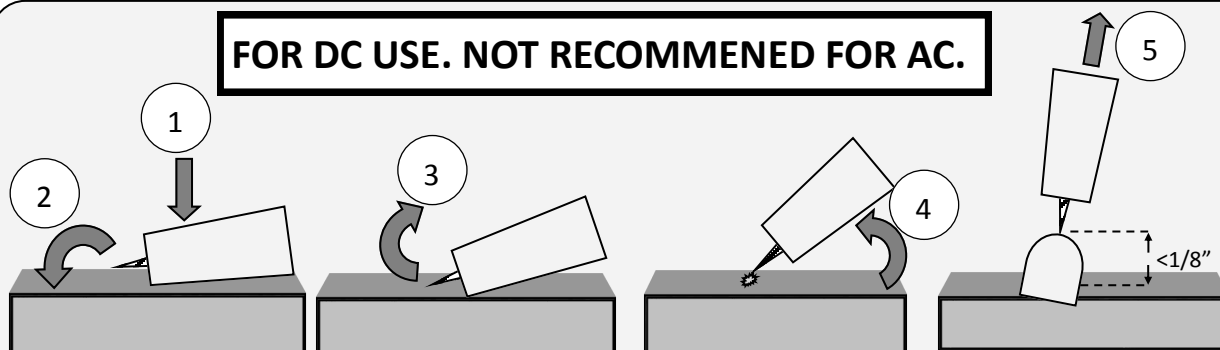
In AC mode, do not ball the tungsten as you would with a transformer welder. An erratic arc will result. Make sure that grinding marks run parallel to the tip. Concentric grinding marks will cause an erratic arc.

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

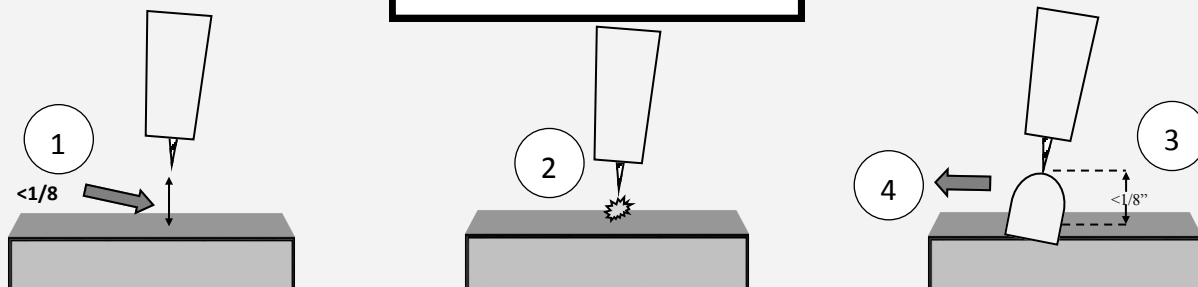
FOR DC USE. NOT RECOMMENDED FOR AC.



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

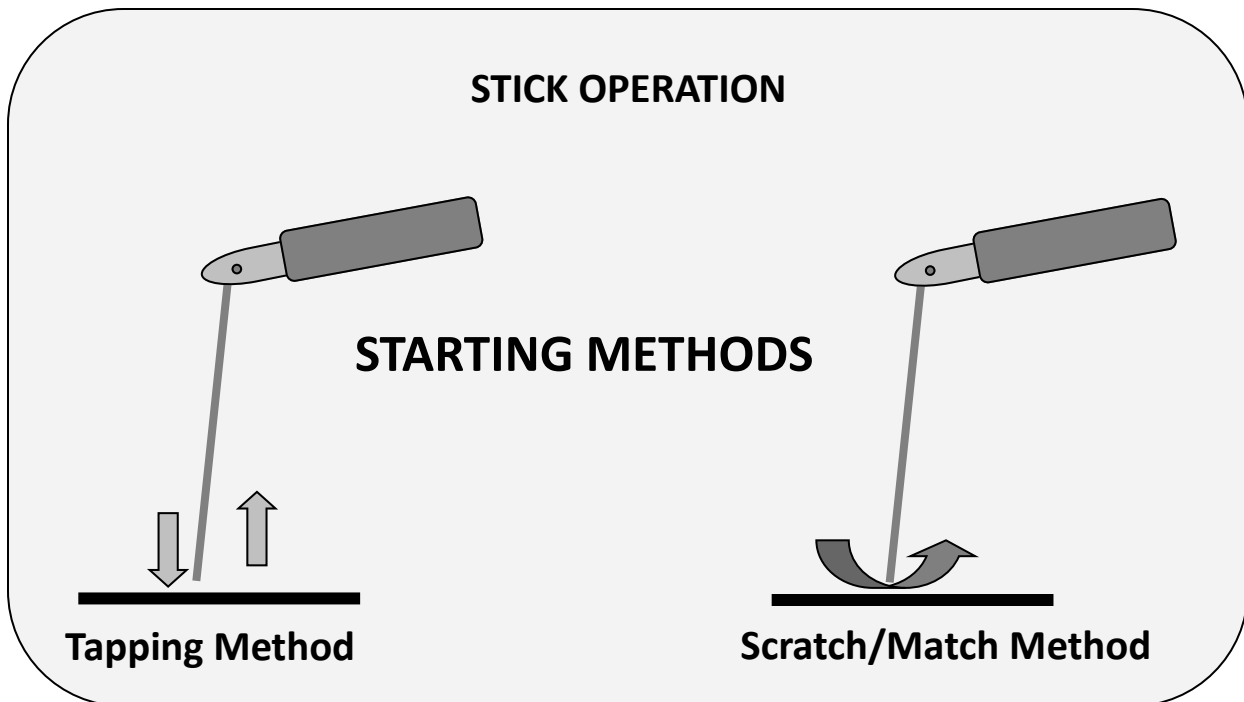
FOR AC OR DC USE.



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.
2. Select either HF or Lift Start TIG with the HF/Lift Start/Stick selector switch. Select DC mode with the AC/DC torch 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 start/end amps amperage by rotating the knob to increase or decrease amps for starting and ending the weld.
5. 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.
6. Adjust amps with amp control knob.
7. Start arc as depicted above.
8. 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.
9. 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.

SECTION 3**BASIC THEORY AND FUNCTION****GENERAL POLARITY RECOMMENDATIONS***

*Follow manufacturer of stick electrode for complete polarity recommendations

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

TIG (GTAW) OPERATION GUIDE FOR STEEL (ALUMINUM)*

*As a general rule, set amperage using 1 amp for every .001" of metal thickness for aluminum. Less is required for DC.

METAL THICKNESS	WELDING AMPS (A)	TUNGSTEN DIA.	Ar FLOW RATE
1-3 mm/.040"-1/8"	40-80 (60-125)	1-2 mm/.040"-3/32"	8-15 CFH /4-7 lpm
3-6 mm/ 1/8"-1/4"	80-200 (125-200)	2-3 mm/ 3/32"-1/8"	15-25 CFH/ 7-14 lpm
6-10 mm 1/4"-3/8"	150-200 (200-250)	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

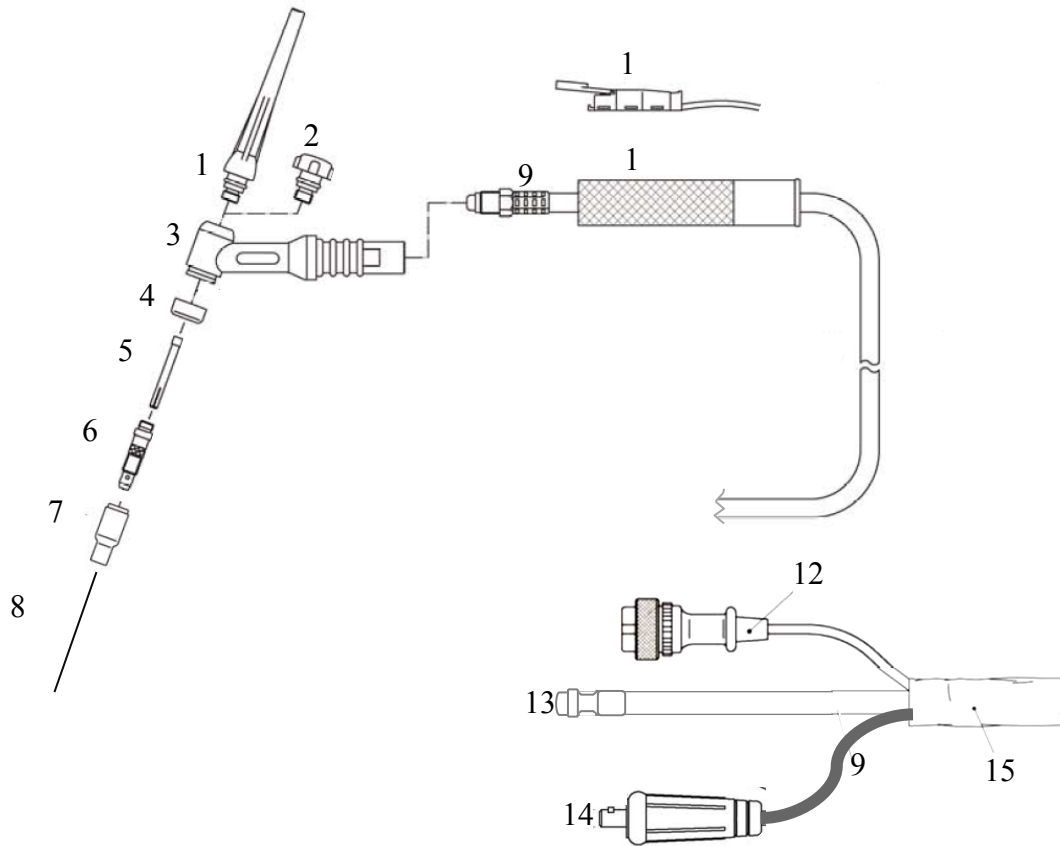
TUNGSTEN SELECTION GUIDE FOR AN INVERTER

TYPE	PERCENT	COLOR	PROCESS	RECOMMENDATION
Pure	100% Tungsten	Green	AC	NOT RECOMMENDED! Do not use in an inverter.
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.

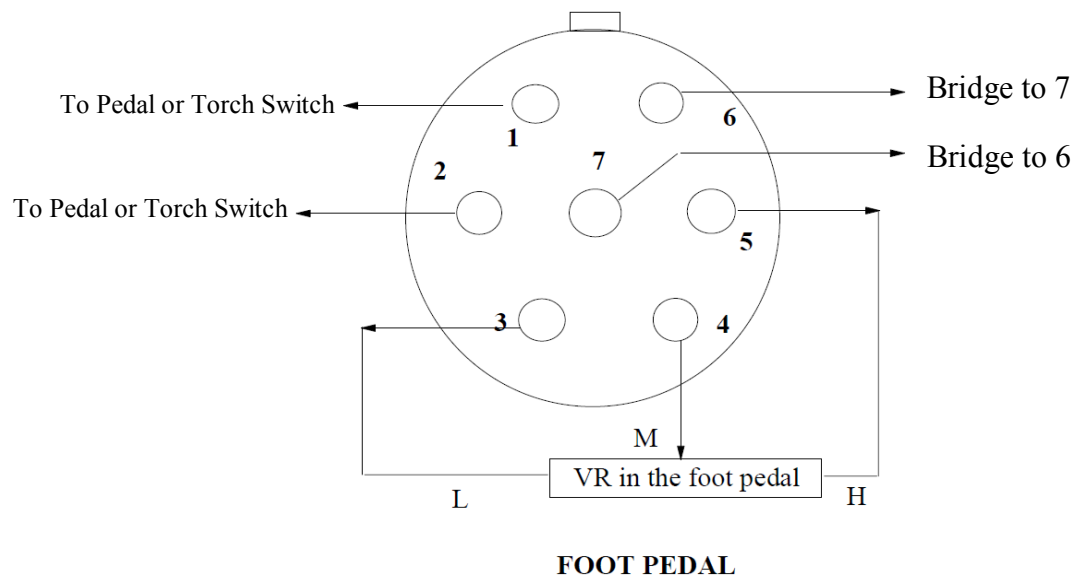
NOTE: Thoriated tungsten is slightly radioactive, but is commonly used in the US. Care should be used when grinding so as not to breath the dust. If you have concerns about Thoriated (red) tungsten, choose from Lanthanated or Ceriated tungsten.

EXPANDED VIEW OF TIG TORCH

(Actual appearance may vary slightly from what is listed.)



NO.	PARTS FOR 17 Series Torch (STYLE MAY VARY)	QTY.
1	Long Back Cap with O-Ring	1
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 47K 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 addendum 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. Too much AC cleaning.
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, especially in Aluminum. 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. Too much AC positive polarity. Reduce balance to 30% or less. Increase AC Frequency. Bad work clamp or work clamp cable connection.
Other issues.	Contact Everlast support.

OPTIONAL ACCESSORIES:



EV-FP50DL Deluxe Foot Pedal



PC-250M Welding Cart



EV-FP50SSC US Foot Pedal



PCW300-240 Water Cooler



EV-200UW US Deluxe Regulator (CFH)



Everlast Brand Deluxe Torches*

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