iBELL MIG220-81

iBELL M220-81 Digital MIG/MAG/MMA Welder User Manual

Model: MIG220-81 | Brand: iBELL

1. Product Overview

The iBELL M220-81 is a versatile 3-in-1 multiprocess welding machine, capable of MIG, MAG, and MMA welding. Designed for both gas and gasless operations, it supports 1kg and 5kg spools and operates on a 220V power supply. This digital welder incorporates IGBT technology for enhanced reliability and a compact design, making it suitable for various applications from home DIY to industrial use.



Figure 1.1: The iBELL M220-81 welding machine shown with its included accessories, including the MIG torch, ground clamp, and electrode holder.

2. Safety Information

Always prioritize safety when operating welding equipment. Failure to follow safety precautions can result in serious injury or death.

- **Eye Protection:** Always wear a welding helmet with appropriate shade lenses to protect your eyes from intense light and UV radiation.
- **Body Protection:** Wear flame-resistant clothing, welding gloves, and safety shoes to protect against sparks, heat, and electric shock.
- **Ventilation:** Ensure adequate ventilation to remove welding fumes, which can be hazardous to your health. Work in a well-ventilated area or use fume extraction equipment.
- **Electrical Safety:** Ensure the welding machine is properly grounded. Do not operate in wet conditions. Inspect cables and connections for damage before each use.
- **Fire Prevention:** Keep flammable materials away from the welding area. Have a fire extinguisher readily available.
- **Work Area:** Keep your work area clean and free of clutter. Ensure stable footing.
- **Read Manual:** Read and understand the entire instruction manual before operating the welder.

3. Product Components

3.1 Front Panel Controls and Connections



Figure 3.1: Detailed view of the front panel, showing the display, adjusting knobs, and quick connector sockets.

Display: Digital readouts for voltage and current.

Reactance Adjusting Knob: Controls arc stiffness and penetration.

Voltage Adjusting Knob: Sets the welding voltage.

Current Adjusting Knob: Sets the welding current.

Switch: Power switch for the unit.

MIG/MAG Torch Socket: Connection point for the MIG/MAG welding torch.

Quick Connector Socket (+): Positive terminal for electrode holder or ground clamp.

Quick Connector Socket (-): Negative terminal for electrode holder or ground clamp.

Function Switching with Wire: Selector for different welding modes (MMA, MIG, MAG) and wire feed settings.

3.2 Rear Panel Features



Figure 3.2: Rear view of the welder, highlighting the power cord, main switch, gas inlet, and smart fan.

Power Cord: Connects the unit to the main power supply (220V).

Switch: Main power on/off switch.

Gas Inlet: Connection point for the gas hose when performing MIG/MAG welding with shielding gas.

Smart Fan: Cooling fan that adjusts speed based on internal temperature to maintain optimal performance.

3.3 Internal Components (Wire Feeder & Spool Holder)



Figure 3.3: Inside the welder, showing the wire feeder mechanism and the spool holder for welding wire.

Wire Feeder Switch: Controls the wire feeding mechanism.

Wire Feeder: Mechanism that feeds the welding wire through the torch.

Spool Holder: Mount for holding 1kg or 5kg spools of welding wire.

4. Setup Instructions

4.1 Power Connection

Connect the power cord to a stable 220V AC power supply. Ensure the power outlet is properly grounded and capable of handling the welder's input capacity of 7.2 KVA.

4.2 Wire Spool Installation (MIG/MAG)

1. Open the side panel of the welder to access the spool holder and wire feeder.
2. Place the welding wire spool onto the spool holder, ensuring it rotates freely. The iBELL M220-81 supports both 1kg and 5kg spools.
3. Feed the end of the welding wire through the wire feeder mechanism, ensuring it is properly seated in the drive rollers.
4. Close the wire feeder tension arm and adjust the tension appropriately. Too much tension can deform the wire, too little can cause slippage.
5. Thread the wire into the MIG/MAG torch liner.

4.3 Connecting Welding Accessories

The welder comes with a 4M Euro AK15 torch, 3M 300A ground clamp, and 3M 300A electrode holder.

- **MIG/MAG Torch:** Connect the Euro connector of the MIG/MAG torch to the MIG/MAG torch socket on the front panel.
- **Ground Clamp:** Connect the ground clamp cable to the appropriate quick connector socket (positive or negative) based on the desired polarity for your welding process (see Section 4.4). Attach the clamp securely to the workpiece.

- **Electrode Holder (MMA):** For MMA welding, connect the electrode holder cable to the appropriate quick connector socket (positive or negative) based on the electrode type and desired polarity.

4.4 Polarity Changeover

The iBELL M220-81 supports polarity changeover for different welding processes. Correct polarity is crucial for optimal weld quality and performance.



Figure 4.1: Illustration of MAG and MIG connection polarities.

- **MAG Connection:** Typically uses DC Electrode Positive (DCEP) or Reverse Polarity. The torch is connected to the positive (+) terminal, and the ground clamp to the negative (-) terminal.
- **MIG Connection (Gasless Flux Core):** Often uses DC Electrode Negative (DCEN) or Straight Polarity. The torch is connected to the negative (-) terminal, and the ground clamp to the positive (+) terminal.
- **MMA Welding:** Polarity depends on the electrode type. Refer to the electrode manufacturer's recommendations.

To change polarity, simply swap the connections of the ground clamp and electrode holder/MIG torch cable to the quick connector sockets on the front panel.

4.5 Gas Connection (for MIG/MAG with Gas)

If performing MIG/MAG welding with shielding gas (e.g., CO2 or mixed gas), connect the gas hose (2M Gas hose with clamps included) from your gas cylinder regulator to the gas inlet on the rear panel of the welder. Ensure all connections are secure and leak-free.

5. Operating Instructions

5.1 Selecting Welding Mode

Use the "Function Switching with Wire" selector on the front panel to choose between MMA, MIG, or MAG welding modes.



Figure 5.1: Visual representation of MMA, MAG, and MIG function setups.

- **MMA (Manual Metal Arc) Welding:** Also known as Stick Welding. Uses coated electrodes.
- **MAG (Metal Active Gas) Welding:** Uses shielding gas (e.g., CO2 or mixed gas) and solid wire.
- **MIG (Metal Inert Gas) Welding:** Often refers to gasless flux-cored welding, or can use inert gas with solid wire.

5.2 Adjusting Welding Parameters

The iBELL M220-81 allows precise control over welding parameters:

- **Voltage Adjusting Knob:** Controls the arc voltage. Higher voltage generally results in a wider, flatter bead.
- **Current Adjusting Knob:** Controls the welding current (amperage). Higher current increases penetration and melt-off rate.
- **Reactance Adjusting Knob:** Fine-tunes the arc characteristics, affecting arc stability and spatter.

Refer to welding charts or perform test welds on scrap material to find the optimal settings for your specific material thickness, type, and welding wire/electrode.

5.3 Compatible Wires and Electrodes

- **Flux Core Wire:** 0.6mm, 0.8mm, 0.9mm
- **MIG Welding Wire:** 0.6mm, 0.8mm, 1.0mm (solid wire)
- **MMA Electrodes:** 1.6mm - 5.0mm

5.4 Welding Process Overview

Once setup is complete and parameters are set:

1. Turn on the main power switch on the rear panel.
2. For MIG/MAG, press the torch trigger to initiate wire feed and arc. For MMA, strike the electrode against the workpiece to initiate the arc.
3. Maintain a consistent travel speed and arc length for a stable weld bead.
4. The machine features **Arc Force**, **Hot Start**, and **Anti-Sticking** functions to improve arc ignition, stability, and prevent

electrode sticking.

5. The unit also includes **Overload Protection** and **Overheat Protection** for safety and longevity.

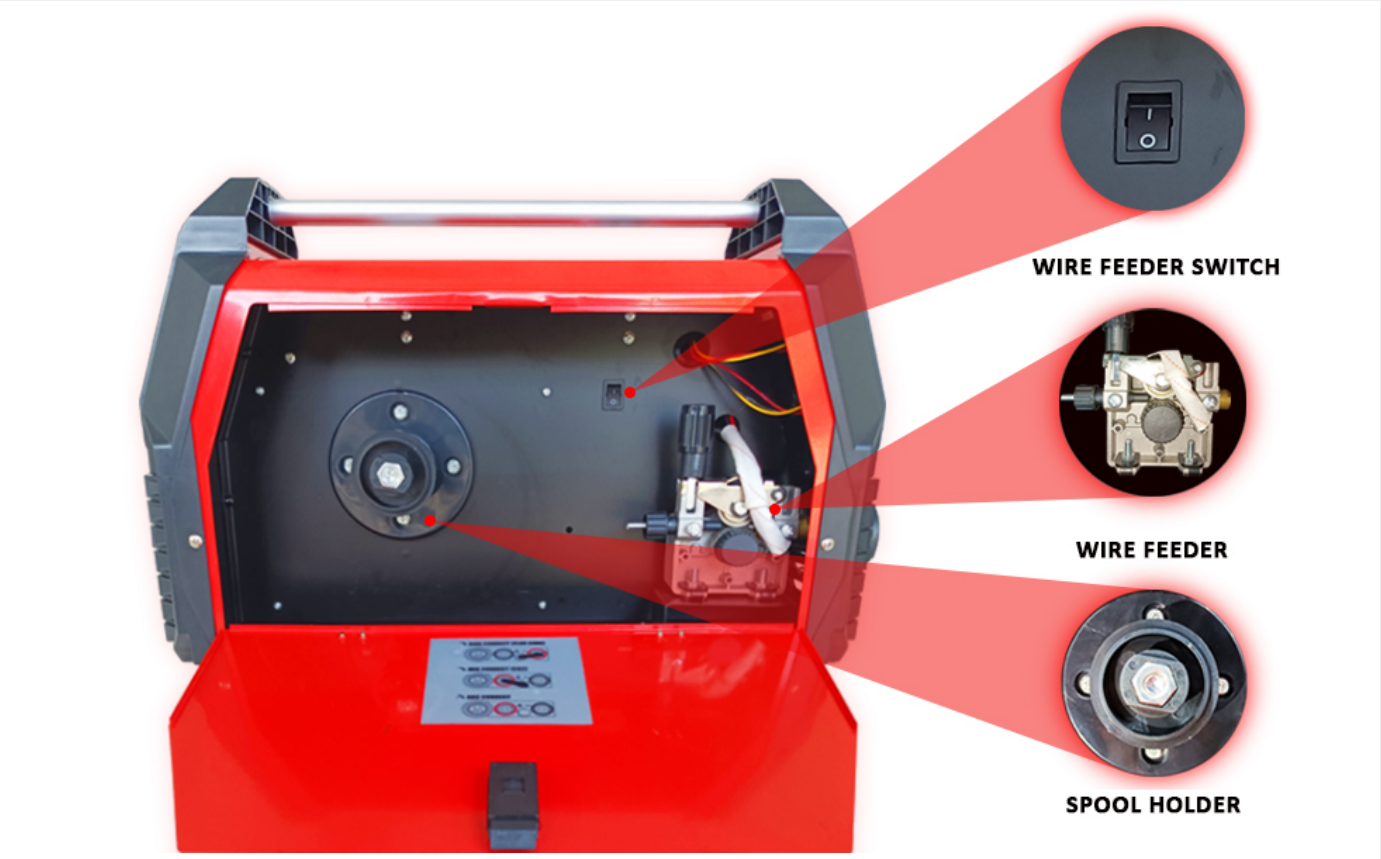


Figure 5.2: Key features of the iBELL M220-81 welder.

6. Maintenance

Regular maintenance ensures the longevity and optimal performance of your iBELL M220-81 welder.

- **Cleaning:** Regularly clean the exterior of the machine with a dry, soft cloth. Use compressed air to blow out dust and debris from inside the machine, especially around the fan and circuit boards, ensuring the power is disconnected first.
- **Cable Inspection:** Periodically inspect all welding cables, torch, and ground clamp for cuts, fraying, or loose connections. Replace damaged components immediately.
- **Contact Tip & Nozzle (MIG/MAG):** Clean or replace the contact tip and nozzle regularly to ensure proper wire feeding and gas flow. Spatter buildup can impede performance.
- **Wire Feeder:** Check the wire feeder rollers for wear and cleanliness. Ensure the wire tension is correctly set.
- **Gas Hose (if applicable):** Inspect the gas hose for kinks or leaks.
- **Storage:** Store the welder in a clean, dry environment, away from excessive dust, moisture, and extreme temperatures.

7. Troubleshooting

This section provides solutions to common issues you might encounter with your iBELL M220-81 welder.

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
No power to the machine	Power switch off, loose power cord, tripped circuit breaker, faulty power outlet.	Ensure power switch is ON. Check power cord connection. Reset circuit breaker. Test power outlet with another device.

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
No arc or weak arc	Improper ground connection, incorrect polarity, wrong settings (current/voltage), worn contact tip (MIG/MAG), wet electrode (MMA).	Ensure ground clamp is securely attached to clean metal. Verify correct polarity. Adjust current/voltage settings. Replace contact tip. Use dry electrodes.
Wire feeding issues (MIG/MAG)	Incorrect wire tension, clogged liner, wrong drive roller size, spatter in contact tip, wire spool tangled.	Adjust wire tension. Clean or replace torch liner. Ensure correct drive roller for wire size. Clean contact tip. Untangle wire spool.
Overheat protection activated	Exceeded duty cycle, poor ventilation, fan malfunction.	Allow machine to cool down. Ensure adequate airflow around the machine. Check if the smart fan is operating correctly.
Excessive spatter	Incorrect voltage/wire speed, wrong gas mixture (MIG/MAG), dirty workpiece, long arc length.	Adjust voltage and wire speed. Use appropriate shielding gas. Clean workpiece thoroughly. Reduce arc length.

If you encounter issues not listed here or if the suggested solutions do not resolve the problem, please contact iBELL customer support.

8. Specifications

Specification	Value
Brand	iBELL
Model Number	MIG220-81
Rated Voltage	220 Volts (AC)
Input Capacity	7.2 KVA
Welding Modes	MIG, MAG, MMA (3-in-1)
MMA Welding Technology	IGBT
MAG Welding	Gasless compatible
MIG Welding	Gas compatible
Supported Spool Sizes	1kg & 5kg
Compatible Flux Core Wire	0.6mm, 0.8mm, 0.9mm
Compatible MIG Wire	0.6mm, 0.8mm, 1.0mm
Compatible MMA Electrodes	1.6mm - 5.0mm
Item Weight	16 kg
Product Dimensions (LxWxH)	54.5 x 32.5 x 37 cm
Country of Origin	China
Manufacturer	TSP TECHNOLOGIES, NINGBO, ZEJIANG, CHINA

9. Warranty and Support

The iBELL M220-81 Digital MIG/MAG/MMA Welder comes with a 1-Year Manufacturer Warranty from the date of purchase. For brand authorized service, genuine parts, and a paperless warranty claim experience, please use the following contact information:

Toll-Free Contact Number: 1800-1034-090

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Please retain your proof of purchase for warranty claims.

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