



Memo-Servicing & Technical Info

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Subject: Saf-Fire 9 Litre Water Extinguisher

IFEDA has been reminded that in 2004 Saf-Fire had a problem with a batch of their 9 litre water (stored pressure) extinguishers – specifically the valve.

We have spoken with the Saf-Fire technical department and have the following:-

(See page 2 for information sheet from Saf-Fire.)

If there are any of these units left in service they will be coming up to their 5 year discharge test: **PLEASE BE CAREFUL**

In the first instance approach any Saf-Fire 9L water with care and lift the unit of the bracket by its body **NOT** the head.

The faulty units can be identified as follows:-

If the Saf-Fire label is on the front of the unit and the kite-mark/CE mark are visible on the front the extinguisher is okay.

The faulty units had labels which were fixed to the side of the extinguisher.

Check the batch number on the back of the extinguisher next to the hanging bracket, if it falls between 0550 and 0660 this is highly likely to be a faulty unit.

If you suspect any unit – invert to discharge (the unit will probably have already lost pressure due to the faulty valve). The unit is not to be recharged.

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SAFFIRE INFORMATION SHEET

REF: FAULT ON VALVE MANUFACTURER'S BRASS BODY FORGING



THIS APPLIES ONLY TO SAFFIRE 9 LITRE WATER EXTINGUISHERS MANUFACTURED BETWEEN MAY AND NOVEMBER 2004 WITH BATCH NUMBERS FROM 0550 TO 0660

IMPORTANT BEFORE REMOVING THE EXTINGUISHER FROM THE WALL;

CHECK THE KITEMARK AND CE MARK, IF THEY BOTH APPEAR ON THE FRONT LABEL THERE IS NO NEED TO CHECK FURTHER.

SHOULD THEY BE LOCATED ON THE RIGHT HAND SIDE CHECK THE DATE ON THE CE MARK IF THIS IS 2004 CHECK IF THE EXTINGUISHER HAS LOST PRESSURE

IF YES REMOVE THE EXTINGUISHER FROM THE WALL BY THE BODY AND NOT BY THE HANDLE

CHECK THE BATCH NUMBER ON THE BACK OF THE EXTINGUISHER NEXT TO HANGING BRACKET IF IT FALLS BETWEEN 0550 AND 0660 INVERT THE EXTINGUISHER, REMOVE THE PIN AND RELEASE ANY REMAINING GAS

INFORM SAFFIRE PRODUCTS FOR FURTHER INFORMATION TELEPHONE; 01623 722000

WITH REGARD TO ANY FIRE EXTINGUISHERS MANUFACTURED AFTER DECEMBER 2004 WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT WITH ALL THE ACTIONS OF OUR VALVE SUPPLIER AND EXTRA QUALITY CHECKS PUT INTO PLACE AT SAFFIRE PRODUCTS THERE WILL BE NO RE-OCCURANCE OF THIS PROBLEM

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