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The Hensley "Welding Guide" is intended to assist customers with welding Hensley GET products. It is a general welding guide and is not all inclusive. Your specific application may require different welding practices. This welding guide is not intended to be used for joint design of buckets or other attachments. Hensley accepts no responsibility for the misuse or misinterpretation of this information.
Preparation of the Plate Steel and the Steel Castings

The surfaces to be welded must be free from scale, grease, paint, water, etc. The basis here is to provide a good surface for welding. This is a very good practice and is mentioned in all welding codes including AWS 14.3, the "Specification for Welding Earthmoving and Construction Equipment". The surfaces must be sufficiently clean so that there is nothing that might contain hydrocarbons, which break down in the heat of the arc producing hydrogen, which can be absorbed in the weld and cause cracks. Preparation of the weld surfaces may be achieved by sand blasting, shot blasting, grinding, sanding, air carbon arc gouging, or a combination of any these process.

In a new fabrication, rebuild, or a conversion, there can be gaps between the adapters and the plate lip. Gaps that are no greater than 3/32" / 2.4mm require no additional work, just good sound welding techniques. Gaps that are greater than 3/32" / 2.4mm, should be dealt with in the following manner:

1. Preheat adapter leg to 300°F / 150°C
2. Deposit stringer bead(s) on the landing of the adapter to reduce the gap condition
3. Grind weld so that there is a smooth transition in the weld groove area of the adapter
4. Check fit adapter on lip – grind or weld as required to eliminate gap condition

If the throat opening of the adapter is too narrow to fit the lip, grinding of the land at the bottom of the weld groove is permissible. If more than 1/8" / 3.2mm is removed from the land, the weld groove needs to be widened to achieve the original weld groove size.

Welding Processes

Welding may be done by any of the following processes:

- Shielded Metal Arc Welding (SMAW)
- Gas Metal Arc Welding (GMAW)
- Flux-cored Arc Welding (FCAW)

A combination of SMAW and GMAW or FCAW can be employed.

### Filler Materials

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The filling material should be deposited to minimize the amount of heat input that the base material sustains. This is important when a material is welded to a different material to maximize the strength of the joint. It is important to maintain the correct welding parameters to avoid defects in the weld. The welding parameters include the correct welding current, voltage, and travel speed. The correct welding current is determined by the thickness of the material being welded. The voltage is determined by the type of welding process being used. The travel speed is determined by the size of the weld joint.
Electrical Characteristics

A. Polarity

All welding shall be done using direct current electrode positive (DCEP)

B. Current and Voltage Ranges

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Welding Symbols

Weld symbols are used as a type of shorthand to indicate the type of weld, its size and other processing and finishing information. The following section will introduce you to the most common symbols you may encounter, while using our product, and their meaning. The complete set of symbols is given in a standard published by American National Standards Institute (ANSI) and the American Welding Society (AWS): ANSI/AWS A2.4, Symbols for Welding and Nondestructive Testing.

Welding Symbol Structure

The horizontal line, called the reference line, is the anchor to which all the other welding symbols are tied. The instructions for making the weld are strung along the reference line. An arrow connects the reference line to the joint that is to be welded. The example above has the arrow growing out of the right end of the reference line and heading down to the right, but other combinations may be encountered.
Quite often, there are two sides of the joint to which the arrow points, and therefore two potential places for a weld. For example, when two steel plates are joined together into a "T" shape, welding may be done on either side of the stem of the "T".

The weld symbol distinguishes between the two sides of a joint by using the arrow and the spaces above and below the reference line. The side of the joint to which the arrow points is known as the **arrow side**, and its weld is made according to the instructions given below the reference line. The other side of the joint is known as the **other side**, and its weld is made according to the instructions given above the reference line. The **below=arrow and above=other** rules apply regardless of the arrow's direction.

The flag (**field weld symbol**) growing out of the junction of the reference line and the arrow is present if the weld is to be made in the field during erection of the structure. A weld symbol without a flag indicates the weld is to be made in the shop.

The unfilled circle (**weld-all-around symbol**) at the junction of the reference line and the arrow indicates the joint is to be welded all the way around.

The tail of the weld symbol is the place for supplementary information on the weld. It may contain a reference to the welding process, the electrode, a detail drawing or any information that aids in the making of the weld that does not have its own special place on the symbol. If there is no additional information needed, the tail may be omitted.

**SMAW**

In this example, the tail contains information indicating the welding process that is to be used which in this case is Shielded Metal Arc Welding (stick welding).

**see ref. drawing # A6647**

This example indicates that there is a drawing that needs to be referenced for additional information.
Types of Welds and Their Symbols

Each type of weld has its own basic symbol, which is typically placed near the center of the reference line (and above or below it, depending on which side of the joint it's on). The symbol is a small drawing that can usually be interpreted as a simplified cross-section of the weld. The examples below show the most common types of welds that may be utilized on our products. They are shown in both arrow-side and other-side position and how they would appear in a complete weld symbol. This is not meant to be an all-inclusive list of weld symbols. The complete set of symbols is given in a standard published by American National Standards Institute (ANSI) and the American Welding Society (AWS): ANSI/AWS A2.4, Symbols for Welding and Nondestructive Testing.

![Symbols for Welds]

**Complete Weld Symbol Example**

A=

GMAW

3/4"

C

B

A= welding process  B= weld type  C= weld size

The above symbol is read as: deposit a 3/4" fillet weld on the arrow-side of the joint utilizing the Gas Metal Arc Welding Process (Mig).
Welding Position

All welding should be done in the flat or horizontal position. Deviation from the flat or horizontal position is permissible following the figure shown below which is adapted from AWS D1.1, Structural Welding Code – Steel, figure 4.2 "Positions of fillet welds".

The longitudinal axis of the weld may be inclined no more than 15° with respect to the horizontal plane. The center of the weld face © must lie within the rotational limits of 80° to 280° as shown.
Preheat and Interpass Temperatures

Preheat is the application of heat to the work piece prior to welding, cutting, or gouging. All cutting and welding processes use a high temperature heat source. These high temperatures exceed the melting point of the base metal. This creates the problem of a traveling high temperature, localized heat source, and the effect that it has on the surrounding base metal.

A large temperature differential causes thermal expansion and contraction, high stresses, hardened areas, and a very small area for hydrogen gases to escape from the steel. Preheating will reduce the danger of weld cracking, reduce maximum hardness of the heat affected zone, minimize shrinkage stresses, lessen distortion, and create a larger area for hydrogen gases to escape from the metal.

Prior to any cutting, gouging, tacking, or welding operation, the following preheat temperatures must be achieved and maintained.

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<td>Thru 1-1/2” / 38mm</td>
<td>125°F / 50°C</td>
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<td>Weldox 100</td>
<td>1-1/2” / 38mm thru 2-1/2” / 63mm</td>
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<td>450°F / 230°C</td>
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<td>Over 2-1/2” / 63mm</td>
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<td>400 BHN Abrasion Resistant Steel-Hardox 400</td>
<td>All thicknesses between 1” / 25mm and 5” / 127mm</td>
<td>300°F / 150°C</td>
<td>450°F / 230°C</td>
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The chart shown above lists common materials used on buckets and attachments that utilize Hensley Ground Engaging Tools (GET). It is not an all inclusive list of materials. To determine the pre-heat and interpass temperatures for materials not listed here:

1) Consult the material manufacturer or supplier.
2) Use the Carbon Equivalency Formula (CE).

**Carbon Equivalency Formula**

\[
CE = C + \frac{(Mn + Si)}{6} + \frac{(Cr + Mo + V)}{5} + \frac{(Ni + Cu)}{15} \quad \text{(percent)}
\]

The elemental values (e.g. Mn, Si etc.) can be obtained from the material's *mill cert* (mill certification) from the manufacturer or supplier.

The result of the CE formula is then compared to charts that may be provided by the steel manufacturer or listed in *American Welding Society publication D14.3*. The charts will indicate the amount of preheat that is required for that particular steel's composition and thickness.
Welding Technique

Stringer beads are recommended for higher strength and to minimize distortion. The use of weave or wash beads should not be used, however weaving is permitted to the extent that bead widths are no greater than 1/2" / 12mm.

Craters: When a weld pass is terminated within the finished product, the crater shall be filled to at least 85% of the full cross section of the weld. This will help eliminate the possibility of crater cracks. When welding with the SMAW process, the easiest way to achieve this is to stop the travel of the electrode and pause briefly before breaking the arc. When welding with the GMAW or FCAW processes, stop the travel and extinguish the arc, initiate the arc briefly, then extinguish.

Porosity: Porosity is a cavity-type discontinuity or defect that is formed by gas entrapment during solidification. Porosity reduces the strength of a weld and should be removed and replaced if the sum of the visual or surface porosity, including piping porosity, is greater that 1/4" / 6mm in any 4" / 100mm length of weld. A single void shall not exceed 1/16" / 1.6mm.

Overlap and Undercut: Weld overlap shall not exceed 1/16" / 1.6mm beyond the fusion line of the weld. Undercut shall not exceed 1/16" / 1.6mm in any joint or 10% of the base metal whichever is less. In addition, the accumulative length is not to exceed 1-1/2" / 38mm over a 24" / 610mm continuous section of weld.

Arc Strikes: A discontinuity resulting from a arc, consisting of any localized re-melted metal. Arc strikes should be avoided. Arc strikes that occur inside or outside the weld zone should be ground out.

Each weld shall merge smoothly into adjoining bead or base metal surface. Remove all unacceptable defects (crater cracks, porosity, overlap, undercut, etc.) on the weld surface or groove sidewalls before proceeding with the next weld pass. Removal may be accomplished by grinding with abrasive wheels, stones, or carbide burrs. Air carbon arc gouging may also be used, followed by grinding to remove all carbon slag.

Clean each pass of deposited weld metal before depositing the next weld pass. Using manual slag hammers, pneumatic needle gun, wire brushes or any combination of these tools may accomplish cleaning.
Welding J-Bolt Weld Bases

BE SURE TO READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS PRIOR TO STARTING ANY WELDING!

STEP 1
Prior to welding, proper placement of the weld base must be determined (fig. 1.1). Position the weld base according to the adjacent chart (fig. 1.2). A deviation of ±3/32" (2.5 mm) is allowable. After placement has been confirmed, preheat the base material to recommended temperatures (see Preheat and Interpass Temperature section for preheat temperature ranges) and tack weld the base at the rear along weld prep surface "A" (fig. 1.1).

STEP 2
After the base is tacked, remove the shroud and re-establish the recommended preheat temperatures. Be sure to maintain this temperature throughout the welding process.

STEP 3
Weld-out for the base should begin with the slot weld. A 1/2" (13mm) fillet weld should be deposited in this area (fig 3.1).

SPECIAL NOTES

Recommended filler material: AWS specification A5.1, class E7018, stick electrode. Stick electrodes should be kept in a heated rod oven at 250°C/120°C prior to use.

NOTE: See manufacturers recommended procedures for storage and preservation of low hydrogen electrodes.

Recommended weld types: Stringer beads are recommended for higher strength and less distortion. The use of weave or wash beads is NOT recommended and should not be used. Arc strikes should be avoided or ground down.

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WELD BASE PLACEMENT
(± 3/32" (2.5mm) allowable)

BE SURE THAT THE ENTIRE BOTTOM OF THE WELD BASE MAINTAINS CONTACT WITH THE LIP DURING THE ENTIRE WELD-OUT PROCESS.
STEP 4
Apply weld to the base perimeter next. Utilizing groove welds, fill the 1/2" (13mm) weld groove on the base completely (fig. 4.1 & fig. 4.2). Care must be taken at this point not to add too much weld. If joint is over welded, the weld material can interfere with the lip shroud. The idea is to add as much weld as possible to the base without causing interference with the lip shroud (fig. 4.3 & fig. 4.4).

![Welding Diagrams](Image)

When the welding process has been completed, allow a slow cool down period to ambient temperature. A cool down rate of no greater than 35°F/2°C per hour is recommended.
Welding Terms and Definitions

• Air Carbon Arc Gouging – A carbon arc process that removes molten metal with a jet of air.

• American Weld Society (AWS) – A nonprofit technical society organized and founded for the purpose of advancing the art and science of welding. The AWS publishes codes and standards concerning all phases of welding.

• British Standards Institute (BSI) – A nonprofit concern. The principal object is to coordinate the efforts of producers and users for the improvement, standardization, and simplification of engineering and industrial material.

• Crater – A depression in the weld face at the termination of a weld bead.

• Defect – A discontinuity or discontinuities that by nature or accumulated effect (for example, accumulative length of undercut not to exceed 1.5" / 38mm over a 24" / 609mm section of weld) render a part or product unable to meet minimum applicable acceptance standards.

• Deutsches Institute fuer Normung (DIN) – German Standard

• Direct Current Electrode Positive (DCEP) – The arrangement of direct current arc welding leads in which the electrode is the positive pole and the workpiece is the negative pole of the welding arc.

• Discontinuity – An interruption of the typical structure of a material, such as lack of homogeneity in its mechanical, metallurgical, or physical characteristics.

• Electrode – A component of the electrical circuit that terminates at the arc, molten conductive slag, or base metal.

• Filler Material – The material to be added in making a welded joint.

• Fillet Weld – A weld of approximately triangular cross section joining two surfaces approximately at right angles to each other in a lap joint, T-joint, or corner joint.

• Flux Cored Arc Welding (FCAW) – An arc welding process that uses an arc between a continuous filler metal electrode and the weld pool. The process is used with shielding gas from a flux contained within the tubular wire electrode, with or without additional shielding from an externally supplied gas and without the application of pressure.

• Francaise de Normalisation (NF) – French Standard

• Gas Metal Arc Welding (GMAW) – An arc welding process that uses an arc between a continuous filler metal electrode and the weld pool. The process is used with shielding from an externally supplied gas and without the application of pressure.

• Japanese Industrial Standards (JIS) – The Japanese Standards Association publishes standards, including metals, welding filler materials, etc.

• Layer – A stratum of weld metal consisting of one or more weld beads.
Welding Terms and Definitions

- **Overlap** – The protrusion of weld metal beyond the weld toe or weld root.

- **Porosity** – A cavity-type discontinuity or defect formed by gas entrapment during solidification.

- **Preheat** – The application of heat to the work piece prior to welding cutting or gouging.

- **Root** – The point, shown in cross section, at which the weld metal extends furthest into a joint and intersects the base metal.

- **Run-off Weld Tab** – Additional material that extends beyond the end of the joint, on which the weld is terminated.

- **Shielded Metal Arc Welding (SMAW)** - An arc welding process with an arc between a covered electrode and the weld pool. The process is used with shielding from the decomposition of the electrode covering, without the application of pressure, and with filler metal from the electrode.

- **Shielding Gas** – Protective gas used to prevent or reduce atmospheric contamination of a weld, especially by oxygen and nitrogen.

- **Starter Weld Tab** – Additional material that extends beyond the beginning of the joint, on which the weld is started.

- **Stringer Bead** – A type of bead made without appreciable weaving motion.

- **Tack Weld** – A weld made to hold the parts of a weldment in proper alignment until the final welds are made.

- **Undercut** – A groove melted into the base metal adjacent to the weld toe or root and left unfilled by weld metal.

- **Weld Groove** – A channel in the surface of a work piece or an opening between two joint members that provides space to contain weld.

- **Weld Toe** – The junction of the weld face and the base metal.

- **Welding Sequence** – The order of making welds in a weldment.
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