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PROFESSIONAL WELDING HELMETS AT AN AFFORDABLE PRICE

WIA (Welding Industries of Australia), one of the country's leading welding supply companies, has announced the release of two more outstanding auto-darkening welding helmets.

Offering protection, comfort and performance, all at an affordable price, WIA's new BlueFX and ViewFX welding helmets are packed with exceptional features, coupled with excellent reliability, value for money and WIA's renowned warranty.

The new BlueFX Auto-Darkening helmet has been designed for welders looking for protection, performance and comfort at an affordable price. Providing the operator with continuous arc sensing capability the BlueFX comes with two arc sensors and has a viewing area of 97 x 46mm. The BlueFX features a high quality shell in a slightly metallic, matt blue colour. Designed with quality in mind the BlueFX comes with a one-year warranty.

The ViewFX is completely new to WIA's helmet range and has been designed for professional welders wanting extra performance. A step up from the BlueFX helmet, the ViewFX comes standard with four arc sensors and has an extra wide 97 x 60mm viewing area, giving operators a greater view of the weld. The ViewFX shell is high quality and durable, and comes in a metallic matt grey colour. Reliable and dependable, the ViewFX comes standard with a two-year warranty for extra peace of mind.

Both helmets are impressive and suitable for all general welding applications, including stick, MIG and TIG welding plus plasma cutting, and come standard with a grind mode, meaning users only need one helmet for all their welding requirements including weld preparation and clean-up.

Battery powered with solar assist, the helmets also offer exceptionally long life before charging is required. Delivering up to 1500 hours of interruption free welding with MIG, Stick, TIG & Plasma power sources, the helmets are always ready to go.

As well as the lithium battery being replaceable, the helmets also feature gold contacts on the battery terminals, to ensure dependable contact, an auto on/off function and a low battery indicator.

The helmets' lenses automatically switch from light state 4 to adjustable welding shades 9-13 whenever an arc is struck, and extremely quickly. The lens darkening reaction time is a lightning fast 1/12,000 sec for the BlueFX and 1/15,000 for the ViewFX.

Then after welding, the dark to clear state speed of the lens can be easily adjusted from 0.1 sec to 1.0 sec for maximum control when welding. This feature is found to be very useful in eliminating bright rays often present in high amp applications.

The helmets also feature an innovative sensitivity control which makes the lens more responsive to different light levels in various welding processes. Users have found that the midrange or 30-50% sensitivity setting is their preference for most applications.

For extra view of the weld both helmets also come with a built-in provision for a magnifying lens, if needed.

Designed with operator comfort in mind, the helmets feature high quality, lightweight headgear (510g for the BlueFX and 550g for the ViewFX). In addition, the headgear is fully and easily adjustable providing welders with maximum face and neck protection.

Tested in Australia, the lens and helmet comply with Australian Standards and have a high impact rating. AS/NZS 1338.1 (Auto-Darkening) and AS/NZS1337.1 B (High Impact).

And like all WIA products, these helmets are manufactured with quality and longevity in mind providing warranty for peace of mind.

For more information on the auto-darkening welding helmets, and other welding helmets available from WIA, contact WIA's Customer Service Team on

1300 300 884 or visit welding.com.au