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# 2 For your safety

# 2.1 Notes on the use of these operating instructions

## **△** DANGER

Working or operating procedures which must be closely observed to prevent imminent serious and even fatal injuries.

- Safety notes include the "DANGER" keyword in the heading with a general warning symbol.
- The hazard is also highlighted using a symbol on the edge of the page.

## **⚠ WARNING**

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- The safety information includes the "CAUTION" keyword in its heading with a general warning symbol.
- The risk is explained using a symbol on the edge of the page.

### Technical aspects which the user must observe to avoid material or equipment damage.

Instructions and lists detailing step-by-step actions for given situations can be recognised via bullet points, e.g.:

Insert the welding current lead socket into the relevant socket and lock.

# 2.2 Explanation of icons

| Symbol   | Description                                              | Symbol | Description                      |
|----------|----------------------------------------------------------|--------|----------------------------------|
| RF .     | Indicates technical aspects which the user must observe. |        | Activate and release / Tap / Tip |
|          | Switch off machine                                       |        | Release                          |
|          | Switch on machine                                        |        | Press and hold                   |
|          |                                                          |        | Switch                           |
|          | Incorrect / Invalid                                      |        | Turn                             |
|          | Correct / Valid                                          |        | Numerical value – adjustable     |
| +        | Input                                                    | -;•    | Signal light lights up in green  |
| <b>②</b> | Navigation                                               | ••••   | Signal light flashes green       |
|          | Output                                                   |        | Signal light lights up in red    |



| Symbol | Description                                                       | Symbol                                  | Description              |
|--------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 45     | Time representation (e.g.: wait 4 s / actuate)                    | ••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••• | Signal light flashes red |
| -//-   | Interruption in the menu display (other setting options possible) |                                         |                          |
| X      | Tool not required/do not use                                      |                                         |                          |
|        | Tool required/use                                                 |                                         |                          |

#### Part of the complete documentation 2.3

These operating instructions are part of the complete documentation and valid only in combination with all other parts of these instructions! Read and observe the operating instructions for all system components, especially the safety instructions!

The illustration shows a general example of a welding system.

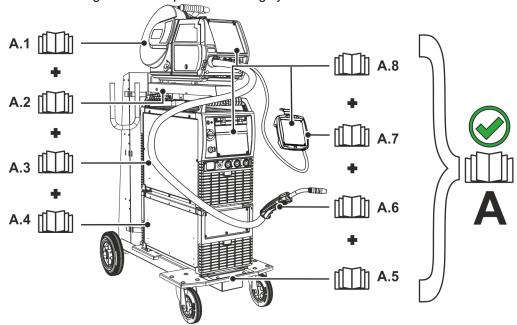


Figure 2-1

| ltem | Documentation                                  |
|------|------------------------------------------------|
| A.1  | Wire feeder                                    |
| A.2  | Conversion instructions                        |
| A.3  | Power source                                   |
| A.4  | Cooling unit, voltage converter, tool box etc. |
| A.5  | Trolley                                        |
| A.6  | Welding torch                                  |
| A.7  | Remote control                                 |
| A.8  | Control                                        |
| Α    | Complete documentation                         |



## 3 Intended use

## **△** WARNING



Hazards due to improper usage!

The machine has been constructed to the state of the art and any regulations and standards applicable for use in industry and trade. It may only be used for the welding procedures indicated at the rating plate. Hazards may arise for persons, animals and material objects if the equipment is not used correctly. No liability is accepted for any damages arising from improper usage!

- The equipment must only be used in line with its designated purpose and by trained or expert personnel!
- Do not improperly modify or convert the equipment!

# 3.1 Use and operation solely with the following machines

This description may only be applied to machines with the M3.7X-K machine control.

## 3.2 Documents which also apply

- · Operating instructions for the connected welding machines
- · Documents of the optional expansions

### 3.3 Software version

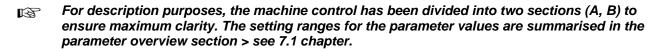
These instructions apply to the following software version:

1.0.9.0

The software version of the machine control can be displayed in the machine configuration menu (menu Srv) > see 4.5 chapter.

## 3.4 Machine control – Operating elements

### 3.4.1 Overview of control sections





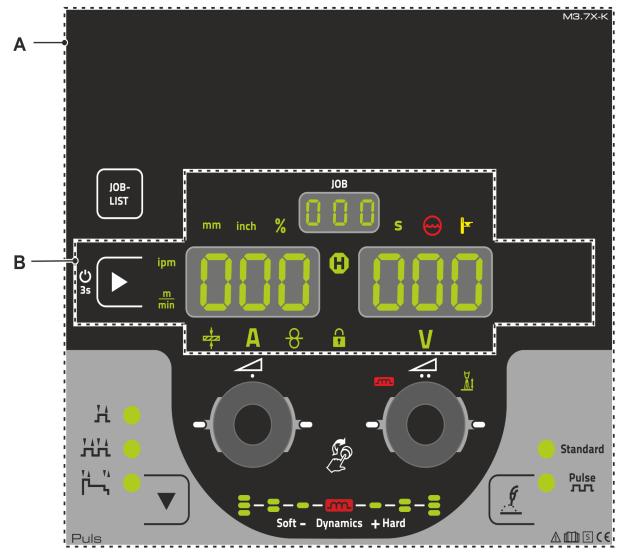


Figure 3-1

| Item | Symbol | Description           |  |
|------|--------|-----------------------|--|
| 1    |        | Control section A     |  |
|      |        | > see 3.4.1.1 chapter |  |
| 2    |        | Control section B     |  |
|      |        | > see 3.4.1.2 chapter |  |



## 3.4.1.1 Control section A



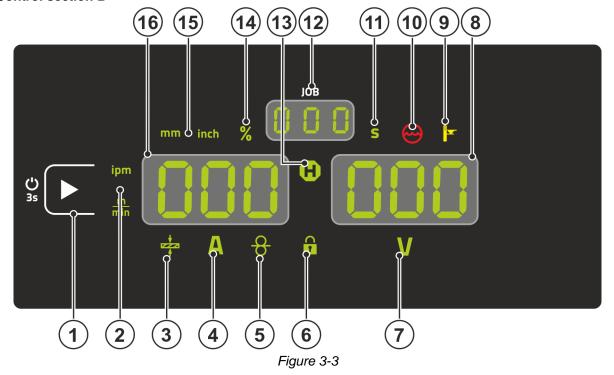
Figure 3-2

| Item | Symbol | Description                                                                             |  |  |
|------|--------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|--|
| 1    | JOB-   | Welding task push-button (JOB)                                                          |  |  |
|      | LIST   | Select the welding task from the welding task list (JOB-LIST). The list can be found    |  |  |
|      |        | inside the protective cap on the wire feeder and in the appendix to these operating     |  |  |
| -    |        | instructions.                                                                           |  |  |
| 2    |        | Click wheel welding power                                                               |  |  |
|      |        | •Setting the welding power > see 3.6.2 chapter                                          |  |  |
|      |        | •Setting various parameters values depending on the preselection.                       |  |  |
|      |        | The white signal lights (LED) around the rotary knob light up when setting is possible. |  |  |
| 3    |        | Operating mode selection push-button                                                    |  |  |
|      | ▼      | HNon-latched                                                                            |  |  |
|      |        | HHLatched                                                                               |  |  |
|      |        | ⊩,"Special latched                                                                      |  |  |
| 4    |        | "Welding type" push-button (for machine versions with pulsed arc welding                |  |  |
|      | ▼      | procedures only)                                                                        |  |  |
|      |        | standard MIG/MAG welding                                                                |  |  |
|      |        | Pulse pulsed MIG/MAG welding                                                            |  |  |
|      |        |                                                                                         |  |  |
| 5    | m      | Display of arc dynamics                                                                 |  |  |
|      |        | The height and orientation of the set arc dynamics are displayed.                       |  |  |



| Item                                                         | Symbol                                                    | Description                                                                             |  |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|
| 6                                                            | <b>∴</b>                                                  | Correction of arc length click wheel                                                    |  |
|                                                              | • Setting the arc length correction > see 4.2.2.3 chapter |                                                                                         |  |
|                                                              | ((2)) Setting arc dynamics > see 4.2.2.4 chapter          |                                                                                         |  |
| • Setting various parameters values depending on the presele |                                                           | • Setting various parameters values depending on the preselection.                      |  |
|                                                              |                                                           | The white signal lights (LED) around the rotary knob light up when setting is possible. |  |

### 3.4.1.2 Control section B



| Item | Symbol   | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |  |  |
|------|----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|--|
| 1    | <b>•</b> | Display left / Lock function push-button Switching the device display between various welding parameters. Signal lamps show                                                                                                                   |  |  |
|      |          | the selected parameter.  U Press for 3 s to put the machine into lock function > see 3.6.5 chapter.                                                                                                                                           |  |  |
| 2    |          | Wire feed speed unit signal light m/min Parameter value is displayed in meters per minute. ipm Parameter value is displayed in inches per minute. Switching between metric or imperial system via special parameters "P29" > see 4.4 chapter. |  |  |
| 3    | *        | Material thickness signal light Indication of the selected material thickness.                                                                                                                                                                |  |  |
| 4    | А        | Welding current signal light Display of the welding current in amperes.                                                                                                                                                                       |  |  |
| 5    | 8        | Signal light, Wire speed Lights when the wire speed is shown on the display.                                                                                                                                                                  |  |  |
| 6    |          | Lock function signal light Use display left / lock function push-button to switch on and off.                                                                                                                                                 |  |  |
| 7    | V        | Correction voltage arc length signal light Display of correction voltage arc length in volts.                                                                                                                                                 |  |  |
| 8    | 000      | Display, right > see 3.5 chapter V welding voltage                                                                                                                                                                                            |  |  |
| 9    |          | Excess temperature signal light / Welding torch cooling failure For error messages > see 5 chapter                                                                                                                                            |  |  |



| Item | Symbol      | Description                                                        |  |  |
|------|-------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|--|--|
| 10   |             | Coolant fault signal light                                         |  |  |
|      | (W)         | Indicates flow fault or low coolant level.                         |  |  |
| 11   | S           | Second signal light                                                |  |  |
|      |             | The displayed value is displayed in seconds.                       |  |  |
| 12   | 000         | JOB number display (welding task) > see 4.2.1 chapter              |  |  |
| 13   | <b>(1)</b>  | Status display signal light (Hold)                                 |  |  |
|      | •           | Display of mean values across the entire welding process.          |  |  |
| 14   | %           | Percent signal light                                               |  |  |
|      | , ,         | The displayed value is displayed in percent.                       |  |  |
| 15   |             | Material thickness unit signal light                               |  |  |
|      |             | mm Parameter value is displayed in millimeters.                    |  |  |
|      |             | inch Parameter value is displayed in inches.                       |  |  |
|      |             | Switching between metric or imperial system via special parameters |  |  |
|      |             | "P29" > see 4.4 chapter.                                           |  |  |
| 16   | $\Pi\Pi\Pi$ | Display, left                                                      |  |  |
|      |             | Welding current, material thickness, wire speed, hold values       |  |  |



# 3.5 Welding data display

To the left of the parameter displays, there is the parameter selection push-button. It is used to select the welding parameters to be displayed and their values.

Each time one the button is clicked, the display proceeds to the next parameter (signal lights indicate the selection). After reaching the last parameter, the system is restarted with the first one.

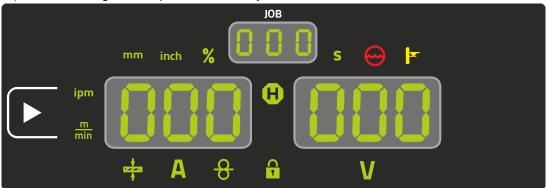


Figure 3-4

#### MIG/MAG

| Parameter          | Nominal values [1] | Actual values [2] | Hold values [3] |
|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Welding current    | <b>③</b>           | <b>②</b>          | <b>⊘</b>        |
| Material thickness | <b>⊘</b>           | *                 | <b>※</b>        |
| Wire feed speed    | <b>⊘</b>           | <b>⊘</b>          | <b>⊘</b>        |
| Welding voltage    | <b>⊘</b>           | <b>②</b>          | <b>⊘</b>        |

#### **MMA**

| Parameter       | Nominal values [1] | Actual values [2] | Hold values [3] |
|-----------------|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Welding current | <b>②</b>           | <b>②</b>          | *               |
| Welding voltage | <b>⊗</b>           | <b>②</b>          | *               |

When settings are changed (e.g. wire feed speed) the display immediately switches to the nominal value setting.

- [1] Nominal values (before welding)
- [2] Actual values (during welding)
- [3] Hold values (after welding, display of mean values for entire welding process)

# 3.6 Operating the machine control

## 3.6.1 Main screen

The machine control switches to the main screen after it has been turned on or a setting has been completed. This means that the previously selected settings (indicated by signal lights where applicable) are adopted and that the nominal value for the current (A) is shown in the left-hand welding data display. The right-hand display shows the nominal value for the welding voltage (V). The control always switches back to the main screen after 4 sec.

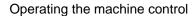
### 3.6.2 Welding power setting

The welding power is adjusted with the welding power rotary knob (click wheel). You can also adjust the parameters in the operation sequence or settings in the different machine menus.

## 3.6.3 Setting advanced welding parameters (Expert menu)

The Expert menu contains functions and parameters which cannot be set directly in the machine control or which do not need to be et on a regular basis. The number and display of these parameters depends on the previously selected welding procedure or the functions. To select them hold the welding power click wheel (> 2 s). Select the required parameter/menu item by turning (navigating) and pressing the click wheel.







## 3.6.4 Changing basic settings (machine configuration menu)

The basic welding system functions can be adjusted in the machine configuration menu. Only experienced users should change the settings > see 4.5 chapter.

### 3.6.5 Lock function

The lock function protects against accidental adjustment of the device settings.

The user can switch the lock function on or off by pressing the button for a long time from each machine control or accessory component with the symbol 0.



## 4 Functional characteristics

# 4.1.1 Shielding gas volume settings

If the shielding gas setting is too low or too high, this can introduce air to the weld pool and may cause pores to form. Adjust the shielding gas quantity to suit the welding task!

- · Slowly open the gas cylinder valve.
- · Open the pressure regulator.
- · Switch on the power source at the main switch.
- Trigger gas test > see 4.1.1.1 chapter function (welding voltage and wire feed motor remain switched off no accidental arc ignition).
- Set the relevant gas quantity for the application on the pressure regulator.

#### **Setting instructions**

| Welding process         | Recommended shielding gas quantity                            |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| MAG welding             | Wire diameter x 11.5 = I/min                                  |
| MIG brazing             | Wire diameter x 11.5 = I/min                                  |
| MIG welding (aluminium) | Wire diameter x 13.5 = I/min (100 % argon)                    |
| TIG                     | Gas nozzle diameter in mm corresponds to I/min gas throughput |

#### Helium-rich gas mixtures require a higher gas volume!

The table below can be used to correct the gas volume calculated where necessary:

| Shielding gas | Factor |
|---------------|--------|
| 75% Ar/25% He | 1.14   |
| 50% Ar/50% He | 1.35   |
| 25% Ar/75% He | 1.75   |
| 100% He       | 3.16   |

#### 4.1.1.1 Gas test

The operating elements are installed under the protective cap of wire feed mechanism.

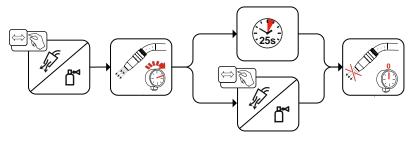


Figure 4-1

#### 4.1.1.2 Purge hose package

The operating elements are installed under the protective cap of wire feed mechanism.

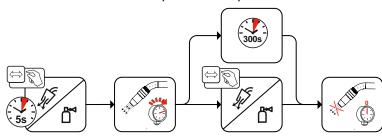


Figure 4-2



#### 4.1.1.3 Wire thread

The wire inching function is used for potential- and gas-free inching of the wire electrode after the wire spool change. By pressing and holding the wire inching button for a long time, the wire inching speed increases in a ramp function (special parameter P1 > see 4.4.1.1 chapter) from 1 m/min to the set maximum value. The maximum value is set by simultaneously pressing the wire inching button and turning the left click wheel.

The operating elements are installed under the protective cap of wire feed mechanism.

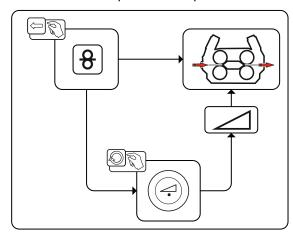


Figure 4-3

#### 4.1.2 Wire return

The wire return function is used to retract the wire electrode without tension and protection gas. By simultaneously pressing and holding the wire inching and gas test buttons, the wire return speed increases in a ramp function (special parameter P1 > see 4.4.1.1 chapter) from 1 m/min to the set maximum value. The maximum value is set by simultaneously pressing the wire inching button and turning the left click wheel.

During the process, the wire spool must be turned by hand clockwise to wind up the wire electrode again. The operating elements are installed under the protective cap of wire feed mechanism.

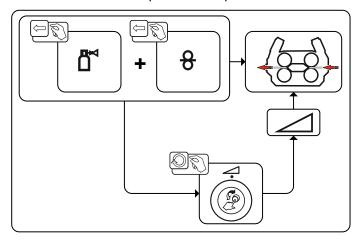


Figure 4-4



# 4.2 MIG/MAG welding

## 4.2.1 Welding task selection

The following steps have to be carried out to select the welding job:

- Select basic parameters (material type, wire diameter and shielding gas type) and welding procedures (select and enter JOB number by means of JOB-List > see 6.1 chapter).
- · Select operating and welding type
- · Adjust welding power
- Correct arc length and dynamics if necessary

#### 4.2.1.1 Basic welding parameters

The user must first determine the basic parameters (material type, wire diameter and shielding gas type) of the welding system. These basic parameters are then compared with the welding job list (JOB-LIST). The combination of the basic parameters gives a JOB number, which must now be entered on the control unit. This basic setting must be rechecked or adjusted only when changing the wire or gas.

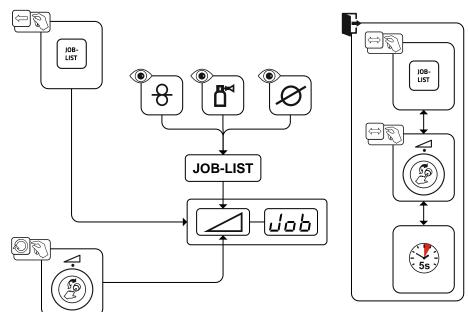


Figure 4-5

### 4.2.1.2 Operating mode

The operating mode determines the process sequence controlled by the welding torch. Detailed descriptions of the operating modes > see 4.2.5 chapter.

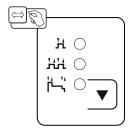


Figure 4-6



## 4.2.2 Welding type

Different forms of MIG/MAG processes are collectively referred to as welding type.

#### Standard (welding with standard arc)

Depending on the set combination of wire feed speed and arc voltage, the arc types short arc, transitional arc or spray arc can be used for welding.

#### Pulse (welding with pulsed arc)

A selective change in the welding current generates current pulses in the arc, which lead to a 1 drop per pulse of material transfer. The result is an almost spatter-free process, suitable for welding of all materials, in particular high-alloy CrNi steels or aluminium.

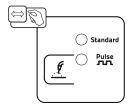


Figure 4-7

#### 4.2.2.1 Welding power (operating point)

The welding power is adjusted according to the principle of one-knob operation. The user can set their operating point optionally as wire feed speed, welding current or material thickness. The optimum welding voltage for the operating point is calculated and set by the welding machine. If necessary, the user can correct this welding voltage > see 4.2.2.3 chapter.

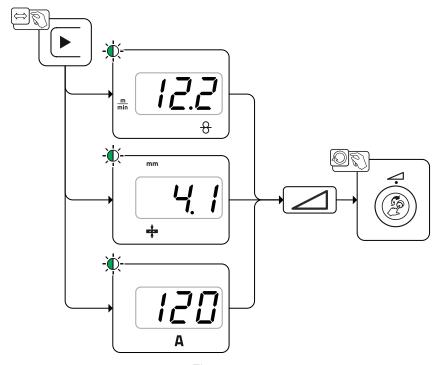


Figure 4-8

#### 4.2.2.2 Accessory components for operating point setting

The operating point can be set at various accessory components as well, such as remote control, special welding torches or robot and industrial bus interfaces (optional interface for automated welding required, not available for all machines of this series).

See the operating instructions for the machine in question for a more detailed description of the individual machines and their functions.



## 4.2.2.3 Arc length

When required, the arc length (welding voltage) can be adjusted for the welding task in hand by +/- 9.9 V.

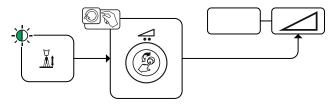


Figure 4-9

## 4.2.2.4 Arc dynamics (choke effect)

This function can be used to adjust the arc between a narrow, hard arc with deep penetration (positive values) and a wide and soft arc (negative values). In addition, the selected settings are displayed with signal lights below the rotary knobs.

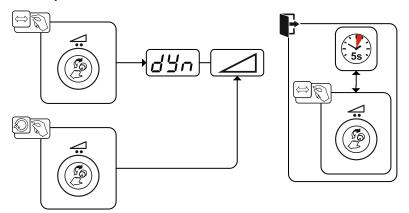


Figure 4-10



# 4.2.3 Expert menu (MIG/MAG)

The Expert menu has adjustable parameters stored that don't require regular setting. The number of parameters shown may be limited, e.g. if a function is deactivated.

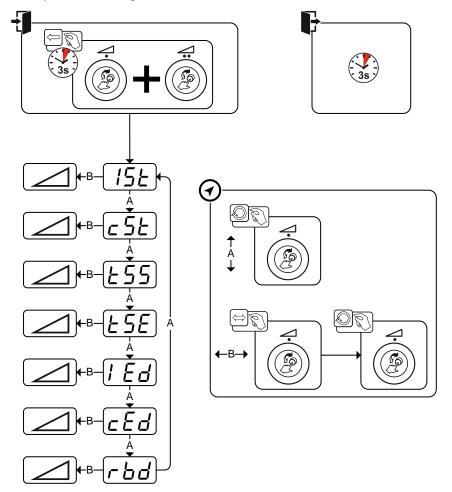


Figure 4-11

| Display      | Setting/selection                                                             |
|--------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| ! <b>[</b> ] | Ignition current                                                              |
|              | Setting range in percent: depending on main current                           |
|              | Setting range, absolute: Imin to Imax.                                        |
| <u>c 5 E</u> | Correction of arc length in start program P <sub>START</sub>                  |
| £55          | Slope time of start program P <sub>START</sub> to main program P <sub>A</sub> |
| <u> </u>     | Slope time of main program $P_A$ to end program $P_{END}$                     |
|              | End-crater current                                                            |
|              | Setting range in percent: depending on main current                           |
|              | Setting range, absolute: Imin to Imax.                                        |
| c E d        | Correction of arc length in end program P <sub>END</sub>                      |
|              | Burn-back time > see 4.2.3.1 chapter                                          |
| [            | •Increase value > increase wire burn-back                                     |
|              | Decrease value > decrease wire burn-back                                      |



#### 4.2.3.1 Burn-back

The wire burn-back parameter prevents the sticking of the wire electrode in the weld pool or at the contact tip at the end of the welding process. The value is optimally preset for a variety of applications (but can be adjusted if necessary). The adjustable value stands for the time until the power source switches off the welding current after the welding process has been stopped.

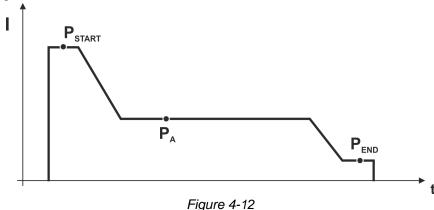
| Welding wire behaviour                                      | Setting instructions |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Wire electrode is sticking in the weld pool.                | Increase value       |
| Wire electrode is sticking on the contact tip or large ball | Reduce value         |
| formation on the wire electrode                             |                      |

## 4.2.4 Program sequence

Certain materials require special functions for reliable and high-quality welding. In this case, the special latched mode is used with the following programs:

- Start program P<sub>START</sub> (avoidance of cold welds at start of seam)
- Main program P<sub>A</sub> (continuous welding)
- End program P<sub>END</sub>) (avoidance of end-craters by targeted heat reduction)

The programs contain parameters such as wire feed speed (operating point), correction of arc length, slope times, program duration, etc.



## 4.2.5 Operating modes (functional sequences)

### 4.2.5.1 Explanation of signs and functions

| Symbol      | Meaning                                       |
|-------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| P           | Press torch trigger                           |
| ₩ P         | Release torch trigger                         |
| 1           | Tap torch trigger (briefly press and release) |
|             | Shielding gas is flowing                      |
| I           | Welding power                                 |
| 8           | Wire electrode is being fed                   |
| ,F          | Wire creep                                    |
| F           | Wire burn-back                                |
| <b>6</b> 1√ | Gas pre-flow                                  |



| <b>~</b>           | Gas post-flow   |
|--------------------|-----------------|
| H                  | Non-latched     |
| 777                | Latched         |
|                    | Special latched |
| t                  | Time            |
| P <sub>START</sub> | Start program   |
| $P_A$              | Main program    |
| P <sub>END</sub>   | End program     |

### 4.2.5.2 Automatic cut-out

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The welding machine ends the ignition process or the welding process with an

- ignition fault (no welding current flows within 5 s after the start signal)
- arc interruption (arc is intrerrupted for longer than 5 s)

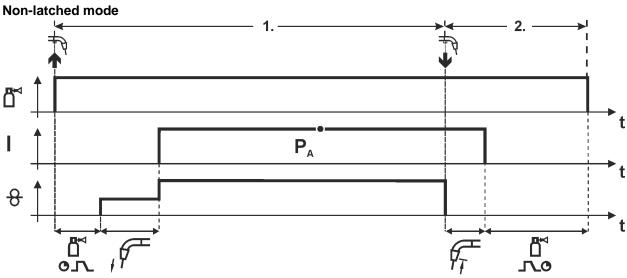


Figure 4-13

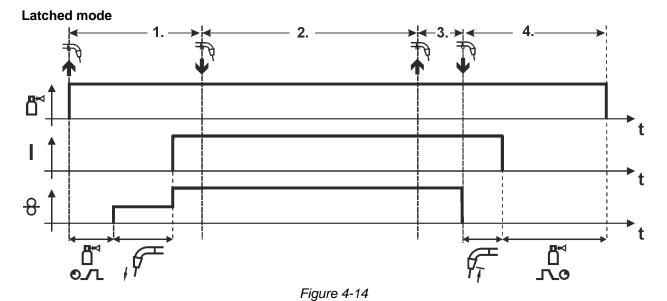
## Step 1

- · Press and hold torch trigger.
- · Shielding gas is expelled (gas pre-flows).
- · Wire feed motor runs at "creep speed".
- Arc ignites after the wire electrode makes contact with the workpiece; welding current flows.
- · Change over to pre-selected wire speed.

### Step 2

- Release torch trigger.
- · WF motor stops.
- · Arc is extinguished after the preselected wire burn-back time expires.
- Gas post-flow time elapses.





### Step 1

- · Press and hold torch trigger
- Shielding gas is expelled (gas pre-flows)
- · Wire feed motor runs at "creep speed".
- Arc ignites after the wire electrode makes contact with the workpiece; welding current flows.
- Change over to pre-selected WF speed (main program P<sub>A</sub>).

#### Step 2

• Release torch trigger (no effect)

## Step 3

• Press torch trigger (no effect)

### Step 4

- · Release torch trigger
- · WF motor stops.
- Arc is extinguished after the preselected wire burn-back time expires.
- · Gas post-flow time elapses.



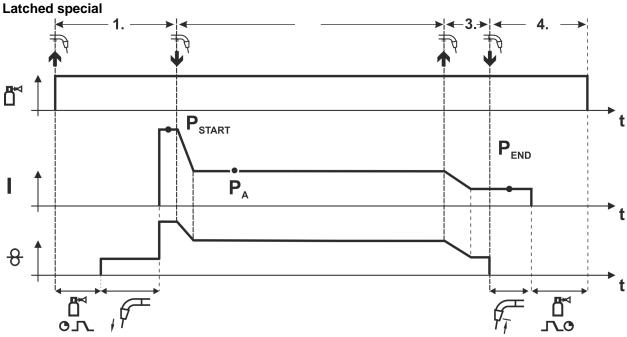


Figure 4-15

### 1st cycle

- Press and hold torch trigger.
- · Shielding gas is flowing (gas pre-flow).
- · Wire feed motor runs at "wire creep speed".
- Arc ignites when the wire electrode makes contact with the workpiece, welding current is flowing (start program P<sub>START</sub>).

### 2nd cycle

- · Release torch trigger.
- Slope to main program P<sub>A</sub>.

### 3rd cycle

- · Press and hold torch trigger.
- Slope to end program P<sub>END</sub>.

## 4th cycle

- · Release torch trigger.
- Wire feed motor stops.
- · The arc is extinguished once the wire burn-back time has elapsed.
- · Gas post-flow time elapses.



#### 4.2.6 Standard MIG/MAG torch

The MIG welding torch trigger is essentially used to start and stop the welding process.

| Operating elements | Functions          |
|--------------------|--------------------|
| Torch trigger      | Start/stop welding |

Other functions are also possible by tapping the torch trigger, depending on the machine type and control configuration > see 4.4 chapter:

- Change over between welding programs (P8).
- Program selection before starting welding (P17).
- Change over between pulse and standard welding in the special latched operating mode.
- Switching between wire feed units in dual operation mode (P10).

### 4.2.6.1 Switching between Push/Pull and intermediate drive



### WARNING

Do not carry out any unauthorised repairs or modifications!

To avoid injury and equipment damage, the unit must only be repaired or modified by specialist, skilled persons!

The warranty becomes null and void in the event of unauthorised interference.

Appoint only skilled persons for repair work (trained service personnel)!



Dangers resulting from failure to perform test after conversion!

Before reconnection, "Inspection and Testing during Operation" according to IEC/BS EN 60974-4 "Arc welding systems – Inspection and Testing during Operation" has to be performed!

• Perform test to IEC / DIN EN 60974-4!

The plugs are located directly on the M3.7X printed circuit board.

| Plug   | Function                                                 |
|--------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| on X24 | Operation with Push/Pull welding torch (factory setting) |
| on X23 | Operation with intermediate drive                        |

## 4.3 MMA welding

### 4.3.1 Welding task selection

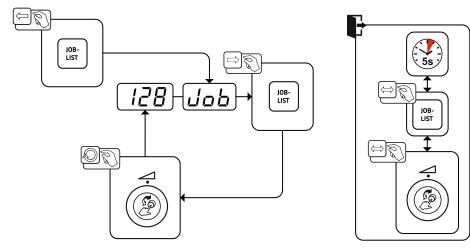


Figure 4-16



## 4.3.2 Welding current setting

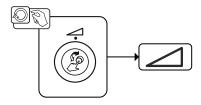


Figure 4-17

### 4.3.3 Arcforce

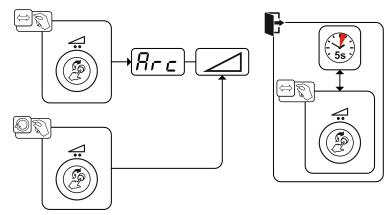


Figure 4-18

### Setting:

- Negative values: rutile electrode types
- · Values at zero: basic electrode types
- · Positive values: cellulose electrode types

### 4.3.4 Hotstart

The function hot start ensures a secure igniting of the arc and a sufficient heating to the still cold parent metal at the beginning of the welding process. The ignition takes place here with increased current (hot start current) over a certain time (hot start time).

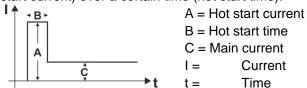
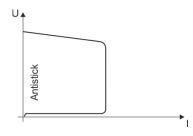


Figure 4-19

## 4.3.5 Antistick



## The Antistick feature prevents the electrode from annealing.

Should the electrode stick despite the Arcforce feature, the machine automatically switches to the minimum current within approx. one second. This prevents the electrode from annealing. Check the welding current setting and correct for the welding task in hand.

Figure 4-20



# 4.4 Special parameters (advanced settings)

Special parameters (P1 to Pn) are applied for customer-specific configuration of machine functions. This allows the user maximum flexibility in optimising their requirements.

These settings are not configured directly on the machine control since a regular setting of the parameters is generally not required. The number of selectable special parameters can deviate between the machine controls used in the welding system (also see the relevant standard operating instructions). If required, the special parameters can be reset to the factory settings > see 4.4.1.6 chapter.

# 4.4.1 Selecting, changing and saving parameters

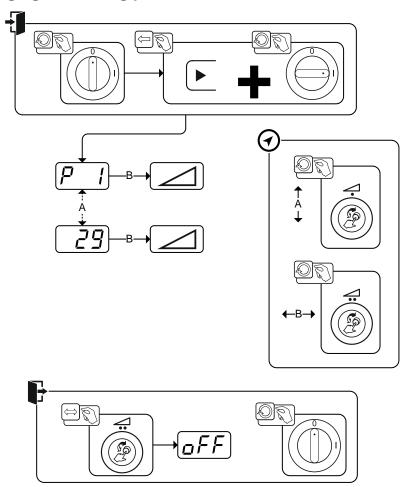
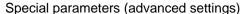


Figure 4-21

| Display                                        | Setting/selection                                       |
|------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                | Wire inching / wire return ramp time                    |
|                                                | 0 = normal inching (10 s ramp time)                     |
|                                                | 1 = fast inching (3 s ramp time) (ex works)             |
|                                                | Tapping start for latched and special latched operation |
|                                                | 0 = no 4-cycle inching start                            |
|                                                | 1 = 4-cycle inching start possible (ex works)           |
| ם יב                                           | HOLD function                                           |
|                                                | 0 = HOLD values are not displayed                       |
|                                                | 1 = HOLD values are displayed (Ex works)                |
| الادما                                         | Correction or nominal voltage display                   |
|                                                | 0 = Correction voltage display (ex works).              |
|                                                | 1 = Absolute nominal voltage display.                   |
|                                                | Unit system > see 4.4.1.5 chapter                       |
| ( <b>-                                    </b> | 0 = metric system (ex works)                            |
|                                                | 1 = Imperial system                                     |

## **Functional characteristics**





### 4.4.1.1 Ramp time for wire inching (P1)

The wire inching starts with a speed 1.0 m/min for 2 secs. It is subsequently increased to a ramp function to 6.0 m/min. The ramp time can be set between two ranges.

During wire inching, the speed can be changed by means of the welding power rotary knob. Changing the speed has no effect on the ramp time.

#### 4.4.1.2 Latched/special-latched tap start (P9)

In latched – tap start – operating mode it is possible to switch straight to the second step by tapping the torch trigger; it is not necessary for current to be flowing.

The welding can be halted by pressing the torch trigger for a second time.

#### 4.4.1.3 Hold function (P15)

#### Hold function active (P15 = 1)

Mean values for the last main program parameters used for welding are displayed.

#### Hold function not active (P15 = 0)

Setpoint values for the main program parameters are displayed.

#### 4.4.1.4 Correction or nominal voltage display (P24)

When setting the arc correction using the right-hand rotary knob the display will either show the correction voltage +- 9.9 V (ex works) or the absolute nominal voltage.

#### 4.4.1.5 Units system (P29)

#### **Function not active**

· Metric metric units are displayed.

#### **Function active**

· Imperial units are displayed.

#### 4.4.1.6 Reset to factory settings

#### [37] All special parameters saved by the user will be overwritten by the factory settings!

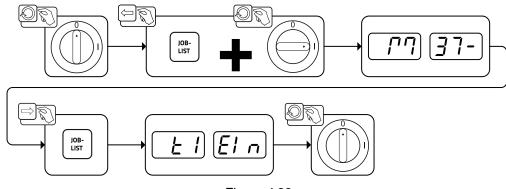


Figure 4-22



# 4.5 Machine configuration menu

# 4.5.1 Selecting, changing and saving parameters

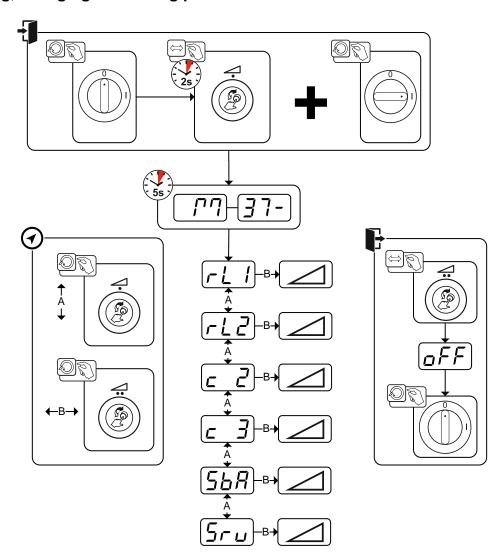


Figure 4-23

| Display          | Setting/selection                                                                                   |
|------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                  | Lead resistance 1                                                                                   |
|                  | Lead resistance for the first welding circuit 0 m $\Omega$ –60 m $\Omega$ (8 m $\Omega$ ex works).  |
|                  | Lead resistance 2                                                                                   |
|                  | Lead resistance for the second welding circuit 0 m $\Omega$ –60 m $\Omega$ (8 m $\Omega$ ex works). |
| c 2              | Only qualified service personnel may change the parameters!                                         |
| c 3              | Only qualified service personnel may change the parameters!                                         |
|                  | Time-based power-saving mode > see 4.5.3 chapter                                                    |
| חםכ              | Time to activation of the power-saving mode in case of inactivity.                                  |
|                  | Setting <u>off</u> = disabled or numerical value 5– 60 min. (ex works: 20).                         |
| 5                | Service menu                                                                                        |
| ( <b>- ' - '</b> | Modifications to the service menu may only be carried out by authorised maintenance staff!          |



## 4.5.2 Aligning the cable resistance

The resistance value of the cables can be set directly or it can be adjusted through the power source. The power source cable resistance value is set to 8 m $\Omega$  when delivered. This value corresponds to an earth cable length of 5 m, an intermediate hose package length of 1.5 m and a water-cooled welding torch length of 3 m. A +/- welding voltage correction is therefore required to optimise the welding properties for other hose package lengths. By realigning the cable resistance, the voltage correction value can be set close to zero again. The electric cable resistance should be realigned whenever an accessory component such as the welding torch or the intermediate hose package has been changed.

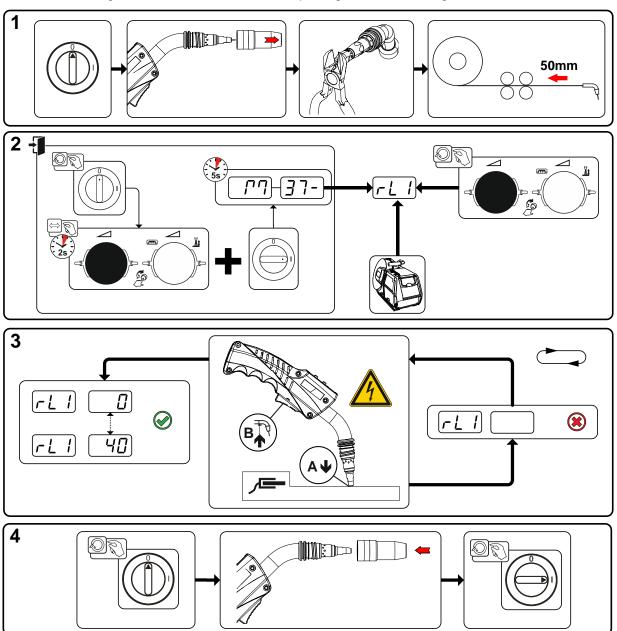


Figure 4-24



#### 1 Preparation

- · Switch off the welding machine.
- · Unscrew the gas nozzle from the welding torch.
- Trim the welding wire so that it is flush with the contact tip.
- Retract the welding wire a little (approx. 50 mm) on the wire feeder. There should be no more welding wire in the contact tip at this point.

#### 2 Configuration

- Press and hold the "Welding power rotary knob"; at the same time switch on the welding machine (at least 2 s). Release the rotary knob (after a further 5 s the device will switch to the cable resistance 1 parameter).
- Turn the "Welding power rotary knob" to select the appropriate parameter. The "rL1" parameter has to be adjusted for all machine combinations.

## 3 Alignment/Measurement

Applying slight pressure, put the welding torch in place with the contact tip on a clean, purged location
on the workpiece and then press the torch trigger for approx. 2 seconds. A short-circuit current will
flow briefly, which is used to determine and display the cable resistance. The value can be between
0 mΩ and 40 mΩ. The new value is immediately saved without requiring further confirmation. If no
value is shown on the right-hand display, then measurement failed. The measurement must be
repeated.

#### 4 Restoring welding standby mode

- · Switch off the welding machine.
- Screw the gas nozzle onto the welding torch.
- · Switch on the welding machine.
- Insert the welding wire again.

### 4.5.3 Power-saving mode (Standby)

You can activate the power-saving mode by setting a parameter in the machine configuration menu (time-controlled power-saving mode 556) > see 4.5 chapter.

When power-saving mode is activated, the machine displays show the horizontal digit in the centre of the display only.

Pressing any operating element (e.g. turning a rotary knob) deactivates power-saving mode and the machine is ready for welding again.

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# 5 Rectifying faults

All products are subject to rigorous production checks and final checks. If, despite this, something fails to work at any time, please check the product using the following flowchart. If none of the fault rectification procedures described leads to the correct functioning of the product, please inform your authorised dealer.

# 5.1 Display machine control software version

The query of the software versions only serves to inform the authorised service staff. It is available in the machine configuration menu > see 4.5 chapter.

# 5.2 Error messages (power source)

A welding machine error will be signalled by an error code (see table) on the control display. In the event of an error, the power unit shuts down.

The display of possible error numbers depends on the machine version (interfaces/functions).

- Document machine errors and inform service staff as necessary.
- If multiple errors occur, these are displayed in succession.

| Error | Category |    | y  | Possible cause                             | Remedy                                                                                            |
|-------|----------|----|----|--------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| (Err) | a)       | b) | c) |                                            |                                                                                                   |
| 1     | -        | -  | Х  | Mains overvoltage                          | Check the mains voltages and compare with                                                         |
| 2     | -        | -  | Х  | Mains undervoltage                         | the welding machine connection voltages                                                           |
| 3     | х        | -  | -  | Welding machine excess temperature         | Allow the machine to cool down (mains switch to "1")                                              |
| 4     | х        | х  | -  | Coolant error                              | Fill coolant Turn on pump shaft (coolant pump) Check air cooling unit overcurrent trip            |
| 5     | х        | -  | -  | Wire feeder/tachometer error               | Check the wire feeder Tachogenerator is not emitting a signal, M3.51 defective > inform Service.  |
| 6     | x        | -  | -  | Shielding gas error                        | Check shielding gas supply (for machines with shielding gas monitoring)                           |
| 7     | -        | -  | х  | Secondary overvoltage                      | Inverter error > inform Service                                                                   |
| 8     | -        | -  | х  | Wire error                                 | Separate the electrical connection between welding wire and casing or an earthed object           |
| 9     | x        | -  | -  | Quick shut-down                            | Rectify error on robot (Interface for automated welding)                                          |
| 10    | -        | х  | -  | Arc interruption                           | Check wire feeding (Interface for automated welding)                                              |
| 11    | -        | х  | -  | Ignition error (after 5 s)                 | Check wire feeding (Interface for automated welding)                                              |
| 13    | х        | -  | -  | Emergency stop deactivation                | Check the emergency stop switch at the interface for automated welding                            |
| 14    | -        | х  | -  | Wire feeder detection                      | Check cable connections                                                                           |
|       |          |    |    | ID number allocation error (2DV)           | Correct ID numbers                                                                                |
| 15    | -        | Х  | -  | Second wire feeder detection               | Check cable connections                                                                           |
| 16    | -        | -  | х  | Open circuit voltage reduction error (VRD) | Inform Service.                                                                                   |
| 17    | -        | х  | х  | Overcurrent detection on wire feeder       | Check ease of wire feeding                                                                        |
| 18    | -        | х  | х  | Tachogenerator signal error                | Check the connection and particularly the tachogenerator of the second wire feeder (slave drive). |
| 56    | -        | -  | х  | Mains phase failure                        | Check mains voltages                                                                              |



|       | Error Category |    | у  | Possible cause           | Remedy              |
|-------|----------------|----|----|--------------------------|---------------------|
| (Err) | a)             | b) | c) |                          |                     |
| 59    | -              | -  | х  | Machine incompatible     | Check machine usage |
| 60    | -              | -  | х  | Software update required | Inform Service.     |

### **Categories legend (resetting the error)**

- a) The error message will disappear once the error has been rectified.
- b) The error message can be reset by pressing a push-button:

| Welding machine control                                                                         | Push-button  |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| RC1 / RC2                                                                                       | Enter        |
| Expert                                                                                          | S            |
| Expert 2.0 / Expert XQ 2.0                                                                      | G            |
| CarExpert / Progress (M3.11)                                                                    |              |
| alpha Q / Concept / Basic / Basic S / Synergic /<br>Synergic S / Progress (M3.71) / Picomig 355 | not possible |

c) The error message can only be reset by switching the machine off and on again.

The shielding gas error (Err 6) can be reset by pressing the "Welding parameters" key button.

# 5.3 Resetting JOBs (welding tasks) to the factory settings

All customised welding parameters that are stored will be replaced by the factory settings.

## 5.3.1 Resetting a single JOB

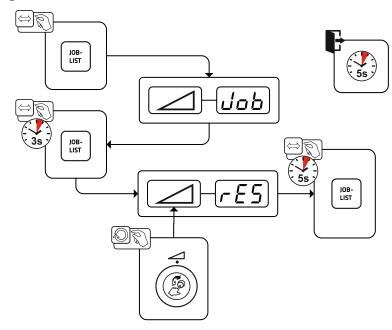


Figure 5-1



#### 5.3.2 **Resetting all JOBs**

JOBs 1-128 and 170-256 will be reset. B Custom JOBs 129-169 are maintained.

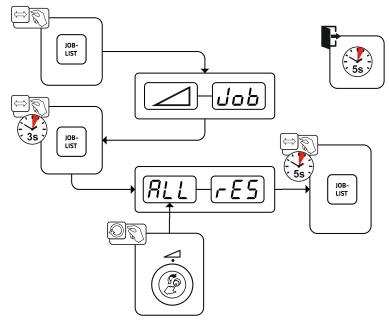
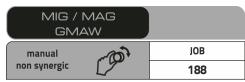


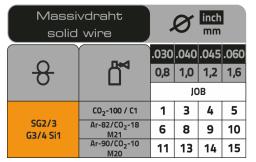
Figure 5-2



#### 6 Appendix A

#### 6.1 **JOB-List**





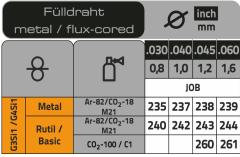




Figure 6-1



#### Appendix B 7

#### 7.1 Parameter overview – setting ranges

#### 7.1.1 MIG/MAG welding

| Name                                                                          | Display |                        | Setting range |      |   |      |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|------------------------|---------------|------|---|------|
|                                                                               | Code    | Standard (ex<br>works) | Unit          | Min. |   | Мах. |
| Ignition current                                                              | 1 5Ł    |                        | %             | 0    | - | 200  |
| Correction of arc length in start program P <sub>START</sub>                  | c 5 Ł   | - [1]                  | V             | -9,9 | - | 9,9  |
| Slope time of start program P <sub>START</sub> to main program P <sub>A</sub> | £55     | - [1]                  | S             | 0    | - | 20   |
| Slope time of main program $P_A$ to end program $P_{END}$                     | E5E     | - [1]                  | S             | 0    | - | 20   |
| End-crater current                                                            | [ Ed    | - [1]                  | %             | 0    | - | 200  |
| Correction of arc length in end program P <sub>END</sub>                      | c E d   | - [1]                  | V             | -9,9 | - | 9,9  |
| Burn-back time                                                                | rbd     | - [1]                  | -             | 0    | - | 333  |
| Voltage correction                                                            |         | 0                      | V             | -9,9 |   | 9,9  |
| Wire feed speed, absolute (main program P <sub>A</sub> )                      |         | - [1]                  | m/min         | 0,00 | - | 20,0 |

 $<sup>^{[1]}</sup>$  depending on the selected welding task (JOB)

#### **MMA** welding 7.1.2

| Name     | Displa | Display                |      |      | Setting range |      |  |
|----------|--------|------------------------|------|------|---------------|------|--|
|          | Code   | Standard (ex<br>works) | Unit | Min. |               | Мах. |  |
| Arcforce | Arc    | 0                      |      | -40  | -             | 40   |  |



# 8 Appendix C

# 8.1 Searching for a dealer

Sales & service parteners www.ewm-group.com/en/specialist-dealers



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