

INSTRUCTION MANUAL FOR AIR PLASMA CUTTING MACHINE

MODEL -WAP 50

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1. THE PROCESS:

Plasma is the fourth state of matter, others being the solid, liquid and gaseous. When a gas is heated to high temperature it changes from molecular state to ionic state. Plasma is electrically conductive as it contains charged particles.

2. SAFETY PRECAUTIONS:

- The mains connection must be properly grounded and the supply lines be fitted with fuses of
- Specified ratings. The mains cable must be properly secured to prevent possible damage.
- High voltage exists on the torch when power is applied and the pilot arc is struck and when the main arc is cutting.
- The nozzle should not be touched when the power is applied to the torch.
- All Adjustments and replacements of the parts should be undertaken with the unit switched off.
- The torch should not be used in excessively wet conditions.
- Power supply to the unit should be switched off before removing any panel of the machine Keep the work area clear from all inflammable materials. Ensure that any material or spark ejected from the cut is not a source of danger to the operator or others.
- Protection is necessary from the ultraviolet radiation emitted by the arc. A helmet with shade glass and gloves should be used while cutting. Adequate screening should be provided to protect others working in the vicinity from ultraviolet radiation.

3. EQUIPMENT DESCRIPTIONS:

The unit consists of following.

• Power Transformer.

The power transformer used in this unit is a constant current type transformer with drooping characteristics. The transformer is made of copper coils and F class insulation is used for safety and trouble free performance for a long time. Interlayer air gap is provided in the coils for sufficient cooling.

• Rectifier.

Three phase full wave silicon rectifier stack is used to convert the AC output of the transformer to DC. Heat sink of proper rating is employed to see that the diodes doesn't heat up and cause damage to the rectifier.

• Central Processing Unit (CPU).

This unit is an electronic PCB which is the brain of the system. This unit controls the sequence of operation and also detects any malfunctioning in the system. In the event of this occurring this will automatically shut down the machine to prevent any damage to the torch or operator.



• Arc Starting System.

When the switch on the torch is initiated an arc is created between the electrode and the nozzle in the torch. This arc which ejects out of the nozzle is called pilot arc. When this pilot arc comes in to contact with the job, main arc is created and the cutting starts.

4. FRONT PANEL CONTROLS.

- ➤ ON-OFF-TEST three way selector switches.
- ➤ MAIN ON/OFF Switch
- ➤ High/Low Selector Switch
- Mains Power indicator, Panel Fuse.
- ➤ Air Failure indicator / water failure indicator.
- > Thermal overload indicator.
- ➤ Air Pressure gauge.
- ➤ Air Line to the torch with power manifold.
- > Pilot arc connection to the torch.
- Remote control socket (Torch Trigger).
- Job Power Return Cable (Job Earth).

5. THE TORCH:-

The torch is a precision tool precisely molded with internal parts perfectly aligned. Although the torch has been designed to withstand normal workshop abuse care should be taken to ensure that the torch is not excessively knocked about and is maintained properly.

• Basically there are two types of torches:-

- A. Hand Torch
- B. Machine Torch

• Hand cutting torch has three connections:-

- a) Air line with main power manifold.
- b) Pilot Arc Connection.
- c) Remote (Torch Trigger)
- Machine torch has only the first two connections and a separate ON-OFF remote pendent is required.



6. CONSUMABLES.

The torch carries a number of elements known as spares and consumables which are either eroded or consumed while cutting (Ref to Torch assembly Diagram)

While replacing the consumables procedure should be followed and care must be taken to see that cleanliness is of utmost importance.

CAUTION: THE EQUIPMENT MUST BE SWITCHED OFF BEFORE REPLACING THE CONSUMABLES.

- Unscrew the Nozzle retaining cap
- Unscrew the nozzle (Thread less)
- ➤ Remove the Insulating Spacer
- > Check the condition of the electrode if it is to be removed then remove it (Thread less) and Fit a New One.

CAUTION: STOP CUTTING IMMEDIATELY IF GREENISH ARC IS OBSERVED WHILE CUTTING OR CUTTING SOUND CHANGES.

This happens when the insertion material in the electrode is consumed.

7. PRE INSTALLATION REQUIREMENT.

Mains Power:-

• Three phase 380-440 Volts 50 Hz switched fuse box with a capacity of 32 (65 Amps for WAP-50 Model) Amps.

Mains Input Cable:-

• Use three cable of 10sq mm each and a separate earthing cable.

Air:-

• External compressor rated 300 liters/min at about 5 kg/cm2 (Ideally 5-HP or more Double cylinder Compressor)



8. PRE STARTING CHECKLIST.

- Ensure that the fuses in the fuse switch box are of proper rating and have proper contacts
- Ensure that the power cable is tightened at all connections.
- Ensure that the proper earthling is provided to the machine.
- Ensure that job has been firmly connected to the job stud using earthling clamp and cable.
- Make sure that all the consumables and spares are fitted inside the torch.

NOTE: FOR INSTALLATION REFER TO INSTALLATION DIAGRAM IN THIS MANUAL.

9. **CUTTING PROCEDURE.**

Switch on the mains supply from the switch fuse box. The mains indicator will glow irrespective of the position of ON-OFF-TEST selector switch. This is a safety feature which indicates that power is supplied to the unit.

Open the air supply and adjust the air pressure around 75 PSI / 45 PSI for water torch. This adjustment can be done using the regulator connected at the back side of the machine and pressure gauge at the front panel.

Move the selector switch on the front panel to test position, now the sparks can be seen between the electrode and nozzle. This exercise confirms the proper connection of the torch to the machine.

CAUTION: NEVER LEAVE THE SELECTOR SWITCH IN TEST POSITION

Move the selector switch on the front panel to RUN Position

Place the torch at the edge of the plate where the cutting has to be started. Press the initiating button on the torch to get the pilot arc. Main arc will be established when the pilot arc touches the plate. Now the torch can be moved along the plate at a clearance of 3 to 8 mm.

CAUTION: DO NOT TOUCH THE TORCH TO THE PLATE.

Speed of cutting is very important and will determine the quality of the cut, life of consumables and hence the economy of cutting. Always ensure that the arc has penetrated the plate. The torch should be moved evenly ensuring that the arc does not come up but has an angle of 45 degree under the plate and trailing behind the torch.



The arc will shut off automatically when the torch reaches the end of the plate. However if the arc has to be shut off in between then the initiating button on the torch has to be released.

In case of machine torch once the cutting is started the cutting continues even after releasing the START button on the remote control pendent. The cutting stops when it reaches the end of the plate. If the cutting has to be stopped in between then the STOP button on the remote control pendent has to be pressed.

10. MAINTENANCE:-

Check the following

Daily

- > Condition of the torch consumables.
- > Drain the air filter.
- Ensure that drain cork is tightened properly.
- > Check for air leaks.
- > Check the air pressure setting to be around 75PSI.

Annually

- ➤ Air intake filters Maximum Air delivery.
- > Free running of Fan.
- > Tightness of all electrical connections.
- > Operation of all control indicators.
- ➤ Blow away all the dust inside the machine by Blower.

CAUTION: IF THE POWER CABLE INSIDE THE NYLON BREADED PIPE IS EXPOSED IMMEDIATELY REPLACE THE ENTIRE PIPE. DO NOT TRY TO PATCH UP THE PIPE; THIS WILL GIVE RISE TO SAFETY HAZARD.



11. FAULT FINDINGS

FAULT	CAUSE	REMIDY
Main indicator does not	Mains Fuse is Blown off	Replace the main fuse
glow when the power is	Panel Fuse is blown off	Replace the panel fuse (5
supplied to the Unit.		Amps)
Put the selector switch in	Improper connection of the remote	Make proper connection
RUN position and the	control socket	
initiating button on the		
torch is pressed but no		
Pilot Arc.		
	Air Pressure	Adjust the air pressure and
		make sure that air failure
		indicator does not glow.
	Transformer gives a huge	Diodes have been blow off,
	humming Noise	Replace diodes.
	Check electrode and nozzle for bad	Replace if necessary
	condition	
	Electrode nozzle Shorting	Properly fit the electrode.
No Sparking in the torch	Check the loose connection at the	Make proper connection.
	pilot arc stud	
	Open the top cover and see the	Clean the spark plug adjust
	spark in the spark plug is bright	the gap to 2mm (Approx) or
	enough	replace the spark plug.
No Sparking in the spark	Loose connection at the auxiliary	Make firm connection
plug itself	point of the main contactor	
Pilot Arc is coming but	Check for the proper fitting of JOB	Make firm connection
no cutting	EARTH	
	Main fuse is blown off (Even two	Replace the fuse.
	phase may give you pilot arc but	
	no cutting is possible)	
	Input power Supply	Input supply must be between
		380-440 Volts
	Loose connection in the input	Make firm connection
	supply	Wake IIIII connection
Rough Cutting/ bad	Cutting Smood is not muonen	Maintain managan anad
Finish	Cutting Speed is not proper	Maintain proper speed
	Air Pressure	Keep proper air pressure
	Moisture in the air	Drain the air filter and
		compressor tank
	Bad condition of Nozzle	Replace the nozzle
Electrode and nozzle is	Moisture in the air	Drain the filter and
consumed at high rates		compressor tank.
	Leakage in air line	Correct the air leakage
	Improper fitting of contact tube	Properly fit the contact tube.









