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SECTION 1: GENERAL INFORMATION

1.01 Notes, Cautions and Warnings

Throughout this manual, notes, cautions, and warnings are used to highlight important information. These highlights are categorized as follows:

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**NOTE**

An operation, procedure, or background information which requires additional emphasis or is helpful in efficient operation of the system.

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**CAUTION**

A procedure which, if not properly followed, may cause damage to the equipment.

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**WARNING**

A procedure which, if not properly followed, may cause injury to the operator or others in the operating area.

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1.02 Important Safety Precautions

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**WARNING**

**OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF PLASMA ARC EQUIPMENT CAN BE DANGEROUS AND HAZARDOUS TO YOUR HEALTH.**

Plasma arc cutting produces intense electric and magnetic emissions that may interfere with the proper function of cardiac pacemakers, hearing aids, or other electronic health equipment. Persons who work near plasma arc cutting applications should consult their medical health professional and the manufacturer of the health equipment to determine whether a hazard exists.

To prevent possible injury, read, understand and follow all warnings, safety precautions and instructions before using the equipment. Call 1-603-298-5711 or your local distributor if you have any questions.

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**GASES AND FUMES**

Gases and fumes produced during the plasma cutting process can be dangerous and hazardous to your health.

- Keep all fumes and gases from the breathing area. Keep your head out of the cutting fume plume.
- Use an air-supplied respirator if ventilation is not adequate to remove all fumes and gases.

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**ELECTRIC SHOCK**

Electric Shock can injure or kill. The plasma arc process uses and produces high voltage electrical energy. This electric energy can cause severe or fatal shock to the operator or others in the workplace.

- Never touch any parts that are electrically “live” or “hot.”
- Wear dry gloves and clothing. Insulate yourself from the work piece or other parts of the cutting circuit.
- Repair or replace all worn or damaged parts.
- Extra care must be taken when the workplace is moist or damp.
- Install and maintain equipment according to NEC code, refer to item 9 in Subsection 1.03, Publications.
- Disconnect power source before performing any service or repairs.
- Read and follow all the instructions in the Operating Manual.

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**FIRE AND EXPLOSION**

Fire and explosion can be caused by hot slag, sparks, or the plasma arc.

- Be sure there is no combustible or flammable material in the workplace. Any material that cannot be removed must be protected.
- Ventilate all flammable or explosive vapors from the workplace.
- Do not cut or weld on containers that may have held combustibles.
• Provide a fire watch when working in an area where fire hazards may exist.

• Hydrogen gas may be formed and trapped under aluminum workpieces when they are cut underwater or while using a water table. DO NOT cut aluminum alloys underwater or on a water table unless the hydrogen gas can be eliminated or dissipated. Trapped hydrogen gas that is ignited will cause an explosion.

**PLASMA ARC RAYS**

Plasma Arc Rays can injure your eyes and burn your skin. The plasma arc process produces very bright ultra violet and infrared light. These arc rays will damage your eyes and burn your skin if you are not properly protected.

- To protect your eyes, always wear a welding helmet or shield. Also always wear safety glasses with side shields, goggles or other protective eye wear.

- Wear welding gloves and suitable clothing to protect your skin from the arc rays and sparks.

- Keep helmet and safety glasses in good condition. Replace lenses when cracked, chipped or dirty.

- Protect others in the work area from the arc rays. Use protective booths, screens or shields.

- Use the shade of lens as suggested in the following chart.

**NOTE**

These values apply where the actual arc is clearly seen. Experience has shown that lighter filters may be used when the arc is hidden by the workpiece.

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* As a rule of thumb, start with a shade that is too dark to see the weld zone. Then go to a lighter shade which gives sufficient view of the weld zone without going below the minimum. In oxyfuel gas welding, cutting, or brazing where the torch and/or the flux produces a high yellow light, it is desirable to use a filter lens that absorbs the yellow or sodium line of the visible light spectrum.
1.03 Publications

Refer to the following standards or their latest revisions for more information:


2. ANSI Standard Z49.1, SAFETY IN WELDING AND CUTTING, obtainable from the American Welding Society, 550 N.W. LeJeune Rd, Miami, FL 33126


4. ANSI Standard Z87.1, SAFE PRACTICES FOR OCCUPATION AND EDUCATIONAL EYE AND FACE PROTECTION, obtainable from American National Standards Institute, 1430 Broadway, New York, NY 10018

5. ANSI Standard Z41.1, STANDARD FOR MEN’S SAFETY-TOE FOOTWEAR, obtainable from the American National Standards Institute, 1430 Broadway, New York, NY 10018

6. ANSI Standard Z49.2, FIRE PREVENTION IN THE USE OF CUTTING AND WELDING PROCESSES, obtainable from American National Standards Institute, 1430 Broadway, New York, NY 10018

7. AWS Standard A6.0, WELDING AND CUTTING CONTAINERS WHICH HAVE HELD COMBUSTIBLES, obtainable from American Welding Society, 550 N.W. LeJeune Rd, Miami, FL 33126

8. NFPA Standard 51, OXYGEN-FUEL GAS SYSTEMS FOR WELDING, CUTTING AND ALLIED PROCESSES, obtainable from the National Fire Protection Association, Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02269

9. NFPA Standard 70, NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE, obtainable from the National Fire Protection Association, Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02269

10. NFPA Standard 51B, CUTTING AND WELDING PROCESSES, obtainable from the National Fire Protection Association, Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02269

11. CGA Pamphlet P-1, SAFE HANDLING OF COMPRESSED GASES IN CYLINDERS, obtainable from the Compressed Gas Association, 1235 Jefferson Davis Highway, Suite 501, Arlington, VA 22202

12. CSA Standard W117.2, CODE FOR SAFETY IN WELDING AND CUTTING, obtainable from the Canadian Standards Association, Standards Sales, 178 Rexdale Boulevard, Rexdale, Ontario, Canada M9W 1R3

13. NWSA booklet, WELDING SAFETY BIBLIOGRAPHY obtainable from the National Welding Supply Association, 1900 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103


15. ANSI Standard Z88.2, PRACTICE FOR RESPIRATORY PROTECTION, obtainable from American National Standards Institute, 1430 Broadway, New York, NY 10018
1.04 Servicing Hazards

**WARNING**

The symbols shown below are used throughout this manual to call attention to and identify possible hazards. When you see the symbol, watch out, and follow the related instructions to avoid the hazard.

Only qualified persons should test, maintain, and repair this unit.

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**WARNING**

**ELECTRIC SHOCK** can kill.

- Do not touch live electrical parts.
- Turn Off cutting power source and disconnect and lockout input power using line disconnect switch, circuit breakers, or by removing plug from receptacle, or stop engine before servicing unless the procedure specifically requires an energized unit.
- Insulate yourself from ground by standing or working on dry insulating mats big enough to prevent contact with the ground.
- Do not leave live unit unattended.
- If this procedure requires and energized unit, have only personnel familiar with and following standard safety practices do the job.
- When testing a live unit, use the one-hand method. Do not put both hands inside unit. Keep one hand free.
- Disconnect input power conductors from de-energized supply line BEFORE moving a cutting power source.

**SIGNIFICANT DC VOLTAGE** exists after removal of input power on inverters.

- Turn Off inverters, disconnect input power, and discharge input capacitors according to instructions in Troubleshooting Section before touching any parts.

**WARNING**

**STATIC (ESD)** can damage PC boards.

- Put on grounded wrist strap BEFORE handling boards or parts.
- Use proper static-proof bags and boxes to store, move, or ship PC boards.

**WARNING**

**FIRE OR EXPLOSION** hazard.

- Do not place unit on, over, or near combustible surfaces.
- Do not service unit near flammables.

**WARNING**

**FLYING METAL or DIRT** can injure eyes.

- Wear safety glasses with side shields or face shield during servicing.
- Be careful not to short metal tools, parts, or wires together during testing and servicing.

**WARNING**

**HOT PARTS** can cause severe burns.

- Do not touch hot parts bare handed.
- Allow cooling period before working on equipment.
- To handle not parts, use proper tools and/or wear heavy, insulated welding gloves and clothing to prevent burns.

**WARNING**

**EXPLODING PARTS** can cause injury.

- Failed parts can explode or cause other parts to explode when power is applied to inverters.
- Always wear a face shield and long sleeves when servicing inverters.

**WARNING**

**SHOCK HAZARD** from testing.

- Turn Off cutting power source or stop engine before making or changing meter lead connections.
- Use at least one meter lead that has a self-restricting spring clip such as an alligator clip.
- Read instructions for test equipment.

**WARNING**

**FALLING UNIT** can cause injury.

- Use lifting eye to lift unit only, NOT running gear, gas cylinders, or any other accessories.
- Use equipment of adequate capacity to lift and support unit.
- If using lift forks to move unit, be sure forks are long enough to extend beyond opposite side of unit.

**WARNING**

**MOVING PARTS** can cause injury.

- Keep away from moving parts such as fans.
- Keep away from pinch points such as drive rolls.
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• Have only qualified persons remove panels, covers, or guards for maintenance as necessary.
• Keep hands, hair, loose clothing, and tools away from moving parts.
• Reinstall panels, covers, or guards when maintenance is finished and before reconnecting input power.

WARNING
MAGNETIC FIELDS can affect Implanted Medical Devices.

• Wearsers of Pacemakers and other Implanted Medical Devices should keep away from servicing areas until consulting their doctor and the device manufacturer.

WARNING
OVERUSE can cause OVERHEATING.

• Allow cooling period; follow rated duty cycle.
• Reduce current or reduce duty cycle before starting to cut again.
• Do not block or filter airflow to unit.

WARNING
H.F. RADIATION can cause interference.

• High-frequency (H.F.) can interfere with radio navigation, safety services, computers, and communications equipment.
• Have only qualified persons familiar with electronic equipment install, test, and service H.F. producing units.
• The user is responsible for having a qualified electrician promptly correct any interference problem resulting from the installation.
• If notified by the FCC about interference, stop using the equipment at once.
• Have the installation regularly checked and maintained.
• Keep high-frequency source doors and panels tightly shut, keep spark gaps at correct setting, and use grounding and shielding to minimize the possibility of interference.

WARNING
READ INSTRUCTIONS.

• Use Testing Booklet (Part No. 150 853) when servicing this unit.
• Consult the Owner’s Manual for cutting safety precautions.
• Use only genuine replacement parts from the manufacturer.

1.05 EMF Information

Considerations About Cutting And The Effects Of Low Frequency Electric And Magnetic Fields

Cutting current, as it flows through cutting cables, will cause electromagnetic fields. There has been and still is some concern about such fields. However, after examining more than 500 studies spanning 17 years of research, a special blue ribbon committee of the National Research Council concluded that: “The body of evidence, in the committee’s judgment, has not demonstrated that exposure to power-frequency electric and magnetic fields is a human-health hazard.” However, studies are still going forth and evidence continues to be examined. Until the final conclusions of the research are reached, you may wish to minimize your exposure to electromagnetic fields when welding or cutting.

To reduce magnetic fields in the workplace, use the following procedures:

1. Keep cables close together by twisting or taping them, or using a cable cover.
2. Arrange cables to one side and away from the operator.
3. Do not coil or drape cables around your body.
4. Keep cutting power source and cables as far away from operator as practical.
5. Connect work clamp to workpiece as close to the weld as possible.

About Implanted Medical Devices:

Implanted Medical Device wearers should consult their doctor and the device manufacturer before performing or going near arc welding, spot welding, gouging, plasma arc cutting, or induction heating operations. If cleared by your doctor, then following the above procedures is recommended.
1.06 Note, Attention et Avertissement

Dans ce manuel, les mots “note,” “attention,” et “avertissement” sont utilisés pour mettre en relief des informations à caractère important. Ces mises en relief sont classifiées comme suit :

**NOTE**
Toute opération, procédure ou renseignement général sur lequel il importe d’insister davantage ou qui contribue à l’efficacité de fonctionnement du système.

**ATTENTION**
Toute procédure pouvant résulter l’endommagement du matériel en cas de non-respect de la procédure en question.

**AVERTISSEMENT**
Toute procédure pouvant provoquer des blessures de l’opérateur ou des autres personnes se trouvant dans la zone de travail en cas de non-respect de la procédure en question.

1.07 Précautions De Sécurité Importantes

L’OPÉRATION ET LA MAINTENANCE DU MATÉRIEL DE SOUDAGE À L’ARC AU JET DE PLASMA PEUVENT PRÉSENTER DES RISQUES ET DES DANGERS DE SANTÉ.

Couplant à l’arc au jet de plasma produit de l’énergie électrique haute tension et des émissions magnétique qui peuvent interférer la fonction propre d’un “pseudomaker” cardiaque, les appareils auditif, ou autre matériel de santé électronique. Ceux qui travail près d’une application à l’arc au jet de plasma devrait consulter leur membre professionnel de médication et le manufacturier de matériel de santé pour déterminer s’il existe des risques de santé.

Il faut communiquer aux opérateurs et au personnel TOUS les dangers possibles. Afin d’éviter les blessures possibles, lisez, comprenez et suivez tous les avertissements, toutes les précautions de sécurité et toutes les consignes avant d’utiliser le matériel. Composer le +603-299-5711 ou votre distributeur local si vous avez des questions.

**CHOC ÉLECTRIQUE**

- Ne touchez jamais une pièce “sous tension” ou “vive”; portez des gants et des vêtements secs. Isolez-vous de la pièce de travail ou des autres parties du circuit de soudage.
- Réparez ou remplacez toute pièce usée ou endommagée.
- Prenez des soins particuliers lorsque la zone de travail est humide ou moite.
- Montez et maintenez le matériel conformément au Code électrique national des États-Unis. (Voir la page 5, article 9.)
- Débranchez l’alimentation électrique avant tout travail d’entretien ou de réparation.
- Lisez et respectez toutes les consignes du Manuel de consignes.

**FUMÉE et GAZ**
La fumée et les gaz produits par le procédé de jet de plasma peuvent présenter des risques et des dangers de santé.

- Eloignez toute fumée et gaz de votre zone de respiration. Gardez votre tête hors de la plume de fumée provenant du chalumeau.

**ANTIMOINE**
cadmium
mercure
ergent
chrome
nickel
arsenic
cobalt
plomb
baryum
cuivre
sélénium
béryllium
manganèse
vanadium

• Utilisez un appareil respiratoire à alimentation en air si l’aération fournie ne permet pas d’éliminer la fumée et les gaz.
• Les sortes de gaz et de fumée provenant de l’arc de plasma dépendent du genre de métal utilisé, des revêtements se trouvant sur le métal et des différents procédés. Vous devez prendre soin lorsque vous coupez ou soudez tout métal pouvant contenir un ou plusieurs des éléments suivants:
  - antimoine
  - cadmium
  - mercure
  - argent
  - chrome
  - nickel
  - arsenic
  - cobalt
  - plomb
  - baryum
  - cuivre
  - sélénium
  - béryllium
  - manganèse
  - vanadium

• Lisez toujours les fiches de données sur la sécurité des matières (sigle américain “MSDS”); celles-ci devraient être fournies avec le matériel que vous utilisez. Les MSDS contiennent des renseignements quant à la quantité et la nature de la fumée et des gaz pouvant poser des dangers de santé.
• Pour des informations sur la manière de tester la fumée et les gaz de votre lieu de travail, consultez l’article 1 et les documents cités à la page 5.
• Utilisez un équipement spécial tel que des tables de coupe à débit d’eau ou à courant descendant pour capter la fumée et les gaz.
• N’utilisez pas le chalumeau au jet de plasma dans une zone où se trouvent des matières ou des gaz combustibles ou explosifs.
• Le phosgène, un gaz toxique, est généré par la fumée provenant des solvants et des produits de nettoyage chlorés. Éliminez toute source de telle fumée.
• Ce produit, dans le procédé de soudage et de coupe, produit de la fumée ou des gaz pouvant contenir des éléments reconnu dans l’État de la Californie, qui peuvent causer des défauts de naissance et le cancer. (La sécurité de santé en Californie et la code sécurité Sec. 25249.5 et seq.)
**INCENDIE ET EXPLOSION**

Les incendies et les explosions peuvent résulter des scories chaudes, des étincelles ou de l’arc de plasma. Le procédé à l’arc de plasma produit du métal, des étincelles, des scories chaudes pouvant mettre le feu aux matières combustibles ou provoquer l’explosion de fumées inflammables.

- Soyez certain qu’aucune matière combustible ou inflammable ne se trouve sur le lieu de travail. Protégez toute telle matière qu’il est impossible de retirer de la zone de travail.
- Procurez une bonne aération de toutes les fumées inflammables ou explosives.
- Ne coupez pas et ne soudez pas les conteneurs ayant pu renfermer des matières combustibles.
- Prévoyez une veille d’incendie lors de tout travail dans une zone présentant des dangers d’incendie.
- Le gas hydrogène peut se former ou s’accumuler sous les pièces de travail en aluminium lorsqu’elles sont coupées sous l’eau ou sur une table d’eau. NE PAS couper les alliages en aluminium sous l’eau ou sur une table d’eau à moins que le gas hydrogène peut s’échapper ou se dissiper. Le gas hydrogène accumulé explosera si enflammé.

**RAYONS D’ARC DE PLASMA**

Les rayons provenant de l’arc de plasma peuvent blesser vos yeux et brûler votre peau. Le procédé à l’arc de plasma produit une lumière infra-rouge et des rayons ultra-violets très forts. Ces rayons d’arc nuiront à vos yeux et brûleront votre peau si vous ne vous protégez pas correctement.

- Pour protéger vos yeux, portez toujours un casque ou un écran de soudeur. Portez toujours des lunettes de sécurité munies de parois latérales ou des lunettes de protection ou une autre sorte de protection oculaire.
- Portez des gants de soudeur et un vêtement protecteur approprié pour protéger votre peau contre les étincelles et les rayons de l’arc.
- Maintenez votre casque et vos lunettes de protection en bon état. Remplacez toute lentille sale ou comportant fissure ou rognure.
- Protégez les autres personnes se trouvant sur la zone de travail contre les rayons de l’arc en fournissant des cabines ou des écrans de protection.
- Utilisez la nuance de lentille qui est suggérée dans le recommandation qui suivent tableau.

**NOTE**

Ces valeurs s’appliquent ou l’arc actuel est observé clairement. L’expérience a démontrer que les filtres moins foncés peuvent être utilisés quand l’arc est caché par moinceau de travail.

**BRUIT**


- Pour protéger votre ouïe contre les bruits forts, portez des tampons protecteurs et/ou des protections auriculaires. Protégez également les autres personnes se trouvant sur le lieu de travail.
- Il faut mesurer les niveaux sonores afin d’assurer que les décibels (le bruit) ne dépassent pas les niveaux sûrs.
- Pour des renseignements sur la manière de tester le bruit, consultez l’article 1.
1.08 Documents De Reference

Consultez les normes suivantes ou les révisions les plus récentes ayant été faites à celles-ci pour de plus amples renseignements :


5. Norme ANSI Z41.1, NORMES POUR LES CHAUSSURES PROTECTRICES, disponible auprès de l’American National Standards Institute, 1430 Broadway, New York, NY 10018


8. Norme 51 de l’Association Américaine pour la Protection contre les Incendies (NFPA), LES SYSTEMES À GAZ AVEC ALIMENTATION EN OXYGENE POUR LE SOUDAGE, LA COUPE ET LES PROCÉDÉS ASSOCIÉS, disponible auprès de la National Fire Protection Association, Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02269

9. Norme 70 de la NFPA, CODE ELECTRIQUE NATIONAL, disponible auprès de la National Fire Protection Association, Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02269

10. Norme 51B de la NFPA, LES PROCÉDÉS DE COUPE ET DE SOUDAGE, disponible auprès de la National Fire Protection Association, Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02269


13. Livret NWSA, BIBLIOGRAPHIE SUR LA SÉCURITÉ DU SOUDAGE, disponible auprès de l’Association Nationale de Fournitures de Soudage (National Welding Supply Association), 1900 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103


1.09 Declaration of Conformity

Manufacturer: Victor Technologies Company

Address: 82 Benning Street

West Lebanon, New Hampshire 03784

USA

The equipment described in this manual conforms to all applicable aspects and regulations of the ‘Low Voltage Directive’ (European Council Directive 2006/95/EC) and to the National legislation for the enforcement of this Directive.

The power supply equipment described in this manual conforms to CSA E60974-1 and the plasma torch equipment described in this manual conforms to CSA E60974-7.

The equipment described in this manual conforms to all applicable aspects and regulations of the “EMC Directive” (European Council Directive 2004/108/EC) and to the National legislation for the enforcement of this Directive.

Serial numbers are unique with each individual piece of equipment and details description, parts used to manufacture a unit and date of manufacture.

National Standard and Technical Specifications

The product is designed and manufactured to a number of standards and technical requirements. Among them are:

* CSA (Canadian Standards Association) standard C22.2 number 60 for Arc welding equipment.

* UL (Underwriters Laboratory) rating 94VO flammability testing for all printed-circuit boards used.

* CENELEC EN50199 EMC Product Standard for Arc Welding Equipment.

* ISO/IEC 60974-1 (BS 638-PT10) (EN 60 974-1) (EN50192) (EN50078) applicable to plasma cutting equipment and associated accessories.

* 2002/95/EC RoHS directive.

* AS60974.1 Arc Welding Equipment Welding Power Sources.

For environments with increased hazard of electrical shock, Power Supplies bearing the S mark conform to EN50192 when used in conjunction with hand torches with exposed cutting tips, if equipped with properly installed standoff guides.

* Extensive product design verification is conducted at the manufacturing facility as part of the routine design and manufacturing process. This is to ensure the product is safe, when used according to instructions in this manual and related industry standards, and performs as specified. Rigorous testing is incorporated into the manufacturing process to ensure the manufactured product meets or exceeds all design specifications.

Victor Technologies has been manufacturing products for more than 30 years, and will continue to achieve excellence in our area of manufacture.
1.10 Statement of Warranty

LIMITED WARRANTY: Subject to the terms and conditions established below, Victor Technologies warrants to the original retail purchaser that new Thermal Dynamics CUTMASTER® plasma cutting systems sold after the effective date of this warranty are free of defects in material and workmanship. Should any failure to conform to this warranty appear within the applicable period stated below, Victor Technologies shall, upon notification thereof and substantiation that the product has been stored, operated, and maintained in accordance with Victor Technologies’s specifications, instructions, recommendations, and recognized industry practice, correct such defects by suitable repair or replacement.

This warranty is exclusive and in lieu of any warranty of merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose.

Victor Technologies will repair or replace, at its discretion, any warranted parts or components that fail due to defects in material or workmanship within the time periods set out below. Victor Technologies must be notified within 30 days of any failure, at which time Victor Technologies will provide instructions on the warranty procedures to be implemented.

Victor Technologies will honor warranty claims submitted within the warranty periods listed below. All warranty periods begin on the date of sale of the product to the original retail customer or 1 year after sale to an authorized Victor Technologies Distributor.

LIMITED WARRANTY PERIOD

<table>
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<th>Product</th>
<th>Power Supply Components (Parts and Labor)</th>
<th>Torch and Leads (Parts and Labor)</th>
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<tr>
<td>CUTMASTER 42</td>
<td>4 Year</td>
<td>1 Year</td>
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This warranty does not apply to:

1. Consumable Parts, such as tips, electrodes, shield cups, o-rings, starter cartridges, gas distributors, fuses, filters.
2. Equipment that has been modified by an unauthorized party, improperly installed, improperly operated or misused based upon industry standards.

In the event of a claim under this warranty, the remedies shall be, at the discretion of Victor Technologies Company:

1. Repair of the defective product.
2. Replacement of the defective product.
4. Payment of credit up to the purchase price less reasonable depreciation based on actual use.

These remedies may be authorized by Victor Technologies and are FOB West Lebanon, NH or an authorized Victor Technologies service station. Product returned for service is at the owner’s expense and no reimbursement of travel or transportation is authorized.

LIMITATION OF LIABILITY: Victor Technologies Company shall not under any circumstances be liable for special or consequential damages such as, but not limited to, damage or loss of purchased or replacement goods or claims of customer of distributors (hereinafter “Purchaser”) for service interruption. The remedies of the Purchaser set forth herein are exclusive and the liability of Victor Technologies with respect to any contract, or anything done in connection therewith such as the performance or breach thereof, or from the manufacture, sale, delivery, resale, or use of the goods covered by or furnished by Victor Technologies whether arising out of contract, negligence, strict tort, or under any warranty, or otherwise, shall not, except as expressly provided herein, exceed the price of the goods upon which liability is based.

This warranty becomes invalid if replacement parts or accessories are used which may impair the safety or performance of any Victor Technologies product.

This warranty is invalid if the Thermal Dynamics product is sold by non-authorized persons.

Effective October 15, 2010
2.01 How to Use This Manual

To ensure safe operation, read the entire manual, including the chapter on safety instructions and warnings. Throughout this manual, the word WARNING, CAUTION and NOTE may appear. Pay particular attention to the information provided under these headings. These special annotations are easily recognized as follows:

> **WARNING**

Gives information regarding possible personal injury. Warnings will be enclosed in a box such as this.

> **CAUTION**

Refers to possible equipment damage. Cautions will be shown in bold type.

> **NOTE**

Offers helpful information concerning certain operating procedures. Notes will be shown in italics.

You will also notice icons from the safety section appearing throughout the manual. These are to advise you of specific types of hazards or cautions related to the portion of information that follows. Some may have multiple hazards that apply and would look something like this:

2.02 Equipment Identification

The unit's identification number (specification or part number), model, and serial number usually appear on a nameplate attached to the machine. Equipment which does not have a nameplate attached to the machine is identified only by the specification or part number printed on the shipping container. Record these numbers for future reference.

2.03 Receipt of Equipment

When you receive the equipment, check it against the invoice to make sure it is complete and inspect the equipment for possible damage due to shipping. If there is any damage, notify the carrier immediately to file a claim. Furnish complete information concerning damage claims or shipping errors to the location in your area listed in the inside back cover of this manual. Include all equipment identification numbers as described above along with a full description of the parts in error.

2.04 Transportation Methods

Disconnect input power conductors from de-energized supply line before moving the cutting power source. Lift unit with handle on top of case. Use handcart or similar device of adequate capacity. If using a fork lift vehicle, secure the unit on a proper skid before transporting.

2.05 Working Principle

![Diagram of the working principle of the CUTMASTER 42 system.](Art # A-09204_AB)
2.06 Power Supply Features

- 120/230 VAC Power Source
- Air Inlet
- Control Panel
- Torch Lead
- Work Cable and Clamp
- On/Off Switch
- Power Cord
- Air Inlet
2T.01 Scope of Manual

This manual contains descriptions, operating instructions and maintenance procedures for the SL40 Plasma Cutting Torch. Service of this equipment is restricted to properly trained personnel; unqualified personnel are strictly cautioned against attempting repairs or adjustments not covered in this manual, at the risk of voiding the Warranty. Read this manual thoroughly. A complete understanding of the characteristics and capabilities of this equipment will assure the dependable operation for which it was designed.

2T.02 Specifications

A. Torch Configurations
   1. Hand Torch, Model SL40
      The hand torch head is at 75° to the torch handle. The hand torches include a torch handle and torch trigger assembly.

   ![Hand Torch Diagram](Art#A-09336)

   - 8.3" (210.82mm)
   - 2.6" (66.04mm)
   - .96" (24.38mm)

B. Torch Leads Lengths
   Hand Torches are available as follows:
   - 15 ft / 4.6 m.

C. Torch Parts
   Starter Cartridge, Electrode, Tip, Shield Cup

D. Parts - In - Place (PIP)
   Torch has built-in switch.
   12 vdc circuit rating

E. Type Cooling
   Combination of ambient air and gas stream through torch.

F. Torch Ratings

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<th>SL40 Torch Ratings</th>
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<td>Ambient Temperature</td>
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<tr>
<td>Duty Cycle</td>
<td>100% @ 40 Amps @ 193 scfh</td>
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<td>Maximum Current</td>
<td>40 Amps</td>
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<td>Voltage (V_peak)</td>
<td>500V</td>
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<td>Arc Striking Voltage</td>
<td>500V</td>
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<td>Torch Control Circuit Voltage</td>
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G. Current Ratings

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<th>SL40 Current Ratings</th>
<th>Up to 40 Amps, DC, Straight Polarity</th>
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H. Gas Requirements

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<th>SL40 Torch Gas Specifications</th>
<th>Compressed Air</th>
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<tr>
<td>Minimum Input Pressure</td>
<td>85 psi 5.9 bar</td>
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<tr>
<td>Maximum Input Pressure</td>
<td>125 psi / 8.6 bar</td>
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<tr>
<td>Gas Flow</td>
<td>193 scfh 91 lpm</td>
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**NOTE**

Power Supply characteristics will determine material thickness range.

**WARNING**

This torch is not to be used with oxygen (O₂). This torch is not to be use with high frequency starting systems.
A. Plasma Gas Flow

Plasma is a gas which has been heated to an extremely high temperature and ionized so that it becomes electrically conductive. The plasma arc cutting and gouging processes use this plasma to transfer an electrical arc to the workpiece. The metal to be cut or removed is melted by the heat of the arc and then blown away.

While the goal of plasma arc cutting is separation of the material, plasma arc gouging is used to remove metals to a controlled depth and width.

In a Plasma Cutting Torch a cool gas enters Zone B, where a arc between the electrode and the torch tip heats and ionizes the gas. The main cutting arc then transfers to the workpiece through the column of plasma gas in Zone C.

By forcing the plasma gas and electric arc through a small orifice, the torch delivers a high concentration of heat to a small area. The stiff, constricted plasma arc is shown in Zone C. Direct current (DC) straight polarity is used for plasma cutting, as shown in the illustration.

Zone A channels a secondary gas that cools the torch. This gas also assists the high velocity plasma gas in blowing the molten metal out of the cut allowing for a fast, slag-free cut.

B. Gas Distribution

The single gas used is internally split into plasma and secondary gases.

The plasma gas flows into the torch through the negative lead, through the starter cartridge, around the electrode, and out through the tip orifice.

The secondary gas flows down around the outside of the torch starter cartridge, and out between the tip and shield cup around the plasma arc.

C. Pilot Arc

When the torch is started a pilot arc is established between the electrode and cutting tip. This pilot arc creates a path for the main arc to transfer to the work.

D. Main Cutting Arc

DC power is also used for the main cutting arc. The negative output is connected to the torch electrode through the torch lead. The positive output is connected to the workpiece via the work cable and to the torch through a pilot wire.

E. Parts-In-Place (PIP)

The torch includes a ‘Parts-In-Place’ (PIP) circuit. When the shield cup is properly installed, it closes a switch. The torch will not operate if this switch is open.

![Typical Torch Head Detail](image-url)
SECTION 3: INSTALLATION

3.01 Unpacking

1. Use the packing lists to identify and account for each item.
   
   A. Contents List
      
      Description          Quantity
      CM42 Power source     1
      10ft power input cable (installed) 1
      120VAC Adapter Pigtail 15A 1
      120VAC Adapter Pigtail 20A 1
      Work cable and clamp (installed) 1
      SL40 Torch (15ft(4.6m)) w/consumables 1
      Carry case            1
      40A Tip Drag          2
      20A Tip Drag          2
      40A Tip, Standoff     2
      Electrode             2
      Gloves                1
      Cutting Glasses       1
      1/4" Pipe Size NPT female × BSPT male adapter 1

2. Inspect each item for possible shipping damage. If damage is evident, contact your distributor and / or shipping company before proceeding with the installation.

3. Record Power Supply and Torch model and serial numbers, purchase date and vendor name, in the information block at the front of this manual.

3.02 Lifting Options

The Power Supply includes a handle for hand lifting only. Be sure unit is lifted and transported safely and securely.

**WARNING**

*Do not touch live electrical parts.*

*Disconnect input power cord before moving unit.*

*FALLING EQUIPMENT can cause serious personal injury and can damage equipment.*

*HANDLE is not for mechanical lifting.*

- Only persons of adequate physical strength should lift the unit.
- Lift unit by the handle, using two hands. Do not use straps for lifting.
- Use optional cart or similar device of adequate capacity to move unit.
- Place unit on a proper skid and secure in place before transporting with a fork lift or other vehicle.
3.03 Primary Input Power Connections

Power Cords Included With Power Supply

Attached to the power supply is an input power cord with a 230 Volt 50 Amp NEMA 6-50P for plug. Supplied adapters allow for connection of the power supply input cable plug for when using 120V input power.

![120VAC Adapter Pigtail](Art# A-09432_AB)

Figure 3-1 120VAC Adapter Pigtail

**CAUTION**

Check your power source for correct voltage before plugging in or connecting the unit. The primary power source, fuse, and any extension cords used must conform to local electrical code and the recommended circuit protection and wiring requirements as specified in Section 2.

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<tr>
<th>Input Voltage (VAC)</th>
<th>Rated Output</th>
<th>Amps (RMS) input at rated output, 60 Hz, single-phase</th>
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<td>20A, 88V</td>
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<td>208-230V, 20A Circuit</td>
<td>40A, 96V</td>
<td>23-21.4</td>
<td>4.8</td>
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3.04 Air Supply Connections

A. Connecting Air Supply to Unit

The connection is the same for compressed air or industrial compressed air in gas cylinders.

1. Connect the gas line to the compressed air inlet port at the appropriate pressure.

B. Using Industrial Compressed Air In Gas Cylinders

When using Industrial compressed air in gas cylinders as the gas supply:

1. Refer to the manufacturer’s specifications for installation and maintenance procedures for high pressure gas regulators.

2. Examine the cylinder valves to be sure they are clean and free of oil, grease or any foreign material. Briefly open each cylinder valve to blow out any dust which may be present.

3. The cylinder must be equipped with an adjustable high-pressure regulator capable of outlet pressures up to 100 psi (6.9 bar) maximum and flows of at least 250 scfh (120 lpm).

4. Connect gas supply hose to the cylinder.

NOTE

Pressure should be set at 100 psi (6.9 bar) at the high pressure gas cylinder regulator.

Supply hose must be at least 1/4 inch (6 mm) I.D.

For a secure seal, apply thread sealant to the fitting threads, according to manufacturer’s instructions. Do Not use Teflon tape as a thread sealer, as small particles of the tape may break off and block the small gas passages in the torch.
### CUTMASTER 42 Power Supply Specifications

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<th>Input Power</th>
<th>120 VAC (+-10%), 1Phase, 50/60Hz</th>
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<th>Output Current</th>
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### CUTMASTER 42 Power Supply Duty Cycle (Note 1)

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<th>Ambient Temperature</th>
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<td>Duty Cycle</td>
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<td>Rated Current</td>
<td>27 Amps @ 120VAC, 40 Amps @ 230V</td>
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### SL40 Torch Gas Requirements (see section 2T.03)

**Notes**

1. Duty Cycle is the percentage of time the system can be operated without overheating. Duty cycle is reduced if primary input voltage (AC) is low or the DC voltage is higher than shown in this chart.

2. Air supply must be free of oil, moisture, and other contaminants. Excessive oil and moisture may cause double-arcing, rapid tip wear, or even complete torch failure. Contaminants may cause poor cutting performance and rapid electrode wear. Optional filters provide increased filtering capabilities.

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**NOTE**

*IEC Rating is determined as specified by the International Electro-Technical Commission. These specifications include calculating an output voltage based upon power supply rated current. To facilitate comparison between power supplies, all manufacturers use this output voltage to determine duty cycle.*

*TDC Rating is determined using an output voltage representative of actual output voltage during cutting with a TDC torch. This voltage may be more or less than IEC voltage, depending upon choice of torch, consumables, and actual cutting operation.*
**Figure 2-1 Power Supply Dimensions & Weight**

**NOTE**

Weight includes torch & leads, input power cord, and work cable with clamp.

**CAUTION**

Provide clearance for proper air flow through the power supply. Operation without proper air flow will inhibit proper cooling and reduce duty cycle.
### 3.06 Input Wiring Specifications

<table>
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<th>Input</th>
<th>Power Input (kVA)</th>
<th>Current Input Max (Amps)</th>
<th>Current Input Ieff (Amps)</th>
<th>Suggested Sizes (See Note)</th>
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Line Voltages with Suggested Circuit Protection

- Motor start fuses or thermal circuit breakers are recommended for this application. Check local requirements for your situation in this regard.

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**NOTE**

- Refer to Local and National Codes or local authority having jurisdiction for proper wiring requirements.
- **Cable size is de-rated based on the Duty Cycle of the equipment.**
- **The suggested sizes are based on flexible power cable with power plug installations.**
- **Cable conductor temperature used is 167° F (75° C).**
4.01 Control Panel

1. **ON / OFF Switch (Power Switch/Lamp)**
   - Controls input power to the power supply. I is ON (Red Lamp), O is OFF.

2. **(A) Output Current Control**
   - Sets the desired output current. If the overload protection (fuse or circuit breaker) on the input power circuit opens frequently, either reduce cutting output, reduce the cutting time, or connect the unit to more adequate input power. Note: For 120V input power, the unit will automatically limit the output current to a maximum of 27A. For 230V input power, the maximum output is 40 Amps. Refer to Section 2 for input power requirements.

3. **AC Indicator**
   - Steady light indicates power supply is ready for operation.

4. **OVERHEAT Indicator (TEMP Indicator)**
   - Indicator is normally OFF. Indicator is ON when internal temperature exceeds normal limits. Allow the unit to run with the fan on until the temp indicator turns off.

5. **AIR Indicator**
   - AIR light should be ON when there is sufficient gas pressure.

6. **READY (DC Indicator)**
   - Indicator is ON when DC output circuit is active.
NOTE

All consumables must be correctly installed and maintained to ensure correct operation.

### 4.02 Preparations For Operating

At the start of each operating session:

**WARNING**

Disconnect primary power at the source before assembling or disassembling power supply, torch parts, or torch and leads assemblies.

#### A. Torch Parts Selection

Check the torch for proper assembly and appropriate torch parts. The torch parts must correspond with the type of operation, and with the amperage output of this power supply (40 amps maximum). Use only genuine Thermal Dynamics parts with this torch.

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![Diagram of torch parts](image)

Electrode, Cat. No. 9-0096

Start Cartridge, Cat. No. 9-0097

40 Amp Drag Tip, Cat. No. 9-0093

40 Amp Standoff Tip, Cat. No. 9-0094

Shield Cup, Cat. No. 9-0098

NOTE

When operating the torch in a normal condition, some gas vents through the gap between the shield cup and torch handle. Do not attempt to over tighten the shield cup as irreparable damage to internal components may result.

NOTE

For 115VAC, 20A Drag Cutting Tip (Cat.No. 9-0091) shall be used (refer to 9.03 SL40 Replacement Parts).
B. Torch Connection

Check that the torch is properly connected.

C. Check Primary Input Power Source

1. Check the power source for proper input voltage. Make sure the input power source meets the power requirements for the unit per Section 2, Specifications.
2. Connect the input power cable (or close the main disconnect switch) to supply power to the system.

D. Gas Selection

Ensure gas source meets requirements listed in section 2T. Check connections and turn gas supply on.

E. Connect Work Cable

Clamp the work cable to the workpiece or cutting table. The area must be free from oil, paint and rust. Connect only to the main part of the workpiece; do not connect to the part to be cut off.

F. Power On

Place the power supply ON / OFF switch to the ON (I) position. Power indicator turns on.
G. Select Current Output Level

Set the desired current output level.

120V, 15A

120V, 20A

230V, 20A

4.03 Sequence of Operation

The following is a typical sequence of operation for this power supply.

1. Place the ON / OFF switch on the power supply to ON (up) position (Red indicator lamp is illuminated).
   a. AC indicator \( \sim \) turns on; fan turns on.

   **NOTE**

   *During initial power up, there will be a delay of about 2 seconds before the AC Indicator light will illuminate and the pre-flow gas and fan starts. The gas will automatically flow from torch for approximately 10 seconds (only after the AC Indicator lamp is illuminated) (The AC Indicator lamp and fan turns on approximately 2 seconds after the ON/OFF switch is enabled), this is a process that makes sure all inputs (gas, input power, torch connection, and torch parts) are acknowledged for proper operation.*

2. Wear protective clothing, including welding gloves and appropriate eye protection (see table 1-1). Place tip on work piece and pull trigger. Arc will initiate and start cutting material.
• Standoff Cutting With Hand Torch

**NOTE**

For best performance and parts life, always use the correct parts for the type of operation.

A. The torch can be comfortably held in one hand or steadied with two hands. Position the hand to press the Trigger on the torch handle. With the hand torch, the hand may be positioned close to the torch head for maximum control or near the back end for maximum heat protection. Choose the holding technique that feels most comfortable and allows good control and movement.

**NOTE**

The tip should never come in contact with the workpiece except during drag cutting operations.

B. Depending on the cutting operation, do one of the following:

a). For drag cutting, place the tip on the plate holding the torch at an angle to the plate so that only one edge of the tip is in contact with the plate. This prevents damage to the tip during the piercing process.

b). For standoff cutting, hold the torch tip on the work piece, pull the trigger. After the arc is initiated lift the tip to 1/8" - 3/8" (3-4mm) off the work.

**NOTE**

When the shield cup is properly installed, there is a slight gap between the shield cup and the torch handle. Gas vents through this gap as part of normal operation. Do not attempt to force the shield cup to close this gap. Forcing the shield cup against the torch head or torch handle can damage components.
Drag Cutting With a Hand Torch

Drag cutting works best on metal 1/4" (6 mm) thick or less.

**NOTE**

For best parts performance and life, always use the correct parts for the type of operation.

A. Install the drag cutting tip and set the output current.
B. The torch can be comfortably held in one hand or steadied with two hands. Position the hand to press the Trigger on the torch handle. With the hand torch, the hand may be positioned close to the torch head for maximum control or near the back end for maximum heat protection. Choose the holding technique that feels most comfortable and allows good control and movement.
C. Keep the torch in contact with the workpiece during the cutting cycle.
D. Hold the torch away from your body.
E. Slide the trigger release toward the back of the torch handle while simultaneously squeezing the trigger. The arc will start.
F. Place the torch tip on the work. The main arc will transfer to the work.

**NOTE**

The gas preflow and postflow are a characteristic of the power supply and not a function of the torch.

3. Complete cutting operation.

**NOTE**

If the torch is lifted too far from the workpiece while cutting, the main arc will stop and the pilot arc will automatically restart.

4. Release the torch trigger.
   a. Main arc stops.
5. Set the power supply ON / OFF switch to OFF (down position).
   a. AC indicator turns OFF.
6. Set the main power disconnect to OFF, or unplug input power cord.
   a. Input power is removed from the system.
4.04 Cut Quality

**NOTE**

Cut quality depends heavily on setup and parameters such as torch standoff, alignment with the workpiece, cutting speed, gas pressures, and operator ability.

Refer to appendix pages for additional information as related to the power supply used.

Cut quality requirements differ depending on application. For instance, nitride build-up and bevel angle may be major factors when the surface will be welded after cutting. Dross-free cutting is important when finish cut quality is desired to avoid a secondary cleaning operation. The following cut quality characteristics are illustrated in the following figure:

- **Kerf Width**
- **Cut Surface Bevel Angle**
- **Top Spatter**
- **Dross Build-Up**
- **Cut Surface Drag Lines**
- **Top Edge Rounding**

**Cut Quality Characteristics**

**Cut Surface**

The desired or specified condition (smooth or rough) of the face of the cut.

**Nitride Build - Up**

Nitride deposits can be left on the surface of the cut when nitrogen is present in the plasma gas stream. These buildups may create difficulties if the material is to be welded after the cutting process.

**Bevel Angle**

The angle between the surface of the cut edge and a plane perpendicular to the surface of the plate. A perfectly perpendicular cut would result in a 0° bevel angle.

**Top - Edge Rounding**

Rounding on the top edge of a cut due to wearing from the initial contact of the plasma arc on the workpiece.

**Bottom Dross Buildup**

Molten material which is not blown out of the cut area and resolidifies on the plate. Excessive dross may require secondary cleanup operations after cutting.

**Kerf Width**

The width of the cut (or the width of material removed during the cut).

**Top Spatter (Dross)**

Top spatter or dross on the top of the cut caused by slow travel speed, excess cutting height, or cutting tip whose orifice has become elongated.
4.05 General Cutting Information

**WARNING**

Disconnect primary power at the source before disassembling the power supply, torch, or torch leads.

Frequently review the Important Safety Precautions at the front of this manual. Be sure the operator is equipped with proper gloves, clothing, eye and ear protection. Make sure no part of the operator’s body comes into contact with the workpiece while the torch is activated.

**CAUTION**

Sparks from the cutting process can cause damage to coated, painted, and other surfaces such as glass, plastic and metal.

**NOTE**

Handle torch leads with care and protect them from damage.

Torch Standoff

Improper standoff (the distance between the torch tip and workpiece) can adversely affect tip life as well as shield cup life. Standoff may also significantly affect the bevel angle. Reducing standoff will generally result in a more square cut.

Edge Starting

For edge starts, hold the torch perpendicular to the workpiece with the front of the tip near (not touching) the edge of the workpiece at the point where the cut is to start. When starting at the edge of the plate, do not pause at the edge and force the arc to “reach” for the edge of the metal. Establish the cutting arc as quickly as possible.

Direction of Cut

In the torches, the plasma gas stream swirls as it leaves the torch to maintain a smooth column of gas. This swirl effect results in one side of a cut being more square than the other. Viewed along the direction of travel, the right side of the cut is more square than the left.

To make a square-edged cut along an inside diameter of a circle, the torch should move counterclockwise around the circle. To keep the square edge along an outside diameter cut, the torch should travel in a clockwise direction.

**Dross**

When dross is present on carbon steel, it is commonly referred to as either “high speed, slow speed, or top dross”. Dross present on top of the plate is normally caused by too great a torch to plate distance. “Top dross” is normally very easy to remove and can often be wiped off with a welding glove. “Slow speed dross” is normally present on the bottom edge of the plate. It can vary from a light to heavy bead, but does not adhere tightly to the cut edge, and can be easily scraped off. “High speed dross” usually forms a narrow bead along the bottom of the cut edge and is very difficult to remove. When cutting a troublesome steel, it is sometimes useful to reduce the cutting speed to produce “slow speed dross”. Any resultant cleanup can be accomplished by scraping, not grinding.
5.01 Inverter Design

What does the word inverter mean?

The term inverter refers to the ability to change DC power into AC. Inverter power supplies immediately rectify the incoming AC to DC, and then the transistors create a higher frequency AC. The higher frequency AC then goes on to a much smaller main transformer than in a conventional power supply. The AC is then rectified to extremely smooth DC. The diagram to the below shows the basic electrical wiring of a DC output inverter power supply.

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![Diagram showing the basic electrical wiring of a DC output inverter power supply.](image-url)
Notes
6.01 Basic Troubleshooting—Power Source Faults

### WARNING
There are extremely dangerous voltage and power levels present inside this unit. Do not attempt to diagnose or repair it unless you are an accredited service provider and you have had training in power electronics measurement and troubleshooting techniques.

#### Common Faults symptom LED Indicators

A. AC indicator OFF
   1. Main input power cord does not connect to power distribution net.
      a. Connect the power cord.
   2. Power ON/OFF switch in OFF (down) position.
      a. Turn switch to ON (up) position.
   3. Actual input voltage does not correspond to voltage of unit.
      a. Verify that the input line voltage is correct.
   4. Faulty components in unit
      a. Return for repair or have qualified technician repair per service manual.

B. AC indicator blinking
   1. Indicator blinking (1 sec ON/1 Sec OFF, Gas may also pulse 3 times).
      a. Check for missing torch parts or not properly installed. Turn ON/OFF switch to OFF position and restart the machine by turning the power switch to ON.
   2. Indicator blinking (1 sec ON/3 Sec OFF).
      a. Check for worn or sticking torch parts. Replace if necessary.
   3. Indicator blinking (3 sec ON/3 Sec OFF).
      a. Torch switch was depressed before machine was completely powered up. Turn ON/OFF switch to OFF position and the restart the machine by turning the power switch to ON.

C. Air indicator OFF
   1. Gas pressure too low. Check supply pressure.

D. TEMP indicator ON, (AC indicator ON)
   1. Unit air flow obstructed.
      a. Check for blocked air flow around the unit and correct condition.
   2. Fan blocked.
      a. Check for blocked status and correct condition.
3. Unit is overheated.
   a. Keep the machine plugged in and turned on for five minutes. This will allow the fan to run and cool
      the machine.

4. Faulty components in unit
   a. Return for repair or have qualified technician repair per service manual.

E. Torch will not pilot, when torch trigger is activated.
1. Faulty parts in torch
   a. Check torch parts per section 4.02; replace as needed.

2. Gas pressure too low
   a. Adjust supply pressure to proper setting value.

   NOTE
   The pressure should be set at (100 PSI).

3. Faulty tip in use
   a. In 115VAC operation, 40 Amp Tip is used which prevents the unit from piloting;
      Replace with 20 Amp Tip.

4. Faulty components in unit
   a. Return for repair or have qualified technician repair per service manual.

F. No cutting output when torch is activated; AC indicator ON, gas flows, fan turns.
1. Torch is not connected properly to power supply.
   a. Check torch connection to power supply.

2. Working cable not connected to work piece, or connection is poor.
   a. Make sure that work cable has a proper connection to a clean, dry area of the work piece.

3. Faulty components in unit
   a. Return for repair or have qualified technician repair per service manual.

4. Faulty torch
   a. Return for repair or have qualified technician repair.

G. Torch cuts but not adequately
1. Incorrect setting of output current control
   a. Check and adjust to proper setting.

2. Working cable connection to work piece is poor.
   a. Make sure that work cable has a proper connection to a clean, dry area of the work piece.

3. Faulty components in unit
   a. Return for repair or have qualified technician repair.

H. Output is restricted, and can not be controlled.
1. Input or output connection is poor.
   a. Check all input and output connection leads.

2. Working cable connection to work piece is poor.
   a. Make sure that work cable has a proper connection to a clean, dry area of the work piece.
3. Faulty components in unit
   a. Return for repair or have qualified technician repair per service manual.

I. Cutting output is unstable or inadequate at 120V operation.
   1. Low or fluctuating input voltage
      a. Turn output current to minimum (20 amps) and suggest using 20A Drag tip.
      b. Connect to a dedicated input line voltage.
      c. Have electrician check input line voltage under load.
   2. Input or output connection is poor
      a. Check all input and output connection leads.
   3. Working cable connection is poor
      a. Make sure that work cable has a proper connection to a clean, dry area of the work piece.

J. Hard to startup
   1. Torch parts worn (consumables)
      a. Turn off input power, remove shield cup, tip, start cartridge, and electrode and check them all. If the electrode or cutting tip is worn out, replace them. If the start cartridge does not move freely, replace it. If there is too much spatter on shield cup, replace it.

K. Arc goes out while operating. Arc can’t be restarted when torch trigger is activated.
   1. Power Supply is overheated (TEMP indicator ON).
      a. Let unit cool down for at least 5 minutes. Make sure the unit has not been operated beyond duty cycle limit.
   2. Fan blades blocked (TEMP indicator ON).
      a. Check and clear blades.
   3. Air flow blocked
      a. Check for blocked air flow around the unit and correct condition.
   4. Gas pressure is too low. (Air indicator ON when torch trigger is activated.)
      a. Check gas source. Adjust to proper setting value.
   5. Torch parts worn
      a. Check torch shield cup, cutting tip, start cartridge and electrode. Replace as needed.
   6. Faulty component in unit
      a. Return for repair or have qualified technician repair per service manual.

L. Torch cuts but not well.
   1. Current control is set too low.
      a. Increase the current setting.
   2. Torch is being moved too fast across work piece
      a. Reduce cutting speed.
3. Excessive oil or moisture in torch
   a. Hold torch 1/8 inch (3 mm) from clean surface while purging and observe oil or moisture buildup (do not activate torch). If there are contaminants in the gas, additional filtering may be needed.

4. Torch parts worn
   a. Check torch shield cup, cutting tip, start cartridge and electrode. Replace as needed.

M. Gas in torch pulsates 3 times and then stops. AC indicator light blinking.
   1. Torch parts not properly installed in torch. There may have been an attempt to remove torch parts without turning off ON/OFF power switch to OFF on unit.
      a. Check to make sure torch parts are properly installed.
      b. Turn ON/OFF switch to OFF and then back to ON.

### 6.02 Checking Unit Before Applying Power

⚠️ Turn SW1 to OFF position, and disconnect unit from primary line voltage before working on unit.

⚠️ Significant DC voltage can remain on capacitors after unit is Off. Wait until all front panel LED’s are off before removing case.

⚠️ Check DC bus voltage according to Section 6.07 after removing case.

⚠️ Before troubleshooting or applying power to unit, complete the following checks to avoid causing further damage.

### 6.03 Tools Needed for Troubleshooting and Servicing

![Tools Needed for Troubleshooting and Servicing](Art # A-09849)
6.04 Case Removal

⚠️ Read and follow safety information in Section 6.02 before proceeding. Remove the ten screws from the cover and remove the cover panel.

6.05 Clear Cover Sheet Removal

⚠️ Read and follow safety information in Section 6.02 before proceeding.

1. Clear protective sheet
   Take out clear protective sheet.
6.06 Visually Inspect

Visually inspect the inside of the Power Source. The levels of current present in these units can cause burning or arcing of PCB, transformers, switches, or rectifier when a failure occurs. Carefully inspect all components within these units.

Look in particular for the following:

a) Loose or broken wires or connectors.

b) Burned or scorched parts or wires or evidence of arcing.

c) Any accumulation of metal dust or filings that may have caused shorting or arcing.

If any parts are damaged, they must be replaced. Refer to the Spare Parts section for a complete list of components used in the Power Source.

Locate the faulty component(s) then replace where necessary.

6.07 Preliminary DC Bus Measurement of the Main Inverter Board

⚠️ Read and follow safety information in Section 6.02 before proceeding.

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<td>Negative meter lead to testpoint 29</td>
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<td>Lower capacitor bank</td>
<td>Positive meter lead to testpoint 32</td>
<td>0 VDC</td>
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<td>Negative meter lead to testpoint 31</td>
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Table 6-1 DC BUS, Multimeter set to measure DC volts
Read and follow safety information in Section 6.02 before proceeding.
### Troubleshooting

#### IGBT Testing

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Table 6-2 IGBT’s, Multimeter set to measure Diode Voltage

#### 6.09 Check Main On / Off Switch

⚠️ Read and follow safety information in Section 6.02 before proceeding.

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<td>Switch OFF</td>
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<td>&gt; 1k Ω</td>
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<td>Switch OFF</td>
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<td>&gt; 1k Ω</td>
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Table 6-3 Power Switch, Multimeter set to measure ohms (Ω)
6.10 Check Pressure Switch

1. Pressure switch open
When the pressure is up to 3.5kgf/cm² (49.78 PSI), the pressure switch turns off.

2. Pressure switch closed
When the pressure is less than 2.4kgf/cm² (34.13 PSI), the pressure switch turns on and the resistance between 1 and 2 is about 0.1Ω.

6.11 Check Regulator

When solenoid valve is on, adjusts the knob 1. If the pressure is continuously adjustable, the regulator is ok.
6.12 Check Main Input Rectifier

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Table 6-4 IGBT’s, Multimeter set to measure Diode Voltage

Measurements may be made directly onto the main input rectifier. AC1 and AC2 may be measured from the pins on the mains supply plug with the main power switch set to the ON position.

6.13 DC Bus Voltage Measurement

Apply voltage to the Power Source.

⚠️ There are extremely dangerous voltage and power levels present inside these Power Sources. Do not attempt to diagnose or repair unless you have had training in power electronics measurement and troubleshooting techniques.

Once power is applied to the Power Source, there are extremely hazardous voltage and power levels present.

Do not touch any live parts.
Troubleshooting

DC Bus Testing | Multimeter Lead Placement | Voltage with Supply voltage ON
--- | --- | ---
Upper capacitor bank | Positive meter lead to testpoint 30 Negative meter lead to testpoint 29 | 192 VDC +/-10%
Lower capacitor bank | Positive meter lead to testpoint 31 Negative meter lead to testpoint 32 | 192 VDC +/-10%
Overall capacitor bank | Positive meter lead to testpoint 29 Negative meter lead to testpoint 32 | 384 VDC +/-10%

Table 6-5  DC BUS, Multimeter set to measure DC volts

Note: These DC voltages are at nominal mains supply voltage of 240VAC.
6.14 Check of Control PCB

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<td>Negative of solenoid control signal</td>
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<td>0 — 4VDC</td>
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6.15 Waveforms

1. Vds of inverter IGBT at no load
   Test point C1: 4 and 5  C2: 9 and 10 (Testpoints refer to inverter PCB diagram in Sec. 6.13).

2. Vds of inverter IGBT at full load
   Test point C1: 4 and 5  C2: 9 and 10 (Testpoints refer to inverter PCB diagram in Sec. 6.13 ).
6.16 Main Circuit Description

Turn off power and disconnect mains supply plug from receptacle before working on the unit. Allow two minutes for capacitors to discharge after disconnection from mains supply voltage.
The mains supply voltage is connected via a double pole switch to the input rectifier U1 through an EMC filter. Over-voltage protection is provided by varistor CY1.

The rectifier circuit converts the inputted AC voltage to DC voltage. The input current is controlled through being compared with reference wave. The reference point is a pure sine wave which derives from the source voltage. The PFC control chip will be used to generate suitable gate signal to drive V8 and V8-1, ensuring the current is sinusoidal.

The boost diode output charges the main capacitor bank (C16, C17, C18, C19, C20 and C21) to high voltage. Inrush current limiting is provided by a high power resistor which is then bypassed by relay J1 after a few seconds.

The primary igbt transistors (T1, T2, T4, and T5) switch the transformer primary at high frequency and varying duty cycle. The transformer return wire is taken from the junction of the capacitors C20 and C21 (the voltage at this point is approximately half the DC bus voltage).

Secondary output voltage from the transformer is rectified by the output diodes (T14-1 and T16-1) to DC. This DC is controlled by the PWM of the primary side igbt transistors, and is filtered by an inductor before connecting to the output terminals.

A thermal overload device (thermistor) is fixed to the rectifier heatsink. When an over temperature occurs, the control circuit inhibits the trigger and the output. The thermal overload indicator LED on the front panel is illuminated.

The current transformer TR8 provides a signal to the control circuit to indicate both transformer primary current, and also detect transformer saturation. The Hall effect current sensor is powered from regulated + & - 15VDC supplies and provides a voltage signal proportional to the output DC cutting current to allow the control circuit to regulate cutting current.
Notes
7.01 Safety Precautions for Disassembly

⚠️ Read and follow safety information in Section 6.02 before proceeding.

Unplug unit before beginning Disassembly procedure.
7.02 Control Board Removal

Read and follow safety information in Section 6.02 before proceeding with disassembly.

Remove case (refer to 6.04) before remove control board.
Refer to graphics on page 7-3.

1. M4 Screw. Remove 4 screws from Control panel.
2. Disconnect HF/QF harness from HF/QF connector.
3. Disconnect MB harness from MB connector.
4. Disconnect SOURCE&TIP harness from SOURCE&TIP connector.
5. Disconnect DRIVE harness from DRIVE connector.
6. Disconnect U-D harness from U-D connector.
7. Disconnect WA harness from WA connector.
8. Disconnect FAN harness from FAN connector.
10. Disconnect WV harness from WV connector.
11. Disconnect D-PORT harness from D-PORT connector.
12. Disconnect OT harness from OT connector.
13. Disconnect PRESSURE harness from PRESSURE connector.
14. Disconnect GUN&TEST harness from GUN&TEST connector.
7.03 Front Panel Assembly Removal

Read and follow safety information in Section 6.02 before proceeding with disassembly

1. Case removal
   Remove the ten screws from the cover panel and remove the cover panel

2. Remove the screws on front panel

3. Unplug the three harnesses from control PCB as shown in photo on following page.

4. Remove the two screws.
Read and follow safety information in Section 6.02 before proceeding with disassembly.

1. Remove the screw on the potentiometer knob.
2. Remove the nut.
3. Remove the front panel PCB.
7.05 Back Panel Removal

Read and follow safety information in Section 6.02 before proceeding with disassembly.

1. Remove screws on back panel
2. Remove the three screws
3. Terminals from supply cable.
   Disconnect two terminals from switch.
4. Wires from main PCB1.
   Disconnect the two terminals from switch.
5. Goung wire terminal.
   Remove the nut.
Read and follow safety information in Section 6.02 before proceeding with disassembly

1. Gas inlet. Remove gas inlet from rear panel.
2. SW locking tabs
   Squeeze the locking tabs and push SW out from the rear panel.
3. Loosen the cable anchorage.
4. Remove fan.
5. Pull the Input Power Cord out.
7.07 Base Panel Removal

Read and follow safety information in Section 6.02 before proceeding with disassembly

1. Remove Central Panel Screws.
2. Remove Main PCB assembly Screws.
8.01 Installing Base Board

1. Main Power PCB assembly
2. Install main PCB assembly screws
3. Install central Panel Screws.
8.02 Installing Back Panel

1. Install gas inlet.
2. Install ON/OFF switch
3. Install wire cord.
4. Reconnect Input Wire on the ON/OFF switch.
5. Install fan.
6. Install ground wire.
7. Reconnect AC Input wire on Main Power PCB to power ON/OFF switch.
8. Reconnect the three screws.
9. Reconnect Rear Panel screws.
8.03 Installing Front Panel

1. Place front panel PCB assembly into front panel. Install the nut and screw.
2. Reconnect three harnesses to control PCB.
3. Reconnect two red wires and install the screws.
4. Install the front panel screws.
8.04 Installing Main Control Panel and Clear Cover Sheet

1. Install 4 screws.
2. Plug harness into HF/QF connector
3. Plug harness into MB connector
4. Plug harness into SOURCE&TIP connector
5. Plug harness into DRIVE connector
6. Plug harness into U-D connector
7. Plug harness into WA connector
8. Plug harness into FAN connector
9. Plug harness into TRANF-IFB connector
10. Plug harness into WV connector
11. Plug harness into D-PORT connector
12. Plug harness into OT connector
13. Plug harness into PRESSURE connector
14. Plug harness into GUN&TEST connector
15. Install clear protective sheet.
ASSEMBLY PROCEDURES

1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10. 11. 12. 13. 14. 15.

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8.05 Installing Case

1. Install Case.

2. Install Screws. Tighten screws.
9.01 Introduction

A. Parts List Breakdown
   The parts list provides a breakdown of all replaceable components.

B. Returns
   If a product must be returned for service, contact your distributor. Materials returned without proper authorization will not be accepted.

C. Ordering Information
   Order replacement parts by catalog number and complete description of the part or assembly, as listed in the parts list for each type item. Also include the model and serial number of the torch. Address all inquiries to your authorized distributor.
## Power Supply Replacement Parts

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![Diagram of SL40 Torch Components](image-url)
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APPENDIX 1:
SL40 TORCH PIN-OUT DIAGRAM

A. Hand Torch Pin-Out Diagram