# **OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS**

# "PUK 3s professional" / "PUK 3s professional plus"



Dear Customer

This manual is intended to assist you in operating and maintaining your "PUK 3s". It is in your best interest to read this manual thoroughly, and to follow the instructions conscientiously. You will avoid malfunctioning as a result of operating errors. The device will thank you with a continuous readiness for use for years to come.

Operation of the device should only be done by trained professionals and be operated according to the intended purpose of use. The manufacturer is in no way liable for any damage caused by improper use and operation. Before use please be sure to read the manual sections "General Safety Requirements" and "Personal Protection".

Please retain these instructions for reference.

### Note on Symbol

The equipment manufactured by "Lampert Werktechnik GmbH" fulfils the standard requirements of CE certification and are manufactured according to VDE guidelines.

The PUK 3s is certified as "BG-PRÜFZERT" by the Central Professional Association and carries the "GS Sign"



Use original parts only for maintenance and updating. Our customer service department with expertly trained staff, suitable resources and equipment would be pleased to help you further.

The device <u>should only</u> be opened or modified by authorized customer service technicians, otherwise all warrantees and liability claims will be void.

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A	SYMBOL USAGE
	Warning!
	"Warning!" indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury. This signal word is not used for property damage hazards unless personal injury risk appropriate to this level is also involved.
	Caution!
	"Caution!" indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, may result in minor or moderate injury. It may also be used to alert against unsafe practices that may cause property damage.
F	Note!
	"Note!" indicates a situation which implies a risk of impaired welding result and damage to the equipment.
ľ	Important!
	"Important!" indicates practical hints and other useful special-information. It is no signal word for a harmful or dangerous situation.

# 1 **GENERAL APPLICATION**

The placement of spot welding on precious metal and precious metal alloys, on steel and steel alloys as well as titanium and various NE-metals.

Not authorized for welding teeth fittings! (dental techniques)

Any usage other than given is prohibited.

Operation in outdoor areas is prohibited. Use in dry room areas only.

No liability of any kind will be assumed for the durability of welding spots. We recommend that you always check the spots and to solder them in case of doubt.

# 2 INTRODUCTION

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The PUK®-precision welding devices are compact and versatile TIG impulse welders with which fine and minute welds can be carried out under a welding microscope. The operating principles and spectrum of possible applications are very close to those of laser welding. This similarity means that the exact positioning of small, stable weldings or welds in hard-to-get-to or deep lying positions poses no problem.

## 3 GENERAL SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS - READ BEFORE USING

#### 3-1 SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

Opening the device is permitted only by trained experts. Remove the plug before opening the device and make sure that the device is without electrical power. Discharge all device components that may store electricity.

Please consult an expert should any questions arise. Our customer service team with expertly trained staff, necessary resources and equipment would be pleased to assist you further at any time.

Always use original cables that are long enough and make sure that the clamp holding the work piece is fastened properly.

Hazard conditions may be caused by electricity as well as by welding current.

The device must be disconnected from the mains as soon as repair or service works is needed. When leaving the place of work even for a short time, make sure that the electrical outlet is blocked clearly.

Open circuit voltage is the highest and most dangerous voltage for welding current. The highest permitted open circuit voltages are contained in your national and international regulations according to the type of welding current, type of electrical source and the high or low hazard levels at the workplace.

If you believe that operating the device is not possible without creating hazardous conditions, then shut off the device and secure it against unauthorised use.

It is clear that a hazardous conditions are present when:

the device shows visible damage, or

or when functional errors occur

if it no longer functions properly.

Please observe the appropriate safety measures when handling gas bottles and the safety rules in dealing with gases.

#### PUK 3s can be operated in series using a mains voltage of 115 V ${\sim}$

Yellow/green electric conductor = grounded terminal (PE) Other conductors L1 and N are connected to phase and neutral of plug.

Since the introduction of the Euro Norm IEC 38 (effective since May 1987) the mains voltage in all Europe is defined by 115 V.

#### The welding device is set for 115 V ex works!

This means that it also may be operated using 100 volts due to its tolerance of  $\pm$ - 15%. Devices set to a different voltage than 115 V will be marked with a special sticker.

AUTHORIZED SERVICE PERSONNEL ONLY MAY OPEN THE DEVICE! otherwise the manufacturer's warrantee is invalid.

IF THE DEVICE HAS BEEN MADE FOR A SPECIAL VOLTAGE, THEN SEE THE TECHNICAL DATA INDICATED ON THE DEVICE! THE POWER SWITCH MUST CORRESPOND WITH THE MAIN VOLTAGE AND THE POWER RECEPTACLE OF THE WELDING DEVICE. (See the technical data!)

PLEASE ENSURE THAT THE MAIN POWER BOX CAN SUPPORT THE USE OF THIS DEVICE WITHOUT BLOWING A FUSE

USE ONLY THE PROVIDED POWER CONNECTORS!

### 3-2 PERSONAL PROTECTION AND DANGER

Wear protective gloves on both hands during welding, since sparks and splashes are unavoidable. The protection gloves may not contain a high portion of easy melting plastic fibers. Gloves will protect from harmful UV rays during welding.

Wear appropriate clothes, with no synthetics.

Workpiece and electrode point can heat up when welding strongly. Burn danger.

The electrode point fixed in the handpiece means an injury risk (pass and scratching injuries by hand, face and eyes...).

Do not look into arc without protecting your eyes. Use only a welders' face protection shield with protecting glass that conforms to regulation (minimum protection level 11).

The arc releases not only light and heat causing blindness or burning but also emits UV rays. If insufficient protection is used, the UV beams can cause very painful conjunctivital inflammation only noticeable after several hours.

Bystanders close to the arcs also should be made aware of possible dangerous conditions and should wear protective equipment. If necessary protective walls should be set up.

If welding in small rooms, ensure that there is sufficient ventilation since smoke and dangerous gases can be generated.

It is prohibited by law to weld containers that have been used for the storage of gas, fuel, mineral oil etc., even if containers have been standing empty for a long period of time. Explosions may occur during the welding process due to residue.

Note any special regulations for rooms with high fire or explosion hazards.

DANGER FROM SHIELDING-GAS CYLINDERS

While handling gas bottles the relevant safety regulations are to be considered.

In particular gas bottles are to be secured against falling over and falling down as against heating up (max. 50°C), to protect particularly during longer solar radiation and against severe frost.

# 4 INSTALLATION

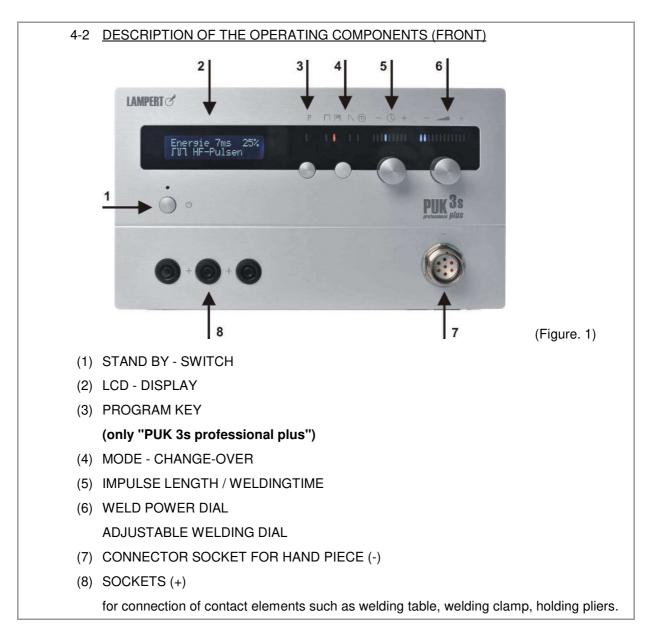
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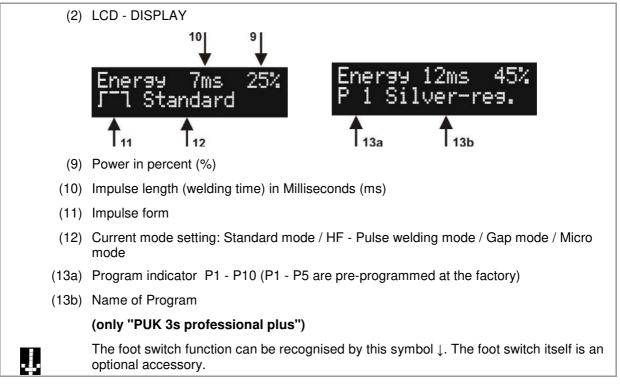
Place the device so that cool air can reach the entire outside surface without difficulty

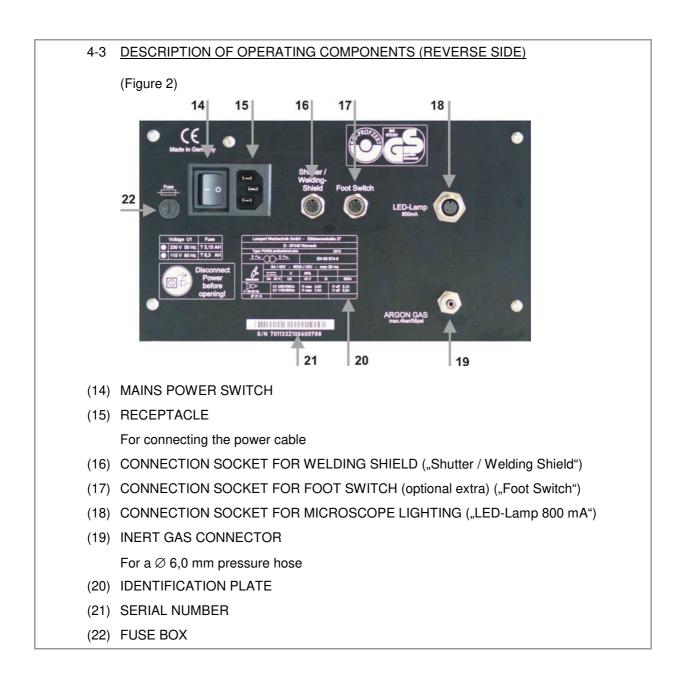
Do not cover the device!

Always place the device on a hard non-combustible, insulated material base.

Do not allow metal dust (e.g. during abrasion work) to directly enter the device.







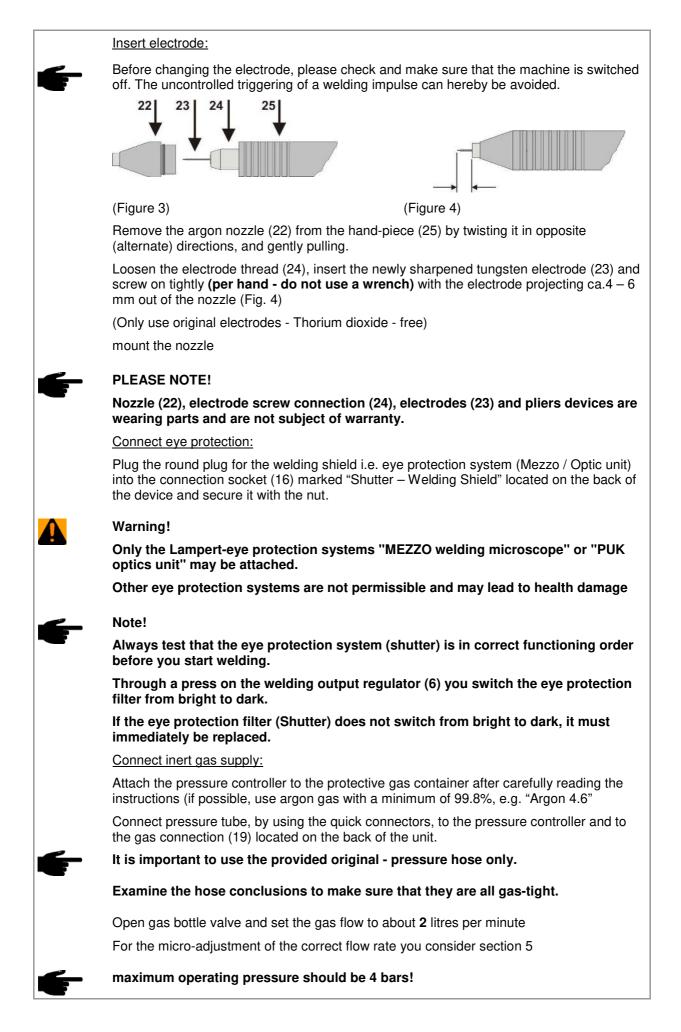
# 4-4 STARTING THE WELDING PROCESS:

# Setting up:

The device must be set up on a flat and stable surface, a work table is best suitable.

Insert the hand piece connector as straight as possible into the socket (7) and by turning to the right carefully bolt on (hand-tight)

Insert the connector of the clamp or pliers into one of the sockets (8)





Note!

Gas error!!! Check pressure The PUK 3s will only work when hooked up to a supply of inert gas and only when the machine is receiving enough pressure (ca. 2 litres / min).

If inert gas is not hooked up, not flowing or if the pressure is too low, the display will show the following reading: "Gas error!! Check pressure".

#### Connect power supply:

Connect mains lead to the back of the unit (15) and plug into the mains outlet.

Switch the mains power switch (11) to "ON". The display will show the following important safety warning "Warning! Protect your eyes Read and follow the manual". Confirm the compliance with these safety instructions, by pressing any button. Following this, the machine will run a self-test.

### Note!

Please read the instructions on the connected eye protection devices such as the PUK-optic unit (welding shield) or MEZZO microscope with (welding shield)!

### Caution!

As soon as the mains power switch is switched to "ON", the terminal clamp (i.e. crocodile clip) and cables receive electrical current. Please see to it that these items cannot come into contact with any electrically conducting or earthed materials. For the user / operator there is no danger, but unwanted operating errors can occur.

#### 4-5 CHANGING LANGUAGE DISPLAYED:

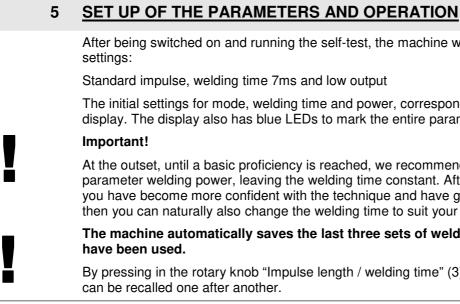
Languages available: ENGLISH - ITALIAN - SPANISH - FRENCH - GERMAN

The machine can be changed from English, to run in any of the 4 other languages mentioned above.

Switch the machine on and confirm the safety notice displayed, so that the device starts and is ready for work.

Now, press both the "Mode" button (4) and the rotary-knob "Power" (6), holding them pressed for 2 seconds.

The language setting has now been changed to the next language in sequence. By repeating this process, the various languages available can be selected one after the other.



After being switched on and running the self-test, the machine will start from its initial

Standard impulse, welding time 7ms and low output

The initial settings for mode, welding time and power, correspond to the blue LEDs in the display. The display also has blue LEDs to mark the entire parameter range.

At the outset, until a basic proficiency is reached, we recommend to only change the parameter welding power, leaving the welding time constant. After a short time, when you have become more confident with the technique and have gained more experience, then you can naturally also change the welding time to suit your needs.

The machine automatically saves the last three sets of welding parameters that

By pressing in the rotary knob "Impulse length / welding time" (3), these previous settings

Even when the machine is switched on, or after accidentally changing the parameters, the settings that were last used are there to be recalled again.

#### Note!

# Make sure that only with correctly adjusted gas flow rate good welding results are obtained.

To adjust the quantity of gas keep the output regulator (6) pressed (the gas valve in the machine opens) and adjust the correct flow rate (2 litres/min) using the pressure control valve.

#### 5-1 SETTING THE WELDING PARAMETER

#### Output:



Using the output regulator (6) the welding achievement and/or the strength of the welding energy is set.

The size and intensity of the spot welds are controlled in such a way



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Welding time:

The automatic controller for the pulse time/welding time (5) regulates how many milliseconds the welding energy affects.

Dependent on the angle of the electrode to the workpiece the penetration depth and direction of the melted Metals change.

If the electrode is led vertically to the workpiece, the penetration depth is largest.

A description of the welding modes:

Standard mode

Welding time 4-30ms, Power 20-100% Our all-round program for many different applications.

HF-Pulse

The mode "HF-Pulse" has been developed principally for the welding of the most common silver alloys. When used in conjunction with longer welding times, it is also well suited for avoiding heat cracks.

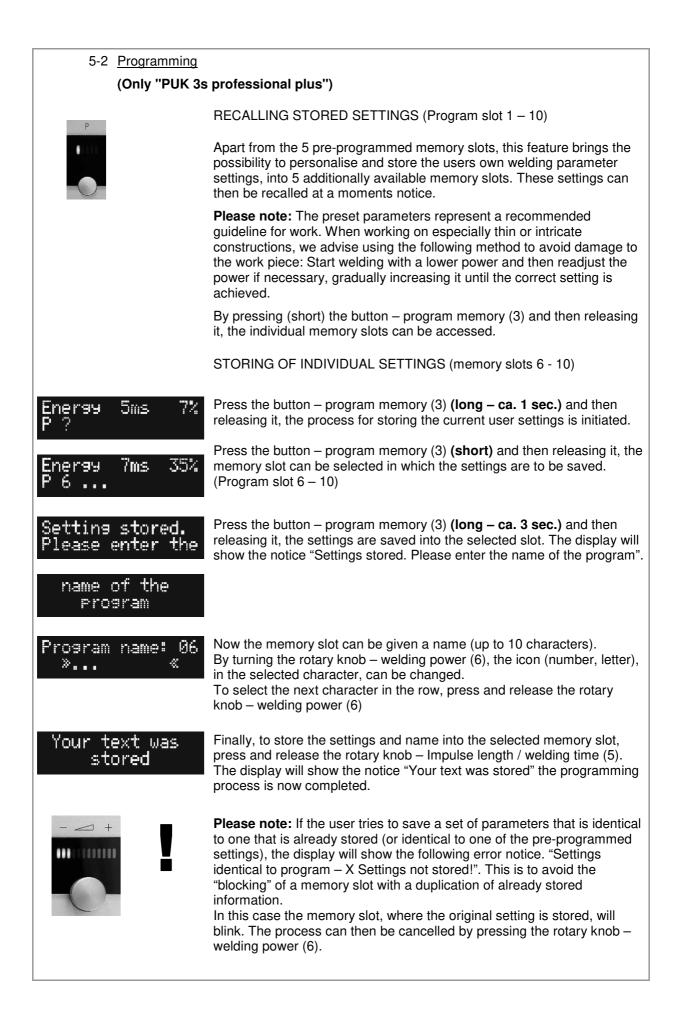
#### Gap (Joint-Mode)

This pulse shape is recommended for applications, in which it is essential to weld in deep joints or angles.

Micro (Micro-Mode)

This setting makes precise welds possible at very thin materials.

This particularly fine output gradation, as well as a special pulse shape in the micro mode, is suitable particularly for material thicknesses smaller than 0,4mm and for fine build-up welds (e.g. at claw settings).



# 6 INSTRUCTIONS

6-1 WELDING INSTRUCTIONS (Standard-/ HF-Pulse-/ Gap-/ Micro-mode)

(For instructions regarding the foot switch, please refer to chapter 6 - 2 where this subject is handled separately).

Connect the clamp to a blank metal location on the work piece

Touch the electrode tip to the spot to be welded until the welding is done

#### without, or with minimum pressure to the electrode tip!

The welding procedure is automatically done:

- o Safety gas encases the welding spot
- o A signal announces the arc
- o The light arc appears
- o Safety gas supply ceases

The welding procedure may be stopped anytime by removing the electrode from the work piece

#### 6-2 WELDING WITH THE FOOT SWITCH (optional accessory)

Make sure that the PUK is switched off. Attach the foot switch cable to the socket "Foot Switch" on the back of the machine.

Next switch the machine back on,the display will show the following important safety warning "Warning ! Protect your eyes Read the manual Follow the advice". Confirm the compliance with these safety instructions, by pressing any button. Following this, the machine will run a self-test.



The foot switch can be activated, by pressing and holding it for ca. 1 second. The display will show the symbol  $\downarrow.$ 

Attach one of the terminal clamps (i.e. crocodile clip) to a part of the work piece where the bare metal is exposed.

If the work piece is brought into contact with the electrode, the glare protection system (shutter) inside the microscope "mezzo" will flicker in a clearly visible manner.

Whilst in this operating status, if the foot switch is pressed, the welding process will run automatically, just as described in chapter 6-1.

By again holding the footswitch pressed for ca. 1 second, (without contacting the work piece) the footswitch function can be deactivated. The symbol  $\downarrow$  will disappear from the display.

#### 6-3 IN GENERAL AND POINTERS

Important!

Always work with sharpened electrodes!

This is the best way to achieve maximum results.

Make sure the work piece has enough contact to the clamp. If contact problems occur, make sure the clamp is in contact with a metallic blank location.

Never weld "hands free", this means; support both hands i.e. on the workbench during welding. Shaking hands falsify the parameters of the device.

Apply only <u>minimum</u> pressure onto the electrode tip.

Weld only with minimum gas pressure!

Under 2 l/min are often sufficient

#### TIPS

Take enough time to get to know your device.

Try out various power levels of the device.

Bear in mind that every material reacts differently when welded, according to its heatconductivity.

Consider the thickness of the material when you choose the power level.

Try to touch the work piece to be welded as precisely as possible.

With just a little experience you will discover how the angle in which you touch the electrode to the work piece will effect the flow direction of the welding point.

Touching the work piece in an angle of 90° will give you the deepest welding point.

A saw or file burr can serve well as a "welding addition".

When working on "deep laying" or recessed welds, the electrode can allowed to protrude slightly further out of the nozzle. In this case, the gas-flow rate should be slightly increased.

It may be helpful to use a graver to broach grains to later weld them on.

It may be helpful to use wire as a welding addition to close holes or as reinforcement.

#### 6-4 SHARPENING THE ELECTRODES



Please switch off the machine before changing the electrode. Uncontrolled releasing of a weld is avoided in such a way.



The electrodes should be sharpened with a diamond grinder with fine or medium grain. The angle should be ca. 15°(Fig.)

#### 6-5 CARE AND MAINTENENCE

The PUK 3s needs, under ordinary working conditions, only minimum care and maintenance. Remembering a couple of points is crucial, though, to ensure proper functioning and a long life for your welding device.

Regularly check the power plug and power cables, as well as welding cables for damage.

Ensure that the hand piece parts are easy to operate.

If necessary, clean the electrode thread of the hand piece to ensure an optimal contact with the electrode

#### Warning!

IF FUSES NEED TO BE REPLACED, REPLACE ONLY WITH THE SAME VALUES. IF DAMAGES OCCUR AFTER INSTALLING INAPPROPRIATE FUSES (I.E. TOO STRONG) THE WARRANTY BECOMES INVALID.

AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL MAY ONLY OPEN THE DEVICE!

7	TECHNICAL DATA	
7-1	TECHNICAL DATA	
•	Device is suitable for spot and precision welding in dry environments	
•	Main Voltage	~115 V / 50-60 Hz +/-15%
	Mains fuse	T 6,3 A
	Power input "PUK 3s professional plus"	400 VA
	Power input "PUK 3s professional"	350 VA
	Operating voltage	30 – 43 V
	No I- load voltage	43 V
	Duty cycle	80%
	max. charging time	0,8 sek
•	Inert gas	min. ARGON 99,9% (ARGON 4.6)
	Maximum gas pressure	4 bar
	Inert class	I
	Insulation class	В
	Protection Method	IP 21S
	Weight "PUK 3s professional plus"	8,8 kg
	Weight "PUK 3s professional"	8,4 kg

7-2 Identification Plate Symbol explanations:					
Α	Amperage	V	Voltage	IP	Protection Method
Hz	Hertz	$\sim$	Alternating Current (AC)	<u></u>	Tungsten-Inert Gas-Welding
	Direct Current	<b>D D</b> = 1 ~ 50-60Hz	Power plug single phase / Alternating Current / 50- 60Hz		Read the manual
U <sub>o</sub>	Idling Voltage	$\mathbf{U}_1$	Mains Voltage		Ground
U <sub>2</sub>	Nominal Voltage	2	Nominal welding current	<u>1~ 0 1~</u>	Single phase transformer
I <sub>1max</sub>	Amperage input	1eff	Rated Amperage input	Χ	Duty cycle

8 TROUBLE SHOOTING				
	ERROR	CAUSE	SOLUTION	
1	No welding power			
	Power main switch on. Display stays off	Power connection interrupted	Check power connection and main voltage	
		or machine's internal fuse defective	or replace fuse with a suitable fuse of the same type and value.	
2	No welding power			
	Power main switch on.	Welding cable connection interrupted	Check connectors	
		Bad or no grounding	Connect to work piece. Attach contact clamps directly to the work piece	
3	No welding power			
	Power main switch on.	Interruption due to power error	turn device on and off	
			If still error, take device to be serviced	
			Equipment to technical service	
4	Power fuse and/or automatic safety blows	Not enough power protection	Install proper power protection	
		Wrong automat		
		Mains fuse releases in the no- load operation	Send device to be serviced	

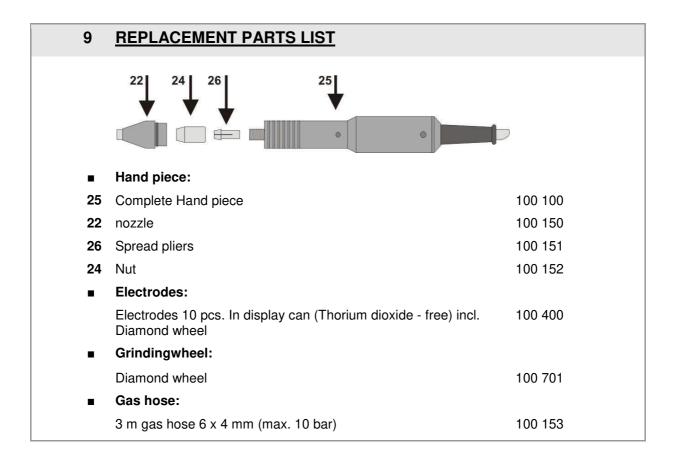
5	Welding unsatisfactory	Wrong safety gas	Use inert gas (Argon 4.6)
6	Oxidation and soot development	Gas pressure too high	Reduce flow to ca. 2 l/min
7	Heavy oxidation development on the welding spot	Wrong safety gas	Use inert gas (Argon 4.6)
8	Tungsten in basic material	Too much electrode pressure on the work piece	Lightly touch work piece so that it barely ignites enough
9	Tungsten electrode adheres to work piece	Too much electrode pressure on the work piece	Lightly touch work piece so that it barely ignites enough
10	Tungsten electrode melts off	Tip sharpened too much	Sharpen to the recommended angle (ca. 159
11	Static discharge over the device surface	Special location	Use special floor mat for the work area
12	Work piece adheres to the welding table	Bad connection to welding table	Use clamps or pliers
13	Eye protection system (Shutter) does not work	Plug wrongly instaled	Install plug into the socket marked with "Shutter"
14	Equipment welds immediately when affecting the workpiece (no gas before flowing time)	Operational disturbance	Immediately take machine out of operation. Take the equipment to service

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# Warning!

#### Authorized personnel may only open the device!

Text and images correspond to the technical version during print of this manual. We reserve the right to change components.



# 10 EC-DECLARATION OF CONFORMITY

The Manufacturer,

Lampert Werktechnik GmbH

Ettlebener Str. 27, 97440 Werneck, Germany,

declares that the product

**Precision Welding Device** 

"PUK 3s professional" & "PUK 3s professional plus"

conforms to the conditions set forth in the below-named guidelines, including any changes made up to the time of declaration.

#### **Relevant EEC guidelines:**

According to low voltage guidelines 2006/95/EG According to EMV (electro-magnetic compatibility) guidelines 2004/108/EG

# The following harmonised standards were used:

EN 60974-6

EN ISO 12100-1 EN ISO 12100-2

Person duly authorised to carry out technical documentation: N. Hammer

Werneck, February 1th, 2010

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