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## EMC Introduction

Hypertherm's CE-marked equipment is built in compliance with standard EN60974-10. The equipment should be installed and used in accordance with the information below to achieve electromagnetic compatibility.

The limits required by EN60974-10 may not be adequate to completely eliminate interference when the affected equipment is in close proximity or has a high degree of sensitivity. In such cases it may be necessary to use other measures to further reduce interference.

This cutting equipment is designed for use only in an industrial environment.

## Installation and use

The user is responsible for installing and using the plasma equipment according to the manufacturer's instructions. If electromagnetic disturbances are detected then it shall be the responsibility of the user to resolve the situation with the technical assistance of the manufacturer. In some cases this remedial action may be as simple as earthing the cutting circuit, see *Earthing of Workpiece*. In other cases it could involve constructing an electromagnetic screen enclosing the power source and the work complete with associated input filters. In all cases electromagnetic disturbances must be reduced to the point where they are no longer troublesome.

## Assessment of area

Before installing the equipment the user shall make an assessment of potential electromagnetic problems in the surrounding area. The following shall be taken into account:

- a. Other supply cables, control cables, signalling and telephone cables; above, below and adjacent to the cutting equipment.

- b. Radio and television transmitters and receivers.
- c. Computer and other control equipment.
- d. Safety critical equipment, for example guarding of industrial equipment.
- e. Health of the people around, for example the use of pacemakers and hearing aids.
- f. Equipment used for calibration or measurement.
- g. Immunity of other equipment in the environment. User shall ensure that other equipment being used in the environment is compatible. This may require additional protection measures.
- h. Time of day that cutting or other activities are to be carried out.

The size of the surrounding area to be considered will depend on the structure of the building and other activities that are taking place. The surrounding area may extend beyond the boundaries of the premises.

## Methods of reducing emissions

### Mains supply

Cutting equipment must be connected to the mains supply according to the manufacturer's recommendations. If interference occurs, it may be necessary to take additional precautions such as filtering of the mains supply.

Consideration should be given to shielding the supply cable of permanently installed cutting equipment, in metallic conduit or equivalent. Shielding should be electrically continuous throughout its length. The shielding should be connected to the cutting mains supply so that good electrical contact is maintained between the conduit and the cutting power source enclosure.

## Maintenance of cutting equipment

The cutting equipment must be routinely maintained according to the manufacturer's recommendations. All access and service doors and covers should be closed and properly fastened when the cutting equipment is in operation. The cutting equipment should not be modified in any way except for those changes and adjustments covered in the manufacturer's instructions. In particular, the spark gaps of arc striking and stabilizing devices should be adjusted and maintained according to the manufacturer's recommendations.

## Cutting cables

The cutting cables should be kept as short as possible and should be positioned close together, running at or close to the floor level.

## Equipotential bonding

Bonding of all metallic components in the cutting installation and adjacent to it should be considered. However, metallic components bonded to the workpiece will increase the risk that the operator could receive a shock by touching these metallic components and the electrode (nozzle for laser heads) at the same time. The operator should be insulated from all such bonded metallic components.

## Earthing of workpiece

Where the workpiece is not bonded to earth for electrical safety, nor connected to earth because of its size and position, for example, ship's hull or building steelwork, a connection bonding the workpiece to earth may reduce emissions in some, but not all instances.

Care should be taken to prevent the earthing of the workpiece increasing the risk of injury to users, or damage to other electrical equipment.

Where necessary, the connection of the

workpiece to earth should be made by a direct connection to the workpiece, but in some countries where direct connection is not permitted, the bonding should be achieved by suitable capacitances selected according to national regulations.

Note: the cutting circuit may or may not be earthed for safety reasons. Changing the earthing arrangements should only be authorized by a person who is competent to assess whether the changes will increase the risk of injury, for example, by allowing parallel cutting current return paths which may damage the earth circuits of other equipment. Further guidance is given in IEC/ TS 62081 Arc Welding Equipment Installation and Use.

## Screening and shielding

Selective screening and shielding of other cables and equipment in the surrounding area may alleviate problems of interference. Screening of the entire plasma cutting installation may be considered for special applications.

## Attention

Genuine Hypertherm parts are the factory-recommended replacement parts for your Hypertherm system. Any damage caused by the use of other than genuine Hypertherm parts may not be covered by the Hypertherm warranty.

You are responsible for the safe use of the Product. Hypertherm does not and cannot make any guarantee or warranty regarding the safe use of the Product in your environment.

## General

Hypertherm, Inc. warrants that its Products shall be free from defects in materials and workmanship, if Hypertherm is notified of a defect (i) with respect to the power supply within a period of two (2) years from the date of its delivery to you, with the exception of Powermax brand power supplies, which shall be within a period of three (3) years from the date of delivery to you, and (ii) with respect to the torch and leads within a period of one (1) year from its date of delivery to you, and with respect to torch lifter assemblies within a period of one (1) year from its date of delivery to you, and with respect to laser heads within a period of one (1) year from its date of delivery to you. This warranty shall not apply to any Powermax brand power supplies that have been used with phase converters. In addition, Hypertherm does not warranty systems that have been damaged as a result of poor power quality, whether from phase converters or incoming line power. This warranty shall not apply to any Product which has been incorrectly installed, modified, or otherwise damaged.

Hypertherm, at its sole option, shall repair, replace, or adjust, free of charge, any defective Products covered by this warranty which shall be returned with Hypertherm's prior authorization (which shall not be unreasonably withheld), properly packed, to Hypertherm's place of business in Hanover, New Hampshire, or to an authorized Hypertherm repair facility, all

costs, insurance and freight prepaid. Hypertherm shall not be liable for any repairs, replacement, or adjustments of Products covered by this warranty, except those made pursuant to this paragraph or with Hypertherm's prior written consent. **The warranty above is exclusive and is in lieu of all other warranties, express, implied, statutory, or otherwise with respect to the Products or as to the results which may be obtained therefrom, and all implied warranties or conditions of quality or of merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose or against infringement. The foregoing shall constitute the sole and exclusive remedy for any breach by Hypertherm of its warranty.** Distributors/OEMs may offer different or additional warranties, but Distributors/OEMs are not authorized to give any additional warranty protection to you or make any representation to you purporting to be binding upon Hypertherm.

## Certification test marks

Certified products are identified by one or more certification test marks from accredited testing laboratories. The certification test marks are located on or near the data plate. Each certification test mark means that the product and its safety-critical components conform to the relevant national safety standards as reviewed by that testing laboratory. Hypertherm places a certification test mark on its products only after that product is manufactured with safety-critical components that have been authorized by the accredited testing laboratory.

Once the product has left the Hypertherm factory, the certification test marks are invalidated if any of the following occurs:

- The product is significantly modified in a manner that creates a hazard or non-conformance.
- Safety-critical components are replaced with unauthorized spare parts.

- Any unauthorized assembly or accessory that uses or generates a hazardous voltage is added.
- There is any tampering with a safety circuit or other feature that is designed into the product as part of the certification.

CE marking constitutes a manufacturer's declaration of conformity to applicable European directives and standards. Only those versions of Hypertherm products with a CE Marking located on or near the data plate have been tested for compliance with the European Low Voltage Directive and the European EMC Directive. EMC filters needed to comply with the European EMC Directive are incorporated within versions of the power supply with a CE Marking.

### **Differences in National Standards**

Differences in standards include, but are not limited to:

- Voltages
- Plug and cord ratings
- Language requirements
- Electromagnetic compatibility requirements

These differences in national standards may make it impossible or impractical for all certification test marks to be placed on the same version of a product. For example, the CSA versions of Hypertherm's products do not comply with European EMC requirements and they do not have a CE marking on the data plate.

Countries that require CE marking or have compulsory EMC regulations must use CE versions of Hypertherm products with the CE marking on the data plate. These include:

- Australia
- New Zealand
- Countries in the European Union
- Russia

It is important that the product and its certification test mark be suitable for the end-use installation site. When Hypertherm products are shipped to one country for export to another country, the product must be configured and certified properly for the end-use site.

### **Higher-level systems**

When a system integrator adds additional equipment; such as cutting tables, motor drives, motion controllers or robots; to a Hypertherm plasma cutting system, the combined system may be considered a higher-level system. A higher-level system with hazardous moving parts may constitute industrial machinery or robotic equipment, in which case the OEM or end-use customer may be subject to additional regulations and standards than those relevant to the plasma cutting system as manufactured by Hypertherm.

It is the responsibility of the end-use customer and the OEM to perform a risk assessment for the higher-level system and to provide protection against hazardous moving parts. Unless the higher-level system is certified when the OEM incorporates Hypertherm products into it, the installation also may be subject to approval by local authorities. Seek advice from legal counsel and local regulatory experts if uncertain about compliance.

External interconnecting cables between component parts of the higher level system must be suitable for contaminants and movement as required by the final end-use installation site. When the external interconnecting cables are subject to oil, dust, or water contaminants, hard usage ratings may be required. When external interconnecting cables are subject to continuous movement, constant flexing ratings may be required. It is the responsibility of the end-use customer or the OEM to ensure the cables are suitable for the application. Since there are differences in the

ratings and costs that can be required by local regulations for higher-level systems, it is necessary to verify that any external interconnecting cables are suitable for the end-use installation site.

## **Patent indemnity**

Except only in cases of products not manufactured by Hypertherm or manufactured by a person other than Hypertherm not in strict conformity with Hypertherm's specifications and in cases of designs, processes, formulae, or combinations not developed or purported to be developed by Hypertherm, Hypertherm will defend or settle, at its own expense, any suit or proceeding brought against you alleging that the use of the Hypertherm product, alone and not in combination with any other product not supplied by Hypertherm, infringes any patent of any third party. You shall notify Hypertherm promptly upon learning of any action or threatened action in connection with any such alleged infringement, and Hypertherm's obligation to indemnify shall be conditioned upon Hypertherm's sole control of, and the indemnified party's cooperation and assistance in, the defense of the claim.

## **Limitation of liability**

**In no event shall Hypertherm be liable to any person or entity for any incidental, consequential, indirect, or punitive damages (including but not limited to lost profits) regardless of whether such liability is based on breach of contract, tort, strict liability, breach of warranties, failure of essential purpose or otherwise and even if advised of the possibility of such damages.**

## **Liability cap**

**In no event shall Hypertherm's liability, whether such liability is based on breach of contract, tort, strict liability, breach of warranties, failure of essential purpose or otherwise, for any claim action suit or proceeding arising out of or relating to the**

**use of the Products exceed in the aggregate the amount paid for the Products that gave rise to such claim.**

## **Insurance**

At all times you will have and maintain insurance in such quantities and types, and with coverage sufficient and appropriate to defend and to hold Hypertherm harmless in the event of any cause of action arising from the use of the Products.

## **National and Local codes**

National and Local codes governing plumbing and electrical installation shall take precedent over any instructions contained in this manual.

**In no event** shall Hypertherm be liable for injury to persons or property damage by reason of any code violation or poor work practices.

## **Transfer of rights**

You may transfer any remaining rights you may have hereunder only in connection with the sale of all or substantially all of your assets or capital stock to a successor in interest who agrees to be bound by all of the terms and conditions of this Warranty.

## **Proper disposal of Hypertherm products**

Hypertherm plasma cutting systems, like all electronic products, may contain materials or components, such as printed circuit boards, that cannot be discarded with ordinary waste. It is your responsibility to dispose of any Hypertherm product or component part in an environmentally acceptable manner according to national and local codes.

- In the United States, check all federal, state, and local laws.
- In the European Union, check the EU directives, national, and local laws. For more information, visit [www.hypertherm.com/weee](http://www.hypertherm.com/weee).
- In other countries, check national and local laws.

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## RECOGNIZE SAFETY INFORMATION

The symbols shown in this section are used to identify potential hazards. When you see a safety symbol in this manual or on your machine, understand the potential for personal injury, and follow the related instructions to avoid the hazard.



## FOLLOW SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

Read carefully all safety messages in this manual and safety labels on your machine.

- Keep the safety labels on your machine in good condition. Replace missing or damaged labels immediately.
- Learn how to operate the machine and how to use the controls properly. Do not let anyone operate it without instruction.
- Keep your machine in proper working condition. Unauthorized modifications to the machine may affect safety and machine service life.

## DANGER    WARNING    CAUTION

Hypertherm uses American National Standards Institute guidelines for safety signal words and symbols. A signal word DANGER or WARNING is used with a safety symbol. DANGER identifies the most serious hazards.

- DANGER and WARNING safety labels are located on your machine near specific hazards.
- DANGER safety messages precede related instructions in the manual that will result in serious injury or death if not followed correctly.
- WARNING safety messages precede related instructions in this manual that may result in injury or death if not followed correctly.
- CAUTION safety messages precede related instructions in this manual that may result in minor injury or damage to equipment if not followed correctly.



## CUTTING CAN CAUSE FIRE OR EXPLOSION

### Fire Prevention

- Be sure the area is safe before doing any cutting. Keep a fire extinguisher nearby.
- Remove all flammables within 35 feet (10 m) of the cutting area.
- Quench hot metal or allow it to cool before handling or before letting it touch combustible materials.
- Never cut containers with potentially flammable materials inside – they must be emptied and properly cleaned first.
- Ventilate potentially flammable atmospheres before cutting.
- When cutting with oxygen as the plasma gas, an exhaust ventilation system is required.

### Explosion Prevention

- Do not use the plasma system if explosive dust or vapors may be present.
- Do not cut pressurized cylinders, pipes, or any closed container.
- Do not cut containers that have held combustible materials.



### WARNING

Explosion Hazard  
Argon-Hydrogen and Methane

Hydrogen and methane are flammable gases that present an explosion hazard. Keep flames away from cylinders and hoses that contain methane or hydrogen mixtures. Keep flames and sparks away from the torch when using methane or argon-hydrogen plasma.



**WARNING**  
Hydrogen Detonation with  
Aluminum Cutting

- When cutting aluminum underwater, or with the water touching the underside of the aluminum, free hydrogen gas may collect under the workpiece and detonate during plasma cutting operations.
- Install an aeration manifold on the floor of the water table to eliminate the possibility of hydrogen detonation. Refer to the Appendix section of this manual for aeration manifold details.



## ELECTRIC SHOCK CAN KILL

Touching live electrical parts can cause a fatal shock or severe burn.

- Operating the plasma system completes an electrical circuit between the torch and the workpiece. The workpiece and anything touching the workpiece are part of the electrical circuit.
- Never touch the torch body, workpiece or the water in a water table when the plasma system is operating.

### Electric Shock Prevention

**All Hypertherm plasma systems use high voltage in the cutting process (200 to 400 VDC are common). Take the following precautions when operating this system:**

- Wear insulated gloves and boots, and keep your body and clothing dry.
- Do not stand, sit or lie on – or touch – any wet surface when using the plasma system.
- Insulate yourself from work and ground using dry insulating mats or covers big enough to prevent any physical contact with the work or ground. If you must work in or near a damp area, use extreme caution.
- Provide a disconnect switch close to the power supply with properly sized fuses. This switch allows the operator to turn off the power supply quickly in an emergency situation.
- When using a water table, be sure that it is correctly connected to earth ground.

- Install and ground this equipment according to the instruction manual and in accordance with national and local codes.
- Inspect the input power cord frequently for damage or cracking of the cover. Replace a damaged power cord immediately. **Bare wiring can kill.**
- Inspect and replace any worn or damaged torch leads.
- Do not pick up the workpiece, including the waste cutoff, while you cut. Leave the workpiece in place or on the workbench with the work cable attached during the cutting process.
- Before checking, cleaning or changing torch parts, disconnect the main power or unplug the power supply.
- Never bypass or shortcut the safety interlocks.
- Before removing any power supply or system enclosure cover, disconnect electrical input power. Wait 5 minutes after disconnecting the main power to allow capacitors to discharge.
- Never operate the plasma system unless the power supply covers are in place. Exposed power supply connections present a severe electrical hazard.
- When making input connections, attach proper grounding conductor first.
- Each Hypertherm plasma system is designed to be used only with specific Hypertherm torches. Do not substitute other torches which could overheat and present a safety hazard.



## STATIC ELECTRICITY CAN DAMAGE CIRCUIT BOARDS

Use proper precautions when handling printed circuit boards.

- Store PC boards in anti-static containers.
- Wear a grounded wrist strap when handling PC boards.



## TOXIC FUMES CAN CAUSE INJURY OR DEATH

The plasma arc by itself is the heat source used for cutting. Accordingly, although the plasma arc has not been identified as a source of toxic fumes, the material being cut can be a source of toxic fumes or gases that deplete oxygen.

Fumes produced vary depending on the metal that is cut. Metals that may release toxic fumes include, but are not limited to, stainless steel, carbon steel, zinc (galvanized), and copper.

In some cases, the metal may be coated with a substance that could release toxic fumes. Toxic coatings include, but are not limited to, lead (in some paints), cadmium (in some paints and fillers), and beryllium.

Gases produced by plasma cutting vary based on the material to be cut and the method of cutting, but may include ozone, oxides of nitrogen, hexavalent chromium, hydrogen, and other substances if such are contained in or released by the material being cut.

Caution should be taken to minimize exposure to fumes produced by any industrial process. Depending upon the chemical composition and concentration of the fumes (as well as other factors, such as ventilation), there may be a risk of physical illness, such as birth defects or cancer.

It is the responsibility of the equipment and site owner to test the air quality in the area where the equipment is used and to ensure that the air quality in the workplace meets all local and national standards and regulations.

The air quality level in any relevant workplace depends on site-specific variables such as:

- Table design (wet, dry, underwater).
- Material composition, surface finish, and composition of coatings.
- Volume of material removed.

- Duration of cutting or gouging.
- Size, air volume, ventilation and filtration of the work area.
- Personal protective equipment.
- Number of welding and cutting systems in operation.
- Other site processes that may produce fumes.

If the workplace must conform to national or local regulations, only monitoring or testing done at the site can determine whether the site is above or below allowable levels.

To reduce the risk of exposure to fumes:

- Remove all coatings and solvents from the metal before cutting.
- Use local exhaust ventilation to remove fumes from the air.
- Do not inhale fumes. Wear an air-supplied respirator when cutting any metal coated with, containing, or suspected to contain toxic elements.
- Assure that those using welding or cutting equipment, as well as air-supplied respiration devices, are qualified and trained in the proper use of such equipment.
- Never cut containers with potentially toxic materials inside. Empty and properly clean the container first.
- Monitor or test the air quality at the site as needed.
- Consult with a local expert to implement a site plan to ensure safe air quality.



## A PLASMA ARC CAN CAUSE INJURY AND BURNS

### Instant-On Torches

Plasma arc comes on immediately when the torch switch is activated.

The plasma arc will cut quickly through gloves and skin.

- Keep away from the torch tip.
- Do not hold metal near the cutting path.
- Never point the torch toward yourself or others.



## ARC RAYS CAN BURN EYES AND SKIN

**Eye Protection** Plasma arc rays produce intense visible and invisible (ultraviolet and infrared) rays that can burn eyes and skin.

- Use eye protection in accordance with applicable national or local codes.
- Wear eye protection (safety glasses or goggles with side shields, and a welding helmet) with appropriate lens shading to protect your eyes from the arc's ultraviolet and infrared rays.

**Skin Protection** Wear protective clothing to protect against burns caused by ultraviolet light, sparks and hot metal.

- Gauntlet gloves, safety shoes and hat.
- Flame-retardant clothing to cover all exposed areas.
- Cuffless trousers to prevent entry of sparks and slag.
- Remove any combustibles, such as a butane lighter or matches, from your pockets before cutting.

**Cutting Area** Prepare the cutting area to reduce reflection and transmission of ultraviolet light:

- Paint walls and other surfaces with dark colors to reduce reflection.
- Use protective screens or barriers to protect others from flash and glare.
- Warn others not to watch the arc. Use placards or signs.

Arc current (amps)	Minimum protective shade number (ANSI Z49.1:2005)	Suggested shade number for comfort (ANSI Z49.1:2005)	OSHA 29CFR 1910.133(a)(5)	Europe EN168:2002
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## GROUNDING SAFETY

**Work Cable** Attach the work cable securely to the workpiece or the work table with good metal-to-metal contact. Do not connect it to the piece that will fall away when the cut is complete.

**Work Table** Connect the work table to an earth ground, in accordance with appropriate national or local electrical codes.

### Input Power

- Be sure to connect the power cord ground wire to the ground in the disconnect box.
- If installation of the plasma system involves connecting the power cord to the power supply, be sure to connect the power cord ground wire properly.
- Place the power cord's ground wire on the stud first, then place any other ground wires on top of the power cord ground. Fasten the retaining nut tightly.
- Tighten all electrical connections to avoid excessive heating.

## COMPRESSED GAS EQUIPMENT SAFETY

- Never lubricate cylinder valves or regulators with oil or grease.
- Use only correct gas cylinders, regulators, hoses and fittings designed for the specific application.
- Maintain all compressed gas equipment and associated parts in good condition.
- Label and color-code all gas hoses to identify the type of gas in each hose. Consult applicable national or local codes.



### GAS CYLINDERS CAN EXPLODE IF DAMAGED

Gas cylinders contain gas under high pressure. If damaged, a cylinder can explode.

- Handle and use compressed gas cylinders in accordance with applicable national or local codes.
- Never use a cylinder that is not upright and secured in place.
- Keep the protective cap in place over valve except when the cylinder is in use or connected for use.
- Never allow electrical contact between the plasma arc and a cylinder.
- Never expose cylinders to excessive heat, sparks, slag or open flame.
- Never use a hammer, wrench or other tool to open a stuck cylinder valve.



## NOISE CAN DAMAGE HEARING

Prolonged exposure to noise from cutting or gouging can damage hearing.

- Use approved ear protection when using plasma system.
- Warn others nearby about the noise hazard.



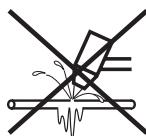
## PACEMAKER AND HEARING AID OPERATION

Pacemaker and hearing aid operation can be affected by magnetic fields from high currents.

Pacemaker and hearing aid wearers should consult a doctor before going near any plasma arc cutting and gouging operations.

To reduce magnetic field hazards:

- Keep both the work cable and the torch lead to one side, away from your body.
- Route the torch leads as close as possible to the work cable.
- Do not wrap or drape the torch lead or work cable around your body.
- Keep as far away from the power supply as possible.



## A PLASMA ARC CAN DAMAGE FROZEN PIPES

Frozen pipes may be damaged or can burst if you attempt to thaw them with a plasma torch.

## ADDITIONAL SAFETY INFORMATION

1. ANSI Standard Z49.1, *Safety in Welding and Cutting*, American Welding Society, 550 LeJeune Road, P.O. Box 351020, Miami, FL 33135
2. ANSI Standard Z49.2, *Fire Prevention in the Use of Cutting and Welding Processes*, American National Standards Institute, 1430 Broadway, New York, NY 10018
3. ANSI Standard Z87.1, *Safe Practices for Occupation and Educational Eye and Face Protection*, American National Standards Institute, 1430 Broadway, New York, NY 10018
4. AWS F4.1, *Recommended Safe Practices for the Preparation for Welding and Cutting of Containers and Piping That Have Held Hazardous Substances*, American Welding Society, 550 LeJeune Road, P.O. Box 351040, Miami, FL 33135
5. AWS F5.2, *Recommended Safe Practices for Plasma Arc Cutting*, American Welding Society, 550 LeJeune Road, P.O. Box 351040, Miami, FL 33135
6. CGA Pamphlet P-1, *Safe Handling of Compressed Gases in Cylinders*, Compressed Gas Association, 1235 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202

7. CSA Standard W117.2, *Code for Safety in Welding and Cutting*, Canadian Standards Association Standard Sales, 178 Rexdale Boulevard, Rexdale, Ontario M9W 1R3, Canada
8. NFPA Standard 51B, *Cutting and Welding Processes*, National Fire Protection Association, 470 Atlantic Avenue, Boston, MA 02210
9. NFPA Standard 70-1978, *National Electrical Code*, National Fire Protection Association, 470 Atlantic Avenue, Boston, MA 02210
10. OSHA, *Safety and Health Standards*, 29FR 1910 U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402
11. AWS Safety and Health Fact Sheets, American Welding Society 550 LeJeune Road, P.O. Box 351040, Miami, FL 33135  
[www.aws.org/technical/facts/](http://www.aws.org/technical/facts/)

## SYMBOLS AND MARKINGS

Your Hypertherm product may have one or more of the following markings on or near the data plate. Due to differences and conflicts in national regulations, not all marks are applied to every version of a product.



### S mark symbol

The S mark symbol indicates that the power supply and torch are suitable for operations carried out in environments with increased hazard of electrical shock per IEC 60974-1.



### CSA mark

Hypertherm products with a CSA mark meet the United States and Canadian regulations for product safety. The products were evaluated, tested, and certified by CSA-International. Alternatively the product may have a mark by one of the other Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratories (NRTL) accredited in both the United States and Canada, such as Underwriters Laboratories, Incorporated (UL) or TÜV.



### CE marking

The CE marking signifies the manufacturer's declaration of conformity to applicable European directives and standards. Only those versions of Hypertherm products with a CE marking located on or near the data plate have been tested for compliance with the European Low Voltage Directive and the European Electromagnetic Compatibility (EMC) Directive. EMC filters needed to comply with the European EMC Directive are incorporated within versions of the product with a CE marking.



### GOST-R mark

CE versions of Hypertherm products that include a GOST-R mark of conformity meet the product safety and EMC requirements for export to the Russian Federation.



### c-Tick mark

CE versions of Hypertherm products with a c-Tick mark comply with the EMC regulations required for sale in Australia and New Zealand.

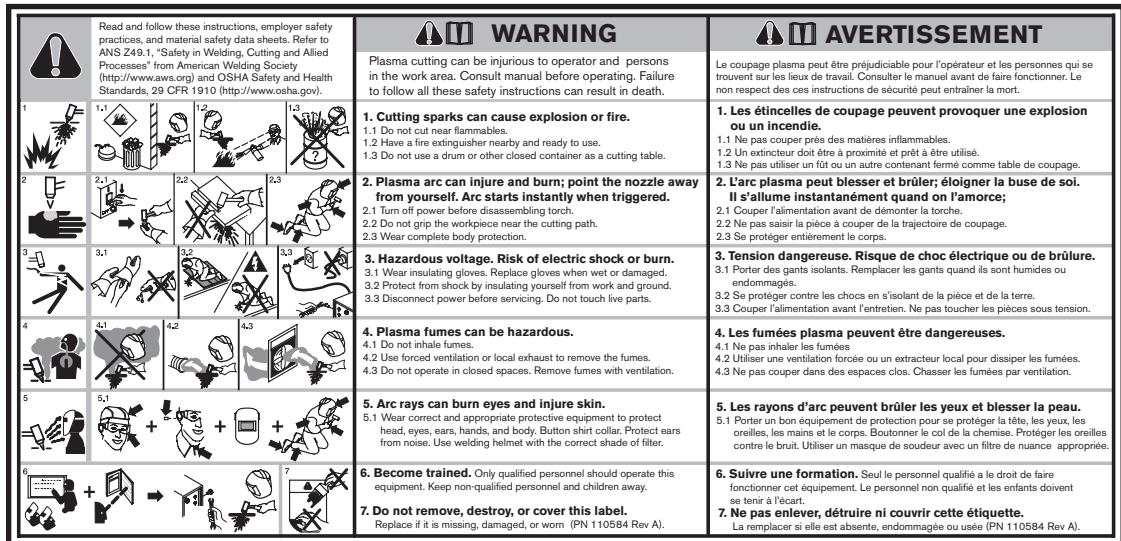


### CCC mark

The China Compulsory Certification (CCC) mark indicates that the product has been tested and found compliant with product safety regulations required for sale in China.

## WARNING LABEL

This warning label is affixed to some power supplies. It is important that the operator and maintenance technician understand the intent of these warning symbols as described. The numbered text corresponds to the numbered boxes on the label.



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  - Keepflammables away from cutting.
  - Keep a fire extinguisher nearby, and have a watchperson ready to use it.
  - Do not cut on any closed containers.
- The plasma arc can cause injury and burns.
  - Turn off power before disassembling torch.
  - Do not hold the material near cutting path.
  - Wear complete body protection.
  - Electric shock from torch or wiring can kill. Protect yourself from electric shock.
    - Wear insulating gloves. Do not wear wet or damaged gloves.
    - Insulate yourself from work and ground.
    - Disconnect input plug or power before working on machine.
- Breathing cutting fumes can be hazardous to your health.
  - Keep your head out of the fumes.
  - Use forced ventilation or local exhaust to remove the fumes.
  - Use ventilating fan to remove the fumes.
- Arc rays can burn eyes and injure skin.
  - Wear hat and safety glasses. Use ear protection and button shirt collar. Use welding helmet with correct shade of filter. Wear complete body protection.
- Become trained and read the instructions before working on the machine or cutting.
- Do not remove or paint over (cover) warning labels.

# SAFETY

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## **Section 1a**

### **SÉCURITÉ**

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## IDENTIFIER LES CONSIGNES DE SÉCURITÉ

Les symboles indiqués dans cette section sont utilisés pour identifier les risques éventuels. Si vous trouvez un symbole de sécurité, que ce soit dans ce manuel ou sur l'équipement, soyez conscient des risques de blessures et suivez les instructions correspondantes afin d'éviter ces risques.



## SUIVRE LES INSTRUCTIONS DE SÉCURITÉ

Lire attentivement toutes les consignes de sécurité dans le présent manuel et sur les étiquettes de sécurité se trouvant sur la machine.

- Les étiquettes de sécurité doivent rester lisibles. Remplacer immédiatement les étiquettes manquantes ou abîmées.
- Apprendre à faire fonctionner la machine et à utiliser correctement les commandes. Ne laisser personne utiliser la machine sans connaître son fonctionnement.
- Garder la machine en bon état. Des modifications non autorisées sur la machine peuvent engendrer des problèmes de sécurité et raccourcir la durée d'utilisation de l'équipement.

## DANGER AVERTISSEMENT ATTENTION

Hypertherm adopte les lignes directrices de l'American National Standards Institute relativement aux termes, aux symboles et à la signalisation de sécurité. Les signaux DANGER ou AVERTISSEMENT sont utilisés avec un symbole de sécurité, DANGER correspondant aux risques les plus sérieux.

- Les étiquettes de sécurité DANGER et AVERTISSEMENT sont situées sur la machine pour signaler certains dangers spécifiques.
- Les messages de sécurité DANGER précèdent les directives associées dans le manuel qui, si elles ne sont pas suivies scrupuleusement, entraînent des blessures graves voire mortelles.
- Les messages d'AVERTISSEMENT précèdent les instructions d'utilisation expliquées dans ce manuel et signalent les risques de blessures ou de mort au cas où ces instructions ne seraient pas suivies correctement.
- Les messages de sécurité ATTENTION précèdent les directives associées dans le manuel qui, si elles ne sont pas suivies scrupuleusement, peuvent entraîner des blessures secondaires ou endommager l'équipement.



## LE COUPAGE PEUT PROVOQUER UN INCENDIE OU UNE EXPLOSION

### Prévention des incendies

- Avant de commencer, s'assurer que la zone de coupage ne présente aucun danger. Conserver un extincteur à proximité.
- Éloigner toute matière inflammable à une distance d'au moins 10 m du poste de coupage.
- Tremper le métal chaud ou le laisser refroidir avant de le manipuler ou avant de le mettre en contact avec des matériaux combustibles.
- Ne jamais couper des récipients pouvant contenir des matières inflammables avant de les avoir vidés et nettoyés correctement.
- Aérer toute atmosphère potentiellement inflammable avant d'utiliser un système plasma.
- Lors de l'utilisation d'oxygène comme gaz plasma, un système de ventilation par aspiration est nécessaire.

### Prévention des explosions

- Ne pas couper en présence de poussière ou de vapeurs.
- Ne pas couper de bouteilles, de tuyaux ou autres récipients fermés et pressurisés.
- Ne pas couper de récipients contenant des matières combustibles.



### AVERTISSEMENT

Risque d'explosion  
argon-hydrogène et méthane

L'hydrogène et le méthane sont des gaz inflammables et potentiellement explosifs. Conserver à l'écart de toute flamme les bouteilles et tuyaux contenant des mélanges à base d'hydrogène ou de méthane. Maintenir toute flamme et étincelle à l'écart de la torche lors de l'utilisation d'un plasma d'argon-hydrogène ou de méthane.



### AVERTISSEMENT

Détonation de l'hydrogène lors du coupage de l'aluminium

- Lors du coupage de l'aluminium sous l'eau, ou si l'eau touche la partie inférieure de la pièce d'aluminium, de l'hydrogène libre peut s'accumuler sous la pièce à couper et détonner lors du coupage plasma.
- Installer un collecteur d'aération au fond de la table à eau afin d'éliminer les risques de détonation de l'hydrogène. Se référer à l'annexe du manuel pour plus de renseignements sur les collecteurs d'aération.



## LES CHOCS ÉLECTRIQUES PEUVENT ÊTRE FATALS

Toucher une pièce électrique sous tension peut provoquer un choc électrique fatal ou des brûlures graves.

- La mise en fonctionnement du système plasma ferme un circuit électrique entre la torche et la pièce à couper. La pièce à couper et tout autre élément en contact avec cette pièce font partie du circuit électrique.
- Ne jamais toucher le corps de la torche, la pièce à couper ou l'eau de la table à eau pendant le fonctionnement du système plasma.

### Prévention des chocs électriques

Tous les systèmes plasma Hypertherm utilisent des hautes tensions pour le coupage (souvent de 200 à 400 V). On doit prendre les précautions suivantes quand on utilise le système plasma :

- Porter des bottes et des gants isolants et garder le corps et les vêtements au sec.
- Ne pas se tenir, s'asseoir ou se coucher sur une surface mouillée, ni la toucher quand on utilise le système plasma.
- S'isoler de la surface de travail et du sol en utilisant des tapis isolants secs ou des couvertures assez grandes pour éviter tout contact physique avec le travail ou le sol. S'il s'avère nécessaire de travailler dans ou près d'un endroit humide, procéder avec une extrême prudence.
- Installer un sectionneur avec fusibles appropriés, à proximité de la source de courant. Ce dispositif permet à l'opérateur d'arrêter rapidement la source de courant en cas d'urgence.
- En cas d'utilisation d'une table à eau, s'assurer que cette dernière est correctement mise à la terre.

- Installer et mettre à la terre l'équipement selon les instructions du présent manuel et conformément aux codes électriques locaux et nationaux.
- Inspecter fréquemment le cordon d'alimentation primaire pour s'assurer qu'il n'est ni endommagé, ni fendu. Remplacer immédiatement un cordon endommagé. **Un câble dénudé peut tuer.**
- Inspecter et remplacer les câbles de la torche qui sont usés ou endommagés.
- Ne pas saisir la pièce à couper ni les chutes lors du coupage. Laisser la pièce à couper en place ou sur la table de travail, le câble de retour connecté lors du coupage.
- Avant de vérifier, de nettoyer ou de remplacer les pièces de la torche, couper l'alimentation ou débrancher la prise de courant.
- Ne jamais contourner ou court-circuiter les verrouillages de sécurité.
- Avant d'enlever le capot du système ou de la source de courant, couper l'alimentation électrique. Attendre ensuite 5 minutes pour que les condensateurs se déchargent.
- Ne jamais faire fonctionner le système plasma sans que les capots de la source de courant ne soient en place. Les raccords exposés de la source de courant sont extrêmement dangereux.
- Lors de l'installation des connexions, attacher tout d'abord la prise de terre appropriée.
- Chaque système plasma Hypertherm est conçu pour être utilisé uniquement avec des torches Hypertherm spécifiques. Ne pas utiliser des torches inappropriées qui pourraient surchauffer et présenter des risques pour la sécurité.



## L'ÉLECTRICITÉ STATIQUE PEUT ENDOMMAGER LES CARTES DE CIRCUITS IMPRIMÉS

On doit prendre les précautions qui s'imposent quand on manipule les circuits imprimés.

- On doit ranger les cartes de circuits imprimés dans des contenants antistatiques.
- On doit porter un bracelet antistatique quand on manipule les cartes de circuits imprimés.



## LES VAPEURS TOXIQUES PEUVENT PROVOQUER DES BLESSURES OU LA MORT

L'arc plasma est lui-même la source de chaleur utilisée pour le coupage. Par conséquent, bien que l'arc plasma n'ait pas été reconnu comme une source de vapeurs toxiques, le matériau coupé peut être une source de vapeurs ou de gaz toxiques qui épuisent l'oxygène.

Les vapeurs produites varient selon le métal coupé. Les métaux qui peuvent dégager des vapeurs toxiques comprennent, entre autres, l'acier inoxydable, l'acier au carbone, le zinc (galvanisé) et le cuivre.

Dans certains cas, le métal peut être revêtu d'une substance susceptible de dégager des vapeurs toxiques. Les revêtements toxiques comprennent entre autres, le plomb (dans certaines peintures), le cadmium (dans certaines peintures et enduits) et le beryllium.

Les gaz produits par le coupage plasma varient selon le matériau à couper et la méthode de coupage, mais ils peuvent comprendre l'ozone, les oxydes d'azote, le chrome hexavalent, l'hydrogène et autres substances présentes dans le matériau coupé ou en émanant.

On doit prendre les précautions qui s'imposent pour réduire au minimum l'exposition aux vapeurs produites par tout processus industriel. Selon la composition chimique et la concentration des vapeurs (ainsi que d'autres facteurs comme la ventilation), il peut y avoir un risque de maladie physique, comme des malformations ou le cancer.

Il incombe au propriétaire du matériel et du site de vérifier la qualité de l'air dans le secteur où l'on utilise le matériel et de s'assurer que la qualité de l'air sur les lieux de travail répond aux normes et réglementation locales et nationales.

Le niveau de qualité de l'air dans tout lieu de travail dépend des variables propres au site comme :

- Type de table (humide, sèche, sous l'eau).
- Composition du matériau, fini de la surface et composition des revêtements.
- Volume de matériau enlevé.
- Durée du coupage ou du gougeage.
- Dimensions, volume d'air, ventilation et filtration de la zone de travail.
- Équipement de protection individuelle.
- Nombre de systèmes de soudage et de coupage en fonctionnement.
- Autres procédés du site qui peuvent produire des vapeurs.

Si les lieux de travail doivent être conformes aux règlements nationaux ou locaux, seuls les contrôles ou les essais effectués au site peuvent déterminer si celui-ci se situe au-dessus ou au-dessous des niveaux admissibles.

Pour réduire le risque d'exposition aux vapeurs :

- Éliminer tout revêtement et solvant du métal avant le coupage.
- Utiliser la ventilation d'extraction locale pour éliminer les vapeurs de l'air.
- Ne pas inhale les vapeurs. Porter un respirateur à adduction d'air quand on coupe des métaux revêtus d'éléments toxiques ou qui en contiennent ou sont susceptibles d'en contenir.
- S'assurer que les personnes qui utilisent un matériel de soudage ou de coupage ainsi que les dispositifs de respiration par adduction d'air sont qualifiés et ont reçu la formation sur la bonne utilisation d'un tel matériel.
- Ne jamais couper les contenants dans lesquels il peut y avoir des matériaux toxiques. En premier lieu, vider et nettoyer correctement le contenant.
- Contrôler ou éprouver la qualité de l'air au site selon les besoins.
- Consulter un expert local pour mettre en œuvre un plan du site afin d'assurer une qualité de l'air sûre.



## L'ARC PLASMA PEUT PROVOQUER DES BLESSURES OU DES BRÛLURES

### Torches à allumage instantané

L'arc plasma s'allume immédiatement après que la torche soit mise en marche.

L'arc plasma coupe facilement les gants et la peau.

- Rester éloigné de l'extrémité de la torche.
- Ne pas tenir de métal près de la trajectoire de coupe.
- Ne jamais pointer la torche vers soi ou d'autres personnes.



## LES RAYONS DE L'ARC PEUVENT BRÛLER LES YEUX ET LA PEAU

**Protection des yeux** Les rayons de l'arc plasma produisent de puissants rayons visibles ou invisibles (ultraviolets et infrarouges) qui peuvent brûler les yeux et la peau.

- Utiliser des lunettes de sécurité conformément aux codes locaux ou nationaux en vigueur.
- Porter des lunettes de protection (lunettes ou masque muni d'écrans latéraux et encore masque de soudure) avec des verres teintés appropriés pour protéger les yeux des rayons ultraviolets et infrarouges de l'arc.

**Protection de la peau** Porter des vêtements de sécurité pour se protéger contre les brûlures que peuvent causer les rayons ultraviolets, les étincelles et le métal brûlant :

- Gants à crispin, chaussures et casque de sécurité.
- Vêtements ignifuges couvrant toutes les parties exposées du corps.
- Pantalon sans revers pour éviter que des étincelles ou des scories puissent s'y loger.
- Avant le coupage, retirer de ses poches tout objet combustible comme les briquets au butane ou les allumettes.

**Zone de coupage** Préparer la zone de coupage afin de réduire la réverbération et la transmission de la lumière ultraviolette :

- Peindre les murs et autres surfaces de couleur sombre pour réduire la réflexion de la lumière.
- Utiliser des écrans et autres dispositifs de protection afin de protéger les autres personnes de la lumière et de la réverbération.
- Prévenir les autres personnes de ne pas regarder l'arc. Utiliser des affiches ou des panneaux.

Courant de l'arc (A)	Indice de protection minimum (ANSI Z49.1:2005)	Indice de protection suggéré pour assurer le confort (ANSI Z49.1:2005)	OSHA 29CFR 1910.133(a)(5)	Europe EN168:2002
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## MISE À LA MASSE ET À LA TERRE

**Câble de retour** Bien fixer le câble de retour (ou de masse) à la pièce à couper ou à la table de travail de façon à assurer un bon contact métal-métal. Ne pas fixer le câble de retour à la partie de la pièce qui doit se détacher.

**Table de travail** Raccorder la table de travail à la terre, conformément aux codes de sécurité locaux ou nationaux appropriés.

### Alimentation

- S'assurer que le fil de terre du cordon d'alimentation est connecté à la terre dans le coffret du sectionneur.
- S'il est nécessaire de brancher le cordon d'alimentation à la source de courant lors de l'installation du système, s'assurer que le fil de terre est correctement branché.
- Placer tout d'abord le fil de terre du cordon d'alimentation sur le plot de mise à la terre puis placer les autres fils de terre par-dessus. Bien serrer l'écrou de retenue.
- S'assurer que toutes les connexions sont bien serrées pour éviter la surchauffe.

## SÉCURITÉ DES BOUTEILLES DE GAZ COMPRIMÉ

- Ne jamais lubrifier les robinets des bouteilles ou les régulateurs avec de l'huile ou de la graisse.
- Utiliser uniquement les bouteilles, régulateurs, tuyaux et accessoires appropriés et conçus pour chaque application spécifique.
- Entretenir l'équipement et les pièces d'équipement à gaz comprimé afin de les garder en bon état.
- Étiqueter et coder avec des couleurs tous les tuyaux de gaz afin d'identifier le type de gaz contenu dans chaque tuyau. Se référer aux codes locaux ou nationaux en vigueur.



## LES BOUTEILLES DE GAZ COMPRIMÉ PEUVENT EXPLOSER EN CAS DE DOMMAGES

Les bouteilles de gaz contiennent du gaz à haute pression. Si une bouteille est endommagée, elle peut exploser.

- Manipuler et utiliser les bouteilles de gaz comprimé conformément aux codes locaux ou nationaux.
- Ne jamais utiliser une bouteille qui n'est pas placée à la verticale et bien assujettie.
- Le capuchon de protection doit être placé sur le robinet sauf si la bouteille est en cours d'utilisation ou connectée pour utilisation.
- Éviter à tout prix le contact électrique entre l'arc plasma et une bouteille.
- Ne jamais exposer des bouteilles à une chaleur excessive, aux étincelles, aux scories ou aux flammes nues.
- Ne jamais utiliser des marteaux, des clés ou d'autres outils pour débloquer le robinet des bouteilles.



## LE BRUIT PEUT PROVOQUER DES PROBLÈMES AUDITIFS

Une exposition prolongée au bruit du coupage ou du gougeage peut provoquer des problèmes auditifs.

- Utiliser un casque de protection homologué lors de l'utilisation du système plasma.
- Prévenir les personnes aux alentours des risques encourus en cas d'exposition au bruit.



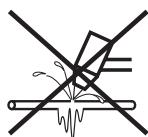
## PACEMAKERS ET PROTHÈSES AUDITIVES

Les champs magnétiques produits par les courants à haute tension peuvent affecter le fonctionnement des prothèses auditives et des pacemakers.

Les personnes portant ce type d'appareil doivent consulter un médecin avant de s'approcher d'un lieu où s'effectue le coupage ou le gougeage plasma.

Pour réduire les risques associés aux champs magnétiques :

- Garder loin de soi et du même côté du corps le câble de retour et le faisceau de la torche.
- Faire passer le faisceau de la torche le plus près possible du câble de retour.
- Ne pas s'enrouler le faisceau de la torche ou le câble de retour autour du corps.
- Se tenir le plus loin possible de la source de courant.



## UN ARC PLASMA PEUT ENDOMMAGER LES TUYAUX GELÉS

Les tuyaux gelés peuvent être endommagés ou éclater si l'on essaie de les dégeler avec une torche plasma.

## SYMBOLES ET MARQUAGE

Votre produit Hypertherm peut comporter une ou plusieurs des marques suivantes sur sa plaque signalétique ou à proximité. En raison des différends et des conflits relatifs aux règlements nationaux, toutes les marques ne sont pas appliquées à chaque version d'un produit.



### Symbol marque S

Le symbole de marque S indique que la source de courant et la torche conviennent pour les travaux effectués dans les milieux à risque accru de choc électrique selon l'IEC 60974-1.



### Marque CSA

Les produits Hypertherm comportant la marque CSA répondent aux règlements des États-Unis et du Canada relatifs à la sécurité du produit. Les produits sont évalués, mis à l'essai et certifiés par la CSA-International. En outre, le produit peut porter une marque d'un des laboratoires d'essai reconnus sur le plan national (NRTL) accrédité aux États-Unis et au Canada comme les Underwriters Laboratories, Incorporated (UL) ou TÜV.



### Marque CE

La marque CE signifie la déclaration de conformité du fabricant aux directives et normes européennes applicables. Seules les versions des produits Hypertherm portant la marque CE placée sur la plaque signalétique ou à proximité ont été mises à l'essai de conformité à la directive européenne sur la basse tension et la compatibilité électromagnétique européenne (CEM). Les filtres CEM qui doivent se conformer à la directive CEM européenne sont intégrés aux versions du produit portant la marque CE.



### Marque GOST-R

Les versions CE des produits Hypertherm qui portent la marque de conformité GOST-R répondent aux exigences de sécurité du produit et de CEM en vue de l'exportation à la Fédération russe.



### Marque c-Tick

Les versions CE des produits Hypertherm portant la marque c-Tick sont conformes aux règlements CEM prescrits pour la vente en Australie et en Nouvelle-Zélande.



### Marque CCC

La marque de certification obligatoire en Chine (CCC) indique que le produit a été mis à l'essai et déclaré conforme aux règlements de sécurité du produit prescrits pour la vente en Chine.

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Plasma fumes can be hazardous.</b>          4.1 Do not inhale fumes.          4.2 Use forced ventilation or local exhaust to remove the fumes.          4.3 Do not operate in closed spaces. Remove fumes with ventilation.</p> <p><b>5. Arc rays can burn eyes and injure skin.</b>          5.1 Wear correct and appropriate protective equipment to protect head, eyes, ears, hands, and body. Button shirt collar. Protect ears from noise. Use welding helmet with the correct shade of filter.</p> <p><b>6. Become trained.</b> Only qualified personnel should operate this equipment. Keep non-qualified personnel and children away.</p> <p><b>7. Do not remove, destroy, or cover this label.</b>          Replace it if it is missing, damaged, or worn (PN 110584 Rev A).</p>	<b>AVERTISSEMENT</b>  <p>Le coupage plasma peut être préjudiciable pour l'opérateur et les personnes qui se trouvent sur les lieux de travail. Consulter le manuel avant de faire fonctionner. 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Le personnel non qualifié et les enfants doivent se tenir à l'écart.</p> <p><b>7. Ne pas enlever, détruire ni couvrir cette étiquette.</b>          La remplacer si elle est absente, endommagée ou usée (PN 110584 Rev A).</p>
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## **Sección 1b**

### **SEGURIDAD**

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## RECONOCIMIENTO DE INFORMACIÓN DE SEGURIDAD

Los símbolos que se muestran en esta sección se utilizan para identificar los posibles peligros. Cuando vea un símbolo de seguridad en este manual o en su máquina, recuerde que existe la posibilidad de que se produzcan lesiones personales y siga las instrucciones correspondientes para evitar el peligro.



## SIGA LAS INSTRUCCIONES DE SEGURIDAD

Leyatentamente todos los mensajes de seguridad de este manual y las etiquetas de seguridad en su máquina.

- Mantenga las etiquetas de seguridad de su máquina en buen estado. Reemplace las etiquetas que se pierdan o se dañen inmediatamente.
- Aprenda a utilizar la máquina y a utilizar los controles de la manera correcta. No permita que sea utilizada por alguien que no conozca su funcionamiento.
- Mantenga su máquina en buenas condiciones de funcionamiento. La realización de modificaciones no autorizadas a la máquina puede comprometer la seguridad y la vida útil de la máquina.

## PELIGRO ADVERTENCIA PRECAUCIÓN

Hypertherm usa las directivas del Instituto Americano de Normas Nacionales (American National Standards Institute) para las palabras y símbolos que señalan seguridad. Las palabras PELIGRO y ADVERTENCIA se utilizan conjuntamente con un símbolo de seguridad. La palabra PELIGRO se utiliza para identificar los mayores peligros.

- Encontrará etiquetas de seguridad con las inscripciones PELIGRO y ADVERTENCIA en su máquina, junto a peligros específicos.
- Los mensajes de seguridad de PELIGRO preceden instrucciones relacionadas en el manual que resultarán en lesión grave o muerte si no se las sigue correctamente.
- En este manual, la palabra ADVERTENCIA va seguida de instrucciones que, si no se siguen correctamente, pueden provocar lesiones e inclusive la muerte.
- Los mensajes de seguridad de CUIDADO o PRECAUCIÓN preceden mensajes relacionados con instrucciones en el manual que puede resultar en lesiones menores, o daño a equipo, si no se siguen correctamente.



## LOS CORTES PUEDEN PROVOCAR INCENDIOS O EXPLOSIONES

### Prevención ante el fuego

- Asegúrese de que el área sea segura antes de proceder a cortar. Tenga a mano un extintidor de incendios.
- Retire todos los materiales inflamables, colocándolos a por lo menos 10 metros del área de corte.
- Remoje los metales calientes o permita que se enfrien antes de que entren en contacto con materiales combustibles.
- Nunca corte depósitos que contengan materiales inflamables – primero es necesario vaciarlos y limpiarlos debidamente.
- Antes de realizar cortes en atmósferas potencialmente inflamables, asegúrese de ventilar bien.
- Al realizar cortes utilizando oxígeno como gas plasma, se requiere tener un sistema de ventilación de escape.

### Prevención ante explosiones

- No corte en atmósferas que contengan polvo o vapores explosivos.
- No corte depósitos o tubos a presión ni cualquier depósito cerrado.
- No corte depósitos que hayan contenido materiales combustibles.



### ADVERTENCIA

Peligro de explosión  
Argón-Hidrógeno y metano

El hidrógeno y el metano son gases inflamables que suponen un peligro de explosión. Mantenga el fuego lejos de los cilindros y las mangueras que contengan mezclas de hidrógeno o metano. Mantenga la llama y las chispas lejos de la antorcha al utilizar metano o argón-hidrógeno como plasma.



### ADVERTENCIA

Detonación de hidrógeno con el corte de aluminio

- Al cortar aluminio bajo agua o con agua en contacto con el lado inferior del aluminio, puede acumularse gas hidrógeno bajo la pieza a cortar y detonar durante la operación de corte por plasma.
- Instale un múltiple de aireación en el fondo de la mesa de agua para eliminar la posibilidad de la detonación del hidrógeno. Consulte la sección del apéndice de este manual para conocer detalles acerca del múltiple de aireación.



## EL CHOQUE ELÉCTRICO PUEDE PROVOCAR LA MUERTE

El contacto directo con piezas eléctricas conectadas puede provocar un electrochoque fatal o quemaduras graves.

- Al hacer funcionar el sistema de plasma, se completa un circuito eléctrico entre la antorcha y la pieza a cortar. La pieza a cortar es una parte del circuito eléctrico, como también cualquier cosa que se encuentre en contacto con ella.
- Nunca toque el cuerpo de la antorcha, la pieza a cortar o el agua en una mesa de agua cuando el sistema de plasma se encuentre en funcionamiento.

### Prevención ante el electrochoque

Todos los sistemas por plasma de Hypertherm usan alto voltaje en el proceso de corte (son comunes los voltajes CD de 200 a 400). Tome las siguientes precauciones cuando se utiliza el equipo de plasma:

- Use guantes y botas aislantes y mantenga el cuerpo y la ropa secos.
- No se siente, se pare o se ponga sobre cualquier superficie húmeda cuando esté trabajando con el equipo.
- Aíslase eléctricamente de la pieza a cortar y de la tierra utilizando alfombrillas o cubiertas de aislamiento secas lo suficientemente grandes como para impedir todo contacto físico con la pieza a cortar o con la tierra. Si su única opción es trabajar en una área húmeda o cerca de ella, sea muy cauteloso.
- Instale un interruptor de corriente adecuado en cuanto a fusibles, en una pared cercana a la fuente de energía. Este interruptor permitirá al operador desconectar rápidamente la fuente de energía en caso de emergencia.
- Al utilizar una mesa de agua, asegúrese de que ésta se encuentre correctamente conectada a la toma a tierra.

- Instale este equipo y conéctelo a tierra según el manual de instrucciones y de conformidad con los códigos locales y nacionales.
- Inspeccione el cordón de alimentación primaria con frecuencia para asegurarse de que no esté dañado ni agrietado. Si el cordón de alimentación primaria está dañado, reemplácelo inmediatamente. **Un cable pelado puede provocar la muerte.**
- Inspeccione las mangueras de la antorcha y reemplácelas cuando se encuentren dañadas.
- No toque la pieza ni los recortes cuando se está cortando. Deje la pieza en su lugar o sobre la mesa de trabajo con el cable de trabajo conectado en todo momento.
- Antes de inspeccionar, limpiar o cambiar las piezas de la antorcha, desconecte la potencia primaria o desenchufe la fuente de energía.
- Nunca evite o descuide los bloqueos de seguridad.
- Antes de retirar la cubierta de una fuente de energía o del gabinete de un sistema, desconecte la potencia primaria de entrada. Espere 5 minutos después de desconectar la potencia primaria para permitir la descarga de los condensadores.
- Nunca opere el sistema de plasma sin que las tapas de la fuente de energía estén en su lugar. Las conexiones expuestas de la fuente de energía presentan un serio riesgo eléctrico.
- Al hacer conexiones de entrada, conecte el conductor de conexión a tierra en primer lugar.
- Cada sistema de plasma Hypertherm está diseñado para ser utilizado sólo con antorchas Hypertherm específicas. No utilice antorchas diferentes, que podrían recalentarse y ser peligrosas.



## ELECTRICIDAD ESTÁTICA PUEDE DAÑAR TABLILLAS DE CIRCUITO

Use precauciones adecuadas cuando maneje tablillas impresas de circuito

- Almacene las tablillas PC en recipientes antiestáticos.
- Use la defensa de muñeca conectada a tierra cuando maneje tablillas PC.



### HUMOS TÓXICOS PUEDEN CAUSAR LESIONES O MUERTE

El arco plasma es por si solo la fuente de calor que se usa para cortar. Según esto, aunque el arco de plasma no ha sido identificado como la fuente de humo tóxico, el material que se corta puede ser la fuente de humo o gases tóxicos que vacían el oxígeno.

El humo producido varía según el metal que está cortándose. Metales que pueden liberar humo tóxico incluyen, pero no están limitados a, acero inoxidable, acero al carbón, cinc (galvanizado), y cobre.

En algunos casos, el metal puede estar recubierto con una sustancia que podría liberar humos tóxicos. Los recubrimientos tóxicos incluyen, pero no están limitados a, plomo (en algunas pinturas), cadmio (en algunas pinturas y rellenos), y berilio.

Los gases producidos por el corte por plasma varían basándose en el material a cortarse y el método de cortar, pero pueden incluir ozono, óxidos de nitrógeno, cromo hexavalente, hidrógeno, y otras substancias, si están contenidas dentro o liberadas por el material que se corta.

Se debe tener cuidado de minimizar la exposición del humo producido por cualquier proceso industrial. Según la composición química y la concentración del humo (al igual que otros factores, tales como ventilación), puede haber el riesgo de enfermedad física, tal como defectos de natividad o cáncer.

Es la responsabilidad del dueño del equipo y instalación el comprobar la calidad de aire en el lugar donde se está usando el equipo para garantizar que la calidad del aire en el lugar de trabajo cumpla con todas las normas y reglamentos locales y nacionales.

El nivel de la calidad del aire en cualquier lugar de trabajo relevante depende en variables específicas al sitio tales como:

- Diseño de mesa (mojada, seca, bajo agua).
- La composición del material, el acabado de la superficie, y la composición de los recubrimientos.
- Volumen que se quita del material.
- La duración del corte o ranura.
- Tamaño, volumen del aire, ventilación y filtración del lugar de trabajo.
- Equipo de protección personal.
- Número de sistemas de soldar y cortar en la operación.
- Otros procesos del lugar que pueden producir humo.

Si el lugar de trabajo debe cumplir reglamentos nacionales o locales, solamente el monitoreo o las pruebas que se hacen en el lugar pueden determinar si el sitio está encima o debajo de los niveles permitidos.

Para reducir el riesgo de exposición a humo:

- Quite todos los recubrimientos y solventes del metal antes de cortar.
- Use ventilación extractora local para quitar humo del aire.
- No inhale el humo. Use un respirador con fuente propia de aire cuando corte cualquier metal recubierto con, o sospechado de contener, elementos tóxicos.
- Garantice que aquéllos usando equipo de soldar o cortar, al igual que aparatos de respiración con aire propio de aire, estén capacitados y entrenados en el uso apropiado de tal equipo.
- Nunca corte recipientes con materiales potencialmente tóxicos adentro. Primero, vacíe y limpie el recipiente adecuadamente.
- Monitoree o compruebe la calidad del aire en el sitio como fuera necesario.
- Consulte con un experto local para realizar un plan al sitio para garantizar la calidad de aire seguro.



## EL ARCO DE PLASMA PUEDE CAUSAR LESIONES Y QUEMADURAS

### Antorchas de encendido instantáneo

El arco de plasma se enciende inmediatamente después de activarse el interruptor de la antorcha.

El arco de plasma puede cortar a través de guantes y de la piel con rapidez.

- Manténgase alejado de la punta de la antorcha.
- No sostenga el metal junto al trayecto de corte.
- Nunca apunte la antorcha hacia Ud. mismo o hacia otras personas.



## LOS RAYOS DEL ARCO PUEDEN PRODUCIR QUEMADURAS EN LOS OJOS Y EN LA PIEL

**Protección para los ojos** Los rayos del arco de plasma producen rayos intensos visibles e invisibles (ultravioleta e infrarrojo) que pueden quemar los ojos y la piel.

- Utilice protección para los ojos de conformidad con los códigos locales o nacionales aplicables.
- Colóquese protectores para los ojos (gafas o anteojos protectores con protectores laterales, y bien un casco de soldar) con lentes con sombreado adecuado para proteger sus ojos de los rayos ultravioleta e infrarrojos del arco.

**Protección para la piel** Vista ropa de protección para proteger la piel contra quemaduras causadas por la radiación ultravioleta de alta intensidad, por las chispas y por el metal caliente:

- Guantes largos, zapatos de seguridad y gorro.
- Roipa de combustión retardada y que cubra todas las partes expuestas.
- Pantalones sin dobladillos para impedir que recojan chispas y escorias.
- Retire todo material combustible de los bolsillos, como encendedores a butano e inclusive cerillas, antes de comenzar a cortar.

**Área de corte** Prepare el área de corte para reducir la reflexión y la transmisión de la luz ultravioleta:

- Pinte las paredes y demás superficies con colores oscuros para reducir la reflexión.
- Utilice pantallas o barreras protectoras para proteger a los demás de los destellos.
- Advierta a los demás que no debe mirarse el arco. Utilice carteles o letreros.

Corriente de arco (amps.)	El número de matiz protector mínimo (ANSI Z49.1:2005)	El número de matiz sugerido para comodidad (ANSI Z49.1:2005)	OSHA 29CFR 1910.133(a)(5)	Europa EN168:2002
Menos de 40 A	5	5	8	9
41 a 60 A	6	6	8	9
61 a 80 A	8	8	8	9
81 a 125 A	8	9	8	9
126 a 150 A	8	9	8	10
151 a 175 A	8	9	8	11
176 a 250 A	8	9	8	12
251 a 300 A	8	9	8	13
301 a 400 A	9	12	9	13
401 a 800 A	10	14	10	



### SEGURIDAD DE TOMA A TIERRA

**Cable de trabajo** La pinza del cable de trabajo debe estar bien sujetada a la pieza y hacer un buen contacto de metal a metal con ella o bien con la mesa de trabajo. No conecte el cable con la parte que va a quedar separada por el corte.

**Mesa de trabajo** Conecte la mesa de trabajo a una buena toma de tierra, de conformidad con los códigos eléctricos nacionales o locales apropiados.

#### Potencia primaria de entrada

- Asegúrese de que el alambre de toma a tierra del cordón de alimentación está conectado al terminal de tierra en la caja del interruptor de corriente.
- Si la instalación del sistema de plasma supone la conexión del cordón de alimentación primaria a la fuente de energía, asegúrese de conectar correctamente el alambre de toma a tierra del cordón de alimentación primaria.
- Coloque en primer lugar el alambre de toma a tierra del cordón de alimentación primaria en el espárrago luego coloque cualquier otro alambre de tierra sobre el conductor de tierra del cable. Ajuste firmemente la tuerca de retención.
- Asegúrese de que todas las conexiones eléctricas están firmemente realizadas para evitar sobrecalentamientos.

### SEGURIDAD DE LOS EQUIPOS DE GAS COMPRIMIDO

- Nunca lubrique reguladores o válvulas de cilindros con aceite o grasa.
- Utilice solamente cilindros, reguladores, mangueras y conectores de gas correctos que hayan sido diseñados para la aplicación específica.
- Mantenga todo el equipo de gas comprimido y las piezas relacionadas en buen estado.
- Coloque etiquetas y códigos de color en todas las mangueras de gas para identificar el tipo de gas que conduce cada una. Consulte los códigos locales o nacionales aplicables.



### LOS CILINDROS DE GAS PUEDEN EXPLOTAR SI ESTÁN DAÑADOS

Los cilindros de gas contienen gas bajo alta presión. Un cilindro dañado puede explotar.

- Manipule y utilice los cilindros de gas comprimido de acuerdo con los códigos locales o nacionales aplicables.
- No use nunca un cilindro que no esté de pie y bien sujetado.
- Mantenga la tapa de protección en su lugar encima de la válvula, excepto cuando el cilindro se encuentre en uso o conectado para ser utilizado.
- No permita nunca el contacto eléctrico entre el arco de plasma y un cilindro.
- No exponga nunca los cilindros a calor excesivo, chispas, escorias o llamas.
- No emplee nunca martillos, llaves u otro tipo de herramientas para abrir de golpe la válvula del cilindro.



### **EL RUIDO PUEDE DETERIORAR LA AUDICIÓN**

La exposición prolongada al ruido propio de las operaciones de corte y ranurado puede dañar la audición.

- Utilice un método de protección de los oídos aprobado al utilizar el sistema de plasma.
- Advierta a las demás personas que se encuentren en las cercanías acerca del peligro que supone el ruido excesivo.



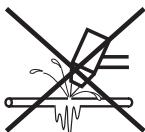
### **OPERACIÓN DE MARCAPASOS Y DE AUDÍFONOS**

Los campos magnéticos producidos por las elevadas corrientes pueden afectar la operación de marcapasos y de audífonos.

Las personas que lleven marcapasos y audífonos deberán consultar a un médico antes de acercarse a sitios donde se realizan operaciones de corte y ranurado por plasma.

Para reducir los peligros de los campos magnéticos:

- Mantenga el cable de trabajo y la manguera de la antorcha a un lado, lejos del cuerpo.
- Dirija la manguera antorcha lo más cerca posible del cable de trabajo.
- No envuelva el cable de trabajo ni la manguera de la antorcha en su cuerpo.
- Manténgase tan lejos de la fuente de energía como sea posible.



### **UN ARCO PLASMA PUEDE DAÑAR TUBOS CONGELADOS**

Se puede hacer daño a los tubos congelados, o se los puede reventar, si uno trata de descongelarlos con una antorcha por plasma.

## SÍMBOLOS Y MARCAS

Su producto de Hypertherm puede tener una o más de las marcas que siguen en, o cerca de la placa de datos. Debido a diferencias y conflictos en reglamentos nacionales, no todas las marcas se aplican a toda versión del producto.



### Símbolo de marca S

El símbolo de marca S indica que la fuente de energía y antorcha son aptas para operaciones que se llevan a cabo en entornos con peligro aumentado de choque o descarga eléctrica según IEC 60974-1.



### Marca CSA

Los productos de Hypertherm con la marca CSA cumplen con los reglamentos de Estados Unidos y Canadá para la seguridad del producto. Estos productos fueron evaluados, comprobados, y certificados por CSA-Internacional. Alternativamente, el producto puede tener la marca según uno de los otros Laboratorios de Prueba Reconocidos nacionalmente (NRTL siglas en inglés) acreditados en ambos Estados Unidos y Canadá, tales como Underwriters Laboratories, Incorporated (UL) ó TÜV.



### Marcas CE

Las marcas CE significan una declaración del fabricante de conformidad a las directivas y estándares aplicables Europeos. Sólo aquellas versiones del producto Hypertherm con la marca CE ubicada en o cerca de la placa de datos han sido comprobadas para cumplir con la Directiva Europea de Voltaje Bajo, la Compatibilidad Electromagnético Europea (EMC). Los filtros EMC que necesitan cumplir con la Directiva Europea EMC están incorporados dentro de las versiones del producto con la marca CE.



### Marca GOST-R

Las versiones de los productos Hypertherm CE que incluye la marca de conformidad GOST-R cumplen con la seguridad del productos y los requisitos EMC para exportarse a la Federación Rusa.



### Marca c-Tick

Las versiones CE de los productos Hypertherm con la marca c-Tick cumple con los reglamentos EMC requeridos para venta en Australia y Nueva Zelanda.



### Marca CCC

La marca de Certificación Obligatoria China (CCC en inglés) indica que el producto ha sido comprobado y se lo ha encontrado que cumple con los reglamentos de seguridad del producto requeridos para venta en China.

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Consult manual before operating. Failure to follow all these safety instructions can result in death.</p> <p><b>1. Cutting sparks can cause explosion or fire.</b></p> <p>1.1 Do not cut near flammables. 1.2 Have a fire extinguisher nearby and ready to use. 1.3 Do not use a drum or other closed container as a cutting table.</p> <p><b>2. Plasma arc can injure and burn; point the nozzle away from yourself. Arc starts instantly when triggered.</b></p> <p>2.1 Turn off power before disassembling torch. 2.2 Do not grip the workpiece near the cutting path. 2.3 Wear complete body protection.</p> <p><b>3. Hazardous voltage. Risk of electric shock or burn.</b></p> <p>3.1 Wear insulating gloves. Replace gloves when wet or damaged. 3.2 Protect from shock by isolating yourself from work and ground. 3.3 Disconnect power before servicing. Do not touch live parts.</p> <p><b>4. Plasma fumes can be hazardous.</b></p> <p>4.1 Do not inhale fumes. 4.2 Use forced ventilation or local exhaust to remove the fumes. 4.3 Do not operate in closed spaces. Remove fumes with ventilation.</p> <p><b>5. Arc rays can burn eyes and injure skin.</b></p> <p>5.1 Wear correct and appropriate protective equipment to protect head, eyes, ears, hands, and body. Button shirt collar. Protect ears from noise. Use welding helmet with the correct shade of filter.</p> <p><b>6. Become trained.</b> Only qualified personnel should operate this equipment. Keep non-qualified personnel and children away.</p> <p><b>7. Do not remove, destroy, or cover this label.</b> Replace if it is missing, damaged, or worn (PN 110584 Rev A).</p>	<p><b>AVERTISSEMENT</b></p> <p>Le coupage plasma peut être préjudiciable pour l'opérateur et les personnes qui se trouvent sur les lieux de travail. Consulter le manuel avant de faire fonctionner. Le non respect des ces instructions de sécurité peut entraîner la mort.</p> <p><b>1. Les étincelles de coupage peuvent provoquer une explosion ou un incendie.</b></p> <p>1.1 Ne pas couper près des matières inflammables. 1.2 Un extincteur doit être à proximité et prêt à être utilisé. 1.3 Ne pas utiliser un fût ou un autre contenant fermé comme table de coupage.</p> <p><b>2. L'arc plasma peut blesser et brûler; éloigner la buse de soi. Il s'allume instantanément quand on l'amorce;</b></p> <p>2.1 Couper l'alimentation avant de démonter la torche. 2.2 Ne pas saisir la pièce à couper de la trajectoire de coupage. 2.3 Se protéger entièrement le corps.</p> <p><b>3. Tension dangereuse. Risque de choc électrique ou de brûlure.</b></p> <p>3.1 Porter des gants isolants. Remplacer les gants quand ils sont humides ou endommagés. 3.2 Se protéger contre les chocs en s'isolant de la pièce et de la terre. 3.3 Couper l'alimentation avant l'entretien. Ne pas toucher les pièces sous tension.</p> <p><b>4. Les fumées plasma peuvent être dangereuses.</b></p> <p>4.1 Ne pas inhaller les fumées. 4.2 Utiliser une ventilation forcée ou un extracteur local pour dissiper les fumées. 4.3 Ne pas couper dans des espaces clos. Chasser les fumées par ventilation.</p> <p><b>5. Les rayons d'arc peuvent brûler les yeux et blesser la peau.</b></p> <p>5.1 Porter un bon équipement de protection pour se protéger la tête, les yeux, les oreilles, les mains et le corps. Boutonner le col de la chemise. Protéger les oreilles contre le bruit. Utiliser un masque de soudeur avec un filtre de nuance appropriée.</p> <p><b>6. Suivre une formation.</b> Seul le personnel qualifié a le droit de faire fonctionner cet équipement. Le personnel non qualifié et les enfants doivent se tenir à l'écart.</p> <p><b>7. Ne pas enlever, détruire ni couvrir cette étiquette.</b> La remplacer si elle est absente, endommagée ou usée (PN 110584 Rev A).</p>
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- Tenga a mano un extintor de incendios y asegúrese de que alguien esté preparado para utilizarlo.
- No corte depósitos cerrados.
- El arco de plasma puede causar quemaduras y lesiones.
- Apague la fuente de energía antes de desarmar la antorcha.
- No sostenga el material junto al trayecto de corte.
- Proteja su cuerpo completamente.
- Los electrochoques provocados por la antorcha o el cableado pueden ser fatales. Protéjase del electrochoque.
- Colóquese guantes aislantes. No utilice guantes dañados o mojados.
- Aislese de la pieza de trabajo y de la tierra.
- Antes de trabajar en una máquina, desconecte el enchufe de entrada o la potencia primaria.
- La inhalación de los humos provenientes del área de corte puede ser nociva para la salud.
- Mantenga la cabeza fuera de los gases tóxicos.
- Utilice ventilación forzada o un sistema local de escape para eliminar los humos.
- Utilice un ventilador para eliminar los humos.
- Los rayos del arco pueden producir quemaduras en los ojos y en la piel.
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## **Section 2**

### **ABOUT THE POWERMAX45**

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### System description

The Powermax45 is a highly portable, 45-amp, handheld and mechanized plasma cutting system appropriate for a wide range of applications. The Powermax45 uses air or nitrogen to cut electrically conductive metals, such as mild or stainless steel or aluminum. With it, you can cut thicknesses up to 1 inch (25.4 mm) and pierce thicknesses up to 1/2 inch (12.7 mm).

The standard Powermax45 system includes a complete set of the consumables needed for cutting (shield, retaining cap, swirl ring, nozzle, electrode), 2 spare electrodes, 2 spare nozzles, gouging consumables (handheld configurations only), a quick-disconnect air fitting (1/4 NPT on CSA units and 1/4 NPT x G-1/4 BSPP on CE units), a consumables box, a shoulder strap, an Operator Manual, a Quick Setup Card, and a Setup DVD. Mechanized configurations include a remote-start pendant as well.

You can order additional consumables and accessories – such as the plasma cutting guide – from any Hypertherm distributor. See Section 7, *Parts*, for a list of spare and optional parts.

The power cords on the CSA power supplies are shipped with a 50 A, 250 V plug (NEMA 6-50P) on the power cord. The CE units are shipped without a plug on the power cord. See *Prepare the electrical power* in Section 3 for more information.

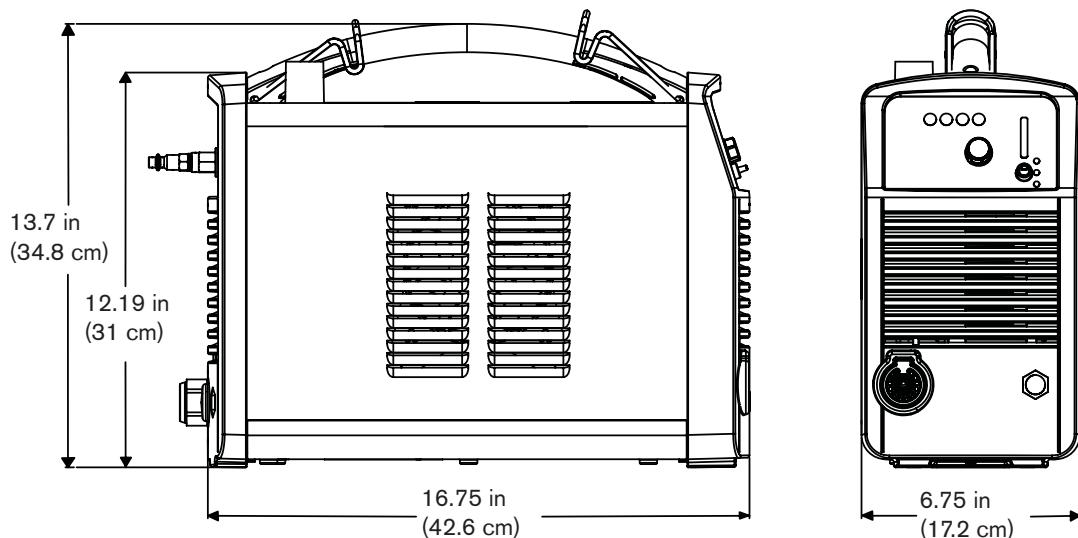
### Where to find information

System specifications such as size, weight, detailed electrical specifications, and cut speeds can be found in this section. For information on:

- Safety information – see *Section 1, Safety*.
- Setup requirements, including power requirements, grounding, power cord configurations, extension cord requirements, and generator recommendations – see *Section 3, Power supply setup*.
- Handheld and machine torch consumables, cut charts, and torch setup information – see *Section 4, Torch setup*.
- Information about the controls and LEDs, steps for system operation, and hints for improving cut quality – see *Section 5, Operation*.
- Routine maintenance and repair – see *Section 6, Maintenance and repair*.
- Part numbers and ordering information for accessories, consumables, and replacement parts – see *Section 7, Parts*.

## Power supply dimensions and weights

### Dimensions



### Weights

Power supply weights given below include the hand torch with 20 ft (6.1 m) lead, a 20 ft (6.1 m) work lead, and a 10 ft (3 m) power cord.

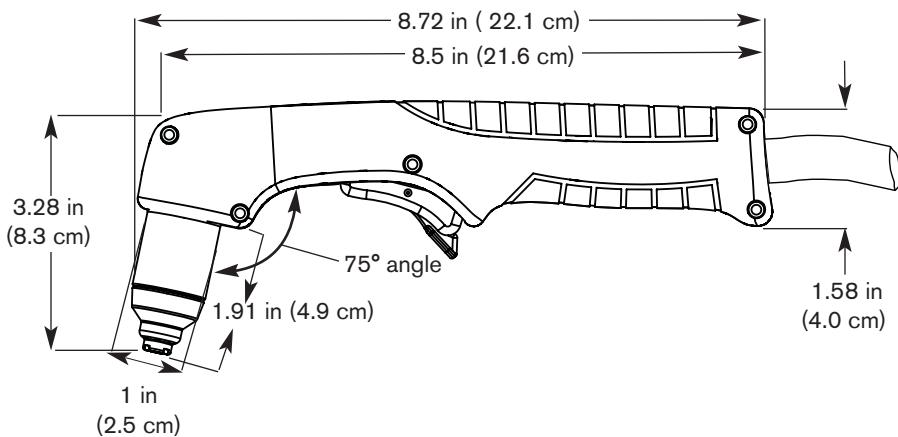
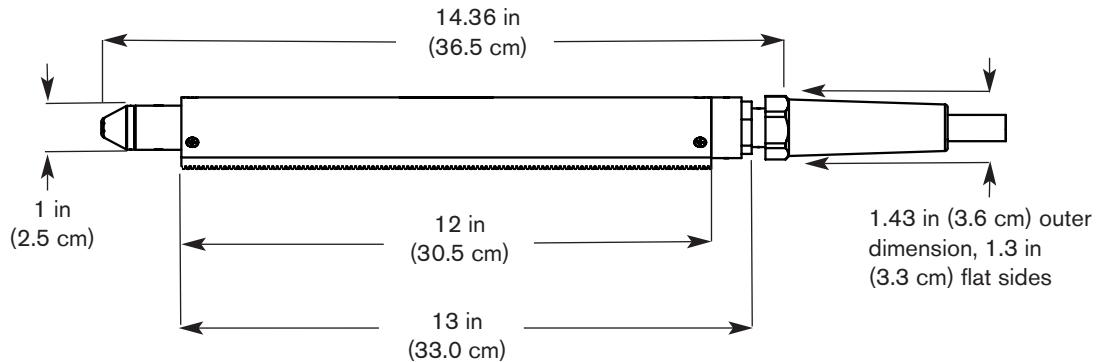
- CSA power supply: 37 lbs (16.8 kg)
- CE 230 V power supply: 36.5 lbs (16.6 kg)
- CE 400 V power supply: 35 lbs (15.9 kg)

### Power supply ratings

Rated open-circuit voltage ( $U_0$ ) CSA/CE, single-phase CE, 3-phase	275 VDC	
Rated output current ( $I_2$ )	20 A to 45 A	
Rated output voltage ( $U_2$ )	132 VDC	
Duty cycle at 40° C (See data plate on power supply for more information on duty cycle.)	50 % ( $I_2=45$ A, $U_2=132$ V) 60 % ( $I_2=41$ A, $U_2=132$ V) 100 % ( $I_2=32$ A, $U_2=132$ V)	
Operating temperature	14° to 104° F (-10° to 40° C)	
Storage temperature	-13° to 131° F (-25° to 55° C)	
Power factor 200–240 V CSA, 230 V CE, 1-phase 400 V, 3-phase CE	0.99 0.94	
Input voltage ( $U_1$ )/ Input current ( $I_1$ ) at rated output ( $U_2 \text{ MAX}$ , $I_2 \text{ MAX}$ ) (See <i>Voltage configurations</i> in Section 3 for more information.)	200–240 VAC / 34–28 A (CSA) 230 VAC / 30 A (230 V CE)* 400 VAC 10 A (400 V CE)**	
Gas type	Air	Nitrogen
Gas quality	Clean, dry, oil-free per ISO 8573-1 Class 1.2.2	99.995 % pure
Recommended gas inlet flow and pressure	360 scfh @ 90 psi (170 l/min @ 6.2 bar)	

\* Equipment complies with IEC 61000-3-12.

\*\* Equipment complies with IEC 61000-3-12 provided that the short-circuit power  $S_{sc}$  is greater than or equal to 692 KVA at the interface point between the user's supply and the public system. 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 692 KVA.

**T45v torch dimensions****T45m torch dimensions**

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### T45v and T45m torch specifications

<b>Handheld cut capacity (material thickness)</b>	
Recommended cut capacity (hand cutting)	1/2 in (12.7 mm)
Maximum cut capacity (hand cutting or mechanized edge start)	3/4 in (19.1 mm)
Severance capacity (hand cutting or mechanized edge start)	1 in ( 25.4 mm)
<b>Mechanized pierce capacity (material thickness)</b>	
Pierce capacity (for edge starts, the capacities are the same as the handheld capacities)	3/8 in (9.5 mm)
<b>Recommended cut speed (on mild steel)</b>	
1/4 in (6.35 mm)	60 ipm (1524 mm/min)
3/8 in (9.53 mm)	32 ipm (813 mm/min)
1/2 in (12 mm)	20 ipm (508 mm/min)
3/4 in (18 mm)	8 ipm (203 mm/min)
1 in (24 mm)	4 ipm (102 mm/min)
<b>Gouging capacity</b>	
Metal removal rate on mild steel	6.2 lbs/hr (2.8 kg/hr)
<b>Weight</b>	
T45v torch only	0.6 lbs (0.27 kg)
T45v with 20 ft (6.1 m) lead	3.4 lbs (1.55 kg)
T45v with 50 ft (15.24 m) lead	7.8 lbs (3.54 kg)
T45m torch only	1.0 lbs (0.45 kg)
T45m with 25 ft (7.62 m) lead	5.0 lbs (2.27 kg)
T45m with 35 ft (10.7) lead	6.4 lbs (2.9 kg)
T45m with 50 ft (15.24) lead	8.5 lbs (3.85 kg)

## IEC symbols

The following symbols may appear on the power supply data plate, control labels, switches, and LEDs:

	Direct current (DC)		Power is ON
	Alternating current (AC)		Power is OFF
	Plasma torch cutting		An inverter-based power source, either 1-phase or 3-phase
	Plate metal cutting		Volt/amp curve, "drooping" characteristic
	Expanded metal cutting		Power is ON (LED)
	Gouging		System fault (LED)
	AC input power connection		Inlet gas pressure (LED)
	The terminal for the external protective (earth) conductor		Missing or loose consumables (LED)
	Gas test mode		Power supply is out of temperature range (LED)

## **SPECIFICATIONS**

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## **Section 3**

### **POWER SUPPLY SETUP**

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### **Unpack the Powermax45**

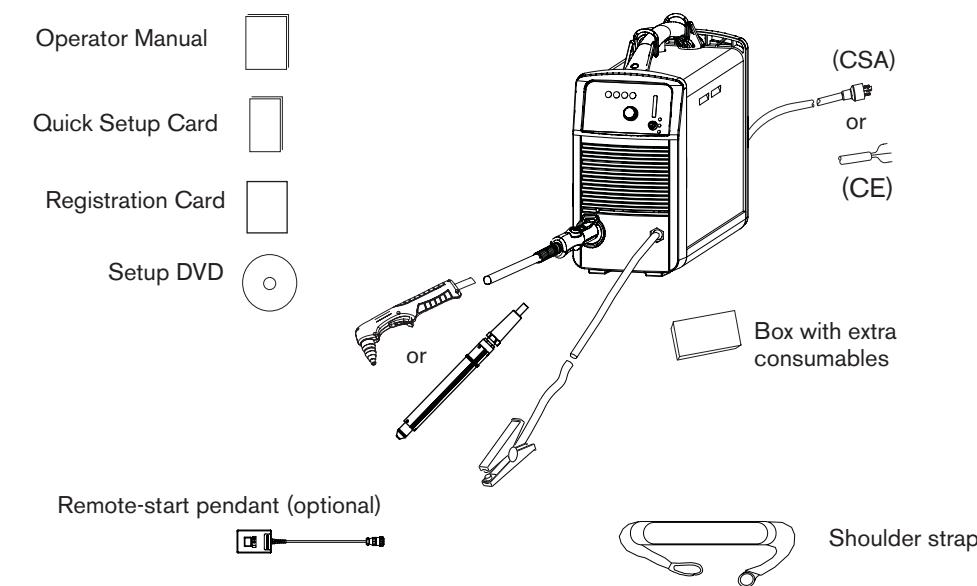
1. Verify that all items on your order have been received in good condition. Contact your distributor if any parts are damaged or missing.
2. Inspect the power supply for damage that may have occurred during shipping. If there is evidence of damage, refer to *Claims*, below. All communications regarding this equipment must include the model number and the serial number located on the bottom of the power supply.
3. Before you set up and operate this Hypertherm system, read Section 1, *Safety*.

### **Claims**

- **Claims for damage during shipment** – If your unit was damaged during shipment, you must file a claim with the carrier. Hypertherm will furnish you with a copy of the bill of lading upon request. If you need additional assistance, call the nearest Hypertherm office listed in the front of this manual.
- **Claims for defective or missing merchandise** – If any component is missing or defective, contact your Hypertherm distributor. If you need additional assistance, call the nearest Hypertherm office listed in the front of this manual.

### **Contents**

Verify the items in the box against the illustration.



## Position the power supply

Locate the Powermax45 near an appropriate 200–240 volt power receptacle for CSA or CE 1-phase power supplies, or a 400 volt receptacle for 3-phase CE power supplies. The Powermax45 has a 10-foot (3 m) power cord. Allow at least 10 inches (0.25 m) of space around the power supply for proper ventilation.

## Prepare the electrical power

The maximum output voltage will vary based on your input voltage and the circuit's amperage. Because the current draw varies during startup, slow-blow fuses are recommended as shown in the chart below. Slow-blow fuses can withstand currents up to 10 times the rated value for short periods of time.

### Voltage configurations

The following chart shows the maximum rated output for typical combinations of input voltage and amperage. Acceptable input voltages can be  $\pm 10\%$  of the values given below.



**Caution: Protect the circuit with appropriately sized time-delay (slow-blow) fuses and a line-disconnect switch.**

Model	Input voltage	Phase	Rated output	Input current at 6 kw output	Input current during arc stretch	Recommended slow-blow fuse size
CSA	200 – 240 VAC	1	45 A, 132 V	34 – 28 A	55 – 45 A	50 A
	208 VAC	1	45 A, 132 V	33 A	54.5 A	50 A
CE	200 – 240 VAC	1	45 A, 132 V	34 – 28 A	55 – 45 A	35 or 50* A
	400 VAC	3	45 A, 132 V	10 A	15.5 A	15 or 20* A
CE/CCC	220 VAC	1	45 A, 132 V	31 A	53 A	35 or 50* A
	380 VAC	3	45 A, 132 V	11 A	14 A	15 A

\* Use the higher amperage fuse for applications that require a long arc stretch.

### **Install a line-disconnect switch**

Use a line-disconnect switch for each power supply so that the operator can turn off the incoming power quickly in an emergency. Locate the switch so that it is easily accessible to the operator. Installation must be performed by a licensed electrician according to national and local codes. The interrupt level of the switch must equal or exceed the continuous rating of the fuses. In addition, the switch should:

- Isolate the electrical equipment and disconnect all live conductors from the incoming supply voltage when in the OFF position.
- Have one OFF and one ON position that are clearly marked with O (OFF) and I (ON).
- Have an external operating handle that can be locked in the OFF position.
- Contain a power-operated mechanism that serves as an emergency stop.
- Have slow-blow fuses installed as recommended in the table on the previous page.

### **Requirements for grounding**

To ensure personal safety, proper operation, and to reduce electromagnetic interference (EMI), the Powermax45 must be properly grounded:

- The power supply must be grounded through the power cord according to national and local electrical codes.
- Single-phase service must be of the 3-wire type with a green or green/yellow wire for the protective earth ground and must comply with national and local requirements. **Do not use a 2-wire service.**
- Three-phase service (CE only) must be of the 4-wire type with a green or green/yellow wire for the protective earth ground and must comply with national and local requirements.
- Refer to *Grounding safety* in Section 1 for more information.

## Power cord considerations

Powermax45 power supplies are shipped with CSA and CE power cord configurations.

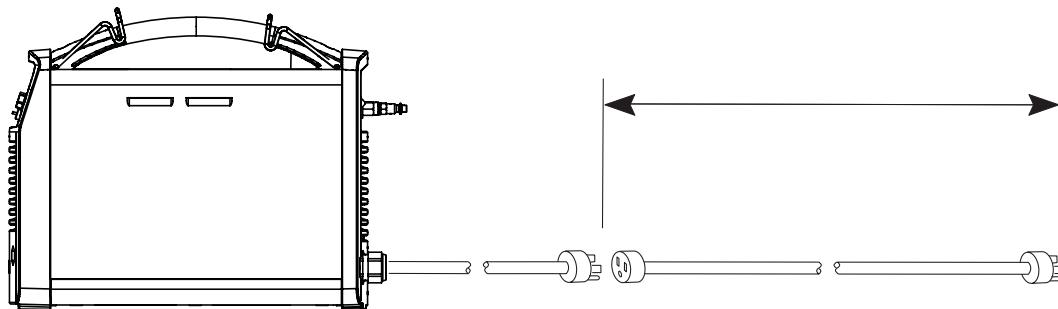
The power cords on the CSA power supplies are shipped with a 50 A, 250 V plug (NEMA 6-50P) on the power cord.

The CE power supplies are shipped without a plug on the power cord. Obtain the correct plug for your unit (either 230 V or 400 V) and location have it installed by a licensed electrician.

## Extension cord recommendations

Any extension cord must have an appropriate wire size for the cord length and system voltage. Use a cord that meets national and local codes.

The tables on the next page provides the recommended gauge size for various lengths and input voltages. The lengths in the tables are the length of the extension cord only; they do not include the power supply's power cord.



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### **Extension cord recommendations**

#### **English**

<b>Input voltage</b>	<b>Phase</b>	<b>&lt; 10 ft</b>	<b>10–25 ft</b>	<b>25–50 ft</b>	<b>50–100 ft</b>	<b>100–150 ft</b>
208 VAC	1	8 AWG	8 AWG	8 AWG	6 AWG	4 AWG
220 VAC	1	8 AWG	8 AWG	8 AWG	6 AWG	4 AWG
200–240 VAC	1	8 AWG	8 AWG	8 AWG	6 AWG	4 AWG
380 VAC	3	12 AWG	12 AWG	12 AWG	10 AWG	10 AWG
400 VAC	3	12 AWG	12 AWG	12 AWG	10 AWG	10 AWG

#### **Metric**

<b>Input voltage</b>	<b>Phase</b>	<b>&lt; 3 m</b>	<b>3–7.5 m</b>	<b>7.5–15 m</b>	<b>15–30 m</b>	<b>30–45 m</b>
208 VAC	1	10 mm <sup>2</sup>	10 mm <sup>2</sup>	10 mm <sup>2</sup>	16 mm <sup>2</sup>	25 mm <sup>2</sup>
220 VAC	1	10 mm <sup>2</sup>	10 mm <sup>2</sup>	10 mm <sup>2</sup>	16 mm <sup>2</sup>	25 mm <sup>2</sup>
200–240 VAC	1	10 mm <sup>2</sup>	10 mm <sup>2</sup>	10 mm <sup>2</sup>	16 mm <sup>2</sup>	25 mm <sup>2</sup>
380 VAC	3	4 mm <sup>2</sup>	4 mm <sup>2</sup>	4 mm <sup>2</sup>	6 mm <sup>2</sup>	6 mm <sup>2</sup>
400 VAC	3	4 mm <sup>2</sup>	4 mm <sup>2</sup>	4 mm <sup>2</sup>	6 mm <sup>2</sup>	6 mm <sup>2</sup>

## Generator recommendations

When using a generator with the Powermax45, it should produce 240 VAC nominal current.

<b>Engine drive rating</b>	<b>Engine drive output current</b>	<b>Performance</b>
8 KW	33 A	Good arc stretch at 45 A cutting current
6 KW	25 A	Limited arc stretch at 45 A cutting current Good arc stretch at 30 A cutting current

Notes: Based on the generator rating, age, and condition, adjust the cutting current as needed.

If a fault occurs while using a generator, turning the power switch quickly to OFF and then to ON again (sometimes called a “quick reset”) may not clear the fault. Instead, turn OFF the power supply and wait 30 to 45 seconds before turning to ON again.

## Prepare the gas supply

The gas supply for the Powermax45 can be shop-compressed or cylinder-compressed. A high-pressure regulator must be used on either type of supply and must be capable of delivering gas to the filter on the power supply at 360 scfh @ 90 psi (170 l/min @ 6.2 bar).



### WARNING

**Do not allow the gas supply pressure to exceed 135 psi (9.3 bar). The filter bowl may explode if this pressure is exceeded.**

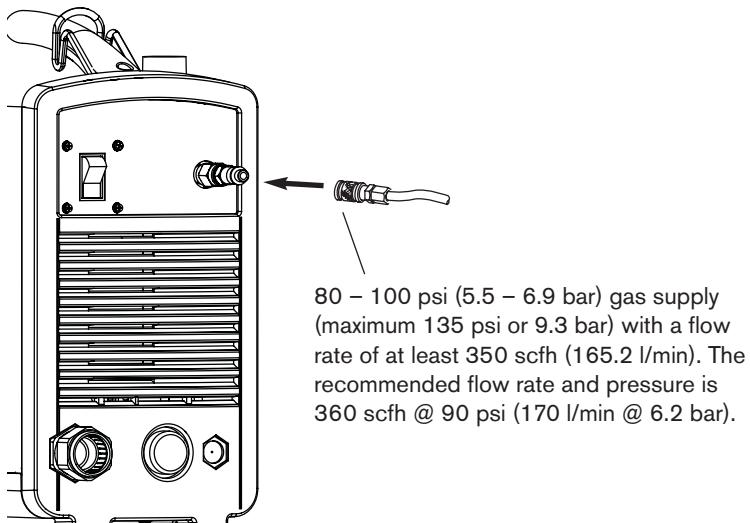
If gas supply quality is poor, cut speeds decrease, cut quality deteriorates, cutting thickness capability decreases, and the life for consumables shortens. For optimum performance, the gas should have a maximum particle size of 0.1 micron at a maximum concentration of 0.1 mg/m<sup>3</sup>, a maximum dewpoint of -40° C (-40° F), and a maximum oil concentration of 0.1 mg/m<sup>3</sup> (per ISO 8573-1 Class 1.2.2).

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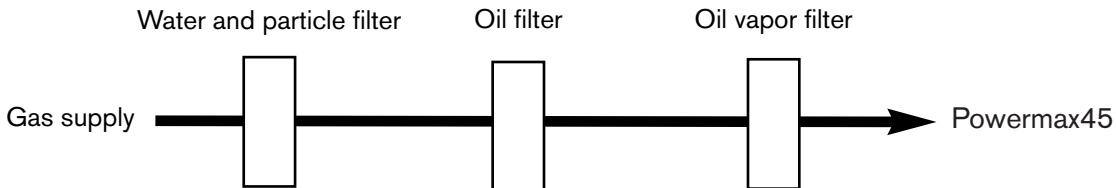
### **Connect the gas supply**

Connect the gas supply to the power supply using an inert-gas hose with a 3/8 inch (9.5 mm) internal diameter and a 1/4 NPT quick-disconnect coupler, or a 1/4 NPT x G-1/4 BSPP (CE units) quick-disconnect coupler.



### **Additional gas filtration**

When site conditions introduce moisture, oil, or other contaminants into the gas line, use a 3-stage coalescing filtration system, such as the Eliminizer filter kit (part number 128647) available from Hypertherm distributors. A 3-stage filtering system works as shown below to clean contaminants from the gas supply.



The filtering system should be installed between the quick-disconnect coupler and the power supply.

## **Section 4**

### **Torch setup**

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### **Introduction**

Both T45v handheld torch and the T45m machine torch, are available for the Powermax45. The torch quick disconnect makes it easy to remove the torch for transport or to switch from one torch to the other if your applications require the use of both torches.

This section explains how to set up your torch and choose the appropriate consumables for the job.

### **Consumable life**

How often you will need to change the consumables on your Powermax45 will depend on a number of factors:

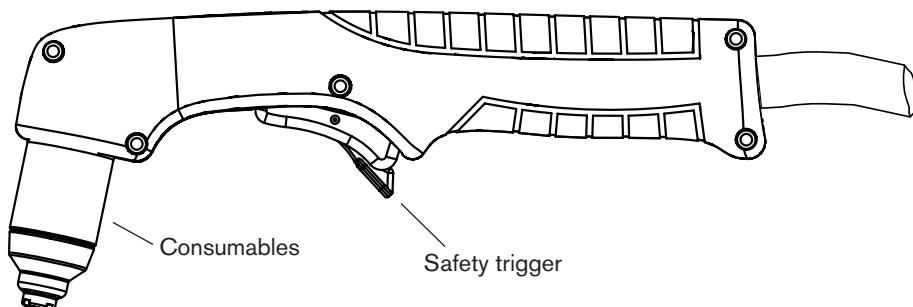
- The thickness of the metal being cut.
- The length of the average cut.
- Whether you are doing machine or hand cutting.
- The air quality (presence of oil, moisture, or other contaminants).
- Whether you are piercing the metal or starting cuts from the edge.
- Proper torch-to-work distance when gouging or cutting with unshielded consumables.
- Proper pierce height.
- Which consumables you are using. The T30v (Powermax30) 30 A consumables will have a shorter life when used on the T45v. However, they provide optimum cut quality for certain applications.

Under normal conditions, the electrode will wear out first during machine cutting and the nozzle will wear out first when hand cutting.

A general rule is that a set of consumables lasts approximately 1 to 2 hours of actual “arc on” time for hand cutting, depending on these factors. For mechanized cutting, consumables should last about 3 to 5 hours.

You will find more information about proper cutting techniques in *Section 5, Operation*.

## Hand torch setup



### Choose the consumables

The Powermax45 with the T45v handheld torch comes with a full set of consumables for cutting installed on the torch, spare electrodes and nozzles in the consumables box, and consumables for gouging in the consumables box. In non-CE-regulated countries, you can also purchase unshielded consumables that are useful for certain applications.

With shielded consumables, you drag the torch tip along the metal to cut. With unshielded consumables, you must keep the torch a small distance, about .08 inch (2 mm), away from the metal. Unshielded consumables generally have a shorter life than shielded consumables; however, you may find that visibility and accessibility are better for some applications.

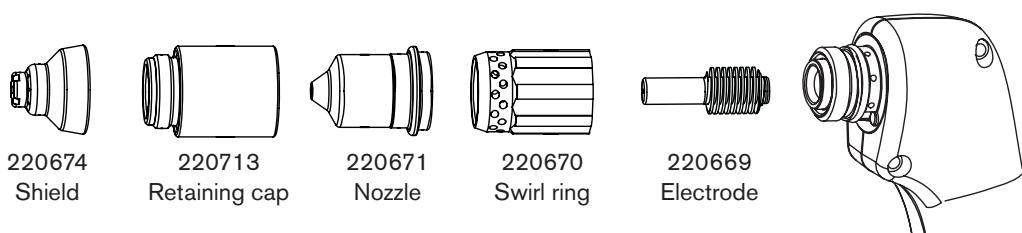
Consumables for hand cutting are shown on the next page. Notice that the retaining cap, swirl ring, and electrode are the same for shielded, unshielded, and gouging applications. Only the shield (deflector for unshielded consumables) and the nozzle are different.

For the best cut quality on thin stainless steel, you may prefer to reduce the amperage setting to 30 amps and use the T30v (Powermax30) 30 A consumables available from Hypertherm.

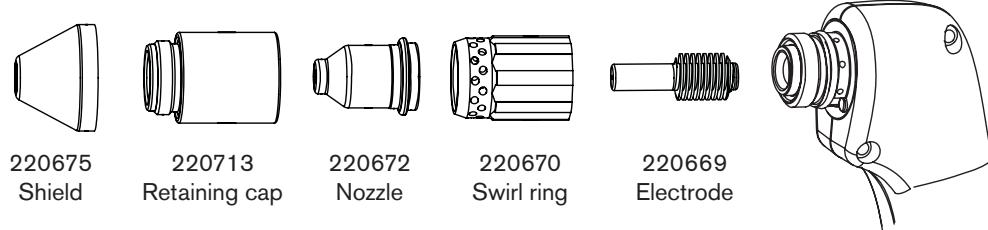
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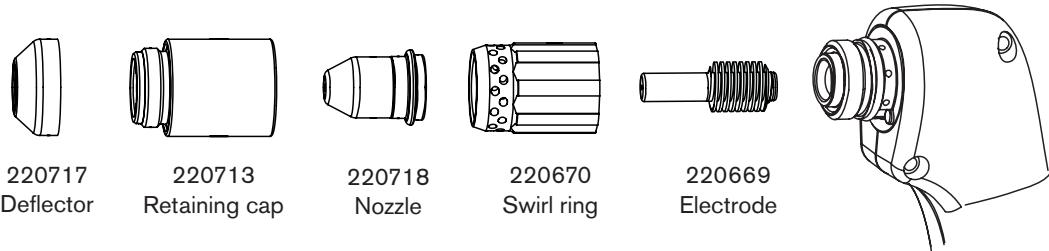
### T45v shielded consumables



### T45v gouging consumables

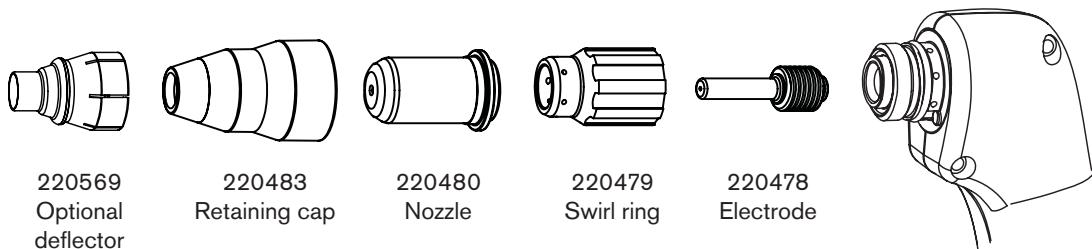


### T45v unshielded consumables\*

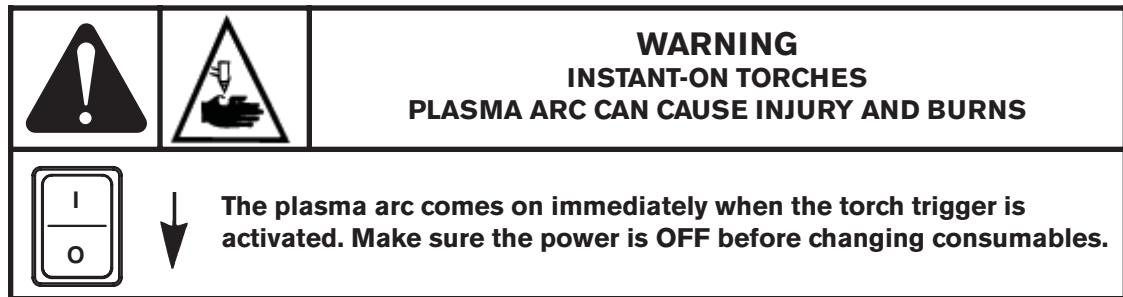


\* Unshielded consumables are not available for use in CE-regulated countries.

### T30v (Powermax30) 30 A consumables

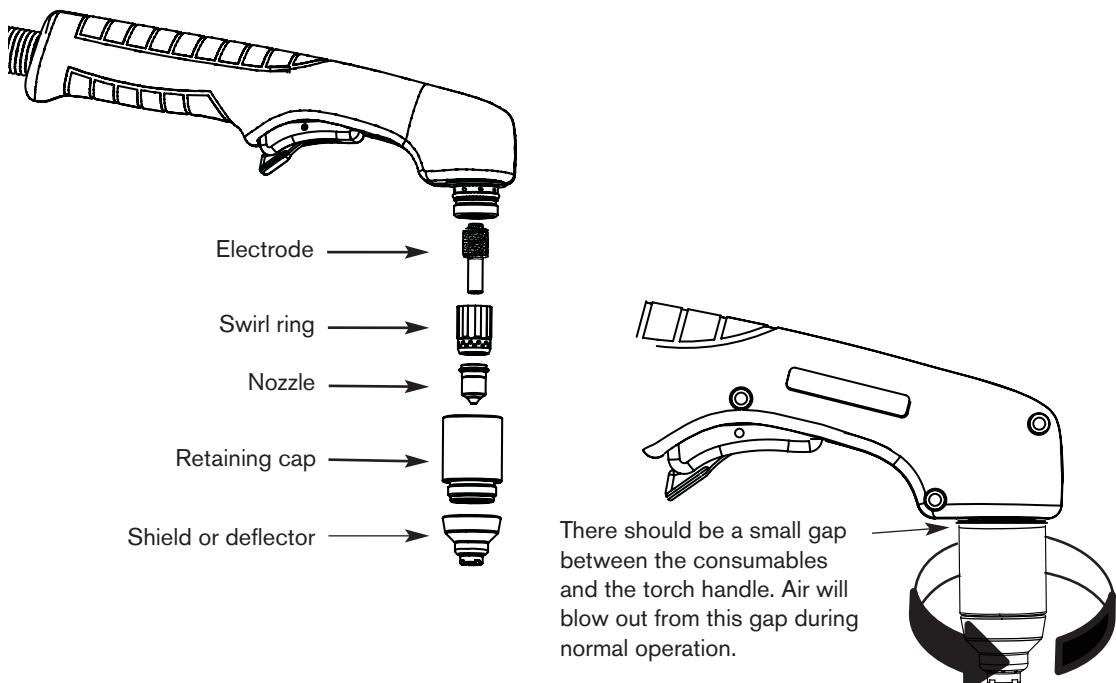


## Install the consumables



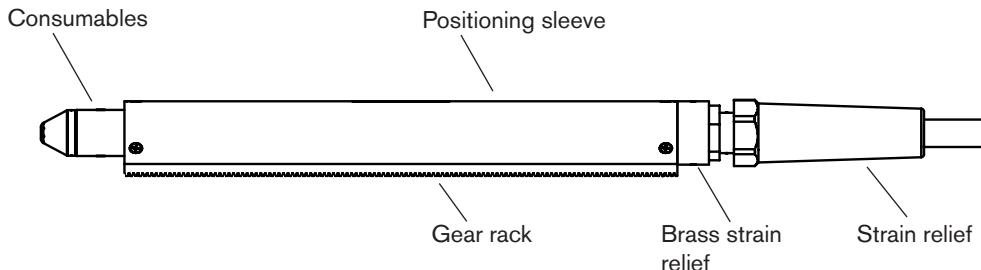
To operate the T45v torch, it must have a complete set of consumable parts installed: a shield or deflector, retaining cap, nozzle, swirl ring and electrode.

With the power switch in the OFF (O) position, verify that the torch consumables are installed as shown.



Note: Tighten only to finger-tight. Overtightening will cause the torch to misfire.

### Machine torch setup



Before using the T45m, you must:

- Mount the torch on your cutting table or other equipment.
- Choose and install the consumables.
- Align the torch.
- Attach the torch lead to the power supply.
- Set up the power supply for remote starting with either the remote-start pendant or a machine interface cable.

### Mount the torch

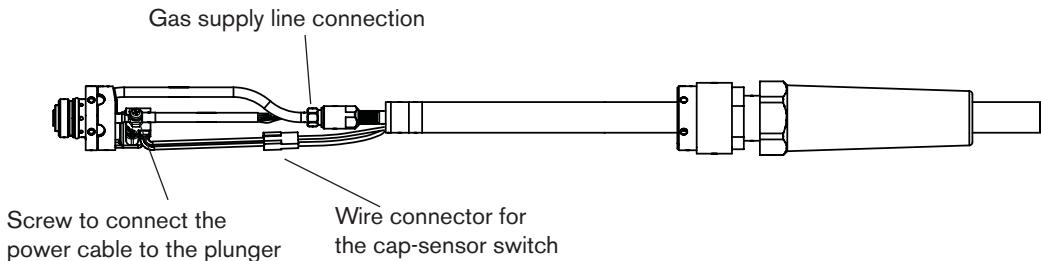
Depending on the type of cutting table you have, you may or may not need to disassemble the torch to route it through the track and mount it. If your cutting table's track is large enough for you to thread the torch through it without removing the torch body from the lead, do so and then attach the torch to the lifter per the manufacturer's instructions.

Note: The T45m can be mounted on a wide variety of X-Y tables, track burners, pipe bevelers, and other equipment. Install the torch per the manufacturer's instructions and following the instructions below for disassembly if necessary.

If you need to disassemble the torch, follow these steps:

1. Disconnect the torch lead from the power supply and remove the consumables from the torch.
2. Remove the gear rack from the positioning sleeve by removing the 2 black screws that secure it to the positioning sleeve. Remove the 6 screws (3 at each end) that secure the positioning sleeve to the brass strain relief and to the torch body. Slide the positioning sleeve off the torch.

3. Disconnect the wires for the cap-sensor switch at the connector in the middle.



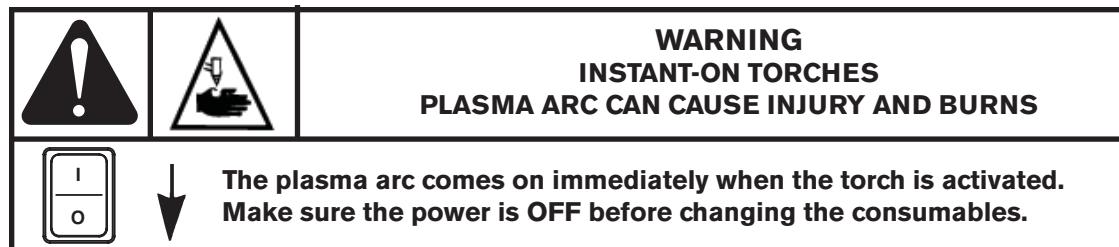
4. Use a #2 Phillips screwdriver and a 1/4-inch nut driver (or adjustable wrench) to remove the screw and nut that secure the torch's power cable to the plunger. (Turn the plunger if necessary to gain access to the screw.)
5. Use 5/16-inch (8 mm) and 3/8-inch (or adjustable) wrenches to loosen the nut that secures the gas supply line to the torch lead. Set the torch body aside.

Note: Cover the end of the gas line on the torch lead with tape to keep dirt and other contaminants from getting in the gas line when you route the lead through the track.

6. Route the torch lead through the cutting table's track.
7. Reattach the torch's power cable to the torch plunger using the screw and nut. Rotate the plunger so that the screw does not interfere with the cap-sensor switch.
8. Reconnect the gas line to the torch lead.
9. Press the two halves of the cap-sensor switch's wire connector together.
10. Slide the positioning sleeve over the torch body and check the alignment of the screw holes. Replace the three screws at each end.
11. If you will be using the gear rack, re-attach it with the 2 black screws you removed earlier.
12. Attach the torch to the lifter per the manufacturer's instructions.

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### Choose the consumables (cut charts)

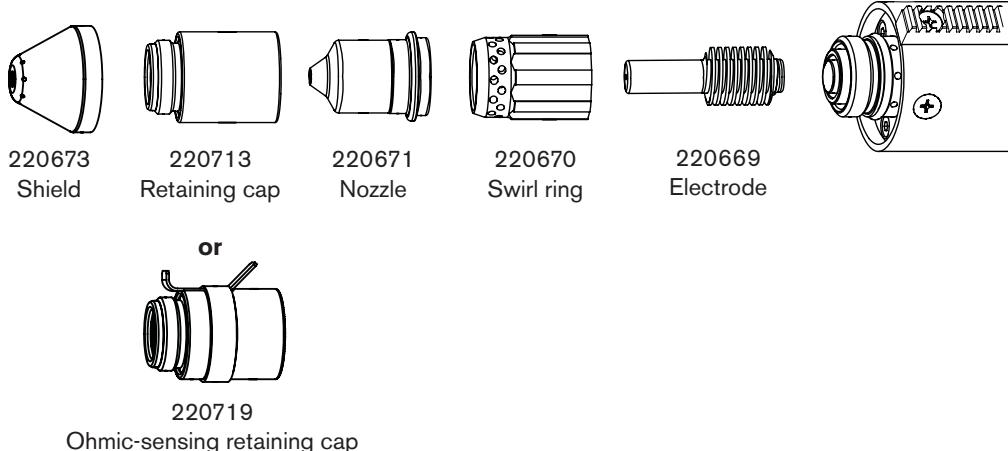


A complete set of shielded consumables is shipped with the T45m machine torch. In addition, an ohmic-sensing retaining cap is available for use with the T45m shielded consumables. Unshielded consumables and the T30v (Powermax30) 30 A consumables are also available for use with the T45m.

### How to use the cut charts

The following sections provide illustrations of the consumable sets and cut charts for each set. Maximum cut speeds are the fastest speeds possible to cut material without regard to cut quality. Recommended cut speeds are a good starting point for finding the best quality cut (best angle, least dross, and best cut-surface finish). You will need to adjust the speeds for your application and your table to obtain the desired cut quality.

### T45m shielded consumables



The cut charts for these consumables are shown on the next pages.

**T45m shielded consumables**
**Mild steel**  
**Metric**

Air flowrate (lpm)	
Hot	151
Cold	165.2

					Recommended		Maximum		
Arc current (amps)	Material thickness (mm)	Torch-to-work distance (mm)	Initial pierce height	Pierce time delay (sec)	Cut Speed (mm/min)	Voltage (V)	Cut Speed (mm/min)	Voltage (V)	
30	0.5	1.5	3.8 mm	250%	0.0	9150	117	10160*	118
	0.8					8650	116	10160*	117
	0.9					8100	115	10160*	117
	1.5				0.2	5650	111	7100	115
45	0.9	1.5	3.8 mm	250%	0.0	9652	115	10160*	112
	1.5					8890	116	10160*	115
	1.9					7100	117	9144	115
	2.7				0.1	4800	117	6096	115
	3.4				0.3	3550	117	4445	115
	4.8				0.4	2150	118	2794	115
	6.4				0.5	1500	120	1905	116
	9.5				0.6	810	122	1016	116
	12.7				Edge start recommended	510	132	635	125
	15.9					280	138	356	127
	19.1					200	140	254	131
	25.4					100	146	127	142

\*Maximum cut speed is limited by the test table's maximum speed (10160 mm/min).

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### T45m shielded consumables

**Mild Steel**  
**English**

Air flowrate (scfh)	
Hot	320
Cold	360

					Recommended		Maximum		
Arc current (amps)	Material thickness	Torch-to-work distance	Initial pierce height	Pierce time delay (sec)	Cut Speed (ipm)	Voltage (V)	Cut Speed (ipm)	Voltage (V)	
30	0.018 in (26 Ga)	0.06 in	0.15 in	250%	0.0	360	117	400*	118
	0.030 in (22 Ga)					340	116	400*	117
	0.036 in (20 Ga)					320	115	400*	117
	0.060 in (16 Ga)			0.2	225	111	280	115	
45	0.036 in (20 Ga)	0.06 in	0.15 in	250%	0.0	380	115	400*	112
	0.060 in (16 Ga)					350	116	400*	115
	0.075 in (14 Ga)					280	117	360	115
	0.105 in (12 Ga)			250%	0.1	190	117	240	115
	0.135 in (10 Ga)				0.3	140	117	175	115
	0.188 in (3/16 in)				0.4	85	118	110	115
	0.250 in (1/4 in)			250%	0.5	60	120	75	116
	0.375 in (3/8 in)				0.6	32	122	40	116
	0.500 in (1/2 in)				0.9	20	132	25	125
	0.625 in (5/8 in)			Edge start recommended	11	11	138	14	127
	0.750 in (3/4 in)				8	8	140	10	131
	1.000 in (1 in)				4	4	146	5	142

\*Maximum cut speed is limited by the test table's maximum speed (400 ipm).

**T45m shielded consumables**

**Stainless steel**  
**Metric**

Air flowrate (lpm)	
Hot	151
Cold	165.2

					Recommended		Maximum	
Arc current (amps)	Material thickness (mm)	Torch-to-work distance (mm)	Initial pierce height	Pierce time delay (sec)	Cut Speed (mm/min)	Voltage (V)	Cut Speed (mm/min)	Voltage (V)
30	0.5	1.5	3.8 mm	250%	9150	119	10160*	123
	0.8				8650	117	10160*	121
	0.9				8100	115	10160*	119
	1.5			0.2	3750	113	4700	118
45	0.9	1.5	3.8 mm	250%	7600	112	10160*	109
	1.5				8100	112	10160*	125
	1.9				7100	118	9144	115
	2.7				4050	118	5080	116
	3.4				3050	121	3810	118
	4.8				1780	122	2159	118
	6.4				1100	124	1397	120
	9.5				760	126	813	121
	12.7				350	132	457	128
	19.1			Edge start recommended		175	136	229
								131

\*Maximum cut speed is limited by the testable's maximum speed (10160 mm/min).

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### T45m shielded consumables

**Stainless steel**  
**English**

Air flowrate (scfh)	
Hot	320
Cold	360

					Recommended	Maximum		
Arc current (amps)	Material thickness	Torch-to-work distance (in)	Initial pierce height	Pierce time delay (sec)	Cut Speed (ipm)	Voltage (V)	Cut Speed (ipm)	Voltage (V)
30	0.018 in (26 Ga)	0.06	0.15 in	0.0	360	117	400*	123
	0.030 in (22 Ga)				340	116	400*	121
	0.036 in (20 Ga)			0.2	320	115	400*	119
	0.060 in (16 Ga)				145	111	185	118
45	0.036 in (20 Ga)	0.06	0.15 in	0.0	300	115	400*	109
	0.060 in (16 Ga)				320	116	400*	125
	0.075 in (14 Ga)			0.1	280	117	360	115
	0.105 in (12 Ga)			0.3	160	117	200	116
	0.135 in (10 Ga)			0.4	120	117	150	118
	0.188 in (3/16 in)			0.5	70	118	85	118
	0.250 in (1/4 in)			0.6	44	120	55	120
	0.375 in (3/8 in)			0.8	30	122	32	121
	0.500 in (1/2 in)			Edge start recommended	14	132	18	128
	0.750 in (3/4 in)				7	140	9	131

\*Maximum cut speed is limited by the test table's maximum speed (400 ipm).

**T45m shielded consumables**
**Aluminum**  
**Metric**

Air flowrate (lpm)	
Hot	151
Cold	165.2

					Recommended		Maximum		
Arc current (amps)	Material thickness (mm)	Torch-to-work distance (mm)	Initial pierce height	Pierce time delay (sec)	Cut Speed (mm/min)	Voltage (V)	Cut Speed (mm/min)	Voltage (V)	
30	1.2	1.5	3.8 mm	250%	0.0	9150	117	10160*	120
	1.5				0.2	8650	118	10160*	121
	1.9					5450	118	6860	121
45	1.5	1.5	3.8 mm	250%	0.0	8100	112	10160*	125
	1.9					7100	118	9144	115
	2.7					4050	118	5080	116
	3.4				0.1	3050	121	3810	118
	4.8				0.2	1780	122	2159	118
	6.4				0.3	1100	124	1397	120
	9.5				0.5	760	126	813	121
	12.7				Edge start recommended	350	132	457	128
	19.1					175	136	229	131

\*Maximum cut speed is limited by the test table's maximum speed (10160 mm/min).

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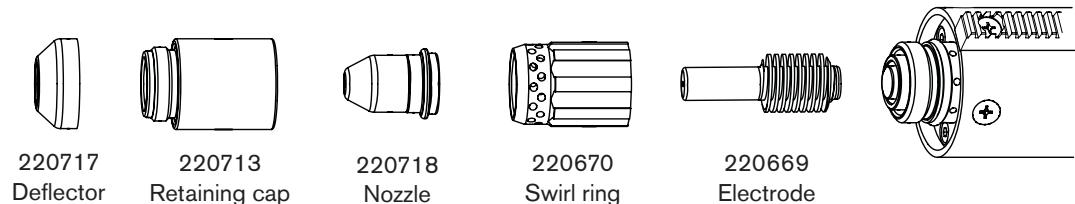
### T45m shielded consumables

Aluminum  
English

Air flowrate (scfh)	
Hot	320
Cold	360

					Recommended		Maximum	
Arc current (amps)	Material thickness	Torch-to-work distance (in)	Initial pierce height	Pierce time delay (sec)	Cut Speed (ipm)	Voltage (V)	Cut Speed (ipm)	Voltage (V)
30	0.018 in (26 Ga)	0.06	0.15 in	250%	0.0	360	117	400*
	0.060 in (16 Ga)				0.2	340	118	400*
	0.075 in (14 Ga)				215	118	270	121
45	0.060 in (16 Ga)	0.06	0.15 in	250%	0.0	360	116	400*
	0.075 in (14 Ga)				0.0	340	117	400*
	0.105 in (12 Ga)				0.0	280	120	360
	0.135 in (10 Ga)				0.1	220	122	280
	0.188 in (3/16 in)				0.2	100	123	130
	0.250 in (1/4 in)				0.2	80	123	100
	0.375 in (3/8 in)				0.3	33	130	42
	0.500 in (1/2 in)				0.5	20	134	25
	0.750 in (3/4 in)				Edge start recommended	8	143	10
								138

\*Maximum cut speed is limited by the test table's maximum speed (400 ipm).

**T45m unshielded consumables**
**Mild steel**  
**Metric**

Air flowrate (lpm)	
Hot	151
Cold	165.2

					Recommended		Maximum	
Arc current (amps)	Material thickness (mm)	Torch-to-work distance (mm)	Initial pierce height	Pierce time delay (sec)	Cut Speed (mm/min)	Voltage (V)	Cut Speed (mm/min)	Voltage (V)
30	0.5	2.0	5.0 mm	250%	9150	118	10160*	114
	0.8							
	0.9							
	1.5			0.2	8650	118	10160*	116
45	0.9	2.0	5.0 mm	250%	8100	117	10160*	120
	1.5							
	1.9							
	2.7			250%	5800	113	7250	119
	3.4							
	4.8			250%	9650	118	10160*	110
	6.4							
	9.5			250%	8900	114	10160*	113
	12.7							
	15.9			Edge start recommended	6100	114	7620	114
	19.1							
	25.4				4450	116	5588	114
					3400	118	4318	116
					2150	118	2794	116
					1500	118	1905	118
					810	120	1016	118
					510	130	635	124
					280	132	356	126
					200	138	254	132
					100	145	127	140

\*Maximum cut speed is limited by the test table's maximum speed (10160 mm/min).

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### T45m unshielded consumables

**Mild Steel**  
**English**

Air flowrate (scfh)	
Hot	320
Cold	360

					Recommended		Maximum	
Arc current (amps)	Material thickness	Torch-to-work distance (in)	Initial pierce height	Pierce time delay (sec)	Cut Speed (ipm)	Voltage (V)	Cut Speed (ipm)	Voltage (V)
30	0.018 in (26 Ga)	0.08	0.2 in	0.0	360	118	400*	114
	0.030 in (22 Ga)				340	118	400*	116
	0.036 in (20 Ga)				320	117	400*	120
	0.060 in (16 Ga)			0.2	225	113	285	119
45	0.036 in (20 Ga)	0.08	0.2 in	0.0	380	118	400*	110
	0.060 in (16 Ga)				350	114	400*	113
	0.075 in (14 Ga)				240	114	300	114
	0.105 in (12 Ga)				175	116	220	114
	0.135 in (10 Ga)			0.3	135	118	170	116
	0.188 in (3/16 in)			0.4	85	118	110	116
	0.250 in (1/4 in)			0.4	60	118	75	118
	0.375 in (3/8 in)			0.5	32	120	40	118
	0.500 in (1/2 in)			Edge start recommended	20	130	25	124
	0.625 in (5/8 in)				11	132	14	126
	0.750 in (3/4 in)				8	138	10	132
	1.000 in (1 in)				4	145	5	140

\*Maximum cut speed is limited by the test table's maximum speed (400 ipm).

**T45m unshielded consumables**

**Stainless steel**  
**Metric**

Air flowrate (lpm)	
Hot	151
Cold	165.2

					Recommended		Maximum			
Arc current (amps)	Material thickness (mm)	Torch-to-work distance (mm)	Initial pierce height	Pierce time delay (sec)	Cut Speed (mm/min)	Voltage (V)	Cut Speed (mm/min)	Voltage (V)		
30	0.5	2.0	5.0 mm	250%	0.0	9144	113	10160*	125	
	0.8					8128	115	10160*	128	
	0.9					7000	114	9000	125	
	1.5				0.2	3650	112	4800	118	
45	0.9	2.0	5.0 mm	250%	0.0	8900	112	10160*	110	
	1.5					8100	115	10160*	113	
	1.9				0.1	7112	116	9144	114	
	2.7				0.3	4100	118	5080	116	
	3.4				0.4	2800	120	3556	118	
	4.8				0.5	1650	120	2032	118	
	6.4				0.6	1010	121	1270	118	
	9.5				0.8	610	125	762	120	
	12.7				Edge start recommended		355	130	457	126
	19.1						175	133	229	138

\*Maximum cut speed is limited by the test table's maximum speed (10160 mm/min).

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## T45m unshielded consumables

**Stainless steel**  
**English**

Air flowrate (scfh)	
Hot	320
Cold	350

					Recommended		Maximum		
Arc current (amps)	Material thickness	Torch-to-work distance (in)	Initial pierce height	Pierce time delay (sec)	Cut Speed (ipm)	Voltage (V)	Cut Speed (ipm)	Voltage (V)	
30	0.018 in (26 Ga)	0.08	0.2 in	250%	0.0	360	113	400*	125
	0.030 in (22 Ga)					320	115	400*	128
	0.036 in (20 Ga)					275	114	345	125
	0.060 in (16 Ga)					145	112	180	118
45	0.036 in (20 Ga)	0.08	0.2 in	250%	0.0	350	112	400*	110
	0.060 in (16 Ga)					320	115	400*	113
	0.075 in (14 Ga)				0.1	280	116	360	114
	0.105 in (12 Ga)				0.3	160	118	200	116
	0.135 in (10 Ga)				0.4	110	120	140	118
	0.188 in (3/16 in)				0.5	64	120	80	118
	0.250 in (1/4 in)				0.6	40	121	50	118
	0.375 in (3/8 in)				0.8	24	125	30	120
	0.500 in (1/2 in)				Edge start recommended	14	130	18	126
	0.750 in (3/4 in)					7	133	9	138

\*Maximum cut speed is limited by the test table's maximum speed (400 ipm).

**T45m unshielded consumables**
**Aluminum**  
**Metric**

Air flowrate (lpm)	
Hot	151
Cold	165.2

					Recommended		Maximum	
Arc current (amps)	Material thickness (mm)	Torch-to-work distance (mm)	Initial pierce height	Pierce time delay (sec)	Cut Speed (mm/min)	Voltage (V)	Cut Speed (mm/min)	Voltage (V)
30	1.2	2.0	5.0 mm	250%	0.0	8900	122	10160*
	1.5				0.1	8100	120	10160*
	1.9				0.2	5700	121	7100
45	1.5	1.5	5.0 mm	250%	0.0	8900	120	10160*
	1.9					8100	120	10160*
	2.7					7200	122	9144
	3.4				0.1	5500	123	6858
	4.8				0.3	2540	123	3175
	6.4				0.3	1820	128	2286
	9.5				0.5	710	130	914
	12.7				Edge start recommended	510	131	635
	19.1					200	148	125
								143

\*Maximum cut speed is limited by the test table's maximum speed (10160 mm/min).

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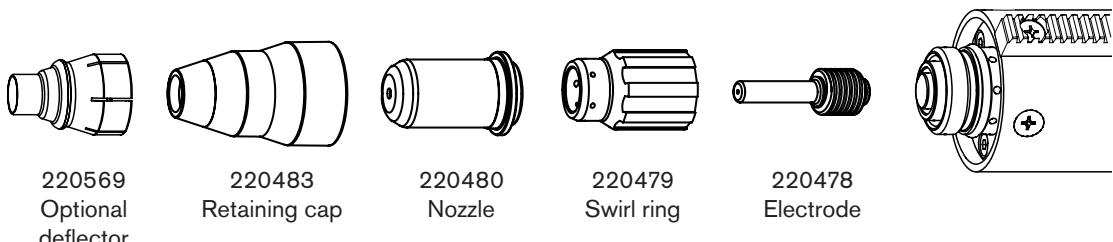
## T45m unshielded consumables

Aluminum  
English

Air flowrate (scfh)	
Hot	320
Cold	360

					Recommended		Maximum	
Arc current (amps)	Material thickness	Torch-to-work distance (in)	Initial pierce height	Pierce time delay (sec)	Cut Speed (ipm)	Voltage (V)	Cut Speed (ipm)	Voltage (V)
30	0.018 in (26 Ga)	0.08	0.20 in	250%	0.0	350	122	400*
	0.060 in (16 Ga)				0.1	320	120	400*
	0.075 in (14 Ga)				0.2	225	121	280
45	0.060 in (16 Ga)	0.08	0.20 in	250%	0.0	350	120	400*
	0.075 in (14 Ga)					320	120	400*
	0.105 in (12 Ga)					285	122	360
	0.135 in (10 Ga)			250%	0.1	215	123	270
	0.188 in (3/16 in)				0.3	100	123	125
	0.250 in (1/4 in)				0.3	72	128	90
	0.375 in (3/8 in)				0.5	28	130	36
	0.500 in (1/2 in)			Edge start recommended	20	131	25	125
	0.750 in (3/4 in)				8	148	10	143

\*Maximum cut speed is limited by the test table's maximum speed (400 ipm or 10160 mm/min).

**T30v (Powermax30) 30 A consumables****Mild steel**  
**Metric**

Air flowrate (lpm)	
Hot	131.2
Cold	146.3

					Recommended		Maximum		
Arc current (amps)	Material thickness (mm)	Torch-to-work distance (mm)	Initial pierce height	Pierce time delay (sec)	Cut Speed (mm/min)	Voltage (V)	Cut Speed (mm/min)	Voltage (V)	
30	0.5	0.5	2.5 mm	500%	0.0	8900	105	10160*	98
	0.8					8100	102	10160*	103
	0.9					7100	101	8900	100
	1.5			500%	0.2	4450	97	5600	100
	1.9				0.4	3050	98	3800	97
	2.7					2050	96	2550	96
	3.4					1270	100	1650	101

\*Maximum cut speed is limited by the test table's maximum speed (10160 mm/min).

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**T30v (Powermax30) 30 A consumables**

**Mild steel**

**English**

Air flowrate (ipm)	
Hot	280
Cold	310

					Recommended		Maximum	
Arc current (amps)	Material thickness (in)	Torch-to-work distance (in)	Initial pierce height	Pierce time delay (sec)	Cut Speed (ipm)	Voltage (V)	Cut Speed (ipm)	Voltage (V)
30	0.018 (26 Ga)	0.02	0.1 in	0.0	350	105	400*	98
	0.030 (22 Ga)				320	102	400*	103
	0.036 (20 Ga)				280	101	350	100
	0.060 (16 Ga)			0.2	175	97	220	100
	0.075 (14 Ga)			0.4	120	98	150	97
	0.105 (12 Ga)				80	96	100	96
	0.135 (10 Ga)				50	100	65	101

\*Maximum cut speed is limited by the test table's maximum speed (400 ipm).

**T30v (Powermax30) 30 A consumables****Stainless steel**  
**Metric**

Air flowrate (lpm)	
Hot	131.2
Cold	146.3

					Recommended		Maximum	
Arc current (amps)	Material thickness (mm)	Torch-to-work distance (mm)	Initial pierce height	Pierce time delay (sec)	Cut Speed (mm/min)	Voltage (V)	Cut Speed (mm/min)	Voltage (V)
30	0.5	0.5	2.5 mm	0.0	8900	103	10160*	102
	0.8				8100	98	10160*	100
	0.9				7600	97	6850	98
	1.5			0.2	3800	99	4800	98
	1.9			0.4	2800	101	3450	97
	2.7				1500	101	1900	98
	3.4				1150	102	1400	97

\*Maximum cut speed is limited by the test table's maximum speed (10160 mm/min).

## TORCH SETUP

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**T30v (Powermax30) 30 A consumables**

**Stainless steel**

**English**

Air flowrate (lpm)	
Hot	280
Cold	310

Arc current (amps)	Material thickness (in)	Torch-to-work distance (in)	Initial pierce height		Pierce time delay (sec)	Recommended		Maximum	
			0.1 in	500%		Cut Speed (ipm)	Voltage (V)	Cut Speed (ipm)	Voltage (V)
30	0.018 (26 Ga)	0.02	0.1 in	500%	0.0	350	103	400*	102
	0.030 (22 Ga)					320	98	400*	100
	0.036 (20 Ga)					300	97	380	98
	0.060 (16 Ga)		0.2	500%	0.2	150	99	190	98
	0.075 (14 Ga)				0.4	110	101	135	97
	0.105 (12 Ga)					60	101	75	98
	0.135 (10 Ga)					45	102	55	97

\*Maximum cut speed is limited by the test table's maximum speed (400 ipm).

**T30v (Powermax30) 30 A consumables**
**Aluminum**  
**Metric**

Air flowrate (lpm)	
Hot	131.2
Cold	146.3

					Recommended		Maximum	
Arc current (amps)	Material thickness (mm)	Torch-to-work distance (mm)	Initial pierce height	Pierce time delay (sec)	Cut Speed (mm/min)	Voltage (V)	Cut Speed (mm/min)	Voltage (V)
30	0.5	0.5	2.5 mm	0.0	8100	107	10160*	105
	0.8				6100	104	7650	103
	0.9				4800	104	6100	103
	1.5			0.2	3700	103	4550	103
	1.9				2400	101	3050	101

**Aluminum**  
**English**

Air flowrate (lpm)	
Hot	131.2
Cold	146.3

					Recommended		Maximum	
Arc current (amps)	Material thickness (in)	Torch-to-work distance (in)	Initial pierce height	Pierce time delay (sec)	Cut Speed (ipm)	Voltage (V)	Cut Speed (ipm)	Voltage (V)
30	0.036 (20 Ga)	0.02	0.10 in	0.0	320	107	400*	105
	0.060 (16 Ga)				240	104	300	103
	0.075 (14 Ga)				190	104	240	103
	0.105 (12 Ga)			0.2	145	103	180	103
	0.135 (10 Ga)				95	101	120	101

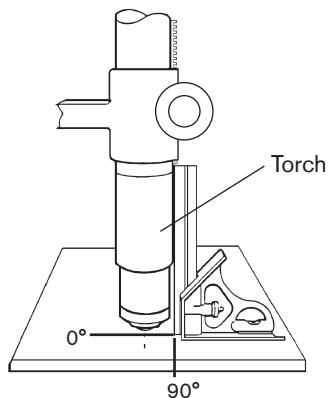
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### Align the torch

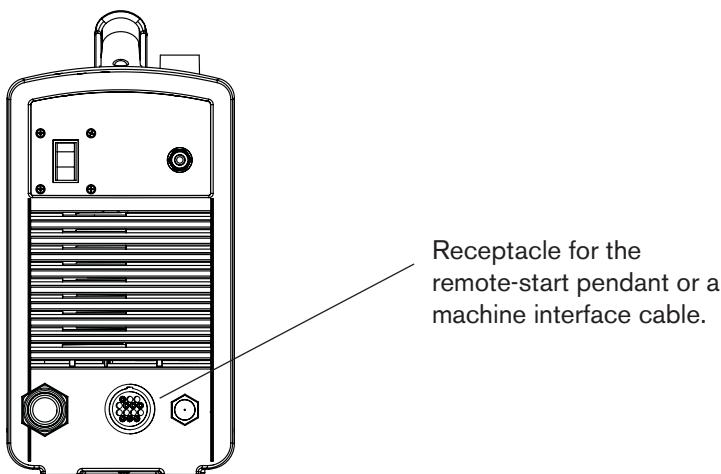
Mount the machine torch perpendicular to the workpiece in order to get a vertical cut. Use a square to align the torch at 0° and 90°.



### Connect the remote-start pendant

Configurations of a Powermax45 with a T45m also can include a 25-foot (7.62 m), 50-foot (15.24 m), or 75-foot (22.86 m) remote-start pendant. To use the Hypertherm remote-start pendant, plug it into the receptacle on the rear of the power supply.

Note: The remote-start pendant is for use only with a machine torch. It will not operate if a handheld torch is installed.



## Connect a machine interface cable

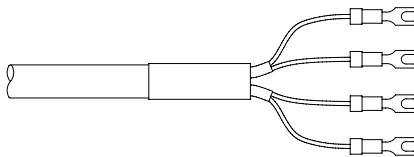
The Powermax45 is equipped with a factory-installed voltage divider that is designed to be safely connected without tools. The built-in voltage divider provides a 50:1 arc voltage. A receptacle on the rear of the power supply provides access to the 50:1 arc voltage and signals for arc transfer and plasma start.



**CAUTION:** The factory-installed internal voltage divider provides a maximum of 7 V under open circuit conditions. This is an impedance-protected functional extra low voltage (ELV) output to prevent shock, energy, and fire under normal conditions at the machine interface receptacle and under single fault conditions with the machine interface wiring. The voltage divider is not fault tolerant and ELV outputs do not comply with safety extra low voltage (SELV) requirements for direct connection to computer products.

Hypertherm offers several choices of machine interface cables for the Powermax45:

- To use the built-in voltage divider that provides a 50:1 arc voltage in addition to signals for arc transfer and start plasma:
  - Use part number 123966 (25 ft, 7.62 m) or 123967 (50 ft, 15.24 m) for wires terminated with spade connectors (example shown below).
  - Use part number 123896 (50 ft, 15.24 m) for a cable terminated with a D-sub connector. (Compatible with Hypertherm's Edge Ti and Sensor PHC products.)
- To use signals for arc transfer and start plasma only, use either part number 023206 (25 ft, 7.63 m) or part number 023279 (50 ft, 15.24 m). These cables have spade connectors as shown here:



Note: The cover on the machine interface receptacle prevents dust and moisture from damaging the receptacle when not in use. This cover should be replaced if damaged or lost (part number 127204).

See Section 7, *Parts*, for more information.

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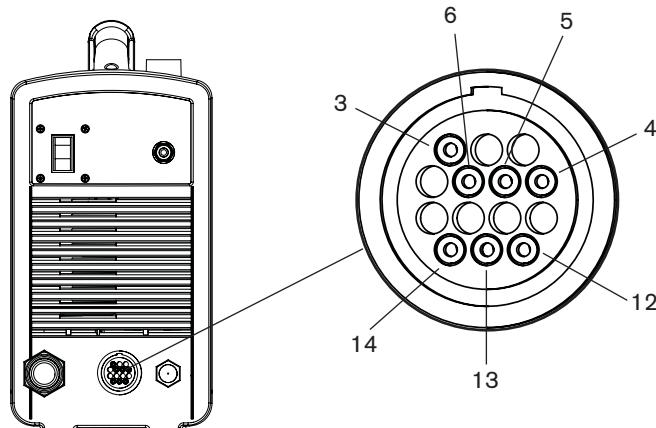
Installation of the machine interface cable must be performed by a qualified service technician. To install a machine interface cable:

1. Turn OFF the power and disconnect the power cord.
2. Remove the machine interface receptacle's cover from the rear of the power supply.
3. Connect the Hypertherm machine interface cable to the power supply.
4. If you are using a cable with a D-sub connector on the other end, plug it into the appropriate pin connector on the torch height controller or CNC. Secure it with the screws on the D-sub connector.

If you are using a cable with wires and spade connectors on the other end, terminate the machine interface cable inside the electrical enclosure of listed and certified torch height controllers or CNC controllers to prevent operator access to the connections after installation. Verify that the connections are correct and that all live parts are enclosed and protected before operating the equipment.

Note: The integration of Hypertherm equipment and customer-supplied equipment including interconnecting cords and cables, if not listed and certified as a system, is subject to inspection by local authorities at the final installation site.

The connector sockets for each type of signal available through the machine interface cable are shown below. The table on the next page provides details about each signal type.



Refer to the following table when connecting the Powermax45 to a torch height controller or CNC controller with a machine interface cable.

<b>Signal</b>	<b>Start (start plasma)</b>	<b>Transfer (start machine motion)</b>	<b>Ground</b>	<b>50:1 voltage divider</b>
Type:	Input	Output	Ground	Output
Notes:	Normally open. 18 VDC open circuit voltage at START terminals. Requires dry contact closure to activate.	Normally open. Dry contact closure when the arc transfers. 120 VAC/1 A maximum at the machine interface relay or switching device (supplied by the customer).		Divided arc signal of 50:1 (provides a maximum of 7 V).
Connector sockets	3, 4	12, 14	13	5, 6
Cable wires	Green, black	Red, black	Green/yellow	Black, red

### Accessing raw arc voltage

If you should need to access raw arc voltage, contact your Hypertherm distributor or authorized Hypertherm repair facility for assistance.

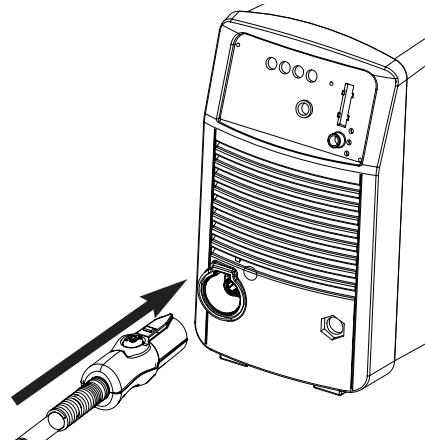


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**HIGH VOLTAGE AND CURRENT**

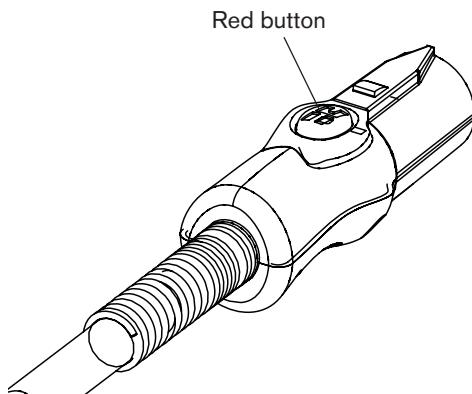
**Connecting directly to the plasma circuit for access to raw arc voltage increases the risk of shock hazard, energy hazard, and fire hazard in the event of a single fault. The output voltage and the output current of the circuit are specified on the data plate.**

### Connect the torch lead

The Powermax45 is equipped with FastConnect™, a quick-disconnect system for connecting and disconnecting the handheld and machine torches. When connecting or disconnecting a torch, first turn OFF the system. To connect either torch, push the connector into the receptacle on the front of the power supply.



To remove the torch, press the red button on the connector and pull the connector out of the receptacle.



## Section 5

### Operation

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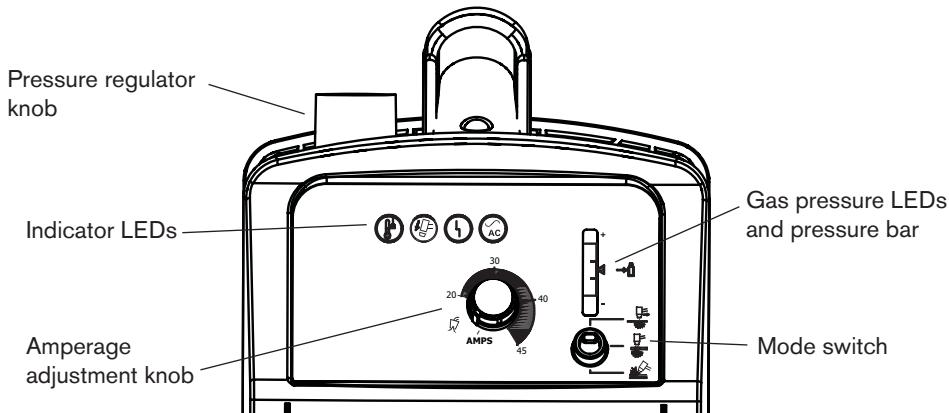
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### Controls and indicators

The Powermax45 has an ON/OFF switch, an amperage adjustment knob, a pressure regulator knob, a mode switch, 4 indicator LEDs, and a gas pressure LED, which are described below.

### Front controls and LEDs



#### **Temperature LED (yellow)**



When illuminated, this LED indicates that the power supply's temperature is outside the acceptable range.

#### **Torch cap sensor LED (yellow)**



When illuminated, this LED indicates that the consumables are loose, improperly installed, or missing. For information on the possible fault conditions, see *Basic troubleshooting* in Section 6. If this LED illuminates, the power must be turned OFF, the consumables installed properly, and the system turned ON again to reset the LED.

#### **Fault LED (yellow)**

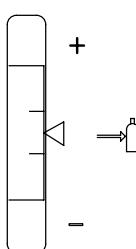


When illuminated, this LED indicates that there is a fault with the power supply. Some fault conditions will cause one or more of the LEDs to blink. For information on what these fault conditions are and how to correct them, see *Basic troubleshooting* in Section 6.

#### **Power ON LED (green)**



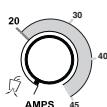
When illuminated, this LED indicates that the power switch has been set to I (ON) and that the safety interlocks are satisfied.



### Gas pressure LED and pressure bar (green or yellow)

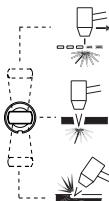
When the LED indicator in the pressure bar illuminates green and is centered in the vertical bar, the gas pressure is set correctly for the mode of cutting selected with the mode switch. If the pressure is too high for the selected mode, the indicator in the pressure bar will be above the mid-point of the bar. If it is too low, the indicator will be below the mid-point. At the highest and lowest points on the bar, the indicator will illuminate yellow.

If the indicator is at the lowest part of the bar and flashes, then the gas pressure is less than the minimum required pressure.



### Amperage adjustment knob

Set this knob to the gas-test position (fully counter-clockwise) before adjusting the gas pressure with the pressure regulator knob on the top of the power supply. Once the gas pressure is set, turn the knob clockwise to set the output amperage. The torch will not fire when the knob is in the gas-test position.



### Mode switch and LEDs

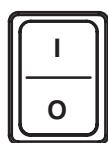
The mode switch can be set in one of three positions:

- Continuous pilot arc to cut expanded metal or grate (top).
- Non-continuous pilot arc to cut metal plate (middle).
- Gouging (bottom).

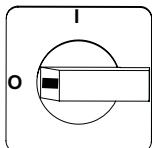
After you change the mode switch, verify that the gas pressure is still set correctly. Different modes of cutting require different pressure settings.

## Rear controls

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### ON (I)/OFF (O) power switch

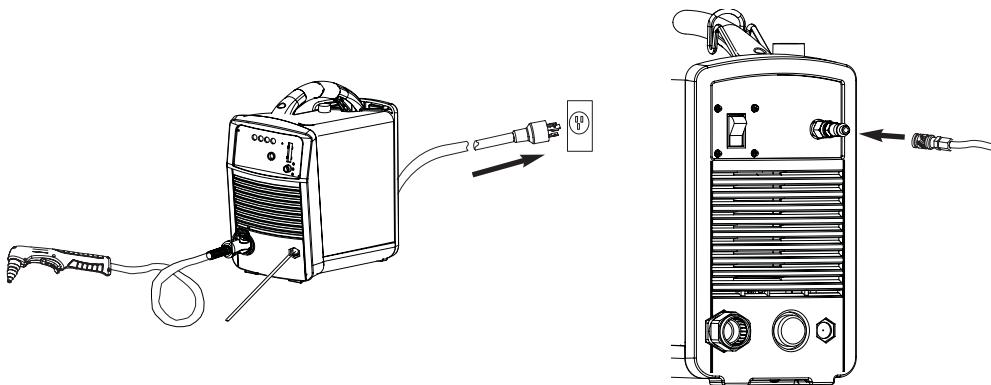
Activates the power supply and its control circuits.

### **Operate the Powermax45**

Follow the steps below to begin cutting or gouging with the Powermax45.

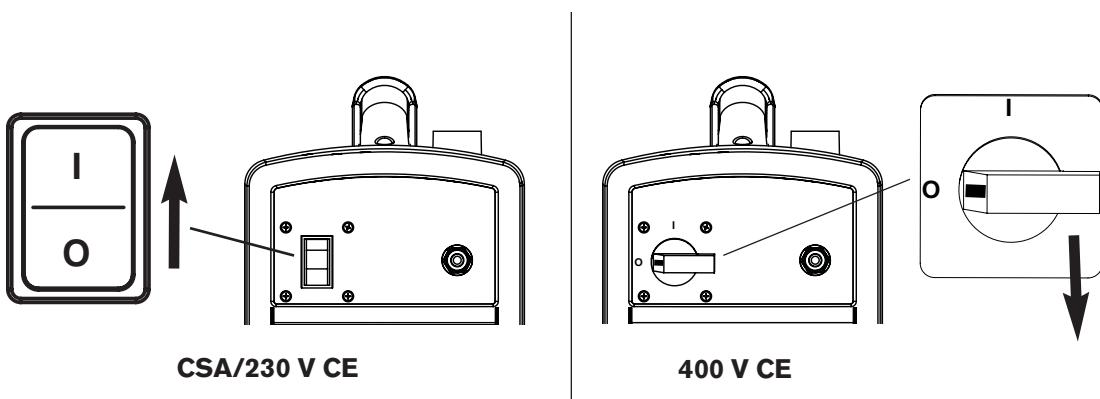
#### **Connect the electrical power and gas supply**

Plug in the power cord and connect the gas supply line. For more information about the electrical requirements and the gas supply requirements of the Powermax45, see *Section 3, Power supply setup*.



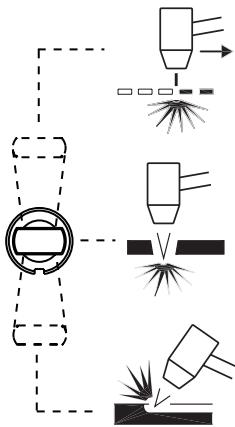
#### **Turn ON the system**

Set the ON/OFF switch to the ON (I) position.



## Set the mode switch

Use the mode switch to select the type of work you will be doing:



To cut expanded metal or grate cutting (top position). Use this setting to cut metal with holes in it or for any job that requires a continuous pilot arc. Leaving the mode switch on this setting to cut standard metal plate will reduce consumable life.

To cut metal plate (middle position). Use this setting to cut metal up to 1-inch (25.4 mm) thick or pierce metal up to 1/2-inch (12.7 mm) thick.

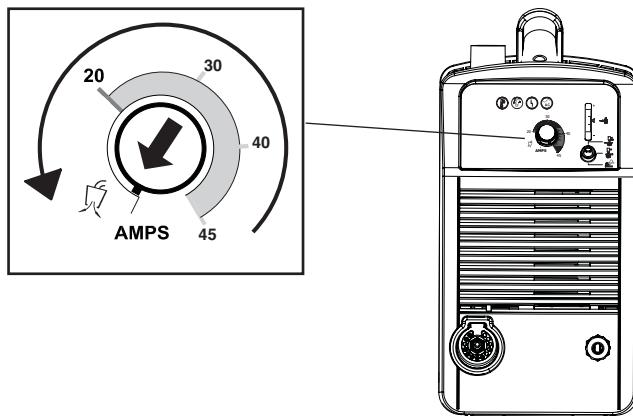
Gouging (bottom position). Use this setting to gouge metal. Leaving the mode switch on this setting while cutting results in poor cut quality.

## Adjust the gas pressure

Look at the gas pressure LED. If it illuminates green in the center of the pressure bar, the incoming gas pressure is correct for the mode you have selected. If the LED illuminates yellow, either above or below the center, the gas pressure needs to be adjusted.

To adjust the pressure:

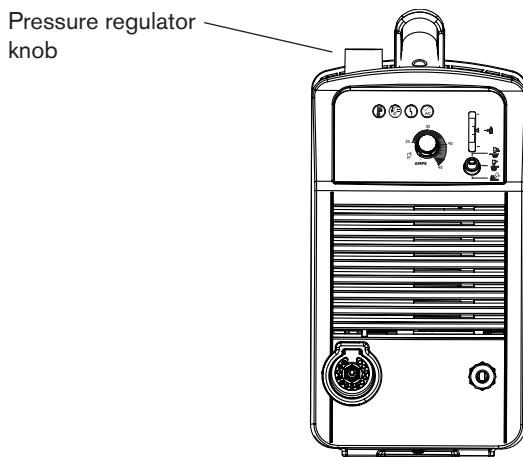
1. Turn the amperage knob counter-clockwise to the gas-test position as show below.



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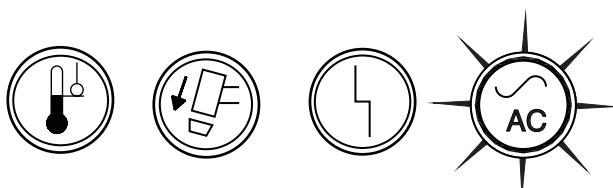
- With the amperage knob in the gas test position, pull up on the pressure regulator knob on top of the system to unlock it.



- Turn the pressure regulator knob until the gas pressure LED illuminates a green in the center of the pressure bar.
- Press down on the pressure regulator knob to lock it in position.
- Turn the amperage knob to the cutting current appropriate for your application. If you are using T30v (Powermax30) 30 A consumables, do not set the amperage knob above 30 A.

### Check the indicator LEDs

Verify that the green power ON LED on the front of the power supply is illuminated, that the gas pressure LED shows a green bar in the center of the gauge, and that none of the other LEDs are illuminated or blinking. If the temperature, torch cap sensor, or fault LEDs are illuminated or blinking, or if the power ON LED blinks, correct the fault condition before continuing. See *Basic troubleshooting*, in Section 6, for more information.

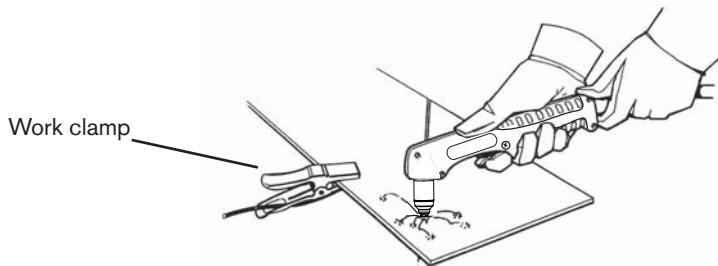


## Attach the work clamp

The work clamp must be attached to the workpiece while you are cutting.

Note: If you are using the Powermax45 with a cutting table, you can ground it through the table instead of using the work clamp. See your table manufacturer's instructions for more information.

- Ensure that the work clamp and the workpiece make good metal-to-metal contact.
- For the best cut quality, attach the work clamp as close as possible to the area being cut.
- **Do not attach the work clamp to the portion of the workpiece to be cut away.**



When the power ON LED is illuminated, none of the other LEDs are illuminated or blinking, the gas pressure LED indicates pressure is in the correct range, the amperage knob is set, and the work clamp is attached, then the system is ready for use.

## Understand duty-cycle limitations

The duty cycle is the amount of time, in minutes, that a plasma arc can remain on within a 10-minute period when operating at an ambient temperature of 104° F (40° C). With a Powermax45:

- At 45 A, the arc can remain on for 5 minutes out of 10 minutes without causing the unit to overheat (50% duty cycle).
- At 41 A, the arc can remain on for 6 minutes out of 10 (60%)
- At 32 A, the arc can remain on for 10 minutes out of 10 (100%).

If the power supply overheats because the duty cycle is exceeded, the temperature LED will illuminate, the arc will shut off, and the cooling fan will continue to run. Wait for the temperature LED to extinguish before you resume cutting.

The next section explains how to operate the hand torch. To operate the machine torch, see *Use the machine torch*, later in this section.

### How to use the hand torch



**WARNING  
INSTANT-ON TORCHES  
PLASMA ARC CAN CAUSE INJURY AND BURNS**

**Plasma arc comes on immediately when the torch trigger is activated.**

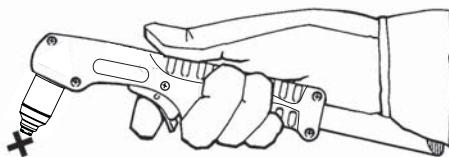
**The plasma arc will cut quickly through gloves and skin.**

- **Keep away from the torch tip.**
- **Do not hold the workpiece and keep your hands clear of the cutting path.**
- **Never point the torch toward yourself or others.**

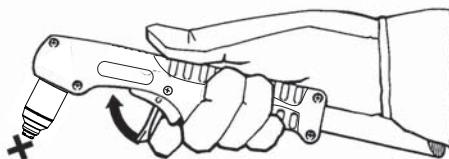
### Operate the safety trigger

The T45v is equipped with a safety trigger to prevent accidental firings. When you are ready to use the torch, flip the yellow safety trigger forward (toward the torch head) and press the red torch trigger as show below.

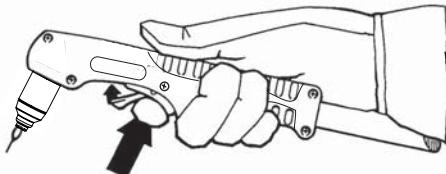
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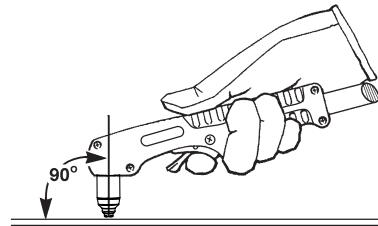
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## Hand torch cutting hints

- With shielded consumables, drag the nozzle lightly along the workpiece to maintain a steady cut. With unshielded consumables, maintain an approximate .08-inch (2 mm) distance between the tip of the torch and the workpiece. (This is between a 1/16th and 1/8th of an inch).
- While cutting, make sure that sparks exit from the bottom of the workpiece. The sparks should lag slightly behind the torch as you cut ( $15^\circ - 30^\circ$  angle from vertical).
- If sparks spray up from the workpiece, move the torch more slowly, or set the output current higher.

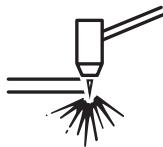
- Hold the torch nozzle perpendicular to the workpiece so that the nozzle is at a  $90^\circ$  angle to the cutting surface and watch the arc as it cuts along the line.



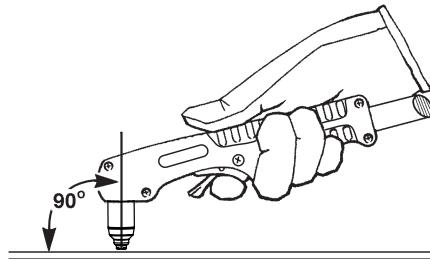
- If you fire the torch unnecessarily, you will shorten the life of the nozzle and electrode.
- Pulling, or dragging, the torch along the cut is easier than pushing it.
- For straight-line cuts, use a straight edge as a guide. To cut circles, use a template or a radius cutter attachment (a circle cutting guide). See *Section 7, Parts*, for part numbers for the Hypertherm plasma cutting guides for cutting circles and making bevel cuts.



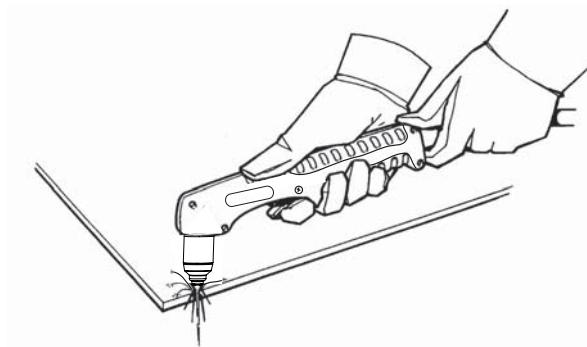
### Start a cut from the edge of the workpiece



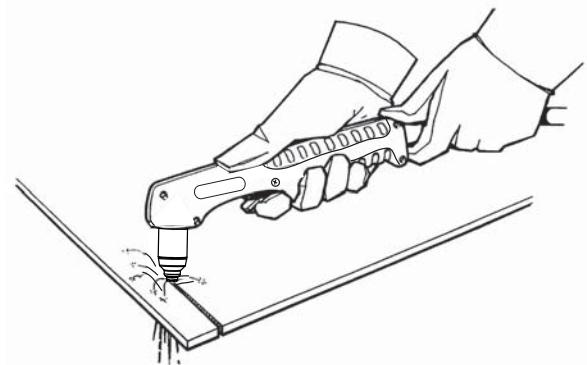
1. With the work clamp attached to the workpiece, hold the torch nozzle perpendicular ( $90^\circ$ ) to the edge of the workpiece. If you are using the shielded consumables, no torch-to-workpiece standoff is needed. With unshielded consumables, maintain an approximate .08-inch (2 mm) standoff.



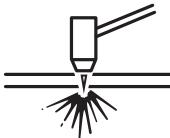
2. Press the torch's trigger to start the arc. Pause at the edge until the arc has cut completely through the workpiece.



3. Drag the nozzle lightly across the workpiece to proceed with the cut. Maintain a steady, even pace.

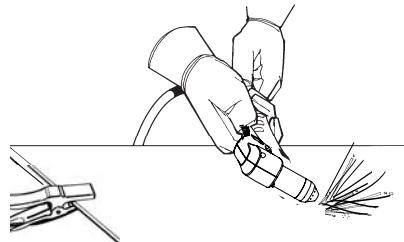


## Pierce a workpiece

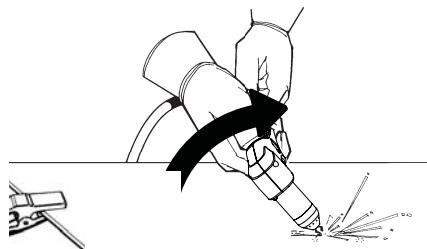


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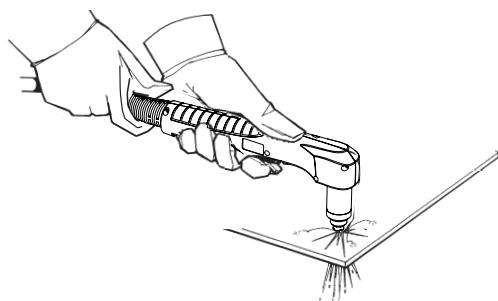
1. With the work clamp attached to the workpiece, hold the torch at an approximate 30° angle to the workpiece with the nozzle within 1/16 inch (1.5 mm) of it before firing the torch.



2. Fire the torch while still at an angle to the workpiece, then slowly rotate the torch to a perpendicular (90°) position.



3. Hold the torch in place while continuing to press the trigger. When sparks exit below the workpiece, the arc has pierced the material.



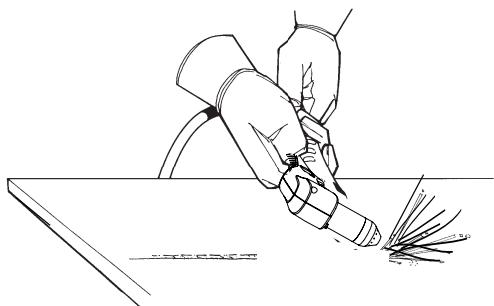
4. When the pierce is complete, drag the nozzle lightly along the workpiece to proceed with the cut.

### Gouge a workpiece

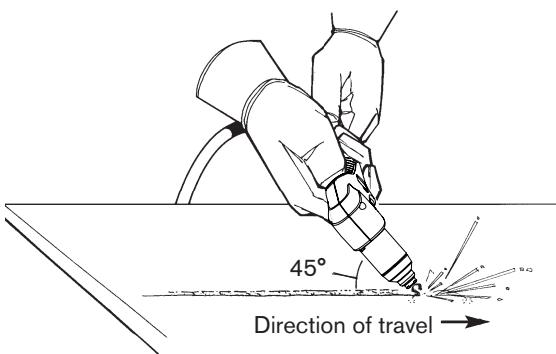


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1. Hold the torch so that the nozzle is within 1/16 inch (1.5 mm) from the workpiece before firing the torch.



2. Hold the torch at a 45° angle to the workpiece with a small gap between the torch tip and the workpiece. Press the trigger to obtain a pilot arc. Transfer the arc to the work piece.



3. Maintain an approximate 45° angle to the workpiece as you feed into the gouge.

In other words, push the plasma arc in the direction of the gouge you want to create. Keep a small distance between the torch tip and the molten metal to avoid reducing consumable life or damaging the torch.

Changing the torch's angle changes the dimensions of the gouge.

Note: A heat shield is available for added hand and torch protection (part number 220049).

You can vary the depth of the gouge by varying the angle of the torch to the workpiece. The following tables show the gouging profile at 45° and 60° on mild steel and stainless steel.

**Mild steel gouging profile**

Torch angle	Speed	Width	Depth
45°	10 ipm (254 mm/min)	0.3051 in (7.75 mm)	0.0415 in (1.05 mm)
	20 ipm (508 mm/min)	0.2550 in (6.50 mm)	0.1158 in (2.94 mm)
	30 ipm (762 mm/min)	0.2267 in (5.76 mm)	0.0735 in (1.87 mm)
	40 ipm (1016 mm/min)	0.2087 in (5.30 mm)	0.0517 in (1.31 mm)
	50 ipm (1270 mm/min)	0.1863 in (4.73 mm)	0.0406 in (1.03 mm)
60°	10 ipm (254 mm/min)	0.3173 in (8.06 mm)	0.1645 in (4.18 mm)
	20 ipm (508 mm/min)	0.2423 in (6.15 mm)	0.0941 in (2.39 mm)
	30 ipm (762 mm/min)	0.2351 in (6.00 mm)	0.0546 in (1.39 mm)
	40 ipm (1016 mm/min)	0.2281 in (5.80 mm)	0.0476 in (1.21 mm)
	50 ipm (1270 mm/min)	0.1816 in (4.61 mm)	0.0289 in (0.73 mm)

**Stainless steel gouging profile**

Torch angle	Speed	Width	Depth
45°	10 ipm (254 mm/min)	0.2508 in (6.37 mm)	0.1200 in (3.05 mm)
	20 ipm (508 mm/min)	0.2258 in (5.74 mm)	0.0772 in (1.96 mm)
	30 ipm (762 mm/min)	0.2077 in (5.28 mm)	0.0428 in (1.09 mm)
	40 ipm (1016 mm/min)	0.1901 in (4.83 mm)	0.0680 in (1.73 mm)
	50 ipm (1270 mm/min)	0.1739 in (4.42 mm)	0.0580 in (1.47 mm)
60°	10 ipm (254 mm/min)	0.2580 in (6.55 mm)	0.2330 in (5.92 mm)
	20 ipm (508 mm/min)	0.2526 in (6.42 mm)	0.0792 in (2.01 mm)
	30 ipm (762 mm/min)	0.2329 in (5.92 mm)	0.0569 in (1.45 mm)
	40 ipm (1016 mm/min)	0.2110 in (5.36 mm)	0.0432 in (1.10 mm)
	50 ipm (1270 mm/min)	0.2003 in (5.09 mm)	0.0322 in (0.82 mm)

### **Common hand-cutting faults**

The torch sputters and hisses, but does not produce an arc. The cause can be:

- The consumables are too tight. Loosen the consumables about 1/8th of a turn and try again.  
The consumables should be just finger-tight.

The torch does not cut completely through the workpiece. The causes can be:

- The cut speed is too fast.
- The consumables are worn.
- The metal being cut is too thick.
- Gouging consumables are installed instead of cutting consumables.
- The work clamp is not attached properly to the workpiece.
- The gas pressure or gas flow rate is too low.

Cut quality is poor. The causes can be:

- The metal being cut is too thick.
- The wrong consumables are being used (gouging consumables are installed instead of cutting consumables, for example).
- You are moving the torch too quickly or too slowly.

The arc sputters and consumables life is shorter than expected. The cause can be:

- Moisture in the gas supply.
- The gas pressure is too low.

## How to use the machine torch

Since the Powermax45 and the T45m can be used with a wide variety of cutting tables, track burners, pipe bevelers, and so on, you will need to refer to the manufacturer's instructions for specifics on operating the machine torch in your configuration. However, the information in the following sections will help you optimize cut quality and maximize consumable life.

### Ensure the torch and table are set up correctly

- Use a square to align the torch at right angles to the workpiece.
- The torch may travel more smoothly if you clean, check and "tune" the cutting table's rails and drive system. Unsteady machine motion can cause a regular, wavy pattern on the cut surface.
- Ensure that the torch does not touch the workpiece during cutting. Contact with the workpiece can damage the shield and nozzle and affect the cut surface.

### Understand and optimize cut quality

There are several factors to consider in cut quality:

- Cut angle – The degree of angularity of the cut edge.
- Dross – The molten material that solidifies on the top or bottom of the workpiece.
- Straightness of the cut surface – The cut surface can be concave or convex.

The following sections explain how these factors can affect cut quality.

#### Cut or bevel angle

- A positive cut angle, or bevel, results when more material is removed from the top of the cut than from the bottom.
- A negative cut angle results when more material is removed from the bottom of the cut.

Problem	Cause	Solution
Negative cut angle	The torch is too low.	Raise the torch; or if you are using a torch height control, increase the arc voltage.
Square cut		
Positive cut angle	The torch is too high.	Lower the torch; or if you are using a torch height control, decrease arc voltage.

Notes: The squarest cut angle will be on the right side with respect to the forward motion of the torch. The left side will always have some degree of bevel.

To determine whether a cut-angle problem is being caused by the plasma system or the drive system, make a test cut and measure the angle of each side. Next, rotate the torch 90° in its holder and repeat the process. If the angles are the same in both tests, the problem is in the drive system.

If a cut-angle problem persists after “mechanical causes” have been eliminated (see the previous page, *Ensure the torch and table are set up correctly*), check the torch-to-work distance, especially if the cut angles are all positive or all negative. Also consider the material being cut: if the metal is magnetized or hardened, you are more likely to experience cut angle problems.

### Dross

Some amount of dross will always be present when cutting with air plasma. However, you can minimize the amount and type of dross by adjusting your system correctly for your application.

Dross appears on the top edge of both pieces of the plate when the the torch is too low (or voltage is too high, if using a torch height control). Adjust the torch or the voltage in small increments (5 volts or less) until the dross is reduced.

Low-speed dross forms when the torch’s cutting speed is too slow and the arc shoots ahead. It forms as a heavy, bubbly deposit at the bottom of the cut and can be removed easily. Increase the speed to reduce this type of dross.

High-speed dross forms when the cutting speed is too fast and the arc lags behind. It forms as a thin, linear bead of solid metal attached very close to the cut. It is welded to the bottom of the cut and is difficult to remove. To reduce high-speed dross:

- Decrease the cutting speed.
- Decrease the torch-to-work distance.

Notes: Dross is more likely to form on warm or hot metal than on cool metal. For example, the first cut in a series of cuts usually produces the least dross. As the workpiece heats up, more dross may form on subsequent cuts.

Dross is more likely to form on mild steel than on stainless steel or aluminum.

Worn or damaged consumables may produce intermittent dross.

### **Straightness of the cut surface**



A typical plasma cut surface is slightly concave.

The cut surface may become more concave, or convex. Correct torch height is required to keep the cut surface acceptably close to straight. Worn consumables also affect the straightness of the cut.



A strongly concave cut surface occurs when the torch-to-work distance is too low. Increase the torch-to-work distance to straighten the cut surface.



A convex cut surface occurs when the torch-to-work distance is too great or the cutting current is too high. First, try lowering the torch, then reduce the cutting current.

### **To pierce a workpiece using the machine torch**

As with the hand torch, you can start a cut with the machine torch at the edge of the workpiece or by piercing the workpiece. Piercing will result in a shorter consumable life than with edge starts.

The cut charts include a column for the recommended torch height when starting a pierce. For the Powermax45, the pierce height is generally 2.5 times the cutting height. Refer to the cut charts for specifics.

The pierce delay must be sufficiently long that the arc can pierce the material before the torch moves, but not so long that the arc "wanders" while trying to find the edge of a large hole.

When piercing maximum thicknesses, the ring of dross that forms during the pierce may become high enough to contact the torch when the torch begins to move after the pierce is complete.

### **Common machine-cutting faults**

The torch's pilot arc will initiate, but will not transfer. Causes can be:

- The work cable's connection on the cutting table is not making good contact or the table is not properly grounded.
- The torch-to-work distance is too large.

The workpiece is not totally penetrated, and there is excessive sparking on the top of the workpiece. Causes can be:

- The work cable's connection on the cutting table is not making good contact or the table is not properly grounded.
- The amperage is set too low. See the cut charts in Section 4 for more information.
- The cut speed is too high. See the cut charts in Section 4 for more information.
- The consumables are worn and need to be replaced.
- The metal being cut exceeds the maximum capacity. See *T45v and T45m specifications* in Section 2.

Dross forms on the bottom of the cut. Causes can be:

- The cutting speed is not correct. See the cut charts in Section 4 for more information.
- The amperage is set too low. See the cut charts in Section 4 for more information.
- The consumables are worn and need to be replaced.

The cut angle is not square. Causes can be:

- The direction of the torch travel is incorrect. The high-quality cut is always on the right with respect to the forward motion of the torch.
- The distance between the torch and the workpiece is not correct.
- The cutting speed is not correct. See the cut charts in Section 4 for more information.
- The consumables are worn and need to be replaced.

The consumables' life is shortened. Causes can be:

- The arc current, arc voltage, travel speed, and other variables are not set as specified in the cut charts.
- Firing the arc in the air (beginning or ending the cut off of the plate surface). Starting at the edge is acceptable as long as the arc makes contact with the workpiece when started.
- Starting a pierce with an incorrect torch height. For the Powermax45, the pierce height is generally 2.5 times the cutting height. Refer to the cut charts for specifics.



## **Section 6**

### **MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR**

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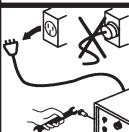
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## MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR

### Perform routine maintenance



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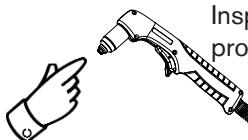


Disconnect the electrical power before you perform any maintenance. All work that requires removal of the power supply cover must be performed by a qualified technician.

#### Every use:



Check the indicator lights and correct any fault conditions.

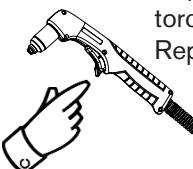


Inspect the consumables for proper installation and wear.

#### Every 3 months:



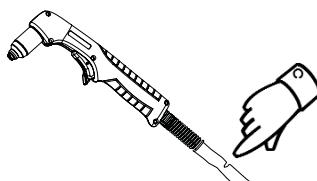
Replace any damaged labels.



Inspect the trigger for damage. Inspect the torch body for cracks and exposed wires. Replace any damaged parts.

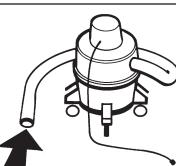
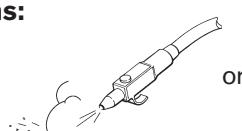


Inspect the power cord and plug. Replace if damaged.



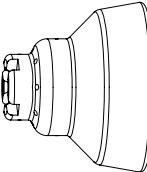
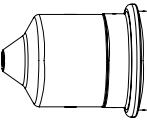
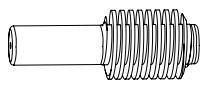
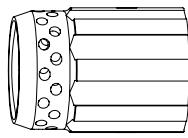
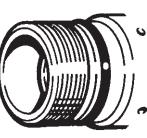
Inspect the torch lead. Replace if damaged.

#### Every 6 months:



Clean the inside of the power supply with compressed air or a vacuum.

## Inspect the consumables

Part	Inspect	Action
	<p>Shield or deflector</p> <p>The center hole for roundness.</p> <p>The gap between the shield and the nozzle for accumulated debris.</p>	<p>Replace the shield if the hole is no longer round.</p> <p>Remove the shield and clean any material away.</p>
	<p>Nozzle</p> <p>The center hole for roundness.</p>	<p>Replace if the center hole is not round. Replace the nozzle and the electrode together.</p>
	<p>Electrode</p> <p>The center surface for wear and verify the pit depth.</p>	<p>Replace if the surface is worn or the pit depth is greater than 1/16 inch (1.6 mm) deep. Replace the nozzle and the electrode together.</p>
	<p>Swirl ring</p> <p>The internal surface for damage or wear and the gas holes for blockages.</p>	<p>Replace if the surface is damaged or worn or any of the gas holes are blocked.</p>
	<p>Torch o-ring</p> <p>The surface for damage, wear, or a lack of lubrication.</p>	<p>If the o-ring is dry, lubricate it and the threads with a thin layer of silicone lubricant. If the o-ring is cracked or worn, replace it.</p>

### Basic troubleshooting

The following table provides an overview of the most common problems that may arise when using the Powermax45 and explains how to solve them.

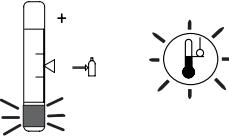
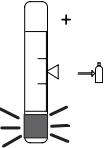
If you are unable to fix the problem by following this basic troubleshooting guide or if you need further assistance:

1. Call your Hypertherm distributor or authorized Hypertherm repair facility.
2. Call the nearest Hypertherm office listed in the front of this manual.

Problem	Solutions
The ON/OFF power switch is set to ON (I), but the power ON LED is not illuminated.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Verify that the power cord is plugged into the receptacle.</li><li>• Verify that the power is ON at the main power panel or at the line-disconnect switch box.</li><li>* Verify that the line voltage is not too low (more than 15% below the rated voltage).</li></ul>
The power ON LED is illuminated and the gas pressure LED is illuminated yellow and is above or below the center of the pressure bar.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Turn the amperage knob to the gas test position, then unlock the pressure regulator by pulling up on the knob. Turn it to adjust the pressure, then push it down to lock it.</li><li>• Verify that the gas supply line is connected to the power supply and the gas is turned on.</li><li>• Inspect the gas supply line for leaks and verify the incoming gas pressure.</li></ul>
The power ON LED is blinking. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The input line voltage is either too high or too low (a variance greater than <math>\pm 15\%</math> of the rated voltage). Have an electrical technician check the incoming power. See Section 2, <i>Specifications</i>, and <i>Prepare the electrical power</i> in Section 3 for more information.</li></ul>

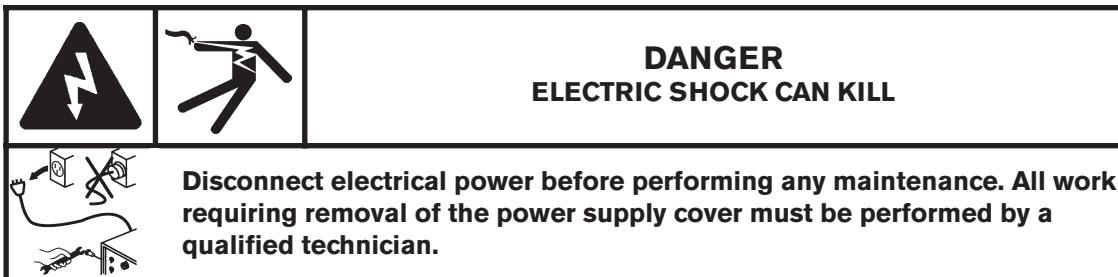
<b>Problem</b>	<b>Solutions</b>
<p>The power ON LED is illuminated and the yellow temperature LED is illuminated.</p>  	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Leave the power supply on to allow the fan to cool the power supply.</li> <li>If the internal temperature of the power supply approaches -22° F (-30° C), the temperature LED may illuminate. Move the power supply to a warmer location.</li> </ul>
<p>The power ON LED is illuminated and the torch cap LED is illuminated.</p>  	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Turn OFF the power supply. Verify that there are consumables installed. See <i>Install the consumables</i> in Section 4.</li> <li>If you have just installed the consumables, verify that the consumables are only finger-tight. Loosen them 1/8th of a turn and then restart the power supply.</li> <li>If the consumables appear to be installed correctly, the torch may be damaged. Contact your Hypertherm distributor or authorized repair facility.</li> </ul>
<p>The power ON LED is illuminated and the torch cap LED is blinks.</p>  	<p>This indicates either a "torch stuck open" or a "torch stuck closed" situation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If the consumables became loose or were removed while the power supply is ON, turn OFF the power supply, correct the problem and then turn ON the power supply to clear this fault. See <i>Install the consumables</i> in Section 4.</li> <li>If the consumables appear to be installed correctly, the torch may be damaged. Contact your Hypertherm distributor or authorized repair facility.</li> </ul>
<p>The fault LED blinks.</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A blinking fault LED indicates a major fault with the system. A qualified service technician must service the system. Contact your distributor or authorized repair facility.</li> </ul>

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Problem	Solutions
<p>The gas pressure bar's LED and the temperature LED alternately blink when the system is turned on.</p> 	<p>This situation indicates that the power supply is receiving a start signal. It is sometimes referred to as a "stuck start."</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>If the power supply is turned on while the torch trigger is pressed, the system will be disabled. Release the trigger and restart the power supply.</li></ul>
<p>The gas pressure bar's LED illuminates yellow at the bottom of the gauge, and blinks.</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Inlet gas supply pressure is lower than the minimum acceptable level. The LED continues to blink for 10 seconds after the gas pressure is restored to the acceptable range.</li></ul>
<p>The arc does not transfer to the workpiece.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Clean the area where the work clamp contacts the workpiece, to ensure a good metal-to-metal connection.</li><li>Inspect the work clamp for damage, and repair it if necessary.</li><li>The torch-to-work distance may be too large. Move the torch closer to the workpiece and fire the torch again. See <i>Use the hand torch</i> in Section 4.</li></ul>
<p>The arc blows out, but re-ignites when the torch trigger is pressed again.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Inspect the consumable parts and replace them if they are worn or damaged. See <i>Inspect the consumables</i> in this section.</li><li>Replace the gas filter's element if it is contaminated. See <i>Replace the gas filter's element</i> in this section.</li></ul>

<b>Problem</b>	<b>Solutions</b>
The arc sputters and hisses.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The gas filter's element is contaminated. Replace the element – See <i>Replace the gas filter element</i> in this section.</li><li>• Inspect the gas line for moisture. If necessary, install or repair the gas filtration to the power supply. See <i>Prepare the gas supply</i> in Section 3.</li></ul>
The cut quality is poor.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Verify that the torch is being used correctly. See Section 5, <i>Operation</i>.</li><li>• Inspect the consumables for wear and replace as necessary. See <i>Inspect the consumables</i> in this section.</li></ul>

### Repairs

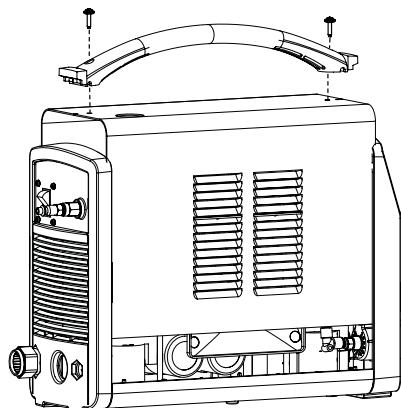


### Remove and replace the cover and Mylar® barrier

The first step in most maintenance and repair procedures for the Powermax45 is removing the cover and the Mylar barrier. To protect your power supply, it is important to replace both items properly when the maintenance is complete.

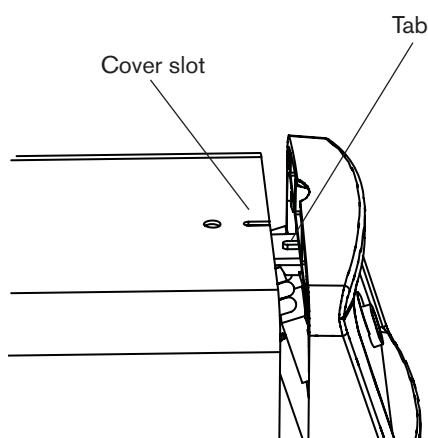
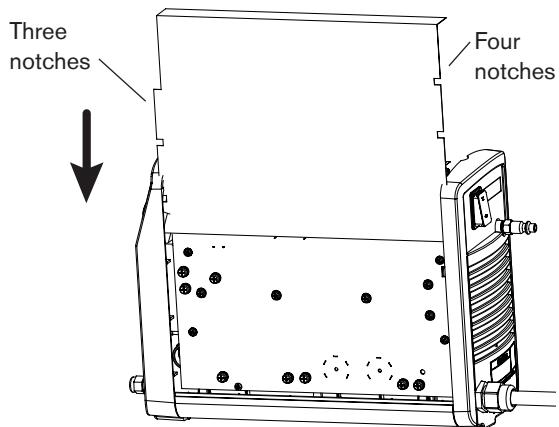
#### Removal

1. Turn OFF the power, disconnect the power cord, and disconnect the gas supply.
2. Use a #2 Phillips screwdriver to remove the 2 screws from the handle on the top of the power supply. Gently pull on the end panel nearest the screw you are removing to keep pressure on the screw. When the screw is almost out, tilt the screwdriver slightly to help pull the screw out of the recessed hole.
3. Tip the end panels back slightly so that you can get the edges of the handle out from underneath them. Set the handle and screws aside. Continue to tilt the end panels outward to release the fan side of the cover from its track. Then lift the cover off the power supply.
4. Remove the Mylar barrier from the power-board side of the power supply.



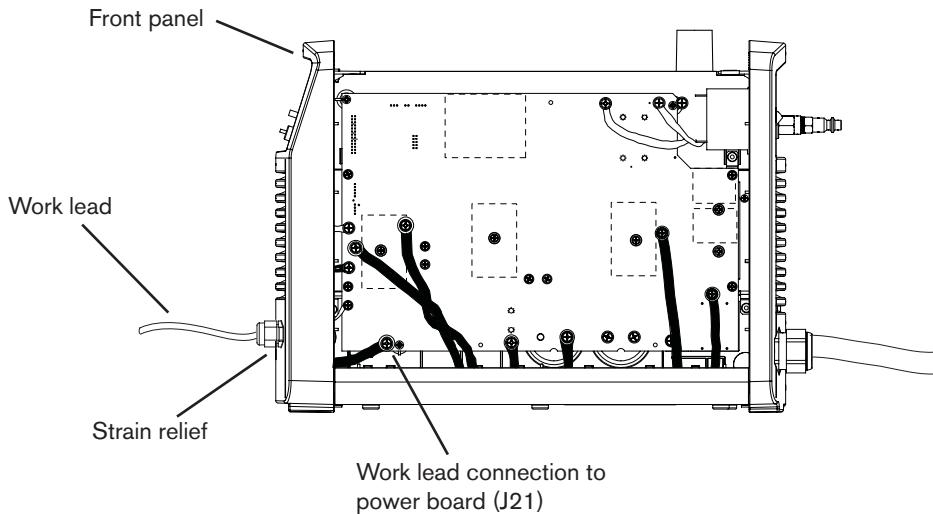
## Replacement

1. Hold the Mylar barrier so that the edge with the 3 notches is on the left and the edge with 4 notches is on the right.
2. There is a perforation across the top, about 1.75 inches (4.45 cm) down from the top edge. If you are replacing the Mylar barrier with a new one, you will need to fold it along this perforation so that the top edge bends away from you.
3. Position the barrier so that the folded section will cover the top of the power board. Slide the barrier into place with the bottom edge between the ribs on the base and the power board. The notches on each side of the barrier should align with the ribs on the inside of the endcaps.
4. Being careful not to pinch any of the wires, slide the cover back onto the power supply. Make sure that the bottom edges are in the tracks and that the slot in the top of the cover is aligned with the tab on the front endcap so that the louvers in the cover are in front of the fan. Position the handle over the holes in the top of the cover, then secure the cover with the 2 screws.



### Replace the work lead (CSA and CE)

1. Turn OFF the power, disconnect the power cord, and disconnect the gas supply.
2. Remove the cover from the power supply and remove the Mylar barrier from in front of the power board.
3. Remove the screw from J21 (also labeled “work lead”) on the power board that attaches the lead to the board. Set the screw aside.

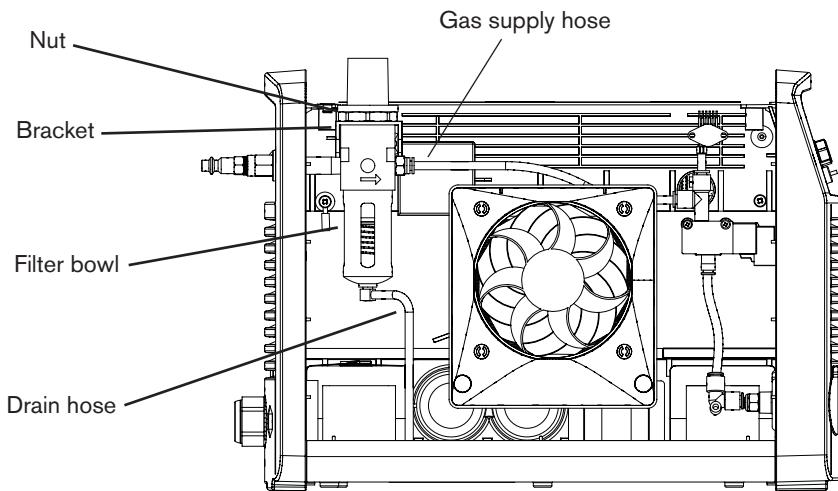


4. Gently tilt the front panel away from the power supply. From the inside of the panel, unscrew the nut that secures the strain relief to the endcap.
5. Thread the connector end of the new work lead through the front panel and fit the strain relief into the hole in the panel.
6. Slide the nut over the work lead's connector. Gently tilt the front panel away from the power supply and screw the nut onto the strain relief.
7. Attach the work lead to the power board at J21 using the screw that you removed earlier. The torque setting for this connection is 20 inch-pounds (23.4 kg cm)
8. Realign the front panel.

9. Replace the Mylar barrier and slide the cover back onto the power supply. Position the handle over the holes in the top of the cover, then secure the cover with the 2 screws.
10. Reconnect the electrical power and the gas supply.

## Replace the gas filter element

1. Turn OFF the power, disconnect the power cord, and disconnect the gas supply.
2. Remove the cover from the power supply.
3. Remove the drain hose from the drain in the bottom of the power supply's base.
4. Compress the hose fitting's collar on the gas supply hose and pull the gas hose from the fitting.
5. Unscrew the nut that holds the filter in the bracket. Tip the bottom of the filter away from the power supply.
6. Unscrew the filter bowl from the body and remove it.



7. Unscrew the element from the filter body while being careful not to allow the element to rotate.
8. Screw the new element to the filter body.

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9. Reattach the filter bowl.
10. Reposition the filter assembly in the bracket and replace its retainer nut.
11. Reconnect the gas supply hose and press the drain hose onto the drain in the bottom of the power supply.
10. Reconnect the gas supply and check for leaks.
11. Slide the cover back onto the power supply. Position the handle over the holes in the top of the cover, then use the 2 screws to secure the cover.
12. Reconnect the electrical power and the gas supply.

## **Section 7**

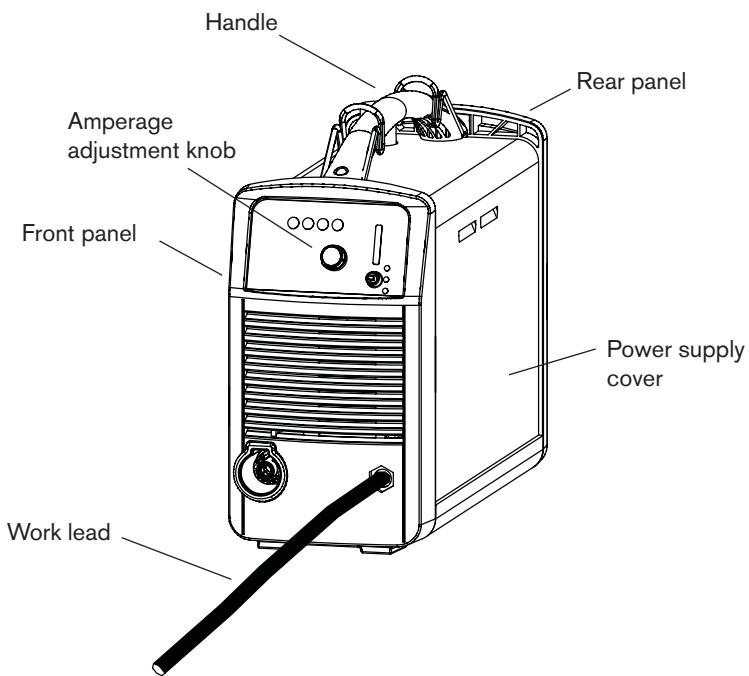
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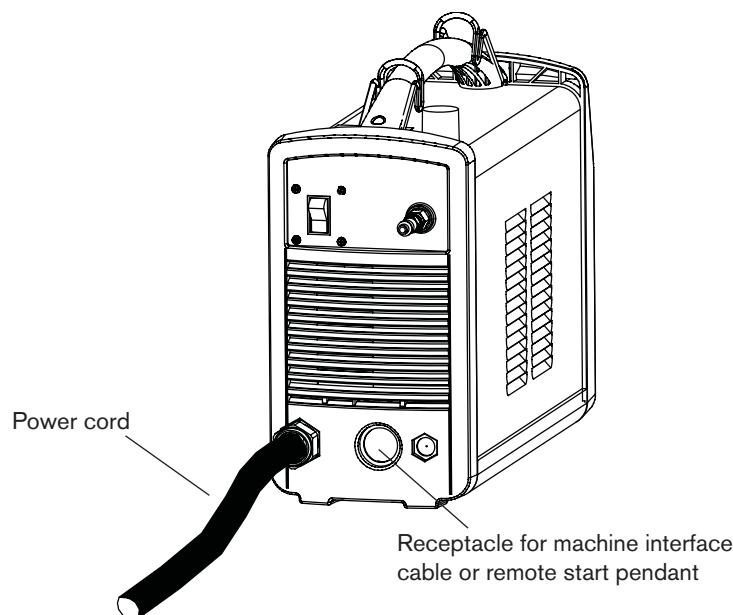
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### Power supply parts



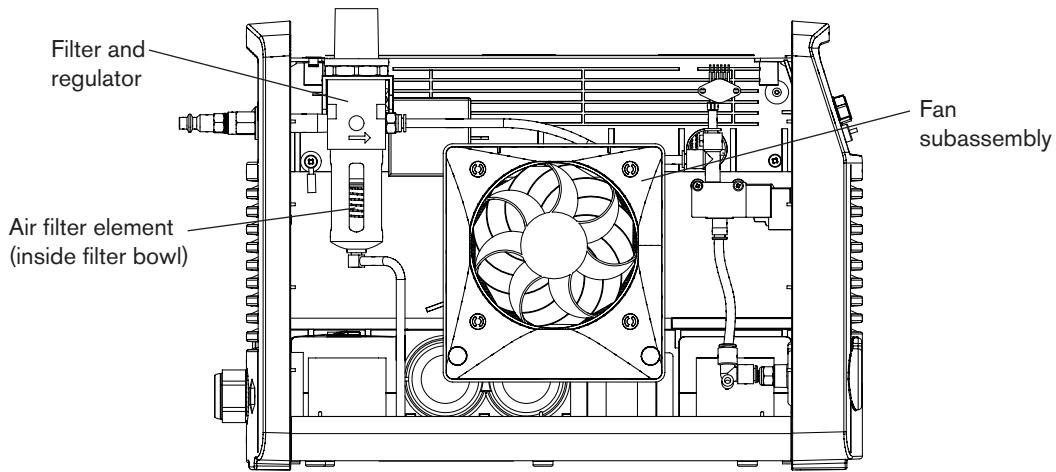
Part number	Description
228269	Kit: Powermax45 front panel
228268	Kit: Powermax45 rear panel
228270	Kit: Cover screws
228267	Kit: Handle and screws
228281	Kit: Power supply cover, CSA
228283	Kit: Power supply cover, CE
228300	Kit: Work lead with clamp, 20 ft (6.1 m)
228301	Kit: Work lead with clamp, 50 ft (15.24 m)
108616	Amperage adjustment knob



Part number	Description
228278	Kit: Powermax45 power cord, CSA 200-240 V
228277	Kit: Powermax45 power cord, CE 230 V
228276	Kit: Powermax45 power cord, CE 400 V
128650	Remote start pendant for machine torch, 25 ft (7.63 m)
128651	Remote start pendant for machine torch, 50 ft (15.24 m)
128652	Remote start pendant for machine torch, 75 ft (22.86 m)
023206	Machine interface cable (start plasma, arc transfer, and ground), 25 ft (7.63 m)
023279	Machine interface cable (start plasma, arc transfer, and ground), 50 ft (15.24 m)
123966	Powermax45 machine interface cable (start plasma, arc transfer, 50:1 voltage divider, and ground), 25 ft (7.62 m), spade connectors
123967	Powermax45 machine interface cable (start plasma, arc transfer, 50:1 voltage divider, and ground), 50 ft (15.24 m), spade connectors
123896	Machine interface cable (start plasma, arc transfer, 5:1 voltage divider, and ground), 50 ft (15.24 m), D-sub connector with screws

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### Part number

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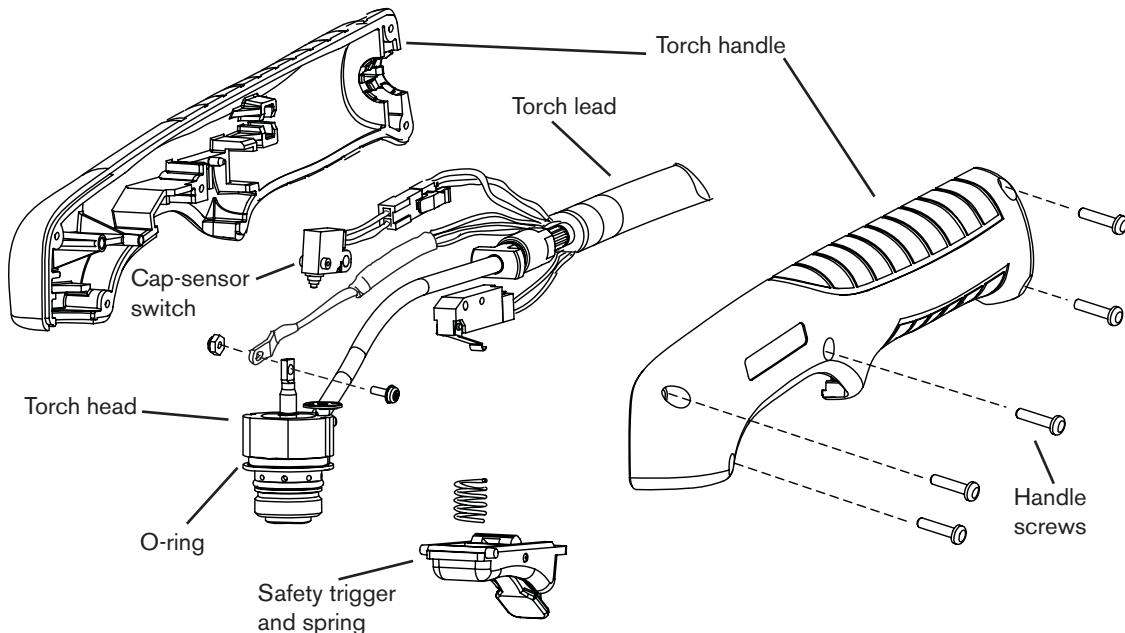
### Description

Kit: Fan subassembly

Kit: Filter and regulator

Kit: Air filter element

## T45v hand torch parts



The entire hand torch and lead assembly can be replaced, or individual component parts can be replaced. Part numbers starting with 088 indicate complete torch and lead assemblies.

Part number	Description
088008*	T45v hand torch assembly with 20 ft (6.1 m) lead
088009*	T45v hand torch assembly with 50 ft (15.24 m) lead
228313	Kit: Handle
075714	Screws, #4 x 1/2 SLTD Torx PAN, S/B
002294	Safety trigger and spring replacement
228346	Kit: Torch head replacement
058503	O-ring: Viton .626 x .070
228109	Kit: Cap-sensor switch replacement
228315	Kit: Torch lead replacement, 20 ft (6.1 m)
228316	Kit: Torch lead replacement, 50 ft (15.24 m)

\* The torch assembly also includes one set of the consumables listed on the next page.

**T45v hand torch consumables****Part number                  Description****Shielded**

220669	Electrode
220670	Swirl ring
220713	Retaining cap
220671	Nozzle
220674	Shield

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220675	Shield
220672	Nozzle

**Unshielded\***

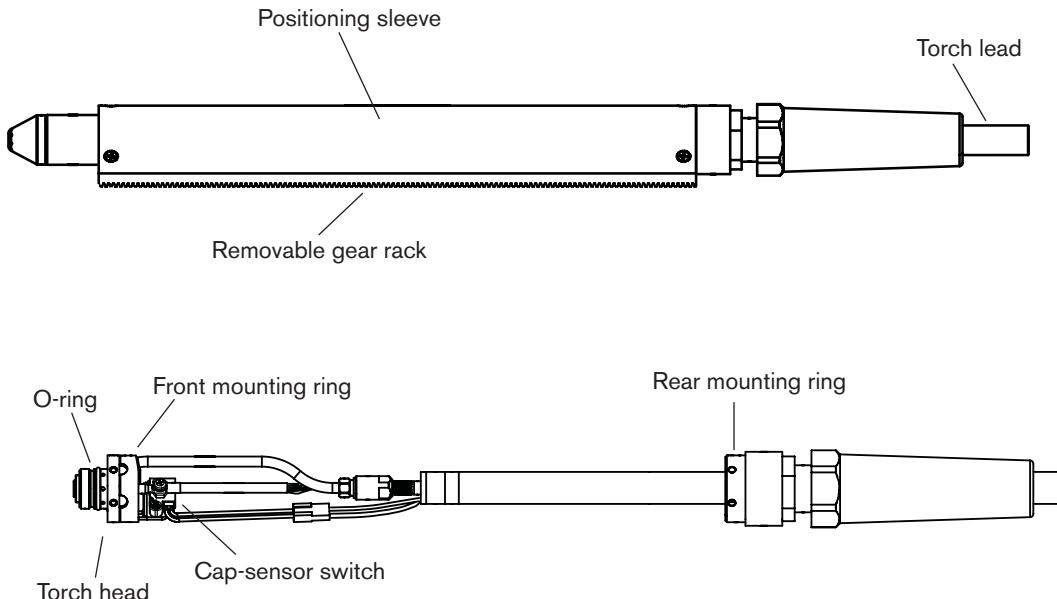
220717	Deflector
220718	Nozzle

\*The swirl ring, retaining cap, and electrode for these applications are the same as those for the shielded application. Unshielded consumables for the hand torch are not available in CE-regulated countries.

**T30v (Powermax30) 30 A consumables****Part number                  Description**

220569	Deflector
220483	Retaining cap
220480	Nozzle
220479	Swirl ring
220478	Electrode

## T45m machine torch parts



The entire machine torch and lead assembly can be replaced, or individual component parts can be replaced. Part numbers starting with 088 indicate complete torch and lead assemblies.

Part number	Description
088010*	T45m machine torch assembly with 25 ft (7.6 m) lead
088011*	T45m machine torch assembly with 35 ft (10.67 m) lead
088012*	T45m machine torch assembly with 50 ft (15.24 m) lead
228228	Kit: T45m positioning sleeve
228229	Kit: T45m removable gear rack
228322	Kit: Front mounting ring
228323	Kit: Rear mounting ring
228320	Kit: T45m torch head replacement
228321	Kit: T45m cap-sensor switch replacement
058503	O-ring
228317	T45m torch lead replacement, 25 ft (7.6 m)
228318	T45m torch lead replacement, 35 ft (10.67 m)
228319	T45m torch lead replacement, 50 ft (15.24 m)

\* The torch assembly also includes one set of the consumables listed on the next page.

## T45m machine torch consumables

Part number	Description
<b>Shielded</b>	
220669	Electrode
220670	Swirl ring
220713	Retaining cap
220719	Ohmic sensing retaining cap
220671	Nozzle
220673	Shield
<b>Unshielded*</b>	
220717	Deflector
220718	Nozzle

\*The swirl ring, retaining cap, and electrode for the unshielded application are the same as those for the shielded application.

The T30v (Powermax30) 30 A consumables can be used on the T45m as well. The part numbers are listed on page 7-5.

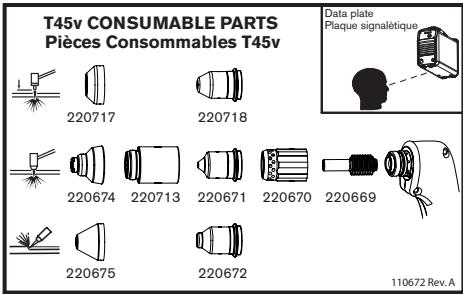
## Accessory parts

Part number	Description
024548	Leather torch sheathing , 25 ft (7.5 m)
128658	Gouging heat shield
127102	Basic plasma (circle) cutting guide
027668	Deluxe plasma (circle) cutting guide
127219	Powermax45 dust cover
127217	Powermax45 shoulder strap
128647	Kit: Eliminizer air filtration

## Powermax45 labels

Part number	Description
228272	Kit: Powermax45 labels, CE
228264	Kit: Powermax45 labels, CSA

The label kits include the consumable label, appropriate safety labels, as well as front and side decals. The consumable and safety labels are pictured on the next page.



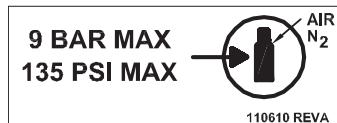
Consumable label



CE safety label



CSA safety label



Maximum pressure label

