

Air Bridge Decal; *ITEM DAB*

The engine compartment like the interior is all black and adding a little color can go a long way to improving the appearance.

Colored accent decals can be placed over the black Corvette Emblem that is molded into the Air Bridge. A supplier on eBay (Seller 83t) sells their decal attached to an 1/8 inch thick plastic backing. It is called a "C6 CORVETTE 2005 to 2008 Plenum Hard Mount Decal." As their product description says: **"Decals that have no backing will have a tendency to crinkle and fall off. Ours is protected by a hard backing that mounts to the car."** I would agree with their assessment. Their product is well made. However installing it required a few additional steps from what they outline!

The following are pictures of the Decal installation:

This is the Air Bridge molded Corvette decal. First step is to clean off all possible contamination, especially if you have used a silicon plastic dressing like Armerall.



I use this professional General Purpose Adhesive Cleaner from 3M for this type cleaning. You can purchase at an automotive paint store. Great stuff for cleaning off adhesives and making the finish wax and silicon free.



This is the Decal as received. The colors are clear and bright.



As the instructions say, "Dry fit the Decal, it is pliable." It needs to be bent as shown and the pointed end also needs to be bent down. Test fit.



Double sided tape comes attached to the underside of the plastic. We trimmed it away from all edges. The instructions say, "You must use clear silicone on the corners to assure a good bond."



Not sure what they meant by "corners" but we decided to put a small bead of clear silicone along all edges, just inside the raised lip of the molded decal. The silicone bead extended above the lip so it would contact the plastic decal backing. We put some extra in the point area toward the front of the car.



Although we bent the plastic to fit, the decal would have some gaps unless it was held down. Used Duct Tape and placed some carpet scrapes in all areas that would contact the Decal face. This is the tape and carpet pieces.



In addition to the tape holding the Decal in place we made a fixture and used some polyethylene foam to press on the Decal ends. Attached it and a wood cross brace to a long wood board using double sided tape. Weighted it with a brick as shown. 24 hours later it was holding tight.



Here is the colored Decal in place. It fits very well and looks great. A small amount of 3M Adhesive cleaner removed any tape residue.



In addition to the colored Decal we found these neat adhesive backed polyurethane flames. They have a raised rounded contour. Colors match the Decal and the Yellow exterior. They are manufactured by TAS Technology and are called "3D Crystal Trim Medallions." Found these at Kmart but you can also buy on the Internet directly at: <http://www.magnegrafix.com>





This is a picture of the Flames on the engine cover and the Air Bridge Decal. Not a lot of color but sufficient for a good overall appearance.

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A Texas Truck Box manufacturer evaluated the system on a repetitive job, welding doors. With their

standard gas delivery hose they welded **236 doors** with a full cylinder of shielding gas. Just substituting their gas hose with our patented **GSS** maintaining the same flow settings they welded **632 doors!** That's a 63% reduction in shielding gas use.

Weld Performance Improvement

A small shop owner provided this feedback after he purchased a 3 foot **GSS** for his small MIG welder. Al Hackethal reported these findings:



"Well, I can't believe it. I never thought a hose could make that much of a difference. I had a small job that's been waiting for a while. The weld quality, and even penetration is considerable better. Almost no spatter! The weld seemed to be hotter and I turned my MIG down a notch.

Initially thought that my imagination had kicked in, but then realized that the gas I'm buying is actually working the way it's supposed to. Glad I found your website. This is one of the few things that really works better than any info could suggest. I understood the theory, though in practice I understood much better after the first couple of welds. Now I have better looking welds and almost no spatter, which means less grinding and finish work! In addition, the tip was cleaner after the job I just did.

This will provide savings in time, labor and maybe even consumables too. As a one man shop there's never enough time for anything.

Al also has a TIG welder with 300 amp water cooled torch and bought one of our Leather Cable Covers. His email said this about it!

Oh, the leather wrap for my TIG hoses worked very well and fits perfectly. I'd just replaced the hoses and was looking for something to protect them that was better than the nylon wrap that's available around here. Now I'm "TIGing" again too, and much safer. It's good to know the coolant hoses are well protected. Much better than using a 300 amp TIG and then realizing that I was standing in a puddle of coolant, which is what recently happened. Can't pay the bills if I electrocute myself!

Thanks for making products affordable".

Another Home Shop Writes About GSS System

Perry Thomasson has a very well equipped home shop. He uses a 175 amp MIG welder. However the small welder cart only held a medium size shielding gas cylinder and Perry



wanted to reduce the number of times he had to have it filled.

He purchased the largest cylinder his distributor offered for sale and chained it to a wall in his shop. He needed a much

longer gas delivery hose so he added a 50 foot conventional 1/4 inch ID hose. He found he was using a lot of gas.

He purchased a 50 foot long **GSS** and saved a significant amount of shielding gas while improving his weld starts by reducing the starting gas surge. Since his regulator/flowgauge had a hose barb on the output, we supplied Perry with a splice connection on the supply end of the **GSS**. He simply cut the existing gas delivery hose close to the regulator and spliced in the **GSS** hose. The welder end uses a standard CGA fitting that is supplied with the system.

Perry emailed a picture and said;

" The system works great. Thanks for the professional service and a great product."

A Professional Street Rod Builder Had This to Say About the GSS:

They use a 250 amp MIG welder with built in feeder and a 6 foot gas delivery hose. With their standard

gas delivery hose the peak shielding flow at weld start was measured at 150 CFH, far more than needed and enough to pull air into the shielding stream. Air is then sucked into the gas stream causing poor weld starts and possibly weld porosity.

With the **GSS** replacing their existing hose, the peak flow surge at the weld start was about 50 CFH and it quickly reduced to the 25 CFH setting. With the many short welds made and frequent inching of the wire, they used less than half the gas and had better starts.

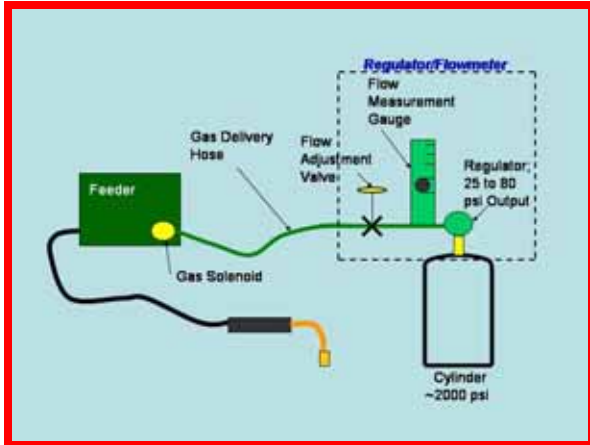


Kyle Bond, President, indicated a big benefit is the reduced time and effort

changing cylinders since it's required less frequently. He quickly saw the improvement achieved in weld start quality as a significant advantage! Kyle, an excellent automotive painter, was well aware of the effects of gas surge caused by pressure buildup in the delivery hose when stopped. He has to deal with the visible effects in the air hose lines on the spray gun in his paint booth! It's too bad we can't see the shielding gas waste as Kyle can the effects of excess pressure when he triggers his spray gun! The paint surge is visible and creates defects unless the gun is triggered off the part being painted! Kyle can manage the surge by triggering the paint gun off the part; unfortunately we can't start our weld with the MIG gun off the part ! The **GSS** has a built in surge flow limiting orifice that keeps the peak flow from becoming excessive. So you not only save gas you improve your weld starts!

How Does The GSS Work?

Gas waste occurs every time you pull the MIG torch trigger even if it's only to inch the wire to cut off the end.



To keep flow at the preset level the gas pressure in the cylinder regulator will be between 25 and 80 psi. Flowgauge regulators (those with a flow calibrated pressure gauge) operate in this pressure range as well.) However to flow shielding gas though the welder and torch typically requires 3 to 5 psi depending on restrictions. Therefore every time



welding stops the pressure in the gas hose raises to the regulator pressure of 25 to 80 psi. That stores up to 7 times the hose volume of gas in the hose. This is similar to your shielding gas cylinder which holds about 150 times the volume of gas as the physical volume of the cylinder due to the high pressure!

The patented **GSS** stores over 80% less gas than typical shielding gas hoses. In addition to the wasted gas (which you can hear when you pull the torch trigger) the high flow also

causes air to be pulled into the turbulent shielding gas stream! This is like starting with the gas cylinder shut off! You have probably experienced that before when you forgot to open the valve!

It takes a short time for the shielding gas flow to return to a smooth less turbulent (laminar) flow even when the start gas surge flow reduces. That can take several seconds so when making short welds or tack welds you're not getting all the benefits of the shielding gas you're purchasing!

SUMMARY:

The **GSS** can cut your gas use in half or more. It also has a surge restriction orifice built into the fitting at the welder- wire feeder end. That limits peak flow (*but not your set flow*) to a level that avoids excess turbulence for better starts. It allows a controlled amount of shielding gas to quickly purge the weld start area.

All you need to do is replace the exiting gas hose from cylinder regulator to welder with our patented GSS. It is available in various lengths at www.NetWelding.com.

There are more testimonials at:

http://www.netwelding.com/product/on_test_results.htm

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