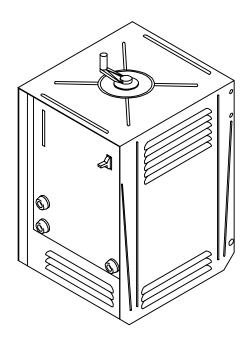


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Thunderbolt® 225

CC/AC Welding Power Source For SMAW (Stick) Welding

Rated Welding Output	Amperage Range	Maximum Open- Circuit	Amperes Input at Rated Load Output 60 Hz, Single-Phase		Overall Dimensions	Weight
-		Voltage	230 V	KW		
225 A @ 25 Volts AC, 20% Duty Cycle	Low: 30 – 150A High: 40 – 225A	80 VAC	47.5 (8.6)*	7.2 (0.22)*	Height: 21-1/2 in (546 mm) Width: 12-1/2 in (318 mm) Depth: 14 in (356 mm)	Net: 100 lb (45 kg) Ship: 105 lb (48 kg)
*While idling						

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SECTION 1 – SAFETY PRECAUTIONS FOR ARC WELDING

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1-1. Symbol Usage



Means Warning! Watch Out! There are possible hazards with this procedure! The possible hazards are shown in the adjoining symbols.

▲ Marks a special safety message.

IF Means NOTE; not safety related.









This group of symbols means Warning! Watch Out! possible ELECTRIC SHOCK, MOVING PARTS, and HOT PARTS hazards. Consult symbols and related instructions below for necessary actions to avoid the hazards.

1-2. Arc Welding Hazards

WARNING

The symbols shown below are used throughout this manual to call attention to and identify possible hazards. When you see the symbol, watch out, and follow the related instructions to avoid the hazard. The safety information given below is only a summary of the more complete safety information found in the Safety Standards listed in Section 1-4. Read and follow all Safety Standards.

Only qualified persons should install, operate, maintain, and repair this unit.

During operation, keep everybody, especially children, away.

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ELECTRIC SHOCK can kill.

Touching live electrical parts can cause fatal shocks or severe burns. The electrode and work circuit is electrically live whenever the output is on. The input power circuit and machine internal circuits are also live when power is on. Incorrectly installed or improperly grounded equipment is a hazard.

- 1. Do not touch live electrical parts.
- 2. Wear dry, hole-free insulating gloves and body protection.
- Insulate yourself from work and ground using dry insulating mats or covers big enough to prevent any physical contact with the work or ground.
- Disconnect input power before installing or servicing this equipment. Lockout/tagout input power according to OSHA 29 CFR 1910.147 (see Safety Standards).
- 5. Properly install and ground this equipment according to its Owner's Manual and national, state, and local codes.
- Always verify the supply ground check and be sure that input power cord ground wire is properly connected to ground terminal

- in disconnect box or that cord plug is connected to a properly grounded receptacle outlet.
- When making input connections, attach proper grounding conductor first – double-check connections.
- Frequently inspect input power cord for damage or bare wiring replace cord immediately if damaged – bare wiring can kill.
- 9. Turn off all equipment when not in use.
- 10. Do not use worn, damaged, undersized, or poorly spliced cables.
- 11. Do not drape cables over your body.
- 12. If earth grounding of the workpiece is required, ground it directly with a separate cable do not use work clamp or work cable.
- Do not touch electrode if you are in contact with the work, ground, or another electrode from a different machine.
- 14. Use only well-maintained equipment. Repair or replace damaged parts at once. Maintain unit according to manual.
- 15. Wear a safety harness if working above floor level.
- 16. Keep all panels and covers securely in place.
- 17. Clamp work cable with good metal-to-metal contact to workpiece or worktable as near the weld as practical.



NOISE

ARC RAYS can burn eyes and skin; NOISE can damage hearing; FLYING SLAG OR SPARKS can injure eyes.

Arc rays from the welding process produce intense visible and invisible (ultraviolet and infrared) rays that can burn eyes and skin. Noise from some processes can damage hearing. Chipping, grinding, and welds cooling throw off pieces of metal or slag.

ARC RAYS

- Wear a welding helmet fitted with a proper shade of filter to protect your face and eyes when welding or watching (see ANSI Z49.1 and Z87.1 listed in Safety Standards).
- 3. Wear approved safety glasses with side shields.
- 4. Use protective screens or barriers to protect others from flash and glare; warn others not to watch the arc.
- 5. Wear protective clothing made from durable, flame-resistant material (wool and leather) and foot protection.



FUMES AND GASES can be hazardous to your health.

Welding produces fumes and gases. Breathing these fumes and gases can be hazardous to your health.

- 5. Work in a confined space only if it is well ventilated, or while wearing an air-supplied respirator. Always have a trained watchperson nearby. Welding fumes and gases can displace air and lower the oxygen level causing injury or death. Be sure the breathing air is safe.
- Do not weld in locations near degreasing, cleaning, or spraying operations. The heat and rays of the arc can react with vapors to form highly toxic and irritating gases.
- 7. Do not weld on coated metals, such as galvanized, lead, or cadmium plated steel, unless the coating is removed from the weld area, the area is well ventilated, and if necessary, while wearing an air-supplied respirator. The coatings and any metals containing these elements can give off toxic fumes if welded.
- 1. Keep your head out of the fumes. Do not breathe the fumes.

1. Use approved ear plugs or ear muffs if noise level is high.

- 2. If inside, ventilate the area and/or use exhaust at the arc to remove welding fumes and gases.
- 3. If ventilation is poor, use an approved air-supplied respirator.
- Read the Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDSs) and the manufacturer's instruction for metals, consumables, coatings, cleaners, and degreasers.

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CYLINDERS can explode if damaged.

Shielding gas cylinders contain gas under high pressure. If damaged, a cylinder can explode. Since gas cylinders are normally part of the welding process, be sure to treat them carefully.

- 1. Protect compressed gas cylinders from excessive heat, mechanical shocks, slag, open flames, sparks, and arcs.
- 2. Keep cylinders away from any welding or other electrical circuits.
- 3. Never drape an electrode holder over a gas cylinder.
- 4. Never allow a welding electrode to touch any cylinder.
- 5. Never weld on a pressurized cylinder explosion will result.



WELDING can cause fire or explosion.

Welding on closed containers, such as tanks, drums, or pipes, can cause them to blow up. Sparks can fly off from the welding arc. The flying sparks, hot workpiece, and hot equipment can cause fires and burns. Accidental contact of electrode to metal objects can cause sparks, explosion, overheating, or fire. Check and be sure the area is safe before doing any welding.

- 1. Protect yourself and others from flying sparks and hot metal.
- 2. Do not weld where flying sparks can strike flammable material.
- 3. Remove all flammables within 35 ft (10.7 m) of the welding arc. If this is not possible, tightly cover them with approved covers.
- Be alert that welding sparks and hot materials from welding can easily go through small cracks and openings to adjacent areas.

- 5. Watch for fire, and keep a fire extinguisher nearby.
- 6. Be aware that welding on a ceiling, floor, bulkhead, or partition can cause fire on the hidden side.
- Do not weld on closed containers such as tanks, drums, or pipes, unless they are properly prepared according to AWS F4.1 (see Safety Standards).
- 8. Connect work cable to the work as close to the welding area as practical to prevent welding current from traveling long, possibly unknown paths and causing electric shock and fire hazards.
- 9. Do not use welder to thaw frozen pipes.
- 10. Remove stick electrode from holder when not in use.
- 11. Wear oil-free protective garments such as leather gloves, heavy shirt, cuffless trousers, high shoes, and a cap.
- 12. Remove any combustibles, such as a butane lighter or matches, from your person before doing any welding.

1-3. Additional Installation, Operation, And Maintenance Hazards



FIRE OR EXPLOSION can result from placing unit on, over, or near combustible surfaces.

 Do not install unit on, over, or near combustible surfaces or flammables.



MAGNETIC FIELDS FROM HIGH CURRENTS can affect pacemaker operation.

 Wearers should consult their doctor before going near arc welding, gouging, or spot welding operations.



HOT PARTS can cause severe burns.

 Do not touch hot parts bare handed. Allow cooling period before beginning.



FLYING PIECES OF METAL or DIRT can injure eyes.

 Wear safety glasses with side shields or face shield.

1-4. Principal Safety Standards

Safety in Welding and Cutting, ANSI Standard Z49.1, from American Welding Society, 550 N.W. LeJeune Rd, Miami FL 33126

Safety and Health Standards, OSHA 29 CFR 1910, from Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402.

Recommended Safe Practices for the Preparation for Welding and Cutting of Containers That Have Held Hazardous Substances, American Welding Society Standard AWS F4.1, from American Welding Society, 550 N.W. LeJeune Rd, Miami, FL 33126

National Electrical Code, NFPA Standard 70, from National Fire Protection Association, Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02269.

Code for Safety in Welding and Cutting, CSA Standard W117.2, from Canadian Standards Association, Standards Sales, 178 Rexdale Boulevard, Rexdale, Ontario, Canada M9W 1R3.

Safe Practices For Occupation And Educational Eye And Face Protection, ANSI Standard Z87.1, from American National Standards Institute, 1430 Broadway, New York, NY 10018.

Cutting And Welding Processes, NFPA Standard 51B, from National Fire Protection Association, Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02269.

1-5. EMF Information

Considerations About Welding And The Effects Of Low Frequency Electric And Magnetic Fields

The following is a quotation from the General Conclusions Section of the U.S. Congress, Office of Technology Assessment, *Biological Effects of Power Frequency Electric & Magnetic Fields – Background Paper*, OTA-BP-E-53 (Washington, DC: U.S. Government Printing Office, May 1989): "... there is now a very large volume of scientific findings based on experiments at the cellular level and from studies with animals and people which clearly establish that low frequency magnetic fields can interact with, and produce changes in, biological systems. While most of this work is of very high quality, the results are complex. Current scientific understanding does not yet allow us to interpret the evidence in a single coherent framework. Even more frustrating, it does not yet allow us to draw definite conclusions about questions of possible risk or to offer clear science-based advice on strategies to minimize or avoid potential risks."

To reduce magnetic fields in the workplace, use the following procedures:

- 1. Keep cables close together by twisting or taping them.
- 2. Arrange cables to one side and away from the operator.
- 3. Do not coil or drape cables around the body.
- 4. Keep welding power source and cables as far away as practical.
- Connect work clamp to workpiece as close to the weld as possible.

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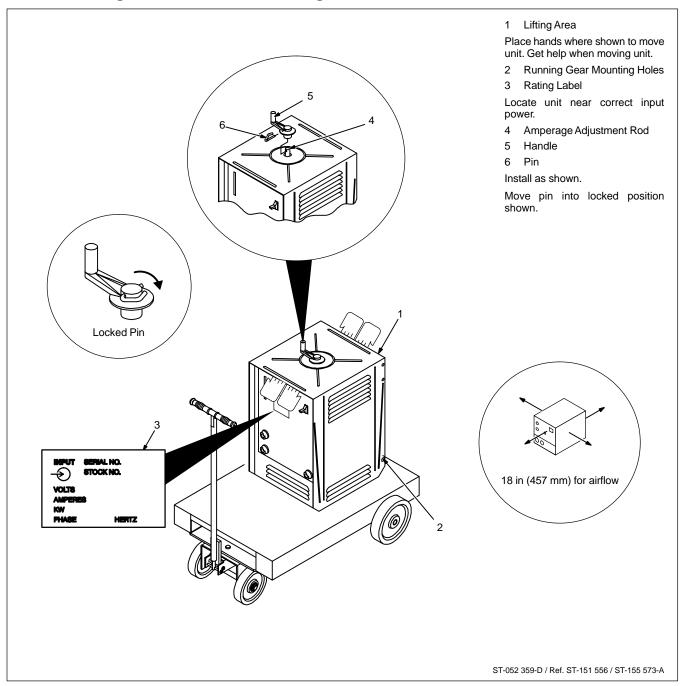
The above procedures are also recommended for pacemaker wearers. Consult your doctor for complete information.

SECTION 2 – INSTALLATION

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See User's Guide on unit for process connection information.

2-1. Selecting A Location And Installing Handle

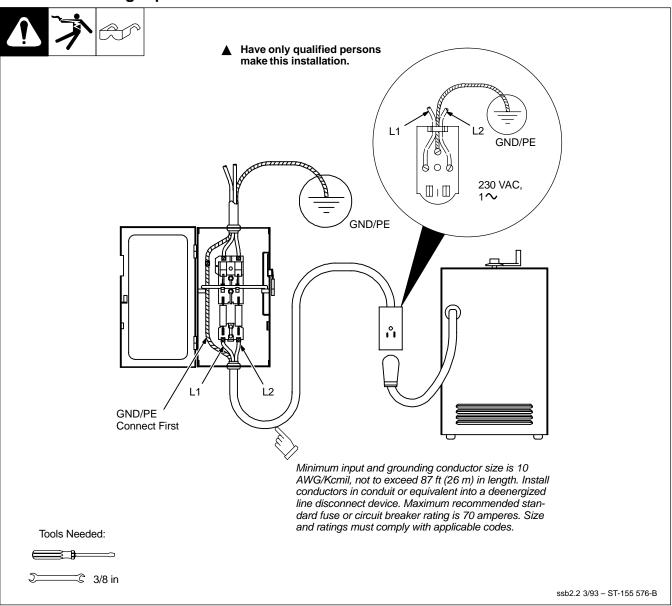


2-2. Weld Output Cables

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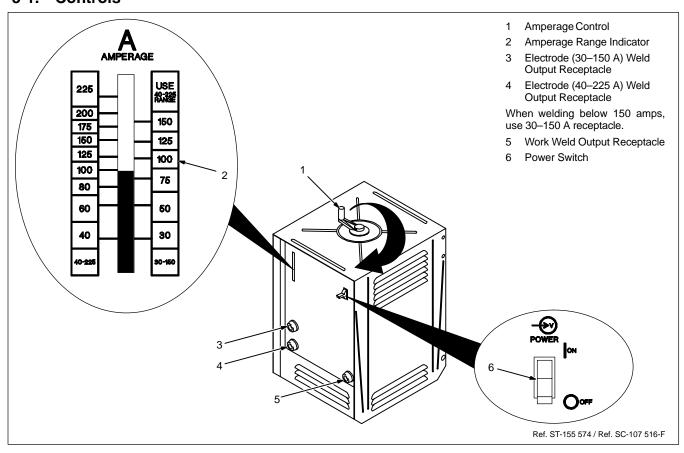
For weld output cable replacements or extensions, contact your Factory Authorized Service Agent.

2-3. Connecting Input Power

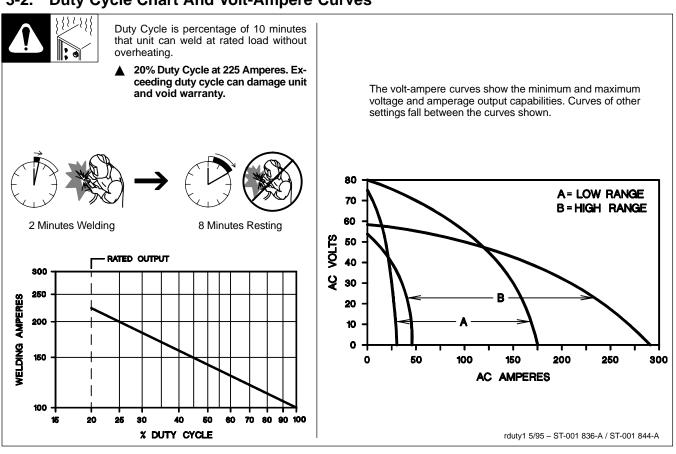


SECTION 3 – OPERATION

3-1. Controls

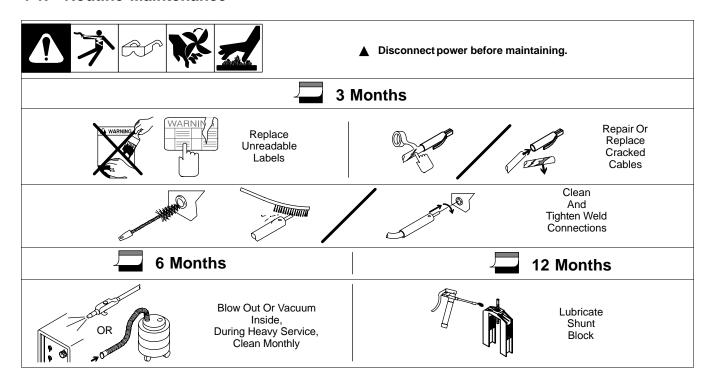


3-2. Duty Cycle Chart And Volt-Ampere Curves

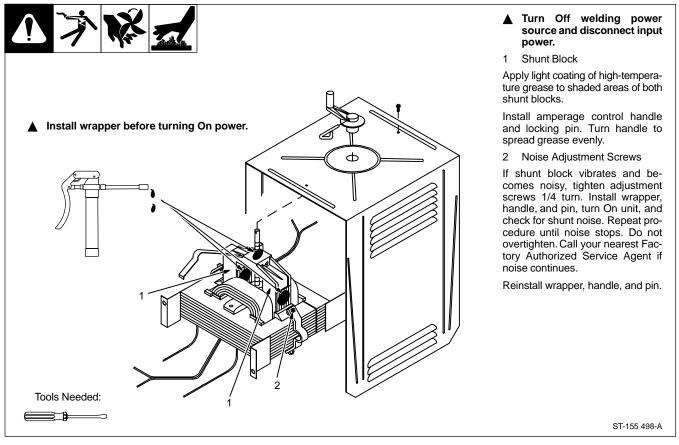


SECTION 4 – MAINTENANCE & TROUBLESHOOTING

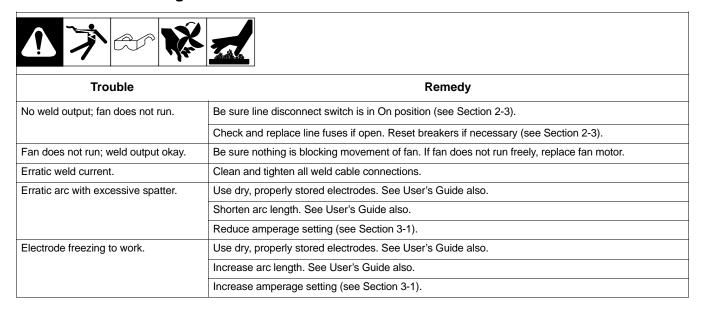
4-1. Routine Maintenance



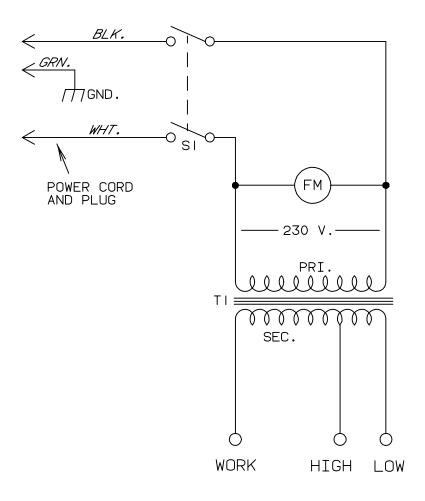
4-2. Lubricating Shunt Block And Anti-Noise Adjustment



4-3. Troubleshooting



SECTION 5 – ELECTRICAL DIAGRAM



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Figure 5-1. Circuit Diagram For Welding Power Source

SECTION 6 – PARTS LIST

Item No.	Dia. Mkgs.	Part No.	Description	Quantity
			Figure 6-1. Main Assembly	
2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17	S1 FM T1	006 095 010 291 604 668 174 491 601 881 *124 511 088 372 024 103 111 443 088 297 039 778 005 656 123 468 082 272 009 926 009 433 117 668	RECEPTACLE, jack plug red (consisting of) RECEPTACLE & NUT, jack plug red WASHER, flat nylafil .625 ID x 1.250 OD x .125thk NUT, stl slflkg hex med fnsh .500-20 WASHER, lock intl tooth .500 NUT, stl hex jam .500-20 SWITCH, tgl DPST 40A 600VAC CASE SECTION, base/front/rear BLANK, snap-in .750mtg hole BUSHING, strain relief .240/.510 ID x .875mtg hole CORD SET, 250V 6-50P 12ga 3/c 6ft RECEPTACLE, str 2P3W 50A 250V BLADE, fan 6 in 4wg 30deg .175 bore CW MOTOR, 230V 50/60Hz 3000RPM WRAPPER PIN, handle control current HANDLE, control current TRANSFORMER & SHUNT, (230V) (Fig 6-2) CLAMP, nyl .312clp dia	1 1
19		174 453	NAMEPLATE, (order by model and serial number) HOLDER, electrode w/cable	1 1

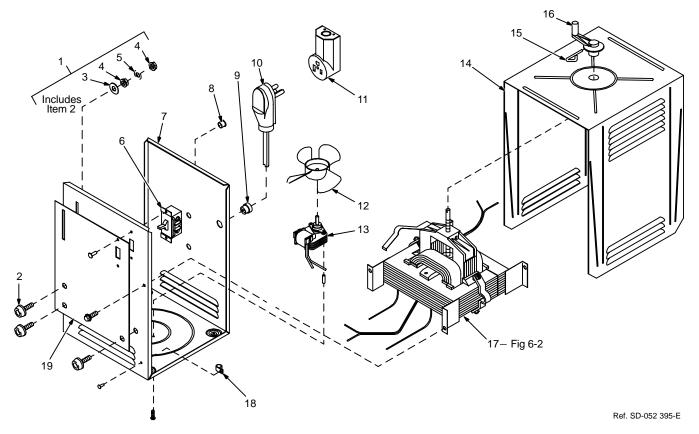


Figure 6-1. Main Assembly

^{*}Recommended Spare Parts.
BE SURE TO PROVIDE MODEL AND SERIAL NUMBER WHEN ORDERING REPLACEMENT PARTS.

Figure 6-2. Transformer & Shunt (Fig 6-1 Item 17)

1 080 522 BLOCK, anti-noise shunt
2 147 907 SCREW, set stl hdls .312-18 x 1.500 slflkg
3
4 SEC 112 488 COIL, sec
5
6 +081 821 SCREW, slftpg filph 8-11 x .500
7 +009 312 INDICATOR 1
8 601 860 NUT, stl hex 8-32 2
9 009 428 SCREW, lead shunt 1
10 021 100 NUT, lead scr 1
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12
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19 602 176 SCREW, set stl sch .250-20 x .187knr cup point
20
21 PRI 112 498 COIL, pri (230V) 1
22 605 129 SCRÉW, cap stĺ hexhd .250-20 x 7.000 1
23 020 300 WEDGE, rear removable
24 020 301 GUIDE, wedge rear 1
25 089 800 NUT, stl flg lkd hex .250-20 1
26 602 241 WASHER, flat stl SAE .250 1

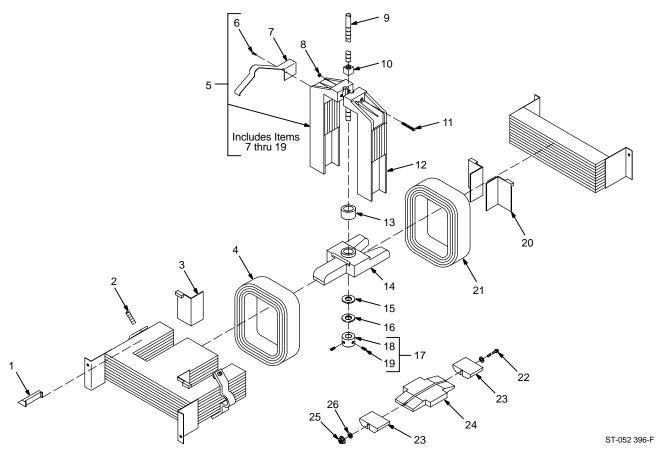


Figure 6-2. Transformer & Shunt

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 - Positioners and Controllers
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 - **HF Units**
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 - Maxstar 140
 - Spot Welders
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 - Miller Cyclomatic Equipment
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 - Plasma Cutting Torches (except APT & SAF Models)
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