

Operating instructions

For responsible bodies and persons using the machine

Orbital Welding Power Supply

ORBIMAT 180 SW



To ensure safe working read the operating instructions before commissioning. Retain the operating instructions for future reference.

Machine No.:

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1. ABOUT THESE INSTRUCTIONS

1.1 Warning messages

The warning messages used in these instructions warn you of injuries or damage to property. Always read and observe these warning messages!



This is the warning symbol. It should warn you against dangers of injury. In order to avoid injuries or death observe the measures marked with a safety sign.

WARNING LEVEL	MEANING
DANGER!	Imminently hazardous situation that results in death or serious injuries if the safety measures are not observed.
WARNING!	Potentially hazardous situation that may result in death or serious injuries if the safety measures are not observed.
CAUTION!	Potentially hazardous situation that may result in slight injuries if the safety measures are not observed.
NOTE!	Potentially hazardous situation that may result in material damage if the safety measures are not observed.

1.2 Further symbols and displays

SYMBOL	MEANING
i	Important information for comprehension.
1. 2. 3. ...	Request for action in a sequence of actions: Action is required here.
▶	Single request for action: Action is required here.

1.3 Abbreviations

ABBREVIATION	MEANING
OM, SW	ORBIMAT, Type "SmartWelder"

1.4 Further applicable documents

The following documents apply together with these operating instructions:

- Operating instructions of the orbital weld head

2. INFORMATION AND SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 Requirements for the responsible body

Workshop/outdoor/field use: The responsible body is responsible for safety in the danger zone around the machine, and should allow only qualified personnel to enter the zone or operate the machine in the danger zone.

Employee safety: The operator has to observe the safety regulations described in this chapter as well as has to work safety-consciously and with all prescribed safety equipment.

The employer undertakes to give the employees clear notice of the dangers arising that are specified in the EMF directives and to evaluate the workplace correspondingly.

Requirements for special EMF evaluations with regard to general activities, working materials and workplaces*:

TYPE OF WORKING MATERIALS OR WORKPLACE	EVALUATION REQUIRED FOR:		
	Employees without particular risk	Employees at particular risk (with the exception of those with active implants)	Employees with active implants
	(1)	(2)	(3)
Arc welding, manual (including MIG (Metal Inert Gas), MAG (Metal Active Gas), TIG (Tungsten Inert Gas)) under observance of tried-and-tested procedures and without physical contact to the line	No	No	Yes

* According to Directive 2013/35/EU

2.2 Using the machine

2.2.1 Proper use

The orbital welding power supply is intended solely for the following utilization:

- Utilization in combination with an orbital weld head of the company Orbitalum Tools GmbH or with a compatible third-part device in combination with a weld head adapter of the company Orbitalum Tools GmbH.
- TIG welding of materials that are specified in these operating instructions (see chap. 4, p. 17).
- Empty unpressurized tubes that are free of contaminations, explosive atmospheres or liquids.



Intended use also includes the following points:

- Permanent supervision of the machine during operation. The operator must always be able to stop the process.
- Observing all safety instructions and warning messages in these operating instructions.
- Observing of the further applicable documents.
- Complying with all inspection and maintenance work.
- Use of the machine solely in its original state.
- Usage solely of original accessories as well as original spare parts and operating materials.
- Usage solely of protective gases that are classified for TIG welding process in accordance with EN ISO 14175.
- Usage solely of coolant OCL-30 of the company Orbitalum Tools GmbH.
- Checking of all the safety-relevant items and functions before commissioning.
- Processing of those materials named in the operating instructions.

- Purpose usage of all components involved in the welding processes as well as of all further factors that have an influence on the welding process.
- Solely commercial usage.

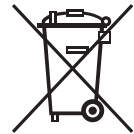
2.2.2 Machine constraints

- The workplace can be in the tube preparation, in plant construction or in the plant itself.
- The machine is operated by one person.
- Erect the machine solely on a solid surface.
- A radial space requirement/freedom of movement of approx. 2 m around the machine is required for people.
- Work lighting: min. 300 Lux.
- Climate conditions: -10 °C to 40 °C; < 80% rel. humidity.
- Only work with the machine in dry surroundings (not in misty, rainy or stormy conditions). If appropriate use a welding tent.
- Cooling is only ensured with a full coolant tank.

2.3 Environmental protection/disposal

2.3.1 Coolant

Dispose of coolant in accordance with the local statutory regulations.



2.3.2 Electric tools and accessories

Used-up power tools and accessories contain a large amount of valuable raw materials and plastics which can be recycled.

- Used electronic devices marked with the adjacent symbol may not be disposed of with household waste in accordance with EU directives.
- By actively using the offered return and collection systems, you are doing your part to reuse and recycle used electronic devices.
- Used electronic devices contain parts that must be handled selectively according to the EU directive. Separate collection and selective treatment are the basis for environmentally responsible disposal and protection of human health.
- We will properly dispose of devices and machines from Orbitalum Tools GmbH purchased after August 13th, 2005 if they are sent to us postage-paid.
- In the case of used electronic devices which may represent a risk to human health or safety due to contamination during use, we have the option of refusing return.
- The user is responsible for disposing of used electronic devices purchased before August 13th, 2005. Bitte wenden Sie sich hierfür an einen Entsorgungsfachbetrieb in Ihrer Nähe.
- **Important for Germany:** Devices and machines of Orbitalum Tools GmbH may not be disposed of at communal dumps, as they are only used in the commercial sector.



(as per RL 2002/96/EC)

2.4 Personnel qualification

! CAUTION! The orbital welding power supply may only be used by instructed personnel.

- Minimum age: 18 years old.
- No physical impairments.
- Operation of the machine by underage persons only under supervision by a person authorized to issue instructions.
- A basic knowledge of TIG welding process is advisable.

2.5 Fundamental information on operational safety



CAUTION! Observe valid safety and accident prevention regulations.

Improper usage can impair safety. This can result in life-threatening injuries.

- ▶ **Never** leave an welding power supply unattended when it is switched on.
- ▶ The operator has to ensure that no 2nd person is inside the danger zone.
- ▶ Do **not** modify or convert the orbital welding power supply.
- ▶ Use the orbital welding power supply only in proper operating order.
- ▶ Use only genuine tools, spare parts and accessories as well as specified operating materials.
- ▶ In case of changes in the operating behavior stop operation immediately and have the fault eliminated.
- ▶ Do **not** remove safety devices.
- ▶ In order to increase safety a customer-provided SPE-PRCD or a universal-current residual-current circuit-breaker 30 mA or an isolating transformer between the mains network and the welding power supply is required.
- ▶ Do **not** pull the machine at the hose package or the cable.
- ▶ Repair and maintenance work on the electrical equipment may only be carried out by a qualified electrician.
- ▶ Do not carry the machine by the hose package or the cable and do not use the machine to pull out the plug (except in an emergency). Protect the cable against heat, oil and sharp edges (chips).

2.6 Personal protective equipment

The sole act of operating the welding power supply does not require personal protective equipment:

- ▶ When connecting and using a weld head observe the respective safety instructions and warning messages of the weld head.
- ▶ Observe the remaining risks.

2.7 Remaining risks

2.7.1 Injury through high weight

The orbital welding power supply has a weight of 28 kg (61.73 lbs). A significant health hazard exists during lifting.

Danger of impact and crushing exists in the following situations:




CAUTION! Falling of the orbital welding power supply during transportation or setting up.




CAUTION! Falling of the orbital welding power supply caused by it being put down improperly.

- ▶ Use a suitable transport medium to transport the orbital welding power supply.
- ▶ Always use 2 persons to lift and remove the orbital welding power supply from the packaging.
- ▶ When lifting the machine do **not** exceed the permissible total weight of 25 kg for men and 15 kg for women.
- ▶ Place the orbital welding power supply on a stable base.
- ▶ Wear safety shoes.


2.7.2 Burns and danger of fire through high temperatures

 **CAUTION!** The orbital weld head is hot after welding. Very high temperatures arise in particular after several consecutive welding processes. There is a danger of burns or damage to the points of contact when working on the orbital weld head (for example when changing clamps or mounting/removing the electrodes). Materials without thermal resistance (for example foam inlay of the transport packages) can be damaged when coming into contact with the hot orbital weld head.

- ▶ Wear safety gloves.
- ▶ Wait until the surfaces have cooled down to below 50 °C before working on the orbital weld head or before packing into the transport packaging.


 **WARNING!** Thermal problems can arise in the case of incorrect positioning of the forming system or the use of impermissible materials in the welding area. In the worst case a fire will be started. Observe the local general fire protection measures.


- ▶ Position the forming system correctly.
- ▶ Use only permissible materials in the welding area.

 **WARNING!** Danger of scalding through hot emitted liquids as well as hot plug connections during heavy operation.

- ▶ Heed the safety precautions of the technical supervisor/person in charge of safety.

2.7.3 Tripping over the hose package

 **CAUTION!** If a hose package is connected, there is the danger that persons may trip over it and be injured.


 **WARNING!** Tripping over could cause the plug to be pulled out so that in the worst case an arc may arise between the plug and the orbital weld system. Burns and glaring light may be the result.

- ▶ Ensure that **under no circumstances** can people trip over the hose package.
- ▶ Do **not** place the hose package under tension.
- ▶ Ensure that the hose package is connected properly and that the strain relief is attached.

2.7.4 Long-lasting physical damage through wrong posture

- ▶ Use the machine so that an upright and comfortable body position can be achieved during operation.


2.7.5 Electric shock

 **WARNING!** The danger exists of unintentionally operating the ignition function when connecting or disconnecting a weld head from the welding power supply.

- ▶ Switch off the orbital welding power supply when connecting or disconnecting a weld head.
- ▶ Do not play with weld head.
- ▶ If the weld head is not ready for operation, switch it to the "Test" function.

 **WARNING!** Electrical hazards through contact.

- ▶ Do not touch energized parts (workpieces), especially when igniting the arc.
- ▶ From the start of the welding process avoid contact with the tube and the housing of the orbital weld head.
- ▶ Wear dry safety shoes, dry metal-free (grommet-free) leather gloves and dry safety suits to minimize the electrical hazard.
- ▶ Work on a dry surface.

 **DANGER!** Risk of death for people with heart problems or cardiac pacemakers.

- ▶ Do **not** allow persons with increased sensitivity to electrical hazards (e.g. weakness of the heart) to work with the machine.

 **DANGER!** Danger of an electric shock in the case of improper reaching in into and opening of the machine.

- ▶ Allow only a professional electrician to access the electrical system.

 **DANGER!** The danger of an electric shock exists through non-compatible or damaged connectors.


- ▶ Do not use adapter plugs together with protectively grounded power tools.
- ▶ Ensure that the connecting plugs of the machine fit into the outlet.
- ▶ When connecting use a residual-current circuit breaker 30 mA.

2.7.6 Danger through incorrect handling of pressure tanks

 **WARNING!** Various injuries and damage to property.


- ▶ Heed safety regulations for pressure tanks.
- ▶ Heed safety data sheets for pressure tanks.

2.7.7 Damage to eyes through radiation

 **WARNING!** During the welding process infrared, glaring and ultraviolet rays arise that can seriously damage the eyes.

- ▶ Keep the flip cover and swivel clamp closed during the welding process.
- ▶ During operation, wear eye protection to EN 170 and skin-covering safety clothing.
- ▶ At closed weld heads ensure proper working order of the eye protection.

2.7.8 Dangers through electromagnetic fields

 **DANGER!** Depending on the form of the workplace life-threatening electromagnetic fields can arise in the direct vicinity.

- ▶ People with heart problems or cardiac pacemakers may **not** operate the welding system.
- ▶ The operator has to ensure safe design of the workplace in accordance with the EMF Directive 2013/35/EU.
- ▶ Use only electrical devices with protective insulation in the working area of the welding system.
- ▶ Observe electromagnetically-sensitive devices when igniting the system.

2.7.9 Risk of suffocation through an excessive argon share in the air

**DANGER!**

If the argon share in the air rises above 50%, lasting damage or risk of death can arise suffocation.

- ▶ Ensure sufficient ventilation in rooms.
- ▶ If necessary, monitor the oxygen level in the air.

2.7.10 Health problems

**WARNING!**

Poisonous vapors and substances during the welding process and handling of the electrodes!

- ▶ Use extraction devices in accordance with the professional association regulations (e.g. BGI: 7006-1).
- ▶ Extra caution is required with chrome, nickel and manganese.
- ▶ Do not use electrodes containing thorium.

2.7.11 Danger of system tipping over

**WARNING!**

Manifold injuries and damage to property through system (for example ORBICAR welding carriage, gas bottle, welding power supply, cooling unit) tipping over from the application of force from outside!

- ▶ Set up the machine so that it stands securely against external influences.
- ▶ Keep moving masses at least 1 meter away from the machine.

2.7.12 Danger of explosion and fire

**DANGER!**

Danger of explosion and fire through flammable materials near the welding zone or solvent in the room air.

- ▶ **Do not** weld near solvents (for example where painting is being carried out) or explosive substances.
- ▶ **Do not use** flammable substances as a base in the welding area.
- ▶ Ensure that **no** flammable materials or soiling is located near the machine.

2.7.13 General injuries through tools

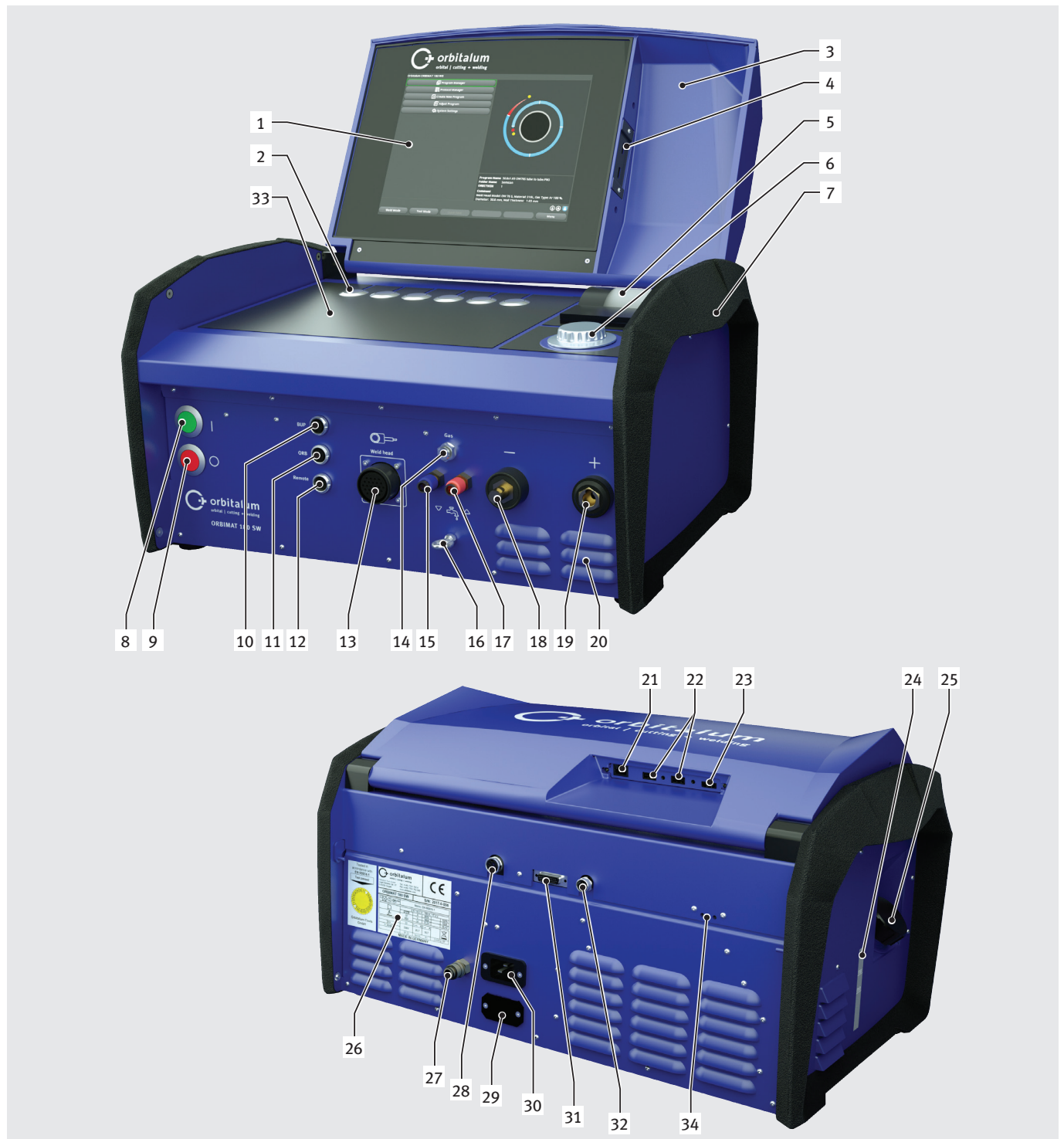
**CAUTION!**

Injuries can occur during dismantling for the proper disposal of the orbital welding power supply through uncertainties in handling tools.

- ▶ In case of uncertainties send the orbital welding power supply to Orbitalum Tools – proper disposal is carried out here.

3. DESCRIPTION

3.1 ORBIMAT 180 SW



ITEM	DESIGNATION	FUNCTION
1	Color touch display	Operating the welding power supply, see chap. 3.2, p. 14
2	Push switches (softkeys)	Operating the welding power supply, see chap. 3.2, p. 14
3	Cover, hinged	Protects the operating elements
4	Connection socket, "USB", front	Connection possibility for USB devices (2x) (optional)
5	Integrated system printer	For printing actual values and welding data reports
6	Rotary knob	Operating the welding power supply, see chap. 3.2, p. 14
7	Carry handles	Transporting the welding power supply
8	Main switch (green)	Switch on the welding power supply; lights up green during operation
9	Off button (red)	Switch off the welding power supply; lights up red during operation and in "Stand-by" mode
10	Connection socket "BUP"	Connection possibility for "BUP Control Box", forming gas pressure controller (optional)
11	Connection socket "ORBmax"	Connection possibility for "ORBmax", residual oxygen meter (optional)
12	Connection socket "Remote"	Connection for remote external control (optional) or dummy plug
13	Connection socket "Weld head"	Connection for weld head signal line
14	Connection socket "Gas"	Connection for gas hose to the weld head
15	Coolant connection, blue	Connection for coolant supply line
16	Eye, strain relief	Strain relief weld head to the power source
17	Coolant connection, red	Connection for coolant return line
18	Weld current socket	Connection weld head
19	Weld current connection	Connection weld head
20	Ventilation slot	Venting the welding power supply
21	Connection socket "LAN", rear	Connection possibility for LAN cable
22	Connection socket "USB", rear	Connection possibility for USB devices (2x) – see Item 4
23	Connection socket "HDMI", rear	Connection possibility for HDMI cable
24	Coolant level indication	Indicates the fill level of the coolant in the tank
25	Tank opening with lid	Holding of up to 2.2 liter coolant for cooling the connected weld tongs and heads
26	Rating plate	Indication of the machine data
27	Gas connection	Weld gas input
28	Connection socket "External cooling"	Connection of external cooling unit signal line
29	Connection socket "ORBITWIN"	Connection for ORBITWIN Switching Unit
30	Power input socket	Connection for power line
31	Connection socket	Connection possibility superordinate control system
32	Connection socket	Connection possibility CAN-compatible components
33	Surface for keyboard	The optionally available keyboard can be placed before the softkeys.
34	LED display	Display of operating states and coolant flow

3.2 Operating concept

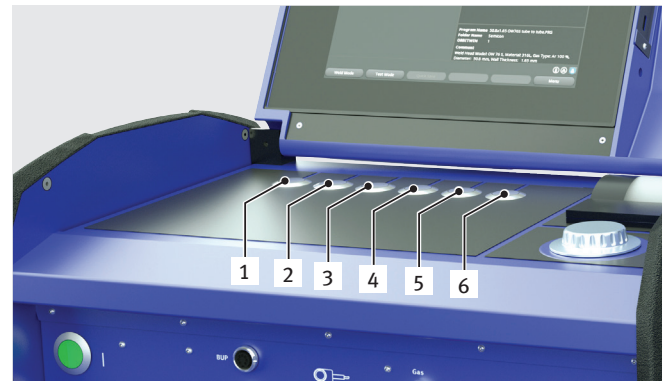
The main control elements are the **6 push switches**, whose current function assignment is displayed at the bottom margin of the display, the **touch screen** and the **rotary knob**. Direct access to standard functions (e.g. "Start" and "STOP") is always possible. The entry of text is optionally possible using a **keyboard that can be connected externally**. If faults occur (e.g. failure of the rotary knob or softkeys), the machine can be operated completely using the external keyboard.

3.2.1 Operation via push switches (softkeys)

The five push switches (Items 1 - 6) are assigned with standard functions as softkeys.

Examples:

The push switch (Item 6) is usually assigned the "Menu" function, meaning pressing it brings you directly to the main menu, regardless of which sub-menu currently appears in the display. The push switch (Item 3) is assigned the "Save" function. This allows a procedure change to be saved rapidly.



3.2.2 Operation via touch screen

Rapid and efficient operation via touch screen. Directly touch the values to be changed. A virtual keyboard is displayed. Operation while wearing protective gloves only possible to a limited extent and not recommended.

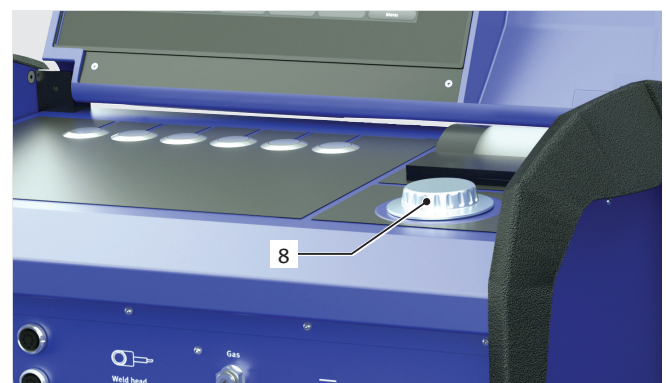


3.2.3 Operation via rotary knob

The rotary knob (Item 8) has either a fine or rough detent when being turned, depending on whether you are navigating between menu items/fields (rough detent) or setting parameter values (for example weld current) (fine detent).

Navigating to a menu item/field in the display:

- ▶ Turn the rotary knob.
The menu item/field appears in blue.



Select the menu item/field:

- ▶ Briefly press the rotary knob. The menu item is selected.

Exiting the menu and navigating to the next-higher menu level:

- ▶ Press the rotary knob long (> 2 seconds). The menu of the next-higher level appears in the display.

Setting a parameter/Entering a value:

- ▶ Highlight a field. The field appears in red.
- ▶ Change the value within the specified limit values: Turn the rotary knob.
- ▶ Saving the value and exiting the field: Briefly press the rotary knob.

3.2.4 Operation via an external keyboard

Navigating to a menu item/field in the display:

- ▶ Press the UP and DOWN arrow buttons.

Selecting the menu item/field:

- ▶ Press the ENTER key.

Setting a parameter/Entering a value:

- ▶ Highlight a field. The field appears in red.
- ▶ Entering a value: Change with the arrow buttons or enter directly with the number keys.
- ▶ Saving the value and exiting the field: Press the ENTER key.

Entering comments on procedures:




- ▶ Select a comment field.
- ▶ Enter the text using the keyboard.

Using push switches (softkeys) on the keyboard:

Function keys F1 through F6 on the external keyboard correspond to push switches 1 through 6.

3.3 Warning signs

The warning signs and safety signs located on the machine must be observed.

Image	Position on machine	Meaning	Code
	Hood inside	Read the safety instructions!	871 001 057
	Rear panel	Before opening the unit disconnect the 850 060 025 mains plug.	
	Side, left	Caution: Only use Orbitalum coolant!	884 001 001

4. SCOPE OF APPLICATION

The ORBIMAT 180 SW is characterized by the following scope of application and functions:

- For welding using the Tungsten Inert Gas (TIG) process
- Can be used for all materials that are fundamentally suitable for the TIG welding process.
- Simple and convenient operation thanks to multifunctional rotary knob or touch screen
- DC current welding source
- WIDE RANGE input voltages for safe operation of power sets or voltage networks with extreme fluctuations in voltage
- "Flow Force" function to reduce the gas pre-flow and post-flow time
- "Permanent gas" function
- Digital regulation of the weld gas quantity
- Monitoring of coolant and weld gas
- Control option for cold wire feed
- Possibility of connecting an external remote control
- Constant or pulsed wire feed motion and rotation
- Optimal visibility and operating conditions thanks to clearly laid-out 12.4" swivel monitor
- Graphically-supported operating interface and multilingual menu navigation via color display
- Metric and imperial measuring units
- Process-oriented, stable and real-time operating system without power-down sequence
- Automatic weld head recognition and resulting parameter modification
- Motor current monitoring of the drive motors
- Capacity to store over 5.000 welding procedures, providing systematic and clear procedure management thanks to the creation of folder structures
- Welding data logging and printout of actual values
- Integrated system printer
- Possibility of connecting a monitor or printer (through HDMI/USB/LAN)
- Optional PC software (OrbiProg CA) for welding procedure management and logging
- Integrated, folding carrying grips
- Option to program up to 99 sectors
- Power and motor slope adjustment between the individual sectors
- Integrated liquid cooling system for cooling the connected weld heads
- Can only be used in combination with separately available liquid cooling system

4.1 Accessories

Optionally available:



WARNING!

Danger presented by using accessories that have not been approved.

Various injuries and damage to property.

► Use only original tools, spare parts, materials, and accessories from Orbitalum Tools.

4.1.1 ORBICAR W trolley

Thanks to its integrated liquid cooling function the ORBICAR W trolley is the perfect supplement to the ORBIMAT 180 SW power source. Beside the liquid cooling, the trolley is equipped with a practical holder for gas bottles.



4.1.2 ORBICOOL Active

Very efficient compressor cooling device. Particularly suitable for welding units in series production.



4.1.3 ORBITWIN switching unit

To increase productivity, the ORBITWIN switching unit is available which allows the alternately operation with 2 weld heads on the ORBIMAT.



4.1.4 ORBmax oxygen meter

For optical oxygen measurement using fluorescence extinction. The ORBmax does not require any heating-up time. It recognizes the oxygen percentage reliably, rapidly and precisely during the entire welding process.



4.1.5 Remote control with cable

For transferring all the commands important for welding to the power source. It is not required when working with enclosed orbital weld heads.



4.1.6 OCL-30 coolant

1 canister already included in the scope of delivery of the ORBIMAT 180 SW power source. Anti-freeze pre-mix for ORBIMAT power sources and cooling units to avoid freezing of the cooling water. Protects up to $-30\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ (-22°F) outside temperature. Increased service life of components of the cooling system through very high corrosion protection and high pH-value. Excellent ignition characteristics due to low conductivity. Clear cooling liquid.



4.1.7 ORBIPURGE forming set

For rapid and efficient internal forming during pipe and molded part weld connections while at the same time reducing gas consumptions.



4.1.8 Paper rolls and ribbon cartridges

For internal system printer. Suitable for all ORBIMAT orbital welding power supplies.



5. TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

PARAMETER	UNIT	ORBIMAT 180 SW	REMARKS
Code		850 000 001	
Weld system type		Welding rectifier (inverter)	
Input (mains)			
Mains system		1 phase + PE	
Mains input voltage	[V (AV)]	110 - 230	
Permissible voltage tolerance	[%]	+/-10	
Mains frequency	[Hz]	50/60	-
Continuous input current	[A (AC)]	15.3	
Continuous input	[kVA]	3.6	
Current consumption, max.	[A (AC)]	19.5	
Connection value, max.	[kVA]	13.5	
Power factor	[cos]	1.0 (with 180 A)	
Output (welding circuit)			
Setting range weld current	[A (DC)]	3 - 180	In 0.1 A increments
Weld current reproducibility	[%]	+/- 0.5	
Rated current at 100% duty cycle	[A (DC)]	160	
Rated current at 60% duty cycle	[A (DC)]	180	
Weld voltage, min.	[V (DC)]	10	
Weld voltage, max.	[V (DC)]	20	
Open-circuit voltage, max.	[V (DC)]	85	
Ignition power, max.	[Joule]	0.9	
Ignition voltage, max.	[kV]	10	
Output (control)			
Rotation motor voltage, max.	[V (DC)]	24	PWM signal
Wire feeding motor voltage, max.	[V (DC)]	24	PWM signal
Rotation motor current, max.	[A (DC)]	1.5	
Wire feeding motor current, max.	[A (DC)]	1.5	
Rotation tacho voltage	[V (DC)]	0 - 10	Rotation speed, actual value
Other			
Degree of protection		IP 23 S	
Cooling type		AF	
Insulation class		F	
Dimensions (wxdxh)	[mm] [inch]	600 x 400 x 310 23.6 x 15.7 x 12.2	300 CA without cooling unit
Weight	[kg] [lbs]	24.6 54.23	
Gas input pressure	[bar]	3 - 10	Via pressure reducer
Recommended gas input pressure	[bar]	4	Via pressure reducer
Coolant volume	[l]	2.2	
Coolant pressure, max.	[bar]	4	
Sound level, max.	[dB (A)]	70	

6. STORAGE AND TRANSPORT

6.1 Gross weight

ARTICLE		WEIGHT*
ORBIMAT 180 SW	[kg]	28.0
	[lbs]	61.73

* incl. transport packaging

- WARNING!** Damage of electronic components with personal harm and damage to property. If coolant is still located in the machine during transportation, coolant can enter from the tank into the machine interior if tilted strongly.
- ▶ Pump out coolant before transporting.
- WARNING!** Danger of injury through high weight of the orbital welding power supply! The orbital welding power supply has a weight of 28.0 kg (61.73 lbs).
- ▶ Always lift the orbital weld head with two persons or use a suitable means of transport.
 - ▶ When lifting the machine do **not** exceed the permissible total weight of 25 kg for men and 15 kg for women.

6.2 Preparing storage

Carry out the following steps before storage:

6.2.1 Removing the weld head from the orbital welding power supply

For procedure see operating instructions of weld head.

6.2.2 Pumping out coolant

1. Connect the drain hose to the coolant connection, blue.
2. Hold the end of the drain hose into a collecting vessel (min. 3 liter).



Carry out the following steps in the menu of the welding power supply:

To protect the pump against possible dry running, the software stops pumping out after approx. 30 seconds.

3. In the main menu, call up the "System settings" menu item by turning the rotary knob.
4. Briefly press the rotary knob.

The "System settings" sub-menu appears.

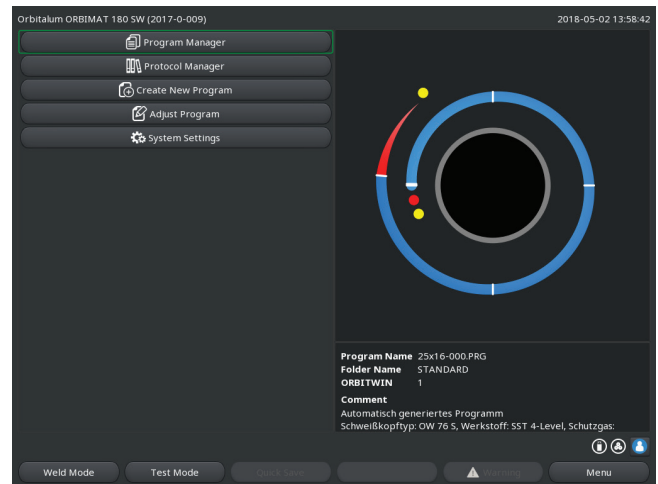


Fig. 1: Main menu (long form)

5. Navigate to the "Service" menu item.
6. Briefly press the rotary knob.

The desired selection appears.



Fig. 2: Sub-menu – System settings

7. Select the "Coolant pump on" menu item.
8. Briefly press the rotary knob.

The "Pumping coolant out" message appears. The "Cancel" button is highlighted in blue.



Fig. 3: Sub-menu – Service

9. Confirm "Cancel" by briefly pressing the rotary knob.

The coolant pump is switched off.

10. Check the fill level indication and abort the process when the tank is empty.

NOTE! When the pump runs dry, this is accompanied by an audible increase in speed.
▶ Abort the process immediately.

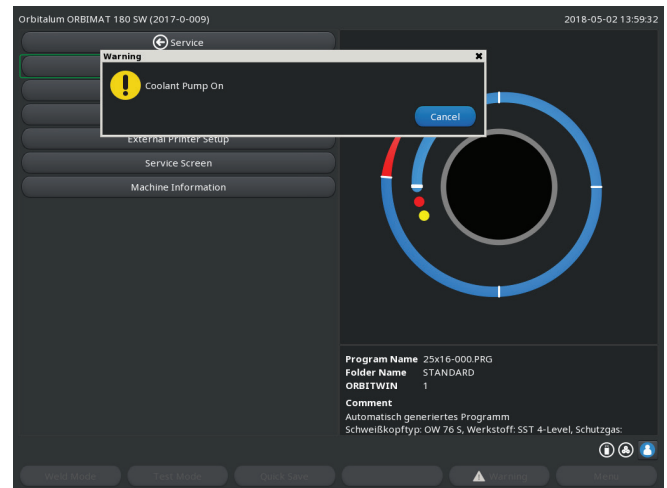


Fig. 4: Coolant – Pumping out

If the coolant does not exit the hose within a maximum of 10 seconds:

11. Stop drainage, as prolonged dry running can damage the pump.
12. Check the coolant level.
13. Check whether the pump is started and a pumping sound can be heard.

7. COMMISSIONING

7.1 Scope of delivery

SCOPE OF DELIVERY	CODE	QUANTITY	UNIT
ORBIMAT 180 SW Welding Power Supply	850 000 001	1	Pc.
Hose connection set ORBIMAT	875 030 018	1	Pc.
Dummy plug for remote control socket	875 050 006	1	Pc.
3.5 liter coolant OCL-3018	850 030 010	1	Bottle
Operating instructions with calibration certificate	850 060 201	1	Set
QuickStart guide	850 060 020	1	Pc.

Subject to modifications.








7.2 Checking the scope of delivery

- ▶ Check delivery for completeness and damage caused by transport.
- ▶ Report any missing parts or damage caused by transport to your supplier immediately.

7.3 Accessories (optionally available)

- ORBICAR W carriage with integrated liquid cooling
- ORBICOOL Active compressor cooling unit
- ORBITWIN Switching Unit
- Remote control with cable
- ORBmax residual oxygen meter
- Double pressure reducer
- TIG manual welding torch for ORBIMAT


7.4 Connecting the welding power supply

 CAUTION!	<p>Damage to the orbital welding power supply through the mains supply voltage being exceeded.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Check whether the mains supply voltage corresponds to the specifications in chap. 5. ▶ Observe requirements for the power supply: RCCB 30 mA.
 DANGER!	<p>Faulty ignition in case of unmounted or incorrectly positioned weld head! Electric shock, bodily injury and damage to property also at other devices.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ If the weld head is not ready for operation, switch the machine to the "Test" function.
 DANGER!	<p>Improper access to and opening of the ORBIMAT system. Electric shock.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Disconnect the system from the mains. ▶ Remove all the external devices connected to the system (weld heads, etc.). ▶ If the machine was in operation beforehand, allow it to cool down sufficiently. ▶ Allow only a professional electrician to access the electrical system. ⊘ Never connect an opened system to the mains network.
 DANGER!	<p>Liquid in the housing due to improper use and transport. Electric shock.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⊘ Do not place liquids (beverages) on the system. ▶ Do not block ventilation slots. ▶ Check housing interior for moisture after transporting the machine and leave it open to air it out if necessary.
 WARNING!	<p>Ultraviolet radiation from the arc while welding. Damage to eyes and burning of skin.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ During operation, wear eye protection to EN 170 and skin-covering safety clothing. ▶ At closed weld heads ensure proper working order of the eye protection.
 WARNING!	<p>Hot leaking liquids and hot plug connections during heavy operation. Danger of scalding.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Heed the safety precautions of the technical supervisor/person in charge of safety.
 CAUTION!	<p>Hot surfaces of the weld head and weld points, including for a period of time after welding. Danger of burns.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Wear safety gloves.

7.4.1 Setting up machine

- ▶ First set up the system for connection in such a way that it is as accessible as possible from the front and rear.
- ▶ Ensure that the machine is disconnected from the mains network on all sides.
- ▶ Secure the machine against being switched on unintentionally.
- ▶ Place the machine on a stable, fixed and plane base.

7.4.2 Connecting a gas bottle

 DANGER!	<p>Exceeding the maximum permissible operating pressure of the forming gas can result in lethal injuries.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ A pressure reducer must be used.
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1. Check the stability of the gas bottle. Secure the gas bottle against falling over.
2. Ensure that the union nut on the pressure reducer fits the thread on the valve of the gas bottle.
3. Mount the pressure reducer on the gas bottle.
4. Connect the gas distributor (there is no gas distributor if a double pressure reducer is used).
5. Screw both included gas hoses onto the gas distributor or the double pressure reducer respectively..
6. Insert the gas hose (which is intended for connection to the power source and is identified by the plug-in nipple made of brass on the end) into the provided connection socket on the rear back of the power source.
7. Connect the weld head.

7.4.3 Connecting weld heads

For procedure see operating instructions of weld head.

7.4.4 Detaching coolant hoses

- ▶ Lightly push back the front ring on the machine-side connection and pull off the coolant hose.

7.4.5 Pumping out coolant







The connections of the machine close automatically when the coolant hose is removed.

- ▶ When connecting the coolant hoses, pay attention to the flow and return lines.
1. Connect the drain hose to the coolant connection, blue.
 2. Close off the coolant hoses with the included plugs to prevent the coolant from running out of the weld head.

7.4.6 Closing off gas hose

- ▶ Actuate the side pawl on the hose-side plug connection and pull gas hose out of connection.

7.5 Commissioning

 DANGER!	Faulty ignition in case of unmounted or incorrectly positioned weld head. Electric shock, bodily injury and damage to property also at other devices. ▶ If the weld head is not ready for operation, switch the machine to the "Test" function.
 DANGER!	Improper access to and opening of the ORBIMAT system. Electric shock. ▶ Disconnect the system from the mains. ▶ Remove all the external devices connected to the system (weld heads, etc.). ▶ If the machine was in operation beforehand, allow it to cool down sufficiently. ▶ Allow only a professional electrician to access the electrical system. ⊘ Never connect an opened system to the mains network.
 DANGER!	Liquid in the housing due to improper use and transport. Electric shock. ⊘ Do not place liquids (beverages) on the system. ▶ Do not block ventilation slots. ▶ Check housing interior for moisture after transporting the machine and leave it open to air it out if necessary.
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 WARNING!	Hot leaking liquids and hot plug connections during heavy operation. Danger of scalding. ▶ Heed the safety precautions of the technical supervisor/person in charge of safety.
 CAUTION!	Hot surfaces of the weld head and weld points, including for a period of time after welding. Danger of burns. ▶ Wear safety gloves.

Before welding is carried out the cooling circuit is filled with coolant.

- ▶ Ensure that the machine is **not** connected to the mains network during filling.
- ▶ Secure the machine against being switched on unintentionally.

Please adhere to the following steps, otherwise the pump could be damaged by running dry:

7.5.1 Topping up coolant

1. Open the tank lid and fill ORBITALUM coolant OCL-30 (Code 850 030 010) carefully into the tank (2) until the coolant level has reached the "MAX" marking on the sight glass at the left-hand side panel of the power source (3).



Use of other cooling units such as compressor cooling device, type ORBICOOL Active):

1. Fill in coolant in accordance with the operating instructions of the unit.
2. Connect the coolant hoses at the front connectors of the power source to ensure the coolant flow and temperature monitoring by the power source.

7.5.2 Connecting Remote control/dummy plug

1. Connect the supplied dummy plug (4) or the optionally available remote control (5) (code 875 050 001) via the adapter cable (6) (included in the scope of delivery of the remote control) to the remote control socket (7).
2. If a remote control is connected, the STOP button (8) must be unlocked as well.
3. The power source cannot be switched on without the dummy plug or unlocked remote control.



7.5.3 Switching on the power source



CAUTION!

- ▶ Observe requirements for the power supply: RCCB 30 mA.

1. Connect the machine to the mains network.
2. The Off button (red) (9) lights up as soon as the machine is connected to the mains network.
3. Switch on the ORBIMAT at the green main switch (10). The operating system is loaded and the main menu appears in the display (11).



Problems while switching on

Does the machine not start the first time it is switched on?

- ▶ Check whether the pilot light in the main switch is lit up.

Is the pilot light not lit up?

There is a problem with the power supply (no voltage, plug not inserted).

- ▶ Check whether the power plug is properly inserted.
- ▶ Have the power supply checked.

Is the STOP indicator on the front panel lit up?

With external remote control connected: EMERGENCY-STOP switch is pressed.

1. Unlock EMERGENCY-STOP switch by turning it counterclockwise.
2. Switch off machine.
3. Wait at least 5 seconds and then switch machine on again.

Is an external remote control not connected?

The dummy plug is missing from the remote control connection, EMERGENCY-STOP is activated.

- ▶ Insert dummy plug to close the EMERGENCY-STOP circuit if necessary.

7.5.4 Setting the language

The factory setting for the system language is "German".

Changing the language:

1. In the main menu call up the menu item "*System settings*" by turning the rotary knob and confirm by pressing.
2. Subsequently call up the menu item "*Language*".
3. Select the desired language and confirm with the rotary knob.



Fig. 5: Setting the language

7.5.5 Setting the measuring units

The operating system can be set to "Metric" or "Imperial" measuring units. The factory setting is "Metric".

Changing the measuring unit:

1. In the main menu call up the menu item "*System settings*" by turning the rotary knob and confirm by pressing.
2. Subsequently call up the menu item "*System adjustments*".
3. Use the rotary knob to select the desired measuring unit under "*Imperial sizes*" by selecting "Yes/No" and confirm.

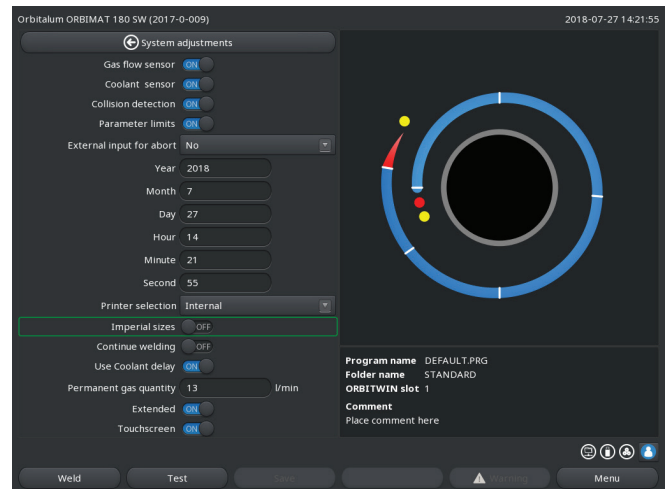


Fig. 6: Setting the measuring unit

The ORBIMAT is now ready to operate.

8. OPERATION

8.1 Auto programming

8.1.1 Setting parameters

1. Connect the weld head.
2. Switch on the machine.

The main menu appears in the display.

3. Select and highlight the "Auto programming" menu item.

The following display appears:

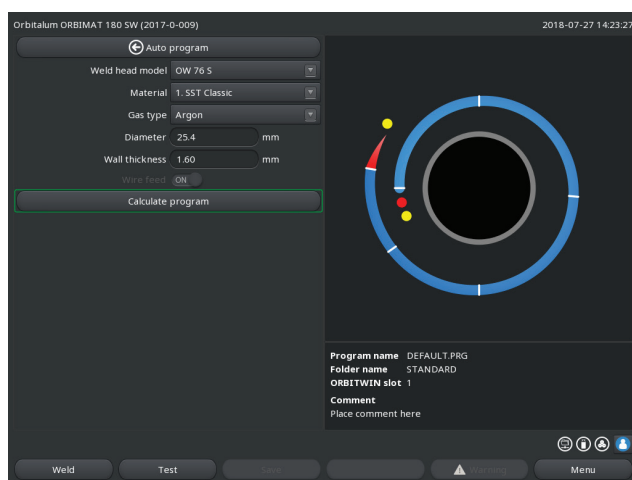


Fig. 7: Sub menu – Auto programming

Field "...":
Return to main menu.

Fields "Weld head model" to "Wall thickness":
Parameter entry.

Field "Wire feed":
Welding with/without filler wire.

"Calculate program":
Calculation of the procedure with the entered parameters.

8.1.2 Configuring weld head

1. Select the "Weld head" field and briefly press the rotary knob.

The following display appears:

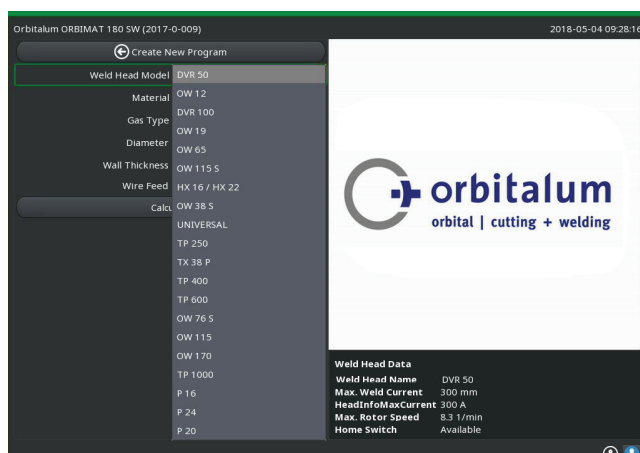


Fig. 8: Selecting a weld head

A list of the weld heads which can be used with this system appears.

This system automatically detects the type of connected head and offers it for selection first. In the example, this is an OW 76S.

2. Select the desired weld head by turning the rotary knob.
– or –
Select the weld head highlighted by the system.
3. Confirm by briefly pressing the rotary knob.

8.1.3 Configuring material

- ▶ Select the "Material" field and briefly press the rotary knob.

The following display appears:

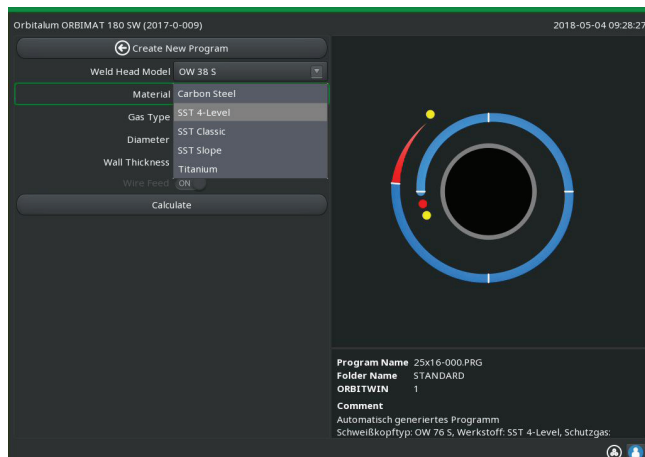


Fig. 9: Selecting the material

Materials in the list:

- Carbon steel
- Stainless steel
- Titanium

1. Select the material.
2. Confirm by briefly pressing the rotary knob.

8.1.4 Configuring protective gas

1. Select the "Gas type" field and briefly press the rotary knob.
2. Select the protective gas.
3. Confirm by briefly pressing the rotary knob.

8.1.5 Configuring pipe diameter

1. Select the "Diameter" field.

The following display appears:

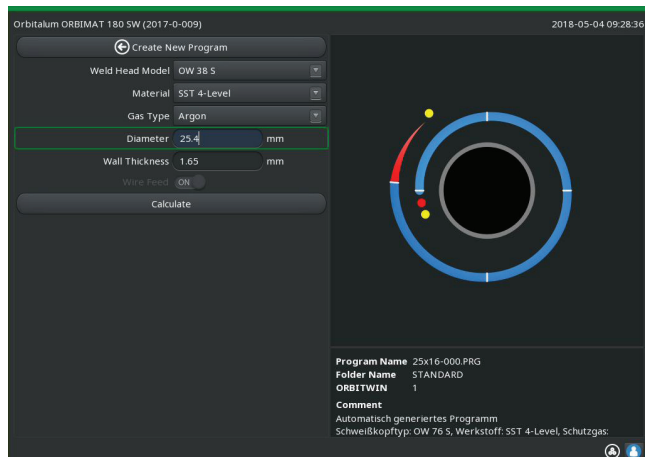


Fig. 10: Pipe diameter setting

2. Select the value by pressing the rotary knob.
3. Enter values via the external keyboard or the rotary knob.

The value range is automatically limited to the possible diameter range of the connected or previously selected weld head here.

8.1.6 Configuring wall thickness

1. Select the "Wall thickness" field and briefly press the rotary knob.

The value range is limited to 4 mm (0.157").



We recommend a "tulip-shaped" or "U-shaped" preparation for wall thicknesses approx. 4 mm (0.157") and larger, which might require carrying out your own weld tests. Auto programming can be helpful here, because you can enter the thickness of the bluntly-joined root face (usually 1.5 - 2.5 mm/0.059" - 0.098") as the wall thickness first, and then manually improve the auto programmed procedure calculated in this way.

2. Select the value by pressing the rotary knob.
3. Enter values via the external keyboard or the rotary knob.

8.1.7 Configuring wire feed

Selection is only possible if the connected weld head is capable of cold wire feeding.

If cold wire feeding is not possible, the option fields have a gray background, "No" is configured and this cannot be changed by the operator (see also Fig. 10).

1. Select the "Wire feed" field and briefly press the rotary knob.
2. Select the "Yes" option (with wire feed) and "No" option (without wire feed).

8.1.8 Calculating procedure

- ▶ Select and briefly press the "Calculate procedure" menu item.

The procedure is calculated. The main menu appears in the display.

8.2 Testing the procedure

8.2.1 Preparing weld head

These operating instructions can only provide basic information on the most commonly used weld heads (due to the variety of tools which can be connected).

In the following, the important actions for so-called "open" weld tongs and cassette heads are listed.

- ▶ Refer to detailed information on preparing the operating instructions of the weld head.
- ✓ Gas bottle and weld head connected, see chap. 7.4, p. 24.
- ✓ Commissioning carried out, see chap. 7.5, p. 25.
- ✓ Machine switched on.

8.2.2 Preparing electrode

For almost all Orbitalum weld heads, electrodes with a diameter of 1.6 mm (0.063") and 2.4 mm (0.094") can be used.

- ▶ For "Micro head" type OW 12: Use only electrodes with a 1.0 mm (0.039") diameter.
- ▶ Up to a current of approx. 100 amperes (high-pulse): Use electrodes with a 1.6 mm (0.063") diameter (recommendation).
- ▶ Calculate the electrode diameter based on the max. weld current of the application.



If lower currents are used, the use of 2.4 mm (0.094") electrodes can lead to a worsening of the ignition characteristics and "wandering" of the arc at the electrode.

- ▶ Ensure good grinding of the electrode. Use an appropriate electrode grinding device. such as the ESG Plus tungsten grinder (recommendation).



WARNING!

Sharply ground and pointy electrodes!
Danger of injury.

- ▶ Store ground electrodes so that there is no danger of injury.

8.2.3 Turning weld head

You can turn the weld heads with a motor for insertion of the electrode.



CAUTION!

Clamping of fingers possible during manual moving.

- ▶ During clamping in move the rotor electrically in the opposite direction.



CAUTION!

Unintended starting of the welding procedure!
Danger of injury. Damage to materials and machine.

In the "ready to start" condition (see Fig. 11) the "Start" button could be pressed by an unauthorized person and start the welding procedure.

- ▶ Switch off the welding power supply for electrode replacement.
- ▶ After inserting the electrode ensure that the "Start" button in the display does **not** have a red background.
- ▶ Only use the function for motor movement from the "red" start area if the weld head is being moved immediately before starting the process, e.g. to change the starting position.



"Test mode" is indicated by the "Start" button having a yellow background. The start command in test mode starts running a procedure without igniting an arc and therefore without weld current; the gas valve and coolant pump are switched off. You can use this "dry run" to check the change in level at the intended points on the pipe and the run of the motor.

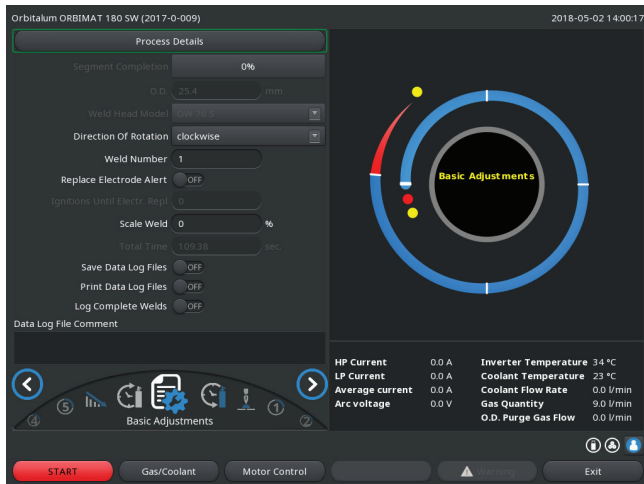


Fig. 11: Machine ready to start – Welding (left)



Fig. 12: Machine ready to start – Test run (right) – Start

- ▶ To change between the welding mode and the test mode the yellow "GAS" button at the weld head remote control or at the handle of the weld head can be activated by pressing it and keeping it pressed for 3 seconds.

With the remote control of the weld head:

- ▶ Press the gray "Motor" button until the desired position is reached. Only one rotation direction is possible here.

With an additional remote control (optional, available as accessory):

- ▶ Press the "MOTOR+" or "MOTOR –" button.

The rotor turns in the selected direction as long as a button is being pressed.

With the push switches of the machine:

- ▶ Call up main menu, if necessary.
- ▶ Press softkey 2 "Test".

The main menu in test mode appears in the display, and the "Start" button is yellow.

- ▶ Press softkey 4 "Motor".

The assignment of the softkeys for controlling the motor changes.

- ▶ Press "Motor forward" or "Motor backward" button.

The motor runs in the selected direction as long as the button is being pressed.

- ▶ Press softkey "Home".

The weld head turns to the open position.

- ▶ Press softkey "Motor OK" to exit the operating scheme.
- ▶ Press softkey 5 "Menu" to change directly to the main menu.

8.2.4 Connecting forming gas

With orbital welding, sufficient gas coverage must also be ensured inside the pipe ("root protection") with an inert gas (usually argon). This also applies for the so-called "black" (ferritic) materials.



CAUTION! ▶ A pressure reducer must be used.

- ▶ Plug up lines of the gas bottle with suitable stoppers.
- ▶ Open the regulator on the gas bottle and set a low flow rate for the forming gas.
- ▶ Ensure sufficient gas pre purge time before starting the machine.

To determine the right time, the residual oxygen meter (ORB) can be used.



CAUTION! Impermissible gas pressure inside the pipe. Penetration of melted metal into the weld head!
Damage to weld head.

- ▶ Ensure that gas pressure does not build up inside the pipe.



- ▶ When using closed weld heads, ensure that the same gas type is used both outside and inside the pipe, i.e. the same gas both for the machine (weld head) and that which is fed into the pipe.

Different gas types can lead to an undefined mixture of both gases in the welding pocket and thus to uneven weld penetration.

- ▶ Do not use "classic" forming gases with up to 30% hydrogen content.

A small amount of hydrogen which ends up in the welding pocket from inside the pipe via the pipe joint can lead to considerably greater penetration, as the hydrogen releases additional energy during combustion. Values gained from experience: An admixture of only 2% hydrogen has roughly the same effect on penetration as a 10% increase in weld current.

8.2.5 Welding

Starting the welding process

- ▶ Before starting, read the section "Interrupting the welding process" (see chap. 8.2.6, p. 36) so that you can take action immediately in case irregularities arise during a test run.
- ✓ Power source programmed
- ✓ Weld heads prepared for welding: properly connected and positioned
- ✓ Gas bottle secured and opened
- ✓ Machine switched on
- ✓ The main menu appears in the display.
- ▶ Press softkey 1 "*Weld*".

The machine is ready to start. The "*Start*" button in the display is red.

- ▶ Press softkey 1 "*Start*".
- or –
- ▶ Press the START button on an external remote control, if connected.
- or –
- ▶ Press the red START/STOP button on the weld head.

The coolant pump starts up, and the solenoid valve is opened. After the programmed gas pre-flow time passes, the arc is ignited and the welding process begins.

The machine carries out the welding process completely.



- ▶ Observe the welding process continuously and be prepared to take action at any time.
- ▶ With open weld tongs: Ensure proper guidance of the hose assembly while the rotor is circling.

Possible problems with the welding process:

- Incorrectly set weld current.
- LP weld tong not tensioned tightly enough.
- Forming gas quantity too high, holes being formed.
- ▶ In these cases, interrupt the welding process (see chap. 8.2.6, p. 36).

Welding process – Sequence

The machine carries out the welding process completely. During the welding process, the machine monitors the welding process and the following parameters:

- Coolant flow rate: The welding process is stopped if the limit value of 0.8 l/min is undershot.
- Gas flow: The welding process is interrupted if approximately 3 l/min is undershot.
- The weld current, weld voltage and weld speed process parameters: Limit values specified in the procedure are taken into account.

The following details appear in the display during the running welding process:



Fig. 13: Display during running welding process

Process completion: Bar graph with specification of process completion (in %) for the respective current sector.

Correction factor: Percent value by which the current in the current process was changed in comparison to the saved procedure.

Parameters pipe diameter to wire LP speed: Display of the process parameters of the procedure. The values can be changed during the welding process. The changes are saved by pressing the rotary knob (keyboard: ENTER) to the current welding process. The changes are not yet saved in the procedure. Fields with a gray background cannot be edited.

Graphic: Display of the weld sequence. After starting up, a pointer pointing to the inner yellow dot appears during gas pre purge. After the gas pre purge, pool formation occurs (the time after ignition during which no rotational movements are occurring for buildup of the weld pool). In the individual sectors, the respective current sector is highlighted in white, and the accompanying red indicator indicates the current electrode position. The current sector number and current position (in angular degrees) appear in the bottom section of the graphic.

Info field: The following information appears in the info field (below the graphic): Name of the folder in which the procedure is saved, name of the running procedure, current measurement values for coolant flow (in l/min), coolant temperature and inverter temperature (in °C); gas flow, mean current, arc voltage.

Warning messages and error messages appear in the "Warning" field.



The info field only appears during a running welding process.

Other: The following information appears on the two bottom lines: Help texts for operation with the rotary knob. On the right, information on the activated printer and the USB stick. When the printer is activated (for example log printing after welding) or the storage medium is activated (procedure being loaded), the symbols are highlighted in blue.

Softkeys: The current assignment of the softkeys appears at the bottom edge of the display. During the welding process, only softkeys 1 and 2 ("STOP" and "Final slope") are active.

Ending the welding process



If the process can no longer be controlled, shut down the system by using the main switch or pull out the power plug!

The following steps are carried out automatically at the end of the welding process:

- Current is automatically sloped off to the programmed final current.
- The arc is extinguished.
- Gas flow and liquid cooling are deactivated after the programmed time expires.
- Machine switches to ready-to-start condition.

8.2.6 Interrupting the welding process

Switching off the entire system

- ▶ Switch off machine at the main switch.
– or –
- ▶ Press the EMERGENCY-STOP button on connected remote control.

The entire machine is disconnected from the mains network immediately and completely (both poles). No other functions are carried out here: The gas flow is interrupted immediately. The current weld becomes unusable.

Stopping a running process

- ▶ Press softkey 1 ("STOP").
– or –
- ▶ Press the STOP button on the connected remote control.
– or –
- ▶ Press the red START/STOP button on the weld head.

The weld current is switched off immediately. The machine remains in operation, the gas post purge time runs and the liquid cooling of the weld head is carried out until the end of the gas post purge time.

A slight crater can arise in the seam on the workpiece, and this can be compensated for by over-welding it.

Premature slope-off of a running process

- ▶ Press softkey 2 ("Final slope").
– or –
- ▶ Press the "Final" button on the weld head.
– or –
- ▶ Press the slope-off symbol on the connected remote control.

The machine slopes off the weld current as per the procedure. The weld head continues running during the slope-off phase. After slope-off, the weld current is switched off, the gas post purge and pump continue running until the end of the programmed time.

8.3 Adjusting the procedure

8.3.1 Reasons and steps for adjusting procedure

The auto programming of the machine cannot take all influencing factors into account during welding. Procedures can be adjusted after the test run for this reason.

Possible reasons are:

- Batch-dependent fluctuations in the material composition.
 - Different dissipations (pipe on solid parts) etc. For example due to components with different sizes.
- ▶ Improve the procedure step by step. When adjusting, change only one parameter at a time so that you can better judge the influence on welding.
 - ▶ Save the adjusted procedure.
 - ▶ After the adjustment, carry out a test run of the parameters.
 - ▶ Observe the effects of the adjustment and carry out further adjustments if necessary.

8.3.2 Making percental changes

Reason: Welding result even, but weld seam penetrated too lightly or too strongly. The percentage change affects all levels (sectors) on high- and low-pulse current. After the test run, the "Scale weld" field is highlighted in the display.

1. Highlight a field.
2. Adjust and save the value with the rotary knob or keyboard:
Positive value: Increase the weld current.
Negative value: Reduce the weld current.

The settable value range can be limited in the procedure (for example only max. +5% and min. -5%).

Changing the scale weld

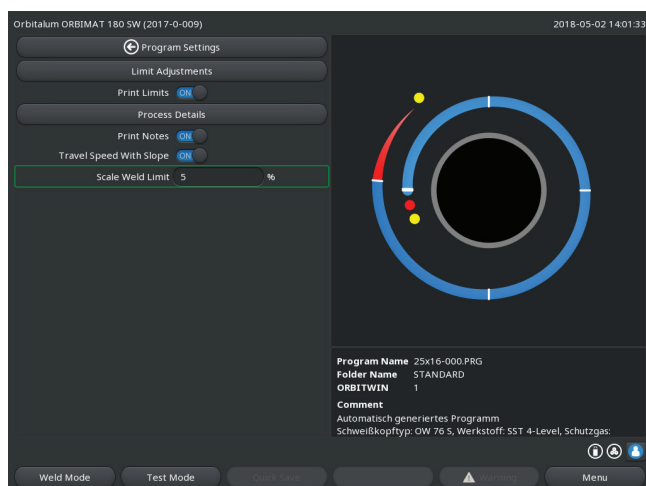


Fig. 14: Scale weld limit

1. In the main menu, select "System settings" > "Program settings".

The current limit within which the operator can change the scale weld in "completed" mode (production mode) is specified in the "Scale weld limit" field.

Example: Specification "5%" – Change in range from -5% to +5% (absolute range: 10%).

2. Adjust and save the value with rotary knob or keyboard.

8.3.3 Adjusting individual parameters

Individual parameters are adjusted in the respective sectors.

1. Select softkey 1 "Weld" or softkey 2 "Test".
 2. Using the "go back..." or "go further..." button select, adjust and save the individual parameters.
 3. Press softkey 1 ("Weld") or softkey 2 ("Test").
- or –
1. Press softkey 5 ("Leave").
 2. In the main menu, select "Manual/Adjust programming" > "Adjust parameters".
 3. Select the desired sector.
 4. Select, highlight, change and save parameters.
 5. Press softkey 1 ("Weld") or softkey 2 ("Test").

8.3.4 Digital gas management

Gas quantities can be programmed individually. Various possibilities of adjusting the gas pre purge time and gas post purge time:

- ▶ The transmission of the weld head is to be kept permanently free of oxygen during idling. This allows the gas pre purge time as well as the process time to be reduced.

8.3.5 Adjusting gas times

Auto programming generates gas pre and post purge times of 30 seconds for cassette weld heads. The adjustment of the gas times (gas pre purge time and gas post purge time) may be necessary to optimize the results of the welding process.

The space to be filled with gas also depends on the weld head size and pipe diameter. It may therefore be necessary to shorten the gas pre purge time for smaller weld heads. If the seam (with closed weld heads) is bare and nearly free of annealing colors right from the beginning, the gas pre purge time is correct. For special materials (e.g. titanium), it may be necessary to lengthen the gas times. The gas post purge time must at least be long enough that the material no longer reacts to oxygen in the air when the closed weld heads are opened. This also depends on the energy introduced during welding.

Cassette weld heads: Due to electrode oxidation, do not use a gas post purge time of less than 10 seconds.

LP weld tongs: Do not change the gas times specified by auto programming.



Fig. 15: Input field – Gas post purge time

1. Press softkey 1 "Weld".
2. Using the "go back to gas post purge time" or "go further to gas pre purge time", select, adjust and save the individual parameters.

– or –

1. In the main menu, select "Manual/Adjust programming" > "Adjust parameters".
2. Select, highlight, adjust and save parameters.

- ▶ Press softkey 1 ("Weld") or softkey 2 ("Test").

The machine is ready to start.

8.3.6 Adjusting ignition current, final current and current slope-off

- ▶ Adjust the values specified by auto programming only in exceptional cases (for example with extremely thin-walled pipes).

Ignition current: Value specified during ignition. The ignition current is active only very briefly and affects the ignition behavior itself. If the ignited arc is detected, the machine switches to the current programmed on level 1 within a few tenths of a second.

Final current: Current level reached by the final slope-off immediately before switch-off of the arc at the end of the welding process. The value must be greater than 0. Otherwise, the arc will cut out before the end of the welding process.

- ▶ Ensure that the value (3 A) is not zero.

For extremely large arc gaps (LP tongs):

- ▶ If the arc cuts out at the end of current slope-off: Increase the value.

Slope-off time: Time from the end of the last-used weld sector to the switch-off of the arc. This is identified by an increasingly narrower weld seam on the welded part.

The current slope-off is necessary to prevent a final crater (formed due to immediate switch-off) from being formed.

Is a longer or shorter run-out of the weld seam desired?

- ▶ Increase or decrease the value.

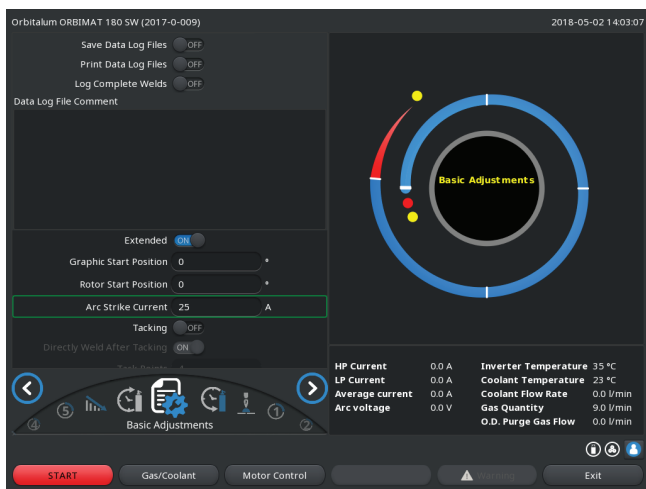


Fig. 16: Input field – Ignition current and pool formation time

1. **Ignition current:** Using the "go further to gas pre purge time" > "go further to start delay time" buttons, select, adjust and save parameters.
 2. Final current and current slope-off: Using the "go further to gas post purge time" > "go back to weld seam end" buttons, select, adjust and save parameters.
 3. Press softkey 1 ("Weld") or softkey 2 ("Test").
- or –
1. In the main menu, select "Manual/Adjust programming" > "Adjust parameters".
 2. Select, highlight, adjust and save parameters.
 3. Press softkey 1 ("Weld") or softkey 2 ("Test").

The machine is ready to start.

8.3.7 Adjusting the pool formation time

Pool formation time: Start delay of the rotation motor so that a point weld penetration already exists at the beginning of the rotation movement. The pool formation time must be adjusted if the starting point shows too much or too little weld penetration. Adjustment of the pool formation time is made easier by observing, for example, the root formation inside the pipe on a test piece. Ideally, the rotation should begin immediately after a visible formation of the melt pool inside the pipe.

Increasing the weld current in the 1st sector affects the energy introduced to the melt pool during pool formation.

- ▶ Ensure that the weld current of the 1st sector is already used during pool formation.

1. Using the "go further to gas pre purge time" > "go further to start delay time" " buttons, select, adjust and save parameters.
- or –
1. In the main menu, select "Manual/Adjust programming" > "Adjust parameters".
2. Select, highlight, adjust and save parameters.
3. Press softkey 1 ("Weld") or softkey 2 ("Test").

The machine is ready to start.

8.3.8 Adjusting welding current and transition times ("Slope")

The weld currents in the individual sectors are the process parameters which are changed most often in practice to achieve optimum and even weld seam formation. If the seam is welded unevenly or insufficiently, adjust the energy being applied.

To prevent changes in voltage from being sudden, and thus a possible visible change in the seam, a value can be specified for a transition time starting with sector 2. The value is a percentage value of the sector time in which a linear current transition from (current) value of the previous sector follows the current value of the current sector.

Example

- Current of 50 A (HP) in sector 1 and 45 A (HP) in sector 2
- Sector time in level 2 of 10 sec.
- Slope of 10%

Process sequence

- The sector is welded up to the end with 50 A (HP or LP as programmed).
- Within 10% of the sector time (meaning 10% of 10 sec = 1 sec), the current is reduced linearly from 50 A to 45 A.
- For the remaining sector time in sector 2 (= 9 sec), the current remains constant at 45 A.

Auto programming uses these linear transitions. This reduces the number of sectors. The effects to be compensated for by a change in current (e.g. heating of the pipes during welding) do not have a sudden character and can be compensated for better using transitions.



Alternatively, it is also possible by adjusting the weld speed. With different weld speeds, however, the seam appearance changes ("scaling") if the high- and low-pulse times are not adjusted in the same proportion.

Recommendation for standard applications

- ▶ The method of a constant weld speed within a procedure "recommended" by auto programming is retained.
- ▶ To achieve an even seam with proper weld penetration, adjust the current setting in the individual sectors.

For minor adjustments:

- ▶ Change only the high-pulse current.
- or –
- ▶ Change both currents in the same direction to obtain the desired "pulse effect".

1. In the main menu, select "Manual/Adjust programming" > "Adjust parameters".
2. Select the desired sector.

The respective selected sector is highlighted in color to the right in the display. The angular degrees of this sector is specified.

3. Select, highlight, adjust and save the "HP current", "LP current" and "Slope" parameters.
4. Press softkey 1 ("Weld") or softkey 2 ("Test").

The machine is ready to start.



The specification of the current transition in percent can be problematic under certain circumstances if procedures from other machines must be transferred with an incompatible data format and these machines are programmed with a slope in seconds instead of percent. The field for input of the slope time can be switched from percent to seconds, see also "Special keyboard commands" (chap. 8.17, p. 63).

- ▶ To switch the slope time specification from % to sec (and vice versa), press the "S", "L" and "O" keys (for SLOPE) on the virtual keyboard.
- ▶ Confirm the message (see Fig. 17) by pressing the rotary knob.

The next time the machine is started, the % values corresponding to the seconds appear.

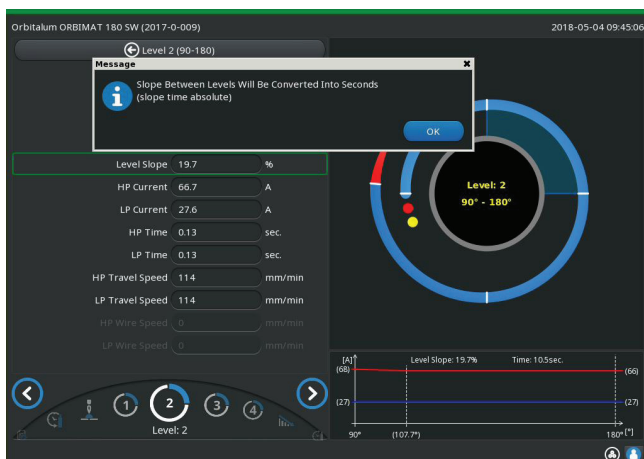


Fig. 17: Converting the slope time from percent to seconds

8.3.9 Adjusting pulse times

Pulse times in most application cases: 0.05 to 0.5 seconds.

Auto programming calculates the pulse times from the wall thickness. Adjusting the pulse times affects the seam appearance: A shorter pulse time yields a finer scale.



Fig. 18: Input field of a sector with representation of the seam scale

1. In the main menu, select "Manual/Adjust programming" > "Adjust parameters".
2. Select the desired sector.

The respective selected sector is highlighted in color to the right in the display. The angular degrees of this sector is specified. An image of the seam scale appears below the process graphic.

3. Select, highlight, adjust and save the "HP time" and "LP time" parameters.
4. Press softkey 1 ("Weld") or softkey 2 ("Test").

The machine is ready to start.

- ▶ Press softkey 4 "Apply value" to apply all the parameters such as amount of electricity, pulse times or speeds in all the subsequent sectors.

Recommendation

- ⊗ Do **not** set the high- and low-pulse times with different values.

Experienced users can adjust the pulse times with different values. This is recommended for certain materials (such as copper).

8.3.10 Adjusting weld speed and transition time ("Slope")

Auto programming specifies weld speeds in the range of 70 – 100 mm/min (at pipe circumference) that lie in the medium range for the TIG process. As of a certain wall thickness, the system drives the motor in sync with the pulse: The motor remains nearly still during the high-pulse phase and moves only during the low-pulse phase. This method reduces the volume of the liquid material so that the melt pool remains under control even with wall thicknesses of around 4.0 mm (0.157"). In these cases, the average value of both speeds is to be calculated for the resulting speed if the high- and low-pulse times are the same length.

In principle, a **high** weld speed (up to a maximum of approx. 200 mm/min makes sense) is only possible if the process does not have tolerances (offset, wall thickness, air gap, etc.).

At a somewhat **lower** speed, irregularities (such as minor fluctuations in the pipe wall thicknesses) are tolerated by the process. For auto programming **middle** values are therefore provided.

If a **higher** weld speed is required for an application:

- ▶ Increase the current to introduce the same energy (per section) into the process again.

For **different** weld speeds in the sectors:

When switching between sectors at different speeds, the motor is accelerated or braked linearly if a slope time has been set.

Deactivating transition in the speed

1. In the main menu, select "System settings" > "Program settings".
2. Select the "No" option for "Speed without ramp".

The slope is deactivated in the current procedure.

3. Press softkey 5 ("Menu").

The machine is ready to start.



If you are working with different speeds at high- and low-pulse current:

- ▶ Do not select pulse times shorter than 0.2 seconds to balance the inertia of the motors and the machinery.

If the motor is to nearly stand still in the high-pulse phase:

- ▶ Enter value "1" for the speed.

The motor continues to run and does not have to overcome static friction when starting up. This protects the motor and leads to higher precision while observing the angle of rotation while welding.

Auto programming automatically generates the value 1 for the weld speed in the high-pulse time during operation in sync with the pulse.

Adjusting wire feed parameters

- ▶ Only adjust wire feed parameters if a weld head is connected or was selected with cold wire supply.

With other weld heads, the input fields are grayed-out.

Wire feed parameters:

- Wire start delay (in seconds)
- Wire final delay time (in seconds)
- Wire retract (in seconds)
- Wire HP speed (in mm/min)
- Wire LP speed (in mm/min)

Changing the wire feed quantity requires a change to the current, since more (cold) material is introduced to the welding process with an increased wire speed, for example. If the wire quantity is too high, it is difficult to control the melt pool in the individual positions or it breaks away or drips off.

Wire start delay: The time from ignition of the arc to the introduction of the wire feed. The time corresponds with the time for pool formation (start delay for the rotation motor). It cannot be longer than the pool formation time. In special cases, it can be shorter than the bath formation time, so that the wire enters the melt pool while the rotation motor is still not moving.

- ▶ Do not set wire start delay too short, as the wire is not "taken up" if the melt pool has not yet been formed.

Wire final delay time: Time during which the wire is still fed to the process during current slope-off at the end of welding. Its minimum value is 0 and maximum value is as long as the current slope-off. With a value of 0, the wire feed stops when the current slope-off begins. If the time corresponds to the duration of the current slope-off, wire continues to be fed during the entire slope-off time.

Since the introduced energy declines as the current slopes off, the wire feed should stop when there is no longer a melt pool.

Wire retract: Time during which the wire running direction is reversed at the end of the wire feed so that the wire does not rest on the pipe when turning back the weld head. The retraction time should be approx. 1 - 2 sec. and is set properly when the wire extends 2 - 3 mm from the feed tube after retraction. If the time is too long, the wire is pulled in completely and the end (which is usually still a liquid ball) can adhere to the wire feed tube.

Wire HP/LP speed: The wire feed speeds of the filler wire (in mm/min) in the individual sectors. Auto programming usually controls the wire in sync with the pulse: The wire feed motor does not move on the low pulse, as the energy of the arc may not be sufficient to melt the wire under certain circumstances here.

To achieve a higher deposition rate:

- ▶ Increase the speed of the wire in the high-pulse phase.
- or –
- ▶ Feed wire in the low-pulse phase as well. The weld current set for low pulse must be sufficient here.

1. In the main menu, select "*Manual/Adjust programming*" > "*Adjust parameters*" > "*Pool formation*".
2. Consecutively select, highlight, adjust and save the "*Wire start delay*", "*Wire final delay time*" and "*Wire retract*" parameters.
3. Select "*go forward to sector 1*" or select the desired sector.

The respective selected sector is highlighted in color to the right in the display. The angular degrees of this sector is specified. An image of the seam scale appears below the process graphic.

4. Select, highlight, adjust and save the "*Wire HP speed*" and "*Wire LP speed*" parameters.
5. Press softkey 1 ("*Weld*") or softkey 2 ("*Test*").

The machine is ready to start.

8.3.11 Changing the sector

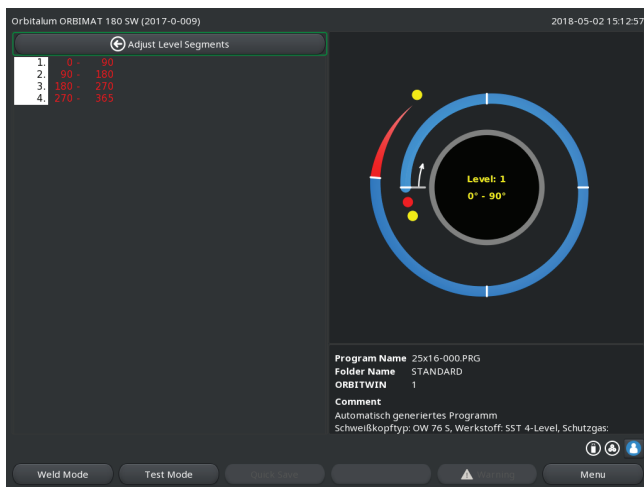
Auto programming divides welding into different sectors (usually 4 to 6). The parameters can be programmed for each sector.

The sector borders can be shifted manually, and sectors can be added or deleted.

Adjusting sector borders with the rotary knob

1. In the main menu, select "*Manual/Adjust programming*" > "*Divide into levels*".

The sector list appears on the left in the display (five sectors in the example, see Fig. 19). The process sequence appears on the right.



2. Turn rotary knob until the pointer points to a white sector border.

The green pointer moves through the sector, and the degree information of the position appears at the bottom edge of the process representation.

3. Ensure that the pointer is positioned correctly. For this purpose, compare value in the sector list (end sector 1 = 90°) with the degree information.
4. Briefly press the rotary knob.

The sector border is displayed in green.

Fig. 19: Sector list – Pointer position for 90°

5. Move sector border to the desired position with the rotary knob.
6. Briefly press the rotary knob.
7. Rapid jumping to the sector borders by pressing and immediately turning the rotary knob.

The sector border is saved at the new position. The sector list is updated accordingly.

Adjusting sector borders with the keyboard

1. In the main menu, select "*Manual/Adjust programming*" > "*Adjust parameters*".
2. Select the desired sector, e.g. "*Sector 1*".
3. Select and highlight the "*Final angle*" field, enter a value and save it.

To adjust further sectors:

4. Select "*go forward to sector ...*" or "*go backward to sector ...*".

Moving/deleting sectors

Example: Divide sector 1 (0 - 90°) into two sectors. New border at 45°.

1. In the main menu, select "*Manual/Adjust programming*" > "*Divide into levels*".

The sector list appears on the left in the display (five sectors in the example, see Fig. 19). The process sequence appears on the right.

2. Move the pointer to the 45° position with the rotary knob.
3. Briefly press the rotary knob.

The new sector border is set, and the sector list is updated. The new sector appears in the list. The parameters of the new sector are copied from the previous sector.

4. Adjust parameters of the new sector.

Example: Delete sector 1

1. In the main menu, select "*Manual/Adjust programming*" > "*Divide into levels*".

The sector list appears on the left in the display (five sectors in the example, see Fig. 19). The process sequence appears on the right.

2. Move the pointer to the 90° position with the rotary knob.
3. Ensure that the pointer is positioned correctly. For this purpose, compare value in the sector list (end sector 1 = 90°) with the degree information.
4. Briefly press the rotary knob.
5. Move the pointer to the next-lowest border to the left (0°) with the rotary knob.
6. Briefly press the rotary knob.

Sectors 1 (0 - 90°) and 2 (90 - 185°) are combined to form a new sector 1 (0 - 185°). Sector 1 and the parameters of this sector are deleted. The new sector has the parameters of the old sector 2.

7. Check parameters of the sector.

Note: Moving the sector border to the right (185°) causes the new sector 1 to accept the parameters of the old sector 1.

8.4 Saving and calling up a procedure

8.4.1 Saving a procedure

Procedure status

With an unsaved procedure, "[unsaved]" appears next to the name of the procedure in the "Procedure name" field in the display. The procedures are saved in folders. The folders can be created and named as desired. The "Default" folder is specified and cannot be deleted.

► **Recommendation:** Save procedures regularly, including after adjusting individual parameters.

Deactivating the folder structure

1. In the main menu, select "System settings" > "System adjustments".
2. Select the "No" option for "Create new folders".

The folder structure is deactivated. All procedures are saved in the main directory.

Saving a procedure under an existing name

The name of the folder in which the procedure is saved appears in the "Folder" field in the display.

1. Press softkey 3 ("Save").

A prompt appears.

2. Confirm the prompt with "Yes".
3. The procedure is saved with the adjustments.

Saving an adjusted procedure under a new name

1. Press the "Save" button in the main menu.
2. Press "New folder" button or select an existing folder.

If "New folder" was pressed:

3. Select the input field and briefly press the rotary knob.
4. The input field is activated.
5. Enter the folder name with the keyboard.
6. Press the "OK" button.

The new folder is created.

7. Select the new folder.
8. Highlight and activate the input field for procedure names and enter the new procedure name.
9. Press the "OK" button.

The procedure is saved with the new name (possibly in newly created folder).

8.4.2 Calling up a procedure

► **Recommendation:** Save unsaved procedures if necessary before calling up a procedure.

1. Press the "Select procedure" button in the main menu.
2. Select the folder.

A list of procedures is displayed. Additional information on each procedure appears in the display.

3. Select the procedure.



If an unsaved procedure is loaded in the RAM, another procedure cannot be loaded. A warning is displayed:

"Cancel": The procedure call is cancelled. The main menu appears.

"No": The unsaved procedure is not saved, and any adjustments made are lost. The selected procedure is called up.

"Yes": The unsaved procedure is saved. The main menu appears.

If unsaved procedures are saved or adjustments were rejected:

4. Call up the procedure again.

The selected program appears in the display.

8.5 Locking machine with a login

The machine disposes of two views of the main menu:

Long form

Procedure programming mode. Procedures can be changed, and sensors and monitoring functions can be activated/deactivated.

Short form

Production mode. All functions which lead to changes in the existing procedures cannot be executed in the "Short menu" and are not displayed. Sensors and monitoring functions cannot be deactivated.

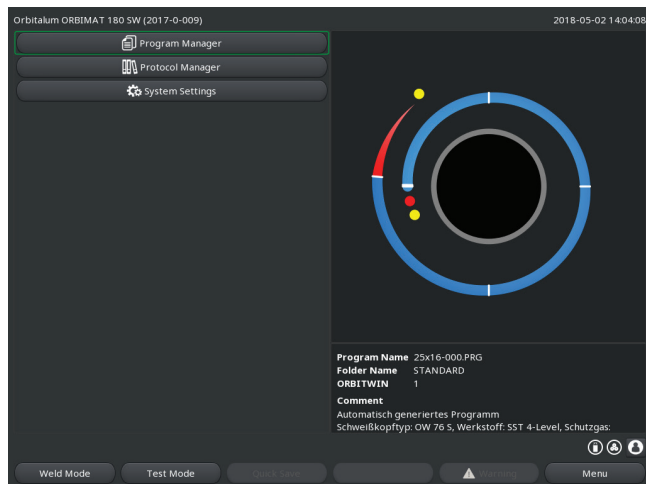


Fig. 20: Main menu (Short form)

1. Touch the login icon at the bottom right in the screen.

A virtual keyboard is displayed.

2. Enter the password and confirm by pressing the rotary knob.

► Login icon highlighted in blue = Logged in.

3. To log out touch the login icon at the bottom right in the screen.

► Icon highlighted in blue becomes gray = Logged out.

The saved data are largely protected against loss or change.

Recommendation

► Create backup copies of the data of the internal memory at regular intervals.



Initial password at the initial login: **12345**

The password can be changed at any time under the menu item "*System settings*".

If the password is lost/forgotten, please use the machine-specific master password specified in the calibration certificate. If logging in with the master password is not possible, please contact Orbitalum.

Limitation of the percentage current change

In the "disabled" position, the operator can not adjust or delete existing procedure sequences.

If it is necessary, however, to make small adjustments for a welding task (e.g. due to batch-based fluctuations of the material composition or minor changes in the wall thickness), a percentage limit can be set in the welding procedure. The operator can adjust the current within this limit.

This adjustment is not saved in the procedure and affects all sectors and the high-pulse and low-pulse current.

► **Recommendation:** Allow for maximum 10% (20% adjustment range).

Specifying "5%" means that it is possible to adjust up to 5% above or below the base value. The total adjustment range amounts to 10%.

Specifying a limit

1. Locking the machine with a login

The main menu "Long form" appears in the display.

2. In the main menu, select "*System settings*" > "*Program settings*".
3. Select and highlight the "*Scale weld limit*" field and enter a percentage value.
– or –
If no adjustment is desired: Enter the value "0".
4. Save the procedure.
5. Lock the machine with a login.

8.6 Tacking function

1. Select the basic adjustments.
2. Use the rotary knob to select the "Advanced" option and confirm by pressing.
3. Select the "On" option for "Tacking".

The following four fields are activated:

4. Accept or adjust the suggested parameters.
5. Test the tacking function: Carry out welding on a test pipe.
6. Interrupt the test weld with "STOP" after the tacking phase.
7. Remove the test pipe from the weld head and assess the tacking.
8. Adjust the parameters manually if necessary.

Tack points

Number of tack points on the pipe. The system calculates the optimum position of the points from the specified number of points and moves to them during the tacking procedure: With four tack points, the two opposite tack points (0° and 180°) come first, followed by the other points (90° and 270°).

Tack current

Presetting: High-pulse current from level 1.

During the tacking procedure, this current is switched on after the position for the respective tack point (with rotor not moving) is reached. If the time specified under "*Tack time*" has past, the system switches to a low current (the "*Pilot current*") and moves to the next tack point at the maximum possible speed.

- ▶ In case of weak tacking: Lengthen the tack time or increase the tack current.

Pilot current

Current upon arriving at tack points. The pilot current should, on the one hand, be high enough so that the arc does not cut out, and on the other hand low enough so that a melt pool does not form on the pipe surface.

- ⊗ Recommendation: Do **not** change the pilot current.

Tack time

Duration for the readiness of the tack current when the position is reached and the rotor is not moving.

- ▶ In case of weak tacking: Lengthen the tack time or increase the tack current.



When a tacking procedure is carried out first, the starting point of the welding is moved.

- ▶ Compensate for this shift by entering an angle in the "Start position" field (see Fig. 7.4). The angle specified for "Start position" is approached by the system before welding begins. By selecting this angle accordingly, the starting point of welding is moved back to the original position.
- ▶ Recommendation: Run the procedure in test mode and check the movement of the rotor when doing so.



Fig. 21: Tacking function

Selection field "Weld After Tacking" (optional)

Select this option to prefasten the workpieces in order to avoid any possible material distortion during the welding process.

At an activated function the welding process starts automatically after the tacking process.

8.7 Using the second gas pressure level ("Flow Force")

Auto programming generates gas pre purge times of 30 seconds if a closed weld head is selected.

The machine can first fill the weld head with a higher gas pressure during the gas pre purge time to reduce the time.

The gas pre purge time is the total time for filling the welding chamber before welding.


Only values which are at least 2 seconds shorter than the total gas pre purge time are possible for the Flow Force. This time difference of 2 seconds is necessary so that a corresponding pressure compensation can occur in the weld head before ignition of the arc. The increased flow speeds of the Flow Force also causes turbulence, which could negatively affect stable arc ignition.

The correct value depends on the following parameters: Pressure setting on pressure reducer, chamber size, weld head size and pipe diameter.

If oxidation occurs near the start position on the fully welded part, the potential reduction has been reached. The oxidation indicates possible uneven gas coverage at the start of welding.

"Flow Force" can be used both for the gas pre purge time and the gas post purge time.

- Determine the setting values by testing.



The Flow Force has to be activated manually. Gas monitoring by the sensor does not occur until the end of the time of the "second gas duct", i.e. at the start of the pressure compensation. Using this function together with open type weld tongs has no advantage and is of no use. The flowmeter outside the power source in the supply line has to be opened completely. Controlling is carried out in the power source. It has to be ensured that the programmed gas quantity is also made available.

Recommended settings:

WELD HEAD TYPE	L/MIN
OW 12	8
OW 19	12
OW 38S, 76S, 115S, 170	15 ... 18
HX	12

Activating a gas pressure level

1. Switch to "Welding" mode with *go forward to gas pre purge time* to set the gas pre purge time.

The following display appears:



Fig. 22: Flow Force

2. Select the "Yes" option for "Flow Force".
The "Flow Force time" field is activated.
3. Enter and save the value for the Flow Force.
Quantity in "l/min" and time in "s".

8.8 Connecting supplementary devices

8.8.1 ORB Residual Oxygen Meter

The Residual Oxygen Meter can be used separately or connected to the machine.

Separate use:

If the limit value set at the meter is undershot by the device, a warning signal is emitted. This has no effect on the welding process. The operator can take further measures.

Connection to the machine:

The machine cannot be started as long as the residual oxygen value lies above the set limit value. If the limit value is exceeded, the process is aborted and a note is entered in the log.

8.8.2 Connecting and configuring the BUP control unit

The BUP control unit enables a defined and programmable internal pipe pressure (forming gas) to be built up in conjunction with suitable plugs for closing off the pipe on both sides. This pressure is controlled based on the electrode position. Thus an incursion of the weld seam which occurs in the flat position can be reduced or eliminated.

The control unit does not have its own power supply: It is connected to the machine via the connection socket and is thus ready for operation.

Connecting the unit

1. Connect the unit to the "BUP Control" connection socket of the machine.
2. In the main menu select "*System settings*" > "*System adjustments*".
3. Select the "Yes" option for "*External input for abort*".

The signal from the oxygen meter is monitored continuously.

To save the activation of the external input in a procedure:

- ▶ Save the procedure after activation.

Activating the unit

1. In the main menu select "*Manual/Adjust programming*" > "*Adjust parameters*" > "*Gas settings*".
2. Select the "Yes" option for "*Backup gas control*".

The parameters required for programming the BUP unit are enabled.

Programming the values and reference values for the individual parameters

See the operating instructions for the supplementary unit.

8.8.3 TIG manual welding torch

Liquid-cooled manual welding torches with the Orbitalum connection system can be connected.

The torch should have a torch button for starting the process.

- For cassette weld heads: Ground wire required.
- For LP heads: The optional ground wire can also be used in conjunction with the manual welding torch.

Procedures can be adjusted and saved for manual operation.

Functions in manual operation:

Torch button on manual torch

The torch button functions in four-cycle operation:

- Start process by pressing the button.
- During the welding process, press the torch button again and hold it down: The machine carries out the final slope-off for the programmed time and as long as the torch button is pressed. When the final current is reached, the machine ends welding automatically.
- Release the torch button while slope-off is active: The process is interrupted (used, for example, to set a tack point without having to wait for the entire slope-off time to pass).

Weld current and pulse times

As programmed in sector 1: The machine remains in sector 1 during the entire manual welding procedure; any programmed sector times and rotation angles are meaningless.

Gas pre purge, ignition current, slope-off and gas post purge:

As programmed.

Sensors for gas and coolant monitoring:

Active during manual operation, weld current is monitored.

Speed monitoring:

Deactivated; programmed weld speeds are meaningless.

Selecting a TIG manual welding torch

CAUTION: Programming via "Auto programming" not possible!

1. In the main menu, select "Manual/Adjust programming" > "Parameter adjustments" > "Basic adjustments".
2. Select and highlight the "Weld head model" field.

The list of weld head models appears in the display:



The connected manual torch is detected automatically.

3. If the manual torch is not detected:
Select weld head model from the list and save it.
4. Press softkey 1 ("Weld").

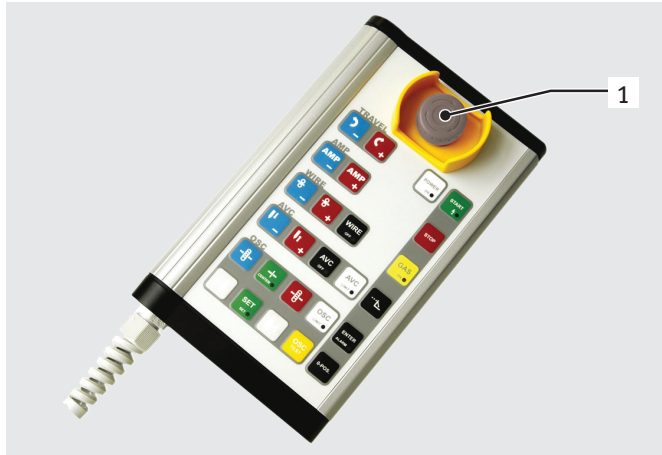
The machine is ready to start.

Fig. 23: Manual torch selection

8.8.4 External remote control

Connecting a remote control

1. Remove the dummy plug in the remote control connection of the machine.
2. Connect the remote control.



1. EMERGENCY-STOP switch
2. Function keys

Fig. 24: Remote control

8.8.5 External printer (A4)

USB connection: Can be selected freely on the rear of the machine.

Internal printer driver/character set: PCL 3

8.8.6 External monitor /HDMI

HDMI connection: Can be selected freely on the rear of the machine.

The machine display is not switched off when an additional monitor is connected.

8.9 Monitoring functions

8.9.1 General information

The machine monitors the following parameters:

- Gas quantity
- Coolant quantity
- Temperature of the power section

If the (permanently set) limit values are exceeded, the machine switches off automatically.

With the following parameters, the limit values (minimum and maximum values for warning and procedure abortion) are set based on the procedure:

- Weld current
- Weld speed
- Arc voltage

In the case of overshooting or undershooting of the values for the warning message, a warning message is output, but the running process is not interrupted.

In case of overshooting or undershooting of the values for procedure abortion, the running process is interrupted. During the process, the following parameters are displayed for informational purposes:

- Mains voltage
- Coolant temperature

8.9.2 Adjusting limit values

► In the main menu select "System settings" > "Program settings" > "Limit adjustments".

The parameters with the limit values appear in the display:

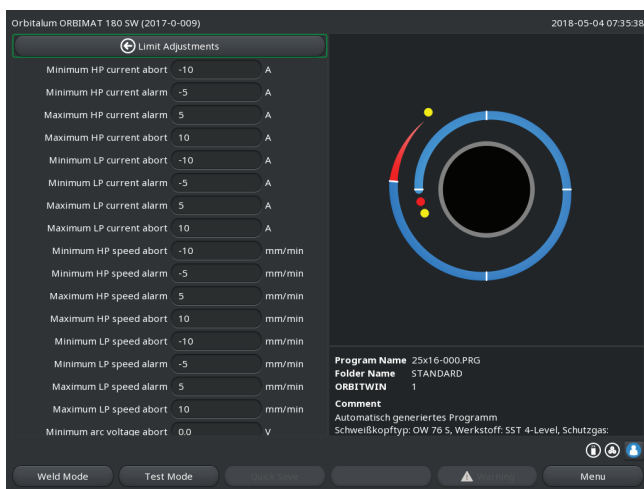


Fig. 25: Limit values

Example: 60 A is programmed for the high-pulse current in a sector. During the process, a value of 55 A (-5A) is measured: A warning message appears ("High-pulse current too low"). The process continues running. The operator can carry out further measures (for example manual initiation of the current slope-off).

Maximum HP current alarm

Upward deviation of the high-pulse current (HP): If the specified deviation (5 A) is reached, a warning message appears.

Example: 60 A is programmed for the high-pulse current in a sector. During the process, a value of 65 A (+5A) is measured: A warning message appears ("High-pulse current too high"). The process continues running. The operator can take further measures.

Maximum HP current abort

Upward deviation of the high-pulse current (HP): If the specified deviation (+10 A) is reached, welding is aborted.

Example: 60 A is programmed for the high-pulse current in a sector. During the process, a value of 70 A (+10A) is measured: The process is aborted. The gas post purge time is still observed.

This method of functioning applies for the following parameters in the same way:

- Minimum/maximum LP current
- Minimum/maximum HP speed
- Minimum/maximum LP speed

Minimum HP current abort

Downward deviation of the high-pulse current (HP). If the specified deviation (-10 A) is reached, welding is aborted.

Example: 60 A is programmed for the high-pulse current in a sector. During the process, a value of 50 A (-10 A) is measured: The process is aborted. The gas post purge time is still observed.

Minimum HP current alarm

Downward deviation of the high-pulse current (HP): If the specified deviation (-5 A) is reached, a warning message appears.

Minimum/maximum voltage

The minimum and maximum deviations are not specified for the arc. The absolute voltage values are provided instead. There is no setpoint value for the arc voltage in the procedure which can be compared to the current measured value.

Minimum/maximum voltage abort

Welding is aborted when the value is reached.

Minimum/maximum voltage alarm

A warning message appears when the value is reached.

8.10 Data documentation and data management

8.10.1 Managing data

Deleting data

1. In the main menu select the "Program Manager".
2. Press softkey 2 "Manage".
3. Use the rotary knob to mark either a folder or an individual log.

If a log/procedure is to be deleted from a further folder, the message "Cancel the selection" is displayed when the new folder/file is selected.

- ▶ "Yes" = Selection is cancelled. The check mark is removed at all the files previously marked.
- ▶ "No" = Selection is retained.

Subsequently new files can be added to the selection.

4. Press the "Delete" button or softkey 3.

The text field "Really delete the selected directories and/or files?" is displayed.

- ▶ "Yes" = Selected directories and/or files are deleted.
- ▶ "No" = Selected directories and/or files are not deleted. The selection is retained.
- ▶ "Cancel" = Selected directories and/or files are not deleted. The selection is cancelled.

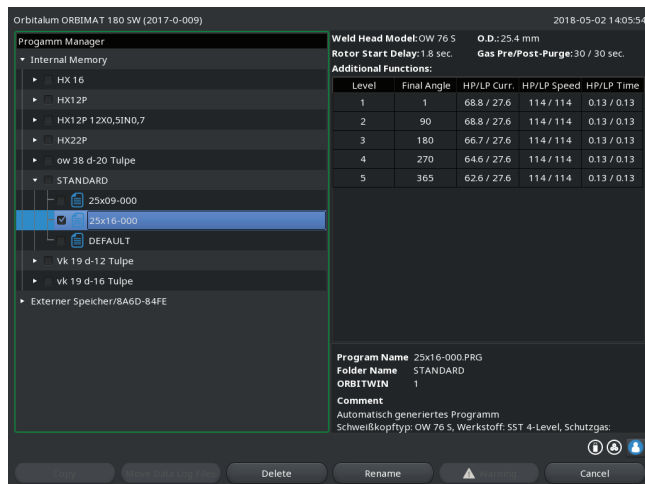
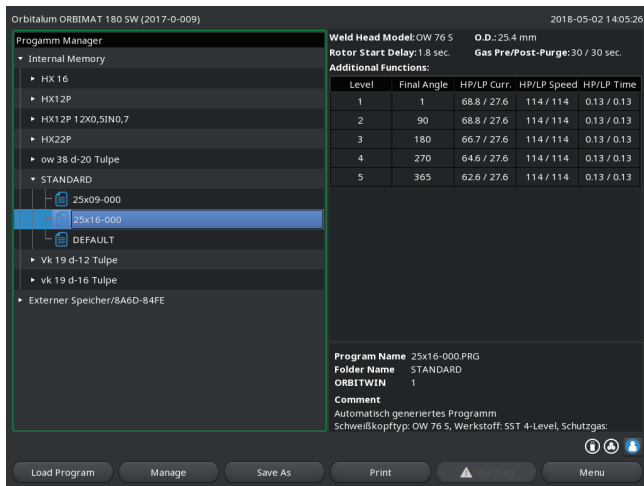


Fig. 26: Deleting a procedure



The system always saves logs on the external memory. The system-based required procedure "Default" and the folder "Default" cannot be deleted.

Copying data



1. In the main menu select the "Program Manager".
2. Press softkey 2 "Manage".
3. Mark the file to be copied.
4. Use the rotary knob to navigate to the desired target directory.
5. Mark either the complete folder or a file in the folder.
6. Press softkey 1.

Fig. 27: Managing a procedure

The message "Really copy the selected files?" is displayed. All the selected files and the new storage location are listed.

- ▶ "Yes" = Process is executed. The files are copied.
- ▶ "No" = Process is not executed. The selection is retained.
- ▶ "Cancel" = Process is not executed. The selection is removed.

Moving data

1. In the main menu select the "Program Manager".
2. Press softkey 2 "Manage".
3. Navigate to the desired directory or the desired file and mark it by pressing the rotary knob.
4. Use the rotary knob to navigate to the desired target directory.
5. Press softkey 2 "Move".

The message "Copy the selected file?" is displayed. All the selected files and the new storage location are listed.

- ▶ "Yes" = Second message is displayed: "Really delete the selected directories or files?"
- ▶ "Yes" = Process is executed and the directories or files are moved.
- ▶ "No" = Process is not executed. The selection is retained.
- ▶ "Cancel" = Process is not executed. The selection is removed.

Renaming data

1. In the main menu select the "Program Manager".
2. Press softkey 4 "Rename".

The selected file is indicated by a field highlighted in yellow.

3. The complete test is marked and can be renamed freely by using the keyboard or by double-clicking on the touch screen.

Deleting data on the external memory card

- ▶ Same procedure as for "Deleting data"

8.10.2 Entering comments and application data ("Process details")

Useful information on individual parameters (material, gas type, electrode, etc.) and comments (for example a description of the seam preparation, an angle setting of the electrode with adapter) about a procedure can be entered for the operator. This information may be required for ensuring consistent results when the procedure is executed. These notes and comments are procedure-based.

Entering notes and comments

Several possibilities are available for entering notes and comments:

Either:

1. Select "System settings", then "Program settings" and subsequently "Process details" in the main menu.
2. Various parameters can now be added individually.

or:

1. In the respective welding procedure select the "Basic adjustments".
2. Select "Process details".
3. Various parameters can now be added individually.

A comment field appears in the display.

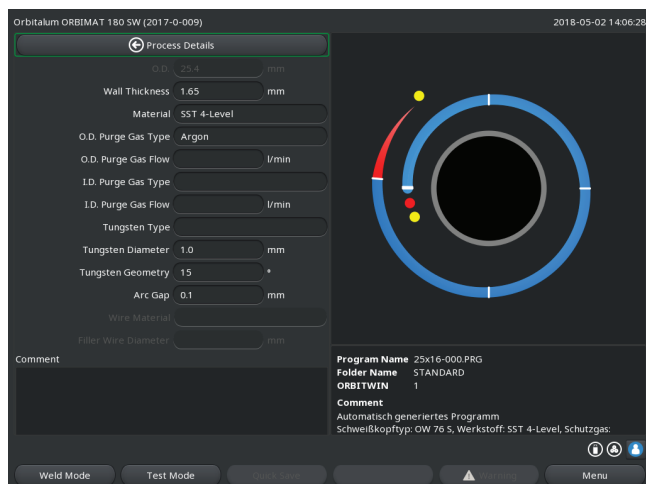


Fig. 28: Process details



Fig. 29: Comments

4. Highlight the input field, enter the text and save.

8.10.3 Working using USB

Supported storage media:

- USB storage media
- ▶ Ensure that the memory card has "FAT formatting".

Available functions:

- Saving and reading procedures.
- Saving of logs and procedures for further processing externally with special external software (OrbiProg CA)
- Backing up, restoring and updating system data. These system data are essentially the operating software itself, the library of the available weld heads, the auto programming database and the various operating languages of the software.

A USB stick symbol is displayed in the bottom right-hand corner of the display.

The USB stick symbol is not displayed?

- ▶ Remove the USB medium and insert it again. The USB stick recognition can take up to 30 seconds.

Write/read logs to/from memory cards:

Logs are always saved on the external memory card, as they are generally only used externally, for example on a PC with the "OrbiProgCA" program.

Activating logs for a weld process

- ✓ Connect the USB medium.
1. In the main menu, press softkey 1 "Weld" or softkey 2 "Test".
 2. Select the "Yes" option in the *Save log files* field.

During the welding process, the logs are saved on the external memory card.

If an external memory card is not inserted, an error message appears at the end of the welding process.

To always activate saving of the logs for a procedure:

- ▶ Save the procedure with activated option.

Reading and evaluating a log

- ✓ External software "OrbiProgCA" installed on a PC.
- ▶ Connect the USB medium to the PC.

The logs can also be displayed in the display of the machine.

- ▶ Display data of the logs (actual current values, weld speed and arc voltage) as a table in the display.

8.10.4 Viewing and printing data

Configuring the printer

- ✓ External printer connected, if applicable.

All the printers that can be selected are displayed in a list under "*System adjustments*".

- ▶ Us the rotary knob to select the desired printer.

Printer selection is also possible via "*Basic settings*" in the process under "*Print log files*". If "*Print log files*" is set to "*Off*", the list of possible printers is grayed out.

- ▶ Select "*Internal*" for an internal printer.
 - or –
 - Select "*USB*" for an external printer.

A symbol for the printer is displayed in the bottom right of the display.

Viewing and printing saved procedures and log files

1. In the main menu, select "*Print*".
2. Press one of the following buttons:

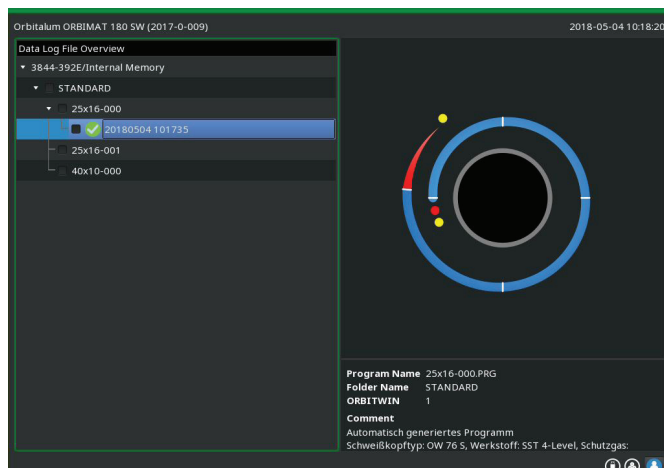


Fig. 30: Overview of the log files of a procedure

Folder tree: This function prints the available structure of the folders created in the system just like on a PC.

Procedure overview: Here, you are provided with a tabular overview of all the procedures available on the machine, however without the procedure parameters.

One procedure: Here you have to select an individual procedure via the folder structure which is then printed.
Log file overview: Prints the tabular overview of all the available procedures.

All logs for a procedure: You proceed to a procedure using the folder structure here as well. Now, all logs which were generated when welding with this procedure are printed.

One procedure: You go to a procedure using the folder structure here as well. You are now presented with the overview of all created logs with this procedure displayed as follows:
 Each protocol has a unique number generated when the data record is saved (at the end of the current welding process), which is comprised of the current date and time.
 Example (see Fig.): Log file with the number 20180302103517 (3/2/2018 at 10:35 p.m. and 17 seconds).

The logs are identified by color:

Green identifier with check mark:

All measured actual values lie within the monitoring limits for alarm and abort.

Yellow identification and exclamation mark:

An alarm message was output during welding. The alarm limit values specified in the monitoring limits were undershot or overshot. The process was not aborted.

Red identification with X:

Welding was aborted. The monitoring limits were overshot/undershot or the operator initiated a "STOP".

If you now want to print an individual log after viewing it, select it. The machine will print a corresponding log with the respective active printer (internal or external).

Printing a log directly after welding

If the "*Direct printing*" function is used, the data are not saved. The data are deleted after printing. The function for saving can be activated additionally.

To print a log without using a memory card or saving the data, proceed as follows:

- ▶ Select the "Yes" option for "*Print log files*" in the "*Welding*" status.

Once the process is complete, the log is automatically printed by the active printer.

8.10.5 Editing data on a PC with the "OrbiProgCA" supplementary software

Using the external software, the procedure and log files generated by Orbitalum welding units of the entire ORBIMAT-series (180 SW, 160/250 C, 165/300 CB, 165/300 CA) can be saved and printed on an external PC.

In the case of data from the CA and SW units, procedures can also be edited and the adjusted procedures transferred back to the machine.

All the procedures and logs can be printed in the PDF format or exported as .xls files.

8.11 Updating and backup functions for the software

Updating and backup functions for the following software components:

- Operating software (system) of the machine
- Auto programming files
- Data of the individual weld heads (weld head list)
- Files of the different operating languages (language files)

The software components can be updated, saved and restored individually and independently of one another. To edit several software components, the steps must be carried out individually for each software component.



When executing the described functions for updating and saving the software, write, read and copy processes are carried out between the internal memory and an external storage medium.

- ▶ Ensure that the machine is connected with the network during these actions.
- ▶ Ensure that the machine is not switched off by the main switch or by the EMERGENCY-STOP function. The operating software can be damaged due to incomplete transfer of the data, and it might not be possible to start the machine again in this case.

8.12 Updating software components

Update with a new version of Orbitalum (can be obtained via Internet)

1. Connect the USB stick obtained from Orbitalum.
2. In the main menu, select "*System data*" > "*Update*".
3. Select the software component.
4. Follow the instructions on the display.

The update lasts a few minutes, and it may be necessary to restart the machine.

8.13 Saving software components

Save the existing version on a USB stick.

After saving, the USB stick can be read in using the "*Update*" function if necessary.

Recommendation:

► Save all the software components (system, auto programming, header list and language files).

1. Connect the USB stick.
2. In the main menu, select "*System data*" > "*Save*".
3. Select the software component.
4. Follow the instructions on the display.

8.14 Restoring software components

In case of problems with new program versions or a faulty update, the software can be reset to the version previously used.

1. In the main menu, select "*System data*" > "*Restore*".
2. Select the software component.
3. Follow the instructions on the display.

8.15 Working in other languages

Currently, the following languages are available in the standard scope of delivery of each CA and SW power source: German, English, US English, Spanish, French, Italian, Polish, Hungarian, Danish, Turkish, Russian, Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Czech, Finnish, Greek, Dutch, Portuguese, Slovak, Swedish.

8.15.1 Changing the language

1. In the main menu, select "*System settings*" > "*Language*".
2. Select and confirm the desired language.

The display changes to the main menu with the selected language.



Did you select the wrong language?

If the wrong language was selected and you can no longer understand the text in the display, proceed as follows:

1. Press softkey 6.
The system switches to the main menu.
2. In the main menu, select the last entry.
The "*System settings*" menu appears in the display.
3. In the submenu, select the last entry.
The "*Language*" menu appears in the display.
The list of available languages appears.
4. Select the correct language and confirm.

8.15.2 Printing data in another language



When the language is changed, all the output messages, parameter names etc. are translated to the selected language.

Comments on the procedures or logs which were entered by the operator are not translated.

The procedures and logs are printed in the respective selected language of the operating software.

Printing a procedure on the machine

1. Change the language of the software to the desired language.
2. Print the procedure.

Printing the procedure on a PC

1. Save the procedure to a USB stick.
2. Open the procedure on the PC with the "OrbiProgCA" software and set the language.
3. Print the procedure.

Printing a log

1. Change the language of the software to the desired language.
2. Save the log.
3. Print the log.

8.15.3 Creating a new operating language

A new language file can be created in cooperation with Orbitalum.

8.16 Importing programs from other Orbitalum power sources

This allows procedures to be imported from Orbitalum devices which are either no longer being produced or which work with a different operating system.

A procedure import to any CA and SW machine is possible from the following units:

- ORBIMAT 160 C, 250 C, 300 C
- ORBIMAT 165 CB, 300 CB

During importing, the procedures are transferred to the format of the OM 165/300CA or 180 SW respectively and can then be used in the machine. Conversion in the other direction (procedure from the CA for use in the machines mentioned above) is not possible, with the exception of the CA generation. Here all the procedures are fully compatible.

8.16.1 Importing procedures

1. Save the procedures to be transferred at the initial machine onto a USB stick.
2. For OM 160 C, OM 250 C or OM 300 C: An adapter from PCMCIA to a medium which is readable by the card reader of the CA machine (CF, SD, SM, MMC, Sony Memory Stick) is required.

If the procedures are saved on an external PC:

- ▷ Transfer the procedures to a USB stick. Create a "*PROGRAM*" folder in the process.

This structure is required for identifying the procedures on the SW.

- ▷ Copy the procedures to this folder.
 - ▷ Copy the folder to the top level of the USB stick.
3. Connect the USB stick.

The USB stick symbol is displayed at the bottom right in the display.

4. In the main menu, select "*System settings*" > "*Service*" > "*Import procedures*".

The folder structure of the machine appears in the display.

- ▷ To create a new folder, select "*New folder*", enter a name and confirm.

5. Select the folder.

The data are transferred and converted in the internal memory of the machine. The original procedure names, comments etc. are retained on the USB stick.

8.17 Special keyboard commands

The following commands can be entered on the external or virtual keyboard.

VER	Display the software version.
SER	Display the service screen.
SLO	Switches the slope representation from % (standard) to seconds.

8.18 Operation of the system with other mains voltages

The OM 180 SW machine features a "wide range" input for the mains voltage (input voltage).

The machine can be used in the voltage range from 90 - 260 V at a frequency of 50 - 60 Hz.

For operation on, for example, 115 V (or any other voltage in the range stated above), the operator does not need to switch anything or make any settings or adjustments.

In 115 V operation, higher input currents arise with otherwise even loading of the machine. The weld current is automatically limited to 120 A if a mains voltage of less than 200 V AC is active.

The machine detects the mains voltage automatically and does not permit currents over 120 A to be entered when programming the system.

Procedures containing current values over 120 A cannot be started.

- ▶ Ensure that an appropriate power plug is used for the power connection.

9. SERVICE AND TROUBLESHOOTING

9.1 Performing service work

- In the main menu select "System settings" > "Service".

The following display appears:



Fig. 31: Service menu

9.1.1 Pumping out coolant

Use when changing the coolant and emptying the tank in case of longer machine standstill

1. Connect the drain hose on the flow connection (blue).
2. Lead drain hose into a suitable container to catch the coolant water (approx. 2.2 liters).
3. Press the "Coolant pump on" button.

A message appears. The coolant is pumped out of the flow connection of the machine (blue) without the coolant sensor in the return line being able to interrupt the process. To protect the pump against dry running, this process is limited in time to approx. 30 seconds.

4. Select "Cancel" when the coolant is fully pumped out to avoid unnecessary dry running of the pump.

If the tank is not pumped empty:

- Start the process again.

For further information please refer to the "Commissioning" section (see chap. 7.5, p. 25).

9.1.2 Performing motor calibration

Use to check and correct the motor speed.

If several weld heads of the same type are used, a motor calibration should be carried out repeatedly before use.

If different weld head models are used, this is not required, as the machine saves a separate deviation for each head model.

Continuously large and constantly different speed deviations are an indicator of a defect in the power source or weld head that cannot be compensated via motor calibration.

1. Press the "Calibrate motor" button.

The rotor moves to the home position and then carries out one complete revolution at a speed which is realistic for the welding process. The time is measured during the revolution. The (actual) speed which can be calculated is compared to the default value. The deviation is displayed in the speed in percent. Properly calibrated heads generally mean deviations under 1%.

A message appears: "Save new calibration data??"

2. If the deviation is less than 1%: Confirm message with "No".
3. If the deviation is greater: Confirm the message with "Yes" and save the value.

The machine is aware of the fault of the current connected weld head and compensates for it in the process.

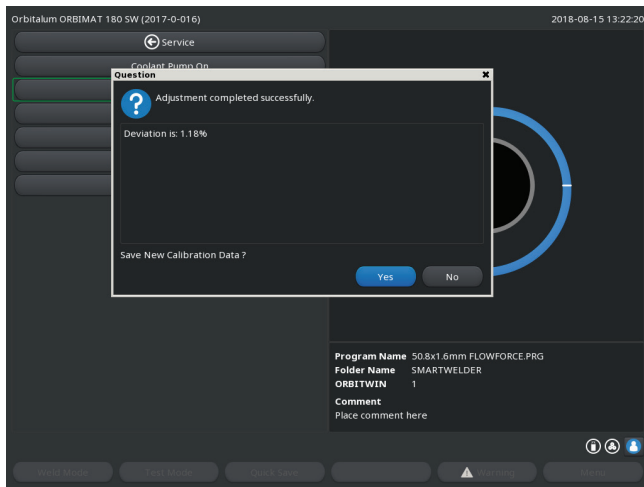


Fig. 32: Motor calibration

WARNING

- When a display appears (see Fig. 32), the weld head can be calibrated!
1. Ensure that the head can rotate freely and that there is no danger of injury.
 2. Message: Confirm "Weld head ready for calibration?" with "Yes".
- The weld head starts running.
The calibration can be aborted at any time by pressing the rotary knob.



Motor calibration is only possible with heads that have a limit switch.

9.1.3 Adjusting an external printer

Adjust the printing of data when using an external (A4) printer.

Example: Printing data on letter paper.

1. Press the "External printer setup" button.

The following display appears:

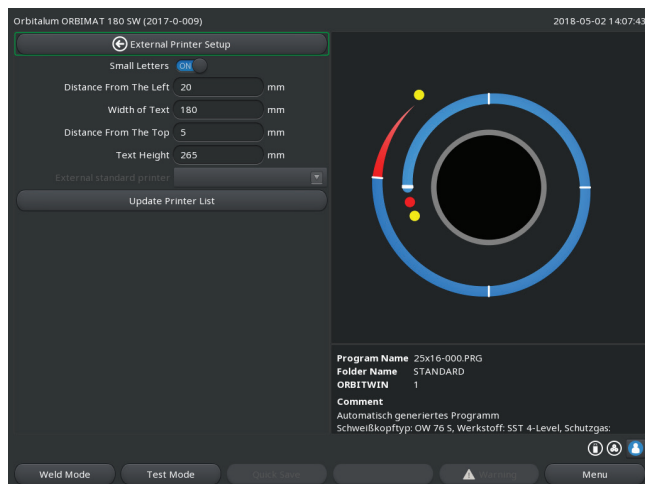


Fig. 33: Printer – Settings (external)

2. Select and highlight fields and enter the desired values.

9.1.4 Switching on an internal printer

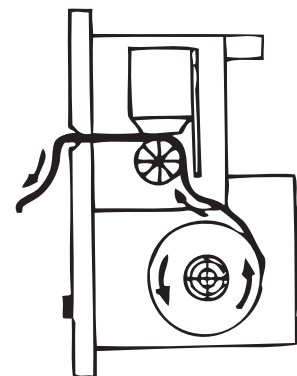
Inserting a new paper roll

This function is used exclusively to insert a new paper roll in the internal printer.

1. Switch on the "Internal printer on" button.

The button for the is activated.

2. Open the printer hood and cover of the printer.
3. Remove the empty cardboard roll with the shaft. Remove any paper still present in the printer by pressing the button on the printer (line feed). Do not pull on the paper here!
4. Slide a new paper roll onto the shaft and insert it into the recess of the housing provided for holding the shaft until the shaft latches in audibly. Put the paper roll on in such a manner that the paper rolls off to the back. Put on the shaft as shown on the label in the paper compartment.
5. Cut off paper start straight and insert it into the printing unit.
6. Move paper forward by pressing the line feed button. Do not pull the paper through by hand!
7. Guide the paper through the slot in the cover and close the cover again.

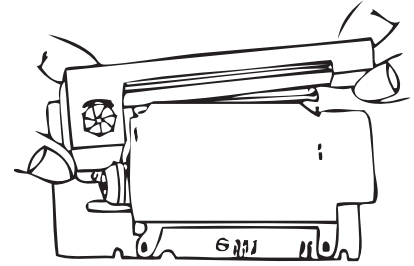


Changing an ink ribbon

1. After changing the cover, push the part of the ink ribbon cassette marked "PUSH".

The ink ribbon comes out of the drive shaft on the opposite side.

2. Remove the ink ribbon upward.
3. Using the rotary knob (see arrow for rotation direction) which protrudes on one side, tighten the external part of the new ink ribbon and insert the cartridge into the printer.
4. Insert the free end of the ink ribbon into the slot through which the paper is also led out.



The paper is guided between the ink ribbon cartridge and the free end of the ink ribbon.

5. Tighten the ink ribbon again if necessary and close the printer hood.

9.1.5 Printing a test page

- ▶ Press the "Print test page" button.

A test page with a mixed character set is output on the respectively activated printer (internal or external).

9.1.6 Service screen

View the current status of all digital or analog input and output signals of the control computer.

- Digital In: Current values of the digital inputs of the computer
- Digital Out: Current values of the digital outputs of the computer
- Analog In: Current values of the analog inputs of the computer
- Analog Out: Current values of the analog outputs of the computer
- Actual Val: Display of the current actual value of the running process calculated from the information of the analog inputs or serial inverter interface

1. Press the "Service screen" button.

The following display appears:



Fig. 34: Service screen

2. Press the "Service Screen" button again.

The graphical view of the current weld procedure appears in the display.

Displaying the Service screen during a running welding process

- ▶ Enter letter sequence *SER* (for SERVICE) on the external keyboard.

The Service screen for the running welding process appears in the display.

9.1.7 Info

Information on the software version currently used and the Serial No. of the machine.

View Info

- ▶ Enter the letter sequence *VER* (for VERSION) on the keyboard.

9.2 Possible application/operating errors

9.2.1 Uneven weld seam ("current fluctuations")

Observation

Weld seam uneven

Possible causes

- Current fluctuations as cause
The OM 165 CA unit, for example, compensates possible current fluctuations in the mains in the range from 85–260 Volt.
If you do not receive an error message from the system during welding, the weld current is, with 99% certainty, within the limit values set for the respective procedure.
- Pipe tolerances
- Uneven weld seams can occur if classic forming gases (which contain up to 30% hydrogen in addition to nitrogen) are used with cassette heads inside the pipe. The hydrogen enters the welding pocket in an undefined quantity and affects the welding result as an energy carrier "randomly".

Remedy

- ▶ Always use the same gas inside the pipe as in the weld head.

9.2.2 Annealing colors inside/outside

Possible causes

- Annealing colors arise only as a result of a reaction between the base material and another substance under the effect of a high temperature introduced into the material by the arc. This other substance can take the form of oxygen, humidity or other impurities.
- Parts of grinding disks that remain on the workpiece as residue.
- Annealing colors at the start of the seam: Possibly gas pre purge time too short. Annealing colors gradually fade as welding progresses.
- Annealing colors at the end of welding: Gas post purge too short or (closed) weld head possibly opened too early.
- Depending on the design type, more annealing colors occur on the outside of the pipes with open weld heads (TP series) than with cassette heads.
- TP weld heads invariably react with more sensitivity to any drafts present. A draft can "blow away" the gas cover, thereby causing extreme annealing colors.

Remedy

- ▶ Clean pipe ends with a suitable solvent which evaporates without leaving residue (for example acetone).
- ▶ Ensure that the pipe ends are bare metal.
- ▶ Remove any and all oils and greases (from sawing or bending).
- ▶ Ensure that the following parameters are set:
 - Gas quantity set sufficiently long, sufficient volume.
 - Approx. 7 l/min for the weld gas and approx. 2–3 l/min for the forming gas
 - Gas pre purge time/gas post purge time set optimally.

9.2.3 Wide seam and no weld penetration

When welding without a filler wire, is the seam unusually "wide" without going "deep"?

Does increasing the current amplify the effect?

Is proper weld penetration (even on comparatively thinner walls) not possible?

Possible causes

The so-called "Marangoni effect".

In stainless steel, the percentage component of sulfur is always limited upward, as sulfur forms inclusions (manganese sulfide) which lead to small craters and other defects and which ultimately reduce the corrosion resistance of the material. For this reason, the sulfur content is limited, for example to a maximum of 0.030%. With this level of sulfur, welding is no problem.

If the sulfur content is reduced further (approx. 0.005% or lower), the so-called "convection streams" in the melt pool (in simplified terms) tend to flow more horizontally and on the surface. This leads to widening of the seam without penetration.

Remedy

- ▶ Carry out a material analysis for confirmation.
- ▶ Change the material if appropriate (it may be sufficient to just change the batch).
- ▶ Weld with filler wire so that a correspondingly higher sulfur content arises in the melting pool thanks to the wire.

9.2.4 Uneven seam/hole formation at the end of welding

Do the weld seams look as if the torch "moved sideways" in an uncontrolled fashion?

Does the seam not remain centered over the joint, instead pulling to one side or moving "back and forth"?

Possible causes and remedies

- When welding pipe and molded part: "Marangoni effect".
The sulfur content tends to be high with materials for machining. The effect is seen on one side of the pipe joint with the result of a seam which is heavily asymmetrical to the joint. The root inside the pipe is then often formed completely outside an next to the pipe joint.
If the seam regularly wanders off to the side only in one or two places when welding, the corresponding different material composition in the base material and in the seam is responsible for the effect at a longitudinal pipe seam.
 - ▶ Shorten the arc gap slightly.
- Gas quantity set too high (weld gas or forming gas):
If an excessive gas quantity is set for small cassette heads (especially OW12), turbulence occurs in the pocket, which can lead to an extremely irregular arc. The same applies if too much forming gas is used and it comes out at the weld joint at relatively high pressure.
 - ▶ Regulate the gas quantity.
- Excessively high forming gas pressure:
Heavy outward bulging of the seam with a type of "hollow groove" inside the pipe. Hole formation also often occurs at the end of welding if the excessive pressure of the gas can only be "relieved" over the liquid melt pool. With cassette weld heads in particular, liquid metal dripping in the head can cause considerable consequential damage.
 - ▶ Regulate the forming gas pressure.
- Worn electrode without proper grinding:
The beginning point of the arc often "dances" back and forth on the electrode. With a poor-quality electrode, lateral migration of the arc from the electrode can be observed now and then. The reason for this can be that the alloy components in the base material are not evenly distributed.
 - ▶ Grind the electrode properly.

9.2.5 Ignition problems

The ignition generator generates ignition pulses with a voltage of up to 8,000 V. These ignition pulses can be a considerable source of disruption (especially for computer-based control). The ignition pulses are introduced to the electrode with high-voltage insulation via the hose package. Upon ignition, a current flow of potentially several hundred amperes can arise in the weld circuit and be correspondingly disruptive (magnetic fields around the conductor and other high-frequency fields). The machine controller is shielded from these disruptive fields. If problems are occurring with the arc ignition, malfunctioning of the computer or a corresponding defect in the system cannot be ruled out.

Information on possible electrical fault sources: see chap. 9.3, p. 71: "List of error messages".

Possible causes

- Poor electrode quality, worn or scaled electrode
- Poor ground contact (open heads – ground terminal).
- Worn weld current plug, poor contact.
- Rusty or soiled pipe surface.
- No gas, wrong gas (never use carbon dioxide, even if it is mixed with argon!) or gas pre purge time too short.
- Arc gap too large.
- Humidity in the weld head.
- Hose package too long (extensions).

Remedy

- ▶ Eliminate possible causes.
- ▶ Recommendation: Do not exceed a total hose package length of 15 m.

9.2.6 Machine does not start

If the operating voltage is active when the machine is started, the control computer starts the software. Does nothing appear in the display after the machine is started?

Possible causes and remedies

- ▶ Check the mains connection.
- ▶ Ensure that the main switch lights up.

- Dummy plug is missing from the remote control connection.
- EMERGENCY-STOP function of a (possibly) connected remote control is activated.
- ▶ Insert the dummy plug.
- ▶ Unlock the EMERGENCY-STOP button of the remote control.

9.3 List of error messages

No.	Error message	Explanation/Elimination
01	Warning	<p>A "warning" appears in the display (directly below the mains voltage information during the process). The message can be combined with the parameters of voltage, current or speed and the "high" or "low" specification. The message shows that the limit value specified in the monitoring limits for the alarm were overshoot or undershoot for the corresponding parameter.</p> <p>Example: "Warning: Low speed": The limit value of the weld speed specified for the alarm was reached during the "low-current time". This can be overshooting or undershooting. If one of the abort values is also reached, the process is aborted and another message is output.</p>
02	Lack of gas	<p>The process was aborted due to a lack of gas.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Check the hoses, bottle and pressure reducer. ▶ Check the sensor even if the gas is flowing in sufficient quantity. <p>The message also appears outside the welding process if the gas was switched on using the gas/coolant button and no gas is flowing.</p>
03	Lack of coolant	<p>The process was aborted due to a lack of coolant.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Check hoses, coolant level in tank and pump operation. ▶ Check the sensor even if the coolant is flowing in sufficient quantity. ▶ Checking the coolant flow: To check the coolant flow pull the coolant return line from the machine. <p>This message also appears outside the welding process if the coolant was switched on using the gas/coolant button and no coolant is flowing.</p>
04	Error in ext. input	<p>A device connected to an external error input triggered the error. If a device is not connected to the external error input:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Deactivate the monitoring function in the system adjustments.
05	Current fault	<p>Used in connection with a deviation of the weld current. Example: "Warning: Low current fault", see Message 01</p>
06	Current abort	<p>The weld current has overshoot or undershoot the limits defined for aborting in the monitoring limits and the process was interrupted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Check the limit values; they may be set too close together. <p>Excessive resistance in the weld circuit (ground connection, rotor, current water cable): The machine can no longer keep the programmed weld current (setpoint value) stable within the specified limits.</p>
07	Low	<p>The limit value set for the low pulse of the corresponding parameter was reached; see also Message 01.</p>
08	Voltage	<p>The message appears as "Warning voltage". The limit values specified in the monitoring limits for the alarm were overshoot or undershoot.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Check the limit values and heed the information in "Monitoring functions" (see chap. 8.9, p. 53). <p>Cause for excessive arc voltage: High transition resistances in the weld circuit (plug, ground contact, etc.) For cassette heads: Worn current coolant cables.</p>
09	Voltage abort	<p>The limit values for aborting specified in the monitoring limits with regard to arc voltage are overshoot or undershoot.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Check the limit values and heed the information in "Monitoring functions" (see chap. 8.9, p. 53). <p>Cause for excessive arc voltage: High transition resistances in the weld circuit (plug, ground contact, etc.) For cassette heads: Worn current coolant cables.</p>

No.	Error message	Explanation/Elimination
10	Speed	<p>Supplement to "Warning". The limit values specified in the monitoring limits (warning) of the speed were overshoot or undershoot.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Check the limit values. ▶ Check the weld head speed. ▶ If required, carry out motor calibration.
11	Speed abort	<p>The weld speed has overshoot or undershoot the limit values specified for abortion in the monitoring limits and the process was aborted. Check limit values; they may be too close together.</p> <p>Possible causes for speed aborting: Mechanically blocked, jamming or defective weld heads.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Check whether the weld head can be moved manually (or with the remote control). ▶ If required, carry out motor calibration.
12	Time limit for high-voltage ignition exceeded	<p>After the ignition device was switched on, an arc was not ignited within approx. 3 seconds. The process is interrupted.</p> <p>Causes for failed arc ignition: Fault in the marginal conditions of the process, e.g. forgotten ground connection (see chap. 9.2.5, p. 70 "Ignition problems").</p>
13	Inverter	<p>Fault in serial communication (RS232) between the PC control system and inverter.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Switch the machine off and after approximately 30 seconds on again. Is the fault still occurring? ▶ Contact your specialist dealer or Orbitalum.
14	Arc has cut out	<p>Arc ignition was successful, but the arc cut out during the process.</p> <p>Causes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interruption of welding circuit (contact problems, ground terminal). • Currents too low (low pulse may not be under 5 A for standard applications!). • Excessively low final current. • Arc gap too large. • Strong draft causes arc to cut out
15	Short-circuit (current flowing, but no voltage)	<p>The electrode has contacted the workpiece during the process. This leads to a reduction of the arc voltage below the "standard" value (from approx. 10 V); the system detects a short-circuit regardless of the settings in the monitoring limits.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Eliminate the short-circuit. ▶ Re-grind the electrode. ▶ Grind out any tungsten inclusions in the weld seam.
16	Forming gas pressure	<p>When used with forming gas pressure regulation. The actual value of the pressure deviates too strongly from the specified set-point value (warning or process abortion).</p> <p>Causes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Actual value too low; see interior pressure reading in display. • Possible excessively low input pressure from bottle manometer. ▶ Ensure that there are no excessively large gaps (pipe joint?). ▶ Ensure that the plugs are sealing tightly so that pressure can build up. ▶ If required, set the pressure regulator on the BUP box to max. 10 bar. ▶ If required, correct the input pressure from the bottle manometer. <p>See also: Operating instructions of the BUP unit itself.</p>
17	Error code	<p>Internal read-write error in the software.</p> <p>"Error code" is followed by the error in "plain text" (see Messages 18 through 29) or a two-digit number.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Contact the Orbitalum service.

No.	Error message	Explanation/Elimination
18	An error has occurred! Please contact our Support	Plain-text message which can appear with the "Error code" message (Message 17).
19	Parameter error	
20	Drive not found	▶ Contact Orbitalum if the problem cannot be solved.
21	File not found	
22	Path not found	
23	Folder full	
24	Drive full	
25	Drive not ready	
26	Write protection	
27	File access error	
28	The name contains impermissible characters	
29	Procedure cannot be opened under the name	
30	The version of the file does not match. The file has been modified!	▶ Reload/copy/correct file.
31	Further procedures cannot be created!	For messages with "90%" specifications: Resources almost used up. Additional data can still be saved.
32	Over 90% of resources for procedures used up!	Recommendation: ▶ Clean up the system by deleting or externally saving data which are no longer required.
33	Additional folders cannot be created!	The number of folders and procedures per folder is limited to 100, however.
34	Over 90% of resources for folders used up!	
35	The procedure cannot be loaded!	Procedure cannot be loaded after switch-on. When the machine is switched on, the last used program is loaded. If this is not possible, (because the USB stick has been removed, for example), the default procedure is loaded. ▶ Contact Orbitalum if the problem cannot be solved.
36	The procedure cannot be saved!	A problem occurred while saving the procedures. The error appears in "plain text" (see Messages 18 through 29) or as a two-digit number.
37	File with inverter characteristic cannot be opened! Default values are used.	File with characteristics cannot be read. Current adjustment of the machine ineffective. A file generated during current adjustment is stored on the internal memory of the machine: During calibration, a digital adjustment is carried out, where the differences between the setpoint and actual values and the measured values of a calibrated measuring unit can be recorded point by point and saved in a file. If the file is not readable, the error coefficients are given the default value (= 1). This makes the current adjustment carried out by Orbitalum ineffective. ▶ For applications which entail data monitoring and actual value recording, stop working with the machine. ▶ Contact Orbitalum to restore the calibration data.
38	Auto programming failed! The auto programming file may be missing or corrupt.	Auto programming error. Causes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The combination of pipe diameter and wall thickness lie outside the value range of auto programming (for example wall thicknesses over 4 mm) ▶ Use other parameters. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data of the database on the internal memory not present or not readable. ▶ Contact Orbitalum to restore the data.

No.	Error message	Explanation/Elimination
39	External storage medium not found! Possibly no USB stick is inserted in the USB port	Access to external USB stick not possible. ▶ Check whether the USB stick is recognized by the system. ▶ Remove the USB stick, wait briefly and insert it again. Possibly use a different port. ▶ Check whether the USB stick is defective or has an unreadable format. ▶ Contact Orbitalum service if the problem cannot be resolved.
40	Error when saving log	Software conflicts due to damaged files or files with unreadable contents.
41	Procedure file cannot be opened!	The message is followed by the error in "plain text" (see Messages 18 through 29) or as a two-digit number.
42	Log file cannot be opened!	
43	Some currents are set too high. They cannot be achieved with a 115 V mains voltage!	Machine connected to mains network of less than 200 V AC. The maximum weld current is limited to 120 A. Procedure with higher weld current has been started.
44	An error occurred while reading the file FAILURES.TXT!	Internal error log ("Failures.txt" file) is not present or is damaged.
45	No weld head connected!	Procedure started, no weld head connected to the machine. Weld head connected? • Weld head not encoded • Voltage supply to weld head defective. The operating buttons in the weld head are not working. ▶ Contact the Orbitalum service.
46	Incorrect weld head connected!	The currently connected weld head is not the same as the weld head in the started procedure. ▶ Select the connected weld head in the procedure. – or – ▶ Connect the weld head selected in the procedure to the machine. Are the weld head models identical, but the message appears nevertheless? ▶ Contact the Orbitalum service.
47	The procedure contains parameters that lie outside the limit values for the selected weld head!	Weld head changed in the procedure. Weld head does not match the parameters. The weld head list of the machine contains the parameters of the weld heads which can be connected to the machine, e.g. the maximum rotation of the rotor, the maximum pipe diameter to be welded and the maximum permissible current. ▶ Adjust the parameters of the procedure to the selected weld head.
48	Motor current » Collision recognition Norm. motor current Motor current time	Transmission sluggish. ▶ Check the head. ▶ If necessary, repair the transmission.
49	Electrode replacement warning	▶ Replace the electrode.
50	Calibration error/fault ("Calibration aborted due to execution error"; "Calibration aborted due to operational error"; "Calibration aborted due to parameter")	▶ Execute calibration again or restart the machine.
51	Error while copying procedures or logs	▶ Check whether write protection is active. The drive is possibly not ready.
52	Printing error. Error during communication with the printer	▶ Check the connection to the printer. ▶ Check the network connection. ▶ Refresh the printer list.
53	Settings incorrect	▶ Check the entries.

1. In the main menu, select "*System settings*" > "*System adjustments*".

The following display appears:

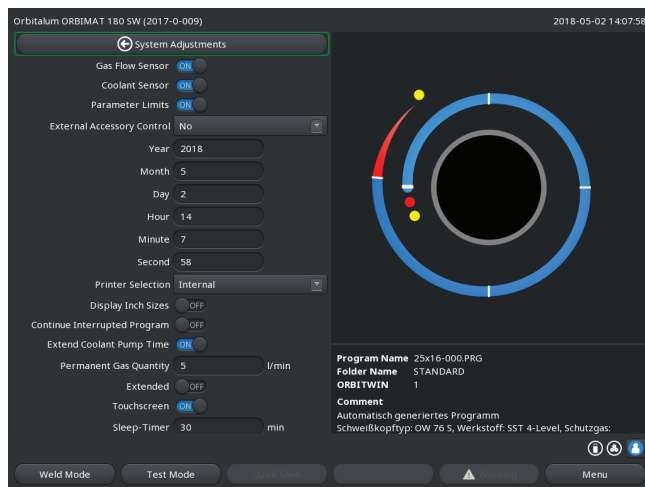


Fig. 35: *System adjustments*

2. To deactivate, select the option "No" at "*Gas flow sensor*", "*Coolant flow sensor*".
3. To deactivate the warnings and the process aborting select the option "No" at "*Use of parameter limits*".
4. Select the option "Yes" at "*External input for abort*" and a connected external device.
5. Press softkey 3 ("Save").

9.6 Setting the date and time

1. In the main menu, select "*System settings*" > "*System adjustments*".

The following display appears:

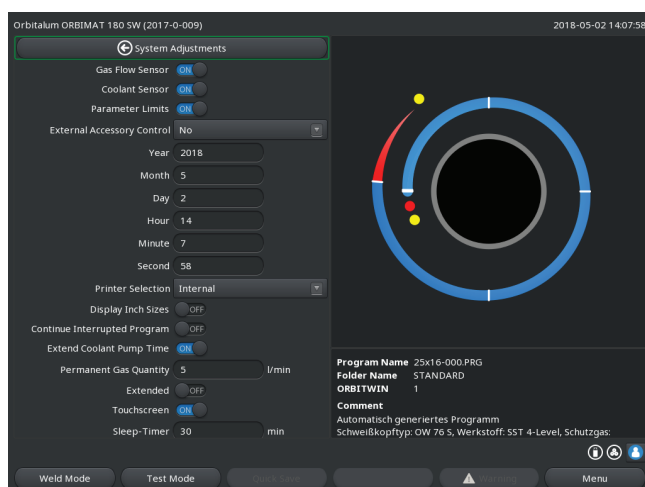


Fig. 36: *System adjustments*

2. Highlight, activate and enter values for the "Year", "Month", "Day", "Hour", "Minute" and "Second".
3. Press softkey 3 ("Save").

10. MAINTENANCE AND TROUBLESHOOTING

10.1 Instructions for care

- ▶ **Do not** use lubricants or sliding agents.
- ▶ Ensure that **no** dirt particles or small items enter the transmission (head inside) (the transmission is open at the head end for design reasons).
- ▶ If the surfaces are soiled, use only residue-free cleaning agents for cleaning.

10.2 Maintenance and care

The following instructions for care depend, if not stated otherwise, strongly on the usage of the welding power supply.

INTERVAL	ACTIVITY
Daily	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Check the coolant in the tank (OM 180 SW) and, if necessary, top up. <p>Frequent topping up of the coolant may be necessary if the weld heads are changed frequently.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. After changing a weld head, ensure that it is completely filled with coolant (let run for approx. 3 minutes – button: GAS/Coolant). 2. Check the coolant level and refill if necessary. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ If anti-freeze is used: Supplement with the coolant appropriately. ▶ Wipe off the display with a slightly damp cloth. Do not use cleaning agents.
Monthly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Clean the machine fully from the outside. ▶ Check the power cable, power plug and machine for mechanical damage. ▶ Clean the weld heads and check the mains cable. <p>Recommendation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Carry out motor calibration (even if the weld heads are suspected to be running properly).
Every six months	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pump out all the coolant. 2. Add fresh tap water and pump out all of this filling as well. 3. Fill the tank with coolant OCL-30.
Annually	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Have inverter calibration carried out by the Orbitalum Service. Have the BGV-A3 test carried out by Orbitalum or a certified body.

10.2.1 Storage

- ▶ If the machine will be unused for a longer period of time, dismantle the machine and store it in a suitable place.
- ▶ Recommendation: Carry out the following activities before storage:
 1. Clean the machine.
 2. Remove the coolant. For this purpose, loosen the coolant return line of the weld head on the back of the unit and pump out the coolant supply into a container with the pump.

Storage conditions

- Relative humidity <70%
- Temperature range: -20 ... +40 °C, protected from dust

10.3 Servicing/Customer service

To order spare parts, refer to the separate spare parts list.
For troubleshooting, please contact the branch responsible directly.

Please indicate the following details:

- Type of machine: ORBIMAT 180 SW
- Machine No.: (*see type plate*)

11. EC DECLARATION OF CONFORMITY



EG-Konformitätserklärung
Declaration of conformity
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According to machine guideline 2006/42/EG II A (MaschR) and the EMC Directive 2014/30/EU.

Die Bauart der Maschine:
The following product:
Il seguente prodotto:
Le produit suivant:
El producto siguiente:

OM 180 SW Orbital Welding Power Source* incl. weld head

* Incl. all accessory items optionally available from Orbitalum Tools, e.g. ORBITWIN, BUP Control, ORB 1001, ORBmax, ORBICOOL, OT-DVR, etc.

Seriennummer:
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