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Model: 428099 | Brand: Hypertherm

1. INTRODUCTION

This instruction manual provides essential information for the proper use, installation, and maintenance of the Hypertherm 428099 Consumable Starter Kit for the Powermax125 Hand Torch. This kit contains critical replacement parts designed to ensure optimal performance and cut quality from your plasma cutting system. Adhering to these guidelines will help extend the life of your consumables and maintain safe operation.

2. KIT CONTENTS

The Hypertherm 428099 Consumable Starter Kit includes the following components, designed for the Powermax125 Hand Torch:



Figure 2.1: Hypertherm 428099 Consumable Starter Kit, displaying the complete set of components within its packaging.

- **Electrode (Part No. 420000):** Essential for initiating and maintaining the plasma arc.
- **Nozzle (Part No. 220975):** Shapes and constricts the plasma arc for precise cutting.
- **Swirl Ring (Part No. 220997):** Creates a swirling action of the plasma gas, stabilizing the arc.
- **Retaining Cap (Part No. 220977):** Secures the electrode, swirl ring, and nozzle within the torch.
- **Shielded Deflector (Part No. 220971):** Protects the nozzle and provides standoff for improved cut quality.
- **Ohmic Retaining Cap (Part No. 420112):** Used for mechanized cutting applications, providing ohmic contact.



Figure 2.2: Detailed view of various Hypertherm Powermax125 consumable components.

3. SETUP AND INSTALLATION

Proper installation of consumables is crucial for safe operation and optimal cutting performance. Always refer to your Powermax125 system's operator manual for detailed instructions specific to your torch model.

1. **Safety First:** Before handling any torch components, ensure the plasma cutting system is turned off and disconnected from the power source to prevent accidental arc initiation or electrical shock.
2. **Remove Old Consumables:** Unscrew the retaining cap from the torch body. Carefully remove the used shield, nozzle, swirl ring, and electrode. Inspect the torch body for any damage or debris.
3. **Install New Consumables:**
 - Insert the new **electrode** into the torch body, ensuring it seats properly.
 - Place the new **swirl ring** over the electrode, aligning any keys or tabs.
 - Position the new **nozzle** over the swirl ring and electrode.
 - Screw on the new **retaining cap** (or shielded deflector/ohmic retaining cap, depending on application) firmly by hand. Do not overtighten, as this can damage components.
4. **Verify Assembly:** Double-check that all components are correctly seated and the retaining cap is securely fastened.

4. OPERATING GUIDELINES

While this kit provides the consumables, proper operation of your Powermax125 system is essential for achieving desired results and maximizing consumable life. Always refer to your Powermax125 operator manual for comprehensive operating instructions.

- **Amperage Settings:** Use the recommended amperage settings for the material thickness and type you are cutting. Incorrect amperage can lead to poor cut quality and premature consumable wear.
- **Standoff Distance:** Maintain the correct standoff distance between the torch nozzle and the workpiece. Too close or too far can affect arc stability and cut quality.
- **Cut Speed:** Adjust your cutting speed according to the material. Too slow can cause excessive dross, while too fast can result in an incomplete cut.
- **Cleanliness:** Ensure the workpiece is clean and free of rust, paint, or heavy scale, which can interfere with arc initiation and cut quality.

5. MAINTENANCE

Regular inspection and maintenance of your consumables will ensure consistent performance and prolong their lifespan.

- **Daily Inspection:** Before each use, inspect the electrode tip for pitting or erosion, the nozzle orifice for enlargement or damage, and the swirl ring for cracks or blockages.
- **Cleaning:** Periodically clean the torch body and consumable seating areas to remove any spatter or debris. Use a soft cloth and avoid abrasive materials.
- **Replacement:** Replace consumables as soon as signs of wear are evident. Continuing to use worn consumables can damage the torch and lead to poor cut quality.
- **Storage:** Store unused consumables in a clean, dry environment to prevent contamination and corrosion.

6. TROUBLESHOOTING COMMON CONSUMABLE ISSUES

If you experience issues with your plasma cutting performance, the consumables are often the first place to check.

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Poor Cut Quality / Excessive Dross	Worn nozzle orifice, incorrect amperage, improper cut speed, incorrect standoff.	Replace nozzle, adjust amperage/speed, verify standoff distance.
Short Consumable Life	Incorrect gas pressure, frequent piercing, dirty material, improper torch height.	Check gas pressure, minimize piercing, clean material, maintain correct torch height.
No Arc / Intermittent Arc	Loose or damaged electrode/swirl ring, clogged nozzle, insufficient air pressure.	Re-seat or replace electrode/swirl ring, clean/replace nozzle, check air supply.

7. SPECIFICATIONS

Key specifications for the Hypertherm 428099 Consumable Starter Kit:

- **Manufacturer:** Hypertherm
- **Part Number:** 428099
- **Compatibility:** Hypertherm Powermax125 Hand Torch
- **Item Weight:** Approximately 11.2 ounces (0.7 pounds)
- **Product Dimensions:** Approximately 1 x 1 x 6 inches (packaged)
- **Item Package Quantity:** 1 kit
- **UPC:** 662310343309

8. SAFETY INFORMATION

Plasma cutting involves inherent risks. Always prioritize safety and adhere to all warnings and precautions outlined in your Powermax125 system's operator manual and local safety regulations.

- **Electrical Shock:** Ensure the power source is disconnected before changing consumables or performing maintenance.
- **Fumes and Gases:** Operate in a well-ventilated area or use fume extraction to avoid inhaling hazardous fumes.
- **Arc Rays:** Wear appropriate eye and face protection (e.g., welding helmet with proper shade) to protect against intense UV and IR radiation.
- **Burns:** Hot metal and torch components can cause severe burns. Allow parts to cool before handling or wear heat-resistant gloves.
- **Fire Hazard:** Keep flammable materials away from the cutting area.

9. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

For information regarding warranty coverage for Hypertherm products, please refer to the official Hypertherm warranty statement provided with your Powermax system or visit the Hypertherm website. For technical support, troubleshooting assistance beyond this manual, or to purchase additional genuine Hypertherm consumables, please contact Hypertherm customer service or an authorized Hypertherm distributor.

Hypertherm Contact Information: Please refer to your Powermax system documentation or the official Hypertherm website for the most current contact details.

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