

# AL-5 Capacitor Discharge Aluminum Dent Pulling System





## **Instruction Manual**

MNL-AL-5-2.0





#### About Pro Spot

Pro Spot International, Inc., based in Carlsbad, California, manufactures resistance spot welding equipment specializing in applications for the collision repair industry. The company began in 1986. The company owns and manages an on site machine shop, research & development department, a fabrication facility and production lines for the various welders

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#### Congratulations on aquiring your new PRO SPOT AL-5 Welder!

Team Pro Spot looks forward to supporting you.

The following information will be needed when you call Pro Spot.

- \* MODEL TYPE: AL-5
- \* SERIAL NO:

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The serial number is located on the back of the unit.

For parts or service contact your local distributor,

Local Number:\_\_\_\_\_

or in the U.S. call: Toll Free: 1-877 PRO SPOT or 1-760-407-1414

for a customer service representative.

NOTE: You can now order parts online at prospot.com/store/

Pro Spot's AL-5 Capacitor Discharge Stud Welder is designed for aluminum dent pulling but can also be used with steel studs for welding to UHSS panels with no or very little heat applied to the panels. The welder is very easy to use and is controlled by one knob to adjust weld power. The welder auto detects the line voltage 110/240 VAC.

NOTE: This instruction manual provides advice as well as instructions for installation, operation, maintenance and troubleshooting.



**IMPORTANT!** Read this manual carefully to become familiar with the proper operation of the welder. Do not neglect to do this as improper handling may result in personal injury and damage to the equipment.



**IMPORTANT!** Lisez ce Mode d'Emploi attentivement afin de vous familiariser avec le bon fonctionnement du soudeur. Ne négligez pas de le faire puisque une mauvaise manipulation peut conduire aux blessures et dommages à l'équipement.

The drawings in this manual are presented for illustrative purposes only and do not necessarily show the design of the equipment available on the market at any given time. The equipment is intended for use in accordance with current trade practice and appropriate safety regulations. The equipment illustrated in the manual may be changed without prior notice.

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**Conformity with directives and standards:** AL-5 complies with UL, EN, and CE Standards.



#### 2.0 Safety & Environmental Specifications

The AL-5 Stud welder is designed for indoor use - Protection Degree IP21.

The AL-5 Stud welder is designed to operate from -10° C to 40° C.

The unit may be stored and transported in an ambient temperature from -20° C to +55° C. The unit can be operated at 95% Relative Humidity (RH). For operation above 1000m consult the manufacturer. Do not operate the unit on a slope of more than 10°. The unit meets the requirements of IEC|EN60974-1 2005 third edition and UL60974-1 2nd edition. E.M.C. classification CISPR 11, FCC 15.107(b), Class A.

NOTE: Heating tests were performed at room ambient temperature and the duty cycle at 40° C has been determined by simulation.

#### 2.1 General

The AL-5 stud welder has been designed and is tested to meet strict safety requirements. Please read the following instructions carefully before operating the AL-5 and refer to them as needed to ensure the continued safe operation of the welder.

Information provided in this manual describes the suggested best working practices and should in no way take precedence over individual responsibilities or local regulations.

The AL-5 Stud Welder is designed to comply with all applicable safety regulations for this type of equipment. During operation, it is always each individual's responsibility to consider:

- Their own and other's personal safety.
- The safety of the welder through correct use of the equipment in accordance with the descriptions and instructions provided in this manual.

By observing and following the safety precautions, users of the AL-5 will ensure safer working conditions for themselves and their fellow workers.

#### 2.2 Warnings and Important Notices

The following types of safety signs are used on the equipment and in Pro Spot's Instruction Manuals:





Read instruction manual.





#### Attention!

Lire Mode d'Emploi.



#### Prohibited.

Prohibits behaviour that can cause injury.



#### Interdit.

Interdit aux comportements qui peuvent provoquer des blessures.



#### Command.

Calls for a specific action.

or damage to equipment.



#### Commande.

Appelle à une action spécifique.



#### Warning.

Warning.

Some parts of the welder may become hot after prolonged use.

Notice of personal injury risk and



#### Avertissement. Avis de risque de blessure personnelle et / ou d'endommager l'équipement.

Avertissement. Certaines parties du soudeur peuvent devenir chaudes après une utilisation prolongée.





The following warnings and important notices are used in the instruction manual:



**WARNING!** Do not operate or place the welder near water, in wet locations or outdoors. Risk for injuries or damage to the welder.



**ATTENTION!** Ne pas faire fonctionner le soudeur près de l'eau, en voie humide, ou à l'éxterieur. Risque de blessures ou de dommages au soudeur.



**WARNING!** Do not place the welder on unstable or uneven ground. The welder might tip causing personal injuries or serious damage to the welder.



**ATTENTION!** Ne placez pas le soudeur sur un sol instable ou irrégulière. Le soudeur peut basculer causant des lésions corporelles ou des dommages graves au soudeur.



**WARNING!** All electrical connections must be made by a qualified electrician. Risk for electrical shock.



**ATTENTION!** Toutes les connexions électriques doivent être faites par un électricien qualifié. Risque de choc électrique.



**WARNING!** Loose cables and hoses present tripping risks. Risk for injuries.



**ATTENTION!** Câbles et tuyaux lâches présentent des risques de déclenchement. Risque de blessures



**WARNING!** Make sure to use welding goggles when stud welding. The sparks and UV light might otherwise injure the eyes.



**ATTENTION!** Veuillez utiliser des lunettes de soudeur sur goujon. Les étincelles et lumiére UV pourraient autrement blesser les yeux.



**WARNING!** Sparks from welding could start a fire. Risk for injuries.



**ATTENTION!** Étincelles de soudure pourrait provoquer une incendie. Risque de blessures.



**WARNING!** Risk for damage to materials close to the weld, e.g to glass or textiles.



**ATTENTION!** Risque de dommages aux matériaux à proximité de la soudure, par exemple verre ou textiles.



**WARNING!** Do not use around combustible gas.



**ATTENTION!** Ne pas utiliser à proximité de gaz combustible.



**WARNING!** All service and maintenance must be carried out by Pro Spot service personnel and service support. Risk for electrical shock.



**ATTENTION!** Tout le service et l'entretien doivent être effectués par personnel et soutien de service Pro Spot. Risque de choc électrique.



**WARNING!** If you are a Pro Spot employee unplug the welder from the wall outlet before servicing, cleaning, or maintenance. Risk for electrical shock.



**ATTENTION!** Si vous êtes un spot employés Pro débranchez le soudeur de la prise murale avant de l'entretien, le nettoyage ou l'entretien, risque pour choc électrique.



**IMPORTANT!** The AL-5 welder may only be used by qualified personnel. The user of the welder must have knowledge of stud welding and of alignment of collision-damaged vehicles.



**IMPORTANT!** Le soudeur AL-5 peut seulement être utilisé par personnel qualifié. L'utilisateur du soudeur doit avoir une connaissance de soudage par points et l'alignement des véhicules endommagés par collisions.



WARNING! Always use in well ventilated area



**ATTENTION!** Toujours utiliser dans un endroit bien ventilé





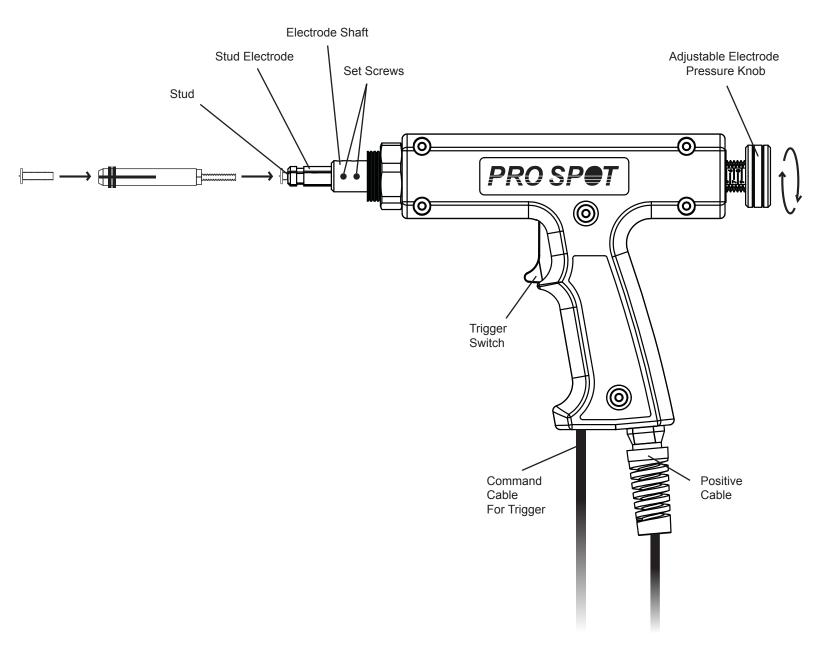
Front Panel Zoom



ON / OFF Switch

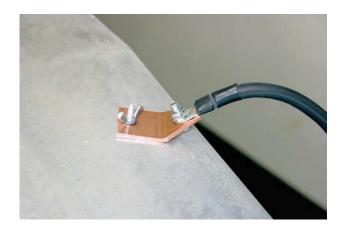






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#### **Ground Plate**

Clean surface, weld a stud using the AL-5. Place the ground plate on top of the stud, use a wing nut or similar to tighten the plate to the panel. The closer the ground to the weld location, the better.



#### **Ground Clamp**

Alternative method to achieve ground. Clean surface on work piece and use ground clamp in this location. The closer the ground to the weld location, the better.

Adjusting The Electrode Pressure Knob



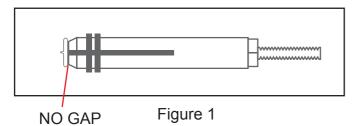


Metal Thickness	Set Knob to:		
0.6 - 0.8mm	1 - 2 on Dial		
0.8 - 1.0mm	1-3 on Dial		
1.0 - 2.5mm	2-4 on Dial		



#### To Weld:

Insert a threaded stud into the matching electrode holder. Place the gun in a perpendicular 90° position to the weld area.



In normal operation, the indicator light on the front panel should be as follows:

O GRD READY and ON
OV O READY lights are illuminated
OH O ON when the welder is on.

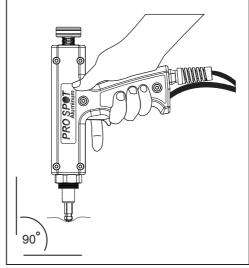
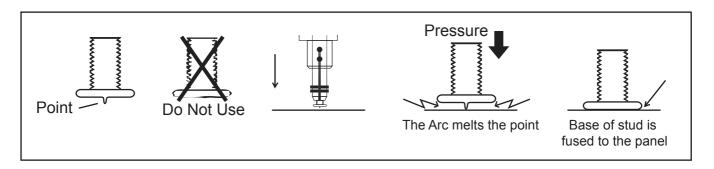


Figure 3

When the stud is placed on the panel, the GRD (ground) Light should turn on and indicate that the ground circuit is complete. If the voltage setting is changed, the ready light will go out until the correct capacitor voltage has been verified. Once the correct capacitor voltage has been verified, the light will turn on again.

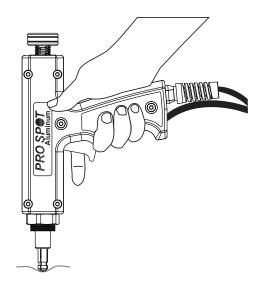
The point on the stud creates an arc and the pressure on the stud collapses the point and melts the base of the stud to the panel. All of this occurs in milliseconds to create a proper weld, if the time were longer it could damage or blow a hole in the panel.



#### **Setting the Weld Voltage:**

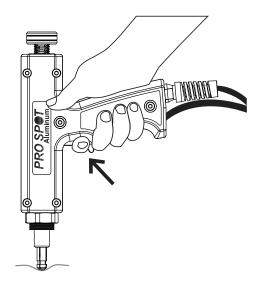
Stud Diameter	Set weld knob to:
4mm	60-90
5mm	70-110
6mm	80-130

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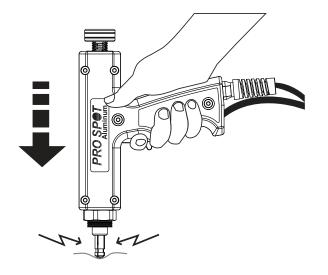
Place stud in desired location.
Do not apply pressure to gun yet.

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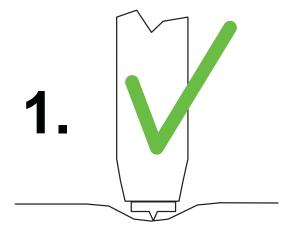
Squeeze and hold trigger. Again, do not apply pressure to gun yet.

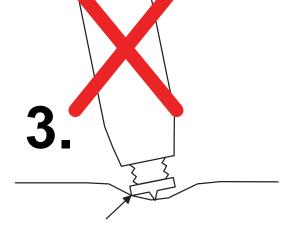
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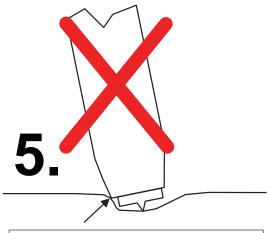


With trigger still squeezed, apply downward pressure until the gun fires and the weld has been made.

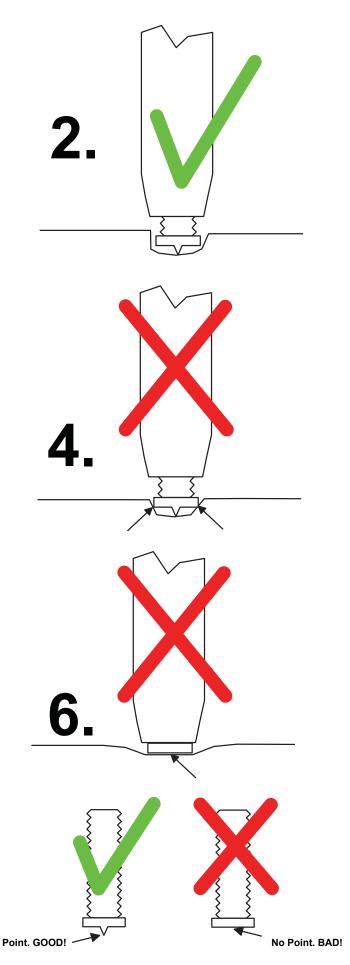








- 1. Make sure the point ONLY touches the surface. GOOD! Stud flush to electrode. GOOD.
- 2. Make sure the point ONLY touches the surface GOOD! Stud can extend 1/8"(2mm) from electrode. OK.
- 3. Point and head of stud touches the surface. BAD!
- 4. Head of stud touches the surface. BAD!
- 5. Electrode touches surface. BAD!
- 6. No point on stud. BAD! Will not work.





Step 1
Take the shaft assembly apart as seen below



Step 2
Remove the Black handle from the Pro Pull gun as seen below.





#### Step 3

Insert the large shaft into the back of the gun and slide the 90 degree holder into the slot on the large shaft and push down until it goes flat over the handle stud. You might need to back the large nut off to allow that piece to fit into the slot. As seen below.



Step 4

Tighten the large nut to the back of the Pro Pull handle. Hand tightening should be sufficient. As seen below.



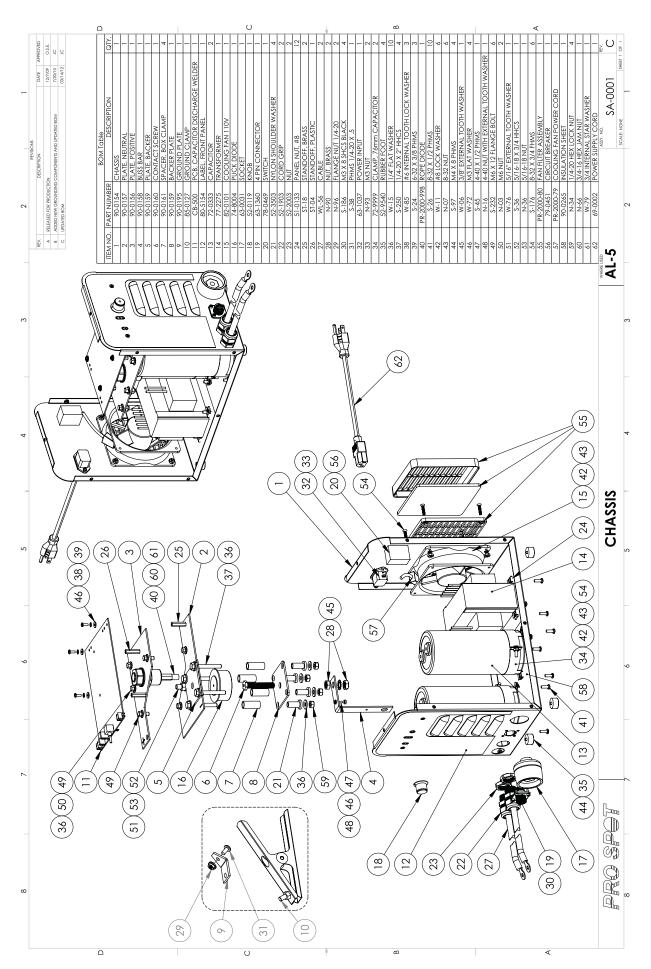


Step 5

Slide the threaded rod through the main shaft, put the washer on the threaded rod and put the wing nut on as well. As seen below.

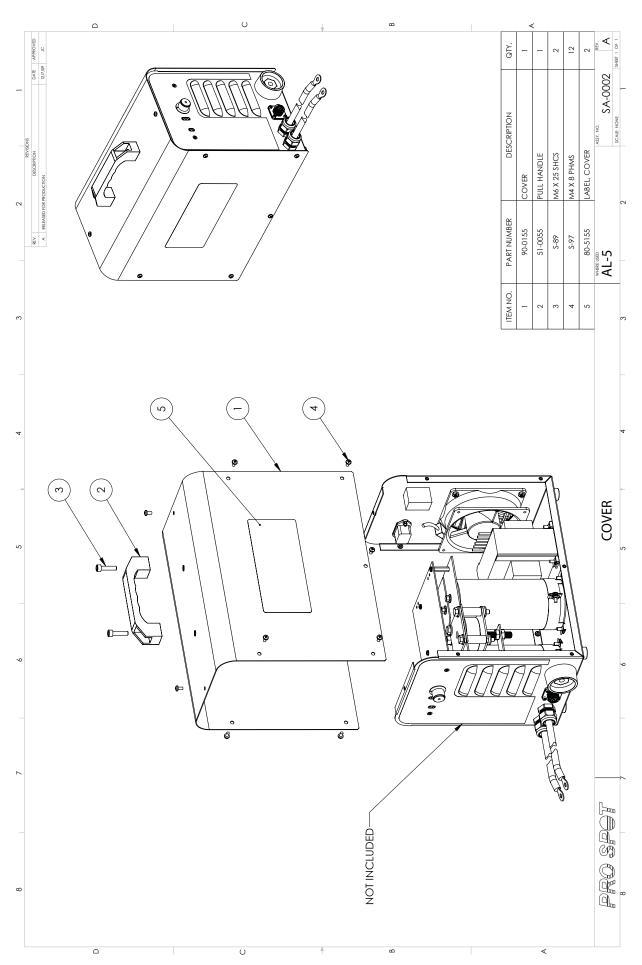




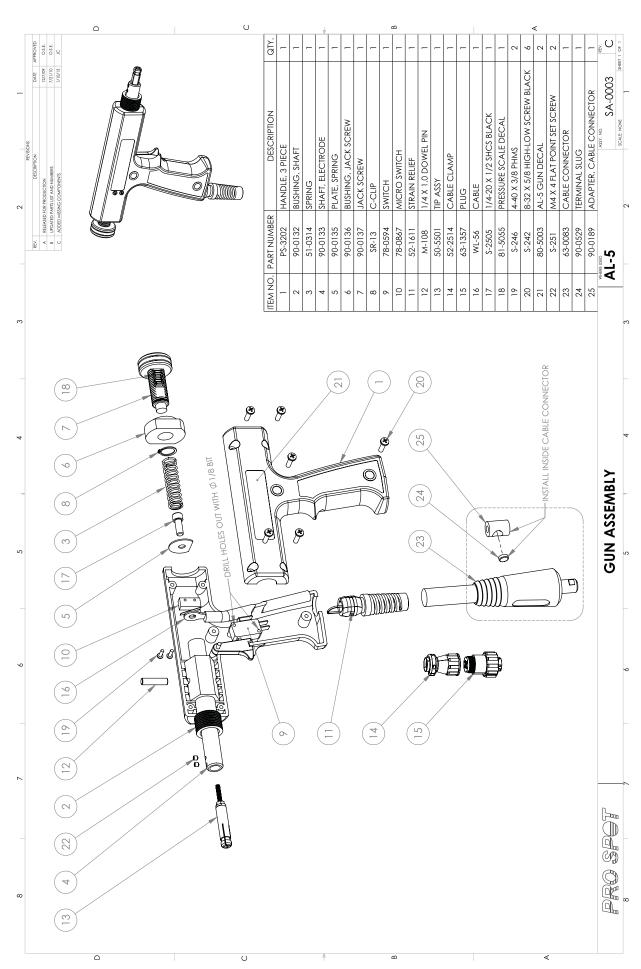


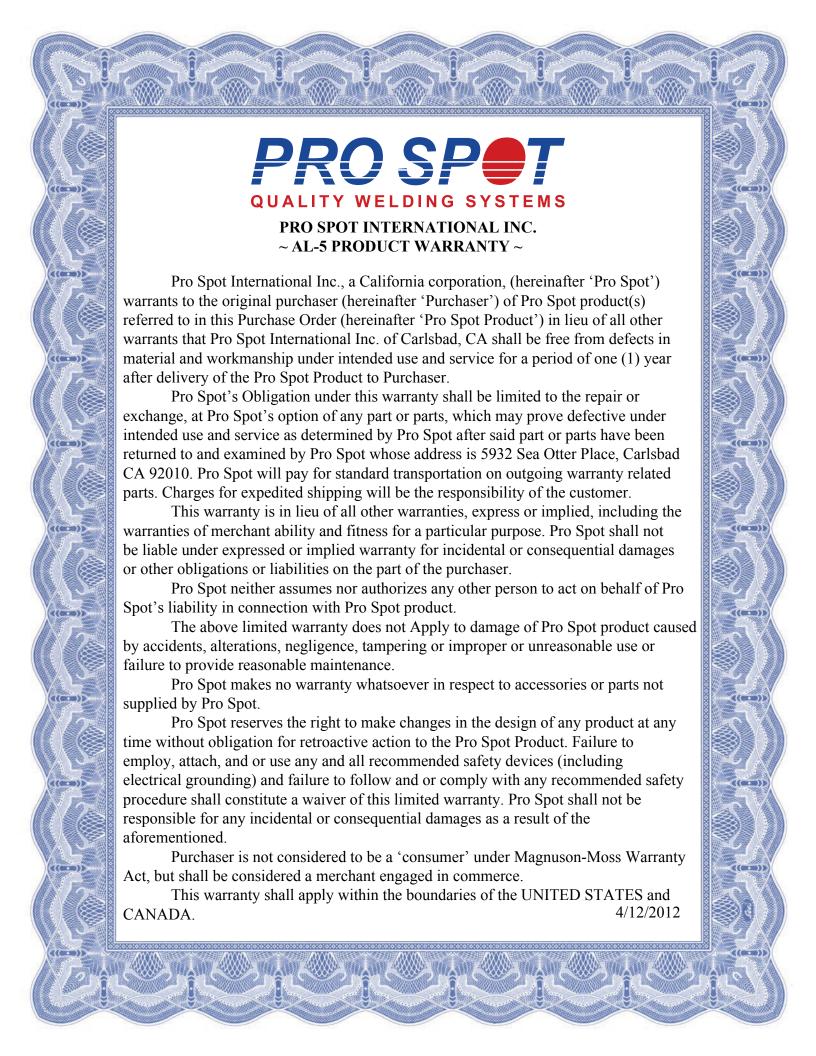
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