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## Criteria for assessment of new extinguishants for inclusion in the ISO 14520 series

*Critères pour l'évaluation de nouveaux agents extincteurs destinés à  
être inclus dans la série ISO 14520*

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## Foreword

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## Introduction

This document includes technical information related to the design and use of total flooding fire extinguishing systems using liquefied or non-liquefied gaseous fire extinguishing agents. Suggested minimum extinguishant information includes:

- identification;
- specifications;
- physical properties;
- minimum extinguishing concentrations and minimum design concentrations;
- use parameters;
- toxicity;
- environmental properties;
- system design.

At the election of the extinguishant manufacturer, required information may be supplemented with additional information that could prove useful in matters related to the manufacturer, storage, use, and handling of extinguishant containers.

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# Criteria for assessment of new extinguishants for inclusion in the ISO 14520 series

## 1 Scope

This document addresses the subject of criteria for assessment of new extinguishants for inclusion in the ISO 14520 series.

## 2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

## 3 Terms and definitions

No terms and definitions are listed in this document.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>

## 4 Check list

The following check list provides guidance on the review of submissions of new total flooding fire extinguishing agents.

1	Extinguishant identification	
	1.1	Extinguishant designation [American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) designation, or equivalent]
	1.2	Chemical name (each component if a mixture)
	1.3	Chemical formula
	1.4	Chemical Abstracts Service (CAS) number (each component if a mixture)
2	Extinguishant specifications, including (as applicable)	
	2.1	Purity
	2.2	Acidity (halocarbons)
	2.3	Moisture content
	2.4	Non-volatile residue
	2.5	Suspended matter
	2.6	Oxygen content (inert gases)

NOTE The unit of pressure, "bar", is in bar-gauge unless otherwise noted. For example, container pressures, such as fill pressure and superpressure, are in bar gauge. Atmospheric pressure, critical pressure, vapour pressure are in bar absolute.

3	Physical properties		
	3.1	Molecular weight (average if a mixture)	
	3.2	Boiling point at 1,013 bar absolute	
	3.3	Freezing point	
	3.4	Critical temperature, <i>K</i>	
	3.5	Critical pressure, bar absolute	
	3.6	Critical volume, cm <sup>3</sup> /mol	
	3.7	Critical density, kg/m <sup>3</sup>	
	3.8	Vapour pressure, bar absolute at 20 °C	
	3.9	Liquid density at 20 °C, kg/m <sup>3</sup>	
	3.10	Saturated vapour density at 20 °C, kg/m <sup>3</sup>	
	3.11	Specific volume of superheated vapour density at 1,013 bar absolute, 20 °C, m <sup>3</sup> /kg	
4	Extinguishing and design concentrations		
	4.1	Class B (heptane)	
		4.1.1 Extinguishing concentration, vol %	
		4.1.2 Minimum design concentration, vol %	
	4.2	Surface Class A	
		4.2.1 Extinguishing concentration, vol %	
			4.2.1.1 Wood crib fire
			4.2.1.2 Polymethylmethacrylate (PMMA) plastic sheet fire
			4.2.1.3 Polypropylene (PP) plastic sheet fire
			4.2.1.4 Acrylonitrile-butadiene-styrene (ABS) plastic sheet fire
		4.2.2 Minimum design concentration, vol %	
	4.3	Higher hazard Class A	
		4.3.1 Minimum design concentration, vol %	
	4.4	Extinguishing and minimum design concentrations for other fuels (optional)	
	4.5	Minimum inerting design concentrations for select fuels (optional)	
5	Extinguishant use parameters		
	5.1	Table of total flooding quantities (flooding factor table)	
	5.2	Equation constants for specific volume of agent vapour(s) at 1,013 bar absolute pressure (1 standard atmosphere)	
		5.2.1	Formula of the form $S = k_1 + k_2 T$ where <i>T</i> is in °C
6	Agent toxicity information		
	6.1	4 h LC <sub>50</sub> concentration	
	6.2	No observed adverse effect level (NOAEL)	
	6.3	Lowest observed adverse effect level (LOAEL)	
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7	System design		
	7.1	Container fill pressure at 15 °C, bar (inert gas agents)	
	7.2	Maximum container fill density, kg/m <sup>3</sup> (halocarbon agents)	
	7.3	Filled container superpressure, at 20 °C, bar (halocarbon agents)	
	7.4	Container pressure vs temperature (graph or table) for each container fill configuration	
		7.4.1 Inert gas agent: Fill pressure	
		7.4.2 Halocarbon agent: Maximum fill density and superpressure	
	7.5	Environmental properties	
		7.5.1 Ozone depletion potential (ODP)	
		7.5.2 Global warning potential (GWP), 100 year basis	

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