

weld monitoring

MG3 Digital Process Sentry

- Measure voltage, current, force and displacement
- Dual channel capability
- Configurable user interface with four display quadrants
- Full on-screen SPC capability
- 99 available schedules with password protection
- Serial output via RS-232
- Weld interrupt function



With increased emphasis on accountability, the MG3 Digital Process Sentry offers the tools required for process development, production monitoring, data collection, and analysis to support your ISO, GMP and TQM requirements.

The MG3 represents the very latest technology in resistance weld monitoring; it provides precision real-time dynamic measurement of all the welding variables and is an invaluable tool for:

Process Development

Welding Evaluation and Research, DoE Studies, Process Optimization, Process Validation

Process Monitoring

Data Logging, Setting Process Limits, Electrode Maintenance, Troubleshooting, Set-up Verification, Statistical Process Control

Quality Control

Traceability, Process Certification and Analysis, Calibration Confirmation, Statistical Process Control

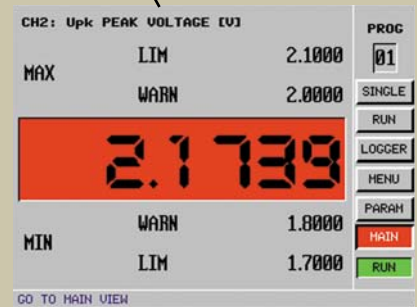
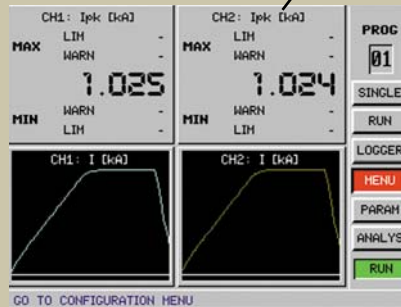
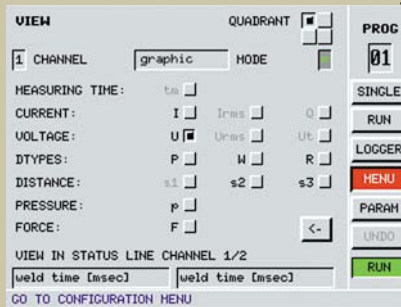
With **three models to choose from**, the MG3 can monitor up to two simultaneous channels of current and voltage from up to two AC, DC or CD power supplies for spot or seam welding. In addition to the basic model, the W1 and W2 models have single and dual channel displacement capability, respectively, and also offer inputs for force and pressure sensors.

Upper and lower limits can be set to trigger alarms for all measurements; for more advanced users, these limits can be set as envelopes that follow the contour of the waveform. Judgment of good/bad welds can be determined by status LED's on the front panel and outputs from the MG3's I/O. All welding parameters are stored in internal memory, available from the built-in RS-232 port, and data may be transferred to a Compact Flash (CF) card and directly exported into Excel® for user-defined analysis. The MG3 also has a convenient "SNAPSHOT" feature to save screenshots for reports. Comprehensive SPC functions include run chart logging and histograms.

Designed for Flexible Use – (Configurable Run Screen)

The high resolution color display and user configurable run screen enables users to configure the display to show information relevant to their particular job function or chosen welding environment. Two-channel capability allows simultaneous measurement and comparison of two welding systems.

The MG3 is easy to program via a single rotary encoder knob. Up to 100 monitoring programs can be stored for multiple parameters.

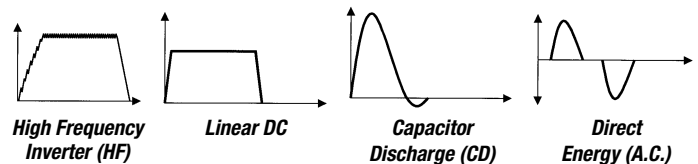


Examples of full view display. View is configurable to show graphic or numeric parameters in each quadrant. An individual quadrant can be selected as the main view.

Measurement Capability

The MG3 can measure AC, CD and DC welding systems and monitor the following parameters when fully configured with sensors:

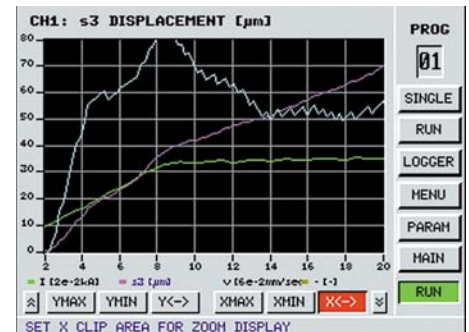
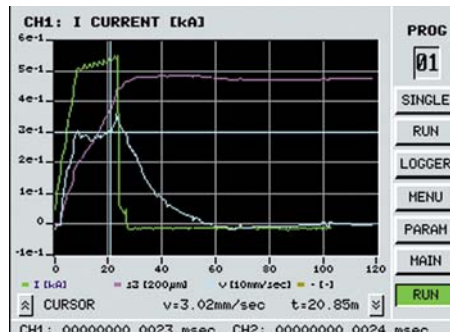
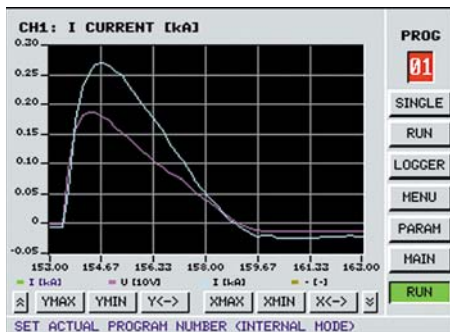
- Current (RMS, Peak, Amp-Sec.)
- Voltage (RMS, Peak, Volt-sec.)
- Power
- Energy
- Resistance
- Time (ms/cycles)
- Displacement (mm, In.)*
- Force (lbs., N)*
- Pressure (psi, bar)*



*Available on MG3 W1 and W2 only

Welding Oscilloscope Functionality (Process Development)

The MG3 can be used like an oscilloscope to analyze waveforms and compare parameters on a single screen using different pen colors for up to 4 measurement traces.



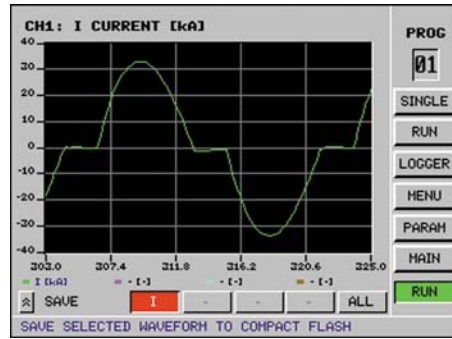
Multiple graphic trace with moveable cursors and zoom functions are perfect for weld analysis.

“Snap Shot” to Compact Flash Memory Card – (Quality Assurance)

Pressing the control button for three seconds saves the current screen as a .bmp file on the Compact Flash (CF) memory card. Waveforms can also be saved in .csv format for importing to an Excel file.



Snapshot of screen is saved to CF card as a .bmp file.

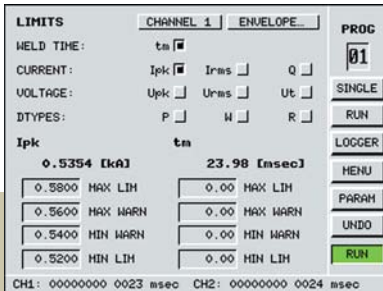


32MB CF card supplied. Accepts up to 1GB CF card. Alternatively, data can be collected via RS-232 for storage and analysis.

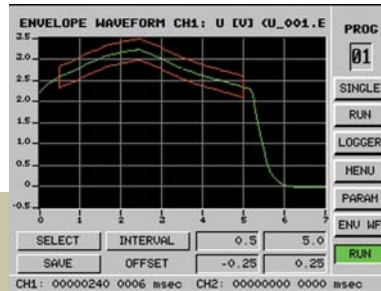
Limits and Envelope Functionality (Process Monitoring)

Maximum and warning values can be set for parameters, which will trigger both front panel LED's and alarm outputs.

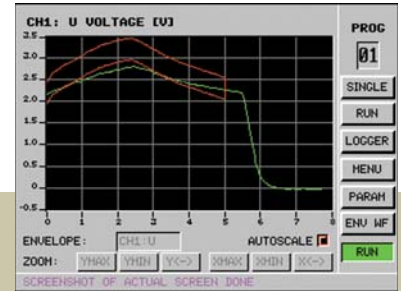
Reference waveforms can be automatically averaged from numerous welds and results may be used to specify envelope limits applied to the average or typical weld. Two envelopes may be applied to any parameter or two separate parameters, or to a specific section of the weld to ensure weld consistency.



Maximum and Pre-Warning



Acceptable – Weld Envelope

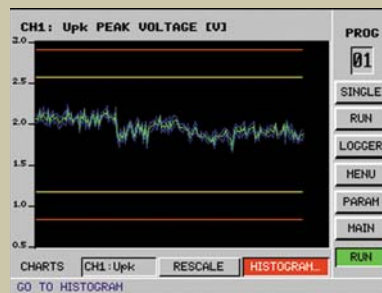


Reject – Weld Envelope

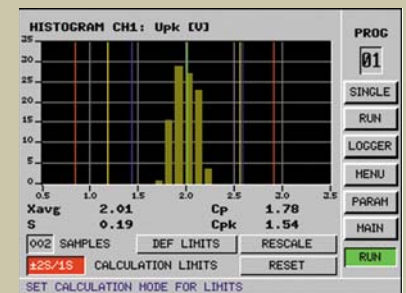
Statistical Process Control (SPC) and Quality Assurance

The MG3 performs a vital role in any production process and provides both data logging and on-screen SPC including run charts, histograms and analysis. Welds can be collected in the on-screen histogram, and pre-determined standard variation (2, 3, 4, 5, 6 sigma) values can be processed and set as production limits. The unit is able to transfer all weld data to a host PC and can save it to a log file on the CF card for further analysis in programs such as Excel.

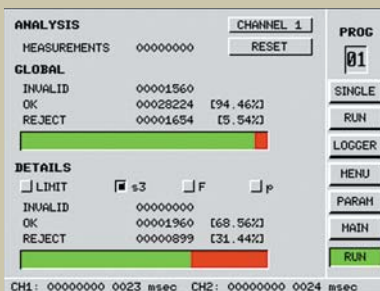
Winweld® data collection and analysis software provides an easy method for process and variable comparison and storage.



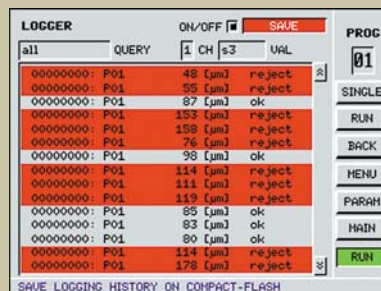
Run Chart with Limits



Histogram with Limits



Good/Bad Analysis Ratios



SPC Data Logger. All welds, rejects or last can be saved to the memory card.



