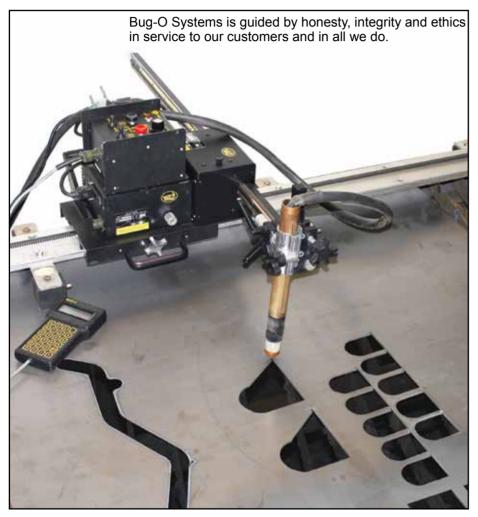


MODULAR DRIVE SYSTEM PROGRAMMABLE SHAPE MACHINE PACKAGE

Portable Two Axis Shape Machine Cuts In All Positions!









The **Modular Drive Programmable Shape Machine** is an easy to use 2-axis machine which you can program to run any contour or pattern for both welding or cutting applications. A handheld terminal supplied with the machine is used to program the required shape and operation sequence. Other functions besides moves can be programmed, such as repeats, starts, stops, delays, and rapid traverse. Twenty programs can be stored in machine memory at any one time.

An optional computer software program is available. With this program you can select pre-programmed shapes or create your own custom shapes, and store and edit any number of them on disk. Selected shapes can then be downloaded to the machine as needed.

The Modular Drive Programmable Shape Machine is compact and portable and can be easily carried throughout your facility or job site. The system can be configured to run on all types of Bug-O rail. It is held in position with either powerful permanent magnets or vacuum cups, depending on the work material. This enables you to take the machine to the work, which will help reduce your material handling.

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MDS - PROGRAMMABLE SHAPE MACHINE

The MDS Programmable Shape Machine is a two-axis machine that runs on a track and carries a torch on a motorized cross-arm. It can be used for flame or plasma cutting, or welding, of a variety of shapes which are programmed and stored in memory.

The machine has storage capacity in memory for 20 different programmed shapes. All programming is done with the provided handheld terminal. The terminal can be plugged into the connector on the rear of the machine or unplugged at any time. The

terminal is not needed to run the machine once programmed.

Shapes and patterns are built up using segments. To do this, select the type of segment you want and determine what quadrant it is in – type it into the terminal. Any given shape can have up to 50 segments. Other functions such as weld/oxygen/plasma, on/off, time delay, or repeat a shape a number of times, also count as one segment each, if used.

Handheld Terminal Functions:

The programming operation is selected by pressing keys A, B, C, D, or E.

A: <u>ALL SEGMENTS</u>; data entry for new shape consists of total number of segments and data for each segment.

B: PROGRAM SEGMENT: press **B** on terminal to re-program a single segment. This is useful if there is an error in data for just one segment, so that the whole shape does not have to be re-entered.

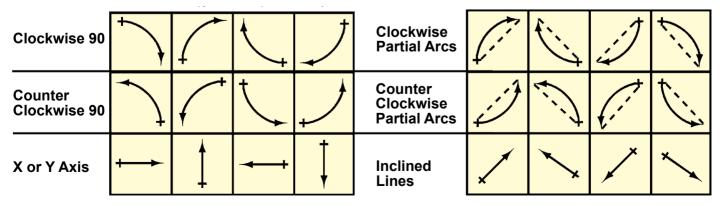
C: <u>CHANGE SHAPE NUMBER</u>; press <u>C</u> on terminal to change the current shape number. The program switches to the new number in memory, and to whatever shape is stored there.

D: DISPLAY SHAPE DATA; press $\underline{\mathbf{D}}$ to display the data for the current shape. The terminal display shows a total number of segments, and data for each segment one by one each time you press enter.

E: END OF SEGMENT SLOWDOWN; press \underline{E} to set value of deceleration for the shape, when the machine approaches the end of each segment. This is useful when the shape has sharp corners to prevent overshoot. $\underline{99}$ is maximum slowdown, $\underline{0}$ is no slowdown.



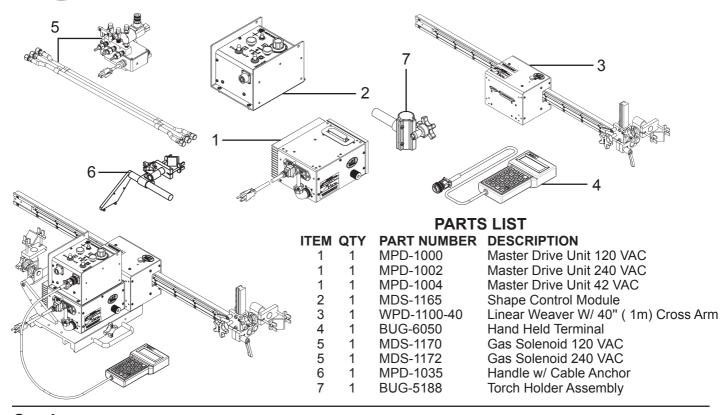
The different types of segments that can be loaded into the machine are as follows:



Other functions besides the moves shown above are: Weld Contact/Solenoid On/Off, Pause, Delay, Repeat another shape, Full ellipse, and Rapid Traverse.



MDS - PROGRAMMABLE SHAPE MACHINE



Carriages

For Rigid and Semi-Flex rail



MPD-1065 4-wheel carriage. Releasable, can be installed or released in any position anywhere on the rail.

For Ring Rail

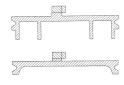


BUG-5910 Ring Rail Carriage. 4 wheels can be adjusted to the required ring diameter. Releasable.



FMD-1105 Hi-Flex Carriage.Runs on high flex rail as shown below. Releasable.

The above shown carriages can be used on the rails shown below:



Rare Earth

On/Off Magnet

ARR-1080 L = 8' (2.4 m) HD-Rigid Aluminum Rail ARR-1085 L = 4' (1.2 m) HD-Rigid Aluminum Rail AFR-3000 L = 8' (2.4 m) Semi-Flex Aluminum Rail

ARM-2425

Magnet w/Release



Ring Rails Diameter (20" 508 mm)
BRR-1210-27 (27" 685 mm)
BRR-1210-34 (34" 865 mm)
BRR-1210-41 (41" 1041 mm)
BRR-1210-48 (48" 1219 mm)

FMD-1050 Hi-Flex Rail Length = 5' (1.5 m) R - Minimum Radius 30" (762 mm)

Magnet Bars and Vacuum Bars



ARV-1080/1085 Vacuum System Custom sizes are available.

ARM-2380
Support Bar with
Screw Feet

ARM-2480 Support Bar with Screw Magnet Feet ARM-2120 RE-Magnet w/Release

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FMD-1220/1230 Vacuum System





MDS - PROGRAMMABLE SHAPE MACHINE

Operation:

The machine is in the reference start position, when first plugged in.

There are 3 options (the handheld terminal is not needed for the first two):

- MOVE: To change the home position, push the STOP/PAUSE button, move the machine Start/ manually to the required position using the joy stick, and push the reset button.
- **2. RUN:** Push the START/RUN button to cut/ weld a shape.
- **3. PROGRAM:** The programming operation requires the use of the handheld terminal.

Technical Data:

Travel Speed: 5-100 ipm (127-2540 mm/min)

Cross Travel: 24" (610 mm)

Max. Segment

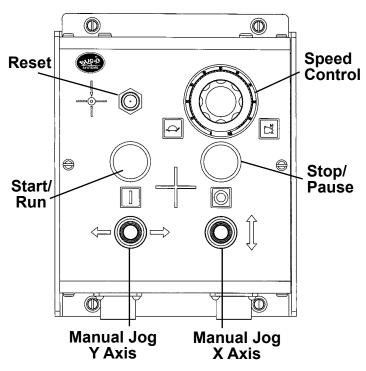
Dimension: 72" (1828 mm)

Within Limits of Travel

Min. Increment

Dimension: .01" (0.3 mm)

Delay Increment: .01 seconds



Computer Software

The MDS-Programmable Shape Machine can be programmed from a PC, using either of two software packages described below. Shapes can be created offline, and downloaded to the machine when required. A cable is supplied to connect to the serial port of the PC.

1. PC Option / BUG-6140.

This runs under Windows, and allows you to:

- Create shapes on the PC.
- Save any number of shapes to disk, and retrieve them as necessary.
- View a programmed shape on screen which helps program verification.
- Download programmed shapes from the PC to the machine.

2. BUG-6240 CAD Interface.

This is a complete package that includes both the PC option and DeskCNC. This will allow you to take 2 dimensional CAD drawings and convert them to Shape files that you can directly load into your shape machine.

- DeskCNC is used to modify 2 dimensional CAD drawings (.DXF files) and create a toolpath
- The toolpath is saved as a shape file using DeskCNC
- The shape file can be loaded in the PC option for easy integration with the shape machine