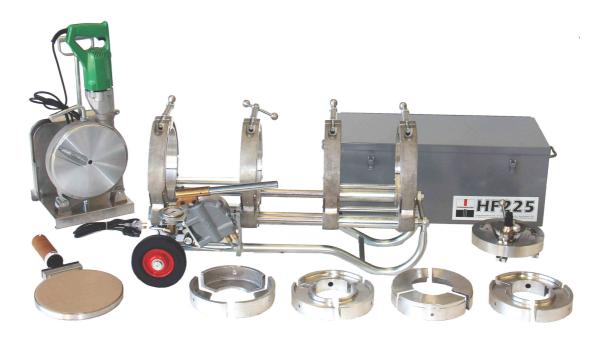


# OPERATOR'S MANUAL



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# 1. Safety considerations

This machine should only be used by an operator fully trained in its use.

Read these operating instructions carefully. Learn the operation, limitations and potential hazards of using your butt fusion machine.

#### **Avoid Dangerous Environments**

The equipment is not explosion proof. Never carry out butt fusion in a gaseous or combustible atmosphere.

#### **Electrical safety**

Use only a qualified electrician to carry out electrical maintenance work.

Connect electrical components only to a voltage source that corresponds to that marked on the components.

Do not operate the electrical equipment in damp or wet locations.

Prevent electric shock by correctly grounding electrical components. The green (or green/yellow) conductor in the electric cable is the grounding wire and should never be connected to a live terminal. The use of earth leakage protection with portable electric tools is essential and must be provided by the user.

#### Heater

The heater operates at over 200°C and contact can cause serious burns. Always wear gloves when handling the hot plate.

The heater is supplied with a short extension cord that has a high melting point outer sheath. This will delay, but will not prevent, the inevitable life threatening situation which could occur if the cord is allowed to contact the hot plate and melt through.

Never use a standard appliance cord with low melting point PVC sheath.

Standing the hot plate so that the temperature controller handle is not vertically above the hot plate will direct the cord away from the hot surface, and keep the controller relatively cool.

#### Facer

The facing machine is powerful and the cutting blades are sharp. To prevent injury the facer should only be operated when it is securely located in the pipe cutting position.

The nature of the machine and welding process makes it impractical to guard the operational area. Do not attempt to remove shavings from the cutting area while the facer is running. Remove loose clothing or jewelry to prevent these items being dragged into moving parts.

#### Hydraulic Pressure

A sudden hydraulic oil leak can cause serious injury or even death if the pressure is high enough. Do not search for oil leaks with the fingers because a fine jet of pressurised oil could penetrate the skin causing serious injury. Use a piece of cardboard to test for leaks under pressure.

Avoid spraying oil into eyes when bleeding air from the system by wearing safety glasses and keeping the face clear of the area.

Keep fingers and limbs well clear of moving clamps, facer or heater to avoid crush injuries.

#### Maintain Equipment Carefully

The machine has moving parts and/or parts that may deteriorate with age and require maintenance. Regular inspection is recommended. For best results keep all machine components clean and properly maintained. Always disconnect the power when adjusting, servicing or changing accessories. Repair or replace damaged electric cables.

#### **Transporting The Machine**

Dixon equipment mounted on wheels is not designed for on-road towing. Any attempt to do so could result in machine damage and/or personal injury. Transportation should be by truck or similar, with the machine well secured. Do not allow the heater plate to contact the facer.



# 2. Machine Description

The FUSIONMASTER® HF225 is designed for "single pressure – low pressure" butt welding of pipe from 225mm down to 63mm. It is ideally suited to joining PE pipe to pipe in the field.

The HF225 machine strength is derived from the hard chromed, high strength steel guide shafts, rigid sub frame and high strength cast aluminium alloy clamps. Mild steel machine



components are zinc plated for maximum corrosion protection.

Two solid rubber wheels and a basic machine weight of only 40kg allows easy mobility. The two fixed and two moving clamps have three segments to help reduce alignment problems caused by excessive pipe ovality.

Machine dimensions	
Main clamp bore	225 mm
Length overall	860 mm
Width overall	410 mm
Height overall (wheels attached)	460 mm
Component Weights	
Butt machine	40kg
Heater plate	3.5kg
Facer	11kg
Fittings chuck	4.4kg
Heater/Facer stand	5.2kg
Reducing liner sets	3kg (min.) to 6.4kg (max.)
Carry case containing heater, facer, liners	44kg
Liner carry case (loaded)	45kg
Shipping crate (loaded)	160 kg
Hydraulic Specifications	
Cylinder area for weld calculation	753 mm <sup>2</sup>
Hand pump, single acting	
Relief valve setting	7,500kPa
Pressure gauge	0 - 8,000kPa
System oil capacity	0.75 litre
Recommended hydraulic oil	Any brand with viscosity ISO 46
Heater plate	1400W, 240V, single phase
Minimum genset for field operation.	2.5kva, 240V, single phase
Recommended grease for facer drive	Shell Alvania EP/LF2

# 2.1. General Specification

# 2.2. Hydraulic System

The HF225 has a hand operated single acting hydraulic pump that applies pressure to a single hydraulic cylinder that transports the moving clamp carriage. Carriage motion direction is changed by a directional control valve located on the pump body. A needle valve is fitted between the pump and ram to lock off pressure during the fusion and cooling cycles. A direct pressure gauge indicates heating and joining pressures.



The maximum machine pressure is factory set by adjusting a pressure relief valve located in the pump.

# 2.3. Heater Plate

The 1400W, 240V, single phase aluminium heater plate has a cast in circular element to ensure uniform heat distribution across the 240mm effective heating diameter.

Plate temperature is regulated by an electronic controller sealed inside the heater handle. LED's indicate when power is connected to the electric element. A dial thermometer indicates internal plate temperature. (Refer section on heater technology.) It takes less than 15 minutes to heat up to working temperature.

Replaceable non-stick cloths are fitted to the heater surfaces to eliminate hot plastic adhesion. They are secured by snap rings enabling quick and easy field repair if the surface is damaged.

The detachable 1.8m electric cord has a high melting point outer sheath for protection against <u>short</u> periods of accidental contact with the heater.

When not in use, the heater plate is stored in a protective floor stand it shares with the facer.

#### 2.4. Facer

The lightweight electric powered facing head is self aligning and will always produce parallel pipe joint faces. Operating the variable speed motor at low speed will provide adequate torque and speed to process small or large diameter pipes quickly. There is one blade on each cutting face that will cut pipe from 225mm OD, to 45mm inside diameter.

# 2.5. Reducing Liners

Each reducing liner set consists of 2 plain rings and 2 narrow rings. Each ring is made up of 3 segments.

When welding pipe to pipe the plain rings are usually mounted in the inner two clamps, with the narrow rings in the two outer clamps. The narrow rings are for clamping short leg moulded fittings and must be placed in the inner clamps when welding elbows.

The wide liners for 63mm, 75mm and 90mm nest inside 110mm wide liners. All the narrow liner sizes fit directly into the main 225mm clamp.

Reducing liners can be manufactured to suit any pipe size from 200mm to 63mm, in either metric or imperial dimensions.

**Note:** The HF225 is not able to hold 225mm short leg moulded elbows or most short leg moulded Tees. Such fittings should be purchased with long leg lengths to enable the Tee or elbow section to protrude beyond the end clamp.

# 2.6. Fittings Attachment

The fittings attachment tool is used when butt welding stub flanges or shouldered end fittings to pipe. It is usually held in the inner 225mm main clamp on the hydraulic cylinder side. The tool centrally locates flanges or shouldered ends quickly and accurately. It will securely hold the fitting either by the outside or inside diameter depending on the fitting size.

# 2.7. Accessory Cases

A steel accessory case provides storage for the heater, the facer, the heater floor stand, and up to three sets of reducing liners.

Up to five additional liner sets may be stored in a separate steel carry case.

# 2.8. High Pressure Welding

The EHF225 is not designed for high pressure welding. However the high pressure method may be used providing the combined welding + drag pressure for a particular job falls within the range of the fitted pressure gauge.







# 3. Using the HF225 – single pressure low pressure method

# 3.1. Preparation

- 1. Connect only to a 240v, 50Hz power source. Ensure the output of any portable generator used is 240v ±20v.
- 2. Check for air in the hydraulic system and bleed if necessary (see maintenance section).
- 3. Clean and/or replace the non-stick cloths. Clean the heater plate before every weld with clean dry paper or cotton cloth never use synthetic materials that may melt.
- 4. Check, and if necessary adjust the heater surface temperature.
- 5. Install the correct reducing liners for the pipe to be welded.
- 6. Check the facer cutting action (the shaving thickness should be 0.30-0.40mm).
- 7. Before facing, clean inside and outside of each pipe end, and the cutter blades.
- 8. Record the drag pressure from the pressure gauge before every weld.
- 9. Add the drag pressure to the calculated pressure to determine the appropriate bead up and fusion gauge pressures.

# 3.2. Pipe Alignment

Place the pipes in the clamp jaws with about 25mm of pipe extending past the clamps into the weld zone. Tighten the clamp toggle bolts securely to prevent the pipe from moving when under hydraulic pressure. The outer ends of the pipe should be supported such that any external bending loads on the machine are eliminated and drag pressure is minimised

Move the pipe ends together until they are almost touching, then check for misalignment (maximum allowable misalignment is 10% of wall thickness). Tolerances on small bore pipes should be sufficient to permit pipe alignment in the HF225 without much adjustment of the three segment clamps. However, in severe out of round situations, adjust out any misalignment by loosening the clamps and rotating the pipes, and/or using packers as necessary. (Adjustment will not be possible if the pipe ends are in contact and under pressure.)

Move the pipe end clear of the weld zone and record the drag pressure. Add this value to the fusion pressure required to join the pipe (refer welding table).

# 3.3. Drag Pressure

"DRAG" is the amount of pressure required to overcome carriage friction plus the effort required to move the pipe. As drag pressure is a variable, it must be measured before every weld.

To determine the drag pressure, operate the pump handle and observe the pressure at which the carriage just begins to move. The HF225 drag pressure without pipe loaded should be in the range 200-500kPa.

If drag pressure is excessive it may adversely affect the weld. Drag may be reduced by one or more of the following actions:

- 1. Use a low friction pipe support/roller system.
- 2. Ensure the pipe support/roller system maintains the whole length of the pipe level with the machine base to prevent bending forces acting on the machine frame.
- 3. Minimise the amount of pipe being pulled. Welding machines are not designed to pull multiple lengths of pipe.
- 4. Ensure the heater/facer rest bar does not obstruct carriage movement

All of these techniques are always important, but become critical when working near the limits of machine capacity.

# 3.4. Facing

Ensure the heater plate rest bars are retracted during the facing operation.



Move the pipe ends apart and place the facing machine between the pipe faces. Ensure the facer body is securely hooked on to both guide shafts as this will ensure the facer sits square to the frame and parallel with the clamps.

Start the facer rotating. Move the pipe ends into contact with the facer and apply the minimum pressure necessary to achieve cutting until a continuous shaving of plastic is simultaneously produced from both sides of the facer.

# Caution: To maximise drill and facer drive life, operate the drill at low speed (for maximum torque), and do not apply excessive carriage pressure – e.g. never exceed 1,000 kPa more than drag.

On completion of facing, reverse the pipe carriage away from the facer then stop facer rotation. This prevents a step being produced in the faced ends. Raise the facer up and fully out of the machine.

# 3.5. Re-Check Pipe Alignment

Clear away all plastic cuttings without contaminating the pipe ends. **Do not touch the cut surface or re-clean it**. Move the pipe ends together and re-check pipe alignment (maximum allowable misalignment is 10% of wall thickness).

Always re-face the pipe ends if it becomes necessary to rotate the pipe in the clamps after initial facing.

# 3.6. Bead Up

Extend the heater rest bars through the left clamp into the weld zone ready to support the heater plate.

Check the heater plate temperature before commencing each joint in case there has been any failure of the power supply or temperature controller.

Place the heater plate between the pipe faces.

Move the carriage to bring the pipe faces into contact with the heater plate. Increase pressure to the predetermined "bead-up" pressure.

Maintain pressure until an initial bead has formed completely around the pipe circumference on both sides of the heater plate. The bead up time is variable, and is influenced by weather conditions and pipe dimensions.

*Caution:* Ensure the heater handle is NOT standing vertically above the plate or dangerous overheating may occur. Do not allow the electric cord to rest on the hot plate.

# 3.7. Heat Soak

After bead up, reduce the pressure down to the drag pressure to maintain a slight positive pressure between the pipe and the heater for the heat soak period. Failing to reduce pressure forces hot plastic out of the joint zone and could lead to a weld failure.

On completion of heat soak time, reverse the carriage direction to "crack" the heater plate away from the melted pipe, then move the heater plate out of the weld zone as quickly as possible. (Refer to parameters table for allowable changeover time).

The unique non-stick cloths allow a "peeling off" action as the pipe is cracked away, minimising adhesion of the melted pipe to the heater.

Remove the heater plate and replace it in the floor stand.

Caution: Do not allow the heater plate to slide across the pipe ends and distort the melted surface. Do not contaminate the melted surface in any way.

# 3.8. Fusion Cycle

Bring the melted pipe faces into contact with each other immediately to minimise heat loss from the weld zone. Smoothly build up to the required fusion pressure to avoid squeezing out too much hot plastic.

Shrinkage will occur as the weld cools allowing the pressure to fall. Voids may also form in the weld zone. It is essential to operate the hand pump to maintain pressure until shrinkage ceases,



which could take 20 minutes or more for large pipes. Once the rate of pressure loss has diminished, close the lock off valve to maintain the hydraulic pressure at a sufficient level until the cooling cycle is completed. Maintain the pipe under pressure in the clamps until the weld/cooling time is complete.

# 3.9. Weld Quality Check

Inspect the uniformity of the bead size inside and out, top and bottom of the pipe. It is advisable to monitor and record times, temperatures and pressures at each phase of every joint for future reference. (See section on trouble-shooting weld failures.)



# 4. Maintenance - Daily

# 4.1. Maintenance - Daily Check List

- 1. Keep the machine and accessories clean and free of dust and grease. *Do not lubricate any HF225 components except for the facer drive (see later).*
- 2. Inspect hydraulic components for leaks from connections and seals. Overhaul seals and fittings as necessary.
- 3. Check for air in the carriage cylinder (as evidenced by shuddering, and/or "springing back" of the cylinder). Air trapped in the hydraulics will adversely affect weld quality and must be removed by bleeding (see later).
- 4. Check the pressure gauge needle returns to zero and does not stick.
- 5. Check the temperature of a number of points on the surface of both sides of the heater plate. The reading at any point on either side of the heater plate surface should not be more than ±10°C from the desired welding temperature. (Refer later section on heater plates.)
- 6. Do electrical safety checks.
- 7. Replace non-stick cloths if damaged in way of the weld area.
- 8. Facing blades should be sharp and have defect free cutting edges to provide continuous shaving thickness of 0.30-0.40mm. Shim worn blades if necessary; sharpen cutter blades if blunt; replace cutter blades if chipped.
- 9. Ensure the facer drill is securely fixed into the facer body casting, if not the drive gears may not mesh properly causing extensive damage.
- 10. Feel for "sloppy" movement of the cutter plates. This indicates the need to adjust the facer drive internally.
- 11. If using a portable generator, ensure its output is  $240v \pm 20v$  and 50hz, to protect electronic equipment from permanent damage.

# 5. Maintenance - Periodic

In addition to the daily checks, more detailed inspections of the key machine components should be carried out before commencing each new project, or after 250 operating hours. Any faults found should be corrected as described in this section.

# 5.1. General/Drag

Check the hydraulic cylinder shafts for cuts or dents likely to damage the hydraulic seals.

Check the machine frame, main carriage guide shafts, hydraulic shafts and heater rest bars are not damaged or bent such that excessive drag pressure results. Without pipe in the machine, drag pressure should not exceed 500kPa.

# 5.2. Heater Plate

Heater surfaces should be flat, smooth and free of dents or gouges. Dress as necessary.

**FUSIONMASTER**<sup>®</sup> heater plates have a vent machined in the edge of the casting to allow entrapped air to escape from under the non-stick cloth. Clean out any build up of foreign material from the air vent to prevent any adverse temperature effect.

Caution: Ensure heater plate non-stick surfaces are protected from damage during transport.

# 5.3. Heater Temperature Adjustment

The temperature setting of the HF225 heater is adjusted by turning the screw in the end of the heater handle, clockwise for higher temperature, and anticlockwise for lower temperature. One degree of turn will result in approximately one degree of temperature change. Always allow several minutes for the plate temperature to stabilise after making any adjustment.

The controller is factory set to 220°C. It has an operating range of 180°C to 260°C.



# 5.4. Temperature Calibration

The thermometer in the heater plate indicates the internal plate temperature not the surface temperature, although the difference will not be great.

It is essential to check and record the <u>surface</u> temperature of the heater plate before every weld. This is best measured with either a contact pyrometer or a non contact infrared pyrometer. The outer circumference of the heater should not be measured as this is too far from the weld area.

The pyrometer used to measure surface temperature will itself require calibration to a procedure as recommended by the pyrometer manufacturer.

Caution: Be aware that an insulating air gap can form between the Teflon cloth and the hot plate. Always ensure the cloth is forced into contact with the hot metal surface when using an infrared or non contact pyrometer or a false reading is likely to occur. Never use an infrared pyrometer on a shiny surface as a false reading will occur.

# 5.5. Heater Non-Stick Cloth Replacement

The non-stick cloths should be replaced if they are torn, contaminated, or badly discoloured (due to overheating) or lose their non-stick ability. Use the following procedure.

- 1. Use a screw driver to lever the snap rings out of their securing grooves. This takes very little force. Do not attempt to remove the snap rings if the plate temperature is more than 40°C because they will not release.
- 2. With the plate flat, place a new cloth into position and reposition the snap ring over the cloth.
- 3. Push the snap ring into the groove around an arc of the plate. Hold in position with one hand. With the free hand, use a piece of wood or plastic to force the snap ring completely into its groove. (This may take several attempts until some experience is developed.) Never use metallic objects to force the snap rings back into position as this may result in accidental damage to the cloth.

# 5.6. Temperature Controller Failure

- 1. When power is connected, one LED glows amber. When the electric element is drawing power the other LED glows red. Either of the LEDs <u>flashing</u> on-off indicates the temperature controller has failed and must be replaced.
- 2. If neither LED glows when power is connected, first test the power supply and the power cord to ensure those items are not at fault. If not faulty, next test the element pad before replacing the temperature controller.

# 5.7. Electrical safety testing heater plate

Use an appliance tester capable of performing a *Class 1 250V Run Test* to verify the functionality of **FUSIONMASTER**® model MV70, SV70, LF110, HF225, EHF225 heater plates. These devices cannot be safety tested either as an earthed appliance or as a double insulated appliance because the temperature controller Is fitted with surge protection (i.e. metal oxide varistor), and uses solid state switching that only functions when power is applied.

# 5.8. Element Pad Failure

# Caution: This job must be performed by a qualified electrician.

1. Disconnect the power supply.

- 2. (Refer to heater plate drawing.) Remove the screws securing the temperature controller handle to the heater bracket, and the screws securing the bracket to the heater plate.
- 3. Remove the bracket and gasket from the heater plate to expose the temperature sensor probe. (If the gasket is broken by this action it should be replaced.)
- 4. Withdraw the sensor probe with long nose pliers, pulling on the metal case, not the fine lead wires.
- 5. Disconnect the quick connect leads from the element ends and unscrew the earth connection and measure the resistance across the two ends of the element



(should be 40 ohms  $\pm 10\%$ ). If there is a short circuit, the element pad must be replaced. If the element, leads and connectors are OK, the controller will be faulty and must be replaced.

- 6. Before re-fitting the controller, sparingly coat the sensor probe with some silicon heat sink compound to increase thermal sensitivity, then carefully insert the probe into the probe hole.
- 7. Reassemble the handle and bracket to the heater plate and tighten screws securely.
- 8. Reconnect the power cord and switch on. Both LEDs should glow immediately. Allow 20 minutes for the heater to reach temperature and to stabilise before making any adjustments or measuring temperature.

# 5.9. Hydraulic Operating Pressure

The operating pressure of the HF225 is limited to 7,500kPa by a relief valve on the side of the pump. Should it be necessary to adjust the relief pressure contact the manufacturer for advice. Care should be taken if increasing the pressure above this setting as the pressure gauge may be damaged.

(Older models were fitted with a 0-6000kPa gauge with operating pressure limited to 5,500kPa.)

# 5.10. Pressure Gauge Calibration

Pressure gauges are easily damaged and may lose their accuracy. Periodically either

- 1. Remove the pressure gauge and check it against a known standard test gauge, or
- 2. Replace the pressure gauge with a certified gauge from time to time.

# 5.11. Hydraulic Bleeding Method

The presence of air in the system could result from loose hydraulic fittings, damaged hydraulic cylinder shaft or seals. These should all be inspected and repaired before bleeding the system.

The following method is recommended for recharging with oil (use ISO 46 viscosity)

- 1. Check there are no loose hydraulic fittings.
- 2. The hydraulic system contains approximately 750ml of oil in total.
- 3. With the machine standing in its normal position, remove the filler/breather cap from the oil reservoir, insert a filling funnel and add oil to the reservoir. The reservoir oil level should be kept about 25mm below the filler/breather cap.
- 4. Operate the pump and directional valve alternately such that the cylinder moves slowly no more than 50mm in either direction. Top up the reservoir as required, especially if motion stops while pumping.
- 5. Repeat this action several times, increasing the distance moved by the cylinder a few millimetres each time as more oil is transferred into the cylinder. If oil is ejected from the filler/breather cap during this operation reduce the distance and/or speed of travel.
- 6. As the amount of air being forced from the system reduces, rotate the machine along its longitudinal axis so that the cylinder piping entry points face vertically up which allows trapped air to rise and escape. *Do not omit this step or air will remain in the system.*
- 7. Continue pumping and move the cylinder to the fully open position, then back to the fully closed position. Repeat this cycle in each direction until any operation of the pump handle and the resultant motion of the carriage, is immediate and exactly in sequence. There should also be no clamp spring back at the end of the cylinder stroke (either end) on changing the directional control valve.
- 8. At this point all air should be fully expelled from the system. Top up the reservoir when the cylinder shaft is retracted such that the oil level is about 25mm below the filler/breather cap.



# 5.12. Facer Drive

Refer to Facer drawing.

- 1. Access the facer drive assembly by removing the securing screw from the facer plate and removing the plate.
- 2. Inspect the worm and worm wheel assembly for wear. If the worm, or worm wheel, or worm shaft or dog coupling is excessively worn or broken, the complete worm drive assembly must be replaced as a matching assembly.
- 3. Inspect the worm shaft needle thrust bearing for damage and replace if necessary.
- 4. Otherwise, clean out and re-grease sparingly with a high pressure grease e.g. Shell Alvania EP2.

Do not use molybdenum disulphide, graphite grease or similar as these may run and cause welding contamination.

5. Replace felt dust seals as required.

#### 5.13. Cutter Blade Sharpening

If chipped or damaged, the blades should be replaced.

If blunt, the high grade tool steel blades may be sharpened with a die grinder. Shim the cutter blades if they are sharp, but shavings are too thin.



# 6. Notes About Heater Plates And Temperature

# 6.1. PE Welding Temperatures

Polyethylene pipe is weldable at temperatures ranging from 180°C to 260°C. However butt fusion parameters typically specify 220  $\pm$ 15°C which is the required surface temperature of the heater plate.

Temperatures greater than 240°C when coupled with long heat soak times may result in diminution of the anti-oxidants in the pipe.

Cold joints will result if the weld temperature is too low, or the heat soak time is too short, or the time between removal of the heater and butting the pipes together is too long.

Caution: Either situation may lead to premature joint failure.

#### 6.2. Heater Plate Temperature

Heater plate temperature displays generally indicate the internal heater temperature. Actual surface temperature may vary from the display, and will also fluctuate, for the following reasons.

- 1. The rate of heat loss from the heater surface depends on the design of the heater plate and temperature controller. The surface temperature could be significantly different to the thermometer indication. This variation will be greatest on cold, windy days. Always use a shelter when welding in these conditions.
- 2. As power input cycles on and off the temperature will be highest just after the power cycles off and lowest just as it cycles back on.
- 3. The temperature is unlikely to be exactly the same at every point on the heater surface due to manufacturing tolerances.
- 4. As heat is transferred into the pipe during heat soak, the heater temperature initially falls but eventually returns to the set point.

# 6.3. Measuring Surface Temperature

- 1. Always wait 5 minutes after the heater has first reached set temperature for the temperature to stabilize before recording measurements.
- 2. Take readings at several points (at 3, 6, 9, 12 o'clock) on both sides of the heater, at the diameter of the pipe being welded.
- 3. **FUSIONMASTER**<sup>®</sup> heater plates are fitted with non-stick replaceable cloth. It is essential to use a contact probe to force the cloth into intimate contact with the plate. (Incorrect readings will result when the cloth system traps an insulating air layer between the cloth and the heater surface.)
- 4. If a contact probe is used it should be held in position for several seconds before the reading is taken.
  - If an infra red pyrometer is used incorrect reading are likely to result unless:
    - the emissivity is set at 0.95 for use on the non-stick cloth;
    - the device is held square to the surface being measured;
  - the non-stick cloth is forced into intimate contact with the heater plate (see suggestion below).
- Never use an infra-red pyrometer to take a reading from a shiny aluminium surface (such as a **FUSIONMASTER**<sup>®</sup> heater without cloths, or the outer rim of a heater plate) or an error will result.

#### Suggestion

5.

Use a "spot control adapter" fitted to an Infra-red pyrometer for consistently accurate measurements. When pressed squarely against the heater surface the infra-red beam is correctly focused every time, and intimate contact between the heater plate and non-stick cloth is assured.



Note: It is not physically possible for heater surface temperatures to vary <u>significantly</u> from one point to another. If such a variation is observed, it is most likely to result from using an incorrect temperature measuring

technique.



# 7. Butt Welding Guidelines

It is recommended that the following guidelines be downloaded from Plastics Industry Pipe Association of Australia Ltd web site (www.pipa.com.au)

- 1. POP003 Butt Fusion Jointing of PE Pipes and Fittings Recommended Parameters.
- 2. TP003 Specifying Butt Welding of Polyethylene Pipe Systems.

**FUSIONMASTER**® welders are designed for the "single pressure – low pressure" fusion method described in POP003.

The welding tables appended to the HF225 operating manual are based on POP003-SP-LP.

Operators should take care to determine the compatibility of materials for butt welding and only attempt to weld pipes and fittings made of the same polymer, eg PE to PE, PP to PP, PVDF to PVDF, etc.

The joint area must always be protected from adverse weather conditions, eg strong winds, excessive cold or heat, or rain, which could lead to the pipe wall developing non-uniformly heated zones and consequent failure issues.

The weld zone should be free of bending stress, free of notches or similar damage, and be free of contamination.

# 8. Weld failure trouble shooting

(Bead shapes are exaggerated for effect.)

	Uniform bead correct welding.
	NB the external bead is always more uniform than the internal bead.
	Crack down centre of bead.
	"Cold weld" signified by clean break through the middle of the weld with a smooth appearance.
	Could be due to insufficient heat soak time or temperature, or changeover time too long, or excessive soak pressure, or insufficient fusion pressure, or no allowance for drag pressure, or drag pressure too great eg due to pulling pipe up a gradient.
	Misalignment - maximum allowable 10% of wall thickness.
	Care should also be taken to ensure pipes or fittings being joined have the same diameter and wall thickness or the probability of weld failure is significantly increased.
	Insufficient bead roll over.
~	Could be due to insufficient heat soak time or temperature, or changeover time too long, or insufficient fusion pressure, or no allowance for drag pressure,
	Unequal bead size.
	Look for temperature gradients e.g. pipe surface in the hot sun vs pipe in the shade, or heater plate hot spots.
	Look for unequal application of pressure.
	If unequal uniformly around the whole circumference, look for physical difference in materials being joined eg melt flow index.



# 9. Warranty

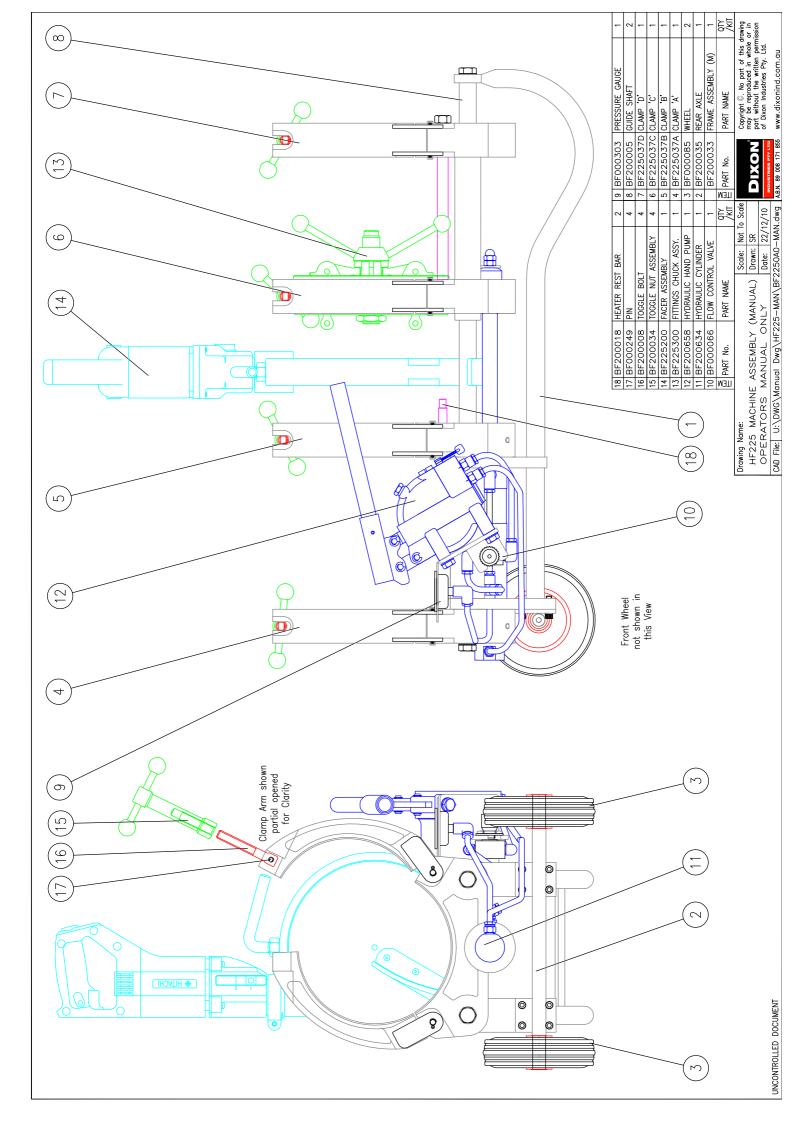
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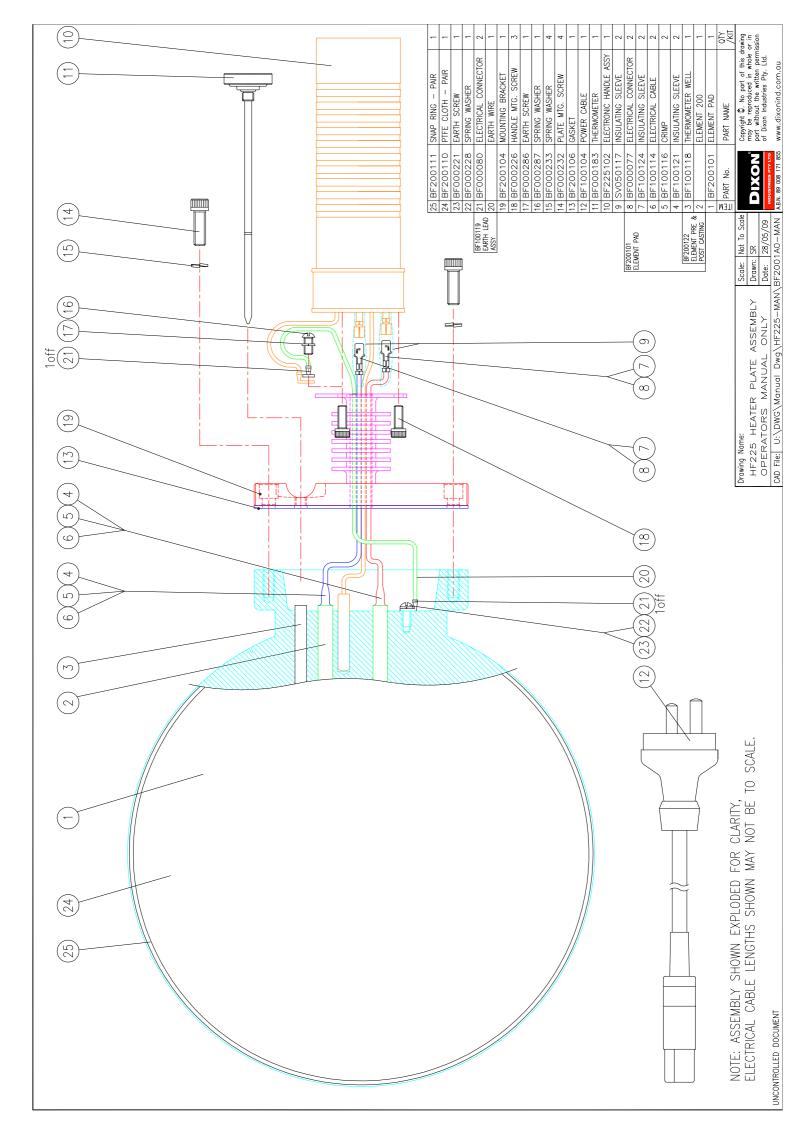
- 1. Subject to the terms below, Dixon Industries Pty Ltd ("**The Company**") warrants to repair or replace at its option ex-works Adelaide any product manufactured or repaired by it within 2 years from the date of shipment which are found to be defective due to either faulty workmanship or use of faulty materials, provided that such defective product is returned to the Company's works at the customer's expense, unless otherwise agreed.
- 2. This warranty is limited solely to products manufactured or repaired by the Company. Products not manufactured by the Company (such as pumps, gauges, motors, switches, etc.) are not covered by this warranty. In relation to a repair, this warranty is limited to the Company's cost of parts and labour to remedy a defective repair.
- 3. This warranty does not apply to any product that has been damaged by accident, misuse, neglect, use of an electrical power supply that is incompatible with the design specifications of the product or repair or alteration of the product by anyone other than the Company.
- 4. A warranty claim must be made to the Company in writing within 14 days of the first occurrence of the event or condition on which the claim is based. The claim must include proof of purchase and a detailed statement of the manner in which the product has been used and the event or condition occurred. The Company's decision to admit or refuse any warranty claim shall be binding.
- 5. Replacement parts provided to the customer before the right to a warranty claim is accepted by the Company will be invoiced at the full cost of the parts, including applicable taxes and freight charges. If a warranty claim is accepted, the cost of any replacement parts covered by the warranty claim which have been so invoiced will be credited to the customer.
- 6. All costs of returning product to the customer shall be paid by the customer.
- 7. Other than provided in this warranty, the Company excludes any other responsibility or liability whatever to the maximum extent permitted by law including liability for breach of contract, negligence or incidental, consequential, indirect or special damages including without limitation, interruption to use of the product or any other plant or equipment.

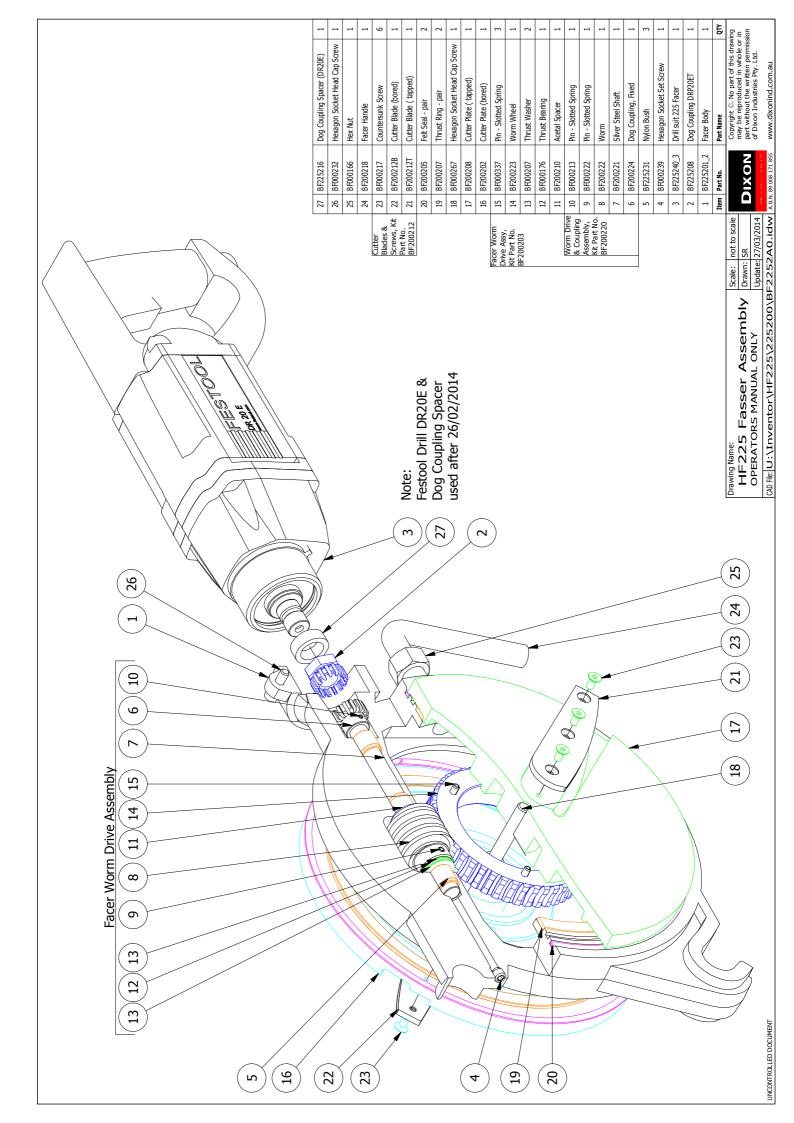
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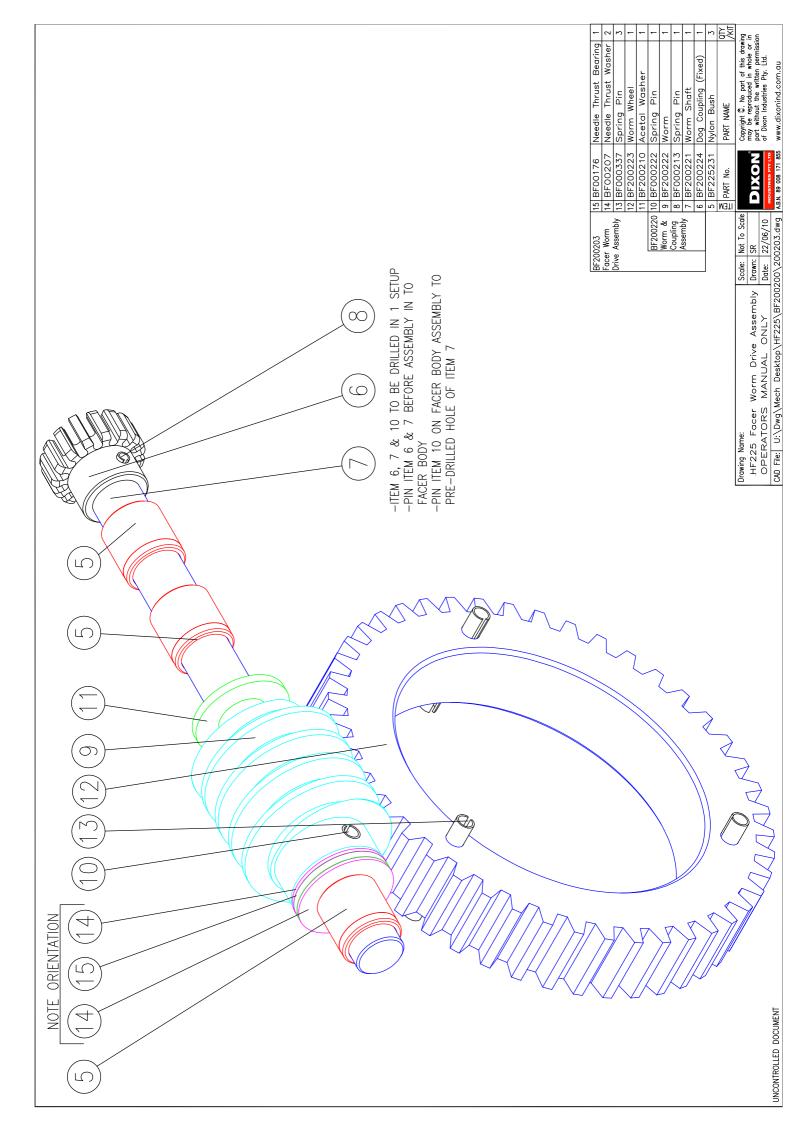
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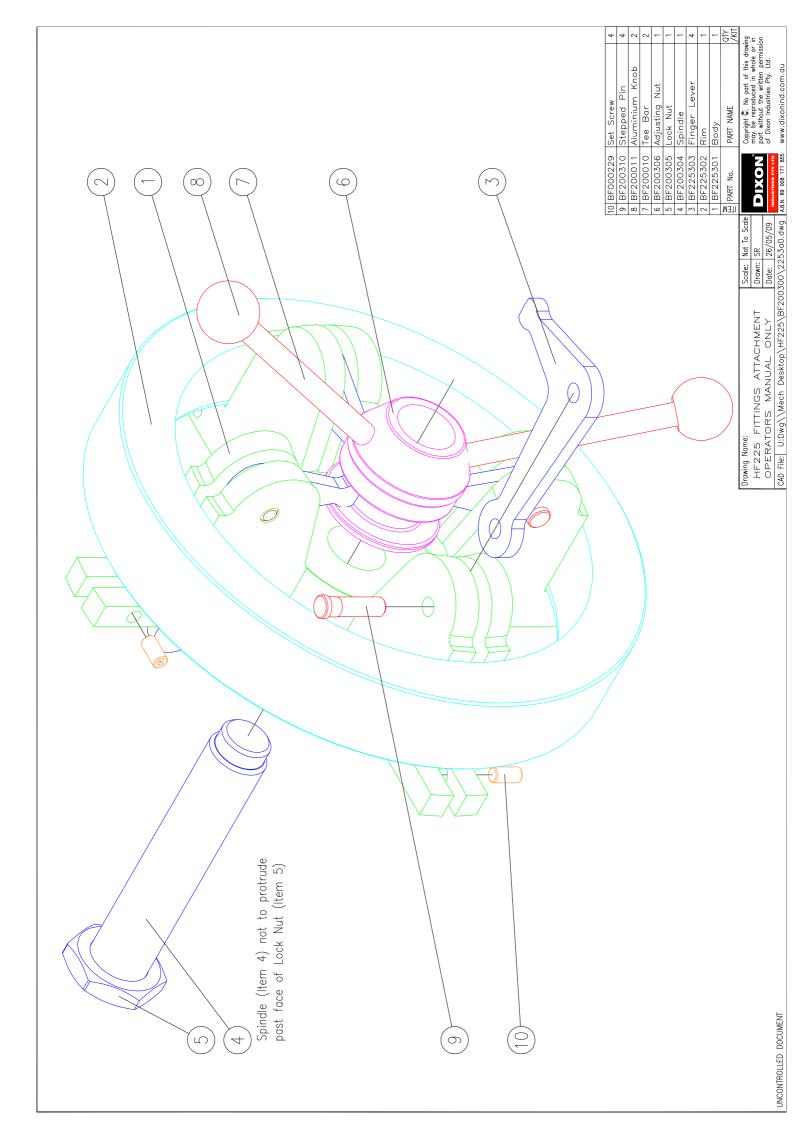
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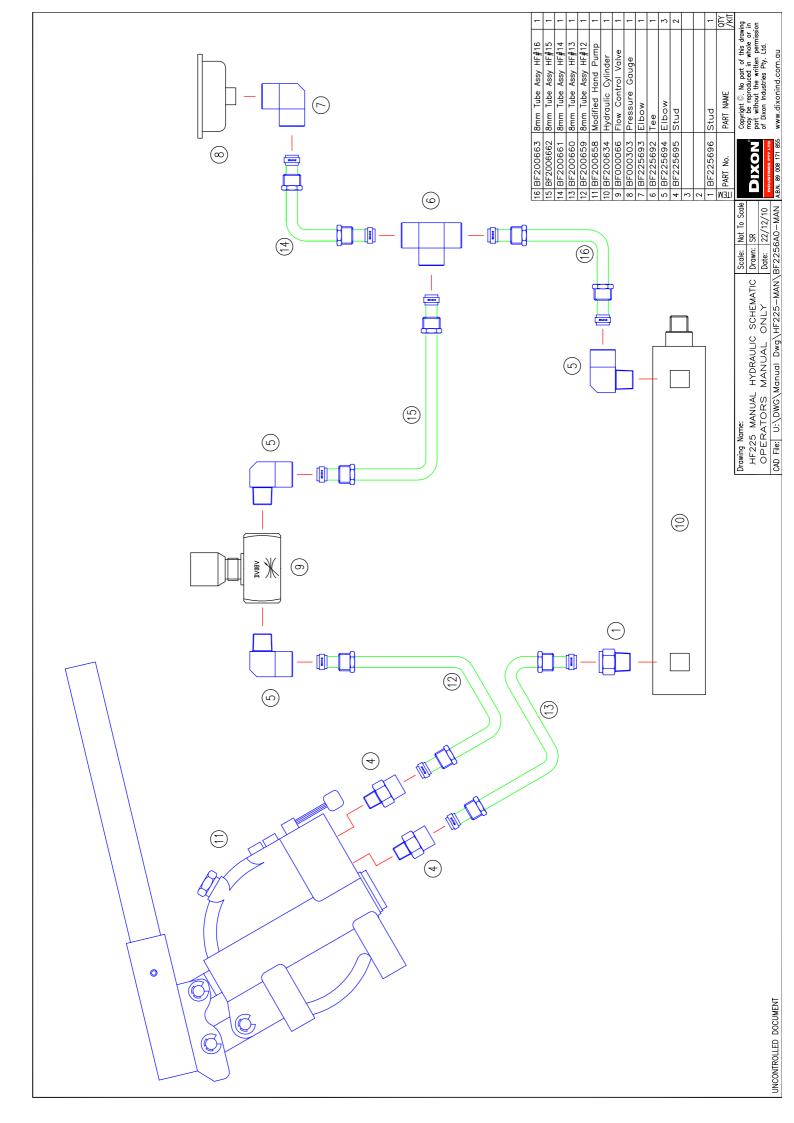


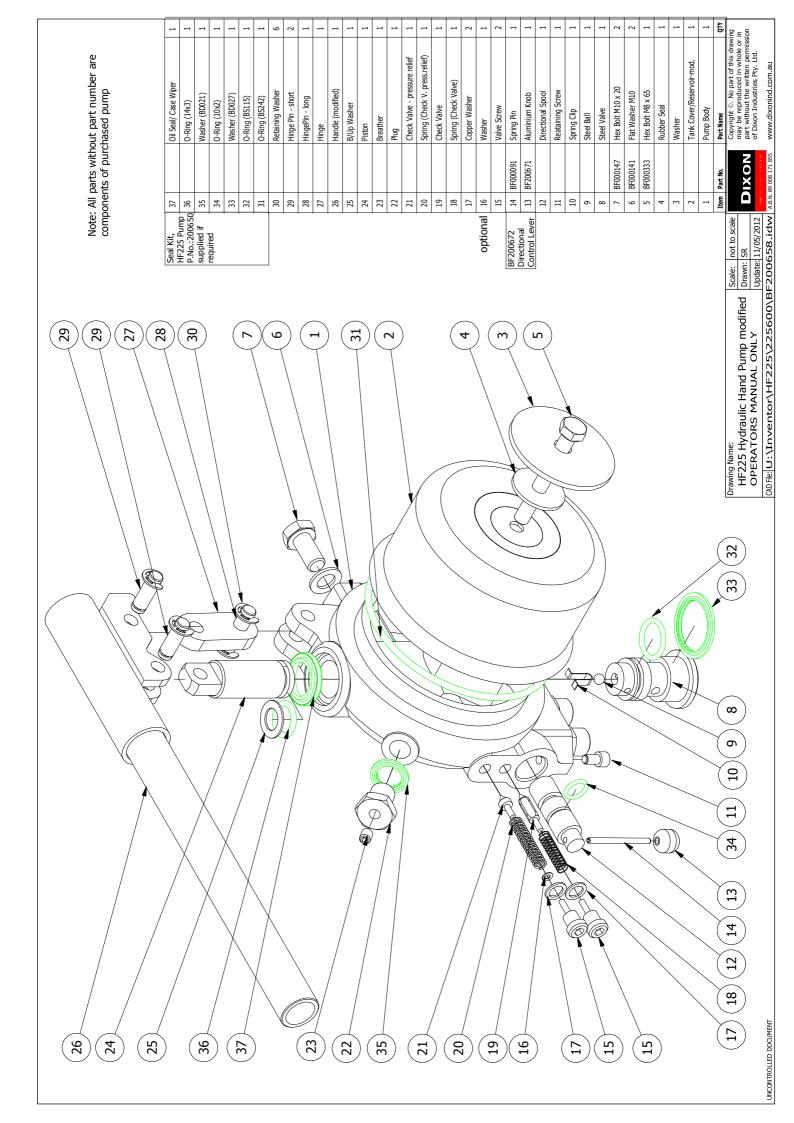












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nominal pipe od		٩	u m	225	225	225	225	225	225	225	225	225	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200
SDR				41	33	26	21	17	13.6	11	6	7.4	41	33	26	21	17	13.6	11	6	7.4
PE80				PN3.2	PN4		PN6.3	PN8	PN10	PN12.5	PN16	PN20	PN3.2	PN4		PN6.3	PN8	PN10	PN12.5	PN16	PN20
PE100				PN4		PN6.3	PN8	PN10	PN12.5	PN16	PN20	PN25	PN4		PN6.3	PN8	PN10	PN12.5	PN16	PN20	PN25
mean wall thickness		t	mm	2.0	7.3	9.1	11.4	14.2	17.5	21.6	26.5	32.4	5.2	6.6	8.2	10.2	12.6	15.5	19.2	23.6	28.8
		Parameter																			
mean heater surface temp		220+/-15	ပ္	220	220	220	220	220	220	220	220	220	220	220	220	220	220	220	220	220	220
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bead up pressure	£	170+/-20	kPa	317	1128	1394	1728	2117	2576	3117	3725	4426	719	906	1109	1367	1669	2029	2463	2953	3492
+ measured drag	Ρ3	+drag	kPa																		
total bead up pressure	P3		kPa																		
soak pressure	P2	drag	kPa	drag	drag	drag	drag	drag	drag	drag	drag	drag	drag	drag	drag	drag	drag	drag	drag	drag	drag
soak time	T2	(11±1)t s	second	22	80	100	125	156	193	238	291	356	57	73	06	112	138	171	211	260	316
heater out	Т3	0.1t + 4	second	4	5	5	5	5	9	9	7	7	5	5	5	5	5	9	9	9	7
pressure up	T4	0.4t + 2	second	з	5	9	7	8	6	1	13	15	4	5	5	9	7	8	10	1	14
welding & cooling pressure	Р3	170+/-20	kPa	317	1128	1394	1728	2117	2576	3117	3725	4426	719	906	1109	1367	1669	2029	2463	2953	3492
+ measured drag	Ρ3	+drag	kPa																		
total welding & cooling pressure	Ρ3		kPa								L										
minimum welding & cooling time in the clamps	Т5	t+3	minute	5	10	12	14	17	21	25	29	35	8	10	11	13	16	19	22	27	32
cooling time out of clamps before rough handlin	n T6	t+3	minute	5	10	12	14	17	21	25	29	35	80	10	7	13	16	19	22	27	32
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NB the drag pressure must be re-measured and added to the calculated weld pressure for each new joint.

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nominal pipe od		٥	mm	180	180	180	180	180	180	180	180	180	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160
SDR				41	33	26	21	17	13.6	11	6	7.4	41	33	26	21	17	13.6	1	6	7.4
PE80				PN3.2	PN4		PN6.3	PN8	PN10	PN12.5	PN16	PN20	PN3.2	PN4		PN6.3	PN8	PN10	PN12.5	PN16	PN20
PE100			_	PN4		PN6.3	PN8	PN10	PN12.5	PN16	PN20	PN 25	PN4		PN6.3	PN8	PN10	PN12.5	PN16	PN20	PN25
mean wall thickness		t	mm	4.7	5.9	7.3	9.1	11.3	14.1	17.3	21.2	25.9	4.3	5.2	6.6	8.2	10.1	12.5	15.4	18.9	23.1
	۵.	Parameter																			
mean heater surface temp		220+/-15	ပ့	220	220	220	220	220	220	220	220	220	220	220	220	220	220	220	220	220	220
allowable axial misalignment		0.1t	E	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.9	1.1	1.4	1.7	2.1	2.6	0.4	0.5	0.7	0.8	1.0	1.2	1.5	1.9	2.3
bead up pressure	P	170+/-20	kPa	585	729	895	1104	1353	1654	1997	2388	2831	470	571	719	878	1069	1303	1580	1888	2239
+ measured drag	Ρ3	+drag	kPa																	-	
total bead up pressure	P3		kPa																		
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soak pressure	P2	drag	kPa	drag	drag	drag	drag	drag	drag	drag	drag	drag	drag	drag	drag	drag	drag	drag	drag	drag	drag
soak time	Т2	(11±1)t s	second	52	65	80	100	124	155	190	233	285	47	57	73	06	111	137	169	207	254
heater out	13	0.1t + 4 s	second	4	5	5	5	5	5	9	9	7	4	5	5	5	5	5	9	9	9
pressure up	T4	0.4t + 2 s	second	4	4	5	9	7	8	6	10	12	4	4	5	5	9	7	8	10	11
welding & cooling pressure	P3	170+/-20	kPa	585	729	895	1104	1353	1654	1997	2388	2831	470	571	719	878	1069	1303	1580	1888	2239
+ measured drag	Ρ3	+drag	kPa																		
total welding & cooling pressure	Ρ3		kPa																		
minimum welding & cooling time in the clamps	т5	t+3 n	minute	8	6	10	12	14	17	20	24	29	7	8	10	11	13	15	18	22	26
cooling time out of clamps before rough handlir	Т6	t+3 n	minute	8	6	10	12	14	17	20	24	29	7	8	10	11	13	15	18	22	26

NB the drag pressure must be re-measured and added to the calculated weld pressure for each new joint.

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nominal pipe od		٩	mm	140	140	140	140	140	140	140	140	140	125	125	125	125	125	125	125	125	125
SDR				41	33	26	21	17	13.6	11	6	7.4	41	33	26	21	17	13.6	11	6	7.4
PE80				PN3.2	PN4		PN6.3	PN8	PN10	PN12.5	PN16	PN20	PN3.2	PN4		PN6.3	PN8	PN10	PN12.5	PN16	PN20
PE100				PN4		PN6.3	PN8	PN10	PN12.5	PN16	PN20	PN25	PN4		PN6.3	PN8	PN10	PN12.5	PN16	PN20	PN25
mean wall thickness		t	mm	3.8	4.6	5.8	7.1	8.8	10.9	13.4	16.6	20.3	3.3	4.2	5.1	6.4	7.9	9.8	12.1	14.8	18.1
		Parameter																			
mean heater surface temp		220+/-15	ပ္	220	220	220	220	220	220	220	220	220	220	220	220	220	220	220	220	220	220
allowable axial misalignment		0.1t	E	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.7	6.0	1.1	1.3	1.7	2.0	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.8	1.0	1.2	1.5	1.8
bead up pressure	F	170+/-20	kPa	363	442	548	670	819	666	1204	1450	1720	285	356	434	535	653	797	996	1154	1370
+ measured drag	P3	+drag	kPa																		
total bead up pressure	Ρ3		kPa																		
soak pressure	P2	drag	kPa	drag	drag	drag	drag	drag	drag	drag	drag	drag	drag	drag	drag	drag	drag	drag	drag	drag	drag
soak time	Т2	(11±1)t	second	41	51	63	78	97	120	147	182	223	36	46	56	70	86	107	133	162	199
heater out	Т3	0.1t + 4	second	4	4	5	5	5	5	5	9	9	4	4	5	5	5	5	5	5	9
pressure up	T4	0.4t + 2	second	4	4	4	5	9	9	7	6	10	е	4	4	5	5	9	7	8	6
welding & cooling pressure	Ρ3	170+/-20	kPa	363	442	548	670	819	666	1204	1450	1720	285	356	434	535	653	797	996	1154	1370
+ measured drag	Ρ3	+drag	kPa																		
total welding & cooling pressure	P3		kPa																		
minimum welding & cooling time in the clamps	s T5	t+3	minute	7	8	6	10	12	14	16	20	23	9	7	8	6	11	13	15	18	21
cooling time out of clamps before rough handlir	n T6	t+3	minute	7	80	6	10	12	14	16	20	23	9	7	80	6	1	13	15	18	21
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nominal pipe od		٥	u n	110	110	110	110	110	110	110	110	110	06	06	6	06	06	06	06	06	6
SDR				41	33	26	21	17	13.6	1	6	7.4	41	33	26	21	17	13.6	11	6	7.4
PE80				PN3.2	PN4		PN6.3	PN8	PN10	PN12.5	PN16	PN20	PN3.2	PN4		PN6.3	PN8	PN10	PN12.5	PN16	PN20
PE100				PN4		PN6.3	PN8	PN10	PN12.5	PN16	PN20	PN25	PN4		PN6.3	PN8	PN10	PN12.5	PN16	PN20	PN25
mean wall thickness		t	mm	2.9	3.7	4.6	5.7	7.0	8.6	10.6	13.0	16.0	2.4	3.0	3.8	4.6	5.8	7.0	8.7	10.7	13.0
	_	Parameter																			
mean heater surface temp		220+/-15	ပ့	220	220	220	220	220	220	220	220	220	220	220	220	220	220	220	220	220	220
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bead up pressure	£	170+/-20	kPa	221	276	344	419	512	619	748	895	1064	150	186	230	279	344	413	502	602	710
+ measured drag	P3	+drag	kPa																		
total bead up pressure	Ρ3		kPa																		
soak pressure	P2	drag	kPa	drag	drag	drag	drag	drag	drag	drag	drag	drag	drag	drag	drag	drag	drag	drag	drag	drag	drag
soak time	T2	(11±1)t	second	32	40	51	62	77	95	117	143	175	26	33	41	51	63	77	96	118	143
heater out	Т3	0.1t + 4	second	4	4	4	5	5	5	5	5	6	4	4	4	4	5	5	5	5	5
pressure up	T4	0.4t + 2	second	ю	е	4	4	5	5	9	7	8	з	с	4	4	4	5	5	9	7
welding & cooling pressure	Ρ3	170+/-20	kPa	221	276	344	419	512	619	748	895	1064	150	186	230	279	344	413	502	602	710
+ measured drag	Ρ3	+drag	kPa																		
total welding & cooling pressure	Ρ3		kPa																		
minimum welding & cooling time in the clamps	5 T5	t+3	minute	9	7	8	6	10	12	14	16	19	5	9	7	8	6	10	12	14	16
cooling time out of clamps before rough handlin	n T6	t+3	minute	9	7	8	ი	10	12	14	16	19	5	9	7	8	6	10	12	14	16
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NB the drag pressure must be re-measured and added to the calculated weld pressure for each new joint.

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nominal pipe od		٩	u u	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	63	63	63	63	63	63	63	63	63
SDR				41	33	26	21	17	13.6	11	6	7.4	41	33	26	21	17	13.6	1	6	7.4
PE80				PN3.2	PN4		PN6.3	PN8		PN12.5	PN16	PN20	PN3.2	PN4		PN6.3	PN8	PN10	PN12.5	PN16	PN20
PE100				PN4		PN6.3	PN8	PN10	PN12.5	PN16	PN20	PN25	PN4		PN6.3	PN8	PN10	PN12.5	PN16	PN20	PN25
mean wall thickness		t	mm	2.1	2.5	3.1	3.9	4.8	5.9	7.2	8.9	10.9	1.8	2.2	2.6	3.2	4.1	5.0	6.2	7.6	9.1
	ш	Parameter																			
mean heater surface temp		220+/-15	ပ့	220	220	220	220	220	220	220	220	220	220	220	220	220	220	220	220	220	220
allowable axial misalignment		0.1t	E E	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.9	1:1	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.8	0.9
bead up pressure	£	170+/-20	kPa	107	129	159	195	239	287	347	418	496	77	93	112	136	170	206	248	297	348
+ measured drag	Ρ3	+drag	kPa																		
total bead up pressure	Ρ3		kPa																		
							L														
soak pressure	P2	drag	kPa	drag	drag	drag	drag	drag	drag	drag	drag	drag	drag	drag	drag	drag	drag	drag	drag	drag	drag
soak time	T2	(11±1)t s	second	23	28	34	42	53	64	79	98	120	19	24	29	35	45	55	68	83	100
heater out	£	0.1t + 4 s	second	4	4	4	4	4	5	5	5	5	4	4	4	4	4	5	5	5	5
pressure up	T4	0.4t + 2 s	second	3	з	ю	4	4	4	5	9	6	3	ю	ю	з	4	4	4	5	9
welding & cooling pressure	Р3	170+/-20	kPa	107	129	159	195	239	287	347	418	496	77	93	112	136	170	206	248	297	348
+ measured drag	Ρ3	+drag	kPa																		
total welding & cooling pressure	Ρ3		kPa	L							L										
minimum welding & cooling time in the clamps	т5	t+3 T	minute	5	9	9	7	8	6	10	12	14	5	5	و	9	7	œ	6	1	12
cooling time out of clamps before rough handlir	л T6	t+3 r	minute	5	9	9	7	8	6	10	12	14	5	5	9	9	7	8	6	11	12

NB the drag pressure must be re-measured and added to the calculated weld pressure for each new joint.

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