

## Airgas to Debut New Products at FABTECH 2017

- ***Port-A-Weld and Orbital Welding Systems on Display***
- ***“Unlocking the Hidden Costs of Welding” Seminar Returns by Popular Demand***

Airgas, an Air Liquide company, and the leading U.S. supplier of industrial gases, welding technologies, and safety products, announced today that its **Advanced Fabrication Technologies team will be exhibiting at FABTECH® 2017. Airgas will debut new products at Booth #B27013, November 6-9 at McCormick Place in Chicago.** Welding and fabrication experts will be on hand to discuss innovative systems available for rent, lease, and sale. Airgas will feature welding shielding gases available in all modes of delivery for use in arc welding and cutting processes. Customers will have an opportunity to review the company's newest welding, industrial gas and safety products firsthand.

The booth will showcase new products such as the multi-functional Machitech Automation pipe profiling system, which uses a Hypertherm plasma platform to cut everything from pipe and beams to flat plates. A Miller Weld Automation robotic welding system, vending solutions and the Radnor® line of products will be on display. And an OTC robotic system on a 30-foot slider – which can robotically weld multiple projects at the same time – will be welding unique giveaways throughout the conference.

Red-D-Arc Welderentals, an Airgas company, will debut the Port-A-Weld System (PWS), a portable welding package that allows operators to quickly and accurately position the welding arc and speed up the welding process. Various power source and welding head combinations are available to facilitate submerged arc, MIG and TIG welding with this system.

A new orbital welding rental solution will be debuted for fusion welding, tube-to-tube welding, as well as tube cutting and beveling. Red-D-Arc Welderentals experts will showcase an orbital saw, facer and a welding system in the booth this year. The new orbital options can be used for a wide range of applications, from food and beverage and pharmaceutical uses, to aerospace, semi-conductor, and shipyard production.

Airgas experts in welding, safety, eBusiness and automation services will be available to discuss everything from retrofitting and periodic maintenance schedules for CNC cutting machines to gas efficiency and online capabilities. Airgas can help customers increase the life span and productivity of their equipment as well as improve purchasing and account management through the robust e-commerce system.

Airgas customers and FABTECH attendees are invited to register for Airgas' **Unlocking the Hidden Cost of Welding** seminar, featuring information on improving welding efficiency. The high-demand program helps customers assess the economics of their welding processes, highlighting ways to determine where savings in time and money can be achieved while concurrently enhancing product quality and reducing

consumption of welding gases and related consumables. Airgas will also offer seminars on **Arc Welding Emissions and Heat Treating**. More information is available at [Airgas.com/FABTECH2017](http://Airgas.com/FABTECH2017).

Registered FABTECH attendees who visit the Airgas exhibit will be entered into daily drawings to win Beats by Dr. Dre™ headphones, Bose® speakers, or a student welding kit. Additional information on Airgas' metal fabrication products and offerings will be available at the Airgas exhibit (Booth #B27013) or on its [website](http://www.airgas.com).

**Rob Tessier**, Airgas Director of Advanced Fabrication: ***"We're bringing back our popular 'Unlocking the Hidden Cost of Welding' seminar to FABTECH to share new ways our customers can improve productivity, reach their bottom-line goals and increase profits."***

**Eric Klein**, VP Manufacturing & Metal Fabrication Markets: ***"FABTECH allows us to hear from our existing and potential metal fabrication customers directly and brainstorm integrated solutions for their daily challenges. We look forward to sharing our Airgas expertise and showcasing new technologies, products and services that can ensure our customers succeed every day."***

#### **Airgas, Inc.**

Airgas, an Air Liquide company, is the leading U.S. supplier of industrial, medical and specialty gases, as well as hardgoods and related products; one of the largest U.S. suppliers of safety products; and a leading U.S. supplier of ammonia products and process chemicals.

Dedicated to improving the performance of its more than 1 million customers, Airgas safely and reliably provides products, services and expertise through its more than 18,000 associates, over 1,100 locations, robust e-Business platform, and Airgas Total Access® telesales channel.

As an Air Liquide company, the world leader in gases, technology and services for Industry and Health, Airgas offers customers an unrivaled global footprint and industry leading technology and innovations.

For more information, please visit [www.airgas.com](http://www.airgas.com).

#### **Red-D-Arc Welderentals™**

Red-D-Arc Welderentals™, an Airgas company, rents and leases welders, welding positioners, welding-related equipment, and electric power generators - anywhere in the world. Our rental welders, positioners and specialty products have been engineered and built to provide Extreme-Duty™ performance and reliability in even the harshest environments, and are available through over 70 Red-D-Arc Service Centers, strategically located throughout the United States, Canada, Mexico, the United Kingdom, France, the Netherlands, Germany, and the UAE, as well as through strategic alliances in the Middle East, Spain, Italy, Croatia, Kazakhstan, Australia, the Caribbean, and Colombia. From our rental fleet of over 60,000 welders, 3,700 weld positioners, and 3,700 electric-power generators, we can supply you with the equipment you need - where you need it - when you need it.

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The world leader in gases, technologies and services for Industry and Health, Air Liquide is present in 80 countries with approximately 65,000 employees and serves more than 3 million customers and patients. Oxygen, nitrogen and hydrogen are essential small molecules for life, matter and energy. They embody Air Liquide's scientific territory and have been at the core of the company's activities since its creation in 1902.

Air Liquide's ambition is to lead its industry, deliver long term performance and contribute to sustainability. The company's customer-centric transformation strategy aims at profitable growth over the long term. It relies on operational excellence, selective investments, open innovation and a network organization implemented by the Group worldwide. Through the commitment and inventiveness of its people, Air Liquide leverages energy and environment transition, changes in healthcare and digitization, and delivers greater value to all its stakeholders.

Air Liquide's revenue amounted to € 18.1 billion in 2016 and its solutions that protect life and the environment represented more than 40% of sales. Air Liquide is listed on the Euronext Paris stock exchange (compartment A) and belongs to the CAC 40, EURO STOXX 50 and FTSE4Good indexes.