

TECHNICAL GUIDE

Auto MIG Gun

CONSUMABLES & ACCESSORIES



Reliable Automatic Welding Equipment

The Lightning® AUTO MIG gun is made to stand up to the high heat conditions typical in the production environment. Lightning® precision consumables are designed to reduce change-out related downtime. All gun components and consumables are made in the USA.

High Strength Cable

The outer cover is strengthened using electron beam accelerators which cross-link the polymers and increase the tear, stretch and abrasion resistance of the cable. Hytrel inner tubing is kink and impact resistant for smooth and reliable wire feed. The copper strand count of our premium cable assures long life and maximum productivity.

Lightning® Contact Tips

Tapered seat designed to dissipate heat and maximize electrical conductivity.

Our dual start-point thread allows re-seating of the tip. When wire wear begins to effect performance, simply rotate the tip 180° to a new wear-point and double the life of the contact tip.

Heavy Duty Handle

Lifetime Warranty on gun body.

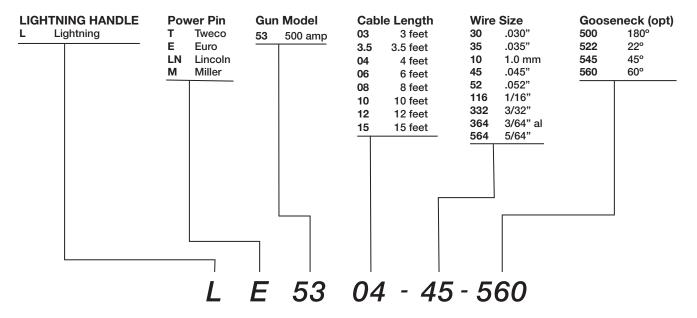
Fiber reinforced resin stands up to extreme heat and impact.

Slim compact design.

Amperage Ratings (duty cycle)

| 100% Duty Cycle | | 60% | Duty Cycle |
|-----------------|-----------|----------|------------|
| Co2 | Mixed Gas | Co2 | Mixed Gas |
| 500 amps | 350 amps | 650 amps | 500 amps |

PART NUMBERING SYSTEM







| NOZZLE | ES | ID | |
|---------|------------------------------|------|----------|
| 63-2138 | HD * Flush | 3/8" | (09.5mm) |
| 63-2662 | HD 1/8" Stick-Out | 5/8" | (15.9mm) |
| 63-2150 | HD 1/8" Tip Recess | 1/2" | (12.7mm) |
| 63-2162 | HD 1/8" Tip Recess | 5/8" | (15.9mm) |
| 63-2175 | HD 1/8"Tip Recess | 3/4" | (19.1mm) |
| 64-2562 | Extra HD Cu 1/4" Tip Rec. | 5/8" | (15.9mm) |
| 64-2575 | Extra HD Cu 1/4" Tip Rec. | 3/4" | (19.1mm) |
| 65-2550 | HD Cu 1/8" Tip Recess | 1/2" | (12.7mm) |
| 65-2562 | HD Cu 1/8" Tip Recess | 5/8" | (15.9mm) |
| 65-2575 | HD Cu 1/8" Tip Recess | 3/4" | (19.1mm) |
| 64-2950 | HD Bottleneck 1/8 Stick-out | 1/2" | (12.7mm) |
| 63-2950 | HD Bottleneck 1/8 Recess | 1/2" | (12.7mm) |
| 65-2662 | Extra HD 1/8 Stick-out | 5/8" | (15.9mm) |
| 65-2362 | Extra HD Brass 1/8 Stick-out | 5/8" | (15.9mm) |

Threaded versions available for all nozzles. Add "T" to part number.

| CONTACT TIPS | | | | |
|--------------|---------------|-----------|---------|------|
| 63-1130 | HD* | .030 | (0.8mm) | .037 |
| 63-1135 | HD | .035 | (0.9mm) | .043 |
| 63-1140 | HD | .040 | (1.0mm) | .048 |
| 63-1145 | HD | .045 | (1.2mm) | .055 |
| 63-1152 | HD | .052 | (1.3mm) | .063 |
| 63-1178 | HD | 5/64 | (2.0mm) | .093 |
| 63-1193 | HD | 3/32 | (2.4mm) | .110 |
| 63-1162 | HD | 1/16" | (1.6mm) | .073 |
| 63-1230 | HD Tapered | .030 | (0.8mm) | .037 |
| 63-1235 | HD Tapered | .035 | (0.9mm) | .043 |
| 63-1245 | HD Tapered | .045 | (1.2mm) | .055 |
| 63-1252 | HD Tapered | .052 | (1.3mm) | .063 |
| 63-1335 | HD CuCr ** | .035 | (0.9mm) | .043 |
| 63-1345 | HD CuCr | .045 | (1.2mm) | .050 |
| 63-1352 | HD CuCr | .052 | (1.3mm) | .059 |
| 63-1362 | HD CuCr | 1/16" | (1.6mm) | .070 |
| 63-1378 | HD CuCr | 5/64" | (2.0mm) | .093 |
| 63-1394 | HD CuCr | 3/32" | (2.4mm) | .110 |
| 65-1130 | Extra HD | .030 | | .037 |
| 65-1135 | Extra HD | .035 | | .043 |
| 65-1145 | Extra HD | .045 | | .055 |
| 65-1162 | Extra HD | 1/16 | | .073 |
| 65-1178 | Extra HD | 5/64 | | .093 |
| 65-1193 | Extra HD | 3/32 | | .110 |
| 65-11120 | Extra HD | 7/64 | | .120 |
| 65-11125 | Extra HD | 1/8 | | .136 |
| 65-1235 | Extra HD | .035 tprd | | .043 |
| 65-1245 | Extra HD | .045 tprd | | .055 |
| 65-1252 | Extra HD | .052 tprd | | .063 |
| 65-1335 | Extra HD CuCr | .035 | | .040 |
| 65-1345 | Extra HD CuCr | .045 | | .050 |
| 65-1352 | Extra HD CuCr | .052 | | .060 |

GAS DIFFUSERS & RETAINER

| 63-3201 | Diffuser for HD Contact Tip |
|-----------|---|
| 63-3104 | Nozzle Retainer (for 63-3201 above) |
| 63-3103 | Diffuser HD |
| 63-3116 | R/M Thread-on Diffuser HD |
| 65-3116 | R/M Thread-on Extra Heavy Duty Diffuser |
| 65-3103 | Diffuser Extra HD |
| 65-3103-2 | Robotic Extra HD |
| 63-3301 | Gas Diffuser O-Ring |
| | |

SHOCK WASHERS

63-6202

63-6202HD (Heavy Duty)

LIGHTNING® GOOSENECKS

| 65-5100A | Fixed | 180° |
|----------|-------|------|
| 65-5122A | Fixed | 22° |
| 65-5145A | Fixed | 45° |
| 65-5160A | Fixed | 60° |

LINERS

| Wire Size | Length | Part # | OD |
|----------------|----------|---------|-----------------|
| .023" (.6mm) | 15' | 64-4115 | 0.150 |
| .035" (.9mm) | 15' | 62-4315 | 0.156 |
| .035" (.9mm) | 25' | 62-4325 | 0.156 |
| .045" (1.6mm) | 15' | 62-4515 | 0.156 |
| .045" (1.6mm) | 25' | 62-4525 | 0.156 |
| .030" (.8mm) | 15' | 64-4215 | 0.182 |
| .035" (.9mm) | 10' | 64-4310 | 0.175 |
| .035" (.9mm) | 15' | 64-4315 | 0.175 |
| .035" (.9mm) | 25' | 64-4325 | 0.175 |
| .035" (.9mm) | 25' | 64-4325 | 0.175 |
| .035" (.9mm)al | 15' | 64-4415 | 0.189 |
| .045" (1.6mm) | 10' | 64-4510 | 0.189 |
| .045" (1.6mm) | 15' | 64-4515 | 0.189 |
| .045" (1.6mm) | 25' | 64-4525 | 0.189 |
| 3/64" (1.6mm) | 10' | 64-4510 | 0.189 |
| 3/64" (1.6mm) | 15' | 64-4515 | 0.189 |
| 3/64" (1.6mm) | 25' | 64-4525 | 0.189 |
| .52" (1.6mm) | 10' | 64-4510 | 0.189 |
| .52" (1.6mm) | 15' | 64-4515 | 0.189 |
| .52" (1.6mm) | 25' | 64-4525 | 0.189 |
| 1/16" (1.6mm) | 10' | 64-4510 | 0.189 |
| 1/16" (1.6mm) | 15' | 64-4515 | 0.189 |
| 1/16" (1.6mm) | 25' | 64-4525 | 0.189 |
| 3/64-1/16 al | 15' | 64-4615 | 0.189 |
| 5/64-3/32 | 15' Flat | 64-4715 | 0.189 |
| 5/64-3/32 | 25' Flat | 64-4725 | 0.21 |
| 5/64 & 1/16" | FC 10' | 64-4815 | 0.21 |
| .035 – .045 | 15' | 64-4915 | 0.192 |
| | | | (for S.S. Wire) |

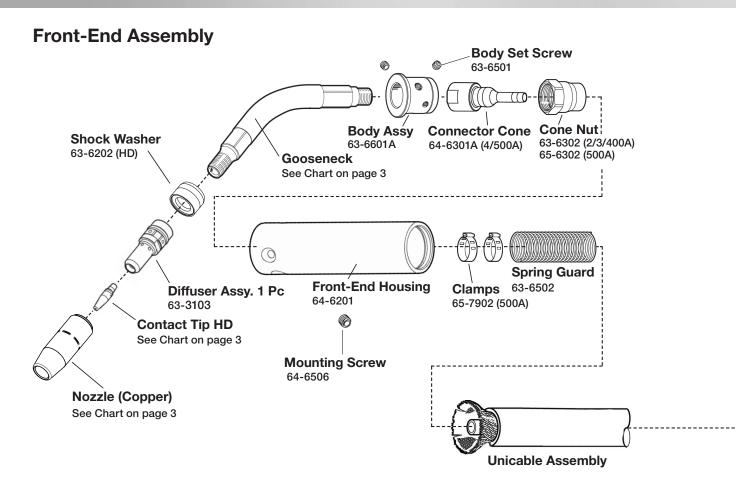
NOTE: 65-11xx series tips are only to be used with 65 series Lightning® diffusers.

Extra HD CuCr 1/16

65-1362

.070

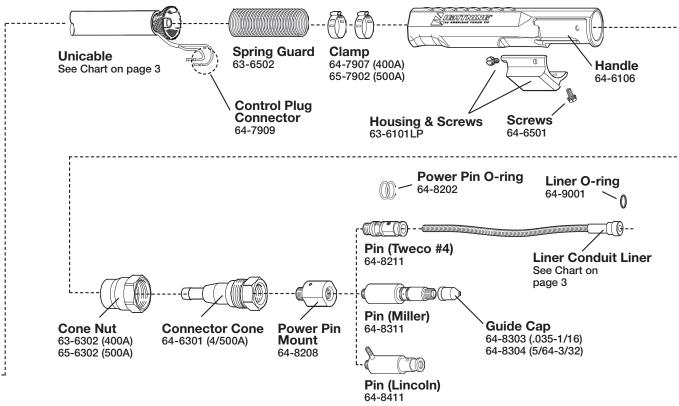




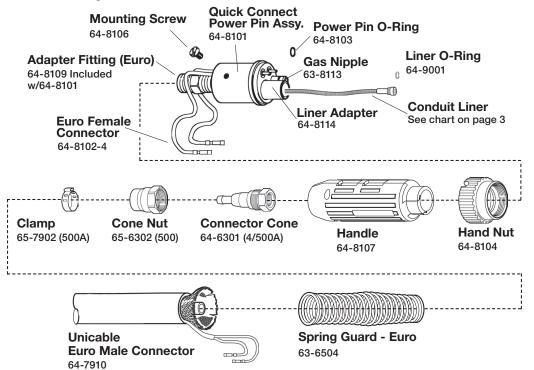




Back-End Assembly



European Assembly





Nozzle And Contact Tip Systems

Removal And Replacement

Pull slip-on nozzles off with a clockwise twisting motion.

When installing nozzle, exposed insulator should nest inside shock washer to assure concentricity.

Shock washers are positioned on the end of the gooseneck with the large insulated counterbore facing the nozzle.

Replace nozzle retainer with deep counterbore toward the gooseneck.

Tighten until retainer and shock washer are secure.

Thread-On (Optional For Tweco HD)

Thread-on nozzle system does not require nozzle retainer and cannot be used with heavy duty head.

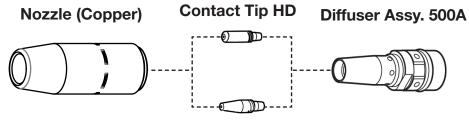
Shockwasher must be in place.

External gooseneck thread can be cleaned with a 9/16"-18 die.

Important

Shock washer must be in place before welding to maintain insulation of gooseneck. Be sure all parts are tightened will before welding. When using the heavy duty retaining head make sure it is tightened with a 11/16" wrench to prevent overheating of contact tip.

To prevent scoring on heavy duty retaining head do not use pliers.



Contact Tip HD Tprid

NOTE: Any of the above nozzle and contact tip systems can be used on the LIGHTNING GUN 50 AMP models. (See chart page 3)

Liner Replacement

Tools Required

Vise

5/64 Allen wrench

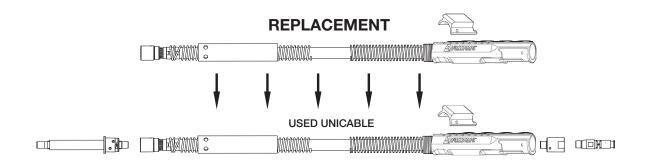
Lineman pliers

- 1. Remove nozzle, contact tip and tip holder from gooseneck. (Not shown)
- 2. With gun straightened, loosen liner set screw on quick connect power pin at back end of gun using a 5/64" Allen wrench. (See Figure 1)
- 3. Using pliers, grip liner and remove from gun.
- 4. Install new liner by feeding through gun. Use short strokes to avoid kinking. Use clockwise rotation as needed.
- 5. Be sure o-rings on liner head seats into inside bore of power pin.
- 6. Tighten set screw on power pin to secure liner. Do not overtighten.





Unicable Repair / Replacement



- 1. Remove liner from gun (See Liner Replacement, pg. 6).
- 2. Mount neck in vise.
- 3. Remove housing screws and slide housing back (front and back).
- 4. Loosen connector cone from neck using 1" (25 mm) wrench.
- 5. Remove from vise and thread out neck by hand.
- 6. Cable connection between cone and crimp ring should not be disturbed.
- 7. Unthread power pin and remove using 1 1/4" (32 mm) wrench on connector cone, and a 5/8" (16 mm) or 3/4" (19 mm) wrench on power pin. Install new power pin.
- 8. Retrieve front and rear housing. Slide housings onto new unicable assembly.
- 9. Repeat procedure in reverse to assemble remaining components.



Lightning® Troubleshooting

A. Wire not feeding or bumpy feeding

| Possible Cause | | Possible Solution |
|----------------|----------------------------------|--|
| 1. | Feeder relay / malfunction | Consult feeder manufacturer. |
| 2. | Broken control lead | Connect spare control leads. |
| 3. | Poor adaptor connection | Test and replace leads and/or contact pins. |
| 4. | Incorrect type of drive roll | Use manufacturers recommended drive rolls |
| 5. | Improper drive rolls size | Replace with proper size. |
| 6. | Drive roll tension misadjusted | Adjust tension at feeder. |
| 7. | Burn back to contact tip | See "E. Contact tip burn back." |
| 8. | Wrong size liner | Replace with correct size. |
| 9. | Buildup inside of liner | Replace liner, check condition of electrode. |
| 10. | Worn drive roll | Replace with new drive roll. |
| 11. | Improper guide tube relationship | Eliminate all gaps in electrode path. |
| 12. | Improper wire guide diameter | Replace with proper guide diameter. |
| 13. | Gaps at liner into gas diffuser | Reset liner and lock or replace with new liner |

B. Premature contact tip failure

| Possible Cause | | Possible Solution |
|----------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. | Improper voltage or wire feed speed | Set parameters. |
| 2. | Erratic wire feeding | See "G. Erratic arc." |
| 3. | Improper tip stickout | Adjust nozzle/tip relationship. |
| 4. | Improper electrode stickout | Change length of wire stickout. |

C. MIG Gun running hot

| Possible Cause | | Possible Solution |
|----------------|--------------------------------|--|
| 1. | Exceeding duty cycle | Replace with properly rated duty cycle MIG Gun. Decrease parameters to within Gun rating. |
| 2. | Loose or poor power connection | Clean and retighten all electrical connection. Check rating and condition of ground clamp. |

D. Porosity in weld

| Possible Cause | | Possible Solution |
|----------------|--------------------------------|--|
| 1. | Nozzle/Insulator/O-rings worn | Replace. |
| 2. | Retaining head spring/band | Replace retaining head. |
| 3. | Extreme heat or duty cycle | Use X-heavy-duty consumables. |
| 4. | Gas not getting to the weld | Check gas regulator/flowmeter/cylinder |
| 5. | Gas ports plugged | Clean or replace gas diffuser/nozzle. |
| 6. | Loose fittings or cut gas hose | Tighten or repair hose lines. |



Lightning® Troubleshooting

E. Contact tip burn back

| Possible Cause | | Possible Solution |
|----------------|---|--|
| 1. | Improper voltage and/or wire feed speed | Set parameters. |
| 2. | Erratic wire feeding | See "G. Erratic arc." |
| 3. | Improper tip stickout | Adjust nozzle / tip relationship. |
| 4. | Improper electrode stickout | Adjust torch to base metal relationship. |
| 5. | Faulty ground | Repair all cables and connectors. |

F. Tip disengages from retaining head

| Possible Cause | | Possible Solution |
|----------------|---------------------------|---|
| 1. | Worn retaining head | Replace tip and/or retaining head. |
| 2. | Improper tip installation | Finger tighten then slightly tighten with correct tool. |

G. Erratic arc

| Possible Cause | | Possible Solution |
|----------------|------------------------------|--|
| 1. | Worn contact tip | Replace. |
| 2. | Buildup inside of liner | Replace liner, check condition of electrode. |
| 3. | Wrong tip size | Replace with correct tip size. |
| 4. | Incorrect welding parameters | Use wire manufacturers parameters. |

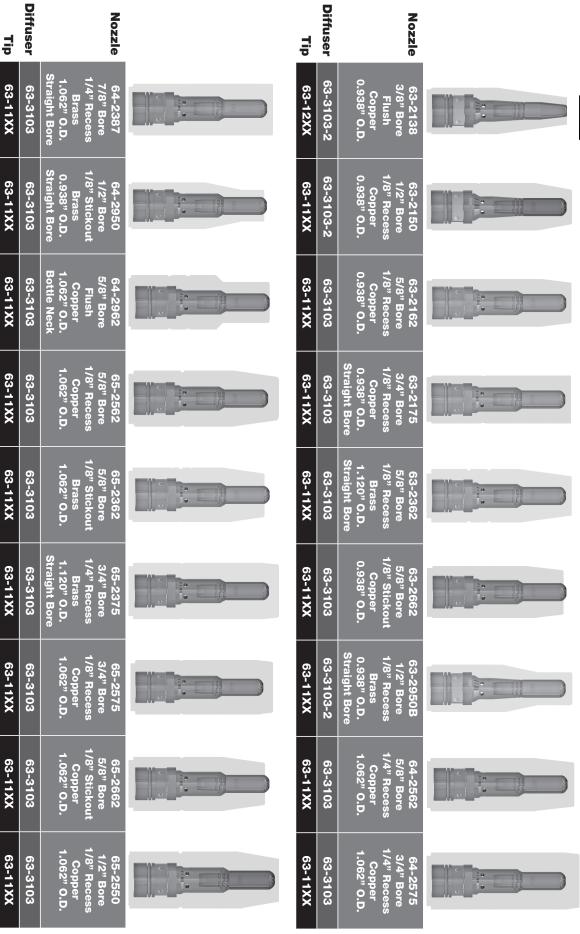
H. Excess spatter

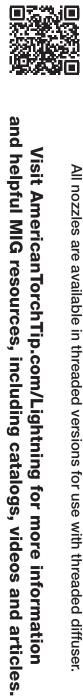
| Possible Cause | | Possible Solution |
|----------------|---------------------------------|--|
| 1. | Improper machine parameters | Adjust parameters. |
| 2. | Incorrect tip or installation | Adjust nozzle / tip relationship. |
| 3. | Incorrect nozzle or shielding | Use correct nozzle and shielding gas coverage. |
| 4. | Contaminated wire or work piece | Replace wire and clean work piece. |

I. Discolored Liner

| Po | ssible Cause | Possible Solution |
|----|--------------------------------------|---|
| 1. | Short circuit to electrode | Check for wire short circuiting in feeder |
| 2. | Cuts in outer jacket, copper exposed | Replace gun. |

JIGHTNING MIG Consumable Parts Reference





All Lightning® consumables are interchangable for custom configurations. See chart on page 3 for details. XX denotes wire size



LIMITED WARRANTY - Subject to the terms and conditions below



American Torch Tip Co. (ATTC) warrants its products to the original end user for the periods listed below:

| PLASMA | MIG |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| LIFETIME *PHD and PHDX Torch Bodies | LIFETIME *Lightning® Handle and Trigger Switch ONE YEAR *Lightning® Semi-Automatic MIG Guns *Lightning® Robotic MIG Guns *Lightning® Fixed Automation MIG Guns *Lightning® Fixed Automation MIG Guns 180 DAYS *All Other Gun Models |
| THERMAL SPRAY | TIG |
| ONE YEAR *Thermal Spray Guns | ONE YEAR *TIG Torches |

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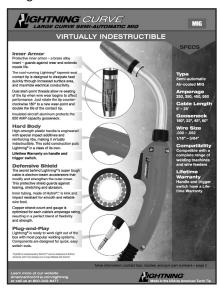
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