

Dependable welding of TPO with grip style nozzle for VARIMAT V

More grip on the roof

Choosing the right welding tool

In today's roofing market there are many different plastic sheets: PVC-P, ECB, EVA, TPO and other materials that require different welding techniques and experience. Naturally, this makes it more difficult for roofers to choose the right welding tool. In most cases, an automatic welding machine with a 1.6 inch (40 mm) nozzle is being used for overlap welding.

TPO aging effects

Although a 1.6 inch standard nozzle is widely accepted, problems can sometimes appear when using TPO material. An example would be if the material lies on the roof overnight; the TPO shows aging effects and the material can absorb moisture.



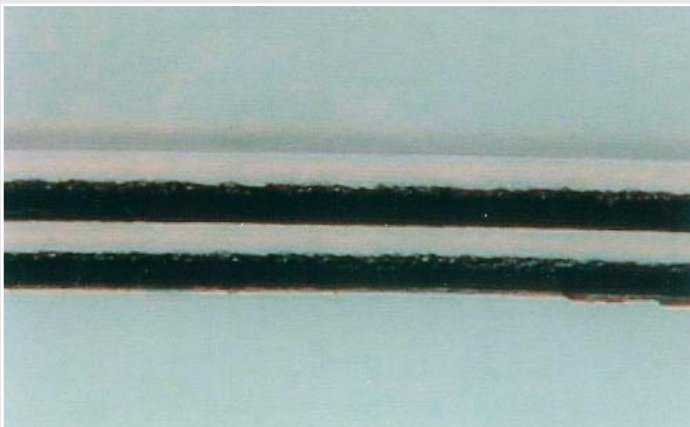
Lower part of grip-nozzle with burls or grips.

Higher shear forces

By using a grip style nozzle, the impact of these negative effects can be reduced considerably. Additionally, the peeling and shear forces (seam strength) can be up to 30% higher, which increases the reliability of the weld significantly as many independent tests have shown (e.g. www.ddDach.org).

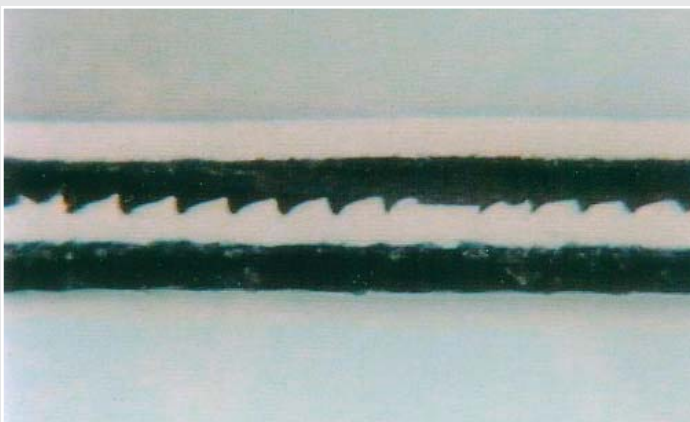


Upper part of grip-nozzle with (sheet pressure plate) downholder – the burls (grips) are hidden underneath.



Above: cross-section of a TPO-sheet with standard nozzle (sevenfold enlargement).

Below: cross-section of a TPO-sheet with grip-nozzle (sevenfold enlargement)





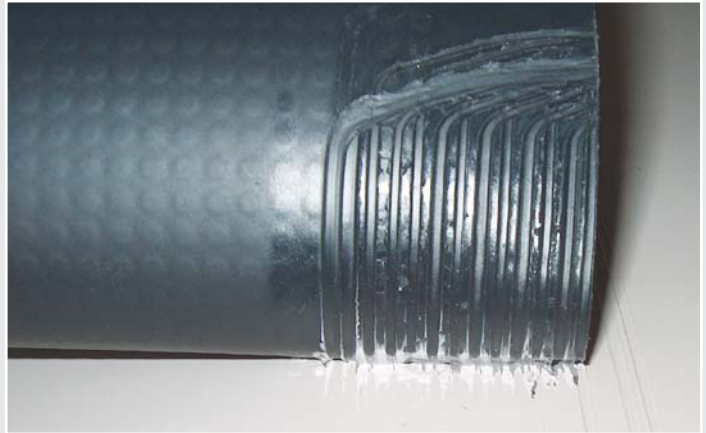
VARIMAT V

How does it work?

A metal pressure plate (downholder) presses the upper sheet towards the nozzle and little grips (burls) on both sides of the nozzle to expose “new” material from below the surface and increase the total surface area of the TPO to be welded (roughened). This way, the surface is being pre-treated to ensure perfect welding quality.

High welding speed

The higher friction force of the grip nozzle doesn’t affect the welding speed at all because the VARIMAT V is a closed-loop controlled, automatic welding machine. Welding speed up to 16.4 ft/min can be reached (depending on the material



Rough TPO surface thanks to the grip nozzle.

type). The grip style nozzle can only be retrofitted onto a VARIMAT V. It can quickly and easily be mounted directly at the work site.

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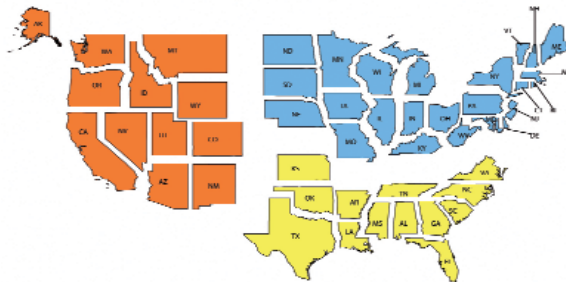
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