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# Installation, Inspection, Operation & Maintenance Guide



# Model 107, 108 & 309 Weld-On Drawbar Eyes

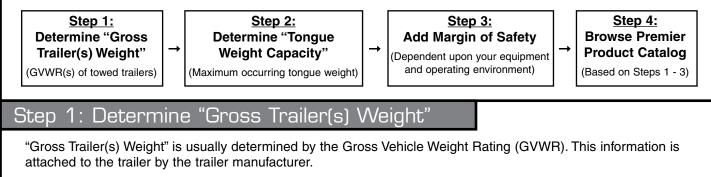
# IMPORTANT

Read these instructions completely before installing, using or attempting to repair this product. If you have any questions, call Premier at (800) 255-5387 or (503) 234-9202.

# Selecting The Right Equipment

Whatever your application, selecting the proper equipment for the job is very important. Proper selection along with regular inspection and maintenance will help keep operating costs minimal while providing long life to each component. Below are general guidelines for selecting Premier Couplings and Drawbar Eyes. If you feel that your application is unique, please give Premier a call so that we may help you through the selection process.

Follow these four steps to ensure proper selection of Premier Couplings and Drawbar Eyes.





For "Double Trailer" configurations, only the rear trailer is considered when selecting your Premier Coupling or Drawbar Eye. In this example, a Coupling and Drawbar Eye with a "Gross Trailer Weight" rating of 40,000 lbs. (18,143 kg) would be the minimum rating acceptable for normal, over-theroad applications (see Tongue Weight section below).

Example only, each application may vary and should be considered unique.



For "Triple Trailers", only the two most rearward trailers are considered in selecting your Premier Coupling or Drawbar Eye. In this example, a Coupling and Drawbar Eye with a "Gross Trailer Weight" rating of 80,000 lbs. (36,287 kg) would be the minimum acceptable for normal, over-the-road applications (see Tongue Weight section below).

#### Step 2: Determine "Tongue Weight Capacity"

**"Tongue Weight Capacity"** is the maximum expected weight at the drawbar eye. If a hinged drawbar is used, the maximum weight will be approximately 1/2 the overall drawbar weight. If a non-hinged drawbar is used and the actual tongue weight is not known, you can approximate the weight by multiplying the GVWR of the towed trailer by 15%. However, each application is unique and the best practice is to weigh the tongue when the trailer is loaded to its GVWR.

#### Step 3: Considering Operating Conditions and Environments

Environments such as rough uneven roads or off-road use can dramatically increase shock loads to both drawbar eyes and couplings. In general, increasing the "Gross Trailer Weight" (Step 1:) and "Tongue Weight Capacity" (Step 2:) by a minimum of 25% will be sufficient for many applications. Even if an application is used off-road occasionally, the minimum increase necessary for Gross Trailer and Tongue Weight is 25%. Certain types of equipment and/or operating practices can also dramatically increase loads through equipment binding and/or improper loading practices. Of special concern is high tongue weight. However, each application is unique and every environment different, therefore your application may require more than 25%.

Once both "Gross Trailers(s) Weight" (Step 1:) and "Tongue Weight Capacity" (Step 2:) have been determined, evaluate your operating conditions and apply an appropriate margin of safety.

#### Step 4: Browse Premier Product Catalog

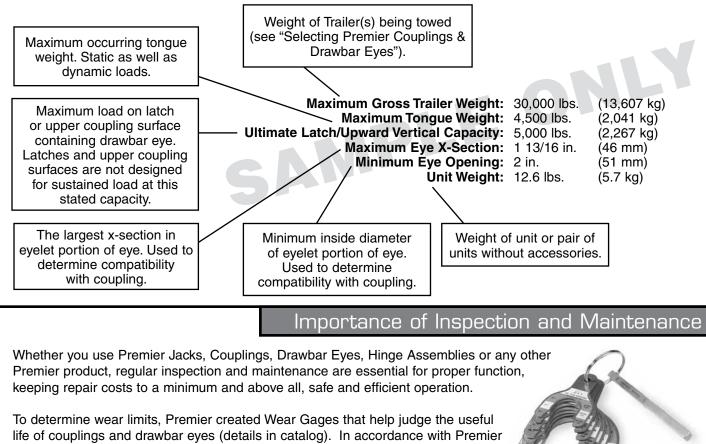
Browse the Premier Product Catalog and refer to the "Specifications" section of each product. Be sure to review the "Understanding Premier Load Specifications" section and "Coupling to Drawbar Eye Cross-Reference" sheet on the next couple pages.



## Selecting The Right Equipment

#### Understanding Premier Load Specifications

Each Premier product undergoes extensive design and testing prior to being introduced. We use the latest in Computer Aided Design and Analysis Software as well as physical destructive tests. Premier's published load specifications are the maximum load a given product or part will withstand without failure. Premier's testing procedures closely follow the Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) guidelines of Recommended Practice for testing Couplings and Drawbar Eyes (SAE J847 & J849).



life of couplings and drawbar eyes (details in catalog). In accordance with Premier and the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations, these were designed to identify wear at the critical percentages of 18% and 20%, by measuring the crosssection of coupling hooks (horn) and drawbar eye loops. 18% wear indicates that

the product should be replaced as soon as possible. At 20% wear, the product is no longer in usable condition and must be taken out of service immediately and replaced. The latch gage bar measures the gap space between the top of the coupling hook and the closed latch. If the 3/8" latch gage bar can pass between this region, then the latch components should be considered worn past safe limits and replaced. Please note that these wear gage specifications are in accordance with Premier Mfg. Co. and the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (refer to other manufacturer's specifications for wear limits on their products).

Premier also provides Installation Guides for each of our major products. These help guide you through installation, inspection, routine maintenance and part replacement. Another resource is our website at **www.premier-mfg.com**. Here you will find Installation Guides, Service Guides, distributor locations, online catalogs, product information, trade show schedules and links to trucking resources.



'The Harder You Work It, The Harder It Gets"

#### "Premalloy" - Premier's Exclusive Alloy

**"The harder you work it, the harder it gets"** best describes how Premalloy performs. Premalloy actually work hardens at the contact surfaces during normal use, which results in longer service life. Premalloy is highly recommended for off-road and aggregate type applications due to its wear resistant characteristics. Many of Premier's couplings are made from this exclusive material. As you are browsing the catalog, look for the Premalloy icon next to the product photos to determine which models are made of this material.



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# Selecting The Right Equipment

# Coupling to Drawbar Eye Cross Reference Chart

#### † Saf-Tite Product

#### \* Industrial Application

**CAUTION:** Verify that both the coupling's and drawbar eye's rated capacities meet your application(s) requirements.

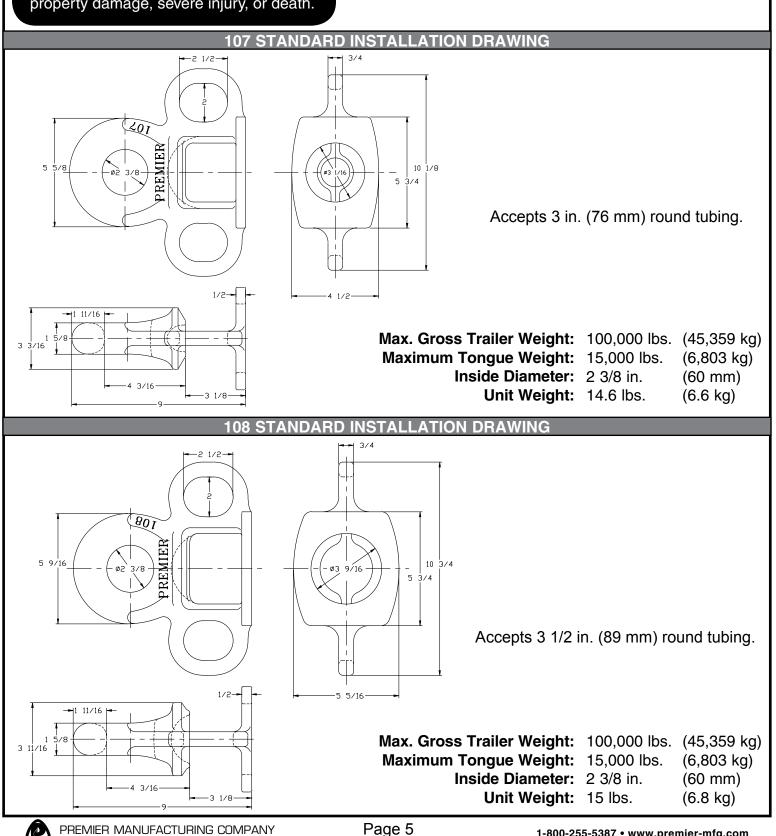


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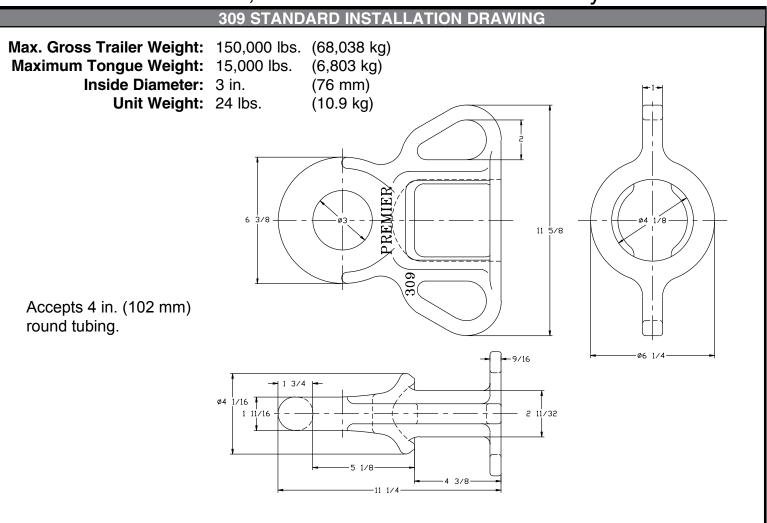
SPECIFICATIONS AND LOAD CAPACITIES

#### SAFETY WARNING

This product is designed for towing under normal conditions within the stated gross trailer weight. Do not overload or abuse this product. Overloading or abuse may lead to property damage, severe injury, or death.



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ACCESSORIES

#### **Optional Accessories:**

- 14005 (1 5/8"), 14008 (1 3/4") & 14032 (1 11/16") Wear Gage: Used to determine if the eye has worn beyond its intended service life.

#### INSTALLATION

#### Installation Procedure:

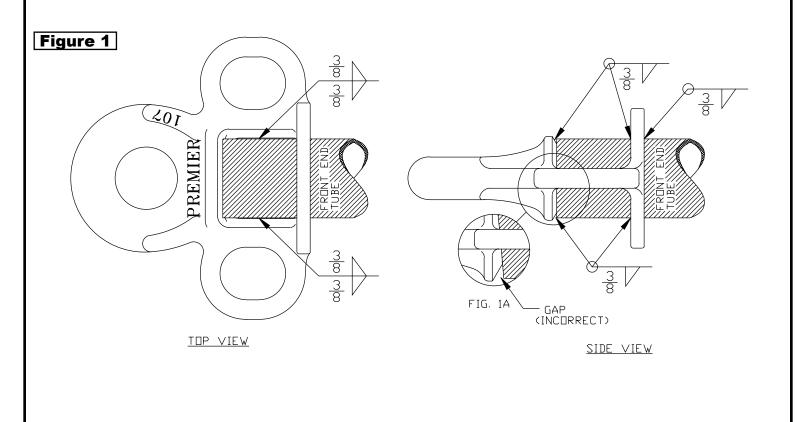
- The 107, 108 and 309 Drawbar Eyes must be installed to comply with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations. Specifically, Section 393.70, Paragraph C: "Towing of Full Trailers." Prior to install or operation, consult with local, State and Federal agencies, as there may be additional applicable laws governing installation and use of this product.
- One of the three attached Welding Procedure Specifications; GMAW, SMAW or FCAW, must be followed. Welding should only be performed

by a certified welder skilled in structural welding practices.

- 3. All weld locations must be clean, paint free and void of any moisture, oil, grease, oxides or loose or thick scale.
- 4. Fit-up, between the front end tubing and the mounting surfaces of the drawbar eye, must be flush as shown in Figure 1. Failure to have a flush fit prior to welding will cause the capacities to be negatively affected. Figure 1A shows a possible example of an improper fit-up when the front end tube is not cut squarely, thus leaving a large gap.

#### INSTALLATION

- 5. Attach the drawbar eye to the front end structure with a minimum 3/8" fillet weld that encompasses the entire interface between the drawbar eye and front end tube as shown in Figure 1.
- 6. "IMPORTANT WARNINGS!" sticker was enclosed. This must be attached to the front end, adjacent to the drawbar eye, visible for the end user to read.



#### **INSPECTION / OPERATION / MAINTENANCE**

- 1. Visually inspect the drawbar eye for cracks, impact damage and/or deformation before each and every use. Do NOT use if any of these conditions exist.
- 2. If the original cross-section of the eye loop has been reduced by 20% or greater, the drawbar eve is NOT to be used and is considered outof-service.
- 3. This product is designed to be operated within its free rotation limits. It is the responsibility of

the vehicle designer/end user to assure that these limits are not exceeded (not binding/ jackknife).

- 4. WARNING: Prior to towing, make certain that adequately rated safety chains have been properly connected.
- 5. Never weld on any Premier drawbar eye in order to repair damaged or worn areas. Field and/or shop weld repairs are inadequate and may further weaken the drawbar eye.

#### **IMPORTANT GUIDELINES that apply to all Premier Weld-On Drawbar Eyes**

- Never attempt weld repair of damaged or worn drawbar eyes
- Air adjusted drawbar eyes must be used with an air service chamber or #500 slack adjuster
- Clean and inspect drawbar eyes and eye assemblies for damage or excessive wear before each and every use
- Structure to which eye is attached must be of sufficient strength to withstand load rating of eye
- All welds for attaching eye should be done by a certified welder skilled in structural welding
- Do not bind-up (Jackknife) any application as stresses can cause damage to products
- or components, resulting in failure and detachment of the trailer while in use
- Do not apply lubricants to the coupling hook or drawbar eye loop, as they can cover
- up possible damage and accelerate wear





## Model 107, 108 & 309 Weld-On Drawbar Eyes

#### WELDING PROCEDURES

#### WELDING PROCEDURE SPECIFICATION (WPS) Yes (X) PREQUALIFIED (X) QUALIFIED BY TESTING (X) or PROCEDURE QUALIFICATION RECORD (PQR) Yes (X)

0	SMAW	Identification #: F	Identification #: PMEM-1						
2		Revision 0	Date: 2/1/	00	By: PI				
Company Name: Premier	Manufacturing Co.	Authorized By:	Date:						
Welding Process(es): GM	IAW	Type: Manual:		Semi-Au	tomatic: (X)				
Supporting PQR No.(s): N	V/A Prequalified	Machine:		Automat	ic:				
JOINT DESIGN USED		POSITION							
Type: All Fillets, Butts (Se	ee Attached)	Position of Groov	/e: 1G, 2G		Filet: 1F, 2F				
Single (X)	Double Weld (X)	Vertical Progress	sion: Up (X)		Down ( )				
Backing: Yes (X)	No (X)	LECTRICAL CH	ARACTERISTIC	s					
Backing Material: M1-P1-	S1 Group 1 &2	Transfer Mode (O	GMAW) short-cir	cuiting ( )					
Root Opening:	Root Face Dimension:	Globular (X) Spra	Globular (X) Spray (X)						
Groove Angle:	Radius (J-U):	Current: AC ( ) DCEP(X) DCEN ( ) Pulsed ( )							
Back Gouging: Yes (X) N	lo (X) Method: Mech/Thermal	Other:							
BASE METALS		TECHNIQUE							
Material Spec.: M1-P1-S1	1026 Carbon Steel	Stringer or Weav	e Bead: String o	r Weave					
Type or Grade: Group 1 &	\$ 2	Multi-Pass or Sin	gle Pass (per si	de): Single,	Multiple				
Thickness: Groove: 1/8 -	1 1/8" Fillet: Unlimited	Number of electro	odes: Single						
Diameter (Pipe): 4" minim	ium	Electrode Spacin	g:	Longitudina	al:				
FILLER METALS				Lateral:					
AWS Specification: A5.18	}		Angle:						
AWS Classification: E705	S-1	Contact Tube to Work Distance: 3/4" ±1/8"							
SHIELDING		Peening: Recommended							
Flux:	Gas: CO <sup>2</sup>	Interpass Cleaning: Mechanical							
	Composition: 100%	POSTWELD HE	POSTWELD HEAT TREATMENT						
Electrode-Flux (Class)	Flow Rate: 30-50 cfh	Temp.:							
	Gas Cup Size: 1/2" Dia.	Time:							
PREHEAT									
Preheat Temp.: Min.: 100	۱°F								
Interpass Temp.: Min. 10	0°F Max.: 500°F								

WELDING PROCEDURE

		Filler N	/letals	Cu	rrent			Joint Details
Pass or Weld Layer(s)	Process	Class	Diam.	Type & Polarity	Amps or Wire Feed Speed	Volts	Travel Speed	See Attached
All	GMAW	E70S-X	0.035	DCEP	190-230	22-31	13 ±1 IPM	
All	GMAW	E70S-X	0.045	DCEP	260-290	27-31	13 ±1 IPM	

#### WELDING PROCEDURE SPECIFICATION (WPS) Yes (X) PREQUALIFIED (X) QUALIFIED BY TESTING ( ) or PROCEDURE QUALIFICATION RECORD (PQR) Yes ( )

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<u> </u>		Revision 0	Date: 2/1/	20	By: PI				
Company Name: Premier	Manufacturing Co.	Authorized By:	Authorized By: Date:						
Welding Process(es): SM	AW	Type: Manuai: (X)		Semi	-Automatic:				
Supporting PQR No.(s): N	I/A (Pre-Qualified)	Machine:	Machine: 1 Automati						
JOINT DESIGN USED		POSITION	×						
Type: All Fillets-Butts (Se	Position of Groove	Position of Groove: All							
Single (X)	Double Weld (X)	Vertical Progressio	Vertical Progression: Up (X) Dow						
Backing: Yes (X)	No (X)	ELECTRICAL CH	ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS						
Backing Material: M1-P1-	Transfer Mode (GN	Transfer Mode (GMAW) short-circuiting ( )							
Root Opening:	Root Face Dimension:	Globular ( ) Spray ( )							
Groove Angle:	Radius (J-U):	Current: AC ( ) DCEP (X) DCEN ( ) Pulsed ( )							
Back Gouging: Yes (X) N	o (X) Method: Mech/Thermal	Other:							
BASE METALS		TECHNIQUE							
Material Spec.: M1-P1-S1	1026 Carbon Steel	Stringer or Weave	Bead: String an	d Weave	)				
Type or Grade: Group 1 a	nd 2	Multi-Pass or Singl	e Pass (per side	e): Multip	le/Single				
Thickness: Groove: 1/8"-1	1/2 Fillet: Unlimited	Number of electrod	Number of electrodes: Single						
Diameter (Pipe): 4* Minim	um	Electrode Spacing:	Electrode Spacing: Longitudinal: N/A						
FILLER METALS			Lateral: N/A						
AWS Specification. A5.1 -	A5.5		Angle: N/A						
AWS Classification: E701	8	Contact Tube to Work Distance: N/A							
SHIELDING		Peening: Recommended							
Flux:	Gas: N/A	Interpass Cleaning: Mechanical Only							
	Composition: N/A	POSTWELD HEAT TREATMENT							
Electrode-Flux (Class)	Flow Rate: N/A	Temp.: N/A	· · ·						
····	Gas Cup Size: N/A	Time: N/A							
PREHEAT									
Preheat Temp. Min.: 100°	F								
Interpass Temp., Min.: 10	0°F Max.: 500°F								

Pass or P Weld Layer(s)		Filler Metals		Cu	rrent			Joint Details
	Process	Class	Diam.	Type & Polarity	(Amps) or Wire Feed Speed	Volts	Travel Speed	See Attached And AWS D1.1
All	SMAW	E7018	3/32"	DCEP	70-110	19-22	As	
All	SMAW	E7018	1/8"	DCEP	90-150	20-24	Required	
Ali	SMAW	E7018	5/32"	DCEP	120-190	20-24	1	

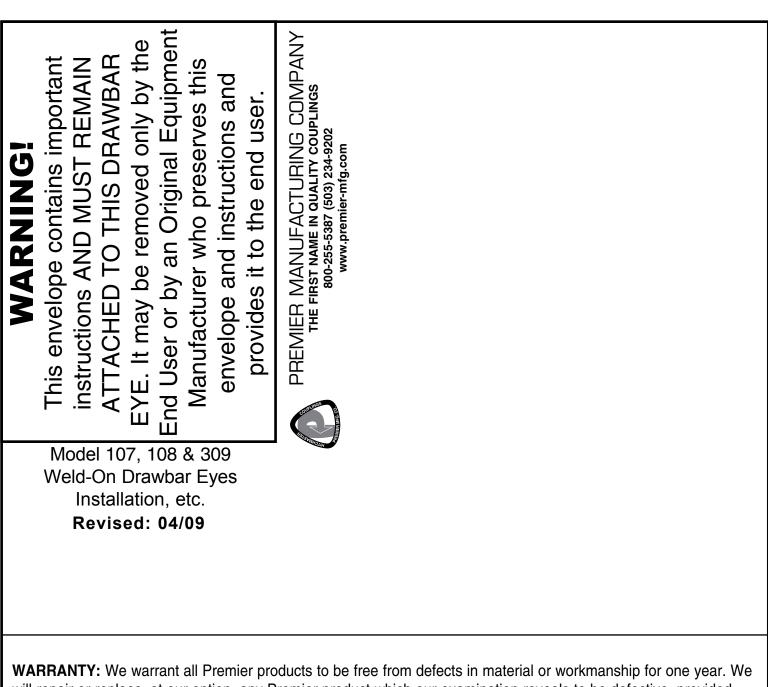
#### WELDING PROCEDURE SPECIFICATION (WPS) Yes (X) PREQUALIFIED (X) QUALIFIED BY TESTING ( ) or PROCEDURE QUALIFICATION RECORD (PQR) Yes ( )

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Company Name: Premier	Manufacturing Co.	Authorized By:	Date:						
Welding Process(es): FCA	W	Type: Manual: (X) Semi-Automatic:							
Supporting PQR No.(s): N	/A (Pre-Qualified)	Machine:	Auton	natic:					
JOINT DESIGN USED	1 mm 1 mm 1	POSITION							
Type: All Fillets-Butts (See	Attached)	Position of Groove: All		Fillet: All					
Single (X)	Double Weld (X)	Vertical Progression: U	p (X)	Down ( )					
Backing: Yes (X)	No(X)	ELECTRICAL CHARA	CTERISTICS						
Backing Material: M1-P1-S	\$1, Group 1 &2	Transfer Mode (GMAW	Transfer Mode (GMAW) short-circuiting ( )						
Root Opening:	Root Face Dimension:	Globular (X) Spray (X)	Globular (X) Spray (X)						
Groove Angle:	Radius (J-U):	Current: AC ( ) DCEP(X) DCEN ( ) Pulsed ( )							
Back Gouging: Yes (X) N	o (X) Method: Mech/Thermal	Other:							
BASE METALS		TECHNIQUE							
Material Spec.: M1-P1-S1	1026 Carbon Steel	Stringer or Weave Bea	d: String and Weave						
Type or Grade: Group 1 a	nd 2	Multi-Pass or Single Pa	ass (per side): Multip	le/Single					
Thickness: Groove: 1/8"-1	1/2" Fillet: Unlimited	Number of electrodes: Single							
Diameter (Pipe): 4" Minim	um	Electrode Spacing:	Longitudinal: N/	/A					
FILLER METALS			Lateral: N/A						
AWS Specification: A5.20			Angle: N/A						
AWS Classification: E70T-	-1/E71T-1	Contact Tube to Work Distance: 3/4" ±1/4"							
SHIELDING		Peening: Recommended							
Flux:	Gas: CO <sup>2</sup>	Interpass Cleaning: Mechanical Only							
	Composition: 100%	POSTWELD HEAT TREATMENT							
Electrode-Flux (Class)	Flow Rate: 30-50 cfh	Temp.: N/A							
	Gas Cup Size: 1/2" Dia. Min.	Time: N/A							
PREHEAT									
Preheat Temp.: Min.: 100	۹F								
InterpassTemp.: Min. 100	°F Max.: 500°F								

#### WELDING PROCEDURE Joint Details Filler Metals Current Pass or Weld Layer(s) (Amps) or Wire Feed Speed Travel Speed Process Class Diam. Type& Polarity Volts See Attached And AWS D1.1 Al FCAW E70T-1 0.045 DCEP DCEP 180-280 24-28 As E71T-1 0.052 190-300 24-29 Required All FCAW 24-29 All FCAW 0.068 DCEP 210-350 Ail FCAW 5/64" DCEP 250-400 26-30



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