# NANDCHEM®

### Weld Knight™ Gas Purifiers

### **Features and Benefits**

- Low cost of ownership
- Wall mount frame easy to install and operate
- Removes impurities to < 10 ppb (Dew Point = -150°F)</p>
- Enhances weld quality, strength and appearance
- Reduces weld porosity and oxidation
- Increases weld electrode lifetime
  - No need to stop welding to grind/replace electrode
- Reduces weld rejects
- Built-in Bypass around purifier canister
  - Enables purging of gas lines without purifier deactivation during cylinder changeout
- Check valve at the purifier outlet
  - Prevents purifier deactivation from back diffusion of atmospheric air when gas flow is stopped
- Filters at canister inlet and outlet
- Operates at room temperature
- No power requirements
- NANOCHEM® Inorganic Media
  - Prevents contamination from system upsets, such as air intrusion or connection of wrong gas cylinder
- NANOCHEM® MigMix Purifier
  - Designed for customers with gas blend welding needs
- Field Replaceable Canister
- New Stainless Canisters can be refilled
  - Savings over cost of replacement canister
  - Reduction in generation of solid waste

### **Specifications**

- Flow rates up to **530 cfh** (250 slpm / 15 NM<sup>3</sup>/hr)
- Gases Purified (with OMX<sup>™</sup>, In2Go<sup>™</sup>, INX<sup>™</sup> and INX-Plus<sup>™</sup>):
  - Argon, helium, nitrogen, hydrogen, inerts and gas blends of these constituents (4N purity or better)
- Impurities removed (with OMX™, In2Go™, INX™ and INX-Plus™)
  - Moisture, oxygen, carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide, nitrogen oxides, sulfur oxides, hydrogen sulfide, others

**NOTE: INX-Plus™** also removes hydrocarbons. CO is more efficiently removed by **In2Go™** 

- Gases Purified (with MigMix Media):
  - Argon/CO<sub>2</sub>, Argon O<sub>2</sub>, Inerts/CO<sub>2</sub> blends
- Impurities removed (with MigMix media):
  - Moisture, hydrocarbons
- Maximum operating temperature 65°C (170°F)
- Maximum operating pressure 200 psig (1.48 MPa)
- Materials of Construction:
  - Canister Stainless Steel, Type 316L
  - Valves & Fittings Stainless Steel 316L







WK-2500-PA

#### **Connections**

Purifier: 1/4" female NPT fittings
Canister: 1/4" male face seal fittings

### **Applications**

GTAW (TIG), GMAW (MIG), PAW (Plasma) and LBW (Laser Beam) welding applications and welding overlays with GMAW and PTAW (Plasma Transferred Arc). Aerospace, nuclear, petrochemical, pharmaceutical, petroleum drilling, ship-building, and other manufacturing industries.



### **Overview**

NANOCHEM® Weld Knight™ purifiers provide purge and shield gas purification for welding applications. Weld gas impurities, such as moisture and oxygen, adversely affect weld quality. These impurities are present in gas cylinders and can also be introduced through leaks in the line or during cylinder changes.

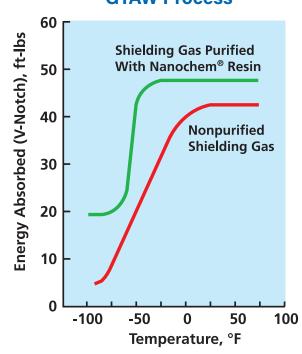
NANOCHEM® OMX™, In2Go™, INX™, and INX-Plus™ media react chemically and irreversibly with these impurities to deliver consistently pure gas to the weld site, improving weld quality. NANOCHEM® OMX™ resin also offers efficient removal of hydrocarbons, such as compressor oils, in the gas. NANOCHEM® In2Go™, INX™, and INX-Plus™ prevent piping system contamination in the event of a major system upset, such as significant air intrusion or from the accidental connection of an improper cylinder to the purifier.

NANOCHEM® MigMix media is specifically designed to purify Ar/O<sub>2</sub>, Ar/CO<sub>2</sub> and other O<sub>2</sub>, or CO<sub>2</sub> blends. NANOCHEM® MigMix provides customers with the ability to use blended gas without the worry of reducing their tolerances or dilution ratios. MigMix is also better than any media for the removal of moisture impurities.

NANOCHEM® Weld Knight™ purifiers are an economical solution for GMAW (TIG) welding and other critical welding applications.

- Flow Rates up to 530 cfh (250 slpm)
- Easy to use canister bypass mode for canister changes and extended shutdowns
- Field replaceable canisters available
- Canister can be refilled, enabling savings over purchase of spare canisters

# Welding of Ferralium 255, GTAW Process



## Performance Benefits with NANOCHEM® Purifiers

### Welding of Aluminum 6061 T3, GTAW Process



Without Purification
(Impurity Content = 40 ppm)
Surface Oxides, Porosity,
Poor Cleaning Action,
Poor Wetting
Rough Weld Surface



With Purification
No Porosity, Clean X-Rays
Good Cleaning Action,
Excellent Wetting,
Excellent Ductility
Very Smooth Surface

### Welding of Titanium, PAW Process



Without Purification
Tungsten Deposits on
electrode (5/32", EWTh-2)



With Purification
Tungsten erosion at electrode
tip greatly reduced

### **With Purification**

Welds bright and shiny without oxidation or heat tints. Clean Radiographs – welds free of defects. Significant improvement in weld strength (Charpy V Notch impact energy) at lower temperatures. Improvements in Mils lateral expansion and percent ductile shear fracture.

	Purifier Model		
Purifier Data	WK-500-PA	WK-700-PA	WK-2500-PA
NANOCHEM® Media	OMX™, In2Go™, INX™, INX-Plus™		
NANOCHEM® Media for Ar/CO <sub>2</sub> or Ar/O <sub>2</sub> blends	MigMix		
Canister	Stainless Steel 316L		
Valves & Fittings	Stainless Steel 316L		
Maximum Flow (cfh argon)	106	148	530
(slpm argon)	50	70	250
(NM <sub>2</sub> argon)	3	4.2	15
Lifetime (approximate)# Number of cylinders purified	105	147	525

<sup>\*</sup>Based upon argon of 99.998% purity ("Pre-purified" grade) containing 3 ppm  $O_2$  and 10 ppm  $H_2O$ . Cylinder size – ~ 280 ft³ (7.9 NM³) – MATHESON 1A, BOC 200, Air Products B, Air Liquide 44, Praxair K. NOTE: Additional impurities contributed by the gas delivery system can significantly reduce predicted lifetime.

CAUTION! Only NANOCHEM® Weld Knight<sup>TM</sup> purifiers specifically labeled for  $CO_2$  or  $O_2$  applications can be used for purifying Ar/CO<sub>2</sub> and Ar/O<sub>2</sub> blends.

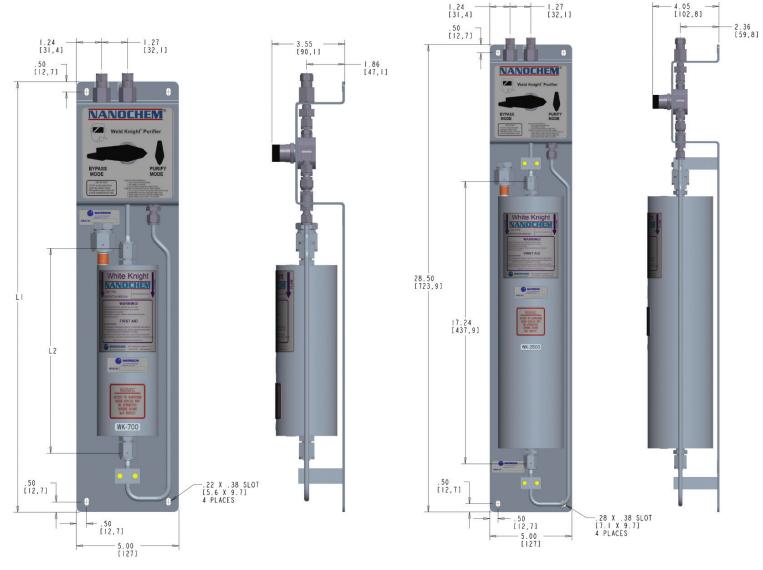
CAUTION! NANOCHEM Weld Knight purifiers are not for use with Acetylene.

DO NOT use NANOCHEM® Weld Knight™ purifiers containing NANOCHEM® OMX™ or In2Go™ media with Ar/CO₂ or Ar/O₂ blends. The Media will get very hot. OMX™ media will break down causing hydrocarbon contamination.

Ar/CO₂ and Ar/O₂ blends are often used for GMAW (MIG) welding. Benefits include a stable arc, easier arc initiation, reduced arc wandering, and reduced arc spatter. For such applications, MATHESON offers Weld Knight™ purifiers containing NANOCHEM® MigMix media, specifically designed for CO₂ and O₂ blends.

 $Ar/CO_2$  and  $Ar/O_2$  blends, however, can result in deposition of oxides and carbides in the weld. Hence, for very clean GMAW welding, MATHESON recommends use of argon/helium blends. Use of a 75% Ar/25% He blend and NANOCHEM® OMX™ purification has been demonstrated to provide a very stable arc with greatly reduced weld spatter, fumes, and pyrotechnics. Weld quality of GMAW (MIG) welds with aluminum and Ferralium 255 (a duplex stainless steel) is excellent; porosity is eliminated and weld strength is as good as welds made with the GTAW (TIG) process.

### **Dimensions**



WK-700-PA (shown) WK-500-PA

 Dimensions

 L1
 L2

 WK-500-PA
 21.0 7.49 (201.7)

 (533.4)
 (201.7)

 WK-700-PA
 21.0 10.0 (254.0)

 (533.4)
 (254.0)

Dimensions in inches (mm)

WK-2500-PA

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