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WELDING

Competencies / Objectives

Level One

MODULE 29101-09 - WELDING SAFETY

- 1. Identify some common hazards in welding.
- 2. Explain and identify proper personal protection used in welding.
- 3. Describe how to avoid welding fumes.
- 4. Explain some of the causes of accidents.
- 5. Identify and explain uses for material safety data sheets.
- 6. Explain safety techniques for storing and handling cylinders.
- 7. Explain how to avoid electric shock when welding.
- 8. Describe proper material handling methods.

MODULE 29102-09 - OXYFUEL CUTTING

- 1. Identify and explain the use of oxyfuel cutting equipment.
- 2. Set up oxyfuel equipment.
- 3. Light and adjust an oxyfuel torch.
- 4. Shut down oxyfuel cutting equipment.
- 5. Disassemble oxyfuel equipment.
- 6. Change cylinders.
- 7. Perform oxyfuel cutting:
 - Straight line and square shapes
 - · Piercing and slot cutting
 - Bevels
 - Washing
 - Gouging
- 8. Operate a motorized, portable oxyfuel gas cutting machine.

MODULE 29103-03 - PLASMA ARC CUTTING

- 1. Explain the plasma arc cutting processes.
- 2. Identify plasma arc cutting equipment.
- 3. Prepare and set up plasma arc cutting equipment.
- 4. Use plasma arc cutting equipment to make various types of cuts.
- 5. Properly store equipment and clean the work area after use.

MODULE 29104-09 – AIR CARBON ARC CUTTING AND GOUGING

- 1. Identify and explain the air carbon arc cutting (CAC-A) process and equipment.
- 2. Select and install CAC-A electrodes.
- 3. Prepare the work area and CAC-A equipment for safe operation.
- 4. Use CAC-A equipment for washing and gouging activities.
- 5. Perform storage and housekeeping activities for CAC-A equipment.
- 6. Make minor repairs to CAC-A equipment.

MODULE 29105-09 - BASE METAL PREP

- 1. Clean base metal for welding or cutting.
- 2. Identify and explain joint design.
- 3. Explain joint design considerations.
- 4. Mechanically bevel the edge of a mild steel plate.
- 5. Thermally bevel the end of a mild steel plate.
- 6. Select the proper joint design based on a welding procedure specification (WPS) or instructor direction.

MODULE 29106-09 - WELD QUALITY

- 1. Identify and explain codes governing welding.
- 2. Identify and explain weld imperfections and their causes.
- 3. Identify and explain nondestructive examination practices.
- 4. Identify and explain welder qualification tests.
- 5. Explain the importance of quality workmanship.
- 6. Identify common destructive testing methods.
- 7. Perform a visual inspection of fillet welds.

MODULE 29107-09 - SMAW - EQUIPMENT AND SETUP

- 1. Identify and explain shielded metal arc welding (SMAW) safety.
- 2. Explain welding electrical current.
- 3. Identify welding power supplies and their characteristics.
- 4. Explain how to set up welding power supplies.
- 5. Set up a machine for welding.
- Identify tools used for weld cleaning.

MODULE 29108-09 – SHIELDED METAL ARC ELECTRODES

- 1. Identify factors that affect electrode selection.
- 2. Explain the American Welding Society (AWS) and the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) filler metal classification system.
- 3. Identify different types of filler metals.
- 4. Explain the storage and control of filler metals.
- 5. Explain filler metal traceability requirements and how to use applicable code requirements.
- 6. Identify and select the proper electrode for an identified welding task.

MODULE 29109-09 - SMAW - BEADS AND FILLET WELDS

- 1. Set up shielded metal arc welding (SMAW) equipment.
- 2. Describe methods of striking an arc.
- 3. Properly strike and extinguish an arc.
- 4. Describe causes of arc blow and wander.
- 5. Make stringer, weave, and overlapping beads.
- 6. Make fillet welds in the:
 - Horizontal (2F) position
 - Vertical (3F) position
 - Overhead (4F) position

MODULE 29110-09 – JOINT FIT-UP AND ALIGNMENT

- 1. Identify and explain job code specifications.
- 2. Use fit-up gauges and measuring devices to check joint fit-up.
- 3. Identify and explain distortion and how it is controlled.
- 4. Fit up joint using plate and pipe fit-up tools.
- 5. Check for joint misalignment and poor fit-up before and after welding.

MODULE 29111-09 - SMAW - GROOVE WELDS WITH BACKING

- 1. Identify and explain groove welds.
- 2. Identify and explain groove welds with backing.
- 3. Set up shielded metal arc welding (SMAW) equipment for making V-groove welds.
- 4. Perform SMAW for V-groove welds with backing in the:
 - Flat (1G) position
 - Horizontal (2G) position
 - Vertical (3G) position
 - Overhead (4G) position

MODULE 29112-09 - SMAW - OPEN V-GROOVE WELDS

- 1. Prepare shielded metal arc welding (SMAW) equipment for open-root V-groove welds.
- 2. Perform open-root V-groove welds in the following positions:
 - Flat (1G) position
 - Horizontal (2G) position
 - Vertical (3G) position
 - Overhead (4G) position

Level Two

MODULE 29201-09 – WELDING SYMBOLS

- 1. Identify and explain the various parts of a welding symbol.
- 2. Identify and explain fillet and groove weld symbols.
- 3. Read welding symbols on drawings, specifications, and welding procedure specifications.
- 4. Interpret welding symbols from a print.

MODULE 29202-09 - READING WELDING DETAIL DRAWINGS

- 1. Identify and explain a welding detail drawing.
- 2. Identify and explain lines, material fills, and sections.
- 3. Identify and explain object views.
- 4. Identify and explain dimensioning.
- 5. Identify and explain notes and bill of materials.
- 6. Interpret basic elements of a welding detail drawing.
- 7. Sketch or draw a basic welding drawing.

MODULE 29203-09 – PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS AND MECHANICAL PROPERTIES OF METALS

- 1. Identify and explain the composition and classification of base metals.
- 2. Explain and demonstrate field identification methods for base metals.
- 3. Identify and explain the physical characteristics and mechanical properties of metals.
- 4. Identify and explain forms and shapes of structural metals.
- 5. Explain metallurgical considerations for welding metals.

MODULE 29204-09 – PREHEATING AND POSTWELD HEAT TREATMENT OF METALS

- 1. Explain and demonstrate how to preheat metals.
- 2. Describe maintaining interpass temperature.
- 3. Explain postweld heat treatment of metals.
- 4. Explain the effects of welding on metal
 - Heat-affected zone (HAZ)
 - Cracking

MODULE 29205-09 - GMAW AND FCAW: EQUIPMENT AND FILLER METALS

- 1. Explain gas metal arc welding (GMAW) and flux cored arc welding (FCAW) safety.
- 2. Explain the characteristics of welding current and power sources.
- 3. Identify and explain the use of GMAW and FCAW equipment:
 - Spray transfer
 - Globular
 - Short circuiting
 - Pulse
- 4. Identify and explain the use of GMAW and FCAW shielding gases and filler metals.
- Set up GMAW and FCAW equipment and identify tools for weld cleaning.

MODULE 29206-09 - GMAW AND FCAW: PLATE

- 1. Perform GMAW-S (short-circuit) multiple-pass fillet welds on carbon steel plate coupons in multiple positions, using solid or composite wire and shielding gas.
- 2. Perform GMAW-S (short-circuit) multiple-pass V-groove welds on carbon steel plate coupons in multiple positions (with or without backing), using solid or composite wire.
- 3. Perform GMAW spray fillet and V-groove welds on carbon steel plate coupons in multiple positions (with or without backing), using solid or composite wire and shielding gas.
- 4. Perform FCAW multiple-pass fillet welds on carbon steel plate coupons in multiple positions, using flux cored wire and, if required, shielding gas.
- 5. Perform FCAW multiple-pass V-groove welds on carbon steel plate coupons in multiple positions (with or without backing), using flux cored wire and, if required, shielding gas.

MODULE 29207-09 - GTAW: EQUIPMENT AND FILLER METALS

- 1. Explain gas tungsten arc welding (GTAW) safety.
- 2. Identify and explain the function of GTAW equipment.
- 3. Identify and explain the function of GTAW filler metals.
- 4. Identify and explain the function of GTAW shielding gases.
- 5. Set up GTAW equipment.

MODULE 29208-09 - GTAW -- PLATE

- 1. Weld a pad in the flat position with stringer beads using GTAW and carbon steel filler metal.
- 2. Make multiple-pass GTAW fillet welds on carbon steel plate coupons in the following positions, using carbon steel filler metal:
 - 1F
 - 2F
 - 3F
 - 4F
- 3. Make multiple-pass GTAW V-groove welds on carbon steel plate coupons in the following positions, using carbon steel filler metal:
 - 1G
 - 2G
 - 3G
 - 4G
- 3. Explain GTAW and set up equipment to weld aluminum plate.
- 4. Explain and practice GTAW techniques for plate, including padding in the flat position with stringer beads, using aluminum filler metal.
- 5. Make fillet welds on aluminum plate in the following positions:
 - 1F (flat)
 - 2F (horizontal)
 - 3F (vertical)
 - 4F (overhead)
- Make multiple-pass V-groove welds with backing on aluminum plate in the following positions:
 - 1G (flat)
 - 2G (horizontal)
 - 3G (vertical)
 - 4G (overhead)

Level Three

MODULE 29301-03 - PREHEATING AND POSTWELD HEAT TREATMENT OF METALS

- 1. Explain how to preheat metals.
- 2. Describe maintaining interpass temperature.
- 3. Explain postweld heat treatment of metals.
- 4. Identify and explain the effects of welding on metals:
 - Heat-affected zone (HAZ)
 - Cracking
 - Face changes/grain structure

MODULE 29302-03 - PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS AND MECHANICAL PROPERTIES OF METALS

- 1. Identify and explain the composition and classification of base metals.
- 2. Explain and demonstrate field identification methods for base metals.
- 3. Identify and explain the physical characteristics and mechanical properties of metals.
- 4. Identify and explain forms and shapes of structural metals.
- 5. Explain metallurgical considerations for welding metals.

MODULE 29303-03 – GAS METAL ARC WELDING (GMAW) – PIPE

- 1. Prepare GMAW equipment for open-root V-groove pipe welds.
- 2. Identify and explain open-root V-groove pipe weld techniques.
- 3. Perform open-root V-groove pipe welds using GMAW in the following positions:
 - 1G-ROTATED
 - 2G
 - 5G
 - 6G

MODULE 29304-03 - FLUX CORED ARC WELDING (FCAW) - PIPE

- 1. Prepare FCAW equipment for open-root V-groove pipe weld techniques.
- 2. Identify and explain open-root V-groove pipe welds.
- 3. Perform open-root V-groove pipe welds using FCAW in the following positions:
 - 1G-ROTATED
 - 2G
 - 5G
 - 6G

MODULE 29305-03 – GAS TUNGSTEN ARC WELDING (GTAW) – CARBON STEEL PIPE

- 1. Set up GTAW equipment.
- 2. Identify and explain open-root V-groove pipe weld techniques.
- 3. Perform open-root V-groove pipe welds using GTAW in the following positions:
 - 1G-ROTATED
 - 2G
 - 5G
 - 6G

MODULE 29306-03 - GAS TUNGSTEN ARC WELDING (GTAW) - LOW-ALLOY AND STAINLESS STEEL PIPE

- 1. Set up GTAW equipment to perform stainless and/or low-alloy steel pipe welding.
- 2. Identify and explain open-root V-groove pipe weld techniques.
- 3. Perform open-root V-groove pipe welds using GTAW in the following positions:
 - 1G-ROTATED
 - 2G
 - 5G
 - 6G

MODULE 29307-03 - GAS TUNGSTEN ARC WELDING (GTAW) - ALUMINUM PIPE

- 1. Set up GTAW equipment to perform aluminum pipe welding.
- 2. Identify and explain V-groove and modified U-groove pipe weld techniques.
- 3. Perform V-groove or modified U-groove pipe welds using GTAW in the following positions:
 - 2G
 - 5G
 - 6G

MODULE 29308-03 - GAS METAL ARC WELDING (GMAW) - ALUMINUM PLATE AND PIPE

- 1. Explain GMAW, and set up equipment to weld aluminum.
- 2. Build a pad with stringer beads and weave beads, using aluminum wire and shielding gas.
- 3. Perform multiple-pass fillet welds on aluminum plate in the following positions, using aluminum wire and shielding gas:
 - 1F (flat)
 - 2F (horizontal)
 - 3F (vertical)
 - 4F (overhead)
- Perform V-groove welds on aluminum plate in the following positions, using aluminum wire and shielding gas:
 - 1G (flat)
 - 2G (horizontal)
 - 3G (vertical)
 - 4G (overhead)
- 5. Perform V-groove welds on aluminum pipe in the following positions, using aluminum wire and shielding gas:
 - 1G-ROTATED (flat)
 - 2G (horizontal)
 - 5G (multiple)
 - 6G (inclined multiple)

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