

# **m<sup>3</sup> plasma.<sup>TM</sup>** **The third-generation** **plasma system.**

VERSATILE. ECONOMICAL. EASY TO OPERATE.



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plasma

# m<sup>3</sup> plasma<sup>TM</sup>.

Your new formula for precision and productivity.

ESAB now makes cutting and marking metal easier for you than ever before.

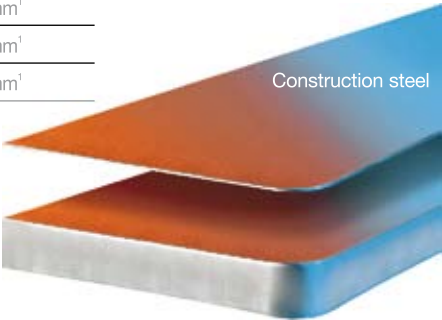
m<sup>3</sup> plasma<sup>TM</sup>. The innovative high-performance system for the efficient use of modern plasma technology.

m<sup>3</sup> plasma<sup>TM</sup> raises your productivity with little effort, while its expanded functionality makes you more flexible. What is more, m<sup>3</sup> plasma<sup>TM</sup> offers ideal conditions for the automation of your cutting and marking processes.

## MATERIALS AND THICKNESSES

### CONSTRUCTION STEEL

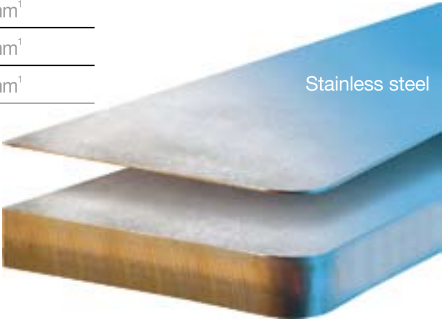
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m <sup>3</sup> plasma <sup>TM</sup> 601	35 - 600 Ampere	2 - 50 mm <sup>1</sup>



Construction steel

### STAINLESS STEEL

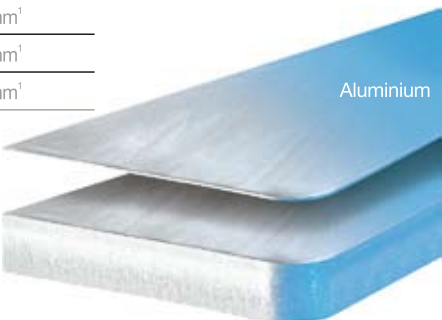
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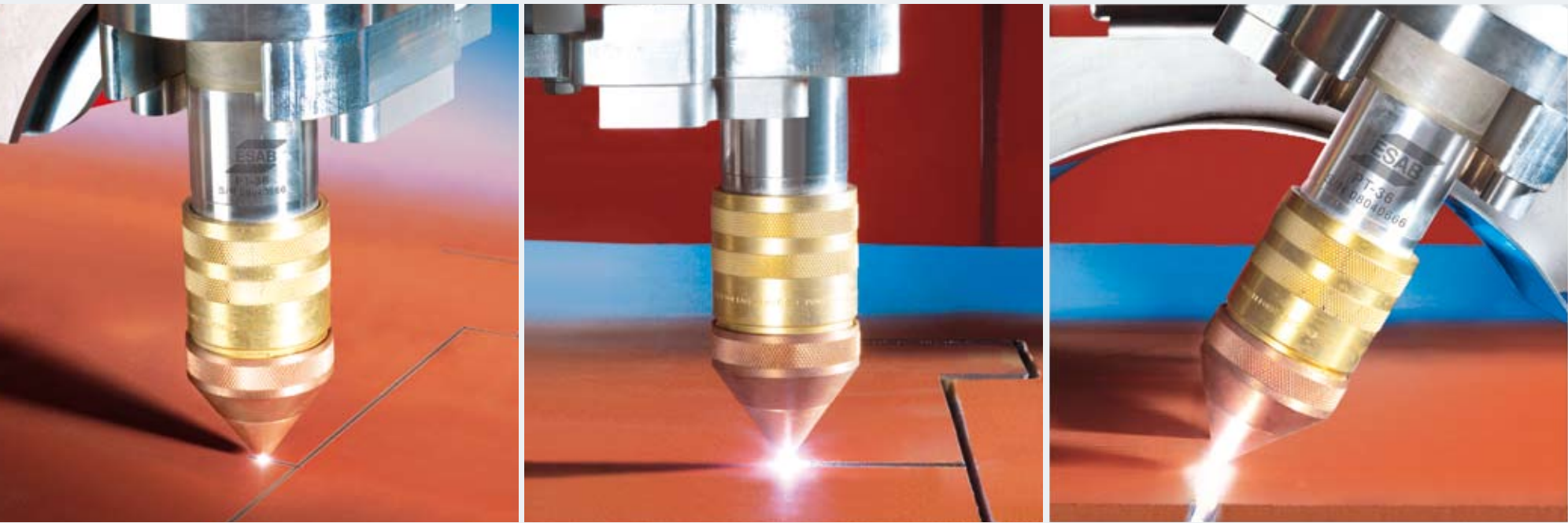
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Aluminium



### Easy marking and labelling:

- Label without changing tools.
- Variable line thickness and depth.
- Speed up to 20 m/min.

### Highly accurate precision cutting:

- Flat cut surfaces.
- Sharp edges.
- Virtually no burr formation.

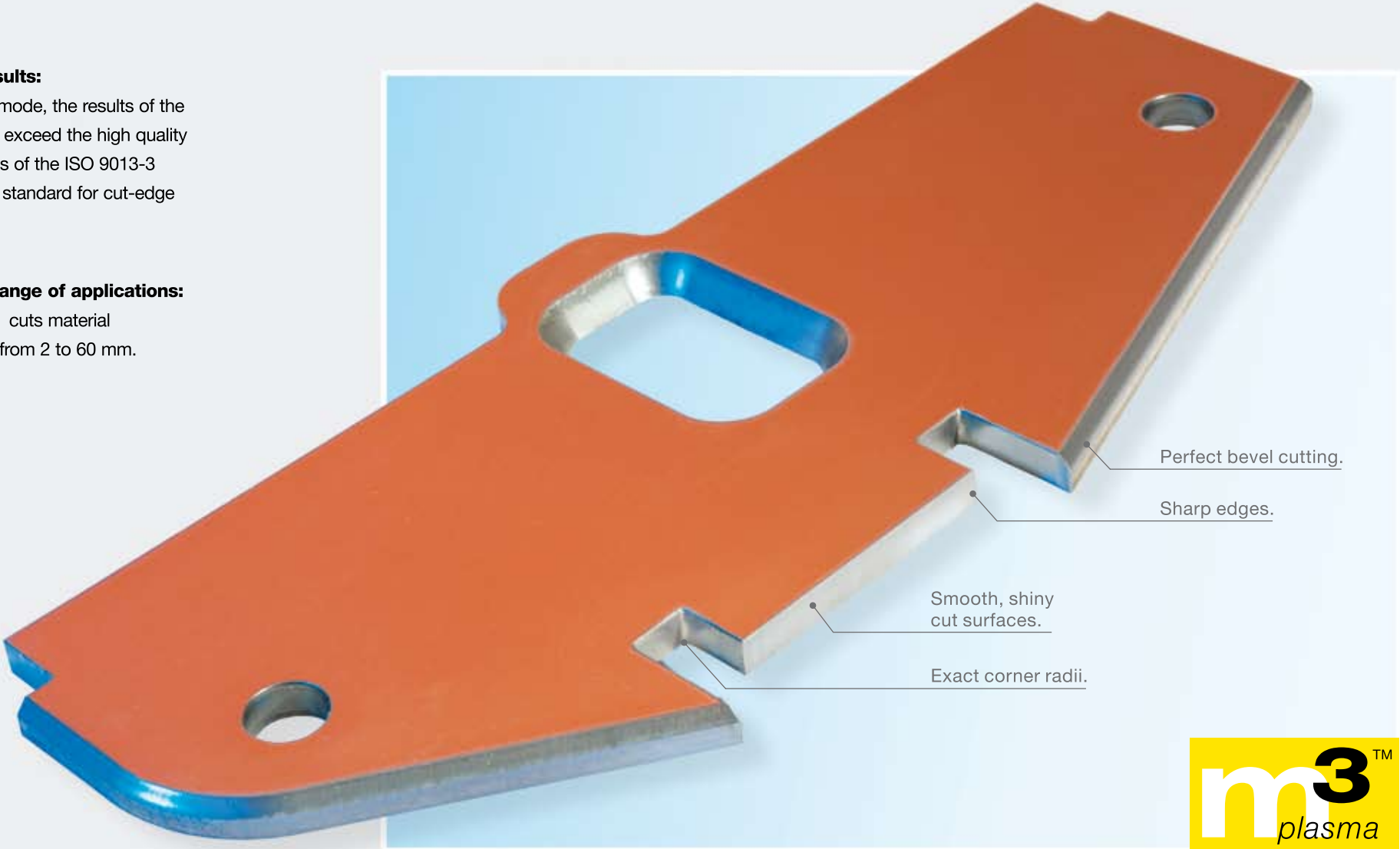
### Perfect bevel cutting:

- Weld bevel angle from 0 degrees to +/- 45 degrees.
- Particularly precise due to innovative torch geometry.

### Brilliant results:

In precision mode, the results of the m<sup>3</sup> plasma<sup>TM</sup> exceed the high quality specifications of the ISO 9013-3 international standard for cut-edge quality.

**i** **Wide range of applications:**  
m<sup>3</sup> plasma<sup>TM</sup> cuts material thicknesses from 2 to 60 mm.



<sup>1</sup> Recommended cutting area in production – including hole piercing



# The PT-36 torch.

The all-rounder for m<sup>3</sup> plasma™.

The innovative PT-36 plasma torch combines all the advantages of m<sup>3</sup> plasma™ with specific power development.

Full performance, little effort: the PT-36 masters everything perfectly. With this plasma torch you can handle workpiece marking and labelling, all perpendicular cuts and even bevel cutting without time-consuming tool changes. That means uninterrupted productivity.

But now with the PT-36 you can also optimise your logistics. It needs far fewer wear parts than similar plasma torches, so your torch parts inventory becomes clearer and handling becomes easier, saving you time and expense. Another plus for your balance sheet!



01  
Torch body

Cutting current: 10 A - 600 A

02  
Gas annulus

Cutting current: 10 A - 600 A

03  
Electrode holder

Cutting current: 10 A - 600 A

04  
Electrode

Cutting current: 50 A / 450 A / 600 A

05  
Nozzle

Cutting current: 30 A - 600 A

06  
Gas distributor ring

Cutting current: 10 A - 600 A

07  
Nozzle cap

Cutting current: 10 A - 600 A

08  
Protective nozzle cap

Cutting current: 30 A - 600 A

09  
Protective cap attachment

Cutting current: 10 A - 600 A

CUTTING AREA  
2 mm - 60 mm  
CONSTRUCTION STEEL,  
STAINLESS STEEL, ALUMINIUM

**i New simplicity:**  
ESAB has revolutionised both the range of uses and the wear and spare parts concept of the plasma torch. The result: in normal operation, the PT-36 can manage with just 18 wear parts and 9 spares.

**Which means:**  
Reduced storage expense and significantly quicker configuration of the unit for the next large task.

PICTURE	WEAR PART	QUANTITY
04	Electrode	3
05	Nozzle	10
08	Protective nozzle cap	5
Total		18

PICTURE	WEAR PART	QUANTITY
01	Torch body	1
02	Gas annulus	3
03	Electrode holder	1
06	Gas distributor ring	2
07	Nozzle cap	1
09	Protective cap attachment	1
Total		9

01  
Torch body

Cutting current: 10 A - 600 A

02  
Gas annulus

Cutting current: 10 A - 600 A

03  
Electrode holder with O-ring

Cutting current: 10 A - 600 A

04  
Clamping piece

Cutting current: 10 A - 600 A

05  
Clamping nut

Cutting current: 10 A - 600 A

06  
Electrode

Cutting current: 10 A - 600 A

07  
Nozzle with O-ring

Cutting current: 10 A - 600 A

08  
Nozzle cap

Cutting current: 10 A - 600 A

09  
Protective nozzle cap

Cutting current: 10 A - 600 A

CUTTING AREA  
40 mm - 150 mm  
STAINLESS STEEL, ALUMINIUM

**i A specialist in thick blanks:**  
ESAB has developed special wear and spare parts for working with particularly thick blanks. So m<sup>3</sup> plasma™ even cuts material thicknesses of up to 150 mm precisely and quickly.

PICTURE	WEAR PART	QUANTITY
06	Electrode	1
07	Nozzle with O-ring	1
09	Protective nozzle cap	1
Total		3

PICTURE	WEAR PART	QUANTITY
01	Torch body	1
02	Gas annulus	1
03	Electrode holder with O-ring	1
04	Clamping piece	1
05	Clamping nut	1
08	Nozzle cap	1
Total		6



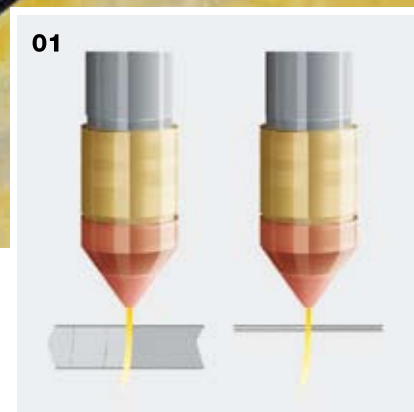


## Form and function combined.

The innovative torch design.

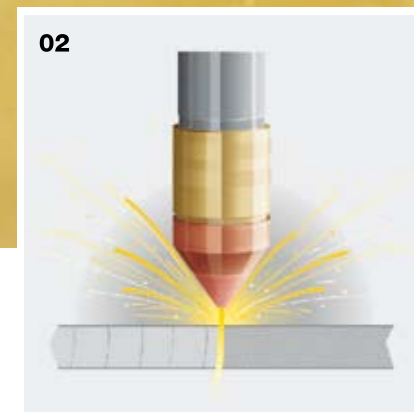
**Smooth and slender, with no corners or edges. The PT-36 plasma torch cuts a fine figure.**

Nothing disturbs the movement, everything sits perfectly. With the PT-36, new geometry makes for faultless machine characteristics, outstanding precision in bevel cutting and a substantially longer life span.



### 01 » Wide range of applications

Thanks to the controlled power input, the PT-36 cuts with ease in the material thickness range from 2 to 60 mm.



### 02 » Longer life span

The optimised geometry offers flying sparks less contact surface. Another advantage: less wear part consumption.



### 03 » Perfect bevel cutting

With its slim nozzle head the PT-36 always stays close to the workpiece, even at large angles of inclination, producing faultless welding bevels from 0 degrees to +/- 45 degrees.







## Focused plasma energy.

Shield gas technology brings more power and precision.

**ESAB uses a ground-breaking process as a driving force for high performance.**

### The principle:

A secondary gas is used alongside the plasma gas, circulating around the arc and providing it with a protective, stabilising shell.

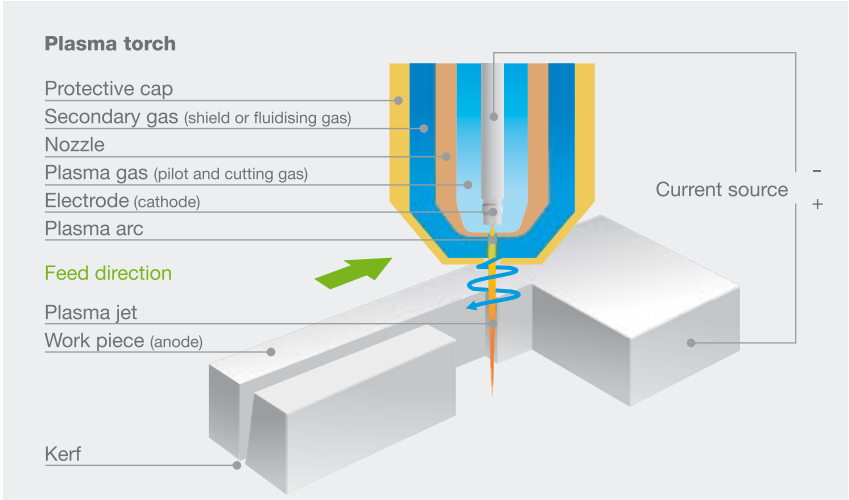
### The result:

With the exceptionally fine, accurate

arc, thickness is substantially higher in comparison to conventional plasma processes, while angular deviations are visibly reduced.

### The advantages:

- Higher cutting speeds
- More precise cut edges
- Brilliant cut surfaces
- Underwater cutting possible
- Marking and labelling



### **i** The right mixture.

With these gases, m<sup>3</sup> plasma™ can handle any cutting task.

Gas type	Construction steel	Stainless steel / Aluminium
Plasma gas / pilot gas:	nitrogen (N <sub>2</sub> ) compressed air (Air)	nitrogen (N <sub>2</sub> ) or compressed air (Air)
Plasma gas / cutting gas:	oxygen (O <sub>2</sub> )	nitrogen (N <sub>2</sub> ) argon / hydrogen (Ar / H <sub>2</sub> )
Secondary gas / shield gas / fluidising gas:	oxygen (O <sub>2</sub> ) nitrogen (N <sub>2</sub> ) compressed air (Air)	nitrogen (N <sub>2</sub> ) methane (CH <sub>4</sub> )
Marking gas:	argon (Ar)	argon (Ar)

**Note:**  
The combinations indicated here for plasma and secondary gases are guidelines. According to the cutting task, different gas combinations may be required.





## The components of your success.

m<sup>3</sup> plasma™ for an integrated cutting process.

### ESAB offers a seamless range of services for plasma cutting.

As a system partner to industry, ESAB is familiar with your specific requirements. What you want are

complete solutions from one source, suitable for integration into your existing processes. So, all the components from ESAB work seamlessly with m<sup>3</sup> plasma™ to aid the realisation of an automated, rational production process.

#### 01 » VISION control

For convenient automation.

- Controls all machine processes.
- Easy programming.
- Ergonomic operation.

#### 02 » Plasma control

For highest process quality.

- Innovative gas flow control.
- High precision through mass flow control.
- Fast change of operating mode.

#### 03 » Current source with water cooling unit

For superior power supply.

- Accurately controllable current delivery.
- Wide range of applications.
- High efficiency (> 90 %).





The choice is yours.

m<sup>3</sup> plasma™ adapts to your specifications.

Four different quality levels, four ways to good cutting, always the right result.

Decide for yourself which edges need to be cut with high precision and which should be made with energy-saving bulk cutting. m<sup>3</sup> plasma™ even allows you to switch between the quality modes while processes are running. So the system always works just as needed and as economically as possible. Cutting to suit the material, saving resources: m<sup>3</sup> plasma™ adapts itself.

QUALITY MODES

01 » Precision	02 » Production	03 » Cross cut	04 » R2
For highly accurate precision cutting.	The sound compromise between economy and cut quality.	For economical bulk cutting.	The special mode for round top edges.
Result: Meets ISO 9013-3 or higher. Flat cut surfaces. Sharp edges on top and bottom. Virtually no burr formation (with appropriate material).	Result: Meets ISO 9013-3 or higher. Flat cut surfaces. Sharp edges on top and bottom. Virtually no burr formation (with appropriate material).	Result: More steeply bevelled edges. Rounded top edges. Slight burr formation. Highest cutting speed.	Result: Meets the specifications of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) for optimum varnishability. Top edge radiusing: accurate radius of 2 mm.

TECHNICAL DATA

Current source	m <sup>3</sup> plasma™ 201	m <sup>3</sup> plasma™ 401	m <sup>3</sup> plasma™ 601
Cutting current [marking]:	10 – 36 A	10 – 100 A	10 – 100 A
Cutting current [cutting]:	30 – 200 A	35 – 400 A	35 – 600 A
Line connection:	400 V, 50/60 Hz	400 V, 50/60 Hz	400 V, 50/60 Hz
Line fuse:	3 x 100 A	3 x 200 A	3 x 250 A
Connection power:	40 kVA	110 kVA	143 kVA
Off-load voltage:	360 V, DC	427 V, DC	427 V, DC
Protection system:	IP 22	IP 22	IP 22
Dimensions (W x H x D):	585 x 1,040 x 1,195 mm	950 x 1,050 x 1,150 mm	950 x 1,050 x 1,150 mm

Plasma torch	PT-36	Cooling unit	CC-11
Cutting current:	max. 600 A	Line connection:	230 V, 50/60 HZ
Cooling:	water-cooled	Water:	6 l/min
Plasma gases / Pilot gases:	nitrogen, compressed air	Pressure:	12 bar
Plasma gases / Cutting gases:	nitrogen, compressed air, oxygen, argon / hydrogen	Dimensions (W x H x D):	550 x 865 x 710 mm
Secondary gases / fluidising gases:	oxygen, compressed air, nitrogen, methane		
Marking gas:	argon		

Quality mode: 01 » Precision			Quality mode: 02 » Production		
Current (A)	Material thickness (mm)	Cutting speed (mm/min)	Current (A)	Material thickness (mm)	Cutting speed (mm/min)
50	2	1,900	50	2	4,575
	3	1,550		3	3,050
	4	1,400		4	2,550
	5	1,270		5	2,160
	6	1,150			
	100	2,200	100	3	5,700
		2,050		4	4,575
		1,850		5	4,065
		1,780		6	3,560
				8	3,460
	130	2,160		10	1,905
		1,905		12	1,525
		1,400	130	3	6,100
		1,275		5	4,850
	200	2,000		6	3,800
		1,500		8	3,300
		1,150		10	2,800
		765		12	2,050
	280			15	1,525
		20		20	1,250
		25		25	500
		30	200	6	6,350
		32		8	5,100
		35		10	4,000
	400	850		12	3,050
		30		15	2,550
		32		20	1,810
		35		25	1,300
		38	400	30	1,000
		40		32	890
				35	635
				40	508
	130	10	70	5	8,000
		12		6	6,500
		15		8	5,200
		20		10	4,800
		25		12	4,150
	200	10	130	15	3,500
		12		20	3,000
		16		25	2,000
		20		30	1,500
		25		32	1,270
	260	32		35	1,150
		10	200		
		12		6	2,290
		15		8	2,150
		20		10	2,035
	360	25		12	1,775
		32		20	870
		12		25	760
		20	360	6	5,840
		25		8	4,850
		32		10	3,810
				12	3,175
				15	2,400
				20	1,900
				25	1,140
			450	32	635
				20	2,425
				25	1,775
				32	1,350
				25	1,016
			600	40	457
				51	305
	35	2	200	6	3,400
		3		8	3,000
				10	2,650
	50	4		12	2,160
		5		20	1,690
		6		25	1,150
	100			32	900
		6	260	6	7,620
		8		8	6,300
		10		10	5,080
		12		12	3,810
				15	2,540
	200	10		20	2,285
		12		25	1,828
		20	600	32	1,370
		25			
		32		25	2,050
		35		32	1,750
		38		40	1,500
				51	760
	360	12			
		15			
		20			
		22			
		25			
		32			

**Note:**  
The cutting speeds are dependent on the material quality, gas pressure and gas combination as well as the nozzles and electrodes used.

All statements apply to m<sup>3</sup> plasma™ units with a PT-36 torch and integrated plasma control.

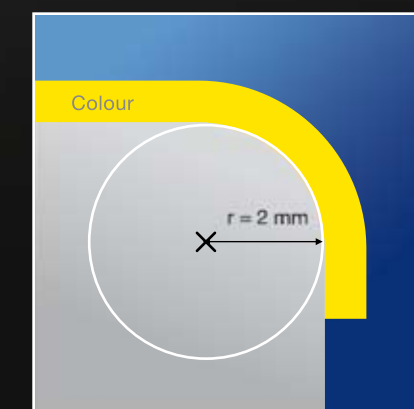






- i Quality mode R2:**
- Round top edges for even colour application.
  - Virtually no burr formation.

- Top edge radiusing:**
- Accurate radius of 2 mm.



## Clean operating conditions.

Underwater cutting with the m<sup>3</sup> plasma™.

**A water cutting table from ESAB is also a sound basis for high-performance plasma cutting.**

Even marking and labelling underwater is no problem with m<sup>3</sup> plasma™.

The PT-36 plasma torch and shield gas technology make it possible. And in many cases, underwater cutting is worthwhile as a sensible alternative or complement to dry cutting. The advantages: less noise, reduced

emission of dust, aerosols and UV, lower heat impact around the cut edge. ESAB will be happy to develop an individual concept for underwater cutting with m<sup>3</sup> plasma™ for you.

## Standardised curvature. NEW!

The special mode R2.

**With R2, the m<sup>3</sup> plasma™ offers a new quality mode for varnished components.**

R2 stands for Radius 2 and meets the specifications of the International Maritime Organization for the standardised curvature of top edges. This curvature guarantees colour adhesion in the edge area. Technical modifications excepted.





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Your partner in cutting.

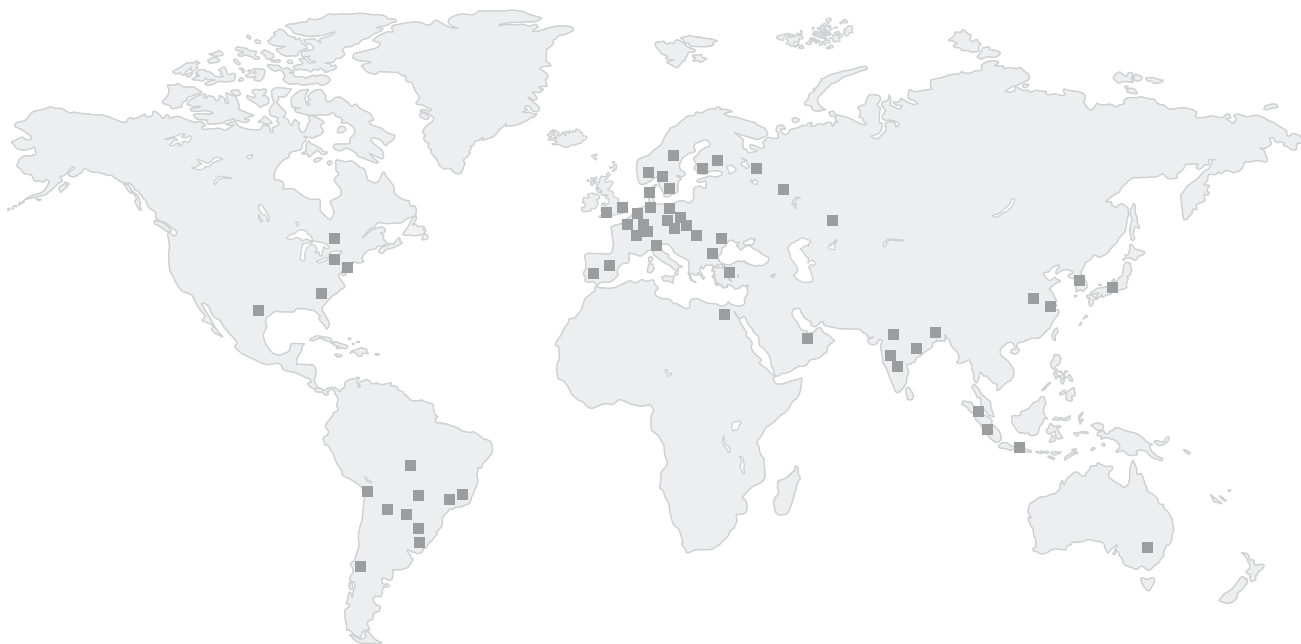


## Seven decades of experience

and the consistent focus on the needs of our customers are the foundations for the successful and comprehensive product range of our cutting machines. In keeping with the thermal cutting processes – plasma cutting, oxy-fuel cutting and laser cutting – ESAB has developed a range of machines that efficiently combine the highest cut

quality with high cutting speeds, allowing intelligent integration into automated production processes. So in many sectors, the m<sup>3</sup> plasma™ cutting system also helps to optimise production and increase the operating efficiency of our customers.

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