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Selecting The Proper Positioner

POSITIONER ROTATING CAPACITY Table Center Load C.G. Distance = Rotational Torque Rating (Lbs.) (Inches) Load x Distance = Rotational Torque Rating (Lbs.) (Inches)

- 1. Determine the total weight you will be positioning, including fixtures.
- Calculate the center of gravity of the work.
 - A. Distance from rotational center.
 - B. Distance from face of table.
- Using the distance found in step 2-A, calculate the rotational torque required. (Illustration A)
- 4. Using the distance found in step 2-B, calculate the tilt torque required.
- Compare the required rotational and tilt torque with the chart. Select a Positioner with a load capacity equal to or greater than your requirements.

Pipe Weight Per Linear Foot					
Nominal Pipe Size	Thickness Schedule 40	Standard Pipe Weigh			
1/2	0.109	.851			
3/4	0.113	1.131			
1	0.133	1.679			
1¼	0.140	2.273			
1½	0.145	2.718			
2	0.154	3.653			
2½	0.203	5.794			
3	0.216	7.580			
3½	0.226	9.110			
4	0.237	10.790			
5	0.258	14.620			
6	0.280	18.980			
8	0.322	28.560			
10	0.365	40.500			
12	0.406	49.600			
14	0.438	54.600			
16	0.500	62.600			
18	0.562	70.600			
20	20 0.594 78.600				
24	0.688	94.600			
30	0.688	118.700			

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Positioner Cost Analysis

Deposition rates for welding a ¾" single 45° bevel, single-pass fillet weld in two 1 inch thick carbon steel plates. Average deposition rates in lb/hr are for one-hour period. Average deposition rates for eight-hour shift will be lower. Average rates for manual welding will be significantly lower over an eight-hour shift due to operator fatigue.

		Positioned for automated downhand (flat) welding	Positioned for manual downhand (flat) welding	Manual vertical	Manual overhead
Stick electrodes	Instantaneous	-	12 lb/hr (5.4 kg/hr)	3 lb/hr (1.4 kg/hr)	1.5 lb/hr (0.68 kg/hr)
	Actual arc-hrs.	-	6 lb/hr (2.7 kg/hr)	1.5 lb/hr (0.68 kg/hr)	0.75 lb/hr (0.34 kg/hr)
MIG-Argon	Instantaneous	20 lb/hr (9 kg/hr)	12 lb/hr (5.4 kg/hr)	3 lb/hr (1.4 kg/hr)	1.5 lb/hr (0.68 kg/hr)
	Actual arc-hrs.	20 lb/hr (9 kg/hr)	10 lb/hr (4.5 kg/hr)	2.5 lb/hr (1.1 kg/hr)	1.3 lb/hr (0.59 kg/hr)
Flux-cored,	Instantaneous	20 lb/hr (9 kg/hr)	20 lb/hr (9 kg/hr)	5 lb/hr (2.3 kg/hr)	2.5 lb/hr (1.1 kg/hr)
CO ₂ shielded	Actual arc-hrs.	20 lb/hr (9 kg/hr)	10 lb/hr (4.5 kg/hr)	2.5 lb/hr (1.1 kg/hr)	1.2 lb/hr (0.54 kg/hr)
Submerged arc	Instantaneous Actual arc-hrs.	55 lb/hr (25 kg/hr) 55 lb/hr (25 kg/hr)	55 lb/hr (25 kg/hr) 27 lb/hr (12 kg/hr)		-