

## OSHA Directives

### STD 1-14.1 - Replacement Welding Tips

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To: Field and National Offices

Subject: Replacement Welding Tips

1. Purpose. To clarify 29 CFR 1910.252(a)(1)(iii).
2. Background. Numerous requests for clarification have been received from employers and manufacturers concerned with the application of the term "approved apparatus" to replacement welding tips and convertor/adaptors (used for mounting tips). These inquiries were prompted by the fact that nationally recognized testing laboratories will not accept tips or convertor/adaptors for testing except as part of a completely assembled torch.
3. Interpretation. Use of replacement tips will not nullify the "approved apparatus" status of a torch, if such replacement tips are made to the same specifications as the original tip of the torch at the time of approval by the nationally recognized testing laboratory, or if the use of such tips in conjunction with convertor/adaptors results in the same specifications as the original tip at the time of approval by the nationally recognized testing laboratory.
4. Effective Date. This instruction is effective immediately and will remain in effect until canceled or superseded.

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