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Plastic extinguisher headcaps are prone to deterioration due to ultra-violet (sunlight) exposure.

Affected headcaps will show some sign of discolouration, usually fading from the black plastic gloss finish to a lighter grey mat finish.

All extinguishers so affected should be removed from service in accordance with BS5306-3:2003, clause 8.2.1. which states: -

Any extinguisher with a major defect that makes it unsafe for use should immediately be made safe and be removed from service.

The extinguisher is made safe by either removing the gas cartridge or de-pressurisation. Normal safety rules must be applied during this process.

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