

Exposition Proves to Be a Technology Showcase

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The first combined FABTECH International & AWS Welding Show was celebrated with a special ceremony . . .

. . . In addition to the exposition, AWS held a full technical program that covered the topics of hybrid welding, ultrasonic welding, friction welding, weld defects, life extension for power plants, consumables, joining processes, and steel weldability. A full schedule of conferences and seminars was also on tap covering the areas of stainless steel welding, welding in the food industry, controlling welding costs, a road map on the use of D1.1, *Structural Welding Code- Steel*, and resistance welding. A series of commercial sessions on developments in brazing and soldering was also conducted, as well as a program that emphasized welding education and training.

Product Highlights. . .

. . . **Preformed, Self-Adhesive Purge Dam Saves Time.** EZ Purge™ is a patent pending preformed, self adhesive purge dam that is presized to fit a variety of pipes - Fig. 12. It is made of Aquasol® water soluble paper and tape, sodium carboxy methyl cellulose, and wooden pulp that dissolve instantaneously and completely in most liquids. Mike Hacikyan created EZ Purge™, and the product was

in development for more than two years. The dams can be used to retain argon or helium gases during the GTAW. To use it, just peel the liner and insert the EZ Purge™ dam inside pipe; press tape along circumference to the inside of pipe wall; and the purge dam is completed in less than a minute. The product is designed to save time, gas and money. It is available in a variety of sizes. *Aquasol Corp, Amherst, N.Y.; (800) 564-WELD; www.aquasolcorporation.com.*

Fig. 12 - EZ Purge™ is preformed, so there is no need to measure, cut or construct a purge dam.



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