DC29/UB29/UB29A Linear DC Welding Controls

The DC29 Linear DC welding control is ideal for applications which require exceptional control, fast rise times, and high quality throughput. DC29 requires only single phase input power and can output up to 4000 amps. Ultra-fast rise times permit short overall weld times, resulting in less part deformation and stronger welds. This is extremely important when welding heat sensitive parts such as battery cells or sensitive electronic devices.

UB29 provides unsurpassed levels of control for resistance micro welding. Requiring only single phase power, UB29 (5-500 amps), and UB29A (15-1500 amps) are Linear DC controls with feedback modes designed to adapt to part and process variables. These power supplies should be used for smaller applications where closed-loop feedback control and fast response times are required. Safety critical applications such as those found in the medical and automotive markets will benefit from UB29’s precision low energy control.

KEY FEATURES

- Advanced closed-loop analog control yields repeatable and stable programmable waveforms
- Extremely fast rise times permit shorter weld times, less part deformation, longer electrode life, and greater weld strength with more part ductility
- Built-in monitor with graphical screen shows visual trace of energy over time, aiding in weld parameter optimization
- Side mounted weld cables and compact unit size increase installation options
- Single phase power input and simple I/O allows for easy setup and versatility of use

TYPICAL APPLICATIONS

- Battery tab to lithium ion cell
- Halogen lamp filaments
- Catheter guide wire assembly
- Air bag detonator module (squib wire)
INTUITIVE, EASY-TO-USE PROGRAMMING

- Intuitive graphical user interface
- Dual pulse waveforms programmed in current, voltage, or power control modes
- Programming times to 100 µsec increments provides ultimate control
- Accurate, built-in monitor displays the graphical “trace” of weld current, voltage, power and resistance, along with numerical peak and average values
- Easy-to-set limits establish process window for acceptable quality
- User programmable relays can be used in conjunction with visual and audible signals for operators and automation interface

CURRENT, VOLTAGE AND POWER FEEDBACK MODES:

**Constant Voltage:**
- Compensates for parts misplacement and force problems
- Reduces weld splash
- Ideal for round (non-flat) parts

**Constant Power:**
- Varies current and voltage for consistent energy
- Breaks up surface oxides and plating
- Ideal for automation to extend electrode life

**Constant Current:**
- Delivers same current regardless of resistance changes
- Compensates for part thickness changes
- Ideal for flat parts with consistent electrode to part fit-up

**Combo:**
- Ramp up in voltage mode and then switch to constant current
- Prevents sparks during energy ramp up
- Ideal for non-flat parts, inconsistent surfaces

EFFECTIVE WELD MONITORING AND PROCESS TOOLS

**PRE-WELD FUNCTION**
Send an initial short, low energy pulse through the assembly, tests key electrical parameters against pre-set limits, and inhibits operation if limits are exceeded.

Advantages
- Prevents unacceptable welds
- Prevents electrode damage
- Alerts operator to weld fault
- Relay outputs can signal automation

**ACTIVE PART CONDITIONER (APC)**
First pulse adapts weld time to displace oxides then terminates allowing a second pulse with upslope to complete the weld thus avoiding weld splash.

Advantages
- Brings each part to the same resistance prior to application of welding current
- Provides for consistent welding of difficult-to-weld oxidized parts
- Prevents weld splash
- Increases process yields

**WELD STOP**
Terminates the weld energy during the welding process if pre-set weld current or voltage limits are exceeded.

Advantages
- Prevents blow-outs and parts damage
- Prevents electrode damage
- Alerts operator to weld fault
- Relay outputs can signal automation
FULL RANGE OF WELD HEADS FOR THE COMPLETE WELDING SYSTEM

86A/EZ Precision Parallel Gap Weld Head

The Model 86 weld head with either foot or patented EZ-Air® actuation provides precision control for parallel gap welding applications from <0.001 inch (25 microns) to 0.005 inch (0.127mm) in diameter or thickness. The force range of the 86A/EZ is 0.5 to 20 lbs. (2.2-89 Newtons). EZ-Air technology prevents overforce and guarantees force repeatability. The Model 86 is normally matched with the UB29 or UB29A power supply.

Model 50 Light Force Weld Head

The 50 Series weld heads with either foot or air actuation provide accurate levels of precision required for welding fine ribbons and wires to substrates. The force range of the 50F is 40-1000 gram-force (0.39 - 9.8 Newtons), continuously adjustable with no overforce. Holder options for either Unitip or Unibond electrodes are available. Model 50 is normally matched with the UB29 or UB29A power supply.

70 Series Weld Head

The servomotor driven 70 Series weld head with overforce protection and soft-touch part clamping provides superior force control from 0.5-15 lbs. with excellent follow-up. The 70 Series, available in both opposed and parallel gap can store 32 motion control schedules for position and speed. The heads are ideal for automation and delicate or critical parts welding and work well with either the UB29 or UB29A.

88A/EZ Precision Weld Head

The fast rise time and precision control of the DC29 make it ideal for battery pack welding. The 88 weld head, with either foot of patented EZ-Air actuation provides fine levels of precision control required for microjoining applications from <0.001 inch (25 microns) to 0.04 inch (1mm) in diameter or thickness. EZ-Air prevents overforce and guarantees force repeatability. The EZ-Clean feature permits easy electrode set-up and maintenance.
**TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS**

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**FEATURES**

**WELD HEAT PROFILE CONTROL**

- Dual pulse with independent control of current, voltage or power on each pulse
- Squeeze, upslope 1, weld 1, downslope 1, cool, upslope 2, weld 2, downslope 2, hold
- Save up to 99 different weld schedules, protected from unauthorized changes
- Allows automatic linking of weld schedule sequence

**BUILT-IN WELD MONITOR FUNCTIONS**

- Measurement parameters
- Graphic display
- Measurement selection
- Current measurement range/accuracy
- Voltage measurement range/accuracy
- Power measurement range/accuracy
- Alarms
- Programmable weld energy limit
- Weld pre-check
- Active part conditioner
- Display alert, five user-programmable AC/DC relays; audio alarm
- Terminates weld energy when exceeding user defined current, voltage, or power limits
- Inhibits second weld pulse when first test pulse exceeds user programmed limits
- First pulse current limit in constant power

**I/O AND DATA COMMUNICATIONS**

- Input
  - Input isolation
  - Control voltages
  - Foot switch initiation
  - Firing switch input
  - Remote control
  - RS232
  - Electrode voltage
- Output
  - Monitor
  - Weld head air valve
  - Alarm relays
- RS232 weld data out
- 24 VAC, 0.5 A; timing controlled by DC29 or UB29
- Five user-programmable opto isolated relays; programmable normally open or normally closed contacts
- 30 VDC at 0.5 A; Conditions: weld, end of weld, alarm, out of limits, ready, weld counter

**WEIGHT & DIMENSIONS**

| Dimensions (L x W x H) | 15 in x 8.4 in x 12 in (381 mm x 213 mm x 305 mm) |
| Weight | 49 lb (22 kg) |

*Note: CCC for UB29A pending approval.*

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