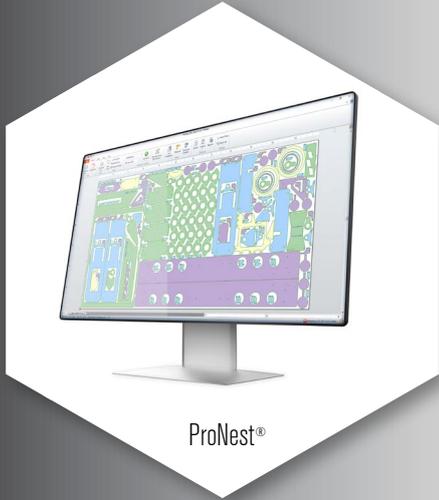


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 **SureCut™**
Maximizing performance through
embedded expertise

X-Definition®/HyPerformance® plasma



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SureCut technology overview

Maximizing performance through embedded expertise

SureCut technology is brought to you via various delivery mechanisms that include Hypertherm systems, CNCs, and online/offline CAM software.

- SureCut is delivered through a combination of products that include plasma power supplies and waterjet pumps as well as CNCs and CAM software
 - Automatically applies optimized cutting process parameters which simplifies cutting and reduces operator intervention
 - Easy set up improves job efficiency
 - Provides access to Remote Help™ and troubleshooting which reduces downtime
 - Works across multiple cutting technologies
 - Launched January 2016
- SureCut technology includes:**
- True Hole® technology applies process expertise to automatically deliver bolt ready holes
 - True Bevel™ technology automatically applies the correct bevel angle and reduces operator trial and error
 - Rapid Part™ technology increases the number of parts produced per hour by automatically reducing cut to cut cycle time between parts
 - PlateSaver™ technology combines XPR™ arc stability and specialized software parameters to dramatically increase material utilization
 - Sampled arc voltage CNC setting improves consumables life by automatically maintaining torch height

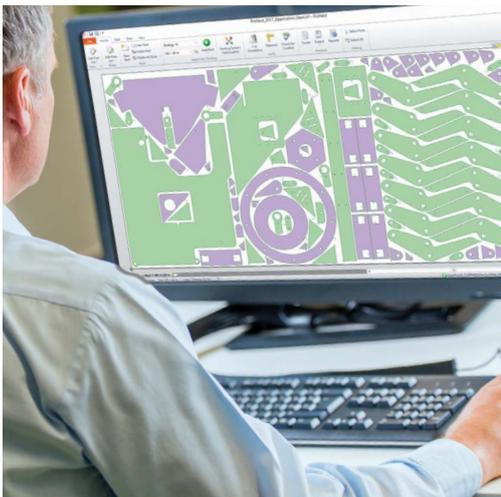


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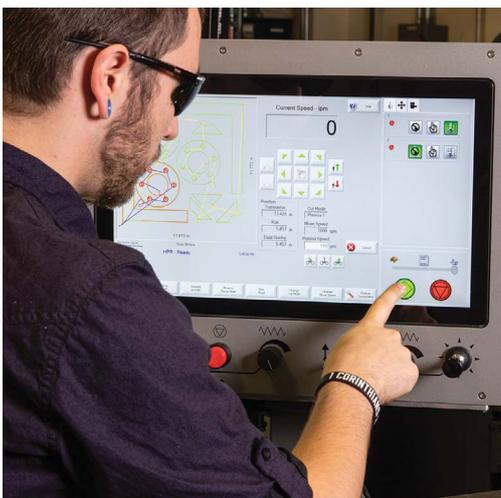
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- Rapid Part™
- PlateSaver™
- Optimized consumable life

SureCut process flow



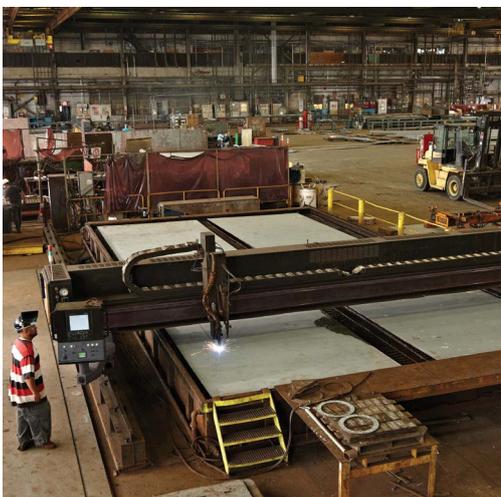
Step 1 = Program using the CAD/CAM nesting software

Hypertherm's offline nesting software automatically nests parts and applies optimal cutting techniques in the NC Code (Numerical Control Programming Language).



Step 2 = Set up on the CNC

The offline nesting software interacts with the CNC software to make it easy for the operator to set up a job and cut like a pro.

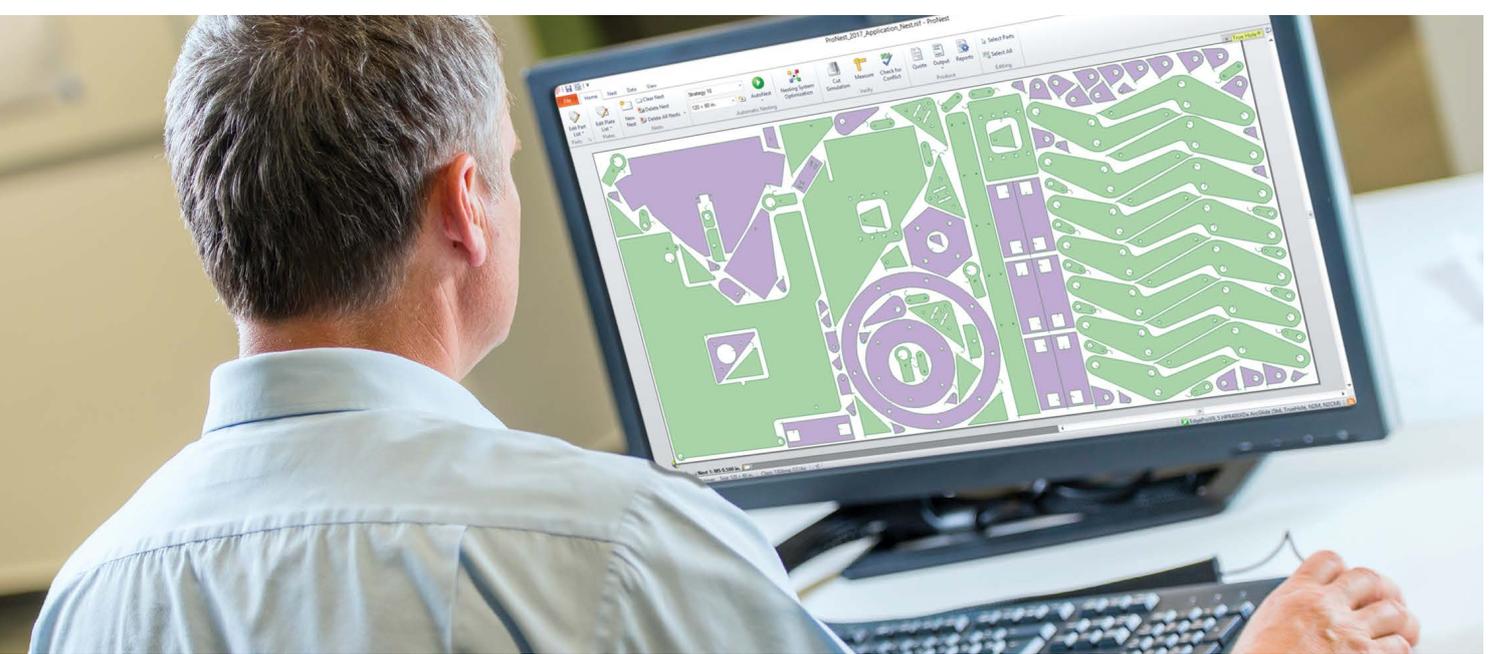


Step 3 = Produce results

Hypertherm's integrated nesting software, CNC, THC and HyPerformance® plasma systems work together seamlessly to optimize cut quality, parts per hour and cost per part.

Step 1: Program using the nesting software

Build Hypertherm expertise into your part programs to minimize operator variability



Hypertherm's nesting software makes it easy to:

- Import part drawings
- Efficiently nest them on the plate
- Apply optimal cutting techniques
- Generate the NC code

The resultant NC code will be used by the CNC to complete the job. Embedding Hypertherm's cutting techniques into the part program will help you achieve more consistent results (cut quality, productivity and consumable life) from operator-to-operator, shift-to-shift, and site-to-site. In less than an hour you will be programming jobs like an industry pro.

Easily import CAD:

- 2D and 3D CAD/CAM file import and conversion
- Industry-specific design files

Nest parts efficiently to maximize material utilization.

Hypertherm's superior nesting optimization capabilities deliver measurable material savings by placing the parts efficiently on the plate; full sheets or remnants.

Integrate seamlessly with business systems

For incremental productivity and efficiency:

- Connect the nesting software directly to your MRP/ERP (Manufacturing Resource Planning/Enterprise Resource Planning) system. Working directly with current ERP data, combining orders is made easy, helping to reduce delays and improve efficiency, with less time spent setting up individual jobs and longer continuous runs.
- Pass plate inventory data from your MRP/ERP system to the nesting software plate inventory. Initial setup is fast and easy. Once operational, the system will routinely synchronize your MRP/ERP plate inventory with the nesting software plate inventory; continuously adding and updating plate information.

Automatically apply expert cutting techniques to optimize performance

The software places decades of plasma, laser, oxyfuel, and waterjet process expertise at your fingertips. It automatically applies optimal cutting techniques that are specific to the parts being cut (material type, thickness, part geometry) and the processes being used to cut them.

Operators simply select the desired job on the CNC and the part program will automatically apply the ideal cutting parameters.

The plasma operator at the cutting table does not need to set*:

- Amperage
- Plasma gas type, preflow and cut flow
- Shield gas type, preflow and cut flow
- Torch pierce height, time and delay
- Torch cut height
- Arc voltage
- Interior and exterior profile feed rates/techniques
- Kerf compensation

The software automatically programs torch motion routines to optimize cut quality, productivity and operating cost

- Lead in type, location and speeds are set to optimize quality and minimize material scrap.
- Lead-outs, part sequencing, and torch height control settings are managed to optimize quality, reduce traverse time between parts and maximize the number of parts produced per hour.
- Collision and tip up avoidance routines minimize down time.

*Cutting table operators can easily achieve optimized system performance when the off-line nesting software is used together with Hypertherm HyPerformance® plasma HPRXD® systems with auto gas capability and either Hypertherm CNCs and THCs or qualified CNCs and THCs from other providers. Ask your cutting machine manufacturer or Hypertherm for more details.

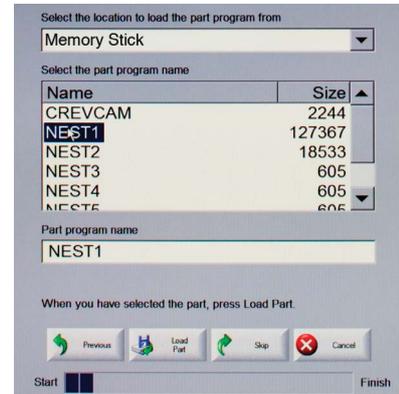
Step 2: Set up on the CNC

Setting up a job and cutting like a pro is as easy as 1, 2, 3

In customer testing, new operators using Hypertherm's patented CutPro® Wizard were cutting high-quality parts in less than 5 minutes without any training. The expert cutting techniques that are built into the software will ensure consistently optimized cut quality, productivity and operating cost with minimal operator intervention.

1. Select the program on the CNC

- The operator selects the job created using Hypertherm's nesting software.
- The software automatically sets the optimal cutting parameters in the CNC that are specific to the parts being cut and the equipment being used to cut them.
- The operator does not need to set torch height, pierce delay, cut speeds, and kerf compensation.
- When using Hypertherm HyPerformance® plasma systems with auto gas capabilities the operator does not need to set amperage, plasma/shield gas type, and plasma/shield gas flows.



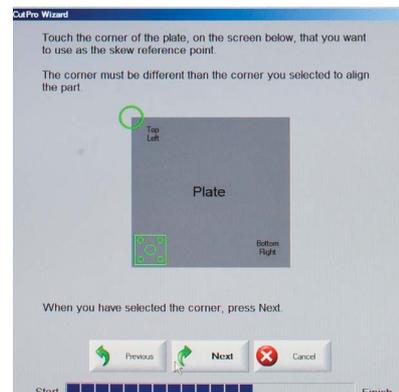
2. Load the plate and consumables

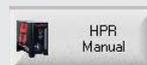
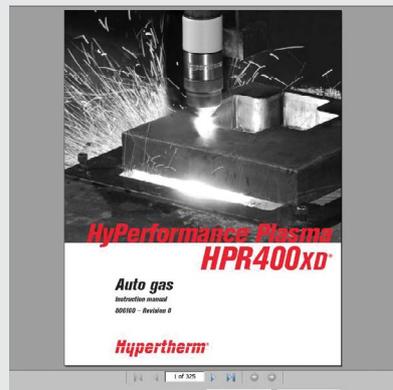
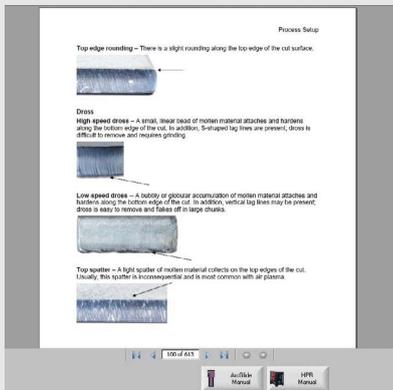
- The CNC software prompts the operator with the specific material type, thickness and size to be loaded onto the cutting table.
- The consumables that need to be loaded into the torch are identified with pictures and part numbers on the CNC display.



3. Align the plate

The CutPro Wizard guides the operator through a step-by-step process of aligning the plate.





If the operator needs help they can have access to cutting optimization tips with the click of a button.

Hypertherm's instruction manuals for the CNCs, THCs, and plasma systems are all available on the CNC. Available in multiple languages, these support tools help the operator and maintenance teams maximize the performance of the cutting table.



Worker in a red and white striped shirt and a hard hat stands near the plasma cutting machine.

Control panel of the plasma cutting machine with a digital display and various buttons.

Sparks from the plasma cutting process.

Handwritten notes on a metal plate:
Bm 1 apr 10
11-28-12
11-28-12
6-28-12

GO
NETS
GO

Step 3: Produce results

Optimized cut quality, productivity and operating cost equals greater profitability

Hypertherm's integrated nesting software, CNC, THC, and HyPerformance® plasma cutting systems have more than forty five years of cutting innovation and process knowledge built into them. Our products are designed to work together seamlessly, making it easy to optimize cut quality, parts per hour and cost per part.

Optimize cut quality

Hypertherm's integrated nesting software, CNC, THC, and HyPerformance plasma systems provide:

- Automatically applied cutting techniques to ensure consistently optimized quality
- Monitoring and automatic adjustment for:
 - Arc voltage as the consumables wear, to ensure that cut quality is maximized throughout the life of the consumables
 - Kerf compensation based on material thickness, amperage and speed to produce tighter tolerances and more consistent cut quality
- Cut quality optimization tips on the CNC that are easily accessed with the click of a button
- Hypertherm plasma cuts fine-feature parts with superior quality and consistency, reducing the cost of secondary operations



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Optimum hole quality: True Hole®

As part of Hypertherm's SureCut™ technology, our patented True Hole cutting technology for mild steel produces significantly better hole quality than what has been previously possible using plasma. This is delivered automatically without operator intervention.

As part of Hypertherm's SureCut technology, True Hole for mild steel is exclusively available for use in conjunction with Hypertherm's HPRXD® and XPR™ plasma systems. True Hole is automatically applied by nesting software or CNC software to thicknesses up to 25 mm. Hole coverage ranges from hole diameter to thickness ratios from 2:1 to as low as 1:1.

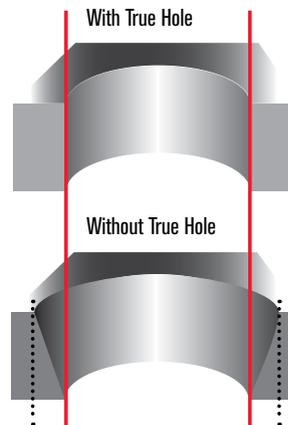
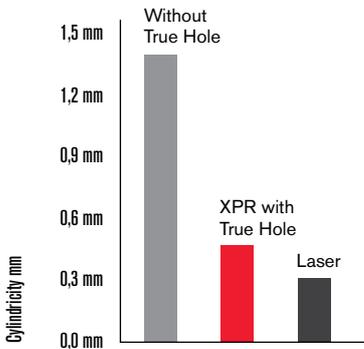
With True Hole technology



Without True Hole technology



10 mm holes, 9,5 mm mild steel plate, 130 A process



True Hole technology requires HyPerformance® plasma HPRXD or XPR system along with a True Hole enabled cutting machine. Consult with your machine manufacturer for more details on the specific components you may require

Note: HPRXD must be autogas configuration only



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Improved productivity: Rapid Part™

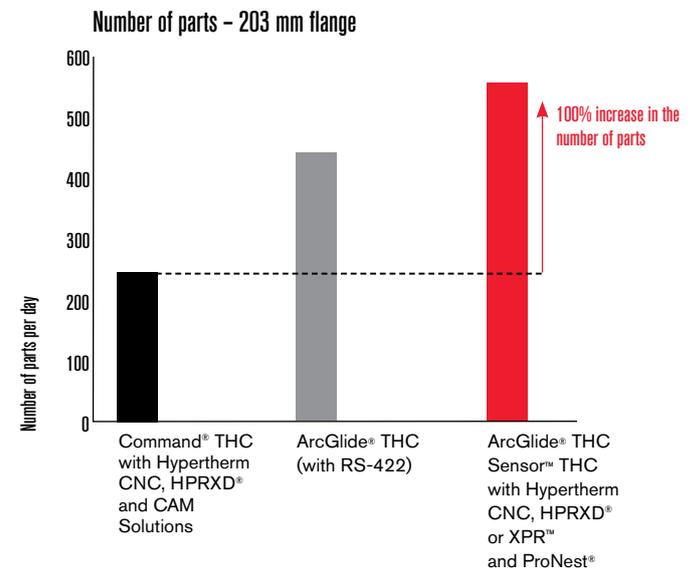
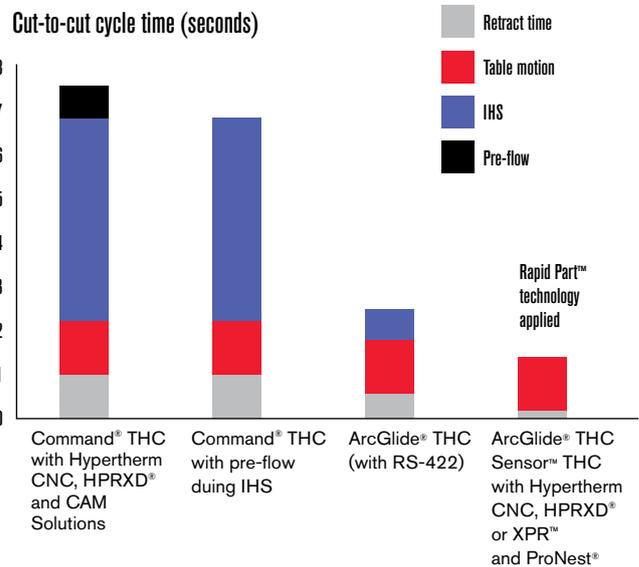
As part of Hypertherm's SureCut™ technology, Rapid Part technology offers up to 100% increase in productivity, automatically, without operator intervention. Rapid Part technology uses motion optimization techniques programmed into the part program and automatically executed by the Computer Numerical I Control (CNC).

Achieve greater productivity by reducing cut-to-cut cycle time. Rapid Part controls and optimizes every step in the plasma cutting process – without operator intervention – so you can focus on your business and your customers.

- Increases the number of parts produced per hour by up to 100%.
- Delivers cut-to-cut cycle time reduction automatically without operator intervention.

Less cut-to-cut cycle time means increased productivity

- Cutting a 20,3 cm flange, more than half the time after the operator presses “go” is spent moving between cuts when using prior THC technologies.
- Rapid Part technology, part of Hypertherm's SureCut technology, reduces the cut-to-cut cycle time up to 80% and the time it takes to cut each part by about 50%.



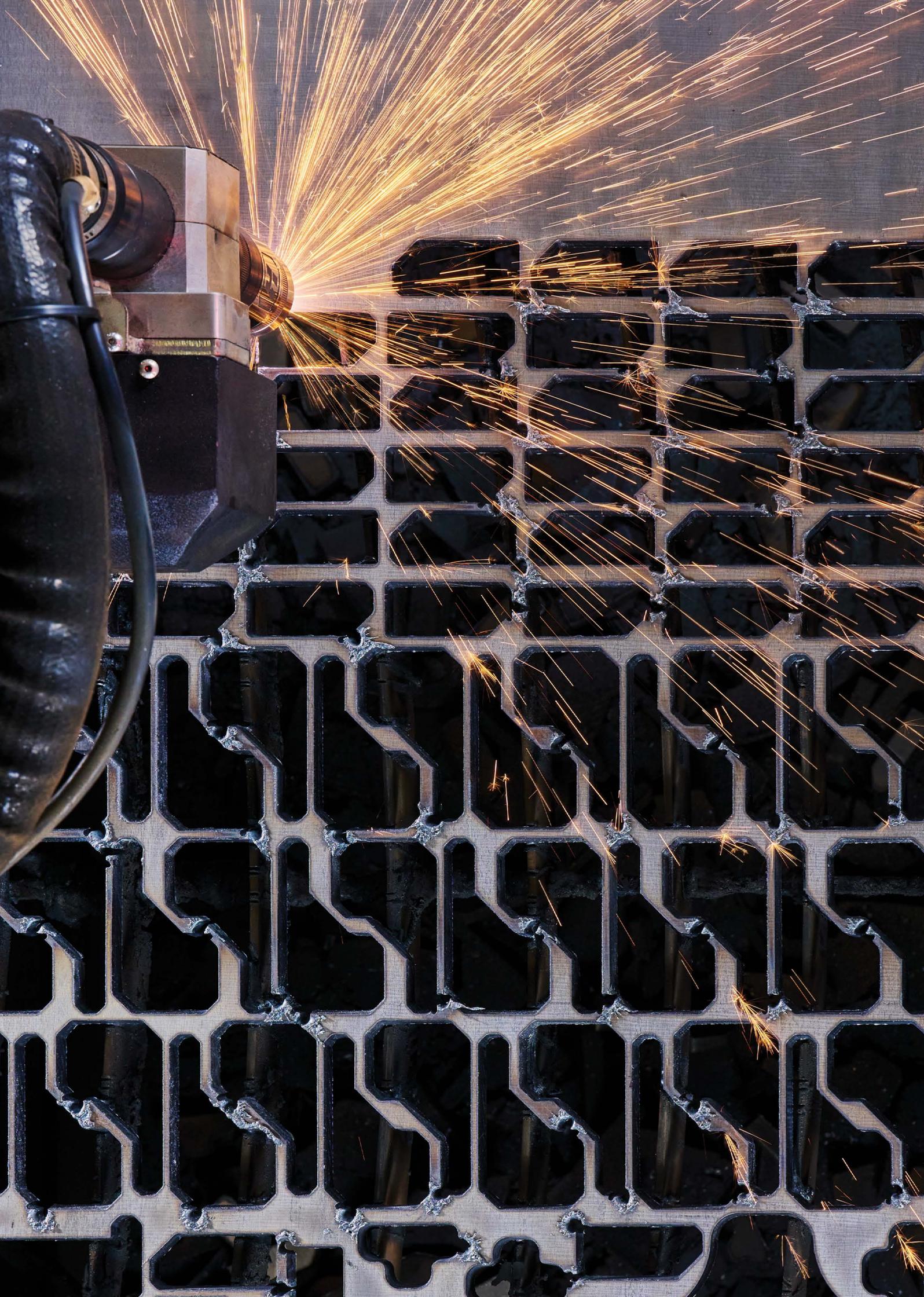
With Rapid Part



Without Rapid Part

Parts produced using the same cutting machine, the same cut speed and the same cutting time duration.

Note: Cut-to-cut cycle time improvement will be apparent on all jobs, with the most significant productivity improvements achieved on nests using thin plate with a high part/pierce count.



Increased material utilization: PlateSaver™

As part of Hypertherm's SureCut™ technology, PlateSaver provides a significant increase in plate savings and profitability. The enhanced arc stability feature of XPR™ X-Definition® plasma quickly stabilizes the plasma torch arc and allows for shorter lead lengths and closer placement of parts. PlateSaver technology introduces new, specialty leads to the CAM software when programming jobs for machines equipped with XPR. It adjusts lead size, style, location, and uses a moving pierce to minimize part separations while at the same time maintaining part quality.

Primary benefit

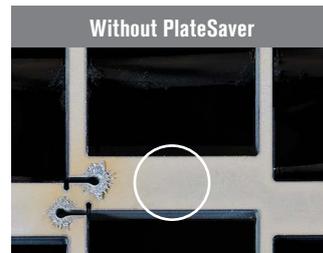
- Increased material utilization reduces costs by 3% per year on average

Other benefits may include

- Less time spent loading and unloading plate
- Reduced inventory and inventory management
- Reduced carbon footprint through the use of less steel

Specifications

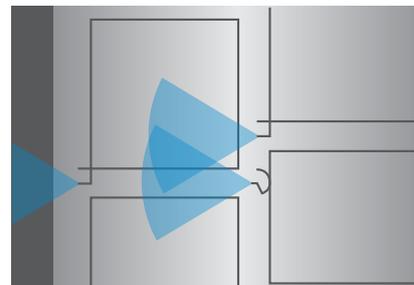
- For use with mild steel, X-Y cutting only
- Applies to select material thickness and appropriate plasma process combinations between 13 mm and 32 mm
- Requires XPR™ X-Definition® plasma system with compatible CAM software and CNC software
- Important: moving pierce technique can present a safety concern due to increased sparking and spray from hot gases; proper precautions should be taken to avoid personal injury, fire, or damage to equipment



Traditional leads require more space between parts.



Specialty leads minimize part separations.



Leads are appropriately placed and use a moving pierce to ensure that the direction of molten splatter is a predictable "splash zone" that is directed off the plate or towards parts that are already cut, with easily removable slag.



Optimal bevel: True Bevel™

As part of Hypertherm's SureCut™ technology, True Bevel technology for HPRXD® and XPR™ plasma systems is a performance application for mild steel. Factory tested and easily implemented, it takes the guesswork out of the plasma bevel-cutting process. With True Bevel, setups for new jobs are quick and results are accurate and consistent.

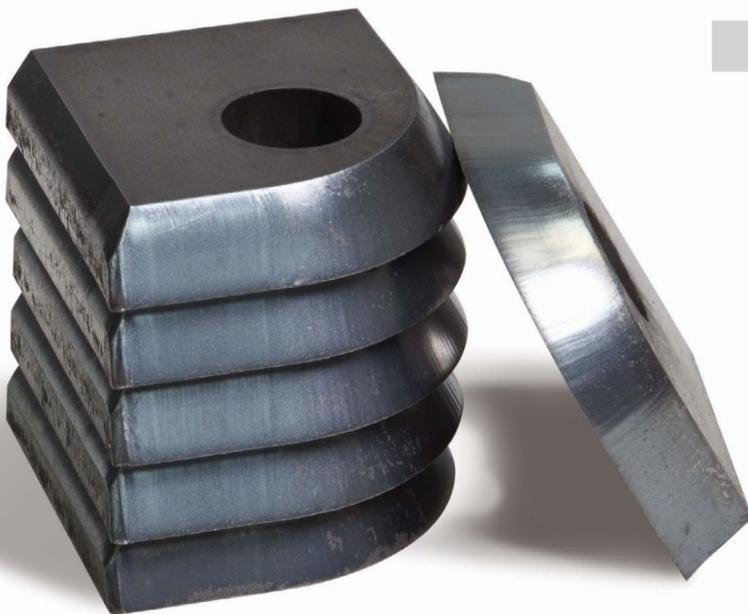
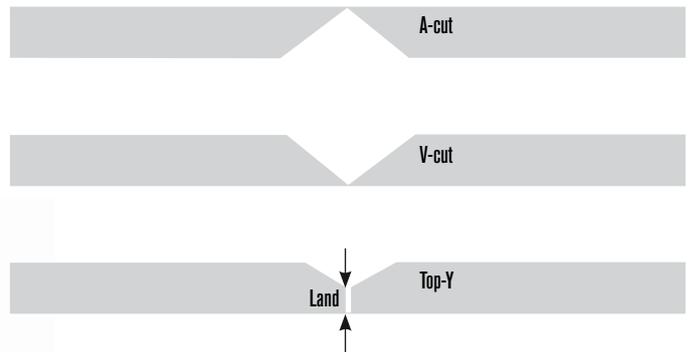
Benefits

- Setup time and scrap material are greatly reduced for new job setup due to reduced trial and error.
- Bevel cut sequence recommendation is provided for improved accuracy and consistent quality.
- Scalable parameter tables with embedded equations allow users to add new angles with ease.

True Bevel technology works with all common bevel head designs and covers V, A, and Top-Y style cuts for mild steel:

Bevel angle and land density coverage

True Bevel for XPR has angle coverage for V- and Top-Y cuts up to 50° and A cuts up to 45°. The tables contain values for lands ranging from 20% to 50% of the material thickness for Y-top cuts. You can add other angles and land dimensions within the specified ranges into the bevel process parameter tables for more flexibility. The tables automatically provide newly calculated output values for angle compensation, kerf, cut height, cut speed, and arc voltage.



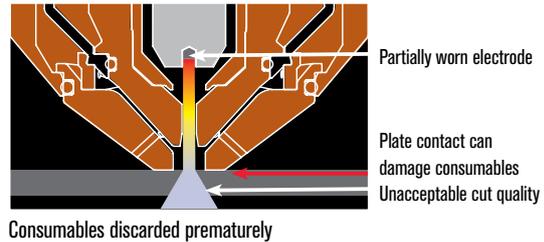
Reduce operating cost: Optimized consumable life

Both Hypertherm's ArcGlide® THC and Sensor™ THC torch height controls automatically and continuously sample and adjust arc voltage to correct for consumable wear. This results in proper torch height for optimal cut quality over the life of the consumables without requiring operator adjustment.

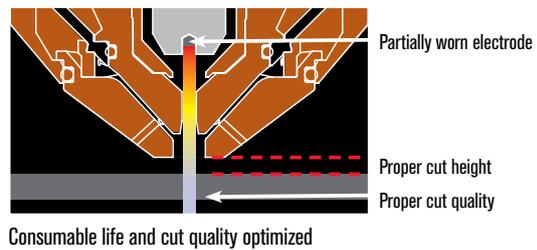


- Optimized process and torch height settings are automatically applied by Hypertherm's software. This reduces the chance of operator error and helps ensure optimal consumable life.
- Hypertherm's nesting and process optimization software maximizes consumable life by automatically managing cut lead-outs and arc shut-off timing to avoid extinguishing the arc prematurely by using a controlled ramp down.

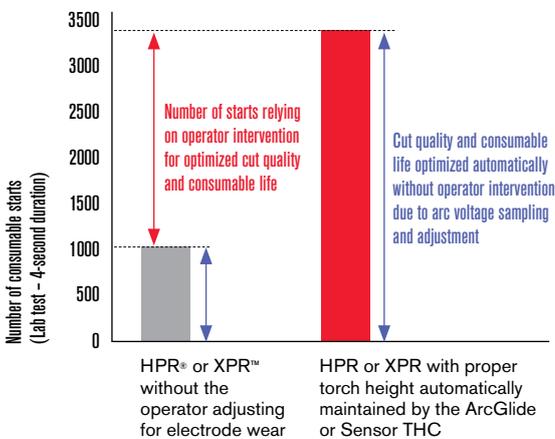
Improper cut height due to not adjusting arc voltage for electrode wear



Proper cut height automatically maintained by the THC



Number of consumable starts with < 0,25 mm deviation from proper cut height without operator intervention (130 A) 12 mm mild steel



System components

Nesting software



ProNest®

Computer numerical controllers (CNCs)



EDGE® Connect TC



EDGE® Connect

Torch height controls (THCs)



Sensor™ Ti THC



Sensor™ THC



ArcGlide® THC

Mechanized plasma systems



HyPerformance® plasma HPRXD®



XPR plasma XPR300™ and XPR170™

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