Safety Depends On You!

DO NOT INSTALL, OPERATE OR REPAIR THIS EQUIPMENT WITHOUT READING THIS OPERATING MANUAL AND THE ARC WELDING SAFETY PRECAUTIONS ON THE INSIDE FRONT COVER.

Bernard™ Guns are designed and built with safety in mind, but operators must follow prescribed safety guidelines.

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PipeWorx MIG Gun
Manufactured for Miller Global Pipe Systems

250 Amp
Part Number: 195399

300 Amp
Part Number: 195400
SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

1. Arc welding equipment uses electric energy to create molten bonded metal. Protect yourself and others from possible electric shock/electrocution with proper training and review of safety manuals.

2. Equipment improperly used can cause fatalities.
   2.1 Turn off any electrically powered equipment and powered support equipment when not in use. Accidental grounding or activation of equipment can cause circuit completion, electric shock, arc flash, fires, and burns.

3. Wear proper safety equipment and clothing. These surfaces are ‘live’ when system is in use.
   2.2.1 Typically ‘stick’ equipment is ‘live’ when equipment is on. Although modern MIG welding equipment disconnects power from the electrode when not in use, the potential for accidental triggering occurs. Treat all equipment with safety in mind.

2.3 Check for proper termination.
   2.3.1 Check for proper grounding and attachments.
   2.3.2 Check for proper service termination of input to National Electrical Codes and local codes with trained and certified electricians.
   2.3.3 Keep welding ground as close to workpiece as possible.
   2.3.4 Inspect gun, holders, cords, clamps, terminators, and cables for frayed wires, defects, and abrasion leading to short circuit conditions or current capacity reductions.
   2.3.5 Use proper ‘sized’ guns, cables, and connections for current being carried. Use of equipment with duty cycle less than expected can lead to premature component degradation and short circuiting.
   2.3.6 Never touch two or more electrically ‘live’ parts together including guns and holders. This compounds open circuit voltage and provides feedback circuits with potential of electrical shock.
   2.3.7 Isolate components in automated equipment if possible. Place warning labels on electrically ‘live’ parts where isolation is not possible.

3. Wear proper safety equipment and clothing.
   3.1 Wear proper safety glasses or eye protection should arcing occur.

4. Disconnect power when making any service connections of equipment. ‘Lock Out, Tag Out’ all circuits and feeds.

5. Falls can be dangerous.
   5.1 Keep work area clear as not to trip or fall into open circuits, causing shock.
   5.2 When working at levels above ground, protect yourself from shock-causing falls.

1. Where compressed gases are to be used at the job site, special precautions should be used to prevent hazardous situations.

2. Always secure cylinders in an upright position to a fixed support so that they cannot be knocked over. Valve protection caps should always be in place except when cylinder is in use.

3. Locate cylinders clear of areas where they may be struck and safe distance from welding or any other source of heat, sparks, or flame.

4. Cylinders must be handled carefully to prevent damage to their walls, valves, or safety devices. Never lift cylinders by valves or caps.

5. Keep your head and face away from cylinder valve outlet regulator when opening cylinder valves.

6. All regulators, hoses, fittings, etc. should be properly maintained and in good condition as per the manufacturer’s recommendations. Faulty equipment should be replaced immediately.

7. Never strike an arc on a cylinder or allow any other electrically ‘live’ parts to come in contact with a cylinder. This can cause a violent rupture or lead to a rupture during handling.

1. The welding area.
   1.1 Remove all fire hazards from the work area. If this is not possible, move work to a hazard-free area or cover all combustibles with a fire-resistant cover. Bear in mind that hot material and sparks from the welding process easily go through small cracks and openings into adjacent areas.

   1.2 Do not weld in areas which have a flammable atmosphere containing explosive gases or vapors. Avoid paint booths, solvent cleaning tanks, ventilators, and storage areas which contain grain or wood dust.

   1.3 After welding, turn off all equipment or place gun in a safe location in which no part of the electrode circuit is contacting the workpiece or ground. Accidental engagement could create a fire hazard.

   1.4 Keep all equipment clean, free of oil and grease.

   1.5 Keep the appropriate fire extinguishing equipment in weld area.

   1.6 A fire watcher must be present with the appropriate fire extinguishing equipment and until the area is deemed safe after welding if the following conditions exist:

   1.6.1 Combustibles are within the work area.

   1.6.2 Combustibles which can be ignited by sparks are near the work area.

   1.6.3 Openings in the floors, dividers, and walls may expose combustibles to weld sparks.

   1.6.4 Combustibles are adjacent to floors, dividers, or walls that could be ignited by radiant or conductive heat.

   1.7 After welding has been completed make sure the area is free of glowing embers, sparks, and any flames.

2. Equipment.
   2.1 See ‘CYLINDERS MAY EXPLODE’ section, #2 and #3.

   2.2 Periodically check all shielding gas line connections for leaks. Also check the condition of all hoses.

   2.3 Keep all protective clothing free of oil and grease.

   2.4 Flammable hair preparations should not be used.

   2.5 When working with gas-powered equipment, these precautions should be followed:

   2.5.1 Turn off engine and allow to cool before refueling.

   2.5.2 Carefully refill equipment to prevent spillage. Wipe up all spilled fuel and do not restart engine until fumes have been eliminated.

   2.5.3 Never add fuel near an open flame, when engine is running, or while arc welding.

   2.5.4 Do not overfill fuel tank, heat may expand the fuel causing it to overflow and ignite.
1. Illness or death can result from breathing fumes, gases, or oxygen enrichment or depletion that welding may produce.
2. Provide proper ventilation to avoid breathing fumes and gases produced by welding. It may be necessary to supply fresh air to the welder with an air-supplied respirator or other means when working in a confined space.
3. The three major toxic gases associated with GMAW are ozone, nitrogen dioxide, and carbon monoxide.
4. Do not weld near degreasing or other cleaning operations involving chlorinated hydrocarbons. Heat and arc rays can react with solvent vapors and form phosgene, a highly toxic gas, along with other irritating products.
5. Shielding gases can displace air. Use special care to insure that breathing air is safe when welding in confined area. Upon entering a confined space, check the breathing air to make sure it is safe. Check gas connections for leaks after installation and regularly thereafter.
6. If welding causes dizziness, nausea, or respiratory irritation, ventilation is inadequate.
7. Operate engine-powered equipment in open, well-ventilated areas or exhaust the engine’s fumes outdoors. Never ventilate with oxygen.
8. Read and understand the manufacturer’s instructions for this equipment and other welding equipment. This includes the Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) and your employer’s safety practices.

**WARNING**

Some probability of death or serious injury

1. Keep clothing, tools, hands, fingers, or any other part of your body away from moving parts of the machine such as v-belts, gears, and fans.
2. Never operate any equipment without safety guards.

**CAUTION**

Minor personal injury or damage to equipment

1. Hot metal such as electrode stubs and workpieces should never be handled.
   1.1 Serious burns and injury can occur from accidental contact with hot materials.
   1.2 Wear protective clothing to prevent burns to exposed skin.
      1.2.1 Wear insulated gloves.
      1.2.2 Wear clothing that resists heat penetration and ignition.
   1.3 Assume that all metal pieces in the weld area are hot.
2. If touching, always test any metal and discarded electrodes for heat. Do not assume any material in the welding area is cool to touch.
3. Mark welded work HOT or place small pieces in marked container.

**NOTICE**

For most efficient operation

1. Material Safety Data Sheets are designed to help you understand how to safely work with chemicals and materials in your work area.
   1.1 Follow data sheet instructions for proper ventilation or respiration.
   1.2 Follow proper first aid treatment should accidents occur.
   1.3 Keep proper fire extinguishing equipment as denoted on data sheet.
   1.4 Do not exceed exposure limits.
   1.5 Dispose of material properly.
2. Read and understand data sheets regarding the hazards associated with the use of chemicals and materials.

**SAFETY REFERENCES**

AWS Z49.1 (ANSI) “Safety in Welding and Cutting”
AWS C5.6 (ANSI) “Recommended Safe Practices for Gas-Metal Arc Welding”
AWS F4.1 (ANSI) “Recommended Safe Practices for the Preparation for Welding and Cutting of Containers and Piping”
AWS C5.1 “Recommended Practices for Plasma Arc Welding”
AWS C5.3 “Recommended Practices for Air Carbon Arc Gouging and Cutting”
ANSI Z41 “Standard for Personal Protection - Protective Footwear”
ANSI Z49.1 “Safety in Welding and Cutting”
ANSI Z87.1 “Practice for Occupational and Educational Eye and Face Protection”
ANSI Z88.2 “Standard Practice for Respiratory Protection”

Code of Federal Regulations (OSHA)
Section 29, Parts 1900-1910.999 and 1910.1000-
Available from the U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402
CSA W117.2 “Safety in Welding, Cutting, and Allied Processes”
Available from the Canadian Standards Association, 178 Rexdale Blvd., Rexdale, Ontario, Canada M9W 1R3
CGA Pub. P-1 “Safe Handling of Compressed Gas in Containers”
Available from the Compressed Gas Association, 1725 Rexdale Blvd., Rexdale, Ontario, Canada M9W 1R3
NFPA51B “Fire Prevention in Cutting and Welding Processes”
NFPA70 “National Electrical Code”
Available from the National Fire Protection Association, Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02269
SAFETY PRECAUTIONS CONTINUED...

EMF Information
Considerations About Welding And The Effects Of Low Frequency Electric And Magnetic Fields
Welding Current, as it flows through welding cables, will cause electronic magnetic fields. There has been and still is some concern about such fields. However, after examining more than 500 studies spanning 17 years of research, a special blue ribbon committee of the National Research Council concluded that: “The body of evidence, in the committee’s judgment, has not demonstrated that exposure to power frequency electric and magnetic fields is a human-health hazard.” However, studies are still going forth and evidence continues to be examined. Until the final conclusions of the research are reached, you may wish to minimize your exposure to electromagnetic fields when welding or cutting.

To reduce magnetic fields in the workplace, use the following procedures:
1. Keep cables close together by twisting or taping them.
2. Arrange cables to one side and away from the operator.
3. Do not coil or drape cables around your body.

Introduction
Thank you for choosing Bernard. The product you have purchased has been carefully assembled and factory tested prior to shipment. Should you experience problems with installation or performance, please refer to the “Troubleshooting Guide” in this manual.

Before installing, compare the equipment received against the invoice to verify that the shipment is complete and undamaged. It is the responsibility of the purchaser to file all claims of damage or loss that may have occurred during transit with the carrier.

The manual contains general information on the operation of this Bernard product. Before installing or operating any equipment, read and understand the information and safety precautions presented in this manual. Also, note the various data plates, labels, and tags attached to the product.

While every precaution has been taken to assure the accuracy of this manual, Bernard assumes no responsibility for errors or omissions. Bernard assumes no liability for damages resulting from the use of the information contained herein. Bernard shall have no liability to the buyer for consequential damages or be liable to the in tort for any negligent manufacture of the goods or for the omissions of any warning therefrom.

Part I General Description
The Bernard PipeWorx MIG Gun is designed primarily for processing mild steel electrode under GMAW (Gas Metal Arc Welding), MIG (Metal Inert Gas), MAG (Metal Active Gas), FCAW (Flux Cored Arc Welding), and MOG (Metal without Gas).

The PipeWorx MIG Gun provides rapid neck interchangeability, typically during production processes. Neck may also be positioned on line within a 360 degree rotation. This position allows for movements between standard horizontal welding, overhead, and hard-to-reach side angles. The neck includes an optional jump liner system that effectively reduces costs associated with one-piece liner systems. Bernard is concerned about your higher productivity.

The PipeWorx MIG Gun meets or exceeds NEMA (National Electrical Manufacturer’s Association) EW3 requirements for guns used in a wide variety of applications including aluminum, silicone bronze, and hard facing alloys to name a few. With Bernard’s flexibility, many applications can be accommodated with field installed options increasing performance and maneuverability.

Commercial Warranty
Product is warranted to be free from defects in material and workmanship for 1 year after the sale by an authorized Buyer. Straight handles, straight handle switches and straight rear strain reliefs are covered by a lifetime warranty.

Bernard reserves the right to repair, replace or refund the purchase price of non-conforming product. Product found not defective will be returned to the Buyer after notification by Customer Service.

Bernard makes no other warranty of any kind, expressed or implied, including, but not limited to the warranties of merchantability or fitness for any purpose. Bernard shall not be liable under any circumstances to Buyer, or to any person who shall purchase from Buyer, for damages of any kind. Including, but not limited to any, direct, indirect incidental or consequential damages or loss of production or loss of profits resulting from any cause whatsoever, including, but not limited to, any delay, act, error or omission of Bernard.

Genuine Bernard parts must be used for safety and performance reasons or the warranty becomes invalid. Warranty shall not apply if accident, abuse, or misuse damages a product, or if a product is modified in any way except by authorized Bernard personnel.

California Proposition 65 Warning
Welding or cutting equipment produces fumes or gases which contain chemicals known to the State of California to cause birth defects and in some cases, cancer. (California Health and Safety Code Section 25249.5 et seq.) This product contains chemicals, including lead, known to the state of California to cause cancer, and birth defects or other reproductive harm. Wash hands after use.

About Pacemakers:
Pacemaker wearers consult your doctor first. If cleared by your doctor, them following the above procedures is recommended.
Part II  Installation

1. Your gun has been shipped with a specific feeder connector, neck, and sized for electrode as per the part number indicated on its package. Please inspect the received gun against this part number for accuracy.
2. Turn off power prior to any installation.
3. Fully extend gun and cable. Press liner fully into power pin.
4. Safely expose approximately 2” (51 mm) of electrode beyond feeder or adaptor block.

5. **Power Pin**
   Connect the power pin of the direct plug gun by sliding the electrode into the liner and the power fitting into the drive housing of the feeder. Fully seat the unit in position and tighten into place as designated in the manufacturer's instructions. On initial installations, a thin film of silicone lubricant will aid installation and prevent o-ring damage.
   Attach control lead wires to the appropriate plug, terminals, or lead kit. Plug or wire into the control circuit of the feeder as designated in manufacturer’s instructions.
   If a gas hose is provided, connect to the feeder’s solenoid circuit to deliver shielding gas to the arc. If no gas hose is provided, gas is delivered through the power pin. Refer to the manufacturer’s instructions for proper gas connection at the feeder block or solenoid.
6. Remove nozzle from head assembly.
7. Pull contact tip from head/gas diffuser. An unobstructed electrode path has now been established.
8. Safely feed electrode through the gun and approximately 1” (25 mm) beyond head/gas diffuser.
9. Reinstall the contact tip over the electrode and lock into position by reinstalling the nozzle.

Welding current and duty cycle shall not exceed published specification of this product. If such conditions exist, product life and performance will be reduced.

Part III  Helpful Operating Tips

Nozzles:

1. If anti-spatter is used, do not coat nozzle insulator as this may degrade insulating material.
2. Nozzle should be cleaned as often as possible. Spatter buildup can often lead to poor gas shielding or short circuiting between the contact tip and the nozzle.
3. Spatter should be removed with the proper tools designed for spatter removal.
4. In high temperature welding applications, heavy duty consumables are recommended.

Contact Tips, Gas Diffusers:

1. Contact tips may be removed and rotated in gas diffuser, providing an additional wear surface and extending the service life of the product.
2. Inspect nozzle for spatter adhesion, blocked gas ports, and carburized contact surfaces. Clean as often as possible.
3. If anti-spatter is used, periodically check gas ports for blockage.
4. When using dual shield electrode, periodically check gas ports in gas diffuser for clogging caused by flux from within the electrode.

Cable:

1. Periodically check torques of neck and end fittings. Loose fittings can cause overheating and premature failure of the gun.
2. Sharp bends and loops in the cable should be avoided. Often the best solution is to suspend the wire feeder from a boom or trolley, thus eliminating a large number of bends and keeping the cable clear of hot weldments.
3. Do not immerse liner into solvents for cleaning; the liner may be periodically blown out with compressed air.
4. Avoid rough surfaces and sharp edges that can cause tears and nicks in cable jacket which can cause premature failure.
5. Periodically check all cables and ground connections.
6. Use anti-seize on all threaded connections.
Feeder:
1. Check drive rolls for wear; be sure drive rolls and guide tubes are clean and free of debris. Do not overtighten drive rolls; set as per manufacturer’s specifications.
2. Use clean, non-corroded electrode.
3. When installing or replacing electrode, you may: remove burrs from end of electrode, remove head/gas diffuser and contact tip, and/or straighten the first few inches of electrode.

End User Stocking Recommendations:
Nozzles............................... 5 for every 1 gun in service
Contact Tips......................... 30 for every 1 gun in service
Gas Diffusers ...................... 4 for every 1 gun in service
Triggers.............................. 1 for every 10 guns in service
Necks................................ 1 for every 20 guns in service
Handle Kits.......................... 1 for every 20 guns in service
Replacement Cables..............1 for every 20 guns in service
Strain Relief Kits.................. 1 for every 20 guns in service
Adaptor Kits......................... Order as Necessary
Power Pin Kits ..................... Order as Necessary

These stocking recommendations are only initial guidelines based on an 80 hour work period. You should work closely with your distributor to tailor a stocking program that suits your specific needs. Results will vary.

Part IV  Maintenance and Repair
See pages 6 and 7 for parts lists

CAUTION
Disconnect gun from equipment, allow to cool, and remove electrode from liner before servicing.

Section 1. Nozzle
A. Removal
Threaded fit nozzle can be removed by turning in a counterclockwise direction.

B. Service
Inspect nozzle for cracks and degradation of insulation. Clean the nozzle as often as possible to prevent spatter build-up which can lead to poor gas shielding or short circuiting. Replace the nozzle when loose, worn, or producing erratic gas shield.

C. Installation
Replace threaded fit nozzle by threading in a clockwise direction. Nozzle body is used to secure contact tip.

Section 2. Contact Tip
Bernard has designed Centerfire™ Contact Tips to allow rapid installation and adjustment.

A. Removal
Cut electrode and remove all burrs. Remove threaded fit nozzle by turning in a counterclockwise direction. Pull the Centerfire Contact Tip from gas diffuser.

B. Service
To extend contact tip life, reface front of contact tip and clean the bore. Contact tips may be rotated in gas diffuser/head socket providing additional wear surface and extending the service life of the product.

C. Installation
Replacement is accomplished by cutting electrode and removing all burrs. Slide contact tip over electrode into gas diffuser and replace threaded fit nozzle by threading in a clockwise direction. Nozzle body is used to secure contact tip.

Section 3. Gas Diffuser

A. Removal
The head may be removed with an appropriate wrench in a counterclockwise rotation.

B. Service
Inspect head for spatter, blocked gas ports, and carburized surfaces. Clean as often as possible. Replace with new gas diffuser when wear prevents engagement of contact tip or nozzle.

C. Installation
Firmly secure gas diffuser with an appropriate wrench in a clockwise rotation, torque to 144 in-lbs. Be sure insulator cap is in place as shown in figure #1.

Section 4. Neck

A. Removal
Grasp lock nut and rotate counterclockwise, rotation will free neck from end fitting.

B. Installation
Before installing, inspect neck and end fitting for debris, clean if necessary. Install neck in reverse order, torque to 38 in-lbs. NOTE: Refer to Jump Liner literature for liner cut off sizes (if used).
Part IV  Maintenance and Repair (cont.)

Section 5. Jump liner (Optional)

A. Removal
Remove nozzle, gas diffuser and neck. Remove used jump liner from the back end of neck.

B. Service
Inspect for excessive wear and debris on the inside diameter. Do not dip jump liner in solvents for cleaning. Jump liners may be periodically blown out with shop air. Replace with new jump liner when excessive wear or debris produces poor electrode feed.

C. Installation
Insert jump liner making sure the liner stop is fully seated at the back of the neck. Take the tapered end of the neck and insert into end fitting of the gun handle. Install the neck. Trim and deburr the liner past the nozzle end of the neck. Install gas diffuser and nozzle.

Section 6. Handle

A. Removal
Remove screws, post fasteners. Separate and remove handle halves.

B. Service
Inspect for cracks, deformation of hex areas, debris, holes, loose or missing threaded inserts, excessive wear, exterior heat deformation, and warpage. If any of the above conditions exist, replace with new handle or clean all surfaces with mild detergent and reinstall. Test switch for continuity. Clean any debris from trigger, if necessary, replace with new trigger handle assembly.

C. Installation
Position cable in handle half. Pressing lead wire terminal fully into terminals of switch. Position remaining handle half so leads are not pinched and movement of the trigger is not impaired. Post fasteners, and screws; torque to 10 in-lbs (1.1 Nm)

Section 7. Cable

A. Inspection
Replace the cable assembly if the following conditions are evident on the exterior of the cable: cuts and/or abrasions in cable jacketing exposing copper stranding, abrupt kinking of cable causing abnormal heating in area of bend, loss of control circuit function as verified through continuity tests, slippage of insulating jacket exposing copper stranding, or crushed cable.

B. Replacement
Using a replacement cable, install the terminated cable end to the adapter block. It will be necessary to install or confirm that the flexible strain relief and cap is in place before preparation (See Figure 3).

FIGURE #3

Torque the end fitting into the adapter block to 17 ft-lbs (23 Nm). Strip the appropriate control leads 1/4” (6.4 mm) and crimp to appropriate butt connections of trigger leads. Finalize installation.

C. Repair
There is no authorized repair of welding cable due to product liability. Control leads may be repaired by splicing high temperature 18 AWG lead wire with nylon coated butt connectors, or spare leads can be used.

Section 8. Liners

A. Removal
Remove nozzle and gas diffuser

Guns with jump liner: Remove neck. Lay cable straight. Grasp liner lock which protrudes from power pin (some direct plugs may require removal of additional components to access the liner lock) and remove from cable assembly.

B. Service
Inspect for excessive wear and debris on the inside diameter. Do not dip liner in solvents for cleaning. Liner may be periodically blown out with shop air. Replace with new liner when excessive wear or debris produces poor electrode feed.
Part IV  Maintenance and Repair (cont.)

C. Installation

Insert liner into power pin with cable laying straight. Continue until liner lock is fully seated into power pin. A twisting motion may be necessary to seat o-ring (some direct plugs may require installation of additional components to secure liner).

Making sure cable is straight, trim and deburr liner beyond end of neck to 9/16” (14.3 mm)

When using Jump Liner: Trim and deburr liner with 1/4” (6.4 mm) extending beyond the gun handle. Install neck.

Install gas diffuser and nozzle.

Section 9. Rigid Strain Relief

A. Removal

Using a counterclockwise motion, unseat cap and sleeve assembly from rigid strain relief. Remove screw securing strain relief to adapter block.

B. Service

Inspect all components for cracks, debris, excessive wear and breakage. Replace with new components if safety or performance of product is compromised.

C. Installation

Align flats in rigid strain relief with flats on adapter block. Slide strain relief onto adapter block and install screw. Torque screw to 12 in-lbs (1.4 Nm). Using the arrows on the cap to align with mating grooves, slide the cap and sleeve assembly toward the rigid strain relief until seated, and turn clockwise until engaging snap is felt.

B. Service

Test lead wires for continuity when trigger is engaged. Lubricate o-rings with silicone lubricant. Inspect all components for cracks, debris, excessive wear, and breakage. Replace with new components if safety or performance of product is compromised.

C. Installation

Assemble power pin onto adapter block in a clockwise rotation using appropriate wrenches. Torque to 13 ft-lbs (17.6 Nm)

Install liner. Install power pin tip and tighten to retain liner assembly (See Figure 3).
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2. Improper contact tip installation.  
3. Improper shielding.  
4. Contaminated wire or work piece. | 1. Adjust parameters.  
2. Adjust nozzle/contact tip relationship.  
3. Verify shielding gas coverage.  
4. Clean wire and work piece. |
| 8. Porosity in weld. | 1. Insulator worn.  
2. Gas diffuser damaged.  
3. Extreme heat or duty cycle.  
4. Solenoid faulty.  
5. No gas.  
8. Ruptured gas hose.  
10. Worn, cut or missing o-rings.  
11. Loose fittings. | 1. Replace nozzle/insulator.  
2. Replace gas diffuser.  
3. Replace with heavy duty consumables.  
4. Replace solenoid.  
5. a. Install full tanks.  
   b. Check supply.  
   c. Hose leaks.  
6. Adjust.  
7. a. Clean or replace gas diffuser.  
   b. Clean nozzle.  
8. Repair or replace cable or line.  
9. See 'Electrode Does Not Feed'.  
10. Replace o-rings  
11. Tighten gun & cable connections to specified torque. See 'Maintenance & Repair' (Section 7). |
2. Loose or poor power connection. | 1. a. Replace with properly rated Bernard gun.  
   b. Decrease parameters to within gun rating.  
2. a. Clean, tighten or replace cable grounding connection.  
   b. Tighten gun & cable connections to specified torque. See 'Maintenance & Repair' (Section 7). |
| 10. Liner is discolored full length. | 1. Short circuit to electrode.  
2. Broken copper stranding in power cable. | 1. Isolate electrode reel from feeder and drive block. Consult feeder manufacturers manual.  
2. Replace MIG Gun. |
| 11. Sporadic feeding of aluminum electrode. | 1. Contact tip galling.  
2. Synthetic liner melting.  
3. Wire deformed by feed rolls. | 1. Inspect & replace.*  
2. a. Replace liner.  
   b. Replace with composite liner.  
   c. Replace with Q-Gun neck and jump liner.  
3. Adjust drive rolls as per feeder manufacturer's manual. |

*In some cases with aluminum and mild steels, it may be necessary to use a contact tip with either a larger or smaller bore size.