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1 Important Safety Precautions

The target group for this manual are qualified personnel who in view of their technical training, know-how and experience and knowledge of applicable regulations are able to assess the work assigned to them and recognise potential hazards.

Danger from incorrect use

- Use the stud welding machine only for the purpose described in this manual.

Otherwise you may endanger yourself or damage the stud welding machine.

You endanger yourself and others if you operate the stud welding machine incorrectly or fail to observe the safety precautions and warnings. This can lead to serious injury or extensive material damage.

Danger for unauthorised operating personnel

- Work with the stud welding machine only when
  - You are appropriately trained, instructed and authorised to do so, and
  - You have read and completely understood this operating manual.
- Never work with the stud welding machine when you are under the influence of
  - Alcohol,
  - Drugs or
  - Medication.

Danger from unauthorised modifications

- Never modify the stud welding machine or parts thereof without obtaining a clearance certificate from the manufacturer.

You will otherwise endanger yourself. This can lead to serious injury or extensive material damage.

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Life-threatening danger for wearers of active implanted cardiac devices

Danger for workers at particular risk within the meaning of the EMF directive

Persons at particular risk within the meaning of the EMF directive are:

– Workers with active implanted medical devices
– Workers with passive implanted medical devices that contain metal
– Workers with medical devices worn on the body
– Pregnant workers.

◆ Never operate the stud welding machine if you are among the group of workers at particular risk within the meaning of the EMF directive.
◆ In this case, never remain in the vicinity of the stud welding machine during welding.
◆ Never operate the stud welding machine if persons are located nearby who are among the group of workers at particular risk within the meaning of the EMF directive.

Strong electromagnetic fields are produced in the vicinity of the stud welding machine during welding. These fields can adversely affect the function of medical devices as well as the course of a pregnancy.

Danger from fumes and airborne particulates

◆ Switch on the welding fume extractor at the place of work.
◆ Ensure that the room is well ventilated.
◆ Never weld in rooms with a ceiling height of less than 3 m.
◆ Observe furthermore your working instructions and the accident prevention regulations.

This will help to avoid health damage due to fumes and airborne particulates.

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Danger from glowing metal spatter (fire hazard)

Glowing hot weld spatter and liquid splashes, flashes of light and a loud bang > 90 dB (A) must be anticipated during stud welding.

- Inform colleagues working in the immediate vicinity accordingly before starting work.
- Ensure that an approved fire extinguisher is available at the workplace.
- Do not weld when wearing working clothes soiled with flammable substances such as oil, grease, petroleum, etc.
- Wear your proper protective equipment, such as:
  - Protective gloves in accordance with the relevant standard,
  - Non-flammable clothing,
  - A protective apron over your clothing,
  - Full-ear hearing protection in accordance with the relevant standard,
  - A safety helmet when welding above your head,
  - Safety shoes,
  - Safety goggles with sight glass of protection level 2 in compliance with the applicable standards and do not look directly into the electric arc.
- Remove all flammable materials and liquids from the vicinity of the work area before starting welding.
- Weld at a safe distance from flammable materials or liquids. Select a safety distance large enough to ensure that no danger can arise from weld spatter.

Protection of the stud welding unit

- Protect the stud welding machine against the ingress of foreign matter and liquids caused by cutting or grinding work in the vicinity of your work area.

This will help to prolong the service life of your stud welding machine.

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Safety notices in accordance with EMF directive 2013/35/EU

Currents flowing through electrical conductors during stud welding cause electric and magnetic fields that can occur, in particular, near the hand-held welding guns, the welding arrangement (e.g., welding cables) and the welding power sources.

Due to the high currents, high EMF exposures may occur.

Danger for workers at particular risk within the meaning of the EMF directive

Persons at particular risk within the meaning of the EMF directive are:

- Workers with active implanted medical devices
- Workers with passive implanted medical devices that contain metal
- Workers with medical devices worn on the body
- Pregnant workers.

Strong electromagnetic fields are produced in the vicinity of the stud welding machine during welding.

To reduce the danger posed by electromagnetic fields, we recommend, among other things, the following rules of conduct:

◆ Lay all cables as close together as possible.

For proper bundling and safeguarding of the cables, HBS offers protective tubes in various sizes.

◆ Do not position yourself between the welding cables.

◆ Only lay the cables to one side and position them as far as possible from the operating personnel.

◆ Do not loop the cables over your body, especially not at head level.

◆ Completely unwind the welding cables.

◆ Use the shortest possible welding cables.

◆ Place portable welding power sources as far away as possible while welding.

◆ If possible, do not operate welding power sources in the immediate vicinity of other persons, do not sit directly next to the welding power source while working and do not lean against it.

◆ In addition to these safety notices, also observe your work instructions and accident prevention regulations.

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2 Symbols and Terms Used

The symbols used in this operating manual have the following meanings:

Danger

Warns you of hazards that can lead to **injury of persons** or to **considerable material damage.**

Caution

Problems in operating **may occur** if this information **is not observed.**

No access for people with active implanted cardiac devices

No access for persons with implants made of metal

No access for pregnant women

Danger

Warns you of **electrical** hazards

Danger

Warns you of **electromagnetic fields** that can be generated during welding

These symbols prompt you to wear **personal protective equipment when working with the stud welding unit**.

This symbol prompts you to wear **ear protection**. **A loud bang > 90 dB (A) can occur during the welding process.**

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☞ **Tip**

Cross-reference to **useful information** on the use of the stud welding machine

Cross-references in this operating manual are marked with this symbol or ***are printed in italics***

Fire hazard

Have a suitable fire extinguisher for the working area ready before starting work.

◆ **Work instruction**

– **List**

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Glossary

Automatic welding head:	Device for welding of welding elements
Capacitor:	Component for storage of electrical energy.
Electric arc:	Autonomous gas discharge between two electrodes when the current is high enough. A whitish light is emitted in the process. The electric arc allows very high temperatures to be generated.
Rectifier:	Electrical component that converts alternating voltage into direct voltage
Stud feeder:	Device for automatic feeding of welding elements
Stud welding gun:	Device for welding of welding elements
Stud welding system:	Stud welding unit including stud welding gun or welding head
Stud welding unit:	Device for provision of the electrical energy for stud welding
Thyristor:	Electronic component for contact-free switching of high currents; switching takes place via the control input
Welding element:	Component such as stud or pin that is welded to the workpiece
Welding parameters:	Mechanical and electrical settings at the stud welding gun or welding head and at the stud welding unit (e.g. spring force, charging voltage)
Workpiece:	Components such as sheet metal or tubes to which the welding elements are to be fastened

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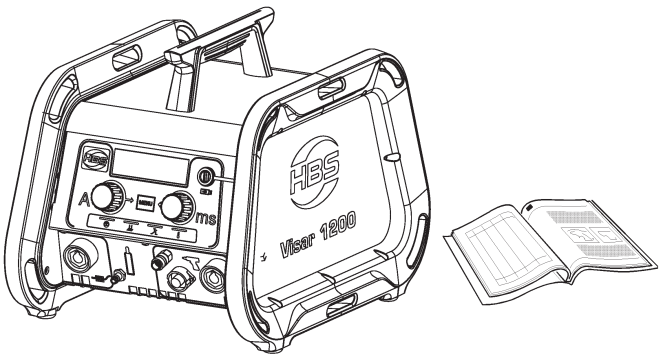
3 Scope of Supply

The **basic configuration** of your stud welding unit contains the following parts:

No. of pieces	Part	Type	Order No.
1	Stud welding unit without plug	Visar 1200	93-66-0120
1	Operating manual	Visar 1200	E-BA 93-66-0120



- Inspect the shipment for visible damage and completeness immediately on receipt.
- Report any transport damage or missing components immediately to the delivering shipping agent or the dealer (address, see page 2).

4 Accessories

The following **accessories** are available:

	No. of pieces	Part	Type	Order No.
	1	Ground cable	5 m, 25 mm²	93-40-020
	1	Toolbag		88-24-466
		Shielding gas connecting hose		88-27-696

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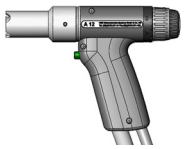
The following **stud welding guns** are recommended for **Visar 1200 (ceramic application)**:

Welding range*)	M3 - M6, Ø 2 - 6 mm	M6 - M10 (Type RD) / Ø 6 - 8 mm		Ø 3 - 6 mm
Stud length	10 - 40 mm	10 - 150 mm		40 - 280 mm [1)] > 40 - 460 mm [2)]
	A 12	**A 12**	**A 12-FL**	**A 12-FL**
				
	• Small gun with easy set-up for ARC/SC welding • Length compensation (stable welding results)		• Simple set-up of the gun without length compensation	
Welding elements				
Welding process	SC	ARC (Ceramic)	ARC (Ceramic)	ARC (ISO)
Stud type	SC threaded studs with flange (PS), pins with flange (US), pins with internal thread and flange (IS)	ARC threaded studs (FD/MD(DD)/PD/RD), pins (UD/ND), pins with internal thread (ID)		ARC ISO pins, ARC Fiberfix pins
Length compensation	3 mm automatic		--	
Lift	Adjustment range 3 mm, lockable		Fixed 6 mm	
Spring force	Adjustable, arresting		Fixed	
Welding cable	4.8 m, 35 mm², SK 50		5 m, 35 mm², SK 50	10 m, 35 mm², SK 50
	Order No.	**Order No.**	**Order No.**	**Order No.**
	93-20-276 (Welding gun A 12 incl. centering tube PPR-2)	**93-20-275** (Welding gun A 12 incl. ceramic leg assembly PSC-1)	**93-20-260** (Welding gun A 12-FL excluding leg assembly) **93-40-022** (Ceramic leg assembly PSC-1) not included in delivery	**93-20-26010** (Welding gun A 12-FL excluding leg assembly) **93-40-066** [1)] **93-40-065** [2)] (ISO leg assembly PSI-3) not included in delivery

*) recommended welding range Visar 1200 / welding gun with this equipment

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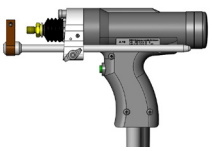
Welding range*)	M3 - M16, Ø 3 - 16 mm		Ø 6 - 16 mm	
Stud length	15 - 170 mm	15 - 150 mm	15 - 150 mm	15 - 300 mm
	A 16	**A 16**	**A 16**	**A 16**
				
	• All-rounder for construction sites • Now with new leg guidance • Robust gun with plunge damper and length compensation			
Welding elements				
Welding process	ARC (Ceramic)	ARC (Ceramic)	ARC (Ceramic)	ARC (Ceramic)
Stud type	ARC threaded studs (FD/MD(DD)/PD/RD), pins (UD/ND), pins with internal thread (ID)		ARC shear connectors (SD)	
Length compensation	6 mm automatic			
Lift	Adjustment range 4 mm, (0.25 mm steps, arresting)			
Spring force	Oildamper			
Welding cable	4.8 m, 50 mm², SK 50			
	Order No.	**Order No.**	**Order No.**	**Order No.**
	93-20-280C (Welding gun A 16 excluding leg assembly) **93-40-028** (Ceramic leg assembly PSC-2, d=22 mm) not included in delivery	**93-20-280C** (Welding gun A 16 excluding leg assembly) **93-40-040** (Ceramic leg assembly PSC-2, d=28 mm) not included in delivery	**93-20-280C** (Welding gun A 16 excluding leg assembly) **93-40-041** (Ceramic leg assembly PSC-2, d=29 mm) not included in delivery	**93-20-280C** (Welding gun A 16 excluding leg assembly) **93-40-074** (Ceramic leg assembly PSC-2, d=29 mm) not included in delivery

*) recommended welding range Visar 1200 / welding gun with this equipment

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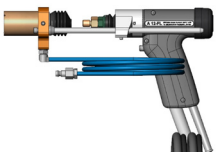
The following **stud welding guns** are recommended for **Visar 1200 (shielding gas application)**:

Welding range *)	M3 - M6, Ø 2 - 6 mm	ARC: Ø 6 - 8 mm M6 - M10 (Type RD), SC: Ø 6 mm / M6		M3 - M16, Ø 3 - 16 mm
Stud length	10 - 40 mm	10 - 120 mm		15 - 150 mm
	A 12	**A 12**	**A 12-FL**	**A 16**
				
	• Small gun with easy set-up for SC welding • Length compensation (stable welding results)		• Simple set-up of the gun without length compensation	• All-rounder for construction sites • Now with new leg guidance • Robust gun with plunge damper and length compensation
Welding elements				
Welding process	ARC (Gas)			
Stud type	SC threaded studs with flange (PS), pins with flange (US), pins with internal thread and flange (IS)	ARC threaded studs (FD/MD(DD)/PD/RD), pins (UD/ND), pins with internal thread (ID)		
Length compensation	3 mm automatic		--	6 mm automatic
Lift	Adjustment range 3 mm, lockable		Fixed 6 mm	Adjustment range 4 mm, (0.25 mm steps, arresting)
Spring force	Adjustable, arresting		Fixed	Oildamper
Welding cable	4.8 m, 35 mm², SK 50		5 m, 35 mm², SK 50	4.8 m, 50 mm², SK 50
	Order No.	**Order No.**	**Order No.**	**Order No.**
	93-20-277 (Welding gun A 12 incl. shielding gas shroud PSS-1/SC)	**93-20-274** (Welding gun A 12 inkl. shielding gas leg assembly PSS-2)	**93-20-260** (Welding gun A 12-FL excluding leg assembly) **93-40-021** (Shielding gas leg assembly PSS-2) not included in delivery	**93-20-280C** (Welding gun A 16 excluding leg assembly) **93-40-017** (Shielding gas leg assembly PSS-3) not included in delivery

*) recommended welding range Visar 1200 gas version / welding gun with this equipment

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5 Technical Data

Stud welding unit Visar 1200 for ARC stud welding according to current standards

Welding range	dia. 2 to 16 mm, M3 to M16 dia. 14 ga to 9/16“, #4 to 5/8“
Welding material	Mild steel, stainless steel, Aluminium *)

*) Welding element is not standardized according to DIN EN ISO 13918, but manufactured by the manufacturer‘s discretion. The welding parameters should be determined by test weldings.

Welding rate	25 °C (77 °F)	100 %	50 %	35 %
	F [studs/min]	11	16	21
	t [ms]	600	600	600
	I_2 [A]	1 200	1 200	1 200
	U_2 [V]	30	30	30

Welding current	1 200 A
Current adjustment range	25 to 1 200 A
Welding time	5 to 1 500 ms (stepless)
Primary power	200 to 600 V, 3 phases, 50/60 Hz
Cooling type	F (temperature controlled cooling fan)
IP Code	IP 43 (also permits operation outdoors)
Ambient temperature limits	0 °C to 40 °C 32 °F to 104 °F
Dimension L x B x H	472.5 x 355 x 358 mm 18.60“ x 13.98“ x 14.09“ (with handle)
Weight	20.5 kg 45 lbs

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6 Intended Use

Our stud welding units are designed and built exclusively for industrial use. Nonindustrial use is expressly forbidden due to the lack of know-how about the welding technology employed and the applicable standards.

The stud welding unit is intended exclusively for stud welding of standardised welding elements. Any other use will result in the desired strength of the welded joint being reduced.

This stud welding unit can only be used with the HBS stud welding guns A 12, A 12-FL and A 16.

The intended use also implies observance of the stud welding gun operating manual and compliance with the intervals and conditions for inspection and maintenance of the stud welding unit and the components employed.

◆ Always check the operating manual of your stud welding gun whether it may be used with this stud welding unit.

The stud welding unit must be suitable for welding the welding elements in use.

Welding elements manufactured with the cold formed process have a flange and an ignition tip. During welding, the flange prevents the arc getting to the cylindric part of the welding element and increases simultaneously the welding area.

◆ **Please refer to the operating manual of your stud welding gun for detailed information on which welding elements may be used.**

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7 Warranty

Please refer to the latest "General Terms and Conditions" for the scope of the warranty.

The warranty does not cover faults caused by e.g.

- Normal wear,
- Improper handling,
- Failure to observe the operating manual,
- Failure to observe the safety precautions,
- Use for other than the intended purpose, or
- Transport damage.

Warranty entitlement shall no longer be valid if modifications, changes or service and repair work is carried out by unauthorised persons or without the knowledge of the manufacturer. Invalidation of warranty entitlement shall also render the declaration of conformity invalid. The CE marking shall be declared invalid by the manufacturer.

We expressly point out that only spare parts and accessories or components approved by us may be used. The same applies likewise to installed units from our sub-suppliers.

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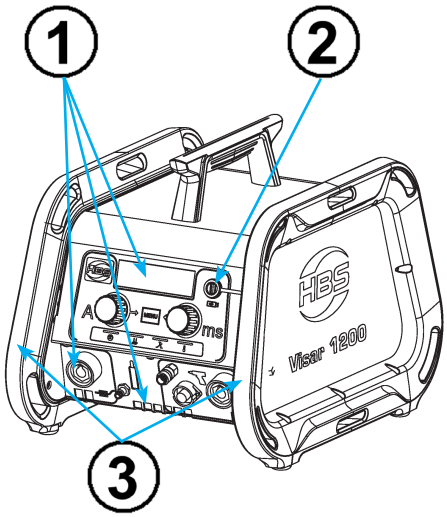
8 Components of the Stud Welding Unit

The Visar 1200 is ideal for use on construction sites:



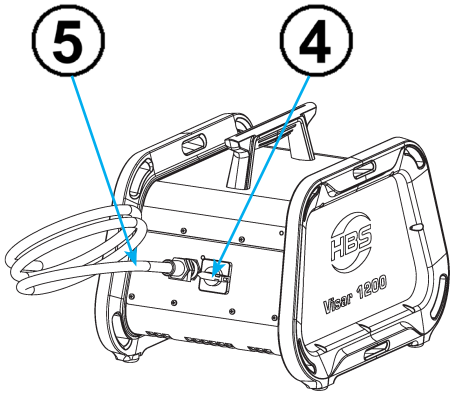
① **Operator panel with display:**
- Recessed to protect against damage

Connection sockets (welding-current, control and ground cable, shielding gas)
- Recessed and mounted at an angle

Internal fans:
- Protection against internal soiling

② **USB connection**
- For easily saving and opening programs as well as for software updates

③ **Circumferential side frame** (bumper) made of PP foam **for large ground clearance**;
- Good stability on rough ground
- Protection against dirt and water



④ **Back:**
- Mains switch

⑤ – Mains cable

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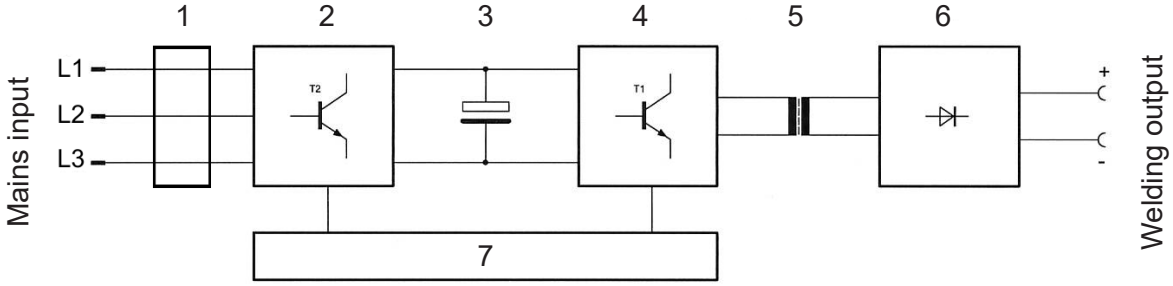
8.1 Main Assemblies



1 - Filter

2 - Input wide range converter

3 - Electrolytic capacitors

4 - IGBT switch

5 - Medium frequency transformer

6 - Rectifier

7 - Control unit

The mains voltage is rectified by the master switch and the EMV filter in the **unit (2)**.

The rectified voltage is smoothed by the **electrolytic capacitors (3)** and led to the **IGBT switches (4)**. These switches turn the direct voltage into a high-frequency alternating voltage of 50 kHz.

The energy is transferred via the **medium frequency transformer (5)** with **diodes (6)** and rectified. The smoothed current is led to the weld bushes.

The **IGBT switch (4)** is controlled in the **control unit (7)**. The control unit also coordinates the mechanical process (withdrawing of the welding elements) with the electronic control system (triggering the pre current, triggering the main current, welding time process). The welding time and welding current are fully adjustable.

The type plate is located on the backside of the stud welding unit.

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Type plate

The type plate contains the following information:

- Manufacturer
- Type
- Order No./Serial No.
- Primary voltage
- Fuse
- Power consumption
- Cooling class
- IP code
- Date

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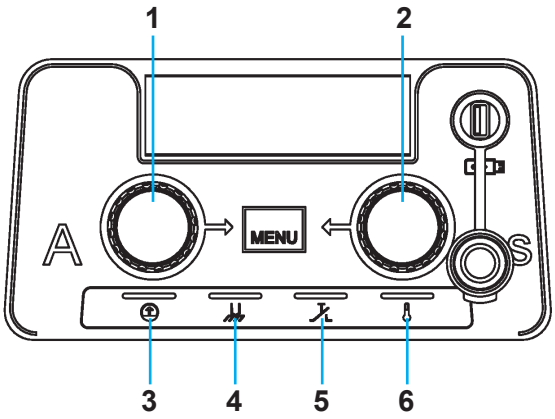
8.2 Operation Panel and Display



1 - Welding current
2 - Welding time
3 - Ready
4 - Contact
5 - Trigger
6 - Temperature

The lower section of the keypad contains a light-emitting diode (LED) with the following meanings:

	Yellow	Flashes slowly	After switching on the stud welding unit: The stud welding unit runs a self-test. After the self-test, the stud welding unit changes to sleep mode. Sleep mode is ended when the welding-gun button is triggered or the welding gun makes contact with the workpiece. The stud welding unit now switches to "Ready".
		Lights up	When the stud welding unit is ready for welding. After about 3 minutes, the stud welding unit switches to sleep mode.
	Yellow	Lights up	When electrical contact exists between the welding element and the workpiece
	Yellow	Lights up	When the welding gun button is triggered.
	Yellow	Lights up	The stud welding unit is locked in the event of – if the stud welding unit is overheated. After a short cooling period, the work can be continued.

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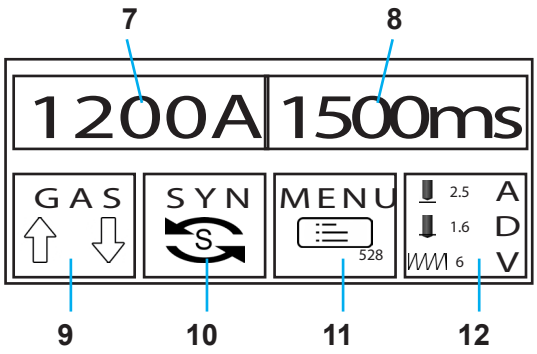
Display:



7 - Set welding current

8 - Set welding time

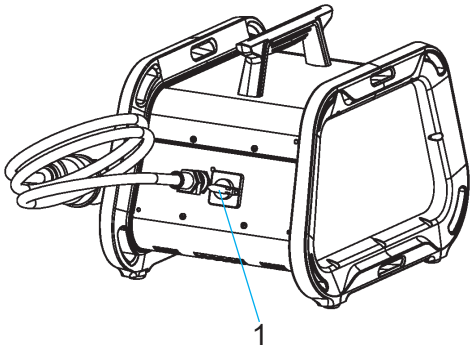
9 - Gas: On/Off (gas pre-flow time/gas post-flow time)

10 - SYN: Stud welding mode synergy

11 - MENU: Program and system management

12 - ADV: Adjusting existing programs to local conditions

8.3 Mains switch



1 - Mains switch

The switch for mains mode is located on the rear of the stud welding unit.

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8.4 Process control

This stud welding machine includes the “real-time process control” function.

Real-time process control (CP) serves to monitor the quality of a product during on-going production and thereby ensure that the quality specifications are maintained. During the current welding process, it detects key physical measured variables that characterise the production quality or characteristics that are derived from those variables and evaluates them.

This real-time process control couples the quality assessment directly to the welding process so that a response can be made to the quality result during or immediately following the welding process. Deviations from set tolerances are signalled immediately after welding; corrective measures can be initiated.

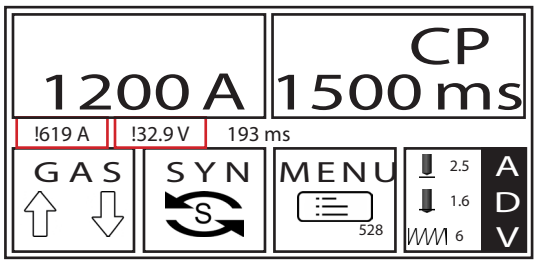
Different measured variables can be stored for various welding tasks. Thus, it is possible to perform an individual process assessment for each welding task (stud dimension/welding position/material/etc.).

The set values are determined through reference welds.

The actual and set values are compared with one another during daily welding work. If the actual values are within the specified tolerance range of the set values, the current welded joint is accepted as OK; otherwise, it is rejected as NOK.

Rejection is indicated on the stud welding machine at the end of the corresponding welding process as follows:

1. Indicator on the display:



2. Process interruption:

The device is locked after a deviation occurs. After pressing the gun button for a longer period of time (> 2 seconds), the stud welding machine is again ready for welding.

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To melt stud and metal sheet, electric work W = I x t x U produced in the electric arc is used. This yields the following characteristic physical monitoring variables for process control:

– Welding current curve vs. welding time
– (Welding) voltage curve vs. welding time
– Transient voltages (drop short-circuits or voltage peaks)
– Electric resistance in the welding circuit (resistance of the circuit)

☞ Acoustic signals:
The noise from the electric arc provides the stud welder with information on the process stability and possible drop short-circuits. In the ideal case, it is uniform and without interruptions.

There is no blanket answer to the question as to which measured variables should be used for process control. The measured variables should reflect the process behaviour and thereby allow conclusions to be drawn on the weld seam quality that is to be expected.

☞ With drawn arc stud welding, deviations of a parameter with respect to the reference welds often have only minor impacts on the quality of the weld. The combined interference effect of multiple welding conditions may, however, have a significant impact.

☞ With drawn arc stud welding (ARC), the evaluation of the voltage curve is especially decisive.

☞ Short cycle drawn arc stud welding (short-cycle/SC):
Here, a change to just one parameter can affect the quality of the weld. Experience gained from use in series production is necessary for process assessment with respect to the specific boundary conditions when using process control.

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Welding current curve vs. welding time

The welding current curve vs. time provides important information on the individual process sections during the stud welding process.

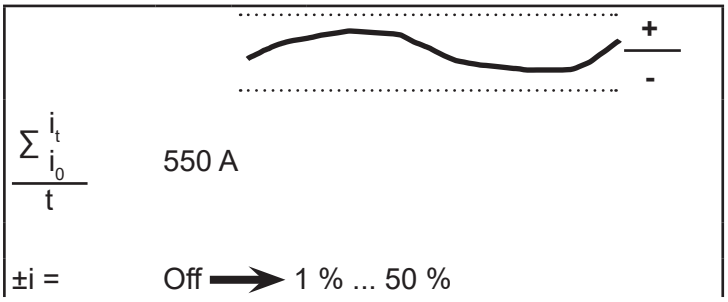
– Pre current: electric arc ignition and stabilisation

– Main current/welding current: electric arc burning and energy input

– Insertion current: short circuit and end of process

The welding current determines the temperature and the “fluidity” of the weld pool. To avoid the susceptibility to pore formation, the current must not be less than a minimum current value for a given diameter.

During each welding process, physical influences (workpiece soiling, tolerance deviations with welding elements and similar) may cause the welding current to fluctuate. With the definition of welding current tolerances, limit values for quality criteria can be defined. During normal workflow, the current value of the welding current is then compared with the reference value.



Welding current tolerance

To more easily set the start parameters, a recommended value of ±10% can be defined.

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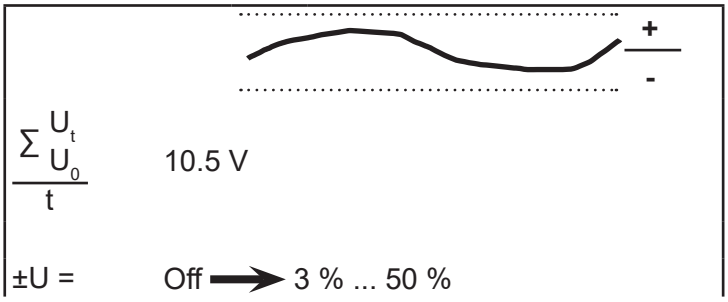
Voltage curve vs. welding time

The electric arc voltage changes during the welding process as, e.g., a function of

- Welding current
- Lift
- Surface condition of the component surface
- Geometry of the stud tip
- Weld pool protection (shielding gas or ceramic ferrule)

The voltage curve vs. time provides important information on the individual process sections during the stud welding process – from electric arc burning to insertion – as well as on the electric arc length. With the definition of voltage tolerances, limit values for quality criteria can also be defined here.

☞ During drawn arc stud welding, the voltage curve is fairly constant. For example, when using ceramic ferrules, the voltage is approximately 30 V; when using shielding gas (M21 – DIN EN ISO 14175), it is approximately 3 V (10%) less.
Damp ceramic ferrules or heavily oiled surfaces negatively impact welding execution. This influence is recognisable by a significantly higher voltage level (+5 V) with respect to reference values.



◆ You have the option of entering a fixed voltage value manually. This should be determined in advance through reference welds.

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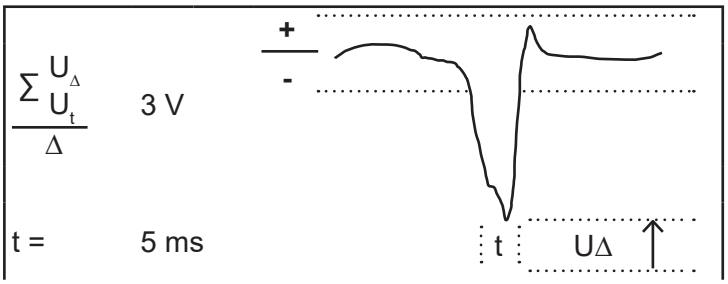
Drop short-circuits or voltage peaks

With regard to the welding capacity, the entire voltage curve can be viewed as a combined variable vs. time. When welding while experiencing (drop) short-circuit formation, these short circuits appear as characteristic drops in the curve.

For process monitoring, it is therefore helpful to observe and evaluate the voltage separately in the process phases.

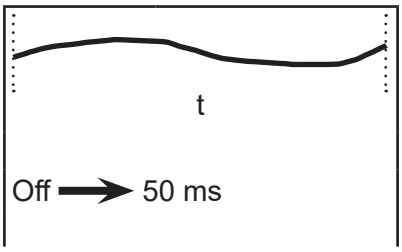
Voltage peak

Voltage acquisition time



Defining the tolerance time

Welding time tolerance



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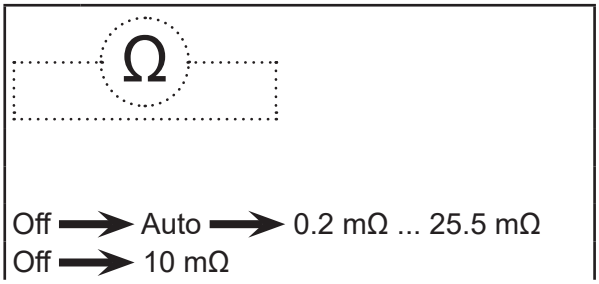
Electric resistance of the circuit

During the welding process, welding gun, welding and ground cable, workpiece and welding element form a closed welding circuit with a defined electric resistance. This resistance is affected by external mechanical influences of the used components (loose ground connections, scorched chucks, cable breakage, condition of the component surface and similar). This can result in a gradual change of the quality results.

By determining the resistance in the welding circuit and by defining limit values (tolerances), condition monitoring is integrated in the process control to detect and report problems in good time.



Resistance of the circuit	Off → Auto → 0.2 mΩ ... 25.5 mΩ
Resistance tolerance	Off → 10 mΩ

☞ To more easily set the properties, the system defines a reference value with the “Auto” setting automatically.

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Process control is divided into two phases:

– Learning and validation phase → Reference welds

– Application phase → Series operation

Learning phase: reference welds

The welding process is observed with measurements in a “learning phase” using a defined number of reference welds (“monitored learning”).

To more easily define the set values and tolerances, the respective physical measured variable can be set to “AUTO”.

These measured variables are stored during subsequent welding. A set range with defined tolerances is thereby determined for process control.

☞ **Only the OK welds are used** for reference values.

☞
- ◆ Perform your reference welds in such a way that they reflect your welding task.
- ◆ For various welding tasks, perform separate reference welds for each task and store them accordingly.

Application phase: series operation

◆ Call up the corresponding reference values.

The welding process can now be started.

In series operation, the the current actual values are compared with the set values in real time and classified as OK or NOK.

In the event of NOK welds, an intervention in the production process occurs.

The welding results can be recorded for subsequent evaluations.

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8.5 Special commands via USB interface

Each stud welding machine of the VISAR series with process control function has its own identification designation.

This designation can be read out together with the generated number of welds, the actual values of the welding parameters as well as the result of the quality assessment via the USB interface and archived.

For process optimisation and traceability, we recommend documenting the welding position, the material quality and the surface characteristics, the component dimensions and the welding parameters set on the gun for each individual connection.

By default, the oscillogram of the last weld is stored. The weld oscillogram and the average values of the last weld can be transferred to a USB memory device via the USB interface for analyses or documentation purposes. Visualisable information about the welding process can thereby be made available for improving the process quality or for documentation purposes.

☞ All command functions described in the following are **not** included in the scope of supply by default and must be requested separately from HBS.

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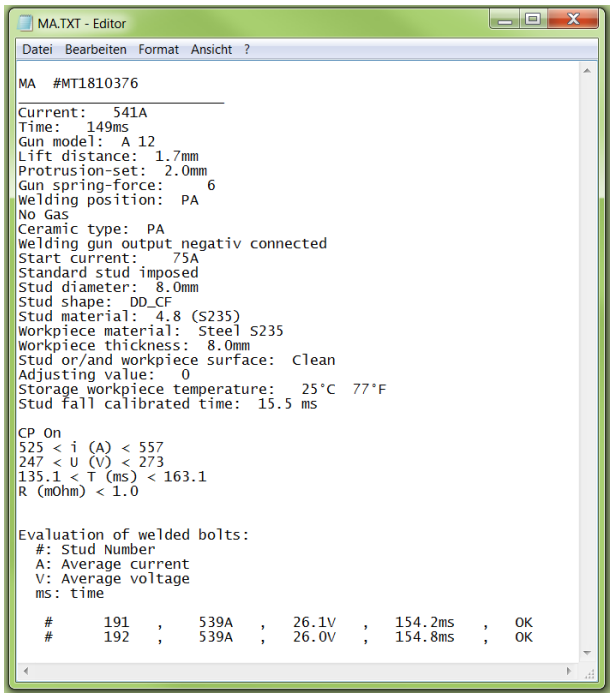
8.5.1 Documentation

(DOCUMENT.0LQ – can be activated via USB command)

With process control switched on and the “Documentation” USB command activated via a USB memory device, all settings of the device are collected in a file that bears the same name as the job that is currently being used. Average values for current, voltage and welding time are thereby recorded for the respective current, absolute number of welds.



☞ This function is only active with a previously opened job.
Recording is ended as soon as the USB memory device is removed or the device is switched off.

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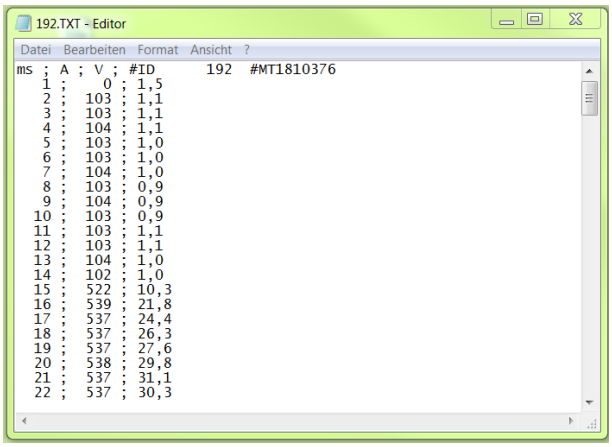
8.5.2 Oscillogram

(DAT_LOG.0LQ – can be activated via USB command)

With process control switched on and the “Oscillogram” USB command activated via a USB memory device, all settings of the device are collected in a file that bears the same name as the current absolute number of welds. This file contains the current and voltage values over the time axis that an oscillogram can generate. The oscillogram data can be visualised either via Excel import or visualisation software provided by HBS.



☞ This command is only valid for the last weld and must be called up again for each new recording.

8.5.3 Special command “Lock device”

(LOCK_UN.0LQ – can be activated via USB command)

With this command, the device can be locked to prevent changes from being made to the settings of an opened job. The command for locking the device is called via the USB interface.

Calling the command again cancels the lock.

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9 Welding Process

Stud welding with a drawn arc process is divided into drawn-arc stud welding with ceramic ferrule and drawn-arc stud welding with shielding gas. This stud welding unit must be used exclusively for stud welding with drawn arc.

The face of a stud-shaped welding element and the opposite surface of the workpiece are molten by an arc. Stud welding is suitable for the welding of joining elements across the entire cross-section, mainly using pin-shaped metallic welding elements with metallic workpieces.

The various processes of arc stud welding are distinguished by:

– The method of weld pool protection (shielding gas - SG, ceramic ferrule - CF or no protection - NP)
– The length of welding time (standard ARC or short-cycle drawn-arc stud welding - SC)
– The energy source (welding rectifier supplied by mains, inverter, capacitor battery).

Drawn-Arc Stud Welding

The HBS stud welding unit operates by process of ‘arc stud welding with drawn-arc ignition’ according to the current standards. The standards assign this method of joining pin-shaped elements with plane workpieces to the so called ‘Arc Pressure Welding’.

Joining is carried out in plastic or liquefied condition of the welding zone. The process can be carried out mechanically or automatically, depending on the used welding guns/welding heads.

Generally, the positive pole of the stud welding unit is connected to the workpiece. The welding element is manually or automatically inserted into the chuck of the welding gun or of the welding head. Then it is placed onto the workpiece - possibly equipped with a ceramic ferrule (see figure, **position 1**). When the button of the welding gun is triggered, the automated welding process starts, which works as follows:

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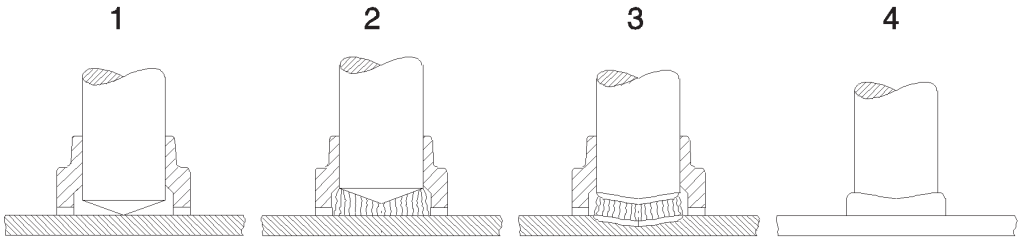

– At the beginning of the welding process, the welding element (stud) in the welding gun is lifted clear off the workpiece by a lifting device (solenoid). An initial switched current triggers a pilot arc of a low current power (see figure, **position 2**). Then the main arc ignites between the face area of the welding element and the workpiece.

– The main arc burns at the set current during the welding time preselected at the stud welding unit. The selected welding energy must match the requirements of the selected welding element. The energy of the arc melts the face of the welding element and the workpiece (see figure, **position 3**).

– At the end of the preset welding time, the stud is mechanically moved to the workpiece. On plunging into the weld pool, the two weld zones join and solidify. The contact of stud and workpiece extinguishes the arc in a short-circuit and the main current is switched off.

– The weld zone solidifies and cools down. The welding element is now welded to the workpiece over its entire cross-section of the welding element (see figure, **position 4**). As soon as the weld metal is cooled down, the welding gun can be carefully withdrawn from the welding element. When using shielding gas, the shielding gas flow is switched off with the withdrawal of the welding gun. If a ceramic ferrule is used, it can be removed by light hammer blows.

The welding range of drawn-arc stud welding is about 3 to 25 mm diameter when using mild steel/stainless steel. Welding elements with rectangular cross-section should not exceed a ratio length : width of about 5 : 1. All technical information and adjustment values are based on the use of welding elements which correspond with current standards.

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Variants of drawn-arc stud welding

Item	Drawn arc stud welding with ceramic ferrule	Drawn arc stud welding with shielding gas	Short-cycle drawn arc stud welding with shielding gas
Diameter welding element d metric in mm (imperial)	3 - 25 (#4 or 12 gage to 1“)	3 - 12 (16) (#4 or 12 gage to 1/2“ (5/8“)), by using aluminium up to 12 mm/ 1/2“)	3 - 12 (#4 or 12 gage to 1/2“), by using brass and aluminium with shielding gas
Max. current I in A	3 000	3 000	2 000
Welding time t in ms	100 - 2 000	100 - 2 000	10 - 100
Energy source	Welding rectifier, inverter	Welding rectifier, inverter	Welding rectifier, inverter
Weld pool protection	Ceramic ferrule CF	Shielding gas SG	Shielding gas SG or no protection NP
Material welding element (suitable for welding)	Mild steel, stainless steel	Mild steel, stainless steel, aluminium (up to 12 mm)	Mild steel, stainless steel, brass and aluminium with shielding gas
Workpiece surface	Metallic bright (rolling skin, rust film, welding primer)	Metallic bright (rolling skin, rust film, welding primer)	Metallic bright, galvanised (< 40 µm), slightly oiled
Min. thickness of workpiece	1/4 d min. 1 mm	1/8 d min. 1 mm	1/10 d approx. 0.7 mm
Adjustable parameters	Welding current I in A = 80 x d (up to 16 mm)	Welding current I in A = 80 x d (up to 16 mm)	Welding current I in A = 100 x d (up to 12 mm)
	Welding time t in ms = 20 x d (up to 12 mm)	Welding time t in ms = 20 x d (up to 12 mm)	Welding time
	Lift (arc length)	Lift (arc length)	Lift (arc length)
	Protrusion, immersion speed (plunge damper from 14 mm diameter)	Protrusion, immersion speed (plunge damper from 14 mm diameter)	Protrusion, immersion speed

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Drawn-Arc Stud Welding with Ceramic Ferrule

Drawn-arc stud welding with ceramic ferrule is used with welding elements of 3 to 25 mm diameter (preferably above 12 mm diameter) and with welding times of about 100 to 2 000 ms. It is generally suitable for all welding positions. When stud welding with ceramic ferrule, the welding position is PA (flat position). The major part of all applications applies to this procedure.

The ceramic ferrule (CF):

- prevents atmosphere from getting to the weld pool by a formation of metal vapor in the arc chamber
- stabilizes and concentrates the arc, thus decreasing the arc blow effect
- forms the melt under pressure to a weld collar and supports the weld pool on a vertical wall and overhead
- protects the welder from arc radiation and welding spatters

Normally, the ceramic ferrule is used for only one weld and is removed after solidification of the weld pool.

Standard welding elements and ceramic ferrules are described in EN ISO 13918. When using concrete anchors or shear connectors the front area can be plane constructed with a small pressed-in aluminium ball.

Studs with cone-shaped front area and aluminium ball are preferably used with ceramic ferrule.

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Drawn-Arc Stud Welding with Shielding Gas

Drawn-arc stud welding with shielding gas is used with welding elements for a diameter range of 3 to 12 (16) mm and with welding times from 100 to 2000 ms. Principally, it is suitable for all welding positions, however, it is preferably used in flat position PA. With stud welding with shielding gas, the weld area is protected by shielding gas. The shielding gas, which is fed from outside through a gas control and an additional device, displaces the ambient atmosphere from the welding area and reduces considerably pore formation.

	Recommendation according	Recommendation according HBS
Mild steel / stainless steel	DIN EN ISO 14175-M21: (82 % Ar / 18 % CO_2)	90 % Ar / 10 % CO_2 *) 92 % Ar / 8 % CO_2 *)
Aluminium and aluminium alloys	DIN EN ISO 14175-I1 DIN EN ISO 14175-I3	85 % Ar / 15 % He 70 % Ar / 30 % He **)

*) As a result of the higher amount of CO_2 the surface tension of the weld pool is reduced, which may lead to increased spatter formation.

**) For larger plate thicknesses the helium content may be increased.

The shielding gas influences

– the arc and the melting behavior of welding element and workpiece,

– the development of the weld collar and the penetration shape via the surface tension.

With stud welding with shielding gas, the shape of the weld collar is not reproducible, as the shielding gas has no forming effects on the melt – different from a ceramic ferrule. And so an additional ceramic ferrule may be used in special cases.

The standard welding elements for drawn-arc stud welding with shielding gas are described in EN ISO 13918. Welding elements with cone-shaped front area and without an aluminum ball are preferably used.

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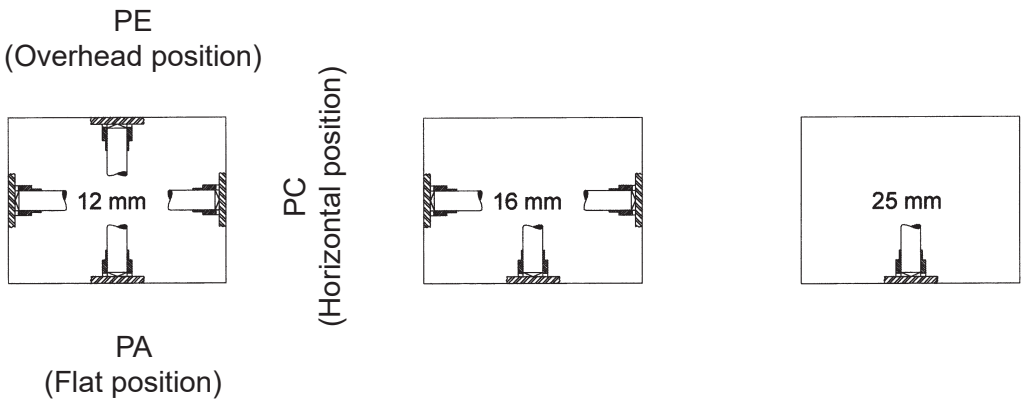
With shielding gas, you should only weld in position PA (flat position) because due to gravity, the shielding gas cannot prevent flow of the molten metal.



Short-Cycle Drawn-Arc Stud Welding with Shielding Gas

Short-cycle drawn-arc welding with shielding gas is used for welding elements within a diameter range of 3 to 12 mm (nominal diameter without flange) and welding times between 10 and 100 ms

Due to the short welding times, the energy input and the weld pool are so small that also welding elements up to 12 mm diameter can be welded on thin workpieces.

Normally, welding elements with flange (according to current standards) are used, which forms a larger welding area compared with the shaft diameter. In this way, higher tensional forces than in the stud shaft can be transmitted in spite of some pores in the weld zone. To minimize pore formation, the use of shielding gas for stud diameters upwards of 8 mm is recommended.

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10 Preparing Workplace and Welding Process

Danger from fumes and airborne particulates

- Switch on the welding fume extractor at the workplace.
- Ensure that the room is well ventilated.
- Never weld in rooms with a ceiling height of less than 3 m.
- Observe furthermore your working instructions and the accident prevention regulations.

This will help to avoid health damage due to fumes and airborne particulates.

Danger from fire and explosion

- Remove all inflammable materials and liquids from your working area.
- Ensure that there are no explosive materials in your working area.
- Ensure that an approved fire extinguisher is available at the workplace.

Danger from tripping and falling

- Lay cables and connecting leads in such a way that they are protected against damage and
- that you or third parties cannot trip over them or fall.

Warning of weld spatter

- Ensure that there is no equipment or apparatus in the working area that could be damaged by weld spatter.
- Remove if necessary.

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Warning of electromagnetic fields

- Ensure that there is no equipment or apparatus in the working area that could be damaged by magnetic fields.
- Remove if necessary.

Danger!

- Ensure that there is a free circulation of air through the housing of the stud welding unit.
- Always place the stud welding unit on a stable, level and clean surface.
- Check the condition of all cables and cable connections.
- Have defective cables or their connections immediately repaired or replaced by a qualified electrician.

10.1 Preparing Surfaces

- Remove
  - Paint, oil and other impurities,
  - Rust,
  - Non-conductive coatings (of surface-coated materials)

from the welding surface and the contact points of the ground clamps.

This ensures a high strength of the welded joints.

- **Weld the welding element only to a flat surface.**
- Ask your application consultant at HBS about welded joints on tubes and riffle plates (*see page 2*).

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10.2 Checking the Stud Welding Gun

- Always check the operating manual of your stud welding gun to see whether it may be used with this stud welding unit.

This stud welding unit can only be used with the HBS stud welding guns A 12, A 12-FL and A 16.

- Check the chuck of your stud welding gun for proper fit and ensure it is tightened.
- Check the bellows of your stud welding gun for damage.
- Check if spring force and lift are set according to the welding parameter table in the operating manual of the stud welding gun.

- **Refer here to the operating manual of your stud welding gun.**

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11 Connection

- **First prepare your workplace.**
- Read and observe here *point 10 "Preparing Workplace and Welding Process"*.

Electric shock hazard

- Leave the stud welding unit switched off during connection of the connecting leads.

In this way you can avoid any unintentional starting of the welding process.

- **Secure the cables.**

Strong magnetic fields are generated during the welding process that can lead to whipping of the cables. This can cause the cables to come out of the plug sockets.

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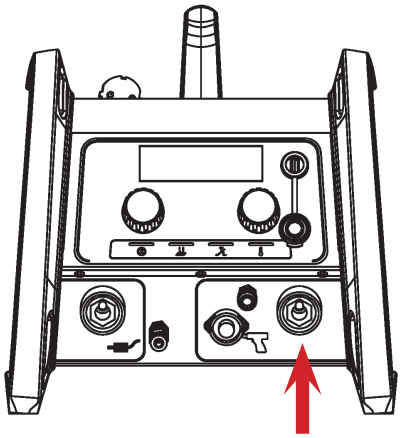
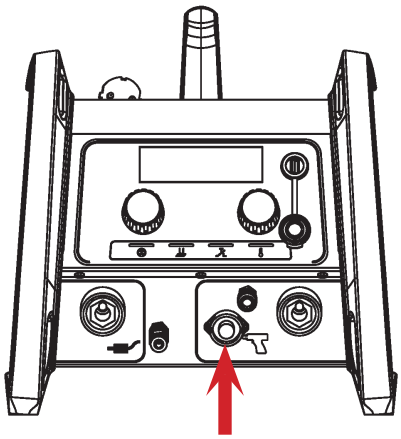
11.1 Connecting the Stud Welding Gun to the Stud Welding Unit



Connect the welding current cable

- Only now plug the welding current cable into the corresponding socket of the stud welding unit.
- Press in the plug and turn it firmly clockwise (to the right).



Connect the control cable

- Plug the control cable into the corresponding socket of the stud welding unit.
- Twist the retaining nut of the control cable connector clockwise.

Only loosely made connections will result in damage to the plug connectors.

- Therefore always check that the plug connector is firmly inserted.

This prevents a poor contact and hence overheating of the plug connectors.

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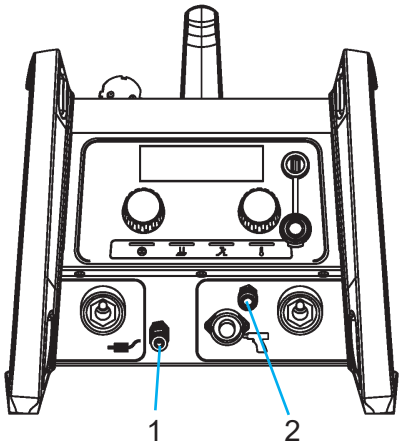
11.2 Connecting the Shielding Gas



1 - Gas inlet (e.g. shielding gas bottle)

2 - Gas outlet

- Connect the gas hose of the shielding gas bottle to the gas inlet of the stud welding unit.
- Connect the gas hose of the welding gun to the gas outlet.
- Set the flow meter of the shielding gas bottle to 8 - 16 liters/min.

Minimum flow rate for stud welding with shielded gas is 8 l/min.

For stud welding a shielding gas mixture according DIN EN ISO 14175 is used.

- Please refer to *chapter 9* for more detailed information.

STOP

- **You must not put the air hose into the gas valve of the stud welding unit!**

The valve would be destroyed.

STOP

If the conduits are wrongly connected, feeding and welding malfunctions will occur.

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Danger from incorrect securing and handling of shielding gas cylinders

Incorrect handling and insufficient securing of shielding gas cylinders can result in severe injury!

- Follow the instructions from the gas manufacturer and given in the relevant compressed gas regulation.
- Place the shielding gas cylinder in the cylinder holder intended for this purpose.
- Secure the shielding gas cylinder properly!

Do not secure the cylinder by its valve!

- Take measures to prevent the shielding gas cylinder from heating up.

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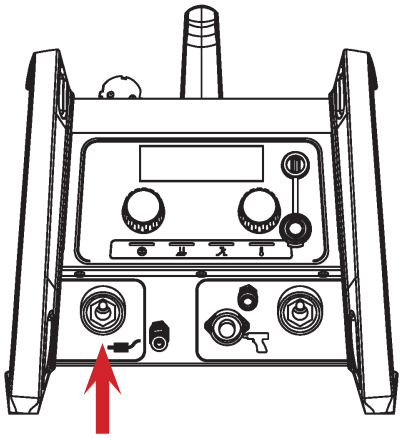
11.3 Connecting the Ground Cable



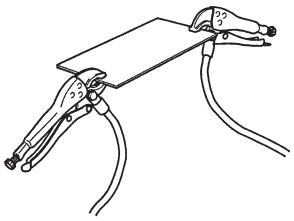
Connect the ground cable

- Plug the ground cable into the corresponding socket of the stud welding unit.
- Press in the plug and turn it firmly clockwise (to the right).

Only loosely made connections will result in damage to the plug connectors.

- Therefore always check that the plug connector is firmly inserted.

This prevents a poor contact and hence overheating of the plug connectors.



Connect the ground clamps

- Remove rust, paint and dirt from the points on the workpiece to which you wish to connect the ground clamps.
- Attach the ground clamps to the workpiece as tightly as possible.
- Pay attention to a good contact and symmetrical connection.

The welding point should be in the middle between the two ground clamps.

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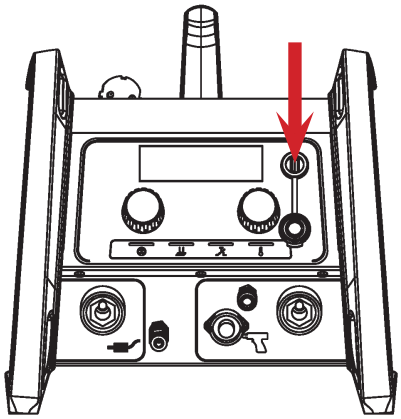
11.4 Connecting a USB Stick



Connect a USB Stick

Via the USB port, existing welding programs can be called up and new welding programs can bei stored.

The USB port is protected with a protective cap against dirt and damage.

11.5 Connecting the Stud Welding Unit to the Mains Supply

Electric shock hazard

- Have an electrician check whether the plug socket to which you intended to connect the stud welding unit is correctly earthed.
- Connect the stud welding unit only to a mains supply with the same mains voltage range as that indicated on the type plate.
- Compare the current consumption indicated on the type plate with the fuse of your mains power supply.
- Check that the stud welding unit is switched off.
- Only now insert the plug into the plug socket.

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12 Welding

- **First connect up the stud welding unit.**
- Read and observe here *point 11 „Connection“*.

Life-threatening danger for wearers of active implanted cardiac devices

Danger for workers at particular risk within the meaning of the EMF directive

Persons at particular risk within the meaning of the EMF directive are:

– Workers with active implanted medical devices
– Workers with passive implanted medical devices that contain metal
– Workers with medical devices worn on the body
– Pregnant workers.

- Never operate the stud welding machine if you are among the group of workers at particular risk within the meaning of the EMF directive.
- In this case, never remain in the vicinity of the stud welding machine during welding.
- Never operate the stud welding machine if persons are located nearby who are among the group of workers at particular risk within the meaning of the EMF directive.

Strong electromagnetic fields are produced in the vicinity of the stud welding machine during welding. These fields can adversely affect the function of medical devices as well as the course of a pregnancy.

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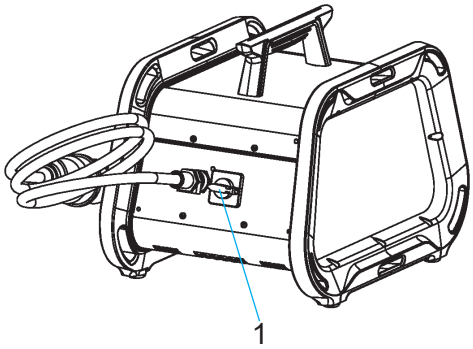
12.1 Switching on the Stud Welding Unit



1 - Mains switch

◆ Only now switch on the stud welding unit at the **mains switch (1)**.

Yellow	Flashes slowly	After switching on the stud welding unit: The stud welding unit runs a self-test. After the self-test, the stud welding unit changes to sleep mode. Sleep mode is ended when the welding-gun button is triggered or the welding gun makes contact with the workpiece. The stud welding unit now switches to “Ready”.
	Lights up	When the stud welding unit is ready for welding. After about 3 minutes, the stud welding unit switches to sleep mode.

◆ When **switching on** the stud welding unit, do not set the **welding gun on the workpiece**.

The stud welding unit will otherwise not switch to “Ready”.

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12.2 Determining the Welding Time and Welding Current

Determination of welding time and welding current at the stud welding unit depends i.a. on

– the stud welding gun used,

– the material of the welding element,

– the diameter of the welding element,

– the material of the workpiece.

◆ Determine welding time and welding current to be set at the stud welding unit using the following tables.

☞ **The figures in these table are indicative values and must be checked by means of a test welding on the original material with the same properties as the original workpiece.**

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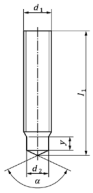
Determining the Welding Time and the Welding Current for Welding Guns A 12, A 12-FL and A 16

for drawn-arc stud welding with ceramic ferrule

Welding elements Material: 4.8 (suitable for welding)		Diameter of welding elements				Welding current [1] Visar 1200 I in A	Welding time [1] Visar 1200 t in ms
		metric		imperial (US)			
		Stud diameter in mm	eff. diameter in mm	Stud diameter in inches	eff. diameter in inches		
Material of workpiece: Mild steel (suitable for welding)							
		Ø d_1	Ø d_2	Ø d_1	Ø d_2		
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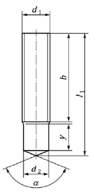
	RD (MR) [2]	M8	6.2	5/16	0.244	450	170
	RD (MR) [2]	M10	7.9	3/8	0.311	500	250
	RD (MR) [2]	M12	9.5	1/2	0.374	550	330
	RD (MR) [2]	M16	13.2	5/8	0.520	800	550
		Ø d_1	Ø d_2	Ø d_1	Ø d_2		
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	FD/PD/MD (DD) [2]	M10	9.03	3/8	0.356	550	330
	FD/PD/MD (DD) [2]	M12	10.86	1/2	0.428	675	420
	FD/PD/MD (DD) [2]	M16	14.60	5/8	0.575	1 200	550
		Ø d_1		Ø d_1			
	UD/ND [2]	3 (ISO)		#4 / 12 gage		--- [4]	--- [4]
	UD/ND [2]	4 (ISO)		#8		--- [4]	--- [4]
	UD/ND [2]	5 (ISO)		#10 / 3/16		--- [4]	--- [4]
	UD [2]	6		1/4		300	180
	UD [2]	8		5/16		560	250
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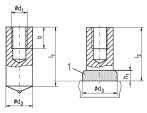		Ø d_1	Ø d_2	Ø d_1	Ø d_2		
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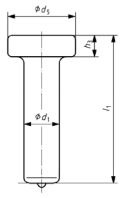		Ø d_1 - 0.4		Ø d_1 - 0.4			
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[1] to be checked by test weldings

[2] Information and recommendations on this can be found in **DIN EN ISO 14555**.

[4] We recommend the “drawn arc stud welding with shielding gas” welding procedure.

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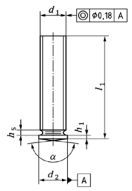
Determining the Welding Time and the Welding Current for Welding Guns A 12, A 12-FL and A 16

for drawn-arc stud welding without ceramic ferrule

Welding elements Material: 4.8 (suitable for welding)		Diameter of welding elements				Welding current [1] Visar 1200 I in A	Welding time [1] Visar 1200 t in ms
		metrisch		imperial (US)			
		Stud diameter in mm	eff. diameter in mm	Stud diameter in inches	eff. diameter in inches		
Material of workpiece: Mild steel (suitable for welding)							
		Ø d_1	Ø d_2	Ø d_1	Ø d_2		
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	PS (US, IS) [3]	M5	6	3/16	0.236	700	15
	PS (US, IS) [3]	M6	7	1/4	0.276	700 // 600	35 // 45
	PS (US, IS) [3]	M8	9	5/16	0.354	1 000	35
	PS (US, IS) [3]	M10	11	3/8	0.433	--- [4]	--- [4]

[1] to be checked by test weldings

[3] Information and recommendations on this can be found in **DVS 0902**.

[4] We recommend the “drawn arc stud welding with shielding gas” welding procedure.

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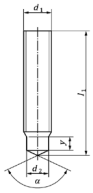
Determining the Welding Time and the Welding Current for Welding Guns A 12, A 12-FL and A 16

for drawn-arc stud welding with shielding gas [5)]

Welding elements Material: 4.8 (suitable for welding)		Diameter of welding elements				Welding current [1)] Visar 1200 I in A	Welding time [1)] Visar 1200 t in ms
		metrisch		imperial (US)			
		Stud diameter in mm	eff. diameter in mm	Stud diameter in inches	eff. diameter in inches		
Material of workpiece: Mild steel (suitable for welding)							
		Ø d_1	Ø d_2	Ø d_1	Ø d_2		
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	RD (MR) [2)]	M8	6.2	5/16	0.244	525 // 600	160 // 120
	RD (MR) [2)]	M10	7.9	3/8	0.311	650 // 620	200 // 215
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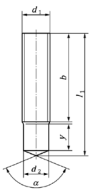		Ø d_1	Ø d_2	Ø d_1	Ø d_2		
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	UD/ND [2)]	4 (ISO)		#8		320	90
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	UD [2)]	6		1/4		600	120
	UD [2)]	8		5/16		650	200
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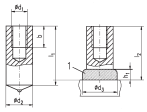		Ø d_1	Ø d_2	Ø d_1	Ø d_2		
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1) to be checked by test weldings

2) Information and recommendations on this can be found in **DIN EN ISO 14555**.

5) Shielding gas according to DIN EN ISO 14175-M21, see *chapter 9 "Welding Process"*

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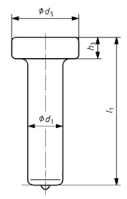
Welding elements Material: 4.8 (suitable for welding)		Diameter of welding elements				Welding current [1] Visar 1200 I in A	Welding time [1] Visar 1200 t in ms
		metrisch		imperial (US)			
		Stud diameter in mm	eff. diameter in mm	Stud diameter in inches	eff. diameter in inches		
Material of workpiece: Mild steel (suitable for welding)							
		Ø d_1 - 0.4		Ø d_1 - 0.4			
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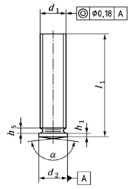		Ø d_1	Ø d_2	Ø d_1	Ø d_2		
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	PS (US, IS) [3]	M5	6	3/16	0.236	600	30
	PS (US, IS) [3]	M6	7	1/4	0.276	700 // 600	40 // 50
	PS (US, IS) [3]	M8	9	5/16	0.354	1 000	50
	PS (US, IS) [3]	M10	11	3/8	0.433	1 000	100

Welding elements Material: AlMg3 [6]		Diameter of welding elements				Welding current [1] Visar 1200 I in A	Welding time [1] Visar 1200 t in ms
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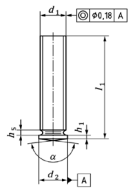
		Stud diameter in mm	eff. diameter in mm	Stud diameter in inches	eff. diameter in inches		
Material of workpiece: Aluminium [6]							
		Ø d_1	Ø d_3	Ø d_1	Ø d_3		
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	PS (US, IS) [2]	M8	9	5/16	0.354	900	40
	PS (US, IS) [2]	M10	11	3/8	0.433	950 // 1 000	150 // 120

1) to be checked by test weldings

2) Information and recommendations on this can be found in **DIN EN ISO 14555**.

3) Information and recommendations on this can be found in **DVS 0902**.

6) Shielding gas according to DIN EN ISO 14175-I1/HBS recommendation, see *chapter 9 "Welding Process"*; for better welding results, we recommend changing the polarity of the welding voltage by reversing the welding current and ground cables.

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☞ The welding parameters necessary for **welding aluminium studs** according to DIN EN ISO 13918 are to be ascertained and checked by the user due to the material characteristics (differences in alloy composition) and the used shielding gas options.

Information and recommendations on this can be found in **DIN EN ISO 14555**.

☞ When **welding with shielding gas**, an approximately 10 % longer welding time is generally selected for the same welding current. When using the library mode, the values for welding current and welding time are automatically adapted to the welding process.

For alloyed steel a 10 % lower current is generally selected.

The specified values apply for welding in welding position PA. When welding in welding position PC, the welding time must be reduced.

For short-cycle stud welding with drawn arc, the welding time is less than 100 ms. It is dependent not only on the stud diameter, but also on the available current:

(I in A = min. 100 x Ø in mm)

When welding without weld pool protection, the welding time should be selected as short as possible.

The welding energy is selected through the welding time alone.

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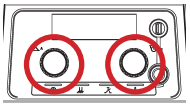
12.3 Setting Welding Parameters

Setting options

◆ You have the following options for setting the necessary welding parameters:



GAS **Basic settings**

Adjustable welding parameters:

– Welding current (A) and welding time (ms) using the two knobs.

GAS **Shielding gas**

– Shielding gas selection or deselection via the “**GAS**” option,
– setting of the gas pre-flow and post-flow time.

SYN **Stud welding mode synergy**

Selectable options: “Easy” mode and “Professional” mode

Adjustable welding parameters in “Easy” mode:

– Properties of the welding element (stud type, diameter, material)

Adjustable welding parameters in “Professional” mode:

– Properties of the welding environment (welding position)
– Properties of the welding element (stud shape: Standard / ISO / Custom-made, stud type, diameter, material)
– Properties of the workpiece (material, surface, workpiece thickness)
– Properties of the welding procedure (shielding gas / ceramic, welding according to standard: ISO / AWS / JIS, welding gun, temperature of the workpiece)

MENU **Program and system management**

– Creating, saving and loading programs
– Optional: Locking program for changes
– Updates and special programs for creating QM documents
– Changing system settings (workpiece counter, measuring unit, language)

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ADV

Adjusting existing programs to local conditions

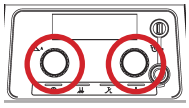
Adjust saved programs using the “**ADV**” (advanced) option.

Adjustable welding parameters:

– Properties of the welding gun (lift, protrusion, spring force)

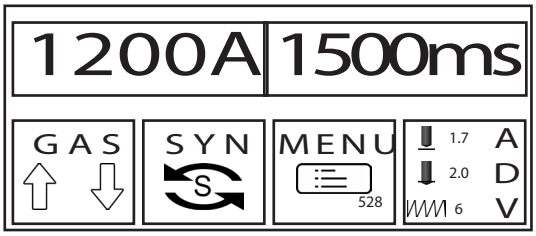
– Fine adjustment of the welding parameters (starting current, welding current tolerance range)

– Teach-in of the welding gun



◆ Press both knobs at the same time.

You can now have the preselected settings displayed:



◆ To do so, turn a knob to the right.

◆ To leave the display, turn a knob to the left until <<<EXIT appears in the display.

◆ Press a knob to confirm this selection.

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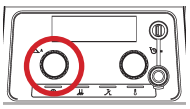
12.3.1 Basic Settings

Setting welding current

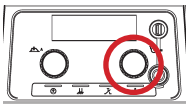
- **First determine the required welding current.**
- To do so, first read and follow *Section 12.2 "Determining the Welding Time and Welding Current"*.



- Only now should you set the required welding current (A) with the knob.

Setting welding time

- **First determine the required welding time.**
- To do so, first read and follow *Section 12.2 "Determining the Welding Time and Welding Current"*.



- Only now should you set the required welding time (ms) with the knob.

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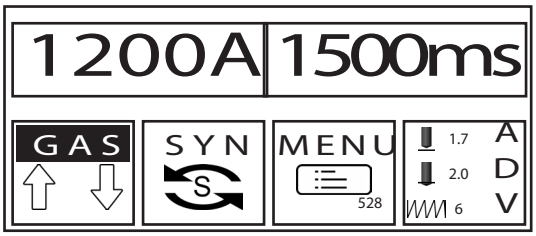
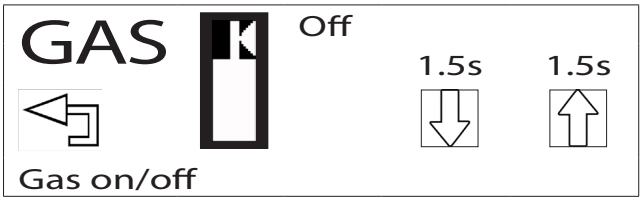
The “GAS” option – shielding gas settings



- Press both knobs at the same time.
- Select GAS.
- Press a knob to confirm this selection.

Gas option:

- Turn a knob to the right and select the symbol.
- Press a knob to confirm this selection.



You can select or deselect the "GAS" option.

- To do so, turn a knob to the right ("on") or the left ("off").
- Press a knob to confirm this selection.

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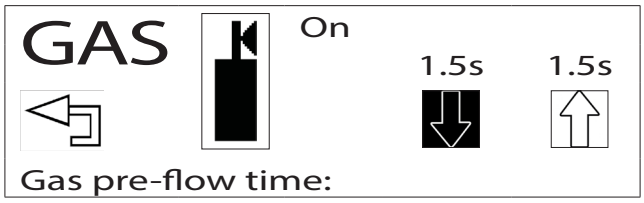
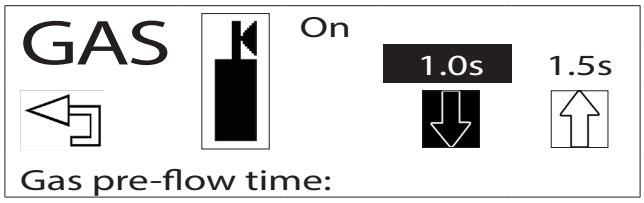
Gas pre-flow time:

- Turn a knob to the right and select the ⇩ symbol.
- Press a knob to confirm this selection.



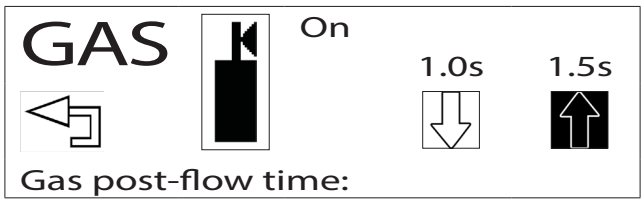
You can now directly set the gas pre-flow time.

- To do so, turn a knob to the right ("more") or the left ("less").
- Press a knob to confirm this selection.



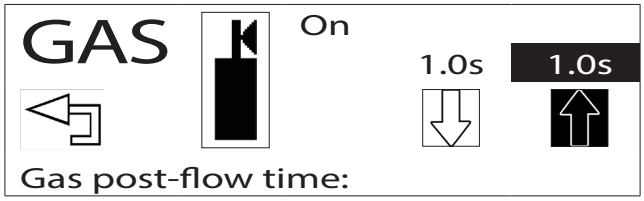
Gas post-flow time:

- Turn a knob to the right and select the ⇧ symbol.
- Press a knob to confirm this selection.

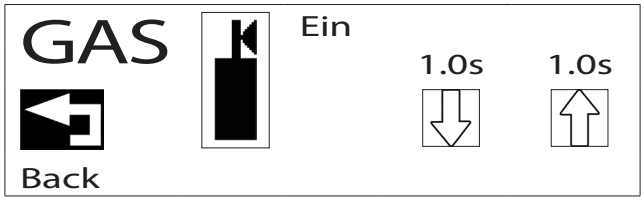


You can now directly set the gas post-flow time.

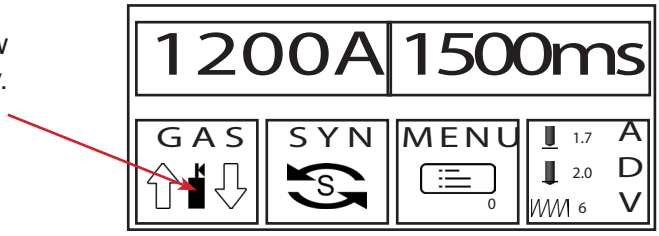
- To do so, turn a knob to the right ("more") or the left ("less").
- Press a knob to confirm this selection.



- Turn a knob to the left to "Back" to leave the "GAS" option menu.
- Press a knob to confirm this selection.



The "GAS" option now appears in the display.



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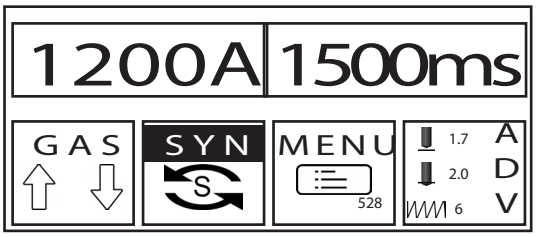
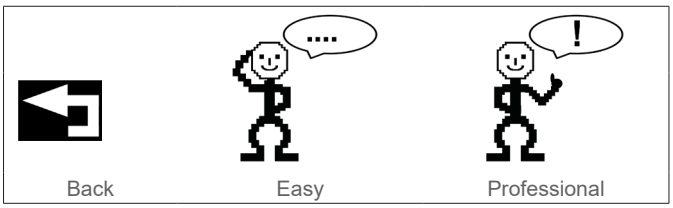
12.3.2 SYN Setting – “Stud Welding Mode Synergy”

- Press both knobs at the same time.
- Select SYN.
- Press a knob to confirm this selection.



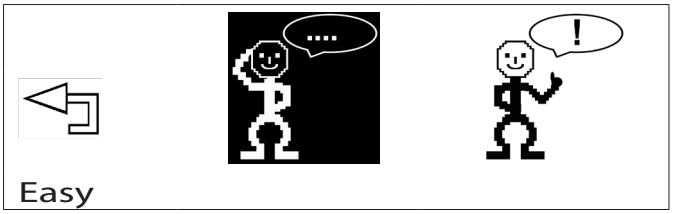
You can now select between the "Easy" or "Professional" modes.

- To do so, turn a knob to the right.
- Press a knob to confirm this selection.



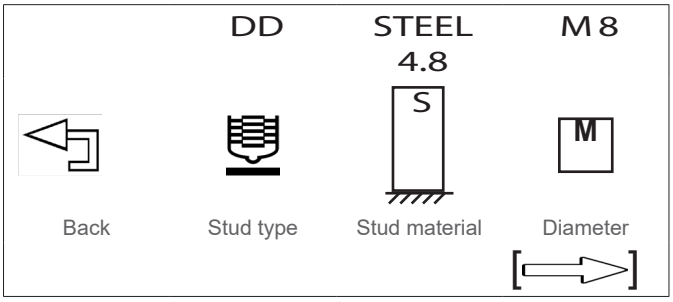
“Easy” mode

- Turn a knob to the right to the "Easy" symbol.
- Press a knob to confirm this selection.



You can now define the properties of the welding elements.

- To do so, turn a knob to the right.
- Press a knob to confirm this selection.



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The following selection options are available:

- Stud type		- Diameter (welding range) (metric)
DD [1]	DD_CF [2]	M6 to M16
PD [1]	PD_CF [2]	M6 to M16
RD [1]	RD_CF [2]	M6 to M16
UD [1]	UD_CF [2]	6.0 mm to 14.6 mm
ID [1]	ID_CF [2]	M6 to M10
SD [1]	SD_CF [2]	10 mm to 13 mm
PS	PT	M3 to M10
US	UT	3.0 mm to 8.0 mm
IS	IT	M3 to M6

[1] for stud welding with shielding gas or without weld pool protection
[2] for stud welding with ceramic ferrule (CF)

– **Stud material**

  4.8 (S235), 5.8 (S355), 6.8, 8.8, A2-50 (1.4301), A4-50 (1.4571), 16Mo3, AlMg3 (5754), AlMg4.5, Al99.5, AlSi12

◆ Select the stud material, the welding range and the stud material in accordance with your welding task.

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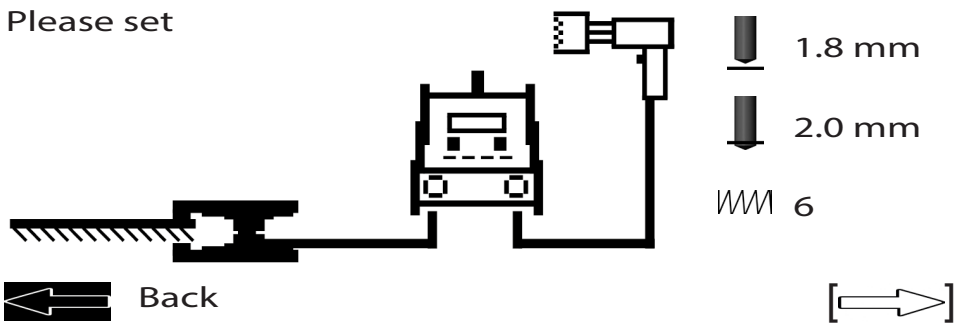
Setting welding gun

◆ Now set the lift, insertion depth and spring force parameters in accordance with the display on your welding gun:



◆ To do so, read the operating manual of your welding gun.

Use the arrow to end the “Easy” mode.

If you would like to weld with shielding gas, you must switch the GAS option back on now.

◆ To do so, proceed as described in *Section 12.3.1 Basic settings, sub-section The "GAS" option – shielding gas settings*.

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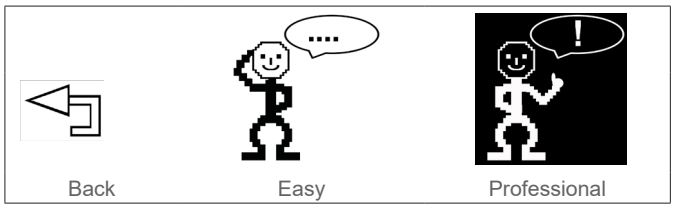
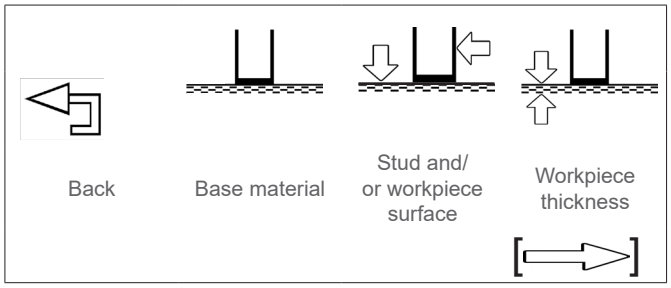
“Professional” mode

Additional parameters can be defined in "Professional" mode.

- ◆ To do so, turn a knob to the right to the "Professional" symbol.
- ◆ Press a knob to confirm this selection.



- ◆ Now select the workpiece properties in accordance with your task:



– **Base material and stud material – combination options:**

Base material:		Stud material:	
	Stahl S235 / Stahl S355 / DC01, Usibor	S	4.8 (5235) / Steel 5.8 / Steel 6.8 / Steel 8.8
	16Mo3		16Mo3
	1.4301		A2-50 (1.4301)
	1.4541 - 1.4571		A4-50 (1.4571)
	AlMg3, AlMg4.5, Al99		AlMg3 (5754), AlMg4.5, Al99.5, AlSi12

– **Stud and/or workpiece surface:**

	Bare
	Galvanised *)
	Nickel-plated *)
	Copper-plated *)
	Oiled
	Primered

*) Galvanised surface ≤ 7 µm

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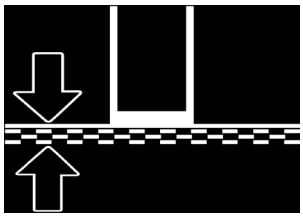
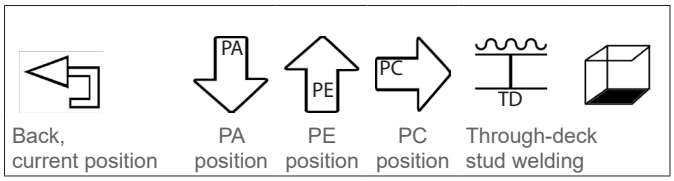
– **Workpiece thickness:**

	From 0.5 mm	Up to 200.0 mm

Use the arrow to get to the next selection window.

◆ Now select the welding position in accordance with your welding task:



The following selection options are now available:

- Welding position

PA position (flat position)		
PE position (overhead position)		
PC position (horizontal position)		
Through-deck stud welding welding		

◆ Select a welding position.

◆ To do so, turn a knob to the right.

◆ Press a knob to confirm this selection.

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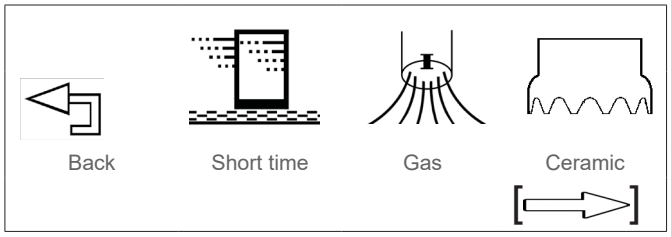
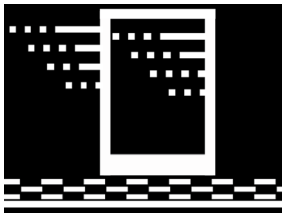
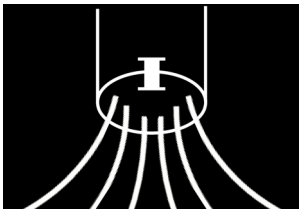
◆ Now select the welding procedure in accordance with your welding task:



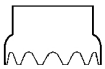
– Short time / Short cycle:

	On	Optimisation of the welding time when adjusting the welding current
	Off	

– **Gas / Shielding gas option:**

	Off	
	100Ar	Aluminium, very thin metal sheets
	98AR/2CO_2	Steel, stainless steel
	95AR/5CO_2	
	92AR/8CO_2	
	90AR/10CO_2	
	82AR/18CO2	
	85Ar/15He	Aluminium, thicker metal sheets
	70Ar/30He	

– **Ceramic / Welding with ceramic ferrule (only in PA position)**

	PA	Welding with ceramic ferrule only when welding in PA position (flat position)
	No ceramic	Welding without ceramic ferrule

Use the arrow to get to the next selection window.

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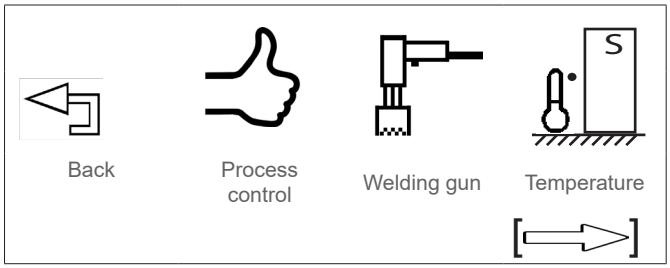
◆ Now select the work environment in accordance with your welding task:



– **Process control:**

	Off
	On

The process control set via SYN is a real-time process control. Deviations from set tolerances are signalled immediately after welding; corrective measures can be initiated.

◆ For further information, see section 8.4 *“Process control”*.

Setting the welding process control for reference welds (learning phase)

This is how you activate the control:

◆ Turn a pushbutton/knob to the right to the “Process control” symbol.

◆ Select “Process control – On”.

◆ Press a pushbutton/knob to confirm this selection.

◆ Now define your tolerances:

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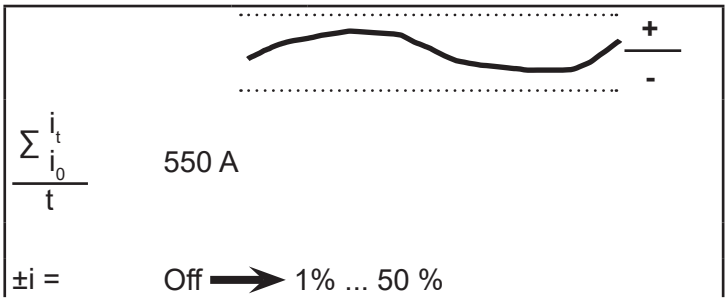
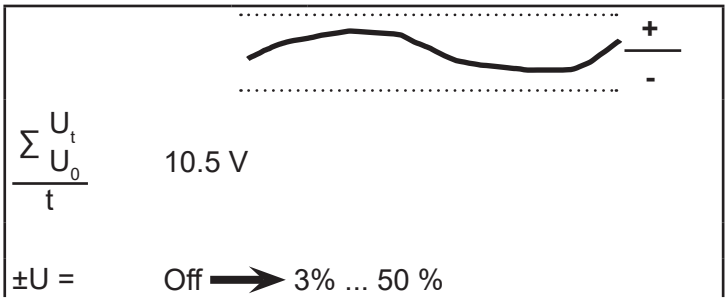
Defining welding current tolerances



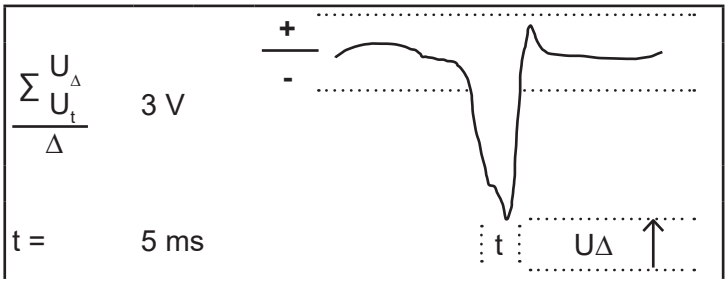
◆ Define your welding current tolerances.

Defining voltage tolerances



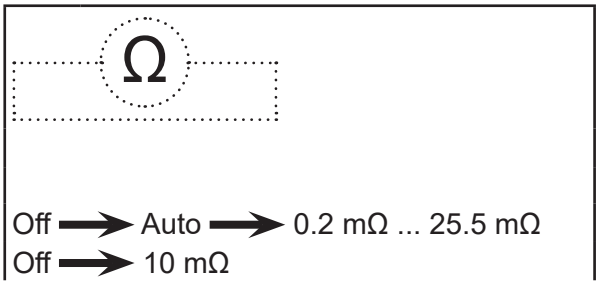
◆ Define your voltage tolerances.

Defining transient voltages



◆ Define the tolerances for the transient voltage.

Defining the resistance of the circuit



◆ Define the resistance of the circuit.

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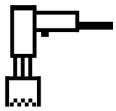
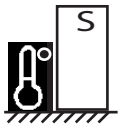
◆ Now select the extended work environment in accordance with your welding task:

– **Welding gun:**

	A 12
	A 12-FL
	A 16

– **Temperature of the workpiece:**

	From 0 °C / 32 °F To 800 °C / 1472 °F

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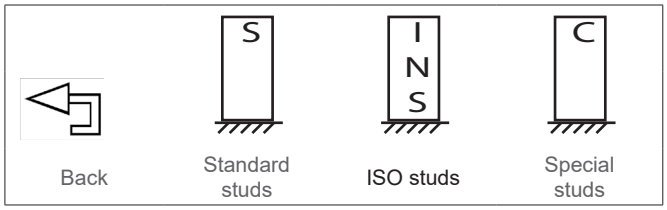
◆ Now select the welding element in accordance with your welding task:



The following selection options are available:

Standard studs				
- Stud type				**- Diameter (welding range)** metric: Ø / M or imperial: Ø / 1“
DD [1]		DD_CF [2]		M6 to M16
PD [1]		PD_CF [2]		M6 to M16
RD [1]		RD_CF [2]		M6 to M16
UD [1]		UD_CF [2]		6.0 mm to 14.6 mm
ID [1]		ID_CF [2]		M6 to M10
SD [1]		SD_CF [2]		10 mm to 13 mm
PS		PT		M3 to M10
US		UT		3.0 mm to 8.0 mm
IS		IT		M3 to M6

[1] for stud welding with shielding gas or without weld pool protection
[2] for stud welding with ceramic ferrule (CF)

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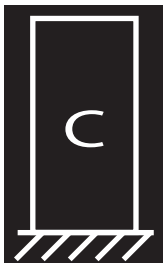
ISO studs			
- Stud type (design)		- Basis and welding range (diameter or surface)	
ISO-1		Ø B (Basis: Ø): Ø 0.5 mm to 10.0 mm	B (Basis: Surface): A 0.8 mm² to 31.2 mm²
ISO-2			
ISO-3			
ISO-4			
ISO-5			



Special studs		
- Stud type		- Diameter (welding range)
C1		A (Basis: Surface): 0.8 mm² to 193.5 mm²
C2		
C3		
C4		
C5		

– **Stud material and base material – combination options:**

Stud material:		Base material:	
S	4.8 (5235) / Steel 5.8 / Steel 6.8 / Steel 8.8		Steel S235 / Steel S355 / DC01, Usibor
	16Mo3		16Mo3
	A2-50 (1.4301)		1.4301
	A4-50 (1.4571)		1.4541 - 1.4571
	AlMg3 (5754), AlMg4.5, Al99.5, AlSi12		AlMg3, AlMg4.5, Al99

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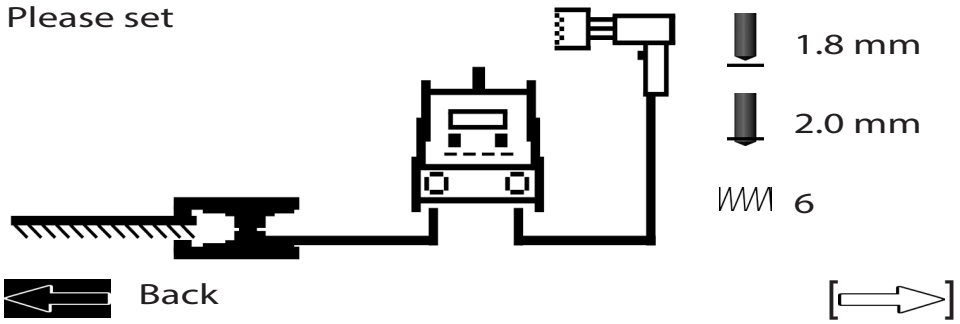
◆ Now set the lift, insertion depth and spring force parameters in accordance with the display on your welding gun:



◆ To do so, read the operating manual of your welding gun.

Use the arrow to get to the Teach-in mode.

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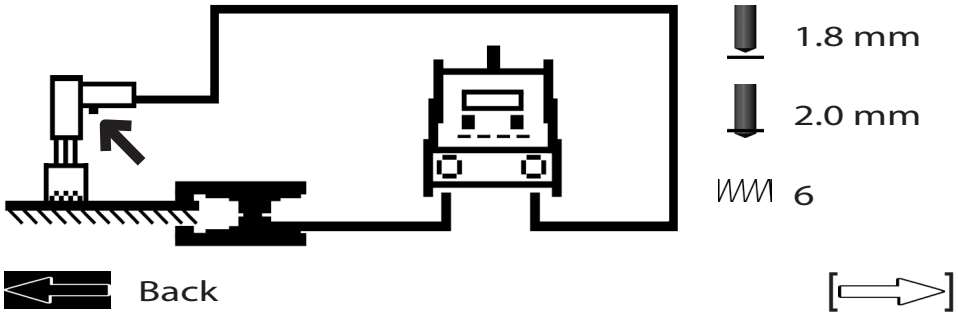
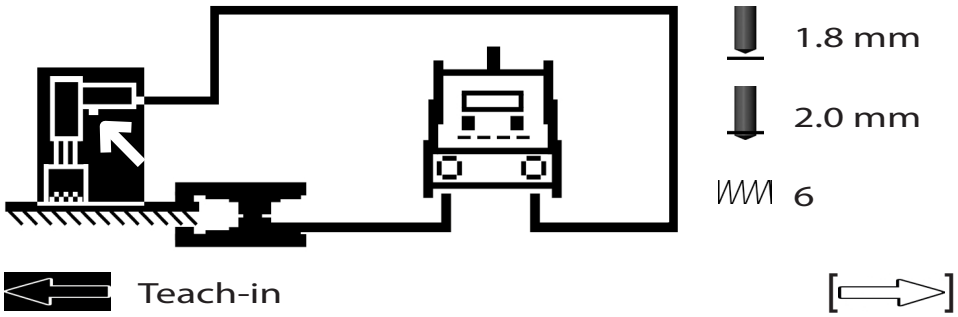
Teach-in

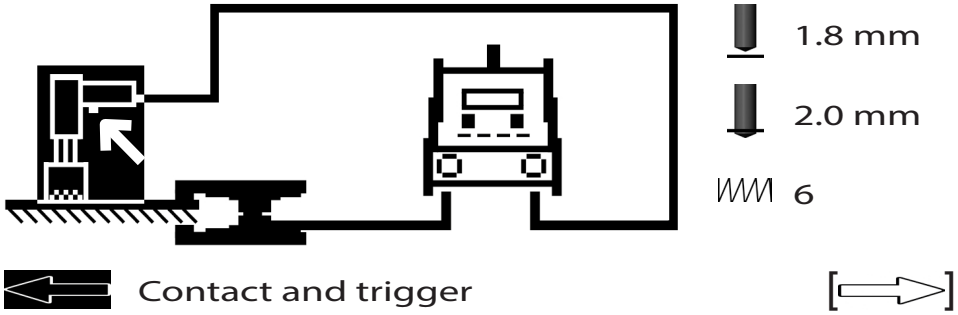


◆ Turn a knob to the right.

Teach-in mode is started:



◆ Press a knob to confirm this selection.



◆ Set the welding gun on the workpiece **without the welding element** and press the gun button.

The welding system is now set to the welding gun.

Use the arrow to end the Teach-in mode.

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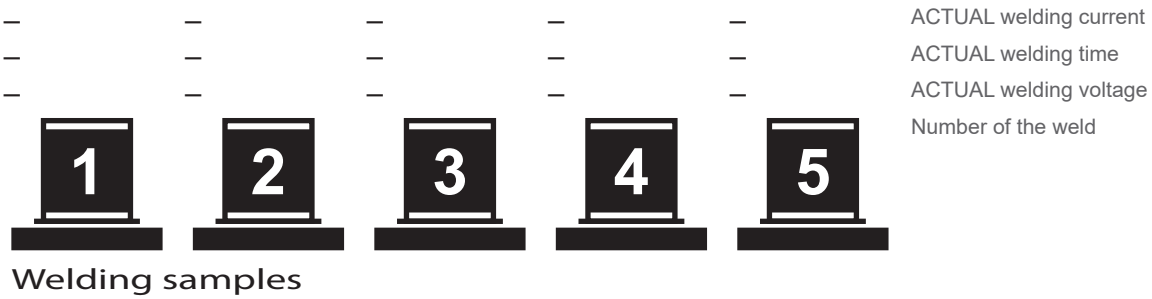
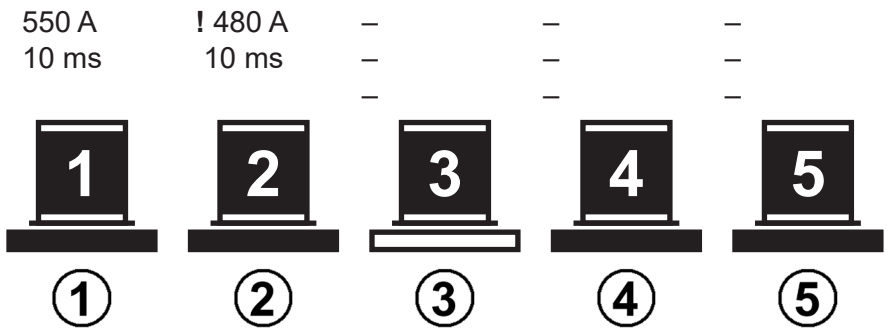
Performing reference welds

◆ Now perform your reference welds.

The progress of the welds is displayed:





① Welding was successful. The actual values are within the defined tolerances.

② Welding was not successful. The tolerance deviation is indicated with a **!**. The stud welding unit is locked.

After pressing the gun button for a longer period of time (> 2 seconds), the stud welding machine is again ready for welding.

③ The lower bar flashes. This weld is now pending.

④ This reference weld was not yet performed.

⑤ This reference weld was not yet performed.

☞ ◆ If, for a weld that has already been performed, you determine that the tolerances are not maintained due to external influences, you can delete this welding result and repeat the weld.

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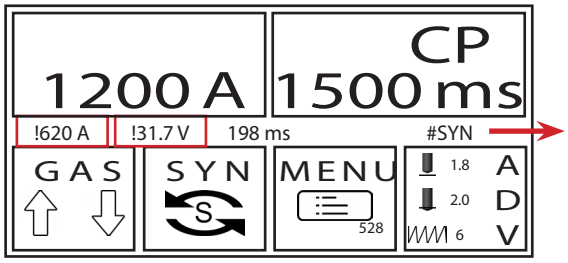
Display of deviations from the tolerances in the actual welding process

If the set tolerance range is not maintained, the system shows the deviation in the display:



#SYN	The set parameters are on the stored characteristic curve
%SYN	Characteristic curve values were adapted to the settings
!SYN	Strong deviations from stored characteristic curve → Check settings!

The triggering of another weld is blocked.

Only after pressing the gun button for a longer period of time (> 2 seconds) is the stud welding machine again ready for welding.

HBS recommendation:

◆ First set all parameters in synergy mode.

The device determines the recommended welding parameters from these settings.

◆ Then perform test welds.

If the welding results meet your requirements, we recommend saving these settings as a job. You then have the option of creating documentation or oscillograms.

◆ Proceed as described in the following.

◆ Switch on process control only after doing this.

You thereby prevent unwanted deviations.

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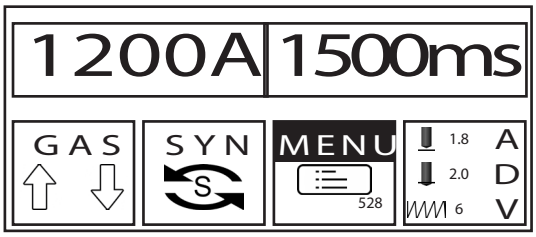
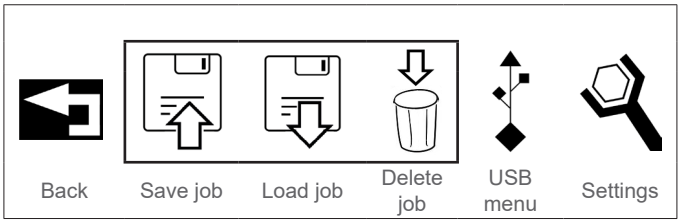
12.3.3 The “Menu” Option – Program and System Management

- Press both knobs at the same time.
- Select MENU.
- Press a knob to confirm this selection.



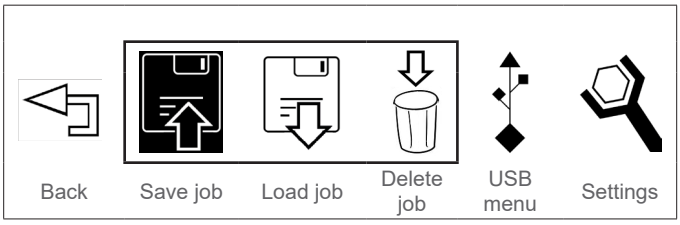
You can now select between the “Save job”, “Load job” or “Delete job” modes. The “USB menu” and “Settings” options are also available here.

- Turn a knob to the right.
- Press a knob to confirm this selection.



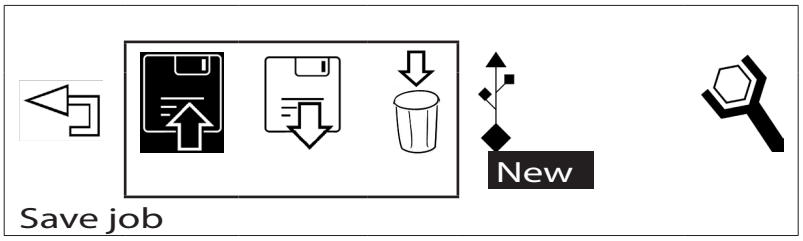
Saving programs

- Turn a knob to the right to the “Save job” symbol.



- Press a knob to confirm this selection.

In the display, the note “New” appears next to the “USB menu” symbol:



- Press a knob to confirm this selection.

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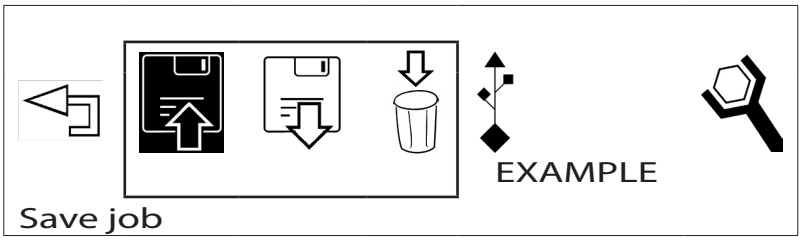
An entry window now appears. Use the knob (turn to the left or right) to select numbers and letters to name the program.

- Press a knob to confirm this selection.
- Turn the knob completely to the left until the symbol appears to delete the last entry.
- Turn the knob all the way to the right until the symbol appears to end the entry process.
- Press a knob to confirm this entry:



- You can assign a name with **up to eight characters** for your settings.

Use the arrow to end the “Save job” mode.

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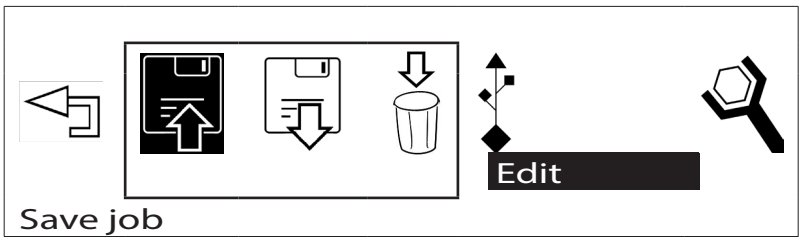
Changing program name

◆ Turn a knob to the right until “Edit” appears in the display.

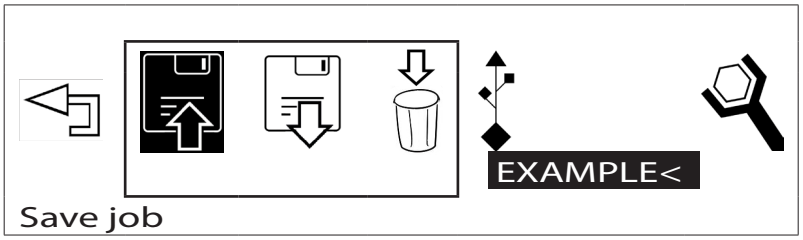


◆ Press a knob to confirm this selection.

◆ Turn a knob to the right and select the program that you would like to rename.

◆ Press a knob to confirm this selection.

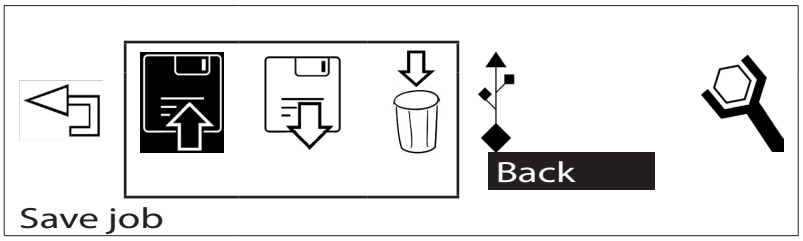
You can now change an already-assigned program name:



◆ Turn the knob completely to the left until the symbol appears to delete the last entry.

◆ Turn the knob all the way to the right until the symbol appears to end the entry process.

◆ Turn the knob all the way to the left until “Back” appears in the display to leave the “Edit” menu without making changes.



◆ Press a knob to confirm this selection.

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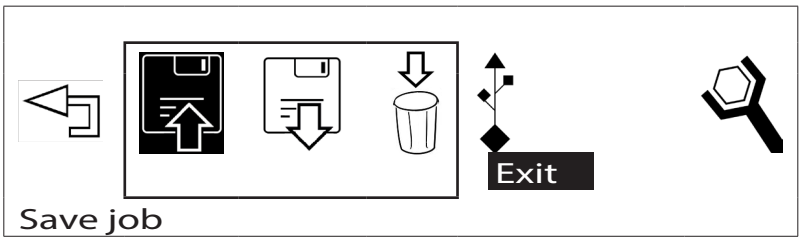
- Turn the knob all the way to the right until “Exit” appears in the display to end the “Save job” menu.



- Press a knob to confirm this selection.

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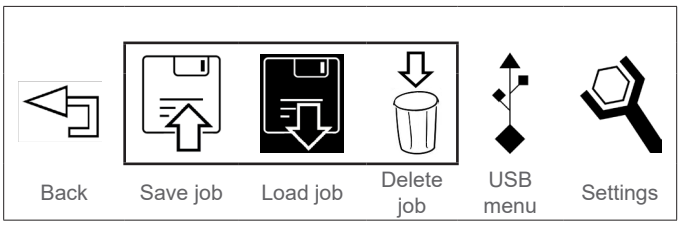
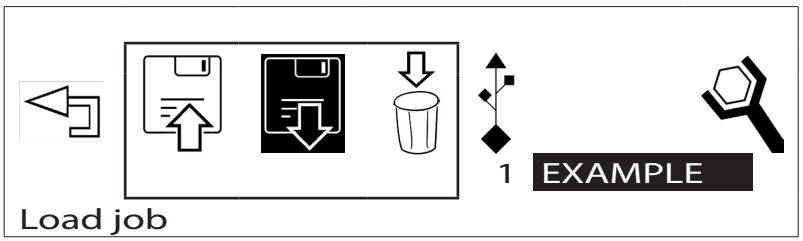
Loading saved programs

◆ Turn a knob to the right to the “Load job” symbol.



◆ Press a knob to confirm this selection.

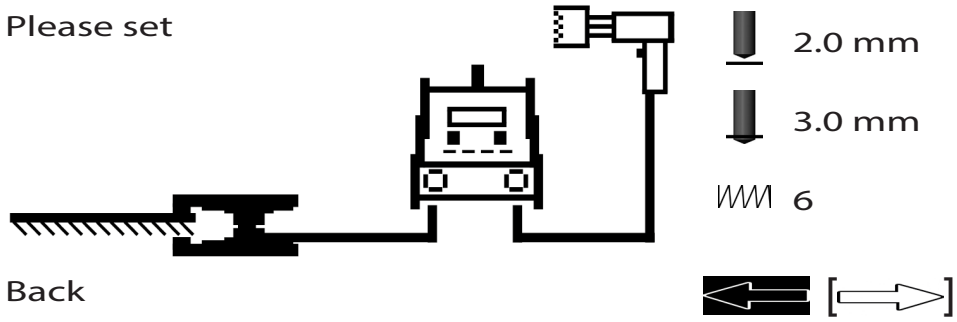
All previously saved programs now appear in the display:



◆ Turn a knob to the right to display additional programs.

◆ Press a knob to confirm the selection.

◆ Now set the lift and spring force settings in accordance with the display on your welding gun:



Use the [⇨] arrow to end the “Menu” option.

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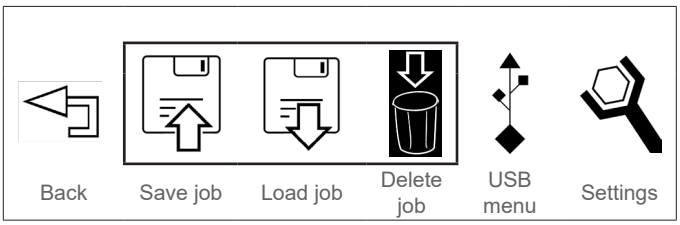
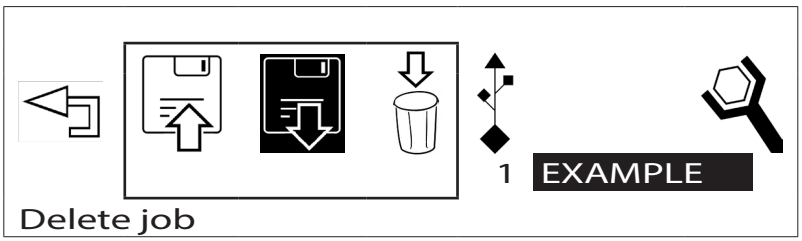
Deleting program

◆ Turn a knob to the right to the “Delete job” symbol.



◆ Press a knob to confirm this selection.

The first available program appears in the lower right section of the display:



◆ Turn a knob to the right to display additional programs.

◆ Press a knob to confirm the selection.

Deleted programs cannot be recovered!

Use the arrow to end the “Delete job” mode.

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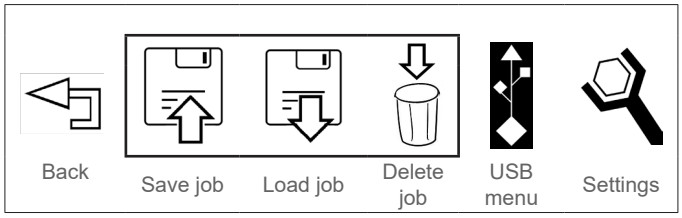
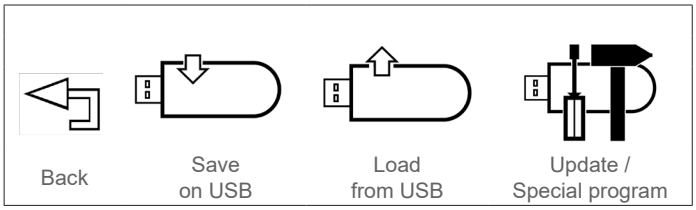
The USB menu

This menu can be operated **only if the USB stick is inserted**.

- Turn a knob to the right to the “USB menu” symbol.
- Press a knob to confirm this selection.



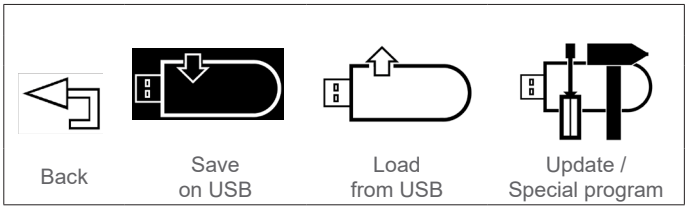
The following selection options are now available:



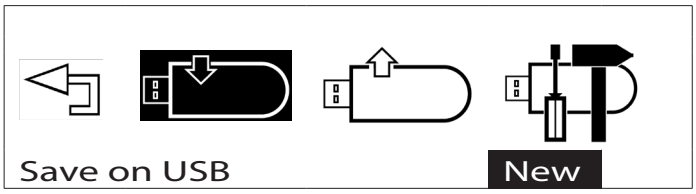
Saving settings on a USB stick

In this menu, you can save programs on a USB stick.

- Turn a knob to the right to the “Save on USB” symbol.
- Press a knob to confirm this selection.



The note “New” appears in the lower right section of the display:



- Press a knob to confirm this selection.

An entry window now appears. Use the knob (turn to the left or right) to select numbers and letters to name the program.

- Press a knob to confirm this selection.

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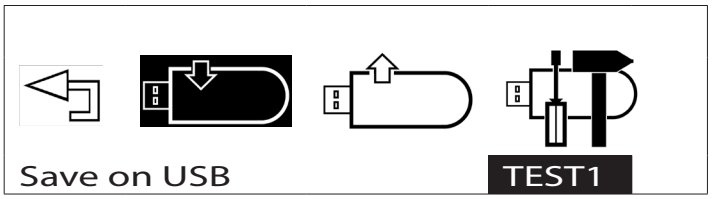
- Turn the knob completely to the left until the symbol appears to delete the last entry.
- Turn the knob all the way to the right until the symbol appears to end the entry process.
- Press a knob to confirm this entry:



- You can assign a name with **up to eight characters** for your program.

Use the arrow to end the “Save on USB” mode.

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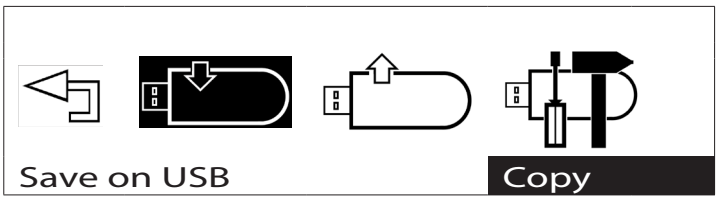
Copying saved programs onto a USB stick

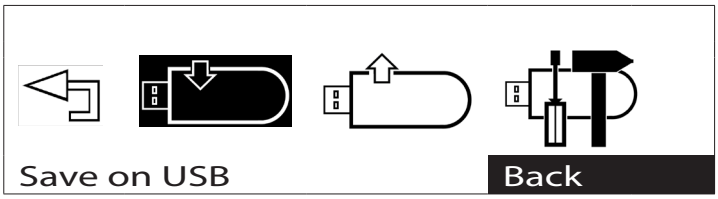
◆ Turn a knob to the right until “Copy” appears in the display.



◆ Press a knob to confirm this selection.

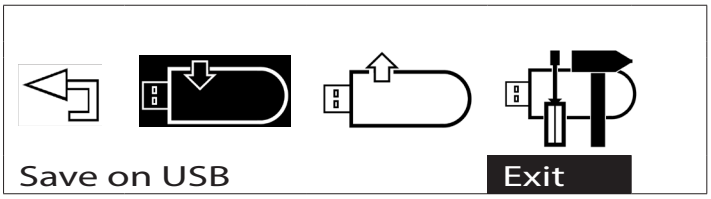
◆ Turn a knob to the right and select the program that you would like to copy onto a USB stick.

◆ Turn the knob all the way to the left until “Back” appears in the display to leave the “Copy” menu without making changes.



◆ Press a knob to confirm this selection.

◆ Turn the knob all the way to the right until “Exit” appears in the display to end the “Save on USB” menu.



◆ Press a knob to confirm this selection.

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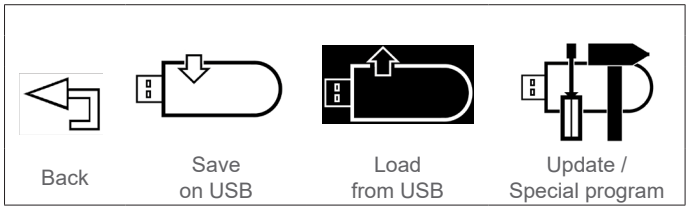
Loading programs from a USB stick

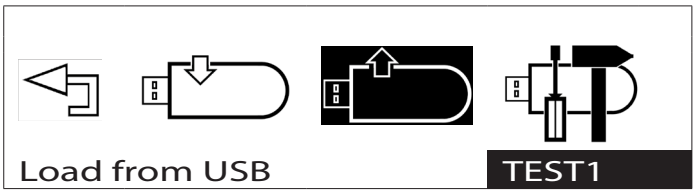
In this menu, you can load programs from a USB stick.

◆ Turn a knob to the right to the “Load from USB” symbol.

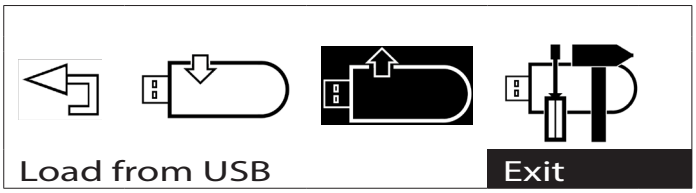


◆ Press a knob to confirm this selection.

The first available program appears in the lower right section of the display:



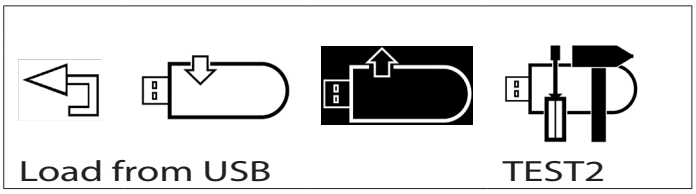
◆ Turn the knob all the way to the right until “Exit” appears in the display to end the “Load from USB” menu without loading a program.



◆ Press a knob to confirm this selection.

◆ Turn a knob to the right and select the program that you would like to load from the USB stick.

◆ Press a knob to confirm this selection.



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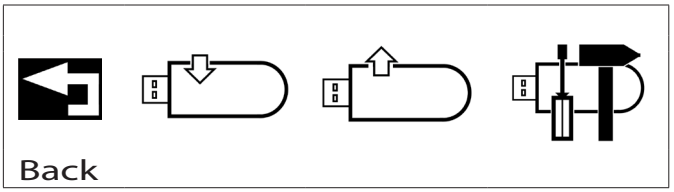
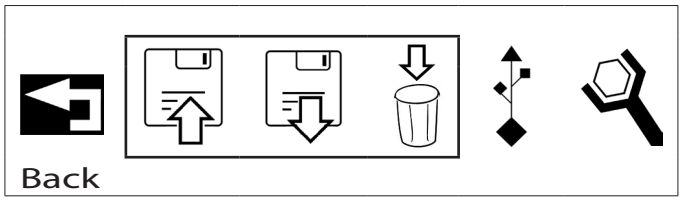
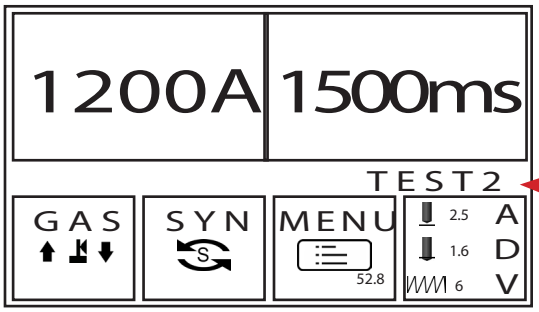
- Turn a knob to the left to the “Back” symbol to end the “USB menu”.
- Press a knob to confirm this selection.



- Turn a knob to the left to the “Back” symbol to end the “Menu” option.
- Press a knob to confirm this selection.





The loaded program now appears in the display.

☞ **The program is reset as soon as settings are changed using the knobs. The welding program must then be reloaded.**

Optionally, special programs can be loaded which lock the knobs to prevent unintentional changes to the welding parameters.

- Ask your application consultant for more information.

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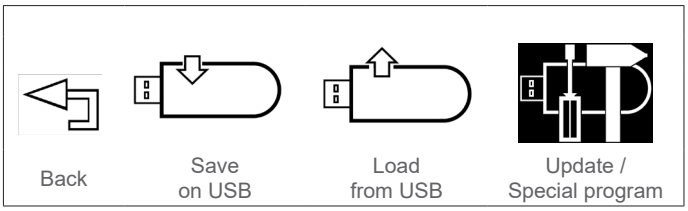
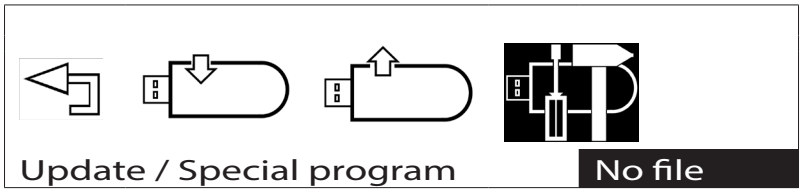
Update / Special programs (optional)

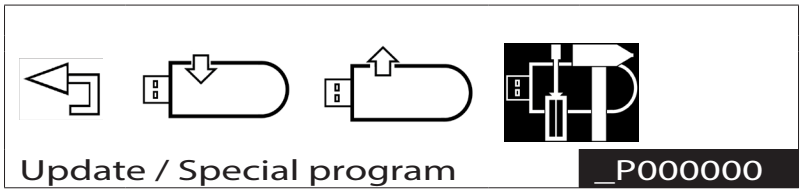
- Turn a knob to the right to the “Update” symbol.
- Press a knob to confirm this selection.



If there is no update available, the following display appears:



Please follow the instructions in the display for updates:



Updates and additional programs will be sent and explained by HBS as needed.

Use the arrow to end the “Update / Special program” mode.

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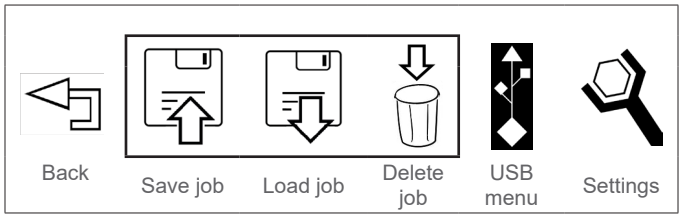
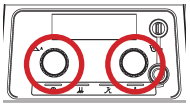
Settings

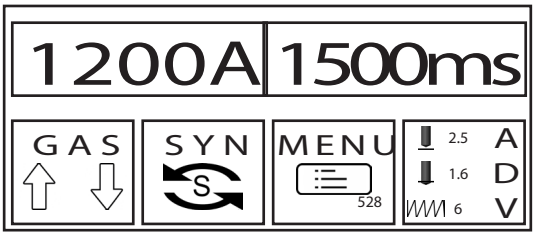


In this menu, you can set the stud welding machine in accordance with your work environment.



◆ Press both knobs at the same time.

You can now have the preselected settings displayed:



◆ Turn a knob to the right to the MENU symbol.

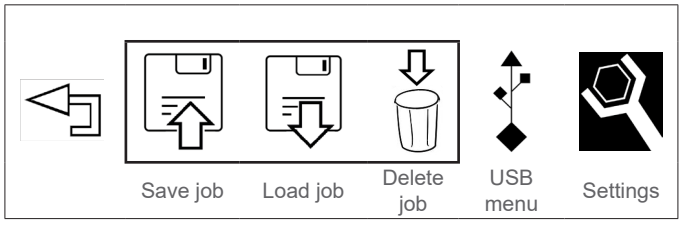
◆ Press a knob to confirm this selection.

The following system settings are possible:

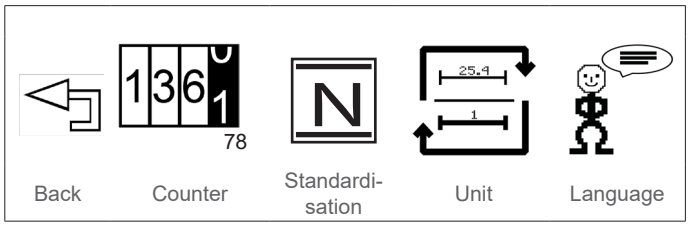
– Workpiece counter
– Standardisation (ISO, AWS, JIS)
– Unit: metric (mm) / imperial (inch)
– Language.

◆ Turn a knob to the right to the “Settings” symbol.

◆ Press a knob to confirm this selection.



The following selection options are now available:



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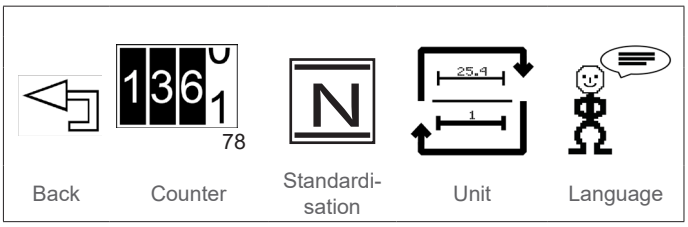
Counter

In this menu, you can reset the counter for performed weldings or display it in the main menu:

- Turn a knob to the right to the “Counter” symbol.
- Press a knob to confirm this selection.



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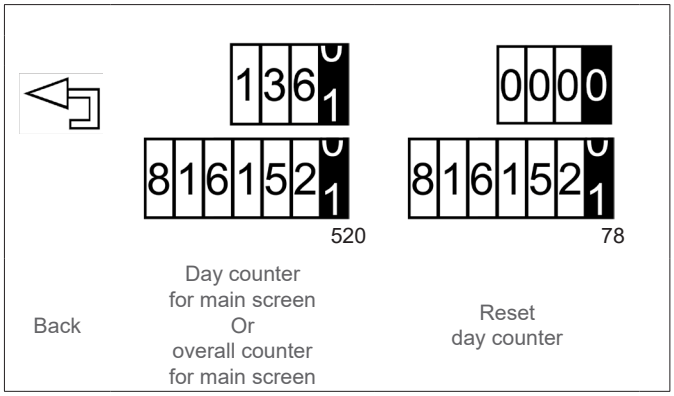

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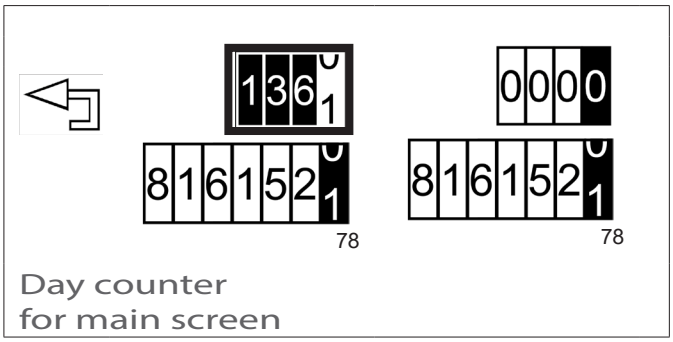
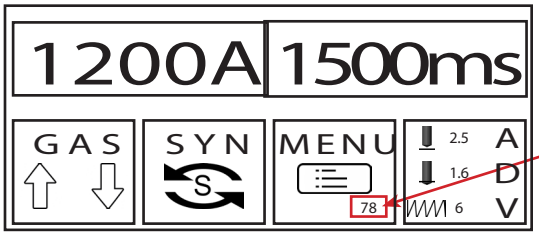
Day counter for main screen

- Turn a knob to the right to the “Day counter for main screen” symbol.
- Press a knob to confirm this selection.



Use the arrow to end the “COUNTER” mode.

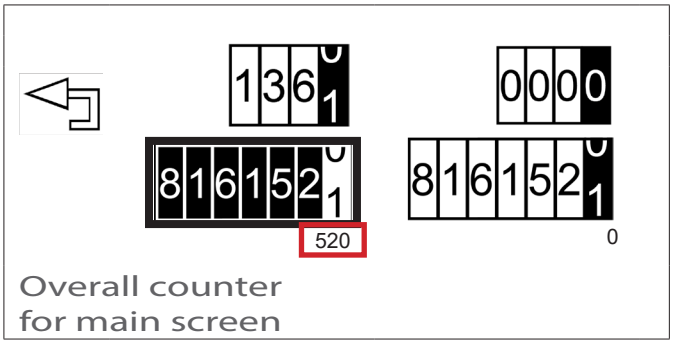


The day counter now appears in the display.

Overall counter for main screen

- Turn a knob to the right to the “Overall counter for main screen” symbol.
- Press a knob to confirm this selection.

The overall number of weldings appears in the lower right section.



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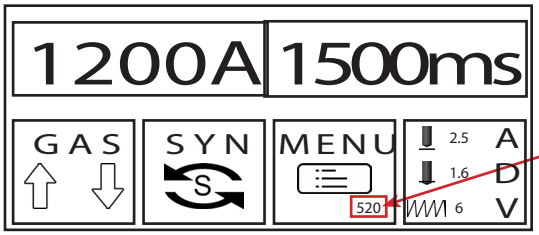

The overall counter now appears in the display.

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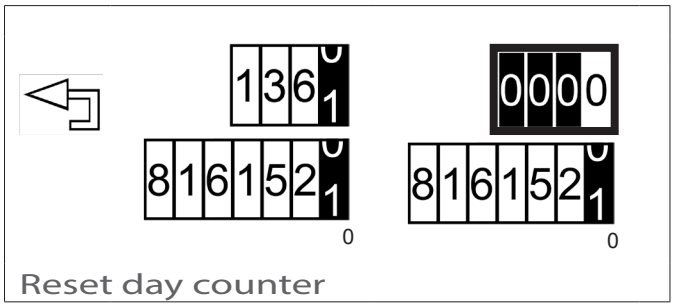
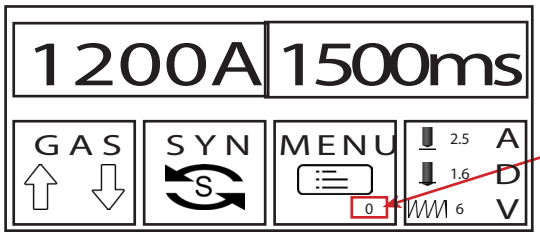
Resetting day counter

- Turn a knob to the right to the “Reset day counter” symbol.
- Press a knob to confirm this selection.

The day counter is now reset to zero.



Use the arrow to end the “COUNTER” mode.



The day counter now shows “0” in the display.

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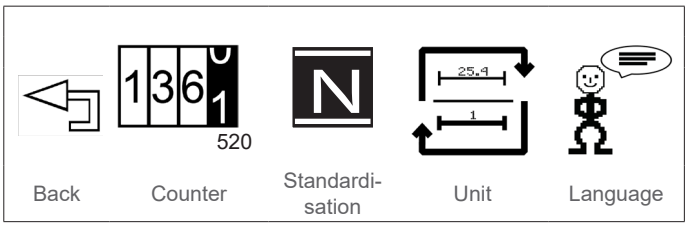
Standardisation

In this menu, you can preselect the standard according to which welding will be performed.

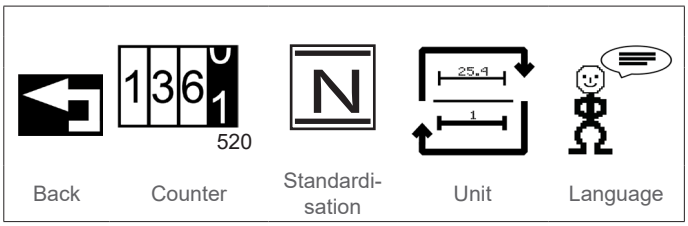
- Turn a knob to the right to the “Standardisation” symbol.
- Press a knob to confirm this selection.



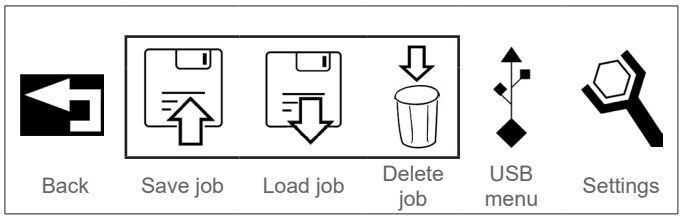
The following standard settings are possible:

- ISO: Standard primarily in Europe
- AWS: US standard
- JIS: Standard in Japan

- Turn a knob to the left to the “Back” symbol to end the “Standardisation” menu.
- Press a knob to confirm this selection.



- Turn a knob to the left to the “Back” symbol to end the “Settings” option.
- Press a knob to confirm this selection.



The following settings are now based on the set standardisation.

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Unit

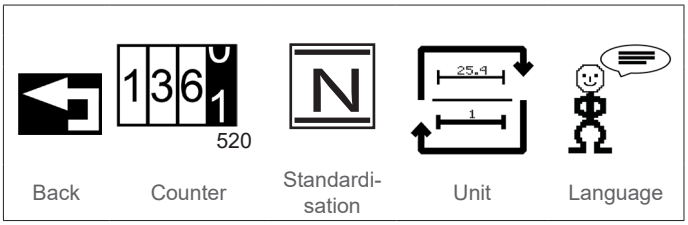
In this menu, you can set the measuring unit from mm to inch.

- Turn a knob to the right to the “Unit” symbol.
- Press a knob to confirm this selection.

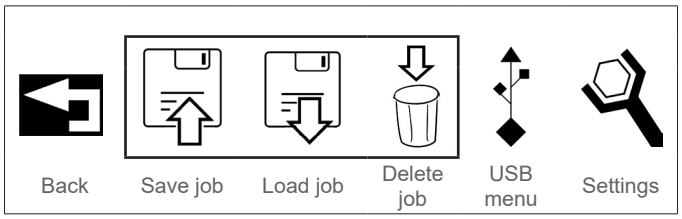
The last set measuring unit now appears in the display:

- Turn a knob to the right or left and select “mm” or “inch”.
- Press a knob to confirm this selection.

- Turn a knob to the left to the “Back” symbol to end the “Unit” menu.
- Press a knob to confirm this selection.



- Turn a knob to the left to the “Back” symbol to end the “Settings” option.
- Press a knob to confirm this selection.



The diameter specifications in the following menus now appear in the set measuring unit.

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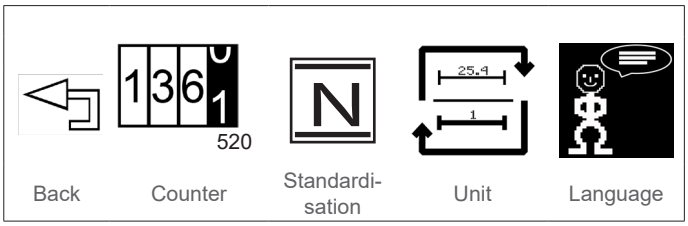
Changing language

- ◆ Turn a knob to the right to the “Language” symbol.
- ◆ Press a knob to confirm this selection.



You can now change the menu language.

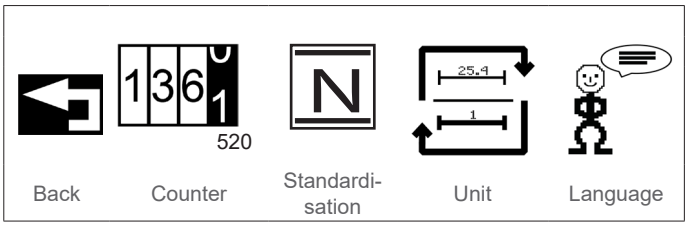
Here are some examples of possible languages [1]:

- German
- English
- Italian

[1] Additional languages on request

- ◆ Turn a knob to the right or left and select your language.
- ◆ Press a knob to confirm this selection.

- ◆ Turn a knob to the left to the “Back” symbol to end the “Language” menu.
- ◆ Press a knob to confirm this selection.



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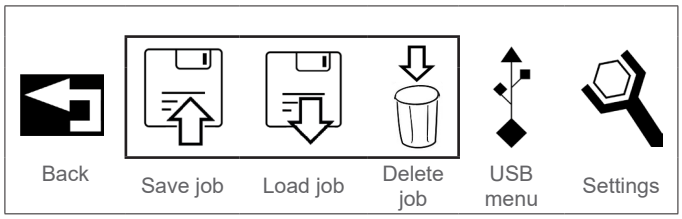
- ◆ Press a knob to confirm this selection.



The menu now appears in the set language.

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12.3.4 The “ADV” Option – Adjusting Process Parameters

Based on your inputs, the system uses algorithms stored to calculate various welding parameters that are necessary for the welding process. In ADV mode you have the opportunity to optimise these welding parameters on.

In addition, the ADV mode offers the possibility of traceability of each individual weld for your documentation..

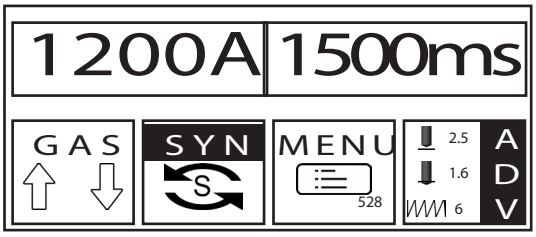
Adjustable welding parameters:

- Properties of the welding gun (lift, protrusion, spring force)
- Starting current adjustment
- Process control
- Fine adjustment of the welding parameters (starting current, welding current tolerance range).

◆ Press both knobs at the same time.

◆ Select ADV.

◆ Press a knob to confirm this selection.



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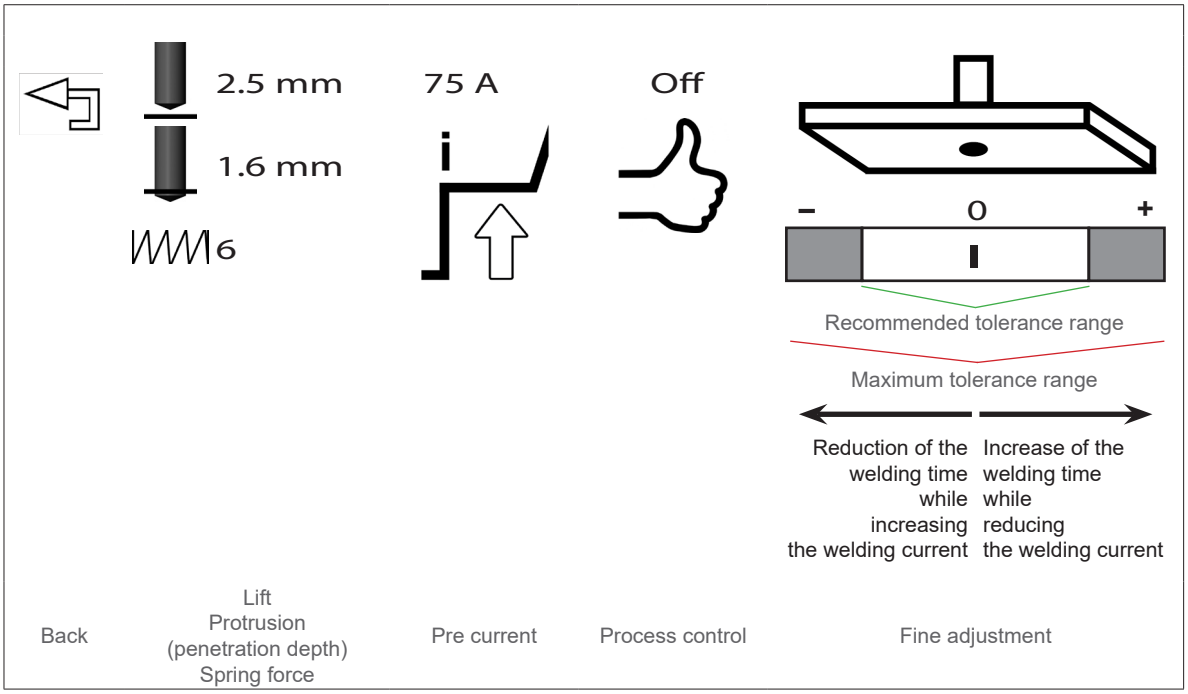

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Parameter	Setting range
Lift	0.3 mm to 10 mm
Protrusion	0 mm to 5.0 mm
Spring force	0 to 10
Starting current	25 A to 1200 A *)
Process control	On / Off
Fine adjustment	-20 to +20% *)

*) Depending on the setting parameters, but up to max. 1200 A or 1500 ms.

- Turn a knob to the right to the respective symbol.
- Press a knob to confirm this selection.

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Adjusting pre current

At the start of the welding process, the welding element (stud) is lifted into the welding gun by a lift mechanism (solenoid) and a low-power auxiliary electric arc (pilot arc) is ignited by the activated pre current.

◆ Correct the pre current in the event of the following errors:

– The melt is only welded in dot-like manner; the stud only “sticks” to the workpiece.

  Cause: The auxiliary electric arc may be too strong, i.e., after lifting the welding element, the front of the welding element was melted, leading to a drop short-circuit and extinguishing of the auxiliary electric arc.

☞ A lift that is set too low can also cause the auxiliary electric arc to extinguish.

◆ Therefore, check the lift of the welding gun before adjusting the pre current.

– The stud shows strong spatter rings around the weld.

  Cause: The auxiliary electric arc may be too weak, i.e., the electric arc breaks off during lifting. The front of the welding element and/or the surface of the workpiece are not sufficiently melted.

☞ A lift that is set too large can also cause the auxiliary electric arc to extinguish.

◆ Therefore, check the lift of the welding gun before adjusting the pre current.

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Process control

The process control set via ADV is a real-time process control. Deviations from set tolerances are signalled immediately after welding; corrective measures can be initiated.

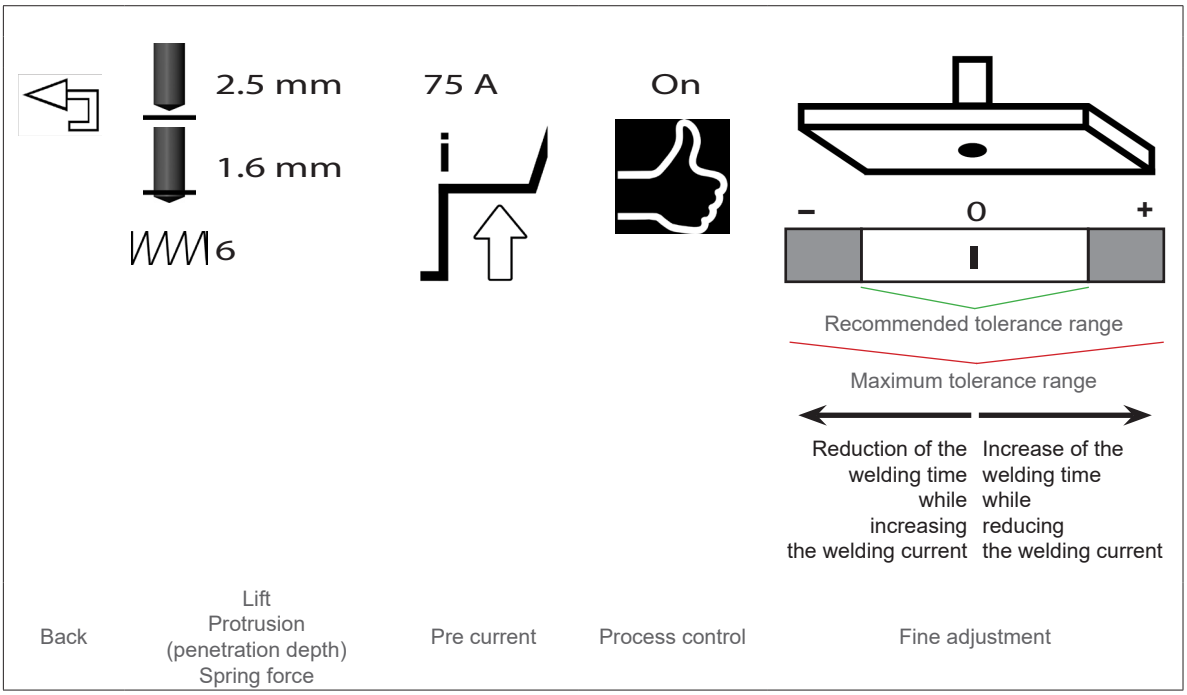
◆ For further information, see section 8.4 *“Process control”*.

Setting the welding process control for reference welds (learning phase)

This is how you activate the control:

◆ Turn a knob to the right to the “Process control” symbol.

◆ Select “Process control – On”.



◆ Press a knob to confirm this selection.

◆ Now define your tolerances.

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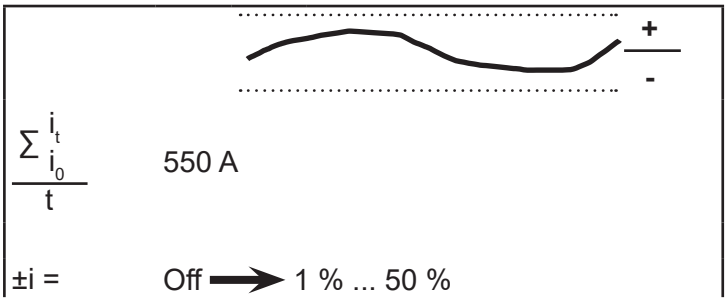
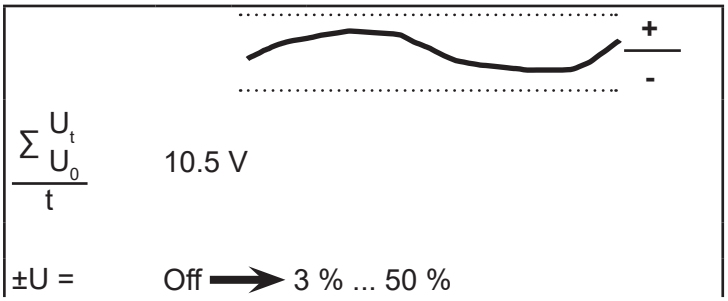
Defining welding current tolerances



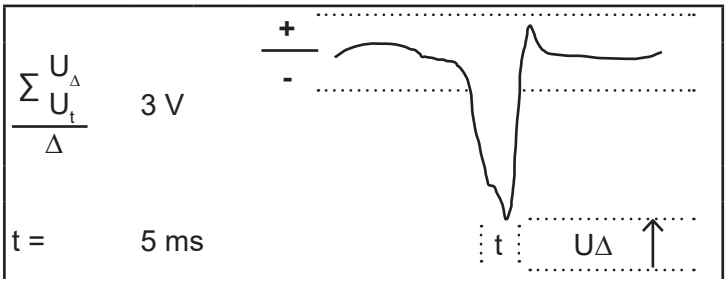
◆ Define your welding current tolerances.

Defining voltage tolerances



◆ Define your voltage tolerances.

Defining transient voltages



◆ Define the tolerances for the transient voltage.

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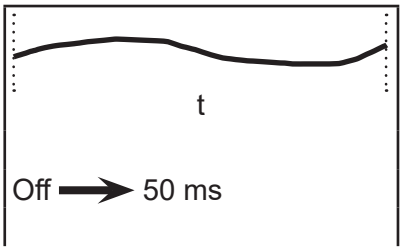
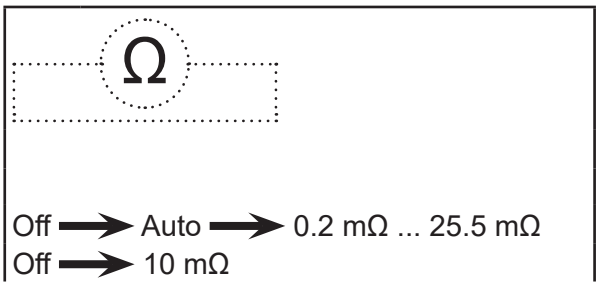
Defining the tolerance time



Welding time tolerance Off → 50 ms

◆ Define your welding time tolerances.

Defining the resistance of the circuit



Resistance of the circuit Off → Auto → 0.2 mΩ ... 25.5 mΩ
Resistance tolerance Off → 10 mΩ

◆ Define the resistance of the circuit.

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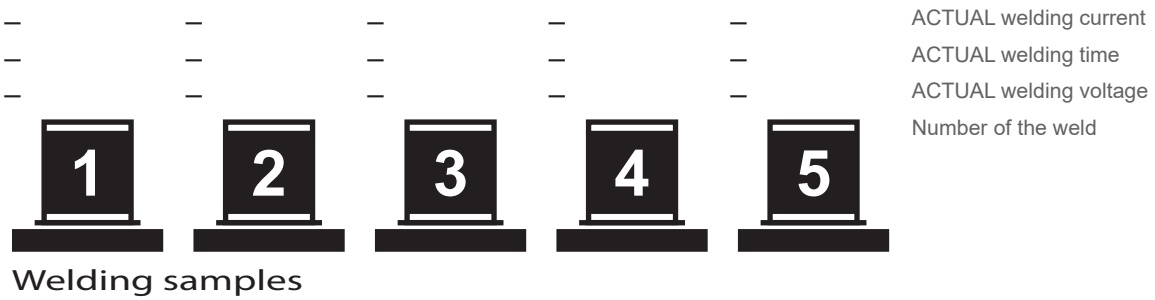
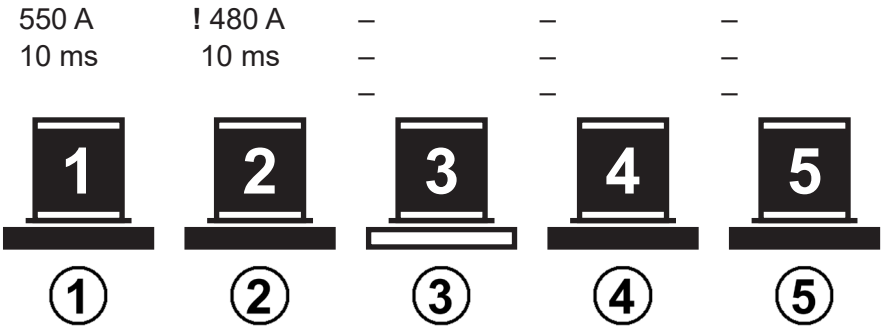
Performing reference welds

◆ Now perform your reference welds.

The progress of the welds is displayed:





① Welding was successful. The actual values are within the defined tolerances.

② Welding was not successful. The tolerance deviation is indicated with a **!**. The stud welding unit is locked.

After pressing the gun button for a longer period of time (> 2 seconds), the stud welding machine is again ready for welding.

③ The lower bar flashes. This weld is now pending.

④ This reference weld was not yet performed.

⑤ This reference weld was not yet performed.

☞ ◆ If, for a weld that has already been performed, you determine that the tolerances are not maintained due to external influences, you can delete this welding result and repeat the weld.

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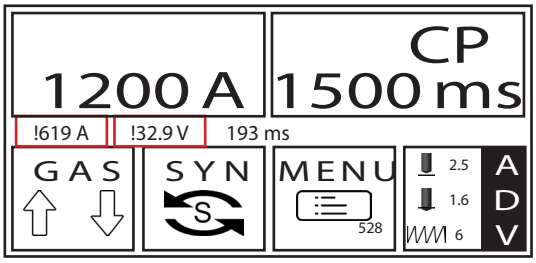
Display of deviations from the tolerances in the actual welding process

If the set tolerance range is not maintained, the system shows the deviation in the display:



The triggering of another weld is blocked.

Only after pressing the gun button for a longer period of time (> 2 seconds) is the stud welding machine again ready for welding.

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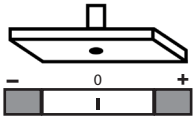


Fine adjustment

This function can be used independently of the process control.

With this function, you can make fine adjustments to previously opened jobs according to your welding task if the conditions of the job change for a short time. The job settings themselves are not changed in this case.

With a constant energy input, you can thereby

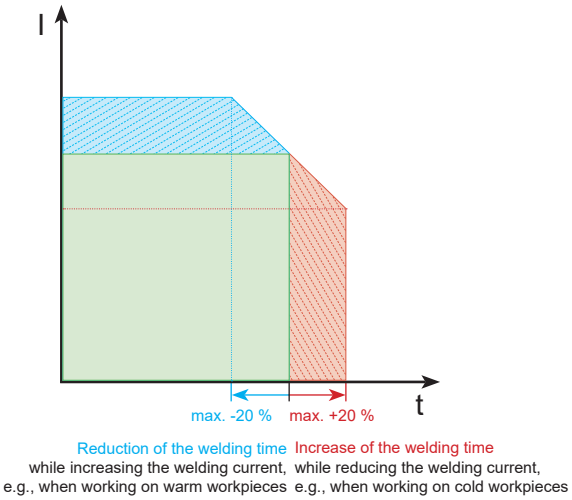
– reduce the welding time by max. 20%
  (while simultaneously increasing the welding current*))

  or

– increase the welding time by max. 20%**)
  (while simultaneously reducing the welding current).

*) max. 1 200 A / **) max. 1 500 ms

After making your fine adjustment, the device then calculates the corresponding second welding parameter:



☞ The tolerances of the fine adjustment affect the process control.

☞ If, while process control is switched on, you select the tolerances of the fine adjustment larger than previously set in the process control, problems or fault messages may occur when welding.

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HBS recommendation:

Open a job that is appropriate for your welding task.

- Perform test welds.
- Check the welding results.
- Make fine adjustments if the welding results **do not meet** your requirements.

These fine adjustments are not stored in the opened job but rather support you only during your work under conditions that have changed for a short time.

With process control switched on and the “Documentation” USB command activated via a USB memory device, all fine adjustments made using this function are also recorded.

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12.4 Performing the Welding Process

- **First set the necessary welding parameters.**
- Read and observe here point 12.3 *„Setting Welding Parameters“*.

Electric shock and electric arc hazard

- Never touch the welding elements, chuck, retaining nut or electrically conductive parts in their vicinity during the welding process.

These parts are live.

- Never wear metal jewellery, even a wristwatch, on your body during the welding process.

This will help to avoid injuries and damage due to electric power or electromagnetic fields.

Electric shock and electric arc hazard

- Stand on an insulated mat if you have to weld under the following conditions:
  - In confined spaces with electrically conductive walls
  - Under cramped conditions between or against electrically conductive parts
  - Where there is limited mobility on electrically conductive parts
  - In damp, wet or hot rooms.

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Danger of deflagration of explosive gases and substances

- Never weld in rooms with an explosion hazard.
- Never weld on vessels containing or that have contained substances
  - which are inflammable or promote combustion,
  - which may create health-endangering gases, fumes or airborne particulates,
  - or which could cause explosions.

Such work may only be carried out by welding specialists.

- Do not carry out such work if you have not been specially trained for it.

Risk of fire and burns due to glowing weld spatter

- Wear your personal protective equipment and
- your safety goggles with sight glass of protection class 2.
- Wear a protective helmet when welding over head.
- Remove all inflammable materials and liquids from the vicinity of the place of work before starting welding.
- Ensure that an approved fire extinguisher is available at the place of work.
- Observe furthermore your working instructions and the accident prevention regulations.

Glowing hot weld and liquid spatter occur during welding.

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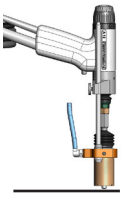
Danger due to noise

- Wear your ear protection during welding.
- Observe furthermore your working instructions and the accident preventi-on regulations.
- Inform colleagues working in the immediate vicinity accordingly before starting work.

A > 90 dB (A) bang can occur during the welding process.

- Ensure that the welding gun has been prepared in accordance with the corresponding operating manual.

- Check whether a welding element has been inserted into the welding gun.
- Insert a welding element, if necessary.



- Place the welding gun perpendicularly onto the workpiece as soon as the stud welding unit is ready for the welding process.
- Press the welding gun firmly with both hands against the workpiece until the welding gun attachment (spacer) is resting uniformly on the work-piece.

- Hold the welding gun firmly, steady and straight.
- Ensure that you do not touch any metal parts of the welding gun.
- Only now should you press the button of the welding gun.

The welding process is started.

- **Always pull the welding gun perpendicularly away from the welding element after the welding process**.

If you pull the welding gun away at an angle, you will strain the chuck and shorten its service life.

Risk of burns

The gun head becomes very hot during the welding process. The same applies to the welded element and the workpiece.

- Wear your proper protective clothing.

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- **Use only welding elements of one batch.**
- Pay strict attention not to mix welding elements from different batches.
- Carry out test welds again after a batch change.

Even the slightest changes to the geometry, in particular to the tip of the welding elements require different settings for the welding process.

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- Now check the quality of the welded joint before inserting a new welding element and repeating the welding process.
- Work in accordance with the following *point 13*.

12.5 Sleep Mode

If the stud welding unit is switched on and no welding is performed, sleep mode is started; internal energy consumption is reduced. The “Ready” LED flashes slowly.

- End sleep mode by
  - actuating the welding gun start button or
  - placing the stud welding gun on the workpiece.

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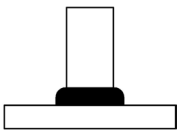
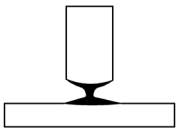
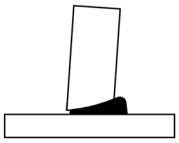
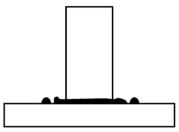
13 Checking the Quality of the Weld

You can check the quality of the weld by means of a visual inspection and a bending test.

The number and type or method of the tests to be performed and the acceptance criteria are defined in respective standards for quality demands.

13.1 Carrying out Visual Inspection

◆ Carry out a visual inspection on all welding elements.

Visual Inspection			
Condition		Possible cause	Corrective actions
	Collar regular, bright and complete. Lengths after weld within tolerances	Correct parameters	none
	Contraction of weld collar Welding element too long	Plunging depth or lift too low Weld power too high Ceramic ring not centered correctly Plunge rate too high	Increase plunging depth, check lift and centering of the ceramic ring Reduce current and/or time Check centering Adjust plunge and/or gun dumper
	Weakly developed, uneven weld collar with mat surface Welding element too long	Weld power too low Ceramic ferrule is moist Lift too low	Increase current and/or time Dry out ferrules in oven Increase lift
	Collar off centre Undercut	Effect of arc blow Ceramic ferrule incorrectly centred	See arc blow effect Check centring
	Weld collar low, shiny surface with many spatters Welding element too short	Weld energy too high Plunging speed too high	Decrease current and/or time Adjust plunging depth and/or damping factor

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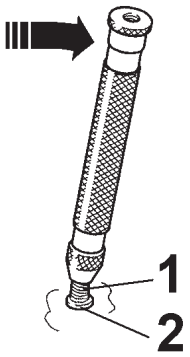
13.2 Carrying out Bending Test

You can purchase from HBS a bending device with inserts for various diameters of the welding elements.

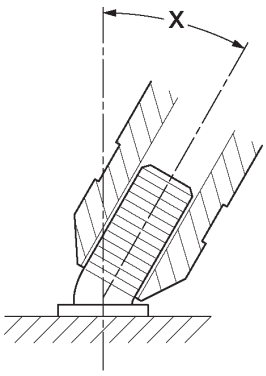
The bending test serves as an easy work sample and as a check for the selected welding parameters. The welded joint is stressed by bending in a non-defined way.



1 - Welding element

2 - Welded joint

◆ Place the bending device on the **welding element (1)** and



◆ bend the **welding element (1)** with the bending device once by 60° in any direction.

The bending test is passed if a crack or a fracture of the welded zone does not occur.

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◆ **Further tests should be conducted if the connection fails in the weld area.**

◆ In this case, **bend** the welding element exactly in the opposite direction by 60° towards the failing seam.

For a **non-destructive strength test** of the welding elements HBS offers a **torque bending test device** in accordance with DIN EN ISO 14555 (Order No. 92-40-135A).

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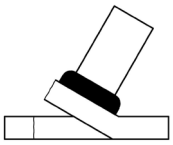
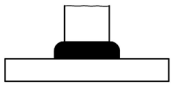
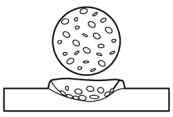
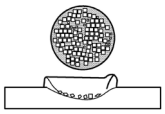
◆ You don’t need to test all studs.

It is sufficient to carry out stud tests on several production samples that are picked at random.

Bending Test			
Type of fracture		Possible cause	Corrective actions
	Tearing of parent material	Correct parameters	none
	Fracture above collar after sufficient deformation	Correct parameters	none
	Fracture within the weld. High porosity	Weld energy too low Unclean surface Material not suitable for stud welding	Increase current and/or welding time Clean the surface Select suitable material
	Fracture of weld Bright appearance	Welding time too low.	Increase welding time

If the strength of the joint is inadequate, then:

◆ check the setting of the stud welding unit.

◆ check whether the surface of welding element and base material are clean and electrically conductive.

They must be free from scale, oil, paint, oxide layers.

◆ Grind off hardened workpiece surfaces (e.g. roll hardening).

◆ Check the piston of the welding gun for ease of movement.

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13.3 Optimisation of Welding Parameters

- **As first step, conduct the tests outlined under points 13.1 and 13.2.**
- As second step optimise the welding parameters according to the table under *point 12.2 „Determining the Welding Time and Welding Current“*.

- Optimise the welding parameters of the stud welding unit.
- Check the settings of the welding gun.
- If necessary re-adjust the lift and spring pressure.

- **Refer here to the operating manual of your welding gun.**

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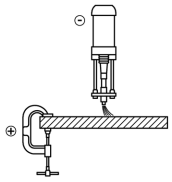
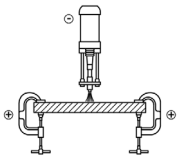
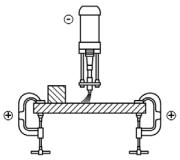
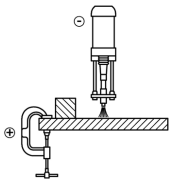
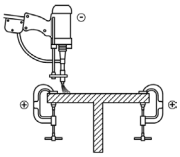
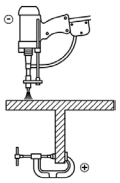
13.4 Blowing Effect and Remedies

With asymmetric ground connections, different material distributions or when welding at the edge of a workpiece a "blowing effect" can occur. This is an undesirable deflection of the electric arc. This results in uneven melting of the stud material, in increased poring and undercuts in the welding area.

The blowing effect is proportional to the current amperage and can be influenced by symmetrical connection of the ground terminals, by connecting compensating grounds or (on welding guns with external welding cable) by turning the welding gun about its vertical axis.

Blowing effect	
Cause	Remedy
	
	
	

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14 Troubleshooting

Danger from insufficiently qualified operating personnel

- Carry out only the work described here on your stud welding unit or stud welding gun.
- Repairs may only be carried out by appropriately qualified personnel.
- Inform your dealer or your maintenance department.

Fault	Possible cause	Fault localisation	Fault remedy	Performance
Mains switch does not rest in position 1	Mains switch defective	Check mains switch*)	Replace mains switch*)	Qualified specialists
	Mains cable defective	Check mains cable for breaks*)	Replace mains cable*)	Qualified specialists
No display	No ground connection	Check ground connection on workpiece	Tighten ground connection properly	Trained personnel
	Welding gun not connected	Check gun connection	Connect welding gun properly	Trained personnel
	Transition resistance (between stud and workpiece) too high	Check material surface	Clean or grind material surface	Trained personnel
	Ground cable broken	Check ground cable*)	Replace ground cable*)	Qualified specialists
	Welding gun cable broken	Check welding gun cable*)	Replace welding gun cable*)	Qualified specialists
No display	Defective connecting line of welding gun	Check function of connecting line *)	Replace connecting line*)	Qualified specialists
	Welding gun trigger button defective	Check control cable for electrical flow with triggered start button*)	Replace welding gun trigger button*)	Qualified specialists
	Control cable broken	Check control cable for electrical flow*)	Replace control cable*)	Qualified specialists
Continuously yellow	Welding sequence too fast	Stud welding unit resets automatically	Let switched on stud welding unit cool down	Trained personnel

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Fault	Possible cause	Fault localisation	Fault remedy	Performance
Stud welding gun does not lift, in spite of and	No lift adjusted	Check settings of welding gun	Modify set parameters	Trained personnel
	Short circuit of solenoid circuit of the welding gun	Check resistance value at control cable connector (18 Ω to 22 Ω) between Pin 1 and Pin 2*)	Replace control cable connector, control cable and solenoid*)	Qualified specialists
	Solenoid defective	Check solenoid (18 Ω to 22 Ω)*)	Replace solenoid*)	Qualified specialists
Lifting impossible	Solenoid circuit interrupted	Check resistance value at control cable connector (18 Ω to 22 Ω) between Pin 1 and Pin 2*)	Replace solenoid or control line*)	Qualified specialists
No shielding gas	Shielding gas not connected	Check shielding gas connection	Connect shielding gas	Trained personnel
	Shielding gas control not enabled	Check gas control for activity	Switch on shielding gas control	Trained personnel
	Shielding gas valve defective	Check shielding gas valve*)	Replace shielding gas valve*)	Qualified specialists

Work marked with *) may only be carried out by qualified electricians!

- Please contact our Service department if none of the measures described remedies the situation.
- Please use the form „Service & Support“ in the annex to send in the stud welding unit.

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15 Shutting Down

- Switch off the stud welding unit.
- Pull out the mains plug.
- Disconnect the control cable and welding cables from the stud welding unit.
- Protect the stud welding unit and its components against the ingress of liquids and foreign matter.

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16 Maintenance and Care

Electric shock hazard

- Always switch off the stud welding unit before starting maintenance and care work.
- Pull out the mains plug.

Danger from insufficiently qualified operating personnel

- Carry out only the work described here on your stud welding unit.
- Repairs may only be carried out by appropriately qualified personnel.
- Inform your dealer or your maintenance department.

16.1 Cleaning

- Clean the surface of the stud welding unit with a slightly damp cloth, when necessary.
- Add a little household detergent to the cleaning water.

- **Do not use solvents for cleaning.**

  These can damage the surface of your stud welding unit.

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16.2 Inspection and Tests

- **Inspect the condition of the mains cable.**
- Inform your dealer or maintenance department if you discover any damage.

- Check whether the readings on the display of the stud welding unit are still legible before starting work.
- Clean display and control panel in the event of soiling.

- Replace any removed or damaged signs:

Before opening machine disconnect mains

Observe the operating manual

Warning of electric shock hazard

We recommend that the stud welding unit be subjected to an annual periodic inspection in compliance with the standard IEC 60974-4 “Periodic inspection and testing”.

Please contact your customer advisor for further information.

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17 Storage

- Store the stud welding unit in a safe and dust-free location when not in use.
- Protect the stud welding unit from moisture and metallic contamination.

- Store the stud welding unit only under the following ambient conditions.

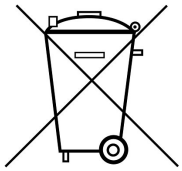
Storage temperature:

-5 °C to +50 °C / 23 °F to 122 °F

Relative humidity:

0 % - 50 % at +40 °C / 104 °F
0 % - 90 % at +20 °C / 68 °F

18 Disposal



- Dispose of the stud welding unit only via the manufacturer or a specialist disposal company.
- Never dispose of the stud welding unit in the domestic refuse.

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EC Declaration of Conformity

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Order No: 93-66-0120
Serial No: 93-66-0120/241XXXX
Year of manufacture: 2024

in conjunction with HBS components

that the machinery fulfils all the relevant provisions to this Directive, including changes to the Directive to be applied at the moment of this declaration.

The product is conform with following further EU Directives, including changes to the Directives to be applied at the moment of this declaration:

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„EMC guideline“ 2014/30/EU
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Following harmonised standards (or parts thereof) were applied:

DIN EN 60974-1	Arc welding equipment - Part 1: Welding power sources
DIN EN 60974-10	Arc welding equipment - Part 10: Product standard for arc welding equipment
DIN EN 60204-1	Safety of machinery - Electrical equipment of machines; Part 1: General requirements

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Service & Support

With the return please attach a copy of the filled out form together with the repair number given by HBS! Repairs without repair number will not be processed.

Repair number
(given by HBS)

_____

Company: _____
Name / Surname: _____
Street: _____
City, State and ZIP/Postcode: _____
Country: _____
Phone & Fax: _____
E-mail address: _____

Stud welding unit / stud welding gun type of model: _____
Serial number: _____
Date of purchase: _____
Purchased at distributor: _____

Detailed descriptions of errors: _____

Service & Support may be done up to the value of EUR _____ without quotation: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Could you find any damage / burn marks

on the cables: ☐ Yes ☐ No

on chucks: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Are all plug and screw connections tightly fastened *: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Are there any burn marks on plug or screw connections: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Is there any other visual damage (e.g. cracks, dents): ☐ Yes ☐ No

Have you checked the fuses: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Default on the display of the stud welding unit:

ARC / IT					CD / CDM / SC					
○	⊗				●		⊗			**

Which LED´s are illuminated (please mark with a cross)?

Please e-mail or fax this form to service@hbs-info.de or fax: +49 8131 511-100.
In case a repair is necessary a repair number will be given!

* See also operating manual chapter „Connection“
** Doesn´t light when using a contact welding gun

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