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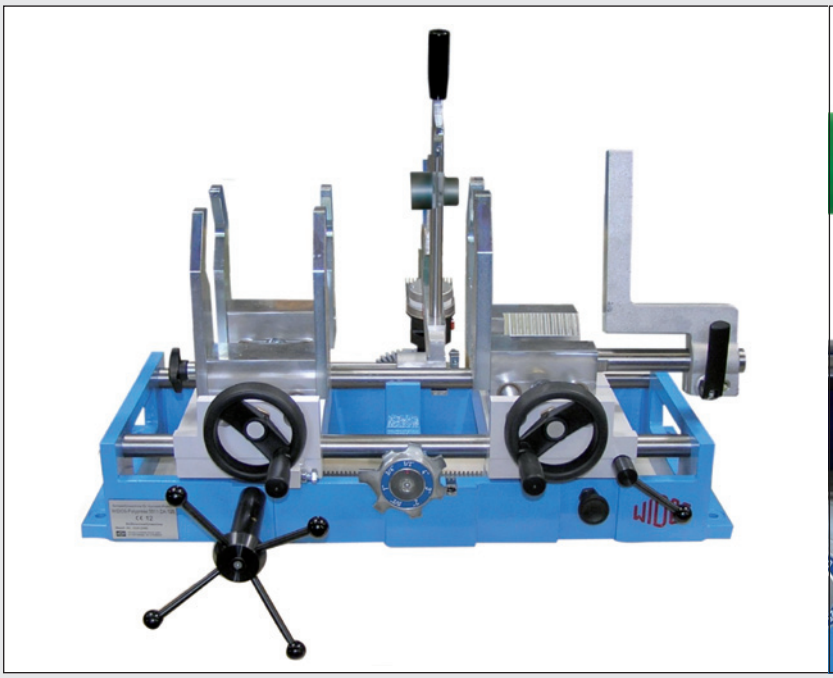
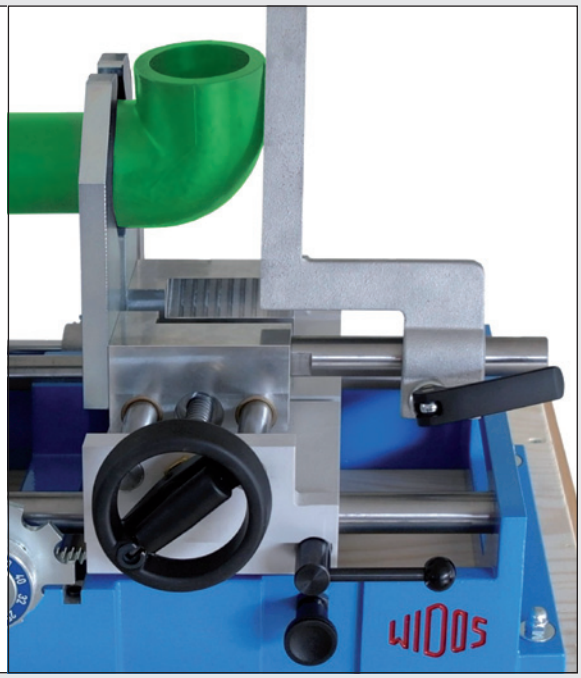




New aquatherm Welding Machine

The aquatherm welding machine will be changed shortly. The old version with art. no. 50147 (230 V) and 450147 (110 V) will be replaced by a new one at the same price (art. no. 50148 – 230 V / art. no. 450148 – 110 V).

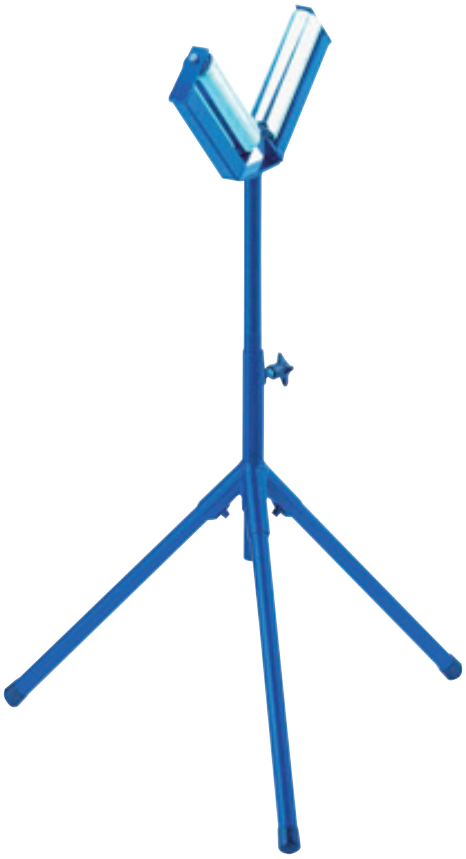
The new machine, developed in co-operation with WIDOS, includes a stop for a better fixation of the fitting and makes a clearly better processing of pipes and fittings possible.

For a safe transport and for working at a favorable height on site, the light machine is delivered in a transport and assembly box.

A V-formed **roll stand** (see figure on the right) with two support rolls is enclosed:

- Robust steel pipe construction
- Plug-in tripod stand
- Infinitely variable adjustment in height from 670 to 1,100 mm
- Colour: blue
- Load capacity: 100 kg

The manual welding device will not be included any more. Of course, it can still be ordered directly with us under the art. no. 50341. Only by this it was possible for us to offer this high-quality welding machine from WIDOS at the same price like the previous version.



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Chlorine dioxide as disinfectant

The use of chlorine dioxide as disinfectant in the drinking water supply was increasing in some countries over the last years. Reasons for that are the easy and low-priced production and dosing of chlorine dioxide, compared to chlorine. In addition the chemical reactivity, and thus the disinfecting effect, is about three times higher than in case of chlorine.

Materials in the drinking water system are however affected due to this high oxidation potential, too. Along with sealing materials, piping components are damaged, regardless of whether these are made of plastic or metal.

Therefore, we cannot recommend using chlorine dioxide with our system components.

Chemical and thermal disinfection of aquatherm drinking water systems made of polypropylene

a) chemical disinfection of the system

Contrary to the disinfection of drinking water, the disinfection of a system is a discontinuous measure, comprising a drinking water system from the area of contamination to the tapping point of the consumer. In general, a disinfection is to be applied temporarily only in case of a proven contamination.

In case of discontinuous disinfections, it is allowed to load aquatherm pipes and the corresponding fittings twice a year with a content of free chlorine of 50 mg/l for more than 12 hours.

Alternatively, 150 mg/l hydrogen peroxide (H_2O_2) can be used for 24 hours. A temperature of 30 °C must not be exceeded during the disinfection process.
The use of a disinfection process, especially with chlorinated waters can have a direct influence on the lifetime of the drinking water system. It is not recommended using chlorine dioxide.

b) chemical disinfection of drinking water

In case of continuous disinfection with chlorinated drinking water, it can be used with a content of free chlorine of up to 0.3 mg/l (limit according to 2001 drinking water ordinance). The maximum temperature of 70°C should not be exceeded.
The use of chlorine dioxide is not recommended.

A prophylactic and permanent disinfection is contradictory to the requirement of minimization of the drinking water ordinance and is consequently not to be carried out.

c) thermal disinfection of the system

In general, a thermal disinfection according to DVGW W551 is possible.
In case of the thermal disinfection for the prevention of legionella bacteria according to DVGW worksheet W 551, the water temperature will be adjusted in such a way that it amounts to 70°C for at least 3 minutes at all points of the drinking water system. The maximum admissible limits of use regarding the service temperature and pressure are to be observed.

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