

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS



CUTTING ATTACHMENTS [ALL MODELS]

▼ WARNING! READ CAREFULLY AND COMPLETELY BEFORE USING EQUIPMENT. KEEP FOR REFERENCE.

NOTICE: throughout this publication, “Dangers,” “Warning” and “Cautions” are used to alert the Technician to special instructions concerning a particular service or operation that may be hazardous if performed incorrectly or carelessly. **Observe them carefully!** These “Safety Alerts” alone cannot eliminate the hazards that they signal. Strict compliance to these special instructions when performing the service, plus “common sense” operation, are major accident prevention measures. OSHA 29 CFR 1910.252 D xii and xiv A states, “Management shall recognize its responsibility for the safe usage of cutting and welding equipment on its property and the supervisor shall be responsible for the safe handling of the cutting or welding equipment and the safe use of the cutting or welding process.”

DEFINITIONS

- ▼ **DANGER:** Immediate hazards which CAN result in severe injuries or death, damages and losses.
- ▼ **WARNING:** Hazards or unsafe practices which COULD result in severe injuries or death, damages and losses.
- ▼ **CAUTION:** Hazards or unsafe practices which COULD result in injuries, property damage and losses.

▼ **WARNING:** We could not possibly know of and advise the service trade of all conceivable procedures by which a service might be performed and of the possible hazards and/or results of each method. We have not undertaken any such wide evaluation. Therefore, anyone who uses a service procedure and/or tool, which is not recommended by the manufacturer, first must completely satisfy themselves that neither they, the product’s safety, nor the area in which the work is being performed, will be endangered by the service procedure selected.

▼ **WARNING: DO NOT OPERATE THIS EQUIPMENT UNLESS THE USER IS FULLY TRAINED IN THE SAFE USE AND OPERATION OF OXY-FUEL CUTTING AND WELDING EQUIPMENT.** This equipment should not be operated if the user is under the influence of any controlled substances, including but not limited to alcohol or drugs. The safe and effective use of this equipment depends on the Technician fully understanding and carefully following practical time-tested safety and operating instructions to prevent and avoid unnecessary painful injuries and costly property damages and losses due to improper equipment use. **This equipment should not be operated if the user is under the influence of any controlled substances, including but not limited to alcohol or drugs.**

▼ **WARNING:** For adequate personal safety the user must be fully aware at all times when using flame tools that the cutting attachment flame can reach almost 6000 °F and the work piece can reach high heats of almost 3000 °F, which produce flying sparks, molten metal slag, fumes and intense light rays, all of which can be hazardous without proper precautions and protection **before lighting the cutting attachment and starting to work.**

Proper “head-to-toe” protection includes hair and head coverage, safety tempered lens eye goggles (shade 5 minimum), body coverage including gloves and shoes. Avoid wearing anything flammable or clothing that has been exposed to flammables (oil, grease, solvents, etc.). Sparks and molten materials have a way of finding the unprotected areas, so be properly prepared before starting work.

▼ **WARNING:** Adequate ventilation must be provided, especially in confined work areas to remove harmful fumes and provide an adequate air supply for the user and the equipment. **DO NOT BREATHE FUMES.** For safety sake, double check all of the equipment for leaks **BEFORE** entering a confined work area. Any leak in a confined space can cause serious problems. (Important: Pure oxygen will rapidly increase burning of almost any ignited material, especially oil and grease and must never be allowed to saturate a confined work area. Oxy-Fuel/Vapor or Air-Fuel/Vapor concentrations in confined unventilated areas can also be hazardous and explosive if ignited.) **DO NOT** use a cutting torch on containers or pipes unless they are properly cleaned, purged and vented or if vapor gas fumes are present. Flammable gases and vapors can explode if ignited by using a cutting torch on a container or pipeline. Fuel gases have an odor; if the user smells gas **DO NOT** use the equipment until the source of the leak is located and stopped, and until the surrounding area is properly ventilated and safe to continue work. Some solvents and chemicals may become toxic and hazardous when heated - **DO NOT BREATHE FUMES.**

▼ **WARNING: CALIFORNIA PROPOSITION 65:** This product, when used for welding, soldering, brazing, cutting and other metal working or flame processes, produces fumes, particulates, residues and/or other by-products which contain chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm. ▼ **WARNING:** This product contains chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm.

▼ **WARNING:** Fire protection must be provided for the work area. The user must be fully aware of the impact of the torch flame, sparks and molten materials on both the immediate work area and surroundings including hoses and other equipment. (**Sparks can fly over 35 feet**). Remove all flammables where possible and carefully cover or shield anything that can possibly catch fire or explode (or both) with fireproof materials. Carefully check out the area after work is completed for places where sparks or molten material could light and smolder. A fire watch is recommended for at least one hour after work is completed. Always have the proper fire fighting equipment available for immediate use. It is a good idea to have a bucket of water available in the work area at all times. A water bucket is also handy for leak testing torches and hoses, cooling work, or catching molten metal and slag.

▼ **WARNING:** Keep hoses and everything that can burn or explode clear of sparks and hot metal.

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS:

▼ **WARNING:** The user must have proper **VENTILATION. DO NOT BREATHE FUMES.** A torch flame consumes ambient oxygen from the air as well as the cylinder supplied torch oxygen. In other words, free oxygen from the air is burned as well as the oxygen from the cylinder. Without good ventilation, asphyxiation can occur. Use proper **FIRE PREVENTION** protection measures. Equipment must be kept oil free.

BEFORE CONNECTING:

Carefully check the cutting tips, cutting attachment head, torch handle head, welding tip and adaptor O-Rings, all connection nuts, hose fittings and hose for damaged or missing parts, dirt, oil or grease, etc. and clean and correct as necessary before connecting equipment.

CYLINDERS:

Cylinders must be secured **UPRIGHT**. They must have **ADEQUATE GAS SUPPLY TO AVOID DANGEROUS EMPTY CYLINDER CONDITIONS WHICH CAN RESULT IN REVERSE GAS FLOW**. Always provide **SAFE STORAGE** - the valves must be closed when not in use or empty. Always use protective caps on the stored or empty cylinders. Acetylene cylinders need to be stored in an upright position if immediate use will be required. Otherwise 24 hours in an upright (valve up) position is recommended before use. **NOTE:** Most cylinders should be used in the upright position. If there are any questions, see the cylinder manufacturer's or equipment manufacturer's recommendations. Cylinder outlet valves shall be inspected for cleanliness and damage before connecting to the regulator inlet. If **DAMAGED OR DIRTY, DO NOT USE**; contact your gas supplier for instructions. OSHA 29 CFR 1910-253 iii C states, "Before connecting a regulator to a cylinder valve, the valve shall be opened slightly and closed immediately. The valve shall be opened while standing to one side of the outlet; never in front of it. Never crack a fuel-gas cylinder valve near other welding work or near sparks, flame, or other possible sources of ignition."

▼ WARNING: Keep cylinders clear of flames, electric arcs and other dangerous situations.

▼ DANGER: DO NOT store cylinders and equipment in unventilated confined spaces, closed vehicles or trunks, rooms used for habitation or near any source of heat or ignition. Gas leaks can cause a fire or explosion when ignited.

REGULATORS:

Regulators must be **CLEAN** and **OIL FREE**. The regulator inlet connections must be **WRENCH-TIGHT** and have **NO LEAKS**. The regulator must be turned **OFF** before opening the cylinder valve and **CLOSED** after the work is completed to avoid any leaks from the cylinder. Always **OPEN** the cylinder valve **SLOWLY**. (Read separate regulator instructions before use.) All connections to the regulators must be leak tested and free from leaks before use.

▼ CAUTION: Never stand in **FRONT** of or in **BACK** of the regulator when opening or closing the cylinder valve. Always stand to the side with the cylinder valve between you and the regulator. The oxygen cylinder valve should be **OPENED VERY SLOWLY** until the cylinder contents gauge stops moving and then opened sufficiently to provide adequate flow. The fuel gas/acetylene cylinder valve should be opened a maximum of 3/4 of a turn. Where a special wrench is required, it should be left in position on the stem of the valve while the cylinder is in use so that the fuel gas/acetylene flow can be quickly turned off in case of an emergency.

To **ADJUST** the **REGULATOR**, turn the **PRESSURE ADJUSTING SCREW CLOCKWISE** (to the right) to **INCREASE** the pressure and **COUNTERCLOCKWISE** (to the left) to **DECREASE** the pressure and turn **OFF** the regulator.

▼ CAUTION: Always CLOSE the CYLINDER VALVES when the torch is not in use.

HOSES:

Before use, examine the hose for damage such as cuts, nicks, abrasions, pinholes, cracks, etc. Always connect the hose **WRENCH-TIGHT** to the regulator outlet (if regulator check valves/flashback arrestors are used, connect the hose **WRENCH-TIGHT** to the regulator outlet check valve/flashback arrestor), making sure that the **OXYGEN** hose connection (the **GREEN HOSE** with the **RIGHT HAND** threaded fittings) is always connected to the **OXYGEN** REGULATOR. The **FUEL GAS/ACETYLENE** REGULATOR has a **RED HOSE** and the outlet fittings of the regulator are **LEFT HAND** threaded matching the **LEFT HAND** threaded hose connections. **NOTE:** Blow out new or used hose with 5 psig from the regulator **BEFORE** connecting to the torch (vent gases safely). Check the connections for leaks using a proper leak testing solution. Torch check valves/flashback arrestors, if used are installed **WRENCH-TIGHT** between the welding torch and hose. Check used hoses for damage or cracks, especially bending areas near hose connections and leak test before using. Repair or replace any doubtful hose.

TORCH:

Hoses must be connected to the two torch inlets (Oxygen - **RIGHT HAND** threaded, Fuel Gas or Acetylene - **LEFT HAND** threaded). If torch check valves/flashback arrestors are used, the check valves and flashback arrestor should be installed **WRENCH-TIGHT** on the torch first, then the hoses are connected **WRENCH-TIGHT** to the torch check valves/flashback arrestors. This may require two wrenches making sure the **GREEN** oxygen hose with the **RIGHT HAND** threaded fittings is connected to the **OXYGEN INLET** and/or **CHECK VALVE** or **FLASHBACK ARRESTOR**. The **RED** hose with the **LEFT HAND** threaded fittings must be connected to the **FUEL GAS** or **ACETYLENE INLET** and/or **CHECK VALVE/FLASHBACK ARRESTOR**. All connections to the torch must be leak tested and free from leaks before use.

VISUAL INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE:

Visual inspection and periodic maintenance is required on all welding/cutting/heating equipment. Visual inspection and replacement of soft seals such as O-rings on welding/brazing/heating tips can be done by the end-user. Maintenance should only be done through your local distributor or an authorized repair station. If you have any questions, contact your local authorized welding distributor.

▼ **WARNING: DO NOT** use leaking or damaged equipment, or equipment that does not operate properly. Have the equipment repaired safely or replace it and avoid user hazard.

▼ **WARNING: To avoid and prevent injuries, death, property damage and destruction the user must always be fully alert and be aware of hazardous conditions. This equipment should not be operated if the user is under the influence of any controlled substances, including but not limited to alcohol or drugs.**

▼ **CAUTION:** The user must at all times practice good reasonable "common sense" operating procedures and precautions when using gas cutting and welding equipment.

VALVE PACKING ADJUSTMENT:

For adjustment and control of the oxygen or acetylene/fuel valves, the valve-packing nut should be **WRENCH-TIGHTENED** clockwise (to the right) until the valve wheel has a slight drag resistance. This is also necessary from time to time as preventative maintenance to assure positive control and sealing of the valve stem. Check for leaks by using a proper leak testing solution check around the nut and the stem (the stem can **ONLY BE** checked with the valve OPEN). As always vent gases safely. If a leak is present after this adjustment, the torch valve assembly should be replaced by an authorized repair station.

IF YOU HAVE NOW TESTED FOR LEAKS FROM THE CYLINDER TO THE TORCH HANDLE AND ARE NOW POSITIVE THAT THERE ARE NO LEAKS, YOU ARE READY TO PROCEED TO THE TIP SELECTION, ETC.

TIP SELECTION:

Use the proper cutting tip for each type cutting attachment and fuel gas. (See **Cutting Tip Data Chart on page 6**) Carefully check the cutting tips, cutting attachment head, welding handle head and adaptor O-Rings, all connection nuts, hose fittings and hose for damaged or missing parts, dirt, oil or grease, etc. and clean and correct as necessary before connecting equipment. Use proper operating pressure and clean, efficient tips. Select the proper size and type of tip to fit the cutting attachment, job and fuel gas/acetylene. **DO NOT** use **DAMAGED** or **PLUGGED TIPS** - repair or replace them. Examine all tips before use, new or used, to make sure the seating seals are clean, smooth and undamaged. **CAREFULLY PURGE THE OXYGEN AND FUEL GAS/ACETYLENE SYSTEMS BEFORE EACH LIGHTING AND USE** (vent gases safely) (see page 7 - Purging).

▼ **CAUTION:** Cutting attachment O-ring connections must be firmly hand-tight only. (Cutting tips must be **WRENCH-TIGHT**.)

▼ **WARNING: REDUCING the FLAME SIZE on a tip that is TOO LARGE for the job can cause BACKFIRE and/or FLASHBACK.**

▼ **CAUTION: AT NO TIME during use should the operating pressure exceed the manufacturer's recommended pressure settings or the WORKING pressure of the hose.**

▼ CAUTION: Use Tip cleaners to keep the tips clean, effective and efficient for every job. DO NOT use DIRTY or PLUGGED TIPS. If the user is using a cutting tip, select the proper size for the work. (See Cutting Tip Data Chart below.)

TIP INSTALLATION:

Examine the cutting attachment head tip seating area for damage - this area must be clean, smooth and undamaged. The cutting tip seats (See Tip Seats below) should also be smooth, clean and undamaged. With the torch valves closed, position the cutting tip in the cutting attachment head, then firmly WRENCH-TIGHTEN the tip nut. After the proper tip has been selected and installed, the user needs to determine the proper operating pressure from the manufacturer's tip chart and then set each regulator to its corresponding pressure; this should be done with the torch inlet valves closed. (See Cutting Tip Data Chart below.)

CUTTING TIP DATA CHART

Metal Thickness	TORCH & TIP TYPES			Oxygen		Acetylene Fuel Gas		Speed IPM
	V-Style Seat 2 Taper	A-Style Seat 3 Taper	H-Style Seat 2 Flat					
	1-101 3-101 5-101 GPM-N-P 1-303MP	144 164	Use Upper PSIG 6290	PSIG	SCFH	PSIG	SCFH	
1/8"	000	00	000	20-25	25	5	5	28-32
1/4"	00	0	00	20-25	35	5	5	25-30
3/8"	0	1	00	25-30	60	5	8	24-28
1/2"	0	1	0	30-35	65	5	10	20-24
3/4"	1	2	1	30-40	85	5	13	17-20
1"	2	2	1	35-50	140	6	16	15-20
1-1/2"	2	3	2	40-50	160	7	18	12-17
2"	3	3	3	40-55	180	9	22	12-15
2-1/2"	3	4	3	45-55	230	10	26	10-13
3"	4	5	4	45-60	280	10	30	9-12
4"	5	5	4	45-60	350	12	34	8-11
5"	5	6	4	50-65	420	12	38	7-9
6"	6	6	5	50-70	450	12	40	6-8
8"	6	6	5	55-75	600	14	44	5-6

NOTE: Data is based on 25 ft. of 1/4" hose up to size 5 tip (3/8" hose may be required for size 6 and larger). Increase pressures approximately 3 psig per 25 ft. hose added and increase working pressure 2-3 psig for check valves. Acetylene delivery pressure should not exceed 15 psig under flow conditions.

⚠ WARNING: The withdrawal rate of an individual acetylene cylinder should not exceed 1/7 (approx. 15%) of the cylinder contents per hour. If additional flow capacity is required, use acetylene and oxygen manifold systems of sufficient size to supply the necessary volume. To avoid dangerous reverse flow of gases due to unbalanced pressures, do not allow cylinders (especially oxygen) to become completely empty while in use. Check for adequate gas supplies before starting work, (order gas at 1/4 cylinder contents) especially with larger heating tips. Purge all hoses and torch passages before each cutting attachment lighting and use to vent out mixed gases that can cause a flashback (vent gases safely). (See Purging below)

PRESSURIZING THE CUTTING ATTACHMENT AND CHECKING FOR LEAKS:

To check the cutting attachment and tip for leaks - with the system leak free from the cylinder to the torch inlet valves, you may now test the cutting attachment. With a rubber gloved finger placed over the cutting tip end - pressurize the torch by opening both valves. The easiest way is to place the entire torch underwater. If there are no bubbles, you may shut off the valves and proceed. If there are leaks anywhere, they must be stopped before proceeding. It is important to check around the tip seat. (See Figure 1 on Page 4 for areas to check for leaks.) After all leaks have been corrected, you may now proceed. Close the valves when testing is complete.

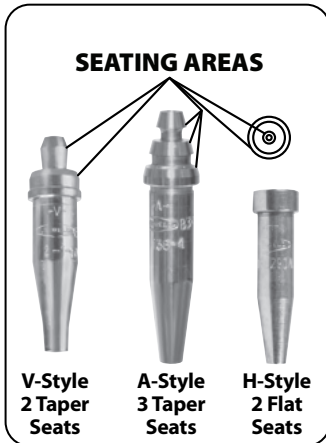
PURGING:

Before lighting tip, purge all hoses and torch passages, by briefly opening and closing each torch-valve. Vent gases safely. **NOTE:** Mixed gases in the torch, cutting attachment or hose, etc. can cause a backfire or flashback. **PURGING MUST BE DONE BEFORE EACH TORCH LIGHTING AND ESPECIALLY AFTER A CYLINDER CHANGE.**

TO LIGHT CUTTING TIP:

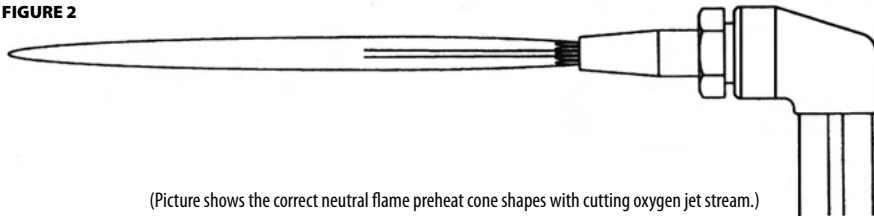
1. Close the cutting attachment preheat oxygen valve. Open the welding torch oxygen valve fully. Open the welding torch fuel gas/acetylene valve about 1/2 turn and quickly ignite with a spark lighter (not matches) and adjust the flame to just leave the tip end - then slightly close the fuel/acetylene torch valve to return the flame to the tip end. The flame should not smoke excessively. If necessary, increase the fuel/acetylene regulator pressure to clear the smoke. Open the preheat cutting attachment oxygen valve and adjust the flow until the white feathers disappear into a well-adjusted and defined bullet-nosed inner cone (neutral flame - **See figure 2 on page 8**).
2. Press down and hold the cutting oxygen lever while slightly increasing the preheat oxygen to remove the feathers and restore the correct neutral flame cones.
3. To start the cut, hold the preheat flame cones steadily approximately 1/8" or so above an edge until it glows bright orange. (DO NOT TOUCH THE TIP TO THE WORK!) Press the cutting oxygen lever down slowly. If the metal is hot enough, the cutting action will start, (if it is not hot enough, release the lever and re-preheat to restart the cut), move the torch along steadily to avoid overheating and melting until the cut is complete. When the cut is complete, release the cutting oxygen lever.

TIP SEATS



NOTE: Additional data available in INFORMATION SECTION on page 6

FIGURE 2



(Picture shows the correct neutral flame preheat cone shapes with cutting oxygen jet stream.)

4. **WARNING:** Proper gas flow to the tip must be maintained to avoid flame backfiring (loud popping) or flashback (squealing) inside the torch which also can be caused by a plugged, dirty, damaged or loose cutting tip. **TO STOP THE INSIDE BURNING (i.e. backfiring or flashback), QUICKLY TURN OFF THE PREHEAT OXYGEN VALVE,** then the torch fuel gas/acetylene valve. **THE FLAME CANNOT BURN INSIDE THE TORCH WITHOUT OXYGEN.** Cool the torch and check preheat gas flows and pressures. Before relighting, check the tip for plugged holes or seat damage. (Clear and clean holes with proper size tip cleaners) **DO NOT** use a tip with a damaged seat or plugged holes. Contact your local distributor or an authorized repair station if the problem continues. **(INCLUDE TIP USED WITH TORCH TO BE CHECKED AND REPAIRED, BECAUSE THE TIP CAN BE THE PROBLEM.)**

5. **WARNING:** **DO NOT** choke down or starve the preheat flames to try to reduce the heat for cutting thin sections - use the full correct flames with the tip tilted over so the preheat flames hit the surface at an angle (which is increased or decreased as needed to vary the heat). Move the tip fast enough to avoid overheating and excess melting. Use the correct size tip for metal thickness (to avoid overheating and melting) using the proper size flame and pressures. **(See CUTTING CHART on Page 6).**

CHECK VALVES/FLASHBACK ARRESTORS:

CAUTION: The decision to use or not use check valves/flashback arrestors must be made by the end user or his supervisor. Check valves/flashback arrestors need to be inspected and maintained on a regular basis. **SEE PROCEDURE in the TORCH CHECK VALVE/FLASHBACK ARRESTOR INSTRUCTION SHEET.** Check valves must be tested after a flashback and replaced as necessary. **A CHECK VALVE IS NOT A FLASHBACK ARRESTOR.**

DANGER: To avoid dangerous reverse flow of gases and flashback due to unbalanced pressures. **DO NOT ALLOW GAS CYLINDERS (ESPECIALLY OXYGEN) TO BECOME COMPLETELY EMPTY WHILE IN USE** and for additional protection install reverse flow check valves/flashback arrestors on regulators or torches. **NOTE:** Check valves/flashback arrestors on regulators stay cleaner and give longer service than torch check valves/flashback arrestors. Check valves are designed to stop reverse flow - not a flashback. Check valves and flashback arrestors must be inspected, tested and maintained on a regular basis. See procedure in the Flashback Arrestor instruction sheet. Flashback arrestors are designed to stop a flashback and stop the reverse flow of gases. Flashback arrestors will not work properly if they are damaged by too many flashbacks which may clog the flashback stopping element. Flashback arrestors must be inspected and tested monthly and replaced as necessary.

CUTTING TIP ORIFICE DRILL SIZE (In Number Drills)

Cutting Tip Size	V-Style Type Seats 1-101, 3-101, 5-101		A-Style Type Seats 144(4 Preheats) 164(6 Preheats)			H-Style Type Seats 6290A, 6290S		
	CUT OXY	PRE HEAT	CUT OXY			CUT OXY		
				144	164		(A)	(S)
000	71	74	-	-	-	68	72	71
00	67	74	68	65	66	64	72	71
0	60	74	62	63	65	60	72	69
1	56	71	56	60	61	56	72	65
2	53	68	54	59	60	52	72	59
3	50	68	52	57	59	48	69	58
4	45	64	49	56	57	42	69	56
5	39	61	45	56	56	35	55	55
6	31	58	41	55	56	30	55	55

CUTTING CAPACITIES Heavy duty cutting attachments - 8" Max.
 Medium duty cutting attachments - 6" Max.
 Light duty cutting attachments - 2" Max.

CUTTING ATTACHMENTS TYPES and TIP SERIES

V-Style Type Tip		A-Style Type Tip		H-Style Type Tip	
780	1-101, etc.	77A	144, etc.	CA43	6290, etc.
3-780	3-101, etc.	CA98	144, etc.	CA79***	6290, etc.
CA250	3-101, etc.	CA330	144, etc.		
CA350	3-101, etc.	CA370	144, etc.		
CA550	5-101, etc.	CA730**	144, etc.		

* NOTE: CA550* replaces 76A

** CANADA

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CUTTING ATTACHMENTS UL Listed



SAFETY BULLETIN

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USE OF OXY-FUEL GAS WELDING AND CUTTING APPARATUS

Oxy-fuel gas welding & cutting apparatus equipment can be used safely. However, FAILURE TO TAKE BASIC SAFETY PRECAUTIONS CAN RESULT IN SERIOUS PERSONAL INJURY AND MATERIAL LOSS.

Following the DOs AND DO NOTs listed below could reduce the likelihood of serious accident.

- DO** – Carefully read equipment manufacturer's operating instructions prior to using the equipment. If you do not have operating instructions, obtain a copy from the equipment manufacturer (or their local distributor) or obtain a copy of general instructions.
- DO** – Have a qualified person demonstrate the proper operating procedures before attempting to install or use the equipment unless you are already familiar with the equipment.
- DO** – Follow the equipment manufacturer's operating instructions at all times. Deviation from these instructions could result in injury and/or property damage.
- DO** – Inspect oxygen regulators prior to installing them on cylinders. Inlet connections must be clean. If there is evidence of oil, grease or other contaminants on the nut, nipple or filter, have the regulator inspected and cleaned by a qualified repair facility before using.
- DO** – Inspect the oxygen cylinder valve outlet connection before attaching the regulator to ensure that there is no oil, grease or other contaminant present. Return the cylinder to the supplier if any contamination is evident or if the valve is damaged.
- DO** – Back off the pressure adjusting screw of the regulator before opening the cylinder valve to release spring force.
- DO** – Open the cylinder valves very slowly. Opening oxygen valves quickly could result in a violent reaction if contaminants are present.
- DO** – Stand with the cylinder between yourself and the regulator (cylinder valve outlet facing away) when opening the cylinder valve.
- DO** – Use protective clothing and appropriate eye protection when operating oxy/fuel gas apparatus. Severe injury can result from sparks, splashing metal and intense light.
- DO** – Purge hose lines individually prior to lighting the torch tip. This will ensure that no oxy/fuel gas mixture is present in the hoses that could cause explosion or fire upon ignition of the torch.
- DO** – Ensure that the work area is kept free of combustible materials. Sparks can ignite material such as paper, rags, woods and plastics causing serious fire damage. Sparks can fly 35 feet or more.
- DO** – Ensure that the work area is adequately ventilated. Welding, cutting and heating processes can enrich or deplete the oxygen concentration of the air. An oxygen deficient atmosphere can cause suffocation in seconds while an oxygen enriched atmosphere is a severe risk for accelerated fire or explosion.
- DO** – Have equipment inspected periodically and have repairs made by a qualified repair facility.
- DO** – Ensure that, when used, hose line check valves and flashback arrestors are inspected and tested regularly and at the interval recommended by the manufacturer, so that they function as intended.
- DO NOT!** – Attempt to repair or substitute parts on equipment, particularly regulators. Special tools, cleaning procedures and techniques are needed to safely repair oxy/fuel gas welding and cutting apparatus. Repairs should be made by qualified personnel using the parts and procedures specified by the equipment manufacturer.
- DO NOT!** – Change regulators from one gas service to another or replace a pressure gauge with one taken from any other service. Contamination, resulting in fire or explosion, can take place.
- DO NOT!** – Use oxygen in place of compressed air to supply pneumatic equipment, tools, hoses or blow guns. Serious fire or explosion can result.
- DO NOT!** – Blow dirt off clothing with oxygen. The fabric can become saturated and burst into flames if touched off by a source of ignition such as a spark, flame or cigarette.
- DO NOT!** – Enter an unventilated, confined space without first assuring that the oxygen concentration is at a safe level. Use an oxygen analyzer to measure the concentration.
- DO NOT!** – Use acetylene at operating pressures above 15 psig (100 kPa). This is a maximum working pressure permitted by Federal Regulations.
- DO NOT!** – Empty an oxygen cylinder below 25-50 psig (170-340 kPa). If the oxygen cylinder is allowed to become completely empty, it will lose its positive pressure and fuel gas or other contamination may enter the cylinder creating a hazardous situation.
- DO NOT!** – Transfill or refill oxygen or fuel gas cylinders – return them to the gas supplier for proper testing and filling. Special procedures and requirements are necessary to safely fill cylinders.
- DO NOT!** – Leave pressure in a regulator when not in use. Close the cylinder valve, drain the hose to a safe location and back off the regulator pressure adjusting screw to release spring force.
- DO NOT!** – Smoke in the presence of oxygen or fuel gases. Smoking can be an uncontrolled source of ignition causing fire or explosion.

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USE OF RUBBER WELDING HOSE

RUBBER WELDING HOSE can be used safely if proper procedures are used. Adhering to the “DOs” and “DO NOTs” listed below will reduce the possibility of incurring serious injury.

- DO** – Blow powder or other residue out of the new hose and blow out hose that has been left open to dust, dirt, etc. before attaching the hose to a torch or other equipment.
- DO** – Examine hose before each use, especially for cracks in the hose next to the regulator and equipment connections.
- DO** – Wipe off hose frequently and inspect for burns and other damage. Never use solvent to wipe off hose.
- DO** – Replace hose when worn, weathered, damaged or when the fabric braid shows. Splice only with proper fittings and ferrules or replace with new hose.
- DO** – Select welding hose that meets Rubber Manufacturers Association and Compressed Gas Association standards in the size and grade suitable for both the conditions and gases being used. Be sure hose is fitted in accordance with CGA E-1 Standard Connections for Regulator Outlets, Torches and Fitted Hose for Welding and Cutting Equipment.
- DO** – Make sure all connections are tight and leak free before each use. Test for leaks with soapy water, leak check solution, a water bucket or static pressure test, especially where hoses connect to regulator and equipment fittings. An occasional total immersion of hose is recommended (at maximum working pressure).
- DO** – Purge each hose line separately in a well ventilated area before lighting the torch each time that the equipment is to be used. This prevents the mixing of gases in the hose lines and will warn the operator if one of the gases is not turned on or if the cylinder is empty. Dangerous mixing of gases in a hose can be caused by a cylinder emptying during use, causing unbalanced pressures.
- DO NOT!** – Pull hose with torch. Grasp hose to adjust the free length and position it for proper use.
- DO NOT!** – Use hose to pull equipment.
- DO NOT!** – Let hose put strain on fittings attached to torch or regulators. This can weaken fittings, crack hoses, pull over cylinders or damage valves. Reposition cylinders if more hose length is needed. Cracked hoses can break and leak from strain.
- DO NOT!** – Allow sparks or flame from cutting and welding operations to fall on or make contact with welding hose. Fire or explosion can result from careless work habits.
- DO NOT!** – Drag hose over hot metal or sharp edges.
- DO NOT!** – Use acetylene at operating pressures above 15 psig (100 kPa). This is a maximum working pressure permitted by Federal Regulations.
- DO NOT!** – Let hose fittings, connections or Grade R hose come in contact with oil, grease or their contaminants.
- DO NOT!** – Use hose with more than one splice per 50 foot (15M) section. Select fittings with adequate inside diameter to avoid flow restrictions.
- DO NOT!** – Bend, kink or pinch hose to shut off gases.
- DO NOT!** – Leave pressure in hoses when equipment is not being used - i.e. lunchtime, overnight, weekends, etc. Close cylinder valves, drain hoses in a well ventilated area and close both regulator and equipment valves. Hoses can be weakened and attacked by solvents in fuel gases. Leaks could develop in unattended equipment and result in fire or explosion.
- DO NOT!** – Repair worn or cut hoses with tape or other temporary materials. Instead, splice with proper fittings and ferrules or replace with new hose.
- DO NOT!** – Reuse hose that has been subjected to burnback, flashback or external burn damage.

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TO SHUT DOWN:

When the cutting operations are finished, **SHUT OFF THE CUTTING ATTACHMENT PREHEAT OXYGEN VALVE FIRST**, THEN THE TORCH FUEL GAS/ACETYLENE VALVE. (NOTE: SHUTTING OFF THE FUEL GAS/ACETYLENE FIRST CAN CAUSE BACKFIRE). Close the cylinder valves. Release torch oxygen valve pressure, then close valve. Then shut off the oxygen regulator by turning the pressure adjusting screw counterclockwise (to the left) until all the spring pressure is relieved. Next release torch fuel gas/acetylene valve pressure, then close valve. Then shut off the fuel gas/acetylene regulator by turning the pressure adjusting screw counterclockwise (to the left) until all the spring pressure is relieved. (Release the gas safely away from any sources of ignition). Close all valves tightly and secure the equipment. Now the shutdown is complete.

INFORMATION: NOTE: The pressures ranges in the cutting tip data charts are "STARTING POINTS". Pressures may need to be raised or lowered to adjust for specific conditions.

CUTTING OXYGEN TIP AND TORCH GUIDE

Type 101 etc. V-Style Tip, Tube Mix, lower psig (oxygen) Range
Type 144 etc. A-Style Tip, Tip Mix mid psig (oxygen) Range
Type 6290 etc. H-Style Tip, Head Mix upper psig (oxygen) Range

A-Style Type (3 taper seats) Tips, Tip Mix:

Series 144, 164 etc.: CA98, CA370 and 77A Series Cutting Attachments
Series 144, 164 etc.: CA330 and CA730 Cutting Attachments - Canada - CLA

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(Cutting Attachments use 5 psig and up.)

V-Style Type (2 taper seats) Tips, Tube Mix:
Series 1-101 etc.: 780 Series Cutting Attachment
Series 3-101 etc.: 3-780 Series, CA350 and CA250 Cutting Attachments
Series 5-101 etc.: 76A and CA550 Series Cutting Attachments

H-Style Type (2 Flat seats) Tips, Head Mix:

Series 6290 etc.: CA79 and CA43* Series Cutting Attachments.
*Uses 5 psig or more acetylene and fuel gas or under 1 psig natural gas.

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