TECHNOLOGY FOR THE WELDER'S WORLD.



## **Webinar**:

**How Electronic Gas Management Cuts Cost & Improves Production** 



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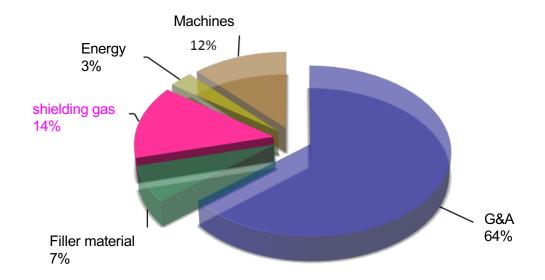


## **Agenda!**

- Cost overview for an example weld seam
- Overview of different gas saving systems
- What is Electronic Gas Management?
- Device Components & Overview
- Software Monitoring (the secret sauce)
- CASE STUDY: Con-Ag Manufacturer
- CASE STUDY: Automotive Supplier
- CASE STUDY: Automotive OEM
- Wrap
- Questions?



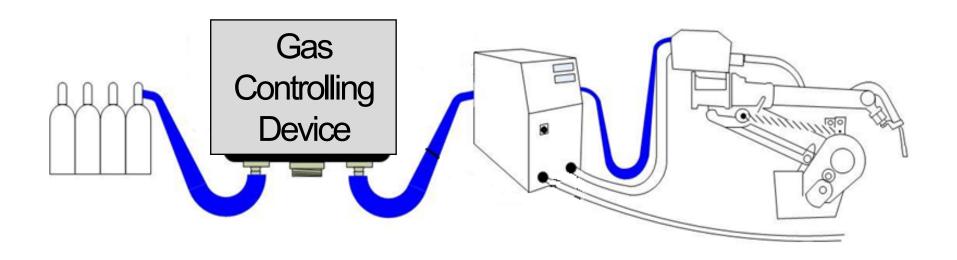
### **Weld seam cost breakdown**



Shielding gas costs are the only costs that can be reduced without reducing weld quality!



**Typical gas delivery system** 



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**Comparison of Different Gas Saving Systems** 

#### Overview of different gas saving solutions







Orifice



Hose



Electronic

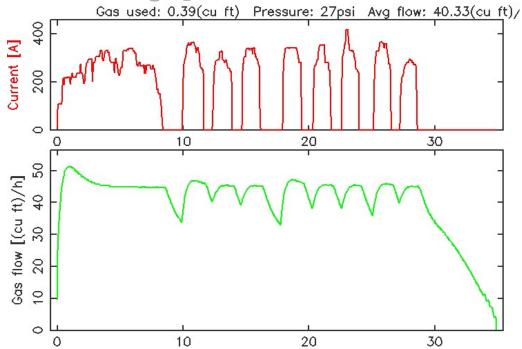
Electronic gas management combines the advantages of previous mechanical saving systems while also being a calibrated gas control unit with a closed gas control circuit.



**Comparison of Different Gas Saving Systems** 

**Flow Meters** 





Flow Meters connect to gas supply and regulate gas to achieve proper flow rate.

Difficult to measure gas savings over any period of time.

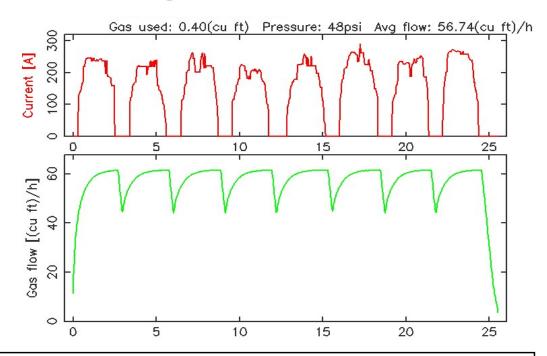
Limits max gas flow based on setting.



## **Comparison of Different Gas Saving Systems**

#### **Orifice**





Orifice eliminates surges of gas at the weld start.

Response time to achieve correct flow is 1 – 2 seconds.

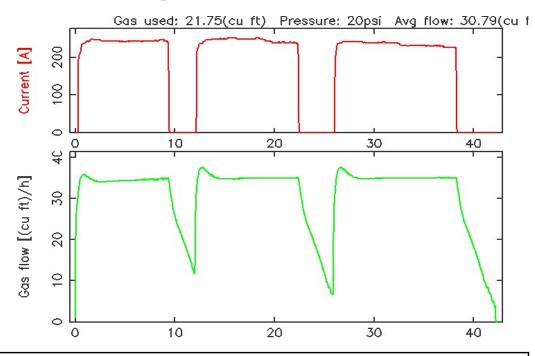
Does not allow for proper gas coverage at the start.



## **Comparison of Different Gas Saving Systems**

Hose





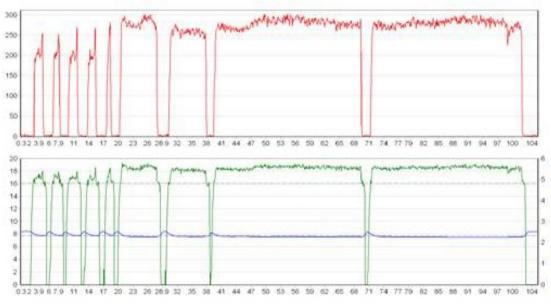
Hose is designed to have a fixed flow at either end. End with a greater flow removes the low flow issue at the arc start. Other end is designed to maintain the pre-set flow rate.



## **Comparison of Different Gas Saving Systems**

#### **Electronic Welding Regulation**

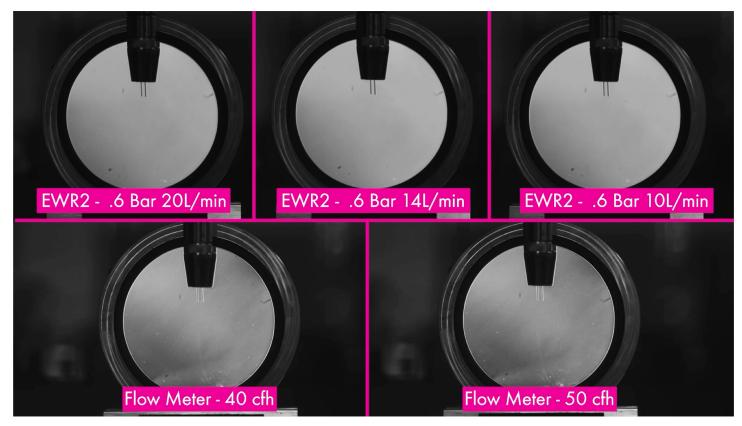




Electronic is designed to mimic the amperage curve. Dispenses gas in correlation with amperage.



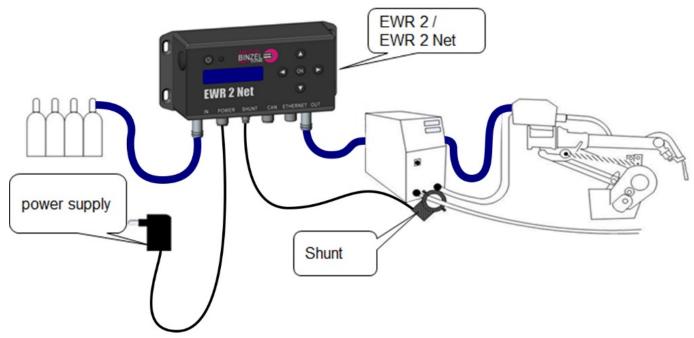
## **Video Comparison**





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**What is Electronic Gas Management?** 



Device should be placed as close as possible in front of the solenoid valve in the feeder in the gas direction.



What does Electronic Gas Management Achieve?

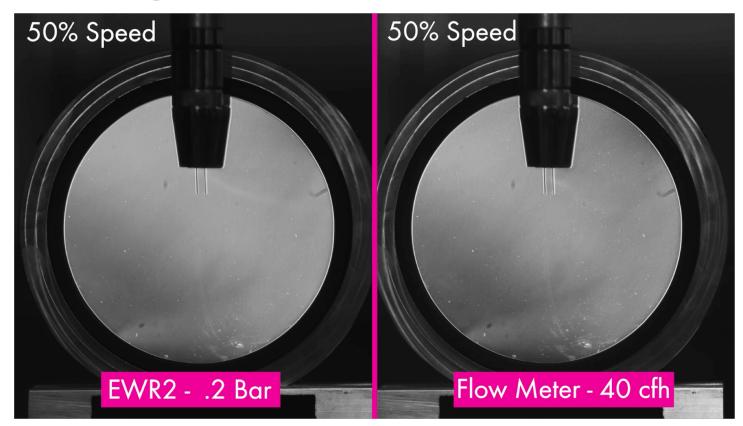
- 1. Monitors static pressure for controlled gas release
- 2. High flow peaks at the start of the arc eliminated
- 3. Fast responding magnetic valve that regulates flow with amperage
- 4. Able to monitor incoming and outgoing pressure for a closed loop delivery system







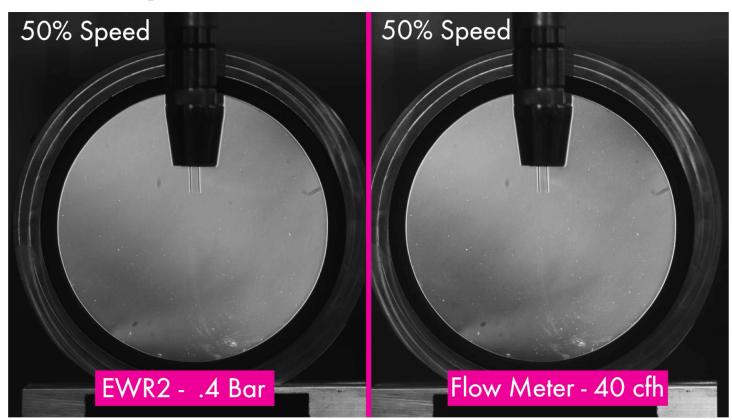
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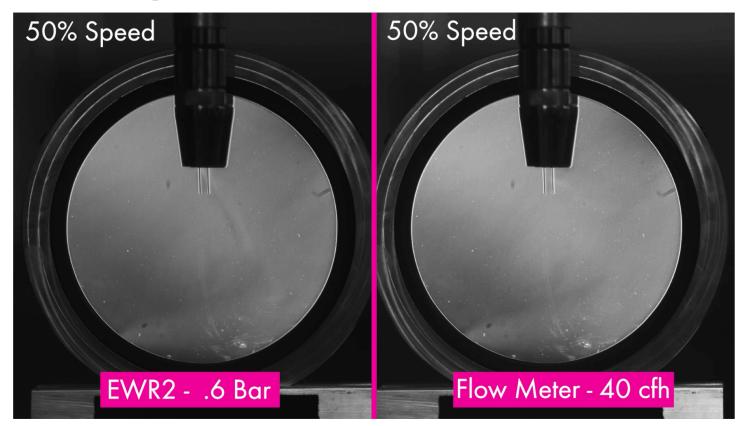
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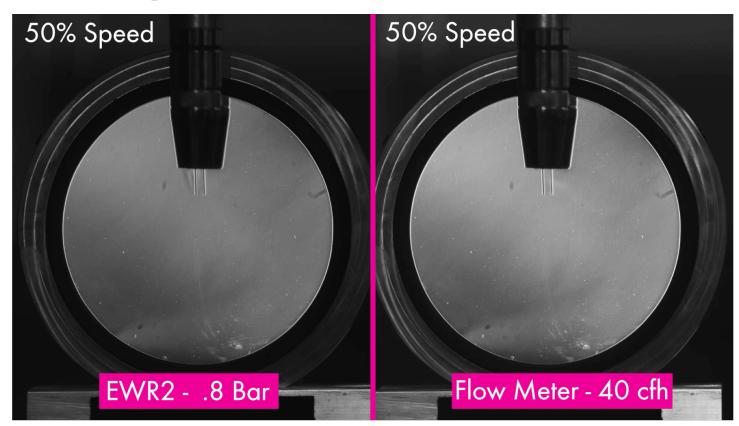
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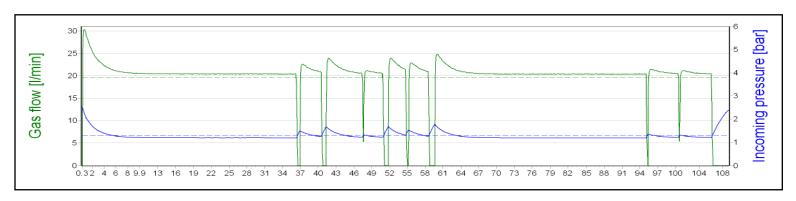
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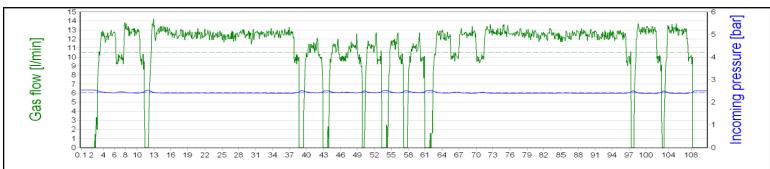




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## 1. Monitoring Static Pressure (Flow Meter vs. Electronic)





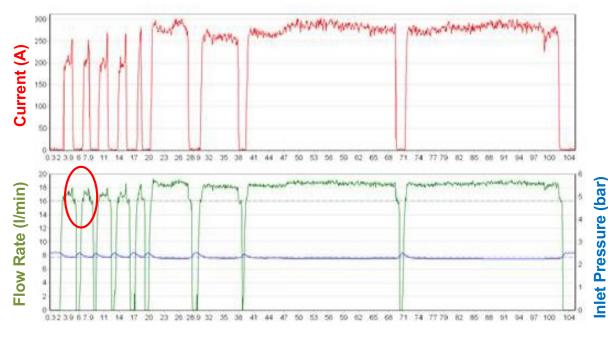


## 2. High flow peaks at the start of the arc eliminated

Eliminates the gas peaks at the weld start. Controls the flow of gas in relation to current.

Graphs the weld and gas use data for compare.

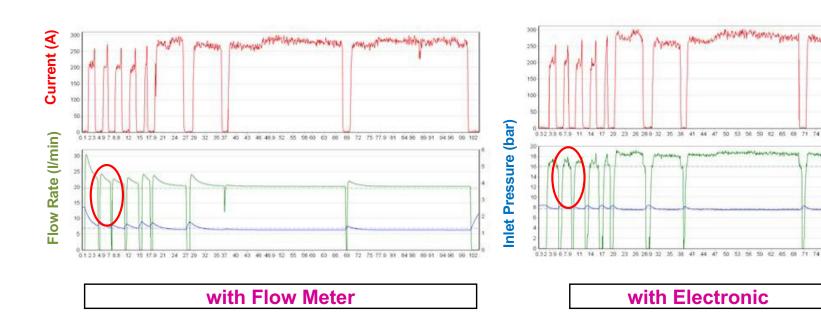




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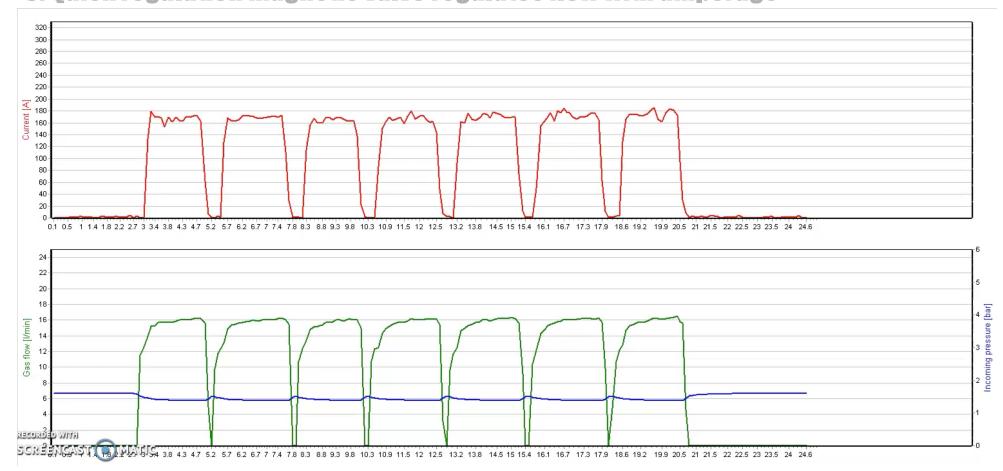
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#### In Comparison:





## 3. Quick regulation magnetic valve regulates flow with amperage

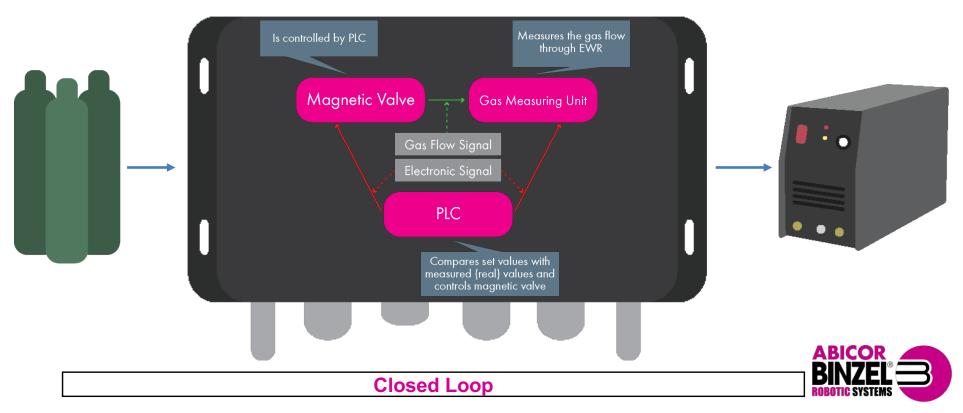


## 3. Quick regulation magnetic valve regulates flow with amperage



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4. Monitors incoming and outgoing pressure for a closed loop delivery system



## **System Overview**

#### **Electronic Welding Regulation Devices**





#### **Basic Device Features:**

- Flow rate range 2-30 l/min (4 60 cfh)
- For automated and manual welding processes
- Inlet gas pressure range 1-6 bar (14.5 87 psi)
- Simple installation in new and existing applications
- Suitable for MIG/MAG and TIG processes
- Active volume flow control
- Calibrated unit
- Suitable for all gas types

#### **Features for Network Compatible Versions:**

- Additional Can and Ethernet interface
  - CANopen: With a gateway, can integrate into higher-level controllers via fieldbus
  - Ethernet:
     Office Ethernet TCP/IP to use different devices
  - Communicates via 24-volt signal to assess status as in 'good' or 'faulted' state



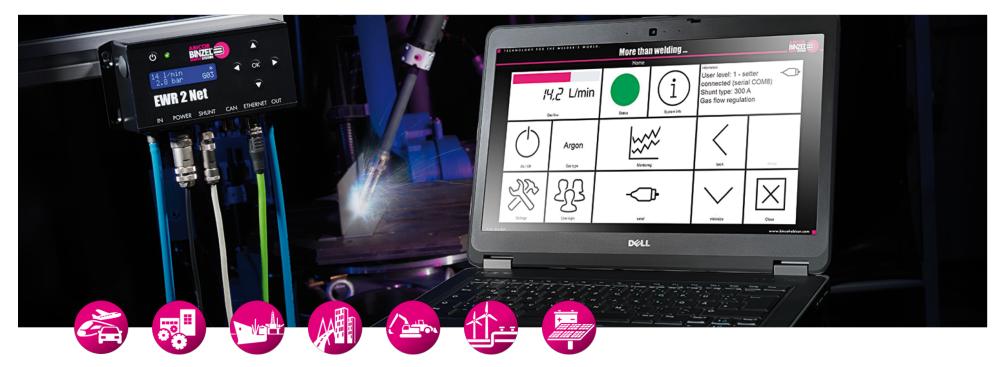
## **System Overview**

#### **Relay Device**

- Communicates via 24-volt signal
- Assesses whether device is in a good or faulted state
- Gives you ability to shut down process due to a gas fault
- Safeguards against excessive rework due to lack of shielding gas







# Software Monitoring

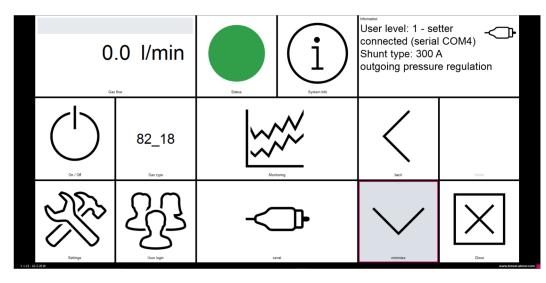
**Electronic Welding Regulation** 



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## **Monitoring**

#### **Service Software Features**



- Setting the devices
- Determination of gas savings with device
- Status display incl. error display and error log
- Selecting and configuring the used shielding gas
- Remote access via local network to devices

Electronic regulation devices can also be easily set up and commissioned without the service software.



## **System Overview**

#### Service Software Features – ROI Calculator

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1 Shift: 0 2 Shift: 0 3 Shift: 1	1753.00 \$	2.851.200 Liter	6655.00 \$	back	Figure 1
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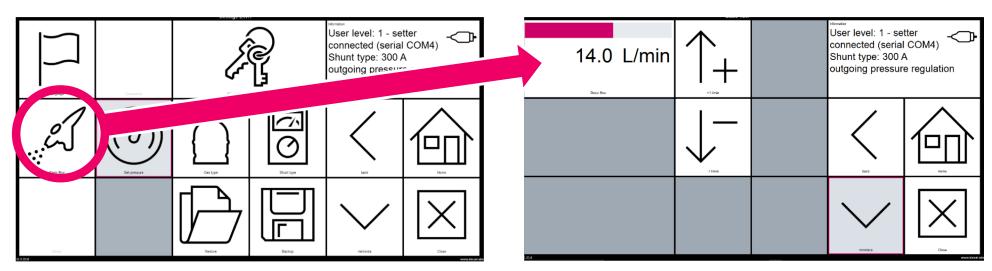
Savings in currency, percentage, payback period, gas volume

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Setup

Setting up devices Base flow:

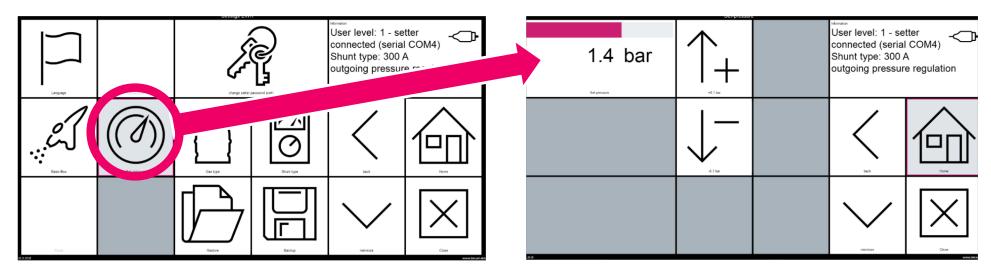


This is the gas volume flow which the device regulates at a shunt signal (welding current signal) up to 30%. At 100% shunt signal, the device regulates +7 l/min to the base volume flow. With a shunt signal between 30 - 100%, the device is in a linear volume flow control.



Setup

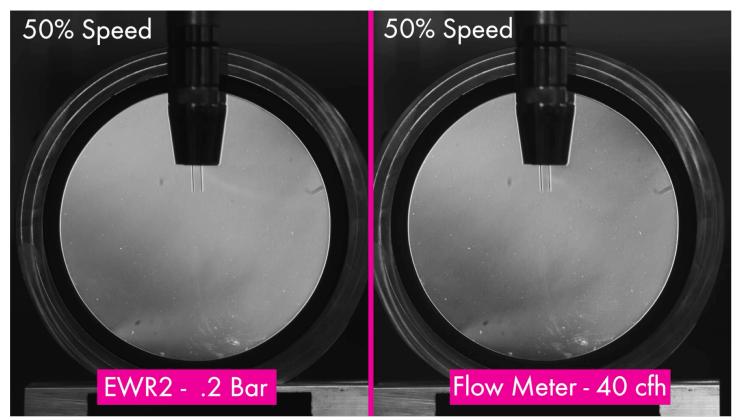
Setting up devices
Set Pressure:



This is the dynamic pressure to which the device regulates when the shunt signal is less than 5% of the max. shunt signal. In this back pressure control, the maximum volume flow is the set basic flow. When the solenoid valve in the feeder is closed, this back pressure is regulated between the device outlet and the closed solenoid valve in feeder.



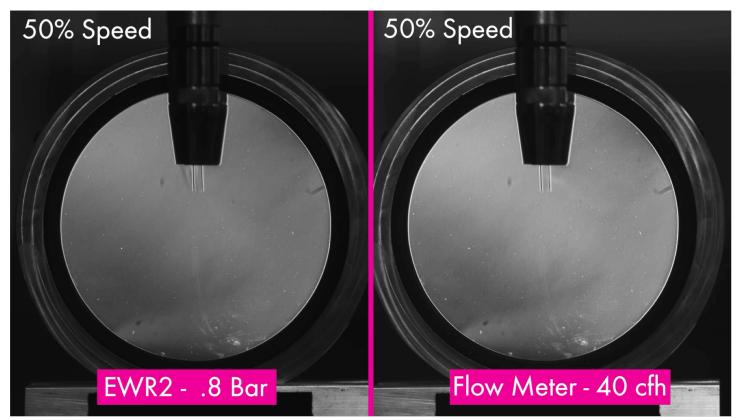
**Setup: Set Pressure** 





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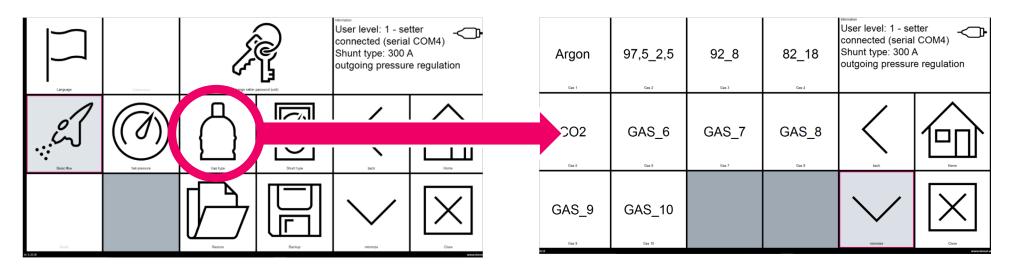


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Setup

**EWR 2 Setting up devices** 

**Gas type select:** 



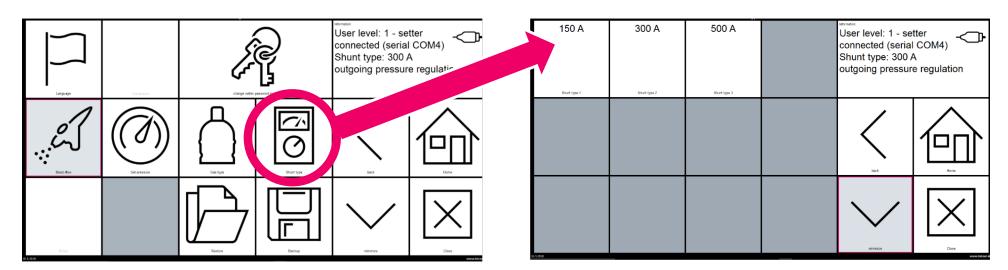
The most common welding gases are already pre-configured and can be easily installed, including gas conversion. Factor can be selected. Other gas types and mixtures can easily be added by the user.



Setup

EWR 2 Setting up devices

**Shunt Setting:** 

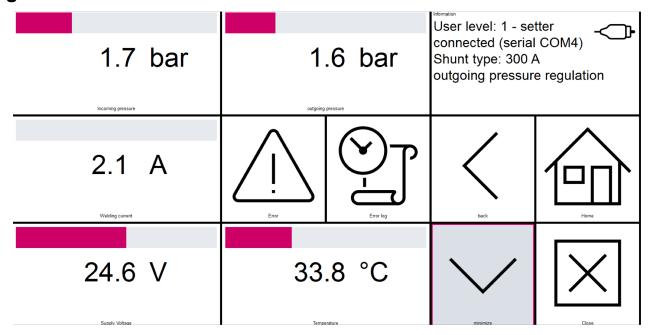


There is a choice between 150 A, 300 A or 500 A shunt. The selection depends on the welding current.



Setup

#### **Monitoring Screen**



The inlet gas pressure must be between 1 and 6 bar. It should be noted here that there may be physical limitations in the maximum achievable gas volume flow at inlet pressures of 1 - 2 bar.



Setup

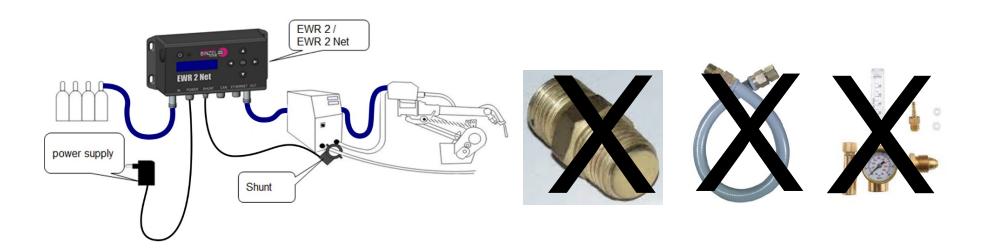
All Setup Features Also Available on Hardware (minus Data Acquisition Capability)





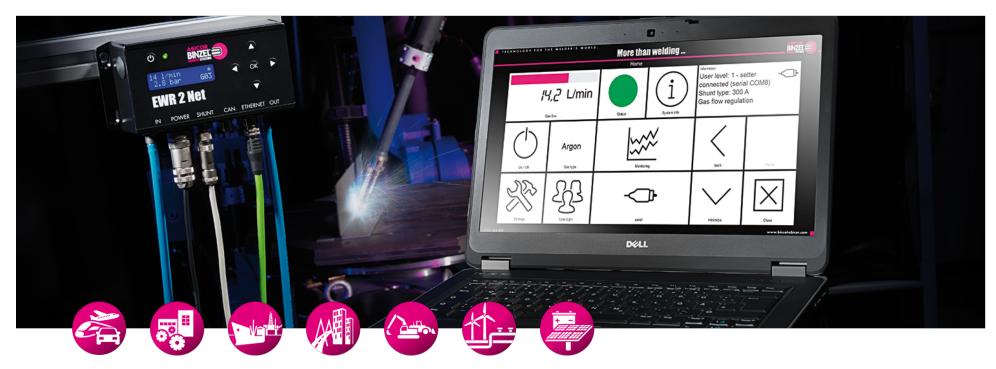
### How Electronic Gas Management Cuts Cost & Improves Production Setup

#### Further gas control units:



If there are other gas control units / volume flow devices, these must be deactivated or removed so they don't influence the function of the EWR 2.





## Case Studies

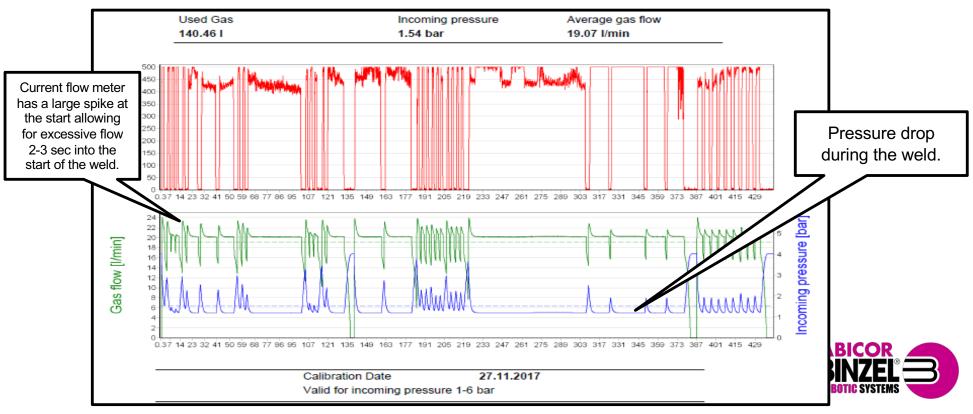
**Con-Ag Manufacturer** 



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#### **Case Study: Con-Ag Manufacturer**

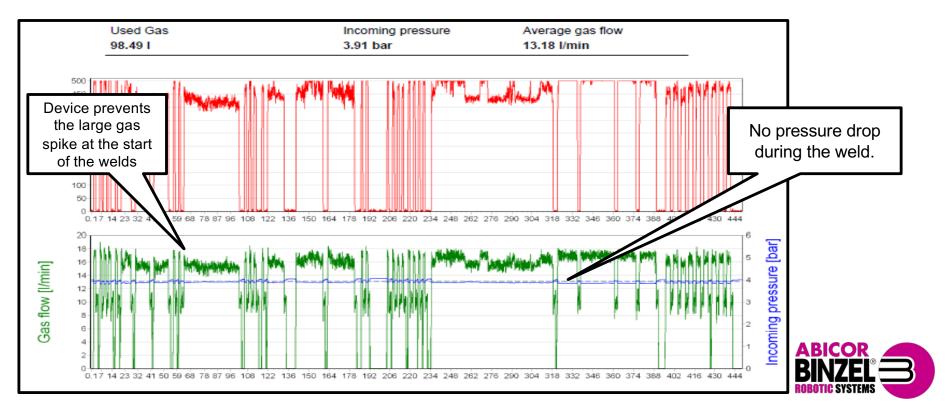
#### **Base Line with Flow Meter set to 42.4 CFH (20 I/min)**



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#### **Case Study: Con-Ag Manufacturer**

#### **Electronic regulation set to (10 I/min) Start, @500A flow is at 15I/min**



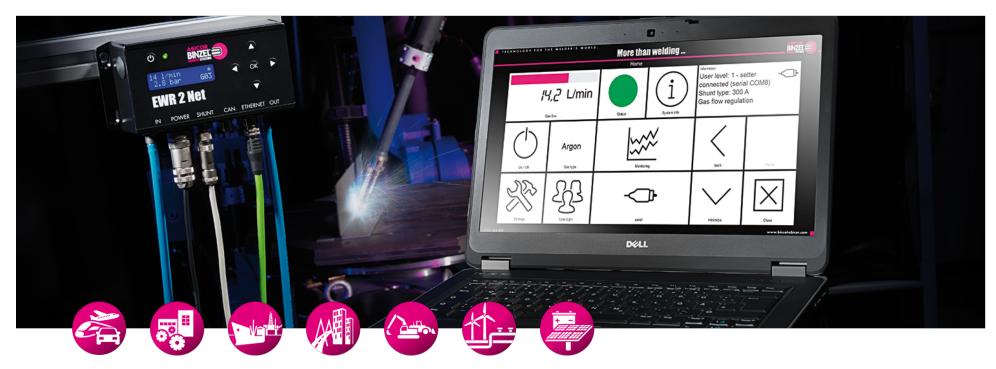
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### **Case Study: Con-Ag Manufacturer**

57% gas savings will have an ROI of 0.29 – 0.38 years based on current data.

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(800) 542-4867	Email: shuber@abicorusa.com										
CUSTOMER NAME:											
CONTACT NAME:											
TYPE OF WELDING PROCESS:	MIG										
SAVINGS POTENIAL:	57%										
Gas savings calculator - (Machines per shift) EWR2 Systems, LLC											
and an inigation	I/min before E						R2 installed I/min with EWR2 Installed				
Capacity	# of w	elding machines- 24hr day	Total arc-time in hours	Days per year	Liters per l	Min	Liters per Min		% Savings	EWR2 Setting (23 to 2 l/mim)	
# of welding mach. on 3rd shift		25	7	240	Base Line Test	30.91	EWR Sample Test #1	16.38	47%	14	
# of welding mach. on 2nd shift		10					EWR Sample Test #2	13.18	57%	10	
# of welding mach. on 1st shift		25					EWR Sample Test #3	N/A	#VALUE!	N/A	
			A	BICOR			EWR Sample Test #4	N/A	#VALUE!	N/A	
Gas consumed/year (cubic ft.)	6	5,605,343.36	D	NZEL						-	
Total welding Machines		25	D	INZEL:							
Gas price in cents per cubic ft.		4									
Gas cost/year in dollars	\$	264,214									
List Cost of the EWR2	\$	1,785		List Cost of the EWR2-NET	\$ 2,330						
Investment in dollars*	\$	44,625		Investment in dollars*	\$ 58,250						
			Results								
Actual saving	D	ollars Saved	ROI in years	ROI in years	Gas reduction in						
47%	Ś	124.200	0.36	<u>EWR2-NET</u> 0.47	Cubic ft 3.105.003	EWR2 San	nple Test #1				
57%	\$	151,553	0.29	0.38	3,788,830	EWR2 Sample Test #2					
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## Case Studies

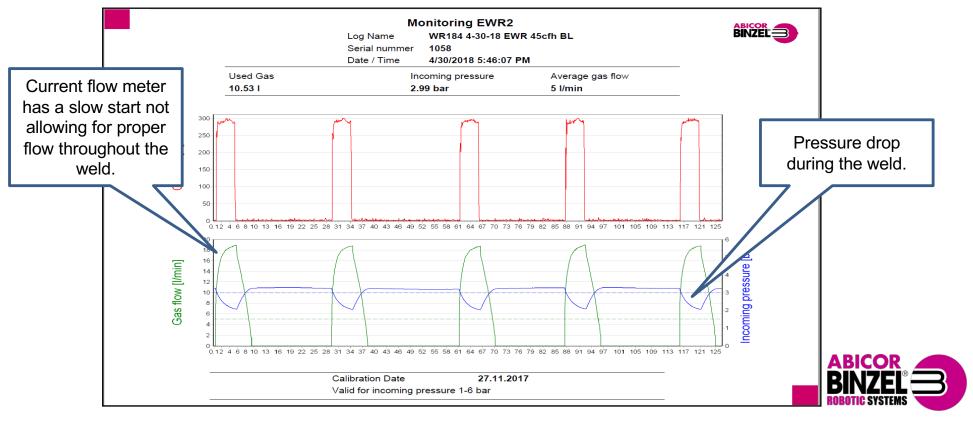
**Automotive Supplier** 

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#### **Case Study: Automotive Supplier**

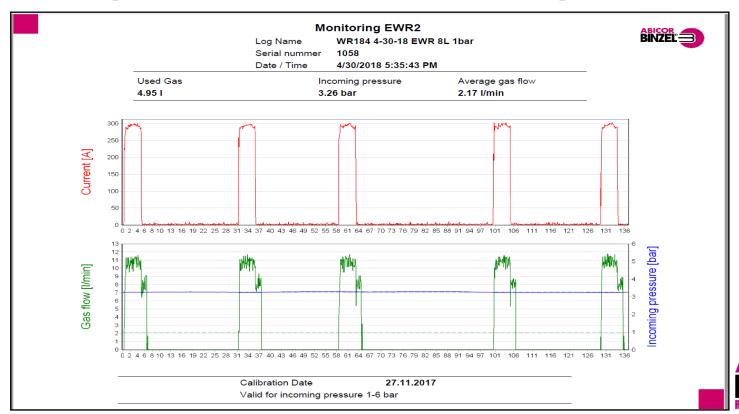
#### Base Line with Flow Meter set to 45 CFH (21 I/min) #2 Welding Torch



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#### **Case Study: Automotive Supplier**

#### **Electronic regulation set to 10 I/min flow #2 Welding Torch 52% savings**



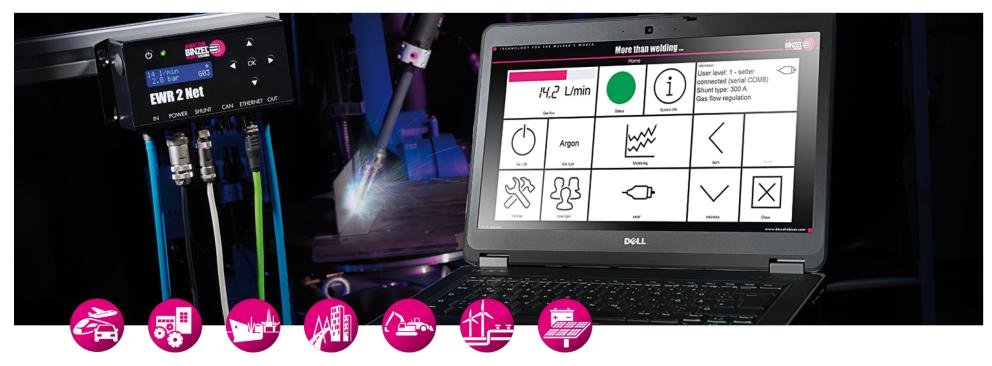


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TYPE OF WELDING PROCESS:	MIG											
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Gas savings calculator - (Machines per shift) EWR2 Systems, LLC												
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# of welding mach. on 3rd shift		0	6	240	Base Line Test	21	EWR Sample Test #1	17	19%	14		
# of welding mach. on 2nd shift		45					EWR Sample Test #2	13	38%	10		
# of welding mach. on 1st shift		60					EWR Sample Test #3	10	52%	8		
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Gas consumed/year (cubic ft.)	6,7	731,424.00	D	NZEL®					•			
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Gas price in cents per cubic ft.		4										
Gas cost/year in dollars	\$	269,257										
List Cost of the EWR2	\$	1,785		List Cost of the EWR2-NET	\$ 2,330							
Investment in dollars*	\$	107,100		Investment in dollars*	\$ 139,800							
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Actual saving Dollars Sav		ars Saved	ROI in years	ROI in years	Gas reduction in							
			EWR2	EWR2-NET	Cubic ft							
19%	\$	51,287	2.09	2.73	1,282,176	EWR2 Sample Test #1						
38%	\$	102,574	1.04	1.36	2,564,352	EWR2 Sample Test #2						
52%	\$	141,039	0.76	0.99	3,525,984	EWR2 Sample Test #3						
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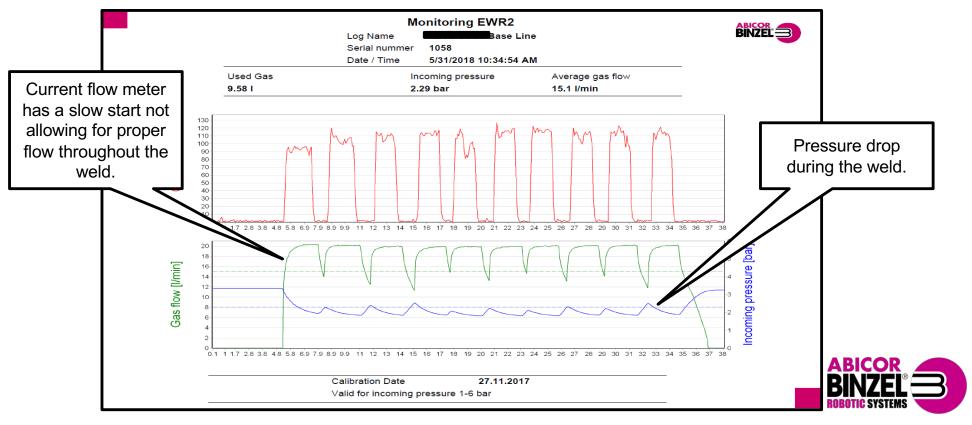
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**Automotive OEM** 



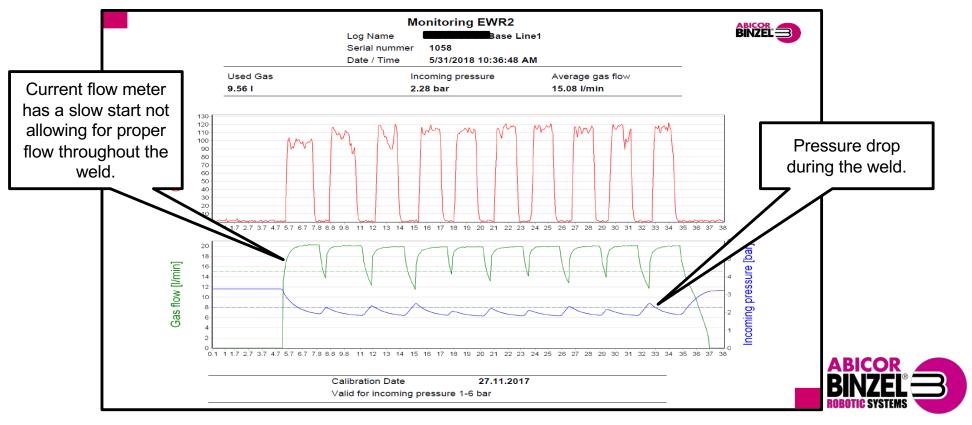
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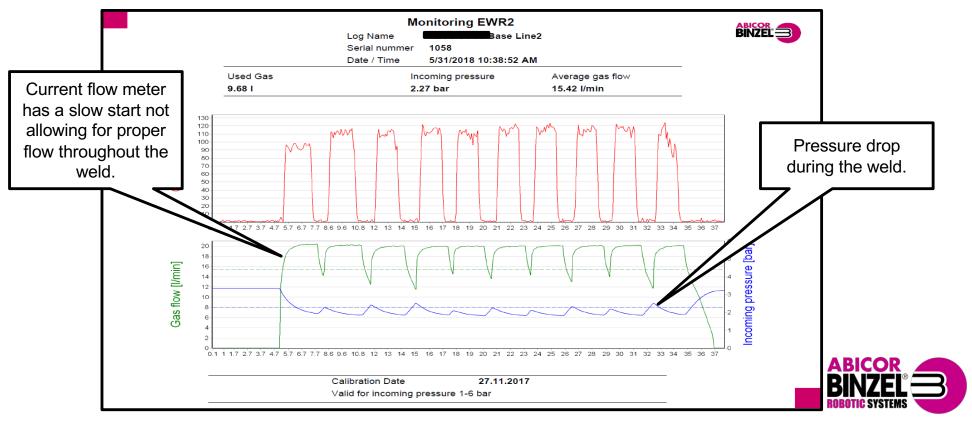
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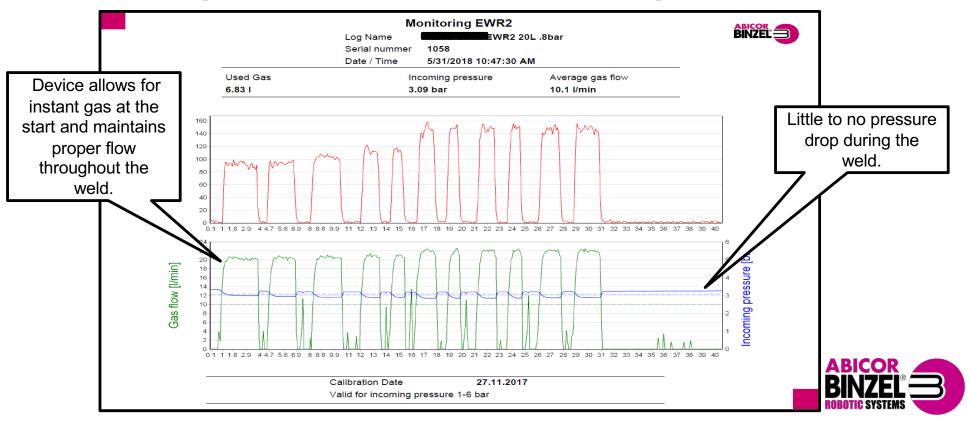
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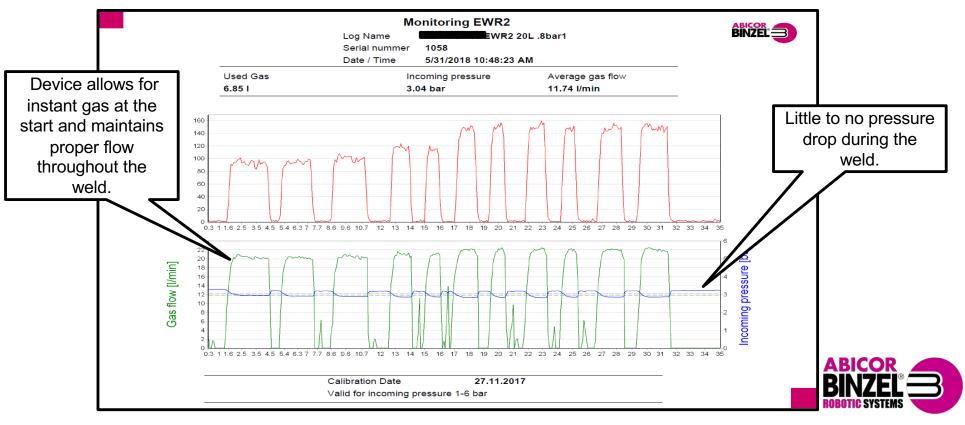


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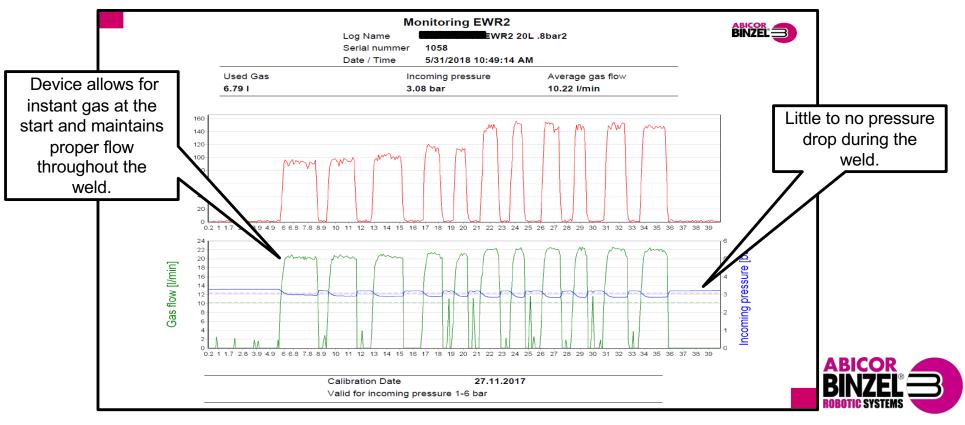
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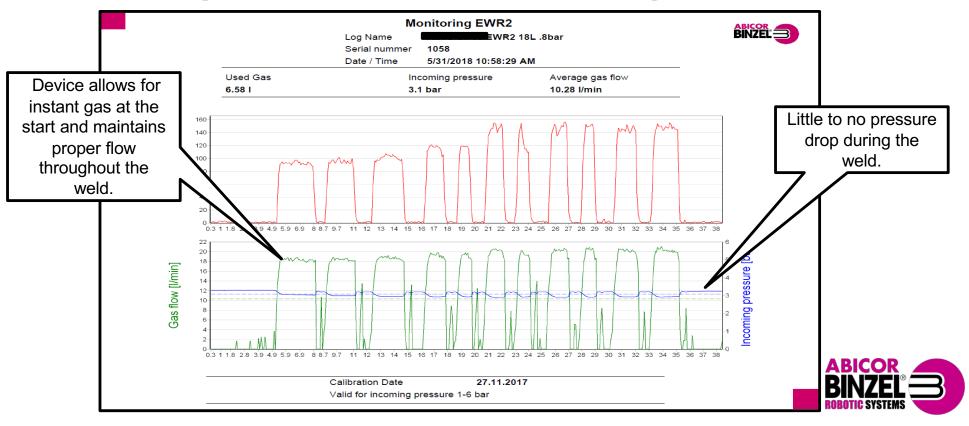
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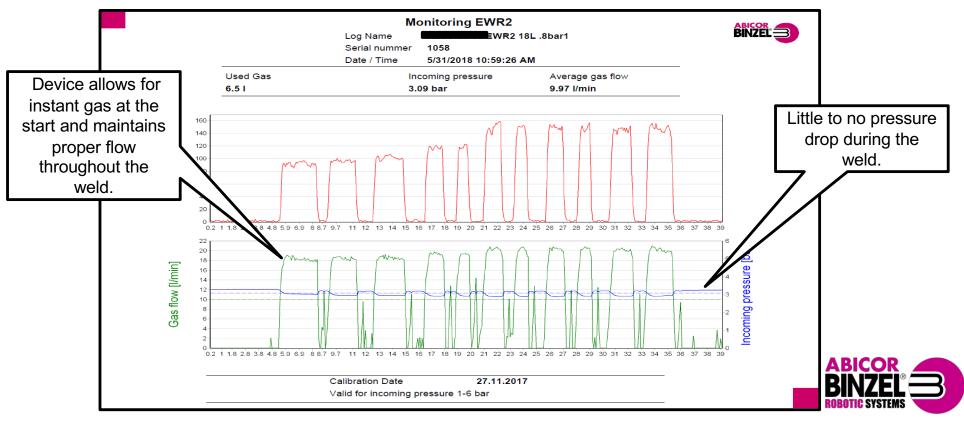
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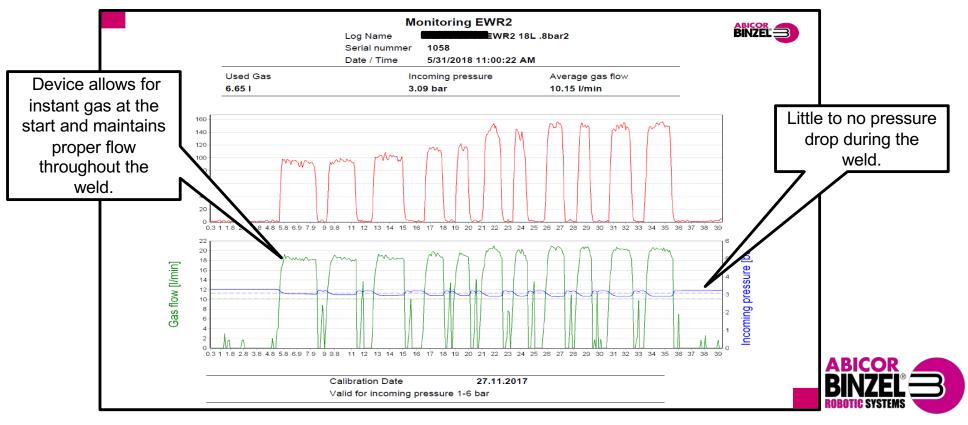
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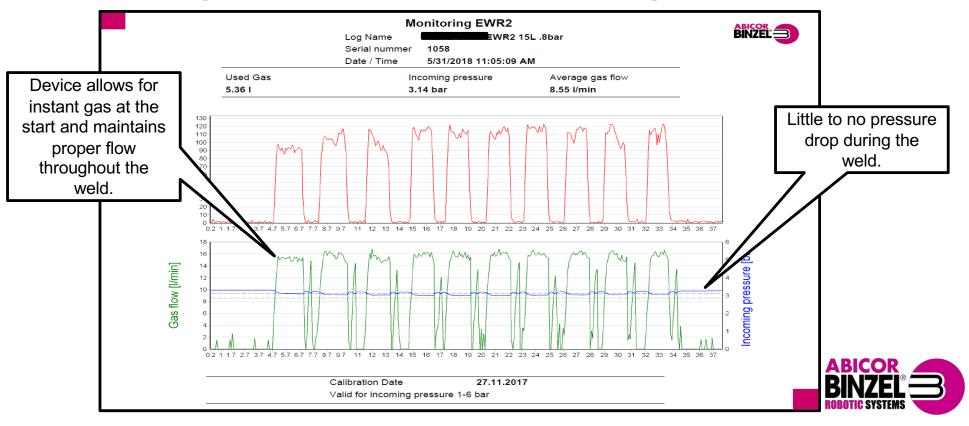
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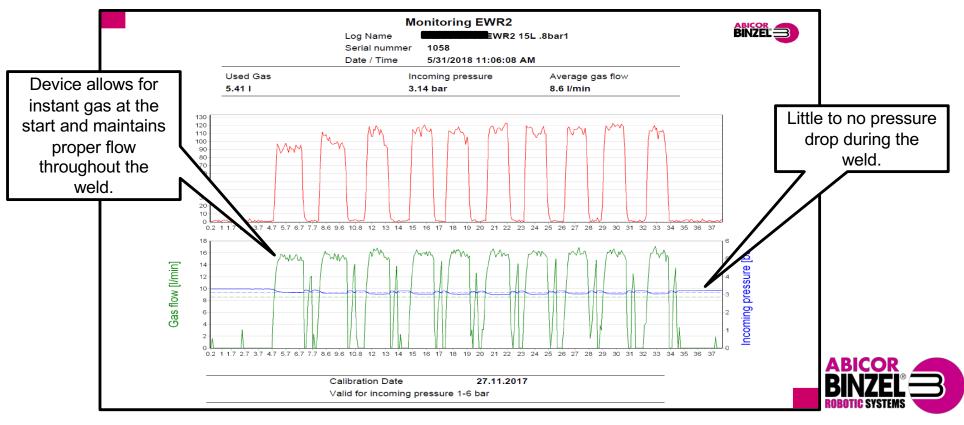
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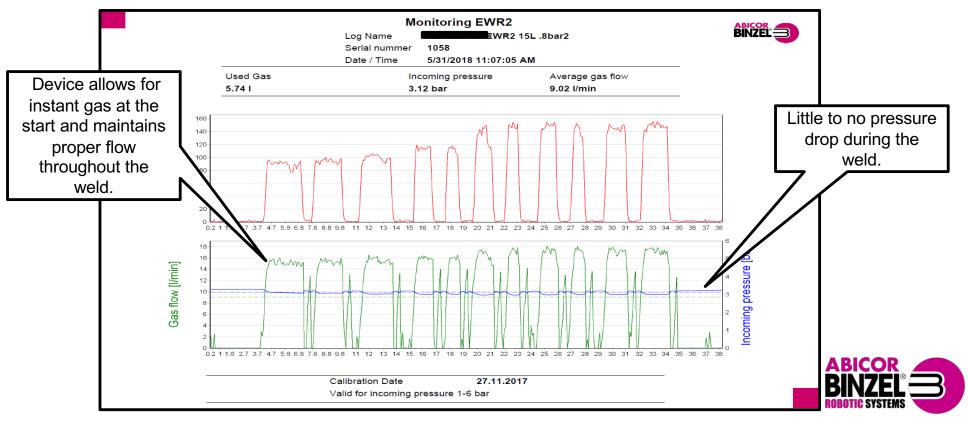
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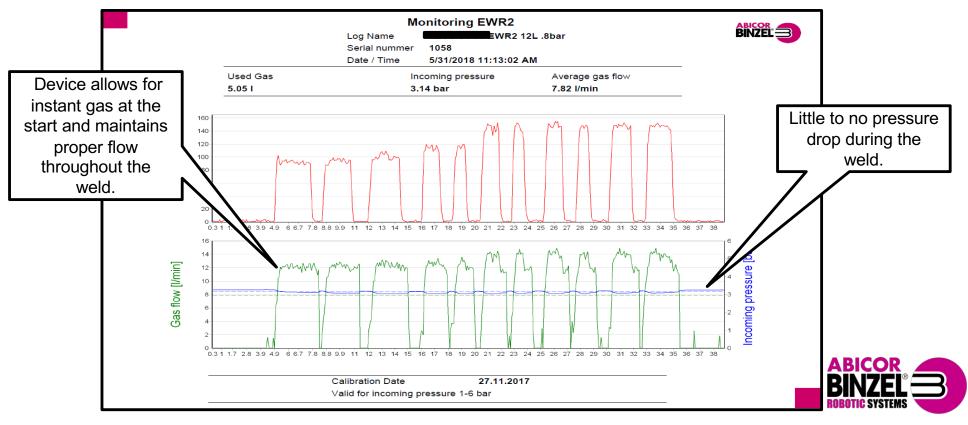
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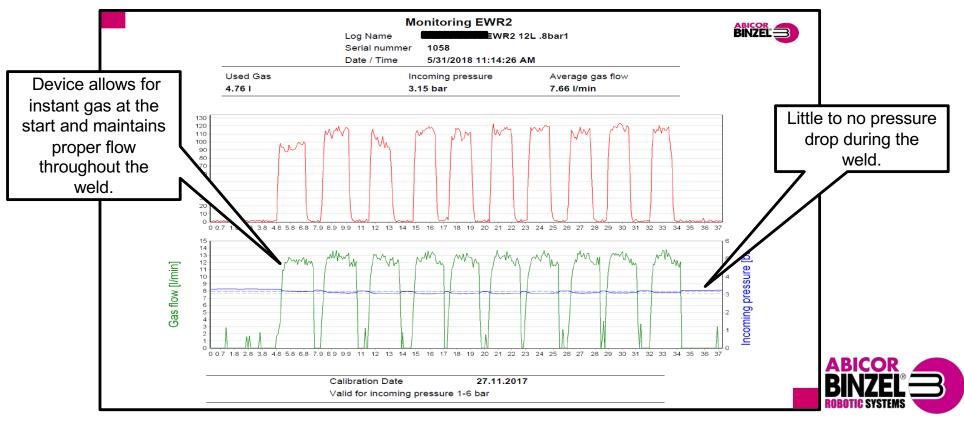


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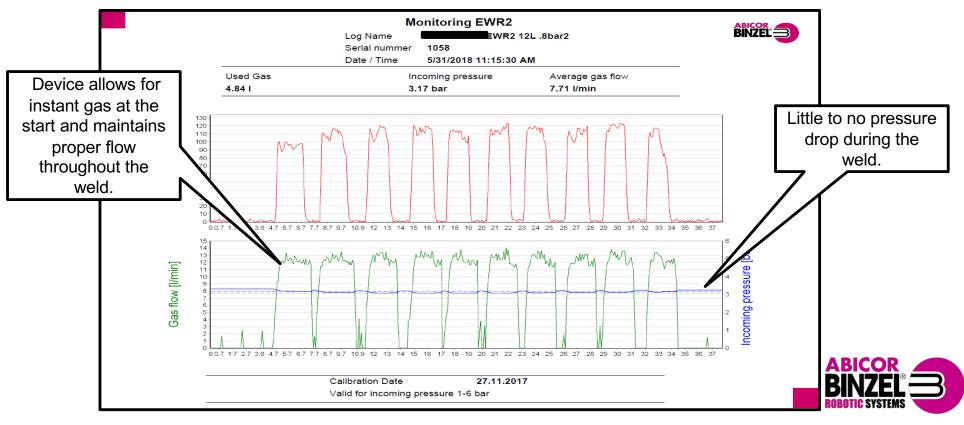


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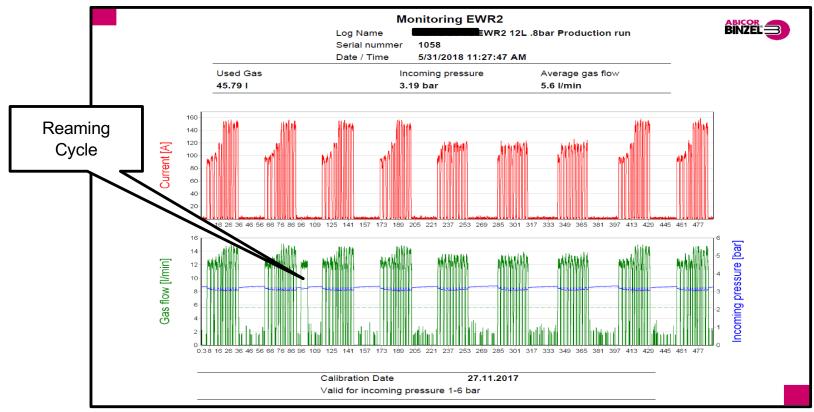
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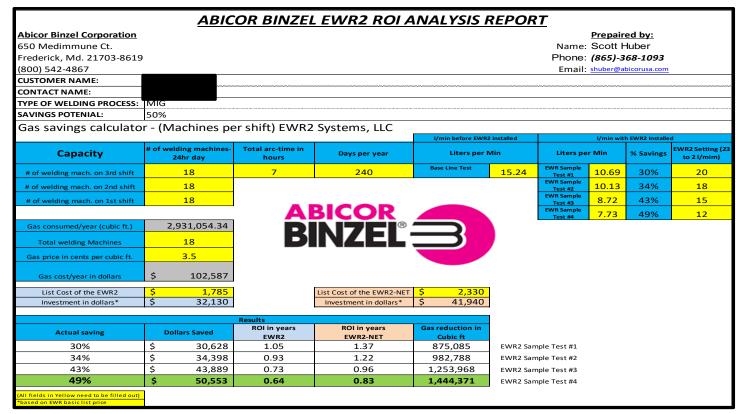


#### Electronic regulation set to 12 I/min flow over a 9 part production run





49% gas savings will have an ROI of 0.64 - 0.83 years based on current data.

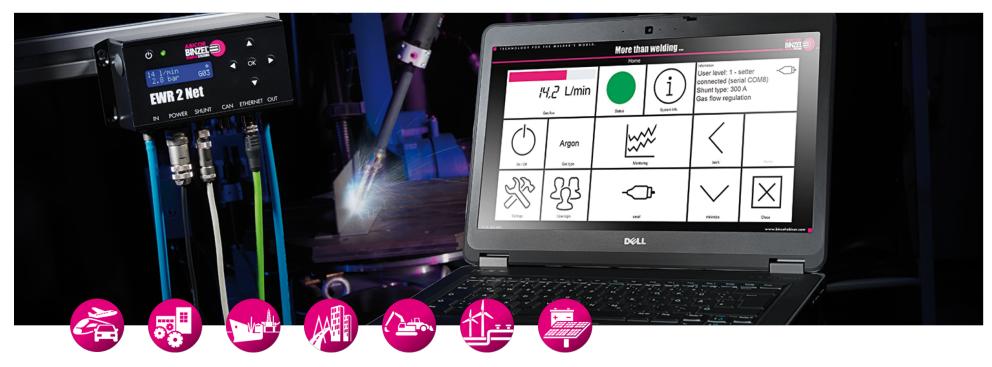




So Who is Electronic Welding Regulation Good For?

- Monitor your gas delivery
- Control your gas delivery without being in immediate proximity of the weld cell
- Making data-informed decisions regarding production runs
- Optimizing gas usage and cost overall throughout your process
- © Most everyone in the welding industry falls under one or more of these criteria ©





## **QUESTIONS?**

**How Electronic Gas Management Cuts Cost & Improves Production** 



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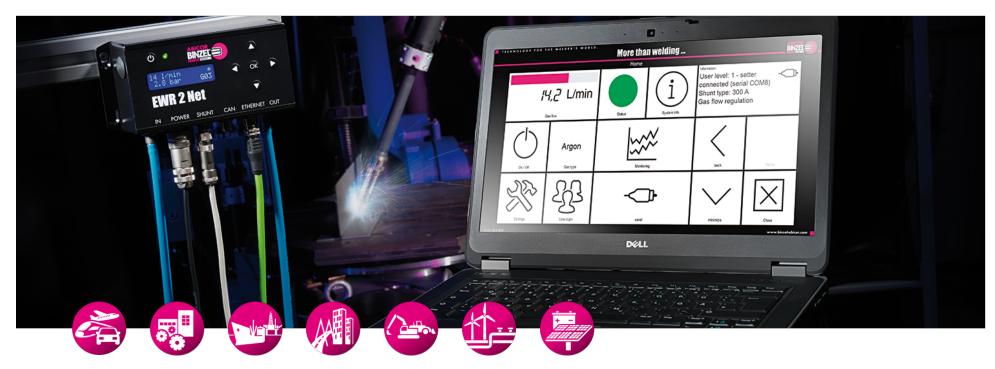


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