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Stick (SMAW) Welding

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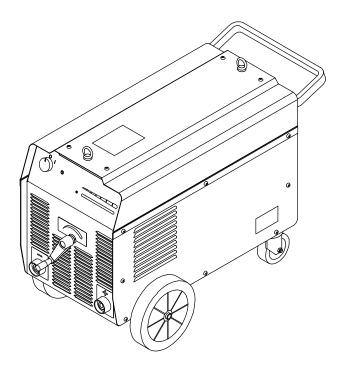




Arc Welding Power Source

Blue Thunder Series

CE Models



Models: 253, 343, 403, 443



OWNER'S MANUAL

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Council Directives:

- ·2006/95/EC Low Voltage
- ·2004/108/EC Electromagnetic Compatibility
- ·2011/65/EU Restriction of the use of certain hazardous substances in electrical and electronic equipment

Standards:

·IEC 60974-1:2012 Arc Welding Equipment - Part 1: Welding Power Sources

·IEC 60974-10:2007 Arc Welding Equipment – Part 10: Electromagnetic Compatibility Requirements

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SECTION 1 – SAFETY PRECAUTIONS - READ BEFORE USING



Protect yourself and others from injury — read, follow, and save these important safety precautions and operating instructions.

1-1. Symbol Usage



DANGER! - Indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, will result in death or serious injury. The possible hazards are shown in the adjoining symbols or explained in the text.



Indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury. The possible hazards are shown in the adjoining symbols or explained in the text.

NOTICE - Indicates statements not related to personal injury.

I Indicates special instructions.









This group of symbols means Warning! Watch Out! ELECTRIC SHOCK, MOVING PARTS, and HOT PARTS hazards. Consult symbols and related instructions below for necessary actions to avoid the hazards.

Arc Welding Hazards



The symbols shown below are used throughout this manual to call attention to and identify possible hazards. When you see the symbol, watch out, and follow the related instructions to avoid the hazard. The safety information given below is only a summary of the more complete safety information found in the Safety Standards listed in Section 1-5. Read and follow all Safety Standards.



A Only qualified persons should install, operate, maintain, and repair this unit.



During operation, keep everybody, especially children, away.



ELECTRIC SHOCK can kill.

Touching live electrical parts can cause fatal shocks or severe burns. The electrode and work circuit is electrically live whenever the output is on. The input power circuit and machine internal circuits are also live when power is on. In semiautomatic or automatic wire welding, the wire, wire reel, drive roll housing, and all metal parts touching the welding wire are electrically live. Incorrectly installed or improperly grounded equipment is a hazard.

- Do not touch live electrical parts.
- Wear dry, hole-free insulating gloves and body protection.
- Insulate yourself from work and ground using dry insulating mats or covers big enough to prevent any physical contact with the work or around.
- Do not use AC output in damp areas, if movement is confined, or if there is a danger of falling.
- Use AC output ONLY if required for the welding process.
- If AC output is required, use remote output control if present on unit.
- Additional safety precautions are required when any of the following electrically hazardous conditions are present: in damp locations or while wearing wet clothing; on metal structures such as floors, gratings, or scaffolds; when in cramped positions such as sitting, kneeling, or lying; or when there is a high risk of unavoidable or accidental contact with the workpiece or ground. For these conditions, use the following equipment in order presented: 1) a semiautomatic DC constant voltage (wire) welder, 2) a DC manual (stick) welder, or 3) an AC welder with reduced open-circuit voltage. In most situations, use of a DC, constant voltage wire welder is recommended. And, do not work alone!
- Disconnect input power or stop engine before installing or servicing this equipment. Lockout/tagout input power according to OSHA 29 CFR 1910.147 (see Safety Standards).
- Properly install, ground, and operate this equipment according to its Owner's Manual and national, state, and local codes.
- Always verify the supply ground check and be sure that input power cord ground wire is properly connected to ground terminal in

- disconnect box or that cord plug is connected to a properly grounded receptacle outlet.
- When making input connections, attach proper grounding conductor first - double-check connections.
- Keep cords dry, free of oil and grease, and protected from hot metal and sparks.
- Frequently inspect input power cord and ground conductor for damage or bare wiring – replace immediately if damaged – bare wiring can kill.
- Turn off all equipment when not in use.
- Do not use worn, damaged, undersized, or repaired cables.
- Do not drape cables over your body.
- If earth grounding of the workpiece is required, ground it directly with a separate cable.
- Do not touch electrode if you are in contact with the work, ground, or another electrode from a different machine.
- Do not touch electrode holders connected to two welding machines at the same time since double open-circuit voltage will be
- Use only well-maintained equipment. Repair or replace damaged parts at once. Maintain unit according to manual.
- Wear a safety harness if working above floor level.
- Keep all panels and covers securely in place.
- Clamp work cable with good metal-to-metal contact to workpiece or worktable as near the weld as practical.
- Insulate work clamp when not connected to workpiece to prevent contact with any metal object.
- Do not connect more than one electrode or work cable to any single weld output terminal. Disconnect cable for process not in
- Use GFCI protection when operating auxiliary equipment in damp or wet locations.

SIGNIFICANT DC VOLTAGE exists in inverter welding power sources AFTER removal of input power.

Turn Off inverter, disconnect input power, and discharge input capacitors according to instructions in Maintenance Section before touching any parts.



HOT PARTS can burn.

- Do not touch hot parts bare handed.
- Allow cooling period before working on equipment.
- To handle hot parts, use proper tools and/or wear heavy, insulated welding gloves and clothing to prevent burns.

FUMES AND GASES can be hazardous.



Welding produces fumes and gases. Breathing these fumes and gases can be hazardous to your health.

- Keep your head out of the fumes. Do not breathe the fumes.
- If inside, ventilate the area and/or use local forced ventilation at the arc to remove welding fumes and gases. The recommended way to determine adequate ventilation is to sample for the composition and quantity of fumes and gases to which personnel are exposed.
- If ventilation is poor, wear an approved air-supplied respirator.
- Read and understand the Safety Data Sheets (SDSs) and the manufacturer's instructions for adhesives, coatings, cleaners, consumables, coolants, degreasers, fluxes, and metals.
- Work in a confined space only if it is well ventilated, or while wearing an air-supplied respirator. Always have a trained watchperson nearby. Welding fumes and gases can displace air and lower the oxygen level causing injury or death. Be sure the breathing air is safe.
- Do not weld in locations near degreasing, cleaning, or spraying operations. The heat and rays of the arc can react with vapors to form highly toxic and irritating gases.
- Do not weld on coated metals, such as galvanized, lead, or cadmium plated steel, unless the coating is removed from the weld area, the area is well ventilated, and while wearing an air-supplied respirator. The coatings and any metals containing these elements can give off toxic fumes if welded.



ARC RAYS can burn eyes and skin.

Arc rays from the welding process produce intense visible and invisible (ultraviolet and infrared) rays that can burn eyes and skin. Sparks fly off from the weld

- Wear an approved welding helmet fitted with a proper shade of filter lenses to protect your face and eyes from arc rays and sparks when welding or watching (see ANSI Z49.1 and Z87.1 listed in Safety Standards).
- Wear approved safety glasses with side shields under your helmet.
- Use protective screens or barriers to protect others from flash, glare and sparks; warn others not to watch the arc.
- Wear body protection made from durable, flame—resistant material (leather, heavy cotton, wool). Body protection includes oil-free clothing such as leather gloves, heavy shirt, cuffless trousers, high shoes, and a cap.



WELDING can cause fire or explosion.

Welding on closed containers, such as tanks, drums, or pipes, can cause them to blow up. Sparks can fly off from the welding arc. The flying sparks, hot workpiece, and hot equipment can cause fires and

burns. Accidental contact of electrode to metal objects can cause sparks, explosion, overheating, or fire. Check and be sure the area is safe before doing any welding.

- Remove all flammables within 35 ft (10.7 m) of the welding arc. If this is not possible, tightly cover them with approved covers.
- Do not weld where flying sparks can strike flammable material.
- Protect yourself and others from flying sparks and hot metal.
- Be alert that welding sparks and hot materials from welding can easily go through small cracks and openings to adjacent areas.
- Watch for fire, and keep a fire extinguisher nearby.
- Be aware that welding on a ceiling, floor, bulkhead, or partition can cause fire on the hidden side.
- Do not weld on containers that have held combustibles, or on closed containers such as tanks, drums, or pipes unless they are properly prepared according to AWS F4.1 and AWS A6.0 (see Safety Standards).
- Do not weld where the atmosphere may contain flammable dust, gas, or liquid vapors (such as gasoline).
- Connect work cable to the work as close to the welding area as practical to prevent welding current from traveling long, possibly unknown paths and causing electric shock, sparks, and fire hazards.
- Do not use welder to thaw frozen pipes.

- Remove stick electrode from holder or cut off welding wire at contact tip when not in use.
- Wear body protection made from durable, flame—resistant material (leather, heavy cotton, wool). Body protection includes oil-free clothing such as leather gloves, heavy shirt, cuffless trousers, high shoes, and a cap.
- Remove any combustibles, such as a butane lighter or matches, from your person before doing any welding.
- After completion of work, inspect area to ensure it is free of sparks, glowing embers, and flames.
- Use only correct fuses or circuit breakers. Do not oversize or bypass them.
- Follow requirements in OSHA 1910.252 (a) (2) (iv) and NFPA 51B for hot work and have a fire watcher and extinguisher nearby.
- Read and understand the Safety Data Sheets (SDSs) and the manufacture sinstructions for adhesives, coatings, cleaners, consumables, coolants, degreasers, fluxes, and metals.



FLYING METAL or DIRT can injure eyes.

- Welding, chipping, wire brushing, and grinding cause sparks and flying metal. As welds cool, they can throw off slag.
- Wear approved safety glasses with side shields even under your welding helmet.



BUILDUP OF GAS can injure or kill.

- Shut off compressed gas supply when not in use.
- Always ventilate confined spaces or use approved air-supplied respirator.



ELECTRIC AND MAGNETIC FIELDS (EMF) can affect Implanted Medical Devices.

- Wearers of Pacemakers and other Implanted Medical Devices should keep away.
- Implanted Medical Device wearers should consult their doctor and the device manufacturer before going near arc welding, spot welding, gouging, plasma arc cutting, or induction heating operations.



NOISE can damage hearing.

Noise from some processes or equipment can damage hearing.

 Wear approved ear protection if noise level is high.



CYLINDERS can explode if damaged.

Compressed gas cylinders contain gas under high pressure. If damaged, a cylinder can explode. Since gas cylinders are normally part of the welding process, be sure to treat them carefully.

- Protect compressed gas cylinders from excessive heat, mechanical shocks, physical damage, slag, open flames, sparks, and arcs.
- Install cylinders in an upright position by securing to a stationary support or cylinder rack to prevent falling or tipping.
- Keep cylinders away from any welding or other electrical circuits.
- Never drape a welding torch over a gas cylinder.
- Never allow a welding electrode to touch any cylinder.
- Never weld on a pressurized cylinder explosion will result.
- Use only correct compressed gas cylinders, regulators, hoses, and fittings designed for the specific application; maintain them and associated parts in good condition.
- Turn face away from valve outlet when opening cylinder valve. Do not stand in front of or behind the regulator when opening the valve.
- Keep protective cap in place over valve except when cylinder is in use or connected for use.
- Use the right equipment, correct procedures, and sufficient number of persons to lift and move cylinders.
- Read and follow instructions on compressed gas cylinders, associated equipment, and Compressed Gas Association (CGA) publication P-1 listed in Safety Standards.

1-3. Additional Symbols For Installation, Operation, And Maintenance



FIRE OR EXPLOSION hazard.

- Do not install or place unit on, over, or near combustible surfaces.
- Do not install unit near flammables.
- Do not overload building wiring be sure power supply system is properly sized, rated, and protected to handle this unit.



FALLING EQUIPMENT can injure.

- Use lifting eye to lift unit only, NOT running gear, gas cylinders, or any other accessories.
- Use equipment of adequate capacity to lift and support unit.
- If using lift forks to move unit, be sure forks are long enough to extend beyond opposite side of unit.
- Keep equipment (cables and cords) away from moving vehicles when working from an aerial location.
- Follow the guidelines in the Applications Manual for the Revised NIOSH Lifting Equation (Publication No. 94-110) when manually lifting heavy parts or equipment.



OVERUSE can cause OVERHEATING

- Allow cooling period; follow rated duty cycle.
- Reduce current or reduce duty cycle before starting to weld again.
- Do not block or filter airflow to unit.



FLYING SPARKS can injure.

- Wear a face shield to protect eyes and face.
- Shape tungsten electrode only on grinder with proper guards in a safe location wearing proper face, hand, and body protection.
- Sparks can cause fires keep flammables away.



STATIC (ESD) can damage PC boards.

- Put on grounded wrist strap BEFORE handling boards or parts.
- Use proper static-proof bags and boxes to store, move, or ship PC boards.



MOVING PARTS can injure.

- Keep away from moving parts.
- Keep away from pinch points such as drive



WELDING WIRE can injure.

- Do not press gun trigger until instructed to do
- Do not point gun toward any part of the body, other people, or any metal when threading welding wire.



BATTERY EXPLOSION can injure.

Do not use welder to charge batteries or jump start vehicles unless it has a battery charging feature designed for this purpose.



MOVING PARTS can injure.

- Keep away from moving parts such as fans.
- Keep all doors, panels, covers, and guards closed and securely in place.
- Have only qualified persons remove doors, panels, covers, or guards for maintenance and troubleshooting as necessary.
- Reinstall doors, panels, covers, or guards when maintenance is finished and before reconnecting input power.



READ INSTRUCTIONS.

- Read and follow all labels and the Owner's Manual carefully before installing, operating, or servicing unit. Read the safety information at the beginning of the manual and in each section.
- Use only genuine replacement parts from the manufacturer.
- Perform maintenance and service according to the Owner's Manuals, industry standards, and national, state, and local codes.



H.F. RADIATION can cause interference.

- High-frequency (H.F.) can interfere with radio navigation, safety services, computers, and communications equipment.
- Have only qualified persons familiar with electronic equipment perform this installation.
- The user is responsible for having a qualified electrician promptly correct any interference problem resulting from the installation.
- If notified by the FCC about interference, stop using the equipment at once.
- Have the installation regularly checked and maintained.
- Keep high-frequency source doors and panels tightly shut, keep spark gaps at correct setting, and use grounding and shielding to minimize the possibility of interference.



ARC WELDING can cause interference.

- Electromagnetic energy can interfere with sensitive electronic equipment such as computers and computer-driven equipment such as robots.
- Be sure all equipment in the welding area is electromagnetically compatible.
- To reduce possible interference, keep weld cables as short as possible, close together, and down low, such as on the floor.
- Locate welding operation 100 meters from any sensitive electronic equipment.
- Be sure this welding machine is installed and grounded according to this manual.
- If interference still occurs, the user must take extra measures such as moving the welding machine, using shielded cables, using line filters, or shielding the work area.



California Proposition 65 Warnings



Welding or cutting equipment produces fumes or gases which contain chemicals known to the State of California to cause birth defects and, in some cases, cancer. (California Health & Safety Code Section 25249.5 et seq.)



This product contains chemicals, including lead, known to the state of California to cause cancer, birth defects, or other reproductive harm. Wash hands after use.

1-5. **Principal Safety Standards**

Safety in Welding, Cutting, and Allied Processes, ANSI Standard Z49.1, is available as a free download from the American Welding Society at http://www.aws.org or purchased from Global Engineering Documents (phone: 1-877-413-5184, website: www.global.ihs.com).

Safe Practices for the Preparation of Containers and Piping for Welding and Cutting, American Welding Society Standard AWS F4.1, from Global Engineering Documents (phone: 1-877-413-5184, website: www.global.ihs.com).

Safe Practices for Welding and Cutting Containers that have Held Combustibles, American Welding Society Standard AWS A6.0, from Global Engineering Documents (phone: 1-877-413-5184, website: www.global.ihs.com).

National Electrical Code, NFPA Standard 70, from National Fire Protection Association, Quincy, MA 02269 (phone: 1-800-344-3555, website: www.nfpa.org and www. sparky.org).

Safe Handling of Compressed Gases in Cylinders, CGA Pamphlet P-1, from Compressed Gas Association, 14501 George Carter Way, Suite 103, Chantilly, VA 20151 (phone: 703-788-2700, website:www.cga-

Safety in Welding, Cutting, and Allied Processes, CSA Standard W117.2, from Canadian Standards Association, Standards Sales, 5060

Spectrum Way, Suite 100, Ontario, Canada L4W 5NS (phone: 800-463-6727, website: www.csa-international.org)

Safe Practice For Occupational And Educational Eye And Face Protection, ANSI Standard Z87.1, from American National Standards Institute, 25 West 43rd Street, New York, NY 10036 (phone: 212-642-4900, website: www.ansi.org).

Standard for Fire Prevention During Welding, Cutting, and Other Hot Work, NFPA Standard 51B, from National Fire Protection Association, Quincy, MA 02269 (phone: 1-800-344-3555, website: www.nfpa.org.

OSHA, Occupational Safety and Health Standards for General Industry, Title 29, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 1910, Subpart Q, and Part 1926, Subpart J, from U.S. Government Printing Office, Superintendent of Documents, P.O. Box 371954, Pittsburgh, PA 15250-7954 (phone: 1-866-512-1800) (there are 10 OSHA Regional Officesphone for Region 5, Chicago, is 312-353-2220, website: . www.osha.gov).

Applications Manual for the Revised NIOSH Lifting Equation, The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), 1600 Clifton Rd, Atlanta, GA 30333 (phone: 1-800-232-4636, website: www.cdc.gov/NIOSH).

1-6. **EMF Information**

Electric current flowing through any conductor causes localized electric and magnetic fields (EMF). The current from arc welding (and allied processes including spot welding, gouging, plasma arc cutting, and induction heating operations) creates an EMF field around the welding circuit. EMF fields may interfere with some medical implants, e.g. pacemakers. Protective measures for persons wearing medical implants have to be taken. For example, restrict access for passers-by or conduct individual risk assessment for welders. All welders should use the following procedures in order to minimize exposure to EMF fields from the welding circuit:

- Keep cables close together by twisting or taping them, or using a cable cover.
- Do not place your body between welding cables. Arrange cables to one side and away from the operator.
- 3. Do not coil or drape cables around your body.

- Keep head and trunk as far away from the equipment in the welding circuit as possible.
- Connect work clamp to workpiece as close to the weld as possible.
- 6. Do not work next to, sit or lean on the welding power source.
- 7. Do not weld whilst carrying the welding power source or wire feeder.

About Implanted Medical Devices:

Implanted Medical Device wearers should consult their doctor and the device manufacturer before performing or going near arc welding, spot welding, gouging, plasma arc cutting, or induction heating operations. If cleared by your doctor, then following the above procedures is recommended.

SECTION 2 - DEFINITIONS

2-1. Additional Safety Symbols And Definitions

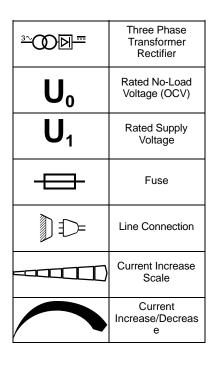
Warning! Watch Out! There are possible hazards as shown by the symbols.	
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Wear dry insulating gloves. Do not touch electrode with bare hand. Do not wear wet or damaged gloves.	Safe2 2012-05
Protect yourself from electric shock by insulating yourself from work and ground.	Safe3 2012–05
Disconnect input plug or power before working on machine.	Safe5 2012–05
Keep your head out of the fumes.	Safe6 2012–05
Use forced ventilation or local exhaust to remove the fumes.	Safe8 2012-05
Use ventilating fan to remove fumes.	Safe10 2012–05
Keep flammables away from welding. Do not weld near flammables.	Safe12 2012–05
Welding sparks can cause fires. Have a fire extinguisher nearby, and have a watchperson ready to use it.	Safe14 2012–05
Do not remove or paint over (cover) the label.	Safe20 2012–05

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2	Do not weld on drums or any closed containe	rs. Safe16 2012–05
	Do not discard product (where applicable) with Reuse or recycle Waste Electrical and Electrofacility. Contact your local recycling office or your local	onic Equipment (WEEE) by disposing at a designated collection
	Disconnect input plug or power before working	g on machine.
	Read Owner's Manual and inside labels for co	onnection points and procedures. Safe67 2012–06
2 V 2 A	Consult rating label for input power requireme	ents. Safe34 2012-05
		Move jumper links as shown on inside label to match input voltage at job site. Include extra length in grounding conductor and connect grounding conductor first. Connect line input conductors as shown on inside label. Double-check all connections, jumper link positions, and input voltage before applying power. Safe49 2012-05
+	+ + +	Wear hat and safety glasses. Use ear protection and button shirt collar. Use welding helmet with correct shade of filter. Wear complete body protection.
Copy National rate assets Copy and confidence from Copy and confidence from Copy and confidence from Copy and C		Become trained and read the instructions before working on the machine or welding.
	*	Safe40 2012-05

2-2. Miscellaneous Symbols And Definitions

Α	Amperage
	Negative Weld Output Terminal
+	Positive Weld Output Terminal
	Protective Earth (Ground)
· °	Supplementary Protector
0	Off
	On
V	Volts

•••	Shielded Metal Arc Welding (SMAW)
(Input
X	Remote
\bigodot	Output
7	Constant Current (CC)
X	Duty Cycle
I 1	Rated Supply Current



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SECTION 3 – SPECIFICATIONS

Serial Number And Rating Label Location 3-1.

The serial number and rating information for this product is located on the back. Use rating label to determine input power requirements and/or rated output. For future reference, write serial number in space provided on back cover of this manual.

3-2. Specifications

Do not use information in unit specifications table to determine electrical service requirements. See Sections4-5,4-6 and 4-7 for information on connecting input power.

Model	Rated Welding Output	Ampere Range DC	Max Open-Circuit Voltage DC	Amperes Input at Rated Load Output, 50/60 Hz, Three-Phase			KVA/KW	Weight	Dimensions (mm) L x W x H	
				230 V	380 V	400 V	520 V			
253	220 A @ 29 Volts DC, 35% Duty Cycle	30-220 A	59-66 V	36 A		21 A		14.6/12	80 kg	980 x 410 x 650
343	320 A @ 32.8 Volts DC, 35% Duty Cycle	50-320 A	68 V	55 A	32 A	32 A	23 A	22/18	105 kg	980 x 410 x 650
403	400 A @ 36 Volts DC, 35% Duty Cycle	60-400 A	66-73 V	73 A		42 A		28/23	115 kg	980 x 410 x 650
443	420 A @ 36.8 Volts DC, 45% Duty Cycle	60-420 A	78 V	80 A	47 A	47 A	34 A	32/26	175 kg	1150 x 520 x 730

3-3. Environmental Specifications

A. IP Rating

IP Rating	Operating Temperature Range
IP22S This equipment is designed for indoor use and is not intended to be used or stored outside.	–10 to 40°C (14 to 104°F)

B. Information On Electromagnetic Fields (EMF)



This equipment shall not be used by the general public as the EMF limits for the general public might be exceeded during welding.

This equipment is built in accordance with EN 60974-1 and is intended to be used only in an occupational environment (where the general public access is prohibited or regulated in such a way as to be similar to occupational use) by an expert or an instructed person.

Wire feeders and ancillary equipment (such as torches, liquid cooling systems and arc striking and stabilizing devices) as part of the welding circuit may not be a major contributor to the EMF. See the Owner's Manuals for all components of the welding circuit for additional EMF exposure information.

- The EMF assessment on this equipment was conducted at 0.5 meter.
- At a distance of 1 meter the EMF exposure values were less than 20% of the permissible values.

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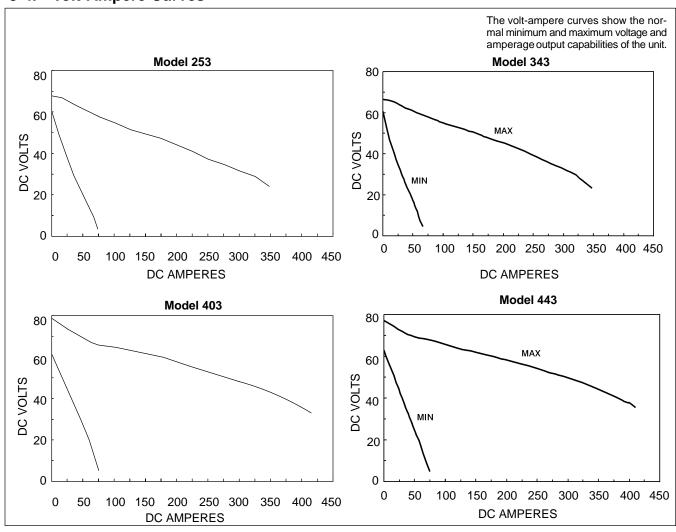
C. Information On Electromagnetic Compatibility (EMC)



This Class A equipment is not intended for use in residential locations where the electrical power is provided by the public low voltage supply system. There can be potential difficulties in ensuring electromagnetic compatibility in those locations, due to conducted as well as radiated disturbances.

This equipment does not comply with IEC 61000-3-12. If it is connected to a public low voltage 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 can be connected. IEC/TS 61000-3-4 can be used to guide parties concerned by the installation of arc welding equipment with an input current greater than 16 A in a low voltage network.

3-4. Volt-Ampere Curves



Notes



3-5. Duty Cycle and Overheating

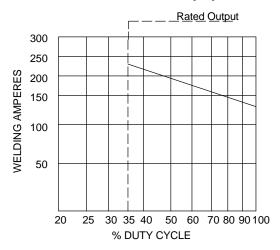


Duty Cycle is percentage of 10 minutes that unit can weld at rated load without overheating.

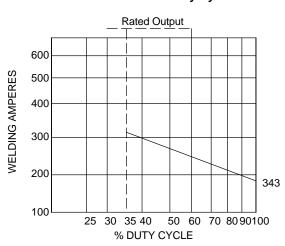
If unit overheats, thermostat(s) opens, output stops, and cooling fan runs. Wait fifteen minutes for unit to cool. Reduce amperage or duty cycle before welding.

NOTICE - Exceeding duty cycle can damage unit and void warranty.

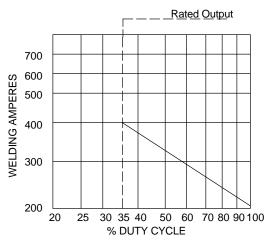
Model 253 - 35% Duty Cycle



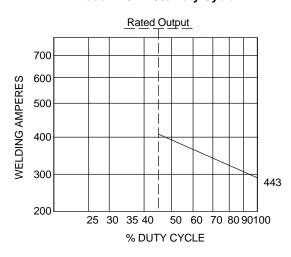
Model 343 - 35% Duty Cycle



Model 403 - 35% Duty Cycle



Model 443 - 45% Duty Cycle



35% Duty Cycle











45% Duty Cycle





3.5 Minutes Welding

6.5 Minutes Resting

4.5 Minutes Welding

5.5 Minutes Resting

Overheating



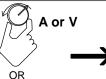










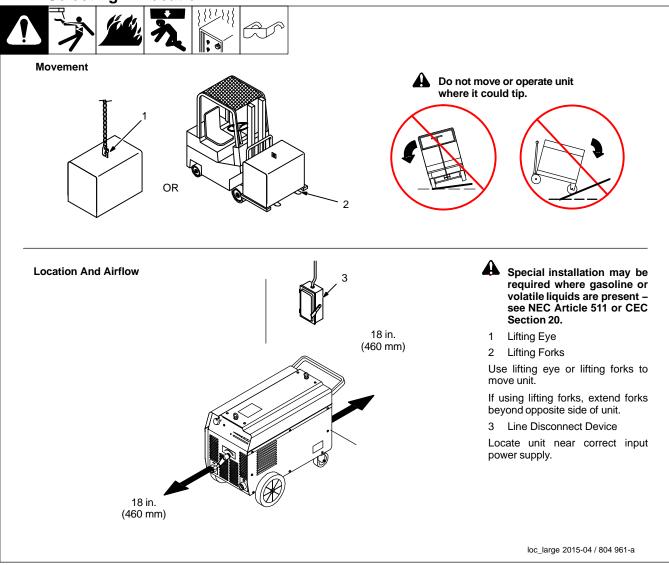




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SECTION 4 - INSTALLATION

4-1. Selecting A Location



4-2. Selecting Cable Sizes*

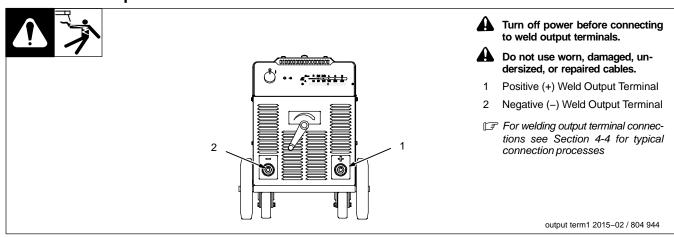
NOTICE – The Total Cable Length in Weld Circuit (see table below) is the combined length of both weld cables. For example, if the power source is 30 m (100 ft) from the workpiece, the total cable length in the weld circuit is 60 m (2 cables x 30 m). Use the 60 m (200 ft) column to determine cable size.

		Weld Cable Size** and Total Cable (Copper) Length in Weld Circuit Not Exceeding***											
	30 m (100	ft) or Less	45 m (150 ft)	60 m (200 ft)	70 m (250 ft)	90 m (300 ft)	105 m (350 ft)	120 m (400 ft)					
Welding Amperes	10 – 60% Duty Cycle mm² (AWG)	60 – 100% Duty Cycle mm ² (AWG)			10 – 100% I mm² (/	, ,							
100	20 (4)	20 (4)	20 (4)	30 (3)	35 (2)	50 (1)	60 (1/0)	60 (1/0)					
150	30 (3)	30 (3)	35 (2)	50 (1)	60 (1/0)	70 (2/0)	95 (3/0)	95 (3/0)					
200	30 (3)	35 (2)	50 (1)	60 (1/0)	70 (2/0)	95 (3/0)	120 (4/0)	120 (4/0)					
250	35 (2)	50 (1)	60 (1/0)	70 (2/0)	95 (3/0)	120 (4/0)	2x70 (2x2/0)	2x70 (2x2/0)					

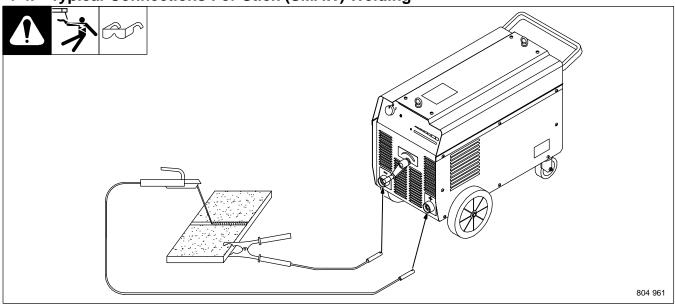
^{*}This chart is a general guideline and may not suit all applications. If cable overheats, use next size larger cable.

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4-3. Weld Output Terminals



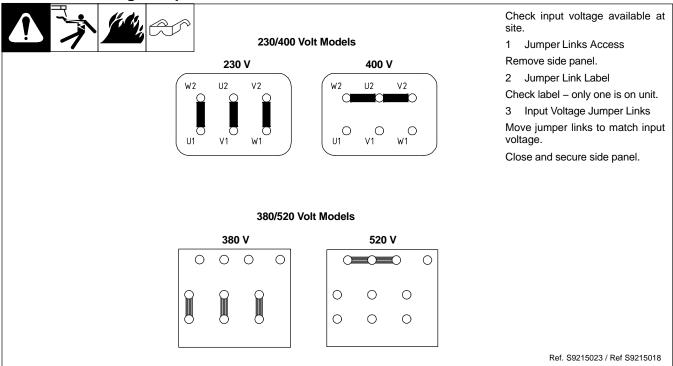
4-4. Typical Connections For Stick (SMAW) Welding



^{**}Weld cable size is based on either a 4 volts or less drop or a current density of at least 300 circular mils per ampere.

^{***}For distances longer than those shown in this guide, call a factory applications representative.

Positioning Jumper Links



4-6. Electrical Service Guide



Failure to follow these electrical service guide recommendations could create an electric shock or fire hazard. These recommendations are for a dedicated circuit sized for the rated output and duty cycle of the welding power source.

In dedicated circuit installations, the National Electrical Code (NEC) allows the receptacle or conductor rating to be less than the rating of the circuit protection device. All components of the circuit must be physically compatible. See NEC articles 210.21, 630.11, and 630.12.

	2	53		34	13		40	03		44	43	
Input Voltage (V)	230	400	230	380	400	520	230	400	230	380	400	520
Input Amperes (A) At Rated Output	36	21	55	32	32	23	73	42	80	47	47	36
Max Recommended Standard Fuse Rating In Amperes ¹												
Time-Delay Fuses ²	45	25	60	40	40	30	80	50	100	60	50	40
Normal Operating Fuses ³	50	30	80	50	48	35	110	60	125	70	70	50
Min Input Conductor Size In AWG ⁴	10	14	8	10	12	12	8	10	6	8	10	10
Max Recommended Input Conductor Length In Feet (Meters)	106 (32)	127 (39)	107 (33)	193 (59)	130 (40)	220 (67)	84 (25)	168 (51)	114 (35)	202 (61)	148 (45)	251 (76)
Min Grounding Conductor Size In AWG ⁴	10	14	8	10	12	12	8	10	6	8	10	10

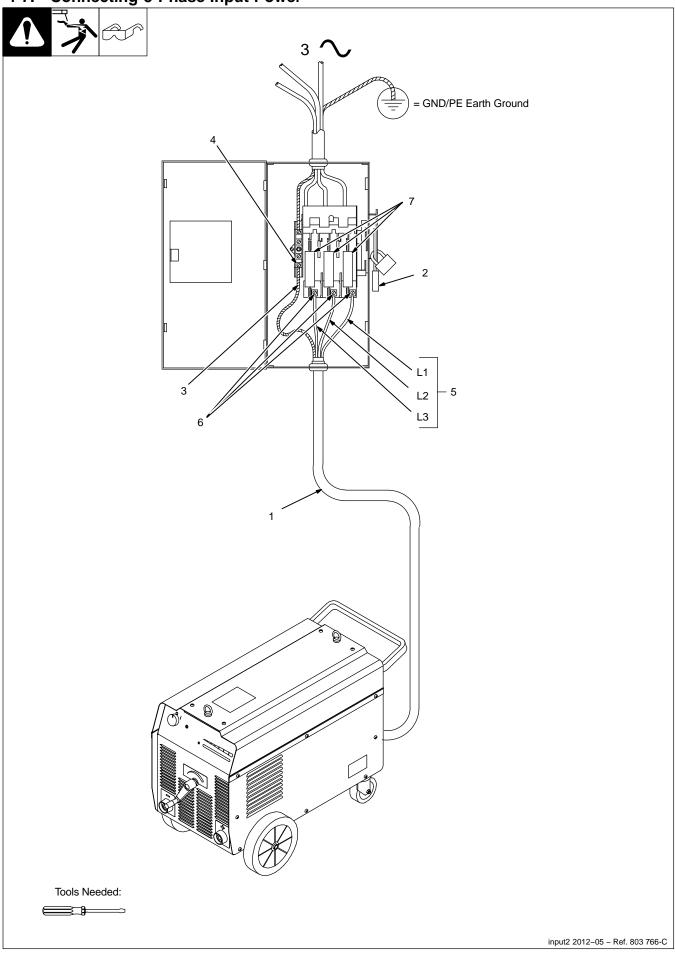
Power cord supplied with the unit is sized for 230V operation. Larger power cord may be required for cable lengths greater than 3 meters. C onsult national and local regulations.

Reference: 2014 National Electrical Code (NEC) (including article 630)

- 1 If a circuit breaker is used in place of a fuse, choose a circuit breaker with time-current curves comparable to the recommended fuse.
- 2 "Time-Delay" fuses are UL class "RK5". See UL 248.
- 3 "Normal Operating" (general purpose no intentional delay) fuses are UL class "K5" (up to and including 60 amps), and UL class "H" (65 amps and
- 4 Conductor data in this section specifies conductor size (excluding flexible cord or cable) between the panelboard and the equipment per NEC Table 310.15(B)(16). If a flexible cord or cable is used, minimum conductor size may increase. See NEC Table 400.5(A) for flexible cord and cable requirements.

Reference: 2008 National Electrical Code (NEC) (including article 630)

4-7. Connecting 3-Phase Input Power



4-7. Connecting 3-Phase Input Power (Continued)





Installation must meet all National and Local Codes - have only qualified persons make this installation.



 Disconnect and lockout/tagout input power before connecting input conductors from unit. Follow established procedures regarding the installation and removal of lockout/tagout devices.



Always connect green or green/yellow conductor to supply grounding terminal first, and never to a line terminal.

See rating label on unit and check input volt-

age available at site.

NOTICE - Verify jumper links match input voltage (see Section 4-5).

For Three-Phase Operation

- Input Power Cord.
- Disconnect Device (switch shown in the OFF position)
- Green Or Green/Yellow Grounding Conductor
- 4 **Disconnect Device Grounding Terminal**
- Input Conductors (L1, L2 And L3)
- Disconnect Device Line Terminals

Connect green or green/yellow grounding conductor to disconnect device grounding ter-

Connect input conductors L1, L2, and L3 to disconnect device line terminals.

Over-Current Protection

Select type and size of over-current protection using Section 4-6 (fused disconnect switch shown).

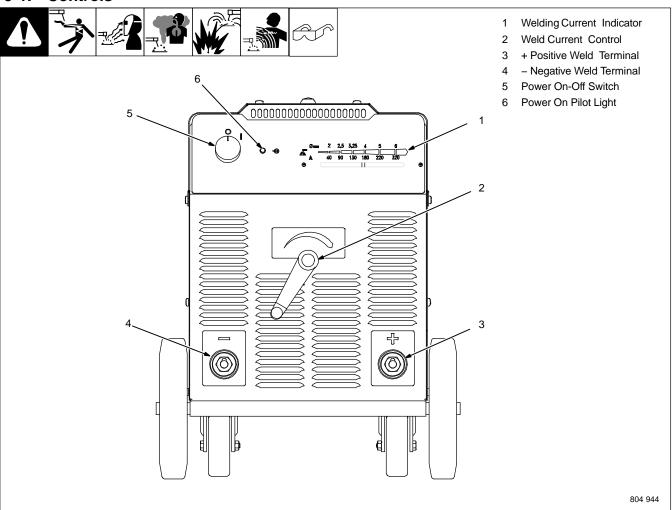
Close and secure door on disconnect device. Follow established lockout/tagout procedures to put unit in service.

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Notes	
	Work like a Pro! Pros weld and cut safely. Read the safety rules at
	the beginning of this manual.

SECTION 5 - OPERATION

5-1. Controls

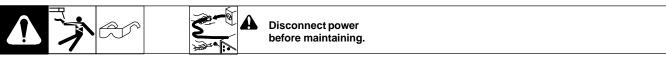


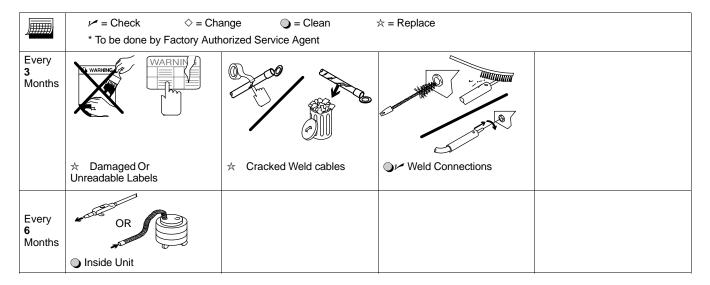
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SECTION 6 – MAINTENANCE AND TROUBLESHOOTING

6-1. Routine Maintenance





6-2. Troubleshooting



Trouble	Remedy				
No weld output; fan does not run.	Be sure Power switch is On (see Section 5-1).				
	Be sure line disconnect switch is in On position.				
	Check and replace line fuses if open. Reset breakers if necessary.				
Fan does not run; weld output okay.	Be sure nothing is blocking movement of fan. If fan does not run freely, replace fan motor.				
Erratic or improper weld output.	Clean and tighten all weld cable connections.				
	Check for proper size and type of cable (see Section 4-2).				
	Check for proper input and output connections (see Sections 4-7 and/or 4-4).				
	Replace electrode.				
Erratic arc with excessive spatter.	Use dry, properly stored electrodes.				
	Shorten arc length.				
	Reduce amperage setting.				
Electrode freezing to work.	Increase amperage setting.				
	Increase arc length.				
	Use dry, properly stored electrodes.				
Low weld output with no control.	Check position of Amperage Control (see Section 5-1).				
Limited output and low open-circuit	Check incoming power for correct voltage. Replace line fuse if open (see Section 4-7).				
voltage.	Check for proper input and output connections (see Sections 4-7 and/or 4-4).				

SECTION 7 - ELECTRICAL DIAGRAMS

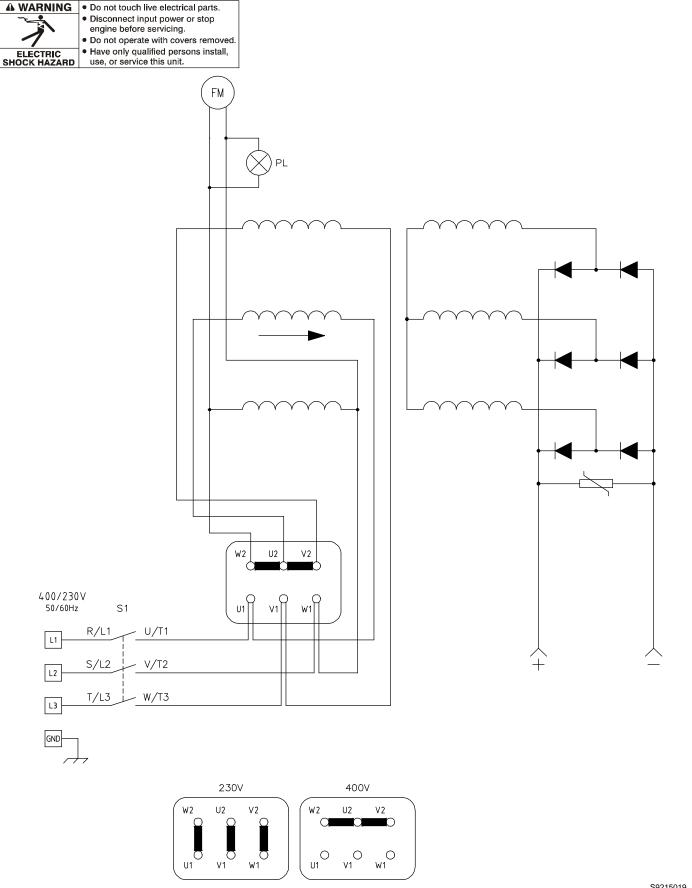
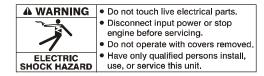
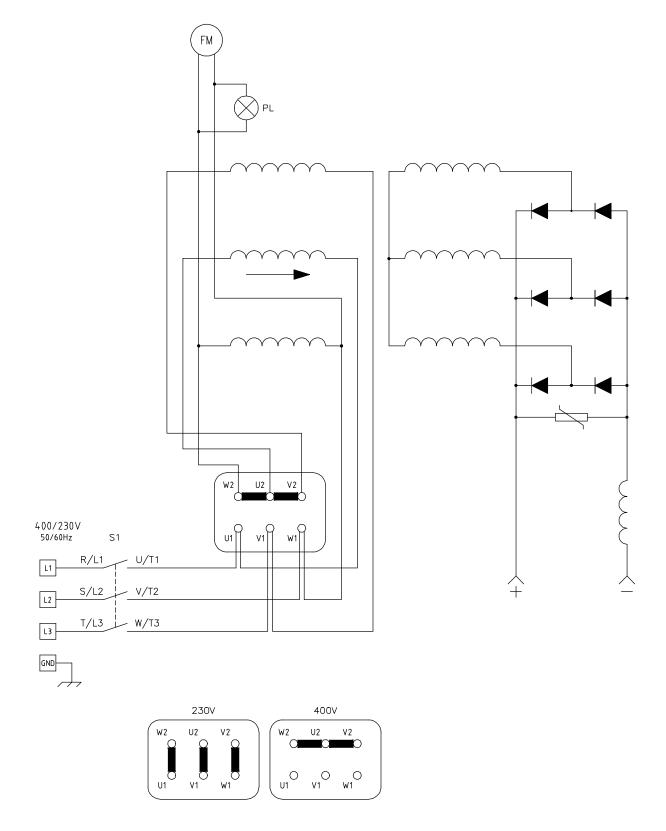


Figure 7-1. Circuit Diagram For Blue Thunder 253 And 403 Models (230/400 V)

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Figure 7-2. Circuit Diagram For Blue Thunder 253 And 403 Models (380/520 V)

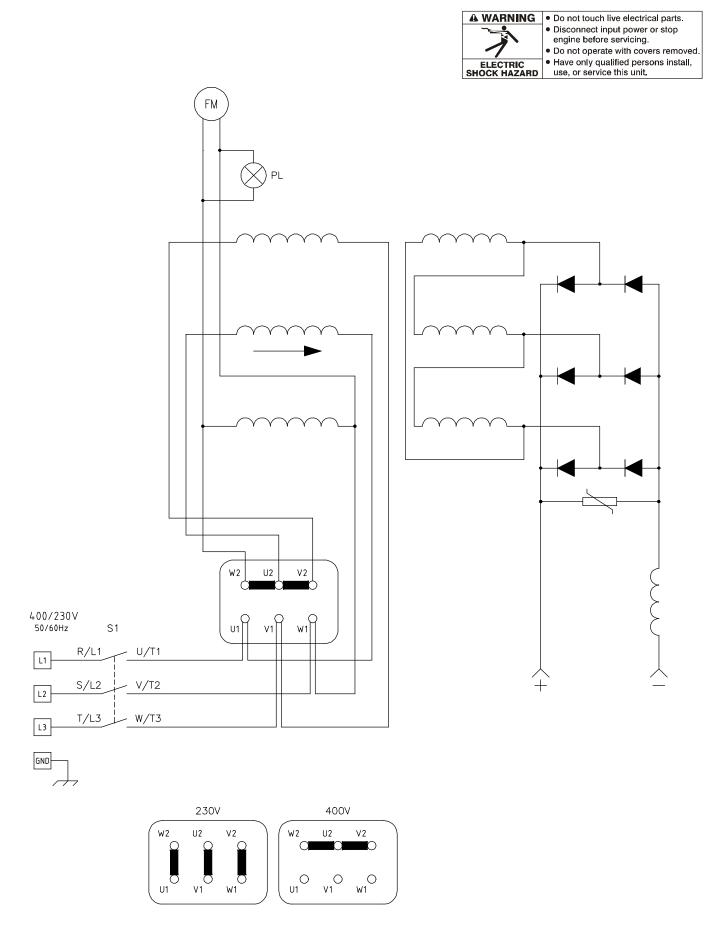


Figure 7-3. Circuit Diagram For Blue Thunder 343 And 443 Models (230/400 V)



- WARNING
 Do not touch live electrical parts.
 Disconnect input power or stop engine before servicing.
 - Do not operate with covers removed.
- ELECTRIC SHOCK HAZARD Have only qualified persons install, use, or service this unit.

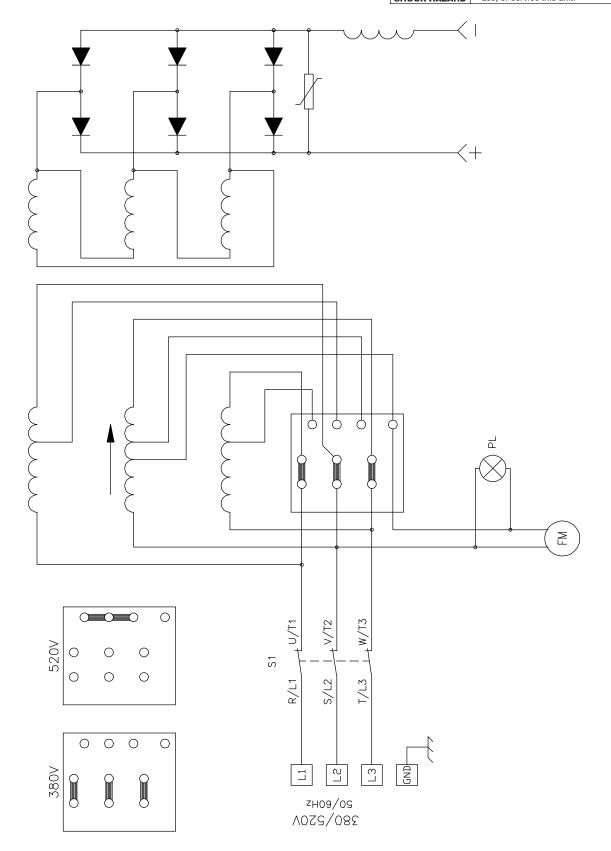


Figure 7-4. Circuit Diagram For Blue Thunder 343 And 443 Models (380/520 V)

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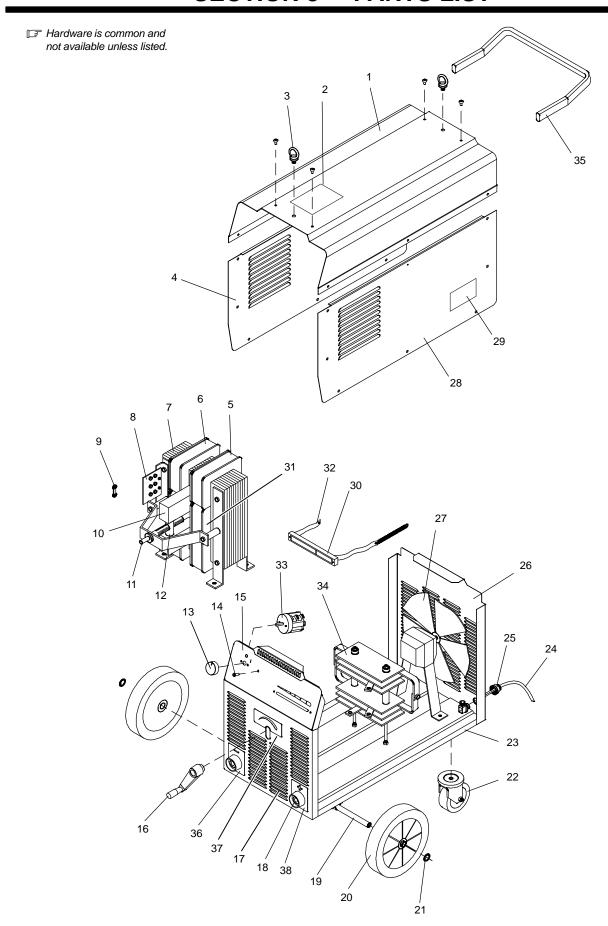


Figure 8-1. Blue Thunder 253

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Figure 8-1. Blue Thunder 253

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1 +156121032	
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3 156011019	=9 = / •
4 156122072	Panel, Left Side
5 057015088	Secondary Winding
6 057015098	
6 057015102	Primary Winding, 380/520 V
7 T1 058021131	Transformer, 3 Ph, 230/400 V
7 T1 058021144	Transformer, 3 Ph, 380/520 V
8 756069030	Primary Voltage Terminal Board, 230/400 V 1
8 756069035	Primary Voltage Terminal Board, 380/520 V 1
9 556070015	Primary Terminal Link 3
10 056059265	
11 556019047	
12 057029003	Shunt Yoke 1
13 056020069	Knob, Pointer
14 PL 056072078	White "Power On" LED 1
15 756029008	Nameplate, Front
16 056002010	
17 156118048	Front Panel
18 056076152	Dinse Socket, 50 Sqmm, Cx31
19 156012079	
20 056054056	Wheel, Rear Fixed
21 156023157	Wheel Retaining Clip
22 056054058	
23 156118007	
24 256071008	
25 656089026	
26	
27 FM 057035008	
28 +156122073	
29	
30 656062010	<u> </u>
31 057015103	Central Primary Winding 380/520 V
32 176109017	
33 S1 056067211	y
34 SR1 056050139	
35 156002019	Handle
36 956142592 37 956142590	Label, Increase/Decrease Weld Output
38	Positive Welding Terminal
30 930142391	rusilive vveiding reminal

Recommended Spare Parts.

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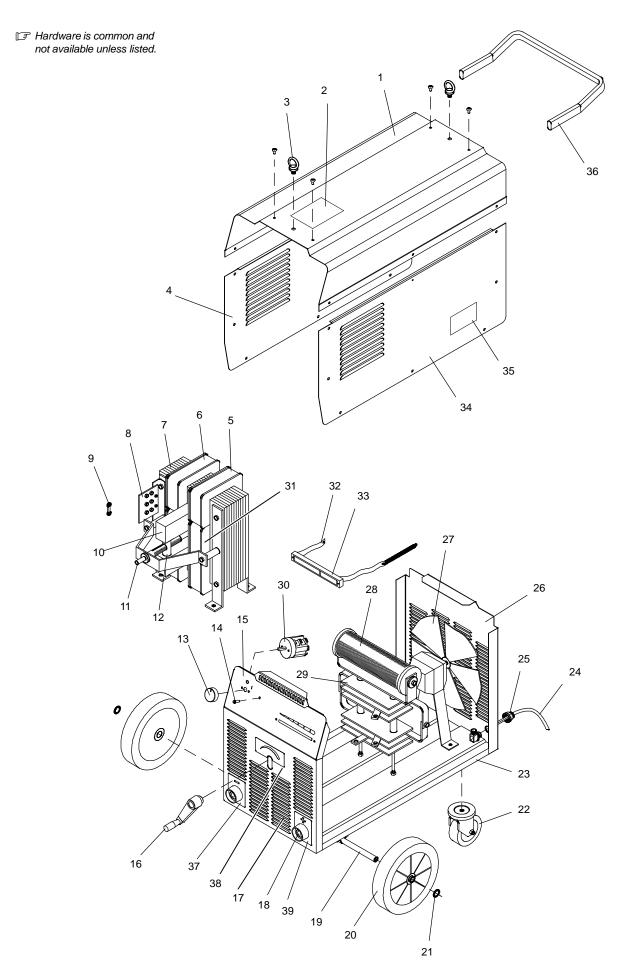


Figure 8-2. Blue Thunder 343

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Figure 8-2. Blue Thunder 343

1 +156121032 .	
	Label, General Precautionary Wordless 1
	Lifting Eye 2
4 156122072 .	Panel, Left Side 1
5 057015063 .	Secondary Winding 3
6 057015077 .	Primary Winding, 380/520 V
6 057015099 .	Primary Winding, 230/400 V
7 T1 058021097 .	
7 T1 058021132 .	Transformer, 3 Ph, MMA, 230/400 V
8 756069035 .	Primary Voltage Terminal Board, 380/520 V
8 756069030 .	Primary Voltage Terminal Board, 230/400 V
9 556070015 .	Primary Terminal Link 6
10 056059266 .	Shunt, 65 X 69 2
11 556019048 .	Regulation Screw, M24, L=245 1
	Shunt Yoke 1
	Knob, Pointer 1
	White "Power On" LED 1
15 756029009 .	Nameplate, Front
	Hand Wheel 1
17 156118048 .	Front Panel 1
	Dinse Socket, 50 Sqmm, Cx31
19	Axle ' 1
20 056054056 .	Wheel, Rear Fixed
21 156023157 .	Wheel Retaining Clip
22 056054058 .	Pivoting Wheel
23 156118007 .	Base 1
24 057014053 .	Primary Input Cable 4 x 4.0 mm
	Cable Clamp, Hole D.30 1
26 156118049 .	Panel, Rear 1
27 FM 057035008 .	Fan Assembly 230 V 1
28 057098004 .	Choke 1
29 SR1 056050127 .	Rectifier 1
30 S1 056067210 .	Switch 1
31 057015076 .	Primary Winding 380/520 V 1
32 176109019 .	Regulation Index 1
33 656062010 .	Scale Holder 1
	Panel, Right Side 1
	Label, Electric Shock Input 1
36 156002019 .	Handle 1
	Negative Welding Terminal
	Label, Increase/Decrease Weld Output
	Positive Welding Terminal 1

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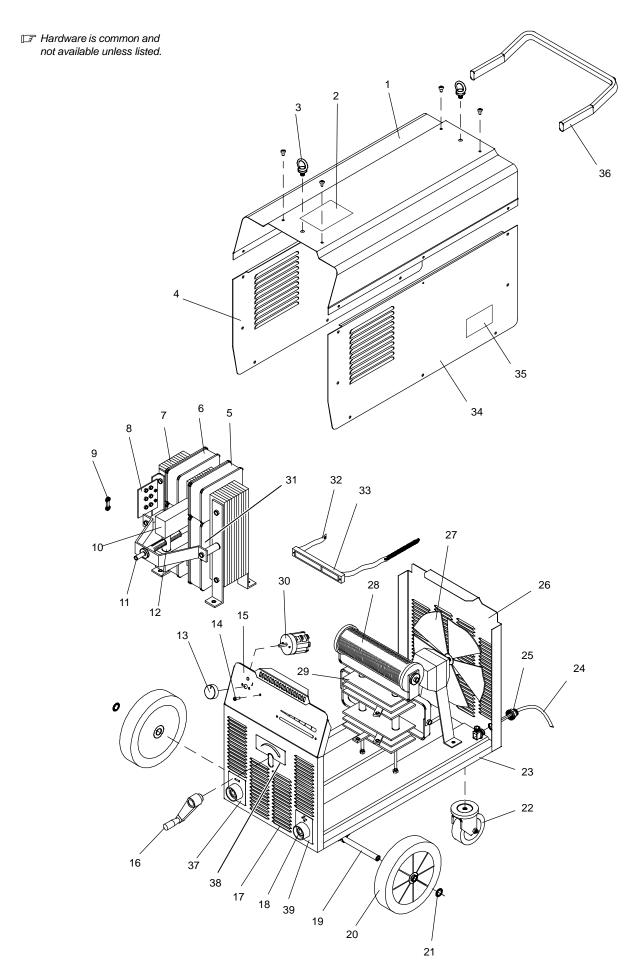


Figure 8-3. Blue Thunder 403

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Figure 8-3. Blue Thunder 403

1 +156121032 Upper Panel
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5 057015100 Secondary Winding
6 057015101 Primary Winding, 230/400 V 2
6 057015104 Primary Winding, 380/520 V 2
7 T1 058021142 Transformer, 3 Ph, 230/400 V
7 T1 058021145 Transformer, 3 Ph, 380/520 V
8
8
9
10 056059280 Shunt 2
11 556019048 Regulation Screw 1
12
13
14 PL 056072078 White "Power On" LED
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18 056076152 Dinse Socket, 50 Sqmm, Cx31 2
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26
27 FM 057035009 Fan Assembly 230 V
29 SR1 056050140 Rectifier
30 S1 056067210 Switch
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35
39 956142591 Positive Welding Terminal 1

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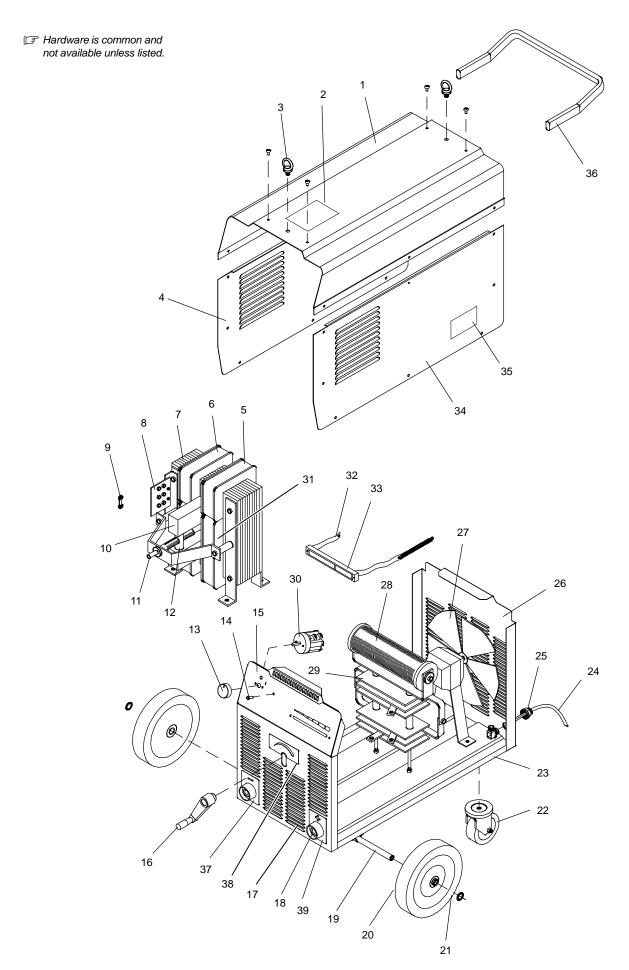


Figure 8-4. Blue Thunder 443

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Figure 8-4. Blue Thunder 443

1 +156121033 Upper Panel 1
2 176254 Label, General Precautionary Wordless
3
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5 057015065 Secondary Winding, 70 X 115 Al
6 057015080 Primary Winding, 380/520 V
6 057015091 Primary Winding, 230/400 V, 70 X 115 Al
7 T1 058021098 Transformer, 3 Ph, MMA, 380/520 V, 70 X 115 Al
7 T1 058021030 Transformer, 3 Ph, MMA, 330/400 V, 70 X 115 Al
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12
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14 PL 056072078 White "Power On" LED
15
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19
20 056054057 Wheel, Rear Fixed 2
21
22 056054059 Pivoting Wheel, D.125 2
23 156118008 Base 1
24 057014054 Primary Input Cable 4 x 6, M4 1
25 656089026 Cable Clamp, Hole D.30 1
26
27 FM 057035009 Fan Assembly 230 V, P.3, 230 V
28 057098016 Choke, Al, D.9,5, Tube, L=320
29 SR1 056050128 Rectifier, Pts 550 1
30 S1 056067210 Switch, 32 A, A 3202 1
31 057015079 Primary Winding 380/520 V 1
32 176109020 Regulation Index 1
33 656062010 Scale Holder 1
34 +156122075 Panel, Right Side
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 - * Original main power rectifiers only to include SCRs, diodes, and discrete rectifier modules with exclusion of STR, Si, STi, STH and MPi series.
- 2. 3 Years Parts and Labor
 - Engine Driven Welding Generators (NOTE: Engines are warranted separately by the engine manufacturer.)
 - Inverter Power Sources (Unless Otherwise Stated)
 - * Process Controllers
 - * Semi-Automatic and Automatic Wire Feeders
 - * Transformer/Rectifier Power Sources
- 3. 2 Years Parts
 - * Auto-Darkening Helmet Lenses (No Labor)
 - * Migmatic 175
 - * HF Units
- 4. 1 Year Parts and Labor Unless Specified
 - * Automatic Motion Devices
 - Field Options

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- Induction Heating Power Sources, Coolers, and Electronic Controls/Recorders
- Motor-Driven Guns (w/exception of Spoolmate Spoolguns)
- * Positioners and Controllers
- Powered Air Purifying Respirator (PAPR) Blower Unit (No Labor)
- * Racks
- * Running Gear and Trailers
- * Subarc Wire Drive Assemblies
- * Water Coolant Systems
- * Work Stations/Weld Tables (No Labor)
- 5. 6 Months Parts
 - * Batteries

- 6. 90 Days Parts
 - * Accessory (Kits)
 - Canvas Covers
 - * Induction Heating Coils and Blankets
 - MIG Guns
 - * Remote Controls
 - * Replacement Parts (No Labor)
 - Spoolmate Spoolguns
 - * Cables and Non-Electronic Controls

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