



FEATURES & BENEFITS

The highly-durable Lightning® series of MIG guns has been engineered and built for high production and comfort.

Contact Tip

Tapered seating tip allows for better connectivity, with a dual start-point thread that rotates 180°, allowing you to extend the life of the tip.

Handle

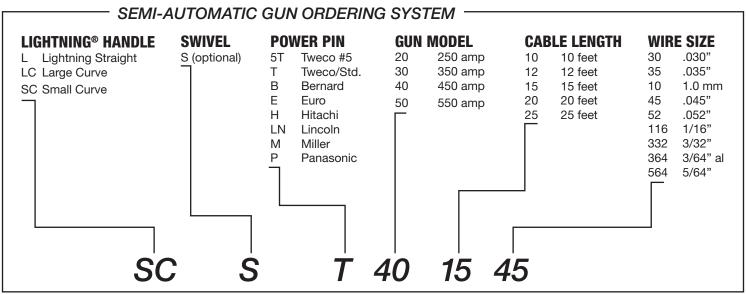
Ergonomic plastic handle is engineered with special impact additives that stand up to extreme contact, making it virtually indestructible. Lifetime Warranty on handle.

Trigger

The trigger is easy to pull, causing less welder fatigue. Lifetime Warranty.

AMPERAGE RATINGS (DUTY CYCLE)

	100% [Outy Cycle	60% E	Outy Cycle
Model	Co ²	Mixed	Co ²	Mixed
250	200	120	300	250
350	350	200	400	350
450	450	300	525	450
550*	550*	350*	650*	550*



^{*} The 550 Amp rating only applies to the Lightning Straight and Lightning Large Curve gun models. It does not apply to the Small Curve Gun.

STANDARD GUN CONFIGURATION (Lightning)

Description	Tips	Nozzles	Diffuser	Liner	Shock Washer	Gooseneck
250 AMP	63-11xx	63-2150	63-3103	64-4xxx	63-6103	63-5160C
350 AMP	63-11xx	63-2150	63-3103	64-4xxx	63-6202	63-5160C
450 AMP	63-11xx	65-2562	63-3103	64-4xxx	63-6202-HD	64-5160C

^{*} Extra-Heavy duty setup is available on request.

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SHOCK WASHERS

63-6202

63-6202HD (Heavy Duty)

GOOSENECKS (CURVE SERIES)

63-5100C	Fixed		180°	250-		
350						
63-5145C	Fixed	45°	250-350			
63-5160C	Fixed	60°	250-350			
64-5100C	Fixed	180°	450			
64-5145C	Fixed	45°	450			
64-5160C	Fixed	60°	450			
Swivel Goosenecks for Curve & Straight Handle						

63-5160S	Swivel	60°	250-350
64-5160S	Swivel	60°	450
65-5160S	Swivel	60°	550

LINERS

Wire Si	ize	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
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.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/	/16al	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)

GAS DIFFUSERS & RETAINER

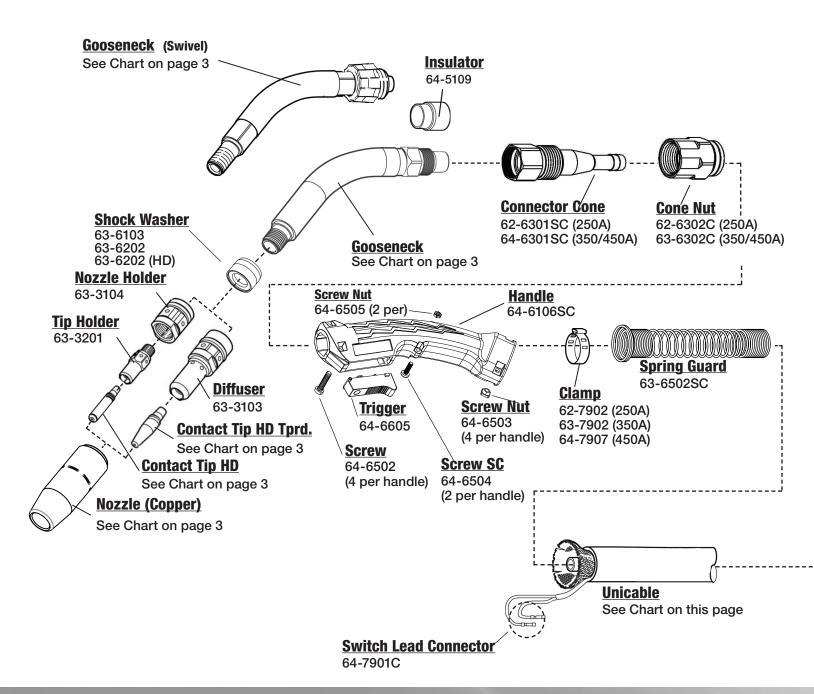
Diffuser for HD Contact Tip Nozzle Retainer (for 63-3201 above) 63-3201 63-3104

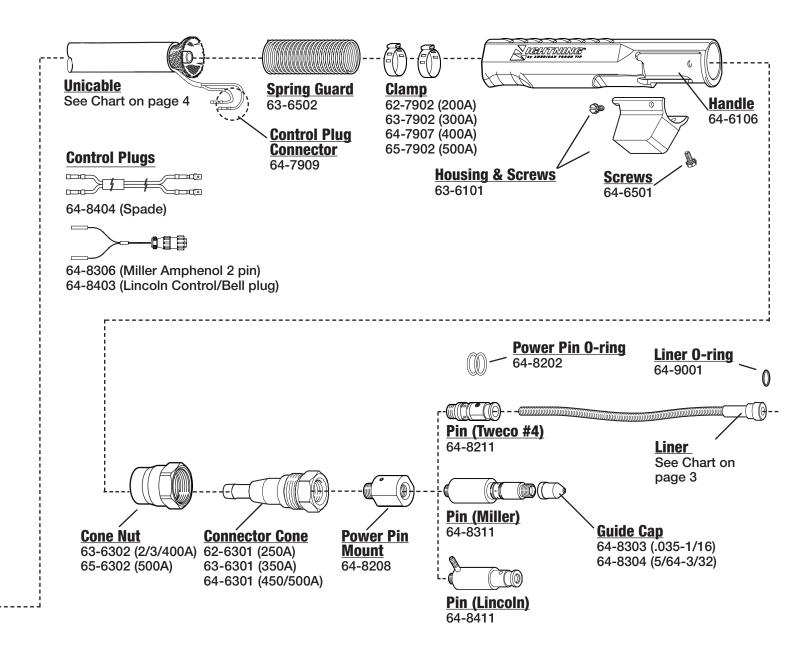
63-3103 Diffuser HD* 65-3103 Diffuser Extra HD 65-3103-2 Robotic Extra HD 63-3301 Gas Diffuser O-Ring

4 **EIGHTNING** CURVE

UNICABLE CUT LENGTHS

250A	10'	62-7110	350A	20'	63-7120	Unicab	le Bulk (F	Per foot)	
250A	12'	62-7112	350A	25'	63-7125	250A	Bulk	62-7300	
250A	15'	62-7115	450A	10'	64-7110	350A	Bulk	63-7300	
250A	20'	62-7120	450A	12'	64-7112	450A	Bulk	64-7300-1	
250A	25'	62-7125	450A	15'	64-7115				
350A	10'	63-7110	450A	20'	64-7120				
350A	12'	63-7112	450A	25'	64-7125				
350A	15'	63-7115							





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.

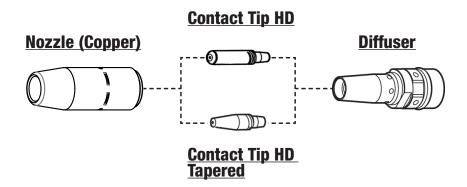
Tighten until retainer and shock washer are secure.

IMPORTANT

Shock washer must be in place before welding to maintain insulation of gooseneck. Be sure all parts are tightened well before welding.

When using the heavy duty retaining head make sure it is tightened with a 11/16" wrench to prevent overheating of diffuser and contact tip.

To prevent scoring on heavy duty retaining head, do not use pliers. Welding pliers, however, are recommended for tip installation and removal.



1.1 LINER REPLACEMENT

TOOLS REQUIRED

Vise

Lineman pliers

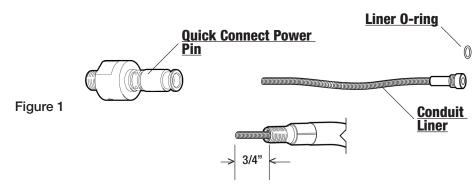
- 1. Remove nozzle, contact tip and tip holder from gooseneck. (Not shown)
- 2. Using pliers, unthread liner and remove from gun.
- 3. Install new liner by feeding through gun. Use short strokes to avoid kinking. Use clockwise rotation as needed.
- 4. Be sure o-rings on liner head seats into inside bore of power pin.
- 5. Using pliers, trim liner to extend to 3/4" (20mm) from end of gooseneck.
- 6. Remove any burrs on the inside and outside of liner to ensure smooth wire flow and proper seating inside diffuser.

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LINER REPLACEMENT (continued)

- 7. Reinstall tip holder, contact tip and nozzle onto gooseneck. Note: Liner should be visible through gas holes of tip holder.
- 8. Install gun to feeder.



* Trim dimension may change depending on front end consumables being used.

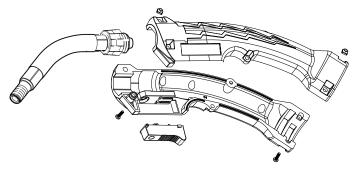
CHANGING THE HANDLE & SWITCH

2.1 HANDLE AND SWITCH REPLACEMENT

TOOLS REQUIRED

Phillips Head Screwdriver, Flat-head Screwdriver

- 1. Loosen screws but do not fully remove.
- 2. Use flat-head screwdriver to help separate handle halves. Trigger should remove easily.
- To replace trigger, install into handle halves with pivot posts inserted into handle cavities so movement is not impaired. Tighten screws. Torque to 10 in-lb.



CHANGING THE NECK

3.1 NECK REPLACEMENT

TOOL REQUIRED

3/4" Wrench

Changing the Neck - Fixed

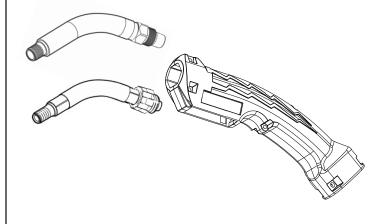
To remove neck, remove the nut insulator.

 Using a wrench, rotate brass nut counterclockwise, rotation will free neck from connector cone.

- 2. To install the neck, perform the above instructions in reverse order and tighten lock nut to 16 ft-lbs. Be sure nut insulator is in place.
- 3. Liner may need to be changed if switching to a neck of a different bend angle or length.

Changing the Neck - Swivel

- To remove neck, grasp lock nut and rotate counterclockwise. Rotation will free neck from connector cone. To install the neck, perform the above instructions in reverse order and torque to 37 in-lbs.
- 2. Liner may need to be changed if switching to a neck of a different bend angle or length.





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

Pos	sible 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

Ро	ssible 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

Ро	ssible 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.

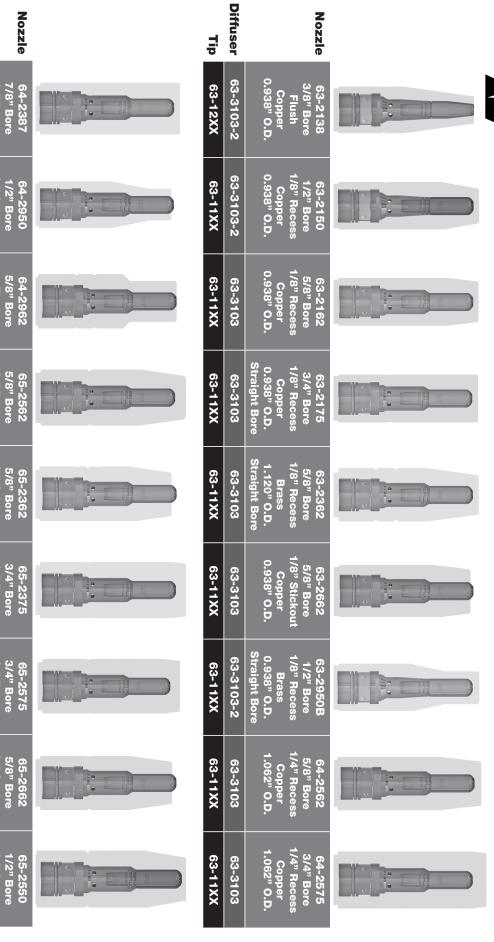
H. Excess spatter

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

Possible 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





Diffuser

Straight Bore

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Bottle Necl .062" O.D

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Straight Bore

Copper 1.062" O.D. 1/8" Recess

Copper 1.062" O.D. 1/8" Stickout

Copper 1.062" O.D.

1/8" Recess

0.938" O.D.

I.062" O.D.

1/4" Recess

1/8" Stickout

5/8" Bore

Flush

Copper 1.062" O.D. I/8" Recess

Brass 1.062" O.D.

1/8" Stickou

1/4" Recess 1.120" O.D.

3/4" Bore

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All nozzles are available in threaded versions for use with threaded diffuser. All Lightning® consumables are interchangable for custom configurations.

and helpful MIG resources, including catalogs, videos and articles. Visit AmericanTorchTip.com/lightning for more information

XX denotes wire size

See chart on page 3 for details.

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:

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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 180 DAYS *All Other Gun Models
THERMAL SPRAY	TIG
ONE YEAR *Thermal Spray Guns	ONE YEAR *TIG Torches

^{*}Limited Warranty on Manufacturing and Material Defects. Warranty Terms Do Not Apply to Consumable Products.

Warranty Terms

This warranty shall not apply to any product that has been modified or used in a manner inconsistent with ATTC's installation instructions and operating guidelines. Within the warranty periods listed above and at ATTC's sole discretion, ATTC will repair or replace any warranted parts or components that fail due to such defects in material or workmanship. ATTC must be notified within thirty (30) days of such defect or failure, at which time ATTC will determine if a Return Goods Authorization (RGA) is justified and issue an RGA number, authorization of a RGA number shall not be unreasonably withheld. ATTC will supply a RGA form, which must be included with the returned products for inspection by ATTC. Shipping and packing costs shall be the responsibility of the party returning the goods. Once received, ATTC shall inspect and determine if a warranty claim is justified and at ATTC's sole discretion authorize a repair or replacement. Once authorization has been granted ATTC shall provide instructions on the warranty claim procedures to be followed. Where authorized, repair or replacement constitutes the sole remedy for breach of warranty and expressly excludes claims for lost revenue, down time and other consequential damages. The warranty is limited to the conditions stated above and excludes, to the fullest extent permitted by law, all conditions, warranties and representations express or implied by statue, law or otherwise in relation to the supply or delay in supplying the goods/services. There are no agreements, promises or understandings, either verbal or written that are not fully expressed in this warranty. This warranty may be amended or altered only if agreed to in writing and signed by ATTC.

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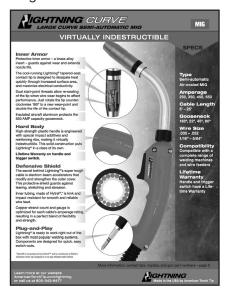
For selecting the Lightning® MIG Gun. The Lightning® Gun is for welding professionals who want durability and comfort while working in harsh welding environments. This technical guide with instructions and illustrations is designed to make it easy to maintain your Lightning® Gun. Please read and follow all the safety procedures. For technical support, please call our Customer Service department at 1-800-371-8477 between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM EST Monday through Friday. We are committed to providing the best-quality products and services. We are constantly working to improve our products. We would appreciate hearing your suggestions.

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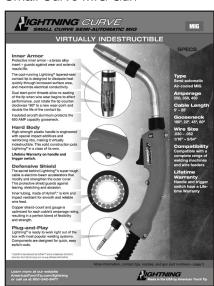
Semi-Auto MIG Gun



Large Curve MIG Gun



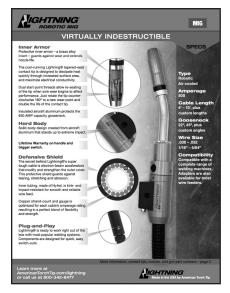
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Automatic MIG Gun



Robotic MIG Gun



Made in the USA by American Torch Tip

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