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Foreword

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Introduction

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1 Scope

This Technical Report refers to manual blowpipes and stationary machine blowpipes with free burning flames for heat treatment of work pieces. These blowpipes are, due to their type of construction, designed for special applications and do not fall under the scope of EN ISO 5172 and EN ISO 9012.

This Technical Report contains technical regulations, specifications and tests.

Blowpipes are intended for gaseous fuels in connection with oxygen, compressed air or aspirated air.

Flow rates are not expressly limited and depend on the thermal process to be performed.

2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

EN ISO 5172:2006, *Gas welding equipment — Blowpipes for gas welding, heating and cutting — Specifications and tests (ISO 5172:2006)*

EN 29090, *Gas tightness of equipment for gas welding and allied processes (ISO 9090)*

EN ISO 9539, *Gas welding equipment — Materials for equipment used in gas welding, cutting and allied processes (ISO 9539)*

ISO 15296, *Gas welding equipment — Vocabulary — Terms used for gas welding equipment*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 15296 and the following apply.

3.1

manual blowpipe

blowpipe, manually guided by the operator

3.2

machine blowpipe

blowpipe which for operation is fixed to a mechanical device and guided by it

3.2.1

semi-automatic machine blowpipe

blowpipe which is mechanically guided

Note 1 to entry: Operation manually performed.

3.2.2

automatic machine blowpipe

blowpipe operated independent of persons and controlled and monitored by control and regulation devices

3.3

blowpipe head

Note 1 to entry: The type of blowpipe head depends on its application.

Note 2 to entry: Table 1 gives examples for different blowpipe head constructions.

Table 1 — Types of blowpipes – application

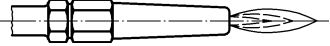

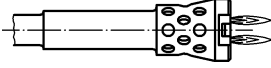



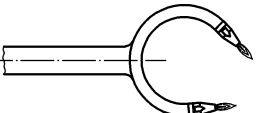


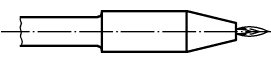
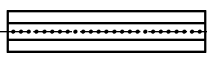
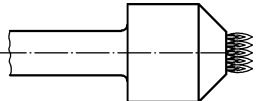
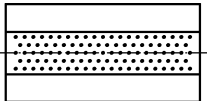
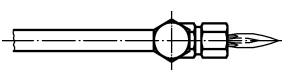

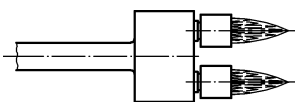
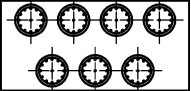
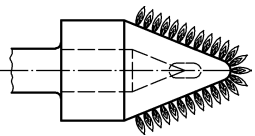
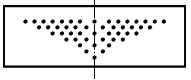
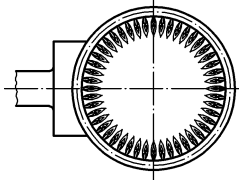

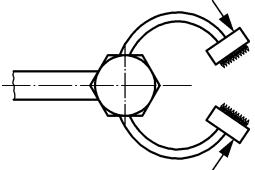

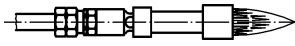

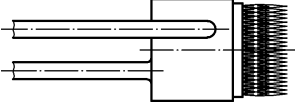
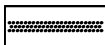
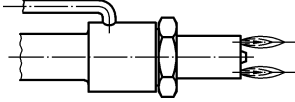

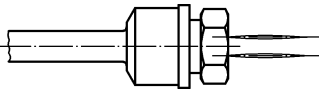

	Blowpipe head	Flame shape	use by H = hand M = machine	application	combination
single flame blowpipe (with and without stabilisation flame)			H/M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — preheating — flame-straightening — flame brazing and soldering 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — fuel gas — oxygen — compressed air
multi-flame blowpipe			H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — flame-hardening — hot forming 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — fuel gas — oxygen — compressed air
			H/M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — fusion welding — general gas flame processes 	
twin head blowpipe		 	H/M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — preheating — hot forming — flame brazing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — fuel gas — oxygen
single row blowpipe			H/M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — flame-annealing — flame-hardening 	

Table 1 (continued)

	Blowpipe head	Flame shape	use by H = hand M = machine	application	combination
multi row blowpipe			M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — hot forming — fusion welding — flame brazing and soldering 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — fuel gas — oxygen — compressed air
single row nozzle blowpipe			M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — pre-heating — flame brazing and soldering 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — fuel gas — oxygen — compressed air
multi row nozzle blowpipe			M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — pre-heating — flame brazing and soldering 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — fuel gas — oxygen — compressed air — aspirated air
profile blowpipe			M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — flame-heating — flame-hardening — special applications 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — fuel gas — oxygen — compressed air
ring blowpipe			H/M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — pre-heating — flame-heating — hot forming — flame-hardening 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — fuel gas — oxygen — compressed air
flame-hardening blowpipe			M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — flame-hardening 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — fuel gas — oxygen
air-aspirated blowpipe			H/M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — flame brazing and soldering — ignition flame 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — fuel gas — aspirated air
diffusion blowpipe			M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — flame-heating — flame-polishing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — fuel gas — oxygen
nozzle mixing blowpipe			H/M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — flame-heating — hot forming 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — fuel gas — oxygen
microjet blowpipe			M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — flame brazing and soldering 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — fuel gas — oxygen — compressed air

3.3.1

single flame blowpipe

flame shape of the blowpipe which consists of one flame

Note 1 to entry: For slowly burning fuel gases, the single flame can be supported by concentrically arranged stabilising flames.

3.3.2

multi-flame blowpipe

flame shape from the blowpipe head which consists of one or more concentric flame circles

3.3.3

twin head blowpipe

blowpipe which is supplied by one mixing device

Note 1 to entry: Several blowpipe nozzles enclose the work piece.

3.3.4

single row blowpipe

flame shape from the blowpipe head is composed of one row of flames

Note 1 to entry: Flame openings are in-line with the blowpipe head.

3.3.5

multi row blowpipe

flame shape from the blowpipe head which is composed of several flame rows, the number and position of which depend on the specific intended use

3.3.6

single row nozzle blowpipe

flame shape from the blowpipe head which is composed of several single nozzles applying linear heat to the work piece

3.3.7

multi row nozzle blowpipe

flame shape from the blowpipe head which consists of several single nozzles which form the flame shape

3.3.8

profile blowpipe

flame shape blowpipe with a blowpipe geometry and shape depending on the intended use

3.3.9

ring blowpipe

flame shape from the blowpipe which circularly encloses or covers the work piece

3.3.10

flame-hardening blowpipe

flame shape from the blowpipe with integrated quenching shower which is adapted to the work piece

3.3.11

air-aspirated blowpipe

blowpipe in which the flame is produced according to the "Bunsen burner principle"

Note 1 to entry: Regulation of the burner capacity is made by closing or opening the air supply and adjusting the fuel gas pressure.

**3.3.12
diffusion blowpipe**

blowpipe in which oxygen and fuel gas are separately passed through the blowpipe head

Note 1 to entry: Mixing takes place outside the blowpipe head and forms, as necessary, the flame shape.

**3.3.13
nozzle mixing blowpipe**

blowpipe in which oxygen and fuel gas are mixed inside the heating nozzle according to the injector principle

Note 1 to entry: See Figure 2. Each gas orifice outlet is supplied by an injector.

**3.3.14
microjet blowpipe**

blowpipe in which the flame shape is made of small very close flame bores

Note 1 to entry: According to the type of application, one or several parallel bore rows are used.

**3.4
ignition device**

separate energy source inside or at the blowpipe ensuring the safe ignition of fuel gas mixtures escaping from the orifice outlets

Note 1 to entry: See Figure 1.

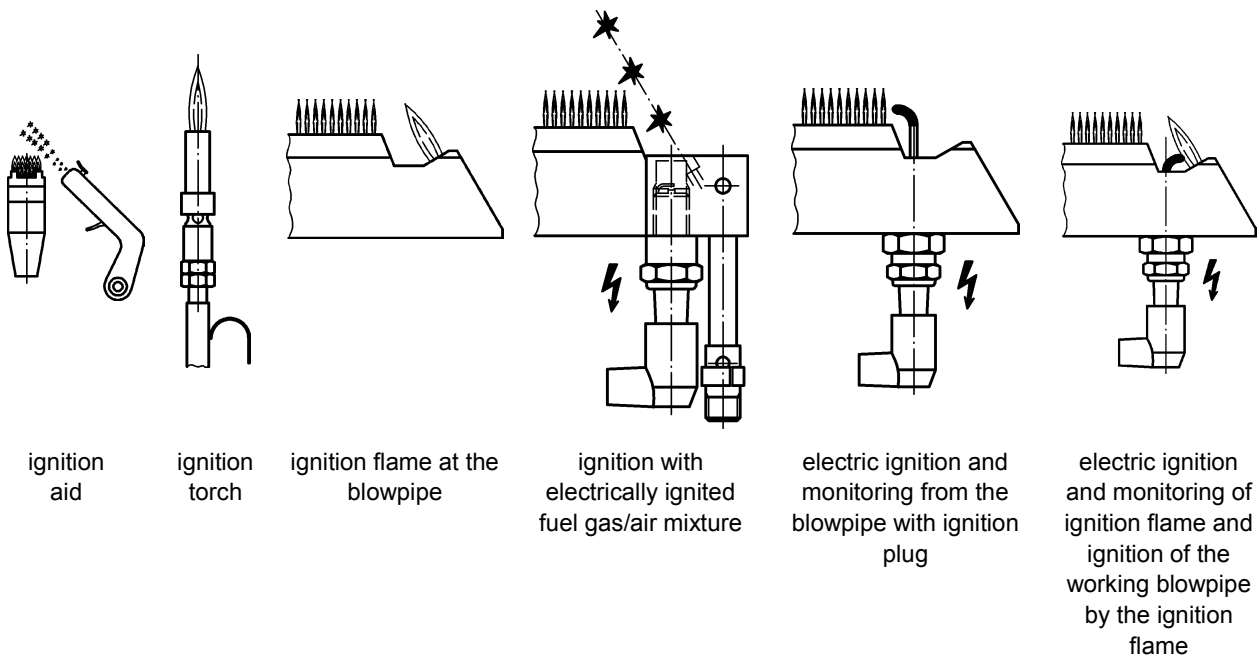


Figure 1 — Ignition devices

**3.5
stabilising flames**

continuously burning flames to stabilise the main flame during service

4 Mixing systems

4.1 General

Device where fuel gas is mixed with oxygen or air.

4.2 Injector blowpipe

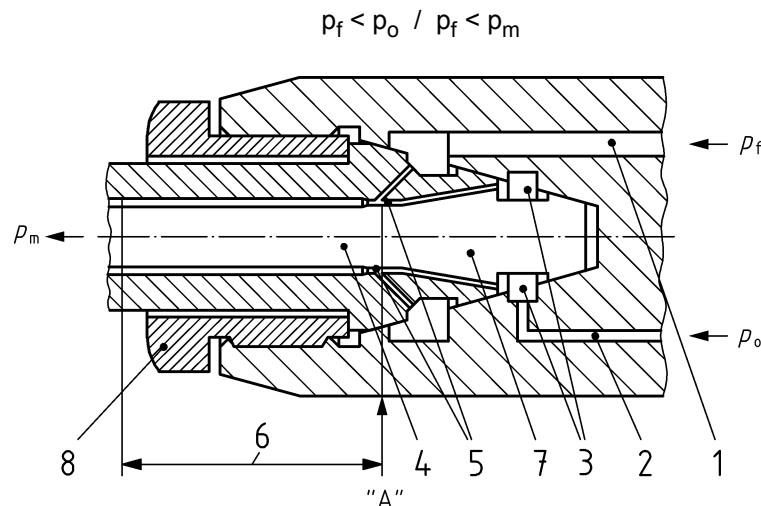
See EN ISO 5172:2006, 3.1.1.

4.3 Equal pressure blowpipe

See EN ISO 5172:2006, 3.1.3.

4.4 Blowpipe with gas mixing nozzle

Blowpipe where oxygen and fuel gas are individually mixed according to the injector principle. This occurs in the nozzle in front of the gas orifice outlet bores (nozzle mixing). See Figure 2.



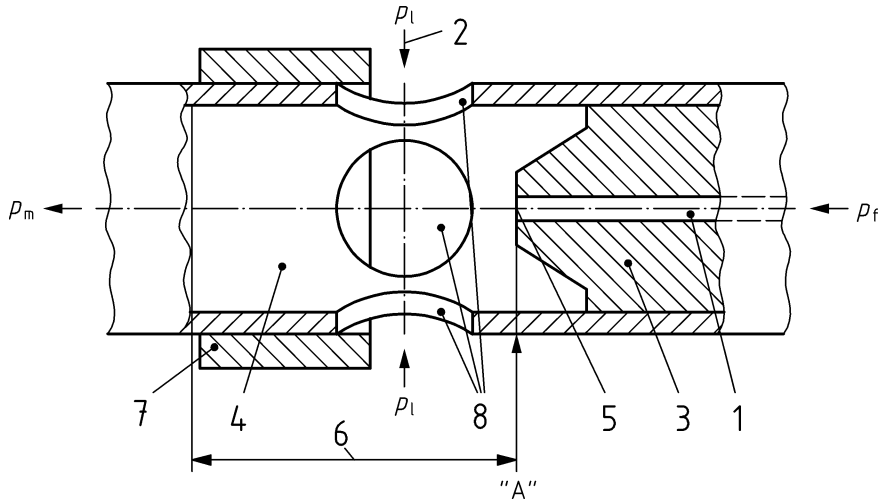
Key

1	fuel gas	p_f	pressure of fuel gas
2	oxygen/compressed air	p_o	pressure of oxygen/compressed air
3	injector	p_m	pressure of mixture
4	mixing chamber		
5	mixing point "A"		
6	mixing distance		
7	heating nozzle		
8	pressure screw		

Figure 2 — Nozzle mixing

4.5 Blowpipe for aspirated air

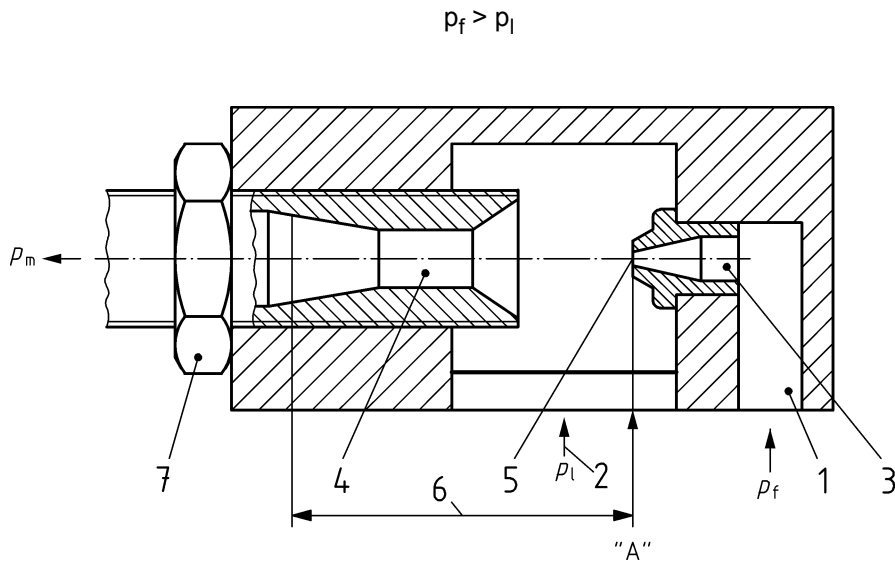
Blowpipe where the fuel gas, which flows from the gas nozzle into the mixing point, aspirates sufficient air from the surrounding atmosphere in order to be burnt as a technically usable flame (Figure 3). Regulation of the fuel gas-air mixture is made by a movable cover which can be displaced across the air inlet openings.



- Key**
- | | |
|----------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 fuel gas | p_f fuel gas pressure |
| 2 air | p_l air |
| 3 injector | p_m pressure of mixture |
| 4 mixing chamber | |
| 5 mixing point "A" | |
| 6 mixing distance | |
| 7 air slider | |
| 8 air inlet openings | |

Figure 3 — Mixer for fuel gas-aspirated air with air slider

Fuel gas is guided to the injector. The mixing area can be regulated by a screw adjustment at the mixing nozzle so that the air inlet opening to the fuel gas can be varied (Figure 4).

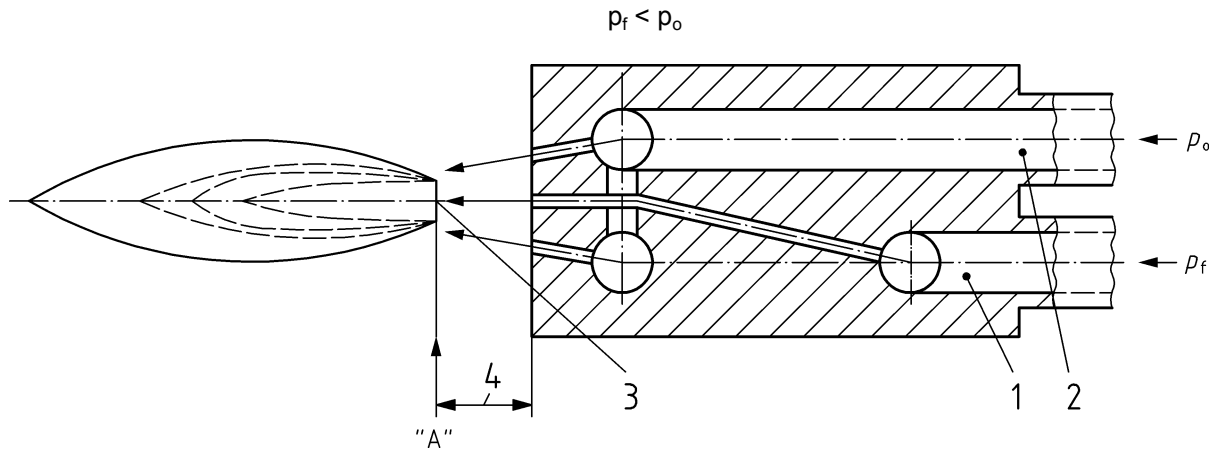


- Key**
- | | |
|---------------------|----------------------------|
| 1 fuel gas | p_f pressure of fuel gas |
| 2 air | p_l air |
| 3 pressure injector | p_m pressure of mixture |
| 4 mixing chamber | |
| 5 mixing point "A" | |
| 6 mixing distance | |
| 7 counter nut | |

Figure 4 — Mixer for fuel gas-aspirated air with screw adjustment

4.6 Blowpipe with external mixing

In the blowpipe, fuel gas and oxygen are separately guided to the gas orifices. Mixing is made outside the gas orifice bores (Figure 5)



Key

- | | | | |
|---|------------------|-------|----------------------|
| 1 | fuel gas | p_f | pressure of fuel gas |
| 2 | oxygen | p_o | pressure of oxygen |
| 3 | mixing point "A" | | |
| 4 | mixing distance | | |

Figure 5 — Blowpipe with external mixing

5 Examples for the design of blowpipes

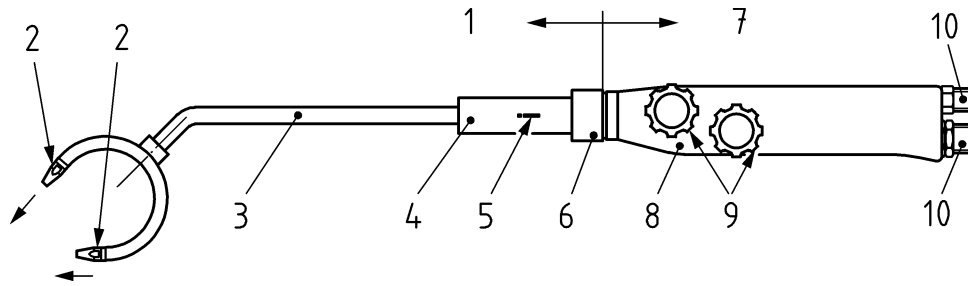
5.1 General

Blowpipe construction/design and flow rates of oxygen/compressed air/fuel gas are not subject to any limitations.

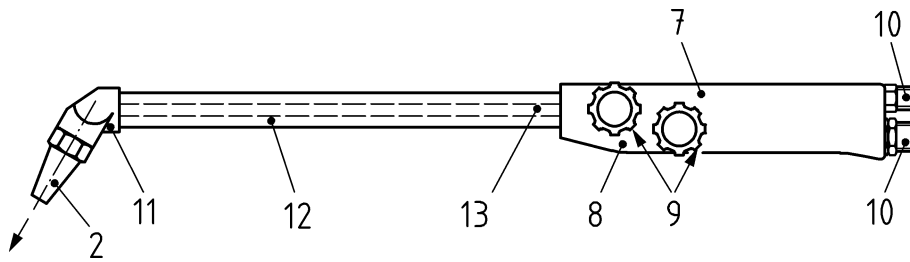
5.2 Manually guided blowpipes

Manually guided blowpipes are designed for manual operation and for a specific application.

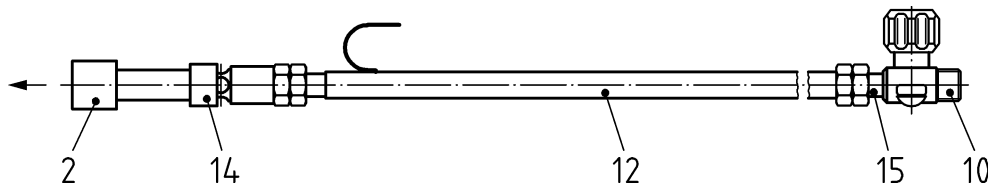
In general, they consist of a shank with gas-regulating valves and of a heating attachment with blowpipe nozzle. (Examples are given in Figure 6).



a) injector blowpipe with suction effect



b) blowpipe with gas mixing nozzle



c) blowpipe for aspirated air

Key

- | | |
|---|---------------------------|
| 1 heating attachment | 9 adjustment valves |
| 2 blowpipe nozzles | 10 hose connections |
| 3 mixture tube | 11 blowpipe head |
| 4 mixing device (mixing chamber and injector) | 12 fuel gas tube |
| 5 marking "suction effect" | 13 oxygen tube |
| 6 connecting nut | 14 air inlet (air slider) |
| 7 shank | 15 fuel gas valve |
| 8 body | |

Figure 6 — Examples for the design of manual blowpipes

5.3 Machine blowpipes – semi-automatic

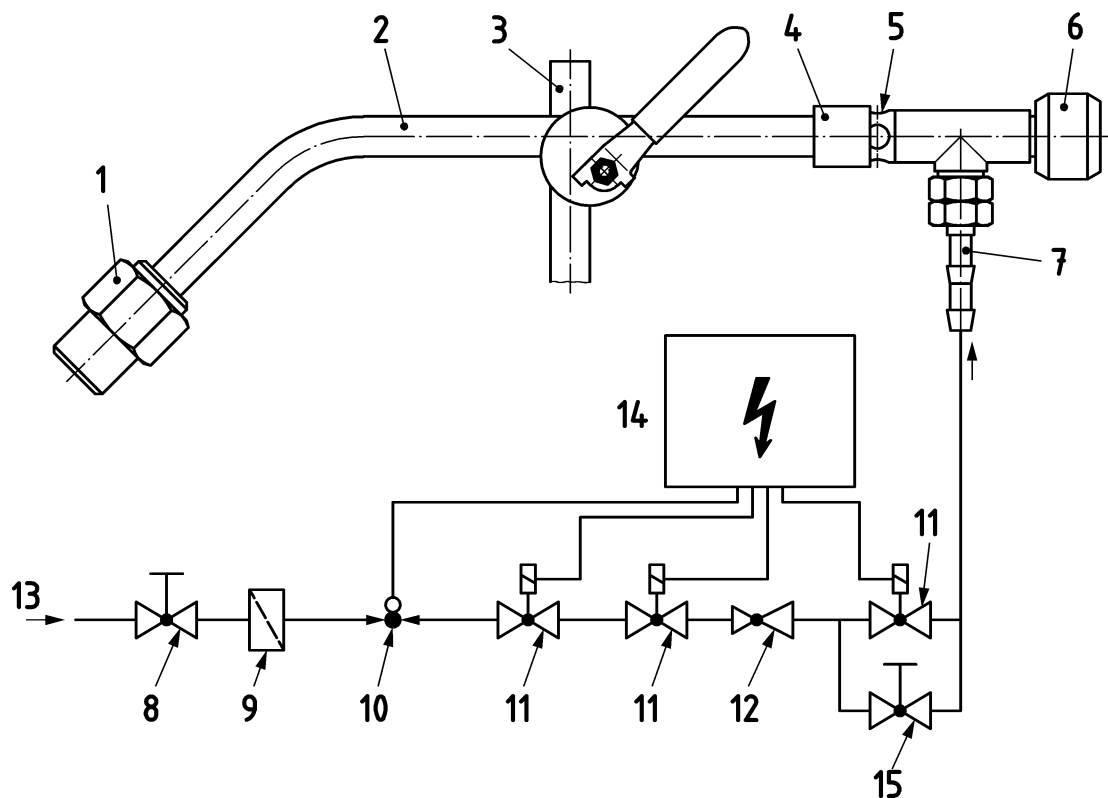
Machine blowpipes, operated semi-automatically, are fixed and guided in/by devices.

During operation the blowpipe is monitored by the operators.

Essential elements are:

- blowpipe device
- gas distribution system
- connection devices
- ignition aids

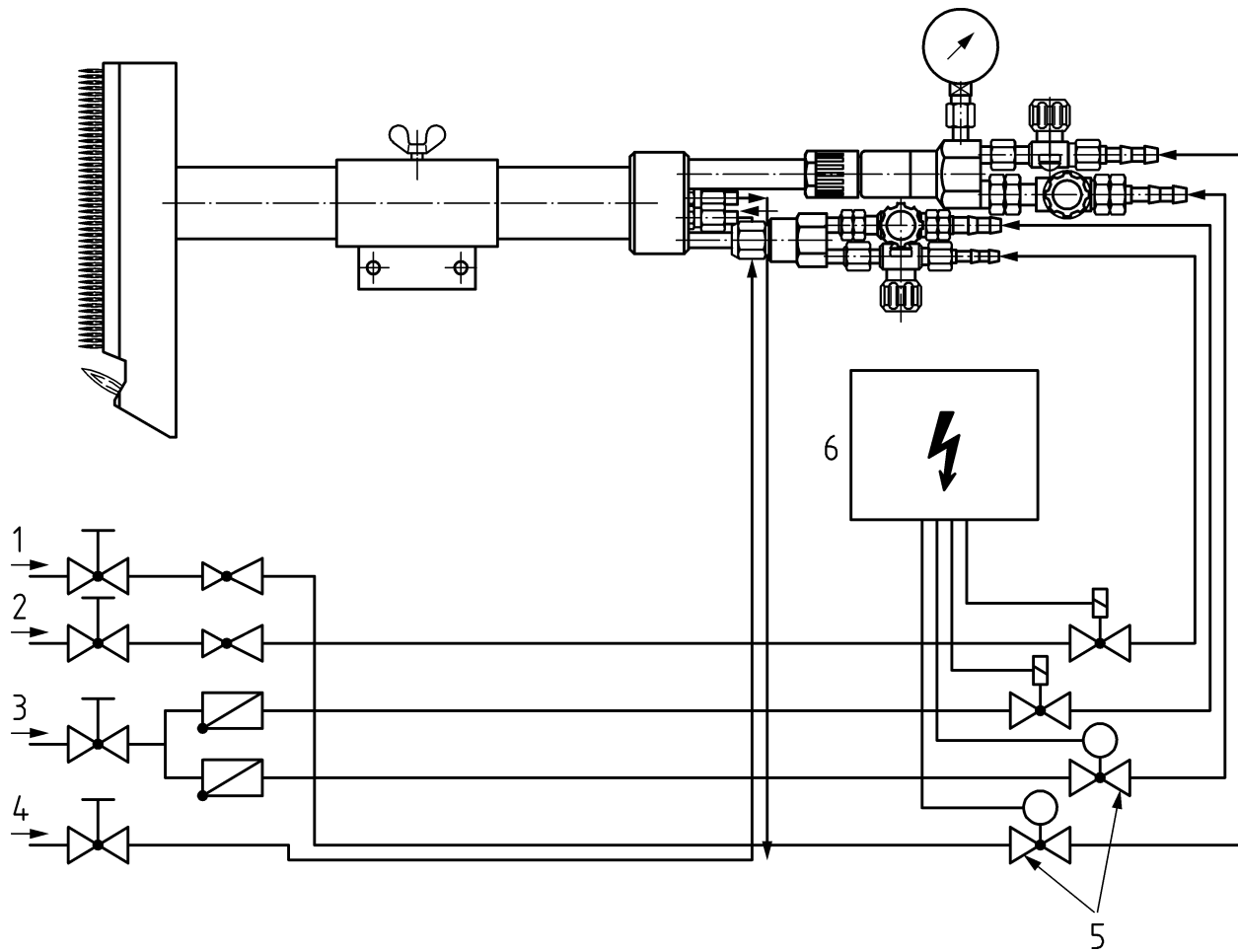
Examples for semi-automatic machine blowpipes are given in Figure 7 and Figure 8.



Key

- | | |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 heating nozzle | 8 shut-off valve |
| 2 mixing tube | 9 filter |
| 3 blowpipe support | 10 pressure switch |
| 4 air slider | 11 magnetic valve |
| 5 air inlet opening | 12 pressure regulator |
| 6 fuel gas valve | 13 fuel gas |
| 7 fuel gas connection | 14 voltage |
| | 15 bypass valve |

Figure 7 — Machine blowpipe - semi-automatic - with gas distribution system



Key

- 1 oxygen/compressed air
- 2 compressed air
- 3 fuel gas
- 4 cooling water
- 5 air
- 6 voltage

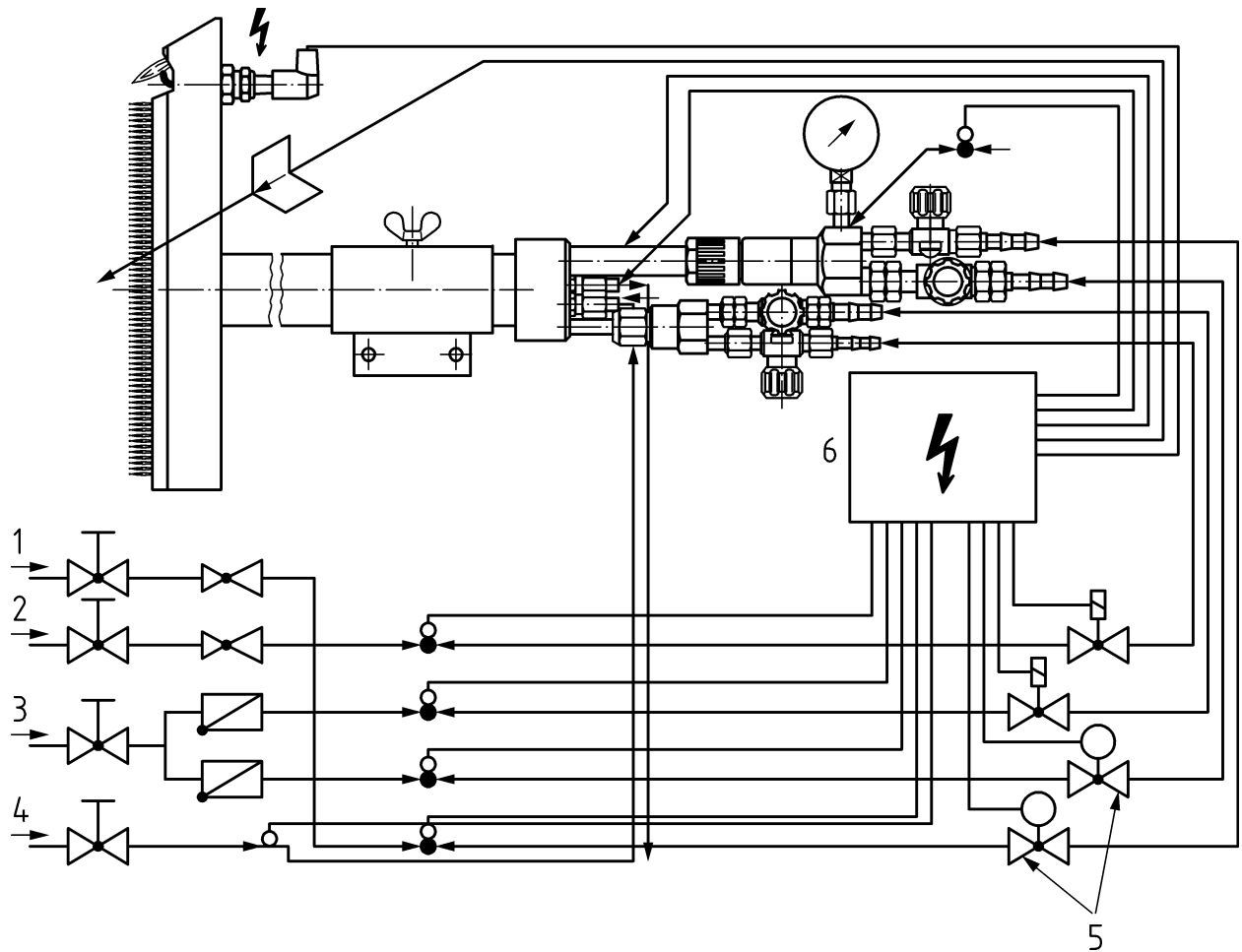
Figure 8 — Machine blowpipe - semi-automatic - with gas distribution system

5.4 Machine blowpipe - automatic

Automatic machine blowpipe function is operated and monitored by safety and control devices.

Control and monitoring functions are made by sensors which act on the control devices.

An example of an automatically working machine blowpipe is given in Figure 9.



Key

- 1 oxygen/compressed air
- 2 compressed air
- 3 fuel gas
- 4 cooling water
- 5 air
- 6 voltage

Figure 9 — Machine blowpipe - automatic - with gas distribution system

6 Hose connections

Hose connections are specified in EN ISO 5172.

7 Materials

Material requirements are specified in EN ISO 9539.

8 Description of operation and operational incidents

8.1 Description of mixtures and flames

8.1.1 Flame blow off at the flame

Flame blow off at the flame off the blowpipe head. This may lead to an extinction of the flame.

8.1.2 Neutral flame (only for acetylene)

The acetylene flame is set under normal conditions at a volume mixing ratio of approximately 1 portion of acetylene and 1,1 portion of oxygen or 7 portions of compressed air. Strictly limited primary flame cones occur.

8.1.3 Process-related flame (for all fuel gases)

The flame is operated at a process-related mixing ratio.

8.1.4 Neutral mixture

The acetylene/oxygen mixture or acetylene/compressed air mixture required to obtain a neutral flame (see Annex B).

8.1.5 Process-related mixture

The mixture containing fuel gas/oxygen, fuel gas/compressed air or fuel gas/aspirated air necessary to obtain a process-related flame..

8.2 Description of operational incidents

The requirements for backfire, sustained backfire, flashback and gas backflow are specified in EN ISO 5172:2006, Clause 3.

9 Marking

The requirements for marking are specified in EN ISO 5172:2006, Clause 6.

10 Requirements

10.1 General

All blowpipe components shall be capable of withstanding mechanical, chemical and thermal stress to which they are exposed under normal operating conditions.

For each blowpipe unit, a gas distribution system can be used which is appropriate for the process, if necessary with control.

For manually-guided blowpipes, simple gas distribution systems with corresponding safety devices are often sufficient.

The higher the mechanisation level, the more complex are the gas distribution systems.

Requirements beyond this Technical Report can specifically be agreed between the manufacturer from the blowpipe and the user.

All gas distribution and ignition systems mentioned and demonstrated are only examples and do not fall under the scope of this Technical Report.

In order to ensure the system meets all requirements it is strongly recommended that blowpipe systems are designed in conjunction with the blowpipe manufacturer, the system manufacturer and the user.

10.2 Safety and operating requirements

10.2.1 Gas tightness

The gas tightness test should be carried out according to 11.2.

10.2.2 Valves

Testing of valves should be carried out according to 11.4.

10.2.3 Adjustment of flame

It is possible to adjust the flame continuously from flows stated by the manufacturer to a reducing state (only for acetylene) obtained by increasing the fuel flow by 25 % and to an oxidising state obtained by increasing the oxygen flow or compressed air flow by 25 %.

10.2.4 Flow rate

Gas flow rates and gas pressures are specified by the manufacturer in the operating instructions. It should be verified that the gas flow rates and pressures are achieved.

10.2.5 Protection against gas backflow

For blowpipes, passover of one gas into the gas line of another is considered being avoided under operating conditions when this gas passover does not occur.

This does not apply to air-aspirated and diffusion blowpipes.

If a non-return valve is incorporated in the blowpipe, it should conform to ISO 5175.

10.2.6 Extinguishing behaviour and protection against flashback

A flame which has been adjusted to a reduced flow of 25 % below the specified nominal flow rates, without backfire or flashback.

This is the minimum requirement for safety against flashback.

10.2.7 Stability in wind

It is possible for a flame to be maintained when wind blows directly across the emergent gas at the orifice. This applies to fuel gas/ compressed air/ air-aspirated flames. Test conditions are according to EN ISO 5172:2006, 7.1.

10.2.8 Thermal stability

Thermal stability is ensured when the heating attachment of the blowpipe head does not heat in excess during its intended use.

11 Tests

11.1 General

The accuracy of measurements and the test devices can be specified in the test report. All tests are type tests and not production tests. For single-piece productions, type tests are considered as production test.

11.2 Leak test

This test should be carried out in accordance with EN 29090. Leakage rates are given in EN 29090.

11.3 Test for stability in wind for fuel gas/compressed air and air-aspirated flames

The Test for the stability of blowpipes in wind can be tested by using the apparatus shown in EN ISO 5172:2006, 8.4

11.4 Valve test

The valve test is described in EN ISO 5172:2006, 8.5.

11.5 Gas backflow test

11.5.1 General

The gas backflow test is described in EN ISO 5172:2006, 8.6.

The resistance to backflow of gas is tested separately for both oxygen/compressed air and for the fuel gas lines. The tests are carried out with oil-free compressed air or with nitrogen for all nozzle sizes and heating attachments

Appropriate pressure measuring devices should be used.

11.5 does not apply to fuel gas/air-aspirated blowpipes and diffusion blowpipes.

A practical and approved backflow test of oxygen/compressed air into the fuel gas line and of fuel gas into the oxygen/compressed air line is the "quick suction effect test".

The "quick suction effect test" shall be carried out as follows:

Procedure:

- Connection of the blowpipe to compressed air or nitrogen to the corresponding connecting piece (for testing the gas backflow of oxygen/compressed air into the fuel gas line, the connection is made at the connecting piece for oxygen/compressed air, in the reversed case at the fuel gas connecting piece);
- adjustment of the gas pressures at operating conditions (see instruction manual);
- connection, opening of all valves.

Evaluation:

A clearly noticeable suction effect can be recognised at the connecting piece of the gas line under test.

If no suction effect is visible/noticeable or if a backflow of compressed air/oxygen into the fuel gas line or of fuel gas into the oxygen/compressed air line occurs, the blowpipe should in no case be put into service.

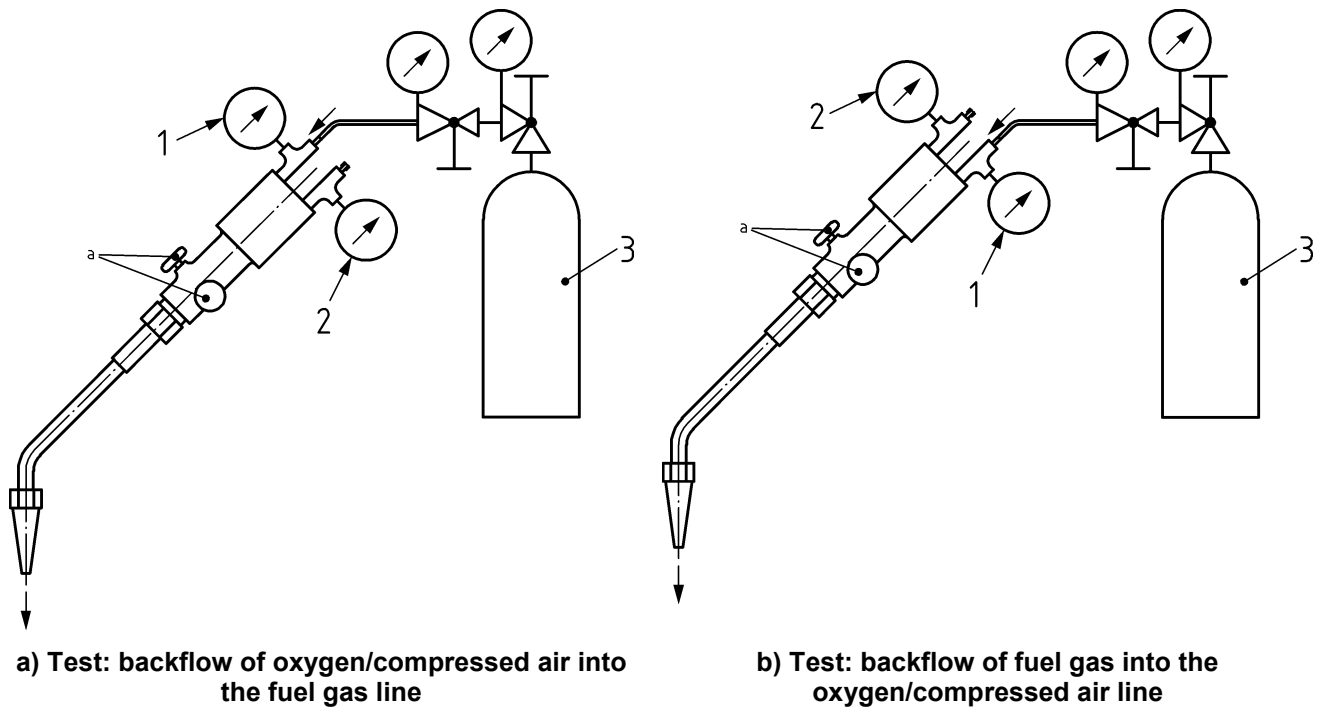
This applies to injector blowpipes.

For blowpipes which are due to their special design show no suction effect or when back pressure of gas is identified, appropriate safety devices for the backflow of gas can be used.

The manufacturer of blowpipes has the option to carry out the test according to 11.5.1.

11.5.2 Testing the gas backflow of oxygen/compressed air into the fuel gas line

The test assembly is shown in Figure 10.



Key:

- a valve fully opened
- 1 overpressure gauge at the connecting piece of the blowpipe
- 2 negative pressure gauge (appropriate measuring instruments) (e.g. U-tube or thumb test) at the blowpipe hose connection

Figure 10 — Assembly for testing the backflow into another gas line within the blowpipe

11.5.3 Testing of flashback

The blowpipe manufacturer should ensure that the blowpipe is safe against flashback when used as intended. Depending on the various blowpipe head shapes and heating attachments and on the purposes, he should apply suitable test methods.

It is the blowpipe manufacturer's choice which test methods can be used. No backfire or flashback should occur during the intended use. The minimum requirements according to 10.2.6 shall be met.

Due to the large number of blowpipe heads and heating attachments, it is not possible to use a uniform test method.

The test method according to EN ISO 5172:2006, 8.3.3.3 (Figure 7) is an approved test method for checking the various blowpipe head shapes. Parameters should be adapted correspondingly to the blowpipe head and heating attachment to obtain the desired overheating effect.

12 Instruction manual

The manufacturer, trader or distributor should supply an instruction manual for each blowpipe. This should contain at a minimum:

- information on the intended use;
- permissible gas type;
- connection values (gas connection data and electricity);
- explanation of all markings;
- mixing system;
- safety advices;
- required or recommended safety devices and control systems;
- behaviour in case of malfunctioning of the blowpipe and fault rectification;
- steps to be performed prior to putting into service including leak test;
- operation during putting into and out of service;
- operation, maintenance and repair;
- required gas distribution systems.
- information on protective measures
 - UV and IR radiation
 - noise protection
 - hazardous substances
 - personal protective equipment

The instruction manual for blowpipes may be integrated in the general instructions manual for machines and equipment and may deviate from the above listing.

Annex A
(informative)

Terminology for heating blowpipes and examples of design

Table A.1 — List of designations

No.	English	French	German
1	Welding nozzle	Buse de soudage	Schweißdüse
2	Mixing tube	Tube de mélange	Mischrohr
3	Mixing chamber	Chambre de mélange	Mischkammer
4	Injector	Injecteur	Druckdüse
5	Nozzle nut	Écrou de fixation de la buse de coupe	Düsenschraube
6	Oxygen valve	Robinet d'oxygène	Sauerstoffventil
7	Fuel gas valve	Robinet de gaz combustible	Brenngasventil
8	Shank or body	Manche de chalumeau	Griffstück
9	Hose connection integral or detachable	Douille porte-tuyau intégrée ou démontable	Unlösbarer oder lösbarer Schlauchanschluss
10	Heating attachment	Lance de chauffage	Wärmeinsatz
11	Seal	Joint	Dichtung
12	Needle	Aiguille	Nadel
13	Mixer	Dispositif mélangeur	Mischer
14	Fuel gas line	Conduit d'amenée du gaz combustible	Brenngaszuführung
15	Oxygen line	Conduit d'amenée de l'oxygène	Sauerstoffzuführung
16	Compressed air line	Conduit d'amenée de l'air comprimé	Druckluftzuführung
17	Mixed gas channel or passage	Conduit d'amenée du mélange	Gasgemischzuführung
18	Nozzle outer	Buse externe	Heizdüse
19	Lance attachment coupling nut	Écrou de fixation de la lance	Überwurfmutter
20	Blowpipe head	Pièce avant du chalumeau	Brennerkopf
21	Heating nozzle	Buse de chauffage	Wärmdüse
22	Hose coupling nipple with union nut	Douille porte-tuyau avec écrou de fixation	Schlauchtülle mit Überwurfmutter
23	Single valve	Robinet	Einzelventil
24	Threaded union	Mamelon fileté	Gewindestutzen

Annex B
(informative)

**Approximated mixing ratios for process-related flame settings
(adjustments)**

Table B.1 — Approximated mixing ratios

Approximated mixing ratios for normal flames	Chemical formulas	Fuel gas/ oxygen	Fuel gas/ compressed air
Acetylene	C ₂ H ₂	1:1,3	1:7
Propane (LPG)	C ₃ H ₈	1:3,75	1:18
Butane	C ₄ H ₁₀	1:4,5	1:21,4
Natural gas, Methane	CH ₄	1:1,6	1:7,6
Hydrogen	H ₂	1:0,36	1:1,8
Ethylene	C ₂ H ₄	1:2,6	1:12,4
MPS (methyl acetylene-propadiene mixtures)	C ₃ H ₄ /C ₃ H ₄	1:3,5	1:16,5
Other fuel gas mixtures		According to the manufacturer's instructions	
Most oxygen/acetylene blowpipes are operated with a neutral flame, the setting of which requires a ratio of 1:1,1.			

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