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IMIG 160 PORTABLE INVERTER

MIG/MMA WELDER OPERATION INSTRUCTIONS

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Thank you for selecting the R-Tech I-MIG160 Portable Inverter MIG/MMA Welder.

The I-MIG160 has many benefits over traditional transformer mig welders, including infinite power control, adjustable arc force and a compact wire feed mechanism to provide very smooth wire feed and weld characteristics We want you to take pride in operating our I-MIG160, as much as we have taken in making this product for you. Please read all information in this manual before operation

PLEASE EXAMINE CARTON AND EQUIPMENT FOR DAMAGE IMMEDIATELY

When this equipment is shipped, title passes to the purchaser upon receipt from the courier. Consequently all claims for material damaged in shipment must be made by purchaser against the transportation company used.

Please record your welding equipment identification below for future reference. This information can be found on data plate at rear of machine.

Product **I-MIG 160** Serial No.

Date of Purchase ______
Where Purchased ______

Whenever you request replacement parts or information on this equipment please supply the information you have recorded above

This product is covered by 2 year parts and labour warranty, you are responsible for costs of shipping unit to us, we will cover cost of returning item to you. External items (torch, earth lead etc) are covered by 3 months warranty. Any faults/damage found caused by the customer will be charged pro-rata.

Please read this operator manual completely before attempting to use this equipment. Pay particular attention to the safety instructions we have provided you for your protection

The level of seriousness to be applied to each section is explained below

WARNING

This statement appears where the information must be followed exactly to avoid serious personal injury.

CAUTION

This statement appears where the information must be following to avoid a minor personal injury or damage to this equipment.

Introduction

The R-Tech I-MIG160 is a member of our highly acclaimed family of welding products. Premium features include:-

- 1. Inverter power source more efficient to operate, provides smoother weld characteristics than traditional welders
- 2. Infinite welding voltage to allow fine tuning of weld characteristics
- 3. Adjustable arc force controls splatter ideal for automotive work
- 4. Digital amp & volt meters
- 5. Euro type torch fittings for easy torch fitment/replacement
- 6. 35% Duty cycle at 160 Amps @ 40C
- 7. 60% Duty cycle at 110 Amps @ 40C
- 8. Lightweight and portable Ideal for maintenance and mobile welders

Recommended Processes

The R-Tech **IMIG 160** is recommended for the MIG welding processes within its output capacity of 160 Amps DC

Equipment Limitations

The R-Tech **IMIG 160** is protected from overloads beyond the output ratings and duty cycle as per machine specifications with thermostat protection of the output coils and rectifiers.

Welding Capability – Duty Cycle

The R-Tech **IMIG 160** is rated at 160 Amps at 35% and 110 Amps @ 60% duty cycle on a ten minute basis. If the duty cycle is exceeded a thermal protector will shut the machine off until it cools.

Model No.	R-Tech IMIG 160	
Input		240V AC 50/60Hz
MIG Operation	Fuse Rating	13A
	Rated Output Current	160Amps Max
	Generator required KVA	4.8KVA
	Duty Cycle @ 160 AMPS	35% @ 40 ⁰ C
	Duty Cycle @ 110 AMPS	60% @ 40 ⁰ C
	Duty Cycle @ 85 AMPS	100% @ 40 ⁰ C
	Output current Range	30-160 AMPS
MMA Operation	Fuse Rating	13A

Technical Specifications

	Rated Output Current	130Amps Max
	Generator required KVA	4.8KVA
	Duty Cycle @ 130 AMPS	35% @ 40 ⁰ C
	Duty Cycle @ 100 AMPS	60% @ 40 ⁰ C
	Duty Cycle @ 75 AMPS	100% @ 40 ⁰ C
	Output current Range	30-130 AMPS
	No Load Voltage	55-75V
Gross Weight		18 KG
Insulation		Class F

Safety Precautions

Read entire section before starting installation



Electric Shock can kill – Only qualified personnel should perform this installation. Turn off input power at the fuse box before working on this equipment. Do not touch electrically live parts. Always connect the machine to an earthed mains supply as per national recommended standards.

Select suitable location

Place the welder where clean cooling air can freely circulate in and out of the front & rear louver vents. Dirt, dust or any foreign material that can be drawn through vents into welder must be kept to a minimum. Failure to observe these precautions can result in excessive operating temperatures which can lead to plant failure.

Grinding

Do not direct grinding particles towards the welder. An abundance of conductive material can cause plant failure.

Stacking

This machine cannot be stacked. Transport - Unloading

Never underestimate the weight of equipment, never move or leave suspended in the air above people. Use recommended lifting equipment at all times.



Falling Equipment can cause injury. Never lift welder with gas bottle attached. Never lift above personnel.

Tilting

Machine must be placed on a secure level surface or on a recommended undercarriage/trolley. This machine may topple over if this procedure is not followed.

Environmental Rating

The welding power source carries the IP21S rating. It may be used in normal industrial and commercial environments. Avoid using in areas where water / rain is around.

Read and follow the 'Electric Shock Warnings' in the safety section if welding must be performed under electrically hazardous conditions such as welding in wet areas or water on the work piece.



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Machine grounding and High Frequency Interference Protection

This welder must be grounded to earth. See national electrical codes fro proper grounding methods.

The high frequency generator being similar to a radio transmitter may cause interference to radio, TV and other electronic equipment. These problems may be the result of radiated interference. Proper grounding methods can reduce or eliminate this.

Radiated interference can develop in the following ways

- 1. Direct interference from welder power source
- 2. Direct interference from the welding leads
- 3. Direct interference radiated from feedback into power lines
- 4. Interference from re-radiation by un-grounded metallic objects.

Keeping these contributing factors in mind, installing equipment as per following instructions should minimize problems.

- 1. Keep the welder input power lines as short as possible and enclose as much of them as possible in metal conduit or equivalent shielding. There should be a good electrical contact between this conduit and ground (Earth).
- 2. Keep the work and electrode leads as short as possible. Tape the leads together where practical.
- 3. Be sure the torch and earth leads rubber coverings are free from cuts and cracks that allow welding power leakage
- 4. Keep earth lead connection to work in good condition Clean area on workbench where earth clamp is situated on a regular basis.

Input Connections

Make sure the voltage, phase and frequency of input power is as specified on machine rating plate located at rear of machine.

Have a qualified electrician provide suitable input power as per national electrical codes. Make sure machine is earthed / grounded.

Make sure fuse or circuit breaker is correct rating for machine. Using fuses or circuit breakers smaller than recommended will result in 'nuisance' shut off from welder inrush currents even if welding at low amperages.

Failure to follow these instructions can cause immediate failure within the welder and void machines warranty.

Turn the input power OFF at the mains switch & fuse box before working on this equipment.

Have a qualified electrician install & service this MIG welding equipment.

Allow machine to sit for 5 minutes minimum to allow the power capacitors to discharge before working inside this equipment. Do not touch electrically live parts

The IMIG 160 MIG Welder requires a 240V 50/60Hz 1-Phase supply. It requires a 13A supply. It comes with a 3 metre mains cable attached.

Connect wires according to national coding.

Brown wire - Live - Blue wire - Neutral - Green/Yellow Wire - Earth (Ground)

Connecting to an Engine Driven Generator

If connecting this machine to an engine driven generator please ensure the following

Minimum Generator KVA Output – 4.8 KVA continuous Generator to be fitted with AVR (automatic voltage regulation)

DO NOT USE ON A GENERATOR WITHOUT AVR. Connecting to a generator without the above minimum requirements will in-validate your warranty

Connections for IMIG 160

Setup machine as per two diagrams below:

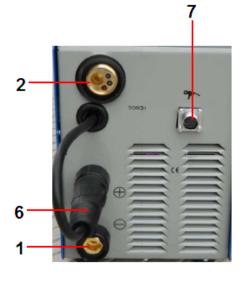




Fig 1

Fig 2

- 1. Earth / Workpiece connector Connect the earth lead (negative -) to this connector. Insert male connector into socket and twist clockwise until tight. Secure other end of earth lead to Workpiece via the earth clamp.
- 2. **Euro torch connector** Connect Euro type MIG torch to euro torch connector, align torch connector to machine connector and then turn retaining ring clockwise to secure. Ensure torch is secured tightly to avoid weld power problems To avoid electric shock keep the MIG torch in good condition and replace if any of the insulation is damaged.
- 3. Mains input cable Fit required plug as per your electrical installation
- 4. **Gas inlet connection** Connect gas hose to rear of machine and then to regulator on gas bottle. Ensure all connections are tight to ensure no loss of gas. Make sure gas bottle is secured to machine securely using supplied chain to avoid injury.
- 5. On/Off Power Switch This turns the IMIG 160 MIG Welder on and off.
- 6, Gas(+)/no gas(-) plug: gas style connect with "+"socket and no gas style connect with "-"socket.
- 7, **Spool gun socket:** When use spool gun function, connect spool gun control plug(7pins) with this socket and spool gun main cable connect with euro torch socket.

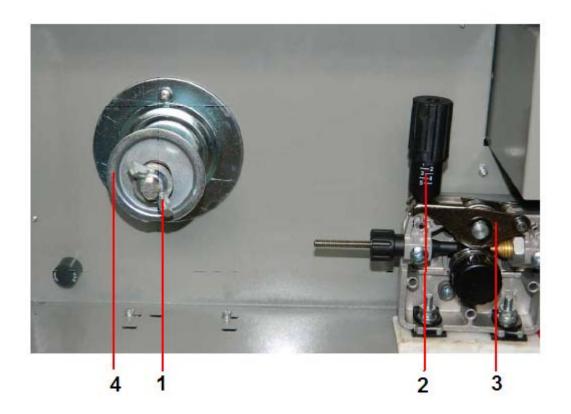
Controls and Settings



Fig 3

- 1. **Welding Voltage** This adjusts the welding voltage (weld power) from 0 to 10. Adjust knob for power output required by job, preset welding voltage is shown in LED (Fig3.4)
- 2. Wire Speed This adjusts the wire feed speed from 0-100% Adjust the wire speed to suit welding voltage (Fig3.1) and job requirements When adjusting the wire feed speed a value is shown in the amperage LED (Fig3.5) This feature allows you to record this value along with the preset welding voltage for easy setup to specific job when several different welding jobs are being done
- 3. Arc Force Gives further adjustment on weld characteristics, on traditional transformer machines this was known as choke. Lower setting = softer weld with less splatter and less penetration for thinner materials Higher setting = harsher weld with more splatter and penetration for thicker materials
- 4. **Voltage LED Display** This shows the preset welding voltage when no welding is being carried out When welding this shows the actual welding voltage This allows the machine to be calibrated to BS if required by your company
- 5. **Amperage LED Display** This shows the preset wire feed speed when no welding is being carried out When welding this shows the actual welding amperage This allows the machine to be calibrated to BS if required by your company. When the function is in MMA, it shows the preset is welding amps.
- 6. Warning LED This warning light will come on under these situations: Duty cycle of machine has been exceeded, the machine will stop working and the fan will continue to run until machine has cooled down. The light will go off and welding may be carried out again. If duty cycle has not been exceeded the warning light comes on to warn of either low input voltage has been sensed or there is an internal fault with machine
- 7. Power LED This lights when machine is switched on
- 8. Switch MIG/MMA.

Wire Spool Fitment



- 1. Wire reel retainer Push and twist in, to retain wire roll adaptor onto wire reel
- 2. Roller tensioner Do not over tighten wire feed pressure roller as this can cause premature motor and roller failure. Correct way to adjust tensioner is to slacken off pressure so that MIG welding wire does not feed, slowly adjust pressure until wire feeds smoothly, you should be able to stop wire feeding by holding wire and it should slip on rollers. If you have too little pressure wire will slip when welding causing unwanted Burnback into tips
- **3. Wire Feed Drive Assembly** Make sure rollers are correct size for wire diameter selected, to change roller size release retaining screw, remove roller turn roller around and slide onto shaft making sure the right size groove is in line with wire and refit retaining screw. The INV160 comes fitted with a dual roller 0.6mm and 0.8mm
- **4. Wire reel adaptor** Remove the wire reel retainer and wire reel adaptor, slide on roll of wire and refit the reel adaptor.

Operating the Machine

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS



ELECTRIC SHOCK CAN KILL

Do not touch electrically live parts or electrode with skin or wet clothing. Insulate yourself from work and ground Always wear dry insulating gloves



FUMES AND GASES can be dangerous

Keep your head out of fumes & gases produced from welding. Use ventilation or exhaust to remove fumes & gases from breathing zone and general area.



WELDING SPARKS can cause fire or explosion

Keep flammable material away from work area. Do not weld on containers that have held combustibles



ARC RAYS can burn

Wear eye, ear and body protection – Make sure work area is protected by proper shielding to avoid injury to passers by.

Operating the Machine in MIG mode

Once you have set machine up as per above instructions.

- 1. Select welding voltage (power) required on front panel
- 2. Select wire feed speed required on 'wire speed' knob
- Set ARC force switch to middle position for medium weld inductance (know as choke on traditional welding power sources) Low setting = Soft ARC (less splatter & penetration) High setting = Strong ARC (more penetration)
- 4. Ensure you are wearing the correct safety clothes & equipment for welding (I.E Welding mask, gloves, apron etc)
- 5. Press torch trigger to start welding process and adjust welding current knob to adjust wire feed accordingly. Note: You can finely adjust the welding current knob to fine tune weld arc length to either DIP or SPRAY welding DIP is when the wire is melting very close to the workpiece (Short arc length) SPRAY is when the wire is melting far away from workpiece (Long arc length)
- 6. When welding actual voltage and amperage will be shown in corresponding LED display meters on machine

1. Tips on welding aluminium

When welding aluminium as the wire is much softer than steel wire you have to fit a Teflon liner in place of the steel liner in MIG torch, this is so the wire feeds much smoother and stops it snarling at rollers. To fit a Teflon liner, remove steel liner from torch and fit Teflon liner so you have about 10 inches left coming out end of MIG torch at the machine end. In the brass euro body where torch fits onto you will see a brass guide tube, remove this tube (you will have to remove circlip to allow this) and fit torch to machine and cut off excess Teflon liner as required. You want the Teflon liner to get as close to the wire feed rollers as possible. Best way to cut liner is with a sharp knife blade. Adjust the wire tensioner to minimum pressure and tighten down until wire is gripped, too much pressure will deform wire and end up with snarls by rollers. The **IMIG 160** is fitted with rollers suitable for both steel and alloy wire as standard. Fit oversize welding tip. These are available and have and 'A' after tip size. I.E 0.8A where as for steel wire it would just say 0.8

2. Tips on using gasless wire

When using gasless wire is may be required to change the polarity of the arc. This can be done simply by reversing the cables inside wire feed cabinet Gas wire = Positive torch - Negative work (machine is set as standard) Gasless wire = Negative torch - Positive earth

Operating the Machine in MMA mode

Connect the following:

1. Negative welding power connector Connect the earth cable dinse plug into here and twist to secure

2. Positive welding power connector

Connect the electrode holder cable dinse plug into here and twist to secure

Most popular rods have a positive welding electrode and negative earth. If you are using special electrodes check the manufacturer's recommendation for correct polarity of welding electrodes and connect as required.

- 1. Ensure machine is setup as previously stated
- 2. Fit desired electrode size in electrode holder
- 3. Switch on machine
- Select desired welding power
 Touch electrode on to workpiece and the arc will start

When the machine is switched on, output terminals are always live, take care and do not touch electrode and earth by person at same time, otherwise an electric shock will occur.

Maintenance

Routine and periodic maintenance



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Turn the input power OFF at the mains switch & fuse box and remove mains plug from socket before working on this equipment. Have a qualified electrician install & service this equipment.

Allow machine to sit for 5 minutes minimum after disconnection from mains power to allow the power capacitors to discharge before working inside this equipment.

Do not touch electrically live parts

- Periodically (3-6 months depending on use / environment), remove the side/top panels of machine and clean out machine with a low pressure dry air line paying particular attention to PC Boards, Fan blades and switchgear Failure to maintain plant can void manufacturers warranty.
- 2. Inspect input and output cables & hoses for fraying and cuts, replace if damaged present
- 3. Keep the MIG torch and earth cables in good condition
- 4. Clean the air vents to ensure proper air flow and cooling
- 5. The fan motor has sealed bearings which requires no maintenance

Troubleshooting

Service & repair should only be performed by R-Tech welding trained personnel. Unauthorized repairs performed on this equipment may result in danger or injury to the technician and machine operator and will invalidate your warranty. For your safety and to avoid electric shock, please observe all safety notes and precautions detailed throughout this manual

The troubleshooting guide is provided to help you locate possible machine malfunctions

If fault / problem is not listed below check our Mig Welder Support page on our website: www.r-techwelding.co.uk/support.php or contact R-Tech by phone. Contact details can be found on our website

Output Problems

No output - Power light is not lit

Check machine on/off switch is in the 'on' position Check Input power to machine Check plug wiring Check mains trip / fuses

No output - Fan runs - Power light is lit

Check torch connections are secure and torch switch operation, try replacing MIG torch.

No output - Power light is lit - Warning light is lit

Welding application may have exceeded recommended duty cycle, allow machine to cool down until the warning light goes out.

No output - Power light is lit - Gas at torch tip - No wire feed

Check wire feed unit protecting fuse on rear of machine, if blown replace with new fuse of same rating, if the fuse blows again contact R-Tech

Machine keeps overheating - Warning light is lit on machine

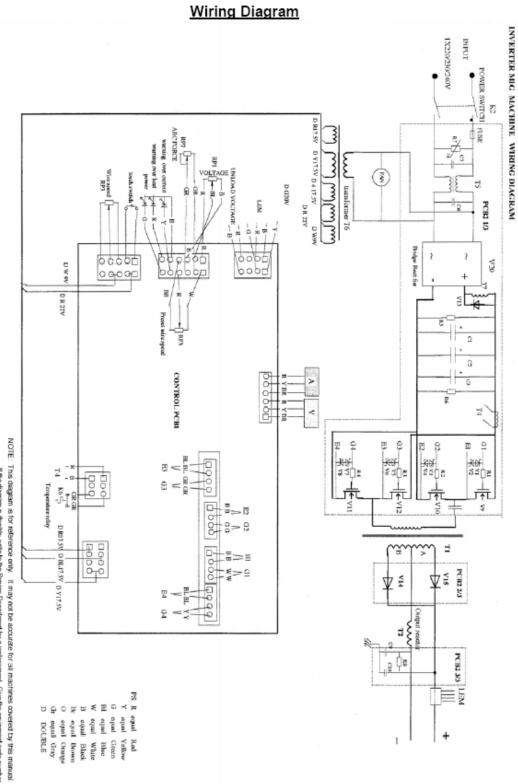
Check if fan is running – if not contact R-Tech. Check the cooling vents for obstruction, blow out machine with clean dry low pressure air supply. Check for adequate ventilation around machine

Porosity in weld – No / low gas at torch tip

Check gas supply from gas bottle Check flow rate on regulator Check gas hose for restrictions Check for draughts in local area, open doors etc Replace MIG torch – may have gas restriction

Poor weld penetration

Check condition of earth lead and clamp and ensure clamp is connection via a clean area on work piece. Check the condition of the MIG torch, try another MIG torch.



If the diagram is illegible, write to the Service Department for a replacement. Give the equipment code number,

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WARNING	 Do not touch electrically live parts or electrode with skin or wet clothing. Insulate yourself from work and ground. 	♦ Keep flammable materials away.	 Wear eye, ear and body protection.
AVISO DE PRECAUCION	 No toque las partes o los electrodos bajo carga con la piel o ropa moja- da. Aislese del trabajo y de la tierra. 	 Mantenga el material combustible luera del área de trabajo. 	 Protéjase los ojos, los oldos y el cuerpo.
ATTENTION	 Ne laissez ni la peau ni des vête- ments mouillés entrer en contact avec des pièces sous tension. Isolez-vous du travail el de la terre. 	 Gardez à l'écart de tout matériel inflammable. 	 Protégez vos yeux, vos oreilles el votre corps.
German WARNUNG	 Berühren Sie keine stromlührenden Teile oder Elektroden mit Ihrem Körper oder leuchter Kleidung! Isolieren Sie sich von den Elektroden und dem Erdboden! 	Entfernen Sie brennbarres Material!	 Tragen Sie Augen-, Ohren- und Kör- perschutz!
ATENÇÃO	 Não loque partes elétricas e electrodos com a pele ou roupa molhada. Isole-se da peça e terra. 	 Mantenha inflamáveis bem guarda- dos. 	 Use proteção para a vista, ouvido e corpo.
」 注意事項	 ● 通電中の電気部品、又は溶材にヒ フやぬれた布で触れないこと。 ● 施工物やアースから身体が絶縁されている様にして下さい。 	● 燃えやすいものの倒での溶接作業 は絶対にしてはなりません。	● 目、耳及び身体に保護具をして下 さい。
^{Chinese} 警告	●皮肤或濕衣物切勿接觸機電部件及 銲錢。 ●使你自己與地面和工件絶縁。	●把一切易燃物品移雕工作場所。	●保戴謨、耳及身體勞動保護用具。
^{Korean} 위험	●전도체나 응접봉을 젖은 항겁 또는 피부르 절대 접촉치 마십시요. ● 모재의 점지를 접촉치 마십시요.	●인화성 움질을 접근 시키지 마시요.	● 눈, 귀와 몸에 보호장구를 착용하십시요.
تحذير	♦ لا تلمين الإجزاء التي يسري فيها القيار الكهرباني أو الالكثرود بجلد الجسم أو بالملايين المبلة بالماء.	 ضع المواد القابلة للاشتعال في مكان بعيد. 	 ضع أدوات وملابس واقبة على عينيك وأذنيك وجسك.

READ AND UNDERSTAND THE MANUFACTURER'S INSTRUCTION FOR THIS EQUIPMENT AND THE CONSUMABLES TO BE USED AND FOLLOW YOUR EMPLOYER'S SAFETY PRACTICES.

SE RECOMIENDA LEER Y ENTENDER LAS INSTRUCCIONES DEL FABRICANTE PARA EL USO DE ESTE EQUIPO Y LOS CONSUMIBLES QUE VA A UTILIZAR, SIGA LAS MEDIDAS DE SEGURIDAD DE SU SUPERVISOR.

LISEZ ET COMPRENEZ LES INSTRUCTIONS DU FABRICANT EN CE QUI REGARDE CET EQUIPMENT ET LES PRODUITS A Etre employes et suivez les procedures de securite de votre employeur.

LESEN SIE UND BEFOLGEN SIE DIE BETRIEBSANLEITUNG DER ANLAGE UND DEN ELEKTRODENEINSATZ DES HERstellers. Die Unfallverhütungsvorschriften des Arbeitgebers sind ebenfalls zu beachten.

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 Keep your head out of turnes. Use ventilation or exhaust to remove turnes from breathing zone. 	• Turn power off before servicing.	 Do not operate with panel open or guards off. 	WARNING
 Los humos fuera de la zona de respiración. Mantenga la cabeza fuera de los humos. Utilice ventilación o aspiración para gases. 	 Desconectar el cable de ali- mentación de poder de la máquina antes de iniciar cualquier servicio. 	 No operar con panel abierto o guardas quitadas. 	AVISO DE PRECAUCION
 Gardez la tête à l'écart des fumées. Utilisez un ventilateur ou un aspira- teur pour ôter les fumées des zones de travail. 	 Débranchez le courant avant l'entre- tien. 	 N'opérez pas avec les panneaux ouverts ou avec les dispositits de protection enlevés. 	ATTENTION
Vermeiden Sie das Einatmen von Schweibrauch! Sorgen Sie für gute Be- und Entlüttung des Arbeitsplatzes!	 Strom vor Warlungsarbeiten abschalten! (Netzstrom völlig ötl- nen; Maschine anhalten!) 	 Anlage nie ohne Schutzgehäuse oder Innenschutzverkleidung in Betrieb setzen! 	WARNUNG
 Manienha seu rosto da fumaça. Use ventilação e exhaustão para remover fumo da zona respiratória. 	 Não opere com as lampas removidas. Desligue a corrente antes de lazer serviço. Não toque as partes elétricas nuas. 	 Mantenha-se alastado das partes moventes. Não opere com os paineis abertos ou guardas removidas. 	Portuguese ATENÇÃO
 ● ヒュームから頭を離すようにして 下さい。 ● 換気や排煙に十分留意して下さい。 	 メンテナンス・サービスに取りか かる際には、生ず電源スイッチを 必ず切って下さい。 	● パネルやカバーを取り外したまま で機械操作をしないで下さい。	」 注意事項
●頭部遠離煙霧。 ●在呼吸區使用通風或排風器除煙。	●推推前切斷電源。	● ိ題表板打開或沒有安全 罩時不準作 棄。	Chinese
 얼굴로부터 용접가스를 멀리하십시요. 호흡시역으로부터 흥접가스를 제가하기 위해 가스제거기나 통풍기들 사용하십시요. 	● 보수전에 전원을 차단하십시요.	● 광녩이 열린 상태로 작동치 마십시요.	^{Korean} 위 험
♦ إعد رأمك بعيداً عن الدفان. ● العد رأمك بعيداً عن الدفان. ● استعمل التهوية أو جهان منفط الدفان للفارج لكي تبعد الدفان عن النطقة التي تتنفى فيها.	 المطع الثيار الكهرياني قبل القيام بأية صياتة. 	 لا تشغل هذا الجهاز اذا كانت الاغطية الحديدية الواقية ليست عليه. 	تحذير

LEIA E COMPREENDA AS INSTRUÇÕES DO FABRICANTE PARA ESTE EQUIPAMENTO E AS PARTES DE USO, E SIGA AS PRÁTICAS DE SEGURANÇA DO EMPREGADOR.

使う機械や溶材のメーカーの指示書をよく読み、まず理解して下さい。そして貴社の安全規定に従って下さい。

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