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Model: 125WFG | Brand: Hot Max Torches

PRODUCT OVERVIEW

The Hot Max 125WFG MIG Welder is a versatile and portable welding machine designed for both gas and flux-cored welding applications. It operates on standard 120 Volt single-phase household power, making it suitable for use in various locations. This welder is capable of welding up to 1/4 inch mild steel, stainless steel, and aluminum. A key feature is its infinitely adjustable wire feed and voltage control, allowing for precise adjustments during welding without the need for cumbersome selector switches. The machine is also factory pre-wired for the optional Hot Max SPG spool gun, simplifying future upgrades. It includes essential accessories such as an Argon/CO2 regulator and hose, and features easy polarity switching for different welding processes. For safety, the wire remains electrically "cold" when not welding, and the unit incorporates thermal overload protection.

SETUP AND INSTALLATION

Before operating the Hot Max 125WFG MIG Welder, ensure proper setup and safety precautions are followed. This unit is designed for use with a 120 Volt, 15 Amp power supply.

Unpacking and Initial Inspection

- Carefully remove all components from the packaging.
- Verify that all included items are present: 125 Amp MIG welder, ground clamp with 9' cable, MIG gun with 10' hose, Argon/CO2 regulator and 5' gas hose, 2# spool of .030" flux core wire, .025", .030", and .035" contact tips, gas nozzle for gun, 10# spool adapter, and driver roller.
- Inspect the welder and accessories for any signs of shipping damage.

Connecting Components

- **Ground Clamp:** Connect the ground clamp cable securely to the appropriate terminal on the welder.
- **MIG Gun:** Attach the MIG gun with its 10' hose to the designated connection point.
- **Gas Connection (Optional):** If using shielding gas (not included), connect the provided Argon/CO2 regulator and 5' gas hose to your gas cylinder and the welder's gas inlet.

Wire Installation

The welder comes with a 2# spool of .030" flux core wire. The drive roller is designed to fit .025" to .035" wire.



Figure 1: Internal view of the welder with the wire feed mechanism. Ensure the welding wire is fed correctly through the guide hole and into the drive roller system.

- Open the wire compartment cover.
- Mount the wire spool onto the spindle, ensuring it rotates freely. Use the 10# spool adapter if necessary for larger spools (available separately).
- Feed the wire through the guide hole and into the drive roller assembly. Ensure the wire is properly seated in the groove of the drive roller that matches your wire size.
- Close the wire compartment cover.

Dimensions

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Figure 2: Product dimensions for placement and storage. The welder measures approximately 17 inches in full length and 13 3/4 inches in height.

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

The Hot Max 125WFG offers precise control over your welding process.

Controls and Adjustments



Figure 3: Front panel controls of the Hot Max 125WFG MIG Welder. Note the power switch, voltage adjustment, and wire feed speed adjustment knobs.

- **Power On/Off:** Use the main switch to turn the welder on or off.
- **Voltage Control:** The welder features infinitely adjustable voltage control. Adjust this knob to set the desired welding voltage.
- **Wire Feed Speed Control:** The wire feed speed is also infinitely adjustable. Adjust this knob to control the rate at which the welding wire is fed. Both voltage and wire speed can be adjusted while you weld for optimal performance.

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- Infinite voltage and wire speed controls

Figure 4: Detail of the infinite voltage and wire speed controls, allowing for precise tuning of welding parameters.

Welding Process

- **Polarity Switching:** The Hot Max MIG welder allows for easy switching of polarity, which is essential when changing between gas welding (GMAW) and flux-cored welding (FCAW). Consult a welding guide for appropriate polarity settings for your specific application.
- **Thermal Overload Protection:** The machine is equipped with thermal overload protection. If the unit overheats, it will automatically shut down to prevent damage. Allow the welder to cool down before resuming operation.
- **Wire Safety:** The welding wire is electrically "cold" when you are not actively welding, reducing the risk of accidental arcing.

MAINTENANCE

Regular maintenance ensures the longevity and optimal performance of your Hot Max 125WFG MIG Welder.

- **Cleaning:** Periodically clean the exterior of the welder to prevent dust and debris buildup. Ensure ventilation openings are clear.
- **Contact Tips and Nozzles:** Inspect and clean the contact tips and gas nozzle regularly. Replace worn or damaged contact tips to ensure consistent arc performance.
- **Wire Feed System:** Check the wire feed rollers for wear and ensure they are clean and free of debris. Proper tension on the drive roller is crucial for smooth wire feeding.
- **Cable Inspection:** Routinely inspect all cables (power, ground, MIG gun) for cuts, fraying, or damage. Replace any damaged cables immediately.

TROUBLESHOOTING

This section provides solutions to common issues you might encounter.

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Welder does not power on.	No power supply; tripped circuit breaker; faulty power switch.	Check power outlet and circuit breaker. Ensure power cord is securely connected.
No wire feed.	Wire tangled; drive roller tension incorrect; contact tip clogged; wire spool empty.	Check wire spool for tangles. Adjust drive roller tension. Clean or replace contact tip. Replace wire spool.
Welder shuts off during operation.	Thermal overload activated.	Allow the machine to cool down. Ensure proper ventilation around the welder.
Poor weld quality / inconsistent arc.	Incorrect voltage/wire speed settings; dirty contact tip; improper ground connection; wrong polarity.	Adjust voltage and wire speed. Clean or replace contact tip. Ensure ground clamp has good contact. Verify correct polarity for welding process.

SPECIFICATIONS

Attribute	Detail
Manufacturer	Hot Max
Part Number	125WFG
Item Weight	0.01 ounces
Package Dimensions	24.75 x 17.25 x 12 inches
Item Model Number	125WFG
Size	125 Amp
Style	Welder
Power Source	Corded-Electric
Installation Method	MIG-Welding
Item Package Quantity	1
Batteries Required?	No
Input Power	120 VAC, 15 Amps
Output Current	25-125 Amps DC

WARRANTY INFORMATION

The Hot Max 125WFG MIG Welder comes with the following warranty:

- **Machine:** 2 Years Limited Warranty
- **Gun, Parts, and Labor:** 90 Days Warranty

Please retain your proof of purchase for warranty claims.

CUSTOMER SUPPORT

For technical assistance, replacement parts, or any questions regarding your Hot Max 125WFG MIG Welder, please contact Hot Max customer support. Refer to the product packaging or the manufacturer's official website for the most current contact information.

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