

Project: Fire Extinguishing Media to
EN 1568-3 & EN 1568-4
Specifications

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This certificate is issued to Dafo Fomtec AB, to certify that at their request, the undersigned Surveyor to this Society did select samples of FOMTEC ARC 3x3, for the purpose of confirming that the properties were within the technical specifications and were in accordance with EN 1568-3 and EN 1568-4.

The necessary tests were witnessed by the Surveyor and the results obtained were all within the limits given in the manufacturers specification, and the requirements of EN 1568-3 and EN 1568-4.

Tolerance to freezing and thawing (Annex E)

No stratification or non-homogeneity could be detected in the sample.

Sediment (Annex C)

Before ageing of the sample = < 0.1%
After ageing of the sample = < 0.1%
(24 hours at 60°C)

Viscosity at 20°C = 1350 mPa.s (Brookfield)

pH of the concentrate at 20°C = 7.0

Surface Tension, Interfacial Tension and spreading coefficient (Annex F)

	<u>Surface Tension</u>	<u>Interfacial Tension</u>	<u>Spreading Coefficient</u>
	Dynes/cm	Dynes/cm	Dynes/cm
Before conditioning	18.0	3.5	+3.5
After conditioning at - -30°C for 24 hrs followed by 48 hrs at 20°C (four cycles)			
Top Sample	17.5	3.4	+4.1
Bottom Sample	17.9	3.6	+3.5
After conditioning at - 60°C for 7 days followed by 2 days at 20°C			
Top Sample	17.3	3.2	+4.5
Bottom Sample	17.5	3.3	+4.2

Expansion and Drainage (Annex G)

Before conditioning of the sample	Fresh		Sea	
Expansion =	7.6		7.5	
25% Drainage time =	6'18"		6'50"	
After conditioning of the sample in accordance with Annex E	Fresh		Sea	
Expansion =	Top 7.8	Bottom 7.8	Top 7.4	Bottom 7.3
25% Drainage time =	5'40"	5'06"	5'10"	5'17"

Fire Tests (Annex H)**A) Forceful Application in accordance with EN 1568-3**

Fire tests carried out in accordance with Annex H1 and H3 using:-

Fresh water and sea water

Preburn time	60 seconds
Foam application	180 seconds
Wait after foam application	300 seconds
Fire tray	144B (4.5m ²)
Fuel	Commercial Heptane on water bed

	Fresh Water		Sea Water
90% Control	42"	44"	42"
99% Control	90"	92"	57"
100% Extinction	122"	139"	104"
25% Burnback time	12'38"	12'51"	12'47"
Air Temp	18.0 °C	11.0 °C	11.0 °C
Water Temp	15.0 °C	15.0 °C	15.0 °C
Fuel Temp	15.0 °C	16.0 °C	15.0 °C
Foam Temp	15.0 °C	16.0 °C	15.0 °C
Wind Speed (m/sec.)	< 1.0	< 1.0	< 1.0

Fire Tests (Annex H) in accordance with EN 1568-4

Fire Tests carried out in accordance with Annex H using:-

Fresh water and sea water

Preburn time	120 seconds
Foam application (fresh water)	300 seconds
Foam application (sea water)	180 seconds
Wait after foam application	300 seconds
Fire tray	55B (1.73m ²)
Fuel	Acetone

	Fresh Water		Sea Water
90% Control	2'21"	2'41"	78"
99% Control	2'36"	3'11"	91"
100% Extinction	3'05"	3'32"	97"
25% Burnback time	5'54"	9'35"	7'58"
Air Temp	13.0 °C	13.0 °C	13.0 °C
Water Temp	16.0 °C	16.0 °C	16.0 °C
Fuel Temp	15.0 °C	15.0 °C	15.0 °C
Foam Temp	17.0 °C	17.0 °C	17.0 °C
Wind Speed (m/sec.)	< 1.0	< 1.0	< 1.0

From the above test results it is confirmed that FOMTEC ARC 3x3 is a film forming foam concentrate suitable for use with fresh and sea water. FOMTEC ARC 3x3 has tolerance to freezing and thawing (Annex E) and is suitable for storage above -30°C. The fire extinguishing performance class is 1 and the burnback resistance level is A using fresh and sea water for Hydrocarbon fuel. The fire extinguishing performance class is 2 and the burnback resistance level is C using fresh water for Polar solvent fuel. The fire extinguishing performance class is 1 and the burnback resistance level is C using sea water for Polar solvent fuel.

Performance level achieved:

Extinguishment class 1 for Hydrocarbon fuel with fresh and sea water.

Extinguishment class 2 for Polar fuel with fresh water and class 1 for Polar fuel with sea water.

Burnback resistance level A for Hydrocarbon fuel and level C for Polar fuel.



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