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Socket Fusion Tooling System

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Introduction

Thank you for choosing McElroy

The McElroy Socket Fusion Tooling System is designed for socket fusion on 1/2" CTS to 4" IPS pipe. All system components comply with ASTM standards.

With reasonable care and maintenance, these tools will give years of satisfactory service.

Before operating these tools, please read this manual thoroughly, and keep a copy with the tools for future reference. This manual is to be considered part of your Socket Fusion Tooling System.



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Safety Alerts



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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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



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Read and Understand

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

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

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

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



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General Safety

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

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

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

FEEL any changes in the way the equipment operates.

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

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



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Wear Safety Equipment

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

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



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A DANGER

Heater Is Not Explosion Proof

This heater is not explosion proof. Operation of heater in an explosive atmosphere without necessary safety precautions will result in serious injury or death.

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



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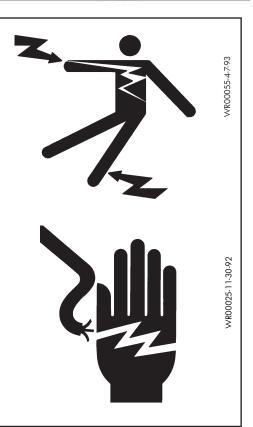
Electrical Safety

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

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

Do not carry electrical devices by the cord.

NOTICE: Disconnect the machine from the power source before attempting any maintenance or adjustment.



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Heater is Hot ACAUTION The heater is hot and will burn clothing and skin. Keep the heater in its insulated heater stand or blanket when not in use, and use care when heating the pipe. NOTICE: Use only a clean non-synthetic cloth such as a cotton cloth to clean the heater plates.

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Fusion Procedures

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

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

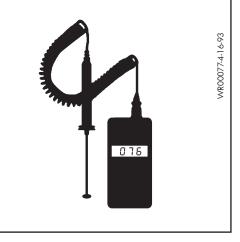
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Periodically Check Temperature

NOTICE: Incorrect heating temperature can result in bad fusion joints. Check heater plate surface temperature periodically with a properly calibrated pyrometer, and make necessary adjustments.

The thermometer on heaters indicates internal temperature, and should be used as a reference only.



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Overview

Theory of Heat Fusion

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

The principal operations include:

Clamping	The pipe and fitting must be held firmly to allow all subsequent operations to take place.
Cleaning	The area of pipe that the fitting will come in contact with must be cleaned.
Aligning	The fitting must be properly seated on the pipe for proper alignment.
Heating	A melt pattern must be formed that penetrates into the pipe and into the fitting.
Joining	The pipe and fitting must be joined and the pipe fully seated within the fitting.
Holding	The molten joint must be held immobile until adequately cooled.
Inspecting	Visually examine the entire circumference of the joint for compliance with standards established by your company, customer, industry, federal, state, or local regulations.



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Overview

Nomenclature

- Heater Sling
 Heater
 Cold Ring Clamp
 Heater Adapters
 Chamfer Tool/Depth Gauge
 Fitting Holder
 Heater Handle
- (8) Pipe Cutter
- Socket Fusion Toolbox



Operation

Prepare Pipe End

Cut off damaged or oval ends of pipe squarely with a pipe cutter. Place the chamfering tool on end of pipe and turn to cut off sharp edge on top end of pipe.

Remove shavings and burrs inside pipe end.



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Depth Gauge

The chamfering tool is also a depth gauge for measuring the length of pipe that will go into the fitting.

Place chamfering tool on end of pipe.

Place cold ring clamp on pipe at the bottom of the chamfering tool.

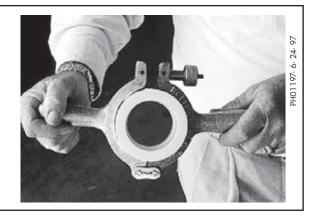
Remove chamfering tool.

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Secure 2" and Larger Fittings

Place fitting in socket fitting holder. Tighten socket fitting holder around fitting.





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Clean Fitting and Pipe

Fitting and pipe must be clean and dry. Use a clean cloth to wipe the mating surfaces.

NOTICE: Do not touch with hands.



Operation

Heater Is Not Explosion Proof

A DANGER

This heater is not explosion proof. Operation of heater in an explosive atmosphere without necessary safety precautions will result in serious injury or death.

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

Use a clean non-synthetic cloth to clean the heater adapter surfaces.



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Heater Temperature

The socket faces of the heater must be at the temperature specified by the pipe manufacturer.

Use a pyrometer to check the temperature on the socket faces.



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Heating The Pipe and Fitting

Firmly seat the socket fitting on the male adapter of the heater.

Place the female adapter of the heater over the end of the pipe, firmly against the cold ring clamp.

Heating time starts when the heater is bottomed out on the cold ring clamp.

Heat fitting and pipe for the pipe manufacturer's specified period of time.

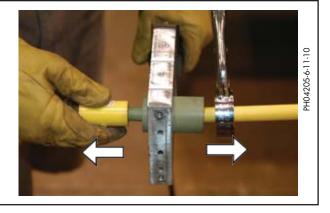
NOTICE: Do not twist fitting, pipe or heater



Operation

Remove Heater

Remove the pipe and the fitting from the heater.



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Inspect Melt

Quickly inspect the heated parts to make sure all surfaces have been melted properly.

If melt is not complete, cut off melted pipe end. Use a new fitting and repeat preparation and heating process.



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Fusion and Cooling

Within 3 seconds after the heater has been removed, firmly push the melted fitting squarely onto the pipe until it makes firm contact with the cold ring clamp.

NOTICE: Do not twist or rotate the fitting.

Hold the fitting firmly in place for the total cooling time specified by the pipe manufacturer to ensure proper alignment.

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Inspecting Fusion Joint

After completing the pipe manufacturer's specified cooling time, remove the cold ring clamp and the socket fitting holder.

Inspect the joint. A good joint will have a uniform melt ring that is flat against the socket fitting and perpendicular to the pipe.

There should be no gaps or voids between the fitting and the pipe.





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Maintenance

Installing Socket Fusion Heater Adapters

The heater body of this assembly is not coated. Coated heater adapters are available for all fusion applications.

Heater adapters are installed with Stainless Steel Cap Screws.

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

IMPORTANT: Do not over-tighten the bolts.

The surface of the heater adapters are coated with an anti-stick coating.

NOTICE: Only install heater adapters when the heater is cool.



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Adjusting Heater Temperature

Turn knob to desired temperature. Measure the heater surface temperature with a pyrometer. Any variance must be corrected to the pyrometer reading.

Loosen setscrew in the knob. Turn knob to point to the same temperature as the pyrometer. Tighten setscrew in the knob.

Turn knob to desired temperature. Allow heater to stabilize at the new temperature (5 to 10 minutes) after adjusting.

The thermometer on the heater body indicates internal temperature and should be used as a reference only. TX02009-3-13-02



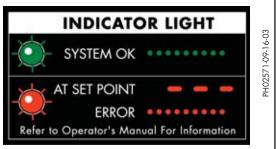
Heater Indicator Light

The heater has a green indicator light which will flash on and off. This indicates that the controller is operating normally. If the green indicator is not flashing then the controller may not be operating properly. If this occurs, disconnect power and have the heater repaired by an McElroy Authorized Service Center.

The heater has a red indicator light on the handle at the bottom of the temperature scale. When the heater is plugged in and preheating the red light glows steadily until the set temperature is reached. The red light then goes off and on as the heater maintains temperature.

If the heater is not operating properly, the control will attempt to turn the heater off and the red indicator light will flash rapidly. If this occurs, disconnect the power and take it to a McElroy Authorized Service Center for repair.





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Specifications

Specifications

The McElroy Socket Fusion Tooling System is designed for socket fusion on 1/2" CTS to 4" IPS pipe. All system components comply with ASTM standards.

Heaters:

- 2" Heater Power 100V 120V, 50/60Hz, 800 Watt, 1Ph
- 2" Heater Power 200V 240V, 50/60Hz, 800 Watt, 1Ph
- 4" Heater Power 100V 120V, 50/60Hz, 1200 Watt, 1Ph
- 4" Heater Power 200V 240V, 50/60Hz, 1200 Watt, 1Ph

Weight:

- 2" Heater: 6 lbs.
- 4" Heater: 7 lbs.

Toolbox Dimensions:

- Length: 24" Width: 10"
- Height: 9.5"

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