portion of the discharge shall fall between 20 and 40 feet, measured horizontally, from the nozzle. The duration of the effective discharge shall be between 2.5 and 4.0 minutes, effective discharge being considered as occurring while the major portion of the discharge falls beyond 10 feet, measured horizontally, from the nozzle.

(h) [Reserved]

(i) Toxic extinguishing agents. Every semiportable fire extinguisher shall contain only agents which qualify for the Underwriters' Laboratories, Inc., toxicity rating of Group 5 or Group 6, and which in normal fire extinguishing use do not generate decomposition products in concentrations hazardous to life. Acceptance of extinguishing agents under these requirements will be determined by the Coast Guard.

(j) Fire tests. Fire tests may be employed in determining the suitability for “marine type” listing and labeling.

(k) Additional tests. Every semiportable extinguisher may be additionally examined and tested to establish its reliability and effectiveness in accordance with the intent of this specification for a “marine type” semiportable fire extinguisher when considered necessary by the Coast Guard or by the recognized laboratory.

(l) Additional marking. (1) As part of the usual nameplate marking, there shall be included the rated capacity of the extinguisher in gallons, quarts, or pounds, and complete instructions for recharging, including the identification of the recharge materials and of the pressure containing cylinder or separate container if one is used.

(2) Pasted-on type paper or decalcomania labels are not acceptable for any of the required extinguisher marking.

(3) Recharge packages shall be legibly marked with the name of the recharge and the capacity of contents in gallons, quarts, or pounds in addition to the usual recharge package marking. Recharge pressure containing cylinders shall, in addition to the usual marking, also be plainly marked to show the distinctive identifying designation of the cylinder.

(m) Securing means. Every semiportable fire extinguisher shall be supplied with a suitable means for holding the extinguisher securely in its stowage location on vessels or boats. The materials shall be sufficiently corrosion-resistant or protected against corrosion to withstand the test prescribed by paragraph (c)(6) of this section without showing more than traces of slight corrosion, which may be easily wiped off after rinsing with tapwater.


§ 162.039–4 Marine type label.

(a) In addition to all other marking, every semiportable extinguisher shall bear a label containing the “marine type” listing manifest issued by a recognized laboratory. This label will include the classification of the extinguisher in accordance with the Coast Guard classification system, and the Coast Guard approval number, thus: “Marine Type USCG Type [classification], Size [capacity], Approval No. 162.039/Ex [approval number].” All such labels are to be obtained from the recognized laboratory and will remain under its control until attached to product found acceptable under its listing and labeling program.

(b) [Reserved]

§ 162.039–5 Recognized laboratory.

(a) A recognized laboratory is one which is regularly engaged in the examination, testing, and evaluation of semi-portable fire extinguishers; which has an established factory inspection, listing, and labeling program; and which has special standards for listing and labeling as a “marine type” semiportable fire extinguisher acceptable to the Commandant as approved for use on merchant vessels and motorboats. The following laboratories are recognized, and the semiportable fire extinguishers bearing their “marine type” labels are approved for use on merchant vessels and motorboats:

(1) Underwriters' Laboratories, Inc., mailing address: Post Office Box 247, Northbrook, Ill., 60062.

(2) [Reserved]

(b) [Reserved]

§ 162.039–6 Examinations, tests, and inspections.

(a) Full examinations, tests, and inspections to determine the suitability...