

**FIBER FUSION SPLICER  
OPERATION MANUAL  
AD INSTRUMENTS  
AD371**

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# 1. Notice before using

## 1.1. Safety instruction

*Please read the following information before first using.*

1. Using the specified battery and adaptor, otherwise it may causes an explosion or permanent damage to machine.
2. Don't use the machine in high temperature, flammable or explosive environment (such as a gas station nearby).
3. Don't attempt to disassemble the machine or its accessories, only authorized agencies can repair it.
4. Please don't touch electrodes in working time, or it may causes personal injury.
5. When liquid or foreign body into the machine, or smoke, odor, noise, etc., or a strong impact, please immediately shut down the machine, and pull out the AC power.

## 1.2. Note

*When using the machine, improper operation may cause damage for the machine or even danger for human health. It is suggested to operate as the following way.*

1. This model machine only applies to quartz glass fiber splicing, not to any other things.
2. Don't use or store the machine in high temperature or humidity environment (otherwise it may damage the equipment or reduce performance of the machine).
3. While using the machine in dust environment, try to avoid dust as far as possible.
4. When moving the machine from low temperature to high temperature, there should be any heating process to eliminate condensation.
5. Please use high-purity anhydrous alcohol (purity>99%) to clean magnifying lens, reflector and fiber v-groove surface.
6. The splicing machine must be handled gently to avoid strong vibration or impact, and with carrying case for transportation or storage.
7. Maintain the whole machine once a year.

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## 2. Start to comprehend splicer

### 2.1. Overview of splicer



Figure 2.1

## 2.2. Keyboard

### 2.2.1. Keyboard appearance



figure2.2




Table 2.1

1 Power	2 Left	3 Right
4 Up/Arc	5 Down/Switch	6 Menu/Exit
7 Enter	8 Reset	9 Auto splice
10 Heat		



## 2.2.2. Keyboard functions

Table 2.2

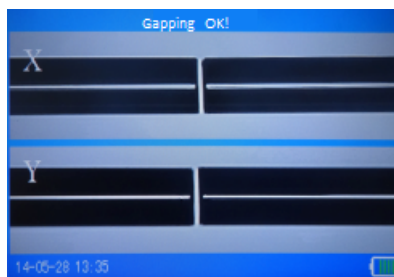
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● While Power On, press this key to shut down.</li><li>● While Power OFF, press this key to Power On.</li></ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Under standby interface, press this key to discharge weak arc.</li><li>● In menu, press this key to enter the next submenu.</li><li>● If permitted, press this key to run.</li><li>● If permitted, press this key to switch between the left and right sides of CMOS Sensor, Motors and so on.</li></ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Under standby interface, press this key to enter main menu.</li><li>● Under the main menu interface, press this key to return the upper menu.</li></ul>






- Under standby interface, press this key to increase the LCD backlight.
- In CMOS sensor step, press this key to increase the CMOS sensor backlight.
- In motor adjustment, press this key to drive up the fiber.
- If permitted, press this key to move up the cursor.






- Under standby interface, press this key to gap the fiber.



- Under the main menu, press this key to select the left icon.
- In motor adjustment, press this key to drive the corresponding motor move to left.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Under standby interface, press this key to decrease the LCD backlight.</li> <li>● In setup of CMOS sensor, press this key to decrease the CMOS sensor backlight.</li> <li>● In function of motor test, press this key to move down the corresponding motor.</li> <li>● If permitted, press this key to move down the cursor.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Under standby interface, press this key to align the fiber.</li> </ul> <div data-bbox="379 652 769 936" data-label="Image"> <p>The screenshot shows a blue-tinted interface titled 'Aligning OK!'. It is divided into four quadrants by a vertical blue line and a horizontal white line. The top-left quadrant is labeled 'X' and the top-right is labeled 'Y'. The bottom half of the screen is dark with a horizontal white line. At the bottom, there is a status bar with the date and time '14-05-28 13:35' and a small green icon on the right.</p> </div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Under the main menu, press this key to select the right icon.</li> <li>● In motor adjustment, press this key to drive the corresponding motor move to right.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Under standby interface, press this key to fuse.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● In Power On state, press this key to reset motor position.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Under standby interface, press this key to switch video mode.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Under standby interface, press this key to run auto splice.</li> </ul>

## 2.3. Technical parameters

Table 2.3

Applicable fiber	SM, MM, DS, NZDS, others
Cladding diameter	80 -150um
Coating diameter	160 - 900um
Typical loss	SM: $\leq 0.02$ dB; MM: $\leq 0.01$ dB; DS: $\leq 0.04$ dB; NZDS: $\leq 0.04$ dB
Return loss	$> 60$ dB
Cutting length	10-16mm(Coating layer Diameter: $< 250\mu\text{m}$ ) 16mm(Coating layer Diameter: $250\sim 1000\mu\text{m}$ )

Program	40 groups
Operation mode	Auto mode and Manual mode
Auto to heat	Supported
Splice time	7 seconds
Heating time	26/34 seconds (heat-shrinking tube width is 40mm or 60mm)
Magnification	100 times/double show, 200 times/single show
Observation mode	High sensitivity CMOS sensor, Color LCD of 4.3 inch with pixels 480x280
Fusion Records	Support to store 4000 groups of Fusion Records
Estimate loss	Supported
Tension	Supported, 1.8~2.2N
Operation Interface	GUI
Battery capacity	5800mAh; Typical 180 times fusion; Show remaining real-time

Power supply	Adapter : AC100-240V(50/60HZ); Output : DC11~13.5V
Electrodes times	4000 times
Interface	12V DC power input,USB2.0
Operation Enviroment	Altitude: 0-5000m; Humidity: 0-95%; Temp: -10℃- +50℃; Air speed: <=15m/s
Volume/weight	149mm (L) ×120mm (W) ×130mm (H) /2.25kg (Battery Included)

### 3. A complete splice

A full fiber splice procedure including: the fiber end face preparation, fiber splicing, tension test, heating and cooling of shrink tube. This chapter will introduce details of the specific process of the fiber splice.

#### 3.1. Power on



Figure 3.1

Press and hold the power button until the power indicator light, then, LCD also enter the self-test screen.

### **3.2. Preparation of fiber end face**

Prepare two optical fibers, as shown in Figure 3.2, which an optical fiber is set into the heat shrink tube.

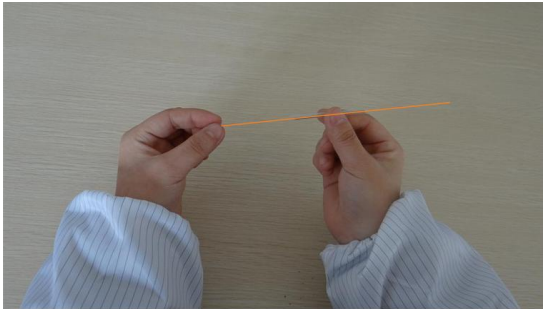


Figure 3.2

As shown in Figure 3.3, clenched fiber cleaver, place the fiber into the tooth of clamp by the left hand, reserve bare fiber 30 to 40 mm stripped fiber coating. Use a cotton ball dipped in anhydrous alcohol (purity>99%) wipe optical fiber coating layer that residual debris, Figure 3.4 shows.



Figure 3.3

Put the cleaned fiber into the cutter positioned groove, the edge alignment of the fiber coating cutter ruler “13” scale outside (the scale is greater than 13, shown in Figure 3.4). Close small platen, requiring that the bare fiber straight on the left and right rubber on the chopping block. Together close the large plate, and push the cutter blade slider to the other end to cut off the fiber.

After Cutting, open the large platen to take away cutting broken fiber into the waste fiber storage box. (Broken fiber has a great harm to human health, so, please be sure to collect and chop broken fiber). Open the small platen, and carefully take out the cut end face fiber. Don't make the fiber cross section touching any other objects, in order to avoid damage or contamination end face.





Figure 3.4

### 3.3. Fiber clamping

Open the windproof cover and the two side fiber platens, then, put the prepared fiber into V-groove through the locating slot. Make sure that the fiber end face should be located between V-groove edge and two electrodes.

Shown in Figure 3.5

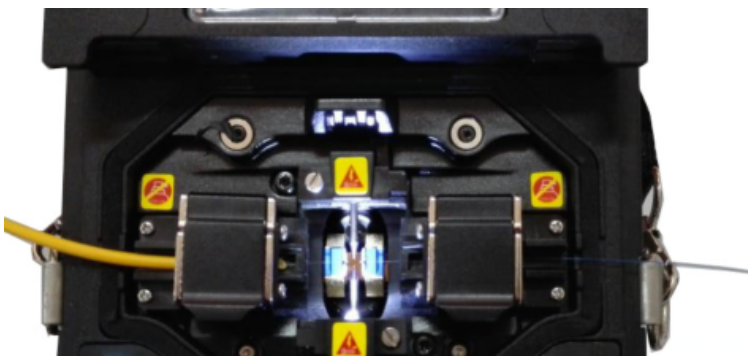


Figure 3.5

Please operate carefully and don't let the fiber end face touch any other object. Then close the large platen to fix optical fiber, which should be placed horizontally in the V-groove, without upturned phenomenon. If clamping failed, you can lift fiber carefully and repeat the operation above until the fiber clamping is qualified.

Similarly, prepare and clamp the other optical fiber.

Then, close the windproof and continue to observe the amplified fiber from the display. If the fiber end face is obviously uneven, tilt or damaged, you need to remove the fiber to cut again.

### 3.4. Optical fiber fusion

After clamping, the machine is in ready state, as shown below. If in "Automatic" splice mode, auto splice begins as soon as the windproof closed. If in "Manual" splice mode, user must press the "SET" button to run the splice routine.

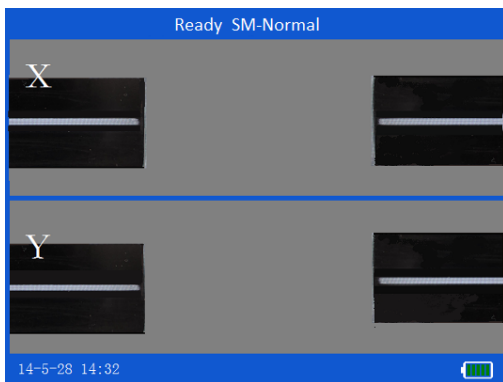


Figure 3.6

First, select fusion parameter group according to the optical fiber type. Press "MENU" to enter the main menu, and then select the "parameters" icon and press the "confirm" key to enter the menu. We need to select fusion parameter group matched with splice fiber type. It is suggested to choose SM8.

Press "SET" to start the splice procedure. The machine

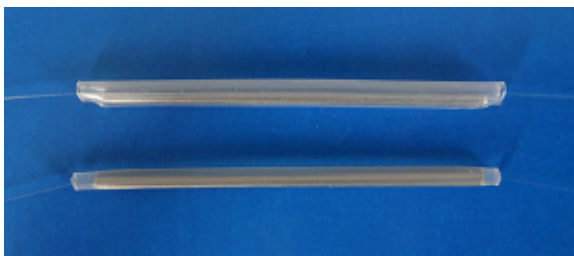
drives the motor, which will promote both sides of fibers to the middle of the screen, judging the fiber end face whether meet the requirements. If qualified, turn to the next process, otherwise show a tip of bad end face and stop.

After judgment, alignment motor will adjust fiber position to make both sides of fibers align in three-dimensional. At last, the electrode discharge arc to fuse fiber. When fusion completed, the machine will give the loss estimates, and have a tension test if needed.

### **3.5. Heat-shrinkable**

Optical fiber fusion point is really fragile and easily broken, so, you need protection by using heat shrinkable. Open the windproof cover, large platen and heater cover. Gently remove fiber, and don't bend fiber greatly to avoid the fusion point broken.

Move heat shrinkable tubing to the fusion point, which must be in the middle. Then, place heat shrinkable tubing in the middle of the heating furnace. The heater begins heating as soon as heating furnace closed. About 34 seconds later, heating shrinking has completed. The figure below is the heat shrink tubing before thermal shrinkage and after thermal shrinkage.



Fig

ure 3.7

### **3.6. Cooling**

The heat shrinkable tubing after heating is in high temperature, and need cooling. Hang the cooling tray on the carrying handle. So, after heating, pull out the fiber from the heating furnace to the cooling tray by hands. About 1 minute later, it cools to the ordinary temperature.

## **4. Menu instruction**

The machine adopts METRO-style menu, whose interface is simple, beautiful and convenience for operation. The operation interface has 8 icons, and each icon corresponds to different functional menu.

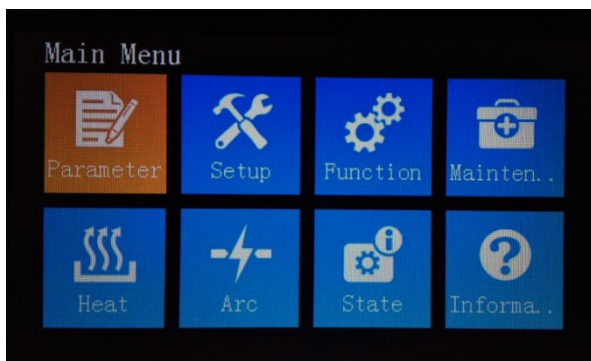





Figure 4.1

For the main menu interface:



In standby state, press the key  to enter interface of main menu.

In the main menu, press the key  to exit the main menu to standby interface.


In the main menu, press the direction keys, and the corresponding direction on the next icon is selected.


Press the key  to enter the submenu.

In submenu:

Press the key  or  to select the up down cursor.

Press the key  or  to modify the current data.

Press the key  to enter the next submenu.

Press the key  to enter the upper menu.

## 4.1. Parameter setting menu

No.	Name	Type	State
14	Normal/SM-SM	SM	OFF
15	Normal/SM-SM	SM	OFF
16	Normal/MM-MM	MM	OFF
17	Normal/MM-MM	MM	OFF
18	Normal/MM-MM	MM	OFF
19	Normal/MM-MM	MM	OFF
20	Normal/MM-MM	MM	OFF

Figure 4.2

"Parameters" menu is used to select and set the fiber splicing parameters. Menu forms by different splicing parameters submenu, as shown in Figure 4.2. Each sub-menu is a group of splicing parameters, and the menu is composed by the part of the number, file name, pattern and state. Number from 0 to 39, a total of 40 groups of parameters can be used. Mode Auto, Calibrate, Normal three kinds, of which the Auto class of parameters derived experimental optimization for the factory and cannot be modified and recommended for new users. The data of the

Calibrate parameters can be modified except the pre-discharge and post-discharge time. All the Normal parameters can be modified.

Set Fusion Paras		Para No. : 08
Prefuse Time:		016ms
Fusion Time:		2.0sec
Arc Value:		060
Motor Overlap:		018um
Fiber Gap:		004um
Max Angle:		3.0°
State:		ON

Figure 4.3

The “type” represent which the fiber is fused by the parameter. Abbreviations are explained in the following.

SM: Single mode fiber

MM: Multi mode fiber

DS: Dispersion shifted fiber

NZDS: Non-zero dispersion-shifted fiber

The state ON/OFF says the group is currently used or not.

Press the key ▲ or ▼ to change the current splicing parameter group. Press the key ↵ to enter the para group, as shown above.



The parameter consists of the following parameters:

**Prefuse time** Prefuse time in total fusion process, a short time about 30ms in SM 16ms in MM, . It is not recommended for the new user to modify.

**Fuse time** Fuse time in total fusion process, a long time 2.0 seconds in SM, 1.2 seconds in MM. It is not recommended for the new user to modify.

**Arc** Discharge current means that the discharge arc current intensity. The high value of the current corresponds to a greater arc, resulting in a higher temperature. The fiber is ablated more seriously. Press the key ◀ or ▶ to increase or decrease the parameter value.

**Pushing overlap** The pushing forward distance in fusion process. Press the key ◀ or ▶ to add or sub the value of overlap.

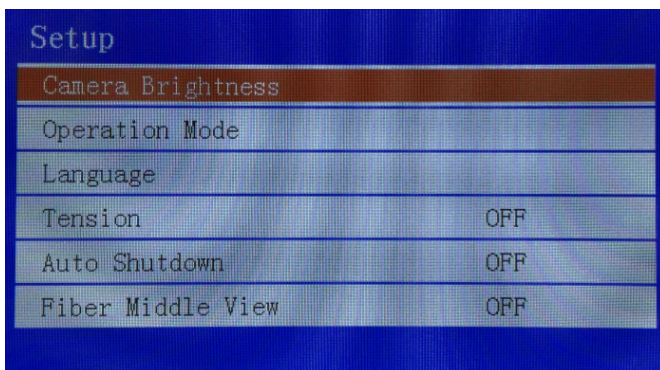
**Gapping** The distance of fiber gap before fusing. Press the key ◀ or ▶ to change it.

**Max end face** The angle between the fiber end and vertical direction is the end face. In the process of judging the fiber end face, the fiber end face should not more than the Max end face.

**State** It shows the using state of the current viewing parameter group. You can press the key ◀ or ▶ to change the parameter.

## 4.2. Setup

The “setup” menu is used to set the data including the operation mode, language, camera brightness, tension and auto shutdown, as shown below.



The image shows a screenshot of a 'Setup' menu. The menu is displayed on a dark blue background with a light blue grid pattern. The title 'Setup' is at the top left. Below it, several menu items are listed, each on a separate line. The first item, 'Camera Brightness', is highlighted with a brown background. The other items are 'Operation Mode', 'Language', 'Tension', 'Auto Shutdown', and 'Fiber Middle View'. The last three items have 'OFF' listed to their right.

Setup	
Camera Brightness	
Operation Mode	
Language	
Tension	OFF
Auto Shutdown	OFF
Fiber Middle View	OFF

Figure 4.4

### 4.2.1. Operation mode

The operation mode is the method of machine fusion, consists of: automatic or manual mode.

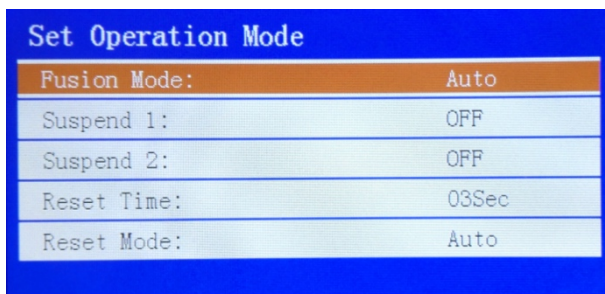
This parameter, automatically, turn off the windshield in the standby inter face, the splicing machine will begin running splice fiber optic procedures. Manual mode requires user to press the "SET" button, and the machine will begin splicing optical fiber. Select the menu button, and press the key  $\leftarrow$  ,

the parameter values will switch between "automatic" and "manual".

**Suspend 1** When fiber splicing, fiber advancing to meet the gap conditions, the program pauses, waiting for the further operation of the user. For continue to splicing, press "SET" button. To interrupt splicing, press the "RESET" button.

**Suspend 2** Fiber suspend the running at the end of the subsequent process of aligning.

**Reset time** After a fiber splicing, in order to prepare for the next splice, propulsion motors need to be reset to the reference position. Fiber splicing completed, open the windscreen, over a period of time to wait for propulsion motors begin to reset. The waiting is the time that automatically reset. The menu selected, press the key ◀ or ▶ to change the parameter values.



Set Operation Mode	
Fusion Mode:	Auto
Suspend 1:	OFF
Suspend 2:	OFF
Reset Time:	03Sec
Reset Mode:	Auto

Figure 4.5

## 4.2.2. Language

Language shows the display language current software used. There are two languages available:

- Chinese The software interface displays Chinese.
- English The software interface displays English.

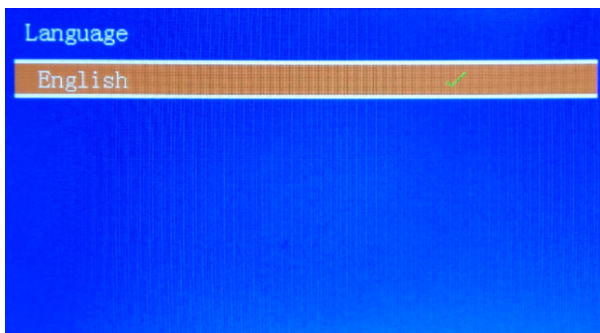
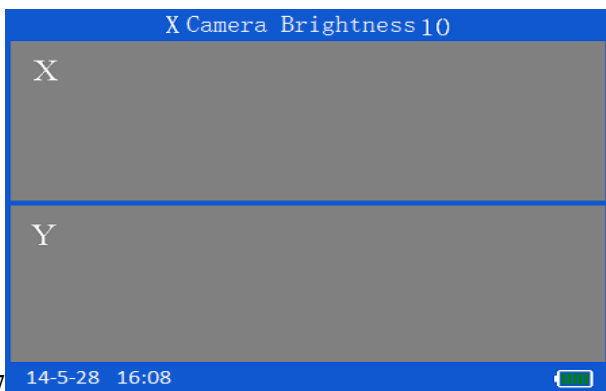


Figure 4.6

## 4.2.3. Camera brightness

Press the key  $\leftarrow$  to enter the interface of camera brightness, as shown below. Press the key  $\blacktriangle$  or  $\blacktriangledown$  to modify the gain of CMOS camera resulting in the change of camera brightness. Press the key  $\leftarrow$  to switch the CMOS camera sensor between X and Y.

Figure



#### **4.2.4. Tension**

Open the option, splice completed, the machine would impose 2 Newton's pulling on the fiber to test the quality of splicing. If the fiber broken, it means the fusion failed. Press the key  $\leftarrow$  to switch the tension state between ON and OFF.

#### **4.2.5. Auto shutdown**

When the option is turned on, the machine will shut down automatically if no operation within ten minutes.

#### **4.2.6. Fiber Middle View**

when the option is turned on, if the fiber basic positions are off-middle, the fiber basic positions could be adjusted to middle automatically.

## 4.3. Function

The function menu lists the splicing machine with some features, such as time and date, motor test, export splicing records, program upgrade, ect. as shown in Figure 4.8.

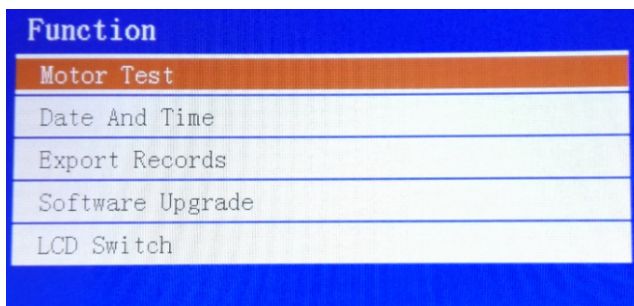


Figure 4.8

### 4.3.1. Date and time

Press the key  $\leftarrow$  to enter the interface of Date and Time as shown in figure 4.9. Press the key  $\blacktriangleleft$  or  $\blacktriangleright$  to move the selection cursor, and then press the key  $\blacktriangleup$  or  $\blacktriangledown$  to modify the selection value.

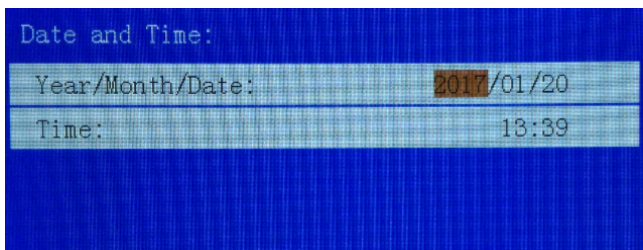


Figure 4.9

### 4.3.2. Motor test

Motor test imitates the distance of the push motor moving forward in the fusion process. Press the key  $\leftarrow$  to enter the interface. After the prepared fiber clamped into the machine, you must press the key  $\leftarrow$  to run the test. The test results will be given at the end of the test, as shown in Figure 4.10, which shows the distance of each push motor moving forward. The standard value is between 8 and 12.

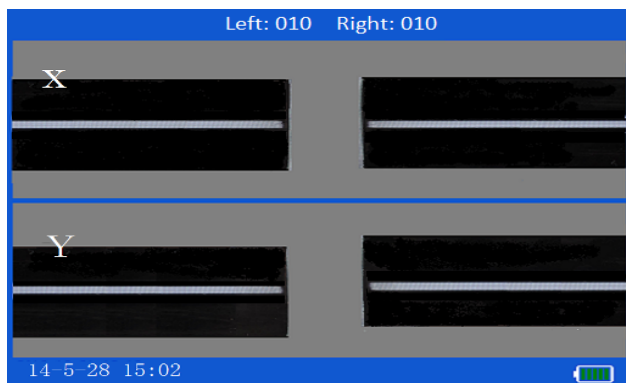


Figure 4.10

### 4.3.3. Export records

The option is used to export the fusion records memories in the machine. After the U disk inserted into the USB port, choose this option and press the key  $\leftarrow$  to confirm fusion records export. As Figure 4.11 shown, program begins to test USB port and then find the records. If there's no record, program will prompt error.

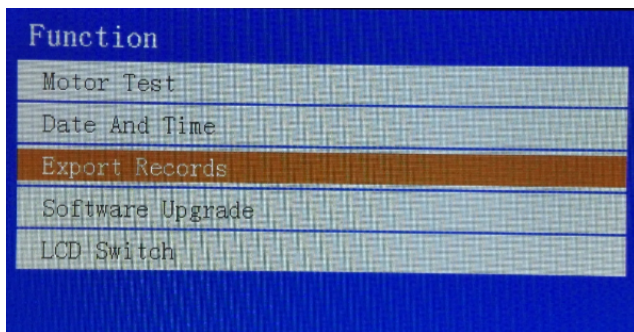


Figure 4.11

### 4.3.4. Software upgrade

This function is used to upgrade software in the machine. After the U disk with upgrade file inserted into USB port, choose this option and press the key  $\leftarrow$  to upgrade. As shown in Figure 4.12, program begins upgrading. Attention that after upgraded, users need to boot.



Function	
Motor Test	
Date And Time	
Export Records	
Software Upgrade	
LCD Switch	

Figure 4.12

## 4.4. Maintenance

The Maintenance menu consists of Electrodes Aging, Motor Checking, Fusion Records, Arc Numbers, etc, as shown in Figure 4.13.

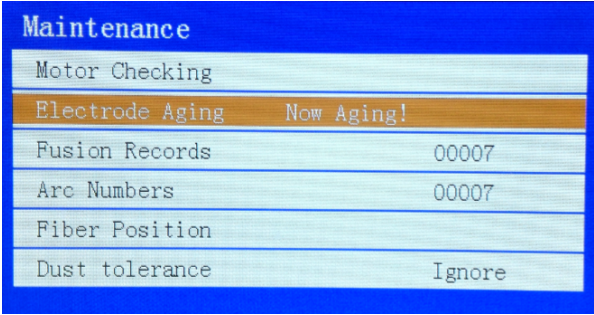
Maintenance	
Motor Checking	
Electrode Aging	
Fusion Records	00007
Arc Numbers	00007
Fiber Position	
Dust tolerance	Ignore

Figure 4.13

### 4.4.1. Electrodes aging

New electrode discharge instability and the need for the discharge of a certain number of times to stabilize the arc which called electrode aging.

When electrode replaced, enter this menu and then press the key  $\leftarrow$  to start aging the electrode, as shown in Figure 4.14. Don't open windproof cover in aging process.



Maintenance	
Motor Checking	
Electrode Aging	Now Aging!
Fusion Records	00007
Arc Numbers	00007
Fiber Position	
Dust tolerance	Ignore

Figure 4.14

### 4.4.2. Motor checking

Motor checking is used to check the motor performance and change the motor position. Total of 4 motors are available for operation.

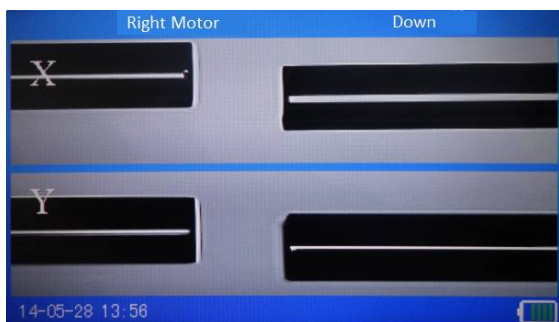





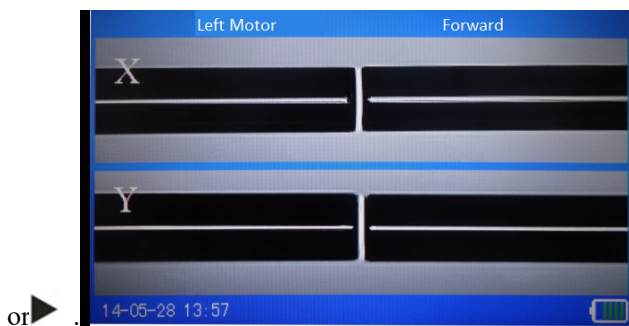


Figure 4.15

Press the key  to enter the video interface. Press the key  to switch the left and right motors. The align motor will move up or down by pressing the key  or . The push motor will drive left or right by pressing the key .



### 4.4.3. Fusion records



No.	Name	Date	Loss
0291	Cali/SM-SM	2014-05-20	0.03dB
0290	Cali/SM-SM	2014-05-20	0.03dB
0289	Cali/SM-SM	2014-05-20	0.01dB
0288	Cali/SM-SM	2014-05-20	0.02dB
0287	Cali/SM-SM	2014-05-20	0.03dB
0286	Cali/SM-SM	2014-05-20	0.02dB
0285	Cali/SM-SM	2014-05-20	0.02dB
0284	Cali/SM-SM	2014-05-20	0.02dB

Figure 4.16

This option stores working parameters, fiber end face, the environment and date in each splicing. The machine can store 4000 groups of fusion records. The key  $\leftarrow$  can be pressed to enter the page of fusion record, and the page displays ten groups of fusion records, sequence from top to bottom by the latest fusion time as shown above. Press the key  $\blacktriangle$  or  $\blacktriangledown$  to the contiguous page. Press the key  $\leftarrow$  to enter the page of fusion records.

```
Records No: 00291
Date/Time: 2014-04-04 18:13
Estimate Loss: 0.01dB
Outer Pressure: 1017hPa
Outer Temp: 20 °C
Inner Temp: 25 °C
Prefuse Time: 010ms
Fusion Time: 1.2sec
Arc Value: 094
Overlap: 016um
Fiber Gap: 006um
L/R Angle: 2.3°/1.3°
```

Figure 4.17

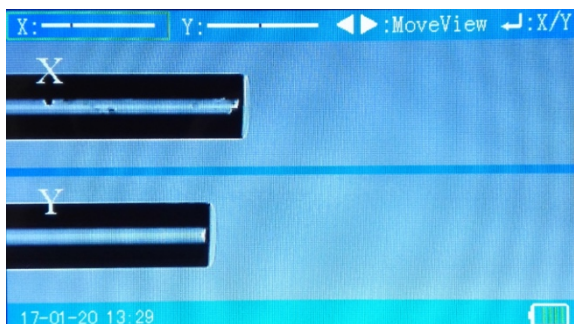
#### 4.4.4. Arc numbers

This option shows the total number of Arc discharge.

#### 4.4.5. Fiber position

Fiber position is used to move the fiber horizontally.

Press the key  $\leftarrow$  to enter the video interface. Press the key  $\leftarrow$  to switch the X and Y fibers. The fibers will drive left or right by pressing the key  $\blacktriangleleft$  or  $\blacktriangleright$ .



#### 4.4.6. Dust tolerance

Select this option "Dust Tolerance", and press key ◀ or ▶ to change the option "35%" or "Ignore". The original setting of the fusion splicer is "Ignore", it means when there is dust on the V grooves, the machine will adjust the fiber aligning automatically to make sure the splicing processing performs well. If users change this option to "35%", it means if dust is less than 35%, the machine will performs well, if the dust is over 35%, there will be a warning to users for V groove cleaning.

#### 4.5. Heater

The Heater menu is used to set heating time and heating mode, as shown in Figure 4.18. Heater mode includes two

kinds, automatic mode and manual mode. In automatic mode, after the heater the heat shrink tubing loaded and the cover closed, the program begins heating automatically. In manual mode, users need to press the key “HEAT” to begin heating after the heater cover closed.

Heat time needs to set by users according to specific heat shrinkable. Select this option “Heat Time”, and press the key ◀ or ▶ to change the time. Select the option “Auto Heat”, and press the key ◀ or ▶ to change the mode.

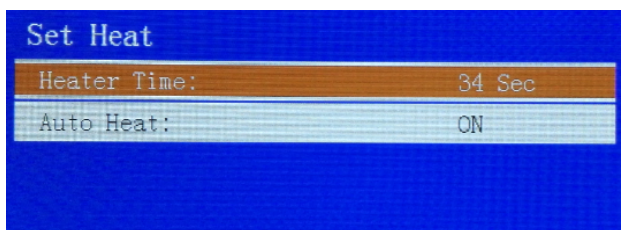


Figure 4.18

## 4.6. Shortcut

Shortcut menu is used to enter the common functions and setting quickly.

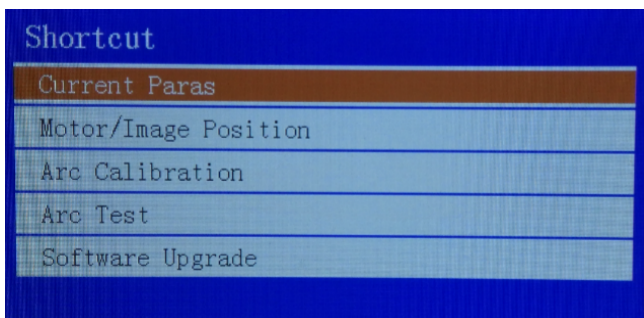


Figure 4.19

### 4.6.1. Current Paras

Select this option to adjust the fusion paras.

Set Fusion Paras		Para No. : 08
Prefuse Time:		016ms
Fusion Time:		2.0sec
Arc Value:		060
Motor Overlap:		018um
Fiber Gap:		004um
Max Angle:		3.0°
State:		ON

Figure 4.20

### 4.6.2. Motor/Image Position

This option is used to adjust motor positions and fiber



positions.

Press the key  $\leftarrow$  to enter the video interface. Press the **SET** to switch adjusting motor positions and fiber image positions. Press the key  $\leftarrow$  to switch the left and right motors, as well as the X and Y fiber images moving. The align motor/fiber image will move up or down by pressing the key  $\blacktriangle$  or  $\blacktriangledown$ . The push motor/fiber image will drive left or right by pressing the key  $\blacktriangleleft$  or  $\blacktriangleright$ .

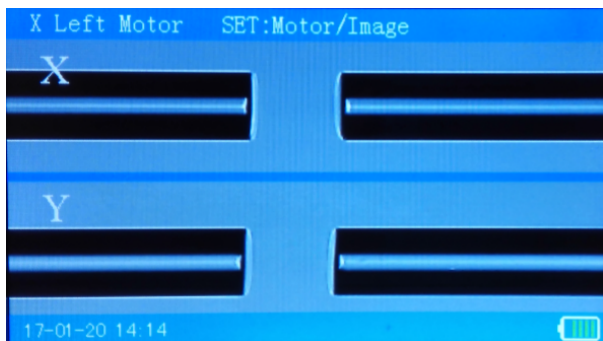


Figure 4.21

### 4.6.3. Arc Calibration

Automatic calibration can automatically change the fusion parameters in the discharge current until the test results meet the requirements on the basis of test results.

The test interface is shown in Figure 4.22. When calibration completed, we need to press the button “SET” once in

standby interface.



Figure 4.22

#### 4.6.4. Arc Test

Cut and clamp fiber according to splice procedure, and then press the key  $\leftarrow$ . The calibration program starts to run and test results are given. According to the test results, manually set the splicing parameters of discharge current, and repeat the above steps until the test results meet the requirements.

Parameter modification requirements: the default value is 70, every 5 to modify 1 parameter value. When the calibration result is larger than 70, we should reduce discharge parameter value.



Figure 4.23

#### **4.6.5. Software Update**

This function is used to upgrade software in the machine. After the U disk with upgrade file inserted into USB port, choose this option and press the key  $\leftarrow$  to upgrade.

### **4.7. Information**

In Information menu, users can inquiry the serial number of the machine and software version information, as shown in Figure 4.24 below.

Information	
Inner Temp:	33 °C
Outer Temp:	21 °C
Capacity Remained:	84%
Serial No:	SN16023137
Version:	V5. 03L

Figure 4.24

## 5. Routine maintenance

### 5.1. Cleaning

#### 5.1.1. Cleaning V groove

V-groove is a V slot on the ceramic substrate of narrow width, easily to accumulate dust which will make the fiber move instability and cause a bad fusion, therefore, the V groove should be cleaned regularly.

The following is the way of cleaning the V groove:

1. Place the fiber with good enface into the V groove to remove the pollution, shown in figure 5.1.



Figure 5.1

2. Use a cotton swab soaked with alcohol to clean the surface and bottom of the V groove. At last, the alcohol should be the natural air-dry or wiped dry by the dry cotton swab. Shown in figure 5.2.

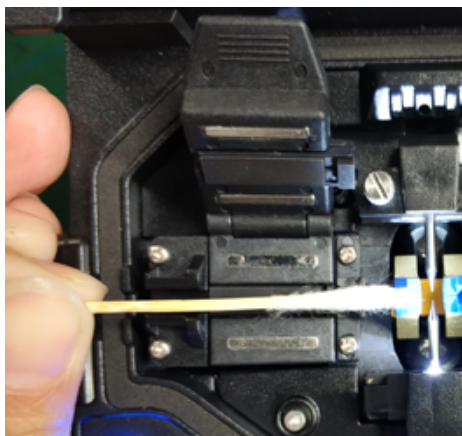


Figure 5.2

### **5.1.2. Cleaning fiber presser foot**

The dust accumulated on the fiber press foot will cause the pressure instability and affect the quality of fusion. So, it should be wiped off from the fiber pressure foot regularly.

Open the windproof cover, and then use the cotton dipped in alcohol to clean the surface of the presser foot. When cleaning, don't repeat back and forth with cotton, but to wipe the foot in one direction. Besides, users need to spin the cotton swabs, keeping the unused cotton facing the presser foot, waiting for the alcohol volatile.

### 5.1.3. Cleaning objective lens

Microscope is the core component of the machine optical system. So its surface must be kept clean, and users should regularly clean. The microscope is cleaned by the swab which dipped in a little alcohol, with a spiral movement from the center to the edge of the lens and the rotation around the swab until to spin out the edge of the lens.

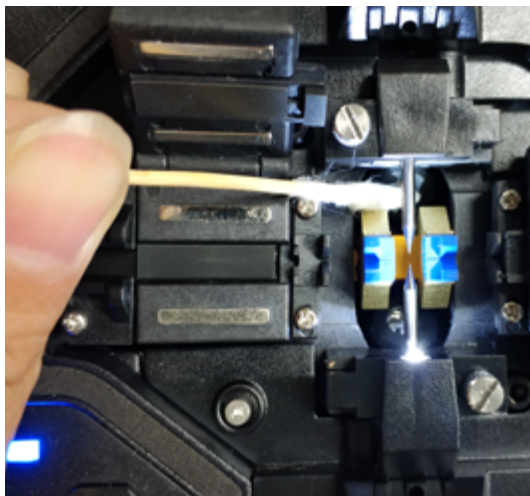


Figure 5.4

## 5.2. Replacing electrode

Arc produces by high temperature, melting the fiber, which will produce silicon oxide vapour and some deposited on the electrodes, causing the arc instability. Therefore, users are recommended to replace electrodes when discharge reached 3000 times.

Please replace the electrodes according to the following steps:

1. Shut down the power.
2. Loosen setscrews of electrodes cover and remove the electrodes cover, as shown in Figure 5.5
3. Take out the electrode from the electrode holder. (Electrode is fixed on the electrode holder, figure 5.6).

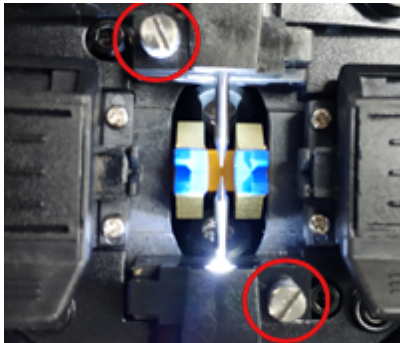


Figure 5.5



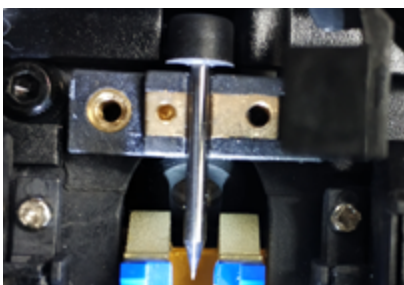


Figure 5.6

With tissue paper dipped in alcohol to clean the new electrodes, then, install the electrodes into the original electrodes seat position.

4. Close the electrodes cover and tighten the screws.
5. Close the windproof cover and power on the machine.
6. Take an electrode aging.
7. Run 3 times fiber fusion if current fusion parameter is Auto mode otherwise run Arc Test or Arc Calibrate if current fusion parameter is normal or calibrate.

**Note:** The replacement of the electrodes should be gentle, so as not to damage the machine or stabbed himself.

### 5.3. Electrode aging




The electrodes arc begins unstably when the external

environment such as the temperature and pressure changed greatly especially moving the machine from low altitude to high altitude. When happened, users should take an electrode aging to stabilize the electrodes arc. The machine runs 5 times of huge electrodes arc when the user selects the electrodes aging and executes it.

**Note:** Please according prompts to operate, do not open the cover while electrodes aging.

## 5.4. Software upgrade

The user should insert the USB disk with upgrade file into USB interface before software upgrade. When the software upgrade menu is selected and pressed, the machine will automatically complete the upgrading. After upgrading, the user should restart the machine.

1. Copy the upgrade document named “boot.dat” to the U-Disk, whose capacity must be more than 2GB.
2. Insert U-Disk into the USB interface of the machine.
3. Power on the machine. Press the menu button “”, entering the main menu.
4. Select the option “Function”, and press button “”.
5. Select the option “Software upgrade” in the interface of Function, and press the button “”, upgrade

beginning.

6. After upgraded, pull out U-Disk, and restart machine.

## 6. Common fault and solution

Table 6.1

Phenomenon	Reason	Handle
Tip of “Please check fiber!”	1The fiber is broken. 2 No fiber is loaded. 3 The fiber is far away from the Electrodes more than 2mm	Making the fiber image into the screen after loading the fiber.
Tip of “Please reload fiber”	The fiber is not completely loaded into the V groove.	Press the Reset key and reload the fiber in correct position.
Tip of “Fusion failed”	Fusion loss is very big or Fusion broken.	Clean the V groove and fiber press foot; Check the fusion parameter and the motor overlap to modify.

Electrodes do not discharge	The electrodes are of dirty or damaged; Or the high-voltage board is fault.	Clean or replace the electrodes.
Tip of “Please check L(R) end face”	The end face of fiber is bad, or the fiber is polluted, or the image is unclear.	Recut fiber or clean the V groove, or increase the max endface value of fusion para.
Tip of “Resetting push motors”	The motor exceeds the range of operation reset to the original Position.	Reload the fiber in correct position when resetting completed.
Tip of “Please close cover”	The cover is opened.	Operate when cover closed.
Tip of “X(Y) Image Light Error”	Display lamp does not light or some other reasons.	Check the mirror ,lens or the image light
Tip of “(L,R)Fiber On Error position!”	The fiber is not completely loaded into the V groove or fiber is dirty.	Reload fiber or recut fiber.
Tip of	The gap of fiber is	Take a gap process first.

“Please Gap Again!”	un-fittable.	
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**Note:** If the above-mentioned problems still exist after handling, please contact technical support.

## 7. Appendix A

### Warranty terms and conditions

If the machine fault occurs on the date of delivery in a year, it will get a free repair. But if the following occurs, it is not in the warranty scope:

- ★ Failure or damage caused by natural disasters.
- ★ Failure or damage caused by abnormal voltage power supply.
- ★ Failure or damage caused by wrong operation.
- ★ Failure or damage caused by the operation not according to the user’s manual.
- ★ Loss unit (such as electrodes).

Before sending the machine, please contact with the manufacturer or agent.

### Required information of repair (Please contain the following information in machine)

<1> Your full name, your company, address, telephone number, fax number and e-mail address

<2> Type of machine and the serial number.

<3> The problems encountered.

When and under what conditions the problem happened.

Now how the condition of the machine.

Information of screen display and the error tips etc.