

AFM-1 AFFF MULTIEXPANSION CONCENTRATE 1%

DESCRIPTION

BoldFoam AFM-1 is an Aqueous Film Forming Foam (AFFF) Multiexpansion Concentrate, formulated from hydrocarbon and fluorochemical surfactants along with solvents.

The AFFF solution requires relatively low energy to expand it into foam and the liquid which drains from the foam has the unique ability to form an aqueous film on most hydrocarbon fuel surfaces. The film acts as a barrier between the fuel and the oxygen, contributing as well avoiding vapours release. The water content of the foam produces a cooling effect.

It is suitable for use at 1% with fresh, sea or brackish water. It may also be stored and used as a premixed solution in potable water.

APPLICATION

BoldFoam AFM-1 should be used with an induction rate of 1% for Class B fires (hydrocarbon fuels).

It is not suitable for use on polar fuels.

It can be used with low and medium expansion foam equipment (foam chambers, nozzles...) and non-aspirating discharge devices (handline water fog/stream nozzles or standard sprinkler heads).

Aspirated AFFF results in higher expansion ratios, in longer 25% drain times and in 25% burnback times than non-aspirated. Non-aspirated AFFF does have several advantages over the use of aspirated AFFF in situations which involve low vapour pressure fuels and rescue operations which involve dangerous for life.

PROPORTIONING

BoldFoam AFM-1 can be easily proportioned using most conventional proportioning equipment such as:

*Balanced pressure pump and bladder tank proportioners, around the pump type and venture proportioners, and handline nozzles with fixed induction/pickup tubes.

TYPICAL PHYSICAL PROPERTIES OF CONCENTRATE

Appearance	Clear Yellow Liquid
Density, g/cm ³	1,040 ± 0,01
pH	7,8 ± 0,5
Viscosity to 375 s ⁻¹ (Brookfield), mPa.s	
• 20° C	< 20
• 0° C	< 40
Freezing Point	< -5° C

PROPERTIES OF FOAM SOLUTIONS

Induction Rate	1 %
Surface Tension, mN/m	16,5 ± 0,5
Interfacial Tension, mN/m	1,4 ± 0,5
Low Expansion Rate (1%)	> 7
Drainage Time	> 3'
Medium Expansion Rate (1%)	> 100

FIRE PERFORMANCE

BoldFoam AFM-1 is certified according the standards:

- EN-1568-1:2008 (Fresh water and sea water).
- EN-1568-3:2008 Class IC (Fresh water and sea water).

COMPATIBILITY WITH OTHER CONCENTRATES

The NFPA standards (NFPA 412, Paragraph 214 and NFPA 11B, 1-5.2) prohibits the mixing of AFFF concentrates unless it has been determined that they are compatible.

The MIL-F24385C standard provides a formalized method of compatibility determination.

vs FOCUM recommends the following test: BoldFoam products are considered as compatible in all proportions with the concentrates furnished by other manufacturers when the mixture of them, after having been aged 10 days at 65°C, maintain its properties of foamability, film formation, sealability and fire performance at least equal as the worst concentrate involved in the mixture it is also recommended to use the higher induction rate and to the higher minimum usable temperature of the mixing concentrates.

BoldFoam AFM-1 may be applied to fires simultaneously with other foam solutions and dry chemical fire fighting agents.

MATERIALS OF CONSTRUCTION COMPATIBILITY

BoldFoam AFM-1 is compatible with Standard Carbon Steel “black” pipe and pipe manufactured from various Stainless Steel or Brass Compounds. Other recommended materials are Polyethylene and Aluminum.

Galvanized pipe and fittings must not be used in areas where undiluted concentrate will contact them since corrosion will result.

SHELF LIFE

The factors affecting shelf life and stability for this foam concentrate are: wide temperature changes, handling procedures, extreme high or low temperatures and contamination by odd materials.

Its shelf life is about 20-25 years if the storage is in accordance with vs FOCUM’s recommendations. In the case of premixed solutions the shelf life depends on the type of water that is used to make up the premixed solution. Vs FOCUM recommends premixing only with potable water and a shelf life of 4 to 5 years is to be expected.

Annual testing of all firefighting foams is recommended by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA).

STORAGE AND HANDLING

BoldFoam concentrate should be stored in the original shipping container or other special containers designed for this type of products (stainless steel or epoxy lined tanks).

Place the storage container in an area at temperatures between -5 °C to 50°C.

If the product is frozen during storage or transportation, thawing will render the product completely usable. Mixing after freeze thaw cycle is recommended.

ENVIRONMENTAL/TOXICOLOGICAL PROPERTIES

1.-Aquatic Toxicity.

The aquatic life is not adversely affected when BoldFoam AFM-1 is used neither sensitive species nor tolerant ones.

2.-Biodegradability.

The theoretical biodegradability is measured with two different tests: BOD over a five day period and COD; but for AFFF solutions BOD tests are conducted for a twenty day period because there is a lag phase in the bacterial population growth curve as the bacteria become acclimated to the chemicals in AFFF. The biodegradability is the ratio of BOD to COD: BOD_{20}/COD .

A concentrate is considered easily biodegradable when the following ratio: DBO_{28}/DQO above 0,65. BoldFoam products are well above this level and then they are easily biodegradable.

3.-Sewage Treatment Plant Treatability.

Because BoldFoam products have a low biological oxygen demand (BOD), not is necessary an additional contribution of oxygen to treatment plant.

BoldFoam AFM-1 is not particularly toxic to the microbial populations normally found in treatment plants.

Compatible with the treatment plant’s flora Anti-foam agents may be used to reduce foaming in waste streams.

4.-Nutrient Loading.

An algal bloom is not expected to happen because BoldFoam AFM-1 doesn’t contain sources of nitrates or phosphates and it is extremely low in total organic carbon content.

ORDERING INFORMATION

BoldFoam products are available in plastic Pail (20, 25 or 60 L), Drum (200 L), Container (1000 L) and Bulk.

