AN EXTENSIVE RANGE OF SEAM WELDERS
LONGITUDINAL WELDING NEEDS

BODE HSW

The bode HSW range of Seam Welding machines has been designed for welding longitudinal seams of cylindrical, conical and rectangular workpieces and, in addition, flat sheet or plate.

The robust construction of the machine and patented design of the clamping finger operation ensures the correct alignment for the welding on-gauge material in stainless steel, mild steel, titanium, copper or aluminium. The variable speed travelling carriage which traverses an accurately machined beam ensures the torch follows precisely the welding seam.

The Bode HSW range will produce uniformly strong welds and reduce welding costs using TIG (Argon Arc), MIG (Metal Inert Gas using Arcon, CO2 or Gas mixtures) or Submerged Arc processes.

OPTIONS

- Travelling carriage tacho speed indicator.
- Interchangeable copper/copper chromium-plated/steel or stainless steel backing bar inserts drilled for inert gas backing – water cooling or heating.
- Shelves fitted underneath the clamp frame at each side of the mandrel for the welding of flat sheets.
- Step-type mandrel for the welding of small diameter workpieces.
- Work conveyor to facilitate handling and positioning of heavy workpieces.
- Foot operated air-valve for the operation of the clamping fingers, alternatively, touch-toe actuation control through control hoses located around the machine base.
- Extension of beam so that the travel carriage and torch can be traversed outside the clamp frame to work in conjunction with a Welding Positioner.
- Elevating Mandrel: The range of material thicknesses can be increased by incorporating a pneumatically operated elevating mandrel. The elevating mandrel has two advantages: when welding thick material damage can arise to the back-up insert caused by a large weld bead, by lowering the mandrel the clearance between clamping fingers and backing bar insert is increased thus permitting the workpiece to be more easily withdrawn, the range of material thicknesses can also be increased to approximately 15 mm. The mandrel is easily raised and lowered by an air valve which is put in a convenient place for the operator. By means of the elevating mandrel the travel of the clamping fingers is maintained at the same distance throughout the range of thicknesses, thus ensuring the maximum clamping pressure at all times.
- Walkways can be provided where machine controls and access are not easily within reach of the operator.

5 HSW 150-1600

5 HSW 150-1600 seam welder fitted with TIG welding equipment.
Max clamping length 1600 mm
Max diameter of workpiece 800 mm
Min diameter of workpiece 150 mm

GENERAL SPECIFICATION

- Rigid construction ensuring accurate clamping and workpiece alignment.
- Accomodates conical, cylindrical, flat, rectangular workpieces.
- Patented finger clamping mechanism, fingers supported to give a „rock and roll” movement, maximum clamp pressure 70 kg/cm each side of fingers.
- Ready horizontal adjustment of fingers to suit welding parameters.
- Replaceable finger tips.
- Clamping pressure readily adjustable by regulator positioned on machine pedestal.
- Backing bar insert designed to give uniform gas flow (optional).
- Precise seam alignment gauges.
- Precision variable speed drive for welding torch carriage.
- Automatic sequence of initiating and ending of weld cycle.
- Limit switches to prevent overrun at each end.
- Foot operated air controls for each row of clamping fingers.
- Backing bars readily interchangeable.
- Rotating mandrels can be provided which incorporate two or more backing bars to facilitate rapid changeover to handle various forms of workpieces.
Stepped Type Back-up Mandrel
This optional extra is available for the welding of short smaller diameter workpieces that can normally not be handled on the standard mandrel.

Back-up Mandrel
The work is supported by the mandrel which has a groove to accommodate interchangeable back-up bar inserts. Interchangeable mandrels can normally be supplied to handle non-standard diameter workpieces. Flat sheets, cylinders, cones, open-ended boxes can be welded on the same machine. Mandrels can incorporate inert gas backing to the underside of the welded joint. Alternatively, water cooling can also be incorporated.

In Use
The first half of the weld joint is positioned over the back-up insert until it locates behind the two workpiece centralising jigs which have previously been lowered. The rear set of clamping fingers are then brought into operation, thus forcing the weld joint to be clamped firmly against the mandrel insert. The other half of the weld joint is then positioned against the first half, the other set of clamping fingers are the brought into operation, thus both edges of the workpiece are firmly clamped together. The workpiece centralising jig ensures that the joint is directly over the groove of the back-up insert. The welding operation is then carried out by traversing the torch.
Weld travel follows the joint precisely at a pre-determined constant speed.
Notes
1. Machine complete with beam and variable speed travel carriage through Inverter controlled AC motor and tacho with 10 turn potentiometer and digital speed indicator and control system protected from H.F.
2. Electrical supply for all models - 1 Phase, 50 Hz, 240 v - 1.3 amp or 220 v - 1.4 amp
3. Compressed air supply required - up to 5,5 bar.