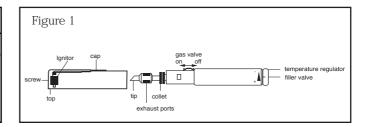


# Miniature Gas Soldering Iron

**RS** stock no. 600-234

Soldering iron bits	
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600-240 600-256 600-262	2.4mm 3.2mm 4.8mm



### Operating instructions

The soldering iron operates on ISO-Butane gas as used in ordinary cigarette lighters. Use only filtered (purified) gas fuels.

- Refill the iron in a vertical position with the filler valve facing upwards and the top fitted to the iron.
- 2. Push the refill firmly into the filler valve and hold steady for  $4\ {\rm to}\ 5$  seconds.
- 3. To obtain maximum gas filling, it is recommended that the iron is chilled (in a refrigerator) before filling.
- 4. After filling, leave the iron for 1 hour before use.

## Ignition

- 5. Do not leave the iron empty of gas as this will cause the valve to dry out.
- 6. Set the temperature regulator to medium (half way between and +).
- 7. Hold soldering iron away from the body and face.
- 8. Push gas valve towards tip to release gas and activate the flint ignitor so that sparks are directed towards the tip exhaust ports.
- When ignited, the tip will flame for up to 15 seconds before self-extinguishing as the catalyst takes over.
- 10. If the tip continues to flame, set temperature regulator lower. If flaming still continues, the catalyst may be exhausted and the tip needs replacing (see tip replacement).
- 11. Do not increase temperature whilst tip is flaming.
- 12. To shut down, push gas valve away from tip.
- 13. Note: The tip will remain hot after use. Do not replace the cap until the tip has cooled down.

## Tip replacement

- 14. After a period of use, the catalyst becomes exhausted and the tip must be replaced. This is indicated by excessive flaming when ignited, continuing for more than 30 seconds.
- 15. To replace the tip, unscrew the collet and pull the tip away from the iron.
- 16. Screw in the new tip. Note that the catalyst, visible through the tip exhaust ports, is delicate and will not withstand mechanical abuse. Any damage will seriously foreshorten tip life.

### Flint replacement

- 17. Release screw from the top of the cap, remove top, taking care not to dislodge spring.
- 18. Remove old flint and replace with a standard cigarette lighter flint.
- 19. Replace top and retighten screw.

#### General performance

The soldering iron when full will give nominally 1 hours continuous use, with tip temperatures up to  $400^{\circ}$ C max. (equivalent to 60 watt rating).

DO NOT EXPOSE TO FIRE, FLAME OR STORE IN TEMPERATURES IN EXCESS OF 50°C.

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