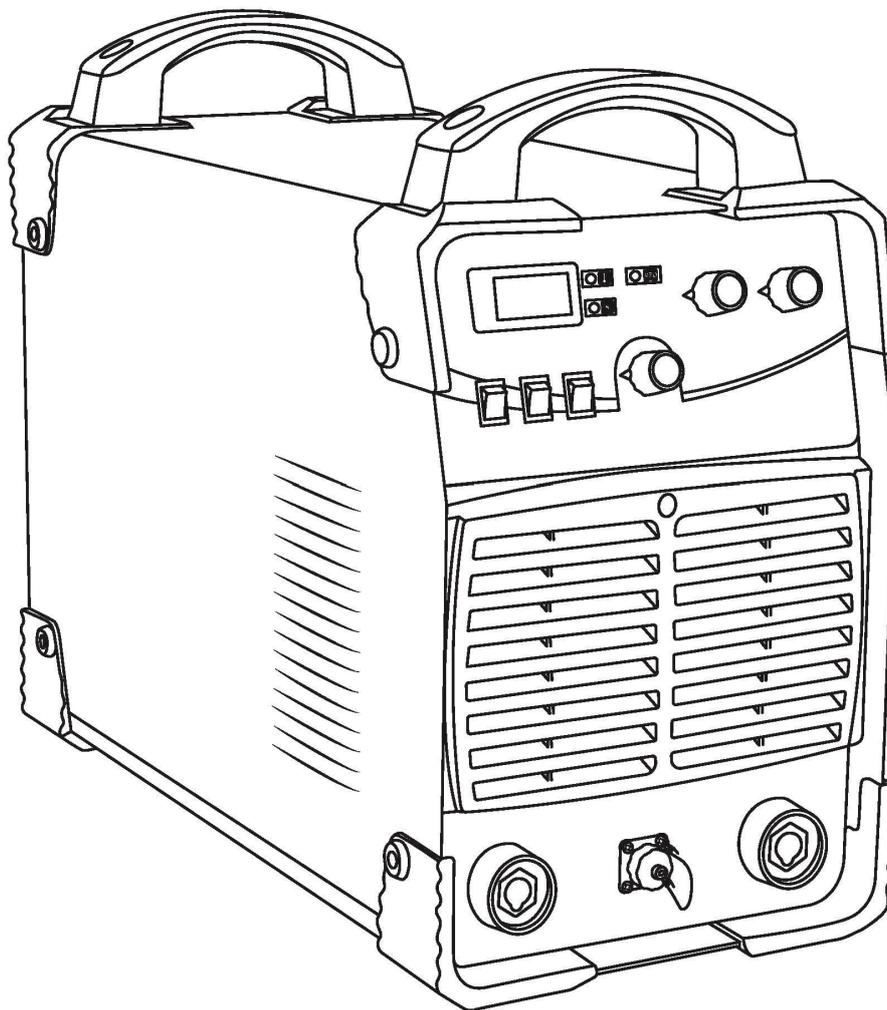


# Arc Series

| Arc 400 (JA-402) |



## Operator Manual



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# Your New Product

Thank you for selecting this Jasic Technology, Wilkinson Star product.

This product manual has been designed to ensure that you get the most from your new product. Please ensure that you are fully conversant with the information provided paying particular attention to the safety precautions. The information will help protect yourself and others against the potential hazards that you may come across.

Please ensure that you carry out daily and periodic maintenance checks to ensure years of reliable and trouble free operation.

Wilkinson Star Limited are a leading supplier of equipment in the UK and our products are supported by our extensive service network. Call your distributor in the unlikely event of a problem occurring. Please record below the details from your product as these will be required for warranty purposes and to ensure you get the correct information should you require assistance or spare parts.

Date Purchased \_\_\_\_\_

From Where \_\_\_\_\_

Serial Number \_\_\_\_\_

(The serial number will normally be located on the equipment data plate on the top or underside of the machine)

**PLEASE REGISTER YOUR PRODUCT ONLINE AT [WWW.JASIC.CO.UK/REGISTER](http://WWW.JASIC.CO.UK/REGISTER)**

**When all entry fields are complete the system will show a short message thanking you for a successful registration.**

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## 2 SAFETY

These general safety norms cover both arc welding machines and plasma cutting machines unless otherwise noted.

The equipment must only be used for the purpose it was designed for. Using it in any other way could result in damage or injury and in breach of the safety rules.

Only suitably trained and competent persons should use the equipment. Operators should respect the safety of other persons.

### **Prevention against electric shock**

The equipment should be installed by a qualified person and in accordance with current standards in operation. It is the users responsibility to ensure that the equipment is connected to a suitable power supply. Consult with your utility supplier if required.

If earth grounding of the work piece is required, ground it directly with a separate cable.

Do not use the equipment with the covers removed.

Do not touch live electrical parts or parts which are electrically charged.

Turn off all equipment when not in use.

Cables (both primary supply and welding) should be regularly checked for damage and overheating. Do not use worn, damaged, under sized or poorly jointed cables.

Ensure that you wear the correct protective clothing, gloves, head and eye protection.

Insulate yourself from work and ground using dry insulating mats or covers big enough to prevent any physical contact with the work ground.

Never touch the electrode if you are in contact with the work ground or another electrode from a different machine.

Do not wrap cables over your body.

Ensure that you take additional safety precautions when you are welding in electrically hazardous conditions such as damp environments, wearing wet clothing and metal structures. Try to avoid welding in cramped or restricted positions.

Ensure that the equipment is well maintained. Repair or replace damaged or defective parts immediately. Carry out any regular maintenance in accordance with the manufacturers instructions.

### **Safety against fumes and welding gases**

Locate the equipment in a well-ventilated position.

Keep your head out of the fumes. Do not breathe the fumes.

Ensure the welding zone is in a well-ventilated area. If this is not possible provision should be made for suitable fume extraction.

If ventilation is poor, wear an approved respirator.

Read and understand the Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS's) and the manufacturer's instructions for metals, consumable, coatings, cleaners and de-greasers.

Do not weld in locations near any de-greasing, cleaning or spraying operations. Be aware that heat and rays of the arc can react with vapours to form highly toxic and irritating gases.

Do not weld on coated metals, unless the coating is removed from the weld area, the area is well ventilated and while wearing an air-supplied respirator. The coatings on many metals can give off toxic fumes if welded.

### **Prevention against burns and radiation**

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

Wear an approved welding helmet fitted with a proper shade of filter lens to protect your face and eyes when welding or watching.

Wear approved safety glasses with side shields under your helmet.

Never use broken or faulty welding helmets.

Always ensure there are adequate protective screens or barriers to protect others from flash, glare and sparks from the welding area. Ensure that there are adequate warnings that welding or cutting is taking place.

Wear suitable protective flame resistant clothing.

The sparks and spatter from welding, hot work pieces and hot equipment can cause fires and burns.

Welding on closed containers, such as tanks, drums or pipes can cause them to explode.

Accidental contact of electrode to metal objects can cause arcs, explosion, overheating or fire.

Check and be sure the area is safe and clear of inflammable material before carrying out any welding.

### **Protection against noise**

Some welding and cutting operations may produce noise.

Wear safety ear protection to protect your hearing.

### **Protection from moving parts**

When the machine is in operation keep away from moving parts such as motors and fans. Moving parts, such as the fan, may cut fingers and hands and snag garments.

Protections and coverings may be removed for maintenance only by qualified personnel, after first disconnecting the power supply cable.

Replace the coverings and protections and close all doors when the intervention is finished and before starting the equipment.

Take care to avoid getting fingers trapped when loading and feeding wire during set up and operation.

When feeding wire be careful to avoid pointing it at other people or towards your body.

Always ensure machine covers and protective

devices are in operation.

### **Precautions against fire and explosion**

Avoid causing fires due to sparks and hot waste or molten metal.

Ensure that appropriate fire safety devices are available near the cutting/welding area.

Remove all flammable and combustible materials from the cutting/welding zone and surrounding areas.

Do not cut/weld fuel and lubricant containers, even if empty. These must be carefully cleaned before they can be cut/welded.

Always allow the cut/welded material to cool before touching it or placing it in contact with combustible or flammable material.

Do not work in atmospheres with high concentrations of combustible fumes, flammable gases and dust.

Always check the work area half an hour after cutting to make sure that no fires have begun.

### **Risks due to magnetic fields**

The magnetic fields created by high currents may affect the operation of pacemakers or electronically controlled medical equipment.

Wearers of vital electronic equipment should consult their physician before beginning any arc welding, cutting, gouging or spot welding operations.

Do not go near welding equipment with any sensitive electronic equipment as the magnetic fields may cause damage.

### **RF Declaration**

Equipment that complies with directive 2004/108/EC concerning electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) and the technical requirements of EN60974-10 is designed for use in industrial buildings and not those for domestic use where electricity is provided via the low voltage public distribution system. Difficulties may arise in assuring class A

electromagnetic compatibility for systems installed in domestic locations due to conducted and radiated emissions.

In the case of electromagnetic problems, it is the responsibility of the user to resolve the situation. It may be necessary to shield the equipment and fit suitable filters on the mains supply.

#### **LF Declaration**

Consult the data plate on the equipment for the power supply requirements.

Due to the elevated absorbance of the primary current from the power supply network, high power systems affect the quality of power provided by the network. Consequently, connection restrictions or maximum impedance requirements permitted by the network at the public network connection point must be applied to these systems.

In this case, the installer or the user is responsible for ensuring the equipment can be connected, consulting the electricity provider if necessary.

#### **Materials and their disposal**

The equipment is manufactured with materials which do not contain any toxic or poisonous materials dangerous to the operator.

When the equipment is scrapped, it should be dismantled separating components according to the type of materials.

Do not dispose of the equipment with normal waste. The European Directive 2002/96/EC on Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment states the electrical equipment that has reached its end of life must be collected separately and returned to an environmentally compatible recycling facility.

#### **Handling of compressed gas cylinders and regulators**

All cylinders and pressure regulators used in welding operations should be handled with care.

Never allow the electrode, electrode holder or any other electrically "hot" parts to touch a cylinder.

Keep your head and face away from the cylinder valve outlet when opening the cylinder valve.

Always secure the cylinder safely.

**Never deface or alter any cylinder**

## **3 PRODUCT OVERVIEW**

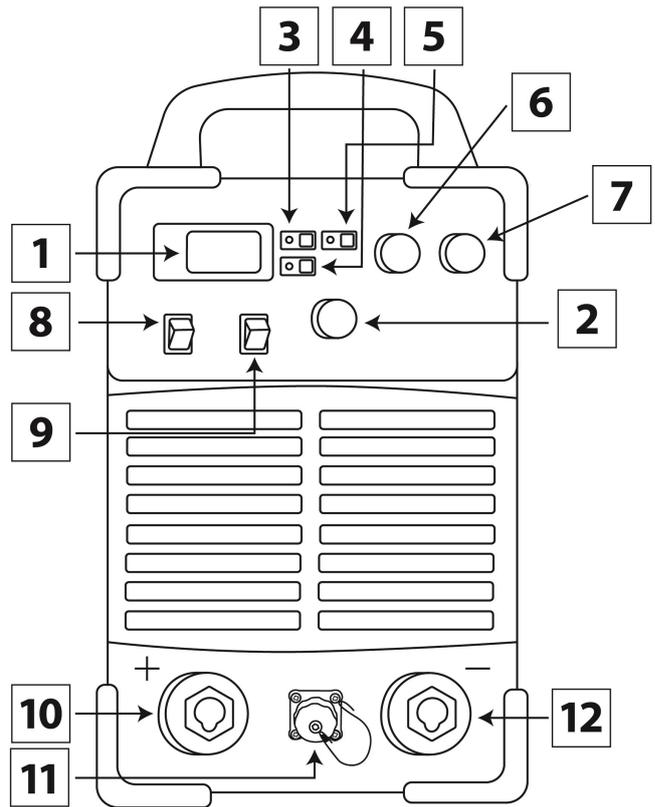
#### **Key features**

- Advanced IGBT inverter technology
- Compact size, lightweight and modern design
- Digital meter
- Anti stick, arc force, hot start and DC lift TIG functions
- Excellent weld characteristics
- Wired remote control option
- VRD - Optional
- Auto compensation for mains voltage fluctuation
- Generator friendly
- Suitable for a wide range of electrodes

## 4 PANEL LAYOUTS

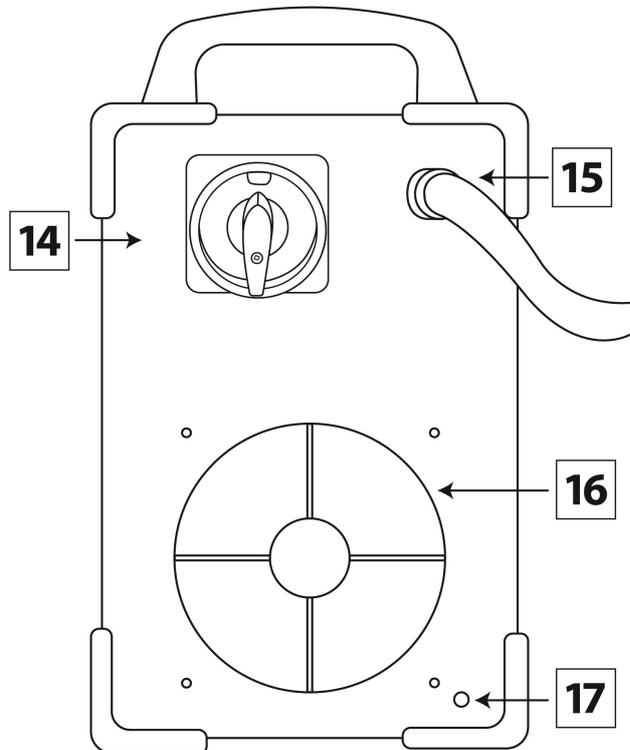
### Front view

- 1 Digital meter
- 2 Current control
- 3 Thermal overload indicator
- 4 Mains problem indicator
- 5 VRD indicator (lit when VRD on)
- 6 Hot start control
- 7 Arc force control
- 8 Local / remote switch
- 9 MMA / Lift arc switch
- 10 "+" Output terminal
- 11 Remote control connector
- 12 "-" Output terminal



### Rear view

- 14 Mains switch
- 15 Mains cable
- 16 Fan cover
- 17 Earth point



## 5 UNPACKING

Check the packaging for any signs of damage. Carefully remove the machine and retain the packaging until the installation is complete.

### Location

The machine should be located in a suitable position and environment. Care should be taken to avoid moisture, dust, steam, oil or corrosive gases.

Place on a secure level surface and ensure that there is adequate clearance around the machine to ensure natural airflow.

## 6 CONNECTIONS

### Input connection

Before connecting the machine you should ensure that the correct supply is available. Details of the machine requirements can be found on the data plate of the machine or in the technical parameters shown in the manual.

The equipment should be connected by a suitably qualified competent person. Always ensure the equipment has a proper grounding. Never connect the machine to the mains supply with the panels removed.

### Output connections

#### *Electrode polarity*

In general, when using manual arc welding electrodes the electrode holder is connected to the positive terminal and the work return to the negative terminal. Always consult the electrode manufacturer's data sheet if you have any doubts.

When using the machine for TIG welding the TIG torch should be connected to the negative terminal and the work return to the positive terminal.

### MMA welding

Insert the cable plug with electrode holder into the "+ve" socket on the front panel of the welding machine and tighten it clockwise. Insert the cable

plug of the work return lead into the "-ve" socket on the front panel of the welding machine and tighten it clockwise.

Select the MMA mode with the selector switch. Switch on the machine and adjust the MMA current control to the required current. Fix the electrode into the electrode holder and commence welding.

NOTE: If used with the VRD option this will reduce the no load voltage under 24V DC when in MMA mode.

### OPERATION

**Before starting any welding activity ensure that you have suitable eye protection and protective clothing. Also take the necessary steps to protect any persons within the area.**

Electrode Diameter (mm)	Recommended Welding Current (A)
1.0	20~60
1.6	44~84
2.0	60~100
2.5	80~120
3.2	108~148
4.0	140~180

### MMA welding current guide

#### Lift TIG Welding

Insert the welding torch into the negative torch connector on the machine front and tighten it. Connect the cylinder equipped with the gas regulator to the gas inlet of the welding torch. Insert the cable plug with work clamp into the positive output terminal on the front panel of the welding power source and tighten clockwise. Select the lift TIG option using the selector switch on the machine front panel. Adjust the current control to set the desired welding current.

Lightly touch the tungsten electrode to the work piece and then lift it about 2-3mm clear. The arc will be established at the set current. **Before starting any welding activity ensure that you have suitable eye protection and protective**

clothing. Also take the necessary steps to protect any persons within the area. Ensure adequate fire prevention assessments and equipment are in place.

**MACHINE DISPOSAL**

Please do not dispose of electrical waste with normal waste products.

In accordance with the European directive 2002/96/EC regarding waste electrical and electronic equipment and its implementation into national law any electrical or electronic which has reached its end of life must be collected separately and disposed of via a suitable recycling facility.

The owner of the equipment is required to return the equipment to a suitable recycling facility or to Wilkinson Star Limited for the correct recycling of the product.

**7 MAINTENANCE AND TROUBLESHOOTING**

**The following operation should only be carried out by a suitably qualified, competent person. Make sure the input cable of the machine is disconnected from the electricity supply and wait for 5 minutes before removing the machine covers.**

In order to guarantee that the arc welding machine works efficiently and in safety, it must be maintained regularly. Operators should understand the maintenance methods and means of arc welding machine operation. This guide should enable customers to carry out simple examination and safeguarding by oneself, try to reduce the fault rate and repair times of the arc welding machine, so as to lengthen service life of arc welding machine.

**Troubleshooting**

Before arc welding machines are dispatched from the factory, they have already been checked thoroughly. The machine should not be tampered with or altered. Maintenance must be carried out carefully. If any wire becomes loose or is misplaced, it may be a potential danger to the user!

Ensure the power is disconnected before working on the machine.

Always wait 5 minutes after power switch off before opening the case.

Period	Maintenance Item
<b>Daily Examination</b>	<p>Check the condition of the machine, mains cables, welding cables and connections.</p> <p>Check for any warnings LEDs and machine operation.</p>
<b>Monthly Examination</b>	<p>Disconnect from the mains supply and wait for at least 5 minutes before removing the cover. Check internal connections and tighten if required. Clean the inside of the machine with a soft brush and vacuum cleaner. Take care not to remove any cables or cause damage to components. Ensure that ventilation grills are clear. Carefully replace the covers and test the unit.</p> <p><b>This work should be carried out by a suitably qualified competent person.</b></p>
<b>Yearly Examination</b>	<p>Carry out an annual service to include safety check in accordance with the manufacturers standard (EN 60974-1).</p> <p><b>This work should be carried out by a suitably qualified competent person.</b></p>

## 8 TECHNICAL PARAMETERS

	<b>ARC400 (JA 402)</b>
Rated input voltage (V)	AC400V±15% 50/60HZ
Rated input power (KW)	17.5
Rated input current I <sub>eff</sub> (A)	19.6
Welding current range (A)	30~400
Arc force current range (A)	0~140
No-load voltage (V)	72
No-load voltage VRD on (V)	9
Rated duty cycle	400A @ 60%
Power factor	0.95
Protection class	IP21S
Insulation class	F
Overall size (mm)	618*330*441
Weight (Kg)	19



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