Recommended Auto-Welder Settings

Guide for all WeatherBond TPO Membrane Thicknesses and Heat-Weldable Walkway Rolls

This guide is designed to provide information regarding common welder equipment settings to properly weld all thicknesses: 45-, 60-, and 80-mil WeatherBond TPO membrane, TPO heat weldable walkway rolls, and TPO flashing. As a reminder, this guide is not a substitute for good roofing practice. Test welds should be performed at the start of work each morning and afternoon using like material over the same substrate. Not all products or types of welding equipment are discussed in this guide. For assistance, please call 1-866-471-5125 and ask for the Technical Department.

Leister V2 (TPO2 Preset)

Welding Temperature 1004°F
Speed 12.5 feet per minute
Airflow 100%

BAK LarOn

Welding Temperature 1004°F
Speed 12.5 feet per minute
Airflow 100%

Recommended Settings for Auto-Welders Not Shown

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Speed 12 feet per minute
Airflow 100%

Troubleshooting Tips

- Confirm Auto-Welder settings are correct
- Confirm power supply is sufficient for welder
- Confirm extension cords include adequate wire size
- Confirm Auto-Welder weights are in place (2 weights minimum)
- Confirm membrane is not contaminated with dirt or moisture
- Confirm nozzle opening and air outlet holes are not damaged or obstructed
- Confirm air intake is unrestricted and free from debris

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Leister Varimat

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Miller Seamrover DD

Welding Temperature 960°F
Speed 12 feet per minute
Airflow 100%

Recommended Hand-Held Welder Ideal Set-Up Parameters

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Membrane Set temperature setting at “8”

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WeatherBond’s Best Practices

Equipment Setup

Use Proper Generators
Use commercial-grade generators only. Required generator wattage follows:
- 6,500 watts – 1 Auto-Welder
- 3,000 watts – 2 Hand-Welders

Use Proper Gauge Extension Cords
- Auto Welders: 10 Gauge Wire - 100’ maximum length
- Hand Welders: 12 Gauge Wire - 100’ maximum length

Auto-Welder Weights
- Confirm weights are in place when using the auto welder (minimum 2 weights as shown).

Conditions That Affect Welding Set-Up Parameters:
- Cold/hot ambient temperatures
- Sun versus shade
- Substrate – i.e. concrete vs. polyiso insulation
- Level of wind

These conditions may be alleviated by varying the speed of the welder to adapt to environmental factors.

Check Test Welds Several Times Per Day:
- Weld splice with recommended welder setting
- Cut 1” wide splice sample across the seam
- Pull 1” wide sample until failure
  Note: MUST BE COMPLETELY COOL

To Repair Aged and New WeatherBond TPO Membrane
1. Scrub the area to be welded with a Scotch Brite® or primer pad and Weathered Membrane Cleaner.
2. Clean all residue from the welded area with a Splice Wipe or clean natural fiber (cotton) rag.
3. Allow an additional 5-10 minutes for the Weathered Membrane Cleaner to flash-off after cleaning aged membrane.
4. Weld the new membrane to the cleaned area using standard welding procedures.

Critical Welding Steps

Welding for Step-offs
1. Create membrane into step-offs
2. Use 2” silicone roller
3. Complete immediately after auto-welder crosses seam intersection
   Note: Prevents formation of a water channel

Seam and Detail Probing
- All hot air welded seams and detail work must be thoroughly cooled prior to probing. Allow enough time to make sure all probing and the repair of deficiencies are completed at the end of each day.

Inspect Silicone Pressure Wheel
- Regularly inspect silicone pressure wheel cover to ensure a fully intacted wheel with no damage. Damaged silicone wheel will affect the integrity of the weld.

Welder Maintenance

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- Make sure you rotate the nozzle to eliminate heel drag

Clean Nozzle Regularly with Brass Wire Brush
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