

CUTMASTER® 60i PLASMA CUTTING SYSTEM

OPERATING MANUAL



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SECTION 4 TORCH: OPERATION

4T.01 Torch Parts Selection

Depending on the type of operation to be done determines the torch parts to be used.

Type of operation:

Drag cutting, standoff cutting or gouging

Torch parts:

Shield Cup, Cutting Tip, Electrode and Start Cartridge



NOTE!

Refer to Section 4T.07 and following for additional information on torch parts.

Change the torch parts for a different operation as follows:



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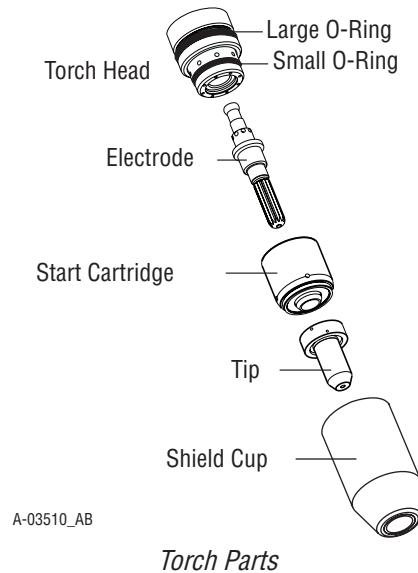
Disconnect primary power at the source before assembling or disassembling torch parts, or torch and leads assemblies.



NOTE!

The shield cup holds the tip and start cartridge in place. Position the torch with the shield cup facing upward to keep these parts from falling out when the cup is removed.

1. Unscrew and remove the shield cup assembly from the torch head.
2. Remove the Electrode by pulling it straight out of the Torch Head.



3. Install the replacement Electrode by pushing it straight into the torch head until it clicks.
4. Install the start cartridge and desired tip for the operation into the torch head.
5. Hand tighten the shield cup assembly until it is seated on the torch head. If resistance is felt when installing the cup, check the threads before proceeding.

4T.02 Cut Quality



NOTE!

Cut quality depends heavily on setup and parameters such as torch standoff, alignment with the workpiece, cutting speed, gas pressures, and operator ability.

Cut quality requirements differ depending on application. For instance, nitride build - up and bevel angle may be major factors when the surface will be welded after cutting. Dross - free cutting is important when finish cut quality is desired to avoid a secondary cleaning operation. The following cut quality characteristics are illustrated in the following figure:

SECTION 5 TORCH: SERVICE

5T.01 General Maintenance



NOTE!
Refer to Previous "Section 5: System" for common and fault indicator descriptions.

Cleaning Torch

Even if precautions are taken to use only clean air with a torch, eventually the inside of the torch becomes coated with residue. This buildup can affect the pilot arc initiation and the overall cut quality of the torch.



WARNING
Disconnect primary power to the system before disassembling the torch or torch leads.
DO NOT touch any internal torch parts while the AC indicator light of the Power Supply is ON.

The inside of the torch should be cleaned with electrical contact cleaner using a cotton swab or soft wet rag. In severe cases, the torch can be removed from the leads and cleaned more thoroughly by pouring electrical contact cleaner into the torch and blowing it through with compressed air.

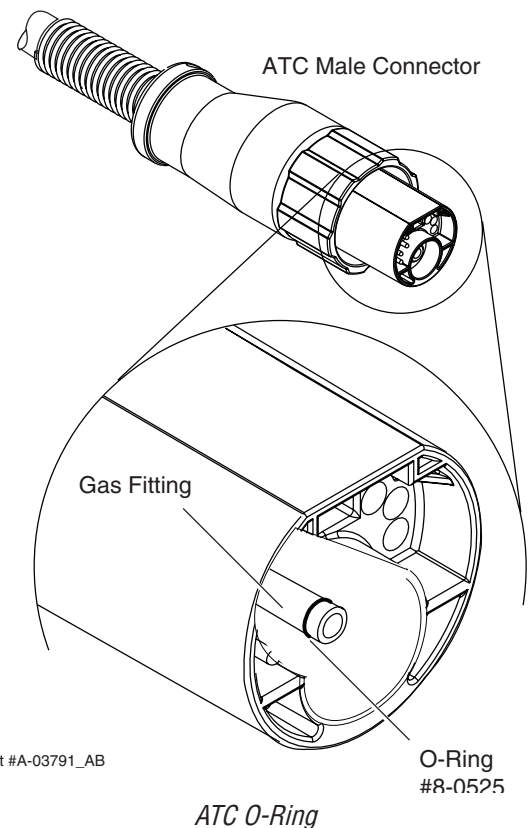
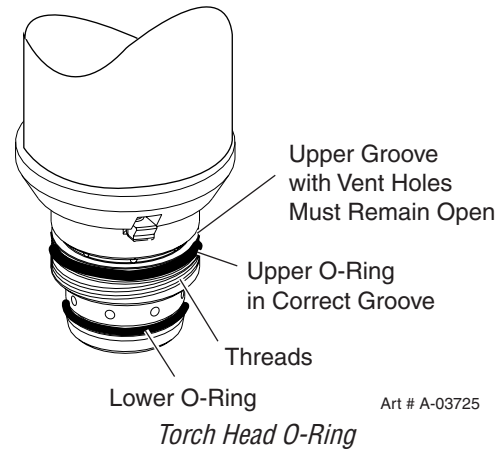


CAUTION
Dry the torch thoroughly before reinstalling.

O-Ring Lubrication

An O-Ring on the Torch Head and ATC Male Connector requires lubrication on a scheduled basis. This will allow the O-Rings to remain pliable and provide a proper seal. The O-Rings will dry out, becoming hard and cracked if the lubricant is not used on a regular basis. This can lead to potential performance problems.

It is recommended to apply a very light film of O-Ring lubricant (Catalog # 8-4025) to the O-Rings on a weekly basis.



NOTE!
DO NOT use other lubricants or grease, they may not be designed to operate within high temperatures or may contain "unknown elements" that may react with the atmosphere. This reaction can leave contaminants inside the torch. Either of these conditions can lead to inconsistent performance or poor parts life.