

# Gas Metal Arc Welding and Flux-Cored Arc Welding

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## Instructional/Task Analysis

**Related Information: What  
the Student Should Know**

**Application: What the  
Student Should Be Able to Do**

### Unit 1: GMAW Orientation and Safety

1. Terms and definitions
2. Advantages of the GMAW process
3. Limitations of the GMAW process
4. Principles of GMAW
5. GMAW applications
6. Benefits from learning GMAW
7. Electrical safety requirements for GMAW
8. Guidelines for duty cycle safety
9. Rules for handling cables and gas and coolant hoses
10. Rules for handling hollow castings or containers
11. Hazards associated with arc rays
12. Types of welding hoods
13. Guidelines for selecting a safe lens shade for GMAW
14. Protective clothing required for GMAW
15. Environmental safety requirements
16. Safety guidelines for working with electrode wire
17. Solve problems concerning GMAW safety

### Unit 2: GMAW Equipment, Applications, and Techniques

1. Terms and definitions
2. Characteristics of short-circuit transfer
3. Characteristics of globular transfer
4. Characteristics of spray transfer
5. Characteristics of pulsed spray transfer
6. Characteristics of surface tension transfer
7. GMAW machine controls and their functions

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### **Unit 2: GMAW Equipment, Applications, and Techniques (continued)**

8. GMAW electrical controls and their functions
9. Wire feeder controls and their functions
10. Roll adjustment requirements for wire feeders
11. Preventive maintenance requirements for wire feeders
12. AWS classifications for electrode wires
13. Basic short-circuit electrode wires and their characteristics
14. Rules of thumb for GMAW, STT, and GMAW-P electrode wire selection
15. Guidelines for storing spools and coils of electrode wire
16. Types of GMAW guns and their characteristics
17. Parts of a GMAW gun tip and their functions
18. Steps in assembling contact tips, gas diffusers, nozzles, and insulators
19. Maintenance requirements for GMAW guns
20. Electrode extension and its function in GMAW
21. GMAW shielding gases and their applications
22. GMAW welding techniques and their characteristics
23. Techniques for properly ending a GMAW weld
24. Techniques for position welding with GMAW
25. Conditions that require special attention with GMAW
26. Possible causes and corrective actions for undercutting
27. Possible causes and corrective actions for porosity
28. Possible causes and corrective actions for incomplete fusion

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#### Unit 2: GMAW Equipment, Applications, and Techniques (continued)

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| 29. Possible causes and corrective actions for incomplete joint penetration | 34. Set up wire on a GMAW wire feeder                                                                                     |
| 30. Possible causes and corrective actions for excessive melt-through       | 35. Set up a flow meter and regulator for a GMAW shielding gas                                                            |
| 31. Flow meters and their use in GMAW                                       | 36. Set up GMAW equipment for short-circuit transfer on mild steel                                                        |
| 32. Flow rates for GMAW shielding gases                                     | 37. Prepare mild steel for GMAW                                                                                           |
| 33. Guidelines for troubleshooting GMAW problems                            | 38. Use short-circuit transfer to lay stringer beads and build a pad on mild steel in the flat position                   |
|                                                                             | 39. Use short-circuit transfer to weld to specifications a fillet weld lap joint on mild steel in the flat position       |
|                                                                             | 40. Use short-circuit transfer to weld to specifications a fillet weld T-joint on mild steel in the flat position         |
|                                                                             | 41. Use short-circuit transfer to weld to specifications a V-groove butt joint on mild steel in the flat position         |
|                                                                             | 42. Perform a guided-bend test on a welded V-groove butt joint                                                            |
|                                                                             | 43. Use short-circuit transfer to weld to specifications a fillet weld lap joint on mild steel in the horizontal position |
|                                                                             | 44. Use short-circuit transfer to weld to specifications a fillet weld T-joint on mild steel in the horizontal position   |
|                                                                             | 45. Use short-circuit transfer to weld to specifications a V-groove butt joint on mild steel in the horizontal position   |
|                                                                             | 46. Use short-circuit transfer to weld to specifications a fillet weld lap joint on mild steel in the vertical position   |
|                                                                             | 47. Use short-circuit transfer to weld to specifications a fillet weld T-joint on mild steel in the vertical position     |

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## **Unit 2: GMAW Equipment, Applications, and Techniques (continued)**

48. Use short-circuit transfer to weld to specifications a V-groove butt joint on mild steel in the vertical position
49. Use short-circuit transfer to weld to specifications a fillet weld lap joint on mild steel in the overhead position
50. Use short-circuit transfer to weld to specifications a fillet weld T-joint on mild steel in the overhead position
51. Use short-circuit transfer to weld to specifications a V-groove butt joint on mild steel in the overhead position
52. Set up GMAW equipment for spray transfer on mild steel
53. Use spray transfer to weld to specifications a fillet weld lap joint on mild steel in the flat position
54. Use spray transfer to weld to specifications a fillet weld T-joint on mild steel in the flat position
55. Use spray transfer to weld to specifications a fillet weld lap joint on mild steel in the horizontal position
56. Use spray transfer to weld to specifications a fillet weld T-joint on mild steel in the horizontal position
57. Use spray transfer to weld to specifications a V-groove butt joint on mild steel in the flat position
58. Set up GMAW equipment for spray transfer on aluminum
59. Prepare aluminum for GMAW
60. Use spray transfer to weld to specifications a fillet weld lap joint on aluminum in the flat position
61. Use spray transfer to weld to specifications a fillet weld T-joint on aluminum in the flat position
62. Use spray transfer to weld to specifications a fillet weld lap joint on aluminum in the horizontal position
63. Use spray transfer to weld to specifications a fillet weld T-joint on aluminum in the horizontal position

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64. Use spray transfer to weld to specifications a fillet weld lap joint on aluminum in the vertical up position
65. Use spray transfer to weld to specifications a fillet weld T-joint on aluminum in the vertical up position
66. Use spray transfer to weld to specifications a fillet weld lap joint on aluminum in the vertical down position
67. Use spray transfer to weld to specifications a fillet weld T-joint on aluminum in the vertical down position
68. Use spray transfer to weld to specifications a fillet weld lap joint on aluminum in the overhead position
69. Use spray transfer to weld to specifications a fillet weld T-joint on aluminum in the overhead position
70. Set up GMAW-P equipment for pulsed-spray transfer on mild steel
71. Use pulsed-spray transfer to weld to specifications a V-groove butt joint on mild steel in the flat position
72. Use pulsed-spray transfer to weld to specifications a V-groove butt joint on mild steel in the horizontal position
73. Use pulsed-spray transfer to weld to specifications a V-groove butt joint on mild steel in the vertical position
74. Set up STT equipment for surface tension transfer on mild steel
75. Use surface tension transfer to weld to specifications a V-groove butt joint on mild steel in the flat position
76. Use surface tension transfer to weld to specifications a V-groove butt joint on mild steel in the horizontal position
77. Use surface tension transfer to weld to specifications a V-groove butt joint on mild steel in the vertical position

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#### Unit 3: Flux-Cored Arc Welding

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| 1. Terms and definitions                                     | 18. Set up or replace wire on a flux-cored wire feeder                                      |
| 2. Advantages of FCAW                                        | 19. Set up FCAW equipment for semiautomatic flux-cored welding                              |
| 3. Limitations of FCAW                                       | 20. Prepare mild steel for FCAW                                                             |
| 4. How students benefit from learning FCAW                   | 21. Weld to specifications a fillet weld lap joint on mild steel in the flat position       |
| 5. Equipment required for semiautomatic self-shielded FCAW   | 22. Weld to specifications a fillet weld T-joint on mild steel in the flat position         |
| 6. Types of flux-cored arc welding processes                 | 23. Weld to specifications a fillet weld lap joint on mild steel in the horizontal position |
| 7. Types of FCAW guns and their uses                         | 24. Weld to specifications a fillet weld T-joint on mild steel in the horizontal position   |
| 8. Classifications for FCAW electrode wires                  | 25. Weld to specifications a fillet weld lap joint on mild steel in the vertical position   |
| 9. Electrode extension and visible electrode extension       | 26. Weld to specifications a fillet weld T-joint on mild steel in the vertical position     |
| 10. Basic types of flux-cored wire feeders                   | 27. Weld to specifications a fillet weld lap joint on mild steel in the overhead position   |
| 11. Guidelines for using drive rolls and guide tubes         | 28. Weld to specifications a fillet weld T-joint on mild steel in the overhead position     |
| 12. Steps for starting an arc with the semiautomatic process | 29. Weld to specifications a v-groove butt joint on mild steel in the flat position         |
| 13. Operating variables with flux-cored electrode wires      | 30. Weld to specifications a v-groove butt joint on mild steel in the horizontal position   |
| 14. Guidelines for preparing FCAW applications               | 31. Weld to specifications a V-groove butt joint on mild steel in the vertical position     |
| 15. Guidelines for semiautomatic FCAW                        | 32. Weld to specifications a V-groove butt joint on mild steel in the overhead position     |
| 16. Safety requirements for FCAW                             |                                                                                             |
| 17. Guidelines for troubleshooting FCAW problems             |                                                                                             |