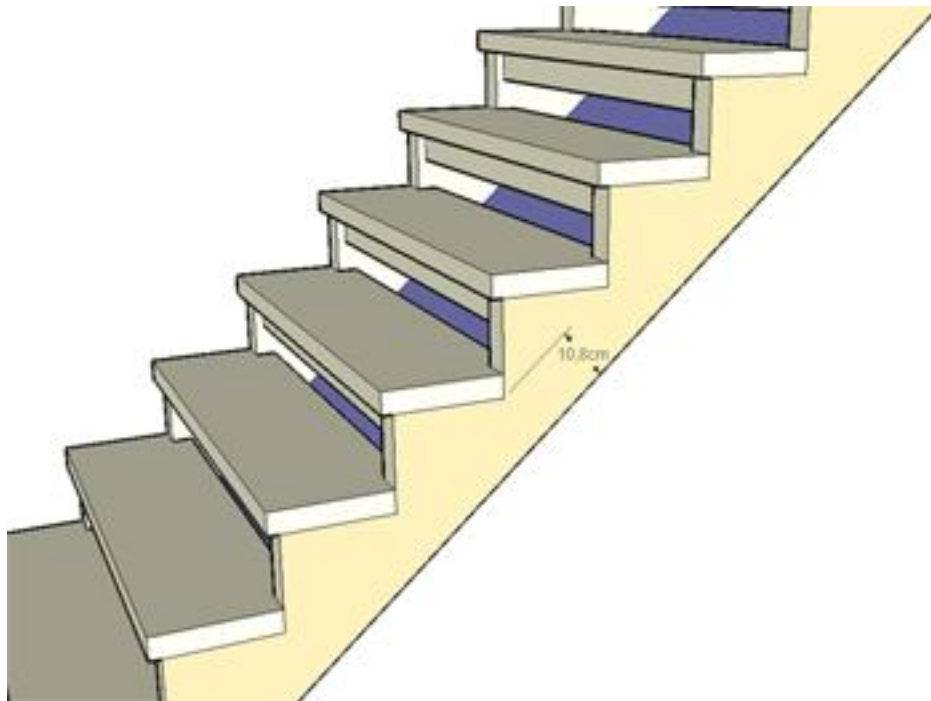


- Den tekniska utvecklingen inom plasmaskärning..går snabbt!





- **Finstråleplasma 1998**

- 12.7 mm Mild Steel 100-Amp



- **Finstråleplasma 2010**

- 50 mm Mild Steel 400-Amp





Skapar helt nya möjligheter.....





Men också nya problem.....



Miljöproblem....



Think „Green“ while Plasma Cutting!

- **Torr Plasma**

Stoff -
Rök
Ljud
(UV)-Radiation Strålning

- **Under Water Plasma**

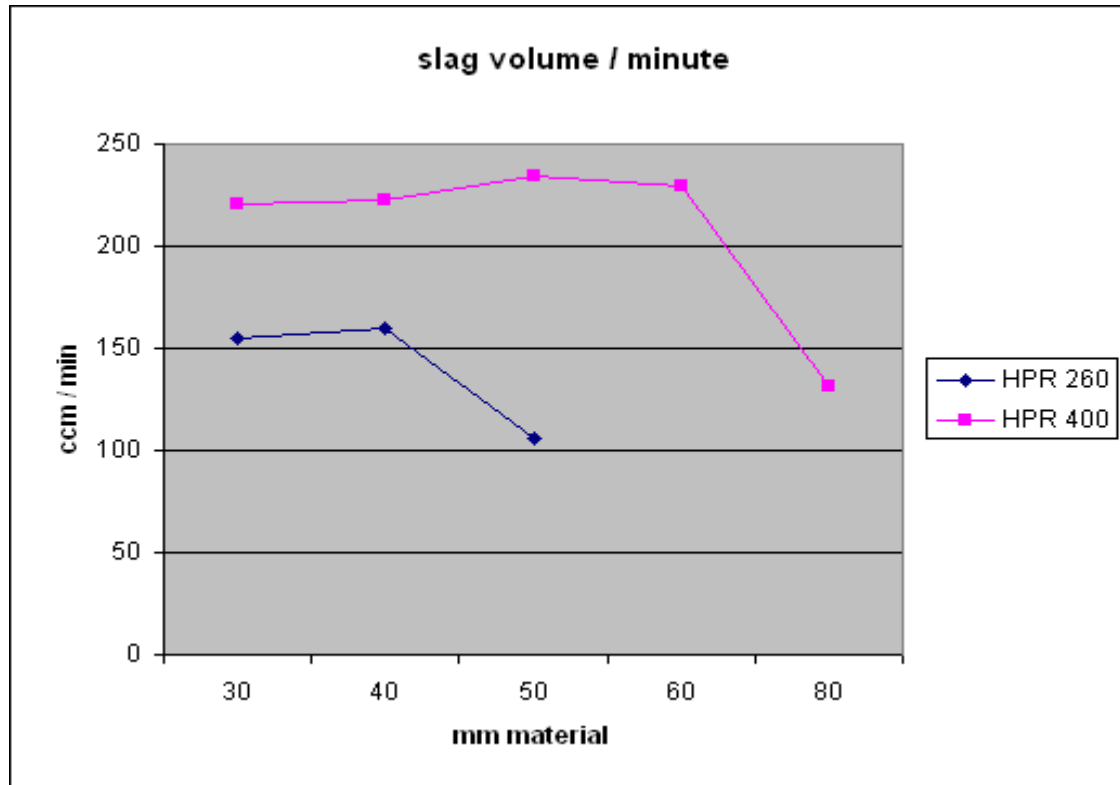
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- **EU regulations on**

Air Pollution at Workplaces
Ljud at Workplaces
Radiation at Workplaces

- **Cost of protecting the Environment**

Productivity
Quality of Cut



Slag volume
234 ccm/min is 14 l /h

Change in filter layout required !

Attention: HPR400_{XD}...genererar 46% mer stoff!

- **Stoff**

From 0,03 Micron to macroscopic (clustered)



- **Rök**

- **Ljud**

Mer än 130 db(A)



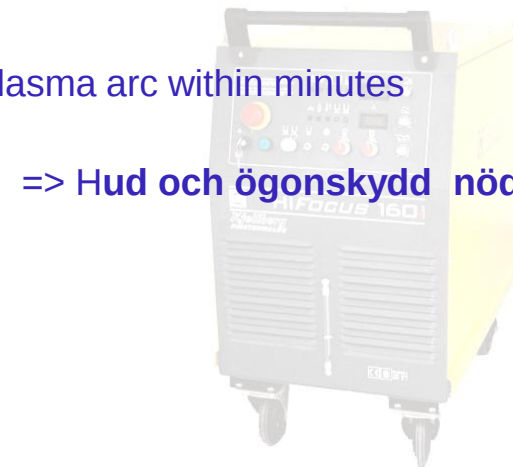
=> Rök utsug nödvändigt

=> Ljud skydd nödvändigt

- (UV)-Strålning

Solbrun på några minuter

Flash burn (of the eyes) from exposure to light emitted from plasma arc within minutes



=> Hud och ögonskydd nödvändigt

- **Stoff (EN 481)**

Common Air Pollution Threshold

- Concentration of alveolar Stoff particles
 - A-Stoff **3mg/m³** $D_{50} = 4\mu m$
- Concentration of respirable Stoff particles
 - R-Stoff **10mg/m³**
- **For Cutting Applications use A-Stoff limit of 3mg/m³**

Workplace exposure limit (WEL)

- Threshold of the time weighted average concentration of a substance at the workers place with respect to a reference exposure time. Defines the limit of harm.

Bio hazards

- Aluminum*
- Lead (Pb)*
- Cadmium (Cd)
- Chromate (Cr-VI-Compounds)
- Cobalt (Co)
- Manganese (Mn)*
- Nickel (Ni)
- * Bio threshold exists



- **Stoff (EN 481)**

Material specific coefficient

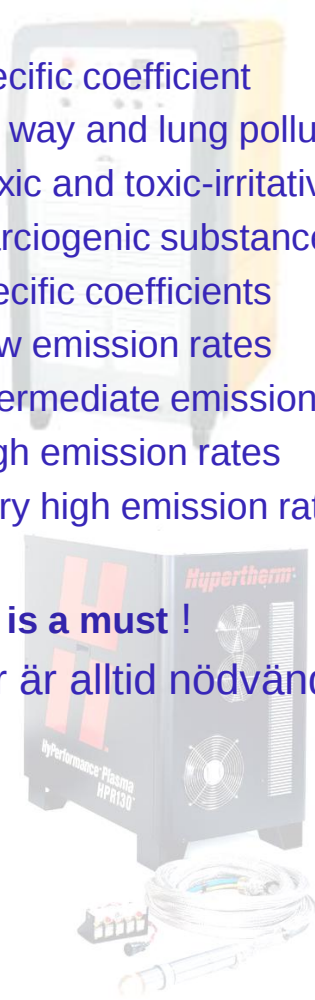
- Air way and lung polluting substances
- Toxic and toxic-irritative substances
- Carciogenic substances

Process specific coefficients

- Low emission rates ($< 1\text{mg/s}$)
- Intermediate emission rates
- High emission rates
- Very high emission rates ($>25\text{ mg/s}$)

Fume extractor is a must !

Fläkt- och filter är alltid nödvändigt



e.g. Iron-Oxides

e.g. Manganese-Oxide, Copper-Oxide

e.g. Cr(VI)-Compounds, Nickel-Oxide

applies to Torr Plasma cutting



- Ljud (European Community Directive 2003/10/EG)**

Lower triggering Level

- $L_{EX,8h} \geq 80 \text{ dB(A)}$ or $L_{pC,peak} \geq 135 \text{ dB(C)}$
 - Instruction
 - Offer ear protection
 - Offer preventive medical checkup

Upper triggering Level

- $L_{EX,8h} \geq 85 \text{ dB(A)}$ or $L_{pC,peak} \geq 137 \text{ dB(C)}$
 - Mark noisy areas and limit access
 - Force workers to use ear protection
 - Initiate frequent preventive medical checkup
 - Set up Ljud reduction program

Ljud exposure comparison for $L_{EX,8h} \geq 85 \text{ dB(A)}$

Ljud level / dB(A)	85	88	91	94	97	100	103	115
Exponerings tid / hrs	8	4	2	1	0,5	0,25	0,125	0,008
Exponeringstid / min				60	30	15	7,5	0,5

Hörselskydd och program för reduktion av ljud är ett krav!

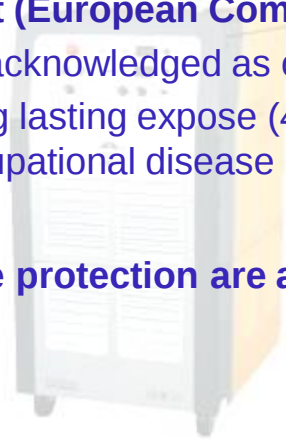


- **Radiation of light (European Community Directive 2006/25/EG)**

Skin cancer acknowledged as occupational disease

- Long lasting expose (40 years) to welding (or cutting?) light emissions results in recognized occupational disease (Judgment of German Social Court of Dortmund in 2005 (Az: S 36 U 155/03))

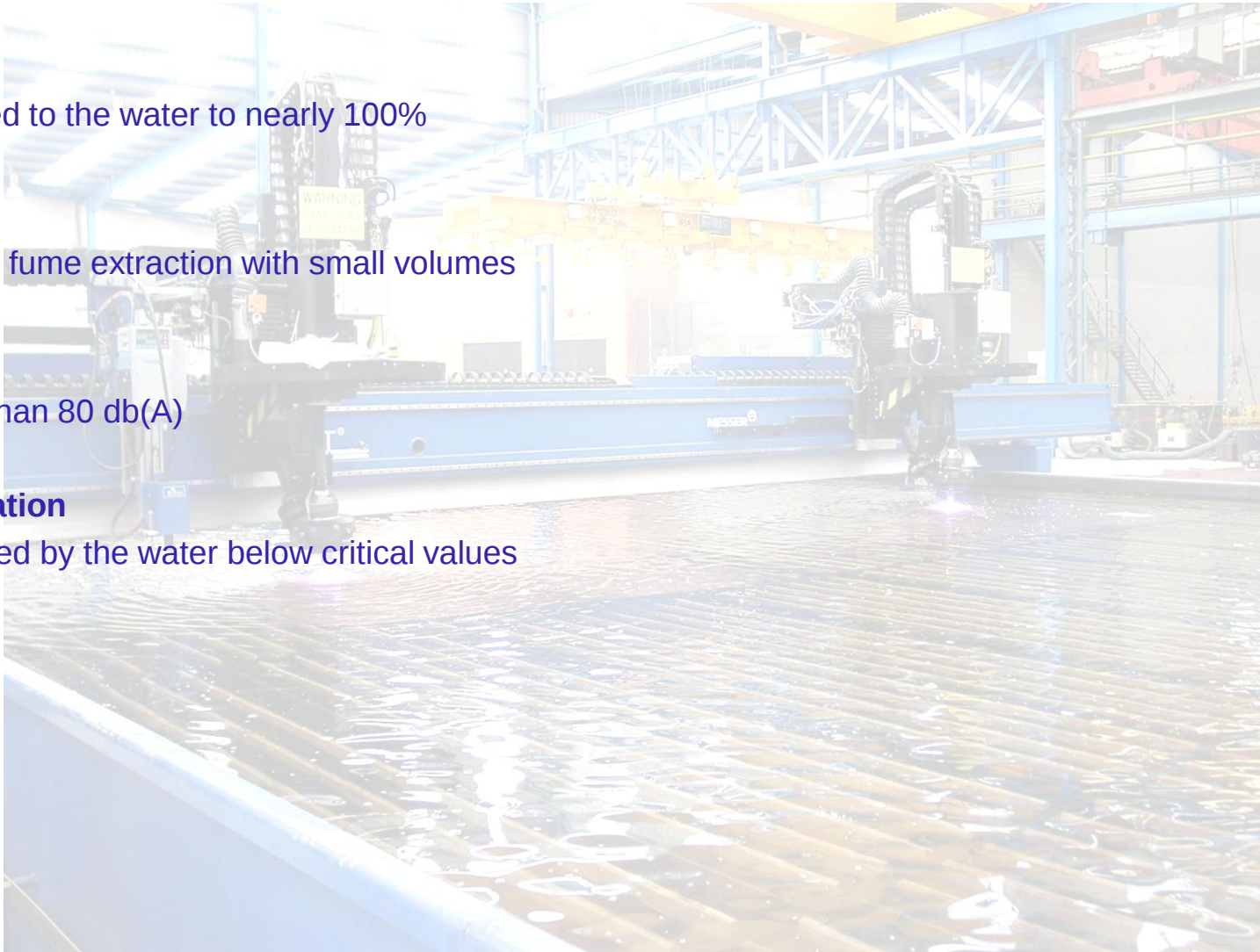
Skin and eye protection are a must !



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Under Water Plasma

- **Stoff**
Bonded to the water to nearly 100%
- **Rök**
Above fume extraction with small volumes
- **Ljud**
Less than 80 db(A)
- **(UV)-Radiation**
Damped by the water below critical values



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Cost of Protecting the Environment

- **Productivity**

Produktiviteten blir 5 – 10% lägre
UWP kräver större yta
UWP kräver ngt högre investering
UWP resulterar i våta plåtar och detaljer
UWP tillåter inte all typ av märkning
UWP problem med Aluminium (Hydrogen)

- **Quality of Cut**

UWP resulterar i sämre snitt kvalitet

- **Conclusion**

I nästan samtliga fall är användandet av UWP, kopplat till miljö faktorer.



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Cost of Protecting the Environment



