The Diesel Workhorse™
For demanding jobs that call for high amperage capabilities, the SAE-400® offers 400 amps for DC stick welding and AC power. It is powered by either a heavy duty Perkins® or Deutz® industrial diesel engine. Both engines offer low maintenance and long life. Add CV wire welding with the optional CV Adapter.

FEATURES
- **Rugged Construction**
  - Heavy gauge steel case withstands rough field handling.
- **Dual Continuous Output Control**
  - Continuous adjustment of voltage and current.
  - Select either a soft “buttery” arc or snappy “digging” arc for fast, high-quality welding.
- **Arc Gouging**
  - Arc gouging with up to 3/8 in. (10 mm) carbons.
- **Multiple Arcs**
  - Large capacity DC weld output makes the SAE-400® the #1 choice for multiple arcs with the Multi-Weld™ 350 system. Available power is 22,500 watts at 60V DC. (See recommended accessories section.)
- **Standard 60 Hz AC Power on K1278-14 and K1278-10:**
  - K1278-14 has Euro and NEMA receptacles
  - K1278-10 has NEMA receptacles
  - 3,000 watts 1-phase 120V or 240V on both models

**APPLICATIONS**
- Pipelines
- Construction
- Maintenance

**OUTPUT RANGE**
- **80-575A DC Welding**
- AC Power - See Back Page

**RATED OUTPUT CURRENT/VOLTAGE/DUTY CYCLE**
- 400A DC/40V/100%
- 500A DC/40V/60% Perkins®
- 500A DC/40V/35% Deutz®

**NUMBERS OF CYLINDERS**
- **4**

**HP @ SPEED (RPM)**
- Perkins®: 64.4 HP @ 1710 RPM
- Deutz®: 59.6 HP @ 1800 RPM

**WEIGHT/DIMENSIONS (H x W x D)**
- See Back Page

**INPUT**

**OUTPUT**

**THE LINCOLN ELECTRIC COMPANY**
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**PERFORMANCE**

- 400 amp rated output DC arc welding power source with outstanding characteristics for pipe, construction and maintenance stick welding. 575 amp maximum output.
- Polarity switch for selecting DC+, DC- welding output. (K1278-14 SAE-400 Perkins)
- K1278-14 and K1278-10 deliver 3,000 watts of 115V/230V AC generator power for a grinder, lights or other power tools.

**FEATURES**

- Pressure lubrication system with replaceable filter assures lubrication to all critical areas of the engines.
- Engine gauges indicate oil pressure, temperature and battery charging amps.
- All day welding with 29 gallon (109.8 liter) plastic fuel tank with combination fuel cap/fuel gauge. Pre-filter water separator and a filter in the fuel line help keep the fuel clean.
- Perkins® engine uses glow plugs for starting the engine at low ambient temperatures, down to -5º F (-21º C).
- Combination muffler/spark arrestor is standard on the Perkins® models.
- Single-side engine access for routine maintenance.
- Engine hour meter for scheduling maintenance.
- Optional oil drain system includes ball valve, hose and clamp to direct oil beyond the base of the machine.
- Optional K924-4 Remote Control Kit with 100 ft. (30 m) cord.

**KEY CONTROLS**

1. Polarity Switch (K1278-14)
2. Current Control
3. 115V/120V AC NEMA Receptacles with Covers
4. 115V/120V AC Circuit Breakers
5. Engine Hour Meter
6. Local/Remote Control Switch
7. Remote Control Receptacle
8. 230V/240V AC European Receptacle (K1278-14)
9. 115V/120V AC European Receptacle (K1278-14)
10. Engine Protection Light
11. Engine Idler
12. Glow Plug Button (Perkins® engine)
13. Pushbutton Start
14. On/Off Switch
15. Gauges for Oil Pressure, Temperature, and Battery Charging Amps
16. 230V/240V AC NEMA Receptacles with Covers
17. 230V/240V AC Circuit Breaker
18. Job Selector
• Perkins® water-cooled and Deutz® 4-cylinder, air-cooled industrial diesel engines offer low maintenance and long life.
• Automatic shutdown protection for low oil pressure or high coolant temperature.
• Printed circuit board for idler and engine protection is potted to provide a robust environmental shield.

### MACHINE SPECIFICATIONS

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<td>K1278-14 Perkins&lt;sup&gt;(2)&lt;/sup&gt;</td>
<td>400 Amp DC Arc Welder with 3,000 Watts of AC Power NEMA and European Receptacles Includes Polarity Switch</td>
<td>Lincoln Rating 400A/40V/100% 500A/40V/90% 80-575 Amps Continuous Adjustment of Voltage and Current 97V Max. OCV @ 1800 RPM</td>
<td>3,000 Watts, 60 Hz 20A @ 115V (NEMA) 15A @ 115V (Euro) Shared GFCI Sealed Module 13A @ 240V (NEMA &amp; Euro) Port to add an RCD (Residual Current Device) for Euro Receptacle</td>
<td>45.8 x 28 x 83 (1164 x 711 x 2109)</td>
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<td>400 Amp DC Arc Welder with 3,000 Watts of AC Power NEMA Receptacles</td>
<td>Lincoln Rating 400A/40V/100% 500A/40V/35% 80-575 Amps Continuous Adjustment of Voltage and Current 97V Max. OCV @ 1800 RPM</td>
<td>3,000 Watts, 60 Hz 26A @ 115V (NEMA) 13A @ 230V (Euro)</td>
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1 Based on a 10 minute period. High Altitude: For maximum rating, derate the output 5% for every 1,640 ft. (500 m) above 3,280 ft. (1,000 m).
2 115V or 120V will operate either 60 Hz or 50/60 Hz power tools, lights, etc.
3 Circuits cannot be wired in parallel to operate the same device.

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<td>4 Cylinder, 4 Cycle Water-Cooled Diesel Engine with Dry Cartridge Air Filter</td>
<td>64.4 HP @ 1710 RPM 269 cu in (4.4 ltrs)</td>
<td>Fuel: 29.0 gals (109.8 ltrs) Oil: 10.1 qts (9.6 ltrs) Radiator Coolant: 3.4 gals (12.8 ltrs)</td>
<td>Full Load: 1,710 (400A) High Idle: 1,800 RPM Low Idle: 1,100 RPM</td>
<td>1.8 gals/hr - 7.0 ltrs/hr 0.8 gals/hr - 3.0 ltrs/hr 0.5 gals/hr - 2.0 ltrs/hr</td>
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<td>Deutz® Diesel&lt;sup&gt;(5)&lt;/sup&gt; F4L912 Non-EPA (Export only)</td>
<td>4 Cylinder, 4 Cycle Air-Cooled Diesel Engine with Dry Cartridge Air Filter</td>
<td>59.6 HP @ 1,800 RPM 232 cu in (3.8 ltrs)</td>
<td>Fuel: 29.0 gals (109.8 ltrs) Oil: 13.2 qts (12.5 ltrs)</td>
<td>Full Load: 1,710 (400A) High Idle: 1,800 RPM Low Idle: 1,050 RPM</td>
<td>1.8 gals/hr - 6.9 ltrs/hr 0.8 gals/hr - 2.9 ltrs/hr 0.4 gals/hr - 1.5 ltrs/hr</td>
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4 Perkins® warranty is 1 year 5 Deutz® warranty is 2 years/3,000 hours.

### QUALITY AND RELIABILITY

- Perkins® water-cooled and Deutz® 4-cylinder, air-cooled industrial diesel engines offer low maintenance and long life.
- Automatic shutdown protection for low oil pressure or high coolant temperature.
- Printed circuit board for idler and engine protection is potted to provide a robust environmental shield.
- Manufactured under a quality system certified to ISO 9001 requirements and ISO 14001 environmental standards.
- Three-year Lincoln Electric warranty (engines are warranted separately by the manufacturers - see Engine Specifications, footnote 4 and 5).

### GENERAL OPTIONS

- **Power Plug Kit**: Provides two 115V plugs rated at 20 amps each, and two 230V plugs rated at 15 amps each. 115V plug may not be compatible with common household receptacles. Order K802D
- **GFCI Receptacle Kit**: Includes one UL approved 115V ground fault circuit interrupter duplex type receptacle and installation instructions. Replaces the factory installed 115V duplex receptacle. Each receptacle of the GFCI duplex is rated at 20 amps. Maximum total current from the GFCI duplex is limited to 20 amps. Order K1690-1
- **Oil Drain Kit**: Includes ball valve, hose and clamp to direct used oil beyond the base of the machine. Order K244-1 (Perkins®) Order K949-1 (Deutz®)
- **Spark Arrestor Kit**: Mounts to muffler exhaust tube. Virtually eliminates spark emissions. Order K1847-1

### RECOMMENDED ACCESSORIES

- **SAE-400®**
**RECOMMENDED ACCESSORIES**

**GENERAL OPTIONS (CONT’D)**

**Large Welder Trailer**
For heavy-duty road, off-road, plant and yard use. Includes pivoting jack stand, safety chains, and 14 in. (356 mm) wheels. Stiff, 120 in. (3,050 mm) welded rectanglar steel tube frame construction is phosphated, electrophoretically and powder coated for superior rust and corrosion resistance. Low sway suspension gives outstanding stability with manageable tongue weight. Wheel bearings are packed with high viscosity, low pressure, low washout Lubriplate® grease. Includes a Duct-Hitch™ – a 2 in. (51 mm) Ball/ Lunette Eye combination hitch. Overall width: 60 in. (1,524 mm). Overall length: 124 in. (3,150 mm).

**Order:**
- K2637-2 Trailer
- K2638-1 Fender & Light Kit
- K2640-1 Cab Kit

**Four-Wheeled Steerable Yard Trailer**
For off-road, plant and yard use. Includes an automatically engaging drawbar lock when the drawbar is raised to the vertical position. 13 in. (330 mm) wheels. Wheel bearings are packed with high viscosity, high pressure, low washout Lubriplate® grease. Also includes a Duct-Hitch™ – a 2 in. (51 mm) Ball/Lunette Eye combination hitch. Overall width: 15 in. (381 mm). Overall length: 132 in. (3,353 mm).

**Order:** K2641-2

**Multi-Weld™ 350**
For multiple arcs from the DC output of a welding power source. See bulletin E5.302 for Multi-Weld™ 350 and distribution system.

**Order:** K1735-1

**STICK OPTIONS**

**Accessory Kit**
For stick welding. Includes 35 ft. (10.7 m) 2/0 electrode cable with lug, 30 ft. (9.1 m) 2/0 work cable with lug, headshield, filter plate, work clamp and electrode holder. 400 amp capacity.

**Order:** K704

**Remote Control**
Remote control rheostat permits machine output changes up to 100 ft. (30.5 m) from the machine. Includes local/remote switch and receptacle for older machine control gear.

**Order:** K02A-4

**TIG OPTIONS**

**Square Wave TIG 200**
This 46 lb (21 kg) TIG and stick welder includes adjustable AC Frequency Control and AC Balance for great results on aluminum, pulse mode and DCV or 200V input power capability.

**Order:** K102-4

**WIRE FEEDER OPTIONS**

**CV Adapter**
Provides constant voltage output for semiautomatic wire welding. Includes connector for 14-pin control cable and local/remote switch. Mounts inside SAE-400®.

**Order:** K385-2

**LIN-25 Ironworker™ Wire Feeder**
Portable CV unit for flux-cored and MIG welding with MAXTRAC® wire drive system. Includes digital meters for wire feed speed/amperage and voltage. gas solenoid, internal controller and 5/8 in. (2.0 mm) drive roll kit for cored wire. Has 83% reduced wire feed speed capability for 6 o’clock pipe welding with Innershield® wire.

**Order:** K2614-9

**Drive Roll and Guide Tube Kit**
For 0.08 – 0.032 in. (1.7-1.8 mm) cored or solid steel wire.

**Order:** KP1697-068

**K126™ PRO Innershield® Gun**
For self-shielded wire with 15 ft. (4.5 m) cable. For .062-5/64 in. (1.6-2.0 mm) wires. Includes K466-10 Connector Kit.

**Order:** K126-12

**Magnun® PRO 350 Ready-Pak® 15 ft., .035-5/64 in.**
Magnun® PRO Mig/flux-cored welding guns are rated 100% duty cycle. The guns are designed for high amperage, high duty cycle applications in extreme environments where heat-resistance and fast serviceability are key.

**Order:** K862-2-10-45

**Drive Roll and Guide Tube Kit**
For .035 in. and .045 in. (0.9 mm and 1.1 mm) solid steel wire.

**Order:** KP1696-1

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