

# VIPERMIG<sup>®</sup> 180i

## MIG-ARC INVERTER



**1 YEAR Warranty**  
(POWERSOURCE)

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Thank you for your purchase of your VIPERMIG welding machine.

We are proud of our range of welding equipment that has a proven track record of innovation, performance and reliability.

Our product range represents the latest developments in Inverter technology put together by our professional team of highly skilled engineers. The expertise gained from our long involvement with inverter technology has proven to be invaluable towards the evolution and future development of our equipment range. This experience gives us the inside knowledge on what the arc characteristics, performance and interface between man and machine should be.

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VIPERMIG welders are manufactured and compliant with - CSA/CANE60974-1 & ANSI/IEC 60974-1 guaranteeing you electrical safety and performance.

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## WARRANTY

- 1 Year from date of purchase.
- JASIC TECHNOLOGIES AMERICA INC warranties all goods as specified by the manufacturer of those goods.
- This Warranty does not cover freight or goods that have been interfered with.
- All goods in question must be repaired by an authorized repair agent as appointed by this company.
- Warranty does not cover abuse, mis-use, accident, theft, general wear and tear.
- New product will not be supplied unless JASIC TECHNOLOGIES AMERICA INC has inspected product returned for warranty and agree's to replace product.
- Product will only be replaced if repair is not possible
- Please view full Warranty term and conditions supplied with machine or at [www.razorweld.com/warranty.asp](http://www.razorweld.com/warranty.asp) or at the back of this manual.

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# VIPER 180i MIG

## 180 Amp MIG -ARC Welder

Welds: Steels, Stainless, Cast Iron, Bronze, Aluminum, Copper

# VIPERMIG180i

### Features

- Latest IGBT inverter technology
- MIG with Gas and Gasless wire function
- 11pound Spool compatible
- IP21S rating for environmental/safety protection
- Tolerant to variable power supply
- Stepless voltage dial
- ARC capable
- Euro torch connection
- Portable
- Thermal overload protection
- Burnback adjustment
- Wire Inch
- Spool gun ready
- Compliant to CAN/CSA E60974-1

CODE: JVMIG180i



Type		VIPER MIG180A			
Input voltage (V)		Single phase AC230V±15% (50/60Hz)			
No-load voltage (V)		MIG:53V		ARC:53V	
Wire feeding speed range		79~551(in/min) 2~14(m/min)			
Welding wire diameter		0.025/0.03/0.035/0.039(in.) 0.6/0.8/0.9/1.0(mm)			
ARC	Input:230V Rated input current: I <sub>leff</sub> =16.7A I <sub>lmax</sub> =34.3A Output:10A/20.4V~160A/26.4V	X	30%	60%	100%
		I2	160A	113A	88A
		U2	26.4V	24.5V	23.5V
MIG	Input:230V Rated input current: I <sub>leff</sub> =16.6A I <sub>lmax</sub> =30A Output:30A/15.5V~180A/23V	X	30%	60%	100%
		I2	180A	127A	99A
		U2	23V	20.4V	18.9V
Input voltage (V)		Single phase AC115V±15% (50/60Hz)			
No-load voltage (V)		MIG:51V		ARC:51V	
Wire feeding speed range		79~433in/min)			
Welding wire diameter		0.025/0.03/0.035/0.039(in.)			
ARC	Input:115V Rated input current: I <sub>leff</sub> =15A I <sub>lmax</sub> =20A Output:10A/20.4V~60A/22.4V	X		60%	100%
		I2		60A	46A
		U2		22.4V	22V
MIG	Input:115V Rated input current: I <sub>leff</sub> =15A I <sub>lmax</sub> =21A Output:30A/15.5V~80A/18V	X	50%	60%	100%
		I2	80A	73A	57A
		U2	18V	17.7V	16.8V
Efficiency (%)		230Vac	85%		
		115Vac	82%		
Power factor		230Vac	0.64		
		110Vac	0.74		
Protection class		IP21S			
Insulation class		B			
Cooling		Air cooled			



### Overview

The VIPER MIG180i is a new inverter-based portable MIG welding machine with added ARC function. The MIG function allows you to weld with both Gas Shielded and Gas-less wire applications. Easy step-less adjustment of voltage and wire feed make for easy setting of welding parameters giving excellent welding results. Wire Inch gives easy feeding of the wire during set up without gas wastage and the Burn Back adjustment leaves the wire out ready for the next weld. ARC welding capability delivers easy electrode welding with high quality results, including cast Iron and stainless. Being dual Voltage gives great versatility. Ideal for DIY and home workshop. Designed and built to our specifications

**MACHINE PACKAGE:** JVM180i :VIPER MIG 180i, SB15 10 Ft MIG Torch, Flowmeter Regulator, ARC lead set, Adaptor, Gas hose and fittings

## SAFETY

Welding and cutting equipment can be dangerous to both the operator and people in or near the surrounding working area, if the equipment is not correctly operated. Equipment must only be used under the strict and comprehensive observance of all relevant safety regulations.

Read and understand this instruction manual carefully before the installation and operation of this equipment.

### Machine Operating Safety

- Do not switch the function modes while the machine is operating. Switching of the function modes during welding can damage the machine. Damage caused in this manner will not be covered under warranty.
- Disconnect the electrode-holder cable from the machine before switching on the machine, to avoid arcing should the electrode be in contact with the work piece.
- Operators should be trained and or qualified.



Electric shock: It can kill. Touching live electrical parts can cause fatal shocks or severe burns. The electrode and work circuit is electrically live whenever the output is on. The input power circuit and internal machine circuits are also live when power is on. In Mig/Mag welding, the wire, drive rollers, wire feed housing, and all metal parts touching the welding wire are electrically live. Incorrectly installed or improperly grounded equipment is dangerous.

- Connect the primary input cable according to Australian and New Zealand standards and regulations.
- Avoid all contact with live electrical parts of the welding circuit, electrodes and wires with bare hands. The operator must wear dry welding gloves while he/she performs the welding task.
- The operator should keep the work piece insulated from himself/herself.
- Keep cords dry, free of oil and grease, and protected from hot metal and sparks.
- Frequently inspect input power cable for wear and tear, replace the cable immediately if damaged, bare wiring is dangerous and can kill.
- Do not use damaged, under sized, or badly joined cables.
- Do not drape cables over your body.
- We recommend (RCD) safety switch is used with this equipment to detect any leakage of current to earth.



Fumes and gases are dangerous. Smoke and gas generated whilst welding or cutting can be harmful to people's health. Welding produces fumes and gases. Breathing these fumes and gases can be hazardous to your health.

- Do not breathe the smoke and gas generated whilst welding or cutting, keep your head out of the fumes
- Keep the working area well ventilated, use fume extraction or ventilation to remove welding fumes and gases.
- In confined or heavy fume environments always wear an approved air-supplied respirator. Welding fumes and gases can displace air and lower the oxygen level causing injury or death. Be sure the breathing air is safe.
- Do not weld in locations near de-greasing, cleaning, or spraying operations. The heat and rays of the arc can react with vapours to form highly toxic and irritating gases.
- Materials such as galvanized, lead, or cadmium plated steel, containing elements that can give off toxic fumes when welded. Do not weld these materials unless the area is very well ventilated, and or wearing an air supplied respirator.



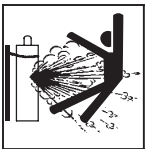
Arc rays: harmful to people's eyes and skin. Arc rays from the welding process produce intense visible and invisible ultraviolet and infrared rays that can burn eyes and skin.

- Always wear a welding helmet with correct shade of filter lens and suitable protective clothing including welding gloves whilst the welding operation is performed.
- Measures should be taken to protect people in or near the surrounding working area. Use protective screens or barriers to protect others from flash, glare and sparks; warn others not to watch the arc.



Fire hazard. Welding on closed containers, such as tanks, drums, or pipes, can cause them to explode. Flying sparks from the welding arc, hot work piece, and hot equipment can cause fires and burns. Accidental contact of electrode to metal objects can cause sparks, explosion, overheating, or fire. Check and be sure the area is safe before doing any welding.

- The welding sparks & spatter may cause fire, therefore remove any flammable materials well away from the working area. Cover flammable materials and containers with approved covers if unable to be moved from the welding area.
- Do not weld on closed containers such as tanks, drums, or pipes, unless they are properly prepared according to the required Safety Standards to insure that flammable or toxic vapors and substances are totally removed, these can cause an explosion even though the vessel has been "cleaned". Vent hollow castings or containers before heating, cutting or welding. They may explode.
- Do not weld where the atmosphere may contain flammable dust, gas, or liquid vapours (such as petrol)
- Have a fire extinguisher nearby and know how to use it. Be alert that welding sparks and hot materials from welding can easily go through small cracks and openings to adjacent areas. Be aware that welding on a ceiling, floor, bulkhead, or partition can cause fire on the hidden side.



Gas Cylinders. Shielding gas cylinders contain gas under high pressure. If damaged, a cylinder can explode. Because gas cylinders are normally part of the welding process, be sure to treat them carefully. CYLINDERS can explode if damaged.

- Protect gas cylinders from excessive heat, mechanical shocks, physical damage, slag, open flames, sparks, and arcs.
- Insure cylinders are held secure and upright to prevent tipping or falling over.
- Never allow the welding electrode or earth clamp to touch the gas cylinder, do not drape welding cables over the cylinder.
- Never weld on a pressurised gas cylinder, it will explode and kill you.
- Open the cylinder valve slowly and turn your face away from the cylinder outlet valve and gas regulator.



Gas build up. The build up of gas can causes a toxic environment, deplete the oxygen content in the air resulting in death or injury. Many gases use in welding are invisible and odourless.

- Shut off shielding gas supply when not in use.
- Always ventilate confined spaces or use approved air-supplied respirator.



Electronic magnetic fields. MAGNETIC FIELDS can affect Implanted Medical Devices.

- Wearers of Pacemakers and other Implanted Medical Devices should keep away.
- Implanted Medical Device wearers should consult their doctor and the device manufacturer before going near any electric welding, cutting or heating operation.



Noise can damage hearing. Noise from some processes or equipment can damage hearing. Wear approved ear protection if noise level is high.



Hot parts. Items being welded generate and hold high heat and can cause severe burns. Do not touch hot parts with bare hands. Allow a cooling period before working on the welding gun. Use insulated welding gloves and clothing to handle hot parts and prevent burns.

## CAUTION

### 1. Working Environment.

- 1.1 The environment in which this welding equipment is installed must be free of grinding dust, corrosive chemicals, flammable gas or materials etc, and at no more than maximum of 80% humidity.
- 1.2 When using the machine outdoors protect the machine from direct sun light, rain water and snow etc; the temperature of working environment should be maintained within -10°C to +40°C.
- 1.3 Keep this equipment 30cm distant from the wall.
- 1.4 Ensure the working environment is well ventilated.

### 2. Safety Tips.

#### 2.1 Ventilation

This equipment is small-sized, compact in structure, and of excellent performance in amperage output. The fan is used to dissipate heat generated by this equipment during the welding operation.

Important: Maintain good ventilation of the louvers of this equipment. The minimum distance between this equipment and any other objects in or near the working area should be 30 cm. Good ventilation is of critical importance for the normal performance and service life of this equipment.

#### 2.2 Thermal Overload protection.

Should the machine be used to an excessive level, or in high temperature environment, poorly ventilated area or if the fan malfunctions the Thermal Overload Switch will be activated and the machine will cease to operate. Under this circumstance, leave the machine switched on to keep the built-in fan working to bring down the temperature inside the equipment. The machine will be ready for use again when the internal temperature reaches safe level.

#### 2.3 Over-Voltage Supply

Regarding the power supply voltage range of the machine, please refer to "Main parameter" table. This equipment is of automatic voltage compensation, which enables the maintaining of the voltage range within the given range. In case that the voltage of input power supply amperage exceeds the stipulated value, it is possible to cause damage to the components of this equipment. Please ensure your primary power supply is correct.

- 2.4 Do not come into contact with the output terminals while the machine is in operation. An electric shock may possibly occur.

## MAINTENANCE

Exposure to extremely dusty, damp, or corrosive air is damaging to the welding machine. In order to prevent any possible failure or fault of this welding equipment, clean the dust at regular intervals with clean and dry compressed air of required pressure.

Please note that: lack of maintenance can result in the cancellation of the guarantee; the guarantee of this welding equipment will be void if the machine has been modified, attempt to take apart the machine or open the factory-made sealing of the machine without the consent of an authorized representative of the manufacturer.

## TROUBLE SHOOTING

Caution: Only qualified technicians are authorized to undertake the repair of this welding equipment. For your safety and to avoid Electrical Shock, please observe all safety notes and precautions detailed in this manual.

### FRONT PANEL LAYOUT

1. Mains Power LED
2. Thermal Overload LED
3. Wire Feed Adjustment Knob (MIG/MAG)
4. Voltage Adjustment Knob (MIG/MAG)
5. MIG/ARC Selector Switch
6. Amperage Adjustment Knob (ARC)
7. "-" Output terminal
8. Euro Mig Torch Connector (MIG/MAG)
9. "+" Output terminal
10. Spool gun connection



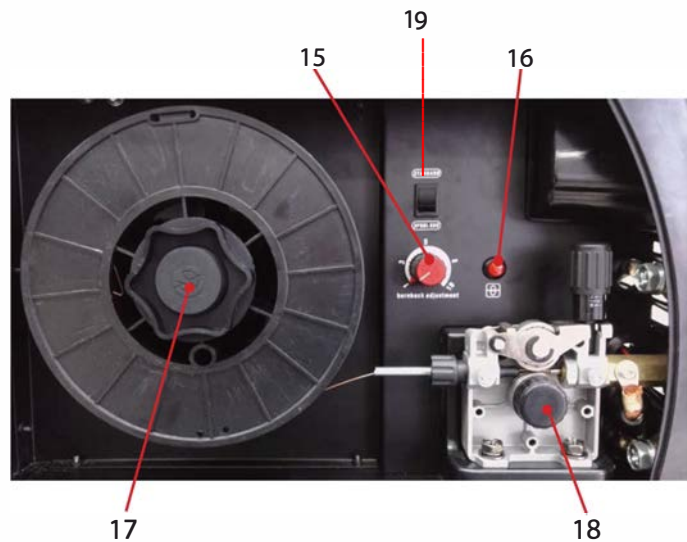
### BACK PANEL LAYOUT

10. Power switch
11. Gas Inlet
12. Fans
13. Input power cable
14. Data Plate



### INTERNAL PANEL LAYOUT

15. Burn back control
16. Inch wire feed button
17. Spool holder assembly
18. Wire feed assembly
19. Spool gun selector switch





# Installation set up for ARC (Stick) Welding with VIPER 180 MIG -ARC

- (1) Turn the power source on and select the ARC function with the MIG/ARC selector switch.
- (2) Connection of Output Cables  
Two sockets are available on this welding machine. For ARC welding the electrode holder is shown be connected to the negative socket, while the earth lead (work piece) is connected to the positive socket, this is known as DC- polarity. However various electrodes require a different polarity for optimum results and careful attention should be paid to the polarity, refer to the electrode manufacturers information for the correct polarity.  
DC+ Electrode connected to (+) output socket.  
DC- Electrode connected to (-) output socket.
- (3) Set the welding current relevant to the electrode type and size being used as recommended by the electrode manufacturer.



(3) Set the welding current using the amperage control dial.



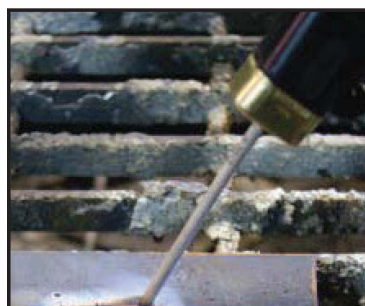
(4) Place the electrode into the electrode holder and clamp tight.



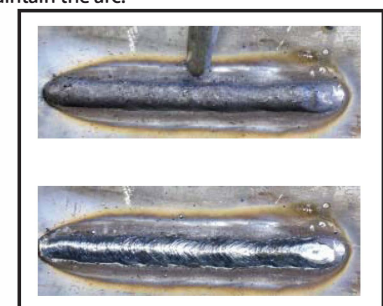
(5) Strike the electrode against the workpiece to create an arc and hold the electrode steady to maintain the arc.



(6) Hold the electrode slightly above the work maintaining the arc while travelling at an even speed.



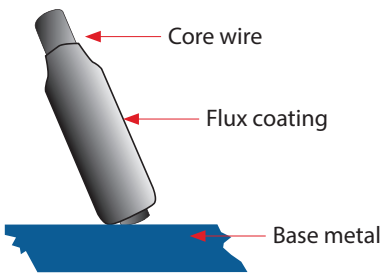
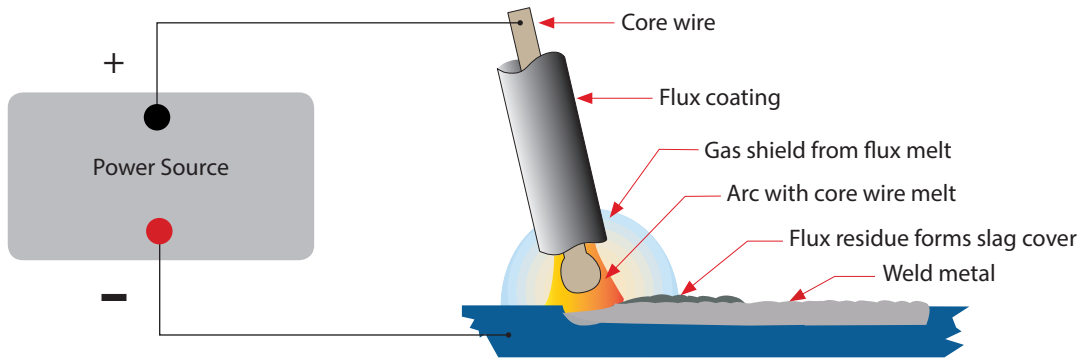
(7) To finish the weld, break the arc by quickly snapping the electrode away from the work piece.



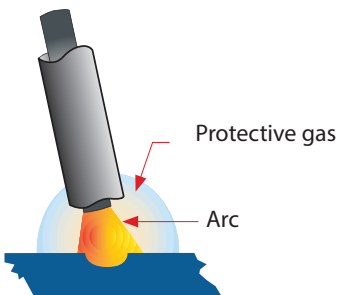
(8) Wait for the weld to cool and carefully chip away the slag to reveal the weld metal below.

# ARC (Manual Metal Arc) Welding

One of the most common types of arc welding is manual metal arc welding or stick welding. An electric current is used to strike an arc between the base material and a consumable electrode rod or 'stick'. The electrode rod is made of a material that is compatible with the base material being welded and is covered with a flux that gives off gaseous vapors that serve as a shielding gas and providing a layer of slag, both of which protect the weld area from atmospheric contamination. The electrode core itself acts as filler material the residue from the flux that forms a slag covering over the weld metal must be chipped away after welding.



- The arc is initiated by momentarily touching the electrode to the base metal.
- The heat of the arc melts the surface of the base metal to form a molten pool at the end of the electrode.
- The melted electrode metal is transferred across the arc into the molten pool and becomes the deposited weld metal.
- The deposit is covered and protected by a slag which comes from the electrode coating.
- The arc and the immediate area are enveloped by an atmosphere of protective gas



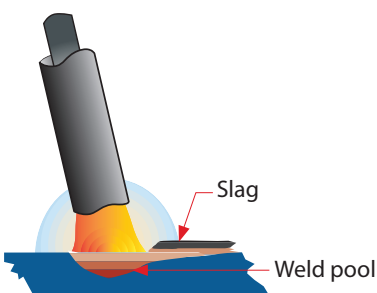
Manual metal arc (stick) electrodes have a solid metal wire core and a flux coating. These electrodes are identified by the wire diameter and by a series of letters and numbers. The letters and numbers identify the metal alloy and the intended use of the electrode.

The Metal Wire Core works as conductor of the current that maintains the arc. The core wire melts and is deposited into the welding pool.

The covering on a shielded metal arc welding electrode is called Flux. The flux on the electrode performs many different functions. These include:

- producing a protective gas around the weld area
- providing fluxing elements and deoxidizers
- creating a protective slag coating over the weld as it cools
- establishing arc characteristics
- adding alloying elements.

Covered electrodes serve many purposes in addition to adding filler metal to the molten pool. These additional functions are provided mainly by the covering on the electrode.



# ARC (Stick) Welding Fundamentals

## Electrode Selection

As a general rule, the selection of an electrode is straight forward, in that it is only a matter of selecting an electrode of similar composition to the parent metal. However, for some metals there is a choice of several electrodes, each of which has particular properties to suit specific classes of work. It is recommended to consult your welding supplier for the correct selection of electrode.

## Electrode Size

Average Thickness of Material	Maximum Recommended Electrode Diameter
0.03 - 0.07 inches	0.09 inches
0.07 - 0.19 inches	0.12 inches
0.19 - 0.31 inches	0.15 inches
0.31 - > inches	0.19 inches

The size of the electrode generally depends on the thickness of the section being welded, and the thicker the section the larger the electrode required. The table gives the maximum size of electrodes that may be used for various thicknesses of section based on using a general purpose type 6013 electrode.

## Welding Current (Amperage)

Electrode Size ø mm/Inch	Current Range (Amps)
2.5mm (7/64) (0.09)	60 - 95
3.2mm ( 1/8 (0.12)	100 - 130
4.0mm (11/64)(0.15)	130 - 165
5.0mm (13/64)(0.19)	165 - 260

Correct current selection for a particular job is an important factor in arc welding. With the current set too low, difficulty is experienced in striking and maintaining a stable arc. The electrode tends to stick to the work, penetration is poor and beads with a distinct rounded profile will be deposited. Too high current is accompanied by overheating of the electrode resulting in undercut and burning through of the base metal and producing excessive spatter. Normal current for a

particular job may be considered as the maximum, which can be used without burning through the work, overheating the electrode or producing a rough spattered surface.

The table shows current ranges generally recommended for a general purpose type 6013 electrode.

## Arc Length

To strike the arc, the electrode should be gently scraped on the work until the arc is established. There is a simple rule for the proper arc length; it should be the shortest arc that gives a good surface to the weld. An arc too long reduces penetration, produces spatter and gives a rough surface finish to the weld. An excessively short arc will cause sticking of the electrode and result in poor quality welds. General rule of thumb for down hand welding is to have an arc length no greater than the diameter of the core wire.

## Electrode Angle

The angle that the electrode makes with the work is important to ensure a smooth, even transfer of metal. When welding in down hand, fillet, horizontal or overhead the angle of the electrode is generally between 5 and 15 degrees towards the direction of travel. When vertical up welding the angle of the electrode should be between 80 and 90 degrees to the work piece.

## Travel Speed

The electrode should be moved along in the direction of the joint being welded at a speed that will give the size of run required. At the same time, the electrode is fed downwards to keep the correct arc length at all times. Excessive travel speeds lead to poor fusion, lack of penetration etc, while too slow a rate of travel will frequently lead to arc instability, slag inclusions and poor mechanical properties.

## Material and Joint Preparation

The material to be welded should be clean and free of any moisture, paint, oil, grease, mill scale, rust or any other material that will hinder the arc and contaminate the weld material. Joint preparation will depend on the method used include sawing, punching, shearing, machining, flame cutting and others. In all cases edges should be clean and free of any contaminants. The type of joint will be determined by the chosen application.

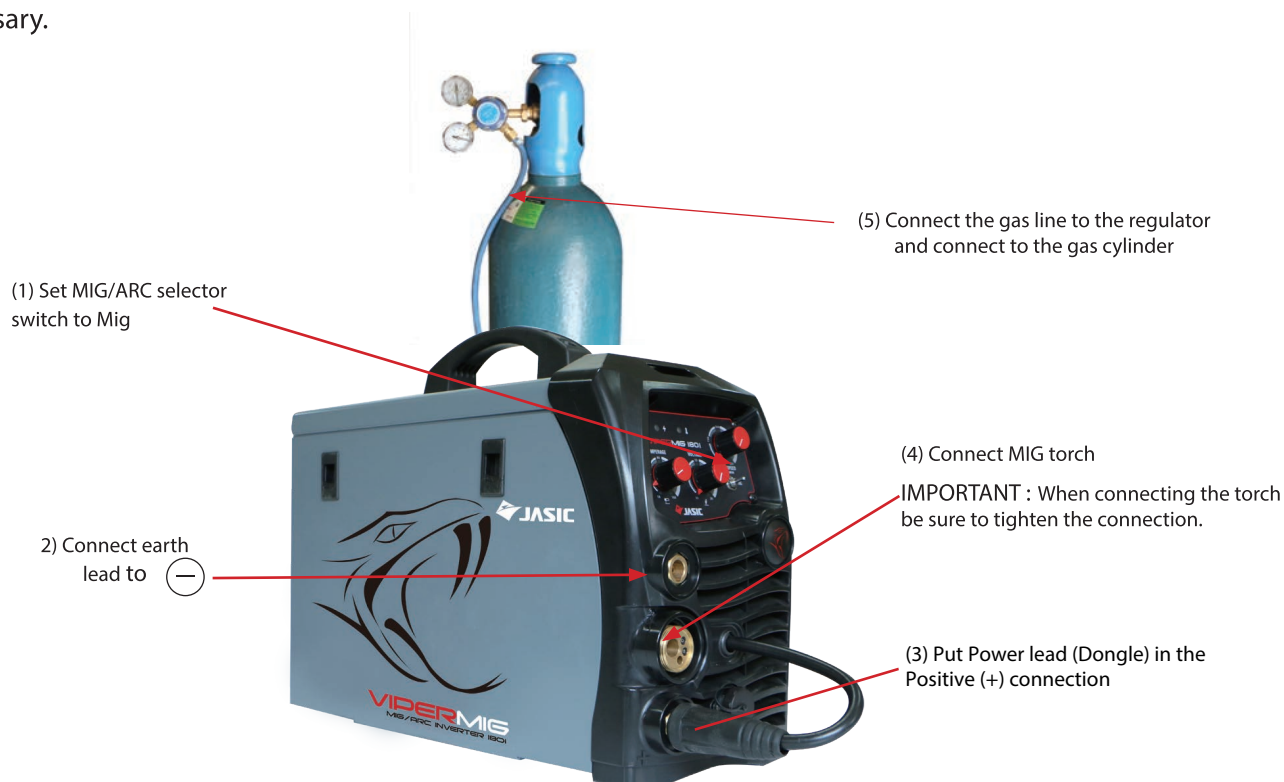
## Installation set up for MIG with Gas for VIPER 180 MIG ARC

- (1) Select the MIG function with the ARC/Mig selector switch.
- (2) Insert the earth cable plug into the negative socket on the front of the machine and tighten it.
- (3) Connect the weld power cable to the positive socket.
- (4) Plug the welding torch into the Euro Mig torch connection socket on the front panel, and tighten it.

**IMPORTANT :** When connecting the torch be sure to tighten the connection. A loose connection can result in the connector arcing and damaging the machine and gun connector.

This damage is not covered under warranty.

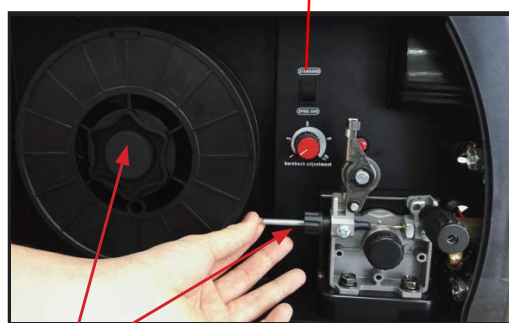
- (5) Connect Gas Line to Gas Regulator and connect the gas regulator to the Gas Cylinder.
- (6) Check the Weld Power Cable is connected to the positive terminal.
- (7) Place the Wire Spool onto the Spool Holder - Note: the spool retaining nut is Left Hand thread. Snip the wire from the spool being sure to hold the wire to prevent rapid uncoiling. Feed the wire into the wire feeder inlet guide tube through to the drive roller.
- (8) Carefully feed the wire over the drive roller into the outlet guide tube, feed through about 4 Inches into the torch receptacle. Check that the drive roller being used complies with the wire diameter, replace the roller if necessary.



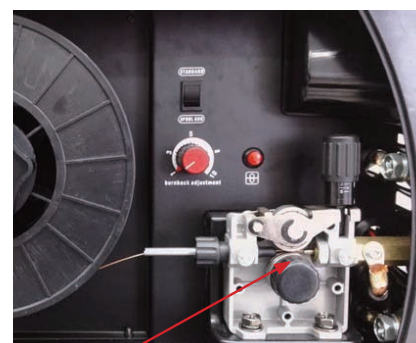
**\*Ensure that your spool gun selector is on "Standard"**



- (3) Connect weld power lead to  $\oplus$



- (6) Place wire onto spool holder - (spool retaining nut is left hand thread ) Feed the wire through the inlet guide tube on to the drive roller.



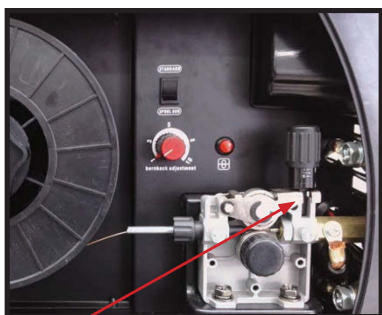
- (7) Feed wire over the drive roller into the outlet guide tube, Push the wire through approx 4 inches

### Caution:

Disconnect the Electrode Holder cable from the machine before using MIG function. If cable is not disconnected welding voltage is present and can cause arcing or flash.

## Continued set up for MIG with Gas for VIPER 180 MIG ARC

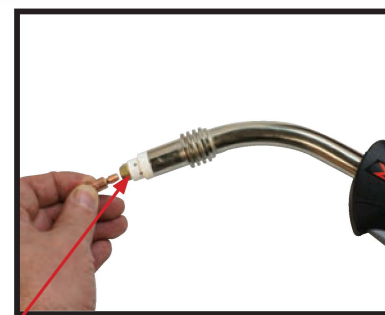
- (9) Align the wire into the groove of the drive roller and close down the top roller making sure the wire is in the groove of the bottom drive roller, lock the pressure arm into place.
- (10) Apply a medium amount of pressure to the drive roller.
- (11) Remove the gas nozzle and contact tip from the torch neck,
- (12) Press and hold the inch button to feed the wire through to the torch neck, release the inch button when the wire exits the torch neck.
- (13) Fit the correct sized contact tip and feed the wire through it, screw the contact tip into the tip holder of the torch head and nip it up tightly.
- (14) Fit the gas nozzle to the torch head.
- (15) Carefully open the gas cylinder valve and set the flow rate to between 20-25 CFH
- (16) Set the welding parameters using the wire feed and voltage control knobs.
- (17) Using the Burn Back control set the amount of wire to 'burn back' after you release the torch trigger. This prevents the wire becoming stuck in the weld pool when finishing the weld.



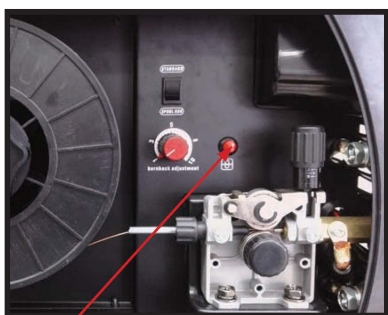
(9) Close down the top roller bracket and clip the pressure arm into place.



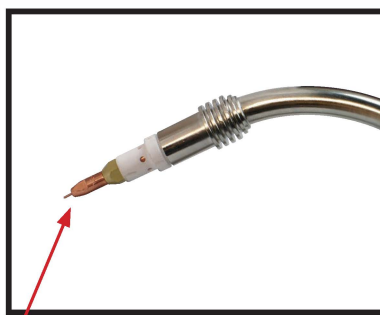
(10) Apply a medium amount of pressure to the drive roller



(11) Remove the gas nozzle and contact tip from the front end of the mig torch. NB: Torch ends differ according to Machine!



(12) Press and hold the inch wire button to feed the wire down the torch cable through to the torch head.



(13) Fit the correct size contact tip over the wire and fasten tightly into the tip holder.



(14) Fit the gas nozzle to the torch head.



(15) Carefully open the valve of the gas cylinder, set the flow to 20-25 CFH



(16) Set welding parameters using the voltage and wire feed controls.



(17) Adjust the burn back control to prevent the wire sticking in the weld pool.

## Wire Feed Roller Selection

The importance of smooth consistent wire feeding during MIG welding cannot be emphasized enough. Simply put the smoother the wire feed then the better the welding will be.

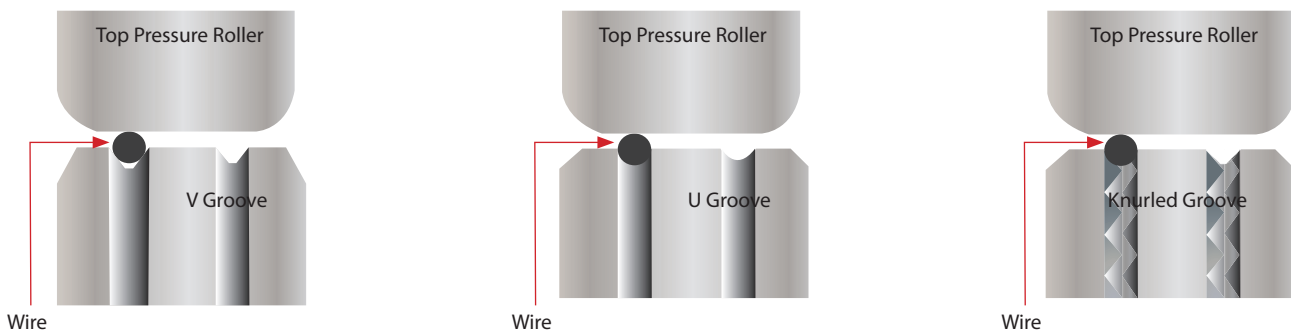
Feed rollers or drive rollers are used to feed the wire mechanically along the length of the welding gun.

Feed rollers are designed to be used for certain types of welding wire and they have different types of grooves machined in them to accommodate the different types of wire. The wire is held in the groove by the top roller of the wire drive unit and is referred to as the pressure roller, pressure is applied by a tension arm that can be adjusted to increase or decrease the pressure as required. The type of wire will determine how much pressure can be applied and what type of drive roller is best suited to obtain optimum wire feed.

**Solid Hard Wire** - like Steel, Stainless Steel require a drive roller with a V shape groove for optimum grip and drive capability. Solid wires can have more tension applied to the wire from the top pressure roller that holds the wire in the groove and the V shape groove is more suited for this. Solid wires are more forgiving to feed due to their higher cross sectional column strength, they are stiffer and don't bend so easy.

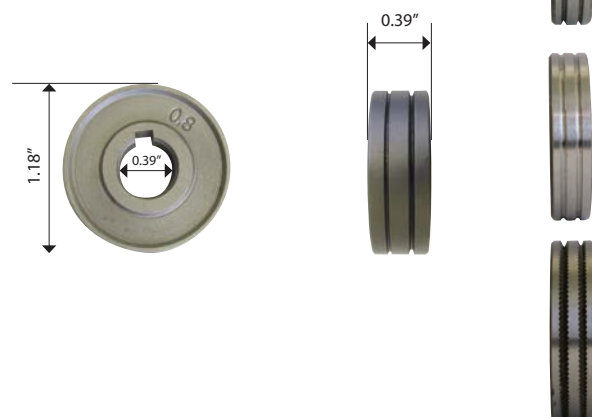
**Soft Wire** - like Aluminum requires a U shape groove. Aluminum wire has a lot less column strength, can bend easily and is therefore more difficult to feed. Soft wires can easily buckle at the wire feeder where the wire is fed into inlet guide tube of the torch. The U-shaped roller offers more surface area grip and traction to help feed the softer wire. Softer wires also require less tension from the top pressure roller to avoid deforming the shape of the wire, too much tension will push the wire out of shape and cause it to catch in the contact tip.

**Flux Core / Gasless Wire** - these wires are made up of a thin metal sheath that has fluxing and metal compounds layered onto it and then rolled into a cylinder to form the finished wire. The wire cannot take too much pressure from the top roller as it can be crushed and deformed if too much pressure is applied. A knurled drive roller has been developed and it has small serrations in the groove, the serrations grip the wire and assist to drive it without too much pressure from the top roller. The down side to the knurled wire feed roller on flux cored wire is it will slowly over time bit by bit eat away at the surface of the welding wire, and these small pieces will eventually go down into the liner. This will cause clogging in the liner and added friction that will lead to welding wire feed problems. A U groove wire can also be used for flux core wire without the wire particles coming off the wire surface. However it is considered that the knurled roller will give a more positive feed of flux core wire without any deformation of the wire shape.



## Drive Rollers 180

ROLLER DIAMETER: 30/10



### V Groove Drive Roller - Steel Wire

Part Number	Description
0.6-0.8V30/10	Drive Roll V Groove 0.6-0.8mm (0.023-0.030)
0.8-0.9V30/10	Drive Roll V Groove 0.8-0.9mm (0.030-0.035)

### U Groove Drive Roller - Soft Wire

Part Number	Description
0.6-0.8U30/10	Drive Roll U Groove 0.6-0.8mm (0.023-0.030)
0.8-0.9U30/10	Drive Roll U Groove 0.8-0.9mm (0.030-0.035)

### Knurled Drive Roller - Flux Core Wire

Part Number	Description
0.6-0.8F30/10	Drive Roll Knurled 0.6-0.8mm (0.023-0.030)
0.8-0.9F30/10	Drive Roll Knurled 0.8-0.9mm (0.030-0.035)

## Wire Installation and Set Up Guide

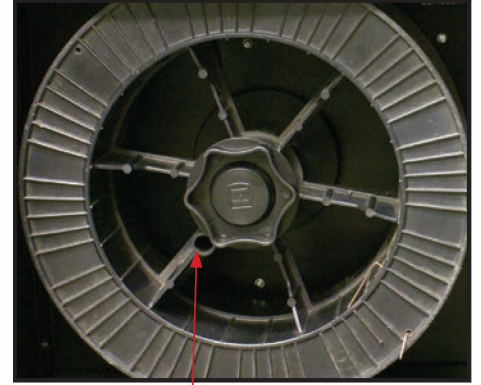
Again the importance of smooth consistent wire feeding during MIG welding cannot be emphasized enough. The correct installation of the wire spool and the wire into the wire feed unit is critical to achieving an even and consistent wire feed. A high percentage of faults with mig welders emanate from poor set up of the wire into the wire feeder. The guide below will assist in the correct setup of your wire feeder.



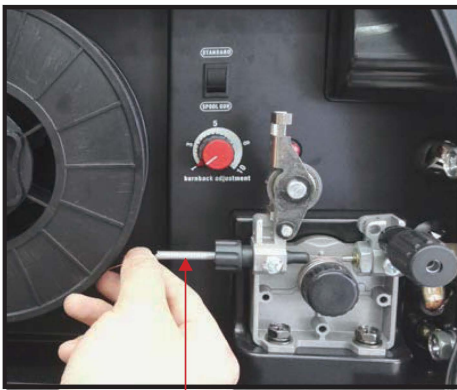
(1) Remove the spool retaining nut.



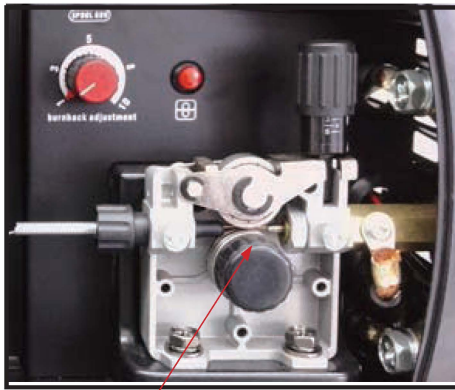
(2) Note the tension spring adjuster and spool locating pin.



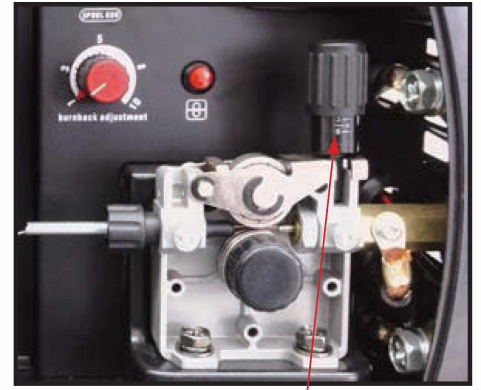
(3) Fit the wire spool onto the spool holder fitting the locating pin into the location hole on the spool. Replace the spool retaining nut tightly



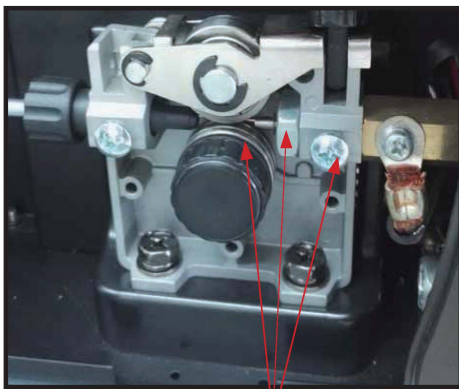
(4) Snip the wire carefully, be sure to hold the wire to prevent the spool uncoiling. Carefully feed the wire into the inlet guide tube of the wire feed unit.



(5) Feed the wire through the drive roller and into the outlet guide tube of the wire feeder.  
NOTE: MIG 180 not geared



(6) Lock down the top pressure roller and apply a medium amount of pressure using the tension adjustment knob  
NOTE: MIG 180 not geared



(7) Check that the wire passes through the centre of the outlet guide tube without touching the sides. Loosen the locking screw and then loosen the outlet guide tube retaining nut too make adjustment if required. Carefully retighten the locking nut and screw to hold the new position.  
NOTE: MIG 180 is not geared



(8) A simple check for the correct drive tension is to bend the end of the wire over hold it about 4" from your hand and let it run into your hand, it should coil round in your hand without stopping and slipping at the drive rollers, increase the tension if it slips.



(8) The weight and speed of the wire spool turning creates an inertia that can cause the spool to run on and the wire loop over the side of the spool and tangle. If this happens increase the pressure on the tension spring inside the spool holder assembly using the tension adjustment screw.

## Installation set up for MIG with Gasless wire for VIPER 180 MIG ARC

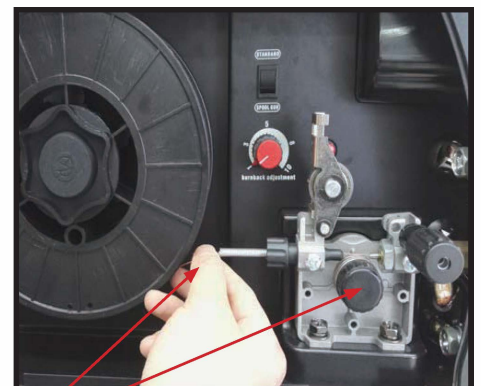
- (1) Select the MIG function with the ARC/MIG selector switch.
- (2) Connect the weld power cable to the Negative socket and tighten it.
- (3) Connect the earth cable plug into the Positive socket and tighten it.
- (4) Plug the welding torch into the Euro Mig torch connection socket on the front panel, and tighten it.  
**IMPORTANT :** When connecting the torch be sure to tighten the connection. A loose connection can result in the connector arcing and damaging the machine and gun connector. This damage is not covered under warranty.
- (5) Check the Weld Power Cable is connected to the Negative terminal.
- (6) Fit the correct size Knurled drive roller for Gas Less Flux Core wire.
- (7) Place the Wire Spool onto the Spool Holder - Note: the spool retaining nut is Left Hand thread. Snip the wire from the spool being sure to hold the wire to prevent rapid uncoiling. Feed the wire into the wire feeder inlet guide tube through to the drive roller.



(2/5) Connect weld power lead to negative terminal



(6) Fit the correct sized Knurled Drive roller for Gas Less Flux Cored wire  
 NOTE: MIG 180 not geared



(7) Place wire onto spool holder - (spool retaining nut is left hand thread ) Feed the wire through the inlet guide tube on to the drive roller.

### Caution:

Disconnect the Electrode Holder cable from the machine before using MIG function. If cable is not disconnected welding voltage is present and can cause arcing or flash.



## Continued set up for MIG with Gasless wire for VIPER 180 MIG ARC

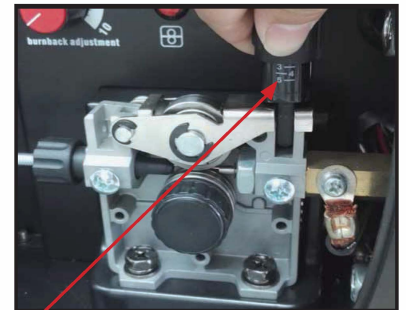
- (8) Carefully feed the wire over the drive roller into the outlet guide tube, feed through about 150mm into
- (9) Align the wire into the groove of the drive roller and close down the top roller making sure the wire is in the groove of the bottom drive roller, lock the pressure arm into place.
- (10) Apply a light amount of pressure to the drive roller. Too much pressure will crush the cored wire.
- (11) Remove the gas nozzle and contact tip from the torch neck,
- (12) Press and hold the inch button to feed the wire through to the torch neck, release the inch button when the wire exits the torch neck.
- (13) Fit the correct sized contact tip and feed the wire through it, screw the contact tip into the tip holder of the torch head and nip it up tightly.
- (14) Fit the gas nozzle to the torch head.
- (15) Set the welding parameters using the wire feed and voltage control knobs.
- (16) Using the Burn Back control set the amount of wire to 'burn back' after you release the torch trigger. This prevents the wire becoming stuck in the weld pool when finishing the weld.



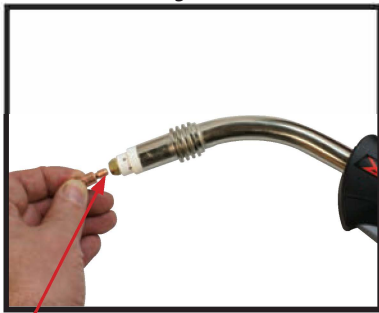
(8) Feed wire over the drive roller into the outlet guide tube, Push the wire through approx 6". Use a Knurled Drive Roller of the correct size  
NOTE: MIG 180 not geared



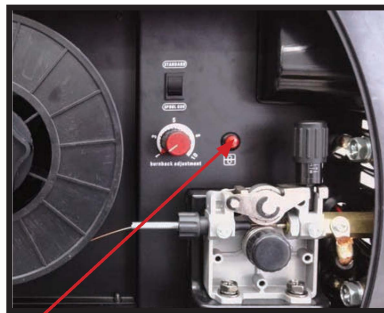
(9) Close down the top roller bracket and clip the pressure arm into place.  
NOTE: MIG 180 is not geared



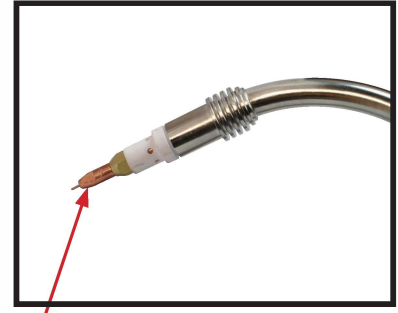
(10) Apply a medium amount of pressure to the drive roller  
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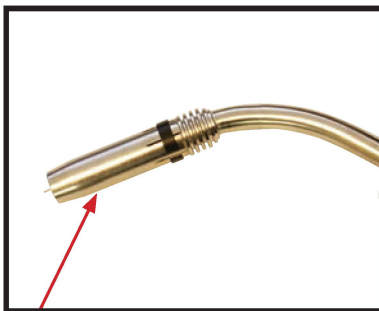
(11) Remove the gas nozzle and contact tip from the front end of the mig torch.



(12) Press and hold the inch wire button to feed the wire down the torch cable through to the torch head.



(13) Fit the correct size contact tip over the wire and fasten tightly into the tip holder.



(14) Fit the gas nozzle to the torch head.



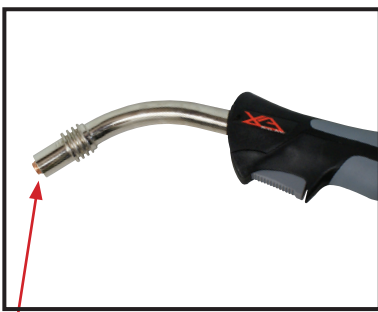
(15) Set welding parameters using the voltage and wire feed controls.



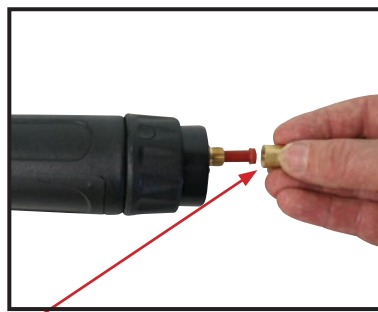
(16) Adjust the burn back control to prevent the wire sticking in the weld pool.

## Mig Torch Liner Installation

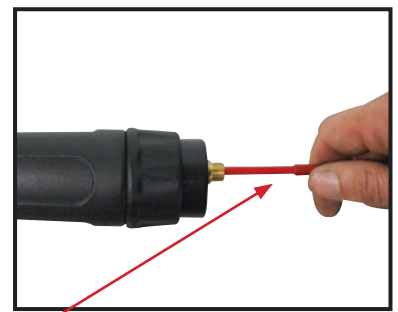
- (1) Lay the torch out straight on the ground and remove the front end parts
- (2) Remove the liner retaining nut.
- (3) Carefully pull the liner out of the torch cable assembly
- (4) Select the correct new liner and carefully unravel avoiding putting any kinks in the liner, if you kink the liner it will make it no good and will require replacement.
- (5) Carefully and slowly feed the liner in short forward movements down the cable assembly all the way through and out the torch neck end. Avoid kinking the liner, kinking liner it will make it no good and require replacement.
- (6) Fit the liner retaining nut and screw down only 1/2 way
- (7) Leaving the torch straight snip the liner approximately 3/32" past the end of the torch neck
- (8) Place the tip holder over the end of the liner and screw into the torch neck nipping it up tight.
- (9) Screw down the liner nut the remaining 1/2 and nip it up tight. This method compresses the liner inside the torch cable assembly preventing it moving during use and ensures good wire feed.



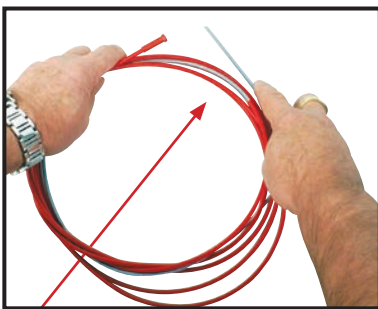
(1) Remove mig torch front end parts



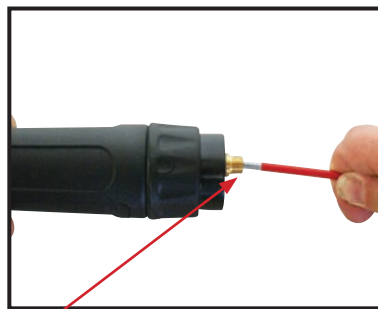
(2) Remove the liner retaining nut



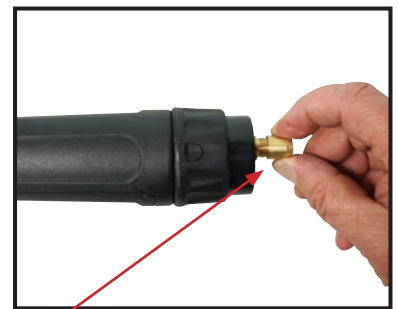
(3) Carefully pull out and completely remove the liner



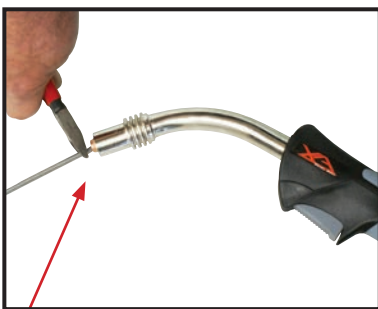
(4) Carefully unravel the new liner



(5) Carefully feed in the new liner down the torch lead all the way to exit the torch neck.



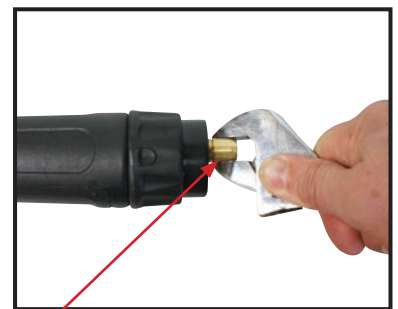
(6) Fit the liner retaining nut and screw only 1/2 way down



(7) Snip the liner off 3/32" past the end of the torch neck.



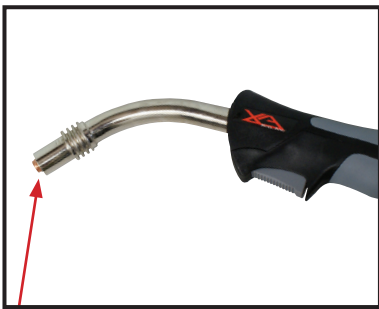
(8) Replace the front end parts



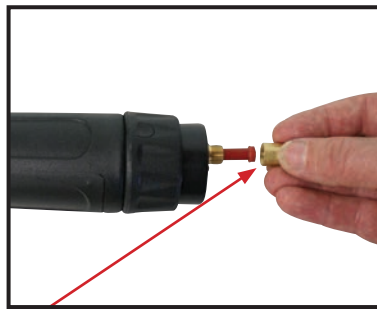
(9) Fully screw down the liner retaining nut and nip it up tight.

## Torch & Wire Feed Set Up for Aluminum Wire

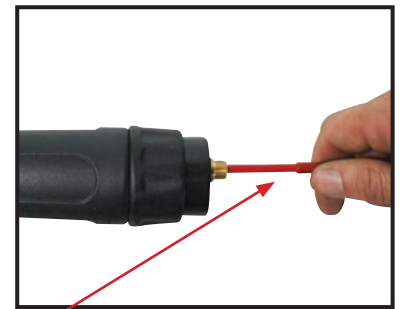
- (1) Lay the torch out straight on the ground and remove the front end parts
- (2) Remove the liner retaining nut.
- (3) Carefully pull the liner out of the torch cable assembly
- (4) Select a PA or Teflon liner and carefully unravel it without kinking it.
- (5) Carefully and slowly feed the liner in short forward movements down the cable assembly all the way through and out the torch neck end. Avoid kinking the liner, kinking the liner will ruin it and require re placement. Leave the liner extending out the end of the torch neck end by 1/8".
- (6) Fit the contact tip to the torch end.
- (7) Fit the liner retaining nut together with the liner o-ring.
- (8) Push the liner firmly into the torch lead and tighten the liner retaining nut.
- (9) Cut the liner flush with the end of liner retaining nut using a sharp box cutter knife.



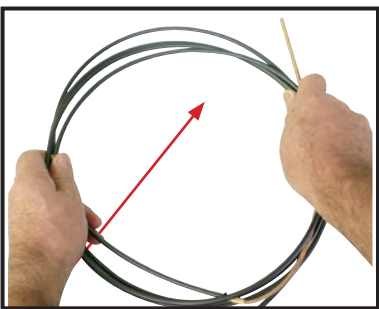
(1) Remove mig torch front end parts



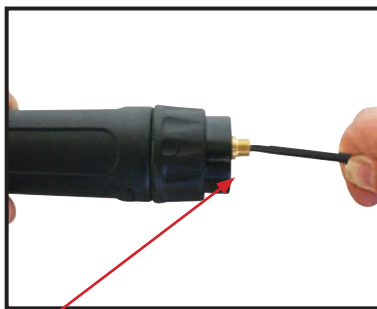
(2) Remove the liner retaining nut



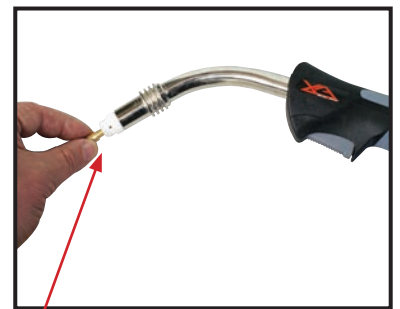
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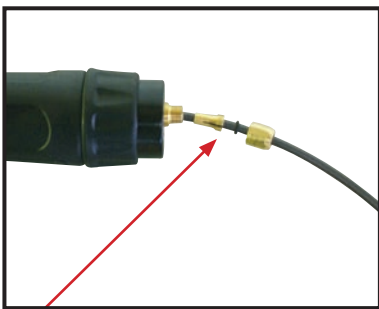
(4) Carefully unravel the new liner



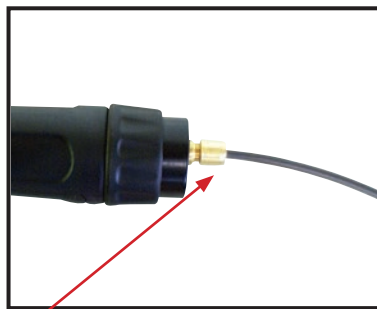
(5) Carefully feed in the new liner in short forward movements down the torch lead all the way to exit the torch neck. Be careful not to kink the liner



(6) Fit the correct tip



(7) Fit the liner collet, liner O-ring and liner retaining nut.



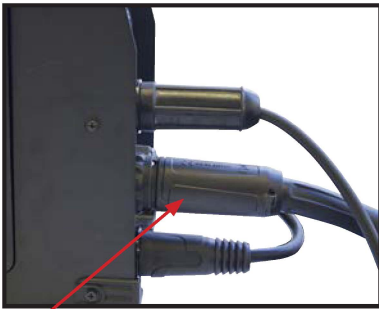
(8) Push the liner firmly into the torch lead and tighten the liner retaining nut



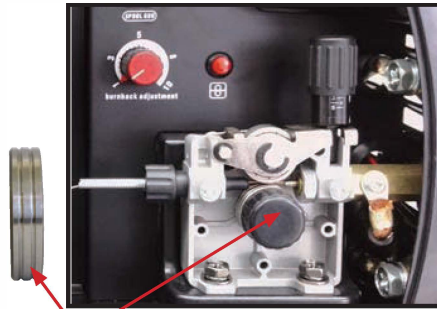
(9) Cut the liner flush with the end of liner retaining nut using a sharp box cutter knife.

## Continued Torch & Wire Feed Set Up for Aluminum Wire

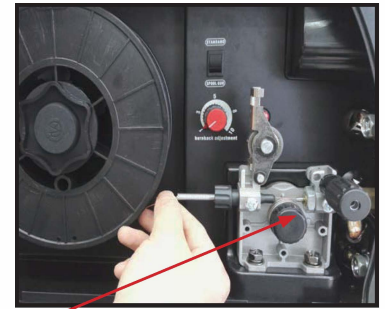
- (10) Fit and tighten the torch euro connection to the machine euro connector
- (11) Install a U groove drive roller of the correct size for the diameter wire being used.
- (12) Place aluminum wire onto spool holder. Feed the wire through and over the drive roller into the inlet guide tube.
- (13) Press and hold the inch wire button to feed the wire down the torch cable through to the torch head.
- (14) (14) Fit an Aluminum contact tip of the correct size to match the diameter of the wire being used
- (15) Fit the remaining front end parts to the torch neck ready for welding



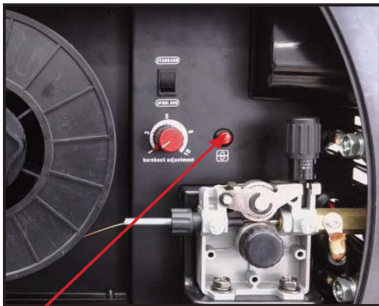
(10) Connect the torch to the machine, tighten and secure the torch euro connector to the machine euro connection.



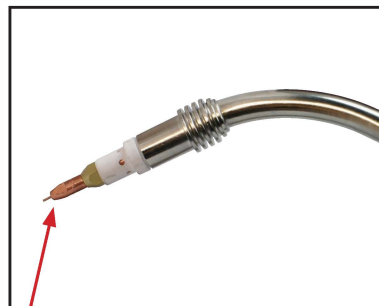
(11) Install a U groove drive roller of the correct size for the diameter wire being used.



(12) Place aluminum wire onto spool holder. Feed the wire through and over the drive roller into the inlet guide tube.



(13) Press and hold the inch wire button to feed the wire down the torch cable through to the torch head.



(14) Fit an Aluminum contact tip of the correct size to match the wire diameter being used



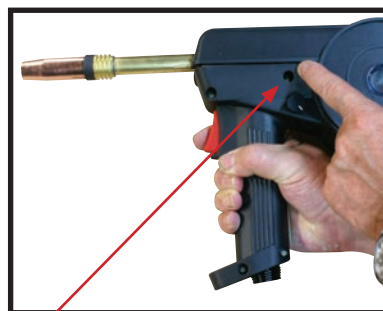
(15) Fit the nozzle to the torch neck ready for welding.

## Installation set up of the Spool Gun for Vipermig 180i

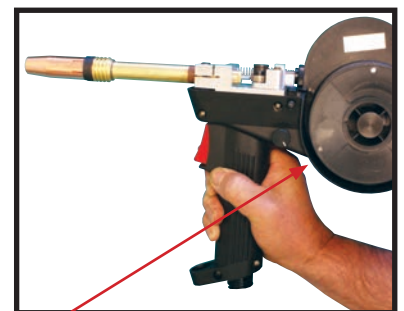
- (1) Select Spool Gun using the Standard/Spool Gun selector switch.(Lift machine side panel cover)
- (2) Connect the Spool Gun to the Euro MIG torch connection socket on the front panel, and tighten it. Connect the Spool Gun control cable to the receptacle and tighten it.  
**IMPORTANT :** When connecting the torch be sure to tighten the connection. A loose connection can result in the connector arcing and damaging the machine and gun connector.  
 This damage is not covered under warranty.
- (3) Insert the earth cable plug into the Negative socket on the front of the machine and tighten it.
- (4) Connect weld power lead to Positive socket (Dongle)
- (5) Connect Gas Line to Gas Regulator and connect the gas regulator to the Gas Cylinder.
- (6) Turn the power source on and select the MIG function with the MIG/ARC selector switch.
- (7) Take the Spool Gun and push the Cover Release Button to unlock the wire feed / spool cover.
- (8) Place the Wire Spool onto the Spool Holder - Note: the spool retaining nut is Left Hand thread. Hold and snip the wire from the spool being sure to hold the wire to prevent rapid uncoiling.



(1) Set Standard/Spoolgun selector switch inside door to Spoolgun



(7) Push the cover release button to unlock the wire feed /spool cover



(8) Place a spool of wire onto the Spool holder. Note: the spool retaining nut is Left Hand thread, turn it clockwise to undo it

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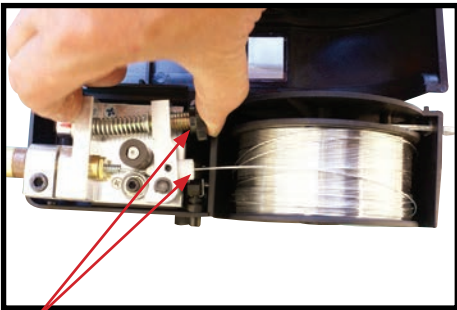
Ensure that an approved welding helmet, protective clothing and gloves are use for all welding operations

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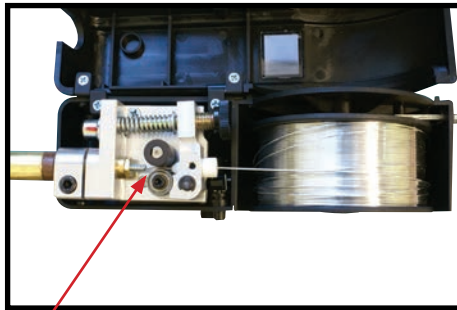
Disconnect the Electrode Holder cable from the machine before using MIG function. If cable is not disconnected welding voltage is present and can cause arcing or flash.

## Continued set up of the Spool Gun with Viper 180i

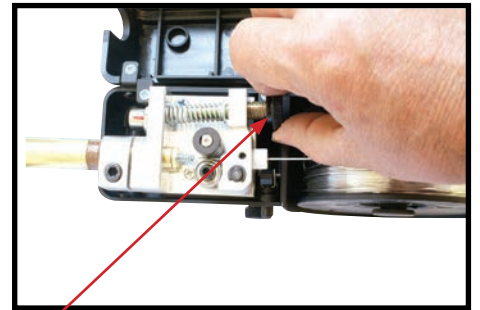
- (9) Carefully feed the wire over the drive roller into the outlet guide tube, feed through into the torch neck. Check that the drive roller being used complies with the wire diameter, replace the roller if necessary.
- (10) Align the wire into the groove of the drive roller and release the tension arm making sure the wire is in the groove of the drive roller.
- (11) Apply an adequate amount of pressure to the drive roller by winding in the tension adjusting knob,
- (12) Adjust spool holder tension
- (13) Remove the gas nozzle and contact tip from the torch neck, Pull the trigger to drive the wire through the neck until it exits the contact tip holder
- (14) Fit the correct sized contact tip and feed the wire through it, screw the contact tip into the tip holder of the torch neck and nip it up tightly.
- (15) Fit the gas nozzle to the torch head and close the wire spool cover.
- (16) Carefully open the gas cylinder valve and set the flow rate to between 20-25cfh.
- (17) Set the welding parameters using the wire feed and voltage control knobs.



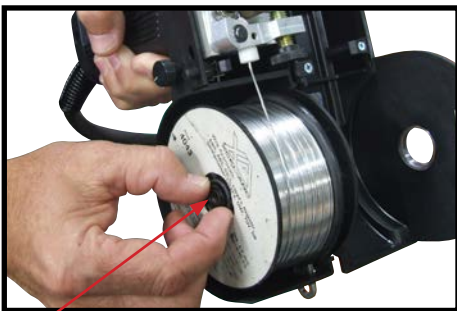
(9) Carefully feed the wire through the inlet guide tube onto the drive roller through into the outlet guide tube. Squeezing the tension arm adjustment knob to release the pressure of the tension arm will allow the wire to be guided through the drive roller easily



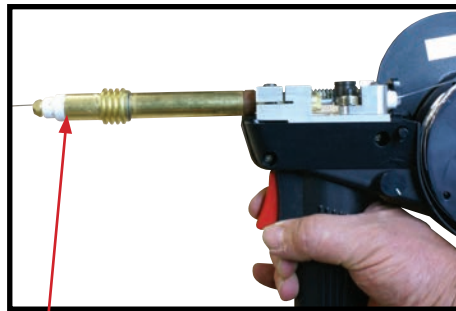
(10) Check to make sure that the wire passes cleanly through the drive roller into the outlet guide tube.



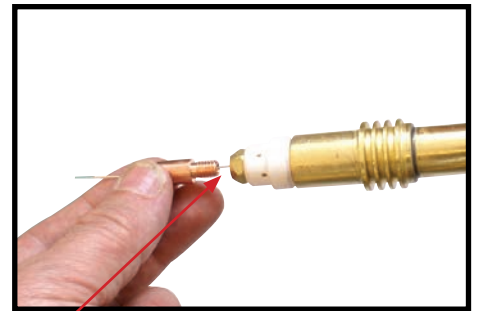
(11) Apply a medium amount of pressure using the tension arm adjustment knob.



(12) Adjust spool holder tension



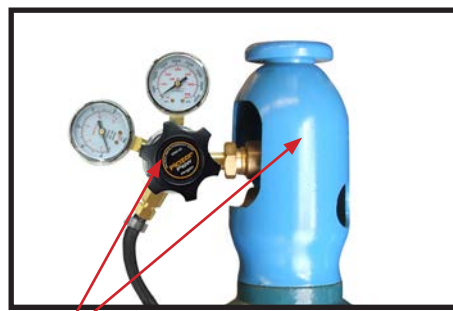
(13) Remove the gas nozzle and contact tip. Pull the trigger to drive the wire through the neck until it exits the contact tip holder



(14) Fit the contact tip over the wire and screw it into the tip holder, nip it up tight.



(15) Fit the gas nozzle and close the wire feed spool cover



(16) Carefully open the valve of the gas cylinder, set the flow to 20-25cfh

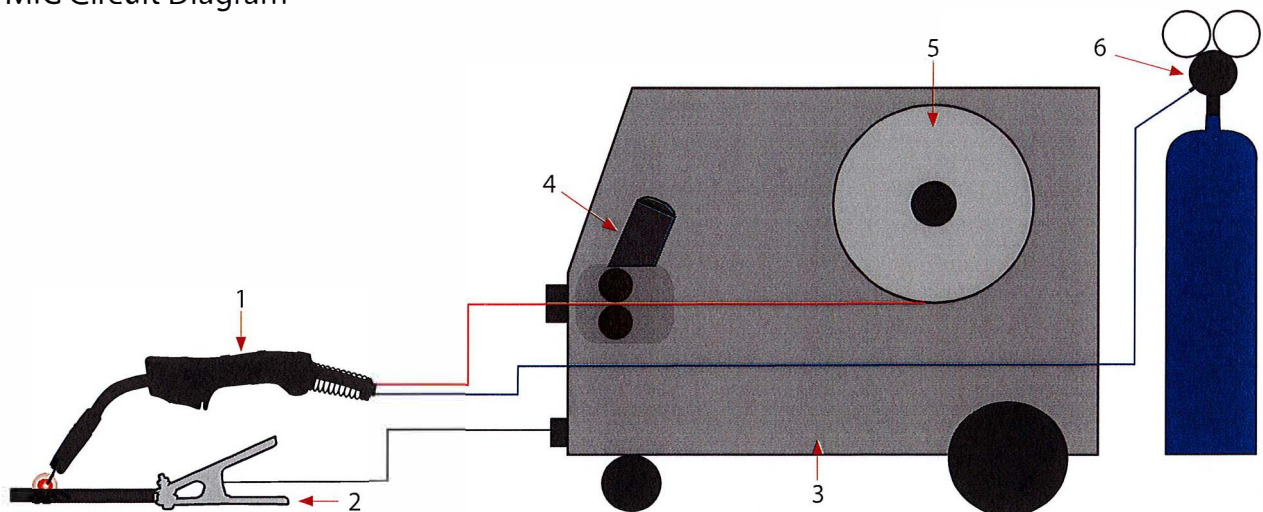


(17) Set welding parameters using the voltage and wire feed controls.

## MIG (Metal Inert Gas) Welding

Definition of MIG Welding - MIG (metal inert gas) welding also known as GMAW (gas metal arc welding) or MAG (metal active gas welding), is a semi-automatic or automatic arc welding process in which a continuous and consumable wire electrode and a shielding gas are fed through a welding gun. A constant voltage, direct current power source is most commonly used with MIG welding. There are four primary methods of metal transfer in MIG welding, called short circuit (also known as dip transfer) globular transfer, spray transfer and pulsed-spray, each of which has distinct properties and corresponding advantages and limitations. To perform MIG welding, the basic necessary equipment is a welding gun, a wire feed unit, a welding power supply, an electrode wire, and a shielding gas supply. Short circuit transfer is the most common used method whereby the wire electrode is fed continuously down the welding torch through to and exiting the contact tip. The wire touches the work piece and causes a short circuit the wire heats up and begins to form a molten bead, the bead separates from the end of the wire and forms a droplet that is transferred into the weld pool. This process is repeated about 100 times per second, making the arc appear constant to the human eye.

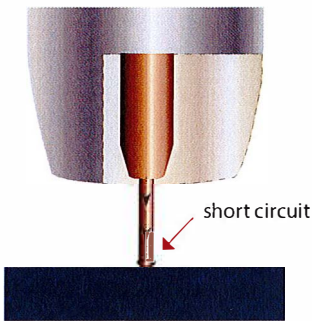
### MIG Circuit Diagram



1. Mig Torch - 2. Work Piece - 3. Power Source - 4. Wire Feeder - 5. Wire Spool - 6. Gas

## MIG (Metal Inert Gas) Welding

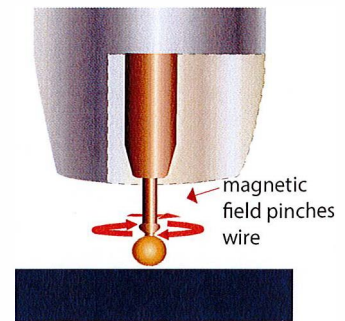
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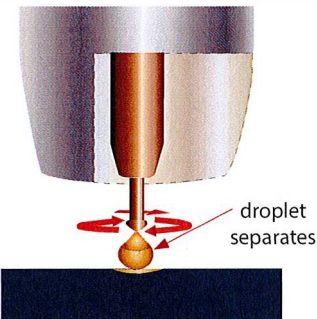
The wire approaches the work piece and touches the work creating a short circuit between the wire and the base metal, because there is no space between the wire and the base metal there is no arc and current flows through the wire.



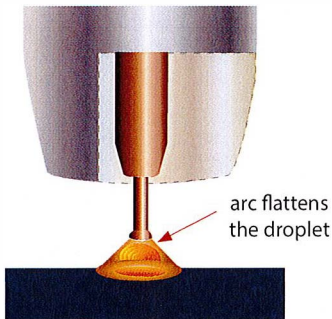
The wire cannot support all the current flow, resistance builds up and the wire becomes hot and weak and begins to melt



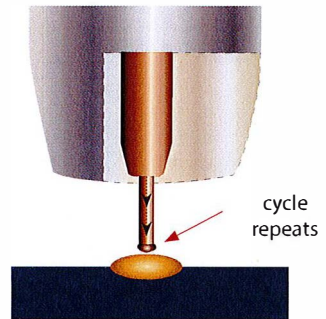
The current flow creates a magnetic field that begins to pinch the melting wire forming it into droplet



The pinch causes the forming droplet to separate and fall towards the now creating weld pool.



An arc is created at the separation of the droplet and the heat and force of the arc flattens out the droplet into the weld pool. The heat of the arc melts the end of the wire slightly as it feeds towards the base metal



The wire feed speed overcomes the heat of the arc and the wire again approaches the work to short circuit and repeat the cycle.



## Basic MIG Welding .

Good weld quality and weld profile depends on gun angle, direction of travel, electrode extension (stick out), travel speed, thickness of base metal, wire feed speed (amperage) and arc voltage. To follow are some basic guides to assist with your setup.

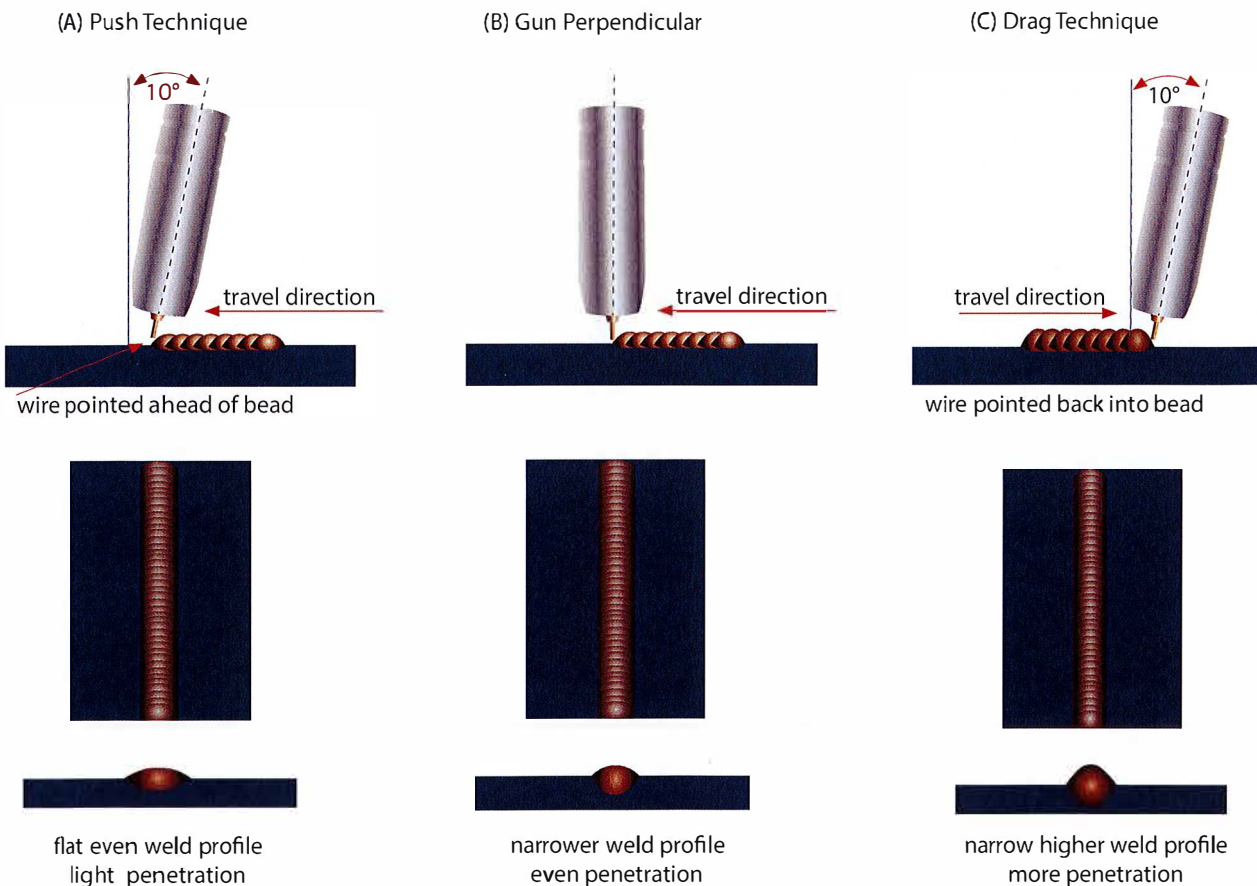
### Gun Position - Travel Direction, Work Angle

Gun position or technique usually refers to how the wire is directed at the base metal, the angle and travel direction chosen. Travel speed and work angle will determine the characteristic of the weld bead profile and degree of weld penetration.

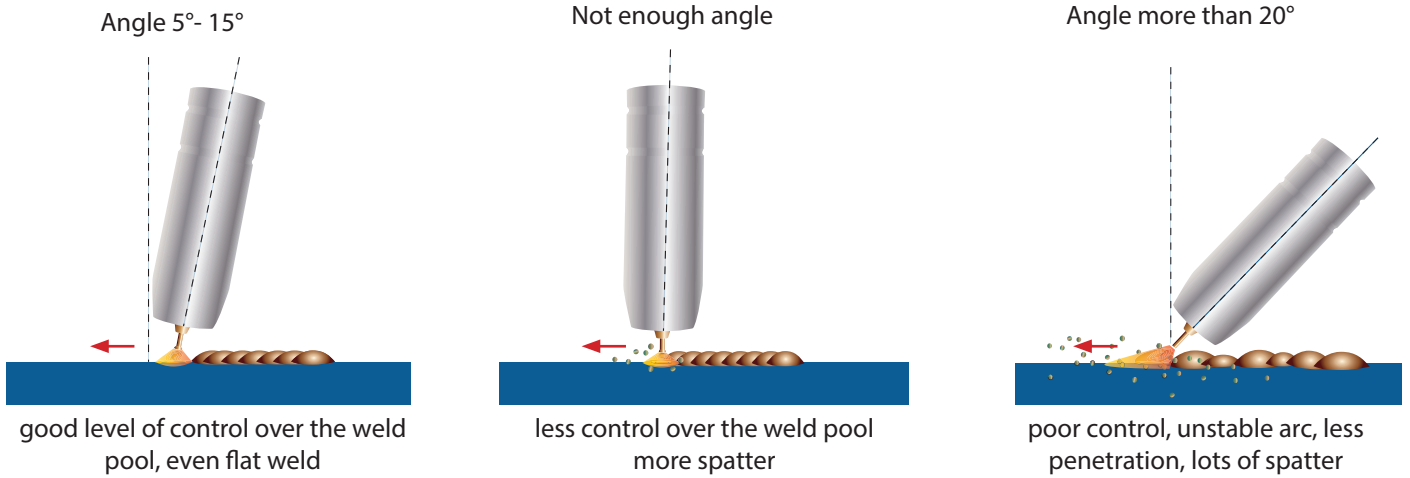
**Push Technique** - The wire is located at the leading edge of the weld pool and pushed towards the unmelted work surface. This technique offers a better view of the weld joint and direction of the wire into the weld joint. Push technique directs the heat away from the weld puddle allowing faster travel speeds providing a flatter weld profile with light penetration - useful for welding thin materials. The welds are wider and flatter allowing for minimal clean up / grinding time.

**Perpendicular Technique** - The wire is fed directly into the weld, this technique is used primarily for automated situations or when conditions make it necessary. The weld profile is generally higher and a deeper penetration is achieved.

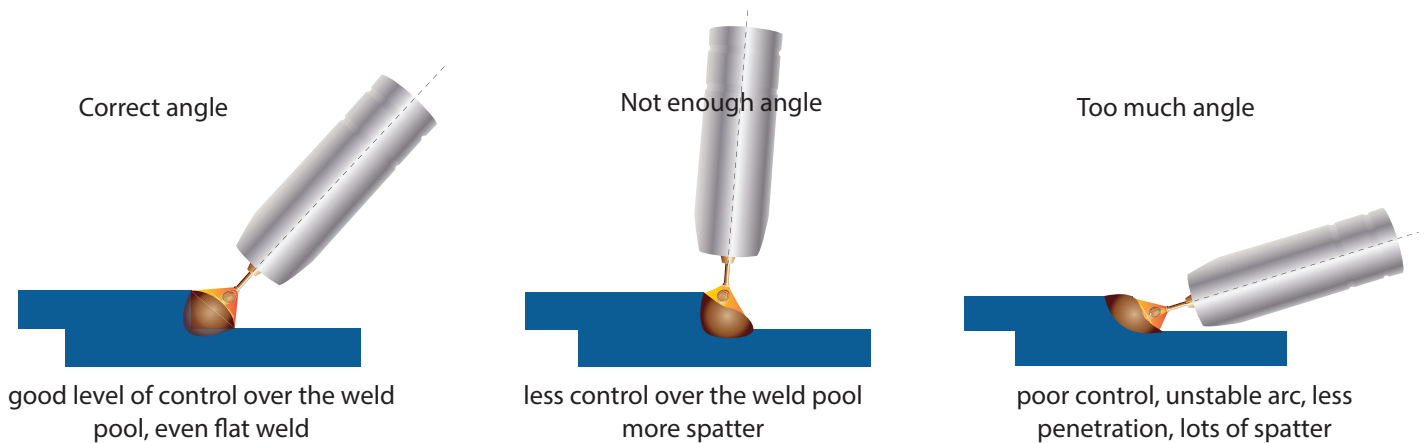
**Drag Technique** - The gun and wire is dragged away from the weld bead. The arc and heat is concentrated on the weld pool, the base metal receives more heat, deeper melting, more penetration and the weld profile is higher with more build up.



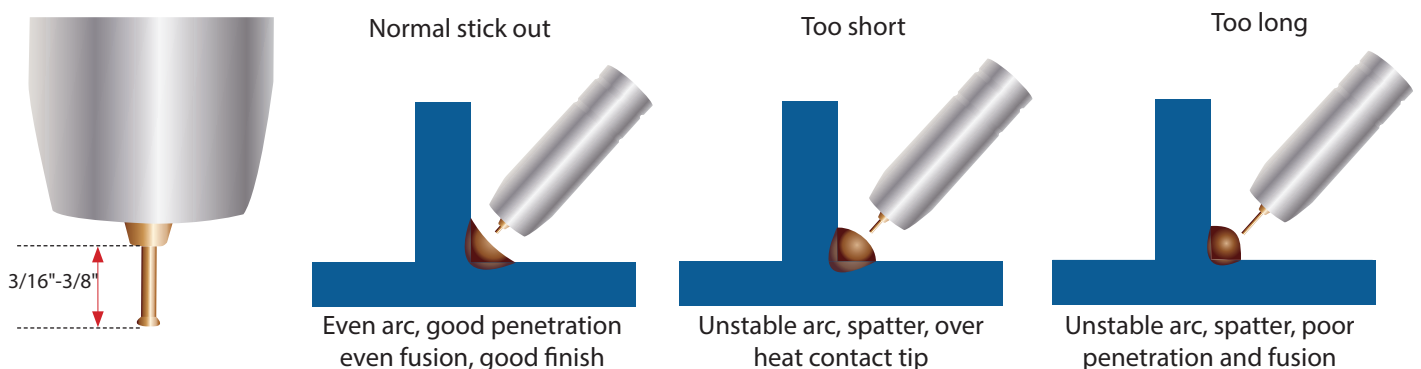
**Travel Angle** - Travel angle is the right to left angle relative to the direction of welding. A travel angle of 5°- 15° is ideal and produces a good level of control over the weld pool. A travel angle greater than 20° will give an unstable arc condition with poor weld metal transfer, less penetration, high levels of spatter, poor gas shield and poor quality finished weld.



**Angle to Work** - The work angle is the forward back angle of the gun relative to the work piece. The correct work angle provides good bead shape, prevents undercut, uneven penetration, poor gas shield and poor quality finished weld.

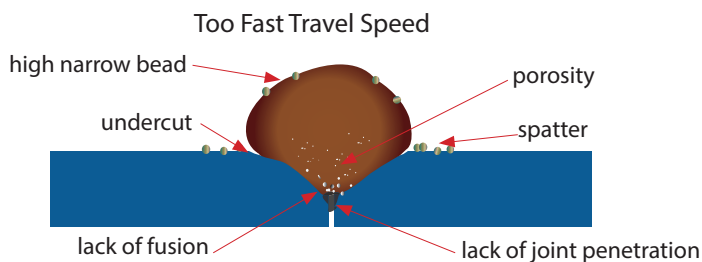


**Stick Out**- Stick out is the length of the unmelted wire protruding from the end of the contact tip. A constant even stick out of 3/16"-3/8" will produce a stable arc, and an even current flow providing good penetration and even fusion. Too short stick out will cause an unstable weld pool, produce spatter and over heat the contact tip. Too long stick out will cause an unstable arc, lack of penetration, lack of fusion and increase spatter.

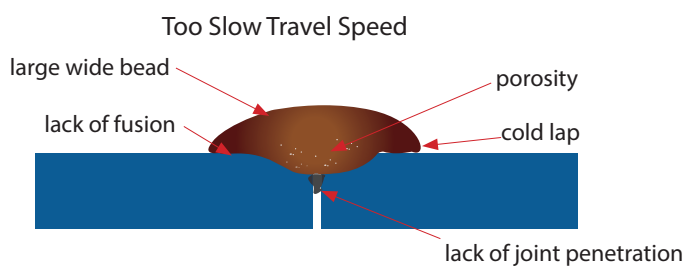


**Travel Speed** - Travel speed is the rate that the gun is moved along the weld joint and is usually measured in mm per minute. Travel speeds can vary depending on conditions and the welders skill and is limited to the welders ability to control the weld pool. Push technique allows faster travel speeds than Drag technique. Gas flow must also correspond with the travel speed, increasing with faster travel speed and decreasing with slower speed. Travel speed needs to match the amperage and will decrease as the material thickness and amperage increase.

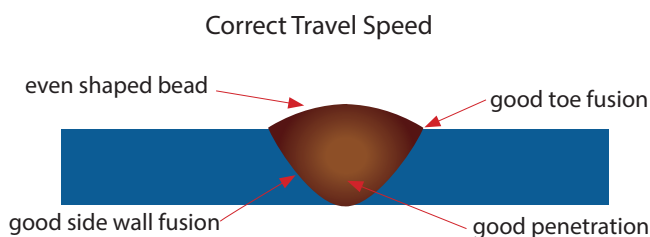
**Too Fast Travel Speed** - A too fast travel speed produces too little heat per mm of travel resulting in less penetration and reduced weld fusion, the weld bead solidifies very quickly trapping gases inside the weld metal causing porosity. Undercutting of the base metal can also occur and an unfilled groove in the base metal is created when the travel speed is too fast to allow molten metal to flow into the weld crater created by the arc heat.



**Too Slow Travel Speed** - A too slow travel speed produces a large weld with lack of penetration and fusion. The energy from the arc dwells on top of the weld pool rather than penetrating the base metal. This produces a wider weld bead with more deposited weld metal per inch than is required resulting in a weld deposit of poor quality.



**Correct Travel Speed** - The correct travel speed keeps the arc at the leading edge of the weld pool allowing the base metal to melt sufficiently to create good penetration, fusion and wetting out of the weld pool producing a weld deposit of good quality.



Wire types and sizes - Use the correct wire type for the base metal being welded. Use stainless steel wire for stainless steel, aluminum wires for aluminum and steel wires for steel.

Use a smaller diameter wire for thin base metals. For thicker materials use a larger wire diameter and larger machine, check the recommended welding capability of you machine.

As a guide refer to the "Welding Wire Thickness Chart" below. \* chart is for reference only

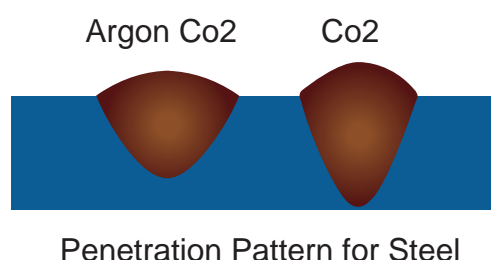
WELDING WIRE DIAMETER CHART							
MATERIAL THICKNESS	RECOMMENDED WIRE DIAMETERS						
	MIG SOLID WIRE				GASLESS FLUX CORED WIRE		
	0.025"	0.030"	0.035"	0.040"	0.030"	0.035"	0.045"
24 Gauge (.60mm)	Yellow						
22 Gauge (.75mm)	Yellow	Yellow			Yellow		
20 Gauge (.90mm)	Yellow	Yellow			Yellow	Yellow	
18 Gauge (1.0mm)	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow		Yellow	Yellow	
16 Gauge (1.2mm)		Yellow	Yellow		Yellow	Yellow	Yellow
14 Gauge (1.9mm)		Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow
0.118" / 3.0mm		Yellow	Yellow				
0.196" / 5.0mm			Yellow	Yellow		Yellow	
0.236" / 6.0mm			Yellow	Yellow			Yellow
0.314" / 8.0mm			Yellow	Yellow			Yellow
0.393" / 10.mm				Yellow			Yellow
0.472" / 12.0mm				Yellow			

For material thickness of 0.196" / 5.0mm and greater, multi-pass runs or a beveled joint design may be required depending on the amperage capability of your machine.

Gas selection - The purpose of the gas in the MIG process is to protect / shield the wire, the arc and the molten weld metal from the atmosphere. Most metals when heated to a molten state will react with the air in the atmosphere, without the protection of the shielding gas the weld produced would contain defects like porosity, lack of fusion and slag inclusions. Additionally some of the gas becomes ionised (electrically charged) and helps the current flow smoothly.

The correct gas flow is also very important in protecting the welding zone from the atmosphere. Too low flow will give inadequate coverage and result in weld defects and unstable arc conditions. Too high flow can cause air to be drawn into the gas column and contaminate the weld zone.

Use the correct shielding gas. Co2 is good for steel and offers good penetration characteristics, the weld profile is narrower and slightly more raised than the weld profile obtained from Argon Co2 mixed gas. Argon Co2 mix gas offers better weld ability for thin metals and has a wider range of setting tolerance on the machine. Argon 80% Co2 20% is a good all round mix suitable for most applications.



# SB15 MIG TORCH

180A AIR COOLED MIG WELDING TORCH

Rating: 180A CO<sub>2</sub> 150A mixed gas EN60974-7 @ 60% duty cycle. 0.6 to 1.0mm wires

## SB15 PARTS

Air Cooled MIG Torch

180A CO<sub>2</sub>, 150A Mixed Gas @ 60% Duty Cycle



### COMPONENTS:

PART NO.	DESCRIPTION	PACK QTY
1 15-NZ12	CONICAL NOZZLE 1/2"	X 2
2 15-023	CONTACT TIP 0.023	X5
15-030	CONTACT TIP 0.030	X5
15-035	CONTACT TIP 0.035	X5
15-040	CONTACT TIP 0.040	X5
3 15-NS	NOZZLE SPRING	X2
4 15-TA	TIP ADAPTOR	X2
5 A5-SN50	SWAN NECK	X1
6 LN2330-10	10 FT STEEL LINER 0.023-0.030 WIRE	X1
LN3540-10	10 FT STEEL LINER 0.035-0.040 WIRE	X1

The sb15 torch is standard on the VIPERMIG 180 Dual process machine, however the TWC 2 Style torch is also available ( see dealer for cost difference)

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## Spare Parts for Tweco 2 style torches



Torch Model		
Description	Part Number	EAN CODE
15 FT Welding Torch <b>Classic</b> Style	TWC2-15FTE	0680474943777
10 FT Welding Torch <b>Euro</b> Style Handle	TWC2-10FTE	0680474944095



TWC2 Contact Tips			
Part Number	Description	QTY	EAN CODE
PRW14-30	Contact tip 0.8mm / 0.030"	<b>QTY x5</b>	0680474943920
PRW14-35	Contact tip 0.9mm / 0.035"	<b>QTY x5</b>	0680474943937
PRW14-40	Contact tip 1.0mm / 0.040"	<b>QTY x5</b>	0680474944033
PRW14-45	Contact tip 1.2mm / 0.045"	<b>QTY x5</b>	0680474944040



TWC2 Contact Tips H/D			
Part Number	Description	QTY	EAN CODE
PRW14H-30	Contact H/D tip 0.8mm / 0.030"	<b>QTY x5</b>	0680474944057
PRW14H-35	Contact H/D tip 0.9mm / 0.035"	<b>QTY x5</b>	0680474944064
PRW14H-40	Contact H/D tip 1.0mm / 0.040"	<b>QTY x5</b>	0680474944071
PRW14H-45	Contact H/D tip 1.2mm / 0.045"	<b>QTY x5</b>	0680474944088



TWC2 Gas Diffuser			
Part Number	Description	QTY	EAN CODE
PRW52	Gas Diffuser	<b>QTY x 2</b>	0680474943975



TWC2 Gas Insulator			
Part Number	Description	QTY	EAN CODE
PRW32	Insulator	<b>QTY x 2</b>	0680474943999



TWC2 Torch Nozzle			
Part Number	Description	QTY	EAN CODE
PRW22-50	Nozzle Adjustable 13mm / (33/67)	<b>QTY x2</b>	0680474943951
PRW22-62	Nozzle Adjustable 16mm / (5/8)	<b>QTY x2</b>	0680474943968



TWC2 Liners			
Part Number	Description	QTY	EAN CODE
PRW42-3035-15	Liner 15 ft 0.8 - 0.9mm / 0.030" - 0.035"	<b>QTY x1</b>	0680474944002
PRW42-4045-15	Liner 15ft 1.0 - 1.2mm / 0.040" - 0.0457"	<b>QTY x1</b>	0680474944101
PRW42N-3035-15	Liner 15ft 0.8- 0.9mm / 0.030" - 0.035" Alloy	<b>QTYx 1</b>	0680474944118

TWC2 Style torch is available upon request with the machine at a price difference.

## MIG WELDING TROUBLE SHOOTING

The following chart addresses some of the common problems of MIG welding. In all cases of equipment malfunction, the manufacturer's recommendations should be strictly adhered to and followed.

1: Excessive Spatter	
Possible Reason	Suggested Remedy
Wire feed speed set too high	Select lower wire feed speed
Voltage too high	Select a lower voltage setting
Wrong polarity set	select the correct polarity for the wire being used - see machine setup guide
Stick out too long	Bring the torch closer to the work
Contaminated base metal	Remove materials like paint, grease, oil, and dirt, including mill scale from base metal
Contaminated mig wire	Use clean dry rust free wire. Do not lubricate the wire with oil, grease etc
Inadequate gas flow or too much gas flow	Check the gas is connected, check hoses, gas valve and torch are not restricted. Set the gas flow between 20-25 CFH flow rate. Check hoses and fittings for holes, leaks etc Protect the welding zone from wind and drafts
2: Porosity - small cavities or holes resulting from gas pockets in weld metal.	
Possible Reason	Suggested Remedy
Wrong gas	Check that the correct gas is being used
Inadequate gas flow or too much gas flow	Check the gas is connected, check hoses, gas valve and torch are not restricted. Set the gas flow between 20-25CFH flow rate. Check hoses and fittings for holes, leaks etc. Protect the welding zone from wind and drafts
Moisture on the base metal	Remove all moisture from base metal before welding
Contaminated base metal	Remove materials like paint, grease, oil, and dirt, including mill scale from base metal
Contaminated mig wire	Use clean dry rust free wire. Do not lubricate the wire with oil, grease etc
Gas nozzle clogged with spatter, worn or out of shape	Clean or replace the gas nozzle
Missing or damaged gas diffuser	Replace the gas diffuser
Mig torch euro connect o-ring missing or damaged	check and replace the o-ring
4: Wire stubbing during welding	
Possible Reason	Suggested Remedy
Holding the torch too far away	Bring the torch closer to the work and maintain stick out of 3/16"-3/8"
Welding voltage set too low	Increase the voltage
Wire Speed set too high	Decrease the wire feed speed
5: Lack of Fusion – failure of weld metal to fuse completely with base metal or a proceeding weld bead.	
Possible Reason	Suggested Remedy
Contaminated base metal	Remove materials like paint, grease, oil, and dirt, including mill scale from base metal
Not enough heat input	Select a higher voltage range and /or adjust the wire speed to suit
Improper welding technique	Keep the arc at the leading edge of the weld pool. Gun angle to work should be between 5 & 15° Direct the arc at the weld joint Adjust work angle or widen groove to access bottom during welding Momentarily hold arc on side walls if using weaving technique
5: Excessive Penetration – weld metal melting through base metal	
Possible Reason	Suggested Remedy
Too much heat	Select a lower voltage range and /or adjust the wire speed to suit Increase travel speed
6: Lack of Penetration – shallow fusion between weld metal and base metal	
Poor in incorrect joint preparation	Material too thick. Joint preparation and design needs to allow access to bottom of groove while maintaining proper welding wire extension and arc characteristics Keep the arc at the leading edge of the weld pool and maintain the gun angle at 5 & 15° keeping the stick out between 3/16"-3/8"
Not enough heat input	Select a higher voltage range and /or adjust the wire speed to suit Reduce travel speed
Contaminated base metal	Remove materials like paint, grease, oil, and dirt, including mill scale from base metal.

## MIG WIRE FEED TROUBLE SHOOTING

The following chart addresses some of the common WIRE FEED problems during MIG welding. In all cases of equipment malfunction, the manufacturer's recommendations should be strictly adhered to and followed.

1: No wire feed	
Possible Reason	Suggested Remedy
Wrong mode selected	Check that the ARC/MIG selector switch set to MIG position
Wrong torch selector switch	Check that the STANDARD/SPOOLGUN selector switch is set to STANDARD position for MIG welding and SPOOLGUN when using the Spoolgun
2: Inconsistent / interrupted wire feed	
Possible Reason	Suggested Remedy
Adjusting wrong dial	Be sure to adjust the WIRE FEED and VOLTAGE dials for MIG welding. The AMPERAGE dial is for STICK and TIG welding mode
Wrong polarity selected	Select the correct polarity for the wire being used - see machine setup guide
Incorrect wire speed setting	Adjust the wire feed speed
Voltage setting incorrect	Adjust the voltage setting
Mig torch lead too long	Small diameter wires and soft wires like aluminum don't feed well through long torch leads - replace the torch with a lesser length torch
Mig torch lead kinked or too sharp angle being held	Remove the kink, reduce the angle or bend
Contact tip worn, wrong size, wrong type	Replace the tip with correct size and type
Liner worn or clogged (the most common causes of bad feeding)	Try to clear the liner by blowing out with compressed air as a temporary cure, it is recommended to replace the liner
Wrong size liner	Install the correct size liner
Blocked or worn inlet guide tube	Clear or replace the inlet guide tube
Wire misaligned in drive roller groove	Locate the wire into the groove of the drive roller
Incorrect drive roller size	Fit the correct size drive roller eg; 0.030wire requires 0.030 drive roller
Wrong type of drive roller selected	Fit the correct type roller (e.g. knurled rollers needed for flux cored wires)
Worn drive rollers	Replace the drive rollers
Drive roller pressure too high	Can flatten the wire electrode causing it to lodge in the contact tip - reduce the drive roller pressure
Too much tension on wire spool hub	Reduce the spool hub brake tension
Wire crossed over on the spool or tangled	Remove the spool untangle the wire or replace the wire
Contaminated mig wire	Use clean dry rust free wire. Do not lubricate the wire with oil, grease etc



## ARC (Stick) WELDING TROUBLE SHOOTING

The following chart addresses some of the common problems of ARC welding. In all cases of equipment malfunction, the manufacturer's recommendations should be strictly adhered to and followed.

1: No arc	
<b>Possible Reason</b>	<b>Suggested Remedy</b>
Incomplete welding circuit	Check earth lead is connected. Check all cable connections.
Wrong mode selected	Check the ARC selector switch is selected
No power supply	Check that the machine is switched on and has a power supply
2: Porosity – small cavities or holes resulting from gas pockets in weld metal.	
<b>Possible Reason</b>	<b>Suggested Remedy</b>
Arc length too long	Shorten the arc length
Work piece dirty, contaminated or moisture	Remove moisture and materials like paint, grease, oil, and dirt, including mill scale from base metal
Damp electrodes	Use only dry electrodes
3: Excessive Spatter	
<b>Possible Reason</b>	<b>Suggested Remedy</b>
Amperage too high	Decrease the amperage or choose a larger electrode
Arc length too long	Shorten the arc length
3: Weld sits on top, lack of fusion	
<b>Possible Reason</b>	<b>Suggested Remedy</b>
Insufficient heat input	Increase the amperage or choose a larger electrode
Work piece dirty, contaminated or moisture	Remove moisture and materials like paint, grease, oil, and dirt, including mill scale from base metal
Poor welding technique	Use the correct welding technique or seek assistance for the correct technique
4: Lack of penetration	
<b>Possible Reason</b>	<b>Suggested Remedy</b>
Insufficient heat input	Increase the amperage or choose a larger electrode
Poor welding technique	Use the correct welding technique or seek assistance for the correct technique
Poor joint preparation	Check the joint design and fit up, make sure the material is not too thick. Seek assistance for the correct joint design and fit up
5: Excessive penetration - burn through	
<b>Possible Reason</b>	<b>Suggested Remedy</b>
Excessive heat input	Reduce the amperage or use a smaller electrode
Incorrect travel speed	Try increasing the weld travel speed
6: Uneven weld appearance	
<b>Possible Reason</b>	<b>Suggested Remedy</b>
Unsteady hand, wavering hand	Use two hands where possible to steady up, practise your technique
7: Distortion – movement of base metal during welding	
<b>Possible Reason</b>	<b>Suggested Remedy</b>
Excessive heat input	Reduce the amperage or use a smaller electrode
Poor welding technique	Use the correct welding technique or seek assistance for the correct technique
Poor joint preparation and or joint design	Check the joint design and fit up, make sure the material is not too thick. Seek assistance for the correct joint design and fit up
7: Electrode welds with different or unusual arc characteristic	
<b>Possible Reason</b>	<b>Suggested Remedy</b>
Incorrect polarity	Change the polarity, check the electrode manufacturer for correct polarity

## ATTENTION! - CHECK FOR GAS LEAKS

At initial set up and at regular intervals we recommend to check for gas leakage.

Recommended procedure is as follows:

1. Connect the regulator and gas hose assembly and tighten all connectors and clamps.
2. Slowly open the cylinder valve.
3. Set the flow rate on the regulator to approximately 8-10 l/min.
4. Close the cylinder valve and pay attention to the needle indicator of the contents pressure gauge on the regulator, if the needle drops away towards zero there is a gas leak.  
Sometimes a gas leak can be slow and to identify it will require leaving the gas pressure in the regulator and line for an extended time period. In this situation it is recommended to open the cylinder valve, set the flow rate to 8-10 l/min, close the cylinder valve and check after a minimum of 15 minutes.
5. If there is a gas loss then check all connectors and clamps for leakage by brushing or spraying with soapy water, bubbles will appear at the leakage point.
6. Tighten clamps or fittings to eliminate gas leakage.

**Important:** We strongly recommend that you check for gas leakage prior to operation of your machine. We recommend that you close the cylinder valve when the machine is not in use.

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## WARRANTY

JASIC Technologies America Inc ('Us,'We') warrants that the following products under VIPERMIG supplied by Us and purchased by you from an Authorised VIPERMIG Dealer throughout the U.S.A & Canada are free of Material and Faulty Workmanship defects except for those products listed under 'Warranty Exclusions'.

These terms and conditions supersede and exclude all former and other representations and arrangements relating to any warranties on these products.

## WARRANTY PERIOD

We offer the following 'Warranty Periods' from 'date of purchase':

An Extended Warranty Period of 6 months total shall apply only to Machinery where offered and warranty is registered online.

### RAZORWELD + VIPER WELDING MACHINES

<b>VIPER DIY Series (Power Source Only) VIPERMIG</b>	<b>1 Year</b>	<b>(Clause 1)</b>
RAZORWELD JASIC Inverter MIG (Power Source Only) RAZOR RANGE	3 Years	(Clause 4)
RAZORWELD JASIC Inverter MIG SWF (Power Source / Separate Wire Feeder Only)	3 Years	(Clause 4)
RAZORWELD JASIC Inverter TIG (Power Source Only)	3 Years	(Clause 4)
RAZORWELD JASIC Inverter PLASMA (Power Source Only)	3 Years	(Clause 4)
RAZORWELD Water Cooler	1 Year	(Clause 1)
RAZORWELD JASIC Series (Power Source Only)	3 Years	(Clause 4)
UNI-FLAME Regulators Argon/ Acetylene / Oxygen / LPG / Bobbin Flowmeter	1 Year	
UNI-FLAME Automatic Welding Helmet	2 Years	
RAZORWELD Automatic Welding Helmets	2 Years	
TORCHES -GMAW, GTAW, MMAW, PLASMA, EARTH LEADS, INTERCONNECTING CABLES, GAS HOSE	3 Months	(Clause 3)

(Clause 1) 1 year warranty on transformers, inductor and rectifier. 1 year warranty on PCB, and all other components.

(Clause 2) Gas Hose, Flashbacks are subject to and covered by the Manufacturer's Individual Warranty, Contact the manufacturer for details

(Clause 3) This only Covers Manufactures defaults on all accessories for the first three months after date of purchase. It does not cover operator abuse or mistreatment of the torch

(Clause 4) 3 years warranty on transformer , inductor and Rectifier , 1 year on PCB and all other components :Does not cover operator abuse or mistreatment of the machine

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## MIG-ARC INVERTER



**1 YEAR Warranty**  
(POWERSOURCE)

PLEASE READ AND UNDERSTAND THIS MANUAL CAREFULLY BEFORE THE INSTALLATION AND OPERATION OF THIS EQUIPMENT

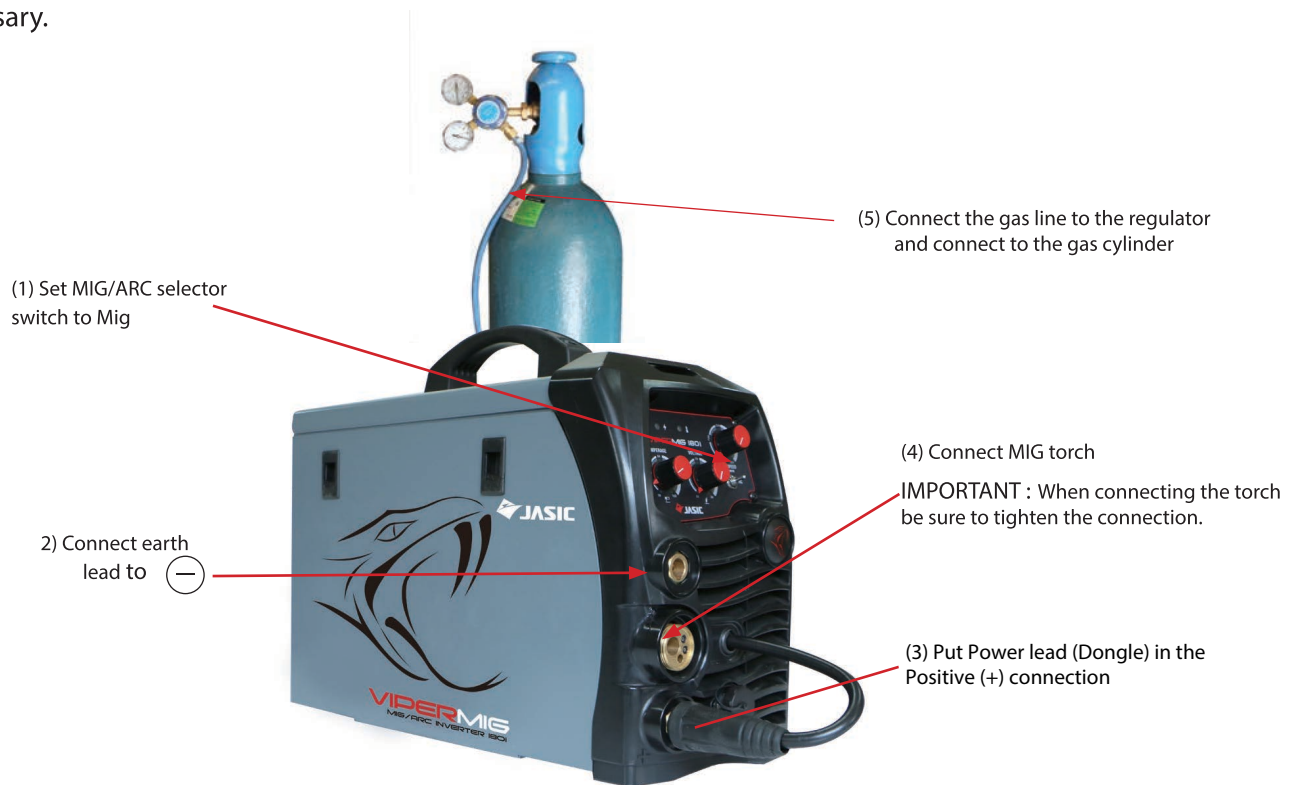
## Installation set up for MIG with Gas for VIPER 180 MIG ARC

- (1) Select the MIG function with the ARC/Mig selector switch.
- (2) Insert the earth cable plug into the negative socket on the front of the machine and tighten it.
- (3) Connect the weld power cable to the positive socket.
- (4) Plug the welding torch into the Euro Mig torch connection socket on the front panel, and tighten it.

**IMPORTANT :** When connecting the torch be sure to tighten the connection. A loose connection can result in the connector arcing and damaging the machine and gun connector.

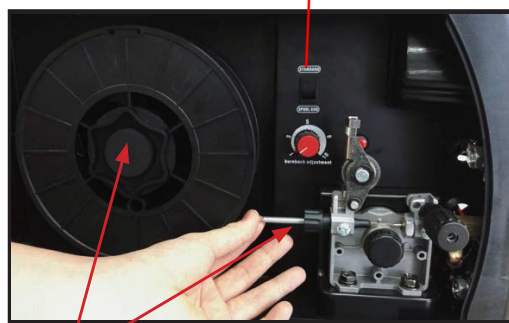
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- (5) Connect Gas Line to Gas Regulator and connect the gas regulator to the Gas Cylinder.
- (6) Check the Weld Power Cable is connected to the positive terminal.
- (7) Place the Wire Spool onto the Spool Holder - Note: the spool retaining nut is Left Hand thread. Snip the wire from the spool being sure to hold the wire to prevent rapid uncoiling. Feed the wire into the wire feeder inlet guide tube through to the drive roller.
- (8) Carefully feed the wire over the drive roller into the outlet guide tube, feed through about 4 Inches into the torch receptacle. Check that the drive roller being used complies with the wire diameter, replace the roller if necessary.

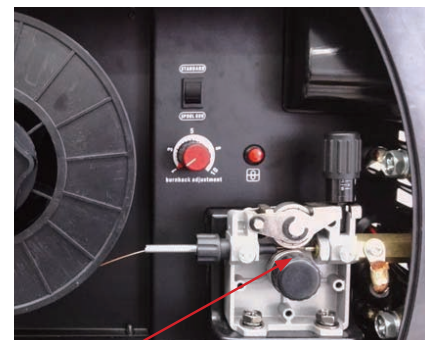


(3) Connect weld power lead to  $\oplus$

**\*Ensure that your spool gun selector is on "Standard"**



(6) Place wire onto spool holder - (spool retaining nut is left hand thread ) Feed the wire through the inlet guide tube on to the drive roller.



(7) Feed wire over the drive roller into the outlet guide tube, Push the wire through approx 4 inches

### Caution:

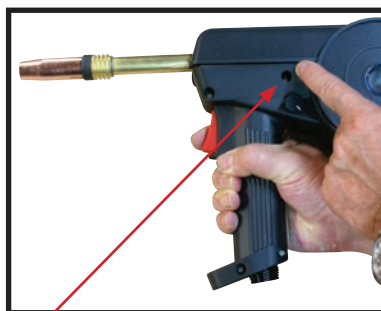
Disconnect the Electrode Holder cable from the machine before using MIG function. If cable is not disconnected welding voltage is present and can cause arcing or flash.

## Installation set up of the Spool Gun for Vipermig 180i

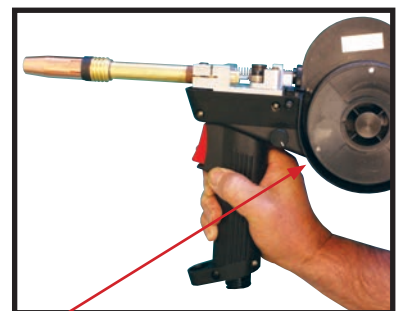
- (1) Select Spool Gun using the Standard/Spool Gun selector switch.(Lift machine side panel cover)
- (2) Connect the Spool Gun to the Euro MIG torch connection socket on the front panel, and tighten it. Connect the Spool Gun control cable to the receptacle and tighten it.  
**IMPORTANT :** When connecting the torch be sure to tighten the connection. A loose connection can result in the connector arcing and damaging the machine and gun connector.  
 This damage is not covered under warranty.
- (3) Insert the earth cable plug into the Negative socket on the front of the machine and tighten it.
- (4) Connect weld power lead to Positive socket (Dongle)
- (5) Connect Gas Line to Gas Regulator and connect the gas regulator to the Gas Cylinder.
- (6) Turn the power source on and select the MIG function with the MIG/ARC selector switch.
- (7) Take the Spool Gun and push the Cover Release Button to unlock the wire feed / spool cover.
- (8) Place the Wire Spool onto the Spool Holder - Note: the spool retaining nut is Left Hand thread. Hold and snip the wire from the spool being sure to hold the wire to prevent rapid uncoiling.



(1) Set Standard/Spoolgun selector switch inside door to Spoolgun



(7) Push the cover release button to unlock the wire feed /spool cover



(8) Place a spool of wire onto the Spool holder. Note: the spool retaining nut is Left Hand thread, turn it clockwise to undo it

### **WARNING:**

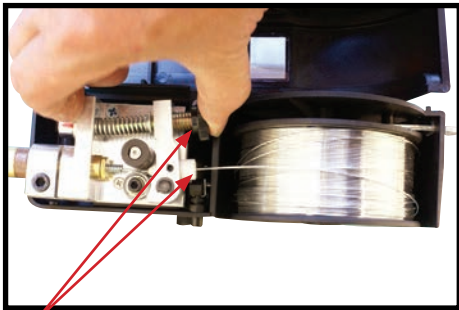
Ensure that an approved welding helmet, protective clothing and gloves are use for all welding operations

### **WARNING:**

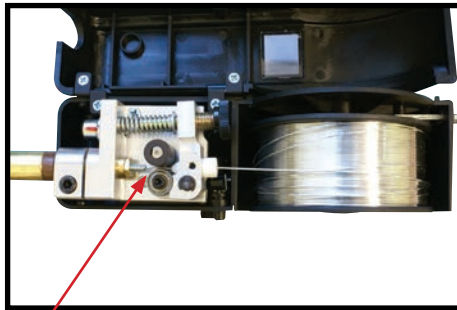
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## Continued set up of the Spool Gun with Viper 180i

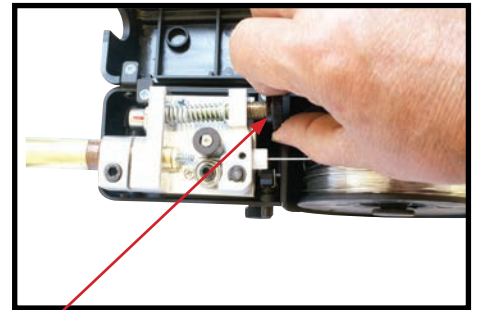
- (9) Carefully feed the wire over the drive roller into the outlet guide tube, feed through into the torch neck. Check that the drive roller being used complies with the wire diameter, replace the roller if necessary.
- (10) Align the wire into the groove of the drive roller and release the tension arm making sure the wire is in the groove of the drive roller.
- (11) Apply an adequate amount of pressure to the drive roller by winding in the tension adjusting knob,
- (12) Adjust spool holder tension
- (13) Remove the gas nozzle and contact tip from the torch neck, Pull the trigger to drive the wire through the neck until it exits the contact tip holder
- (14) Fit the correct sized contact tip and feed the wire through it, screw the contact tip into the tip holder of the torch neck and nip it up tightly.
- (15) Fit the gas nozzle to the torch head and close the wire spool cover.
- (16) Carefully open the gas cylinder valve and set the flow rate to between 20-25cfh.
- (17) Set the welding parameters using the wire feed and voltage control knobs.



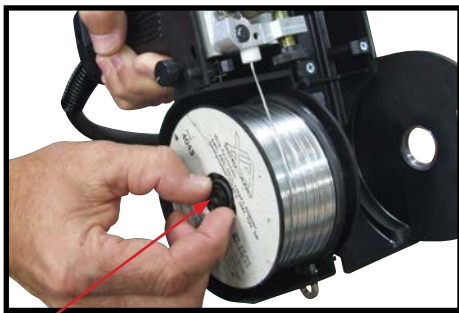
(9) Carefully feed the wire through the inlet guide tube onto the drive roller through into the outlet guide tube. Squeezing the tension arm adjustment knob to release the pressure of the tension arm will allow the wire to be guided through the drive roller easily



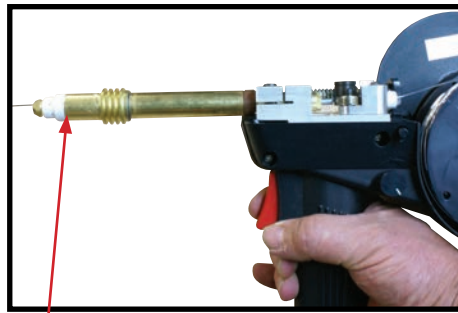
(10) Check to make sure that the wire passes cleanly through the drive roller into the outlet guide tube.



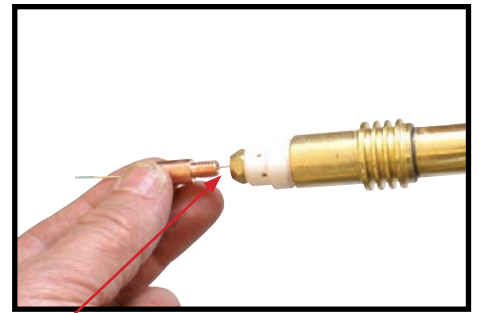
(11) Apply a medium amount of pressure using the tension arm adjustment knob.



(12) Adjust spool holder tension



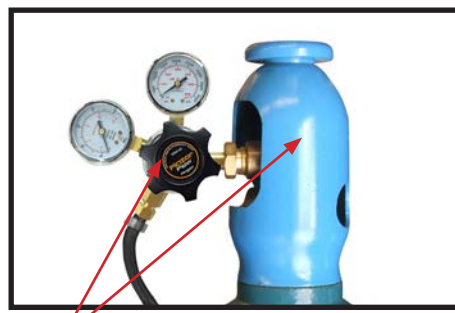
(13) Remove the gas nozzle and contact tip. Pull the trigger to drive the wire through the neck until it exits the contact tip holder



(14) Fit the contact tip over the wire and screw it into the tip holder, nip it up tight.



(15) Fit the gas nozzle and close the wire feed spool cover



(16) Carefully open the valve of the gas cylinder, set the flow to 20-25cfh



(17) Set welding parameters using the voltage and wire feed controls.