# **Maxstar® 161 Quick Reference**



#### STH Model Interface Shown

# **Set Up Machine in 3 Easy Steps**

# **Menu Button**

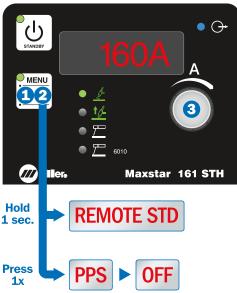
- 1 Press to select process.
- 2 Press and hold 1 second to access user menu.

Press and hold 1 second to exit menu.

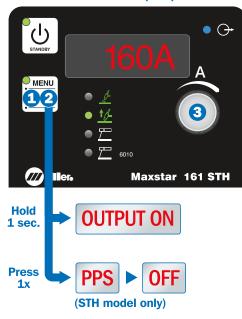
#### **Encoder Control**

3 Turn to adjust selected parameter.

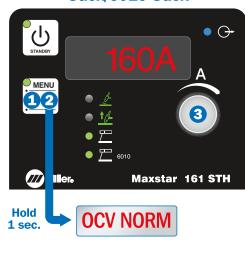




# STH and STL Models Only Lift Arc™ (TIG)



# All Models Stick/6010 Stick



# **Amperage Control**

Controls the welding amperage output. Limits the maximum output of a remote amperage device.

\*Pro-Set" selectable parameter. Provides professional settings developed for the weld process. To use Pro-Set, press the menu button to display the parameter and adjust the encoder control until PRO-SET flashes on the display. PRO-SET flashes one time and reveals the professional setting for the parameter. See back page for additional information on pulsed TIG controls.

# User Menu—Hold Down Menu Button for 1 Second to Access

#### Remote

[REMOTE STD] Remote Standard — (All TIG modes)

Controls the welding amperage through a remote potentiometer, or it can be set at the control panel.

[REMOTE HOLD] Remote Hold — (HF TIG mode only)

Allows the operator to weld without holding the trigger closed. Amperage must be set at the control panel.

[OUTPUT ON] Output On — (Lift Arc TIG mode only)

Turns machine output on. Welding amperage is set at the control panel.

# [PPS] Pulse Control\*

Reduces heat input to minimize distortion and increase travel speed. Set PPS (pulses per second). The range is OFF - 150 PPS. The background amperage and peak amperage are not adjustable. Background amperage = 25% of peak amperage. Peak amperage time = 40%.

# [OCV] Open Circuit Voltage

Voltage present at terminals while not welding. Select either [NORM] normal or [LOW] low.



#### **Tungsten Selection and Prep Tungsten Type Application Notes Diameter Amp Range** 0.020" 5-20 Good all-around tungsten for 2% Cerium 0.040" 10-80 both AC and DC welding. 1/16" 10-150 Excellent low amp starts for 3/32" 60-250 1.5–2% Lanthanum 1/8" 100-400 AC and DC welding. 5/32" 160-500 Commonly used for DC welding, 3/16" 190-750 2% Thorium not ideal for AC. 1/4" 325-1100 PURE TUNGSTEN (green) is NOT recommended! See Owner's Manual For best results in most applications use a sharpened for more information.

#### **Tungsten Preparation:** Sharpen tungsten for AC and DC welding with the Dynasty.

cerium or lanthanum electrode for AC and DC welding.



Tip: Blunting the tip of the electrode is sometimes done to help maintain consistent geometry and resist tungsten erosion. This is especially helpful in AC when melt-back of the tungsten electrode is common.

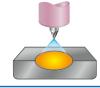
### **Pulsed TIG Controls**

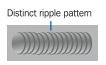
The Pulsed TIG function switches the amperage from a high (peak) to a low (background) at a set rate (PPS). Pulsing can reduce heat input by lowering the average amperage, increasing control of the weld puddle, penetration and distortion. The following parameters can be adjusted for desired results:

Parameter	Control Panel Abbreviation	Adjustment
Pulses Per Second	PPS	Rate of pulsing between high and low

#### **Low-Speed Pulse**

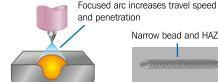
1 to 10 pulses per second (PPS) will produce a distinct ripple pattern in the weld bead. Can be used to time filler addition, reduce distortion and improve control.





#### **High-Speed Pulse**

100 pulses per second (PPS) and higher helps to focus the arc for increased stability, penetration and travel speed. Increased puddle agitation improves weld microstructure.



Narrow bead and HAZ

Tip: Begin welding at factory default settings of 100 PPS. Adjust the frequency (PPS) to change width and appearance.









