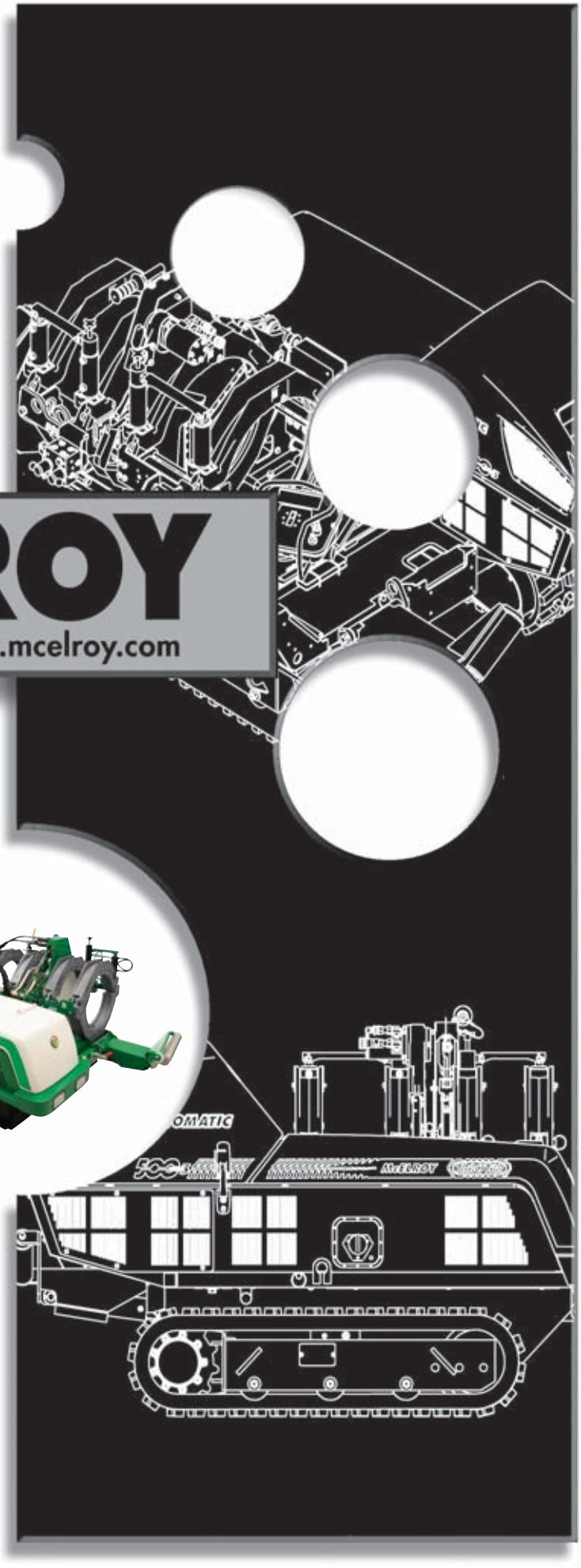
Operator's Manual



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TRACSTAR 500 SERIES 3

Automatic Fusion Machine

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California Proposition 65 Warning

Engine exhaust from this product contains chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects, or other reproductive harm.

Introduction

Thank You for purchasing this McElroy product

The TracStar® 500 series 3 Automatic is a self-contained, self-propelled, all terrain fusion machine, and is designed to produce consistently high quality polyolefin pipe butt fusion joints.

The TracStar® 500 series 3 fuses 6" IPS (180mm) minimum to 20" IPS (500mm) maximum pipe.

With reasonable care and maintenance, this machine will give years of satisfactory service.

Before operating this machine, please read this manual thoroughly, and keep a copy with the machine for future reference. This manual is to be considered part of your machine.

Always return the manual to the literature compartment.

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Distributor _____

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Safety Alerts

This hazard alert sign appears in this manual. When you see this sign, carefully read what it says. YOUR SAFETY IS AT STAKE.

You will see the hazard alert sign with these words: DANGER, WARNING, and CAUTION.

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DANGER Indicates an imminently hazardous situation which, if not avoided, will result in death or serious injury.

WARNING Indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury.

CAUTION Indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, may result in minor or moderate injury.

In this manual you should look for two other words: **NOTICE** and **IMPORTANT**.

NOTICE: can keep you from doing something that might damage the machine or someone's property. It may also be used to alert against unsafe practices.

IMPORTANT: can help you do a better job or make your job easier in some way.

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Read and Understand

Do not operate this equipment until you have carefully read, and understand all the sections of this manual, and all other equipment manuals that will be used with it.

Your safety and the safety of others depends upon care and judgment in the operation of this equipment.

Follow all applicable federal, state, local, and industry specific regulations.

McElroy Manufacturing, Inc. cannot anticipate every possible circumstance that might involve a potential hazard. The warnings in this manual and on the machine are therefore not all inclusive. You must satisfy yourself that a procedure, tool, work method, or operating technique is safe for you and others. You should also ensure that the machine will not be damaged or made unsafe by the method of operation or maintenance you choose.

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General Safety

Safety is important. Report anything unusual that you notice during set up or operation.

LISTEN for thumps, bumps, rattles, squeals, air leaks, or unusual sounds.

SMELL odors like burning insulation, hot metal, burning rubber, hot oil, or natural gas.

FEEL any changes in the way the equipment operates.

SEE problems with wiring and cables, hydraulic connections, or other equipment.

REPORT anything you see, feel, smell, or hear that is different from what you expect, or that you think may be unsafe.

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Wear Safety Equipment

Wear a hard hat, safety shoes, safety glasses, and other applicable personal protective equipment.

Remove jewelry and rings, and do not wear loose-fitting clothing or long hair that could catch on controls or moving machinery.

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Fuel Handling

⚠ DANGER Gasoline and diesel fuel are extremely flammable and their vapors will explode if ignited.

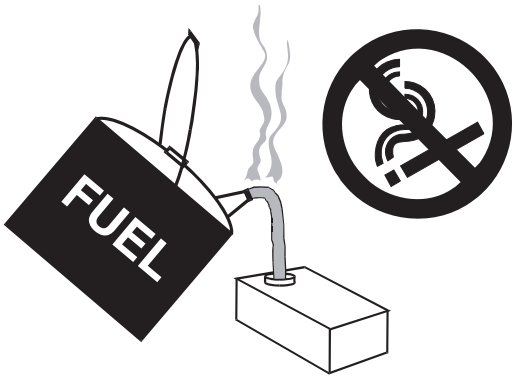
Do not fill the fuel tank while the engine is hot or running, as spilled fuel could ignite.

Refuel in a well ventilated area. Do not smoke or allow flames or sparks in the area where the engine is refueled, or where gasoline is stored.

Do not start the engine near spilled fuel. Wipe up spills immediately.

Maker sure the fuel tank cap is closed and properly secured.

NOTICE: Avoid repeated or prolonged contact with skin or breathing of vapor.



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Fusion Equipment Safety

Units With Engines

⚠ DANGER Combustion engines can cause explosions when operated in a explosive atmosphere. Do not operate gas or diesel powered machines in a explosive atmosphere.

When operating in a explosive atmosphere, keep engine and chassis in a safe area by using hydraulic extension hoses.

Help prevent fires by keeping machine clean of accumulated trash, debris and facer shavings.

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Carbon Monoxide

⚠ DANGER Engine exhaust gases contain poisonous carbon monoxide. Carbon monoxide can cause severe nausea, fainting and death. Avoid inhaling exhaust fumes and never run the engine in a closed or confined area.

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Heater is Not Explosion Proof

⚠ DANGER This heater is not explosion proof. Operation of heater in a explosive atmosphere without necessary safety precautions will result in explosion and death.

When operating in a explosive atmosphere, the heater should be brought up to temperature in a safe environment, then **unplugged before entering** the explosive atmosphere for fusion.

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Crush Points

⚠ WARNING Hydraulically operated equipment is operated under pressure. Anything caught in the machine will be crushed. Keep fingers, feet, arms, legs, and head out of the machine while operated.

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Battery

⚠WARNING Do not expose the battery to flames or electrical sparks. Hydrogen gas generated by battery action is explosive. Blindness or serious injury can result from an exploding battery.

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⚠WARNING Do not allow battery fluid to contact your skin, eyes, fabrics, or painted surfaces. Sulfuric acid can cause burns. After touching a batter or battery cap, do not touch or rub your eyes.

Eye Contact: Flush eyes with large amounts of water for at least 15 minutes. Seek immediate medical attention if eyes have been exposed directly to acid.

Skin Contact: Flush affected area(s) with large amounts of water using deluge emergency shower, if available, shower for at least 15 minutes. Remove contaminated clothing. If symptoms persist, seek medical attention.

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Electrical Safety

⚠WARNING Always ensure equipment is properly grounded. It is important to remember that you are working in a wet environment with electrical devices. Proper ground connections help to minimize the chances of an electric shock.

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Frequently inspect electrical cords and unit for damage. Have damaged components replaced and service performed by a qualified electrician.

NOTICE: Always connect units to the proper power source as listed on the unit, or in the owner's manual.

NOTICE: Disconnect the battery before attempting any maintenance or adjustment.

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Units With Hydraulics

It is important to remember that a sudden hydraulic oil leak can cause serious injury, or even be fatal if the pressure is high enough.

⚠WARNING Escaping fluid under pressure can penetrate the skin causing serious injury. Keep hands and body away from pinholes which eject fluid under pressure. Use a piece of cardboard or paper to search for leaks. If any fluid is injected into the skin, it must be immediately removed by a doctor familiar with this type of injury.

⚠WARNING Unwanted movement of the machine could result in serious injury or damage to machine. Unwanted movement of the machine may take place if switches do not match machine state when the machine power is turned on.

NOTICE: Wear safety glasses, and keep face clear of area when bleeding air from hydraulic system to avoid spraying oil into eyes.

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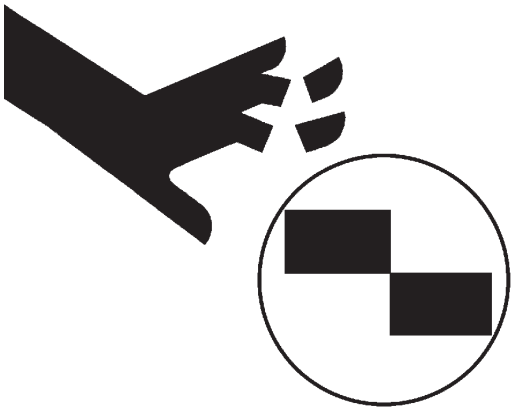
Facer Blades Are Sharp

⚠WARNING Facer blades are sharp and can cut. Never attempt to remove shavings while the facer is running, or is in the facing position between the jaws. Use care when operating the facer, and when handling the unit.

NOTICE: Disconnect power from the facer, and remove the facer blades before attempting any maintenance or adjustment.

NOTICE: Never extend the blade beyond the inner or outer circumference of the facer.



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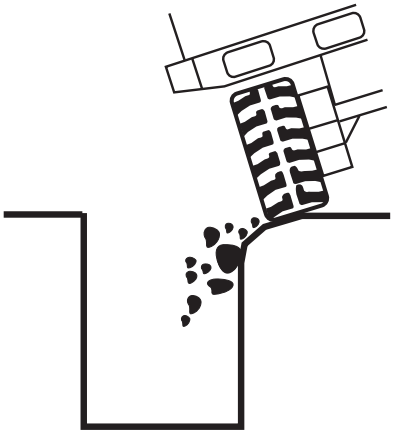
Keep Machine Away From Edge of Ditch

⚠WARNING Heavy equipment too close to a ditch can cause the walls of the ditch to cave-in. Keep the machine far enough away from the edge of the ditch to prevent injury to personnel and damage to the equipment from a cave-in.



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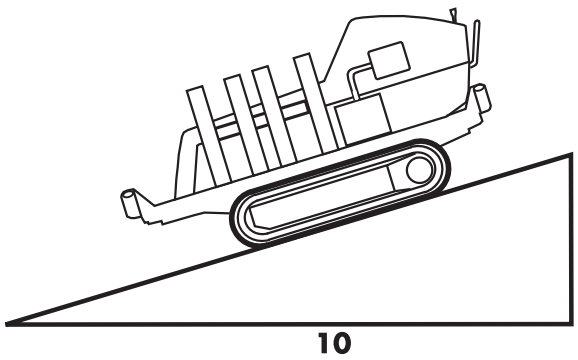
Operating Fusion Machine

Place fusion machine on as level ground as possible.

If it is necessary to operate machine on unlevel grade, chock the tracks and block the unit to make it as stable as possible. Some unstable conditions may be ice, snow, mud and loose gravel.

⚠WARNING Operating machine on a grade steeper than 30% could cause the machine to tip over. Never operate the machine on a grade steeper than 30 % (A 3 foot elevation change in 10 feet). Always operate fusion machine from the highest level, on an unlevel grade. Failure to do so could result in serious injury or death.



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Heater Is Hot

⚠CAUTION The heater is hot and will burn clothing and skin. Keep the heater in its insulated heater shroud when not in use, and use care when heating the pipe.

NOTICE: Use only a clean non-synthetic cloth to clean the heater plates.

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Do Not Attempt to Tow Fusion Machine

NOTICE: The machine is not designed for towing. Attempting to tow the machine can result in machine damage. Always transport the machine by flat bed truck or similar means, and make sure that unit is properly secured.

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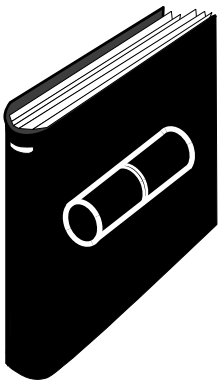
Fusion Procedures

Obtain a copy of the pipe manufacturer's procedures or appropriate joining standard for the pipe being fused. Follow the procedure carefully, and adhere to all specified parameters.

NOTICE: Failure to follow pipe manufacturer's procedure could result in a bad joint. Always follow pipe manufacturer's procedures.



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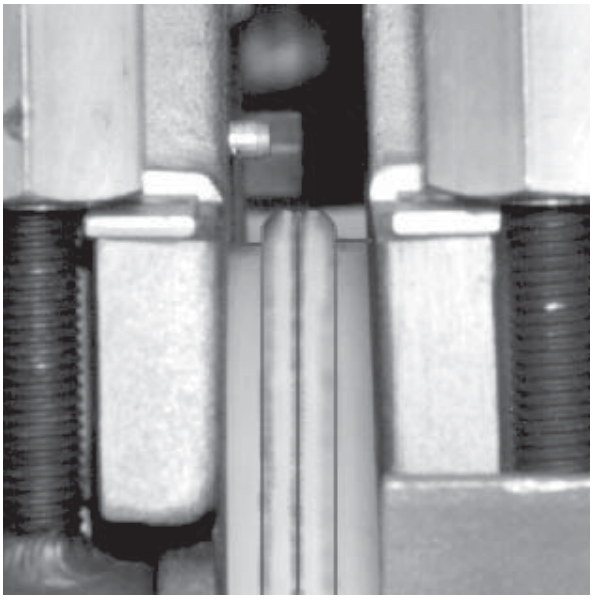
Theory of Heat Fusion



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The principle of heat fusion is to heat two surfaces to a designated temperature, and then fuse them together by application of force. This pressure causes flow of the melted materials, which causes mixing and thus fusion. When the polyethylene material is heated, the molecular structure is transformed from a crystalline state into an amorphous condition. When fusion pressure is applied, the molecules from each polyethylene part mix. As the joint cools, the molecules return to their crystalline form, the original interfaces are gone, and the fitting and pipe have become one homogeneous unit. The joint area becomes as strong as the pipe itself in both tensile and pressure conditions.

The principal operations include:

Clamping The pipe pieces held axially to allow all subsequent operations to take place.

Facing The pipe ends must be faced to establish clean, parallel mating surfaces perpendicular to the centerline of the pipes.

Aligning The pipe ends must be aligned with each other to minimize mismatch or high-low of the pipe walls.

Heating A melt pattern that penetrates into the pipe must be formed around both pipe ends.

Joining The melt patterns must be joined with a specified force. The force must be constant around the interface area.

Holding The molten joint must be held immobile with a specified force until adequately cooled.

Inspecting Visually examine the entire circumference of the joint for compliance with standards established by your company, customer, industry, federal, state, or local regulations.

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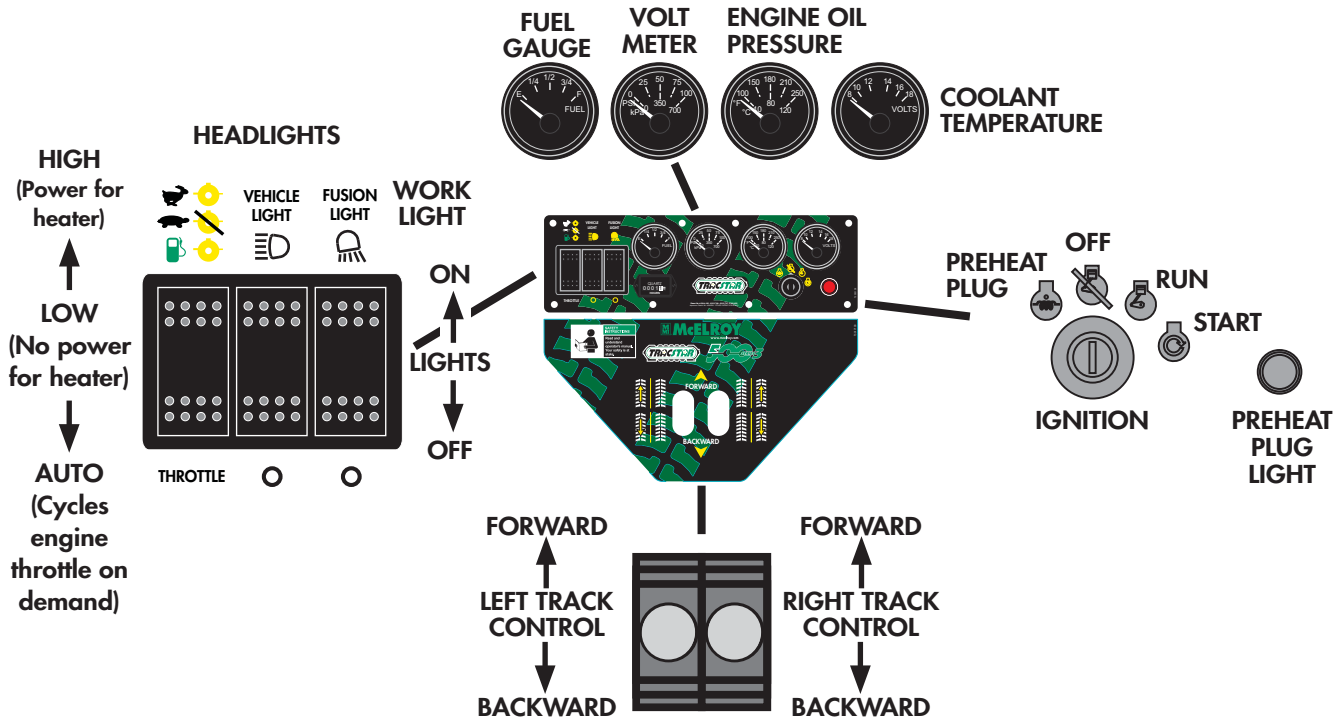
TracStar® 500 series 3 Console



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Auto Throttle

Pressing the throttle switch on the dashboard to the bottom position turns on the auto throttle setting.

The auto throttle setting is used to vary the speed of the engine depending on the load needs of the machine. The machine will use high speed while facing, moving the carriage, or when the heater controller cycles on.

Auto throttle will reduce the amount of noise and fuel usage.

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Operator's Fusion Control Pendant

The control pendant is designed to control 5 individual pressure settings. Face, Heat, Soak, Fuse and Cool. Setup for these controls is explained in the "Fusion Control System" section of this manual.

The carriage directional control, a pressure selector control and the facer on/off control is also located on the control pendant.

On top of the control pendant is a red emergency stop button. Push down on the button to shut down the system. The button must be rotated up to resume operations.

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Control Box

The Control Box contains the electronics that operate the system. There are lights on top that indicate the status of the system as well as a fuse box.

There are no serviceable parts inside the Control Box.

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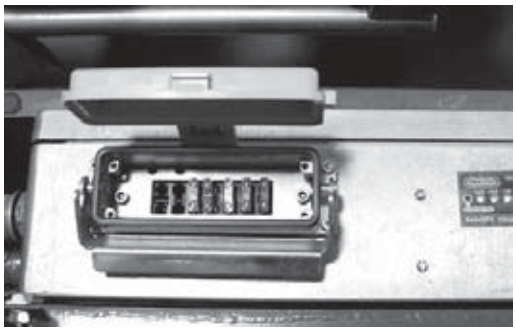

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Alternate Drive Controls

Alternate track drive controls are located on the operator side of the machine. Each lever controls one track. Both levers must be moved together to go forward or backward in a straight line. Moving levers in opposite directions makes the machine turn sharply.

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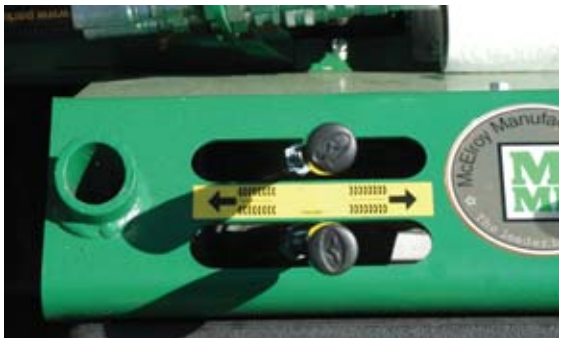

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Pipe Lift Controls

The pipe lift controls are located on the operator side of the machine to the right of the alternate drive controls. Moving the right lever up and down moves the rear pipe lift up and down. Moving the left lever up and down moves the forward pipe lift up and down.

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Carriage Assembly

The carriage assembly consists of two fixed jaws and two hydraulically operated movable jaws. The carriage assembly can be used in a 4 jaw and 3 jaw configurations. The 4 jaw configuration includes the use of the indexer for the heater and facer. The 4th jaw can be removed on the 4 jaw configuration for fusions of ells and tees.

The 3 jaw configuration is removed from the 4 jaw skid and does not use the indexer for the heater and facer. The 3 jaw is a compact fusion configuration for use in close quarters where space is limited.

The carriage assembly can be removed from the machine for remote operation. An optional hydraulic extension and electric cable extension kit is required when using the carriage remotely.

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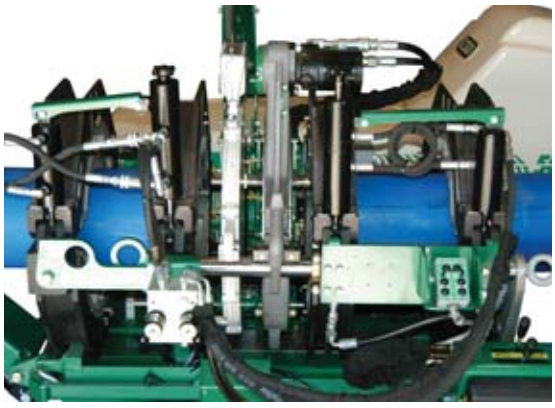

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Facer

The facer is a McElroy rotating planer-block design. The blade holders each contain three cutter blades. The block rotates on ball bearings and is chain driven (enclosed in lubricant) by a hydraulic motor. The facer is removable for in-ditch operation and features a lifting point for lifting the facer in and out of the ditch.

NOTICE: Never extend the blade beyond the inner or outer circumference of the facer.

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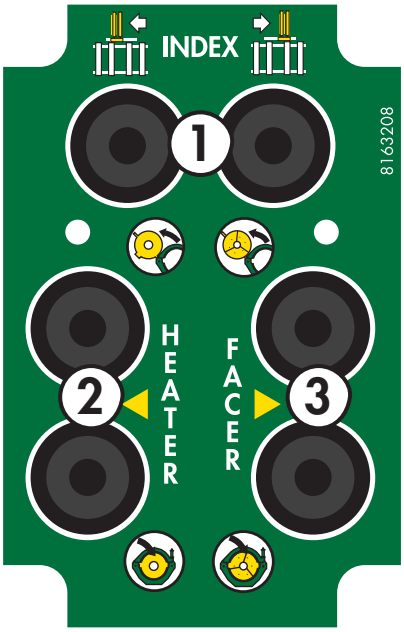
Indexer Controls

The indexer controls are located on the movable jaws of the carriage at the operator position.

1 Controls the movement of the indexer to the left and right.

2 Controls the movement of the heater, moving the heater in and out of the carriage.

3 Controls the movement of the facer, moving the facer in and out of the carriage.



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During transport, the heater, heater shroud, and facer can be rotated into the carriage and the carriage closed on all three capturing them between the jaws keeping them secure during the moving of the machine or transporting the machine.

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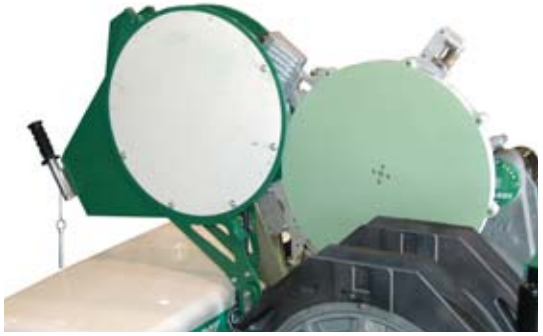
Heater

The heater is equipped with butt fusion heater plates, coated with an antistick coating.

DANGER This heater is not explosion proof. Operation of heater in a explosive atmosphere without necessary safety precautions will result in explosion and death.

The heater cord plugs into a military type receptacle on the heater arm and electrical box. Tighten coupling nut after plugging into the receptacle.



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Before the heater is used, the heater must be rotated all the way out of the carriage and the heater shroud pin removed. This will allow the heater to separate from the heater shroud.

When the machine is ready to be stored or transported, rotate the heater out of the carriage and hold the heater shroud handle and insert the pin to capture the heater in the heater shroud. The heater and heater shroud are now connected and can be rotated into the carriage together.

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When needed, the heater can be removed from its indexer mounted pivot arm, for in-ditch operation. The heater has a lifting point on the top of the heater and a stripper bar is available for in-ditch operation.

The optional extension kit as well as the optional heater stand is needed for in-ditch heater operation.

GFCI Operation and Testing

1. Press **RESET** button. The GREEN "power" LED should be ON.

2. Press **TEST** button: GREEN LED should turn OFF, RED LED should start BLINKING. Circuit breaker should trip to OFF position.

3. If sensing module LEDs do not trip. DO NOT USE THIS DEVICE. Consult a qualified electrician for assistance.

4. Press **RESET** button: RED LED should turn OFF and GREEN LED should turn ON.

5. MANUALLY RESET circuit breaker to ON position to restore circuit power.

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WARNING Do not use this device if it fails any portion of the above test. If the device fails, a possible shock hazard could occur leading to serious injury or death. Consult a qualified electrician for repair or replacement.

Test the GFCI module regularly in accordance with local rules and regulations

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Diesel Engine

Read the operating and maintenance instructions for the engine before operating.

There is a key ignition on the console that shows the preheat, start, run and off positions.

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Oil Reservoir

The oil reservoir is located under the front hood of the machine. The oil level sight gauge is located on the front of the reservoir. Proper fluid level is indicated on the sight gauge.

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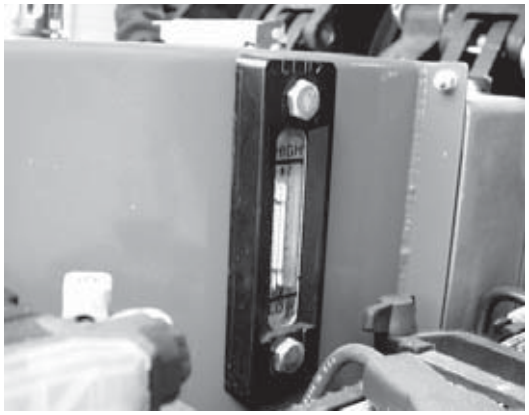

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Filter

This machine is equipped with a 10 Micron filter on the return side of the circuit.

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Hydraulic Clamping

Hydraulic clamping cylinders apply force to the jaws to clamp the pipe. Both inner cylinders have knobs that can adjust the stroke of the cylinder for Hi/Lo adjustment.

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Operation

Read Before Operating

Before operating this machine, please read this manual thoroughly and keep a copy available for future reference.

Return manual to the protective storage box when not in use. This manual is to be considered part of your machine.

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Check Oil Level

Check oil level in sight gauge on reservoir and add oil if necessary.

Refer to the "Hydraulic Fluids" section of this manual for hydraulic oil recommendations.

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Diesel Engine

Read the operating and maintenance instructions for the engine before operating.

The key ignition has four positions. Preheat, off, run and start.

NOTICE: Switch the engine to slow speed before starting.

For cold weather starting, turn switch to preheat for no longer than 10 seconds. Never use starting fluid.

Turn the key and start the engine.

Confirm that all gauges read correctly.

Turn the key to OFF to stop the engine.

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Moving Machine Into Position

Make sure all personnel are safely clear of the machine before moving.

Move both track control levers forward to go in a straight line. Release the levers to stop. Moving just the right track forward turns the machine to the left. Moving just the left track forward turns the machine to the right. There are alternate track controls on the left side of the machine.

The track speed valve (A) is used to switch between low speed/high torque and high speed/low torque. The machine will not have torque available to turn in all conditions in high speed.

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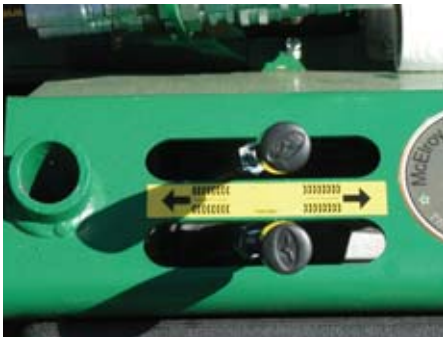

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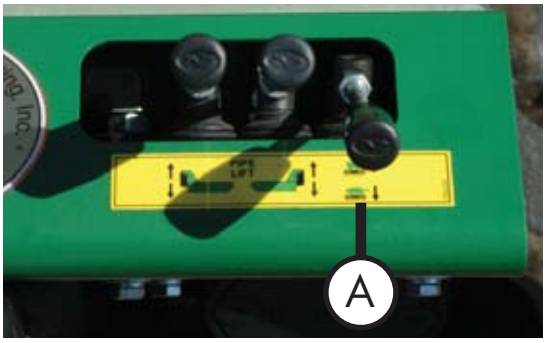

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Prepare Heater

Install butt fusion heater plates.

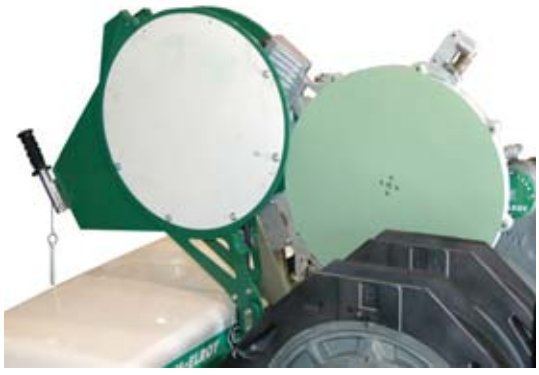
NOTICE: Non-coated heaters should never be used without butt fusion heater plates installed. Refer to the "Maintenance" section of this manual for installation procedure.

⚠ DANGER Heater Is Not Explosion Proof. Operation of heater in a explosive atmosphere without necessary safety precautions will result in explosion and death.

If operating in a explosive atmosphere, heater should be brought up to temperature in a safe environment, then unplugged before entering the explosive atmosphere for fusion.

Ensure the heater cables are connected and switch the throttle to High  or Auto. 

Refer to the section "Entering Pipe Parameters" of the Fusion Control System section of this manual for instructions on setting the heater temperature.



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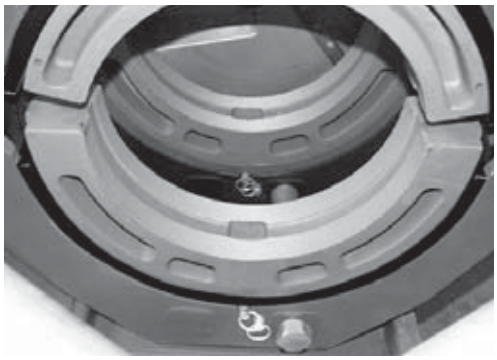
Install Clamping Inserts

Select and install appropriate clamping inserts for the pipe that is being fused.



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Set up Pipe Supports

Set up pipe stands and adjust height so the pipe is in line with the jaws.

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Loading Pipe into Machine

Clean the inside and outside of pipe ends that are to be fused.

Open the upper jaws and insert pipe in each pair of jaws with applicable inserts installed.

Let the pipe ends protrude more than 1″ past the face of the jaws.

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Fusion Settings and Controls

Refer to the **Fusion Control System** section of this manual to program fusion settings.

Refer to the **Overview** section of this manual for use of pendant controls.

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Positioning Pipe into Machine

Swing the facer into place. Move the carriage toward the fixed jaw, while watching the gap at each end of the facer guide rod brackets. When the pipe is in contact with the facer, this gap indicates the amount of material that will be trimmed from the pipe end. Assure sufficient material will be removed for a complete face off.

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Hydraulic Clamping

The controls are located on the end of the inner fixed jaw. The left knob **(A)** opens/closes the fixed jaws and the right knob **(B)** opens/closes the movable jaws.

To unclamp the jaws:

With your free hand, hold the tie bar between two cylinders.

Rotate the valve knob up to unclamp.

Pull the tie bar towards operator until the cylinders come to rest.

To clamp the jaws:

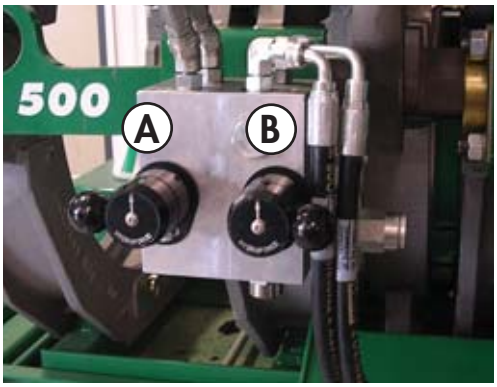
Push the cylinder tie bar toward the jaws until cylinders are vertical.

Rotate the valve knob down to clamp.

Hi/Lo adjustment:

Unclamp the jaw slightly and return the clamping control to the neutral position. Make adjustments to the Hi/Lo by turning the knob on top of the cylinder and then reclamp the jaw.

⚠CAUTION Prior to starting the machine, always ensure that the hydraulic clamping directional valves are both in the center (neutral) position to eliminate undesired clamp cylinder movement during startup.



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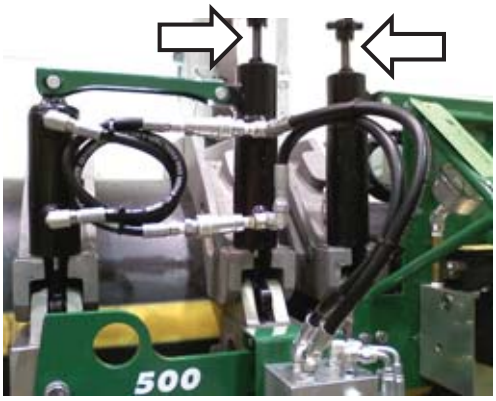

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Begin Facing

Move the facer in between the pipe ends.

Turn on the facer.

The facing pressure should be set as low as possible while still facing pipe. Excessive facing pressure can damage the facer. It may be necessary to adjust the carriage pressure by adjusting pressure control dial.

⚠WARNING Facer blades are sharp and can cut. Never attempt to remove shavings while the facer is running, or is in the facing position between the jaws. Use care when operating the facer, and when handling the unit.

Activate the carriage control and move the carriage to the left to begin facing. Continue to face the pipe until the rest buttons on the jaws bottom out on the facer rest buttons.

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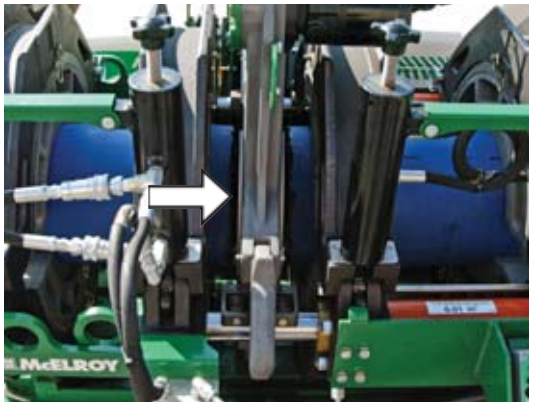

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After Facing

Turn facer motor off. Move carriage all the way to the right. Center the facer in between the pipe ends to avoid dragging facer stops on the pipe ends. Swing the facer to the out position. Clean shavings out of pipe ends and from between the jaws. Do not touch faced pipe ends.

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Check Alignment

Move carriage to the left at facing pressure, until pipe ends contact. Look across the top surface of pipe ends to check alignment. If there is a noticeable step across the joint, adjustments must be made.

⚠WARNING Hydraulically operated equipment is operated under pressure. Anything caught in the machine will be crushed. Keep fingers, feet, arms, legs, and head out of the machine while operated.

Ensure there is no unacceptable gap between the pipe ends. If there is an unacceptable gap, return to **Loading Pipe into Machine**.

If pipe is not lined up, make a HI/LO adjustment to the jaw of the high side.

Hi/Lo adjustment:

Unclamp the jaw slightly and return the clamping control to the neutral position. Make adjustments to the Hi/Lo by turning the knob on top of the cylinder and then reclamp the jaw.

IMPORTANT: Always tighten the side that is higher, never loosen the low side.

Repeat adjustment until pipe is aligned.

NOTICE: When clamping, do not over-adjust the clamping force because machine damage can result. Check to see if there is space between the upper and lower jaws. If the two jaws are touching, do not continue to tighten.

Over-adjustment may cause thin-walled pipe to compress affecting the ovality of the pipe

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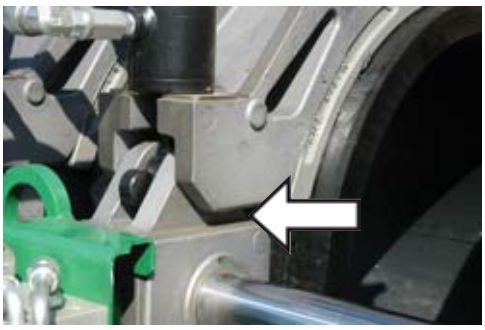

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Check for Slippage (Semi-Automatic Only)

Bring the two sections of pipe together under fusion pressure to make sure they don't slip in the jaws.

If slippage occurs, return to **Loading Pipe into Machine**.

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Position Carriage for Heater Insertion (Semi-Automatic Only)

Move the carriage to open a gap large enough to insert the heater.

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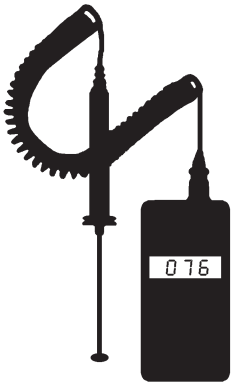
Check Heater Temperature

NOTICE: Incorrect heating temperature can result in questionable fusion joints. Check heater plates periodically with a pyrometer and make necessary adjustments.



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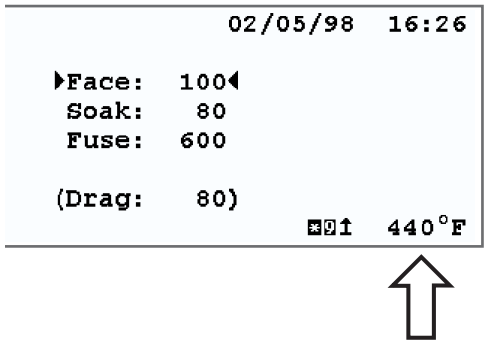
Check heater surface temperature.

Refer to the pipe manufacturer's recommendations or appropriate joining standard for proper heater temperature.

IMPORTANT: The heater temperature shown on the pendant display screen is the measured internal temperature of the heater minus a programmed offset. If necessary, this offset may be changed in the system menu.



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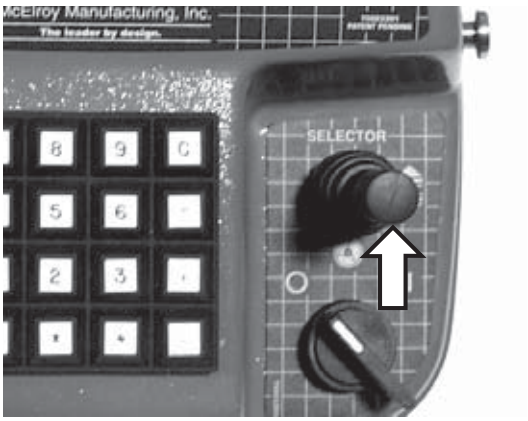
Select Fusion Pressure (Semi-Automatic Only)

Move the selector switch to fusion pressure.



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Inserting Heater (Semi-Automatic Only)

DANGER Heater Is Not Explosion Proof. This unit is not explosion proof. Operation of heater in a explosive atmosphere without necessary safety precautions will result in explosion and death.

DANGER If operating in a explosive atmosphere, heater should be brought up to temperature in a safe environment, then unplugged before entering the explosive atmosphere for fusion.

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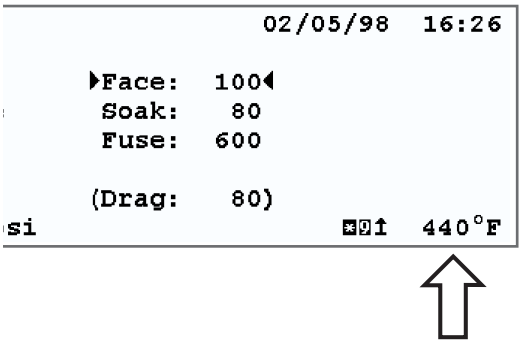
Use a clean non-synthetic cloth to clean the butt fusion heater plate surfaces.

Verify heater temperature by noting the reading on the Control Pendant screen.

Insert heater between the pipe ends.



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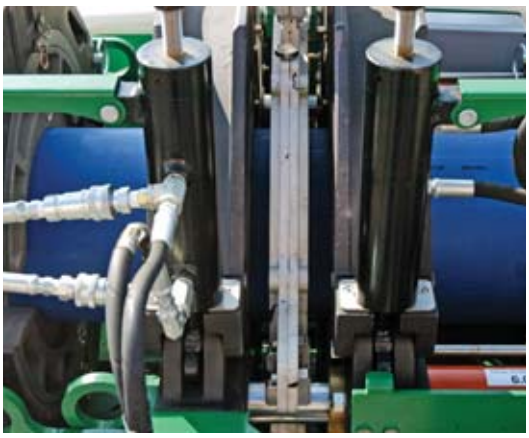
Heating the Pipe (Semi-Automatic Only)

Close the carriage, bringing the heater into contact with both pipe ends. Select Heat pressure from the pendant menu. If heater pressure is not required by pipe manufacturer or appropriate joining standard, or opposing forces are not great enough to move the carriage away from the heater, shift the carriage directional control to neutral.

IMPORTANT: Always shift into the heating mode **before** returning carriage directional control to neutral.

Follow the pipe manufacturer's suggested heating and soaking procedure.



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Fusing the Pipe (Semi-Automatic Only)

NOTICE: Failure to follow the pipe manufacturer's heating time, pressure and cooling time may result in a bad joint.

After following the heating procedure, verify the carriage control is in the neutral position.

Select fusion pressure from the pendant menu.

Open the carriage just enough to remove the heater.

Quickly remove the heater and close the carriage, bringing the pipe ends together under the pipe manufacturer's recommended pressure.

Allow joint to cool under pressure according to pipe manufacturer's recommendations or appropriate joining standard.

Visually examine the entire circumference of the joint for compliance with standards established by your company, customer, industry, federal, state, or local regulations.

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Opening Movable Jaws

After the joint has cooled for the pipe manufacturer's recommended time, shift the carriage control to the neutral position.

Unclamp the clamp cylinders, and open carriage far enough to open the jaw nearest the facer.

Open the movable jaws.

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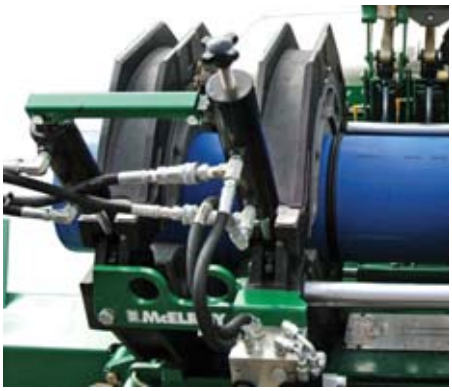
Opening Fixed Jaws

Open the fixed jaws.



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Raise Pipe

Raise the joined pipe using the hydraulic pipe lift.

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Position Pipe for Next Joint

Move the fusion machine to end of pipe, or pull the pipe through the jaws until the end of the pipe is protruding more than 1" past the jaw face of the fixed jaw.

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Install Next Piece of Pipe

Insert a new piece of pipe in movable jaws and repeat all previous procedures.

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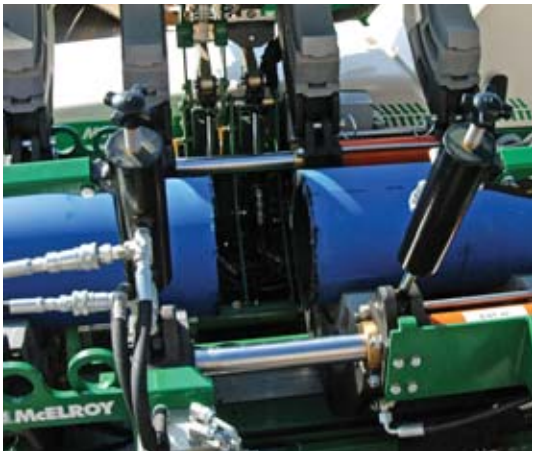

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Special Operations - In Ditch

Overview

The carriage may be removed and hoisted into a ditch. The 4 jaw carriage can be used with heater and facer attached to the indexer or if needed, a more compact 3 jaw carriage. Using the 3 jaw carriage requires lifting equipment to hoist the heater and facer from overhead and will require an optional 3 jaw in-ditch kit containing heater and facer stands, stripper bars for heater, and guide rod bracket for facer. An optional hose and cable extension kit is required for both 3 jaw and 4 jaw in-ditch operation.

NOTICE: Turn ignition key to off position before doing anything else.

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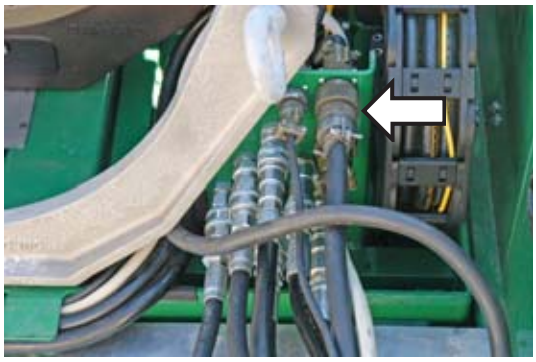
Remove Hydraulic Hoses and Cables

Disconnect the hydraulic hoses, electrical cables, and heater power cable from the carriage.

NOTICE: All connections must be disconnected or damage will result when removing the carriage.



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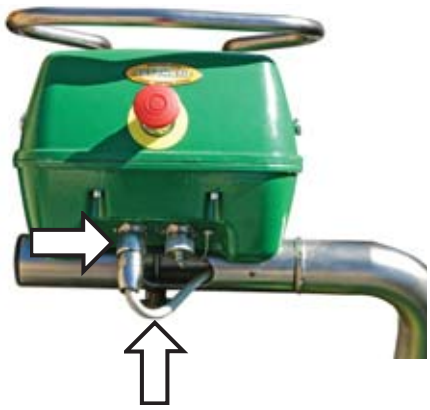
Remove Control Pendant

Unscrew and detach the cable on the back side of the pendant.

Unscrew the knob on the pendant arm and remove the pendant.



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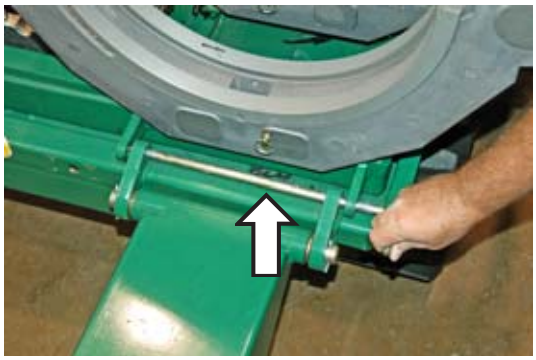
Remove 4 Jaw Carriage

Remove the carriage pin at the front of the machine.

Slide the carriage as far forward as possible.



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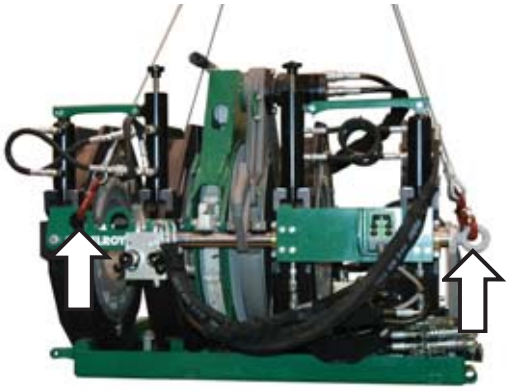
Attach lifting device to the four lifting points on the carriage.

Lift the carriage from the vehicle.



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The outer fixed jaw of the carriage can be removed if needed on the 4 jaw skid. This will allow fusing tees or ells with heater and facer attached to the indexer.

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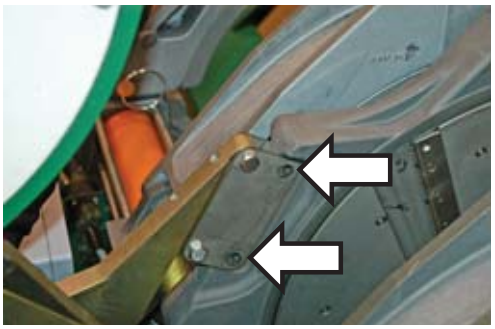
Removing Heater and Facer

To Remove the Facer:

Remove the two bolts that attach the facer splice plate to the facer.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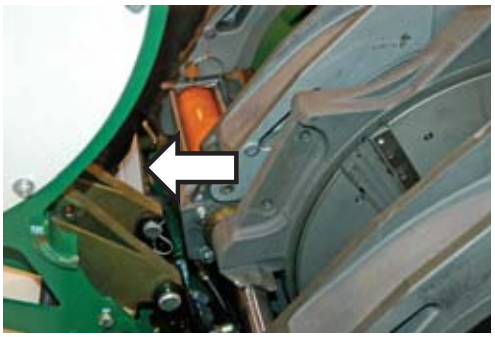
Rotate the facer pivot arm away from the facer.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Disconnect the facer hydraulic hoses.


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Attach a lifting sling to the lift point on the facer and lift the facer from the carriage.


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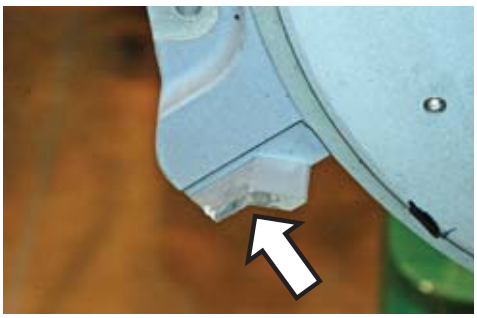
In order to use the facer in an in-ditch operation, the bracket that rests on the carriage guide rods must be exchanged with an in-ditch facer bracket that in stored on the facer stand.

Remove the two bolts that hold the bracket in place.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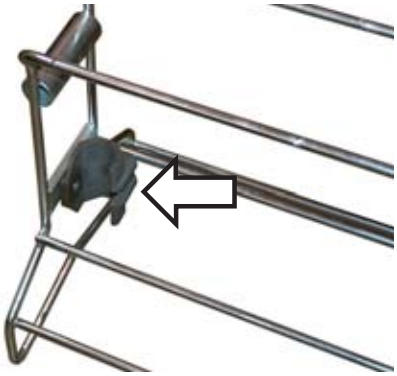
Removing Heater and Facer (continued)

Remove the bracket for in-ditch operations from the facer stand.



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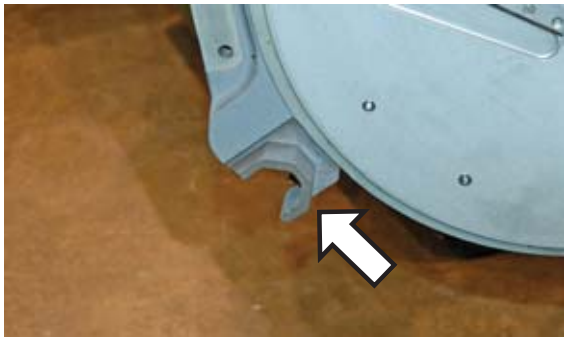
Attach the in-ditch facer bracket to the facer with the two bolts.



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The bracket that is not being used can be stored on the optional facer stand until it is needed. Place the facer in the facer stand.

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Remove detent pin from facer latch handle and store in open hole near the roller housing.

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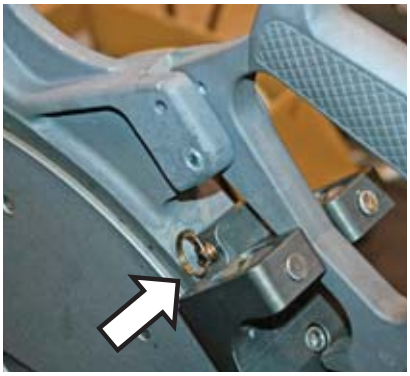

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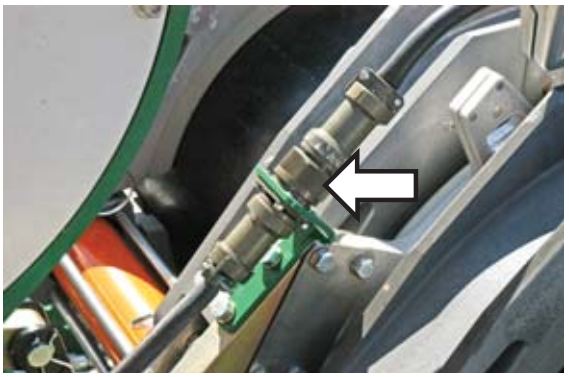
Removing Heater and Facer (continued)

To Remove the Heater for In-Ditch Operation:

⚠CAUTION Heater may be hot and could cause injuries from burns. Allow heater to cool before attempting to remove heater.

Disconnect the heater power cable on the top of the heater.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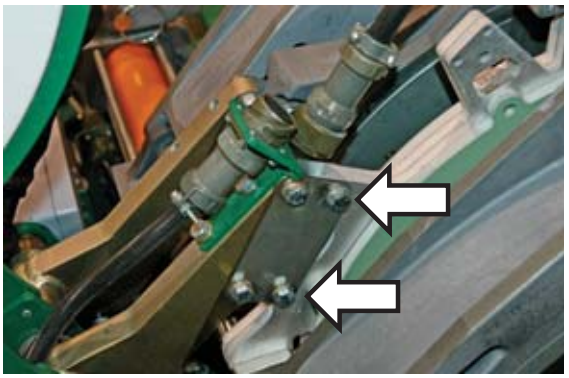
Remove the two bolts that attach the heater splice plates to the heater.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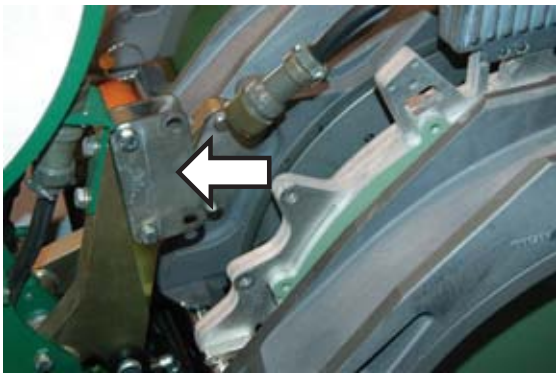
Rotate the heater pivot arm away from the heater.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Attach a lifting sling to the lift point on the top of the heater.

Lift the heater away from the carriage and place it into the heater stand.


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Removing Heater and Facer (continued)

Install the heater handle and stripper bar for in-ditch operation:

Remove the two bolts of the handle from heater shroud. Remove the handle.

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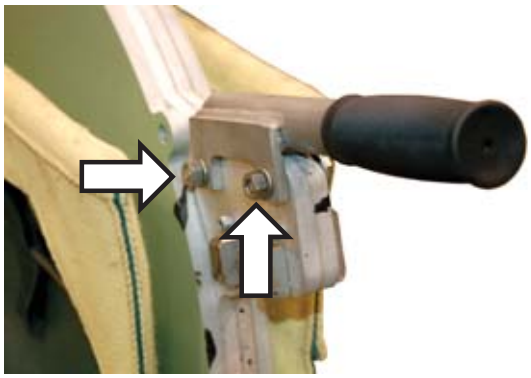
Install the handle on the end of the heater using fasteners supplied with the 3-Jaw in-ditch kit.



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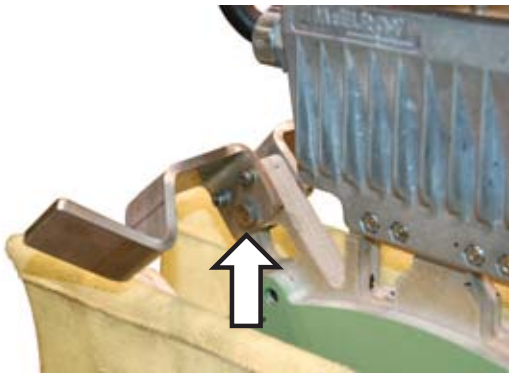
Attach the heater stripper bar from the 3-Jaw in-ditch kit to the heater using the three supplied bolts.



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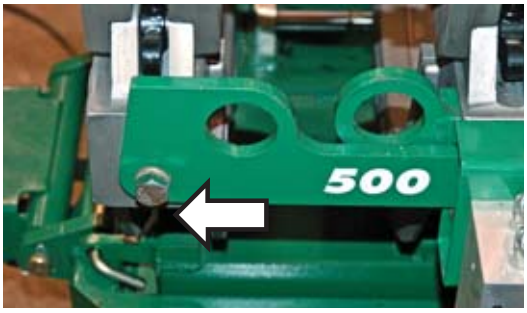
Removing 3 Jaw Skid

If the carriage is going to be used for fusing to a tee or for close quarters fusion, you can use the 3 Jaw carriage.

Remove the outer fixed jaw braces.



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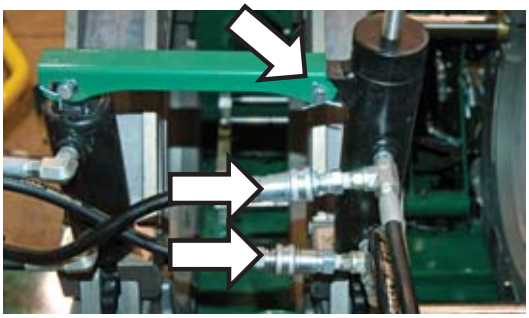
Remove the pin that connects the cylinder tie bar on the inner clamp cylinder. Rotate the tie bar away from the inner clamp cylinder.

Disconnect the two hydraulic hoses that connect the inner clamp cylinder to the outer clamp cylinder.



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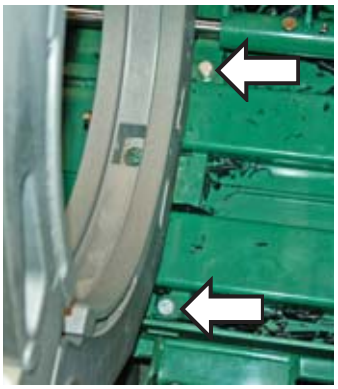
Remove the four bolts that attach the 3-Jaw skid to the 4-Jaw skid.



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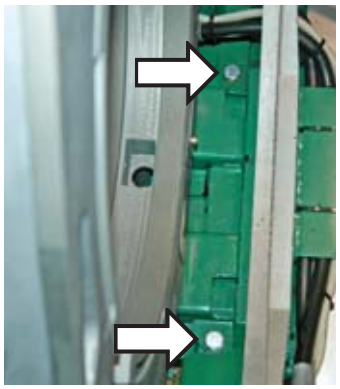

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Disconnect the hydraulic hoses and electrical cables on the underside of the carriage.

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Disconnect the hydraulic hoses connecting the hydraulic clamping.

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The 3-Jaw skid can now be lifted out of the 4-Jaw skid leaving the outer fixed jaw behind.

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Lift 3-Jaw Carriage from Machine

Connect the hydraulic hoses to each other to keep dirt out of the connectors.

The three jaw unit should be used only when space is not available for the entire carriage, such as fusing onto a tee or an ell.

Attach lifting sling to the lifting eyes on the carriage. Lift carriage assembly and lower into ditch.

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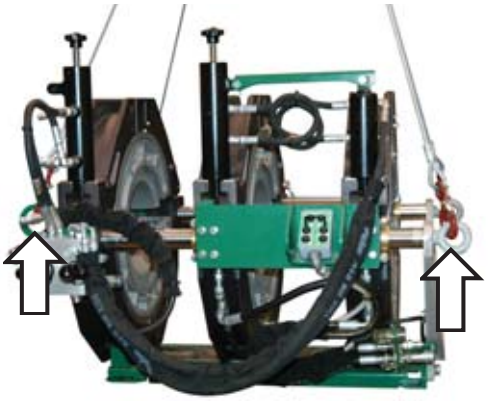

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Removing Top Jaws

If the carriage needs to be hoisted and slid underneath the pipe, the top jaws need to be removed.

Unclamp all jaws. Take out the detent pins securing the top jaws and remove the jaws.

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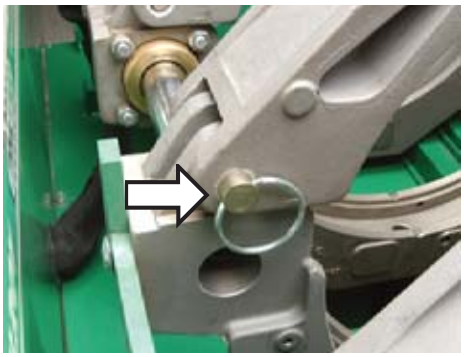

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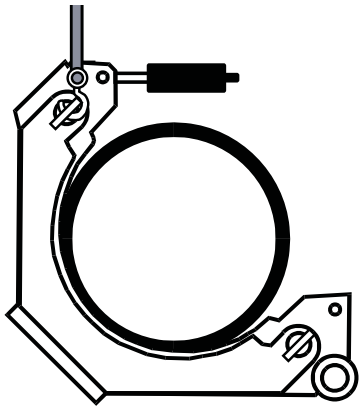
Position Carriage Under Pipe

Position carriage assembly on side of the pipe. Lift pipe and slide carriage assembly under pipe.



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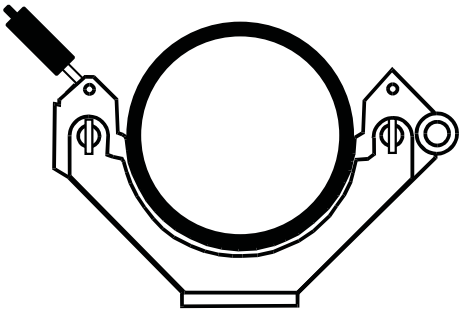
Rotate carriage assembly around to a normal upright position.



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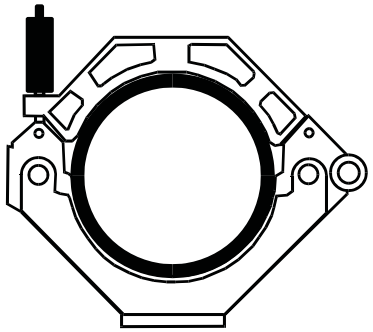
Attach Upper Jaws

Attach the top jaws and clamp around pipe.



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Attach Hydraulic Hoses and Cables

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For the 4 Jaw carriage, there are 4 sets of hydraulic hoses for connections to the carriage, indexer, facer, and hydraulic clamping.

Connect the extension hoses for the carriage, facer, indexer, and hydraulic clamping. The extension hoses are connected between the hydraulic connection on the machine and the hydraulic connection on the component.

There are also 5 electrical cables for the pendant, heater, indexer, transducer, and indexer switch box.

Connect the extension cables for the pendant, heater, indexer, position transducer, and the indexer switch box. The extension cables are connected between the electrical connection on the machine and the electrical connection on the component.

For the 3 Jaw carriage, there are 3 sets of hydraulic hoses for connections to the carriage, facer, and hydraulic clamping.

Connect the extension hoses for the carriage, facer, and hydraulic clamping. The extension hoses are connected between the hydraulic connection on the machine and the hydraulic connection on the component.

There are also 3 electrical cables for the pendant, heater, and position transducer.

Connect the extension cables for the pendant, heater, and position transducer. The extension cables are connected between the electrical connection on the machine and the electrical connection on the component.

Connect all hoses and cables appropriate for the configuration of carriage being used.

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Make Fusion Joint

Refer to the "Butt Fusion Procedure" for operating instructions.
After facing operation, remove the facer from ditch.

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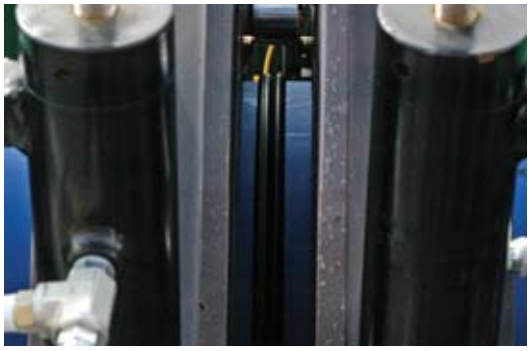

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Remove Upper Jaws

Unclamp jaws, pull ball lock pins and remove the top jaws.

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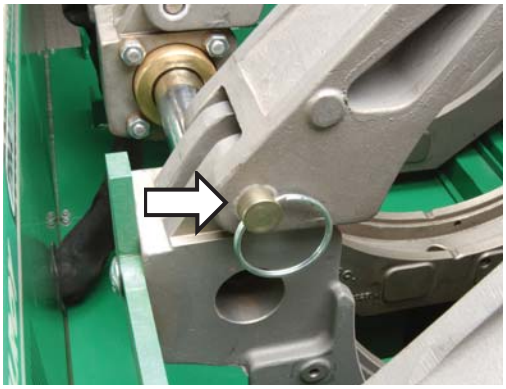

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Remove Hydraulic Hoses and Cables

Disconnect hydraulic hoses and electrical cables to the carriage and remove hoses from ditch.

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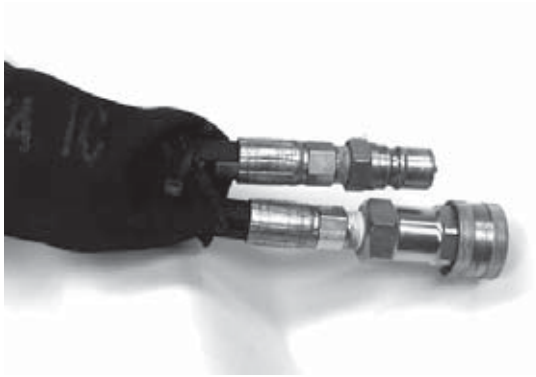

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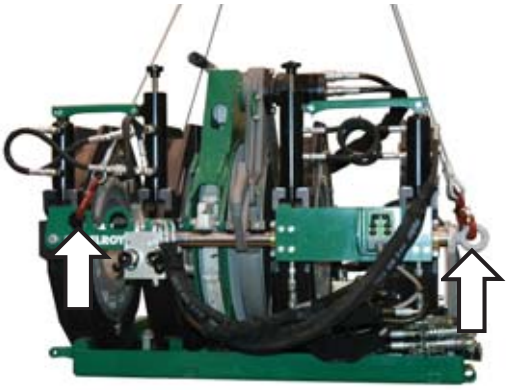
Remove Carriage From Ditch

Attach sling to lifting points.

Rotate carriage assembly from under pipe.

Lift carriage assembly from ditch.



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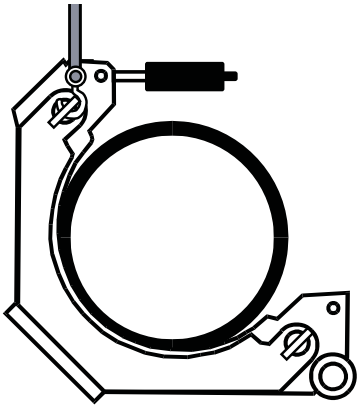

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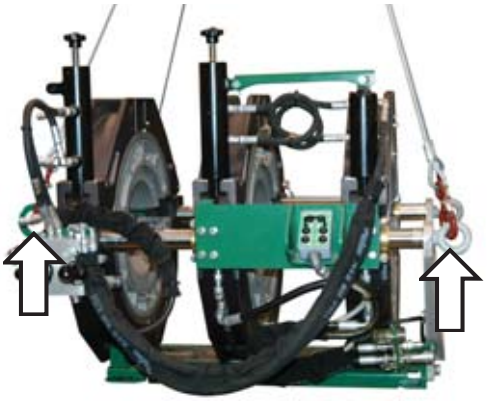

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Special Operations - Lifting the Machine

Lifting Safety

Follow all applicable federal, state, local, and industry specific regulations when lifting.

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⚠WARNING

Safety warnings:

1. Do not exceed rated load or lift loads greater than the rated load rating of the lifting strap or sling.
2. Do not operate a damaged or malfunctioning lifting strap or sling.
3. Do not lift persons.
4. Do not lift a suspended load over persons.
5. Do not leave a suspended load unattended.
6. Do not remove or obscure warning labels.
7. Read and understand the operator's manual before using the device.
8. Stay clear of the suspended load.
9. Lift loads only as high as necessary.
10. Do not alter or modify the lifting strap or sling.
11. Employ generally accepted safe lifting practices.
12. Do not shock or impact load the lifting strap or sling.
13. Inspect all lifting pins for damage.

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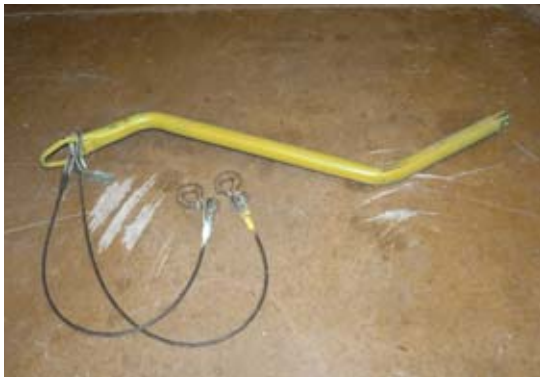
Required Equipment

❑ Proper overhead rigging and equipment of adequate load rating to lift the fusion machine.

❑ Lifting Sling - (supplied with machine) Only use the lifting sling that is supplied with the machine to lift the machine.

NOTICE: Check all equipment to confirm that it is in good working order.



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Attach Slings

Ensure the lifting points are in good repair before lifting the machine.

Attach the sling to the lift points on the machine. The steel tube goes to the outside of the machine as shown at A, the shorter cable with white sleeve goes to the rear of the machine as shown at B, and the longer cable with the yellow sleeve goes to the front of the machine as shown at C.

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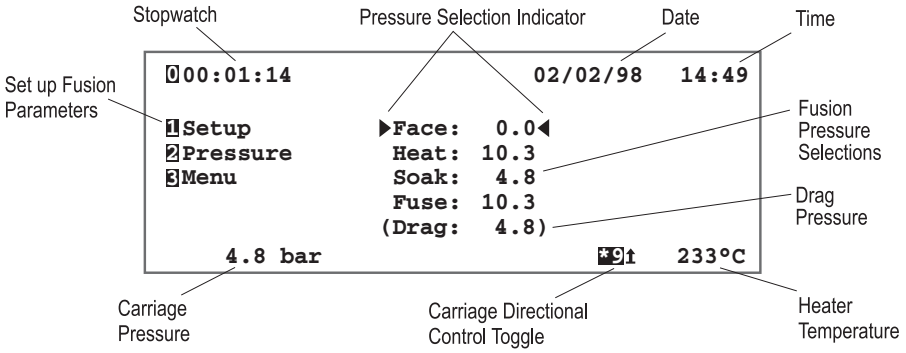
TracStar® Operator Interface

The TracStar® Operator Interface provides communications between the operator and the McElroy Fusion Control System. In addition to providing the familiar operation of a McElroy semi-automatic fusion machine, the TracStar® Operator Interface has a built in stopwatch and fusion pressure calculator.

The Semi-Automatic screen is shown below: (Press ***+** or ***–** to adjust the contrast of the screen)



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In this screen you may press **0** on the keypad to reset the *stopwatch*. Press **1** to setup *fusion parameters*. Press **2** to set the currently selected pressure. Press **3** to access other menus. Press the * key followed by **9** to toggle the *carriage directional control.*

At the lower left hand corner is the carriage pressure showing the current carriage pressure. An X appears in front of all pressure readings except for *face* pressure. Facing pressure is the only pressure that can be varied with the pressure adjustment knob.

The pressure selection indicators surrounds the currently selected pressure. This is the pressure which the Fusion Control System is currently maintaining. The pressure can be changed by pressing 2 on the key pad and typing in a new pressure. In the above example, the currently selected pressure is Face, and you can select Heat pressure using the *pressure selector lever*. You may assign up to five pressures, namely *Face, Heat, Soak, Fuse, and Cool.*

The last measured drag pressure is displayed in parenthesis. In the example above, the last measured drag pressure is 4.8 bar, and it is included in the fuse pressure of 10.3 bar. In other words, if the theoretical fuse pressure (without drag) is 5.5 bar.

On the top right hand corner is the current date and time. The date is in day/ month/year format. The time is in 24 hour format showing hour and minutes.

On the bottom right hand corner is the heater temperature.

To the left of temperature gauge is the *carriage directional control orientation* icon. The upward pointing arrow is replaced by a downward pointing arrow when the orientation is changed. The change in orientation allows you to control the carriage direction from either side of the carriage.

In all data entry screens, the **C** key is used as a backspace key to clear the last digit entered. The **C** key is also used to backup one screen in most cases.

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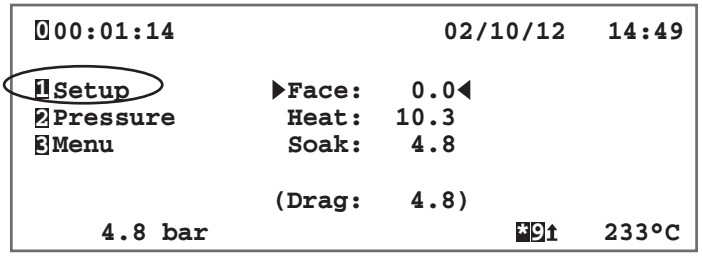
Setting up to Fuse Pipe in the Semi-Auto Mode

You may choose to fuse pipe using the semi-automatic mode, or set up the DataLogger® mode to record your fusion process. This section discusses the semi-auto fusion mode.

While in the semi-auto screen, select the facing pressure using the pressure selector lever. You may adjust the carriage pressure using the pressure adjustment knob to position the pipes. Face the pipes, check for hi-lo and slippage. Using the carriage control lever, position the pipes one (1) inch apart to prepare for drag measurement. Make sure that the pipes are properly prepared for the next step.

Press **1** on the keypad to setup fusion parameters.



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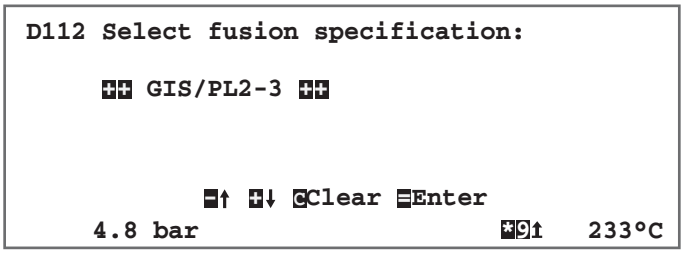
Entering Pipe Parameters

You will be prompted to enter pipe size and interfacial pressures necessary to compute recommended gauge pressures for the fusion. You are also required to enter a heater temperature and a drag pressure. The drag pressure, which you are required to measure, will be added to the calculated pressures. These calculated pressures will be displayed in the pressure selection section of the screen.



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The first data entry screen prompts you to select a fusion specification. You may scroll through the list of specifications to select a specification to fuse with. You may use ——— if your specification is not on the list. The **–** and **+** keys are used to scroll the specification list. The **C** Key takes you back to the previous screen. The **=** key enters your selection into the system and goes on to the next screen.

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The next screen prompts you for heater temperature. Type in the pipe manufacturers recommended heater temperature using the numeric keypad. Use the **C** key for backspace, and press **=** to enter the temperature and go on to the next screen.

```
S030 Heater Temperature (°C): _




     0123456789.  CClear =Enter
     4.8 bar                    9↑   233°C
```

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Piston area for the standard TracStar® 500 Series 3 is 6.013 in^2, if a different carriage is used, you type in the piston area shown on the carriage. Otherwise, press **=** to accept the default 6.013 in^2 piston area. Press **=** to enter the correct piston area and go to the next screen.

```
D140 Piston area: _




     0123456789.  CClear =Enter
     4.8 bar                    9↑   233°C
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Pipe size can be entered in four different units (IPS, DIPS, inch OD, and mm OD). Use the **–** and **+** keys to select from one of the four units, then type in the pipe size and press **=** for the next screen.

```
S014 Pipe Size: _

    ▶" IPS
     " DIPS
     " OD
     mm OD
     0123456789.  –↑ +↓ CClear =Enter
     4.8 bar                    9↑   233°C
```

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Use the **–** and **+** keys to select from one of the three wall thickness units (DR, inches, and millimeters), then type in the wall thickness and press **=** to move on. If you have previously entered a wall thickness, you may press **=** to automatically paste it in the data entry field then press **=** to move on instead of having to retype the wall thickness. This is true for all data entry screens.

```
S018 Pipe SDR/DR: _

    ▶DR
     " WT
     mm WT

     0123456789.  –↑ +↓ CClear =Enter
     4.8 bar                    9↑   233°C
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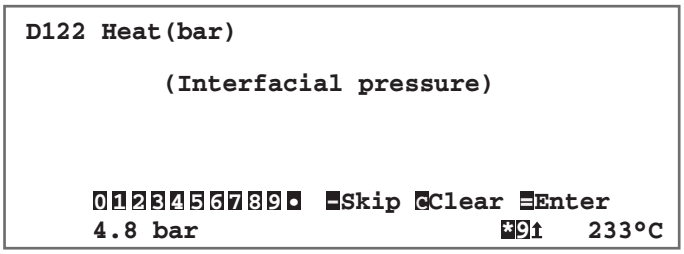
Next, you will be prompted for interfacial pressures (*heat, soak, fuse, and cool*). You may not need all four to complete your fusion, but some fusion specifications do require all four. Most pipes manufactured in the USA require two interfacial pressures, soak and fuse. If you prefer soak and cool, you may do so by skipping the other interfacial pressures using the **–** key.



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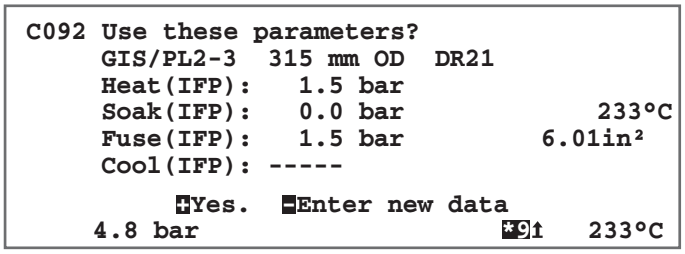
If you need heat pressure, simply type in the heat interfacial pressure and press =.

IMPORTANT: It is important to type in the **interfacial pressure** and not the gauge pressure. For a given interfacial pressure, a small piston area requires a higher gauge pressure than a machine with a larger piston area.

Normally, the pipe is soaked under no interfacial pressure, and you enter 0 for soak pressure. In the soak cycle, you will be using 0 + drag pressure. You will be prompted to enter a drag pressure at a later screen.



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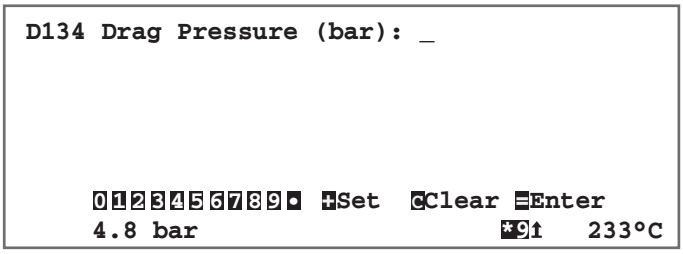
At the end of the data entry screens, you will be asked to confirm your data entry. After verifying that the data entered is correct, press **+** to go on. If you need to change any of the data item, press **–** to make any corrections. Since you have entered all the data items once, you may press **=** to enter those items automatically instead of retyping all of them.



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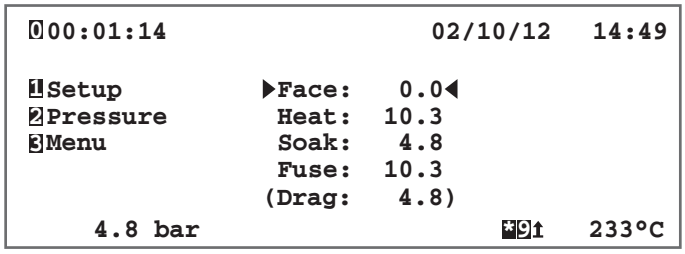
The TracStar® computer automatically lowers the carriage pressure to minimum so that you can measure drag correctly. As a reminder, it would be ideal if the pipes were faced off and positioned for drag measurement (pipes 1 inch apart) before coming into this screen. Also, make sure the face pressure is selected so that the X mark is not shown at the lower left hand corner of the screen.

The proper way to measure drag is to set the carriage control lever in the "close carriage" position, then dial the pressure adjustment knob until the carriage begins to move. On the first sign of carriage movement, put the carriage control lever to neutral (center position) and wait for the pressure gauge (at lower left hand corner) to settle down. Press the **+** key to set the drag pressure. Press the **=** key to accept the pressure and go on to the next screen. Note, you may also type in a drag pressure using the keypad.



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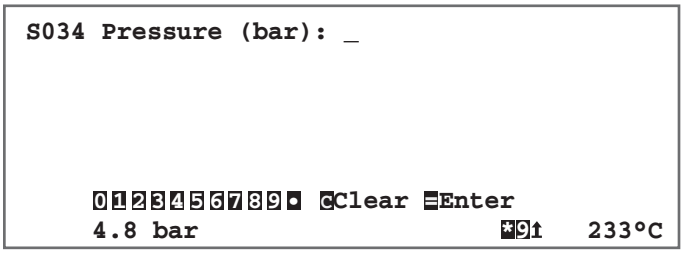
You will come back to the semi-auto screen after entering all the pertinent fusion information. At this point, you may follow the pipe manufacturer's fusion procedure to fuse the pipe.

If at any time you feel you need to increase or decrease any of the pressures, you may select that pressure using the selector and press **2** to change the pressure.

Type in a pressure and press **=** to go back to the semi-auto screen.



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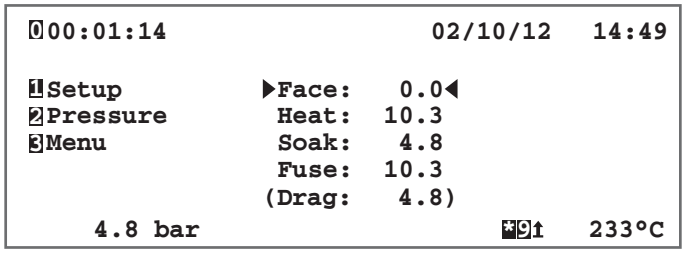
You may use the stopwatch on the upper left corner of the screen to time your fusion.



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The stopwatch runs continuously, and it can be reset to 00:00:00 by pressing **0** at any time during the fusion.

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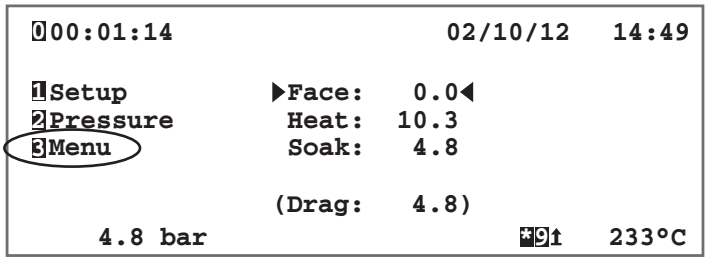
Setting up to Fuse Pipe in the DataLogger® Mode



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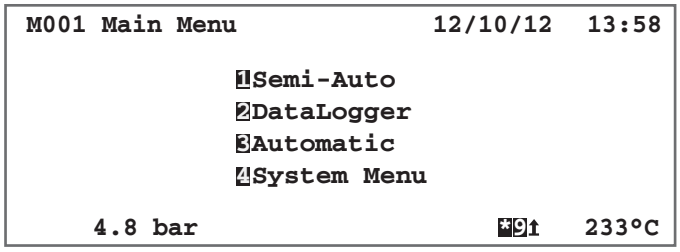
While in the semi-auto screen, select the facing pressure using the pressure selector lever. You may adjust the carriage pressure using the pressure adjustment knob to position the pipes. Face the pipes, check for hi-lo and slippage. Using the carriage control lever, position the pipes one (1) inch apart to prepare for drag measurement. Make sure that the pipes are properly prepared for the next step.

From the semi-auto screen, press **3** to access the main menu.



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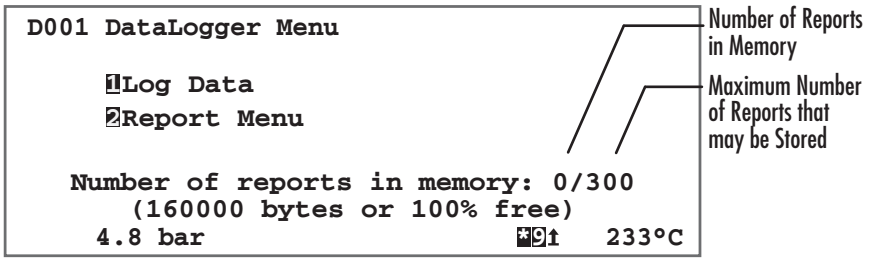
Press **2** to access the Datalogger® menu.



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The DataLogger® menu offers two options: log data or report menu. It shows you how many reports were logged, and the maximum number of reports you are allowed to store.

Press 1 to Log Data.

Press 2 to enter the Report Menu.

The Report Menu has four options.

1) View Report

2) Print Report

3) Delete Report

4) Upload Report

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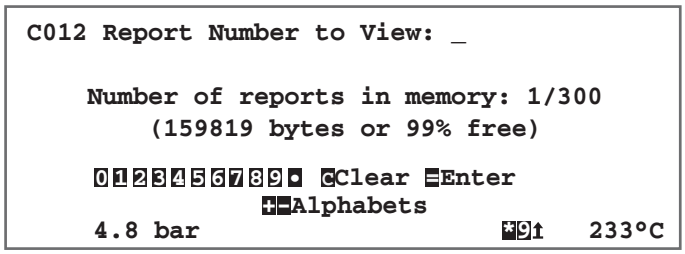

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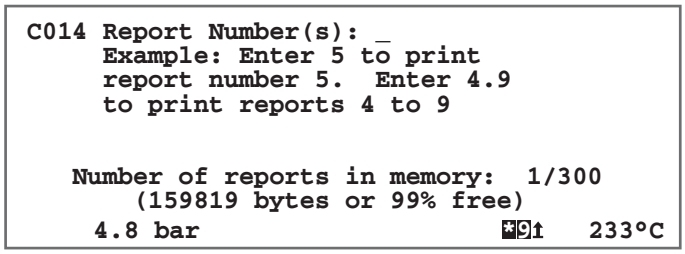
View Report: Enter the number of the report to view. The report will be displayed on screen and the + and – keys are used to page through the report. An example of a report is shown later in this section of the manual.



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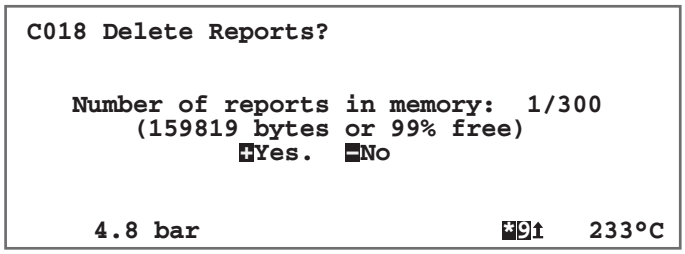
Print Reports: Enter the number of the report to print or enter a range of reports by entering a . (period) between the two numbers of the range of reports.



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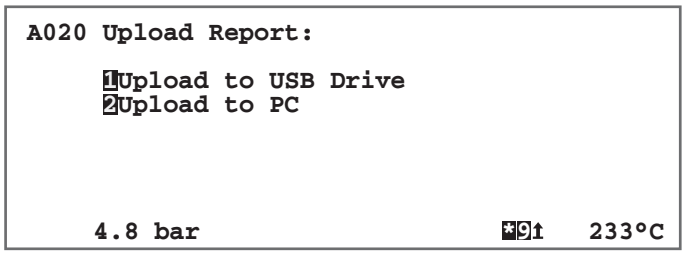
Delete Reports: You will be prompted to enter the system password to enter the menu to delete the reports. After entry of the password, select yes or no to all reports in memory.



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Upload Report: There are two options. One is to upload to a USB drive using the USB Thumb Drive Adapter Kit or to upload to a PC using a cable. Enter the desired option after you have connected the device to transfer to.

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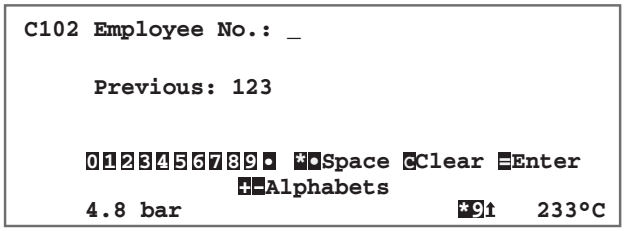
After pressing log data, you will be prompted to enter joint information.



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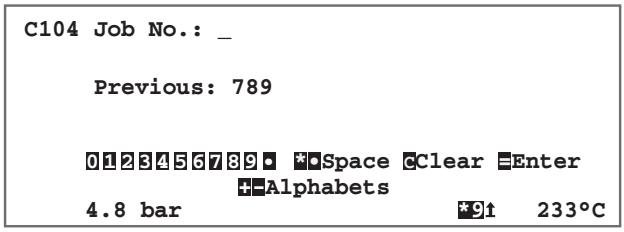
You will be prompted to enter a employee number. The previous employee number is listed on the second line.

In this screen, you may enter both alphabets and digits. Use the **+** and **–** keys to step up and down the alphabets A through Z. In the alphabet mode, press **.** to enter the selected alphabet for the current character space, so that you can prepare to select a different alphabet for the next character space. At any time during alphabet entry, you may press any digit key (0 through 9) to stop alphabet mode and enter a numeric digit. Use the combination of ***** and **.** to enter a white space between characters. As always, the **C** key is used as backspace for data entry corrections, and the **=** key completes the data entry and proceeds to the next screen.



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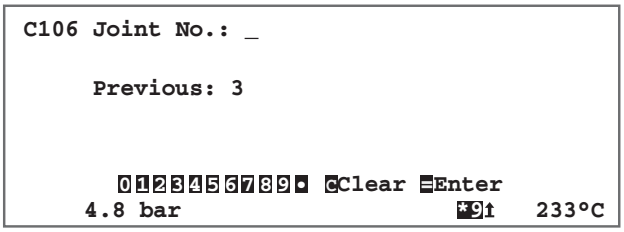
The job number may consist of alphabets and digits. Follow the instructions for the Employee screen above.



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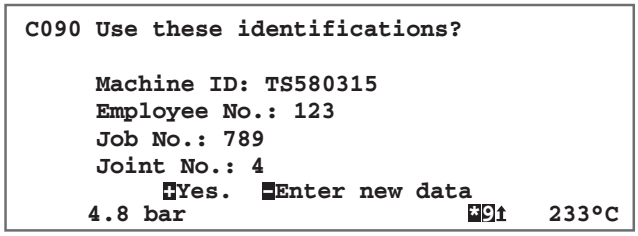
The joint number is a number-only data field. Use the keypad (0 through 9) to enter an integer number (1 through 9999). If you press **=** without entering a number, the computer automatically increments the previous joint number by 1 and makes it the current joint number.



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At the end of identification data entry, you are asked to confirm your entries. If every entry is correct, press **+** to go on. If you need to change one of the fields, press **–**. You do not have to retype all the fields. You may press **=** and have the computer recall what you typed in previously, press **=** again to go on to the next screen.

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Entering Pipe Parameters

After entering identification data, you will be prompted for pipe parameters. Please refer to *Entering Pipe Parameters* under the *Setting up to Fuse Pipe in the Semi-Auto Mode* section for instructions on entering pipe parameters. If you have previously entered pipe parameters, you will be prompted to confirm the data entered as follows:

```
C092 Use these parameters?
     GIS/PL2-3  315 mm OD  DR21
     Heat(IFP):   1.5 bar
     Soak(IFP):   0.0 bar              233°C
     Fuse(IFP):   1.5 bar          6.01in²
     Cool(IFP): -----

          +Yes.  -Enter new data
     4.8 bar                        +9↕   233°C
```

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You will be prompted to measure drag for each joint in the DataLogger® mode.

```
D134 Drag Pressure (bar): _




     0123456789. +Set  cClear =Enter
     4.8 bar                        +9↕   233°C
```

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Follow the procedure described in the *Setting up to Fuse Pipe in the Semi-Auto Mode* section for proper drag measurement.

After entering drag pressure, the recommended fusion pressures are computed and displayed in the pressure selection section of the screen.

```
0 00:01:14                      02/10/12   14:49

2 Pressure          ▶Face:   0.0◀
4 Log                Heat:  10.3
c                    Soak:   4.8
                     Fuse:  10.3
                    (Drag:   4.8)
     4.8 bar                        +9↕   233°C
```

Heater Temperature

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At this point, you are ready to log data. Check to make sure the heater is up to temperature, then install the heater between the pipes. Use the pressure selector lever to select fuse pressure for closing the pipes against the heater.

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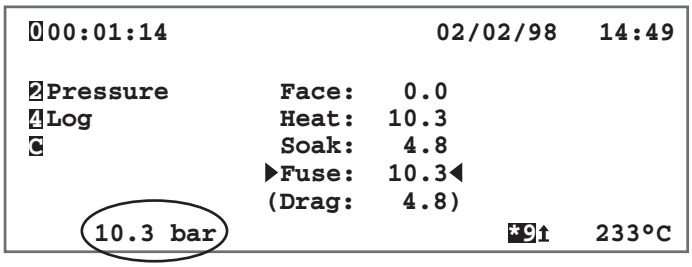
Setting Up DataLogger® Mode

Just before switching the carriage control lever to close on the heater, press **4** on the keypad to enter into the data logging mode.



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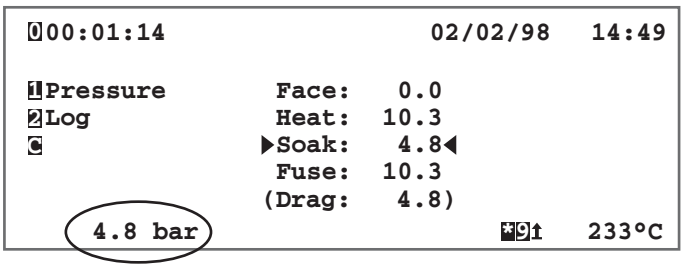
Once the pipes contact the heater, shift into soak pressure and wait for the pressure gauge to read soak pressure, then shift the carriage control lever to neutral.



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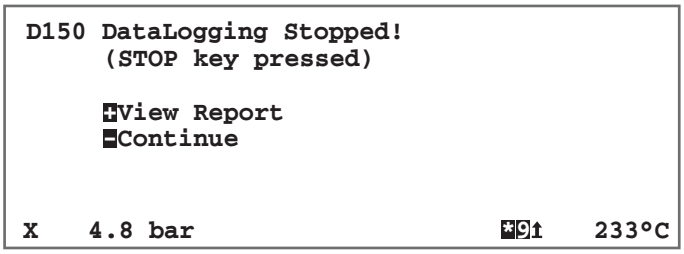
Press **0** to reset the stopwatch to time your soak cycle. At the end of soak, shift the pressure selector to fuse pressure, and prepare to remove the heater.

Open the carriage and remove the heater quickly, then close the carriage to join the pipes. Press **0** to reset the stopwatch to time your fuse cycle.

At the end of the fuse cycle, press **6** to stop logging data, then center the carriage control lever.



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The computer informs you that the logging was stopped because you pressed **6** to stop it. Data logging can also be stopped if the report memory is full, or the maximum log time of 6550 seconds (1 hour 49 minutes) is reached.

You will be given an option to either view the report or continue logging the next joint. If you want to view report, press **+**.

You will be shown the report and pressure profile of the joint. Use the **–** and **+** key to navigate the report pages.

```
D182 Joint report page 1:
 1. Date and Time: 12/10/12  09:52:12
 2. Joint Number : 1
 3. Job Number   : 12OCT001
 4. Employee No. : M01432
 5. Machine ID   : TS980315
                   +
X    4.8 bar                    +9t    233°C
```

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```
D184 Joint report page 2:
 6. Machine Model: TracStar 500
 7. Piston Area  : 6.01 in²
 8. Pipe Material: GIS/PL2-3
 9. Pipe Size    : 315mm OD DR21

                   + -
X    4.8 bar                    +9t    233°C
```

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```
D186 Joint report page 3:
Interfacial Pressures:
12. Heat         : 1.5 bar
13. Soak         : 0 bar
14. Fuse         : 1.5 bar
15. Cool         : -----
                   + -
X    4.8 bar                    +9t    233°C
```

CD01061-10-15-12

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```
D188 Joint report page 4:
Recommended Gauge Pressures:
18. Heat         : 11.8 bar
19. Soak         : 4.8 bar
20. Fuse         : 11.8 bar
21. Cool         : -----
                   + -
X    4.8 bar                    +91    233°C
```

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```
D190 Joint report page 5:
Recorded Data:
24. Drag Pressure:      4.8 bar
25. Heater Temperature:  233°C


                   + -
X    4.8 bar                    +91    233°C
```

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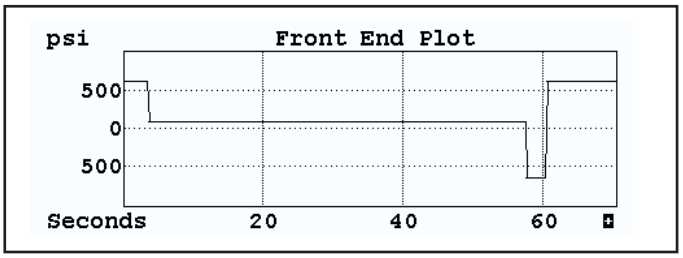
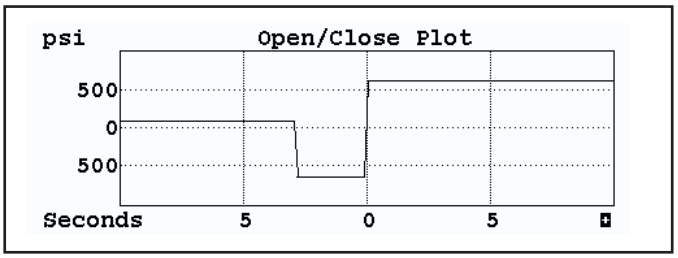


CD00446-5-4-98

The front end plot highlights the soak cycle so that you can determine if the shift sequence was done properly. A proper pressure shift sequence allows the carriage pressure to go to drag pressure quickly. An improper sequence may trap pressure.



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The Open/Close plot "zooms in" on the period of time in which the heated pipe ends are removed from the heater and are fused together.

A summary plot shows the pressure profile for the entire fusion process until the end of data logging.

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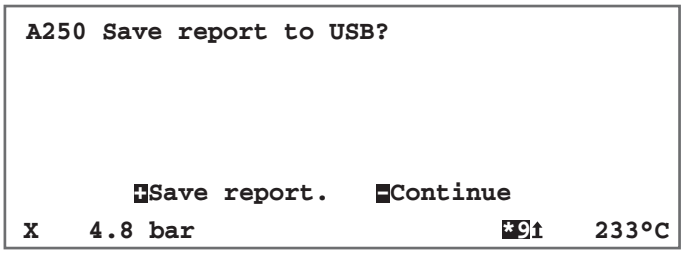
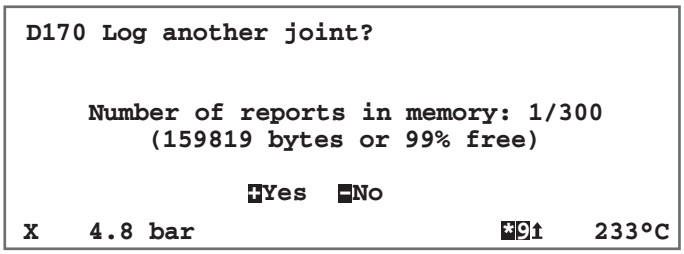


CD01080-10-15-12

After viewing the report on the screen, you have the option to save it to a USB thumb drive via the USB Thumb Drive Adapter Kit, which allows for more convenient report upload and archive. Simply attach the adapter and USB thumb drive to the pendant, wait 30 seconds for the thumb drive to be recognized by the adapter, and follow the onscreen prompts to save reports to the Thumb Drive.



CD01065-10-15-12

The next screen asks if you want to make another joint.

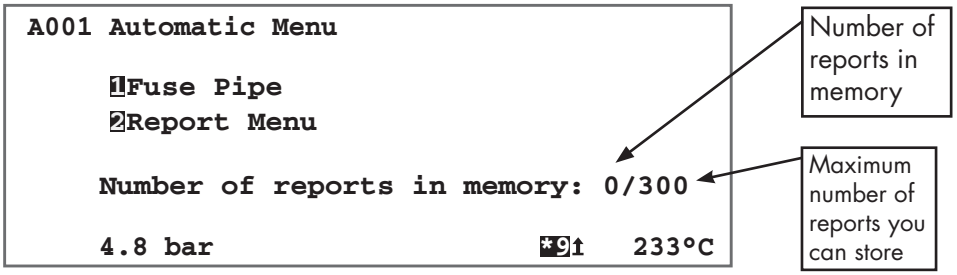
It also tells you how many joints are currently in the report memory, and how much memory is left to store new joint reports.

If you want to make another joint, press **+**. You will be prompted to confirm the identification and pipe parameters entered previously. You may choose to use the same information entered previously, or modify any data field as described earlier in this section.

TX04511-10-24-12

Setting up to Fuse Pipe in the Automatic Mode

On power up, machines with the automatic feature will display the Automatic menu:



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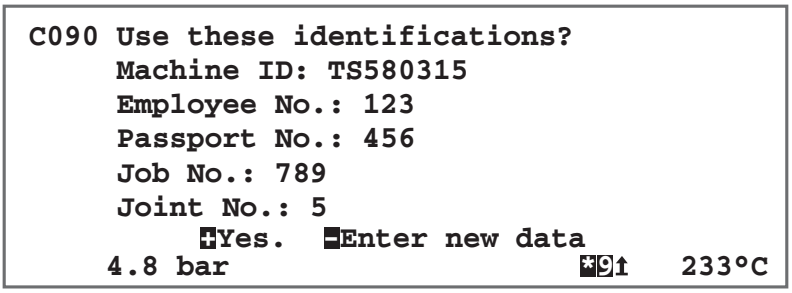
The Automatic menu offers two options: Fuse Pipe or Report Menu. It shows how many reports were logged, and the maximum number of reports you are allowed to store.

Press **1** to fuse pipe.

You will be prompted to accept the identifications listed on this screen.



CD01068-10-15-12

In this screen, you may enter both alphabets and digits. Use the **+** and **–** keys to step up and down the alphabets A through Z. In the alphabet mode, press **.** to enter the selected alphabet for the current character space. At any time during alphabet entry, you may press any numeric key (0 through 9) to stop alphabet mode and enter a numeric digit.

Use the combination of ***** and **.** to enter a white space between characters. As always, the **C** key is used as backspace for data entry corrections, and the **=** key completes the data entry and proceeds to the next screen.

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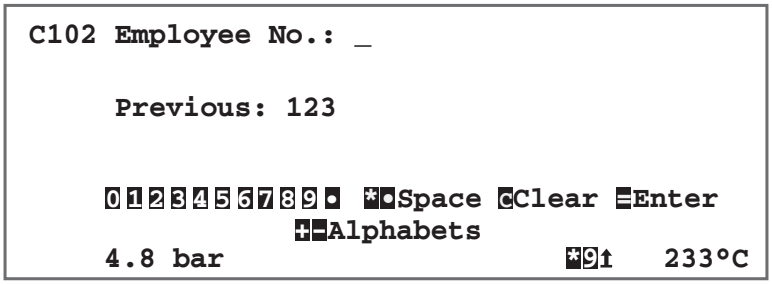

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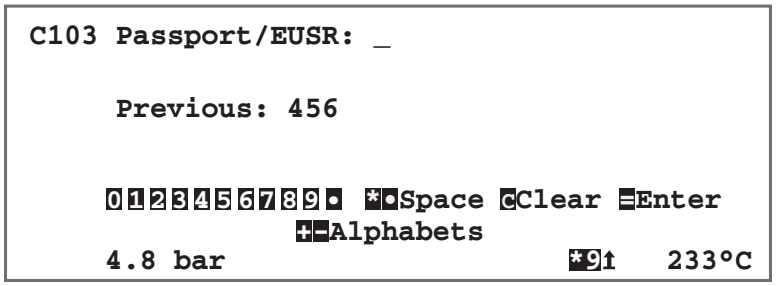
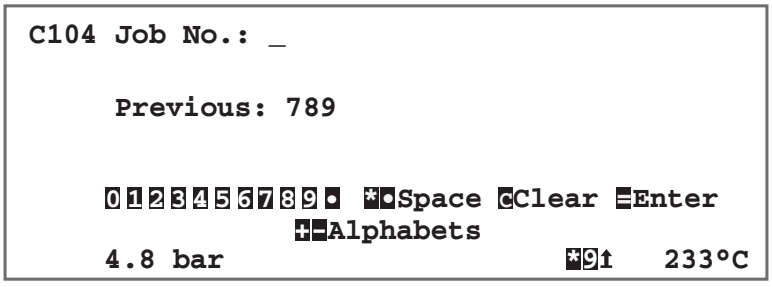
In this screen, you may enter both alphabets and digits. Use the **+** and **–** keys to step up and down the alphabets A through Z. In the alphabet mode, press **.** to enter the selected alphabet for the current character space. At any time during alphabet entry, you may press any numeric key (0 through 9) to stop alphabet mode and enter a numeric digit.

Use the combination of ***** and **.** to enter a white space between characters. As always, the **C** key is used as backspace for data entry corrections, and the **=** key completes the data entry and proceeds to the next screen.



CD01067-10-15-12

The passport number may also consist of alphabets and digits. Follow the instructions for the Employee No. screen.



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The job number may consist of alphabets and digits. Follow the instructions for the Employee No. screen.

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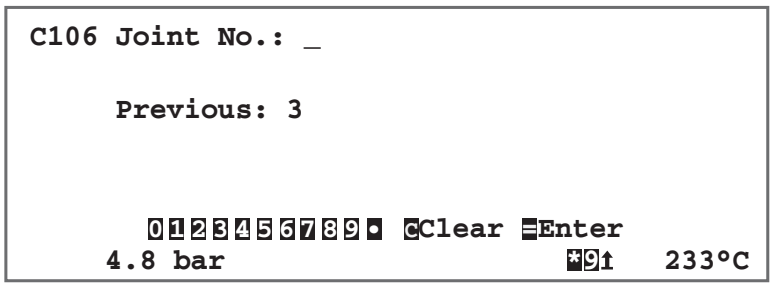

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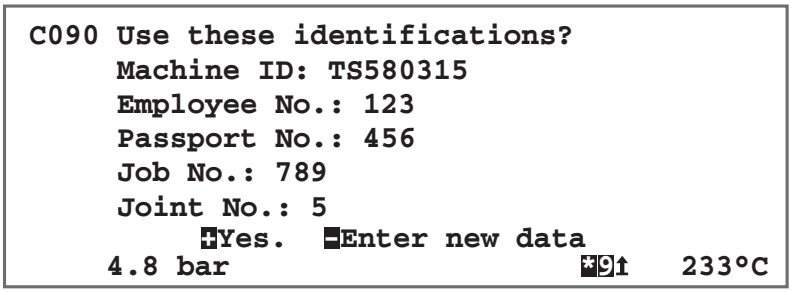
The joint number is a number-only data field. Use the keypad (0 through 9) to enter an integer number (1 through 9999). If you press **=** without entering a number, the computer automatically increments the previous joint number by 1 and makes it the current joint number.

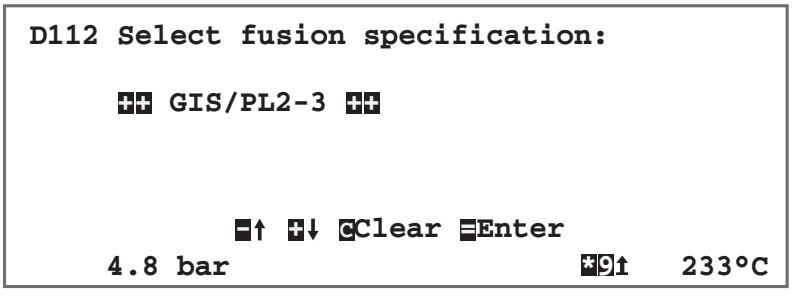


CD01068-10-15-12

At the end of identification data entry, you are asked to confirm your entries. If every entry is correct, press **+** to go on. If you need to change one of the fields, press **–**. You do not have to retype all the fields. You may press **=** and have the computer recall what you typed in previously, press **=** again to go on to the next screen.

Entering Fusion Parameters

After entering identification data, you will be prompted to enter fusion parameters if not already entered. A password is required to add or change fusion parameters. Once the correct password is entered, you are guided step-by-step to complete the entries:



CD01043-10-15-12

The first data entry screen prompts you to select a fusion specification. You may scroll through the list of specifications to select a specification to fuse with. The **–** and **+** keys are used to scroll the specification list. The **C** Key takes you back to the previous screen. The **=** key enters your selection into the system and goes on to the next screen.

TX04514-10-24-12

```
S014 Pipe Size: _

    ▶" IPS
     " DIPS
     " OD
     mm OD
     0123456789.  −↑ +↓ CClear =Enter
     4.8 bar                    +91↕   233°C
```

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Type in the pipe size and press **=** for the next screen.

```
S018 Pipe SDR/DR: _

    ▶DR
     " WT
     mm WT

     0123456789.  −↑ +↓ CClear =Enter
     4.8 bar                    +91↕   233°C
```

CD01046-10-15-12

Type in the wall thickness and press **=** to move on. If you have previously entered a wall thickness, you may press **=** to automatically paste it in the data entry field then press **=** to move on instead of having to retype the wall thickness. This is true for all data entry screens.

```
A110 Enter Heat Control: _

     minutes.seconds
     Displacement in millimeter
    ▶Bead size per spec. (4.0mm)

     0123456789.  −↑ +↓ CClear =Enter
     4.8 bar                    +91↕   233°C
```

CD01069-10-15-12

Select one of the three heater control options.

1) Time - enter minutes and seconds for total heating time, for instance 3:5 is 3 minutes and 5 seconds.

2) Displacement in millimeter - enter the desired carriage travel distance that displaces an amount of pipe to reach the desired bead size.

3) Bead size per second - accept the bead size specified by the selected fusion standard or specification, and the actual carriage travel is calculated and applied for the heat cycle.

```
C092 Use these parameters?
     GIS/PL2-3  315 mm OD  DR21
     Heat: 01:07   1.5 bar          →←00:08
     Soak: 03:23   0.0 bar             233°C
     Fuse: 10:11   1.5 bar

          +Yes.  −Enter new data
    4.8 bar                    +91↕   233°C
```

CD01086-10-15-12

At the end of the data entry screens, you will be asked to confirm your data entry. After verifying that the data entered is correct, press **+** to go on. If you need to change any of the data items, press **–** to make any corrections. Since you have entered all the data items once, you may press **=** to enter those items automatically instead of retyping all of them.

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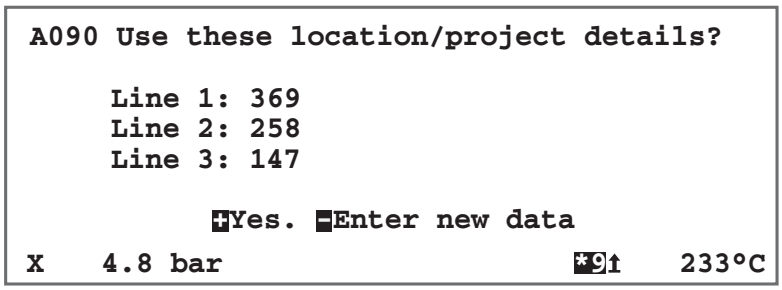
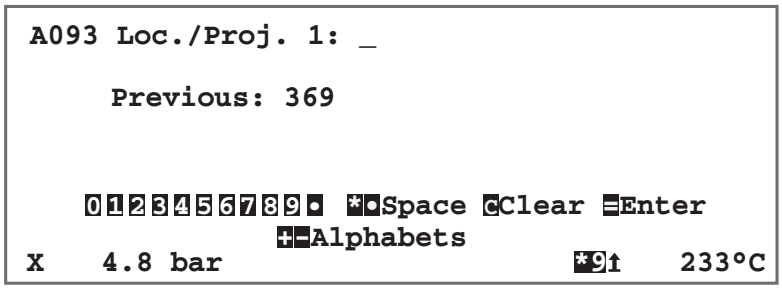


CD01087-10-15-12

There will be a prompt to accept the use of the current location/project details. The location/project details can be any information to identify the location of the project or to list details for the project. There are 3 lines of information that can be stored.

The system password is needed to enter new data for this screen.



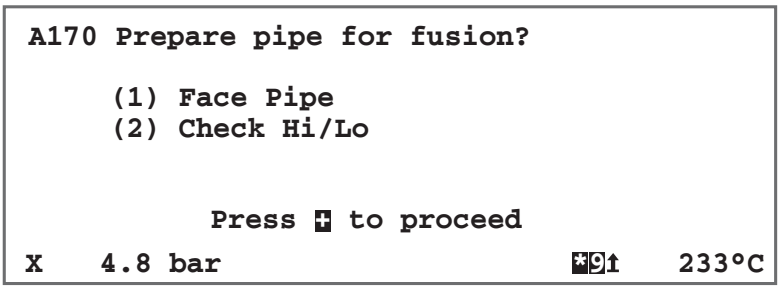
CD01088-10-15-12

On this screen, you may enter alphabets and digits. Once you press = enter, you may enter information for lines 2 and 3. When all lines are entered, the screen will advance to the prepare pipe for fusion screen.

TX04516-10-24-12

Fusing Pipe in Automatic Mode

After entering identification data and fusion parameters, you are prompted to prepare the pipe for fusion:



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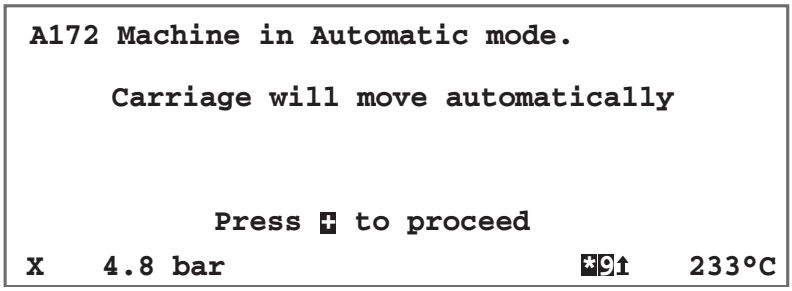
Prepare the pipe for fusion by manually facing the pipe ends, checking hi/lo, and check for slippage. Once the pipes are prepared, press **+** to continue.

A warning message will appear before automatic mode begins.



CD01071-10-15-12

Press **+** to continue, and the carriage movement alarm will sound. The carriage moves automatically to measure drag pressure. After the drag pressure is measured, the required carriage pressures are automatically calculated and checked to make sure these pressures are attainable.

The heater is inserted automatically. The carriage closes automatically against the heater. The heat cycle begins followed by the soak cycle. 10 seconds before the end of the soak cycle, the alarm will sound to indicate the heater is almost ready for removal. The alarm will continue to sound at 1 second intervals until the soak cycle timer counts down to 0. At the end of the countdown, the carriage opens automatically, and the heater is removed automatically.

TX04517-10-24-12

Fusion Process Control

After the heater is automatically removed, the carriage closes to fuse the pipe. The fuse and cool cycles are automatically controlled and timed according to the fusion parameters. During the entire process, the TracStar® monitors the carriage for slippage and maintains the carriage pressure. If the carriage slips or the machine fails to maintain the correct pressure, the joint will be aborted. Operator's can abort by pressing **C**.

Dummy Joint (Optional)

A Dummy Joint can be made by following the normal facing, heating, and soaking procedures. Any time during the soak cycle, you may press the **C** key to interrupt the cycle. You are given a choice to abort the joint or record a Dummy Joint report.

Fusion Joint Completion and Report

At the end of a joint, the alarm sounds and a message is displayed:

```
A240 Joint Completed.

      +Accept and make next Joint

            C More Options


X    4.8 bar                      +9t    233°C
```

CD01072-10-15-12

Press **C** for options to view report and save report to USB drive, or press **+** to acknowledge the joint completion message and move on to make a new joint.

When viewing reports on the screen, each report is arranged in pages, and you may use the **+** and **–** keys to scroll through the report.

Whether or not you view the report, you have the option to save it to a USB thumb drive via the USB Thumb Drive Adapter Kit, which allows for more convenient report upload and archive. Simply attach the adapter and USB thumb drive to the pendant, wait 30 seconds for the thumb drive to be recognized by the adapter, and follow the onscreen prompts to save reports to the Thumb Drive.

When attached to a personal computer, the thumb drive appears as a removable drive, and joint reports can be copied and paste to the computer for further archive or emailed.

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This is a sample report:

```
1.  Location /     : 369
    Project        : 258
    Details        : 147

5.  Date and Time: 12/10/12 13:55:58
6.  Joint Number : 14
7.  Job Number   : 789
8.  Employee Payroll No. : 123
9.  Passport/EUSR: 456
10. Machine ID   : T5 III TEST
11. Machine Model: * Simulation *
12. Piston Area  : 38.77 cm²
13. Pipe Size    : 315 mm OD  DR 21
14. Fusion Spec  : GIS/PL2-3 DR 21

16. Joint Status : *Simulation*
                    Target   Actual
19. Heater Temp. :    233     233°C
20. Heat Displ.  :    1.3     1.3 mm
21. Heat Pressure:   11.8    11.8 bar
22. Soak Time    :  02:57   00:20
23. Soak Pressure:    4.8     4.8 bar
24. Open/Close   :  00:04   00:04
25. Fuse Time    :  08:52   00:20
26. Fuse Pressure:   11.8    11.8 bar
27. Drag Pressure:            4.8 bar
28. Ext. Probe   :            ---
```

CD01073-10-15-12

The next screen asks if you want to make another joint.

```
A260 Make another joint?

     +Make another joint.  -No

    Number of reports in memory: 1/300


X   4.8 bar                      +9↕   233°C
```

CD01074-10-15-12

It also tells you how many joints are currently in the report memory.

If you want to make another joint, press **+**. You will be prompted to confirm the identification and pipe parameters entered previously. You may choose to use the same information entered previously, or modify any data field as described previously.

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Downloading Joint Reports

Introduction

The McElroy Joint Reporter allows you to download joint reports from the DataLogger® and The Coach® family of machines (including the TracStar® 500, TracStar® 900, and McHiLYT®) to an IBM compatible PC for viewing, printing, and archiving.

System Requirement

To use this program, you need a PC with Microsoft Windows 95 or higher.

Installing the Program

Go to the McElroy download webpage:

http://www.mcelroy.com/fusion/support/

Scroll down to find the picture of the pendant and download the McElroy Joint Reporter program.

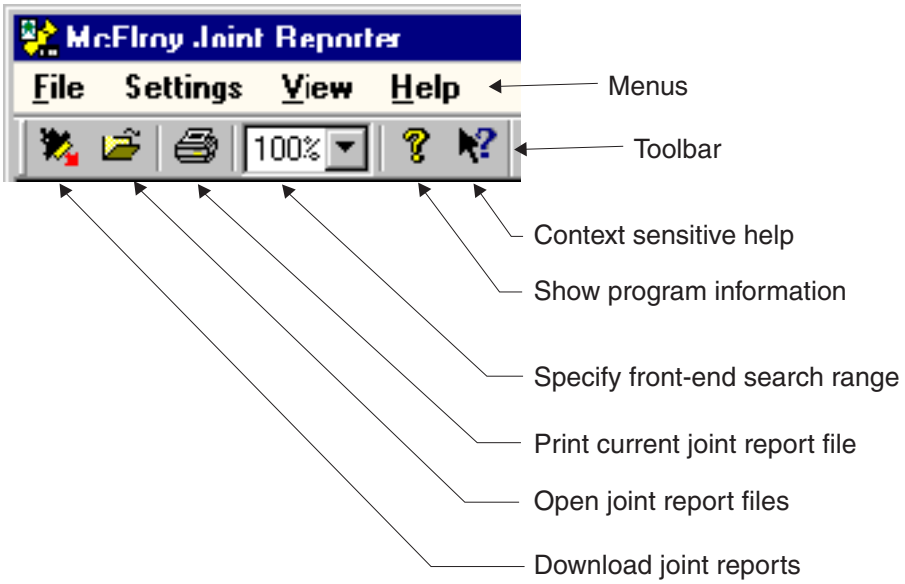
Follow the setup program prompts on the screen. You may accept all the default settings and allow the setup program to install the McElroy Joint Reporter in the recommended directory.

Using the Program

To start the program, click the Start button, then click Programs and find the McElroy Joint Reporter's icon. Click on the icon to run the program.

The program will display the following menus and toolbar icons:

The toolbar consists of shortcut icons to access functions in the menus.



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Features of the McElroy Joint Reporter

File Menu

1. Download joint reports from DataLogger® and The Coach® systems. Individual reports are saved in individual joint report files with an extension ".JRP". Each download is organized in a folder under the default main folder "C:\My Reports\".
2. Open a joint report file (with the file extension ".JRP") for on screen viewing and printing.
3. Print the currently displayed joint report.
4. Print Preview the currently displayed joint report before printing.
5. Print Setup - change the printer settings (to a different printer, etc) before printing.
6. Print Many - print a selected group of report files (*.JRP). To select a group of files, hold down the CTRL key and click the files you want to print one at a time. To select a range of files, click the first file you want to print, then hold down the SHIFT key and click on the last file you want to print. To select all files in the current folder, hold down CTRL and press A. Selected files are shown in reverse-video or white letters on blue background on most PC's.
7. Convert report files downloaded by the DataLogger® Companion Program or MMI Joint Report Manager to the new JRP file format.
8. Send - attach joint report file(s) to e-mail for transmission.
9. Keeps a list of 4 most recently opened report files.
10. Exit program.

Settings Menu

1. Change unit of measurements: psi, bar, and Kg/cm2.
2. Change date display format: US (MM/DD/YY) and others (DD/MM/YY).
3. Change serial port for download: COM1, COM2, COM3, or COM4.
4. Location - change the report storage location from the default 'C:\My Reports\" to any sub-folder on any drive accessible by the computer.

View Menu

1. Show or hide the Toolbar.
2. Show or hide the Status Bar.

Front-end Search Range (for DataLogger Reports)

This feature is to help graph the front-end plot and open/close plot more accurately in case logging was not turned off before removing pipe from the carriage. Because the program cannot tell the difference between an "open/close to remove heater" from an "open/close to remove fused pipe", the program cannot produce the correct front-end plot if logging is not turned off as intended. As a remedy, you can specify in percentage a range you want the program to start searching for the open/close point. The range is between 5% to 100% in 5% increments. For example, if by looking at the summary plot you estimate the open/close point occurred in the first 30% of the entire plot, then specifying 30% will tell the program to ignore all pressure fluctuations beyond the first 30%. This setting remains for subsequent joint reports until you change it or restarts the program.

Getting Help

At anytime you need help, click on the help menu for online instructions. Or, click on the context sensitive help icon to activate the special context sensitive help cursor. Then using that cursor, you may click on any of the toolbar icons to get help on it.

Maintenance

Preventative Maintenance

To insure optimum performance, the machine must be kept clean and well maintained.

With reasonable care, this machine will give years of service. Therefore, it is important that a regular schedule of preventative maintenance be kept.

Store machine inside, out of the weather, whenever possible.

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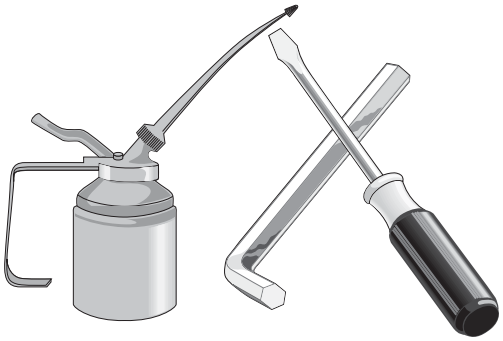

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Washing the Machine

The machine should be cleaned, as needed with a soap and water wash.

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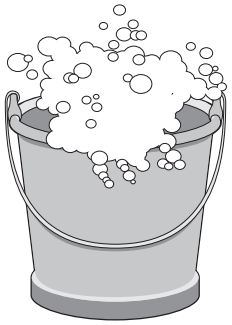

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Check Hydraulic Fluid

The hydraulic fluid level should be checked daily.

If hydraulic oil is not visible in the sight gauge, oil must be added.

If level drops below this point, fill reservoir to the HIGH level on the sight gauge.

Never allow dirt or other foreign matter to enter the tank.

Refer to the "Hydraulic Fluids" section of this manual for hydraulic oil recommendations.

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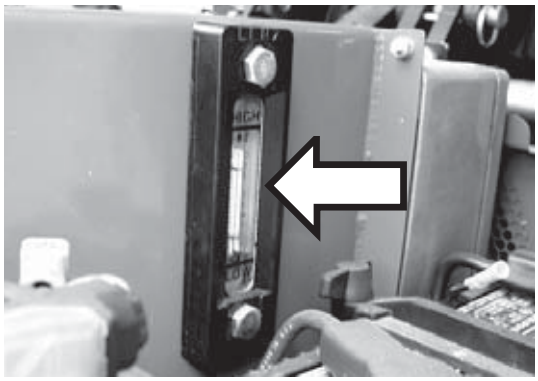

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Change Hydraulic Fluid and Filter

The hydraulic fluid and filter should be replaced after every 400 hours of operation.

Fluid should also be changed as extreme weather conditions dictate.

Refer to the "Hydraulic Fluids" section of this manual for hydraulic oil recommendations.

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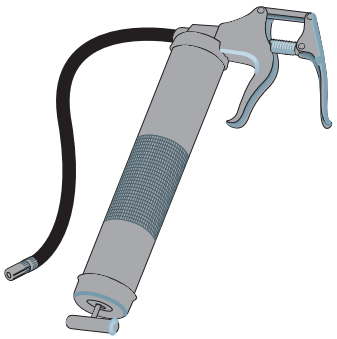
Grease

Keep moving parts well lubricated daily with high temperature grease.

Indexer carriage bearings

Facer pivot bushings

Heater pivot bushings



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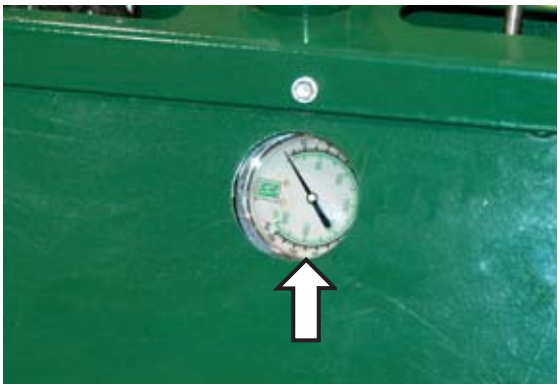
Adjusting System Pressure

Remove the side engine cover to gain access to the hydraulic pump.

Start the engine and select high speed.

The system pressure should be at 2300 psi.

To adjust the pressure, loosen the jam nut and turn the compensator to the right to increase the pressure, or to the left to decrease pressure.



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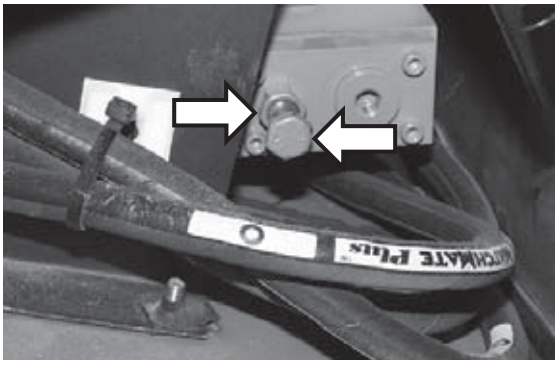

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Bleeding Air From Fuel Line

If the fuel tank becomes empty, air will be pumped into the fuel line. The following procedure will purge the system of air.

Loosen the air vent plug where the fuel line from the pump goes to the injectors.

Turn the ignition key to START position until fuel starts coming out of the vent plug, then turn key off.

Tighten air vent plug.

The engine can now be started.

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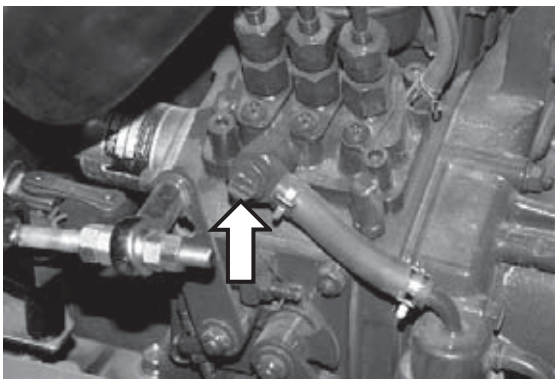

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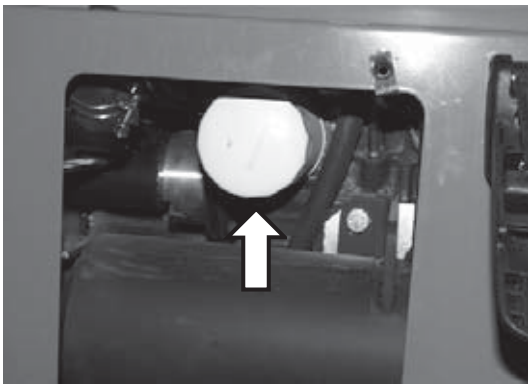
Engine Oil System

Read the engine maintenance instructions for scheduled maintenance intervals.

Use appropriate oil for the ambient temperature.

The oil filter is located behind the engine access panel.



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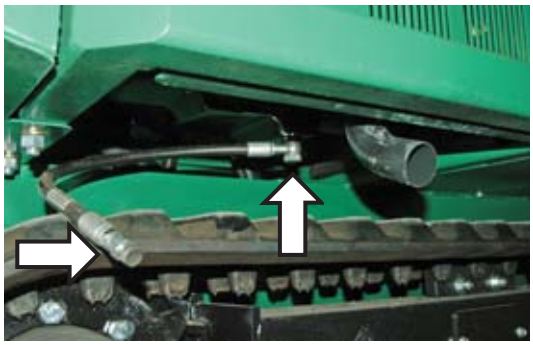
The oil drain plug is located on the bottom of the oil pan and has a drain hose to drain the oil away from the tracks.



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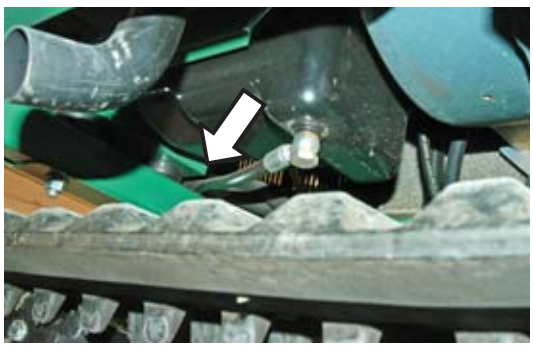
When the drain hose is not being used, it should be stowed above the cross member away from the exhaust.



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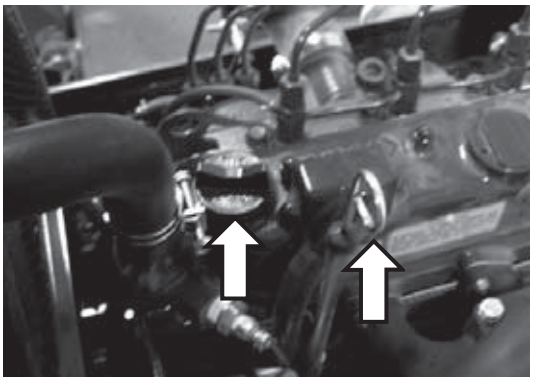
The oil filler cap and dip stick are located on top of the engine.



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Facer Blades

Blades bolt directly to the blade holder and should be inspected for damage and sharpness.

Dull or chipped blades must be replaced.

NOTICE: Never extend the blade beyond the inner or outer circumference of the facer.

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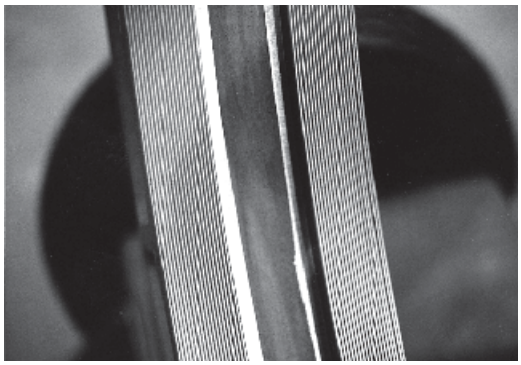
Clean Jaws and Inserts

To prevent slippage and insure proper alignment, the jaws and inserts must be clean.

Clean the jaws and inserts of any dirt or residual material using a stiff-bristled brush.



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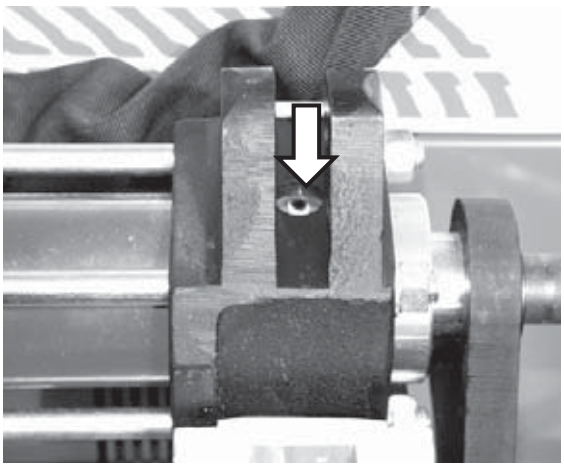
Bleeding Air From Hydraulic System



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The two carriage cylinders have air bleed **screws** and must be bled if the system ever runs low on oil or leaks air on inlet side of pump. Air in the system is indicated when carriage movement becomes jerky and erratic. To bleed the system, proceed as follows:

Tilt machine so the fixed jaw end is higher than the opposite end.

Shift the directional control and move the carriage to the fixed jaw end. Adjust the pressure to approximately 50-100 psi before proceeding.

Loosen the bleed plug on one cylinder next to the fixed jaw.

Hold pressure on the cylinder until no air is indicated and quickly tighten the plug.

Repeat this operation on the opposite cylinder.

Tilt the machine so the opposite end is higher than the fixed jaw end. Move the carriage to the end opposite the fixed jaw and repeat the above procedure on the this end of the cylinders.

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Installing Butt Fusion Heater Plates

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Butt fusion heater plates are installed with stainless steel cap screws.

Care should be taken to assure that the butt fusion heater plates are seated on the heater body, and that there is no foreign matter trapped between these surfaces.

IMPORTANT: Do not over tighten the bolts.

The surface of the butt fusion heater plates are coated with an antistick coating.

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Clean Heater Surfaces

The heater faces must be kept clean and free of any plastic build up or contamination.

Before each fusion joint the heater surfaces must be wiped with a clean, non-synthetic cloth.

NOTICE: Do not use an abrasive pad or steel wool. Use a non-synthetic cloth that won't damage surfaces.

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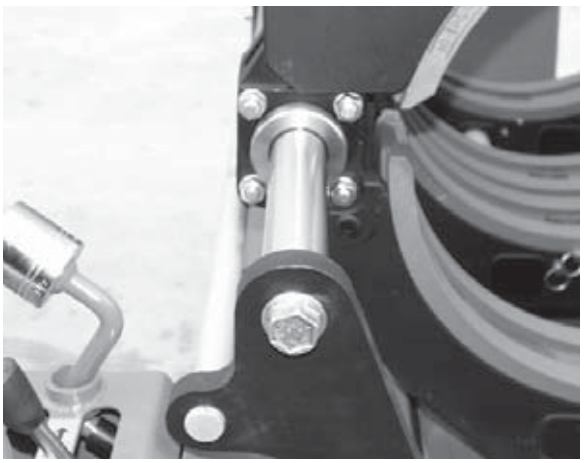
Fasteners Must Be Tight

Check all nuts, bolts, and snap rings to make certain they are secure and in place.



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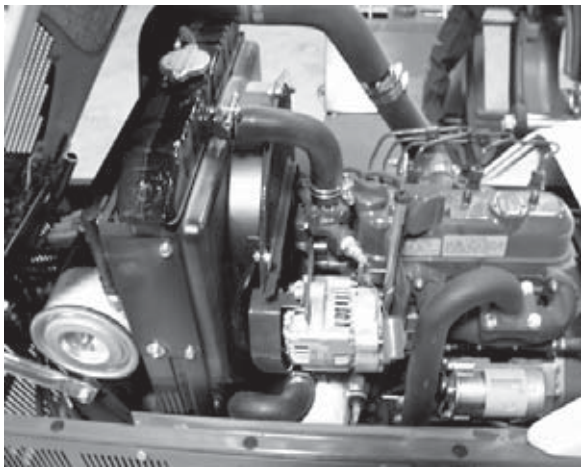
Engine Maintenance

Refer to the operation and maintenance manual for the engine.



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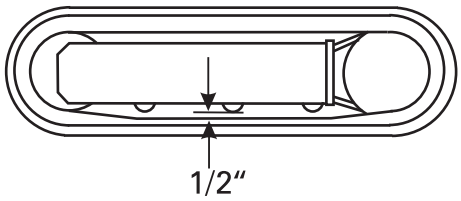
Checking Track Tension

Park the machine on a flat solid surface.

Use the spreader bar or hydraulic jacks for raising machine off the ground.

Place adequate supports under the bottom frame after lifting.

Measure the deflection between the bottom center roller and the inside surface of the rubber track. Track tension is normal when this distance is about 1/2". If the deflection is more or less than this, the tension needs to be adjusted.



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Adjusting Track Tension

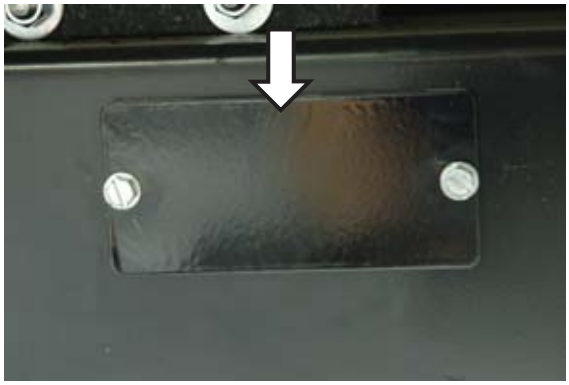
⚠WARNING The grease in the hydraulics of the track is pressurized. If the grease valve is loosened too much, grease can be expelled at high pressure and cause serious injury. Injury could also result if the grease nipple is loosened. Never loosen the grease nipple.

Remove screws and cover to access the adjustment system.

To tighten the track, connect a grease gun to the nipple and add grease to the system. When the track stretches to the correct tension, stop adding grease. Clean off any excess grease.

To loosen the track, turn hex shaped valve counterclockwise until grease comes out. When correct track tension is obtained, turn valve clockwise and tighten it. Clean off any expelled grease.

Replace access cover and tighten down with screws.



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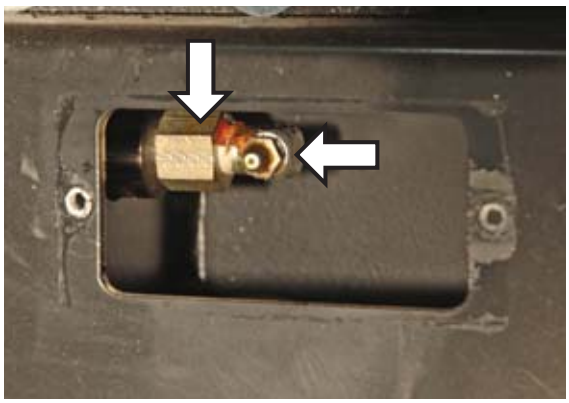

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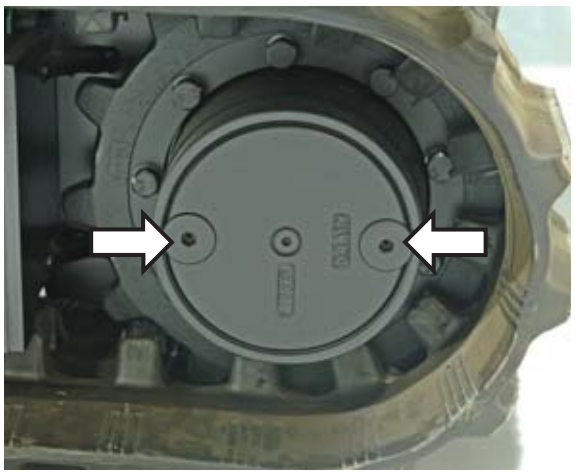
Check oil Level in Gearbox

Check the oil level in the gearbox every 100 hours of operation.

To check the oil level, stop the machine with the gear motor plugs aligned horizontally. Remove the plugs and check that the oil level is up to the plug holes. If oil needs to be added, fill through one of the holes while checking the other hole for the oil level.

Replace the plugs and tighten.



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Changing Oil in Gearbox

Replace the oil after the first 200 hours of operation. Subsequent oil changes should be scheduled at least once a year or every 1000 hours.

To replace the oil, stop the gearbox with the gear motor plugs aligned vertically.

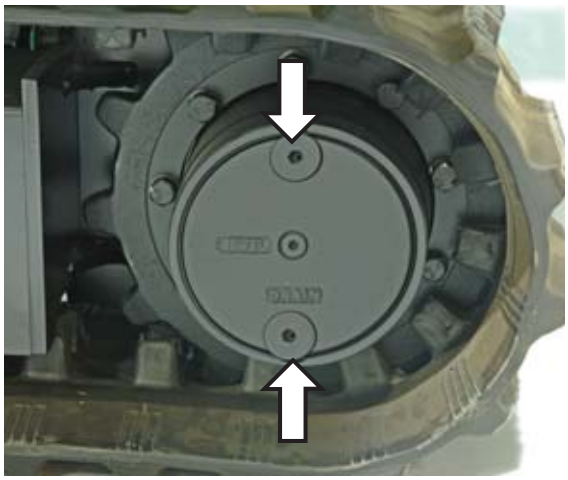
Remove both plugs and drain out all oil.

Move machine until the plug holes align horizontally.

Fill the gearbox through one of the holes while checking the other hole for the oil level. The oil level should be up to the plug holes.

Use SAE-30-CD oil to fill the gearbox.

Replace the plugs and tighten.



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Maintenance Checklist

TracStar® 500 series 3 Automatic

	TRACSTAR INSPECTION CHECKLIST	OK	Repairs Made	Date Repaired
1.	For engine maintenance & service, Review engine manual			
2.	Machine is clean			
3.	Inserts and inserts keeper pins are with machine			
4.	All nuts & bolts are tight			
5.	All identification placards are on unit			
6.	Hi/Lo adjustment threads are lubricated			
7.	Wiring, battery cables, & all electrical terminals			
8.	Rubber tracks in good repair			
9.	Hydraulic oil is visible in reservoir sight glass			
10.	No visual oil or water leaks (engine and hydraulic system)			
11.	Fuel tank is full (diesel only)			
12.	Engine crankcase is filled to correct level (oil)			
13.	Cooling system level is correct (per engine manual)			
14.	Hydraulic hoses are in good condition			
15.	Engine starts and runs properly			
16.	Facer works properly			
17.	Heater in good condition (no nicks or gouges)			
18.	Surface temperature check with a pyrometer			
19.	All indicators and safety kill switch work			
20.	Control pendant and program works properly			
21.	Three position throttle control works properly			
22.	No damage to lift points and tie downs			
23.	Primary pump pressure (2300 psi)			
24.	Hydraulic carriage works smoothly			
25.	Inspect facer blades for damage and sharpness			
26.	All grease points lubricated			
27.	Inspect jaw and insert serrations for wear			

Inspector: _____ Date: _____

Comments: _____

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TracStar® 500 Series 3 Diagnostic Screen (Press * then C)

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1 T5-3 Lg53a 1.01 (c)2012 02/10/12 13:01:24
2 1RS-485 Err=31  Throttle=lo   6.01in²
3       Fac Htr Inx Car   359mV=8.2mm
4 switch: +   +   R   L         0.0mm/s (-)
5 sensor:OUT OUT  R   H      4.8 to 140 bar
6 ctrl  :OFF OFF      +   4jw Set:233°C
7 xdcr: 1388mV  Fema: 1341mV  212 -5°C    C
8 X      4.8 bar                *9↥   233°C
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Line #1

`T5-3 Lg53a 1.01 (c)2012 02/10/12 13:01:24`

Displays the machine model, firmware version, copyright, date in dd/mm/yy, and time

Line #2

`1RS-485 Err=31  Throttle=lo   6.01in²`

Press "1" to clear RS-485 errors

`Err=` count of data communication errors

This number remains constant indicating pendant to control box communications are normal. If this number increments rapidly, then it indicates communication errors between the pendant and the control box.

`Throttle=` This indicates if the pendant is requesting the need for HI throttle for fusion operation. If HI throttle is not needed then this field will indicate the throttle as `lo`. The two states for this field is `lo` and `hi`.

`6.01in²` This indicates the total effective piston area of the machine.

Line #3

`    Fac Htr Inx Car    359mV=8.2mm`

Column headings: (Fac, Htr, Inx, Car)

`Fac`=Facer

`Htr`=Heater

`Inx`=Indexer

`Car`=Carriage

`9000mV` indicates the current carriage position transducer reading in millivolts.

`8.2mm` shows the current carriage position in millimeters.

Line #4

`switch: +   +   R   L         0.0mm/s (-)`

Indicates the switch status of the four headings.

`Fac` - Indicates whether the facer switch is actuated to the `IN`, `OUT`, or + (neutral) positions.

`Htr` - Indicates whether the heater switch is actuated to the `IN`, `OUT`, or + (neutral) positions.

`Inx` - Indicates whether the indexer switch is actuated to the `L` (left), `R` (right), or + (neutral) positions.

`Car` - Indicates whether the carriage lever is actuated to the `L` (left), `R` (right), or + (neurtal) positions.

`0.0mm/s` indicates the speed that carriage is moving.

Carriage direction indicator: (–) indicates carriage not moving, (←) indicates left, and (→) right.

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3        Fac Htr Inx Car   359mV=8.2mm
4 switch: +   +   R   L          0.0mm/s (-)
5 sensor:OUT OUT  R   H      4.8 to 140 bar
6 ctrl  :OFF OFF      +   4jw Set:233°C
7 xdcr: 1388mV  Fema: 1341mV  212 -5°C    C
8 X      4.8 bar                *9↑   233°C
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Line #5

`sensor:OUT OUT +   H     70 to 2030 psi`

Indicates the proximity sensor status for the four headings.

`Fac` - Indicates that the facer has activated the proximity sensor for `IN`, `OUT`, or + (neutral) positions.

`Htr` - Indicates that the heater has activated the proximity sensor for `IN`, `OUT`, or + (neutral) positions.

`Inx` - Indicates that the indexer has activated the proximity sensor for `L` (left), `R` (right), or + (neutral) positions.

`Car` - Indicates that the carriage has activated the proximity sensor for `L` (left), `R` (right), or + (neutral) positions.

`H` indicate indexer or carriage at "heater removal" position.

`4.8 to 140 bar` is the limits of the pressure available to the system.

Line #6

`ctrl  :OFF OFF                    :233°C`

Indicates the facer and heater control outputs are `ON` or `OFF`.

`Fac` - Indicates the facer control outputs are `ON` or `OFF`.

`Htr` - Indicates the heater control outputs are `ON` or `OFF`.

`Car` - Indicates the pendant's commands to the control box for movement of the carriage. The three states of this field are `L` (left), `R` (right), or + (neutral) for carriage movement.

`4jw` - Indicates whether the machine is connected 4 jaw or 3 jaw. The two states of this field is `4jw` and `3jw`.

`Set:233°C` indicates the set point for the temperature of the heater.

Line #7

`xdcr: 1388mV  Fema: 1341mV  212 -5°C  C`

`1388mV` - Pressure transducer (xdcr) reading in millivolts

`1341mV` - Fema pressure control valve output (Fema) in millivolts

`212` indicates heater core temperature

`-5°C` indicates heater reading offset to adjust for surface temperature

Press **C** to exit the diagnostic screen.

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Hydraulic Fluids

The use of proper hydraulic oil is mandatory to achieve maximum performance and machine life. Use a clean, high quality, anti-wear hydraulic oil with a viscosity index (VI) of 135 minimum. It should have a maximum viscosity of 500 cSt (2000 SSU) at startup (ambient temperature) and a minimum viscosity of 13 cSt (65 SSU) at the maximum oil temperature (generally 80°F above ambient). Using hydraulic oils that do not meet these criteria may cause poor operation and/or damage to the hydraulic components.

The following table specifies the oil temperature at various viscosities. Temperature rise of the hydraulic oil can vary from 30° F to about 80° F over the ambient temperature depending on the pressure setting, age of the pump, wind, etc. Mobil Univis N46 hydraulic oil is installed at our factory. The advantage of this oil is a wider temperature range, however, this oil should not be used for continuous operation below 24°F.

NOTE: The Mobil DTE 10 Excel series replaced the DTE 10M Series. The Exxon Univis N series are now Mobil Univis N.

Hydraulic Fluids Characteristics

Manufacturer	Fluid Name	cSt 100F	cSt 210F	V.I.	-20F -10F 0F 10F 30F 50F 70F 90F 110F 130F 150F	Range °F	Range °C
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	10 Excel 32	32.7	6.6	164	**********	12 - 154	-11 - 68
	10 Excel 46	45.6	8.5	164	**********	23-173	-5 - 78
	10 Excel 68	68.4	11.2	156	**********	37-196	3 - 91
	Univis N-32	34.9	6.9	164	**********	12-150	-11 - 66
	Univis N-46	46	8.5	163	**********	24-166	-4 - 74
	Univis N-68	73.8	12.1	160	**********	39-193	4 - 89

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NOTE: This chart is based on pump manufacturer recommendations of 13 to 500 cSt.

NOTE: Temperatures shown are fluid temperatures. – NOT ambient temperatures.

Specifications

Fusion Machine Dimensions

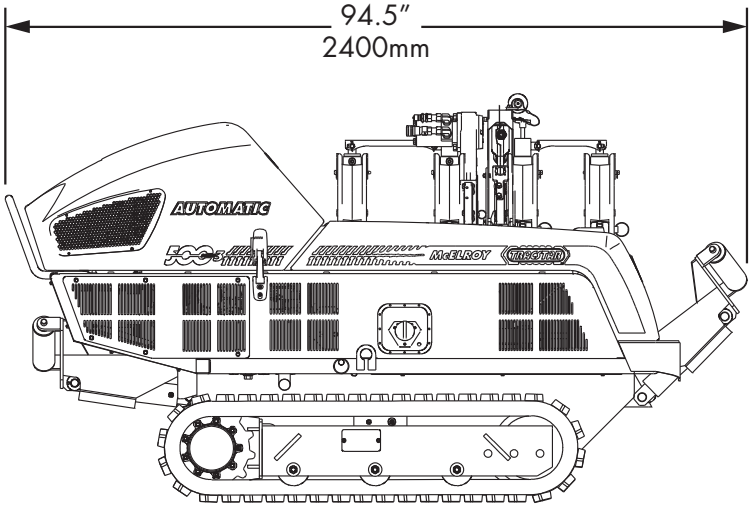
Length, Pipe Lift up: 94.5" (2,400mm)

Track Width: 50.5" (1,283mm)

Overall Width: 67.5" (1,715mm)

Centerline Height, Carriage: 32.5" (826mm)

Overall Height: 53" (1,346 mm)



Fusion Machine Weights

Total Vehicle Weight (fluids full): 3183 lbs (1,444kg)

Carriage, 4 Jaws: 740 lbs (336kg)

Carriage, 3 Jaws: 355 lbs (161kg)

Facer: 98 lbs (45kg)

Heater: 63 lbs (29kg)

Heater Stand: 17 lbs (8kg)

Facer Stand: 21 lbs (10kg)

Specifications

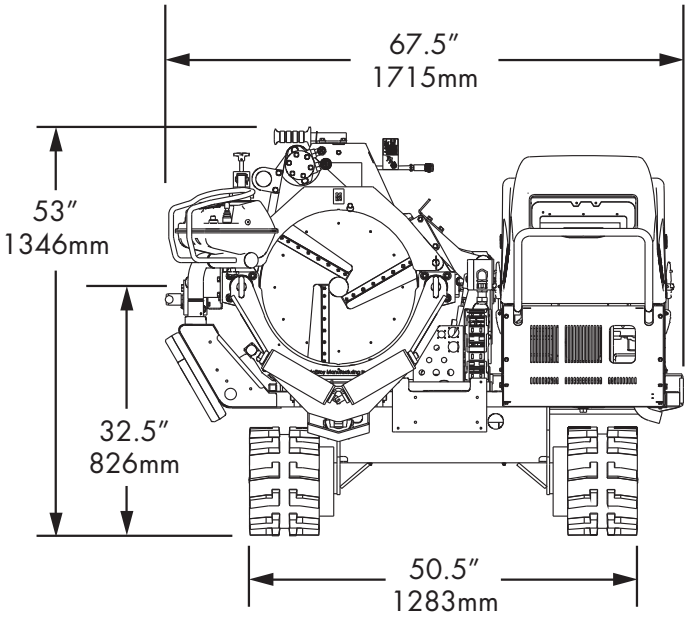
Maximum Pipe Diameter: 20" (500mm)

Minimum Pipe Diameter: 6" (180mm)

Effective Piston Area: 6.01 sq in (38.7 sq cm)

Maximum Force: 13,823 lbs (6,270kg)

Travel Speed: Low Speed 1.18 mph
High Speed 2.08 mph



Power Pack

23.5 hp (17.5kW) 1001 cc, 3-cylinder, Liquid Cooled Diesel Engine

11 gal (42 liters) Fuel Capacity

Operational Fuel Capacity (Auto Throttle): 11 hours

2,300 PSI (158 bar) Operating System pressure

12 gal (45 liters) Hydraulic Reservoir

6,500W Direct Drive Alternator

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