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OPERATING MANUAL

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1. PREFACE

1.1 GENERAL

Congratulations on choosing the Minarc 220 equipment. Used correctly, Kemppi products can significantly increase the productivity of your welding, and provide years of economical service.

This operating manual contains important information on the use, maintenance and safety of your Kemppi product. The technical specifications of the equipment can be found at the end of the manual.

Please read the manual carefully before using the equipment for the first time. For your own safety and that of your working environment, pay particular attention to the safety instructions in the manual.

For more information on Kemppi products, contact Kemppi Oy, consult an authorised Kemppi dealer, or visit the Kemppi web site at www.kemppi.com.

The specifications presented in this manual are subject to change without prior notice.

Important notes

Items in the manual that require particular attention in order to minimise damage and personal harm are indicated with the '*NOTE!*' notation. Read these sections carefully and follow their instructions.

1.2 MACHINE PROPERTIES

The Minarc 220 is intended for use in a three-phase electric network. It is designed to be a compact and efficient direct current MMA/TIG machine. Extremely light in weight for its high 220 A output power, the machine is easy to carry to the work place with either the inbuilt moulded carry handle or the shoulder strap provided.

1.3 ABOUT WELDING

Minarc 220 provides high quality welding results time after time provided the correct operational procedures are followed. Welding quality is not only influenced by the machine itself. Personal expertise, ancilliary equipment and consumables also play an essential role, as does the correct, fused supply power. Welding is carried out when an electric arc is established between the welding electrode and work piece. Welding is not possible unless the equipment is correctly set-up, including the earthing cable attached to the work piece. This cable creates the welding circuit that allows the welding current to flow. Please check the earthing clamp is on the work piece to be welded, and that the area of the clamps contact is clean and free from paint.

MMA Welding

The MMA is a simple welding process. A coated MMA electrode is short circuited to the work piece and the resulting electric arc creates a molten pool into which the electrode wire melts. The coating around the electrode burns to create a protective gaseous atmosphere and slag, which directly protects the molten weld pool from atmospheric contamination. The slag floats on the molten weld pool and solidifies on the surface of the resulting weld bead, protecting the cooling weld.

The electrode is moved slowly along the weld seam. The travel speed is directly proportional to the size of the electrode and welding current selected. The slag is finally removed with a chipping hammer to reveal the weld (always use eye protection).

TIG Welding

In TIG welding, the welding arc is formed between a non-consumable tungsten electrode and the work piece. The resulting high temperature arc melts the work piece to form a molten pool, into which filler wire of a similar alloy composition is slowly melted. The molten weld pool and filler wire are protected from the harmful effects of atmospheric contamination by an inert shielding gas that flows out from the TIG welding torch's ceramic nozzle at a rate of approximately 8–15 litres per minute. (Gas regulator, flow meter and pure argon shielding gas are not provided in this package.)

2. MACHINE USE

2.1 BEFORE COMMISSIONING THE MACHINE

Minarc 220 is packed in sturdy, custom-made packaging. However, always ensure that the equipment has not been damaged in transportation. Even so, make sure that all in-transport damage is reported to the machine supplier. Do not unpack the machine under these circumstances. In addition, before commissioning, check that you have received all of the items you ordered along with their operating instructions.

Transportation

The machine should be transported in an upright position.

Environment

The machine is suitable for both indoor and outdoor use. In outdoor use, protect it from heavy rain and sunshine. Store the machine in a dry and clean

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environment and protect it from sand and dust during use and storage. The recommended operating temperature range is -20 to +40 degrees centigrade. Site the machine so that it does not come into contact with hot surfaces, sparks and welding spatter. Make sure the airflow to and from the machine is unrestricted.

2.2 GENERAL VIEW OF THE MACHINE



- 1. MMA welding cable
- 2. Earthing cable and earthing clamp
- 3. Main switch
- 4. Mains cable

2.3 DISTRIBUTION NETWORK

All regular electrical devices without special circuits generate harmonic currents into distribution network. High rates of harmonic current may cause losses and disturbance to some equipment.

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This equipment complies with IEC 61000-3-12 provided that the short-circuit power S_{SC} is greater than or equal to 1.6 MVA at the interface point between the user's supply and the public supply network. It is the responsibility of the installer or user of the equipment to ensure, by consultation with the distribution network operator if necessary, that the equipment is connected only to a supply with a short-circuit power S_{SC} greater than or equal to 1.6 MVA.

2.4 CABLE CONNECTIONS

Connection to mains

Minarc 220 is delivered with a five-metre mains cable that does not have a plug.

NOTE! Check the fuse size in Technical specifications. The plug may be installed only by electrical contractors and installers authorised to perform such operations.

If you use an extension power supply cord, its cross sectional area should be at least as large as the supply voltage cable fitted to the machine. The maximum length for the extension cable is 50 m.

Restrictions on generator type and power may apply in generator use. Faultfree operation of the machine requires a sufficiently high-power generator. The power recommendation is more than 15 kVA.

Earthing cable

Connect the earthing cable to the negative pole in MMA welding, and to the positive pole in TIG welding.

Before you start welding, clean the work piece surface and fix the earth return clamp to the work piece in order to create a closed and interference free welding circuit.

Shielding gas

In TIG welding, shielding gas is used to prevent atmospheric contamination of the molten weld pool and cooling weld. Normally, the shielding gas is argon (Ar). Normally the gas flow rate is approximately 8–15 litres per minute, but this can vary according to the welding current used and the size of gas nozzle.

2.5 WELDING POWER SELECTION AND ELECTRODES

MMA welding electrodes

In MMA welding, the welding electrodes must be connected to the correct pole. Normally, the electrode holder is connected to the positive and the

earthing cable to the negative connector.

It is also important to properly adjust the welding current so that the filler material and coating will melt properly and the welding is efficient. The table below presents the electrode sizes available with the Minarc 220 welding machine and the corresponding welding current values.

| Electrode diameter | 1.6 mm | 2.0 mm | 2.5 mm | 3.25 mm | 4.0 mm | 5.0 mm |
|-----------------------|---------|---------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Fe-Rutile | 30-60 A | 40-80 A | 50-110 A | 80-150 A | 120-210 A | 170-220 A |
| Fe-Basic | 30-55 A | 50-80 A | 80-110 A | 110-150 A | 140-200 A | 200-220 A |

MMA Electrodes and corresponding current settings range

TIG welding electrodes and gas nozzles

In DC TIG welding we recommend the use of the WC20 (grey) type electrode, however other types are available.

The welding electrode size (diameter) is selected depending on the welding current/power to be used. An electrode with an insufficient diameter compared to the welding current will melt, while excessive electrode size will make it more difficult to ignite the arc.

Generally speaking, a 1.6 mm tungsten electrode will cover currents up to 150 A, and 2.4 mm tungsten electrode up to 250 A DC current.

Before use, grind the tungsten electrode to a sharp point at approximately 1.5 times the diameter of the electrode.

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2.6 FUNCTION CONTROLS AND INDICATOR LIGHTS



- 1. Standby indicator. In the VRD version, a VRD safe indicator (see The VRD feature)
- 2. Overheating indicator.
- 3. Welding process selection button (MMA or TIG).
- 4. Current adjustment selector: panel adjustment or hand-held remote control.
- 5. Welding current control knob.
- 6. Welding value table

Switching the machine on

When you power on the machine, the green standby indicator and the main switch are lit.

If the machine overheats or the supply voltage is too high or too low, the welding operation automatically switches off, and the yellow overheating indicator is illuminated. The light switches off again, when the machine is ready for operation. Make sure that there is enough space around the machine to allow the air to freely circulate and flow into and out off the machine.

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2.6.1 Welding current regulation and remote control

The welding current can be adjusted steplessly with the control knob, if panel adjustment (PANEL) is selected.

If you want to adjust the welding current with the remote control, connect the remote control to the machine and then select remote control with the current adjustment selector (4). Supported remote control units are the R10 or the RTC10 of the TTV 220 GV TIG torch.

2.6.2 MMA welding settings

MMA welding is selected when the indicator next to either of the electrode symbols is lit. The options are RUTILE or BASIC. If needed, press the process selection button to select the MMA process (3). The machine automatically sets suitable values to the ignition time, ignition pulse and arc dynamics based on the rutile/basic selection.

2.6.3 TIG welding function

Select the TIG welding process by pressing the process selection button (3).

Ignition with switch control (TTC 220 GV torch)

When using the TTC 220 GV torch, the TIG arc can be ignited with switch control. Gently touch the work piece with the electrode, then press the torch switch while quickly lifting the electrode off the work piece. This will ignite the arc quickly and efficiently. To stop welding, release the switch, which will stop the current and turn off the torch voltage.

Ignition by scratch-start (other than TTC 220 GV torch)

You can also ignite a TIG arc with the scratch-start method. Gently touch the work piece with the electrode and quickly lift the electrode from the work piece to a suitable welding distance to ignite the arc. To stop welding, quickly pull the electrode away from the work piece.

NOTE! The torch voltage will remain on.

2.6.4 The VRD feature

The VRD model of the Minarc 220 contains a voltage reduction device, which reduces the open-circuit voltage below 35 V. This reduces the risk of electric shock in particularly dangerous environments, such as closed or damp spaces.

3. MAINTENANCE

All electromechanical devices require routine service maintenance depending on usage. This type of routine maintenance will prevent hazards and malfunctions.

We recommend that you schedule a service inspection of your welding machine every six months. An authorised Kemppi service agent will inspect and clean your machine, ensuring that all power connections are tight and secure. Power connections can become loose and oxidised with frequent and high changes in temperature.

NOTE! Disconnect the machine from the mains power supply before handling electric cables.

3.1 DAILY MAINTENANCE

- Check the welding torch electrode. Sharpen the electrode or replace a damaged one.
- Check the tightness of the earthing cable connections.
- Check the condition of mains and welding cables and replace damaged cables.

3.2 DISPOSAL

Do not dispose of electrical equipment with normal waste!

In observance of European Directive 2002/96/EC on waste electrical and electronic equipment, and its implementation in accordance with national law, electrical equipment that has reached the end of its life must be collected separately and taken to an appropriate environmentally responsible recycling facility.

The owner of the equipment is obliged to deliver a decommissioned unit to a regional collection centre, per the instructions of local authorities or a Kemppi representative. By applying this European Directive you will improve the environment and human health.

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4. ORDERING NUMBERS

| Product | | Part number |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| Minarc 220 | | 6102220 |
| Minarc 220 VRD | Reduced open-circuit voltage 30 V | 6102220VRD |
| Cables | | |
| Welding cable | 16 mm ² 5 m | 6184103 |
| Welding cable | 25 mm ² 5 m | 6184201 |
| Welding cable | 25 mm ² 10 m | 6184202 |
| Earthing cable | 16 mm ² 5 m | 6184113 |
| Earthing cable | 25 mm ² 5 m | 6184211 |
| Earthing cable | 25 mm ² 10 m | 6184212 |
| TIG torches | | |
| TTC 220GV | Switch control and RTC10 remote | 627022304 |
| TTM 15 BC | Scratch-start | 627143201 |
| Remote control units | | |
| R 10 | 5 m | 6185409 |
| R 10 | 10 m | 618540901 |
| RTC10 | | 6185477 |
| Other accessories | | |
| Gas flow gauge AR/clock | | 6265136 |
| Carrying straps | | 9592162 |
| Supply voltage cable | | W002982 |

5. TROUBLESHOOTING

| Problem | Cause | | | |
|--|--|--|--|--|
| The main switch indicator will not light up | No electricity connected to the machine • Check the mains supply fuses. • Check the mains cable and plug. | | | |
| Poor welding result | Several factors affect the welding quality. Check that the earthing clamp is firmly attached, the point of attachment is clean and that the cable and its connectors are intact. Check that the shielding gas flows out of the torch tip. Check that the electric voltage is not irregular or too low/high. | | | |
| Overheating indicator lit | The device has overheated. Ensure that cooling air has unrestricted flow. If the machine's duty cycle has been exceeded, wait for indicator to turn off. Too low or high supply voltage. | | | |

If the machine's malfunction is not eliminated with these measures, contact KEMPPI service.

6. TECHNICAL DATA

| Minarc 220 | | | |
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| Connection voltage | ection voltage 3 ~, 50/60 Hz | | 400 V -20 % +15 % |
| Rated power at max. current | MMA | | 8.2 kVA (220 A/28.8 V) |
| | TIG | | 7.2 kVA (220 A/18,8 V) |
| Supply current, I _{1max} | MMA | | 12 A (220 A/28.8 V) |
| | TIG | | 8 A (220 A/18.8 V) |
| Supply current, I _{1eff} | MMA | | 8 A (150 A/26.0 V) |
| | TIG | | 6 A (160 A/16.4 V) |
| Connection cable | | H07RN-F | 4G1.5 (5 m) |
| Fuse (delayed) | | | 10 A |
| Load capacity 40 °C | MMA | 35 % ED | 220 A/28.8 V |
| | | 100 % ED | 150 A/26.0 V |

| | TIG | 35 % ED | 220 A/18.8 V |
|--|-----|----------|---------------------------------------|
| | | 100 % ED | 160 A/16.4 V |
| Welding range | MMA | | 10 A/20.4 V - 220 A/28.8 V |
| | TIG | | 10 A/10.4 V - 220 A/18.8 V |
| | | | |
| Open circuit voltage | MMA | | 85 V (30 V in the VRD version) |
| | TIG | | 60 V (30 V in the VRD version) |
| Idle power | MMA | | 40 W |
| Power factor at 100% ED | TIG | | 0.92 |
| | MMA | | 0.91 |
| Efficiency at 100% ED | TIG | | 0.80 |
| | MMA | | 0.86 |
| Stick electrodes | MMA | | ø 1.5–5.0 mm |
| External dimensions (L \times W \times H) | | | $400 \times 180 \times 340$ |
| Weight | | | 9.2 kg (10.2 kg with connector cable) |
| Temperature class | | | H (B) |
| Degree of protection | | | IP23S |
| EMC class | | | A |
| Minimun short circuit power S _{SC} of supply network* | | | 1.6 MVA |
| Operating temperature range | | | -20 °C +40 °C |
| Storage temperature range | | | -40 °C +60 °C |
| Recommended generator | | | > 15 kVA |

* See paragraph 2.3.

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