This document will provide a quick guide to the set up and operating procedure of the Techno WinCNC 2136 Tabletop Plasma Cutter.

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WARNING! READ, FOLLOW AND UNDERSTAND THE TORCH MANUAL BEFORE BEGINNING USE.

1) Use a welding screen when operating Plasma Torch.

2) Wear proper eye protection.

3) Wear proper protective clothing.

4) Disconnect all power before adjusting, loading, or replacing any materials or consumables on the machine table or torch.

5) CUT MATERIAL AND MACHINE WILL REMAIN HOT FOR MANY MINUTES AFTER PLASMA TORCH HAS BEEN SHUT OFF. LET COOL ACCORDINGLY. ALWAYS USE GLOVES TO AVOID BURNS AND SHARP EDGES.

6) Disconnect all power before servicing the CNC machine or torch. The machine may have multiple power sources, disconnect all power sources.

7) Ensure proper ventilation is setup and used during operation of Plasma Torch.

8) Install Plasma Cutter on a non-flammable surface only.

9) Keep all areas around the Plasma Torch free of flammable materials, including but not limited to wood, flammable material scraps, clothing, cleaning solvents, plastic and more.

10) Keep clothing, hair, and jewelry away from the Plasma Torch and hot metals.

11) Do not operate unattended.

12) Have appropriate fire extinguishing equipment available in case of emergency.

13) Refer to MSDS for material being cut for material-specific safety instructions. Stainless steel can be particularly dangerous.
The Techno CNC Plasma System is powered by 220 volt single phase power.

Please make sure the CNC Plasma is properly grounded using the grounding lug provided on the rear leg of the machine.

Make sure the Ground Clamp (Work Lead) is connected to the material being cut.

Have a licensed electrician perform all electrical connections based on your electrical codes!
II. Techno CNC Plasma Installation

Machine and Controller Connections

1.1 The Electronics are housed in the large controller box as shown in Figure 1.1. When unpacking the machine, avoid twisting the plastic conduit that guides the cables to the motors.

1.2 Open the front and back of the controller box

1.3 Unpack the computer and monitor and mount them on the controller. The PC fits on the side shelf and the monitor rests on top.

1.4 Plug the labelled cables into their proper places. 2 labelled interface cables, 1 monitor and 2 USB for mouse and keyboard.

See PC and Controller Interface Connections on page 25.

1.5 The power terminal (220 V single phase) for the 2136 Plasma is located at the back of the machine as shown in figure 1.5.

Have a suitably qualified person connect the 220V to the terminals. Make sure that all local electrical codes are obeyed.
WARNING: Read this setup thoroughly before running the machine. Have a licensed electrician perform all electrical connections based on your local codes!

IIb. Plasma Torch Connections

When hooking up the plasma torch, be sure to use appropriate power. See Hypertherm documentation or refer to quote for details.

Please read and understand the Hypertherm torch manual before operating the machine.

Make sure the torch is plugged in.

Make sure grounding clamp is plugged in.

Both the Hypertherm torch need compressed air to operate.
III. Controller Functionality

**Machine Controls**

- **Power Button** - Turns the machine on and off when the machine has power and the power breaker is in the on position.
- **Power Off Button** - Turns the machine off
- **Emergency Stop** - Cuts off the power to the machine.
IV. Controller Screen Layout

Main Layout Controls and Description

Command Box and History Viewer

Live View and Toolpath Viewer
V. Controller Button Functions

Tool Bar

The tool bar is a collection of shortcut buttons that perform specific actions.

**START**
Execute command line or job

**RESTART / SKIP**
Restarts a job at a given line number

**SINGLE STEP MODE**
Allows you to execute single lines of a g-code file at a time.

**STOP / ABORT**
Stops a running command or job

**PAUSE**
Pauses a running command or job

**VIEW HISTORY**
Opens Job history browser

**OPEN**
Opens Explorer to open a job file

**EDIT**
Opens Notepad to edit a job file

**SIMULATE**
Simulates a file to check for errors and run time

**VIEW**
Displays the current job in the viewer window

**SOFT LIMITS**
Enables/Disables soft limit features

Axis Window

The axis window is the primary display for current information about each axis on your machine. The current positions and velocities for each axis are displayed in the text boxes.

Machine Status
Displays current units, active modes and current feed rate override percentage

Green Box
Indicates an origin offset is applied

Blue Box
Indicates a workspace offset is applied

Red Triangle
Indicates a triggered limit switch (left low, right high)

Slider Bar
Controls feed rate override
Jog and Incremental Buttons

These buttons are what allow you to initiate a manual jog or incremental movement. In jog mode, holding the button down will continuously move the machine. In incremental mode, each time a button is pressed the machine will move according to the jog increment that has been selected. Holding the button down in incremental mode will move the machine only once.

Movement Direction Buttons
When pressed, these buttons allow the machine to move in selected direction in the selected mode. (Jog or Incremental)

Jog Speed Buttons
When pressed, these buttons allow the machine to move at predetermined continuous speeds.

Jog Increment Buttons
When pressed, these buttons allow the machine to move in steps of the selected increment.
Viewer

WinCNC contains a built in viewer window that will allow you to display the output of G-Code files before the job is actually run. By default, the viewer can also display a G-Code file line by line as it is run.

G0 rapid moves are shown as a black dashed line. G1 feedrate moves are displayed as a solid blue line.

To view a file before you run it, open the file in the command line and then press the viewer button on the toolbar.

Once the object is loaded into the viewer the following controls can be used:
Zoom In - click the left mouse button.
Zoom Out - click the right mouse button.
Selected Zoom - hold down the left mouse button and drag the box around the area to zoom in on.
Pan or Re-Center Object - hold CTRL and click either mouse button.
Reset Image - hold shift and click either mouse button
Function Buttons

These buttons perform preset functions. They are used as shortcuts for many G-code operations.

Seek Limits
Finds the machine’s limit switches. Should be performed at start-up.

Set XY
Sets the XY origin at the current position

Set Z
Sets the Z origin at the current position. Not necessary for Plasma jobs.

Go Home
 Raises Z to its high limit and sends the machine to XY=0

Touch Top
Starts automatic touch off cycle to set Z=0

Clear
Clears all offsets.

Calculator
Opens the calculator application.

Pen Mode is unique to the CNC Plasma. It is a mode that allows the machine to use a pen to draw the given job onto the material. Click to turn on and off. Button shows current mode

Pen mode:
- Disables Touch-Off
- Disables Torch On
- Applies Pen Offset (Blue Box on Y-axis Coordinates)
- User must set Z using “set Z” for pen on material
Status Indicators

This window shows certain machine inputs and outputs.

EStop
Red indicates Estop Fault
This input is for the torch knock-down sensor

Arc Present
Green indicates that arc has successfully transferred

Torch Height Control (THC) Quick View

This window allows the user to select preconfigured THC modes as well as perform basic commands.

Quick Config Select
Shows the currently selected THC configuration. Drop down menu shows other options.

THC / Auto
Enables / Disables Automatic THC
Enables / Disables Autosense

Config
Opens a window to create a new THC configuration profile. (See Next Section)

Target Voltage
Sets the target voltage (height) for the given job

Arc Voltage
Shows the actual (real time) voltage

Torch
Turns the torch on or off.

Indicator
Green is torch on
Red is torch off
THC Configuration Window

This window allows the user to save THC profiles for future usage. We recommend saving a new configuration profile for each material type and thickness used.

The highlighted variables should always be used. All values are taken directly from the Hypertherm Manual’s Cut Charts.

See section V to learn how to set these values

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Material Name</th>
<th>Configuration name</th>
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<td>Torch Amps</td>
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<td>Feed Rate</td>
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<tr>
<td>Target Voltage</td>
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<td>Pierce Delay</td>
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<td>Piercing Height</td>
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<td>THC Mode</td>
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Config List Shows a list of THC profiles. Select one to edit it.

Cutting Height

Disabled - No THC, maintains a fixed height
Automatic - THC On, maintains a fixed height above the material based on voltage (recommended)
Auto Sense - Uses voltage from initial touch off as fixed height
VI. Using the Cut Charts

Setting the Plasma Cut Parameters:

Please refer to your Hypertherm Powermax Manual’s cut chart to ensure proper settings.

Maximum cut speeds are the fastest speeds possible to cut material without regard to cut quality.

Recommended cut speeds are a good starting point for finding the best quality cut. You will need to adjust the speeds for your application and your table to obtain the desired cut quality.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Arc current (amps)</th>
<th>Material thickness</th>
<th>Torch-to-work distance (in)</th>
<th>Initial pierce height</th>
<th>Pierce delay (sec)</th>
<th>Recommended</th>
<th>Maximum</th>
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<td>0.018 in (26 Ga)</td>
<td>0.06</td>
<td>0.15 in</td>
<td>250%</td>
<td>360</td>
<td>400*</td>
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<td>0.060 in (16 Ga)</td>
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<td>0.500 in (1/2 in)</td>
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<td>14</td>
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<td>0.750 in (3/4 in)</td>
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<td>8</td>
<td>10</td>
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<td>1.000 in (1 in)</td>
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<td>4</td>
<td>5</td>
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Edge start recommended as necessary.
The cut chart on the previous page is being used as an example. It is from the Hypertherm PowerMax manual. It represents the cut chart for shielded consumables on Mild Steel with English Units.

In this example, we will be cutting 16 Ga mild steel and we will use the recommended settings. These are merely recommended settings, you will need to adjust accordingly.

We will use the cut chart from left to right.

First, we need to open the WinCNC controller and open the THC config window.

Name the Material “16 Ga - 45 amps”

We will start with “Torch Amps”. For our given setup, we will be using 45 amps. Input 45 into the “Torch Amps” box and make sure the Hypertherm torch is set to 45 using the front knob.

Next, we choose our material thickness. In this example, we will be using 16 Ga.

As we move from left to right, we can use and set various parameters.

Torch-to-work distance is our “Cutting Height” value. Enable “Cutting Height” and set the value to .06”

Initial Pierce Height is our “Piercing Height” value. Enable “Piercing Height” and set the value to .15”

Now we will set our Pierce delay, under “Pierce Delay” enter 0.0.

For the best cut results, we will use the “Recommended” settings for feed rate and voltage.

Our cut speed will be 350 inches per minute. Put 350 in the spot marked “Feed Rate”

Our voltage will be 116. Put 116 in the spot marked “Target Volts”

Finally, choose a THC mode. In cases of flat sheet material, you can choose “disabled”. If there may be any chance of variation of material thickness or height or the material may be warped, choose “Automatic”

Click “Save” to save the profile and “Done” to exit
VII. Plasma Quick Start Guide

This guide will assume all machine, controller, plasma and PC connections have been made and that you are ready to run a file.

Step 1 - Power Up

Turn on power to the machine, plasma torch and PC. Ensure the torch and machine have an adequate air supply and the ground clamp is properly on the material being cut.

Step 2 - Seek Limits

Once powered up, please choose “Seek Limits” from the controller screen. This will ensure proper positioning.

WARNING: Before seeking limits, ensure that the plasma table is free from obstruction.

Step 3 - Setting the Origin

Jog the machine to the desired X/Y start position by pressing the X and Y directional keys.

Once located, press “Set XY”.

The display should now show X and Y coordinate values of 0.000 with green boxes as indicators that the origin has been set.

Z may have a non zero number.
Step 4 - Testing the Touch Off

Before running a file, we want to test the torch touch off. Make sure the material is under the torch for this test and the work lead is attached to the raw stock. Press “Touch Top” button. The torch should lower to the material, touch off, and retract.

Step 5 - Choosing the THC profile

Choose a THC config from the Quick Config menu. Ensure all settings are consistent with Hypertherm Cut Charts.

Step 6 - Load and Simulate G-Code file

Press “Open” and navigate to and select the file you would like to run. Once selected, choose “Simulate” to check for errors. You may also choose “View” to show the tool paths in the Viewer window.

Step 7 - Start the File

Press play.

The machine will automatically touch off and set the height for cutting then proceed to execute the G-code program.
VIII. Pen Quick Start Guide

This guide will assume all machine, controller, plasma and PC connections have been made and that you are ready to run a file.

Step 1 - Power Up

Turn on power to the machine, plasma torch and PC. Ensure the torch and machine have an adequate air supply and the ground clamp is properly on the material being cut.

Step 2 - Go home

Once powered up, please choose “go home” from the controller screen. This will ensure proper positioning.

WARNING: Before seeking limits, ensure that the plasma table is free from obstruction and the front door is closed.

Step 3 - Setting XY=0

Jog the machine to the desired X/Y start position by pressing the X and Y directional keys.

Once located, press “Set XY”.

The display should now show X and Y coordinate values of 0.000 with green boxes as indicators that the origin has been set.

Z may have a non-zero number.

Step 4 - Setting Pen Mode

Press the “Pen Mode” button. It should now say “ON” and the Y axis should move and have a blue box next to its position.
Step 5 - Setting Z=0

Place the Pen in the pen holder. Carefully lower the Pen down using the Z down button. Once the tip is touching the material, press “Set Z”.

Step 6 - Load and Simulate G-Code file

Press “Open” and navigate and select the file you would like to run. Once selected, choose “Simulate” to check for errors. You may also choose “View” to show the tool paths in the Viewer window.

Step 7 - Start the File

Press play.

The machine will proceed to execute the G-code program.
## IX. Supported Code

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<td>Rapid Movement</td>
<td>G0 X# Y#</td>
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<td>Feed Movement</td>
<td>G1 X# Y# F#</td>
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<td>G2</td>
<td>Clockwise Movement at Feed (IJ or R)</td>
<td>G2 X# Y# I# J# / G2 X# Y# R#</td>
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<tr>
<td>G3</td>
<td>Counter Clockwise Movement at Feed (IJ or R)</td>
<td>G3 X# Y# I# J# / G3 X# Y# R#</td>
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<tr>
<td>G4</td>
<td>Dwell</td>
<td>G4 m (m is time in seconds)</td>
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<td>G20</td>
<td>Units are in inches</td>
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<td>G21</td>
<td>Units are in centimeters</td>
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<td>G22</td>
<td>Units are in millimeters</td>
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<td>G28</td>
<td>Return to machine zero (all axes if none specified)</td>
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<td>Absolute mode</td>
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<td>Auto Voltage Set Mode On</td>
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<td>L36.2</td>
<td>Reset Auto Voltage Set Status</td>
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<td>G Code in input line not support / recognized</td>
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<td>Multiple Commands</td>
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<td>Command or File Not Found</td>
<td>Non-supported Code / Invalid File Name Entered</td>
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<td>Arc Radius</td>
<td>Distance from start point to center is not equal to distance from end point to center. Check G2 vs G3 and G91 vs G90</td>
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<td>Soft Limit Exceeded</td>
<td>Specified move would result in exceeding soft limits</td>
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<td>E-Stop or Escape used by user</td>
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XI. Machine Lubrication.

Lubricating the X-Y Rack and Pinion.

Lubrication is important with rack and pinion gearing systems. A thin film of grease should always be present on the contacting tooth flanks to minimize metal to metal contact.

Lithium grease lubrication is recommended over oil, as the oil lubrication will flow away from tooth flanks.

The grease should be applied to the rails at regular intervals, depending on the usage of the machine. Use a small brush to coat both rails on the side of the Y-axis and the single rail across the X-axis.

Lubricating the X-Y-Z Rails

The rail carriage bearings are sealed and protected with wipers. The rails should be lightly oiled to allow smooth operation. Avoid a build up of debris on the rails by blowing them off with air, or wiping them down with a rag. The rails do not need to be lubricated as often as the rack, once a month should be sufficient.

Lubricating Z Ballscrew

The Z axis uses a ball screw and ballnut instead of a Rack and Pinion. You must apply oil directly to the ballscrew to properly lubricate the mechanism.

Lithium grease is pumped into the lubrication point with the application gun.

Recommended Lubricants.

Lithium Based Grease: Alvania Grease No. 2(Shell) or Equivalent.
Techno Part No. H90Z00-8670T8

NOTE: AVOID A BUILD UP OF DEBRIS ON MOVING PARTS. CLEAN OFF ANY DEBRIS TO AVOID DAMAGING THE MACHINE.
XII. Diagrams

PC and Controller Interface Connections
XIII. Cut Quality

Reading the cut
There are four basic measurements used to determine good cut quality:

- Bevel angle
- Dross levels
- Appearance of cut
- Lag lines
  (Mild steel – O₂ cutting only)

The adjustments that the operator can make to improve these qualities are:

- Torch height or arc voltage
- Cut speed

Remember: the cut charts are the place to start, but cut speed and torch height may need to be adjusted on some materials.

Bevel angle

- By increasing or decreasing the height of the torch, the bevel angle can be changed.

- This is done by adjusting the Arc Voltage setting on plasma systems with arc voltage torch height control (THC). If the plasma system is not equipped with THC, then it must be manually adjusted.

- If the angle is not equal on all sides of a cut part, then the torch may not be square to the plate and will need to be adjusted.

Decreasing dross (slag)

Top dross
Splatter appears on the top edge of both pieces of the plate. Lower the voltage in increments of 5 volts (maximum) until top dross disappears. Usually only seen with air plasma.

High-speed dross
Fine, roll-over dross that welds to bottom edge. Cleaning requires chipping or grinding. Reduce cut speed to decrease high-speed dross.

Low-speed dross
Globular dross that forms in large deposits. Comes off very easily, in large pieces. Increase cut speed to decrease low-speed dross.

EFFECTS OF TORCH HEIGHT
**More on dross**
- Some types of metal inherently cut with more dross than others. Some of the more difficult plates and treatments are:
  - High carbon content
  - Shot-blasted plate
  - Hot-rolled steel
  - High silicon steel
  - Some of the easier types are:
    - Cold-rolled steel
    - Oil-pickled steel
- If plate has an oily, scaly or rusty surface, cut with this side down.
- A water muffler or underwater cutting will tend to increase dross levels.

**Appearance of cut**
- When cutting metals besides mild steel with \( \text{O}_2 \), lag lines are not a good indicator of cut speed.
- Bevel angle, dross levels and appearance of the cut must be factored together. The smoothness or roughness of the face and the dross levels will determine correct speed.
- Concave cut face is due to torch-to-work distance being too low or consumables are worn.
- Convex cut face is due to torch-to-work being too high or consumables are worn.

**Reading lag lines**

**Mild Steel, \( \text{O}_2 \) cutting only**
- Using the lag lines of a cut are an excellent way to determine proper cut speeds.
- The lines should generally trail the cut by approximately 10–15 degrees.
- When the lines are more vertical, the speed is too low.
- When the lines are more trailing, the speed is too high.

![Correct speed](image)

![Too slow](image)

![Too fast](image)

**Good quality stainless steel cut**

**Good quality aluminum cut**
Effects of cutting speed on arc voltage
- As cutting speed increases, arc voltage decreases and vice versa.
- Cutting speed changes:
  - When going in and out of corners*
  - At beginning and end of a cut*
  - When cutting circles and contours*
* This will cause dross in corners and contours.
- Reaction of THC
  - Torch will dive as speed decreases**
  - Torch will rise as speed increases**
** THC must be turned off or “Locked Out” when speed decreases.

Cutting direction
- Due to the swirling action of the plasma gas, one side of the cut will always have a bevel angle. This is called the “bad side” of the cut.
- In order to get the minimum amount of bevel on your production pieces, the torch must travel in the proper direction. The “good side” is on the right as the torch is traveling away from you. Refer to picture.
- The swirl direction can be reversed, by using different swirl rings on some models to achieve the opposite results (Used for cutting mirror image parts).

Note: Graph is independent of system and metal thickness.
What drives cut quality?
The cut sample can be an excellent way to visually represent the capabilities of metal cutting equipment. By evaluating the smoothness of the cut, bevel angle and dross levels an accurate depiction of the potential success of this process can be observed. However, the cut sample cannot and should not be the sole determining factor in the purchasing decision. Many parameters directly impact the quality of the cut part. An understanding of all the factors that contribute to a successful cut is critical before a purchasing decision should be made.

The plasma cutting process is directly influenced by four primary factors:

- Cutting machine (XY table, punch press, etc.)
- Motion control device (CNC)
- Process variables (gas purity, travel speed, material variability, etc.)
- Plasma cutting system (power supply, torch, etc.)

There are numerous manufacturers of metal cutting systems in the marketplace today producing a variety of different types of machines. Consequently, results may vary. Cut samples provided by Hypertherm represent cut quality attainable on one type of cutting machine and in no way indicate expected results on other cutting equipment.

Hypertherm strongly recommends that you obtain a cut sample that has been made on equipment representative of the cutting machine being considered. Only then can a more accurate determination of expected results be possible.

Cutting holes
- Cutting internal holes can be very difficult with plasma. The minimum hole sizes, assuming excellent motion control characteristics are:
  - HyPerformance/HyDefinition (O₂ on mild steel)
    - 1/8" (3 mm) plate and less: 3/16" (4.7 mm)
    - Above 1/8" (3 mm): 1.5 times material thickness
  - Conventional (O₂ on mild steel)
    - 1/8" to 1/2" (3 – 13 mm) plate: 2 times material thickness
    - Above 1/2" (13 mm): 1.5 times material thickness
  - For best results:
    - Turn THC off.
    - Reduce speed.
    - Make lead-in perpendicular to side.
    - Minimize lead-out. Only enough for part to drop out.

Operator troubleshooting

Status LEDs
The green or amber lights on the front of the power supply are good indicators of common problems. If the LEDs are green then they should be on; if they are amber they should be off. Check your Instruction Manual to see how to troubleshoot with these LEDs.

Note
- HyPerformance plasma has no indicator lights on the power supply.

Tips
- System shuts off during cut or when trying to cut: Hold down on the Start button to see which LED “flickers”. This may be the one causing the system to shut down.

- Constant bevel: Check for the proper direction of cut, torch height, cut speed, condition of consumables and torch alignment (perpendicular to plate). If all appear to be correctly set and in good condition, have maintenance check for any leak or restriction. If no other problems are found, it may be necessary to replace the torch.
XIII. Consumable Information

**Troubleshooting consumables**

Learning how to evaluate consumables will allow the experienced operator to quickly evaluate the operation of his system and find any problem that may arise. The chart below shows common problems and solutions:

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<th>Problem</th>
<th>Possible cause</th>
<th>Solution</th>
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<tr>
<td>Electrode quickly erodes</td>
<td>Gas restriction, low gas flow</td>
<td>1. Verify proper flow setting and supply pressure/flow</td>
<td>Torch will dive if equipped with THC</td>
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<td>2. Verify proper consumables are installed</td>
<td>This problem could also cause misfiring</td>
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<td>3. Check swirl ring for blockage and proper amount of lubrication</td>
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<td>4. Check for hose blockage or kink</td>
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<td>5. Check for malfunctioning valve</td>
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<td>High coolant temperature or low coolant flow</td>
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<td>1. Verify proper temperature if equipped with external chiller</td>
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<td>2. Perform coolant flow test</td>
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<td>Excessive errors</td>
<td>Make programming changes to allow system to ramp up/down properly</td>
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<td>Electrode pit wearing is non-concentric</td>
<td>Blocked or defective swirl ring</td>
<td>Replace swirl ring</td>
<td>Excessive lubricant can block swirl rings</td>
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<td>Defective torch</td>
<td>Replace torch main body</td>
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<td>Nozzle orifice wears out of round or orifice wears from the outside in</td>
<td>Excessive pilot arcing</td>
<td>1. Verify proper pierce height</td>
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<td>2. Check work cable connection</td>
<td>Excess slag on table can cause this problem</td>
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<td>3. Shorted torch</td>
<td>Measure resistance of torch</td>
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<td>4. Pilot arc relay is staying closed</td>
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<td>Nozzle erodes on the inside</td>
<td>Contamination</td>
<td>Check gas supply or check for leak</td>
<td>A leak when cutting with O₂ can cause contaminates to enter the plasma gas line</td>
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<td>Double arcing</td>
<td>Verify proper pierce height</td>
<td>Electrode and nozzle will be black. Torch will rise if equipped w/THC</td>
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# Troubleshooting Consumable wear

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<td>Nozzle</td>
<td>Good</td>
<td>No action required.</td>
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<td>Check center hole</td>
<td>Worn</td>
<td>If out of round, replace</td>
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<td>Electrode</td>
<td>Maximum 1 mm</td>
<td>Replace</td>
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<td>Examine center surface</td>
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<td>Swirl ring</td>
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<td>Replace</td>
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<td>Examine external surfaces</td>
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<tr>
<td>Examine gas holes</td>
<td>Blocked holes</td>
<td>Replace</td>
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- Top view of new, partially used, time to change, and overused consumables.
- Pit depth of 1 mm and "Blowout" indicators.

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## Troubleshooting

### Cut quality

**Optimum cut**

- What to look for:
  1. Well defined lag lines with an angle of 10° - 15°
  2. Minimal chross
  3. Square edges
  4. No top splatter
  5. No discoloration

### Excess bevel angle

**Possible cause**
- 1. Torch not square
- 2. Amperage too low
- 3. Speed too fast
- 4. Worn nozzle

**Solution**
- 1. Square torch to workpiece
- 2. Increase amperage
- 3. Decrease speed
- 4. Replace nozzle

### Hardened dress

**Possible cause**
- 1. Speed too fast
- 2. Amperage too low

**Solution**
- 1. Decrease speed
- 2. Increase amperage

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