

Hobbyweld 5 Original (Small) Cylinder

The Hobbyweld 5 Original (Small) cylinder is a compact, rent-free shielding gas solution containing 93% argon, 5% carbon dioxide and 2% oxygen. Developed for MIG welding thin and medium-thickness mild steel, it produces a smooth, stable arc, reduced spatter and a clean weld bead. Suitable for professional fabricators, garages, engineering workshops and home welders, it provides dependable welding performance without ongoing cylinder rental costs.



Technical Specifications

Product Name: Hobbyweld 5 Original (Small) Cylinder

Gas Type: Argon / Carbon Dioxide / Oxygen shielding gas mix

Gas Composition: 93% Argon / 5% CO₂ / 2% O₂

Capacity: Approx. 9 litre cylinder

Gas Volume: Approx. 2 m³ at 200 bar

UN Number: UN 1956 – Compressed Gas n.o.s.

Hazard Class: Class 2.2 – Non-Flammable Gas

Cylinder Material: Steel cylinder

Valve Type: BS3 welding gas outlet

Dimensions: Approx. height: 860 mm; Diameter: 140 mm

Pressure at 15°C: Approx. 200 bar

Connection: Standard Inert Gas Regulator

Certification: Manufactured and filled to applicable UK gas cylinder standards

Key Features

Optimised Shielding Blend: 93% argon, 5% carbon dioxide and 2% oxygen for MIG welding mild steel.

Stable Arc Performance: Supports smooth wire transfer and consistent arc control.

Reduced Spatter: Helps produce cleaner welds with less post-weld finishing.

Improved Weld Appearance: Promotes good bead shape, penetration and finish.

Rent-Free System: One-off refundable deposit with refill-as-needed convenience.

Applications

Mild Steel MIG Welding: Suitable for thin and medium-gauge mild steel.

Automotive Work: Ideal for vehicle body panels, repairs and restoration.

Fabrication: Suitable for general fabrication, metalwork and engineering projects.

Workshop & DIY Use: Suitable for garages, maintenance workshops and home welding setups.

Handling and Storage

Store upright in a cool, dry and well-ventilated area.

Secure the cylinder during storage, use and transport to prevent it falling or rolling.

Keep away from heat, direct sunlight and sources of physical damage.

Keep the valve closed when not in use and use only compatible regulators and welding equipment.



Safety Precautions

The gas mixture is non-flammable, but the cylinder contains gas under high pressure. Do not use cylinders that are damaged, leaking, heavily corroded or have a defective valve.

Open the valve slowly and check all regulator and hose connections for leaks before welding.

Ensure adequate ventilation, as released shielding gas can displace oxygen in confined spaces.

Safety Data Sheet (SDS) available on request.

Regulatory Compliance

The Hobbyweld 5 cylinder is manufactured, filled and tested in accordance with applicable UK compressed-gas and pressure-cylinder requirements. Users must follow relevant workplace safety, transport, storage and welding regulations, together with the cylinder owner's instructions.

Environmental Impact

The cylinder is part of a refillable exchange system, reducing packaging waste and supporting repeated reuse. The shielding gas produces no combustion by-products during normal use, although unnecessary release should be avoided. Return empty cylinders through the authorised exchange network for inspection and refilling.

Product Life Cycle and Maintenance

Expected Life Span: Determined by cylinder condition and statutory testing

Inspection Frequency: Visual check before each use; periodic testing by the cylinder owner

Maintenance: Store correctly, keep dry and protect from impact damage

End of Life: Return through the authorised supplier exchange system

Instructions for Use

1. Connect a compatible MIG welding regulator with the correct BS3 fitting.
2. Secure the cylinder upright and check that the regulator, hose and torch are in good condition
3. Open the cylinder valve slowly and check all connections for leaks.
4. Set the shielding-gas flow to suit the welding process, typically around 10–14 L/min.
5. Close the cylinder valve after use, release downstream pressure and store securely.





Ordering and Exchange Information

Available through a rent-free cylinder system with a refundable deposit and pay-as-you-go refills.

Empty Hobbyweld cylinders can be exchanged for a full equivalent cylinder through an authorised distributor.

Available for in-store collection and exchange from Fix and Weld.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Q: What is Hobbyweld 5 used for?

A: It is designed primarily for MIG welding thin and medium-thickness mild steel.

Q: Why does the gas contain oxygen and carbon dioxide?

A: The active gases improve arc stability, weld penetration, bead shape and overall weld quality when welding mild steel.

Q: Is Hobbyweld 5 suitable for stainless steel or aluminium?

A: No. Use a gas specifically recommended for stainless steel or pure argon for MIG welding aluminium.

Q: What gas flow rate should I use?

A: A typical starting point is 10–14 L/min, adjusted for the torch, joint, environment and welding conditions.

Q: What regulator do I need?

A: Use a compatible MIG welding regulator designed for the cylinder's BS3 outlet connection and working pressure.

Contact Information

For product enquiries, safety advice, or technical support, please contact Fix and Weld on Tel. 01453 756393 or sales@fixandweld.com

Legal Disclaimer

This datasheet is intended for guidance only. Users must comply with industrial gas regulations and manufacturer instructions.