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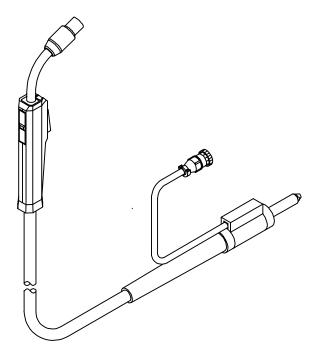


MIG (GMAW) Welding

Description

Air-Cooled Gun

GA-21C And GA-21CM





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OWNER'S MANUAL

From Miller to You

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SAFETY PRECAUTIONS FOR GMAW GUNS

△ WARNING

GMAW WELDING can be hazardous.

PROTECT YOURSELF AND OTHERS FROM POSSIBLE SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH. KEEP CHILDREN AWAY. PACEMAKER WEARERS KEEP AWAY UNTIL CONSULTING YOUR DOCTOR.

In welding, as in most jobs, exposure to certain hazards occurs. Welding is safe when precautions are taken. The safety information given below is only a summary of the more complete safety information found in the wire feeder and welding power source Owner's Manuals. Read and follow all safety precautions.

HAVE ALL INSTALLATION, OPERATION, MAINTENANCE, AND REPAIR WORK PERFORMED ONLY BY QUALIFIED PEOPLE.

ELECTRIC SHOCK can kill.



- 1. Always wear dry insulating gloves.
- 2. Insulate yourself from work and ground.
- 3. Do not touch live electrode or electrical parts.
- 4. Repair or replace worn, damaged, or cracked gun or cable insulation.
- 5. Turn off welding power source before changing contact tip or gun parts.
- 6. Keep all covers and handle securely in place.



ARC RAYS can burn eyes and skin.

- 1. Wear welding helmet with correct shade of filter.
- 2. Wear correct eye and body protection.
- 3. Cover exposed skin with spatter-resistant clothing.



HOT SURFACES can burn skin.

- 1. Allow gun to cool before touching.
- 2. Do not touch hot metal.
- 3. Protect hot metal from contact by others.



FUMES AND GASES can be hazardous to your health.

- 1. Keep your head out of the fumes.
- 2. Ventilate area, or use breathing device.
- Read Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDSs) and manufacturer's instructions for material used.



NOISE can damage hearing; SOME APPLICATIONS, SUCH AS PULSING, are noisy.

- Check for noise level limits exceeding those specified by OSHA.
- Use approved ear plugs or ear muffs if noise level is high.
- 3. Warn others nearby about noise hazard.



WELDING can cause fire or explosion.

- 1. Do not weld near flammable material.
- 2. Do not weld on closed containers.
- 3. Watch for fire; keep extinguisher nearby.



WELDING WIRE can cause puncture wounds.

 Keep hands and body away from gun tip when trigger is pressed.

EMF INFORMATION

NOTE



Considerations About Welding And The Effects Of Low Frequency Electric And Magnetic Fields

The following is a quotation from the General Conclusions Section of the U.S. Congress, Office of Technology Assessment, *Biological Effects of Power Frequency Electric & Magnetic Fields – Background Paper*, OTA-BP-E-53 (Washington, DC: U.S. Government Printing Office, May 1989): "... there is now a very large volume of scientific findings based on experiments at the cellular level and from studies with animals and people which clearly establish that low frequency magnetic fields can interact with, and produce changes in, biological systems. While most of this work is of very high quality, the results are complex. Current scientific understanding does not yet allow us to interpret the evidence in a single coherent framework. Even more frustrating, it does not yet allow us to draw definite conclusions about questions of possible risk or to offer clear science-based advice on strategies to minimize or avoid potential risks."

To reduce magnetic fields in the workplace, use the following procedures:

- 1. Keep cables close together by twisting or taping them.
- 2. Arrange cables to one side and away from the operator.
- 3. Do not coil or drape cables around the body.
- 4. Keep welding power source and cables as far away as practical.
- Connect work clamp to workpiece as close to the weld as possible.

About Pacemakers:

The above procedures are among those also normally recommended for pacemaker wearers. Consult your doctor for complete information.

SECTION 1 – SAFETY INFORMATION

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- Read all safety messages throughout this manual.
- Obey all safety messages to avoid injury.
- Learn the meaning of WARNING and CAUTION.

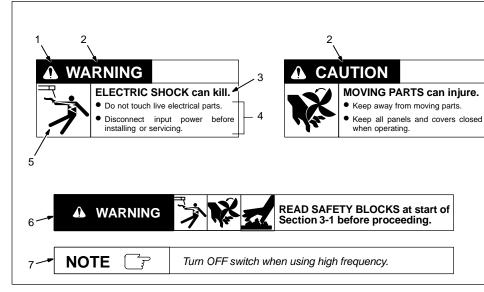


Figure 1-1. Safety Information

- 1 Safety Alert Symbol
- 2 Signal Word

WARNING means possible death or serious injury can happen.

CAUTION means possible minor injury or equipment damage can happen.

- 3 Statement Of Hazard And Result
- 4 Safety Instructions To Avoid Hazard
- 5 Hazard Symbol (If Available)
- 6 Safety Banner

Read safety blocks for each symbol shown.

7 NOTE

Special instructions for best operation – not related to safety.

SECTION 2 – SPECIFICATIONS

Table 2-1. Specifications

Specifications	Description
Rated Output	200 Amperes Using CO ₂ Shielding Gas – Air-Cooled
Duty Cycle	See Figure 2-1
Wire Diameter	.023 Thru .045 in (0.6 Thru 1.1 mm) Hard Or Flux Cored Wires
Weight	12 ft Gun – Net: 4.9 lb (2.2 kg); Ship: 7.4 lb (3.4 kg) 15 ft Gun – Net: 5.2 lb (2.4 kg); Ship: 7.7 lb (3.5 kg)

CAUTION

USING GUN BEYOND DUTY CYCLE RATING can damage gun and void warranty.

- Do not use gun beyond 200 amperes at 100% duty cycle when using CO₂ shielding gas.
- $\bullet\,$ Use gun at 50% duty cycle when using mixed shielding gas.

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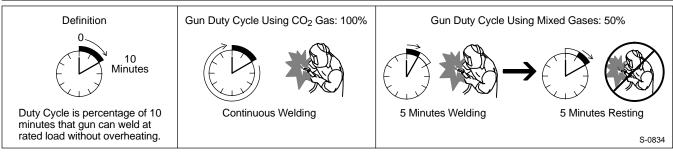


Figure 2-1. Duty Cycle

SECTION 3 – INSTALLATION

3-1. Preparing And Installing Gun

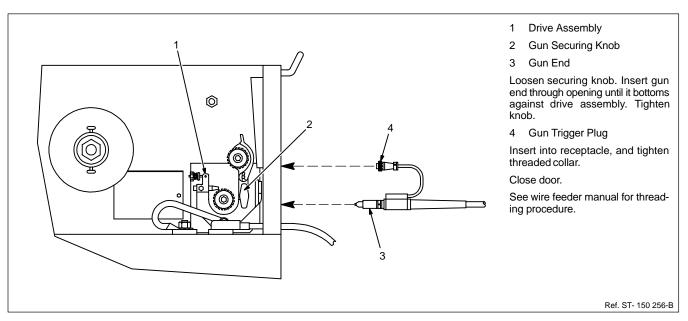


Figure 3-1. Installing Gun

SECTION 4 – OPERATION



4-1. Operating The Gun

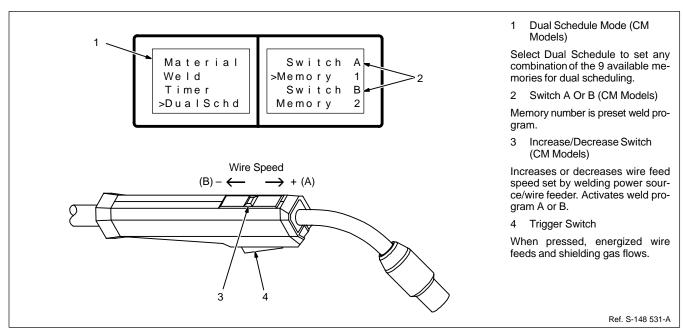


Figure 4-1. Using Gun Switches

SECTION 5 – MAINTENANCE & TROUBLESHOOTING



READ SAFETY BLOCKS at beginning of manual before proceeding.

5-1. Maintenance And Troubleshooting

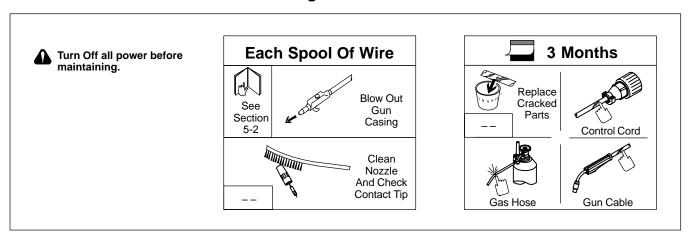


Figure 5-1. Routine Maintenance

Table 5-1. Troubleshooting

Trouble	Remedy
Wire does not feed.	Check contact tip. Check for kinks in gun cable. Check trigger connection at welding power source/wire feeder. Have nearest Factory Authorized Serive Station/Service Distributor check gun trigger switch.
Wire is not energized.	Check contact tip. Check trigger connection at welding power source/wire feeder. Have nearest Factory Authorized Serive Station/Service Distributor check gun trigger switch.
Wire feeds unevenly.	Check contact tip. Check for kinks in gun cable. Blow out liner and gun casing.
Wire speed does not change when using gun Increase/Decrease switch.	Check welding power source/wire feeder set up. Have nearest Factory Authorized Service Station/Service Distributor check Increase/Decrease switch.

5-2. Changing Contact Tip And Liner

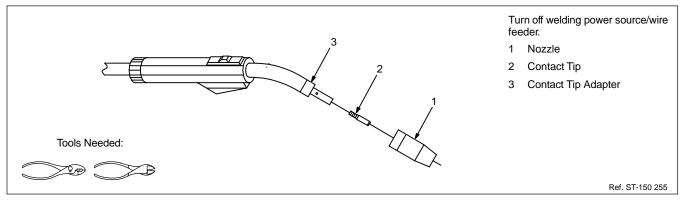


Figure 5-2. Changing Contact Tip

CAUTION

FLYING METAL CHIPS AND DIRT can cause injury and damage equipment.

Point gun away from people and in a safe direction when blowing out with compressed air.

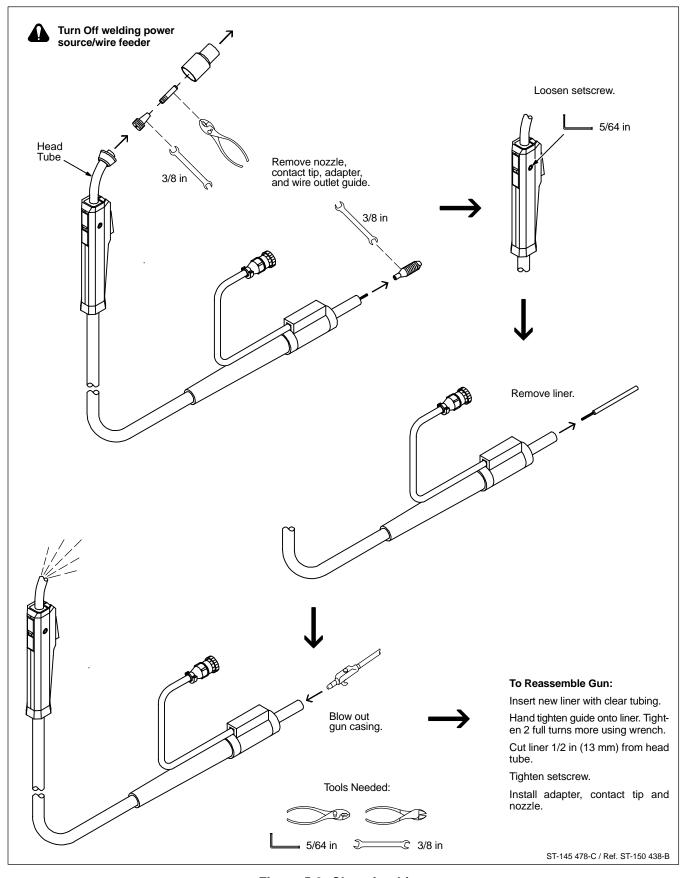
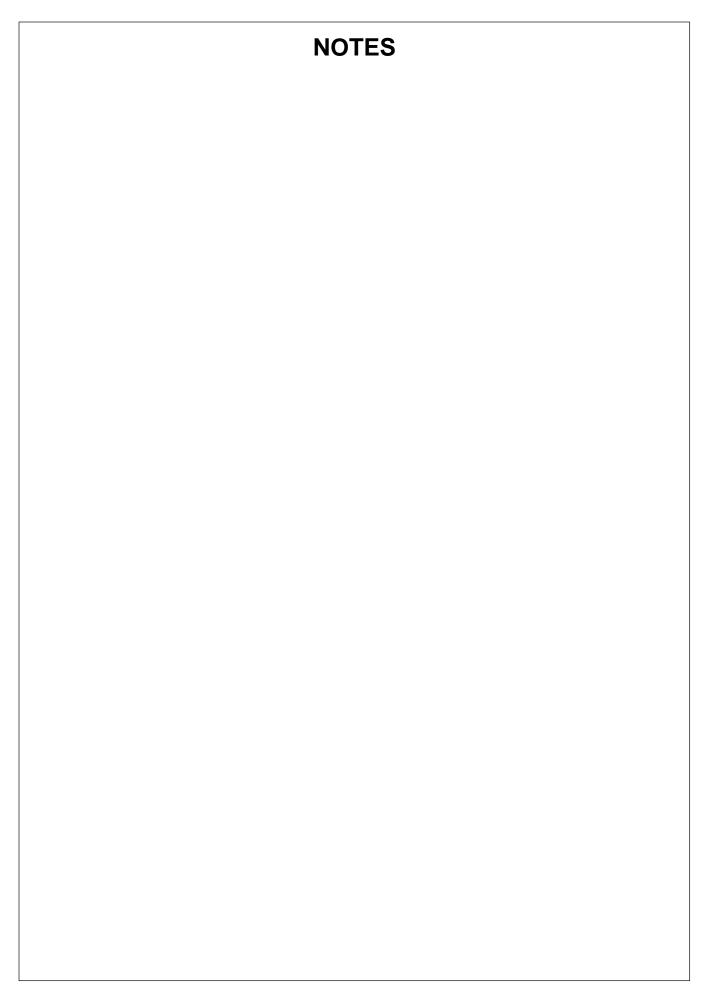


Figure 5-3. Changing Liner



SECTION 6 – PARTS LIST

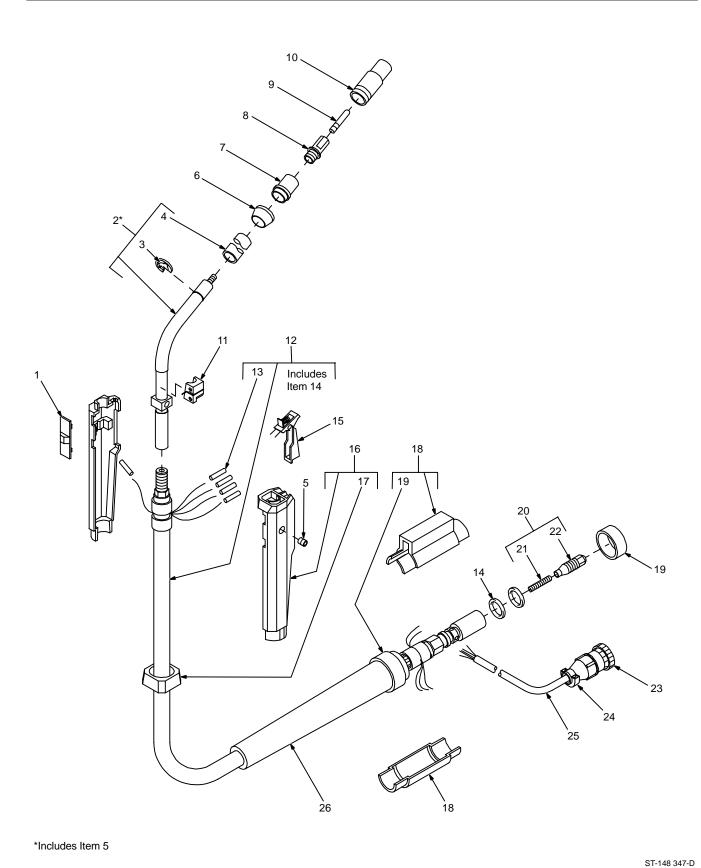


Figure 6-1. Complete Assembly (GA-21CM Model Illustrated)

			Qua	antity
Item	Part		Me	odel
No.	No.	Description	GA-21C	GA-21CM

Figure 6-1. Complete Assembly

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1 145 213 ACTUATOR, inc/dec	1
2 152 669 KIT, head tube (consisting of)	
3 081 960 RING, retaining ext .500 shaft x .035thk 1	
4 086 281 HOSE, nprn .500 ID x .687 OD x 3.375	
5 154 731 SCREW, set stl sch 10-24 x .312 cup point	
6 082 063 NUT, conduit .875-20 1	1
7 082 241 INSULATOR, nozzle	
9 971 825 TUBE, cont scr .030 wire x 1.312	
9	2
9 ♦ 087 300 TUBE, cont scr .030 = .033 Wile X 1.312	2
9 ♦ 057 300 TOBE, contribution 023 wire x 1.312	
10 149 146 NOZZLE, scr type .625 orf x 2.250 lg	
10 \$149 147 NOZZLE, scr type .437 orf x 2.250 lg	
10 \$149 148 NOZZLE, scr type .500 orf x 2.250 lg	
10 • 046 469 NOZZLE, spot inside corner .920 ID x 2.375 Ig 1	
10 • 046 468 NOZZLE, spot outside corner .920 ID x 2.843 lg 1	
10 • 046 470 NOZZLE, spot flat .920 ID x 2.375 lg	
11 145 377 SWITCH BLOCK	1
12 144 344 CABLE/CONDUIT, 12-1/2ft (consisting of)	
12 145 375 CABLE/CONDUIT, 12-1/2ft (consisting of)	1
12 + • 149 272 CABLE/CONDUIT, 15ft	
12 + ♦ 149 275 CABLE/CONDUIT, 15ft	
13 089 902 TERMINAL, rcpt skt 20-24 wire insulated	
14 079 974 O-RING, .500 ID x .103CS rbr	
15 120 164 TRIGGER, switch assembly	1
16 149 927 HANDLE, gun (consisting of)	
16 149 928 HANDLE, gun (consisting of)	
3 081 960 RING, retaining ext .500 shaft x .035thk 1	
4 086 281 HOSE, nprn .500 ID x .687 OD x 3.375 1	
17 128 758 RING, locking 1	1
18 091 602 STRAIN RELIEF, cable (consisting of)	1
19 049 312 RING, locking handle	2
20 ♦129 178 KIT, liner monocoil .023/.025 wire x 15ft (consisting of) 1	
21 128 718 LINER, monocoil .025 wire x 15ft 1	
22 128 769 GUIDE, wire outlet .023	
20 129 179 KIT, liner monocoil .030/.035 wire x 15ft (consisting of) 1	
21 128 720 LINER, monocoil .030 – .035 wire x 15ft 1	
22 120 995 GUIDE, wire outlet .030 – .045	
20 \$149 283 KIT, liner monocoil .045 wire x 15ft (consisting of) 1	
21 149 269 LINER, monocoil .045 wire x 15ft 1	
22 120 995 GUIDE, wire outlet .030 – .045 1	
23 079 878 CONNECTOR & PINS, (consisting of) 1	
079 535 CONNECTOR, circ pin push-in 18-14ga Amp 66359-6 4	
24 048 834 CONNECTOR, circ clamp str rlf Amp 206062-4 1	
25 604 525 CABLE, port No. 18 2/c (order by ft	
25 053 212 CABLE, port No. 18 4/c (order by ft)	2ft
26 112 884 STRAIN RELIEF, extension gun end	
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BE SURE TO PROVIDE MODEL AND SERIAL NUMBER WHEN ORDERING REPLACEMENT PARTS.

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OPTIONS AND ACCESSORIES

DSS-8 DUAL SCHEDULE SWITCH

(#079 691) 10 ft. (3 m) **(#079 693)** 15 ft. (4.6 m)

Fastens to gun handle. Used in place of standard gun trigger. Selects schedule and operates the contactor.

Note: Adapter cord (#046 943) is required when using a DSS-8 switch with an RCMP-1 of RCDW-1 control and S-52A or S-54A wire feeder

DSS-9 DUAL SCHEDULE SWITCH

(#071 832) 10 ft. (3 m) (#071 833) 15 ft. (4.6 m)

Fastens to gun handle. Selects schedule. Gun trigger switch operates the contactor.

Note: Adapter cord (#046 943) is required when using a DSS-9 switch with an RCMP-1 of RCDW-1 control and S-52A or S-54A wire feeder.

DSS-10 DUAL SCHEDULE SWITCH

(#042 749)

Fastens to gun handle. To be used on a variety of semiautomatic air-cooled torches used with Millermatic 250MP power source. Switch increases or decreases selected wire feed values.

ADAPTERS (#048 622)

Connects gun to MM-10 and MM-30 Series wire feeders.

(#071 243)

Connects gun to MM-70A wire feeder.



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 - Inverters (input and output rectifiers only)
- 2. 3 Years Parts and Labor
 - * Transformer/Rectifier Power Sources
 - * Plasma Arc Cutting Power Sources
 - Semi-Automatic and Automatic Wire Feeders
 - * Inverter Power Supplies
 - * Intellitig
 - Engine Driven Welding Generators (NOTE: Engines are warranted separately by the engine manufacturer.)
- 3. 1 Year Parts and Labor
 - * DS-2 Wire Feeder
 - Motor Driven Guns (w/exception of Spoolmate 185 & Spoolmate 250)
 - * Process Controllers
 - * Positioners and Controllers
 - * Automatic Motion Devices
 - * RFCS Foot Controls
 - * Induction Heating Power Sources
 - * Water Coolant Systems
 - * HF Units
 - * Grids
 - Maxstar 140
 - * Spot Welders
 - * Load Banks
 - * Miller Cyclomatic Equipment
 - * Running Gear/Trailers
 - Plasma Cutting Torches (except APT & SAF Models)
 - * Field Options

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- 4. 6 Months Batteries
- 5. 90 Days Parts
 - * MIG Guns/TIG Torches
 - * Induction Heating Coils and Blankets

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- Remote Controls
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