

# ADVANCECUT 65 PLASMA CUTTER

### **OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS**



















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CORROSION IGBT INVERTER TECHNOLOGY

DIRECT CURRENT

400V 50HZ 3 PHASE

**PILOT** 

SPIKE/ ARC START GENERATOR

CNC CUTTING

INTELLIGENT PROTECTION SYSTEM

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### PLASMA CUTTER

### ADVANCECUT 65

The powerful 3 phase Plasma Cutter in a tough compact package. With IGBT technology and the capability of severing up to 35mm carbon steel with CNC interface capability, look no further than the ADVANCECUT 65 for serious industrial cutting solutions.



- IGBT module inverter technology for smooth, stable output, increased reliability
- Microprocessor control system for superior & dynamic arc characteristics
- · CNC interface connection
- Protected external air regulator with water trap/ filter for easy adjustment & servicing
- Euro connect torch system with safe & robust connection to machine
- Advanced strata plasma torch with european torch head for superior cutting performance and consumable life
- Non HF arc starting system for increased reliability and low EMF pollution
- Automatic pilot arc control system for increased cutting capability, especially for discontinuous cutting
- Extreme stress tested to 550V in production for rugged reliability
- Strong environmental protection againt moisture, salt spray and corrosion
- High quality & over specified electronic components for durability & reliability
- Intelligent protection system protects plasma torch from damage
- Air flow manual activation switch to set & test air pressure.

DIMENSIONS:	WEIGHT:	INPUT POWER SUPPLY:	MAX. INPUT CURRENT:	GENERATOR CAPACITY:	CURRENT OUTPUT:	DUTY CYCLE:	CUT Capacity:	SEVERANCE CAPACITY:	COMPRESSED AIR REQ.	STANDARDS:
640 x 240 x 445mm	24kg	400V AC 20A 50Hz 3 Ph	18A	12.3KVA	20-65A	100% @ 61A	Steel 25mm Alum.20mm	Steel 35mm	110L/min 5bar	EN60974-1:2012

















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### **Know Your Machine**

\*Denotes more detailed explanation of function to follow.

### **Front View**

- 1. Cutting Current Control Knob
- **2.** Power Indicator. Lights when input power connected and machine switched on
- 3. Power Error/ Overload Indicator\*
- 4. Torch System Error Indicator\*
- **5.** Cutting Power Indicator. Lights when cutting power circuit activated
- 6. Air Control Run/ Set Switch \*
- **7.** Earth Lead Connection Socket
- 8. Plasma Torch Euro/ Central Connector
- 9. CNC Interface Connection Port

### **Rear View**

- 10. Air Pressure Regulator Outlet Pressure Gauge
- 11. Air Pressure Regulator Knob
- **12.** Compressed Air Inlet
- 13. Air Condensate Filter/ Trap Bowl
- 14. Air Filter Condensate Drain Tube

### **Further Controls Explained**

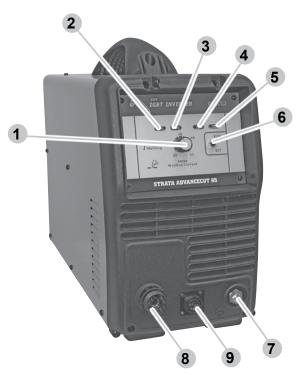
### **Overload/ Error Indicator (3)**

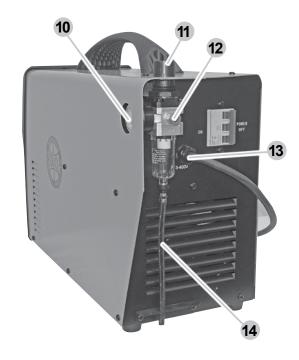
Lights when over voltage, over current or electrical overheating (due to exceeding duty cycle) is detected and protection is activated.

When protection is activated, welding output will be disabled until the safety system senses the overload has reduced sufficiently and indicator lamp goes out. May also trigger if machine experiences an internal power circuit failure.

### **Torch System Error Indicator (4)**

Lights when issue with torch system or air supply detected and cutting output is disabled as a result. Flashing light means that torch shield cap is not in-





stalled. Continuous light means likely damaged or missing torch consumables or insufficient air pressure supply to the torch.

### **Compressed Air Testing/Setting Switch (6)**

When positioned as 'set' compressed air control valve is open continuously. This is useful for testing and setting the air pressure without having to activate the trigger circuit. 'Run' position is normal operation.

### **Tips & Tricks**

### **Air Regulator Pressure Adjustment**

Correct air pressure is critical for plasma cutting. Incorrect air pressure will cause poor cut quality, lack of cutting power, damage to the plasma torch and consumables and potentially damage the power source. Optimum air pressure is between 0.45 and 0.5 MPa (65-75psi). Air pressure should be set with the air flowing through the torch, as the pressure with the air flowing will normally be less than static pressure, due to flow losses through the torch system. To unlock the pressure regulator knob in order to adjust it, pull the knob upwards. Once the pressure is set correctly, push the knob down again to lock it into place.

### Air Filter/ Water Separator

As with correct air pressure, clean, dry air is also critical for plasma cutting machine performance and reliability. The ADVANCECUT 65 is supplied with an air filtration/ moisture separator to assist with providing suitable air supply. The moisture separator is self-draining, the water drain tube exits out the bottom of the clear condensate bowl. It is normal to see moisture coming from this tube periodically. If excessive amounts of water or oil are being produced in the condensate bowl and drain line, the compressed air supply should be checked for issues.

### **Pilot Arc System**

The ADVANCECUT 65 use a pilot arc system to establish the main cutting arc. A pilot arc system is a circuit where the return is back through the torch head and cable. This means it can create a small arc with some cutting power without making any electrical connection with the main machine earth. This is especially useful for starting cuts on material that does not have a good initial earth connection, such as paint, rust, scale.

Once the pilot arc is established and power is flowing back through the main earth, the pilot arc is switched off and the main arc started. Please note the pilot arc circuit is only designed to operate for short periods of time as an auxiliary starting system, so it has a safety protection that only allows the pilot arc to

run for short periods at a time. In addition to this, these models also have a plot arc controller system if the main arc cuts out and the torch remains to be triggered, the pilot arc will reignite. This is useful for cutting discontinuous workpieces like mesh or grids.

It is very important to recognise that plasma torch consumables wear as part of normal operation and should be replaced in a timely manner. Operating a torch with worn consumables will cause poor cutting results and possible damage to the torch and machine itself. Damage caused by untimely replacement of consumables will not be covered by warranty.

Use the following guidelines to determine when consumables should be replaced:

**Cutting Tips:** The cutting tip has a small calibrated orifice that the plasma passes through. If the orifice becomes partially blocked, deformed or enlarged, the cutting tip should be replaced.

**Electrodes:** The electrode has a small silver 'hafnium' insert in the end of the tip. This is what generates the plasma ions. Once the hafnium insert is gone or is damaged the tip must be replaced.

**Swirl Ring/Retaining Cap:** These should be replaced if broken, chipped, cracked or badly heat damaged.

Tips and electrodes: These should wear reasonably evenly and it is normal practice to replace them both together. If a new tip is inserted with a worn electrode the tip will wear much more quickly than if the electrode was also replaced at that same time. If tips or electrodes are wearing much faster than the other component it is likely to be caused by one of the following: poor operator technique, incorrect air supply or damaged torch head.

It is also very important to only use genuine Strata consumables and parts for the XT4000 torch. They are engineered to suit the machine and non-genuine items may cause lack of performance, short life span, torch and machine damage and void warranty.

### **Duty Cycle Rating**

Cutting duty cycle is the percentage of actual cutting time that can occur in a ten minute cycle. E.g. 20% at 40 amps - this means the plasma cutter can oper-



ate at 40 amps for 2 minutes and then the unit will need to be rested for 8 minutes. All duty cycle ratings are based on an ambient air temperature of 40°C with 50% humidity, which is the international standard for such a rating. In an environment with temperatures exceeding 40°C, the duty cycle will be less than stated. In ambient temperature less than 40°C, duty cycle performance will be higher.

### **Quick Start Guide - Plasma Cutter Installation**

### **Electrical Connection**

The ADVANCECUT 65 is designed to operate on a 3 phase 20A 400V AC power supply.

Operating with a lower current rated supply circuit will reduce the rated maximum output and duty cycle performance.

### **Compressed Air Requirements**

A reliable and consistent supply of clean dry compressed air is essential for proper operation. Although the machine contains its own internal air supply filtration system it is recommended the compressed air supply should have external filtration in the line feeding the machine, both a standard water trap (sintered bronze filter) and also a coalescing filter (for oil in air). The air requirement is a minimum of 120 l/min (4.5cfm) Free Air Delivery (FAD) at 75psi pressure. This normally means the compressor must be a belt drive model or if a direct drive it must have a motor power of 2.5HP or greater.

The air must be dry and free of oil and moisture (normally a symptom of older, worn out compressors). The air hose must also be of sufficient size (3/8"/10mm minimum) to supply the machine

### **Operating Environment**

Adequate ventilation is required to provide proper cooling for the ADVANCECUT 65. Ensure that the machine is placed on a stable level surface where clean cool air can easily flow through the unit. The has electrical components and control circuit boards which may be damaged by excessive dust and dirt, so a clean operating environment is important for reliable product life.

### **Basic Operation**

- 1.1 Connect the earth cable quick connector to the earth connection socket (7) Connect the earth clamp to the work piece. Contact with the work piece must be firm contact with clean, bare metal, with no corrosion, paint or scale at the contact point.
- 1.2 Connect the plasma torch to the machine central connector (8) ensuring the collar is done up firmly.
- 1.3 Connect the machine to suitable mains power using the mains input power lead. Switch the mains power switch to 'on' to power up the machine.
- 1.4 Connect the compressed air supply to the filter/ regulator inlet (11). Check the air pressure (10). Trigger the air flow using the 'set' function (6), check the air pressure again and adjust if necessary. Return the switch to 'run' position.
- 1.4 Select the output current using the current control knob (1). You are now ready to plasma cut!

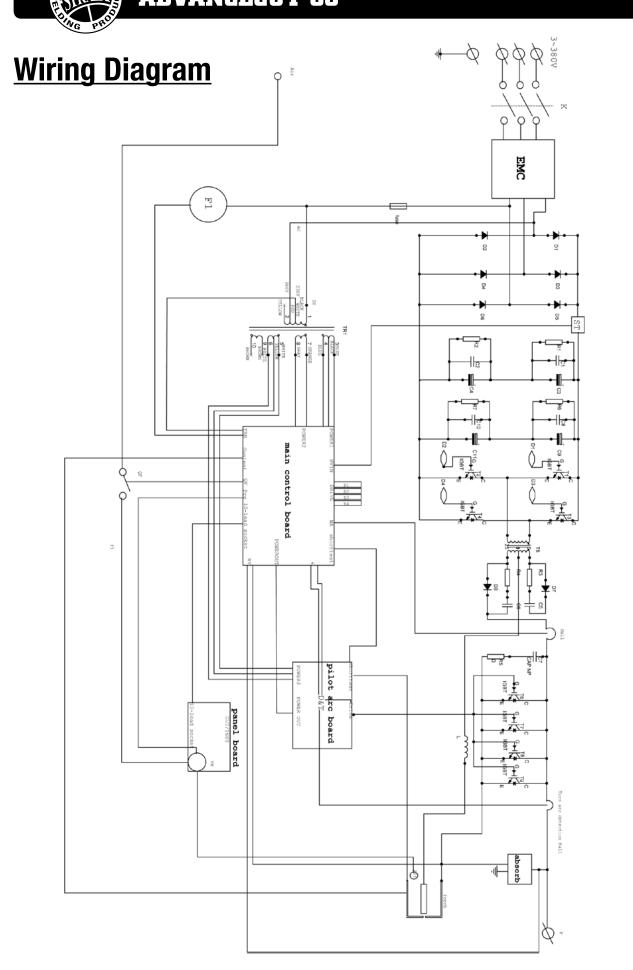


### **Available Parts & Accessories**

ADVANCE	CUT 65:
17373	60A Plasma Cutting Torch X 6Mt Coaxial Cable
AEL3550	Earth Lead 16mm2 cable, 35-70mm plug, 3m
S500EC	Strata 500a Earth Clamp
CP3550	Cable Plug - 35-50mm³ - Male
DW3000	Auto Darkening Helmet, Shade 9-13
DW4000	Auto Darkening Helmet, Shade 9-13 with Grinding Visor
DW7000	Auto Darkening Helmet, Shade 9-13 with Grinding Visor And PRSL Filtration System
XT4005-08	Cutting Tip 0.8mm 20-30A (5Pk)
XT4005-09	Cutting Tip 0.9mm 30-40A (5Pk)
XT4005-10F	Flat Cutting Tip 1.0mm 40-50A (5Pk)
XT4005-08L	Ext Cutting Tip 0.8mm 20-30A (5Pk)
XT4005-09L	Ext Cutting Tip 0.9mm 30-40A (5Pk)
XT4003	Standard Electrode (5pk)
XT4003L	Extended Electrode (5Pk)
XT4006	Gas Distributor
XT4007	Retaining Cap
XT4008	Double Pointed Spacer
XT4001	Torch Head
XT4011	Handle - Complete with Trigger

These accessories listed are available from your Strata Supplier. Refer to the Strata Catalogue, your Strata Supplier or look online at www.strata.co.nz for other accessories and consumables available.

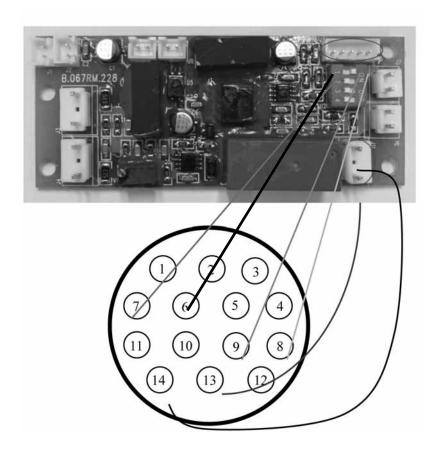






### **CNC Socket Diagram**

Pin No.	Signal	Comment
6, 7	Arc Signal	20:1, 6(+) 7(-)
8,9	Torch Switch Signal	Short circuit 8 and 9 equals to press torch switch.
13, 14	Pilot Arc Signal	Disconnect 13, 14 for pilot arc. Connect 13 and 14 for cutting arc.



### **Care & Maintenance**

## **Keep your Plasma Cutter** in **Top Condition**

The ADVANCECUT 65 does not require any special maintenance, however the user should take care of the machine as follows:

- Regularly clean the ventilation slots.
- Keep the casing clean.
- · Check all cables before use.
- Check work leads/clamps and torches before use.
- Replace worn earth clamps that do not provide a good connection.
- Replace worn consumable parts in a timely manner.
- Use a soft cloth or brush to clean electrical components.
- Do not use liquid cleaning products, water or especially solvents.
- Do not use compressed air to clean electrical components as this can force dirt and dust further into components, causing electrical short circuits.

- Check for damaged parts. Do not use the plasma cutter with damaged parts.
- A damaged plasma cutter must be carefully checked by a qualified person to determine that it will operate properly. Check for breakage of parts, mountings and other conditions that may affect its operation. An authorised service centre should properly repair a damaged part. Have your machine repaired by an expert.

This appliance is manufactured in accordance with relevant safety standards. Only experts must carry out repairing of electrical appliances, otherwise considerable danger for the user may result. Use only genuine replacement parts. Do not use modified or non-genuine parts.

### **Storing the Plasma Cutter**

When not in use the plasma cutter should be stored in a dry and frost-free environment.



**WARNING!** Before performing cleaning/maintenance, replacing cables / connections, make sure the welding machine is switched off and disconnected from the power supply.



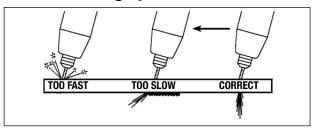
### **Plasma Cutting Guide**

### **Amperage Guide**

Material Thickness (mm)	0.5	2	4	6	8	10
Output Current Dial Position (7)	2-4	4-6	5-7	7-8	8-9	10

### **Cutting Guide**

### **Effect of Cutting Speed**



### **Electrical Connection**

The ADVANCECUT 65 is designed to run on a standard 15A 230V AC power supply. If an extension cord must be used, it should be no longer than 10m and be a heavy duty industrial 15A version with a minimum cable core of 2.5mm2.

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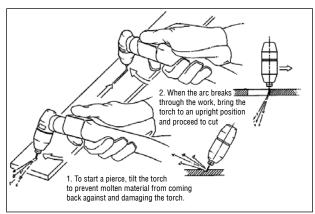
### **Cutting with the ADVANCECUT 65**

After turning the Power Switch to the ON position and making control and air pressure adjustments, proceed as follows:

- 1. Hold the tip of the Torch within 3-4mm the work piece, at about 15- 30° angle to avoid damaging the tip.
- 2. Depress the torch switch. (Air and the high frequency spark should energize)
- 3. As the high frequency spark jumps to the work piece, the main plasma arc will ignite and start cutting.
- After starting the cut, the tip can be dragged along the work piece if cutting up to 3mm thick material. When cutting material greater than 3mm, maintain a 3.2mm tip-to-work (standoff) distance.
- 5. When ending a cut, the torch switch should be released and lifted off the work piece just before the end of the cut to minimize double-arcing which can damage the tip. This is to prevent the high frequency arc starting from reigniting after cutting arc extinguishes.
- 6. In the post-flow mode, the arc can be restarted immediately by depressing the torch switch.



### **Piercing Technique**



NOTE: Keep moving while cutting. Cut at a steady speed without pausing. Maintain the cutting speed so that the arc lag is 10° to 20° behind the travel direction. Use a 5° - 15° leading angle in the direction of the cut.

### **Operating Techniques**

Piercing - Materials (up to 3.2mm/1/8in. thick) may be pierced with the torch touching the work. When piercing thicker materials (up to 4.8mm stainless or carbon steel) at an angle, position the torch 0.5mm (.02") above the work piece.

It is advisable when piercing thicker materials to drill a small pilot/starting hole in the work piece which makes it a lot easier and gives increased tip life. Start the cutting arc, then immediately raise the torch to 1.6mm (1/16") stand-off and move the torch along the cut path. This will reduce the chance of spatter from entering the torch and prevent the possibility of welding the tip to the plate. The torch should be angled at about 30° when starting to pierce, and then straightened after accomplishing the pierce.

- 2. Grate Cutting For rapid restarts, such as grate or heavy mesh cutting, do not release the torch switch. This avoids the 2 second pref-low portion of the cutting cycle.
- **3. Edge Starting** For edge starts, hold the torch perpendicular to the work piece with the front of

the tip near (not touching) the edge of the work piece at the point where the cut is to start. When starting at the edge of the plate, do not pause at the edge and force the arc to 'reach' for the edge of the metal.

Cutting Speed Guide					
Material	Thickness (mm)	Cutting Speed (mm/s)			
Carbon	1.6	150			
Steel	3.2	50			
(AISI 1020)	6.4	20			
Stainless Steel	1.6	140			
	3.2	40			
(AISI 304)	6.4	15			
Aluminium (6061)	1.6	190			
	3.2	85			
	6.4	30			

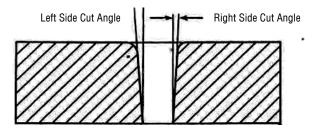
Note: The speeds given here are typical for best quality cuts. Your actual speeds may vary depending on material composition, surface condition, operator technique, etc. If cutting speed is too fast, you may lose the cut. With slower speeds excessive dross may accumulate. If speed is too slow, the arc may extinguish. Air cutting typically produces a rough face on stainless steel and aluminium.

### Establish the Cutting Arc as Quickly as Possible.

work piece, press torch switch and lower torch tip forward work piece until contact is made and cutting arc is established. After cutting arc is established, move the torch in the desired direction keeping the torch tip slightly angled, maintaining contact with the work piece. Avoid moving too fast as would be indicated by sparks radiating from the topside of the work piece. Move the torch just fast enough to maintain sparks concentration at the underside of the work piece and making sure the material is completely cut through before moving on. Adjust drag speed as desired/ required.



5. Direction of Cut - The plasma gas stream swirls as it leaves the torch to maintain a smooth column of gas. This swirl effect results in one side of a cut being more square than the other. Viewed along the direction of travel, the right side of the cut is more square than the left.



To make a square-edged cut along an inside diameter of a circle, the torch should move counter clockwise around the circle. To keep the square edge along an outside diameter cut, the torch should travel in a clockwise direction.

**6. Quality Cuts** – Dross (slag) is the excess material that spatters and builds up on the underside of the work-piece as you cut. Dross occurs when the operating procedure and technique is less than optimal. It will require practice and experience to obtain cuts without dross. Although less than optimal cuts will contain dross, it is relatively easy to remove by breaking it off using pliers or chipping off with a chisel or scraping or grinding the finished cut as needed and is generally only a minor inconvenience.

A combination of factors contributes to the build-up of dross. They include; material type, material thickness, amperage used for the cut, speed of the torch across the work-piece, condition of the torch tip, in-

put line voltage, air pressure, etc. Generally there is an inversely proportional relationship between output current and speed of cut. Do not use more output current than is necessary and adjust speed of cut toward minimizing dross build-up on underside of cut. Experiment with adjusting current and speed to minimize dross.

When dross is present on carbon steel, it is commonly referred to as either 'high speed, slow speed, or top dross'. Dross present on top of the plate is normally caused by too great a torch to plate distance.

'Top dross' is normally very easy to remove and can often be wiped off with a welding glove. 'Slow speed dross' is normally present on the bottom edge of the plate. It can vary from a light to heavy bead, but does not adhere tightly to the cut edge, and can be easily scraped off. 'High speed dross' usually forms a narrow bead along the bottom of the cut edge and is very difficult to remove. When cutting troublesome steel, it is sometimes useful to reduce the cutting speed to produce 'slow speed dross'. Any resultant clean up can be accomplished by scraping, not grinding.

## Other Knowledge & Resources

Please refer to Euroquip website www.euroquip.co.nz/ Downloads.html for knowledgebase articles & operation videos.

### **Troubleshooting**

PROBLEM	CAUSE	SOLUTION
Torch will not come on	<ul> <li>Power switch OFF</li> <li>Air supply is not of sufficient volume or pressure</li> <li>Work piece ground clamp not attached.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Turn power switch to the ON position</li> <li>Check air supply (60–80 PSI, 3.5cfm required)</li> <li>Attach to work piece or to steel table with work piece securely clamped to table</li> </ul>
Sparks are shooting upward instead of down through the material.	<ul> <li>Plasma torch is not piercing the material</li> <li>Torch may be too far away from the workpiece</li> <li>Material may not be earthed properly</li> <li>Travel speed too fast</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Increase current</li> <li>Decrease the distance of your torch to the workpiece</li> <li>Check connections for proper earth</li> <li>Reduce speed</li> </ul>
Beginning of cut not completely pierced	Possible earth connection problem	Check all connections
Dross build-up on parts of cuts	Tool/material building up heat Cutting speed too slow or current too high Worn torch parts	Allow material to cool then continue cut.     Increase speed and/or reduce current until dross is reduced to minimum     Inspect and repair or replace worn parts
Arc stops while cutting	<ul> <li>Cutting speed too slow</li> <li>Torch is too high, away from material</li> <li>Worn torch parts</li> <li>Workpiece earth cable disconnected</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Increase speed until problem solved</li> <li>Lower torch to recommended height</li> <li>Inspect and repair or replace worn parts</li> <li>Connect workpiece earth clamp to work piece or steel table.</li> </ul>
Insufficient penetration	Cutting speed too fast Torch tilted too much Metal too thick for plasma capacity Worn torch parts	Slow down travel speed     Adjust tilt     Several passes may be necessary     Inspect and repair or replace worn parts
Arc sputters/flares	Water in the air supply	Install air drier or additional filtration
Consumables wear quickly	Exceeding unit capability     Excessive ARC starting HF use     Improperly assembled torch     Inadequate air supply, pressure too low     Faulty air compressor	Material too thick, increase angle to prevent blow back into torch tip     Do not operate HF ARC starting for more than 3 seconds - you can also start with torch in contact with metal or within 1/16" of metal     See section 'Replacing Consumables'     Check air filters, increase air pressure     Check air compressor operation and make sure input air pressure is at least 100 PSI
Circuit breaker/fuse trips while operating	Extension cord being used is not heavy duty	Use a heavy duty extension cord (2.5mm diameter)

If you have any problems in setting up or operating the machine, please first re-consult this manual.



### **Safety**

### Store and Retain this Manual

Retain this manual for the safety warnings and precautions, assembly, operating, inspection, maintenance and cleaning procedures. Write the product's serial number into the NOTES section at the rear, and keep this manual and the receipt in a safe and dry place for future reference.

### **Important Safety Information**

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

This is the safety alert symbol to alert you to potential personal injury hazards. Obey all safety messages that follow this symbol to avoid possible injury or death.



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



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



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

**NOTE,** used to address practices not related to personal injury.

### **General Safety Warnings**

**1. Maintain labels and nameplates on the plasma cutter** These carry important information. If unreadable or missing, contact Euroquip for a replacement.

**2. Avoid unintentional starting.** Make sure the plasma cutter is setup correctly and you are prepared to begin work before turning on the plasma cutter.

### 3. Unplug before performing maintenance.

Always unplug the plasma cutter from its electrical outlet before performing any inspection, maintenance, or cleaning procedures.

- **4. Never leave the plasma cutter unattended whilst plugged in to power.** Turn power off before leaving the plasma cutter unattended.
- **5. Do not touch live electrical parts.** Wear dry, insulating gloves. Do not touch the electrode or the conductor tong with bare hands. Do not wear wet or damaged gloves.
- **6. Protect yourself from electric shock.** Do not use the plasma cutter outdoors in wet conditions.
- **7. Avoid inhaling dust.** Some dust created by power sanding, sawing, grinding, drilling, cutting, welding and other construction activities, contain chemicals known to cause cancer, birth defects or other harm. Your risk from these exposures varies, depending on how often you do this type of work. To reduce your exposure to these chemicals, work in a well-ventilated area, and work with approved safety equipment, such as dust masks that are specially designed to filter out microscopic particles.
- 8. People with pacemakers should consult their physician(s) before using this machine.



#### **WARNING!**

Electromagnetic fields in close proximity to a heart pacemaker could cause interference, or failure of the pacemaker. The use of a plasma cutter is NOT RECOMMENDED for pacemaker wearers. Consult your doctor.

9. Ensure that the unit is placed on a stable location before use.



#### WARNING!

If this unit falls while plugged in, severe injury, electric shock, or fire may result.



**10. Transportation Methods** Lift unit with the handles provided, or use a handcart or similar device of adequate capacity. If using a fork lift vehicle, secure the unit to a skid before transporting.



#### **CAUTION!**

Disconnect input power conductors from deenergized supply line before moving the plasma cutter

11. Exercise good work practices. The warnings, precautions, and instructions discussed in this instruction manual cannot cover all possible conditions and situations that may occur. It must be understood by the operator that common sense and caution are factors which cannot be built into this product, but must be considered by the operator.

### Plasma Cutter Safety Instructions & Warnings



#### **WARNING!**

Protect yourself and others from possible serious injury or death. Keep children away. Read the operating/Instruction manual before installing, operating or servicing this equipment. Have all installation, operation, maintenance, and repair work performed by qualified people.

If an operator does not strictly observe all safety rules and take precautionary actions, plasma cutting products and processes can cause serious injury or death, or damage to other equipment or property.

Safe practices have developed from past experience in the use of welding and cutting. These practices must be learned through study and training before using this equipment. Some of these practices apply to equipment connected to power lines; other practices apply to engine driven equipment.

Anyone not having extensive training in welding and cutting practices should not attempt to use these machines.

Safe practices are outlined in the European Standard EN60974-1 entitled: Safety in welding and allied processes.



#### WARNING!

Only use safety equipment that has been approved by an appropriate standards agency. Unapproved safety equipment may not provide adequate protection. Eye and breathing protection must be AS/NZS compliant for the specific hazards in the work area.



#### **DANGER!**

Always wear AS/NZS compliant safety glasses and full face shield fitted with appropriate filter shade number. (Refer Filter Table on page 18.)



#### **CAUTION!**

Heavy-duty work gloves, non-skid safety shoes and hearing protection used for appropriate conditions will reduce personal injuries.



### **CAUTION!**

Have the equipment serviced by a qualified repair person using identical replacement parts. This will ensure that the safety of the power tool is maintained.

### **Personal Safety**



#### **CAUTION!**

Keep the work area well lit. Make sure there is adequate space surrounding the work area. Always keep the work area free of obstructions, grease, oil, trash, and other debris. Do not use equipment in areas near flammable chemicals, dust, and vapours. Do not use this product in a damp or wet location.

- Stay alert, watch what you are doing and use common sense when operating equipment. Do not use a tool while you are tired or under the influence of drugs, alcohol or medication. A moment of distraction when operating equipment may result in serious personal injury.
- 2. Do not overreach. Keep proper footing and balance at all times. This enables better control of the plasma cutter in unexpected situations.



Recommended Protective Filters for Electric Welding				
Description of Process	Approximate Range of Welding Current in Amps	Minimum Shade Number of Filter(s)		
	Less than or equal to 100	8		
	100 to 200	10		
Manual Metal Arc Welding - Covered Electrodes (MMA)	200 to 300	11		
	300 to 400	12		
	Greater than 400	13		
	Less than or equal to 150	10		
	150 to 250	11		
Gas Metal Arc Welding (GWAW) (MIG) other than Aluminium And Stainless Steel	250 to 300	12		
outer than Adminium And Stanless Steel	300 to 400	13		
	Greater than 400	14		
Gas Metal Arc Welding(GWAW) (MIG)	Less than or equal to 250	12		
Aluminium and Stainless Steel	250 to 350	13		
	Less than or equal to 100	10		
	100 to 200	11		
Gas Tungsten Arc Welding (GTAW) (TIG)	200 to 250	12		
	250 to 350	13		
	Greater than 350	14		
	Less than or equal to 300	11		
Flux-Cored Arc Welding (FCAW) -	300 to 400	12		
with or without Shielding Gas	400 to 500	13		
	Greater than 500	14		
Air - Arc Gouging	Less than or equal to 400	12		
	50 to 100	10		
Plasma - Arc Cutting	100 to 400	12		
	400 to 800	14		
Plasma - Arc Spraying	_	15		
	Less than or equal to 20	8		
Disease Are Melding	20 to 100	10		
Plasma - Arc Welding	100 to 400	12		
	400 to 800	14		
Submerged - Arc Welding	_	2 (5)		
Resistance Welding	_	Safety Spectacles or Eye Shield		

Refer to standard AS/NZS 1338.1 for comprehensive information regarding the above table.

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### **Arc Rays can Burn Eyes and Skin**



#### DANGER!

Arc rays from the welding process produce intense heat and strong ultraviolet rays that can burn eyes and skin.

- Use a Welding Helmet or Welding Face Shield fitted with a proper shade filter (refer AS 60974-1, AS/NZS 1337.1 and AS/NZS 1338.1 Safety Standards) to protect your face and eyes when plasma cutting or watching. (See Filter Table on pg 18)
- 2. Wear approved safety glasses. Side shields are recommended.
- 3. Use protective screens or barriers to protect others from flash and glare; warn others not to watch the arc.
- 4. Wear protective clothing made from durable, flame-resistant material (wool and leather) and foot safety protection.
- 5. Never wear contact lenses while plasma cutting.

### **Noise Can Damage Hearing**



#### **CAUTION!**

Noise from some processes can damage hearing. Use AS/NZS compliant ear plugs or ear muffs if the noise level is high.

### **Work Environment Safety**



#### DANGER!

Remove any combustible material from the work area.

- When possible, move the work to a location well away from combustible materials. If relocation is not possible, protect the combustibles with a cover made of fire resistant material.
- 2. Remove or make safe all combustible materials for a radius of 10 metres around the work area. Use a fire resistant material to cover or block all doorways, windows, cracks, and other openings.
- Enclose the work area with portable fire resistant screens. Protect combustible walls, ceilings, floors, etc., from sparks and heat with fire resistant covers.

- 4. If working on a metal wall, ceiling, etc., prevent ignition of combustibles on the other side by moving the combustibles to a safe location. If relocation of combustibles is not possible, designate someone to serve as a fire watch, equipped with a fire extinguisher, during the plasma cutting process and well after it is completed.
- 5. Do not weld or cut on materials having a combustible coating or combustible internal structure, as in walls or ceilings, without an approved method for eliminating the hazard.
- 6. After plasma cutting, make a thorough examination for evidence of fire. Be aware that visible smoke or flame may not be present for some time after the fire has started. Do not weld or cut in atmospheres containing dangerously reactive or flammable gases, vapours, liquids, and dust. Provide adequate ventilation in work areas to prevent accumulation of flammable gases, vapours, and dust.
- 7. Do not apply heat to a container that has held an unknown substance or a combustible material whose contents, when heated, can produce flammable or explosive vapours. Clean and purge containers before applying heat. Vent closed containers, including castings, before preheating, welding, or cutting.

### **Electricity Can Kill**



#### DANGER!

Touching live electrical parts can cause fatal shocks or severe burns. The electrode & work circuit is electrically live whenever the output is on.

- 1. Do not touch live electrical parts.
- 2. Wear dry, hole-free insulating gloves and body protection.
- 3. Insulate yourself from the work and the ground using dry insulating mats or covers.
- 4. Disconnect input power before installing or servicing this equipment. Lock input power, disconnect switch open, or remove line fuses so power cannot be turned on accidentally.
- 5. Properly install and ground this equipment according to national, state, and local codes.

- Turn off all equipment when not in use. Disconnect power to equipment if it will be left unattended or out of service.
- 7. Do not use worn, damaged, undersized, or poorly spliced cables.
- 8. Do not wrap cables around your body.
- 9. Connect work piece to a good electrical ground.
- 10. Use only well-maintained equipment. Repair or replace damaged parts as soon as practical.

### **Fumes And Gases**



#### WARNING!

Plasma cutting produces fumes and gases. Breathing these fumes and gases can be hazardous to your health.

- 1. Keep your head out of the fumes. Do not breathe the fumes.
- 2. If inside, ventilate the area and/or use an exhaust at the arc to remove welding fumes and gases.
- 3. If ventilation is poor, use an approved air-supplied respirator.
- 4. Read the Safety Data Sheets (SDS) and the manufacturer's instruction for the metals, consumables, coatings, and cleaners.
- 5. Work in a confined space only if it is well ventilated, or while wearing an air-supplied respirator. Be sure the breathing air is safe.
- 6. Do not use plasma cutter in locations near degreasing, cleaning, or spraying operations. The heat can react with vapours to form highly toxic and irritating gases.

- 2. Do not plasma cut where flying sparks can strike flammable material.
- 3. Remove all flammables within 10m of the plasma cutting site.
- 4. Be alert that plasma cutting sparks and hot materials can easily go through small cracks and openings to adjacent areas.
- 5. Watch for fire, and keep a fire extinguisher nearby.
- Be aware that plasma cutting on a ceiling, floor, bulkhead, or partition can cause fire on the hidden side.
- 7. Do not plasma cut on closed containers such as tanks or drums.

### **Sparks & Hot Metal**



#### **WARNING!**

Chipping and grinding causes flying metal, and as welds cool they can throw off slag.

- 1. Wear an AS/NZS approved face shield or safety goggles. Side shields are recommended.
- 2. Wear appropriate safety equipment to protect the skin and body.

### **Fire & Explosive Risks**

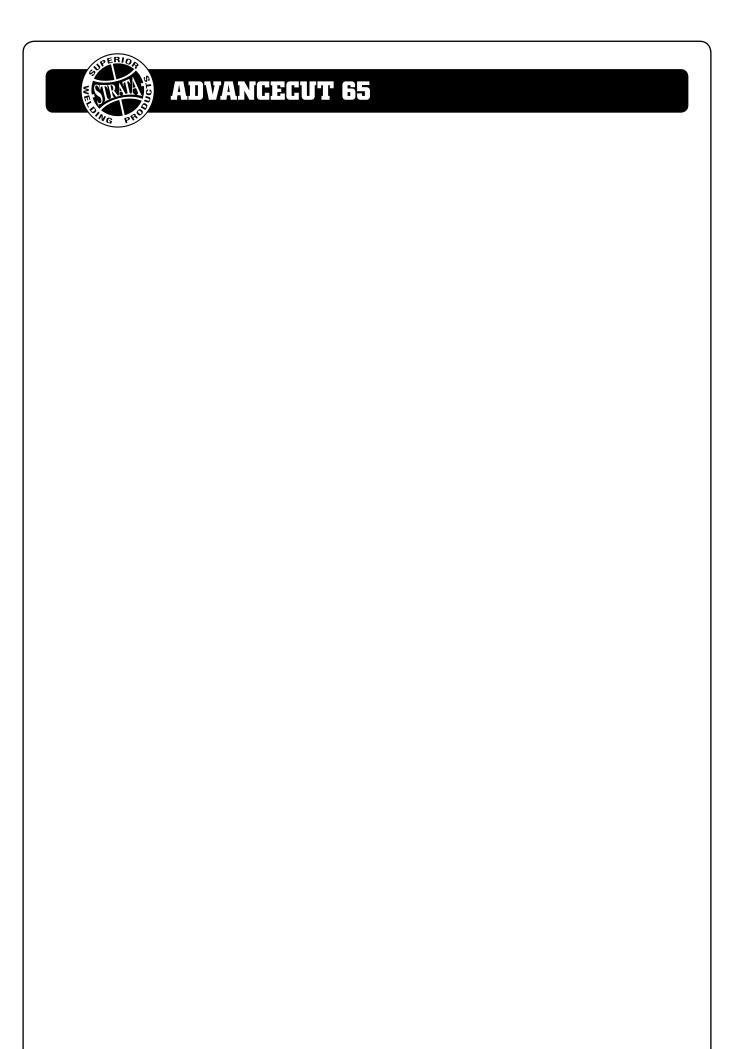


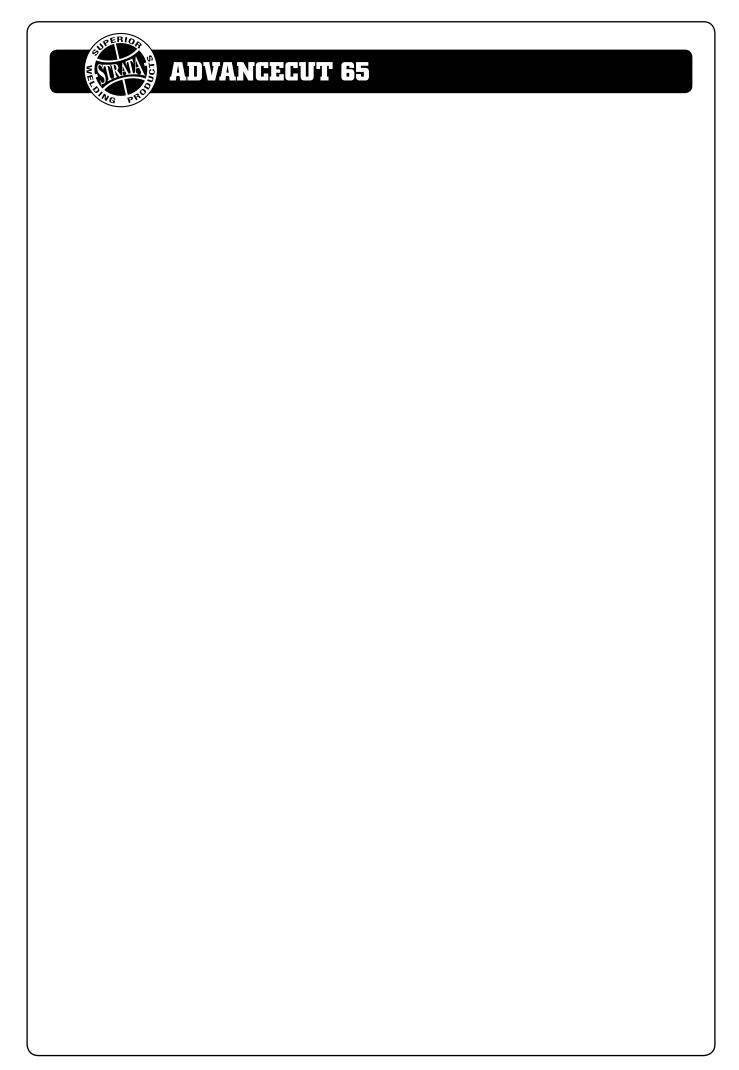
#### **WARNING!**

Sparks and spatter fly off when plasma cutting..The flying sparks, hot metal, workpiece, and hot equipment can cause fires and burns.

Accidental contact of electrode or welding wire to metal objects can cause sparks, overheating, or fire.

1. Protect yourself and others from flying sparks and hot metal.







### **Warranty**

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If a product is repaired under warranty, parts and labour required for the repair will be supplied at no charge. Warranty assessment and repair will be scheduled and executed according to the normal work flow at the service location and depending on the availability of suitable replacement parts.

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