

# Champion® Elite 260

## 260-Amp DC Welder and 11,000-Watt AC Generator



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### Quick Specs

**Welding Amp Range**  
40–260 A

**Rated Output**  
260 A at 25 V, 100% duty cycle

**Generator Power**  
11,000 W peak, 9,500 W continuous



**5/3/1  
INDUSTRIAL  
WARRANTY**

### DC welder and AC generator in one powerful package.

Combining a 260-amp DC welder with an 11,000-watt generator, the Champion Elite 260 is ideal for farm, general construction, and emergency power applications. Designed with 15 percent more weld power for DC stick welding with quick and easy arc starts, the Champion Elite 260 also performs general scratch-start DC TIG. Unit is capable of producing power while welding so you can run other jobsite tools, such as lights or grinders, simultaneously.

Engine is warrantied separately by the engine manufacturer.

#### Applications

- Maintenance/repair
- Farm/ranch
- Fabrication
- Structural steel work
- Use as a stand-alone generator

Features	Benefits
2-in-1 design	260-amp welder and 11,000-watt generator. You get a welder <i>and</i> generator for about what you would pay for just a generator!
Portable and compact	Just over three feet long and weighs less than competitive units.
Kohler engine	Has a 12-gallon fuel tank and low oil pressure shutdown. Dependable engine conserves fuel and provides long operation before refueling.
More weld output	Provides 15 percent more power for DC stick welding than a 225-amp welder/generator.
Easier maintenance	Help maintain scheduled routine oil servicing (every 100 hours) and other preventative maintenance.
Quick-set amperage control	Easy to set up and start welding.
Rugged door panel	The rugged hinged door panel protects the receptacles and output studs.
Auto idle	Machine has greater fuel savings and reduced noise.
Hobart 5/3/1 industrial warranty	Five-year warranty on transformers, stabilizers and main rectifiers; three years on generators, PC boards and drive systems; and one year on guns (MIG, plasma and TIG torches).



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## Specifications (Subject to change without notice.)



Welding Amp Range	Rated Output* (at 104°F/40°C)	Max. Open Circuit Voltage	Generator Power	Dimensions	Net Weight
40–260 A	260 A at 25 V, 100% duty cycle	80 VDC	11,000 watts peak, 9,500 watts continuous, 120/240 V, 60 Hz	H: 28 in. (711 mm) W: 20 in. (508 mm) D: 41 in. (1,041 mm)	523 lb. (237 kg)

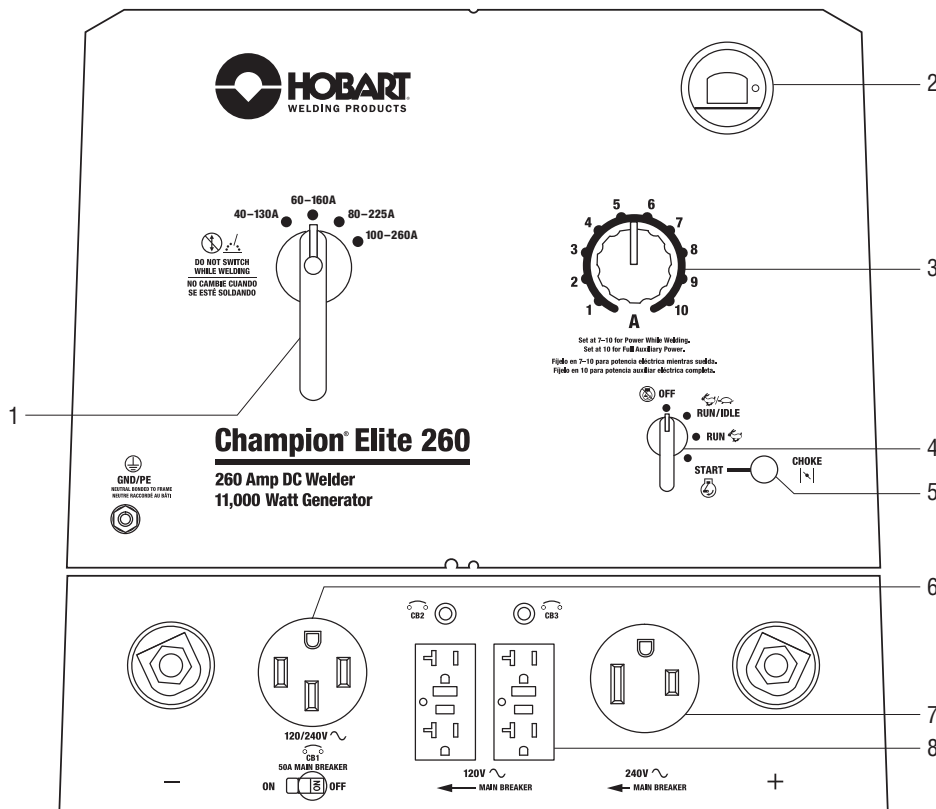
## Engine Specifications (Subject to change without notice.)

Engine Brand	Horsepower	Engine Type	Weld Speed	Idle Speed	Fuel Capacity	Oil Capacity/Change
Kohler with 3-year mfg. warranty	23 hp at 3,600 rpm	Twin-cylinder, four-cycle, overhead valve, industrial, air-cooled, gasoline	3,600 rpm	2,400 rpm	12 gal. (45.4 L)	1.5 qt. (1.4 L) every 100 hours

\*Rated output decreases approximately 3.5 percent per 1,000 ft. (305 m) above sea level. The rated output of any engine-driven welder/generator decreases as temperatures rise. The ratings for the Champion® Elite 260 were taken at high temperatures, only after the machine reached operating temperature. Even in hot weather the Champion Elite 260 has the vigor to let you finish the job.

Certified by Canadian Standards Association to both the Canadian and U.S. Standards.

## Control Panel



- Coarse range control** provides easy setup for welding.
- Maintenance display** provides fuel level, engine hours and oil change interval information. Display combined with the Fastex “no tools” oil change feature make routine service easy to monitor and perform.
- Fine adjust control** makes it easy to fine tune amperage within a coarse range. Set control above 7 for best power while welding and to 10 for generator-only use.
- Engine control switch** allows for engine speed selection. In run/idle position engine runs at idle speed at no load, and weld/power speed under load.
- Engine choke control** allows adjustment of engine air/fuel mix for easy startup.

Note: Protective covers for bottom portion of panel are not shown.

- 120/240 V receptacle.** This versatile 50-amp circuit-breaker-protected receptacle (NEMA 14-50R) can supply up to 11,000 watts of 240-volt power OR up to 11,000 watts of 120-volt power through two separate 120-volt circuits.
- 240 V receptacle.** This handy, 50-amp circuit-breaker-protected receptacle (NEMA 6-50R), can be used to directly plug in your 240-volt Hobart equipment.
- 120 V GFCI receptacles.** Protected by two 20-amp circuit breakers.

## Performance Data

### Fuel Consumption Data

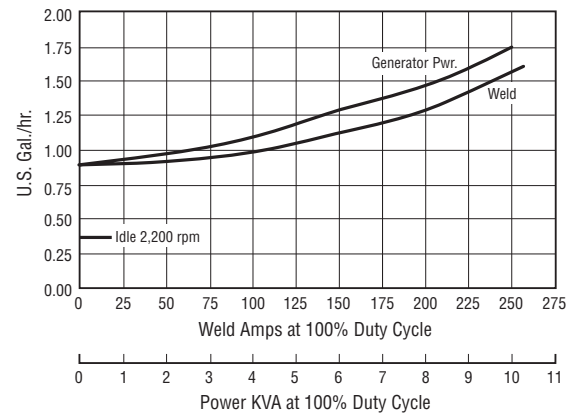
The Champion® Elite 260 offers a modern, fuel-efficient engine from Kohler. With the OHV design, automatic idle and 12-gallon fuel tank, you can expect to put in long hours before having to stop and refuel. For example:

- Welding at 150 amps, 40 percent duty cycle, uses about 3/4 gallons of fuel every hour.
- While not welding, the engine drops to idle speed using about 1/3 gallons of fuel every hour.
- On a typical job using 1/8-inch 7018 electrodes (125 amps, 20 percent duty cycle) you can expect over 20 hours of operation.
- Under a continuous load of 4,000 watts of auxiliary power, the Champion Elite would run for about 14 hours.

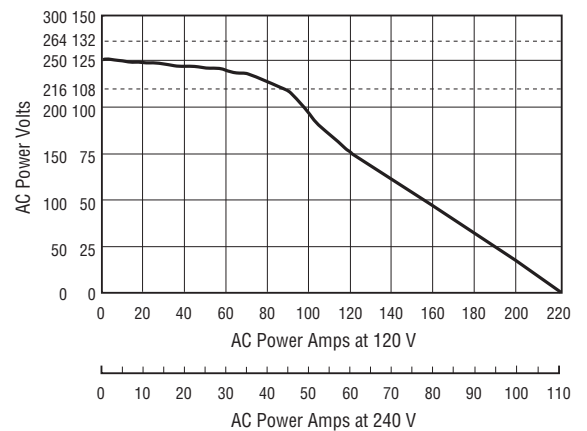
### Typical Power Requirements for Farm, Home and Contractor Equipment

Equipment	Rating	Starting Watts	Running Watts
Portable Conveyor	1/2 hp	3,400	1,000
Farm-Duty Motors Std., (e.g. Conveyors, Feed Augers, Air Compressors)	1/3 hp 1-1/2 hp	1,720 8,200	720 2,200
Washer 2 gal./min. 2 gal./min.	550 psi 700 psi	4,500 6,100	1,400 1,600
Refrigerator or Freezer	1/3 hp	2,150	750
Sump Pump	1/2 hp	3,200	1,050
Hand Drill	1/2 in.	600	600
Circular Saw	8.25 in.	1,400	1,400
Table Saw	10 in.	6,300	1,800
Band Saw	14 in.	2,500	1,100
Flood Lights	HID Metal halide Mercury Vapor	125 313 1,000 1,250	100 250 — 1,000
Air Compressor	1-1/2 hp	8,200	2,200
Electric Chain Saw	2 hp, 14 in.	1,100	1,100
Submersible Pump	400 gph	600	200
Centrifugal Pump	900 gph	900	500
Wet and Dry Vac	1.7 hp	900	900
High Pressure Washer	1 hp	6,100	1,600

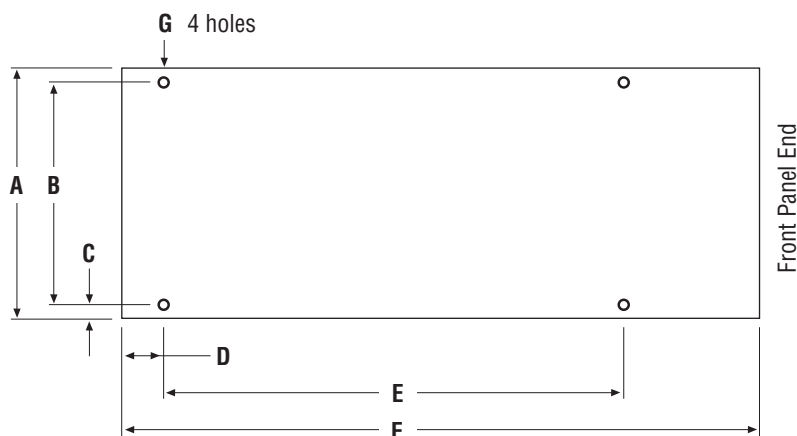
### Fuel Consumption



### Generator Power Curve



## Mounting Specifications



- A. 20 in. (508 mm)
- B. 16.562 in. (421 mm)
- C. 1.75 in. (44 mm)
- D. 5.125 in. (130 mm)
- E. 22.312 in. (567 mm)
- F. 39.75 in. (1,010 mm)
- G. .406 in. (10 mm) diameter

## Accessories



### Protective Cover 770748

Waterproof cover resists stains and mildew, and protects the finish of your welder/generator. Includes heavy-duty grommets for highway travel tie-downs. Fits welder with or without running gear and handle installed.

*Note: Protective cover fits current Champion Elite 225 550562 and Champion Elite 260 500557. Use cover 770619 for previous model 500544.*

### No. 2 Stick Cable Set, 50 ft. 195195

Consists of 50-foot (15 m) No. 2 electrode cable with holder, and 50-foot (15 m) work cable with clamp. 200 A, 100% duty cycle.

### No. 4 Stick Cable Set, 20/15 ft. 193067

Consists of 20-foot (6.1 m) No. 4 electrode cable with holder, and 15-foot (4.6 m) work cable with clamp. 125 A, 100% duty cycle.

### Spark Arrestor 043579 Field

Mandatory when operating on California grasslands, brush, or forest-covered land, and all national forests. For other areas, check your state and local laws.

### Full KVA Plug Kit 119172 Field

240 V, 50 A plug (NEMA 14-50P) to fit full KVA receptacle.

## Typical Installation

