

# **SAFETY INFORMATION**

## Please refer to your Welder's Manual for installation instructions

## **A** DANGER

DANGER indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, will result in death or serious injury.

## **A** WARNING

WARNING indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury.

## **A** CAUTION

CAUTION used with the safety alert symbol, indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in minor or moderate injury.

## A NOTICE

NOTICE is used to address practices not related to personal injury.



#### A READ INSTRUCTIONS

- Read all manuals included with specific welders used with this product.
- Be aware of all welder safety warnings.



#### A DANGER ELECTRIC SHOCK CAN CAUSE INJURY OR DEATH!

- Improper use of an electric welder can cause electric shock, injury and death! Read all
  precautions described in the Welder Manual to reduce the possibility of electric shock.
- Disconnect welder from power supply before assembly, disassembly or maintenance of the torch and contact tip.
- Always wear dry, protective clothing and leather welding gloves and insulated footwear.
   Use suitable clothing made from durable flame-resistant material to protect your skin.
- If other persons or pets are in the area of welding, use welding screens to protect bystanders from sparks.
- Always operate the welder in a clean, dry, well ventilated area. Do not operate the welder in humid, wet, rainy or poorly ventilated areas.
- The electrode and work (or ground) circuits are electrically "hot" when the welder is on.
   Do not allow these "hot" parts to come in contact with your bare skin or wet clothing.
- Separate yourself from the welding circuit by using insulating mats to prevent contact from the work surface.
- Be sure that the work piece is properly supported and grounded prior to beginning an electric welding operation.
- Always attach the ground clamp to the piece to be welded and as close to the weld area
  as possible. This will give the least resistance and best weld.



#### A DANGER WELDING SPARKS CAN CAUSE FIRE OR EXPLOSION!

- Electric welding produces sparks which can be discharged considerable distances at high velocity igniting flammable or exploding vapors and materials.
- Do not operate electric arc welder in areas where flammable or explosive vapors are present.
- Do not use near combustible surfaces. Remove all flammable items within 35 feet of the welding area.
- Always keep a fire extinguisher nearby while welding.
- Use welding blankets to protect painted and or flammable surfaces; rubber weatherstripping, dash boards, engines, etc.
- Ensure power supply has properly rated wiring to handle power usage.



#### A WARNING HOT METAL AND TOOL WILL BURN!

- Electric welding heats metal and tools to temperatures that will cause severe burns!
- Use protective, heat resistant gloves and clothing when welding. Never touch work surface torch until it they have completely cooled.



### A WARNING ELECTROMAGNETIC FIELDS CAN BE A HEALTH HAZARD!

- The electromagnetic field that is generated during arc welding may interfere with various electrical and electronic devices such as cardiac pacemakers. Anyone using such devices should consult with their physician prior to performing any electric welding operations.
- Exposure to electromagnetic fields while welding may have other health effects which are not known.



## **A WARNING** FUMES AND WELDING GASES CAN BE A HEALTH HAZARD!

- Fumes and gasses released during welding are hazardous. Do not breathe fumes that are
  produced by the welding operation. Wear an OSHA-approved respirator when welding.
- · Always work in a properly ventilated area.
- Never weld coated materials including but not limited to: cadmium plated, galvanized, lead based paints.



## A CAUTION ARC RAYS CAN BURN!

- Arc rays produce intense ultraviolet radiation which can burn exposed flesh and cause
  eye damage. Use a shield with the proper filter (a minimum of #11) to protect your eyes
  from sparks and the rays of the arc when welding or when observing open arc welding
  (see ANSI Z49.1 and Z87.1 for safety standards).
- Use suitable clothing made from durable flame-resistant material to protect your skin.
- If other persons or pets are in the area of welding, use welding screens to protect bystanders from sparks and arc rays.

#### If you have any questions about the use of this product, please contact

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