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# Preface

*Modern Welding* is an authoritative text written for use by students and teachers in secondary schools, colleges and universities, technical, and trade schools. It is also suitable for use by individuals who wish to learn independently about contemporary processes and techniques used in welding, as well as organizations training and upskilling their workforce.

*Modern Welding* provides you with an understanding of virtually all the welding and cutting processes used in production and repair today. This book covers the theory, fundamentals of operation, equipment used, and techniques recommended for all of the welding and cutting processes in commercial use.

The many tables and charts included in *Modern Welding* provide information regarding recommended settings for the variables involved in the various welding processes. These tables include the recommended amperage and voltage settings, wire feed rates, electrode sizes, inert gas selections, welding speeds, gas pressures, tip sizes, and much more.

General shop safety, safety attitudes, and specific welding shop safety practices are covered in Chapter 1. Safety information and cautions are also printed in bold, red type throughout the text, wherever they apply. Chapters 2 and 3 cover print reading and the interpretation of the American Welding Society welding symbols found on welding prints. Chapter 4 is an overview of welding and cutting processes that are covered in detail later in the book. The remainder of the text is divided into nine sections, each covering a different welding process or group of related welding processes. Chapter 33 covers the subject of getting and holding a job in the welding industry. Technical information that may be required while working in the welding industry is included in Chapter 34. An extensive Glossary of Welding Terms is provided at the end of the book.

*Modern Welding* may be studied in order from Chapter 1 to Chapter 34, or it may be used to study welding processes in any desired order. Each section stands alone and does not rely on previously acquired knowledge.

*Modern Welding* is extensively illustrated with full-color photographs, as well as drawings that have been color-coded to help you better understand each welding process and its equipment. Be sure to read all figure captions; they may contain details that are not included in the text.

Measurements are generally shown in dual form: US Customary followed by SI (metric). Welding terms throughout the text conform to the usage in the AWS Standard A3.0:2020, *Standard Welding Terms and Definitions*. Nonstandard or “trade” terms, when given, are clearly identified. The topics covered in *Modern Welding* are presented in a logical sequence designed to make learning and teaching the technology of welding easier and more effective.

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# New to This Edition

This edition of *Modern Welding* includes updated content and coverage of welding topics in accordance with the latest technology and industry advancements. Many figures and tables have been evaluated and revised to present relevant information for the welding student, and those working in the industry, in a clear and straightforward way. In addition, new and vibrant figures showing a broad spectrum of welding equipment and applications have been added.

The learning objectives have been modified to reflect changes in AWS publications and carefully aligned with the content in the chapters. As safety during welding processes is paramount, Chapter 1 includes new details and assessment on safety precautions that are specific to the various welding processes. These safety precautions are also addressed in more detail within the chapters that cover these specific welding processes.

In addition, new details within the chapters provide an invaluable look at complex welding principles and processes from the welder's perspective. Chapter 6 provides step-by-step instruction on how to best prepare for and pass a structural welding qualification test. Chapters 6, 8, and 10 discuss how to adjust setting on a power supply from a welder's point of view. Chapter 11 provides exacting details on using plasma arc cutting for joint preparation prior to welding.

New and updated content in Chapter 20 discusses high-energy beam welding. There is also a wealth of new material in Chapter 21 on welding the various types of stainless steel, including information on carbide precipitation (sensitization) and how to prevent it. Chapter 26 introduces collaborative robots, or cobots, a robotic system designed to work with people to accomplish industry tasks. Finally, Chapter 34 features new material on practical measurements and conversions.

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




### How to Use the Key

Many of the drawings in *Modern Welding* are color coded for easy identification and to help students determine the function of the component. Travel angles are shown in red and work angles are shown in black to help differentiate between these important angles. In addition, colors are used to help show the flow of different gases and to indicate various materials or equipment features. The following key shows what each color represents.

#### Gases

Oxygen	high-pressure		low-pressure		Shielding gas (1) high-pressure		low-pressure		
Fuel gas	high-pressure		low-pressure		Shielding gas (2) high-pressure		low-pressure		
					Air	high-pressure		vacuum	

#### Weld

Base metal or plastic		Electrode		Welding machines/equipment	
Molten metal or plastic		Flux		Wires, leads, graph curves	
Welding rod		Slag		Water	
Weld bead or surfacing material		Fumes		<b>Other Materials</b>	
Flame, arc, or plasma		Direction or motion		Special features, materials, or components not otherwise color-coded	

# Features of the Textbook

The instructional design of Modern Welding includes student-focused learning tools to help you succeed. This visual guide highlights these features.

## Chapter Opening Materials

Each chapter opener contains an introduction and a list of learning objectives.

**Learning Objectives** clearly identify the knowledge and skills to be gained when the chapter is completed.

The **Introduction** provides an overview and preview of the chapter content.

## Additional Features

Additional features are used throughout the body of each chapter to further learning and knowledge.

**Pro Tips** provide advice and guidance that is especially applicable for on-the-job situations.

**Cautions** alert you to practices that could potentially damage equipment or instruments.

**Technical Terms** appear in *bold/italic* when introduced in the text.

**Notes** provide additional information about a particular topic covered in the chapter.

**Procedures** are highlighted throughout the textbook to provide clear instructions for hands-on service activities.

**CHAPTER 1**

### Safety in the Welding Shop

**Learning Objectives**

After studying this chapter, you will be able to:

- Identify common causes of accidents.
- Recognize health and safety hazards in the welding shop or other work environments and take appropriate measures to prevent accidents and injuries.
- Select and properly use safety equipment appropriate to working conditions, including the clothing items that should be worn during welding or cutting.
- Explain where to find information about welding on hazardous containers and disposing of hazardous waste safely and properly.
- Explain the purpose of a safety data sheet (SDS).
- Identify safety considerations unique to various welding processes including oxyfuel gas welding and cutting, arc welding and cutting, resistance welding, robotic welding, and other special welding processes.

**W**elding poses a wide range of safety and health risks to welders. Welding hazards include exposure to toxic fumes and ultraviolet rays. Potential safety hazards, such as burns, eye damage and electrical shock can arise from the use of powerful welding equipment. Careful training in proper work practices and the use of quality personal protective equipment (PPE) helps to reduce these dangers.

While many important safety procedures are outlined in this chapter, always read and comply with owner's manuals, safety labels on products, and all applicable safety standards. Before operating, installing, or servicing any tool or unit, consult and follow the directions in the owner's manual. Also, carefully read the safety data sheets for all metals and materials used.

**W1 Accidents**

The *American Heritage Dictionary* defines *accident* as "an unexpected undesirable event." Many of the experts who study accidents and safe practices believe that some personal or physical factor is responsible in every accident. The following are some personal factors that may cause or contribute to accidents:

- Stress.** People who are under stress may be distracted from their work by worry, anger, sorrow, love, or hate.
- Illness.** When a person is ill, they may not be able to give all the attention necessary to a task.
- Fatigue.** If a person does not get sufficient sleep, for whatever reason, they may be less alert to the requirements of the job.
- Lack of job knowledge.** When a person is not sufficiently trained for the job or task and its safety hazards, accidents can more readily occur.
- Age.** There are more accidental deaths at age 18 than at any other age. Wisdom and a concern for the results of personal actions normally increase with age. However, the age at which these changes take place varies considerably.

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**Caution**

Store and handle SMAW electrodes carefully to protect the coating from damage or cracking.

Electrodes are sold in cardboard boxes, tubes, or metal cans, depending on the quantity purchased. Often there is a resealable plastic bag inside the container. The packaging identifies the electrode type and diameter and keeps the electrodes safe. The packaging should be resealed after each time electrodes are removed. Small quantities of electrodes are sold in resealable plastic bags. For most electrodes, keeping them in their original packaging is recommended.

Low-hydrogen electrodes are often stored in an oven. Figure 5-26. Electrode manufacturers may recommend a storage temperature, often 250°F to 300°F (120°C to 150°C), to keep the electrodes from absorbing moisture (hydrogen).

If low-hydrogen electrodes are exposed to the atmosphere for too long, they pick up hydrogen. Remove only the quantity of electrodes that can be used before the end of the exposure time limit from the oven. Different electrode types have different time limits for exposure. E7018 electrodes with the R designation can be removed from an oven for twice as long as low-hydrogen electrodes without the R designation.

Most low-hydrogen SMAW electrodes can be reconditioned if their exposure time limit is exceeded. Reconditioning involves placing the electrodes in an oven for a period of time at a temperature that is higher than that used for storage. For example, electrodes can be reconditioned by heating them at 275°F (300°C) for one hour. Always check with the manufacturer or the original packaging for reconditioning recommendations. Some electrodes have a limit of how many times they can be reconditioned.

**5.10 Power Source Remote Controls**

Welders work on a variety of joints and materials with varying metal thicknesses. They use different electrodes and welding torches positions. All these variables require changes in welding current. Often the welding machine is at a distance from where the welding is being done. The welder may be welding on a structure or pipeline and the machine is on a truck or support equipment.

Several manufacturers provide remote control devices, Figure 5-27, that may be kept near the operator for convenient control of the machine.

**Pro Tip**

To ensure safety in a welding environment, every welder needs to read and understand *Safety in Welding, Cutting, and Allied Processes (ANSI Z49.0)* and keep a copy on hand.

**Figure 5-26** An electrode drying oven is used to remove moisture from the electrode coating before use.

**Figure 5-27** These devices allow a welder to adjust the welding amperage set on the power supply remotely. A—Wired remote amperage adjuster. B—Wireless remote amperage adjuster.

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Shut down an oxyacetylene welding outfit using the following procedure:

**Procedure**

**Shutting Down an Oxyacetylene Welding Outfit**

1. To turn off the flame, close the acetylene torch valve. Then, close the oxygen torch valve.
2. Completely close the acetylene cylinder valve. Then, close the oxygen cylinder valve.
3. Re-open the oxygen and acetylene torch valves. This allows all the gases in the system to escape. Watch the gauges. Both cylinder pressure gauges and both working pressure gauges will decrease to zero.
4. Turn the adjusting screws on both regulators counterclockwise until they feel loose.
5. Close the torch valves.
6. Hang up the welding torch and hoses and ensure that the cylinders are safely secured.

**Note**

If the torch manufacturer's procedures differ from those listed here, follow the manufacturer's procedures.

**13.2.9 Torch Adjustments**

A torch can be adjusted to produce the following flame characteristics:

- Neutral flame.
- Carburizing flame.
- Oxidizing flame.

In general, a neutral flame is most desired. However, for welding aluminum, brazing, and some other operations where oxidizing of the metals would interfere with welding, a slightly carburizing flame is often used. Figures 13-2 and 13-3 show the appearance of each of these flames. While a slightly carburizing flame may be recommended for certain work, a neutral flame usually works just as well. However, because of slight fluctuations in gas pressures, it is difficult to maintain a perfectly neutral flame. A flame may vary from neutral to slightly oxidizing or slightly carburizing. To avoid the undesirable consequence of an oxidizing flame, a neutral to slightly carburizing flame is usually preferred.

**Figure 13-11** Recommended steps for lighting the oxyacetylene welding torch. A—Open the acetylene torch valve slightly and light the acetylene with a spark lighter. B—The correct amount of acetylene is flowing if the flame jumps away from the torch when it is shaken. C—As shown here, turbulence is created in the acetylene flame and the sooty smoke is eliminated. D—Begin turning on the oxygen by opening the torch oxygen valve. E—Continue to turn the oxygen torch valve until the middle flame is eliminated and a rounded inner cone is seen.



### 4.7.2 Explosion Welding (EXW)

Explosion welding, Figure 4-23, joins metals together using a powerful shock wave. This creates enough pressure between two metals to cause surface flow and cohesion. EXW is often used to weld large sheets together. It is used to weld stainless steel plate to carbon steel, titanium to carbon steel, aluminum to stainless steel, and aluminum to molybdenum, among other applications. The energy source is the tremendous shock wave caused by detonating an explosive material. The operation requires precise setup. Bonding takes place in an instant. Safety glasses, ear protection, and approved clothing must be worn when handling the explosives before and after welding.

**Warning**

Extreme caution is required when handling explosives! Explosives should be handled only by experts. Many state and federal permits are required for explosion welding. No one is allowed to be near the welding process when the explosives are detonated. People must be behind a protective barrier or a great distance from the process.

Chapter 20, Special Welding Processes, explains this special type of welding in more detail.

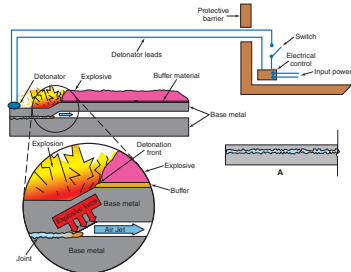


Figure 4-23. Explosion welding (EXW). A buffer material is applied to the top surface of one of the metal sheets. Energy comes from explosive material placed on top of buffer material. An igniter (detonator) is operated from back a barrier. The explosion proceeds from left to right and welds the top plate to the bottom plate almost at once, with deforming either piece of metal. The completed weld is shown at "A".

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Figure 29-28. This steel coming out of a preheating furnace is a bright yellow color at 2400 F (1320 C).

### 29.11 Review of Safety

Heat treatment of metals requires the welder to practice safe working habits with the hot metal. Because metals are good conductors of heat, always use extreme caution when handling heated pieces of steel. Temperatures above 1200° F (650° C) will cause severe burns. Protect the body by wearing approved goggles, leather gloves, and protective clothing.

Handle hot metals with pliers or tongs. Hot metals should be safeguarded and marked to prevent other persons from injuring themselves. When metals are being quenched, a safety shield should be worn to protect the face from high-temperature flying fluids. Since the source used for heat treating varies, the welder should investigate the required safety practices for each heat source.

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Figure 11-2. PAC accelerates and concentrates the flow of plasma using high-pressure gas and a constricting nozzle to produce the cutting jet.

Shielding gas can be nitrogen, carbon dioxide, argon, argon and hydrogen, oxygen, or air. The process is called *dual-flow plasma arc cutting* when a shield gas is used. Most welders in the field still call it just plasma arc cutting, but there is a difference.

### Nonstandard Terminology

Office gas is sometimes referred to by the nonstandard term plasma gas.

The plasma and shielding gases may both be the same type of gas, like air. The two gases may be different, like nitrogen for the office gas and either air or carbon dioxide for the shielding gas. Temperatures created by the plasma arc cutting process range from 18,000°F (10,000°C) to 25,000°F (14,000°C). Temperatures in this range melt all metals. The high-velocity gas removes the molten metal from the part being cut. As the torch is moved along the line of the cut, a slot (kerf) is created. Figure 11-3 shows the PAC process being used.

- The following are advantages of PAC:
- It has the ability to cut all metals.
  - Cutting speeds are faster than with oxyfuel cutting, especially on metals less than one inch (25 mm) thick.

Preheating is required. Cutting begins immediately. Distortion and heat-affected zones are minimized. Hazardous or explosive gases are used.

Warnings alert you to situations and actions that have the potential to cause bodily harm or death.

Safety Notes alert you to potentially dangerous materials and practices.

Nonstandard Terminology features provide alternate words for technical terms in the chapter.

## Illustrations

Illustrations have been designed to clearly and simply communicate the specific topic. Illustrations have been completely replaced and updated for this edition.

Photographic images have been updated to show the latest equipment.

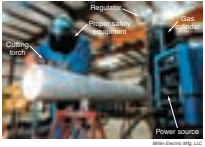


Figure 11-1. Plasma arc cutting equipment. An inverter power source and a gas cylinder are used to supply power and office gas for the cutting process. Notice the safety equipment being worn by the welder.

- The following are disadvantages of PAC:
- The cost of PAC equipment can be higher than equipment for other processes.
  - A source of electricity must be available.
  - The presence of an arc can cause safety hazards.
  - Resulting metal fumes can be a health hazard.

### 11.2 Plasma Arc Cutting Equipment, Supplies, and Gases

The plasma arc cutting process requires equipment designed for this process. See Figure 11-4. The equipment must be able to start and control the arc. The torch design must create the plasma and properly direct it to perform the cutting operation. The end of the torch must be able to withstand very high temperatures.

- A plasma arc cutting system includes the following main parts:
- Constant current power source.
  - Cutting torch with a combination cable.
  - Workpiece lead.
  - Supply of gas or gases with cylinders and regulators.
  - Safety equipment for the operator.

### 11.2.1 PAC Power Sources

Power sources used for plasma arc cutting are constant current (CC) machines. This is the same type of power source used for shielded metal arc welding.

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## Career Features

Employability features help you understand what you can anticipate and expect in the workplace. These features also present useful information for finding the job you want and developing the skills that you need to get there.

The heat of the electric arc can be controlled by the current setting and by the arc length. Electrode diameter and flux material determine the amount of welding current and the type of current (AC or DC) required. The arc between the welding electrode and the base metal is struck (initiated) by the welder. The welder must keep the electrode positioned the proper distance from the workpiece (arc length) to maintain the arc.

The covering on the electrode burns off while welding. Some of the covering melts and forms a protective gas shield that surrounds the arc as the electrode melts. Some of the covering melts to form a slag that covers the completed weld. The slag layer protects the hot metal from oxidizing (or rusting) while it cools. The term *oxidation* refers to oxygen chemically combining with a metal. Oxidation should be avoided in welding operations. Oxidation can be avoided by preventing oxygen from coming into contact with the metal during the welding process.

Welders must wear an approved helmet with proper lenses for shielded metal arc welding, gloves,

and protective clothing. The welding workstation must be well ventilated. Chapter 5, Shielded Metal Arc Welding Equipment and Supplies, and Chapter 6, Shielded Metal Arc Welding, provide more detailed information about shielded metal arc welding.

### 4.1.2 Gas Metal Arc Welding (GMAW)

In gas metal arc welding, an electric arc between a continuously fed metal electrode and the base metal produces heat. The heat melts the base metal and the electrode, creating the weld. The arc is shielded by a gas that is supplied through the welding gun. This process is popular in production, robotic welding, and repair shops.

### Nonstandard Terminology

Gas metal arc welding is often referred to by the nonstandard term MIG (metal inert gas) welding.

### Employability

#### Communication and Welding Terms

In any occupation, the ability to communicate effectively and to be clearly understood by one's coworkers is an important factor in working successfully. Many specialized terms identify equipment and processes in the welding industry. Standard terminology and informal jargon are both encountered in the workplace.

The American Welding Society has established standard terminology to promote effective communication in the welding industry. AWS publishes a document, *Standard Welding Terms and Definitions*, that contains standard terms and definitions related to welding, brazing, soldering, and other processes. In the welding industry, standard terms should be used in oral and written communication to refer to equipment and processes. Aspiring welders should learn these terms because use of standard terminology projects professionalism and ensures technical accuracy.

However, in shops, in factories, on construction sites, and in other welding environments, nonstandard terminology is frequently spoken and written. These terms must also be understood by welders.

Some welding terms soon evolve over time. For example, in the 1940s, the developer of the GTAW process named it Helarc because helium shielding gas was used to protect a tungsten electrode arc. Later, when other inert gases were used for shielding, the process became known as tungsten inert gas welding (TIG). As the welding process evolved, small quantities of hydrogen were occasionally added to the shielding gas to speed up production. Since hydrogen is not an inert gas, the standardized term for the process was changed to gas tungsten arc welding (GTAW).

Employers value good communication skills in employees. A clear understanding of welding terminology contributes to clear communication and is a positive factor in gaining and keeping employment.

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Figure 18-36. A large circular resistance welding machine. The electrode wheels are driven with small friction drive rollers.

A universal machine can be used to make both circumferential and longitudinal seam welds. Both universal machines come with two lower arms that can be interchanged as needed. One is designed to make circumferential seam welds. The other is designed to make longitudinal seam welds. The single upper arm and circular electrode can be rotated as required.

A seam welding machine is controlled by a programmable welding controller. Current can run constantly to make a continuous seam, or it can be timed to make overlapping or uniformly spaced spot welds.

Pneumatic (air) or servo motor force systems are used to apply required force to the electrodes. The pressures required are not extremely high.

The metal parts being seam welded and the circular electrodes can get very hot. It is usually necessary to cool the electrodes and the weldment. Two or more flexible tubes are positioned to deliver a steady flow of water directly to where the circular electrodes contact the metal being welded. At least one tube directs water to each electrode. Usually there is a water tube directed against each side of each wheel electrode.

### Employability

#### Teamwork

Employers seek employees who can effectively serve as good team members. Due to the nature of most work today, teamwork is necessary. A team is a small group of people working together for a common purpose. Often, cooperation requires flexibility and willingness to try new ways to get things done. If someone is uncooperative, it takes longer to accomplish the tasks. When people do not get along, strained relationships may occur, which get in the way of finishing the tasks.

A big advantage of a team is its ability to develop plans and complete work faster than individuals working alone. However, a team usually takes longer to reach a decision than an individual worker does. Team members need some time before they become comfortable with one another and function as a unit. You will be more desirable as an employee if you know how to be a team player.

In teams, there is a protocol, or set of unspoken rules, that dictates behavior. Team protocol suggests team members implement the following behaviors:

- State a clear unity of purpose.
- Have a clear set of performance goals.

- Create an atmosphere that is informal, comfortable, and relaxed.
- Encourage everyone to participate and be free to express ideas and feelings.
- Lead members to a general consensus through discussion.

To be an effective team member, team protocol suggests that members practice the following behaviors:

- Communicate freely with other team members.
- Avoid blaming others.
- Support the ideas of other group members; consider all ideas without immediate dismissal.
- Do not brag or try to be the "superstar" and be more a team player.
- Listen actively.
- Get involved.

Creative ideas often develop from building on another person's idea. Honesty and openness are essential. Also, trying to understand the ideas of others before trying to get others to understand your ideas is an effective skill to develop.

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# End-of-Chapter Content

End-of-chapter material provides an opportunity for review and application of concepts.

A concise **Summary** provides an additional review tool and reinforces key learning objectives. This helps you focus on important concepts presented in the text.

**Technical Terms** list the key words that were covered in the chapter.

## Know and Understand

questions enable you to demonstrate knowledge, identification, and comprehension of chapter material.

**Apply and Analyze** questions extend learning and develop your abilities to use learned material in new situations and to break down material into its component parts.

**Critical Thinking** questions develop higher-order thinking and problem solving, personal, and workplace skills.

**Experiment** questions extend your learning and help you apply knowledge.

## Summary

- Welders must be familiar with ANSI Z49.1, *Safety in Welding, Cutting, and Allied Processes* (ANSI Z49.1), a document published by AWS that outlines safety procedures and practices.
- Accidents can be caused by personal factors, such as stress, illness, drug use, or a poor attitude. Physical factors that can be involved in accidents include equipment failure, time of day, and housekeeping.
- Welders must wear the necessary personal protective equipment (PPE), which is the eye, ear, head, hand, arm, leg, foot, and general body protective equipment needed for safety on the job.
- Hazards in the welding shop include fire hazards, electrical hazards, fumes, hazardous obstacles, and others. Every worker is responsible for keeping the shop clean, organized, and clear of hazards.
- Safety data sheets (SDS) provide crucial information about chemicals and substances used in the workplace. These documents must be accessible to every employee.
- Whenever in doubt about what hazardous elements may be in a base material, either do not weld the material, use excellent ventilation, or wear a positive-pressure respirator.
- Information about welding on hazardous containers is found in the AWS Publication F4.1, *Safe Practices for the Preparation of Containers and Piping for Welding and Cutting*. The Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) provides laws and information on the legal and safe disposal of hazardous waste.
- Welders are exposed to spatter, sparks, and flying shards of hot metal and slag, leather, wood, or cotton clothing treated with flame-retardant should be worn to protect the body against such hazards.
- Certain conditions may require a hot work permit or a dedicated fire watch. Welders must be aware of the four classifications of fires and the classification of fire extinguishers used to put out each type of fire.
- Oxyfuel gas welding, arc welding, resistance welding, robotic welding, specialized welding, and cutting processes present welders with additional safety hazards, such as eye hazards, hearing hazards, and electrical and explosion hazards.

## Technical Terms

- Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) personal protective equipment (PPE)
- positive-pressure respirators
- Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA)
- safety data sheets (SDS)
- safety inspection work envelope

## Review Questions

Answer the following questions using the information in the chapter.

### Know and Understand

- All of the following are physical factors that may be involved in shop accidents, except \_\_\_\_\_.
  - equipment failure
  - time of day
  - poor attitude
  - lack of housekeeping
- Ensuring that the working pressure never exceeds 15 psig (103 kPa) on the fuel gas regulator is a safety consideration unique to which of the following welding processes?
  - Arc welding and cutting
  - Oxyfuel gas welding and cutting
  - Resistance welding
  - Robotic welding or another special welding process
- Recommended filter lens shade numbers for shielded metal arc welding range from \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 3 to 5
  - 4 to 8
  - 9 to 12
  - 10 to 14
- A document that provides important safety information about a chemical or substance used in the workplace is referred to as an a) \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ANSI
  - PPE
  - SDS
  - RCRA

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### Technical Terms

capacitive discharge resistance welder	parallel gap resistance spot welding
conductivity	reactance
cross-wire resistance welding	resistance welding schedule
dynamic weld resistance monitoring	seam welding machine
electrochemical resistance spot welding machine	silicon-controlled rectifier (SCR)
electrode diameter	squeeze time
electrode face	step-down transformer
electrostatic resistance spot welding machine	stored energy resistance spot welding machine
flash welding	tap
flashing	three-phase resistance spot welding machine
hold time	throat depth
KVA (kilovolt-ampere) rating	throat height
laminated core off time	trans ratio
	transgun
	upset welding
	weld time

### Review Questions

Answer the following questions using the information provided in this chapter.

#### Know and Understand

- True or False?* Resistance welding requires low amperage and high voltage electrical energy.
- True or False?* A step-down transformer lowers the supplied voltage.
- True or False?* Step-down transformers have many secondary windings.
- What is a typical duty cycle rating for a resistance welding machine?
  - 10% duty cycle
  - 20% duty cycle
  - 50% duty cycle
  - 80% duty cycle
- For resistance welding, the duty cycle is based on a \_\_\_\_ period.
  - one-minute
  - two-minute
  - five-minute
  - ten-minute

#### Apply and Analyze

- True or False?* The KVA rating of a resistance welding transformer is based on the output of the secondary circuit.
- Which of the following is *not* a variable in resistance welding?
  - Current
  - Electrode face
  - Lubrication
  - Time
- True or False?* Servo motor force systems are more accurate than pneumatic systems.
- The time required for the electrodes to close on the workpiece and apply the proper force is the \_\_\_\_ time.
  - squeeze
  - weld
  - hold
  - off
- True or False?* Resistance welding electrodes should resist conducting heat.
- RWMA recognizes three groups of materials for resistance welding electrodes. Group A includes \_\_\_\_\_.
  - refractory metal alloys
  - copper-based alloys
  - specialty materials
  - galvanized steel alloys
- Reactance \_\_\_\_\_.
  - is a measure of how well electrical current passes through a material.
  - is the opposition of molten metal to an increasing current.
  - is the resistance to the flow of AC.
- Which type of machine is used for projection welding?
  - Seam welding machine
  - Cross-wire resistance welding machine
  - Parallel gap resistance welding machine
  - Press-type welding machine
- Which type of machine uses two copper alloy circular electrodes?
  - Seam welding machine
  - Cross-wire resistance welding machine
  - Parallel gap resistance welding machine
  - Press-type welding machine
- True or False?* The surfaces being welded in flash welding do not need to be cleaned.

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### Summary

- Surfacing is the application by welding, brazing, or thermal spraying of a layer, or layers, of material to a surface.
- A surfacing material is applied to resist wear, improve performance, improve physical strength, increase dimensional size, protect the base material from chemical corrosion, or improve appearance.
- A material used to prevent a wear problem must be chosen for its ability to prevent wear from one or more of the following: abrasive wear, surface fatigue, corrosive wear, and galling or adhesion.
- Shielded metal arc welding (SMAW), flux cored arc welding (FCAW), submerged arc welding (SAW), gas tungsten arc welding (GTAW), and oxyfuel gas welding or brazing (OPW) are major welding processes used to perform the various types of surfacing.
- Surfacing variations include the following:
  - Cladding: application of surfacing materials to improve corrosion or heat resistance.
  - Hardfacing: application of surfacing material to reduce wear.
  - Buttering: application of metal on one or more surfaces to provide metallurgically compatible weld metal for the subsequent application of a dissimilar metal.
  - Buildup: addition of surfacing material to achieve required dimensions.
  - In thermal spraying, finely divided metallic or nonmetallic surfacing materials are deposited in a molten or semi-molten condition on a substrate.
- Thermal spraying processes used for surfacing are flame spraying (FLSP), arc spraying (ASP), detonation flame spraying (DFSP), and plasma spraying (PSP).
- A large variety of hardfacing materials are available for SMAW, FCAM, and SAW processes. GTAW and oxyfuel can also be used.
- Surface preparation is critical to any thermal spray surfacing application. Before surfacing material can be applied, the surface must be cleaned thoroughly using one of many methods.
- Spalling (breaking off of surfacing material from the base metal or a previous hardfacing layer) results from poor surfacing procedures. Surface preparation requires previous hardfacing to be removed.
- Thermal spraying can be used to deposit almost all metals and many alloys to other metal surfaces.

The pattern used to deposit hardfacing can be adjusted to match the specific application. Not all metals must be preheated before surfacing materials can be applied, but preheating is advisable with alloy steels.

- Both thermal spraying and hardfacing (using a solid rod), can be done with the oxyfuel gas process.
- Flame spraying involves melting surfacing or cladding materials in an oxyfuel gas flame. The molten materials are transferred to the surface of the part. The surfacing or coating material may be in the form of wire, rod, or powder.
- Completed thermal-sprayed surfaces are generally inspected visually for defects and oil or other contaminants. Visible defects must be removed, and the surfacing material reapplied.
- Safety precautions specified for gas welding, arc welding, welding on containers, and similar applications also apply to metal surfacing. Earplugs or earmuffs should be worn for arc spraying, detonation spraying, and plasma arc spraying processes.

### Technical Terms

abrasive wear	flame spraying
bond coat	hardfacing
buildup	hardness
buttering	high velocity oxyfuel (HVOF) spraying
chemical corrosion	impact wear
cladding	spalling
detonation flame spraying	surfacing
detonation flame spraying gun	thermal spraying
electric arc spray method	wear

### Review Questions

Answer the following questions using the information provided in this chapter.

#### Know and Understand

- Which of the following statements about surfacing is false?
  - Surfacing may be done with welding, brazing, or thermal spraying.
  - Surfacing adds a layer or layers to a material.
  - Surfacing involves making a joint.
  - Surfacing is done to obtain desired properties or dimensions.

#### Apply and Analyze

- What is thermal spraying?
- What factors should be considered when evaluating whether a part should be surfaced?
- What are two ways of helping to prevent spalling?
- Why is a basket weave pattern used to apply hardfacing alloys to many parts used for digging?

#### Critical Thinking

- Some metals must be preheated before they are surfaced; others do not require preheating (as discussed in section 27.2.1). Why do you think some metals must be preheated in order to form a complete bond, while others bond completely without preheating?
- Surfacing is defined by the American Welding Society as "the application by welding, brazing, or thermal spraying of a layer, or layers, of material to a surface to obtain desired properties or dimensions, as opposed to making a joint." The AWS definition of surfacing is different from that used in common language outside the field of welding. Think of at least two other words defined by the AWS that have a different meaning in a professional welding setting than in common language.

#### Experiment

- Preheating the base metal is important in many surfacing processes. A specific preheat temperature is required for different base metals. Use temperature-indicating crayons to quickly determine the temperature of a base metal. Raise the temperature of various thicknesses of steel plate to approximately 2200°F (1200°C). Then, preheat various thicknesses of cast iron to 500°F–700°F (260°C–370°C). Using temperature-indicating crayons, note the different lengths of time required to successfully preheat different materials and various thicknesses of base material.

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### Summary

- The application of surfacing materials to improve corrosion or heat resistance is called \_\_\_\_\_.
  - buildup
  - cladding
  - hardfacing
  - buttering
- A form of surfacing in which surfacing material is deposited to reduce wear is called \_\_\_\_\_.
  - spalling
  - buildup
  - buttering
  - hardfacing
- True or False?* The surface materials used in thermal spraying may be metallic or nonmetallic.
- A rubbing or scraping action describes \_\_\_\_\_.
  - impact wear
  - surface fatigue
  - corrosive wear
  - abrasive wear
- True or False?* Either DCEP polarity or AC can be used for hardfacing.
- Surfacing with GTAW is done with \_\_\_\_\_.
  - DCEP polarity and a ceriated electrode
  - DCEP polarity and a lanthanated electrode
  - DCEP polarity and a thoriated electrode
  - DCEP or AC polarity and a pure tungsten electrode
- The thermal spraying process that propels the surfacing material to the surface with the highest velocity is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - plasma spraying
  - electric arc spraying
  - detonation flame spraying
  - flame spraying
- True or False?* A transferred arc is used for plasma spraying?
- True or False?* A bond coat is the final layer of surfacing to be applied.

### Review Questions

Answer the following questions using the information provided in this chapter.

#### Know and Understand

- In what two ways can powder be delivered to the flame during the flame spraying process?
- For flame spraying with powdered surfacing materials, why should oxygen not be used as the carrier gas?
- In flame spraying, why is the spraying rate critical with powders?
- Explain how porous and nonporous surfaces should be cleaned before surfacing material is applied.
- What types of defects may be found on thermal-sprayed surfaces?
- Hearing protection must be worn during which three thermal spraying processes?

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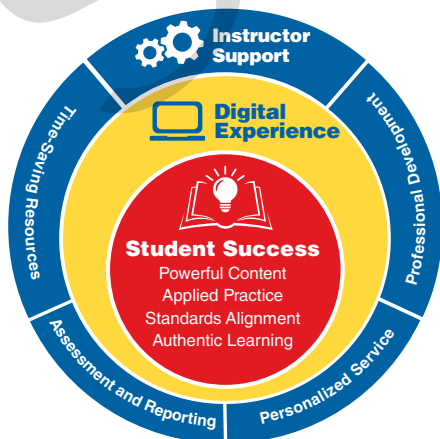
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