Inspect consumables

Inspect	Look for	Action
Shield cap	Erosion, missing material	Replace shield cap
	Cracks	Replace shield cap
	Burned surface	Replace shield cap
Shield	General: Erosion or missing material	Replace shield
	Molten material attached	Replace shield
	Blocked gas holes	Replace shield
	<u>Center hole:</u> Must be round	Replace the shield when the hole is no longer round
	O-rings: Damage	Replace shield
	Lubricant	Apply a thin film of silicone lubricant if the o-rings are dry
Nozzle retaining cap Insulating ring	General: Damage to insulating ring	Replace nozzle retaining cap
	Poor cut quality after replacing other consumables	Replace nozzle retaining cap
Nozzle Always replace the nozzle and electrode as a set.	General: Erosion or missing material	Replace nozzle
	Blocked gas holes	Replace nozzle
	Center hole: Must be round	Replace the nozzle when the hole is no longer round
	Signs of arcing	Replace nozzle
	<u>O-rings:</u> Damage	Replace nozzle
	Lubricant	Apply a thin film of silicone lubricant if the o-rings are dry
Swirl ring	General: Chips or cracks	Replace swirl ring
	Blocked gas holes	Replace swirl ring
	Dirt or debris	Clean and check for damage; replace when damaged
	<u>O-rings:</u> Damage	Replace swirl ring
	Lubricant	Apply a thin film of silicone lubricant if the o-rings are dry
Electrode Distriction	Center surface: Emitter wear - a pit forms as the emitter wears.	In general, replace the electrode when the pit depth is 0.04 inches or greater. For the 400 amp mild steel electrode and all SilverPlus electrodes, replace the electrode when the pit depth is 0.06 inches or greater.
Always replace the nozzle and electrode as a set.	O-rings: Damage Lubricant	Replace electrode Apply a thin film of silicone lubricant if the o-rings are dry