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| 1. Hazard Management Details – General |
| **Plant/Equipment Item: Spot Welder**  | **Make/Model No.:**  | **Serial No.:**  |
| **School / Work Location:**  | **Region:**  |
| **Name of Person(s) Conducting Activity:** | **Date Conducted:**       |
| **spot welder 2** | **Description of Use:** Spot welding is a process in which contacting metal surfaces are joined by the heat obtained from resistance to electric current flow. Work pieces are held together under pressure exerted by electrodes. The process uses two shaped electrodes to concentrate welding current into a small ‘spot’ and to simultaneously clamp the sheets together. Forcing a large current through the spot will melt the metal and form the weld. | **Summary of Key Risks:** **(refer to appropriate subsections)** * Impact and cutting
* Electricity
* Radiation
* Slips/trips/falls
* Fire and explosion
* Temperature
* Other (fumes and gases)
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Plant and Equipment Risk Management Form

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| 2. Documentation |
| **Relevant Legislation/Standards** | **Y / N** | **Comments** |
| **Is plant required to be registered?** | Y [ ]  N[x]   |  |
| **Is a user license required?** | Y [ ]  N[x]   |  |
| **Key Reference material**  |  | AS 4267 Pressure regulators for use with industrial compressed gas cylindersAS 4706 Pressure gauges for regulators used with compressed gas cylinders AS 1210 Pressure vesselsAS 2030 The verification, filling, inspection, testing and maintenance of cylinders for storage and transport of compressed gases - Cylinders for compressed gases other than acetyleneAS 1674 Safety in welding and allied processes—Fire precautions AS 1674.2 Safety in welding and allied processes—Electrical AS 4024.1 Safety of machinery  |
| **Plant Documentation** | **Y / N** | **Comments** |
| **Are operator’s manuals accessible?** | Y [x]  N[ ]   |  |
| **Is this a restricted use item?** | Y [ ]  N[x]   |  |
| **Does this item require safe use documents/test?** | Y [ ]  N[x]   |  |

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| 3. Hazard Identification |  |
| **Hazards Inspected** | **Risk Assessment** | **Description of Risk** | **Control Measures** |
|  | **Cons** | **Like** | **Risk****Level** |  |  |
| **ENTANGLEMENT**Can anyone’s hair, clothing, gloves, cleaning brushes, tools, rags or other materials become entangled with moving parts of the plant or materials? | Y [ ]  N[x]  |  |  |  |  |  |

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| **IMPACT AND CUTTING INJURIES**Can anyone be crushed/cut/struck etc. due to: |  |  |  |  | Hands, body parts or loose hair/clothing could be caught between the electrodes when clamping. | Ensure operator’s hands, body parts and clothing/hair etc. is kept clear of moving parts (electrodes) when operating and performing maintenance.Appropriate PPE should be worn whilst operating spot welder (e.g. welding mask, gloves, and apron et.). |
| * Material falling off the plant?
 | Y [x]  N[ ]  | Minor | Possible | Medium |
| * Uncontrolled/unexpected movement of plant/load?
 | Y [ ]  N[x]  |  |  |  |
| * Lack of capacity to slow, stop or immobilise plant?
 | Y [ ]  N[x]  |  |  |  |
| * The plant tipping or rolling over?
 | Y [ ]  N[x]  |  |  |  |
| * Parts of the plant disintegrating or collapsing?
 | Y [ ]  N[x]  |  |  |  |
| * Contact with moving parts during testing, inspection, operation, maintenance, cleaning or repair?
 | Y [x]  N[ ]  | Moderate | Possible | Medium |
| * Being thrown off or under the plant?
 | Y [ ]  N[x]  |  |  |  |
| * Contact with sharp or flying objects? (e.g. work pieces being ejected)
 | Y [x]  N[ ]  | Moderate | Possible | Medium |
| * The mobility of the plant?
 | Y [ ]  N[x]  |  |  |  |
| * Inappropriate parts and accessories being used?
 | Y [ ]  N[x]  |  |  |  |
| * Other
 | Y [ ]  N[x]  |  |  |  |

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| **SHEARING**Can anyone’s body parts be sheared between two parts of plant, or between a part of the plant and a work piece or structure? | Y [ ]  N[x]  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **PRESSURISED CONTENT**Can anyone come into contact with fluids or gases under high pressure, due to plant failure or misuse of the plant? | Y [ ]  N[x]  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **ELECTRICITY**Can anyone be injured or burnt due to: |  |  |  |  | Damaged or frayed electrical cords pose an electrical hazard. | Operator/teacher to ensure electrode points are in good condition, free from contaminants and securely mounted prior to use.Ensure equipment is serviced on a regular basis, tested and tagged and isolation procedures (i.e. lock out tags) are in place.Avoid prolonged use of equipment. Ensure spot welder/work materials have cooled before making any adjustments.Ensure operator has been trained in safe work practices and appropriate PPE (e.g. gloves) is worn whilst operating equipment. |
| * Live electrical conductors? (*e.g.* exposed wires)
 | Y [x]  N[ ]  | Major | Possible | High |
| * Working in close proximity to electrical conductors?
 | Y [x]  N[ ]  | Major | Possible | High |
| * Access to electricity?
 | Y [ ]  N[x]  |  |  |  |
| * Damaged or poorly maintained electrical leads, cables or switches?
 | Y [x]  N[ ]  | Major | Unlikely | Medium |
| * Water near electrical equipment?
 | Y [ ]  N[x]  |  |  |  |
| * Lack of isolation procedures?
 | Y [ ]  N[x]  |  |  |  |
| * Other
 | Y [ ]  N[x]  |  |  |  |

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| **ERGONOMICS**Can anyone be injured due to: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| * Poorly designed workstation?
 | Y [ ]  N[x]  |  |  |  |
| * Repetitive body movement?
 | Y [ ]  N[x]  |  |  |  |
| * Constrained body posture or the need for excessive effort?
 | Y [ ]  N[x]  |  |  |  |
| * Design deficiency causing psychological stress?
 | Y [ ]  N[x]  |  |  |  |
| * Inadequate or poorly placed lighting?
 | Y [ ]  N[x]  |  |  |  |
| * Does the plant impact on the surrounding workplace and create potential hazards? (Consider potential impact on the design and layout of the workplace)
 | Y [ ]  N[x]  |  |  |  |
| * Is the location of the plant inappropriate? (Consider potential effects due to environmental conditions and terrain)
 | Y [ ]  N[x]  |  |  |  |
| * Other
 | Y [ ]  N[x]  |  |  |  |

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| **RADIATION**Can anyone using the plant, or in the vicinity of the plant suffer injury or illness due to exposure to radiation in the form of any of the following:* infra-red radiation
* ultra violet light
* microwaves
 | Y [x]  N[ ]  | Moderate | Possible | Medium | UV light generated by the welding process can cause inflammation of the corneas otherwise known as ‘welders flash’. | Ensure operator/observers are wearing appropriate eyewear (e.g., welders mask).Ensure appropriate screening is in place to protect the surrounding work areas. |
| **NOISE**Can anyone using the plant, or in the vicinity of the plant, suffer injury due to exposure to noise? | Y [ ]  N[x]  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **VIBRATION**Can anyone be injured or suffer ill health from exposure to vibration? | Y [ ]  N[x]  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **FRICTION**Can anyone be burnt due to contact with moving parts, materials or surfaces of the plant? | Y [ ]  N[x]  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **SUFFOCATION**Can anyone be suffocated due to lack of oxygen, or atmospheric contamination?  | Y [ ]  N[x]  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **CONDITION**Is a hazard likely due to the age and condition of the plant? (*Consider how hard the machine has been worked, and whether it is used constantly or rarely).* | Y [ ]  N[x]  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Can anyone be injured as a result of the plant not serviced appropriately and/or maintained in line with manufacturer’s recommendations? | Y [ ]  N[x]  |  |  |  |

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| **SLIPS/TRIPS/FALLS**Can anyone using the plant, or in the vicinity of the plant, slip, trip or fall due to: |  |  |  |  | Poor housekeeping practices allowing the build-up of waste materials or failure to immediately clean up spills could result in a slip hazard.Inappropriate placement of objects (e.g. spare material, electrical cords, bags etc.) in the immediate vicinity of the equipment may result in a trip hazard. | Ensure appropriate cleaning and housekeeping practices are maintained to minimise the risk of a slip/trip/falls hazard. |
| * Uneven, slippery or steep work surfaces?
 | Y [ ]  N[x]  |  |  |  |
| * Poor housekeeping, e.g. spillage in the vicinity?
 | Y [x]  N[ ]  | Minor | Possible | Medium |
| * Obstacles being placed in the vicinity of the plant?
 | Y [x]  N[ ]  | Minor | Possible | Medium |
| * Inappropriate or poorly maintained floor or walking surfaces (i.e. lack of a slip-resistant surface, unprotected holes, penetrations or gaps?)
 | Y [ ]  N[x]  |  |  |  |
| If operating or maintaining plant at height can anyone slip, trip or fall due to: |  |  |  |  |
| * Use of work platforms, stairs or ladders?
 | Y [ ]  N[x]  |  |  |  |
| * Lack of guardrails or other suitable edge protection?
 | Y [ ]  N[x]  |  |  |  |
| * Other
 | Y [ ]  N[x]  |  |  |  |

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| **FIRE AND EXPLOSION**Can anyone be injured by fire? | Y [x]  N[ ]  | Moderate | Possible | Medium  | Electrodes, hot metal, spitting metal and sparks may become an ignition source if flammable material is in the immediate vicinity (e.g. wood dust, rags etc.). | Ensure good housekeeping practises are maintained around the spot welder. Allow hot metal to cool prior to handling.  |
| * Can anyone be injured by explosion of gases, vapours, liquids, dusts, or other substances?
 | Y [ ]  N[x]  |  |  |  |
| **TEMPERATURE/MOISTURE**Can anyone come into contact with objects athigh or low temperatures? | Y [x]  N[ ]  | Moderate | Possible | Medium | Hot electrodes, hot metal, spitting metal and sparks may come into contact with a person. | Always wear appropriate PPE (e.g. gloves, apron and welding mask) whilst operating the spot welder.Allow hot metal to cool prior to handling. |
| * Can anyone suffer ill health due to exposure to high or low temperatures?
 | Y [ ]  N[x]  |  |  |  |
| * Can anyone be injured or suffer ill health due to exposure to moisture?
 | Y [ ]  N[x]  |  |  |  |
| **OTHER**Can anyone be injured or suffer ill health from exposure to: |  |  |  |  | Fumes and gases produce during spot welding may be hazardous to health. | Ensure work area is appropriately ventilated when in operation (e.g. exhaust extraction). |
| * Chemicals?
 | Y [ ]  N[x]  |  |  |  |
| * Toxic gases or vapours?
 | Y [x]  N[ ]  | Moderate | Possible | Medium |
| * Fumes / Dusts?
 | Y [x]  N[ ]  | Moderate | Possible | Medium |
| * Other? (please specify)
 | Y [ ]  N[x]  |  |  |  |
| **4. Risk Assessment Signoff** |
| Authorised By:       | Signature: | Date:       |

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| Consequence - Evaluate the consequences of a risk occurring according to the ratings in the top row

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| Descriptor | Level | Definition |
| **Insignificant** | **1** | No injury |
| **Minor** | **2** | Injury/ ill health requiring first aid |
| **Moderate** | **3** | Injury/ill health requiring medical attention |
| **Major** | **4** | Injury/ill health requiring hospital admission |
| **Severe** | **5** | Fatality |

3. Risk level - Calculate the level of risk by finding the intersection between the likelihood and the consequences

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| Likelihood | Consequence |
| **Insignificant** | **Minor** | **Moderate** | **Major** | **Severe** |
| **Almost Certain** | Medium | High | Extreme | Extreme | Extreme |
| **Likely** | Medium | Medium | High | Extreme | Extreme |
| **Possible** | Low | Medium | Medium | High | Extreme |
| **Unlikely** | Low | Low | Medium | Medium | High |
| **Rare** | Low | Low | Low | Medium | Medium |

  | Likelihood - Evaluate the likelihood of an incident occurring according to the ratings in the left hand column

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| Descriptor | Level | Definition |
| **Rare** | **1** | May occur somewhere, sometime (“once in a life time / once in a hundred years”) |
| **Unlikely** | **2** | May occur somewhere within the Department over an extended period of time |
| **Possible** | **3** | May occur several times across the Department or a region over a period of time |
| **Likely** | **4** | May be anticipated multiple times over a period of timeMay occur once every few repetitions of the activity or event |
| **Almost Certain** | **5** | Prone to occur regularlyIt is anticipated for each repetition of the activity of event |

4. Risk Level/Rating and Actions

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| Descriptor | Definition |
| **Extreme:** | Notify **Workplace Manager and/or Management OHS Nominee** immediately. Corrective actions should be taken immediately. Cease associated activity. |
| **High:** | Notify **Workplace Manager and/or Management OHS Nominee** immediately. Corrective actions should be taken within 48 hours of notification. |
| **Medium:** | Notify **Nominated employee, HSR / OHS Committee**. Nominated employee, OHS Representative / OHS Committee is to follow up that corrective action is taken within 7 days. |
| **Low** | Notify **Nominated employee, HSR / OHS Committee**. Nominated employee, HSR / OHS Committee is to follow up that corrective action is taken within a reasonable time. |

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