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1. INTRODUCTION

This manual provides essential instructions for the safe and effective use, setup, operation, and maintenance of your Bernard Q3015AE8EMC MIG Welding Gun. Please read this manual thoroughly before operating the equipment to ensure proper function and user safety. This welding gun is designed for Gas Metal Arc Welding (GMAW) processes, commonly known as MIG welding, and is compatible with Miller welding systems.



Figure 1: Bernard Q3015AE8EMC MIG Welding Gun. This image displays the welding gun with its curved handle, yellow trigger, and copper-colored nozzle assembly.

2. SAFETY INFORMATION

Welding operations involve significant hazards. It is crucial to follow all safety precautions to prevent injury or equipment damage. Always refer to your welding power source manual for additional safety guidelines.

- **Electric Shock:** Can kill. Do not touch live electrical parts. Wear dry insulating gloves and protective clothing.
- **Fumes and Gases:** Can be hazardous to your health. Keep your head out of the fumes. Use ventilation or exhaust to remove fumes from the breathing zone.
- **Arc Rays:** Can burn eyes and skin. Wear a welding helmet with a proper shade filter and protective clothing.
- **Fire and Explosion:** Welding can cause fire or explosion. Keep combustibles away from the welding area. Have a fire extinguisher readily available.
- **Hot Parts:** Can cause severe burns. Allow equipment to cool before touching.
- **Noise:** Excessive noise can damage hearing. Wear ear protection.

Always ensure proper grounding of the welding equipment and work piece.

3. SETUP

Proper setup is essential for optimal performance and safety.

1. **Connect to Welder:** Connect the welding gun's rear connection to the Miller-compatible receptacle on your welding power source. Ensure a secure and tight connection.
2. **Install Welding Wire:** Feed the appropriate solid welding wire (up to 0.045 inch diameter) through the gun's liner, following the instructions in your welding power source manual for wire feeder setup.
3. **Connect Shielding Gas:** Attach the gas hose from your welding power source to the appropriate gas inlet on the gun or feeder. This gun is designed for use with CO₂ (Carbon Dioxide) or mixed gas. Ensure the gas cylinder is secured and the regulator is set to the recommended flow rate.
4. **Install Consumables:**
 - Ensure the correct Centerfire series contact tip is installed.
 - Securely attach the nozzle.
5. **Check Connections:** Verify all electrical, gas, and wire connections are secure and free from damage before proceeding.

4. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

Follow these steps for safe and effective operation of the welding gun.

1. **Prepare Work Area:** Ensure the welding area is clean, well-ventilated, and free of flammable materials.
2. **Wear Personal Protective Equipment (PPE):** Always wear a welding helmet, flame-resistant clothing, welding gloves, and safety glasses.
3. **Power On Welder:** Turn on your welding power source and set the desired voltage and wire feed speed according to your welding parameters.
4. **Initiate Arc:** Position the welding gun over the workpiece. Press the standard trigger to initiate the arc and begin welding. The gun features a curved handle for comfortable operation and a rotatable neck tube with a 45-degree angle for versatile positioning.
5. **Welding Process:** Maintain a consistent travel speed and arc length for optimal weld quality. The gun is air-cooled and rated for a maximum current of 300 A with a 60% duty cycle.
6. **Cease Welding:** Release the trigger to stop the arc.
7. **Power Off:** After completing welding tasks, turn off the welding power source and gas supply.

5. MAINTENANCE

Regular maintenance ensures the longevity and reliable performance of your welding gun.

- **Contact Tip:** Inspect the contact tip regularly for wear and spatter buildup. Replace worn or clogged tips to ensure consistent wire feeding and arc stability.
- **Nozzle:** Clean spatter from the nozzle frequently. Replace the nozzle if it becomes damaged or excessively worn.
- **Liner:** Periodically check the wire liner for kinks or blockages. A worn or dirty liner can cause poor wire feeding. Replace the liner if necessary.
- **Cable:** Inspect the entire cable assembly for cuts, abrasions, or loose connections. Damaged cables can pose

electrical hazards and affect performance.

- **Trigger:** Ensure the trigger mechanism operates smoothly.

Always disconnect the welding gun from the power source before performing any maintenance.

6. TROUBLESHOOTING

This section addresses common issues you might encounter.

- **Poor Wire Feeding:**
 - Check for a worn or incorrect contact tip.
 - Inspect the wire liner for blockages or kinks.
 - Ensure the drive rolls on the wire feeder are correctly tensioned and sized for the wire.
- **Inconsistent Arc:**
 - Verify proper gas flow and ensure the gas cylinder is not empty.
 - Check for spatter buildup in the nozzle or on the contact tip.
 - Ensure a good work clamp connection to the workpiece.
- **Overheating Gun:**
 - Ensure you are operating within the gun's duty cycle (60% at 300 A).
 - Check for proper air circulation around the gun.
- **No Gas Flow:**
 - Check gas cylinder pressure and regulator settings.
 - Inspect gas hose for kinks or leaks.

If problems persist, consult your welding power source manual or contact Bernard customer support.

7. SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Specification
Model	Q3015AE8EMC
Brand	Bernard
Welding Process	MIG Welding (GMAW)
Cooling Method	Air-Cooled
Maximum Current	300 A
Duty Cycle	60% (at 300 A)
Cable Length	15 ft
Rear Connection Type	Miller-Compatible
Handle Type	Curved
Trigger Type	Standard
Neck Tube Type	Rotatable
Neck Tube Angle	45 Degrees
Wire Type	Solid
Maximum Wire Diameter	0.045 in
Gas Type	CO2 (Carbon Dioxide), Mixed Gas
Tip Series	Centerfire
Item Weight	11 pounds
Product Dimensions	21 x 21.1 x 3.6 inches
Materials	Brass, Copper, Steel, Plastic, Rubber

8. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

For warranty information, please refer to the documentation provided with your original purchase or visit the official Bernard website. For technical support or assistance with your Bernard Q3015AE8EMC MIG Welding Gun, please contact Bernard customer service directly.

Contact information can typically be found on the manufacturer's website or in the packaging materials.