Oxygen & Acetylene Gas Pressures

WELDING

METAL	ROD	TIP	PRESSURES (PSI)	
THICKNESS	DIAMETER	(Drill Size)	OXYGEN	ACETYLENE
1/16"	1/16-3/32"	56	8 - 20	5
1/8"	3/32-1/8"	53	11 - 25	5
1/4"	5/32-3/16"	48	12 - 23	5

CUTTING

METAL	ORIFICE (Drill Size)		PRESSURE (PSI)	
THICKNESS	PREHEAT	CUTTING	OXYGEN	ACETYLENE
1/8 - 3/8"	70	67	20 - 30	3
3/8 - 3/4"	62	58	30 - 40	5
3/4 - 1"	57	54	40 - 45	5
1 1/2 - 2"	54	51	45 - 50	5

NOTES:

Tables show approximate gas pressures for welding or cutting.

Tip size numbers vary among manufacturers, so orifice sizes are shown in "number drill" sizes.

EYE PROTECTION

APPLICATION	BASE METAL THICKNESS	LENS SHADE
Oxygen/Acetylene Welding	Up to 1/8"	3-4
Oxygen/Acetylene Welding	1/8" to 1/2"	4-5
Oxygen/Acetylene Welding	1/2" and over	5-6
Oxygen/Acetylene Cutting	Up to 1"	4-5
Oxygen/Acetylene Cutting	1" to 6"	5-6
Oxygen/Acetylene Cutting	6" and over	6-8