

INSTRUCTION MANUAL

FRONTIER® 500X



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SAFETY INFORMATION

SAFETY DEPENDS ON YOU

Lincoln welding and cutting equipment is designed and built with safety in mind. However, your overall safety can be increased by proper installation ... and thoughtful operation on your part. DO NOT INSTALL, OPERATE OR REPAIR THIS EQUIPMENT WITHOUT READING THIS MANUAL AND THE SAFETY PRECAUTIONS CONTAINED THROUGHOUT. And, most importantly, think before you act and be careful.

A DANGER



This statement indicates an imminently hazardous situation which, if not avoided, will result in death or serious injury.

MARNING



This statement indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury.

A CAUTION



This statement indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in minor or moderate injury.

Notice: This statement indicates the possibility of damage to equipment if the potential risk is not avoided.

PLEASE EXAMINE CARTON AND EQUIPMENT FOR DAMAGE IMMEDIATELY

When this equipment is shipped, title passes to the purchaser upon receipt by the carrier. Consequently, claims for material damaged in shipment must be made by the purchaser against the transportation company at the time the shipment is received.

KEEP YOUR HEAD OUT OF THE FUMES



- DON'T get too close to the weld. Use corrective lenses if necessary to stay a reasonable distance away from the weld.
- USE ENOUGH VENTILATION or exhaust at the weld, or both, to keep the fumes and gases from your breathing zone and the general area.
- IN A LARGE ROOM OR OUTDOORS, natural ventilation may be adequate if you keep your head out of the fumes.
- **USE NATURAL DRAFTS** or fans to keep the fumes away from your face.
- READ and obey the Safety Data Sheet (SDS) and the warning label that appears on all containers of welding materials.

If you develop unusual symptoms, see your supervisor. Perhaps the welding atmosphere and ventilation system should be checked.

WEAR CORRECT EYE, EAR AND BODY PROTECTION



- PROTECT your eyes and face with properly fitted and with proper grade of filter plate (See ANSI Z49.1).
- PROTECT your body from welding spatter and arc flash with protective clothing including woolen clothing, flame-proof apron and gloves, leather leggings, and high boots.
- PROTECT others from spatter, flash, and glare with protective screens or barriers.
- **PROTECT** your eyes and face with welding helmet
- **IN SOME AREAS**, protection from noise may be appropriate.
- **BE SURE** protective equipment is in good condition.



- **AT ALL TIMES**, wear safety glasses in work area.
- DO NOT WELD OR CUT containers or materials which previously had been in contact with hazardous substances unless they are properly cleaned. This is extremely dangerous.

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- DO NOT WELD OR CUT painted or plated parts unless special precautions with ventilation have been taken. They can release highly toxic fumes or gases.
- PROTECT compressed gas cylinders from excessive heat, mechanical shocks, and arcs; fasten cylinders so they cannot fall.
- BE SURE cylinders are never grounded or part of an electrical circuit.
- REMOVE all potential fire hazards from welding area.



ALWAYS HAVE FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT READY FOR IMMEDIATE USE AND KNOW HOW TO USE IT.

CALIFORNIA PROPOSITION 65 WARNINGS

WARNING



Breathing diesel engine exhaust exposes you to chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects, or other reproductive harm.

Always start and operate the engine in a well-ventilated area.

If in an exposed area, vent the exhaust to the outside.

Do not modify or tamper with the exhaust system.

Do not idle the engine except as necessary.

MARNING



This product, when used for welding or cutting, produces fumes or gases which contain chemicals known to the State of California to cause birth defects and, in some cases, cancer. (California Health & Safety Code § 25249.5 et seq.)

For more information go to https://www.p65warnings.ca.gov

ARC WELDING CAN BE HAZARDOUS

PROTECT YOURSELF AND OTHERS FROM POSSIBLE SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH. KEEP CHILDREN AWAY. PACEMAKER WEARERS SHOULD CONSULT WITH THEIR DOCTOR BEFORE OPERATING.

Read and understand the following safety highlights. For additional safety information, it is strongly recommended that you purchase a copy of "Safety in Welding & Cutting - ANSI Standard Z49.1" from the American Welding Society, P.O. Box 351040, Miami, Florida 33135 or CSA Standard W117.2. A Free copy of "Arc Welding Safety" booklet E205 is available from the Lincoln Electric Company, 22801 St. Clair Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44117-1199.

BE SURE THAT ALL INSTALLATION, OPERATION, MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR PROCEDURES ARE PERFORMED ONLY BY QUALIFIED INDIVIDUALS.

FOR ENGINE POWERED EQUIPMENT



 Turn the engine off before troubleshooting and maintenance work unless the maintenance work requires it to be running.



Do not add the fuel near an open flame welding arc or when the engine is running.
 Stop the engine and allow it to cool before refueling to prevent spilled fuel from vaporizing on contact with hot engine parts and igniting. Do not spill fuel when filling tank. If fuel is spilled, wipe it up and do not start engine until fumes have been eliminated.



 Keep all equipment safety guards, covers and devices in position and in good repair.
 Keep hands, hair, clothing and tools away from V-belts, gears, fans and all other moving parts when starting, operating or repairing equipment.

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- In some cases it may be necessary to remove safety guards to perform required maintenance. REMOVE GUARDS ONLY when necessary and replace them when the maintenance requiring their removal is complete. Always use the greatest care when working near moving parts.
- DO NOT put your hands near the engine fan.
 Do not attempt to override the governor or idler by pushing on the throttle control rods while the engine is running.
- To prevent accidentally starting gasoline engines while turning the engine or welding generator during maintenance work, disconnect the spark plug wires, distributor cap or magneto wire as appropriate.



 To avoid scalding, do not remove the radiator pressure cap when the engine is hot.





- Generator exhaust contains carbon monoxide. This is a poison you cannot see or smell.
- Using a generator indoors CAN KILL YOU IN MINUTES.
- NEVER use inside a home or garage, EVEN IF doors and windows are open.





- **ONLY** use **OUTSIDE** and far away from windows, doors and vents.
- Avoid other generator hazards. READ MANUAL BEFORE USE.

ELECTRIC AND MAGNETIC FIELDS MAY BE DANGEROUS



- Electric current flowing through any conductor causes localized Electric and Magnetic Fields (EMF). Welding current creates EMF fields around welding cables and welding machines.
- EMF fields may interfere with some pacemakers, and welders having a pacemaker should consult their physician before welding.
- Exposure to EMF fields in welding may have other health effects which are now not known.

All welders should use the following procedures in order to minimize exposure to EMF fields from the welding circuit:

 Route the electrode and work cables together -Secure them with tape when possible.

- Never coil the electrode lead around your body.
- Do not place your body between the electrode and work cables. If the electrode cable is on your right side, the work cable should also be on your right side.
- Connect the work cable to the workpiece as close as possible to the area being welded.
- Do not work next to welding power source.

ELECTRIC SHOCK CAN KILL



- The electrode and work (or ground) circuits are electrically "hot" when the welder is on. Do not touch these "hot" parts with your bare skin or wet clothing. Wear dry, hole-free gloves to insulate hands.
- Insulate yourself from work and ground using dry insulation. Make certain the insulation is large enough to cover your full area of physical contact with work and ground.

In addition to the normal safety precautions, if welding must be performed under electrically hazardous conditions (in damp locations or while wearing wet clothing; on metal structures such as floors, gratings or scaffolds; when in cramped positions such as sitting, kneeling or lying, if there is a high risk of unavoidable or accidental contact with the workpiece or ground) use the following equipment:

- Semiautomatic DC Constant Voltage (Wire) Welder.
- DC Manual (Stick) Welder.
- AC Welder with Reduced Voltage Control.
- In semiautomatic or automatic wire welding, the electrode, electrode reel, welding head, nozzle or semiautomatic welding gun are also electrically "hot".
- Always be sure the work cable makes a good electrical connection with the metal being welded. The connection should be as close as possible to the area being welded.
- Ground the work or metal to be welded to a good electrical (earth) ground.
- Maintain the electrode holder, work clamp, welding cable and welding machine in good, safe operating condition. Replace damaged insulation.
- Never dip the electrode in water for cooling.

- Never simultaneously touch electrically "hot" parts of electrode holders connected to two welders because voltage between the two can be the total of the open circuit voltage of both welders.
- When working above floor level, use a safety belt to protect yourself from a fall should you get a shock.
- Also see <u>WELDING AND CUTTING SPARKS CAN</u> <u>CAUSE FIRE OR EXPLOSION</u> and <u>FOR</u> <u>ELECTRICALLY POWERED EQUIPMENT</u>

ARC RAYS CAN BURN



- Use a shield with the proper filter and cover plates to protect your eyes from sparks and the rays of the arc when welding or observing open arc welding. Headshield and filter lens should conform to ANSI Z87.1 standards.
- Use suitable clothing made from durable flame-resistant material to protect your skin and that of your helpers from the arc rays.
- Protect other nearby personnel with suitable, non-flammable screening and/or warn them not to watch the arc nor expose themselves to the arc rays or to hot spatter or metal.

FUMES AND GASES CAN BE DANGEROUS



Welding may produce fumes and gases hazardous to health. Avoid breathing these fumes and gases. When welding, keep your head out of the fume. Use enough ventilation and/or exhaust at the arc to keep fumes and gases away from the breathing zone.

 When welding hardfacing (see instructions on container or SDS) or on lead or cadmium plated steel and other metals or coatings which produce highly toxic fumes, keep exposure as low as possible and within applicable OSHA PEL and ACGIH TLV limits using local exhaust or mechanical ventilation unless exposure assessments indicate otherwise. In confined spaces or in some circumstances, outdoors, a respirator may

also be required. Additional precautions are also required when welding on galvanized steel.

- The operation of welding fume control equipment is affected by various factors including proper use and positioning of the equipment, maintenance of the equipment and the specific welding procedure and application involved. Worker exposure level should be checked upon installation and periodically thereafter to be certain it is within applicable OSHA PEL and ACGIH TLV limits.
- Do not weld in locations near chlorinated hydrocarbon vapors coming from degreasing, cleaning or spraying operations. The heat and rays of the arc can react with solvent vapors to form phosgene, a highly toxic gas, and other irritating products.
- Shielding gases used for welding can displace air and cause injury or death. Always use enough ventilation, especially in confined areas, to insure breathing air is safe.
- Read and understand the manufacturer's instructions for this equipment and the consumables to be used, including the Safety Data Sheet (SDS) and follow your employer's safety practices. SDS forms are available from your welding distributor or from the manufacturer.
- Also see FOR ENGINE POWERED EQUIPMENT

WELDING AND CUTTING SPARKS CAN CAUSE FIRE OR EXPLOSION



- Remove fire hazards from the welding area. If this is not possible, cover them to prevent the welding sparks from starting a fire. Remember that welding sparks and hot materials from welding can easily go through small cracks and openings to adjacent areas. Avoid welding near hydraulic lines. Have a fire extinguisher readily available.
- Where compressed gases are to be used at the job site, special precautions should be used to prevent hazardous situations. Refer to "Safety in Welding and Cutting" (ANSI Standard Z49.1) and the operating information for the equipment being used.

- When not welding, make certain no part of the electrode circuit is touching the work or ground. Accidental contact can cause overheating and create a fire hazard.
- Do not heat, cut or weld tanks, drums or containers until the proper steps have been taken to ensure that such procedures will not cause flammable or toxic vapors from substances inside. They can cause an explosion even though they have been "cleaned". For information, purchase "Recommended Safe Practices for the Preparation for Welding and Cutting of Containers and Piping That Have Held Hazardous Substances", AWS F4.1 from the American Welding Society.
- Vent hollow castings or containers before heating, cutting or welding. They may explode.
- Sparks and spatter are thrown from the welding arc. Wear oil free protective garments such as leather gloves, heavy shirt, cuff-less trousers, high shoes and a cap over your hair. Wear ear plugs when welding out of position or in confined places. Always wear safety glasses with side shields when in a welding area.
- Connect the work cable to the work as close to the welding area as practical. Work cables connected to the building framework or other locations away from the welding area increase the possibility of the welding current passing through lifting chains, crane cables or other alternate circuits. This can create fire hazards or overheat lifting chains or cables until they fail.
- Read and follow NFPA 51B "Standard for Fire Prevention During Welding, Cutting and Other Hot Work", available from NFPA, 1 Batterymarch Park, PO box 9101, Quincy, MA 022690-9101.
- **DO NOT** use a welding power source for pipe thawing.

CYLINDER MAY EXPLODE IF DAMAGED



Use only compressed gas cylinders containing the correct shielding gas for the process used and properly operating regulators designed for the gas and pressure used. All hoses, fittings, etc. should be suitable for the application and maintained in good condition.

 Always keep cylinders in an upright position securely chained to an undercarriage or fixed support.

Cylinders should be located:

- Away from areas where they may be struck or subjected to physical damage.
- A safe distance from arc welding or cutting operations and any other source of heat, sparks, or flame.
- 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.
- Valve protection caps should always be in place and hand tight except when the cylinder is in use or connected for use.
- Read and follow the instructions on compressed gas cylinders, associated equipment, and CGA publication P-I, "Precautions for Safe Handling of Compressed Gases in Cylinders," available from the Compressed Gas Association, 14501 George Carter Way Chantilly, VA 20151.

FOR ELECTRICALLY POWERED EQUIPMENT



- Turn off input power using the disconnect switch at the fuse box before working on the equipment.
- Install equipment in accordance with the U.S.
 National Electrical Code, all local codes and the manufacturer's recommendations.
- Ground the equipment in accordance with the U.S. National Electrical Code and the manufacturer's recommendations.

BATTERY HANDLING, STORAGE, AND DISPOSAL



Batteries can be flammable substances such as lithium or other organic solvents, which may result in overheating, rupture, or combustion. Failure to follow the battery manufactures instructions may result in fire, personal injury, and damage to property if used improperly.

- DO NOT short circuit, disassemble, deform, or heat batteries.
- DO NOT attempt to recharge batteries unless they are specifically marked as "rechargeable".
- DO NOT use or charge the battery if it appears to be leaking, deformed or damaged in any way.
- Store in a cool location. Keep batteries away from direct sunlight, high temperature, and high humidity.
- Immediately discontinue use of the battery if, while using, charging, or storing the battery, the battery emits an unusual smell, feels hot, changes color, changes shape, or appears abnormal in any other way.
- Keep batteries out of reach of children, should a child swallow a battery, consult a physician immediately.
- Recycle or dispose of batteries in accordance with local and federal laws.

FOR LASER EMITTING EQUIPMENT



- Hazardous Class 4 (IV) laser products emit invisible. infrared laser radiation which can permanently damage the eye's retina and/or cornea, burn skin, and pose a fire risk. End users shall assign a qualified Laser Safety Officer (LSO) who has the certifications required by applicable law/standards. have a documented Laser Safety Program and have a Laser Controlled Area (LCA) that confirms to ANSI Z136.1 & Z136.9.
- Do not operate laser before end user's LSO has completed a risk assessment and all the prescribed Risk Mitigations measures have been fully implemented. Ensure the laser is operated/ demonstrated safely by trained personnel and that the environment surrounding the laser

- welding cell or laser-controlled area is safe for people nearby when the laser is in operation.
- Never point the laser at yourself or others.
 Never look directly into a laser aperture, even if wearing full eye protection.
- All persons inside LCA must wear proper PPE to avoid eye or skin exposure to laser radiation. The end user's LSO shall select proper PPE including, but not limited to, heat-resistant gloves, flame-resistant clothing, laser safety eye wear and laser-safe helmets that conform to ANSI Z136.1 Optical Density requirements for the wavelength and output power of the laser in use. Standard safety glasses and welding helmets DO NOT provide adequate protection from laser beam hazards. Always inspect PPE for damage or improper fit before use.
- Only qualified persons shall install, operate or service this unit per ANSI Z136.1 standards and your LSO's instruction. Read and follow all labels and manuals before installing, operating, or servicing hand held any laser welding equipment.
- Do not operate outside of a LCA, or if the laser protective housing is modified or damaged, or if safety interlocks have been bypassed or otherwise defeated. Inspect all equipment and LCA for damage or tampering prior to use.
- Reflected beams from the laser can damage eyes and skin and can pose a fire risk. Prior to use, the LCA should be assessed by the LSO to understand the surfaces where hazardous reflected beams can exist. Never position yourself or flammable material in the anticipated laser beam path and take extra precautions when working on reflective materials like aluminum and stainless steel.
- Follow all standards, individual facility or building regulations, and national, state, and local codes.

ADDITIONAL SAFETY INFORMATION

Refer to http://www.lincolnelectric.com/safety for additional safety information

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INSTALLATION

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The FRONTIER 500X is a diesel engine driven welding power source. The machine features DC multiprocess welding plus 120/240 VAC single-phase and 240 VAC three-phase auxiliary power. The welding control system uses state of the art Chopper Technology® for superior welding performance. The machine utilizes a robust 7" graphical user interface display for simple controls and advanced features. The machine has been equipped with Crosslinc® Technology to provide weld cable communication for voltage control at the arc without the need for a control cable.

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TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

INPUT - DIESEL ENGINE			
MAKE / MODEL	DESCRIPTION		
FRONTIER 500X (K5350-2) Kubota [®] V2403-CR-TE4-BG	4 Cylinder, 48.9 HP (36.5 kW) Turbocharged Water Cooled Diesel Engine		
SPEED (RPM)	DISPLACEMENT		
H:l- I-ll- 1000	148.5 cu. in. (2.43L)		
High Idle 1800	Bore / Stroke		
Low Idle 1500	3.43" x 4.031"		
Full Load 1800	5, 10 11 11.15		
	87.0mm x 102.4mm		
STARTING SYSTEM	CAPACITIES		
12 VDC Battery and Starter	Fuel: 20 US gal. (75.7L)		
BATTERY SIZE	Oil: 10 US qts (9.5L)		
BCI Group Size 31	Radiator Coolant: 9 qts.		
1000 Cold Crank Amps	(8.5L)		

RATED WELDING OUTPUT @ 104°F (40°C)		
DUTY CYCLE WELDING OUTPUT VOLTAGE		
100%	500 Amps(DC multi-purpose)	40 Volts

OUTPUT @104°F (40°C) - WELDER AND GENERATOR		
WELDING MODE	OUTPUT RANGE	
Stick (SMAW)	30-525 Amps	
Flux-Cored Self-Shielded (FCAW-S)	10 to 45 Volts	
MIG (GMAW)	10 to 45 Volts	
Flux-Cored Gas-Shielded (FCAW-G)	10 to 45 Volts	
Arc Gouging (CAC-A)	60-525 Amps	
DC TIG (GTAW)	5-410 Amps	
Pipe (SMAW)**	30-400 Amps	
Spool Gun	10 to 45 Volts	

OUTPUT @104°F (40°C) - WELDER AND GENERATOR		
CV-Submerged Arc (CV-SAW) 10 to 45 Volts		
Open Circuit Voltage		
60 VDC Avg @1800 RPM		
71 VDC Peak @1800 RPM		
Auxiliary Power ⁽¹⁾		
120 V / 240 V, 60 Hz		
12,000 Watts Continuous / 15,000 Watts Peak, Single Phase		
20,000 Watts Continuous / 20,500 Watts Peak, Three Phase		

RECEPTACLES				
RECEPTACLE	QUANTITY	CIRCUIT BREAKER		
120 VAC Duplex (5-20R) GFCI Protected	2	20 Amps		
240 VAC Three Phase (15-50R)	1	50 Amps		
120/240 VAC Single Phase (14-50R)	1	50 Amps		

AGENCY APPROVALS & STANDARDS		
CONFORMITY MARK CSA		
INGRESS PROTECTION RATING IP23S		
IEC STANDARD 60974-1		

ENGINE DETAILS			
LUBRICATION			
Full Pressure wit	h Full Flow Filter		
FUEL SYSTEM	GOVERNOR		
Direct Injection Common	Electronic		
Rail System			
Electric Shutoff Solenoid,	Electric		
Indirect Fuel Injector			
AIR CLEANER	ENGINE IDLER		
Dual Element	Electronic Control Unit		
ENGINE PR	OTECTION		
Controlled by Elec	tronic Control Unit		
ENGINE WARRANTY INFORMATION	2 Year - Complete (Parts and Labor)		
ENGINE WARRANT IN ORMATION	3 Year - Major Components (Parts and Labor)		

PHYSICAL DIMENSIONS		
Height ⁽²⁾	40.42 in. (1027 mm)	
Width ⁽³⁾	28.38 in. (721 mm)	
Depth	65.00 in. (1651 mm)	
Weight ⁽⁴⁾	1462 lbs. (663 kg)	

Note: ⁽¹⁾ Output rating in watts is equivalent to volt-amperes at unity power factor. Output voltage is within +/- 10% at all loads up to rated capacity. When welding, available auxiliary power will be reduced.

Note: $^{(2)}$ Top of Enclosure. Add 8.46" (214.8 mm) for exhaust.

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Note: (3) Includes Door. Base is 27.0" (686 mm) wide.

Note: (4) Approximate weight less fuel.

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

Do not attempt to use this equipment until you have thoroughly read the engine manufacturer's manual supplied with your welder. It includes important safety precautions, detailed engine starting, operating and maintenance instructions, and parts lists.

MARNING



ELECTRIC SHOCK can kill

Do not touch electrically live parts or electrode with skin or wet clothing. Insulate yourself from work and ground Always wear dry insulating gloves.

MARNING





Use in open, well ventilated areas or vent exhaust outside.

MARNING



MOVING PARTS can injure.

Do not operate with doors open or guards off. Stop engine before servicing. Keep away from moving parts.

See additional warning information at front of this operator's manual.

Only qualified personnel should install, use, or service this equipment.

VOLTAGE REDUCTION DEVICE (VRD)

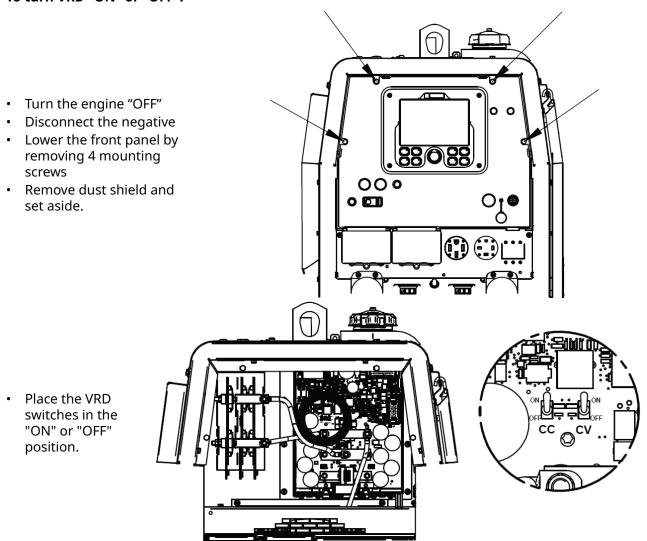
The VRD reduces the OCV (Open Circuit Voltage) at the welding output terminals while not welding to less than 30 VDC when the resistance of the output circuit is above 200Ω (ohms).

The VRD requires that the welding cable connections be kept in good electrical condition because poor connections will contribute to poor starting. Having good electrical connections also limits the possibility of other safety issues such as heat-generated damage, burns, and fire

This machine has two VRD switches to allow VRD to be switched "ON" or "OFF" in CC modes, CV modes, or both. The machine is shipped with both VRD switches in the "OFF" position.

To utilize the CrossLinc feature on this product, the VRD needs to be switched "OFF" for the given output type.

To turn VRD "ON" or "OFF":



Note: Use the "CC" switch to enable/disable VRD in CC modes or the "CV" switch to enable/disable VRD in CV modes

Note: If VRD is ON, an indicator on the user interface will be active

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LOCATION AND VENTILATION

The welder should be located to provide an unrestricted flow of clean, cool air to the cooling air inlets and to avoid restricting the cooling air outlets. Also, locate the welder so that the engine exhaust fumes are properly vented to an outside area.

MARNING



Air to cool the engine is drawn in the front and side and exhausted through radiator and case back. It is important that the intake and exhaust air is not restricted. Allow a minimum clearance of 1ft. (0.6m) from the case back and 16 in. (406mm) from either side of the base to a vertical surface. (Failure to resolve these guidelines may result in an overtemp condition resulting in engine shut down.)

MARNING



DO NOT MOUNT OVER COMBUSTIBLE SURFACES

Where there is a combustible surface directly under stationary or fixed electrical equipment, that surface should be covered with a steel plate at least .06"(1.6mm) thick, which should extend not less than 5.90"(150mm) beyond the equipment on all sides.

STORING

- **1.** Store the machine in a cool, dry place when it is not in use. Protect it from dust and dirt. Keep it where it can't be accidentally damaged from construction activities, moving vehicles, and other hazards.
- **2.** Drain the engine oil and refill with fresh oil. Run the engine for about five minutes to circulate oil to all parts. See the ENGINE OPERATION section manual for details on changing oil.
- **3.** Remove the battery, recharge it, and adjust the electrolyte level. Store the battery in a dry, dark place.

STACKING

FRONTIER 500X machines cannot be stacked.

ANGLE OF OPERATION

To achieve optimum engine performance the FRONTIER 500X should be run in a level position. The maximum angle of continuous operation is 25° in all directions, 35° intermittent (less than 10 minutes continuous) in all directions. When operating the welder at an angle, provisions must be made for checking and maintaining the oil level at the normal (FULL) oil capacity. Also the effective fuel capacity will be slightly less

LIFTING

The FRONTIER 500X weighs approximately 1601lbs. (726kg) with a full tank of fuel and 1462 lbs. (663kg) less fuel. A lift bale is mounted to the machine and should always be used when lifting the machine.

MARNING



FALLING EQUIPMENT can cause injury.

- Lift only with equipment of adequate lifting capacity.
- Be sure machine is stable when lifting.
- Do not lift this machine using lift bale if it is equipped with a heavy accessory such as trailer or gas cylinder.
- Do not lift machine if lift bale is damaged.
- Do not operate machine while suspended from lift bale.

ENVIROMENTAL LIMITATIONS

This FRONTIER 500X is IP23S rated for use in an outdoor environment. The machine should not be subjected to falling water during use nor should any parts of it be submerged in water. Doing so may cause improper operation as well as pose a safety hazard. The best practice is to keep the machine in a dry, sheltered area.

HIGH ALTITUDE OPERATION

At higher altitudes, output derating may be necessary. For maximum rating, derate the welder output 2% for every 1000 ft. (305 m) above 5000 ft. (1524 m).

Contact a Kubota Service Representative for any engine adjustments that may be required.

HIGH TEMPERATURE OPERATION

At temperatures above 104°F (40°C), output voltage derating may be necessary. For maximum output current ratings, derate welder voltage rating 2 volts for every 21°F (10°C) above 104°F (40°C).

COLD WEATHER OPERATION

With a fully charged battery, the engine should start satisfactorily down to $5^{\circ}F$ (- $15^{\circ}C$). If the engine must be frequently started at or below $5^{\circ}F$ (- $15^{\circ}C$), it may be desirable to use the pre-installed block heater. The glow plugs are operated automatically during the wait to start period when the machine is turned on.

For regular operation at temperatures below 32°F (0°C), the use of 0W-40 oil is recommended. The machine is supplied with 10W-30 oil, which should be acceptable down to -15°C (5°F). The use of synthetic oil and aftermarket additives is not recommended.

For temperatures below 23°F (-5°C) it is recommended to use ASTM D975-94 No. 1-D S15 diesel fuel (Ultra Low Sulfur Diesel). Supplemental diesel fuel additives are not generally recommended. The addition of kerosene to the diesel fuel is not permissible.

The coolant supplied with the engine is 50/50 mix of ethylene glycol and water which will be satisfactory down to -33°F (-36°C). If the machine is expected to operate in temperatures below -33°F (-36°C), the

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coolant may be replaced with a 60% ethylene glycol mix (60/40) to offer freeze protection down to -60°F (-51°C).

Allow the engine to warm up before applying a load or switching to high idle. When the engine water temperature is below -4°F (-20°C), the engine output will be limited for up to 60 sec. for a forced warming up of the engine before normal operation can begin.

MARNING



Under no conditions should ether or other starting fluids be used with this engine!

TOWING

Use a recommended trailer for use with this equipment for road, in-plant and yard towing by a vehicle⁽¹⁾. If the user adapts a non-Lincoln trailer, they must assume responsibility that the method of attachment and usage does not result in a safety hazard or damage the welding equipment. Some of the factors to be considered are as follows:

- **1.** Design capacity of trailer vs. weight of Lincoln equipment and likely additional attachments.
- **2.** Proper support of, and attachment to, the base of the welding equipment so there will be no undue stress to the framework.
- **3.** Proper placement of the equipment on the trailer to ensure stability side to side and front to back when being moved and when standing by itself while being operated or serviced.
- **4.** Typical conditions of use, i.e., travel speed; roughness of surface on which the trailer will be operated; environmental conditions; like maintenance.
- 5. Conformance with federal, state and local laws. (1)

Note: ⁽¹⁾Consult applicable federal, state and local laws regarding specific requirements for use on public highways.

SERVICE TRUCK AND TRAILER INSTALLATION

The welder should be located to provide an unrestricted flow of clean, cool air to the cooling air inlets and to avoid heated air coming out of the welder recirculating back to the cooling air inlet. Also, locate the welder so that engine exhaust fumes are properly vented to an outside area.

↑ WARNING



- Improperly mounted concentrated loads may cause unstable vehicle handling and tires or other components to fail.
- Only transport this welding equipment on serviceable vehicles which are rated and designed for such loads.
- Distribute, balance and secure loads so vehicle is stable under conditions of use.
- Do not exceed maximum rated loads for components such as suspension, axles and tires.
- Mount equipment base to metal bed or frame of vehicle. Do not mount the welder using rubber mounts.
- Follow vehicle manufacturer's instructions.
- Do not install equipment where air flow is restricted. Equipment or the engine may overheat.
- Do not weld on the base. Welding on the base may cause fuel tank explosion or fire.
- Always ground the equipment frame to the vehicle frame to prevent electric shock and static electricity hazards.
- Do not place propane or shielding gas tanks near hot air or exhaust.

PRE-OPERATION ENGINE SERVICE

READ the engine operating and maintenance instructions supplied with this machine.

MARNING



Stop engine and allow to cool before fueling.

Do not smoke when fueling.

Fill fuel tank at a moderate rate and do not overfill

Wipe up spilled fuel and allow fumes to clear before starting engine.

Keep sparks and flame away from tank

OIL

The FRONTIER 500X is shipped with the engine crankcase filled with high quality SAE 10W-30 Oil that meets API class CK-4 for diesel engines. Check the oil level before starting the engine. If it is not up to the full mark on the dip stick, add oil as required. The oil change interval is dependent on the quality of the oil and the operating environment. Refer to the Engine Operator's Manual for more details on specific oil recommendations, break-in information, and proper service and maintenance intervals.



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FUEL





USE ULTRA-LOW SULFUR DIESEL FUEL IN US AND CANADA

Fill the fuel tank with clean, fresh fuel. The capacity of the tank is 20 gal. (75.7L). When the fuel gauge reads empty the tank contains approximately 2 gal. (7.6L) of reserve fuel.

Note: A fuel shut off valve is located just before the pre-filter/sediment filter. Place the value in the closed position when the welder is not used for extended periods of time.

ENGINE COOLING SYSTEM

№ WARNING



HOT COOLANT can burn skin.

Do not remove cap if radiator is hot.

The welder is shipped with the engine and radiator filled with a 50% mixture of ethylene glycol and water. See MAINTENANCE on page D-1 and the engine Operator's Manual for more information on coolant.

BATTERY CONNECTION

<u>A</u> CAUTION



Use caution as the electrolyte is a strong acid that can burn skin and damage eyes.

The FRONTIER 500X is shipped with the negative battery cable disconnected with required hardware attached to the end of the cable. Make certain that the RUN/STOP/IDLE switch is set to the STOP position. Remove the five screws from the battery tray using a screwdriver or a 3/8"(10mm) socket. Attach the large lead first, followed by the smaller leads and secure using the supplied hardware, tighten with 9/16" socket.

Note: This machine is furnished with a wet charged battery; if unused for several months, the battery may require a booster charge. Be careful to charge the battery with the correct polarity. (See BATTERY HANDLING on page D-9)

MARNING



GASES FROM BATTERY can explode.

• Keep sparks, flames, and cigarettes away from battery.

To prevent EXPLOSION when:

- INSTALLING A NEW BATTERY disconnect negative cable from old battery first and connect to new battery last.
- CONNECTING A BATTERY CHARGER remove battery from welder by disconnecting negative cable first, then positive cable and battery clamp. When reinstalling, connect negative cable last. Keep well ventilated.

USING A BOOSTER — connect positive lead to battery first then connect negative lead to the negative battery lead at engine foot.

MARNING

BATTERY ACID can burn eyes and skin.



- Wear gloves and eye protection and be careful when working near battery.
- Follow instructions printed on battery.

Important: To prevent ELECTRICAL DAMAGE WHEN:

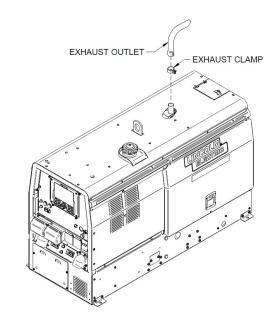
- 1. Installing new batteries.
- 2. Using a booster.

Use correct polarity — Negative Ground.

EXHAUST OUTLET PIPE

Remove cap from muffler pipe protruding from the roof.

Using the clamp provided secure the outlet pipe to the outlet tube with the pipe positioned such that it will direct the exhaust in the desired direction away from the air intake. Tighten using a wrench.



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SPARK ARRESTOR

Some federal, state or local laws may require that gasoline or diesel engines be equipped with exhaust spark arrestors when they are operated in certain locations where unarrested sparks may present a fire hazard.

The standard muffler included with this welder does not qualify as a spark arrestor. When required by local regulations, a suitable spark arrestor must be installed and properly maintained.

A spark arrestor kit is available for the FRONTIER 500X and can be installed in place of the supplied exhaust outlet. See <u>ACCESSORIES AND OPTIONS</u> on page C-1.

MACHINE GROUNDING

Because this portable engine driven welder creates its own power, it is not necessary to connect its frame to an earth ground. To prevent dangerous electric shock, other equipment powered by this engine driven welder must:

- be grounded to the frame of the welder using a grounded type plug, or
- be double insulated.

When this welder is mounted on a truck or trailer, its frame must be securely connected to the metal frame of the vehicle.

In general, if the machine is to be grounded, it should be connected with a #8 or larger copper wire to a solid earth ground such as a metal ground stake going into the ground for at least 10 ft. (3.1m) or to the metal framework of a building which has been effectively grounded. A machine grounding stud marked with the symbol is provided on the front of the welder.



AUXILIARY POWER RECEPTACLES

Start the engine and set the RUN/STOP/IDLE control switch to the "High Idle" position. Voltage is now correct at the receptacles for auxiliary power. This must be done before a tripped GFCI can be reset properly. See MAINTENANCE on page D-1 for more detailed information on testing and resetting the GFCI.

The auxiliary power of the FRONTIER 500X consists of two 20 Amp 120 VAC (5-20R) duplex receptacles with GFCI protection, one 50 Amp 120/240 VAC single phase (14-50R) receptacle and one 50 Amp 240 VAC three phase (15-50R) receptacle. The auxiliary power capacity is 12,000 watts continuous of 60 Hz, single phase power. The auxiliary power capacity rating in watts is equivalent to volt-amperes at unity power factor.

The 240 VAC single phase output can be split to provide two separate 120 VAC outputs with a max permissible current of 50 amps per output to two separate 120 VAC branch circuits.

Note: NOTE: These circuits are opposite polarities and cannot be paralleled. Output voltage is within \pm 10% at all loads up to rated capacity. The three phase auxiliary power capacity is 20,000 watts continuous at 60 Hz.

120 VAC DUPLEX RECEPTACLES AND GFCI

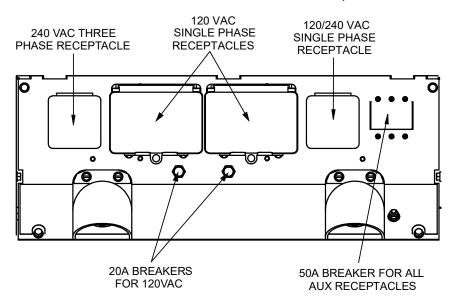
A GFCI protects the two 120 VAC auxiliary power receptacles.

A GFCI (Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter) is a device to protect against electric shock should a piece of defective equipment connected to it develop a ground fault. If this situation should occur, the GFCI will trip, removing voltage from the output of the receptacle. If a GFCI is tripped see MAINTENANCE on page D-1 for detailed information on testing and resetting it. A GFCI should be properly tested before each use.

The 120 VAC auxiliary power receptacles should only be used with three wire grounded type plugs or approved double insulated tools with two wire plugs. The current rating of any plug used with the system must be at least equal to the current capacity of the associated receptacle.

CIRCUIT BREAKERS

All auxiliary power is protected by circuit breakers. The 120 VAC duplex receptacles have 20 amp circuit breakers for each receptacle. The 120/240V single phase and the 240V three phase receptacles have a 50 amp 3-pole circuit breaker that disconnects both hot leads and all three phases simultaneously



ELECTRICAL DEVICE USE

This machine has been designed to support the power requirements of common jobsite tools and equipment. However, due to the nature of auxiliary power output, it is recommended for the operator to review the sensitivity and protections of any tools or equipment used with this machine to prevent any damage or failures.

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WELDING OUTPUT CABLES

With the engine off, connect to the terminals provided. These connections should be checked periodically and tightened if necessary.

Listed in Table below are copper cable sizes recommended for the rated current and duty cycle. Lengths stipulated are the distance from the welder to work and back to the welder again. Cable sizes are increased for greater lengths primarily for the purpose of minimizing cable voltage drop.

OUTPUT CABLE GUIDELINES						
AMPERES	PERCENT	CABLE SIZES FOR COMBINED LENGTHS OF ELECTRODE AND WORK CABLES [RUBBER COVERED COPPER - RATED 167°F (75°C)]**				
AWFERES	DUTY CYCLE	0 to 50 Ft.	50 to 100 Ft.	100 to 150 Ft.	150 to 200 Ft.	200 to 250 Ft.
200	60	2	2	2	1	1/0
200	100	2	2	2	1	1/0
250	30	3	3	2	1	1/0
250	40	2	2	1	1	1/0
250	60	1	1	1	1	1/0
250	100	1	1	1	1	1/0
300	60	1	1	1	1/0	2/0
300	100	2/0	2/0	2/0	2/0	3/0
350	40	1/0	1/0	2/0	2/0	3/0
400	60	2/0	2/0	2/0	3/0	4/0
400	100	3/0	3/0	3/0	3/0	4/0
500	60	2/0	2/0	3/0	3/0	4/0
500	100	3/0	3/0	4/0	2-2/0	3-3/0

Note: ** Tabled values are for operation at ambient temperatures of 104°F (40°C) and below. Applications above 104°F (40°C) may require cables larger than recommended, or cables rated higher than 167°F (75°C).

CABLE INSTALLATION

Install the welding cables to your FRONTIER 500X as follows.

MARNING



The engine must be OFF to install welding cables.

Remove the flanged nuts from the output terminals.

Connect the electrode holder and work cables to the weld output terminals. The terminals are identified on the case front.

Tighten the flanged nuts securely.

Be certain that the metal piece you are welding (the "work") is properly connected to the work clamp and cable.

Check and tighten the connections periodically.

A CAUTION

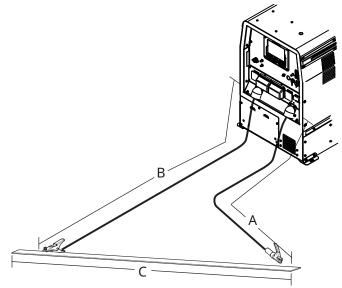


Loose connections will cause the output terminals to overheat. The terminals may eventually melt.

Do not cross the welding cables at the output terminal connection. Keep the cables isolated and separate from one another.

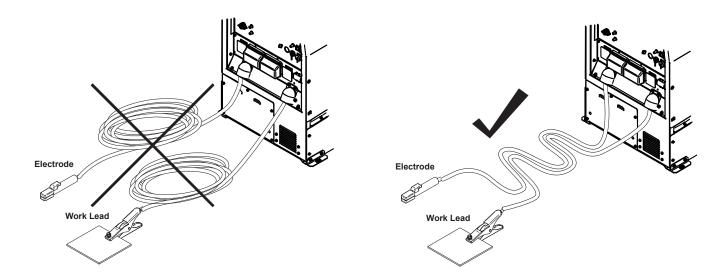
CABLE INDUCTANCE AND ITS EFFECTS ON WELDING

Excessive cable inductance will cause the welding performance to degrade. There are several factors that contribute to the overall inductance of the cabling system including cable size, number of loop, and total loop area. The loop area is defined by the separation distance between the electrode and work cables and the overall welding loop length. Welding loop length = electrode cable (A) + work cable (B) + work path (C) (See picture below).



To minimize inductance always use the appropriate size cables, and whenever possible, run the electrode and work cables in close proximity to one another to minimize the loop area. Since the most avoid excessive lengths and do not coil excess cable. Excess cable should be placed in a straight or zig-zag pattern between the machine and work per below picture.

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If a spooling mechanism is used to store the welding cables, unspool the cables. Avoid leaving more than 30 feet of cable on each storage spool, and for best performance, completely unspool the welding cables.

For long work piece lengths, a sliding ground should be considered to keep the total welding loop length as short as possible.

CROSSLINC TECHNOLOGY

This FRONTIER 500X features CrossLinc technology, which allows for remote control of the welding output via the weld cables rather than a control cable. As result, the control cable is no longer needed when connected to a CrossLinc compatible wire feeder or remote control.

This machine will function with all CrossLinc compatible wire feeders except for the oldest LN-25X models. Incompatible models include:

Code # 12432

Code # 12504

REMOTE CONTROL CONNECTIONS

The FRONTIER 500X is equipped with a 12-pin and 14-pin remote connector for attaching remote control accessories.

Note: To connect accessories with a 6-pin connector, use the 6-pin to 12-pin adapter (K2909-1).

REMOTE OUTPUT CONTROL

To enable remote control capabilities, turn on remote control with the button located on the user interface. When remote control is enabled, output is controlled through either the 12-pin or 14-pin connector. The connector that will control output depends on if a single connector or both are plugged in. If a single connector is plugged in that connector will control all weld modes, if both connectors are plugged in the 12-pin connector will control all CC modes and the 14-pin connector will control all CV modes.

When a CrossLinc device is connected, the remote output control is disabled, and the CrossLinc device is in control of the output.

REMOTE WELD TERMINALS

By default, the weld terminals are ON when a weld mode is selected. To use a remote output control switch or a foot pedal, the weld terminals can be changed to REMOTE in the weld settings within the desired weld mode.

ACCESSORY CONNECTION DIAGRAMS

MARNING



Shut off welder before making or removing any electrical connections.

When connecting an accessory to the FRONTIER 500X, the following steps should be taken:

Shut off the welder.

Connect your leads for the desired accessory. For electrode positive, connect the electrode cable to the "+" terminal of the welder and work cable to the "-" terminal of the welder.

For electrode negative, connect the electrode cable to the "-" terminal of the welder and work cable to the "+" terminal of the welder. Installation diagrams for common setups are included on the following pages.

FCAW ACROSS THE ARC FEEDER	DESCRIPTION	PRODUCT NUMBER	QTY.
	FRONTIER 500X Welder/Generator	K5350-2	1
	LN-25X w/TVT Wire Feeder	K4267-2	1
	K126 [®] PRO Innershield [®] 350A FCAW-SS Welding Gun 15 ft 1/16-5/64	K126-12	1
	Weld Power Cable - Lug to Lug (3/0, 600A, 60%) Duty Cycle	K1842-35	2
	GC-500 Work Clamp -500A, 60% Duty Cycle	K910-2	1
	Weld Cable - Tweco [®] Plug & Receptacle (3/0, 600A, 60%) - 50 ft (15.3 m)	K2485-3	1
	Insulated CT40FS Female Connectors	K2487-1	2

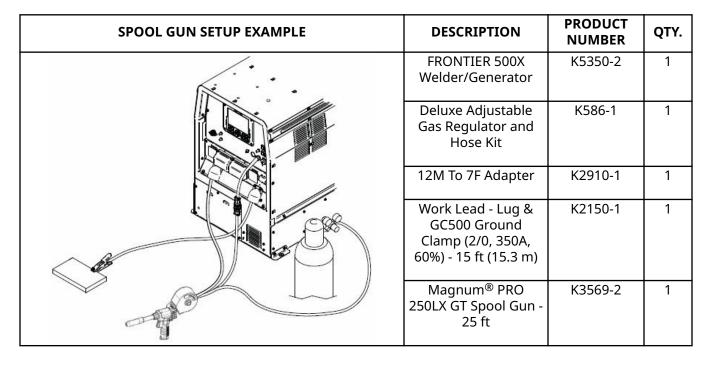
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CROSSLINC REMOTE SETUP	DESCRIPTION	PRODUCT NUMBER	QTY.
	FRONTIER 500X Welder/Generator	K5350-2	1
/· •	CrossLinc® Remoter	K4345-1	1
	Weld Cable - TWECO® Plug & Receptacle (3/0, 600A, 60%) - 50 ft (15.3 m)	K2485-3	1
	EH-450HD Electrode Holder - 400A, 60% Duty Cycle	K909-8	1
	Weld Power Cable - Lug to Lug (3/0, 600A, 60%) - 35 ft (10.6 m)	K1842-35	1
	GC-500 Work Clamp - 500A, 60% Duty Cycle	K910-2	1
	Insulated CT40FS Female Connector	K2487-1	2

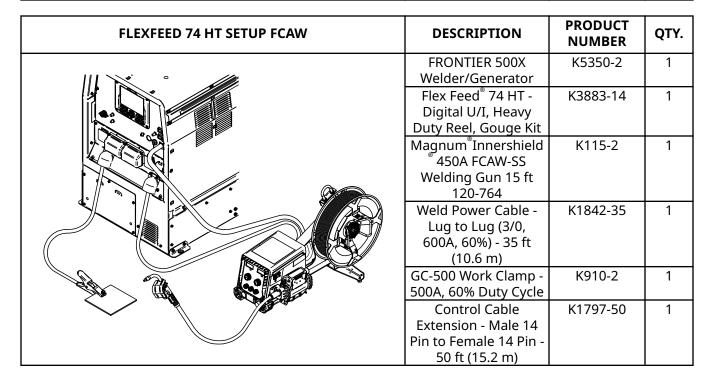
DUAL ARC SETUP EXAMPLE - CROSSLINC WIRE FEEDER AND INVERTER WELDER	DESCRIPTION	PRODUCT NUMBER	QTY.
	1 st ARC		
	FRONTIER 500X	K5350-2	1
	Welder/Generator		
	LN-25X w/TVT	K4267-2	1
	K126® PRO	K126-12	1
	Innershield® 350A		
	FCAW-SS Welding		
	Gun 15 ft 1/16 - 5/64		
Next /•	Weld Power Cable -	K1842-35	1
∠ ; · · ·	Lug to Lug (3/0,		
• •	600A, 60%) - 35 ft		
	(10.6 m)		
	GC-500 Work Clamp -	K910-2	2
	500A, 60% Duty Cycle		
	Weld Cable -	K2485-3	1
	TWECO® Plug &		
	Receptacle (3/0,		
	600A, 60%) - 50 ft		
	(15.3 m)		
	Insulated CT40FS	K2487-1	2
	Female Connector		
	2 nd		
	Weld Cable -	K2483-2	2
	TWECO® Male &		
No.	Open End (2/0, 350A,		
~ /	60%) - 10 ft (3 m)		
	®Invertec V276	K4868-1	1
	(TWECO)	1/0404	<u> </u>
	GC-300 Work Clamp	K910-1	2
	-300A, 60% Duty		
	Cycle	K909-7	1
	EH-305HD Electrode	K909-/	1
	Holder - 300A, 60%		
	Duty Cycle		

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TIG SETUP WITH FOOT PEDAL	DESCRIPTION	PRODUCT NUMBER	QTY.
. · · ·	FRONTIER 500X Welder/Generator	K5350-2	1
	PTA-26V TIG Torch (25 ft)	K1783-9	2
	Foot Amptrol [™] - 25 ft. (7.6m) (12 pin)	K870-2	1
	Work Lead - Lug & GC500 Ground Clamp (2/0, 350A, 60%) - 15 ft (15.3 m)	K2150-1	1
	Deluxe Adjustable Gas Regulator and Hose Kit	K586-1	1

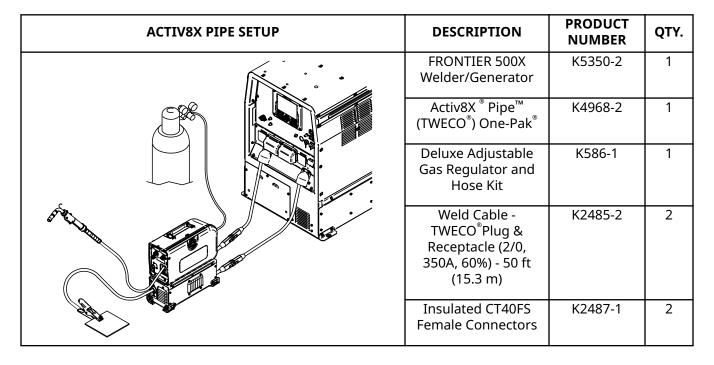


GMAW ACROSS THE ARC FEEDER	DESCRIPTION	PRODUCT NUMBER	QTY.
	FRONTIER 500X	K5350-2	1
	Welder/Generator		
· ·	LN-25X w/TVT	K4267-2	1
	Magnum [®] PRO	K4532-1	1
	Curve [™] HDE [™] 350		
	Welding Gun Ready- Pak [®] - 15ft		
	Deluxe Adjustable	K586-1	1
	Gas Regulator and		
	Hose Kit		
	Weld Power Cable -	K1842-35	1
	Lug to Lug (3/0,		
	600A, 60%) - 35 ft		
	(10.6 m)		
	GC-500 Work Clamp -	K910-2	1
	500A, 60% Duty Cycle		
	Weld Cable - TWECO	K2485-3	2
	Plug & Receptacle		
	(3/0, 600A, 60%) - 50		
j v	ft (15.3 m)		
	Insulated CT40FS	K2487-1	1
	Female Connector		



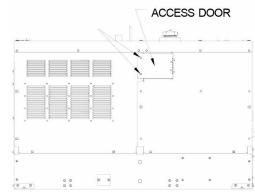
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LT-7 SAW SETUP	DESCRIPTION	PRODUCT NUMBER	QTY.
	FRONTIER 500X Welder/Generator	K5350-2	1
	LT-7 Tractor (Standard)	K227-1	1
	Weld Power Cable - Lug to Lug (3/0, 600A, 60%) - 35 ft (10.6 m)	K1842-35	2
	GC-500 Work Clamp - 500A, 60% Duty Cycle	K910-2	1
	Control Cable LT-7	K1822-25	1

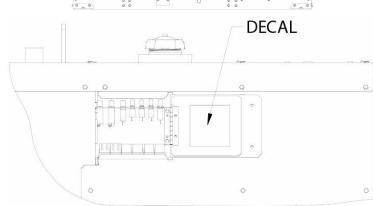


ENGINE CONTROL CIRCUIT PROTECTORS AND RELAYS ACCESS DOOR

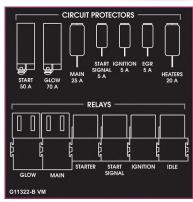
The circuit protectors and relays for the engine control circuits can be accessed by opening the access door located on the left case side of the machine. Remove the two screws on the panel door as shown to open the panel.



The circuit protectors and relays can now be accessed as shown in picture.



The decal on the inside of the access door shows the descriptions and locations for the circuit protectors and relays. This decal is shown in picture.



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OPERATION

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

Read and understand this entire section before operating yourFRONTIER 500X.

Do not attempt to use this equipment until you have thoroughly read all operating and maintenance manuals supplied with your machine. They include important safety precautions, detailed engine starting, operating and maintenance instructions and parts lists.

№ WARNING



ELECTRIC SHOCK can kill.

- Do not touch electrically live parts such as output terminals or internal wiring
- Insulate yourself from the work and ground.
- Always wear dry insulating gloves.

WARNING



ENGINE EXHAUST can kill.

• Use in open, well ventilated areas or vent exhaust outside Do not stack anything near the engine.

MARNING



MOVING PARTS can injure.

- Do not operate with doors open or guards off.
- Stop engine before servicing
- · Keep away from moving parts

The serviceability of a product or structure utilizing the welding modes is and must be the sole responsibility of the builder/user. Many variables beyond the control of The Lincoln Electric Company affect the results obtained in applying these programs. These variables include, but are not limited to, welding procedure, plate chemistry and temperature, weldment design, fabrication methods and service requirements. The available range of a welding mode may not be suitable for all applications, and the builder/user is and must be solely responsible for welding mode selection.

RECOMMENDED APPLICATIONS

WELDER - The FRONTIER 500X provides excellent constant current DC welding output for stick (SMAW) and TIG (GTAW) welding, as well as excellent constant voltage DC welding output for MIG (GMAW), Innershield (FCAW), Outershield (FCAW-G) and Metal Core (GMAW-C) welding. In addition FRONTIER 500X can be used for Arc Gouging with carbon electrodes up to 5/16" (8.0 mm) in diameter. The FRONTIER 500X also supports spool gun applications and CV submerged arc welding (CV-SAW).

GENERATOR - The FRONTIER 500X provides smooth 120/240 VAC single phase and 240 VAC three phase output for auxiliary power and emergency standby power.

The FRONTIER 500X is **NOT RECOMMENDED** for pipe thawing.

⚠ WARNING



Pipe Thawing with an arc welder can cause fire, explosion, damage to electric wiring or to the arc welder if done improperly.

The use of an arc welder for pipe thawing is not recommended or supported by Lincoln Electric.

ADDING FUEL

WARNING

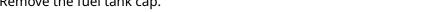


DIESEL FUEL can cause fire.

Stop engine while fueling.

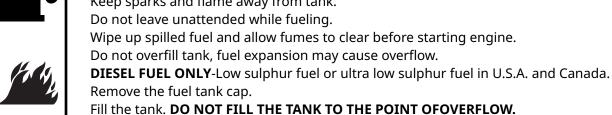
Do not smoke when fueling.

Keep sparks and flame away from tank.



Replace the fuel cap and tighten securely.

See Engine Owner's Manual for specific fuel recommendations.



BREAK-IN PERIOD

The engine will use a small amount of oil during its "break-in" period. The break-in period is about 50 running hours. Change the oil after the first 50 hours of operation. Thereafter, follow the engine service and maintenance schedule located on ENGINE MAINTENANCE on page D-3

CAUTION



During break-in, subject the engine driven welder to moderate loads. Avoid long periods running at idle. Before stopping the engine, remove all loads and allow the engine to cool several minutes.

ENGINE OPERATION

Before Starting the Engine:

- Be sure the machine is on a level surface.
- Open side engine door and remove the engine oil dipstick and wipe it with a clean cloth.





- Add oil (if necessary) to bring the level up to the full mark. Do not overfill. Close engine door.
- Check radiator for proper coolant level. (Fill if necessary).
- See Engine Owner's Manual for specific oil and coolant recommendations.

STARTING THE ENGINE

- **1.** Remove all plugs connected to the AC power receptacles.
- 2. Turn the RUN / STOP / AUTO IDLE knob to the start position until the machine turns over.
- **3.** Release the engine start knob immediately when the engine starts.
- **4.** The engine will run at high idle speed for approximately 30 seconds and then drop to low idle speed. Allow the engine to warm up at low idle for several minutes before applying a load and/or switching to high idle.

CAUTION



Do not allow the starter motor to run continuously for more than 20 seconds.

STOPPING THE ENGINE

Remove all welding and auxiliary power loads and allow the engine to run at low idle speed for a few minutes to cool the engine.

Turn off the engine by placing the RUN / STOP / IDLE switch in the STOP position.

Note: A fuel shut off valve is located before the fuel pre-filter.

TYPICAL FUEL CONSUMPTION

Refer to the table below for typical fuel consumption of the FRONTIER 500X Engine for various operating scenarios.

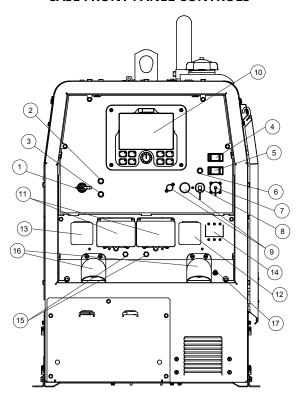
(Kubota V2403-CR-TE4) Fuel Consumption								
	GAL. / HR.	L / HR.	RUN TIME (HRS.) WITH FULL TANK *					
Low Idle, no load, 1500 RPM	.38	1.44	52.63					
High Idle, no load, 1800 RPM	.46	1.74	43.48					
DC Weld Output, 500 Amps @ 40V	1.83	6.93	10.93					
20,000 Watts 3 Phase	1.59	6.00	12.62					
12,000 Watts 1 Phase	1.14	4.33	17.50					

Note: Full tank equals 20 gal. (75.7L). This data is for reference only. Fuel consumption is approximate and can be influenced by many factors, including engine maintenance, environmental conditions, and fuel quality.

CONTROLS AND SETTINGS

All welder and engine controls are located on the case front panel. Refer to picture below and the explanations that follow.

CASE FRONT PANEL CONTROLS



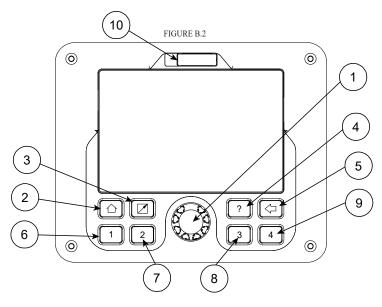
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SYSTEM CONTROLS

- **1. ENGINE CONTROL SWITCH -** The engine control switch has four positions:
 - **OFF** Turns off the machine, all electronics and the engine.
 - **HIGH IDLE** The engine always operates at full speed (1800 rpm).
 - **AUTO IDLE** When either a welding load or auxiliary power load is present, the engine will operate at full speed (1800 rpm). About 12 seconds after the load is removed, the engine slows to idle speed (1500 rpm).
 - **START** Used to start the engine. Place the engine control switch in either AUTO or HIGH IDLE once the engine has started.
- 2. 15A BREAKER FOR 12V ENGINE BATTERY
- 3. 10A BREAKER FOR 40V ARCLINK® SYSTEM
- **4. WIRE FEEDER VOLTMETER POLARITY SWITCH -** Used to match the polarity of the wire feeder voltmeter to the polarity of the electrode.
- **5. 42V / 120V WIRE FEEDER VOLTAGE SWITCH** -Toggles output of the 14-pin connector to voltage requirement of wire feeder (located above 14-pin connector.)
- 6. 3A BREAKER FOR 12-PIN REMOTE CONNECTOR
- **7. 14-PIN CONNECTOR -** Used for attaching wire feeder control cables. Includes contact closure circuit, remote control, and wire feeder power (42V/120V selectable). The remote control circuit works the same as in the 12-pin connector.
- **8. 12-PIN CONNECTOR -** Used for attaching optional remote control equipment. The K2909-1 (12-pin to 6-pin) adapter can be used for attaching to accessories requiring the 6-pin connector.
- **9. ARCLINK** SYSTEM CONNECTORS Optional connectors available via separate kit. Kit includes needed components to power an ARCLINK® System.
- **10.GRAPHICAL USER INTERFACE -** Controls and displays information about the machine. See section USER INTERFACE CONTROLS for operation information.
- **11.120 VAC SINGLE PHASE RECEPTACLES -** NEMA 5- 20R receptacles that provides 120 VAC single-phase auxiliary power. Each receptacle has a 20-amp rating.
- **12.120/240 VAC SINGLE PHASE RECEPTACLE -** A NEMA 14-50R receptacle that provides 240 VAC or can be split for 120 VAC single-phase auxiliary power. This receptacle has a 50-amp rating. Refer to the AUXILIARY POWER RECEPTACLES section in the INSTALLATION chapter for further information about this receptacle.
- **13.240 VAC THREE PHASE RECEPTACLE -** A NEMA 15-50R receptacle that provides 240 VAC three-phase auxiliary power. This receptacle has a 50 amp rating.
- 14.50A BREAKER FOR 120V/240V AND 240V RECEPTACLES
- **15.20A BREAKERS FOR 120V RECEPTACLES**
- **16.WELD TERMINALS -** These ½" 13 studs with flange nuts provide welding connection points for the electrode and work cables. For positive polarity welding the electrode cable connects to the "+" positive terminal and the work cable connects to the "-" negative terminal. For negative polarity welding the work cable connects to the "+" positive terminal and the electrode cable connects to the "-" negative terminal.
- **17.GROUND STUD -** Provides a connection point for connecting the machine case to earth ground. Refer to MACHINE GROUNDING in the INSTALLATION section for proper machine grounding information.

USER INTERFACE CONTROLS AND NAVIGATION

USER INTERFACE CONTROLS & NAVIGATION



- **1. KNOB AND PUSH BUTTON -** Rotate the knob to adjust values and move through the menus and push the knob to select values.
- 2. **HOME BUTTON -** Will return you to the home screen from any menu.
- 3. REMOTE BUTTON Enable/Disable Remote Control
- **4. HELP / READY.SET.WELD**® **-** Press to get more information about a highlighted feature or setting. After selecting a welding process, press to enter READY.SET. WELD®. READY.SET.WELD® is a guided setup feature that provides a recommended output range based off a given material, material thickness, electrode type, and electrode diameter.
- **5. BACK -** Return to the previous screen.
- **6. MEMORY 1 -**Recall saved Memory 1 process and settings or press and hold to store new memory.
- 7. MEMORY 2 -Recall saved Memory 2 process and settings or press and hold to store new memory.
- **8. MEMORY 3** -Recall saved Memory 3 process and settings or press and hold to store new memory.
- **9. MEMORY 4** -Recall saved Memory 4 process and settings or press and hold to store new memory.

10.USB PORT -Conduct machine updates by inserting a USB drive.

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HOME SCREEN AND WELD MODE SELECTION

Use the knob to navigate between the following weld processes; press the knob to select desired welding mode as shown in picture below.

The machine comes with the available welding modes:

- 1. Pipe (SMAW)
- 2. Stick (SMAW)
- **3.** Flux-Cored Self-Shielded Wire (FCAW-S)
- 4. Flux-Cored Gas-Shielded Wire (FCAW-G)
- 5. MIG (GMAW)
- 6. Gouging (CAC-A)
- 7. TIG (GTAW)
- 8. Spool Gun
- 9. Submerged-Arc (SAW)

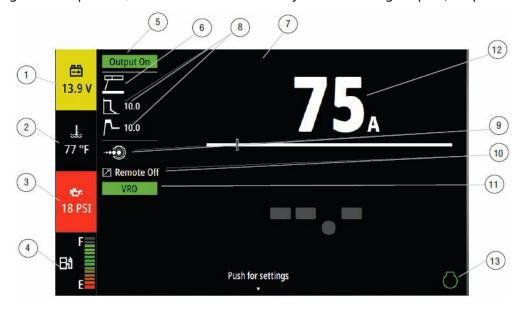


Selecting a weld mode determines the output characteristics of the FRONTIER 500X power source. The proper weld mode should be used based off desired application. Many variables beyond the control of The Lincoln Electric Company affect the results obtained in applying these programs. These variables include, but are not limited to, welding procedure, plate chemistry and temperature, weldment design, fabrication methods and service requirements.

Note: See the WELDER OPERATION section for more details on each weld mode.

WELD MODE SCREEN

After selecting the weld process, use the center knob to adjust the welding output (See picture below).



In constant current modes, the knob adjusts the welding amperage; while in constant voltage modes, the knob adjusts the welding voltage.

On the left hand side of the screen, the operator can see status indicators of the machine. From top to bottom:

- **1. BATTERY VOLTAGE -** Displays the battery voltage and indicates that the charging system is functioning properly.
- **2. ENGINE TEMPERATURE -** Displays the engine coolant temperature.
- 3. OIL PRESSURE Displays the engine oil pressure when the engine is running.
- **4. FUEL LEVEL -** Displays the level of diesel fuel in the fuel tank.

If the machine status moves outside of the recommended operating ranges, the icons will change color:

Black - Normal operation

Yellow - Warning

Red - Critical

Next to the engine indicators are weld setting and operation indicators. From top to bottom:

- **5. OUTPUT STATUS -**Identifies if the welding studs are ON or OFF.
- **6. WELDING MODE -** Indicates the current welding mode of the machine.
- **7. STANDBY TIMER -** When Auto Stop/Start is enabled, a countdown timer will appear on the top of the screen (Timer display not shown in picture above).
- **8. WELD MODE SETTING -** Specifies the weld mode setting such as Arc Force and Hot Start. Press the knob to access the mode settings. See the WELD MODE SETTINGS section for more details.
- **9. CROSSLINC INDICATOR** Shows the machine is actively communicating with a CrossLinc accessory.
- **10.REMOTE STATUS -** Indicates if a remote output control is ON or OFF.
- **11.VRD INDICATOR -** When VRD is active, a red indicator will appear on the UI if the OCV (Open Circuit Voltage) is equal to or greater than 30V and a green light will appear if the OCV is less than 30V.

Note: These indicators do not appear during welding, See <u>VOLTAGE REDUCTION DEVICE (VRD)</u> on page A-4 to change the ON/OFF position of the VRD switches.

12.WORK POINT - Indicates the output where the machine has been set.

13.ENGINE STATUS LIGHT - Indicates the current engine status.



Engine is not running



Active engine fault



Engine running, no active faults



Active fault requiring engine to shutdown

ACTIVE WELD SCREEN

After striking welding arc, the screen will change to the ACTIVE WELD SCREEN to show the real time amperage and amperage and voltage for approximately 5 seconds, and the UI will automatically return to the weld mode screen. This allows the operator to read the actual current and voltage just prior to when welding was ceased.

The accuracy of the meters is +/- 3%.

When CrossLinc® wire feeder with True Voltage Technology (TVT) is connected, the screen will display the actual machine output. This will vary from the preset voltage on the wire feeder because TVT compensates for the voltage drop in the welding loop.

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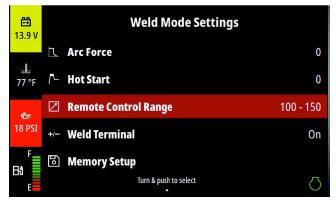


WELD MODE SETTINGS

Within an active welding process, press the knob to view additional arc options.

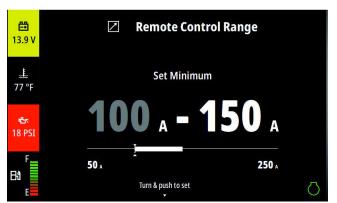
Each mode offers several options to fine tune the arc welding performance. The options available will depend on the weld mode selected. Welding settings are remembered between each weld mode.

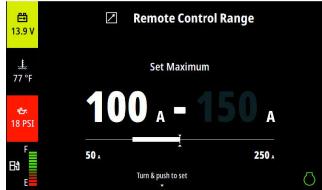




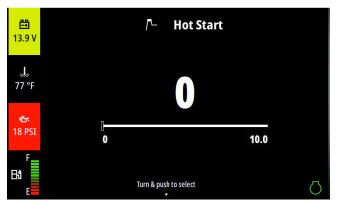
Note: Push knob to access the Weld Settings screen.

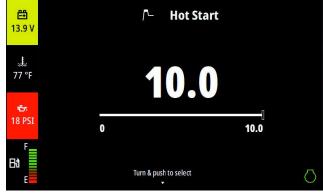
Remote Control Range - Allows the user to refine the output range that can be controlled remotely.





Hot Start - Provides a temporary increase of the output current during the start of a weld. This helps ignite the arc quickly and reliably, preventing the electrode from sticking. The setting can be adjusted from 0 (Off) to +10. The higher the value the greater the output current during arc strike.





Arc Force - Used to prevent the electrode from sticking during welding. It provides a temporary increase in current when the arc length becomes very short. Increasing the value from -10 (Soft) to +10 (Crisp) increases the short circuit current and prevents sticking of the electrode to the plate while welding, while decreasing the value reduces the amount of spatter.





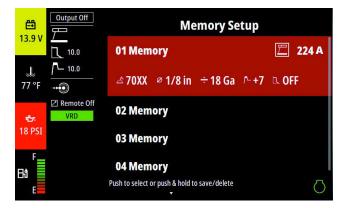
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Pinch - Changes the rate at which the current rises when the electrode short circuits to the work. Increasing the pinch from -10 to +10 may reduce spatter, while decreasing the pinch will make the puddle more fluid, resulting in a flatter and smoother weld bead.

Weld Terminal - Allows the operator to select if the welding terminals are always electrically hot or turned on or off via a remote trigger.

Memory Mode - Allows the operator save a memory based off the current weld mode and welding settings or recall a previously saved memory.



Frequency - Adjusting the frequency from "OFF" to a value between 0.1-20 Hz will turn on pulse TIG. The frequency changes the number of pulses per second. Pulse TIG can help to minimize burn through on thin materials by reducing the heat input.

Percent Peak Current - If pulse frequency is ON, this setting changes percentage of time spent at the peak current vs the background current. The operator can set the value from 5% up to 95%, which affects the amount of heat input into the weld. The default setting is 50%.

Remote Accessory Type - Allows the operator to change between a Foot Pedal or Hand Control.

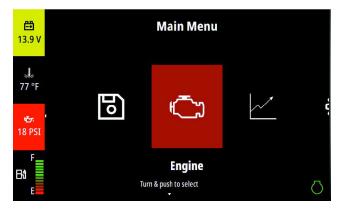
Start Type - Choose between Touch Start and Scratch Start. Touch Start is a cleaner process needing only a light, quick touch of the tungsten to the work piece. Scratch start requires dragging the tungsten across the work much like striking a match. Scratch start can be easier to use but could potentially contaminate the weld and the tungsten.

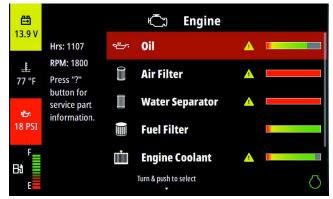
Note: Touch Start mode avoids tungsten contamination without the use of a high frequency unit. During the time the tungsten is touching the work, there is very little voltage or current and, in general, this avoids tungsten contamination. Then, the tungsten is gently lifted off the work in a rocking motion, which establishes the arc. To stop the arc, simply lift the TIG torch away from the work piece. When the arc voltage reaches approximately 30 volts, the arc will go out and the machine will automatically reset to the touch start current level. The tungsten may then be retouched to the work piece to restrike the arc. The arc may also be started and stopped with an amptrol or arc start switch.

While using TOUCH START TIG mode, it is important to use the proper welding cable size to ensure expected performance levels.

ENGINE STATUS SCREEN

The Engine Status Screen provides information about the engine servicing and operation. In the MAIN MENU, use the knob to scroll and press to select the ENGINE SCREEN (See picture below).





Within the screen, six engine parts are monitored for service:

- OIL
- AIR FILTER
- WATER SEPARATOR
- FUEL FILTER
- ENGINE COOLANT
- ALTERNATOR BELT

The status bars are based off the recommended service intervals and indicate the remaining time before service is required. A warning indicator will appear if a service item is nearing the end of its service life. The default warning threshold is 10% and can be configured in the SETTINGS menu.

Green = Normal operation

Yellow = Service is required soon

Red = Service is overdue

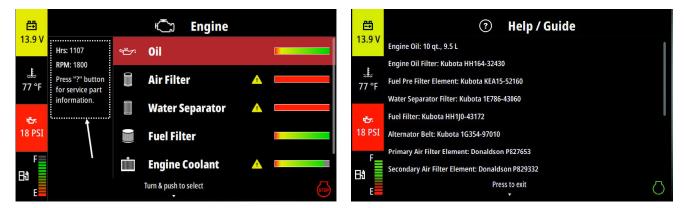
To view detailed information about each item, highlight and select the item from the list to display the number of hours remaining before service is required.





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After service has been performed on an item, select it from the list and press and hold the knob for 5 seconds to reset the service indicator.

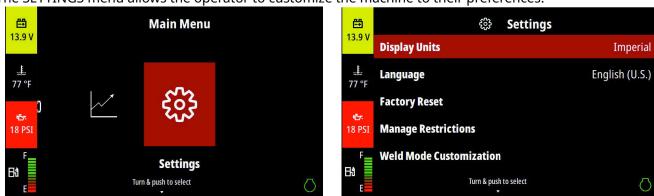


Also within the ENGINE STATUS SCREEN, the engine hours and RPMs can be found near the upper left-hand corner.

If the HELP (?) button is pressed in this screen, a list of service parts will appear for the engine. The screen can be cleared by pressing the knob.

SETTINGS SCREEN

The SETTINGS menu allows the operator to customize the machine to their preferences.



Inside the screen, the additional machine options listed below:

- Display Units Choose between Imperial and Metric units
- Language Choose between English, Spanish, or French
- Factory Reset Restore Factory Default Settings, Reset spool gun, current, and voltage calibrations to factory default.
- Manage Restrictions Set up or disable Supervisor and Operator PIN numbers <u>MANAGING</u> <u>RESTRICTIONS</u> on page B-14
- Weld Mode Customization Enable or disable weld modes depending on preferences
- Engine Service Interval Alerts Change the percentage of item life remaining before an alert will be displayed
- Clock Set/Display the local time
- Spool Gun Calibration Used to calibrate a new spool gun prior to use <u>SPOOL GUN CALIBRATION</u> on page B-22
- Welding Calibration Used to calibrate welding voltage and current <u>WELDING CALIBRATION</u> on page B-24

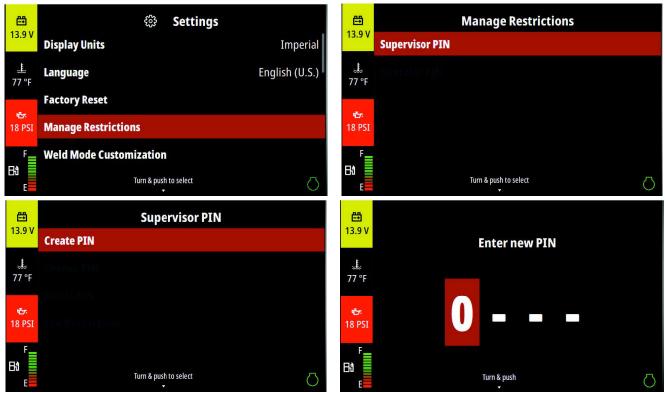
- Auto-Stop/Start Enable or Disable the Auto-Stop/Start Function <u>AUTO-STOP/START</u> on page B-15
 - Note: If Auto Stop/Start is Enabled, options will appear to set the No Load and Standby Periods
- Display Brightness Adjust the brightness of the display from 5-100%
- User Interface Timeout Adjust the time it takes the user interface to shutoff when inactive from 5-120 minutes.
- Diagnostics Information Find information about the machine Serial Number, Code Number, K Number, Engine Serial Number, and Machine Hours.
- Software Version Check the software version of the User Interface and the Chopper Control Boards
- Process Selection Assist When "Process Selection Assist" is activated and a CrossLinc device successfully connects to the machine, the weld mode will automatically adjust based on your connection polarity, <u>PROCESS SELECTION ASSIST</u> on page B-16

MANAGING RESTRICTIONS

Do not forget the PIN (Personal Identification Number)! The PIN may only be reset by a Lincoln authorized service shop.

MANAGING RESTRICTIONS - section of the settings menu may be used to restrict unauthorized access to the machine or operator access to the engine and settings menus. To enable restriction, first set a Supervisor PIN and then set an Operator PIN. Use the knob to select each digit and press to accept it. To go back to the previous digits use the back button.

SUPERVISOR SECURITY - When the Supervisor PIN is enabled, the ENGINE and SETTING SCREENS may be restricted.



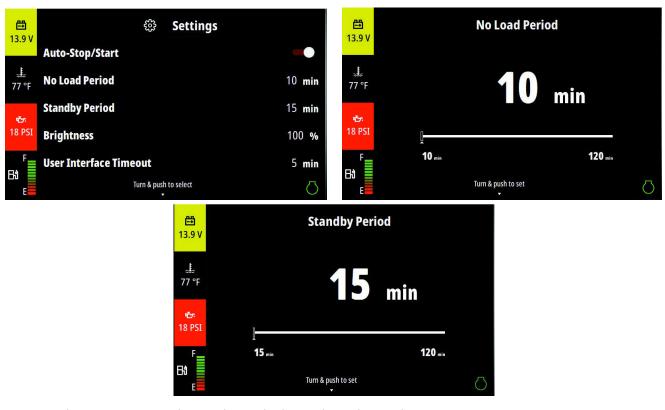
OPERATOR SECURITY - When the Operator PIN is enabled, the user interface will be locked and the generator output will be disabled until the proper PIN has been entered. A time delay may be entered that will allow the user interface to remain unlocked and the machine to be restarted throughout the day without needing to reenter the PIN.

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AUTO-STOP/START

Auto-Stop/Start is a feature that can help save significant fuel costs for users that do not weld continuously. When Auto- Stop/Start is enabled, the machine will automatically shut off the engine after a period of inactivity and remotely restart the engine when needed. To enable and use Auto-Stop/Start:

- 1. Enable Auto-Stop/Start in the Settings Menu.
- 2. Set the "No Load Period" (The period of time the engine will remain running without a load).
 - a. Choose from 5 to 120 minutes in the Settings Menu
- **3.** Set the "Standby Period" (The period of time the machine will allow a remote engine start before fully shutting down).
 - a. Choose from 10 to 120 minutes in the Settings Menu
- **4.** A countdown timer appears on the top of the user interface to indicate the remaining time until shutdown.



To restart the engine remotely, tap the stick electrode to the work piece:

STICK ELECTRODE

- **1.** Tap and hold a stick electrode to the work piece for 0.1 to 1 second. Ensure that the electrode makes good electrical contact to the plate.
- 2. Pull electrode away from work piece and allow the engine to come up to speed.

Note: Auto-Stop/Start will not work and will automatically be disabled if either the electrode is shorted to work when the engine shuts off or if welding electrode-negative polarity and the machine and the work piece share a common earth ground.

Additionally, the engine coolant temperature must be above 140° F (60°C) before the engine will shutdown if Auto- Stop/Start is enabled.

PROCESS SELECTION ASSIST

When "Process Selection Assist" is activated and a CrossLinc device successfully connects to the machine, the weld mode will automatically adjust based on the following configurations:

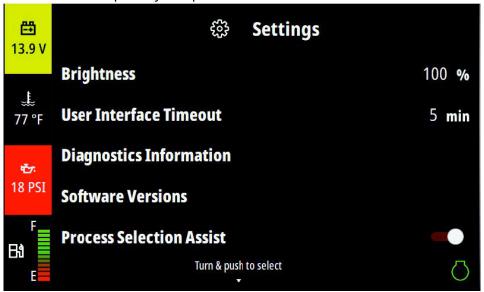
1. For LN-25X/Activ8X -

- a. DCEP (Direct Current Electrode Positive) Flux-Cored Gas-Shielded Wire (FCAW-G)
- b. DCEN (Direct Current Electrode Negative) Flux-Cored Self-Shielded Wire (FCAW-S)

2. For Crosslinc Remote -

- a. DCEP (Direct Current Electrode Positive) Stick (SMAW)
- b. DCEN (Direct Current Electrode Negative) TIG (GTAW)

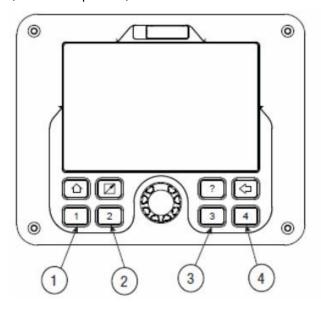
This automatic adjustment simplifies the welding process, ensuring optimal settings are applied based on the connected CrossLinc device's polarity setup.



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MEMORY MODE OPERATION

The machine features 4 global memories slots, which can be used to save and recall settings. The operator can use the MEMORY SETUP under the WELD MODE settings or the four buttons labelled 1 - 4 along the bottom of the user interface (See below picture).



To save a memory, hold the desired memory button until the screen indicates that the memory has been saved.

To recall a memory, press and release the desired memory button.

When a memory is selected, the corresponding memory LED will be lit. If any settings are changed, the LED will go out. The settings will revert to the saved values if the memory button is pressed again.

Note: Memory usage with remote – If a memory is saved with a remote control connected, the remote control must be connected for the memory to function.

PRODUCTIVITY METRICS



The Productivity Metrics screen provides information and statistics on how the machine is being utilized. Five statistics are monitored:

Arc Hours - Time spent using the machine for welding.

- Auxiliary Hours Time spent using the auxiliary power on the machine.
- **Utilization Percentage** Represents how efficiently the machine is being used. It shows the percentage of time the machine is being loaded with respect to the total hours on the machine.
- Standby Hours The number of hours the machine is in Standby Mode.
- **Fuel Saved w/ Auto-Start -** The number of US gallons of fuel saved from utilizing the Auto- Stop/Start feature.

Note: In order to reset any of these metrics, rotate the knob until the desired item is highlighted in red. Then, press and hold the knob on the selected parameter for 5 seconds.

CROSSLINC TECHNOLOGY

This FRONTIER 500X has been equipped with CrossLinc® Technology to provide voltage and amperage control at the arc without the need for additional cables. CrossLinc technology allows for remote control of the welding output using the weld cables rather than a separate cable when connected to a CrossLinc compatible wire feeder or remote control.

To start CrossLinc, simply connect a CrossLinc enabled accessory to the FRONTIER 500X using the standard weld power cable and attach the sense lead from the accessory to work piece. When weld output is ON, the CrossLinc accessory will automatically link to the FRONTIER 500X, and a CrossLinc indicator light will appear on both the accessory and the FRONTIER 500X to show active communication. No additional pairing of the machine to the device is needed.

When CrossLinc is active, the remote control is disabled and the CrossLinc device will set values remotely.

For Touch Start TIG applications, the FRONTIER 500X should be placed on HIGH idle to ensure the most robust CrossLinc connection.

CrossLinc technology uses a communication protocol coupled in the electrode and work cables. For best performance the total voltage drop in the welding loop should be kept under 10V. CrossLinc is not compatible with High Frequency TIG. If high frequency is in the area, the cables need to routed as far as possible from each other. Also, follow all high frequency best practices, including a driven earth ground.

DUTY CYCLE

Duty cycle is the percentage of time the load is being applied in a 10 minute period. For example, a 60% duty cycle represents 6 minutes of load and 4 minutes of no load in a 10 minute period.

Note: The duty cycles for the IEC rated output and max output are listed on the rating plate of the machine

PARALLELING

When paralleling machines in order to combine their outputs, all units must be operated in a constant current (CC) mode at the same output settings. To achieve this, select the STICK weld mode. Operation in other modes may produce erratic outputs, and large output imbalances between the units.

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ARC GOUGING MODE

For optimal performance when arc gouging, select the GOUGING weld mode and use the knob to adjust output current to the desired level for the gouging electrode being used according to the ratings in the table below.

For optimal performance when arc gouging, it is recommended to set the machine to HIGH IDLE.

Note: If desired the CV-WIRE mode can be used for arc gouging applications

CARBON ELECTRODE DIAMETER	CURRENT RANGE (DC, ELECTRODE POSITIVE)
1/8" (3.2 mm)	60 - 90 AMPS
5/32" (4.0 mm)	90 - 150 AMPS
3/16" (4.8 mm)	200 - 250 AMPS
1/4" (6.4 mm)	300 - 400 AMPS
5/16" (7.9 mm)	350 - 450 AMPS
3/8" (7.9 mm)	450 - 525 AMPS

Note: Maximum current setting is limited to 525 amps.

STICK (SMAW)

The FRONTIER 500X can be used with a broad range of DC stick electrodes.

The Stick (SMAW) weld mode is designed for horizontal, vertical up and over head welding with all types of stick electrodes, especially low hydrogen. Once the mode is selected, the output can be adjust by using the knob located on the user interface.

ARC FORCE sets the short circuit current during stick welding. Increasing the number from -10 (Soft) to +10 (Crisp) increases the short circuit current and prevents sticking of the electrode to the plate while welding. This can also increase splatter. It is recommended that the ARC FORCE be set to the minimum number without electrode sticking. Start with the knob set at 0.

TIG (GTAW)

The FRONTIER 500X can be used in a wide variety of DC TIG welding applications.

Once TIG (GTAW) mode is selected, the operator has the option to select TOUCH START TIG or SCRATCH START from within the weld settings.

If TOUCH START TIG is selected, to initiate a weld, set the output to the desired current and the tungsten is touched to the work. During the time the tungsten is touching the work, there is very little voltage or current and, in general, this avoids tungsten contamination. Then, the tungsten is gently lifted off the work in a rocking motion, which establishes the arc.

To stop the arc, simply lift the TIG torch away from the work piece. When the arc voltage reaches approximately 30 volts, the arc will go out and the machine will automatically reset to the touch start current level. The tungsten may then be retouched to the work piece to restrike the arc. The arc may also be started and stopped with an amptrol or arc start switch.

Note: While using TOUCH START TIG mode, it is important to use the proper welding cable size to ensure expected performance levels.

If SCRATCH START is selected, the operator can scratch the tungsten against the work to initiate the arc.

Further, the operator can activate pulsed TIG by adjusting the frequency from "OFF" to a value between 0.1-20 Hz will turn on pulse TIG. The frequency changes the number of pulses per second. Pulse TIG can help to minimize burn through on thin materials by reducing the heat input.

If FREQUNCY is ON, the PERCENT PEAK CURRENT setting appears and allows the operator to change percentage of time spent at the peak current vs the background current. The operator can set the value from 5% up to 95%, which affects the amount of heat input into the weld. The default setting is 50%.

FLUX - CORED SELF - SHIELDED WIRE (FCAW - S), SELF - SHIELD GAS - SHIELDED WIRE (FCAW - G), AND MIG (GMAW) MODES

Connect a wire feeder to the FRONTIER 500X and set welder controls according to the instructions listed earlier in this section. The FRONTIER 500X permits it to be used with a broad range of flux cored wire (Innershield ® and Outershield ®) electrodes and solid wires for GMAW (MIG) welding. The machine features welding modes precisely tuned for each welding process. Once the welding mode has been selected, the welding can be fine adjusted using the PINCH setting. Turning the PINCH setting clockwise from -10 (soft) to +10 (crisp) changes the arc from soft and washed-in to crisp and narrow. It acts as an inductance control. The proper setting depends on the procedure and operator preference. Start with the knob set at 0.

PIPE (SMAW) MODE

The Pipe (SMAW) weld mode is designed specifically for downhill pipe welding applications to provide superior welding performance for cellulosic and low-hydrogen stick electrodes. Operators can utilize $DigFX^{T}$ arc tuning controls to adjust for variabilities in the pipe and personal welding techniques.

Once the mode is selected, the output can be adjust by using the knob located on the user interface. DigFX[™] is used to adjust response time of the machine to provide optimal arc and puddle characteristics. This setting provides the user with the ability to fine-tune the machine to fit the electrode, material, joint fit -up and user technique. By changing the value towards -10 (Soft), the machine will create a softer welding arc with a more fluid puddle and less spatter, which is excellent for fill and cap passes as well as wide gaps. Meanwhile, by changing the value towards +10 (Stiff), the user will experience a stiffer welding arc with more drive and a narrow, fast-freezing puddle, which is excellent for root passes, especially with a tight or closed gap. The factory default setting is 0.

For best welding performance, the mode should be utilized with a 250 ft. (76.2 m) welding loop - 200 ft. (61.0 m) weld cable, 25 ft. (7.6 m) electrode holder, and 25 ft. (7.6 m) ground cable.

AUXILIARY POWER OPERATION

Start the engine and set the RUN / STOP / IDLE switch to the desired operating mode. Full power is available regardless of the welding control settings, if no welding current is being drawn.

The auxiliary power of the FRONTIER 500X consists of two 20 amp 120 VAC (5-20R) duplex receptacles with GFCI protection, one 50 amp 120/240 VAC single phase (14-50R) receptacle and one 50 amp 240 VAC three phase (15-50R) receptacle.

The auxiliary power capacity is 12,000 watts of 60 Hz, single phase power or 20,000 watts of 60 Hz, three phase power. The auxiliary power capacity rating in watts is equivalent to voltamperes at unity power factor. The maximum permissible current of the 240 VAC output is 50 A. The 240 VAC single phase output can be split to provide two separate 120 VAC outputs with a maximum permissible current of 50 A per output to two separate 120 VAC branch circuits. Output voltage is within ± 10% at all loads up to rated capacity.

Note: The two 120V GFCI receptacles and the two 120V circuits of the 120/240V receptacles are connected to different phases and cannot be paralleled.

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The auxiliary power receptacles should only be used with three wire grounded type plugs or approved double insulated tools with two wire plugs.

The current rating of any plug used with the system must be at least equal to the current capacity of the associated receptacle.

SPOOL GUN MODE

In the spool gun mode, the weld output is controlled by the trigger of the spool gun. The knob on the Frontier display sets voltage and rotating the knob on the spool gun will adjust the wire feed speed. Spool gun modes have the option of being "synergic", where the voltage is automatically adjusted based on the wire feed speed set on the spool gun. If desired, a remote can be plugged into a 12-pin to 6-pin adapter for setting the voltage away from the Frontier.

Note: The best spool gun operation is obtained with the Magnum Pro LX GT spool gun with mechanical gas flow trigger and Magnum PRO consumables. The standard Magnum PRO 250 LX gun is also supported but requires an external gas control. The Magnum SG spool gun and Magnum PRO 100 SG spool gun are not supported.

SYNERGIC CONTROL

The spool gun may be in either "normal" control or "synergic" control. Synergic mode automatically adjusts the voltage when the wire feed speed is changed. Synergic control is activated when using spool gun Ready.Set.Weld.

SPOOL GUN PULSE

Note: Spool Gun Pulse is only available when an aluminum wire is selected with the Ready.Set.Weld menu.

Activating Spool Gun Pulse toggles both the voltage and wire feed speed between a peak and a low level. It is useful for lower heat input welding and creating the appearance of "stacked dimes" in aluminum. To activate spool gun pulse, the Ready.Set.Weld entry must be set for an aluminum electrode. Press the knob for options when in the spool gun mode. Rotate the knob to choose "Pulse" and then press the knob. Adjust the pulse frequency from OFF to 2.5 Hz. The voltage and wire feed speed values represent peak values. The lower settings are automatically calculated based upon the Ready.Set.Weld entries.

SPOT TIME

Spot Time is useful for making multiple welds of a similar size. Popular applications are when welding on thin material to control heat input, and to make consistent sized tack welds. When spot time is enabled, welding continues for the period of time chosen, as long as the trigger is pulled. Welding stops when the time is exceeded, even if the trigger remains pulled. Release the trigger and pull again to make another weld.

- **1.** To activate spot time, press the knob for options when in the spool gun mode. Rotate the knob to choose "Spot Time" and then press the knob
- **2.** When the spot time screen appears, rotate the knob to change the time, and press the knob to select.

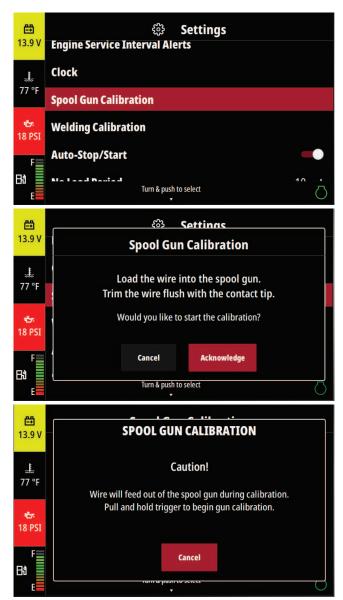
SPOOL GUN CALIBRATION

Spool gun calibration should be run when a new spool gun is attached to the FRONTIER 500X The calibration helps to compensate for differences between guns and will make the wire feed speed readings more accurate.

1. To calibrate spool gun start by going to "Spool Gun Calibration" in the Settings menu.

2. Load the desired wire into the spool gun. Feed wire out of gun and then trim it flush with the contact tip. Press the knob to continue.

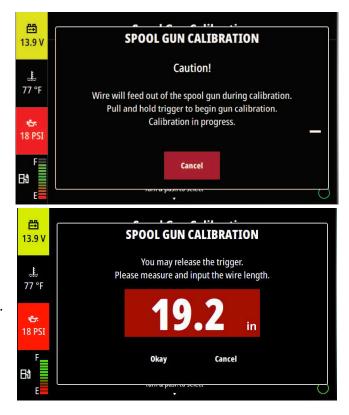
3. The calibration process will feed wire out of the spool gun for several seconds. Press the knob to start the wire feeding.



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4. The screen will display calibration in progress while wire is being fed.

5. Rotate the knob to adjust the value shown on the screen to match the actual measured length of wire. Press the knob to complete spool gun calibration.



CV-SAW

This weld mode is a constant voltage (CV) mode featuring continuous control from 10 to 45 volts. It is intended for the CVSAW submerged arc welding process.

- Hot Start Not used for this welding process.
- Arc Control Not used for this welding process.
- **Weld Terminals On/Remote** When set to the "ON" position, the weld terminals are at OCV (open circuit voltage) and ready to weld. This selection is used for across the arc wire feeders When set to the "Remote" position, output is enabled through a remote trigger.
- Amperage Meter This will display three dashed lines when the machine is in the idle state. This indicates that amperage is not settable in this weld mode. While output is enabled, the actual welding amperage will be displayed. After welding, the meter holds the actual amperage value for 5 seconds. Output adjustment while in the "hold" period results in the "prior to operation" characteristics stated above. The displays blink indicating that the machine is in the "hold" period.
- **Voltage Meter** This will display the pre-set welding voltage when the machine is in the idle state. After welding, the meter holds the actual voltage value for 5 seconds. Output adjustment while in the "hold" period results in the "prior to operation" characteristics stated above. The displays blink indicating that the machine is in the "hold" position.
- Output Control Local/Remote When the control is set to "local" (no remote potentiometer/control plugged into the 12 pin or 14 pin connectors), the output is controlled through the Output Control Dial on the front of the FRONTIER 500X. Set this setting to "Remote" when an external potentiometer/control is connected. Output Control Dial. When the Local/Remote is set to "local", this dial sets the welding voltage. When the Local/Remote is set to "Remote", this dial is disabled.

WELDING CALIBRATION

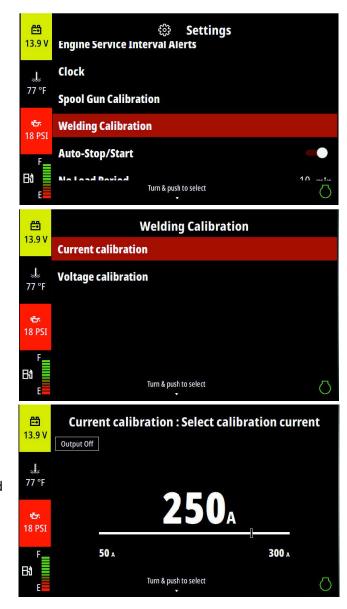
To calibrate your welding voltage and current you will need a grid load to simulate welding and a meter to measure both voltage and current.

CURRENT CALIBRATION

1. To start the calibration process go to "Welding Calibration" in the Settings menu.

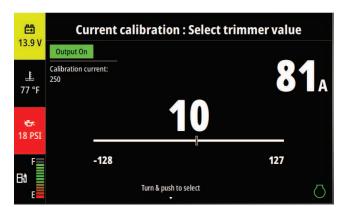
2. Select "Current Calibration".

3. Using the knob adjust your current to the desired value. This value should match your grid load setting. Press the knob to turn on your output.



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4. Using the knob adjust your trimmer value until your displayed and measured current match. Press the knob to accept the new value.





VOLTAGE CALIBRATION

1. To Calibrate Voltage select "Voltage Calibration".

Welding Calibration

Current calibration

Voltage calibration

Turn & push to select

Voltage calibration: Select calibration voltage

Output Off

13.9 V

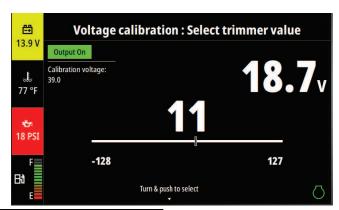
Output Off

15.77 °F

Turn & push to select

2. Using the knob adjust your voltage to the desired value. Press the knob to turn on your output.

3. Using the knob adjust your trimmer value until your displayed and measured voltage match. Press the knob to accept the new value.





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SIMULTANEOUS WELDING AND AUXILIARY POWER LOADS

The auxiliary power capacity previously stated is maintained without any welding load. If a welding load is present, the available auxiliary power will decrease.

Simultaneous welding and power loads are specified in table below. The permissible currents shown assume that current is being drawn from either the 120 VAC or 240 VAC supply (not both at the same time).

FRONTIER 500X KUBOTA SIMULTANEOUS WELDING AND POWER LOADS														
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250A /		12,000	50			12,	000	29			1	2,000		
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15	Conductor size is based on maximum 2.0% voltage drop.													
Conductor size is based on maximum 2.070 voltage drop.														

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ACCESSORIES AND OPTIONS

CROSSLINC ACCESSORIES

LN-25X

True Voltage Technology (TVT) is now included with LN-25X portable wire feeder. When used with a Crosslinc compatible power source, control cables are eliminated and voltage can be controlled right at the feeder. TVT compensates for the voltage drop when using long welding power cables.

Order: K4267-2

ACTIV8X

Rugged, light-weight, portable across-the-arc wire feeder that fits up to an 8" dia. spool. Includes Crosslinc and TVT capability to remotely set voltage from the feeder without a control cable and to ensure the set voltage regardless of power cable lengths.

Order: K3519-1

ACTIV8X Pipe

Ideal pipeline solution for GMAW and FCAW welding applications in a rugged and compact design. Features root-to-cap weld processes - including STT[®] and Pulsed MIG - specifically optimized for cross country pipe welding.

Order: K4717-1

CROSSLINC REMOTE

Utilized with CrossLinc compatible equipment to control output for CC-processes like stick or TIG welding. Remote control is added in-line with the welding power cable to allow for remote output control of the power source through the weld cable without additional control cables.

Order: K4345-1

GENERAL ACCESSORIES

MEDIUM TWO - WHEEL WELDER TRAILER

Two-wheeled trailer with a Duo-Hitch[™] (2" ball and lunette eye combination hitch) for heavy-duty road, off-road, plant, and yard use. For highway use, consult applicable federal, state, and local laws regarding possible additional requirements. Optional fender and light package available.

Order: K2636-1 Medium Trailer

K2640-2 Cable Rack K5278-1 Spare Tire Kit

K5279-1 Fire Extinguisher Bracket / Document Holder

FOUR - WHEELED STEERABLE TRAILER

Four - wheeled trailer with a standard Duo - Hitch[™](2" Ball and Lunette Eye combination hitch) for plant and yard towing. Includes 13" wheels and an automatically engaging drawbar lock.

Order: K2641-2

USER INTERFACE PROTECTIVE COVER

Installed over the UI to provide extra protection against accidental impacts while on the jobsite or transporting the machine.

Order: K5226-1

SPARK ARRESTOR KITS

If a spark arrestor is required, this kit can be installed in place of the exhaust outlet pipe.

Order: K5734-1

SERVICE KITS

KUBOTA® ENGINE SERVICE KIT

One easy-to-purchase kit including all the needed engine filters to maintain peak welder performance. Includes oil filter, primary and secondary air filters, fuel pre-filter, fuel filter, and water separator filter.

Order: K3599-6

REMOTE CONTROLS

REMOTE OUTPUT CONTROL

Portable control provides same dial range as the output control on the welder. The remote features a convenient 12-pin plug for easy connection to the welder.

Order: K857-2 25 ft (7.6 m)

K857-3 100 ft (30.4 m)

REMOTE OUTPUT CONTROL W / 120V RECEPTACLES

Portable control features a convenient 12-pin plug for easy connection to the welder. Includes a detachable control box that can be stowed in a truck or job box to deter job site theft. The control box has a 120V duplex receptacle to power lights, grinders, and other tools right at the arc.

Order: K5312-1 125 ft (38.1 m)

12-PIN TO 6-PIN ADAPTOR

Used to connect 6-pin remotes into the 12-pin connector on the front of the welder.

Order: K2909-1

WIRELESS REMOTE CONTROL

A field installed kit to allow operators to add a wireless remote to the machine to switch between welding processes, adjust welding parameters, recall saved memories, and start/stop the machine from a distance.

Order: K5265-1

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TIG ACCESSORIES

PRO-TORCH PTA-26 TIG TORCH

Air-cooled 200 amp torch (2 piece) equipped with valve for gas flow control with 25 ft. (7.6 m) of cable length. Expendables parts kit available.

Order: K1783-9 PTA-26 TIG Torch

KP509 Magnum Parts Kit for PTA-26 TIG Torch

FOOT AMPTROL

Remote output control foot pedal for TIG welding with a 25 ft. (7.6 m) cable featuring a 12-pin connector.

Order: K870-2

HAND AMPTROL

Remote output hand control for TIG welding with a 25 ft. (7.6 m) cable featuring a 12-pin connector. Includes hook and loop straps to secure torch. (One size fits all Pro-Torch TIG Torches.)

Order: K963-4

ARC START SWITCH

ON/OFF switch used for TIG welding when an Amptrol® is not used. Attaches to the TIG torch for convenient finger control - 25 ft. (7.6 m) of cable length.

Order: K814-2

WIRE FEEDERS AND GUNS

K126 PRO INNERSHIELD® GUN

Feature replaceable liners, interchangeable backend, long life Magnum[®] PRO contact tips, improved heat resistant gun tubes, and better trigger lead protection. For self shielded .062-5/64 in. (1.6-2.0 mm) wire with 15 ft. (4.5 m) cable. Includes K466-10 Connector Kit.

Order K126-12

MAGNUM PRO 250 LX GT W / 12M TO 7F ADAPTER

Magnum Pro 250 LX GT Spool gun with 25 ft. cable, mechanical gas valve, Magnum Pro Consumables. Must be used with 12M To 7F Adapter.

Order: K3569-2, K2910-1

CABLE ACCESSORIES

TWECO® ADAPTORS

Allows for quick cable changeovers on the jobsite.

Order:	K2487-1 K2946-1	Stud to Tweco Female Adapter - LENCO (CT - 40FS) Tweco Style Cam-Lock Adapter Plug for 2/0 (50 mm²) cable
	K3416-70	Tweco Style Plug (Male, 1/0 thru 2/0)
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	K3416-90	Tweco Style Plug (Male, 3/0 thru 4/0)
	K3417-70	Tweco Sytle Receptacle (Female, 1/0 thru 2/0)
	K3417-90	Tweco Style Receptacle (Female, 3/0 thru 4/0)

POWER SOURCES

SQUARE WAVE TIG 200

Portable TIG an stick welding machine that provides smooth and stable AC TIG welding on aluminum and DC TIG welding on steel, stainless steel and chrome- moly.

Order: K5126-1

POWERMIG 210MP

Multi-process welder with MIG, stick, TIG, and flux-cored welding. The push-and-turn digital controls and color display screen make setup and operation intuitive and easy, while the all-metal wire drive and sturdy sheet-metal construction make it rugged and ready for any job. Run off auxiliary power to provide an additional welding arc.

Order: K3963-1

TOMAHAWK 1000 PLASMA CUTTER

Cuts metal using the AC generator power from the engine-driven welder. Requires the T12153-10 Full-KVA Power Plug (NEMA 15-50P).

Order: K2808-1

INVERTEC V276

Proven, portable CC power source for Stick or TIG welding featuring digital weld meters. Runs off the auxiliary power to provide an additional welding arc.

Order: K4868-1

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MAINTENANCE

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

READ AND UNDERSTAND ENTIRE SECTION BEFORE OPERATING MACHINE.

MARNING



Have qualified personnel do all maintenance and troubleshooting work.

Turn the engine off before working inside the machine or servicing the engine.

Remove guards only when necessary to perform maintenance and replace them when the maintenance requiring their removal is complete. If guards are missing from the machine, obtain replacements from a Lincoln Distributor.

Always use the greatest care when working near moving parts.

Read the Safety Precautions in the front of this manual and in the Engine Owner's Manual before working on this machine.

Keep all equipment safety guards, covers, and devices in position and in good repair. Keep hands, hair, clothing, and tools away from belts, gears, fans, and all other moving parts when starting, operating, or repairing the equipment.

MARNING

HOT PARTS AND FLUID can burn or cause fire.



Do not touch hot parts with bare hands or allow hot fluid to contact skin.

Allow equipment to completely cool before servicing.

Handle hot parts using proper tools and wear heavy insulated welding gloves and clothing to prevent burns.

Do not place unit on, over, or near combustible surfaces.



Keep all Flammable material away from unit.

MARNING



Before carrying out service, maintenance and/or repair jobs, fully disconnect power to the machine.

MARNING



Use Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), including safety glasses, dust mask and gloves to avoid injury. This also applies to persons who enter the work area.

MARNING



MOVING PARTS can injure.

Do not operate with doors open or guards off. Stop engine before servicing. Keep away from moving parts.

MARNING



Have qualified personnel do all maintenance and troubleshooting work.

ROUTINE AND PERIODIC MAINTENANCE

The below list should be performed daily:

- Check the engine oil level.
- Refill the fuel tank to minimize moisture condensation in the tank.
- Open the water drain valve located on the bottom of the water separator element 1 or 2 turns and allow to drain into a container suitable for diesel fuel for 2 to 3 seconds. Repeat the above drainage procedure until diesel fuel is detected in the container.
- Clean interior of machine with a low pressure air stream. Make a thorough inspection of all components.
- Look for signs of overheating, broken leads, or other obvious problems. Many problems can be uncovered with a good visual inspection.

PERIODIC

Blow out the machine with low pressure air periodically. In particularly dirty locations, this may be required once a week.

BRUSH REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT

It is normal for the brushes and slip rings to wear and darken slightly. Inspect the brushes when a generator overhaul is necessary.

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WARNING



Do not attempt to polish slip rings while the engine is running.

ENGINE MAINTENANCE

Refer to the SERVICE PLAN section of the Engine Operator's Manual for the recommended maintenance schedule of the following:

- 1. Engine Oil and Filter
- **2.** Air Cleaner
- 3. Fuel Filter and Delivery System
- **4.** Alternator Belt
- **5.** Battery
- 6. Cooling System

KUBOTA V2403-CR- TE4BG 48.9 HP www.kubota.com			.9 H	Р	ENGINE SERVICE					
EVERY DAY OR EVERY HOURS	FIRST SERVICE 50 HOURS	EVERY 250 HOURS OR 6 MONTHS	EVERY 500 HOURS OR 12 MONTHS	EVERY 1000 HOURS OR ANNUALLY	ENGINE SERVICE (NOTE 2) MAINTENANCE ITEM	TYPE OR QUANTITY	ICONS			
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				R	COOLANT (NOTE 3)	9QT., 8.5L	***			
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С					DRAIN WATER SEPARATOR					
I			R		FUEL PRE-FILTER ELEMENT	KUBOTA #KEA15-52160				
			R		WATER SEPARATOR FILTER	KUBOTA #1E786-43060				
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					ENGINE SERVICE KIT	K3599-6	

I = INSPECT C = CLEAN R = REPLACE

Note:

- 1. Consult Engine Operators Manual for oil recommendations.
- 2. Consult Engine Operators Manual for additional maintenance schedule information.
- 3. Fill slowly! Ensure correct quantity is used.
- **4.** Engine Service Kit includes oil filter, primary and secondary air filters, fuel pre-filter, fuel filter, and water separator filter.
- 5. See Kubota Operation & Maintenance Manual for details.

Above operations to be carried out by trained personnel with reference to workshop manual where necessary.

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These preventative maintenance periods apply to average conditions of operation. If necessary use shorter periods.

WARRANTY WORK PERFORMED ON THE ENGINE CONTAINED IN THE MACHINE, IF NOT BILLABLE TO THE ENGINE MANUFACTURER, SHOULD BE PRE- APPROVED BY CALLING THE LINCOLN ELECTRIC COMPANY AT 888-935-3877

AIR FILTER

↑ WARNING



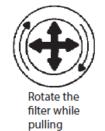
- Excessive air filter restriction will result in reduced engine life.
- Never use gasoline or low flash point solvents for cleaning the air cleaner element. A fire or explosion could result.
- Never run the engine without the air cleaner. Rapid engine wear will result from contaminants, such as dust and dirt being drawn into the engine.

The diesel engine is equipped with a dry type air filter. Never apply oil to it. Service the air cleaner per instructions on the AIR FILTER SERVICE INSTRUCTIONS.

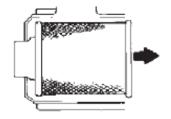
Replace the air filter element as needed per the service indicator. If no indicator is present, clean every 250 hours of operation or as needed, and replace after 6 cleanings, 1000 hours of operation, or annually. Under dusty conditions, replace sooner.

Single- and Two-Stage Engine Air Cleaners 1 REMOVE THE FILTER

Unfasten or unlatch the service cover. Because the filter fits tightly over the outlet tube to create the critical seal, there will be some initial resistance, similar to breaking the seal on a jar. Gently move the end of the filter back and forth to break the seal then rotate while pulling straight out. Avoid knocking the filter against the housing.



If your air cleaner has a safety filter, replace it every third primary filter change. Remove the safety filter as you would the primary filter. Make sure you cover the air cleaner outlet tube to avoid any unfiltered contaminant dropping into the engine.

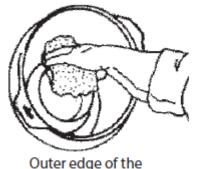


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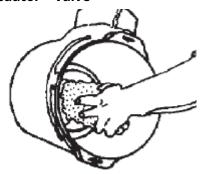
2 Clean Both Surfaces of the Outlet Tube and Check the Vacuator™ Valve

Use a clean cloth to wipe the filter sealing surface and the inside of the outlet tube. Contaminant on the sealing surface could hinder an effective seal and cause leakage. Make sure that all contaminant is removed before the new filter is inserted. Dirt accidentally transferred to the inside of the outlet tube will reach the engine and cause wear. Engine manufacturers say that it takes only a few grams of dirt to "dust" an engine! Be careful not to damage the sealing area on the tube.

2 Clean Both Surfaces of the Outlet Tube and Check the Vacuator™ Valve



Wipe both sides of the outlet tube clean.



Inner edge of the outlet tube

outlet tube

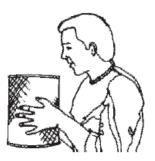
If your air cleaner is equipped with a Vacuator Valve

Visually check and physically squeeze to make sure the valve is flexible and not inverted, damaged or plugged.



3 Inspect the Old Filter for Leak Clues

Visually inspect the old filter for any signs of leaks. A streak of dust on the clean side of the filter is a telltale sign. Remove any cause of leaks before installing new filter.



4 Inspect the New Filter for Damage

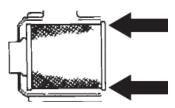
Inspect the new filter carefully, paying attention to the inside of the open end, which is the sealing area. NEVER install a damaged filter. A new Donaldson radial seal filter may have a dry lubricant on the seal to aid installation.



5 Insert the New Radial Seal Filter Properly

If you're servicing the safety filter, this should be seated into position before installing the primary filter.

Insert the new filter carefully. Seat the filter by hand, making certain it is completely into the air cleaner housing before securing the cover in place. The critical sealing area will stretch slightly, adjust itself and distribute the sealing pressure evenly. To complete a tight seal, apply pressure by hand at the outer rim of the filter, not the flexible center. (Avoid pushing on the center of the urethane end cap.) No cover pressure is required to hold the seal. NEVER use the service cover to push the filter into place! Using the cover to push the filter in could cause damage to the housing, cover fasteners and will void the warranty.



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5 Insert the New Radial Seal Filter Properly

If the service cover hits the filter before it is fully in place, remove the cover and push the filter (by hand) further into the air cleaner and try again. The cover should go on with no extra force.

Once the filter is in place, secure the service cover.

! CAUTION



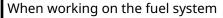
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6 Check Connectors for Tight Fit

Make sure that all mounting bands, clamps, bolts, and connections in the entire air cleaner system are tight. Check for holes in piping and repair if needed. Any leaks in your intake piping will send dust directly to the engine!

FUEL FILTERS

MARNING





Keep naked lights away, do not smoke! Do not spill fuel!

The FRONTIER 500X Kubota engine is equipped with a fuel pre-filter attached to the electric lift pump and both a water separator filter and a fuel filter after the lift pump and before the injectors. Open the drain valve on the bottom of the water separator filter and drain out any water daily. Close drain when diesel fuel starts to come out. If excessive water is in the fuel, the engine will not start. The procedure for changing the filters is as follows:

- **1.** Close the fuel shutoff valve.
- 2. Clean the area around the fuel filter head. Remove the filter. Clean the gasket surface of the filter head.
- 3. Fill the clean filter with clean fuel, and lubricate the gasket with clean lubricating oil.
- **4.** Install the filter as specified by the filter manufacturer.
- **5.** To replace fuel pre-filter, make sure the fuel shutoff valve is closed and remove the fuel line from the pre-filter at the lift pump. Unthread the pre-filter and replace with new one. Reattach the fuel line after installation.

MARNING



Mechanical over tightening will distort the threads, filter element seal or filter can.

COOLING SYSTEM

The cooling system of the engine needs to be checked and cleaned periodically. (Consult the Engine Owner's Manual for the proper procedures and frequency).

Coolant needs to be added at the radiator filer neck after removing cap when system is cool. Fill up to the tube of the radiator filer neck. Engine will not start if coolant level is too low.

The coolant system is equipped with an internal expansion tank located inside the top radiator tank. This allows for normal thermal expansion and contraction of the engine coolant.

CHECKING AND REPLACING COOLANT





HOT COOLANT can burn skin. Do not remove cap if radiator is hot.

Check the coolant level by observing the level in the radiator. Add 50/50 antifreeze / water solution if the level is low by removing the radiator cap and adding coolant into the radiator. Fill up to the tube in the radiator fill neck.

To drain the coolant, open the valve at the bottom of the radiator. Open the radiator cap to allow complete drainage. (Tighten the valve and refill with a 50/50 antifreeze / water solution.) Use an automotive grade (low silicate) ethylene glycol antifreeze. Squeeze upper and lower radiator hoses while filling to bleed air from system coolant. Replace and tighten the radiator cap.

Periodically remove the dirt from the radiator fins.

Periodically check the fan belt and radiator hoses. Replace if signs of deterioration are found.

A CAUTION



Always premix the antifreeze and clean tap water before adding to the radiator. It is very important that a precise 50/50 solution be used with this engine year round. This gives proper cooling during hot weather and freezing protection to -34° F (-37° C).

Cooling solution exceeding 50% ethylene glycol can result in engine overheating and damage to the engine. Coolant solution must be premixed before adding to radiator.

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BATTERY HANDLING

MARNING

GASES FROM BATTERY can explode.



Keep sparks, flame and cigarettes away from battery.

⚠ WARNING

To prevent EXPLOSION when:



INSTALLING A NEW BATTERY - disconnect negative cable from old battery first and connect to new battery last.

CONNECTING A BATTERY CHARGER - Remove battery from welder by disconnecting negative cable first, then positive cable and battery clamp. When reinstalling, connect negative cable last. Keep well ventilated.

USING A BOOSTER -connect positive lead to battery first then connect negative lead to engine foot.

MARNING

BATTERY ACID CAN BURN EYES AND SKIN.



Wear gloves and eye protection and be careful when working near battery. Follow instructions printed on battery.

PREVENTING ELECTRICAL DAMAGE

- **1.** When replacing, jumping, or otherwise connecting the battery to the battery cables, the proper polarity must be observed. Failure to observe the proper polarity could result in damage to the charging circuit. The positive (+) battery cable has a red terminal cover.
- **2.** If the battery requires charging from an external charger, disconnect the negative battery cable first then the positive battery cable before attaching the charger leads. Failure to do so can result in damage to the internal charger components. When reconnecting the cables, connect the positive cable first and then negative cable last.

PREVENTING BATTERY DISCHARGE -

Turn the RUN/STOP switch to stop when engine is not running.

PREVENTING BATTERY BUCKLING -

Tighten nuts on battery until snug.

CHARGING THE BATTERY -

When you charge, jump, replace, or otherwise connect battery cables to the battery, be sure the polarity is correct. Improper polarity can damage the charging circuit. The Frontier® 500X positive (+) battery terminal has a red terminal cover.

If you need to charge the battery with an external charger, disconnect the negative cable first, then the positive cable before you attach the charger leads. After the battery is charged, reconnect the positive battery cable first and the negative cable last. Failure to do so can result in damage to the internal charger components.

Follow the instructions of the battery charger manufacturer for proper charger settings and charging time.

ENGINE OIL CHANGE

Drain the engine oil while the engine is warm to assure rapid and complete draining. It is recommended that each time the oil is changed the oil filter be changed as well.

- Be sure the unit is off. Disconnect the negative battery cable to ensure safety.
- Locate oil drain hose in bottom of base and pull through the hole in the side of the base on the welder.
- The oil drain valve is located on the engine oil pan. Push valve in and twist counterclockwise. Drain the oil into a suitable container for disposal.
- Close the drain valve by pushing in and twisting clockwise.
- Re-fill the crankcase to the upper limit mark on the dipstick with the recommended oil. Replace and tighten the oil filter cap securely.
- Push oil drain hose back into unit, re-connect negative battery cable, and close doors and engine top cover before restarting unit. Wash your hands with soap and water after handling used motor oil. Please dispose of used motor oil in a manner that is compatible with the environment. We suggest you take it in a sealed container to your local service station or recycling center for reclamation. DO NOT throw it in the trash, pour it on the ground, or down a drain.

SAE 10W-30 oil that meets API class CK-4 is recommended for general, all temperature use, 5F to 104F (-15C to 40C).

See Engine Owner's Manual for more specific information on oil viscosity recommendations.

OIL FILTER CHANGE

- Drain the oil.
- Remove the oil filter with an oil filter wrench and drain the oil into a suitable container. Discard the used filter.

Note: Care should be taken during filter removal to not disrupt or damage in any way the fuel lines.

- Clean the filter mounting base and coat the gasket of the new filter with clean engine oil.
- Screw the new filter on by hand until the gasket contacts the seal surface. Tighten the filter an additional 34 of a turn by hand until tight. Do not tighten the filter with a wrench.
- Refill the crankcase with specified amount of the recommended engine oil. Reinstall the oil filter cap and tighten securely.
- Start the engine and check for oil filter leaks.
- Stop the engine and check the oil level. If necessary, add oil to the upper limit mark on the dipstick.

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TIGHTENING THE FAN BELT

If the fan belt is loose, the engine can overheat and the battery lose its charge. Check tightness by pressing on the belt midway between the pulleys. For tightness requirements, please refer to the Engine Owner's Manual.

NAMEPLATES / WARNING DECALS MAINTENANCE

Whenever routine maintenance is performed on this machine - or at least yearly - inspect all nameplates and labels for legibility. Replace those which are no longer clear. Refer to the parts list for the replacement item number.

GFCI MAINTENANCE





An electric shock can result in serious injury or death.

Always perform the GFCI test before using the generator. If the GFCI system fails the test, the machine must be repaired by an authorized service center.

If the GFCI fails to trip when the test button is pressed (Red "Status" light does not turn on) or fails to reset (Red "Status" light does not turn off or Red "Status" light is blinking) the device is inoperative and should be replaced immediately.

If the GFCI tests properly without any appliance connected to it but trips each time an appliance is connected to it, the appliance has a ground fault and needs to be repaired or replaced. DO NOT USE THE APPLIANCE IF THIS CONDITION OCCURS: A REAL SHOCK HAZARD MAY EXIST.

Due to the risk of power interruption, do not power life support equipment from this machine.

GFCI's do not protect against short circuits or overloads.

Unplug accessories and tools before attempting service.

Close the front service doors protecting the receptacles when operating the machine.

Do not test or reset the GFCI while at idle speed.

If the LED blinks, stop using the GFCI receptacle and have it replaced by an authorized service center.

Long extension cords or cords with poor insulation may allow enough leakage current to trip the GFCI.

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TROUBLESHOOTING

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HOW TO USE TROUBLESHOOTING GUIDE

MARNING



Service and Repair should only be performed by Lincoln Electric Factory Trained Personnel. Unauthorized repairs performed on this equipment may result in danger to the technician and machine operator and will invalidate your factory warranty. For your safety and to avoid Electrical Shock, please observe all safety notes and precautions detailed throughout this manual.

This Troubleshooting Guide is provided to help you locate and repair possible machine malfunctions. Simply follow the three-step procedure listed below.

- **1. LOCATE PROBLEM (SYMPTOM)-**Look under the column labeled "PROBLEM (SYMPTOMS)". This column describes possible symptoms that the machine may exhibit. Find the listing that best describes the symptom that the machine is exhibiting.
- **2. POSSIBLE CAUSE-** The second column labeled "POSSIBLE CAUSE" lists the obvious external possibilities that may contribute to the machine symptom.
- **3. RECOMMENDED COURSE OF ACTION-** This column provides a course of action for the Possible Cause, generally it states to contact your local Lincoln Authorized Field Service Facility.

If you do not understand or are unable to perform the Recommended Course of Action safely, contact your local Lincoln Authorized Field Service Facility.

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If for any reason you do not understand the test procedures or are unable to perform the tests/repairs safely, contact your Lincoln Authorized Service Facility for technical troubleshooting assistance before you proceed.

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ENGINE PROBLEMS

Observe all Safety Guidelines detailed throughout this manual

PROBLEM (SYMPTOMS)	POSSIBLE CAUSE	RECOMMENDED COURSE OF ACTION				
ENGINE PROBLEM						
Major Physical or Electrical Damage is Evident.	1. Contact your Local Lincoln Authorized Field Service Facility.	If all recommended possible areas of misadjustment have been checked and the problem persists, Contact your local Lincoln Authorized Field Service Facility.				
Engine will not crank	 Battery low. Check 15A Battery Circuit Breaker. Loose battery cable connections which may need Inspected, cleaned, or tightened. Faulty wiring in engine starting circuit. Faulty engine starter. Contact authorized local Engine Service Shop. Possible engine error. Contact authorized local Engine Service Shop. 	If all recommended possible areas of misadjustment have been checked and the problem persists, Contact your local Lincoln Authorized Field Service Facility.				
Engine will crank but not start.	 Out of fuel. Fuel shut off valve is in the off position make sure the valve lever is in the open position Fuel Filter or water separator element dirty/clogged. Possible engine error. Contact authorized local Engine Service Shop. 	If all recommended possible areas of misadjustment have been checked and the problem persists, Contact your local Lincoln Authorized Field Service Facility.				
Engine shuts down shortly after starting.	 Low oil pressure. Check oil level (Consult engine service dealer). High coolant temperature. Check engine cooling system. Check coolant level. Possible engine error. Contact authorized local Engine Service Shop. 	If all recommended possible areas of misadjustment have been checked and the problem persists, Contact your local Lincoln Authorized Field Service Facility.				

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PROBLEM (SYMPTOMS)	POSSIBLE CAUSE	RECOMMENDED COURSE OF ACTION
ENGINE PROBLEM		
Engine shuts down while under a load.	 High coolant temperature. Machine output limits exceeded. 	If all recommended possible areas of misadjustment have been checked and the problem persists, Contact your local Lincoln Authorized Field Service Facility.
Engine runs rough.	 Dirty fuel. Water in fuel. Air filter may need to be cleaned. 	If all recommended possible areas of misadjustment have been checked and the problem persists, Contact your local Lincoln Authorized Field Service Facility.
Engine will not shut off.	 Faulty Engine Control Switch. Faulty Main Relay. 	If all recommended possible areas of misadjustment have been checked and the problem persists, Contact your local Lincoln Authorized Field Service Facility.

FUNCTION PROBLEMS

Observe all Safety Guidelines detailed throughout this manual

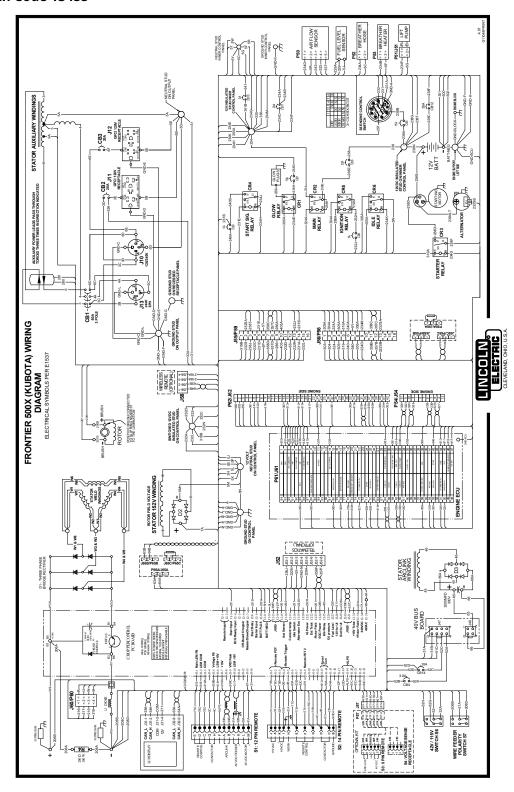
PROBLEMS (SYMPTOMS)	POSSIBLE CAUSE	RECOMMENDED COURSE OF ACTION
FUNCTION PROBLEMS		
Battery does not stay charged.	 Faulty battery. Faulty engine alternator. Loose or broken lead in charging circuit. Loose fan belt may need tightening. 	If all recommended possible areas of misadjustment have been checked and the problem persists, Contact your local Lincoln Authorized Field Service Facility.
Engine will not idle down to low speed.	 Engine Control switch in HIGH idle position, make sure switch is set to AUTO. Faulty Engine Control Switch. Faulty Idle Relay. 	If all recommended possible areas of misadjustment have been checked and the problem persists, Contact your local Lincoln Authorized Field Service Facility.
Engine will not go to high idle when attempting to weld.	 Poor work lead connection to work. Poor lead connections to machine. Welding output is OFF. (No open circuit voltage at output studs) Faulty Idle Relay. 	If all recommended possible areas of misadjustment have been checked and the problem persists, Contact your local Lincoln Authorized Field Service Facility.

PROBLEMS (SYMPTOMS)	POSSIBLE CAUSE	RECOMMENDED COURSE OF ACTION
FUNCTION PROBLEMS		
Engine will not go to high idle when using auxiliary power.	 Broken wire in auxiliary current sensor wiring. Auxiliary power load is less than 100W. Faulty Auxiliary Sense Toroid. Faulty Idle Relay. 	If all recommended possible areas of misadjustment have been checked and the problem persists, Contact your local Lincoln Authorized Field Service Facility.
Engine goes to low idle but does not stay at low idle.	 Faulty Idle Relay. Intermittent Auxiliary load Remote trigger input is present. 	If all recommended possible areas of misadjustment have been checked and the problem persists, Contact your local Lincoln Authorized Field Service Facility.
No welding output or auxiliary output.	 Broken lead in rotor circuit. Faulty field bridge diode. Faulty rotor. 	If all recommended possible areas of misadjustment have been checked and the problem persists, Contact your local Lincoln Authorized Field Service Facility.
Welder has some/ no output and no control. Auxiliary output OK	 Faulty remote kit. Faulty output control potentiometer. Faulty output control wiring. 	If all recommended possible areas of misadjustment have been checked and the problem persists, Contact your local Lincoln Authorized Field Service Facility.
No welding output. Auxiliary output OK.	1. Output terminals may be set to Remote in the settings.	If all recommended possible areas of misadjustment have been checked and the problem persists, Contact your local Lincoln Authorized Field Service Facility.
No auxiliary power.	 Open breakers may need to be reset. Faulty breaker(s) or receptacle. Faulty auxiliary circuit wiring. 	If all recommended possible areas of misadjustment have been checked and the problem persists, Contact your local Lincoln Authorized Field Service Facility.
User Interface keeps resetting.	 Cycle power. Hold the home key and remote key while cycling power to reset UI. 	If all recommended possible areas of misadjustment have been checked and the problem persists, Contact your local Lincoln Authorized Field Service Facility.

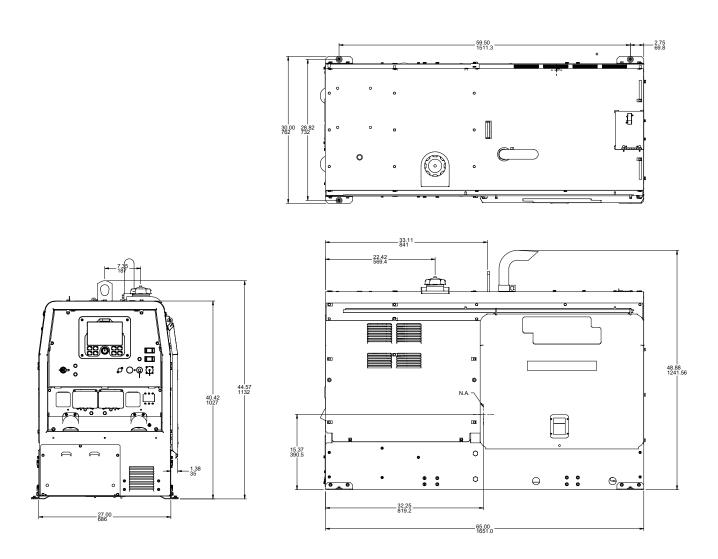
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WIRING DIAGRAM - G11048

For Use With Code 13455



DIMENSIONS - L19132

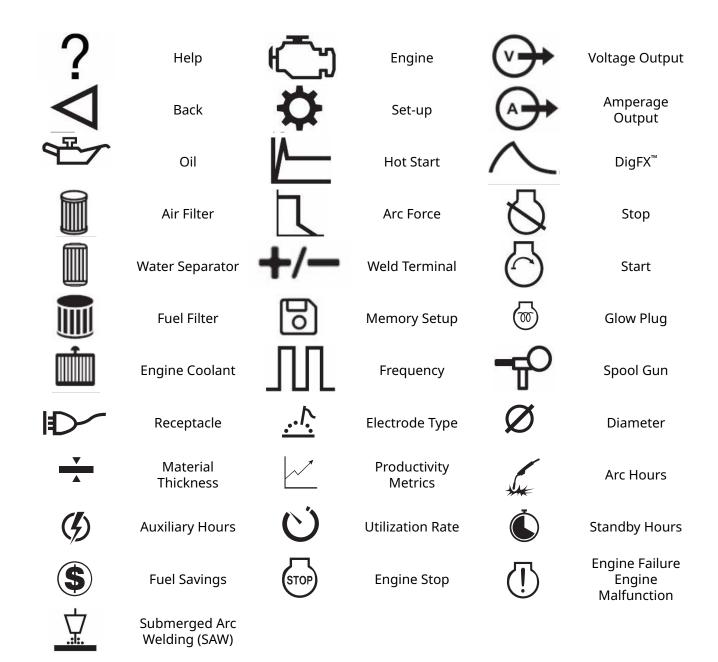


GRAPHIC SYMBOLS

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CUSTOMER ASSISTANCE POLICY

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WELD FUME CONTROL EQUIPMENT

The operation of welding fume control equipment is affected by various factors including proper use and positioning of the equipment, maintenance of the equipment and the specific welding procedure and application involved. Worker exposure level should be checked upon installation and periodically thereafter to be certain it is within applicable OSHA PEL and ACGIH TLV limits.

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