INTRODUCTION

Anyone who might be expected to use this fire extinguisher should study and understand the information in this manual. Please read it completely and keep it accessible so that it may be reviewed on a periodic basis. OSHA requires training of personnel who might be expected to use an extinguisher in the case of an emergency. Familiarity with this manual and the instruction nameplate on the extinguisher will contribute to successful use of the extinguisher. You should know just what it can and cannot do, where it is located, how to use it and how to maintain it. Proper and effective use of any fire extinguisher begins with an understanding of the classes of fire. Extinguishers are tested and rated for certain classes and sizes of fires. Some are rated for single classifications, some for multiple classifications and others constitute a hazard if used on certain types of fires.

**IMPORTANT THINGS TO REMEMBER!**

**NEVER DISCHARGE A FIRE EXTINGUISHER INTO ANYONE’S FACE**

**NEVER THROW AN EXTINGUISHER INTO THE FIRE OR LEAVE IT UNATTENDED IF THE FIRE IS NOT OUT**

(Pressure build-up could cause an explosion from even a partially full extinguisher)

**KEEP FIRE EXTINGUISHERS AWAY FROM CHILDREN**

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**WATER, WATER MIST AND AFFF AND FFFP FOAM EXTINGUISHERS**

The above referred to models are shipped EMPTY – they must be filled and pressurized before being placed into service.

Model 240, 250, 252, 254 – Never use involving live electrical equipment. The nameplate on the extinguishers have the international red slash across the Class C symbol designating the hazard of using them where electricity is involved.

Model B260, B262 – Wet Chemical (Class K) extinguishers are approved for use for fires involving cooking media.

Model B270, B272 – Water Mist Extinguishers must be charged using deionized water to avoid contaminates. These extinguishers are UL Listed for Class A and Class C fires.

Never use Water Mist, Water, AFFF or FFFP Foam extinguishers for fires in cooking media. The water in all could flash to steam due to the extremely high temperatures and cause serious burns.

Model’s 250, 252, and 254 AR AFFF Foam may be used for fires involving water based flammable liquids such as alcohols or ketones.

**DO NOT SUBJECT ANY OF THE EXTINGUISHERS IN THIS GROUP TO CONDITIONS WHERE THEY MIGHT FREEZE.**

NOTE: Only the Model 240 2½ gallon water extinguisher may be chemically freeze protected to -40° F with the addition of an Amerex Model B506 charge. The B506 is not designed to protect Water Mist, Wet Chemical, AFFF or FFFP Foam extinguishers.

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**DRY CHEMICAL, DRY POWDER (CLASS D), HALOTRON I, HALON 1211, WET CHEMICAL (CLASS K) AND CARBON DIOXIDE EXTINGUISHERS**

These extinguishers are shipped factory charged. Do not test your extinguisher since even a delicate electrical equipment or aircraft. Use of this agent may extinguish the fire but may damage the equipment beyond repair.

Neither Halotron I nor Halon 1211 should be used in confined areas smaller than indicated on the extinguisher nameplate, food preparation areas or in the presence of people with cardiac problems. If problems occur, quickly remove the person from the area where the gas is present, apply artificial respiration and transport to a physician.

Never use ABC dry chemical, Halon 1211 or Halotron I fire extinguishers on fires involving chlorine containing oxidizers (example: pool chemicals). A violent explosive reaction could occur with the mixture of chemicals.

Wet Chemical (Class K) Extinguishers are approved for use for fires involving cooking media. Do not subject these extinguishers to conditions where they might freeze.

Carbon Dioxide is discharged as a gas (with small particles of snow) at extremely low temperatures and will displace oxygen. Care should be exercised in confined areas. If problems occur, quickly remove the person from the area where the gas is present, apply artificial respiration and transport to a physician. Avoid skin contact which could cause cold burns.

NOTE: As required by OSHA, Safety Data Sheets (SDS) are available for all chemicals contained in these fire extinguishers. Contact your Amerex distributor or Amerex Corporation. In addition, the SDS information is contained in a special section of all extinguisher labels. All SDS are available on the Amerex website at www.amerex-fire.com.

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**MONTHLY INSPECTION RECORD**

**FASTEN TO EXTINGUISHER BEFORE INSTALLATION**

**DO NOT REMOVE**

**FOLLOW THE INSPECTION INSTRUCTIONS IN OWNER’S MANUAL AND ON THE EXTINGUISHER**

**HAVE YOUR EXTINGUISHER PROFESSIONALLY MAINTAINED AND RECHARGED**

**RECHARGE AFTER ANY USE**

**DATE**

**INSPECTION RECORD**

**PERSONNEL**

**CONDITION**

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**IMPORTANT NOTICE TO BOAT OWNERS**

If the extinguisher is to be mounted in your boat, make sure that the proper mounting bracket is used. The nameplate (in the area of the UL manifest) says if it is Coast Guard approved and the mounting bracket which MUST be used to complete the approval. You will be cited by the Coast Guard if the correct type of extinguisher and bracket has not been installed.
HOW TO USE

Follow the Mounting Instructions below, particularly in public areas where the extinguisher might be accidentally dislodged from the bracket or have objects placed on it.

INSPECTION should be performed monthly or more frequently if circumstances dictate. The extinguisher should be checked to see that it is not damaged, the discharge outlet is not blocked, that it is fully charged, the seal is not broken, and that the operating instructions are clearly visible.

ANNUAL MAINTENANCE is a more complete inspection of the extinguisher and should be done professionally. It will reveal the need for hydrotesting which must be done on Water Mist, Water, Wet Chemical, Foam and Carbon Dioxide every FIVE YEARS and Dry Chemical, Dry Powder, Halotron I and Halon 1211 extinguishers every TWELVE YEARS. Most local authorities require special tags be attached to the extinguisher to verify this service.

SIX YEAR MAINTENANCE – Every six years extinguishers requiring a 12 year hydrotest shall be emptied and subject to thorough examination of mechanical parts, extinguishing agent and expelling means. When applicable maintenance procedures are done during periodic recharging or hydrotesting, the six year requirement will begin from that date.

RECHARGE should be done professionally immediately after any use by your local Amerex Distributor who has the trained personnel, extinguishing agents and equipment to do it properly. This extinguisher must be recharged with the extinguishing agent specified on the nameplate. Substitutions could cause damage or injury and will void the warranty.

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INSTALLATION & DISTRIBUTION

Install, inspect, maintain and test your fire extinguisher in accordance with the National Fire Protection Assoc. Standard 10 “Portable Fire Extinguishers”. Your fire extinguisher should be mounted in a clean dry area, accessible to possible fire hazards and preferably near an exit. Mount it so that the top is from 3 ½ to 5 feet above the floor and out of the reach of small children. Use the mounting bracket furnished with the extinguisher or an approved Amerex vehicle bracket if required. Fasten to a solid surface using strong screws or fasteners (not included).

Follow the Mounting Instructions below, particularly in public areas where the extinguisher might be accidentally dislodged from the bracket or have objects placed on it.

MOUNTING INSTRUCTIONS

Strap Anchors

2. Stand back from the fire (the minimum distance stated on the nameplate) and aim at the base of the fire nearest you.

3. Keep the extinguisher upright, squeeze the handles together to discharge and sweep from side to side. Move closer as the fire is extinguished but not so close as to scatter the burning material or liquid.

4. When the fire is out, back away while watching for possible re-ignition.

5. Evacuate and ventilate the area immediately after use. The fumes and smoke from any fire may be hazardous and can be deadly.

NOTE: Whenever possible, protective clothing and breathing equipment should be used while fighting a fire.

NOTE: The following instructions are of a general nature, intended to familiarize the user with the basic operating techniques of Amerex hand portable extinguishers. All operate by removing the ring (safety) pin and squeezing the handles together. Since extinguishers differ, the extinguisher nameplate must be consulted for specific procedures and starting distances.

1. Hold the extinguisher upright and pull the ring (safety) pin breaking the plastic seal.

EXCERPTED FROM

OWNER’S MANUAL

for

HAND PORTABLE

Water & Water Mist

Dry Chemical

Wet Chemical (Class K)

AFFF & FFFP Foam

Dry Powder (Class D)

Halon 1211

Carbon Dioxide

Halotron I

Halon 1211

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AMEREX LIMITED WARRANTY

Amerex warrants its fire extinguishers to be free from defects in material and workmanship from the date of purchase for a period of 6 (six) years for Dry Chemical, Dry Powder, & Halotron, 12 (twelve) years for High Performance, 1 (one) year for Halon, and 5 (five) years for CO2 and Water/Water Based. During the warranty period, any such defects will be repaired or the defective extinguisher replaced IF ONLY FACTORY REPLACEMENT PARTS HAVE BEEN USED TO SERVICE THE EXTINGUISHER. This warranty does not cover defects resulting from modification, alteration, the exposure to corrosive conditions, improper installation or maintenance. ALL IMPLIED WARRANTIES, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, WARRANTIES OF FITNESS FOR PURPOSE AND MERCHANTABILITY, ARE LIMITED TO THE TIME PERIODS STATED ABOVE. IN NO EVENT SHALL AMEREX CORP. BE LIABLE TO INCIDENTAL OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES.

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IN CASE OF FIRE

1. Have everyone evacuate the area immediately.

2. Call the Fire Department even if the fire appears to be small (small fires quickly become LARGE fires). The Fire Dept. phone number should be posted at every phone.

3. Use your extinguisher properly, according to the instructions on the nameplate and in this manual. A large fire should be fought by professionals. Be prepared to leave the area if the fire cannot be immediately controlled.

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3. SQUEEZE HANDLES TOGETHER & SWEEP THE EXTINGUISHER STREAM SIDE TO SIDE

REMEMBER THIS SIMPLE WORD – P A S S

PULL AIM SQUEEZE SWEEP

1. HOLD EXTINGUISHER UPRIGHT AND PULL THE RING (SAFETY) PIN

2. STAND BACK FROM THE FIRE AND AIM AT THE BASE OF THE FIRE NEAREST YOU