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## **INSTRUCTION MANUAL**



## **ALU**

Automatic-Feed Control Unit

This manual corresponds to the following references:

- **ALU-910VA** (100V)
- **ALU-110VA** (120V)
- **ALU-210VA** (230V)

## Packing List

The following items are included:



**ALU Automatic-Feed Control Unit** ..... 1 unit

**Power Cord** ..... 1 unit  
Ref. 0023717 (120V)  
0024080 (230V)

**Key Set for SF / AL** ..... 1 unit  
Ref. 0019341  
includes:

*Guide Wheels and Components*



**GALE Guide Kit** ..... 1 unit  
Ref. GALE10V-A  
- with solder wire perforation  
- wire  $\varnothing$  1.0mm /  $\varnothing$  0.040 in)  
(Guide Wheels and Components already assembled in ALU Control Unit)



**Manual** ..... 1 unit  
Ref. 0028141



**Spanner** ..... 1 unit



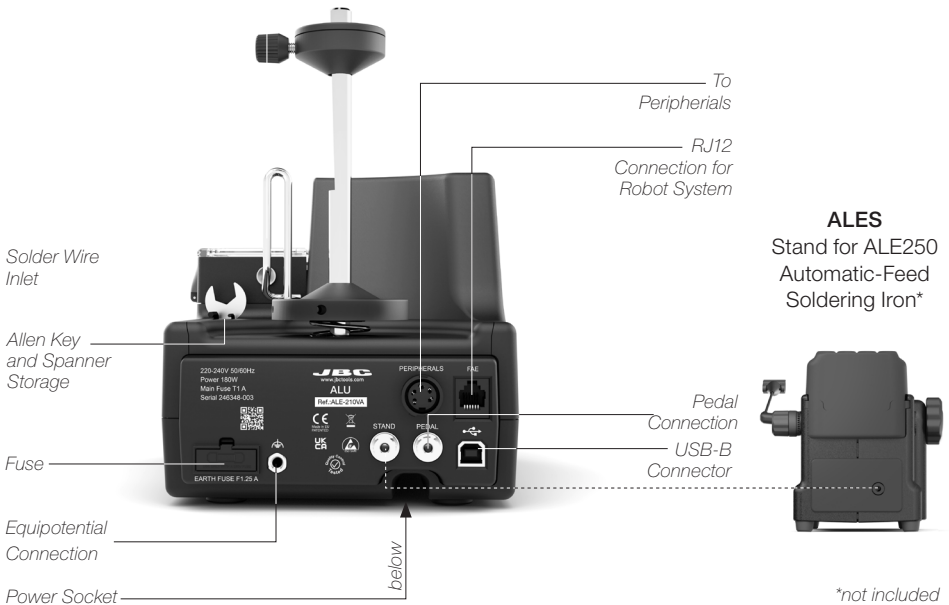
**Allen Key  $\varnothing$  1,5** ..... 1 unit



**Allen Key  $\varnothing$  2,5** ..... 1 unit

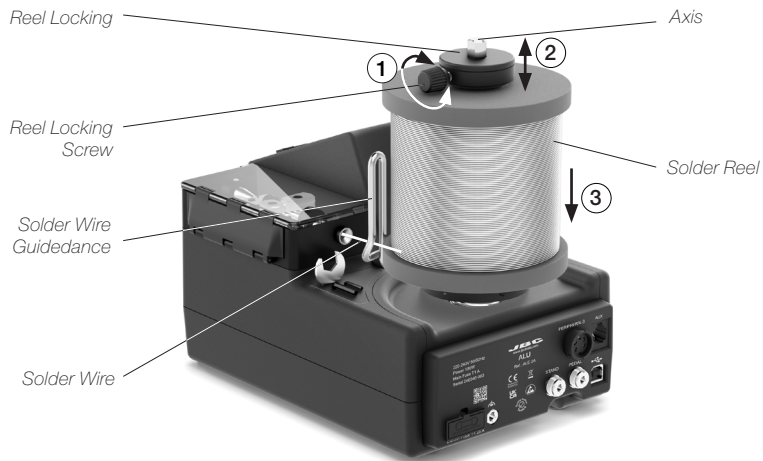
## Features and Connections

**ALE250**  
Auto-Feed  
Soldering Iron\*



\*not included

# Solder Reel Assembly

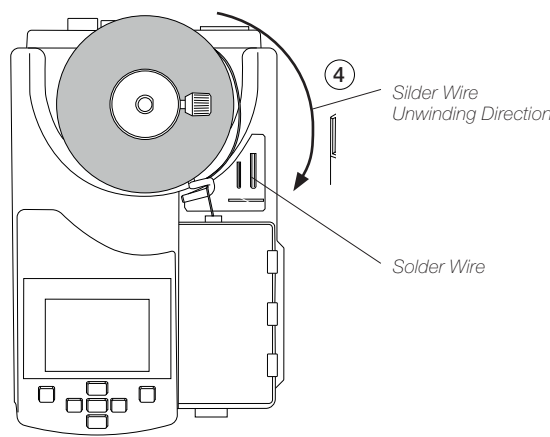


Open the reel locking screw (1) and remove the reel locking (2) from the axis.

Assemble the solder reel onto the axis (3) and reassemble the reel locking screw (1). The flat side of the axis must align with the inner flat side of the reel locking.

**Note:** Press lightly the reel locking (1) down before tightening the reel locking screw (2) to prevent free reel spinning.

 Insert the solder reel in such a way - when viewed from above - that the solder wire unwinds on the despending mechanism side (4).

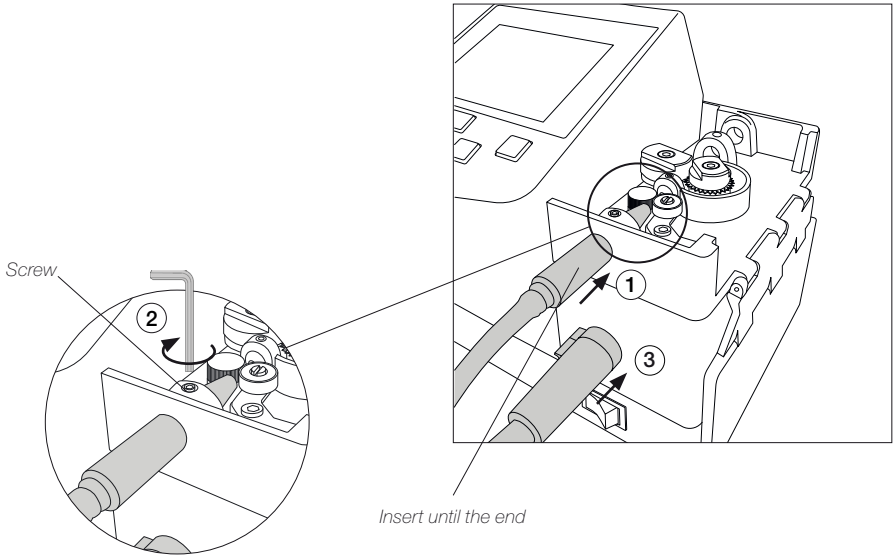




## Tool Assembly

Connect the tool to the control unit following this steps:

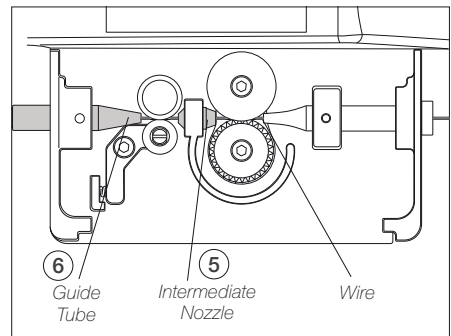
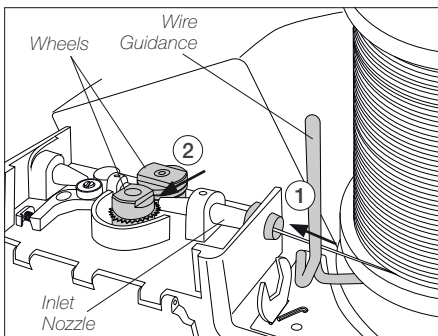
Insert and push the guide nozzle until the end (1) and tighten the screw (2). Then connect the tool connector (3).



## Solder Wire Loading

Pass the solder wire through the wire guidance and introduce the solder wire into the inlet nozzle (1) until it reaches the wheels (2).

Make sure the wire passes through the Intermediate Nozzle (5) and enters into the Guide Tube (6).




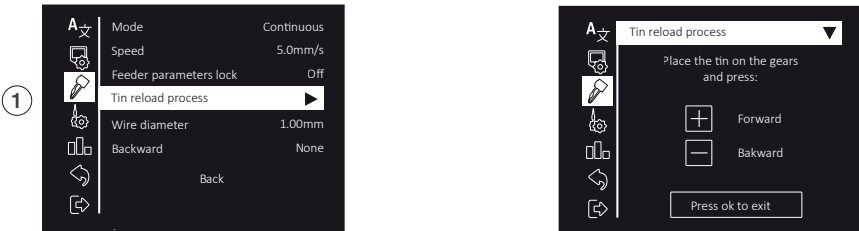
## Main Menu Screen

Access to Main Menu by  , select “Feeder Settings” (1) and then “Wire Diameter” (2) to adjust the value to the current solder wire diameter.



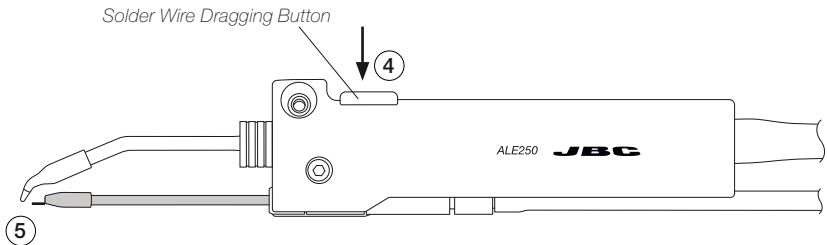
## Tin Reloaded Process Screen

Select “Tin Reloaded Process” (1) and then use  to feed the solder wire and advance until it comes out through the outlet nozzle. Keep  pressed and after a while the wire will advance faster.



## Solder Wire Feeding

Forward the solder wire by pushing the dragging button (4) until the wire comes out of the tip (5).




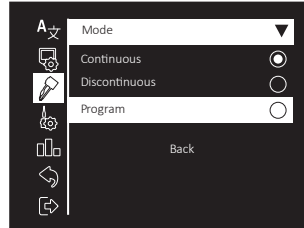
To feed the solder wire, alternatively the pedal P405 can be used. The pedal should be plugged in at the rear of the feeder control unit into the pedal connector.



## Control Process

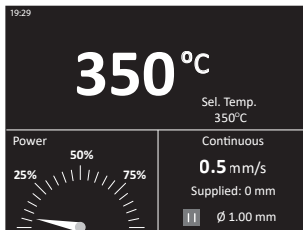
### Feeder Setting Modes

Choose between “continuous”, “discontinuous” and “program” mode. Acces to Main Menu by , select “Feeder Settings” and then “Mode”.

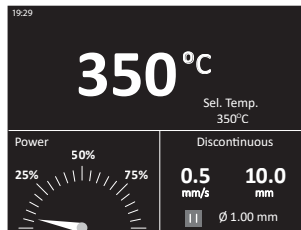


Depending on the selected mode, different parameters are available for setup.

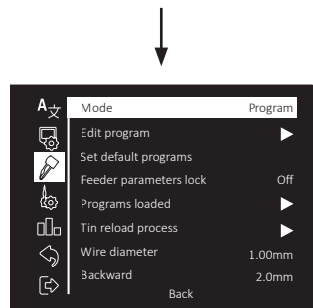
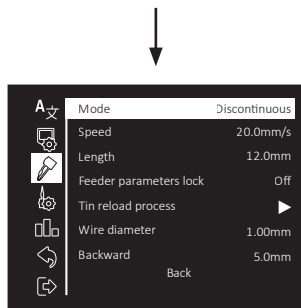
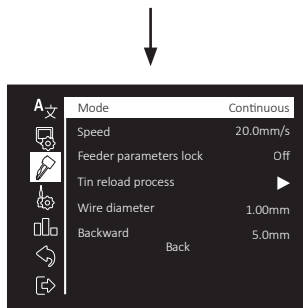
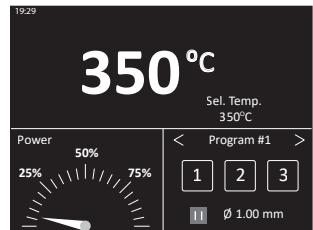
#### Continuous Mode



#### Discontinuous Mode



#### Program Mode



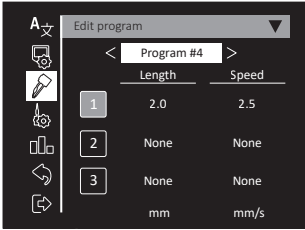
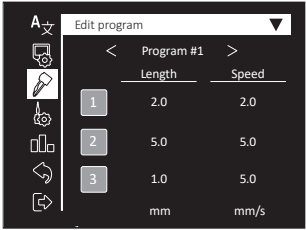
## Troubleshooting

Station troubleshooting available on the product page at [www.jbctools.com](http://www.jbctools.com)

# Control Process

## Program Mode

With ALU you can define up to 5 feeder programs. Select “Edit Program” and access to the programm parameters.



For each programm between 1 and 3 feeding steps (length and speed) should be defined. If less than 3 feedig steps are needed, set up wire length and speed to “0.0” and the parameter will change to “None”.

## Quick Access to Feeder Setting Modes

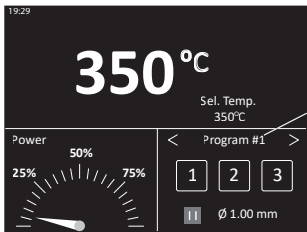
The solder wire dispensing values can directly set up from the work screen.

Press or to change the tool temperature value.

When the main screen is displayed, by pressing button speed and lenglht value can be set up. Following parameters can be changed according to the different dispensing modes:

- Continuous Mode: Speed
- Discontinuous Mode: Speed and length
- Program Mode: 3 feeding parameter pairs (length and speed) for every program.

**Note:** First select the program to be modified at the work screen by using and to switch between the programs.

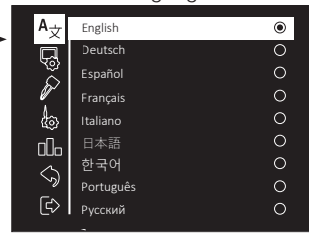
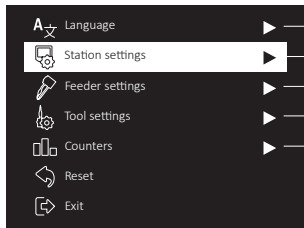


Program number #

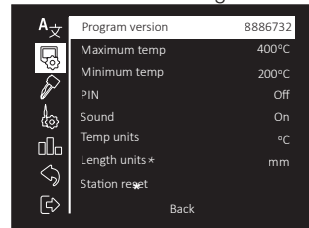
## Control Process

### Menu Screen

Default PIN: 0105

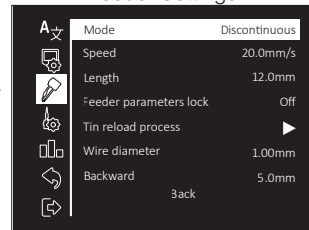


### Station Settings

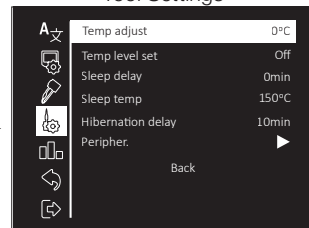


\*choose between mm and inches

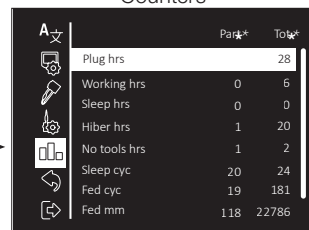
### Feeder Settings



### Tool Settings



### Counters



\* partial and total counters are shown

# Changing Guide Kits

## Changing Wheels and Blade

For this operation, disconnect the device from the mains. Disconnect the tool from the control unit and open its cover.

First disassemble the guide tube (6), the nozzles (2)+(3), then the wheels, blade and clamp (4)+(5). Disassemble the counter wheel (1). Use the allen key and the spanner, provided with the station.

### Assembly with Solder Wire Perforation:

Assemble the counter wheel (1).

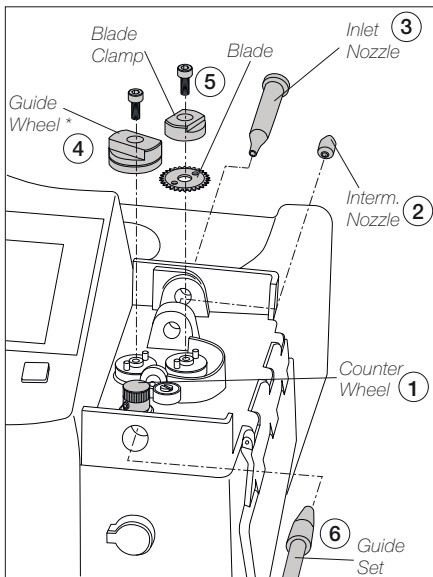
Insert the intermediate nozzle (2) until its collar rests against the housing and tighten the screw.

Assemble the inlet nozzle (3).

Assemble the guide wheel\* (4) and tighten the screw.

Assemble the blade first, then mount the blade clamp (5) onto the same axis and tighten the screw. **Caution:** handle the blade carefully to avoid injury.

Insert the guide set (6).



### Assembly without Solder Wire Perforation:

Assemble the counter wheel (1).

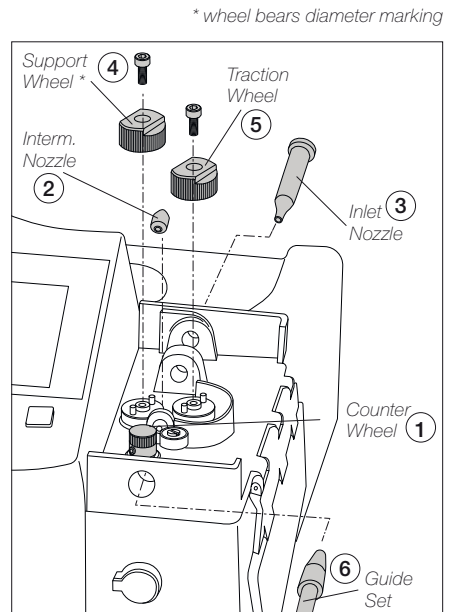
Insert the intermediate nozzle (2) until its collar rests against the housing and tighten the screw.

Assemble the inlet nozzle (3).

Assemble the support wheel\* (4) onto the axis and tighten the screw.

Assemble the traction wheel (5) and tighten the screw.

Insert the guide set (6).



Accessories

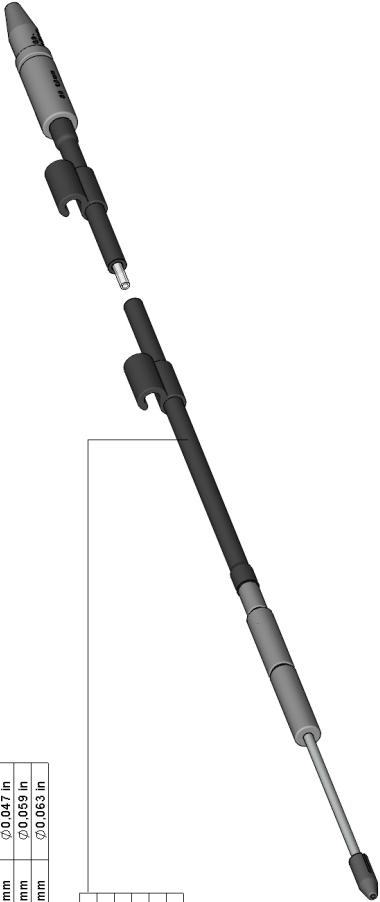
Various guide sets are available. Select the appropriate guide set depending on the solder wire diameter to be used.

GALE Guide Sets for ALE250 with Solder Wire Perforation

GALEXV-A WITH SOLDER WIRE PERFORATION

Wire diameter	
XX	Diameter of use
08	Ø 0.8 mm Ø 0.032 in
10	Ø 1.0 mm Ø 0.040 in
12	Ø 1.2 mm Ø 0.047 in
15	Ø 1.5 mm Ø 0.059 in
16	Ø 1.6 mm Ø 0.063 in

Guide tube	
GALE08V-A	0028358
GALE10V-A	0028359
GALE12V-A	0028360
GALE15V-A	0028361
GALE16V-A	0028363



SPARE PARTS

Wire Ø	Outlet nozzle	Nozzle	Guide wheel	Blade	Blade clamp	Inlet nozzle	Intern. nozzle	Counter wheel	Screws	Threaded stud
GALE08V-A	0025270	0021158	0021696	0021555	0018638	0018632	0024955	0026693 (Supplied with SFI)	0026695 (x2)	0026696 (x3)
GALE10V-A	0021560		0021699			0019170	0024956			
GALE12V-A	0025272		0023738			0019171	0024957			
GALE15V-A	0025274		0019696			0024233	0024958			
GALE16V-A	0025276		0025922				0024959	0026694		

Accessories

GALE Guide Sets for ALE250 without Solder Wire Perforation

GALEXXD-A WITHOUT SOLDER WIRE PERFORATION

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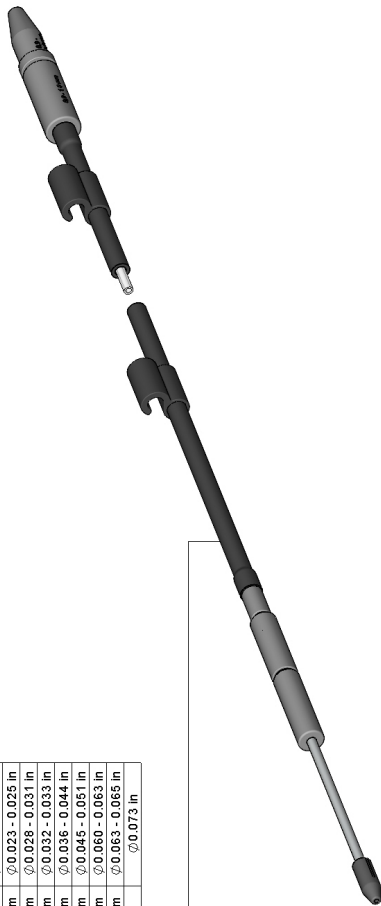
Wire diameter










Range of use

04	Ø 0.38 - 0.40 mm	Ø 0.015 - 0.016 in
05	Ø 0.46 - 0.56 mm	Ø 0.018 - 0.022 in
06	Ø 0.60 - 0.64 mm	Ø 0.023 - 0.025 in
07	Ø 0.70 - 0.78 mm	Ø 0.028 - 0.031 in
08	Ø 0.80 - 0.82 mm	Ø 0.032 - 0.033 in
10	Ø 0.90 - 1.10 mm	Ø 0.036 - 0.044 in
12	Ø 1.14 - 1.27 mm	Ø 0.045 - 0.051 in
15	Ø 1.50 - 1.57 mm	Ø 0.060 - 0.063 in
16	Ø 1.60 - 1.63 mm	Ø 0.063 - 0.065 in
18	Ø 1.80 mm	Ø 0.073 in

Guide tube

GALE04D-A	
GALE05D-A	0028358
GALE06D-A	
GALE07D-A	
GALE08D-A	0028359
GALE10D-A	
GALE12D-A	0028360
GALE15D-A	0028361
GALE16D-A	0028362
GALE18D-A	0028363



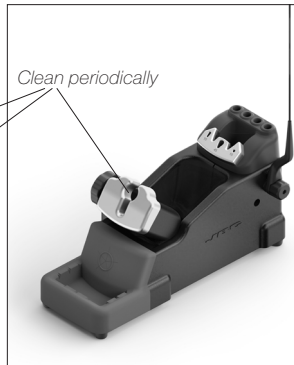
SPARE PARTS											
	Outlet nozzle	Nozzle	Traction wheel	Support wheel	Inlet nozzle	Interm. nozzle	Counter wheel	Screws	Threaded stud		
Wire Ø											
GALE04D-A	0025268	0021158	0019479	0020345	0019520	0024954	0026693 (Supplied with SF)	0026695 (x2)	0026696 (x3)		
GALE05D-A				0019519							
GALE06D-A	0022994					0025293					
GALE07D-A	0025289					0025291					
GALE08D-A	0025270			0019480	0018632	0024955					
GALE10D-A	0021560				0019170	0024956					
GALE12D-A	0025272					0024957					
GALE15D-A	0025274			0019481	0019171	0024958	0026694				
GALE16D-A	0025276				0024233	0024959					
GALE18D-A	0021559			0028367	0024234	0024960					



## Maintenance

Before carrying out maintenance, always switch the device off and disconnect it from the mains. Allow the equipment to cool down.

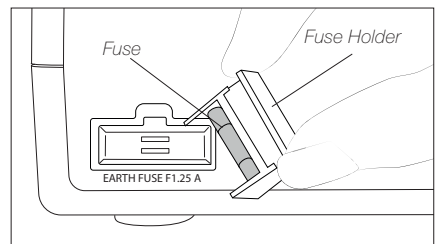
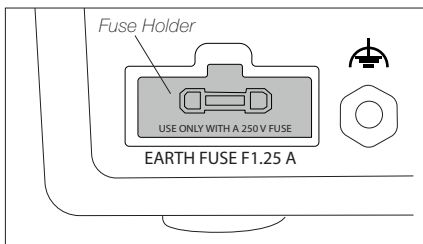
- Clean the station screen with a glass cleaner or a damp cloth.
- Use a damp cloth to clean the casing and the tool. Alcohol can only be used to clean the metal parts.
- Periodically check that the metal parts of the tool and stand are clean so that the station can detect the tool status.



- Maintain tip surface clean and tinned prior to storage in order to avoid tip oxidation. Rusty and dirty surfaces reduce heat transfer to the solder joint.
- Periodically check all cables and tubes.
- Replace a blown fuse as follows:

**1.** Pull off the fuse holder and remove the fuse. If necessary use a tool to lever it off.

**2.** Insert the new fuse into the fuse holder and return it to the station.



- Replace any defective or damaged pieces. Only use original JBC spare parts.
- Repairs should only be performed by a JBC authorized technical service.

## Safety



**It is imperative to follow safety guidelines to prevent electric shock, injury, fire or explosion.**

- Do not use the units for any purpose other than soldering or rework. Incorrect use may cause fire.
- The power cord must be plugged into approved bases. Be sure that it is properly grounded before use. When unplugging it, hold the plug, not the wire.
- Do not work on electrically live parts.
- The tool should be placed in the stand when not in use in order to activate the sleep mode. The soldering tip or nozzle, the metal part of the tool and the stand may still be hot even when the station is turned off. Handle with care, including when adjusting the stand position.
- Do not leave the appliance unattended when it is on.
- Do not cover the ventilation grills. Heat can cause inflammable products to ignite.
- Avoid flux coming into contact with skin or eyes to prevent irritation.
- Be careful with the fumes produced when soldering.
- Keep your workplace clean and tidy. Wear appropriate protection glasses and gloves when working to avoid personal harm.
- Utmost care must be taken with liquid tin waste which can cause burns.
- This appliance can be used by children over the age of eight and also persons with reduced physical, sensory or mental capabilities or lack of experience provided that they have been given adequate supervision or instruction concerning use of the appliance and understand the hazards involved. Children must not play with the appliance.
- Maintenance must not be carried out by children unless supervised.

## Specifications

### ALU

#### Automatic-Feed Control Unit

Ref.: **ALU-910VA** - 100V 50/60Hz. Input fuse: T2A. Earthing Fuse: F 1.25A. Output: 23.5V

Ref.: **ALU-110VA** - 120V 50/60Hz. Input fuse: T2A. Earthing Fuse: F 1.25A. Output: 23.5V

Ref.: **ALU-210VA** - 230V 50/60Hz. Input fuse: T1A. Earthing Fuse: F 1.25A. Output: 23.5V

- Output Peak Power: 130 W / 23.5 V
- Selectable Temperature Range: 90 - 450 °C / 190 - 840 °F
- Idle Temp. Stability (still air):  $\pm 1.5^{\circ}\text{C}$  /  $\pm 3^{\circ}\text{F}$  (Meets and exceeds IPC J-STD-001)
- Temp. Accuracy:  $\pm 3\%$  (Using reference cartridge)
- Temp. Adjustment:  $\pm 50^{\circ}\text{C}$  /  $\pm 90^{\circ}\text{F}$  (Through station menu settings)
- Connections: USB-A Update and files import-export  
USB-B Software PC  
RJ12 Fume extractor connection
- Equipotential bonding: Optional connection to EPA
- Tip to Ground Voltage/Resistance:  $< 2$  mV RMS /  $< 2$  ohms  
Meets and exceeds  
ANSI/ESD S20.20-2014 / IPC J-STD-001F
- Ambient Operating Temp: 10 - 50 °C / 50 - 122 °F
- Solder Wire Diameter: 0.4 - 1.6 mm / 0.02 - 0.06 in
- Max. Wire Length: 250 mm / 9.84 in (for discontinuous + program mode)
- Min. Wire Length: 0.5 mm / 0.02 in
- Forward Speed Range: 0.5 to 50 mm/s / 0.02 to 1.97 in/s
- Speed of Backward Function: 0.0 to 5.0 mm/s / 0.5 to 0.20 in/s
- Number of Programs: 5 Programs
- Number of Program Steps: 1 to 3 Steps (for each program)
- Control Unit Dimensions: 235 x 145 x 150 mm  
(L x W x H) 9.25 x 5.71 x 5.91 in
- Total Net Weight: 5.81 kg / 12.81 lb
- Package Dimensions / Weight: 368 x 368 x 195 mm / 6.72 Kg  
(L x W x H) 14.49 x 14.49 x 7.68 in / 14.82 lb

#### Compatible Solder Reel:

- Reel Weight: up to 2 kg / 4.41 lb
- Max. Reel Diameter: 100 mm / 3.94 in
- Max. Reel Height: 100 mm / 3.94 in

Complies with CE standards.  
ESD safe.



#### Warranty

JBC's 2 year warranty covers this equipment against all manufacturing defects, including the replacement of defective parts and labour.

Warranty does not cover product wear or misuse.

In order for the warranty to be valid, equipment must be returned, postage paid, to the dealer where it was purchased.

**Get 1 extra year JBC warranty by registering here:**  
**<https://www.jbctools.com/productregistration/>**  
**within 30 days of purchase.**



This product should not be thrown in the garbage.

In accordance with the European directive 2012/19/EU, electronic equipment at the end of its life must be collected and returned to an authorized recycling facility.

