Owner's Manual & Safety Instructions

Save This Manual Keep this manual for the safety warnings and precautions, assembly, operating, inspection, maintenance and cleaning procedures. Write the product's serial number in the back of the manual (or month and year of purchase if product has no number). Keep this manual and the receipt in a safe and dry place for future reference.

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AWARNING

Read this material before using this product. Failure to do so can result in serious injury. SAVE THIS MANUAL.

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WARNING SYMBOLS AND DEFINITIONS		
A	This is the safety alert symbol. It is used to alert you to potential personal injury hazards. Obey all safety messages that follow this symbol to avoid possible injury or death.	
▲ DANGER	Indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, will result in death or serious injury.	
AWARNING	Indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury.	
ACAUTION	Indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in minor or moderate injury.	
NOTICE CAUTION	Addresses practices not related to personal injury.	

IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

AWARNING

Read all safety warnings and instructions.

Failure to follow the warnings and instructions may result in electric shock, fire and/or serious injury. Save all warnings and instructions for future reference.

- DANGER! People with pacemakers should not use this Plasma Cutter or be nearby during use. Plasma Cutters, such as this one, produce strong, fluctuating electromagnetic fields that can cause pacemaker interference or pacemaker failure. People with pacemakers should consult their physician(s) for advice.
- Maintain a safe working environment.
 Keep the work area well lit. Make sure
 there is adequate surrounding workspace.
 Keep the work area free of obstructions, grease,
 oil, trash, and other debris. Do not use in areas
 near flammable chemicals, dusts, and vapors.
 Do not use in a damp or wet location.
- Never leave the Plasma Cutter unattended when it is plugged into an electrical outlet. Turn off the Plasma Cutter, and unplug it from its electrical outlet before leaving. Unplug the Plasma Cutter from its electrical outlet before performing any inspection, maintenance, or cleaning procedures,

including changing accessories.

- Avoid unintentional starting. Make sure switch is in off position before plugging in. Make sure you are prepared to begin work before turning on the Plasma Cutter.
- 5. **Prevent eye injury and burns.** Wearing personal protective equipment reduces the risk of injury.
 - Wear an ANSI-approved welding helmet featuring at least a number 10 shade lens rating.
 - Leather leggings, fire resistant shoes or boots should be worn when using this product. Do not wear pants with cuffs, shirts with open pockets, or any clothing that can catch and hold molten metal or sparks.
 - Keep clothing free of grease, oil, solvents, or any flammable substances. Wear dry, insulating gloves and protective clothing.
 - Wear an approved head covering to protect the head and neck. Use aprons, cape, sleeves, shoulder covers, and bibs designed and approved for welding and cutting procedures.
 - When welding/cutting overhead or in confined spaces, wear fire resistant ear plugs or ear muffs to keep sparks out of ears.

6. Maintain labels and nameplates on the Plasma Cutter.

These carry important information.

If unreadable or missing, contact

Harbor Freight Tools for a replacement.

- Prevent accidental fires. Remove any combustible material from the work area.
 - When possible, move the work to a location well away from combustible materials. If relocation is not possible, protect the combustibles with a cover made of fire resistant material.
 - Remove or make safe all combustible materials for a radius of 35 feet (10 meters) around the work area. Use a fire resistant material to cover or block all open doorways, windows, cracks, and other openings.
 - Enclose the work area with portable fire resistant screens. Protect combustible walls, ceilings, floors, etc., from sparks and heat with fire resistant material.
 - If working on a metal wall, ceiling, etc., prevent ignition of combustibles on the other side by moving the combustibles to a safe location. If relocation of combustibles is not possible, designate someone to serve as a fire watch, equipped with a fire extinguisher, during the cutting process and for at least one half hour after the cutting is completed.
 - Do not weld or cut on materials having a combustible coating or combustible internal structure, as in walls or ceilings, without an approved method for eliminating the hazard.
 - Do not dispose of hot slag in containers holding combustible materials. Keep a fire extinguisher nearby and know how to use it.
 - After welding or cutting, make a thorough examination for evidence of fire. Be aware that easily visible smoke or flame may not be present for some time after the fire has started. Do not weld or cut in atmospheres containing dangerously reactive or flammable gases, vapors, liquids, and dust.
 - Provide adequate ventilation in work areas
 to prevent accumulation of flammable gases,
 vapors, and dust. Do not apply heat to a
 container that has held an unknown substance
 or a combustible material whose contents, when
 heated, can produce flammable or explosive
 vapors. Clean and purge containers before
 applying heat. Vent closed containers, including
 castings, before preheating, welding, or cutting.
 - Only use compressed air or nitrogen to operate the Plasma Cutter. Never use other compressed gases. Don't exceed maximum PSI for this product as stated on the specification table on page 5.

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INHALATION HAZARD: Welding and Cutting Produce TOXIC FUMES.

Exposure to welding or cutting exhaust fumes can increase

the risk of developing certain cancers, such as cancer of the larynx and lung cancer. Also, some diseases that may be linked to exposure to welding or cutting exhaust fumes are:

- · Early onset of Parkinson's Disease
- Heart disease
- Ulcers
- Damage to the reproductive organs
- Inflammation of the small intestine or stomach
- Kidney damage
- Respiratory diseases such as emphysema, bronchitis, or pneumonia



Use natural or forced air ventilation and wear a respirator approved by NIOSH to protect against the fumes produced to reduce the risk of developing the above illnesses.

9. Avoid overexposure to fumes and gases.

Always keep your head out of the fumes. Do not breathe the fumes. Use enough ventilation or exhaust, or both, to keep fumes and gases from your breathing zone and general area.

- Where ventilation is questionable, have a qualified technician take an air sampling to determine the need for corrective measures.
 Use mechanical ventilation to improve air quality. If engineering controls are not feasible, use an approved respirator.
- Work in a confined area only if it is well ventilated, or while wearing an air-supplied respirator.
- Follow OSHA guidelines for Permissible Exposure Limits (PELs) for various fumes and gases.
- Follow the American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists recommendations for Threshold Limit Values (TLVs) for fumes and gases.
- Have a recognized specialist in Industrial Hygiene or Environmental Services check the operation and air quality and make recommendations for the specific welding or cutting situation.
- 10. Keep hoses away from welding/cutting area. Examine all hoses and cables for cuts, burns, or worn areas before each use. If any damaged areas are found, replace the hoses or cables immediately.

- 11. Proper cylinder care. Secure cylinders to a cart, wall, or post, to prevent them from falling. All cylinders should be used and stored in an upright position. Never drop or strike a cylinder. Do not use cylinders that have been dented. Cylinder caps should be used when moving or storing cylinders. Empty cylinders should be kept in specified areas and clearly marked "empty."
- 12. Never use oil or grease on any inlet connector, outlet connector, or cylinder valves.
- Use only supplied Torch on this Plasma Cutter.
 Using components from other systems may cause personal injury and damage components within.
- 14. USE PROPER EXTENSION CORD. Make sure your extension cord is in good condition. When using an extension cord, be sure to use one heavy enough to carry the current your product will draw. An undersized cord will cause a drop in line voltage resulting in loss of power and overheating. A 50 foot extension cord must be at least 12 gauge in diameter, and an 100 foot extension cord must be at least 10 gauge in diameter. If in doubt, use the next heavier gauge. The smaller the gauge number, the heavier the cord.

- 15. Avoid tipping. Do not place on an unstable or tilted surface.
- 16. Do not use for pipe thawing.
- 17. KEEP CHILDREN AWAY. All visitors should be kept safe distance from work area.
- 18. MAKE WORKSHOP KID PROOF with padlocks, master switches, or by removing starter keys.
- USE RIGHT PLASMA CUTTER. Don't force Plasma Cutter or attachment to do a job for which it was not designed.
- 20. SECURE WORK. Use clamps or a vise to hold work. It's safer than using your hand and it frees both hands to operate Plasma Cutter.
- MAINTAIN PLASMA CUTTER WITH CARE.
 Keep Plasma Cutter clean for best and
 safest performance.
 Follow instructions for changing accessories.
- 22. Inspect before every use; do not use if parts loose or damaged.

Symbology

VAC Volts Alternating Current	
Α	Amperes
Open Circuit Voltage	
	Electric Shock Hazard. Do not touch energized parts.
	Inhalation Hazard. Keep head out of fumes and use proper ventilation.

Read manual before setup and/or use.
Fire Hazard. Keep flammable materials away during cutting. Spatter can cause accidental fires.
Arc Ray Hazard. Wear welding helmet with properly rated filter lens.
Pacemaker Hazard. Cutting processes may interfere with pacemakers. Consult doctor before use.



Specifications

		120V / 20A Circuit	240V	
Rated Input		120 VAC / 60 Hz / 20A	240VAC / 60Hz / 50A	
Max Open C	Circuit Voltage (OCV)	320V	320V	
Output Rang	ge	20A-22A	20-65A	
Rated Duty	Cycle	40% @ 22A	40% @ 65A 60% @ 55A 100% @ 42A	
ı	Mild Steel	1/4" at 11 IPM	5/8" @ 19 IPM (Rated) 1-3/16" @ 5 IPM (Severance)	
Maximum	Stainless Steel	17/64"	1-1/8"	
Cutting Thickness	Aluminum	3/16"	1"	
THICKIESS	Galvanized Steel	17/64"	1-3/16"	
	Brass/Copper	1/8"	3/4"	
Arc Striking	System	3 seco	and pilot arc	
Gas Type		Clean, dry, oil-fre	ee air, or nitrogen gas	
Air Requiren	nents	4.2 CFM	4.2 CFM @ 80-110 PSI	
Air Inlet		1/4"	1/4"-18 NPT	
Weight		36	36-1/4 lbs.	



Setup



Read the <u>ENTIRE</u> IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION section at the beginning of this manual including all text under subheadings therein before set up or use of this product.

Note: For additional information regarding the parts listed in the following pages, refer to the Assembly Diagram near the end of this manual.

Note: This Plasma Cutter may be shipped with a protective plug covering the Air Inlet. Remove this plug before set up.

Functions



Figure A

Power Plug

- 1. A 6-50P plug is wired into this item, rated to 240 VAC and 50 A.
- 2. This item includes a 240V to 120V Plug Adapter.
- 3. A different 230-240 VAC receptacle may be used, if it is rated to at least 50 amps.

 If the receptacle is rated properly, a qualified electrician can cut the plug off of this machine and install a different appropriate 240 VAC plug.

14-Pin CPC Port

The 14-Pin CPC Port will accept an interface cable for connecting to an automated CNC table (not provided). Refer to the CNC table manufacturer's instructions. The user will be required to manufacture their own 14-Pin CPC Port cable assembly.

Arc Start

The Arc Start circuit is accessed through pins three and four of the 14-Pin CPC Port; it activates the power source for cutting. It has an open circuit voltage of 18 VDC. A dry contact closure is required to activate.

Arc Initiated

The Arc Initiated circuit is accessed through pins twelve and fourteen of the 14-Pin CPC Port; it is normally open and has dry contact closure when the arc transfers, with 250 VAC/1A maximum at the machine interface relay.

Arc Voltage

The Arc Voltage circuit is accessed through pins five and six of the 14-Pin CPC Port; it has a default arc signal ratio of 20:1. Pin five is negative and pin six is positive.

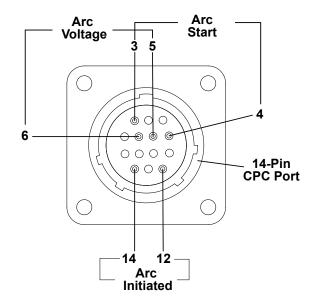


Figure B

Air Supply

A DANGER



TO PREVENT SERIOUS INJURY AND DEATH FROM EXPLOSION:

Use only clean, dry, regulated, oil-free, compressed air or nitrogen gas with this Plasma Cutter. Do not use oxygen, acetylene, carbon dioxide, combustible gases, or any other bottled gas as a power source for this Plasma Cutter.

- Use a compressor that is capable of supplying 4.2 CFM @ 80-110 PSI.
- Incorporate a filter, regulator with pressure gauge, dryer, in-line shutoff valve, and quick coupler for best service. An in-line shutoff ball valve is an important safety device because it controls the air supply even if the air hose is ruptured. The shutoff valve should be a ball valve because it can be closed quickly.

Note: In humid locations, multiple dryers may need to be incorporated to keep the air dry. MOISTURE IN AIR SUPPLY MAY CAUSE SHORTENED COMPONENT LIFE AND POOR CUT QUALITY.

Note: Do not use an oiler system with this Plasma Cutter. The oil will mix with the air being propelled, causing poor results.

Attach an air hose to the compressor's air outlet.
Connect the air hose to the Air Inlet on the back
of the Plasma Cutter. Other components, such
as a coupler plug and quick coupler, will make
operation more efficient, but are not required.

Note: Air flow, and therefore Plasma Cutter performance, can be hindered by undersized air supply components.

The air hose must be long enough to reach the work area with enough extra length to allow free movement while working.

Setting Compressor's Air Pressure

- 1. Set the Plasma Cutter's **Power Switch** to the **OFF** position.
- Turn on the air compressor according to the manufacturer's directions and allow it to build up pressure until it cycles off.
- Verify that the air compressor's output air pressure regulator is between 80-110 PSI.
- 4. Inspect the air connections for leaks. Repair any leaks found.

Operation



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Controls and Indicators

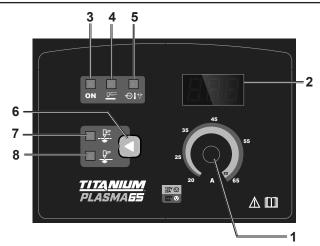


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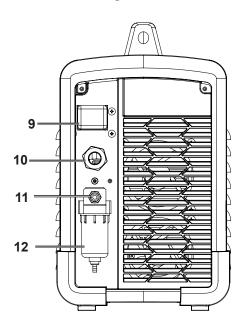


Figure D

1. Output Current Knob

Turn the Output Current Knob to the desired current (20 to 65 amps). Lower currents reduce circuit breaker tripping. Adjust as needed after test cuts.

Thicker material will use greater amperage. Thinner material will use lower amperage.

2. Digital Amp Meter

Shows actual cutting current, which will vary during operation.

3. Power ON Light

Green light will be on when power is on.

4. Cutting Light

Red light will be on during cutting operation.

5. Thermal Overload Light

Yellow light will be on if the Plasma Cutter shuts down due to overload. Stop using the Plasma Cutter while leaving the Power Switch ON to allow the cooling fan to operate. The light will turn off automatically when the Plasma Cutter cools down.

Continue use while paying attention to Duty Cycle discussed on page 10.

6. Cutting Selector Button

Toggles between grid cutting and plate cutting. Grid setting maintains continuous arc operation when cutting grids or expanded metals.

7. Grid Cutting Indicator Light

8. Plate Cutting Indicator Light

IMPORTANT: If using 120VAC, connect the included adapter to the end of the Power Cord. If using 240VAC, do not use the adapter. Plug the Power Cord into a properly grounded and rated receptacle that matches the plug and selected voltage.

- 9. **Power Switch.** Turn unit on and off.
- 10. Power Cord
- 11. Air Inlet
- 12. Air Dryer

Preparation and Work Area

<u>WARNING!</u> Prevent eye serious injury and burns. Wearing personal protective equipment reduces the risk of serious injury.

 Wear an ANSI-approved welding helmet featuring at least a number 10 shade lens rating.

Leather leggings, fire resistant shoes or boots should be worn when using this product. Do not wear pants with cuffs, shirts with open pockets, or any clothing that can catch and hold molten metal or sparks.

Keep clothing free of grease, oil, solvents, or any flammable substances. Wear dry, insulating gloves and protective clothing.

Wear an approved head covering to protect the head and neck. Use aprons, cape, sleeves, shoulder covers, and bibs designed and approved for welding and cutting procedures.

Wear fire resistant ear plugs or ear muffs to keep sparks out of ears.

Do not breathe arc fumes. Use natural or forced air ventilation and wear a NIOSH-approved respirator.

<u>WARNING!</u> TO PREVENT SERIOUS INJURY: Prevent accidental fires. Remove any combustible material from the work area.

- Remove or make safe all combustible materials for a radius of 35 feet (10 meters) around the work area. Use a fire resistant material to cover or block all open doorways, windows, cracks, and other openings.
 - Enclose the work area with portable fire resistant screens. Protect combustible walls, ceilings, floors, etc., from sparks and heat with fire resistant covers.
- The floor and surrounding area must not be flammable. A clean concrete floor is recommended.
 The cutting process will eject molten metal slag onto the floor, and it will scatter for 8-10 feet or more in all directions.
- 4. Keep multiple ABC-type fire extinguishers near work area.

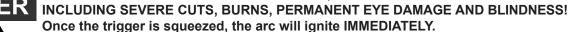
- Place the Plasma Cutter on a sturdy, level surface at least six feet from the work area.
 Allow at least 18" around all sides of the Plasma Cutter for air flow.
- 6. Put the workpiece on a sturdy metal work table that is open below the cutting area. Molten slag will be blown through the workpiece, and must be able to fall away freely. Mount the workpiece to be cut to the work table so that the cutting debris falls to the concrete floor.
- 7. Set up Air Supply according to page 7.
- 8. Verify that the Power Switch is in the **OFF** position, then plug the Plasma Cutter:
 - a. into an appropriate 240 VAC outlet rated to at least 50 amps to limit nuisance circuit breaker tripping.
 - b. into an appropriate 120VAC outlet, connecting the included adapter to the end of the Power Cord.
- 9. PLASMA CUTTING TIPS:

Using a Plasma Cutter is a skill that requires time and effort to do well.

- a. Practice striking and maintaining an arc on scrap work pieces before beginning work.
 This will help determine the best settings for the Plasma Cutter for the material at hand.
- b. All metals that conduct electricity can be cut, see Maximum Cutting Thickness on page 5 for thickness capabilities.
 Very thin or very thick metals are more difficult to cut cleanly.
- c. Generally start with a mid-range amperage setting and adjust up or down from there. Increased amperage will increase cutting heat. This is needed with thicker and harder metals. However, increased amperage will reduce Duty Cycle time. (See page10.)
- d. Move the Torch more slowly for thicker and harder metals, and more quickly for thin or soft metals. Keep the Torch moving while cutting.

Thicker Material	High Amps
	More Air Pressure
Thinner Material	Low Amps
	Less Air Pressure

A DANGER



PLASMA ARC CAN CAUSE SERIOUS INJURY,

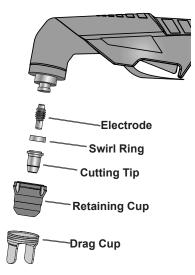


The Torch does not need to contact the workpiece before the pilot arc ignites. Do not look at the Plasma Arc without an ANSI-approved welding helmet featuring at least a number 10 shade lens rating.

- BEFORE EACH USE, inspect the general condition of the Plasma Cutter. Check for:
 - · loose hardware
 - · damaged cord/electrical wiring
 - · cooling fan operation
 - cracked or broken parts
 - any other condition that may affect its safe operation.
 Have a qualified technician correct any problems before operation.
- 2. MAINTAIN TORCH COMPONENTS BEFORE EVERY USE AND AFTER EVERY HOUR OF OPERATION.

Disconnect power cord and make sure Torch is completely cool, then:

a. Disassemble Torch.



- b. Inspect the Cutting Tip.
 Replace if interior is damaged, or if opening is enlarged or gouged.
 Clean inside as needed with steel wool, (remove any pieces of steel wool afterwards).
- c. Inspect the Electrode. Replace if pitted 1/16" or more or if misshapen.

IMMEDIATELY REPLACE WORN COMPONENTS.

- d. Make sure all other internal torch components are undamaged, clean, and free of debris.
- e. NOTICE: Assemble Electrode just snug using the included wrench, but do not overtighten.
- f. Insert the Swirl Ring and Cutting Tip into the torch.
- g. Assemble the Retaining Cup tightly.

DO NOT USE WITH WORN COMPONENTS. USING WORN COMPONENTS WILL VOID THE WARRANTY AND DAMAGE THE PLASMA CUTTER.

 Connect power cord (and adapter if using 120VAC). Attach the Drag Cup (cutting guide) to the end of the Torch so that its guides are parallel to the cutting path. It drags on the workpiece to keep the distance from the Torch to the workpiece constant for longer Cutting Tip life.

Note: For clarity, the Drag Cup is not shown in the following illustrations.

Duty Cycle

Duty Cycle is the equipment specification which defines the number of minutes within a 10 minute period that a piece of equipment can safely operate.

When using a 120V 20A circuit, this Plasma Cutter has a 40% duty cycle at 22 amps, which means that it may be used only 4 minutes at 22 amps out of any 10 minute period, and must be rested the remaining 6 minutes.

When using a 240V 50A circuit, this Plasma Cutter has a 40% duty cycle at 65 amps, which means that it may be used only 4 minutes at 65 amps out of any 10 minute period, and must be rested the remaining 6 minutes.

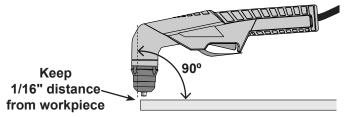
When using a 240V 50A circuit, this Plasma Cutter has a 100% duty cycle at 42 amps, which means that it may be used for the full 10 minutes at 42 amps out of any 10 minute period

NOTICE: Failure to follow the duty cycle limitations of this Plasma Cutter can easily damage this equipment, and will **void the warranty**.

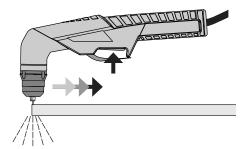


- 4. Securely attach the Ground Clamp to a part of the workpiece or metal work table that is clean, dry, and free from paint, oil, or dirt. Clamp as close as possible to the planned cut without exposing the Clamp to damage.
- 5. When everything is in place for cutting, set the Power Switch to the **ON** position. The green Power Light will illuminate, but the Torch is not yet energized.

6. Orient yourself to one side of the cutting area, and move the Welding Helmet (sold separately) over your eyes.

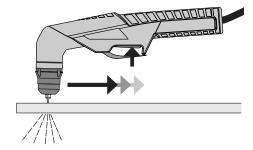


7. Position Torch near workpiece at start of cut. Keep Cutting Tip at a 90° angle to workpiece, and at 1/16" distance from workpiece.



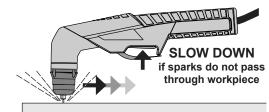
8. Do not squeeze Trigger until Torch is in position to start cutting.

Starting at the edge of the workpiece, squeeze and hold the Trigger to strike the pilot arc. When the arc ignites, start slowly moving the Torch along your cut line.

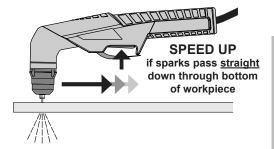


9. Slowly move the Torch along the cutting line with the Cutting Tip trailing.

<u>Note:</u> Keep the Torch Cutting Tip pointed straight (90°) into the workpiece 1/16" from the surface. Consistent workpiece distance and cutting speed are critical. **Sparks should pass through** the workpiece at a slight angle.



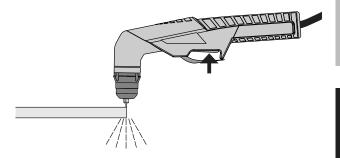
 If sparks start shooting up from the workpiece instead of passing through, the Torch is being moved too quickly so the cut is not being made completely. Move the Torch along the workpiece more slowly to cut completely.



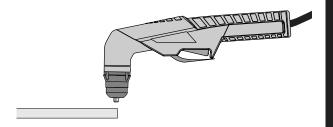
 If sparks pass straight down through bottom of workpiece instead of at a slight angle, the Torch is being moved too slowly. This could cause the arc to extinguish. Move the Torch a little faster.

Note: If the Plasma Cutter suddenly shuts off, check:

- a. Torch distance from workpiece.
- b. poor workpiece grounding.
- c. dirty/painted workpiece.
- d. Circuit Breaker & Power Switch tripping.
- e. Thermal Overload tripping. (See number 5 on page 8.)



12. Pause briefly at end of cut.



- Release the Trigger. The air will continue to come out of the Torch for a few seconds once the Trigger is released to cool off the Torch components.
- 14. When finished cutting:
 - a. Lift the Torch from the workpiece and set down on a cool part of the metal work table.
 - b. Wait 10 minutes for the Plasma Cutter to cool down with the Power Switch ON so the fan continues to operate.
 - c. Press the Power Switch to the **OFF** position.
 - d. Turn the air supply off and disconnect air lines.
 - e. Unplug the Power Cord from the electrical outlet.

Maintenance Instructions



Procedures not specifically explained in this manual must be performed only by a qualified technician.

AWARNING

TO PREVENT SERIOUS INJURY FROM ACCIDENTAL OPERATION OR ELECTRIC SHOCK:

Make sure the Power Switch of the Plasma Cutter is in its "OFF" position and that the Plasma Cutter is unplugged from the electrical outlet before performing any inspection, maintenance, or cleaning procedures.

TO PREVENT SERIOUS INJURY FROM PLASMA CUTTER FAILURE:

Do not use damaged equipment. If abnormal noise, vibration, or leaking air occurs, have the problem corrected before further use.

Cleaning and Maintenance

Note: These procedures are <u>in addition to</u> the regular checks and maintenance explained as part of the regular operation of the air-operated tool.

- 1. BEFORE EACH USE, disassemble Torch, inspect and replace worn components, then reassemble Torch tightly according to number 2 on page 10.
- Daily Air Supply Maintenance:
 Every day, maintain the air supply according to the component manufacturers' instructions.
 Drain the dryer regularly.
 Performing routine air supply maintenance will allow the tool to operate more safely and will also reduce wear on the tool.
- 3. **PERIODICALLY,** blow the dust from the cooling vents with compressed air.

- If the unit repeatedly shuts down from thermal overload, stop all use.
 Have the Plasma Cutter inspected and repaired by a qualified service technician.
- Opening the Plasma Cutter will void the warranty, and may result in damage to equipment or possible personal injury. DO NOT OPEN THE HOUSING. Any repairs must be completed by a qualified technician.
- 6. Store the Plasma Cutter and accessories in a clean and dry location out of reach of children.
- 7. AWARNING! TO PREVENT SERIOUS INJURY: If the supply cords of this Plasma Cutter are damaged, they must be replaced only by a qualified service technician.

Fault Code List

Code	Description	Cause and Solution
F01	Overheated	 The machine has reached its duty cycle limit. Allow the machine to cool down. Keep the machine plugged in and turned on to allow the fan to continue to run. Additionally, check for any obstructions blocking air flow into the machine and ensure proper clearance between any obstacles and the vents on all sides of the machine.
F02	Incorrect input voltage	The input voltage is too high or too low. Check the service voltage at the outlet and ensure it is within the specified range.
F03	Retaining cup loose or missing	Install the retaining cup properly and ensure it is tightened properly.
F04	Insufficient input air pressure	 The input compressed air/gas pressure is lower than the specified range. Check the air inlet connection and ensure the air pressure supplied meets the minimum criteria of machine.
F05	Torch triggered before machine is turned on	The torch trigger is stuck or is triggered when turning on the machine. Turn OFF the machine, and ensure the torch trigger is reset.
F06	Electrode and nozzle stuck together	Disassemble the torch consumables, check electrode and nozzle condition and replace as necessary, and reset them in place.
F07	Electrode or nozzle failed to reset	Disassemble the torch consumables, check electrode and nozzle condition and replace as necessary, and reset them in place. Additionally, use clean, compressed air to remove any debris within torch head.

Troubleshooting

IMPORTANT!

Be CERTAIN to shut off the Plasma Cutter, and disconnect it from power and air before adjusting, cleaning, or repairing the unit. A technician should discharge all capacitors before performing any internal procedures.

FAN RUNS WHEN SWITCHED ON BUT ARC WILL NOT IGNITE

AIR PRESSURE TOO HIGH

Verify that air supply is between 80-110 PSI.

AIR PRESSURE CORRECT

Check that the grounding point and the metal being cut are both clean, dry, and free from paint, oil, or dirt. These sections need to conduct electricity efficiently.

AIR PRESSURE TOO LOW

Verify that the compressor is delivering at least 4.2 CFM @ 80-110 PSI.

DIRTY OR COATED METAL

Use a wire wheel brush or sander (not included) to thoroughly clean both the grounding point and the area that will be cut. If any cleaners are used, allow them to dry thoroughly before continuing.

METAL IS CLEAN IN BOTH AREAS

Torch isn't maintaining contact with the workpiece.

- a. Maintain a 1/16" distance from workpiece at all times.
- b. Disassemble Torch, inspect and replace worn components, then reassemble Torch tightly according to number 2 on page 10.
- Torch is moving too slowly across the metal and cutting the material from underneath, breaking contact. Move Torch more quickly.

Troubleshooting (continued)

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ARC IGNITES FOR SEVERAL SECONDS BUT THEN GOES OUT

Air pressure too high or too low. Check the air pressure setting on both the Compressor and the Plasma Cutter.

AIR PRESSURE TOO HIGH

Verify that Compressor's Air Pressure Regulator is between 80-110 PSI.

AIR PRESSURE CORRECT

Check that the grounding point and the metal being cut are both clean, dry, and free from paint, oil, or dirt. These sections need to conduct electricity efficiently. AIR PRESSURE TOO LOW

a. Verify Cutter's Air Pressure at the torch.

DIRTY OR COATED METAL

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METAL IS CLEAN IN BOTH AREAS

Torch isn't maintaining contact with the workpiece.

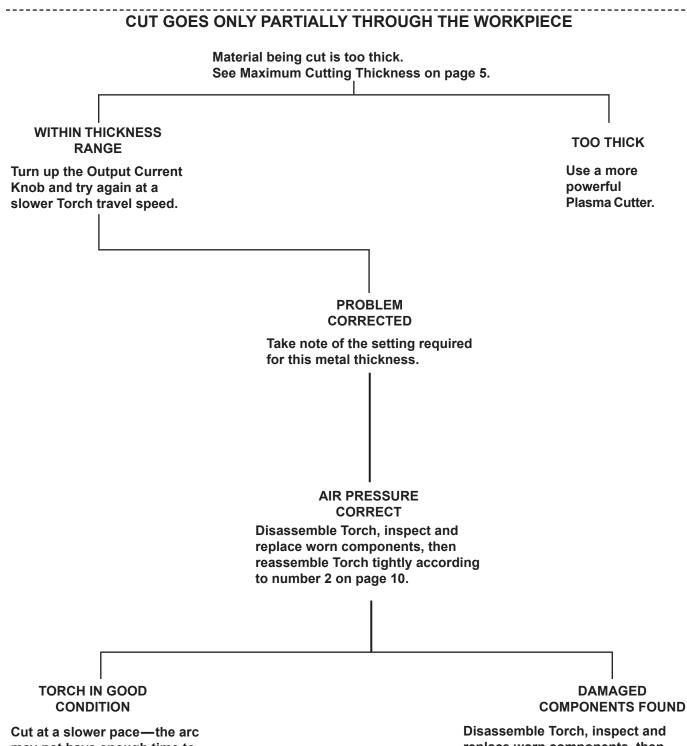
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- b. Disassemble Torch, inspect and replace worn components, then reassemble Torch tightly according to number 2 on page 10.
- c. Torch is moving too slowly across the metal and cutting the material from underneath, breaking contact. Move Torch more quickly.

If the steps above do not solve the problem or if the repairs involved are too complex, contact a qualified technician.

Troubleshooting (continued)

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may not have enough time to cut through the workpiece.

See Specifications on page 5.

Disassemble Torch, inspect and replace worn components, then reassemble Torch tightly according

to number 2 on page 10.

If the steps above do not solve the problem or if the repairs involved are too complex, contact a qualified technician.

Troubleshooting (continued)

IMPORTANT!

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FAST CUTTING TIP WEAR OR EXCESSIVE SLAG FORMATION

These two problems have similar causes and will often appear simultaneously. The same diagnostic procedures and remedies apply to both.

> Current set too high; cut at lowest setting possible for the metal being cut.

PROBLEMS REDUCED

Take into account the thickness and type of metal to be cut before starting. Thinner materials require lower amp settings.

PROBLEMS PERSIST AT LOWEST PRACTICAL SETTING

Disassemble and inspect Torch according to number 2 on page 10.

TORCH IN GOOD CONDITION

Air supply pressure may be inadequate:

a. Verify that the compressor is delivering at least 4.2 CFM @ 80-110 PSI.

Additional factors:

- a. Maintain a 1/16" distance from workpiece at all times.
- b. Move Torch at proper rate. See Specifications on page 5.
- c. Compare workpiece thickness to Maximum Cutting Thickness on page 5.

DAMAGED COMPONENTS FOUND

Replace worn components, then reassemble Torch tightly according to number 2 on page 10.

If the steps above do not solve the problem or if the repairs involved are too complex, contact a qualified technician.

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SETUP

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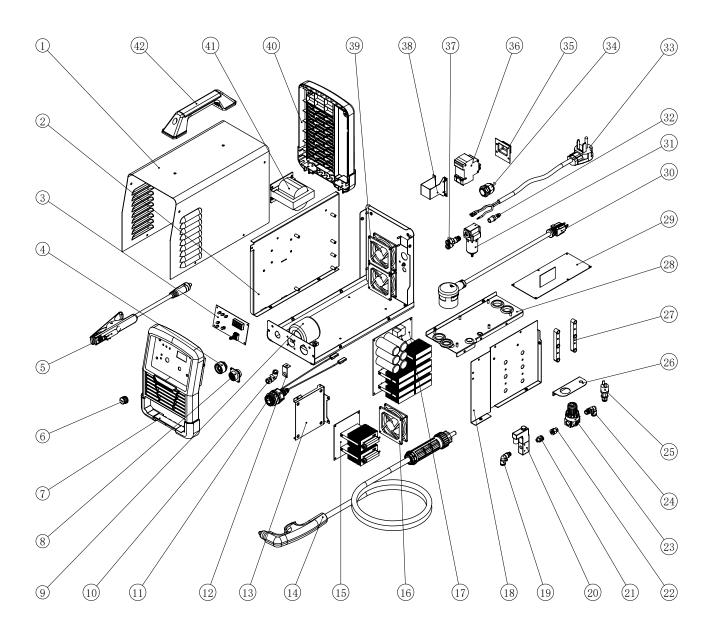
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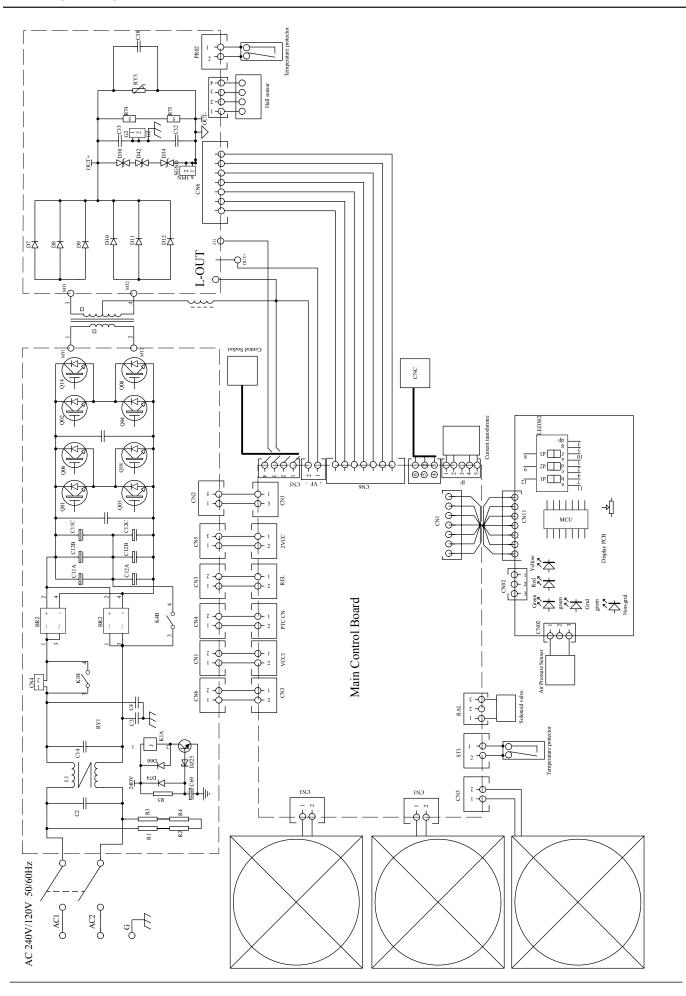
Note: Some parts are listed and shown for illustration purposes only, and are not available individually as replacement parts. Specify UPC 193175448361 when ordering parts.

Parts List

Part	Description	Qty
1	Top Housing	1
2	Middle Hanger	1
3	Display Control Pcb	1
4	Quick Connector	1
5	Ground Clamp Subassembly	1
6	Knob	1
7	Front Panel	1
8	Air Plug Insulation Stand	1
9	Inductor	1
10	Tube Connector	1
11	Torch Connection	1
12	Angle Iron	1
13	Bracket	1
14	Torch	1
15	Output Pcb	1
16	DC Fan	3
17	Intput Pcb	1
18	Bracket	1
19	Tube Connector	1
20	Solenoid Valve	1
21	Tube Connector	2

Part	Description	Qty
22	Tube Connector	1
23	Pressure Reducing Valve	1
24	Tube Connector	1
25	Barometric Switch	1
26	Bracket	1
27	Heatsink Holder	2
28	Bracket	1
29	Control Pcb	1
30	Power Cable with Adaptor	1
31	Valve Interface	1
32	Filter	1
33	Power Cable	1
34	Cable Clip	1
35	Water Shield	1
36	Switch	1
37	Tube Connector	1
38	Switch Bracket	1
39	Bottom	1
40	Back Panel	1
41	Transformer	1
42	Handle	1





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