

Agenda

**Key differentiations in Physical Properties
SFFF vs AFFF (AR)**

Test Standards and SFFF

NFF 3x3 POG & Aviation Applications

ECHA Limits & Decontamination

Q&A session

Key differences between film forming and non-film forming foam concentrates

Non Fluorinated Foam does not form a film on the fuel surface.

Therefore Non Fluorinated Foam depends on a foam blanket. To create a foam blanket a certain expansion is required.

Due to complex new chemistry many Non Fluorinated Foams have a very high viscosity which may cause issues with proportioning

FM has introduced new technical requirements for foam dosing systems taking shear rate into the equation

Testing standards that determine the design application rate are not (yet) designed for Non Fluorinated Foam

Application Rates found in both UL Listings and FM approvals for sprinkler systems can be significantly higher for Non Fluorinated Foam Concentrates

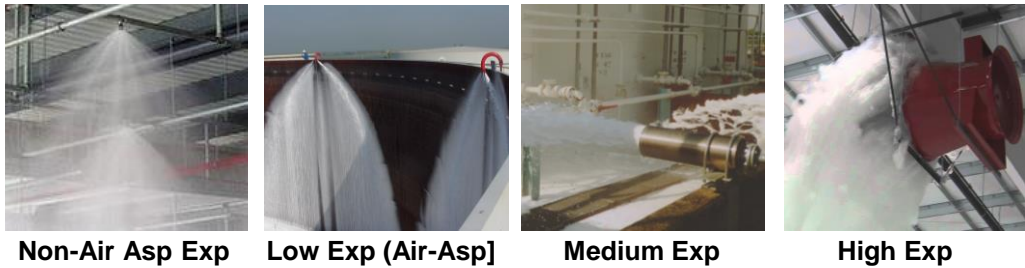
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Key differentiations in Physical Properties: Expansion

→ Is Foam Expansion Ratio an important Technical criteria for the performance of Non-Fluorinated Foams ?



→ Is my Hardware able to handle it?

Independent Industry extended testing campaign [NFPA Research Foundation] suggests that an increase of Foam expansion ratio from 7:1 up to 10:1 may be needed for many SFFF to perform properly.

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Evaluation of the fire protection effectiveness of fluorine free firefighting foams

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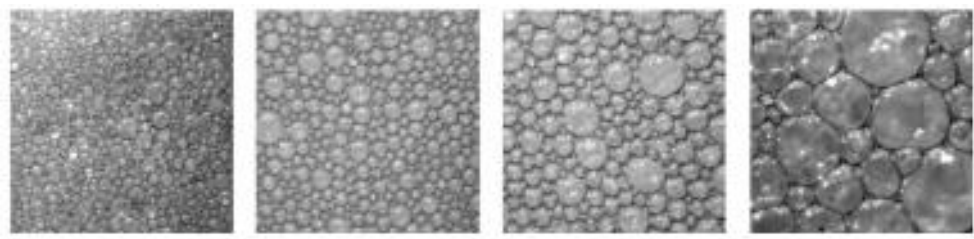
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→ Awareness of NFF Agent expansion ratio bracketing is critical to understand if on-site existing equipment can meet the minimum needed foam expansion ratio to maintain fire performance

→ If not ... Cost to adapt could be very substantial !

Key differentiations in Physical Properties: Expansion



Typical Expansion Ratios for Low Expansion devices:

Foam Chambers	2:1 to 6:1
Floating roof tank pourers	2:1 to 6:1
Dike foam pourers	2:1 to 6:1
Monitor nozzles (non-Air Aspirating)	2:1 to 4:1
Sprinklers	2:1 to 4:1
Foam nozzles (Air aspirating)	6:1 to 12:1

→ JCI SFFFs have been UL tested on Hydrocarbons as low as 3:1 Expansion ratio



Key differentiations in Physical Properties: Expansion



Foam Discharge Devices

NFF 3x3 UL201
Mix of **UL Listed** & Validation testing










 <p>AFC Foam Chambers</p>	 <p>FLR Dike & Floating Roof Pourers</p>	 <p>OFG Foam Chambers</p>	 <p>MRM Medium Expansion</p>
 <p>Sprinklers K 5.6 - 8.0 - 11.2</p>	 <p>B1 Foam Water Sprinkler</p>	 <p>TF Foam Nozzles</p>	 <p>MLB Foam pourer</p>
 <p>AOM & AFN Monitors</p>	 <p>FJM Monitors</p>	 <p>[Type 3] Foam branchpipe</p>	 <p>Non-Asp. Foam Nozzle Self Ind.</p>

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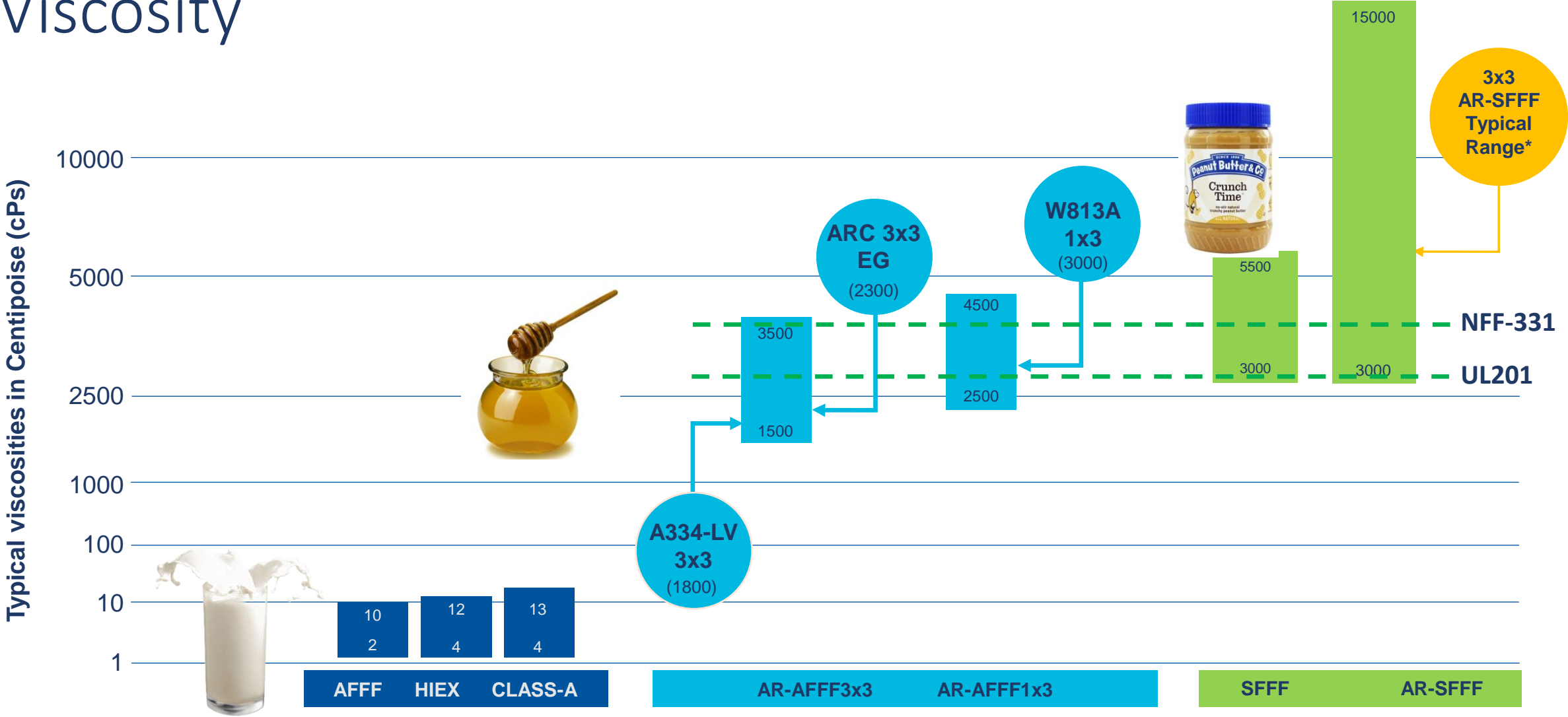


Foam Discharge Devices

NFF 331 3x3
All **UL Listed**

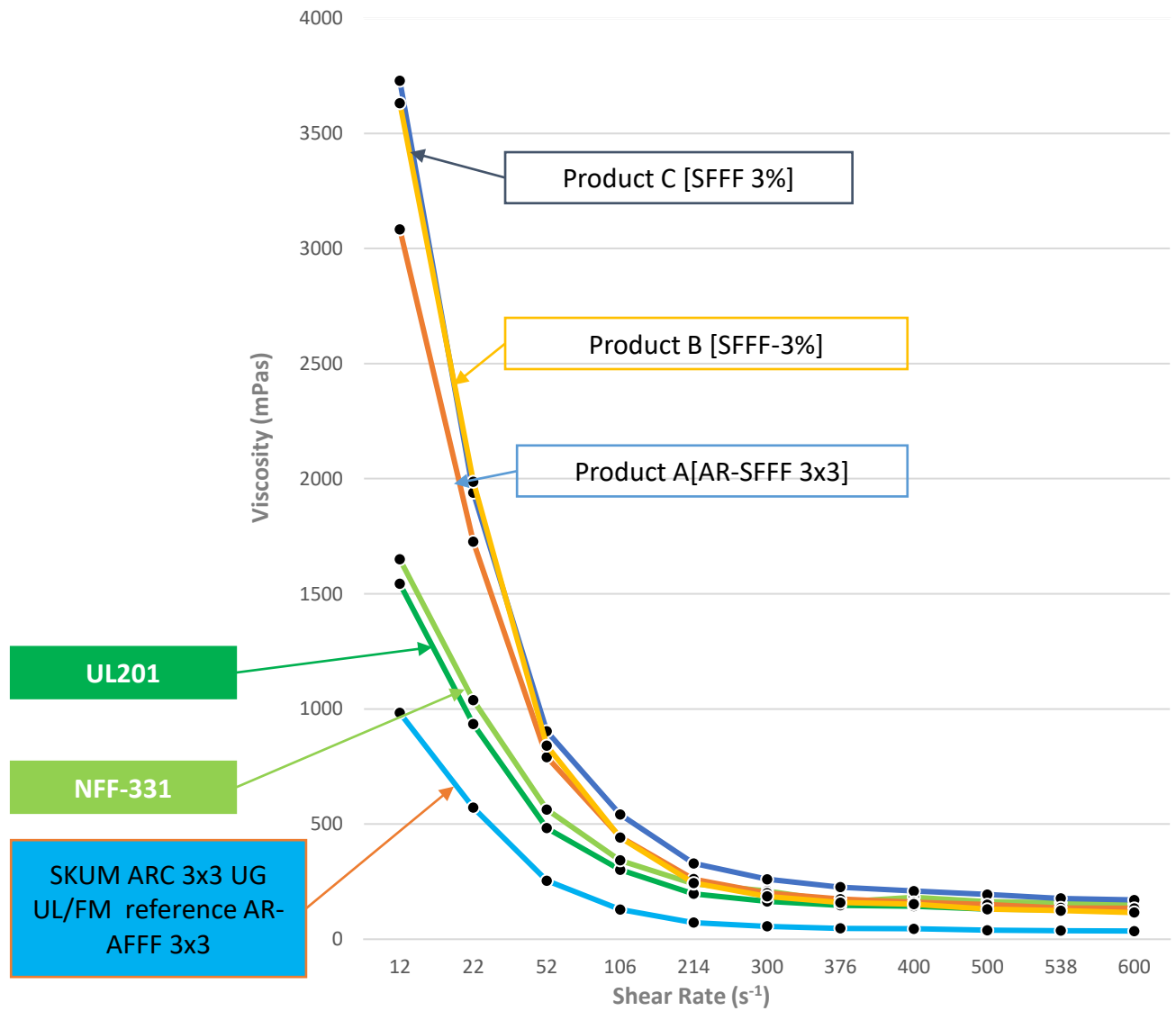
 <p>AFC Foam Chambers</p>	 <p>FLR Dike & Floating Roof Pourers</p>	 <p>B1 Foam Water Sprinkler</p>
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 <p>Oscillating AOM Monitors</p>	 <p>Manual Monitors and CMNB nozzles</p>	 <p>Type 3 Foam branchpipe 60-95</p>

Key differentiations in Physical Properties: Viscosity



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Dynamic viscosity of foam concentrates with sprinkler approvals






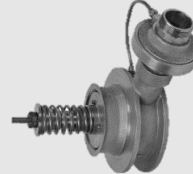








Key differentiations in Physical Properties: Viscosity



Foam Dosing Equipment

NFF 3x3 UL201
Mix of **UL Listed** & **Validation testing**

 <p>Bladder tanks</p>	 <p>RFC Proportioners</p>	 <p>Wide Range Proportioners</p>	 <p>TP Mk2 Proportioners</p>
 <p>ILBP Pump Proportioners</p>	 <p>Wide Range Mk3 Proportioners</p>	 <p>PP Mk2 Proportioner</p>	 <p>Foam Pump</p>
 <p>PL In-Line Proportioners</p>	 <p>ZF In-Line Inductors</p>	 <p>Self Inducing Nozzle</p>	 <p>FireDos Gen 2 & Gen 3 Units</p>





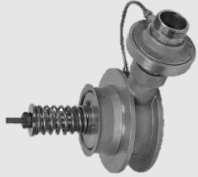


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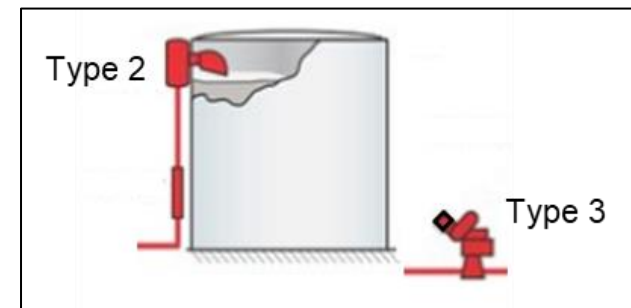
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Key differentiations in Physical Properties: Application Rate

All standards test SFFF the same way as AFFF ?

Key Points from UL-162 Listings on Hydrocarbons:

- UL-162 classifies SFFF under the Synthetic (**S**) category which has different test criteria and design densities than **AFFF** products.
- Regardless of performance, to qualify for an AFFF category the product must have film forming characteristics, i.e. AFFFs. SFFF products are not film forming and are therefore listed under the Synthetic category with a Type 3 design application density of 6.5 lpm/m² whereas for the film forming category it could qualify for a 4.1 lpm/m² application density



Key differentiations in Physical Properties: Application Rate

EN 1568
 ...For reference
 EN Test Rate
 2.53 Lpm/m2



Table 10.1
 Foam application and duration to burnback ignition

Footnote c of Table 10.1 effective July 6, 1995

Listing differences between SFFF and AFFF for monitor application

Application	Foam concentrate	Fuel Group	Test application density lpm/m2	Time of foam application, minutes	Duration until burnback ignition, minutes	Minimum design application density, lpm/m2
1. Type III Discharge Outlets	P, FP, S, SFFF	Hydrocarbon	2.4	5	15	6.5
	AFFF, AR-AFFF	Hydrocarbon	1.6	3	9	4.1
2. Type II Discharge Outlets	P, FP, S, SFFF	Hydrocarbon	2.4	5	15	4.1
	AFFF, AR-AFFF	Hydrocarbon	1.6	3	9	4.1
	All	Polar	b	5	15	c
3. Foam Water Sprinklers	P, FP, S, SFFF	Hydrocarbon	6.5			6.5
4. Standard Orifice Sprinklers	AFFF, FFFP	Hydrocarbon	4.1	5	15	6.5
		Polar	b	5	15	d
5. Large, nominal 17/32 in, Orifice Sprinklers	AFFF, FFFP	Hydrocarbon	5.7	5	15	9.0
		Polar	b	5	15	d

P - Protein FFFP - Film Forming Fluoroprotein S - Synthetic [HIEX foam]
 FP - Fluoroprotein **AFFF - Aqueous Film Forming Foam** **SFFF - Synthetic Fluorine Free Foam**

a - Film-forming fluoroprotein is to be tested at application densities of 2.4 and 1.6 lpm/m2
 b - Application rate may vary among polar groups, as specified by the manufacturer.
 c - 4.1 or 1.67 times Test Application Rate, whichever is greater
 d - 6.5 or 1.6 times test application rate, whichever is greater

Test Standards and NFF's: Expansion



EN1568:2018 Revision ongoing work

Preparing EN1568:2018 revision.

- **Minimum F3 Expansion**
- Minor adjustment on last revision tolerances

WG3 Group research and testing. Impact on Foam Expansion for an SFFF.
Well known product totally failed extinguishing when lowering the Foam Expansion from 8:1 down to 3:1



Foam	Fuel	Proportioning rate [%]	Expansion ratio	Application rate [lpm/m2]	Application type	90% control time	100% extinguishment time
F3-AR	Naphta	3%	8	6	direct	54	58
F3-AR	Naphta	3%	6.5	6	direct	150	180
F3-AR	Naphta	3%	3.1	6	direct	fail	fail

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Test Standards and NFF's: Viscosity

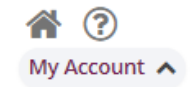
New Dynamic Viscosity approach from FM specific for Non-Fluorinated Foams

Viscosity Limitations

Suitable for use with Newtonian foam concentrates and for use with non-Newtonian foam concentrates having viscosity characteristics within (below) the maximum viscosity limitations provided in the viscosity vs. shear rate table shown below.



ApprovalGuide



Shear Rate, (1/s)	Viscosity @ 68°F (20°C), (Cp)
5	6392
10	3315
20	1720
50	722
100	375
600	69

Shear Rate	Pipe Diameter	Foam Concentrate flow rate at 3% (LPM)	Velocity (m/s)
5	DN80	16,8	0,052
10	DN80	33,9	0,104
20	DN80	67.5	0,208
50	DN80	168,9	0,519
100	DN80	337,5	1,038
600	DN80	2027,4	6,233

Test Standards and NFF's: Viscosity

Implications for NFF product on FM approved sprinkler Systems:

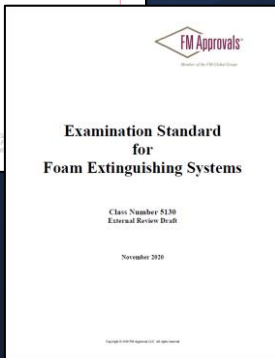
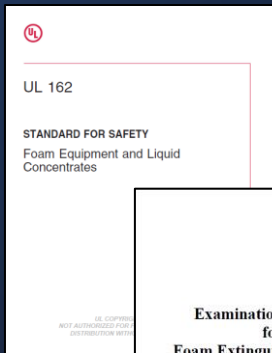
Dosing system A

		JCI NFF201UL	JCI NFF331	Skum 3x3UG	Sprinkler Foam Brand A
Shear Rate (1/s)	Viscosity @ 20C° (Cp)				
5	6392	2987	3272	1687	5532
10	3315	1887	2078	1418	3340
20	1720	1067	1183	658	2017
50	722	500	591	257	1035
100	375	314	371	133	625
600	69	122	153	34	170

Dosing system B

		JCI NFF201UL	JCI NFF331	Skum 3x3UG	Sprinkler Foam Brand A
Shear Rate (1/s)	Viscosity @ 20C° (Cp)				
5	2545	2987	3272	1687	5532
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Test Standards and SFFF's: Application Rate



UL vs FM main Testing differences on Foam Sprinkler Testing



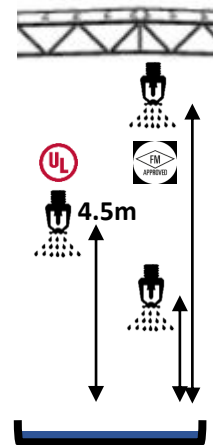
1.6x (60%) Safety Factor applied between Testing and Listing



NO safety factor between testing and Approval

K-Factor	Tested Fuel	Spk	Test Rates	Approved Rates	Test Rates	Listed Rates
			[l/m.m ²]	[l/m.m ²]	[l/m.m ²]	[l/m.m ²]
K80	Hydrocarbons	Upright	12,2	12,2	4,1	6,5
		Pendent	12,2	12,2	4,1	6,5
	IPA	Upright	12,2	12,2	8,1	13,0
		Pendent	12,2	12,2	8,1	13,0
	Ethanol	Upright	-	-	4,6	7,3
		Pendent	-	-	4,6	7,3
	Acetone	Upright	12,2	12,2	5,9	9,4
		Pendent	12,2	12,2	5,6	9,0
	75% EtOH 25% Hept	Upright	-	-	5,6	9,0
		Pendent	-	-	5,6	9,0

2 FM impose testing at minimum and Maximum Installation Heights. **UL** has fixed sprinkler grid height at 4.5m



3 FM not as demanding as UL for lower Application rates. Minimum application rate applied based on Sprinkler K factors irrespective of Hydrocarbon or Polar fuels :

- K80 App. Rate ≥ 8.2
- K115 App. Rate ≥ 12.2
- K160 App. Rate ≥ 12.2

NFF 3x3 POG & Aviation Applications



Tank Fire Fighting with SFFF*

* *Non-Fluorinated Foams*



**THUNDERSTORM WNF33A 3%x3% AR-SFFF Non-Fluorinated Foam
Designed for Large Tank Fires Application**

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**THUNDERSTORM WNF33A 3% \times 3%
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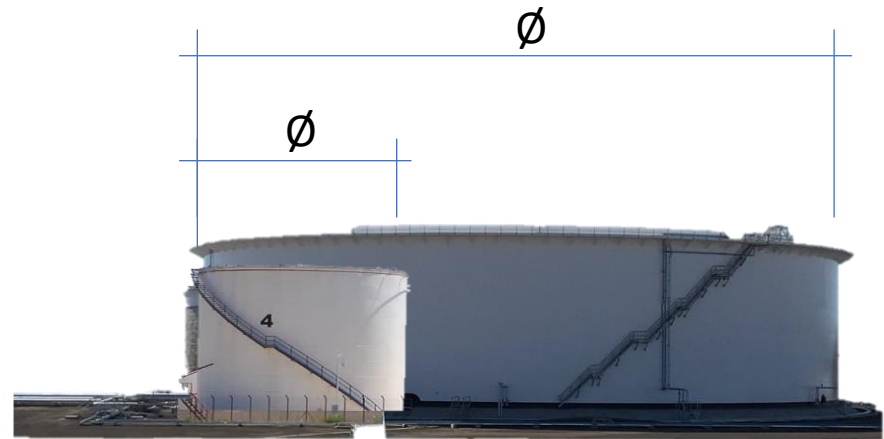
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Scalability of Tank Fire Fighting



Williams Thunderstorm Agent + Equipment proven success with Type III devices :

- Same risk ?
- Same Application Rate ?



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Scalability of Tank Fire Fighting



Williams Thunderstorm Agent + Equipment proven success with Type III devices :

Ø Tank Diameter		Minimum Application rate	
Feet	Meters	gpm/ft ²	Lpm/m ²
Up to 150 ft	≤ 45 m	0.16	6.5
151 ft - 200 ft	45 > ≤ 60 m	0.18	7.3
201 ft - 250 ft	60 > ≤ 76 m	0.20	8.1
251 ft - 300 ft	76 > ≤ 91 m	0.22	9.0
301 ft +	> 91 m	0.25	10.2



- WNF33A
- W813A
- FC-601A
- F-601A

All identically developed and tested with a consistent benchmark method and approach proven over 200+ large industry fire events

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Scalability of Tank Fire Fighting



*Developed Test Parameters are a straight mimic of **Orion Tank Fire 82m** successfully extinguished with a Williams Thunderstorm in 2001 in Louisiana*

- 93 Oct Gasoline fuel
- 30 sec Pre-burn
- 2,4 lpm/m² App Rate
- < 3:00 extinguish time



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Scalability of Tank Fire Fighting: Large scale testing



- Self aspirating Monitor Nozzle [Non-Air Aspirating]:
- Test Rate : **3.2 lpm/m²**
- **419 lpm** Nozzle @ **6.9 bar**
- Expansion : 3 – 4:1
- Proportioning : ¾" Low Head Jet, 3 – 3.2%





The non-fluorinated foam used in this test was captured and contained for disposal in accordance with applicable regulations. This test was conducted at a permitted facility.

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Scalability of Tank Fire Fighting: Large scale testing Control Times



THUNDERSTORM Foams Historical Large-scale Benchmark testing at 3.2 lpm/m² ←

- 12,8 meter Tank Diameter (129 m²)
- 415 lpm monitor nozzle
 - [Non-Air Aspirating type]
 - 3-4:1 Expansion ←

Thunderstorm Test Benchmark history	Control Times
F-601A [C8]	1 min 45 sec
F-601B [C8]	2 min 40 sec
W813A [C6]	2 min 55 sec
WNF33A [NFF]	1 min 49 sec

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Aviation Fire Fighting with NFF*

* *Non-Fluorinated Foams*



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NFPA 409 - Aircraft Hangar Non-Fluorinated Foam Protection Solutions



AFFF Definition:

3.3.12.2* Aqueous Film-Forming Foam Concentrate (AFFF).

A concentrate based on fluorinated surfactants plus foam stabilizers to produce a fluid aqueous film for suppressing hydrocarbon fuel vapors and usually diluted with water to a 1 percent, 3 percent, or 6 percent solution.

3.3.7 Film Formation.

A property of aqueous film-forming foams and film-forming fluoroproteins characterized by a positive (>0.0 dynes/cm) spreading coefficient when measured according to ASTM D1331 using cyclohexane as the hydrocarbon substrate and distilled water to make the foam solution.

.... SFFF ≠ AFFF

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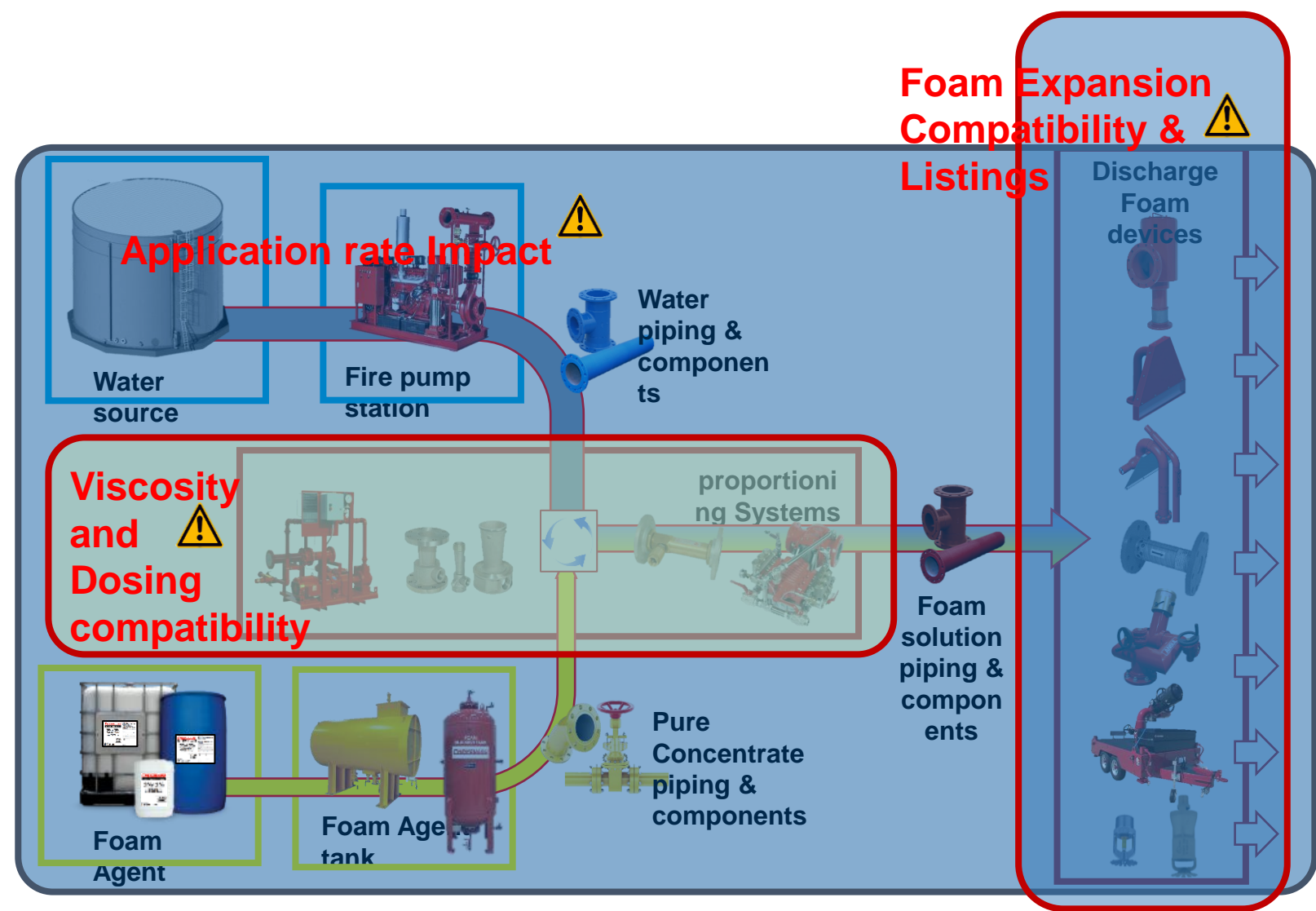
NFPA 409 - Aircraft Hangar Non-Fluorinated Foam Protection Solutions

NFPA 409 Standard on Aircraft Hangars 2022		Foam Water Deluge	Automatic Water Sprinkler Protection	Low level Foam Monitors	Low level High Expansion Foam	Closed-head foam-water Sprinkler	Design Surface Area by system	Foam Water Deluge	Water Sprinkler	Foam Monitors Low level	Foam - High Expansion	Foam-water Closed-head Sprinkler	Foam Discharge Duration ***	Water Supply Duration	Supplementary Foam System *****
Hangar Group	Option	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	m ²	lpm/m ²	lpm/m ²	lpm/m ²	lpm/m ²	m ³ /min/m ²	lpm/m ²	Minutes	Minutes
1	A	✓					max 1394 m ²	6.5	8.1	8.1				10'	60'
	B		✓	✓			Oscillation arc ° surface x 30 m				6.9 over 465 m ²	4.1*	6.5	10'	45'
	C		✓		✓		Hangar Floor area over 0.9 m high				6.9 over 465 m ²		0.9	12'	45'
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	D					✓	max 1394 m ²						6.5 over full surface	10'	30'
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For Hangars > 1,115 m²
2x 227 lpm foam hose reels needed
foam supply for 20' [2x 136 Litres of Foam]

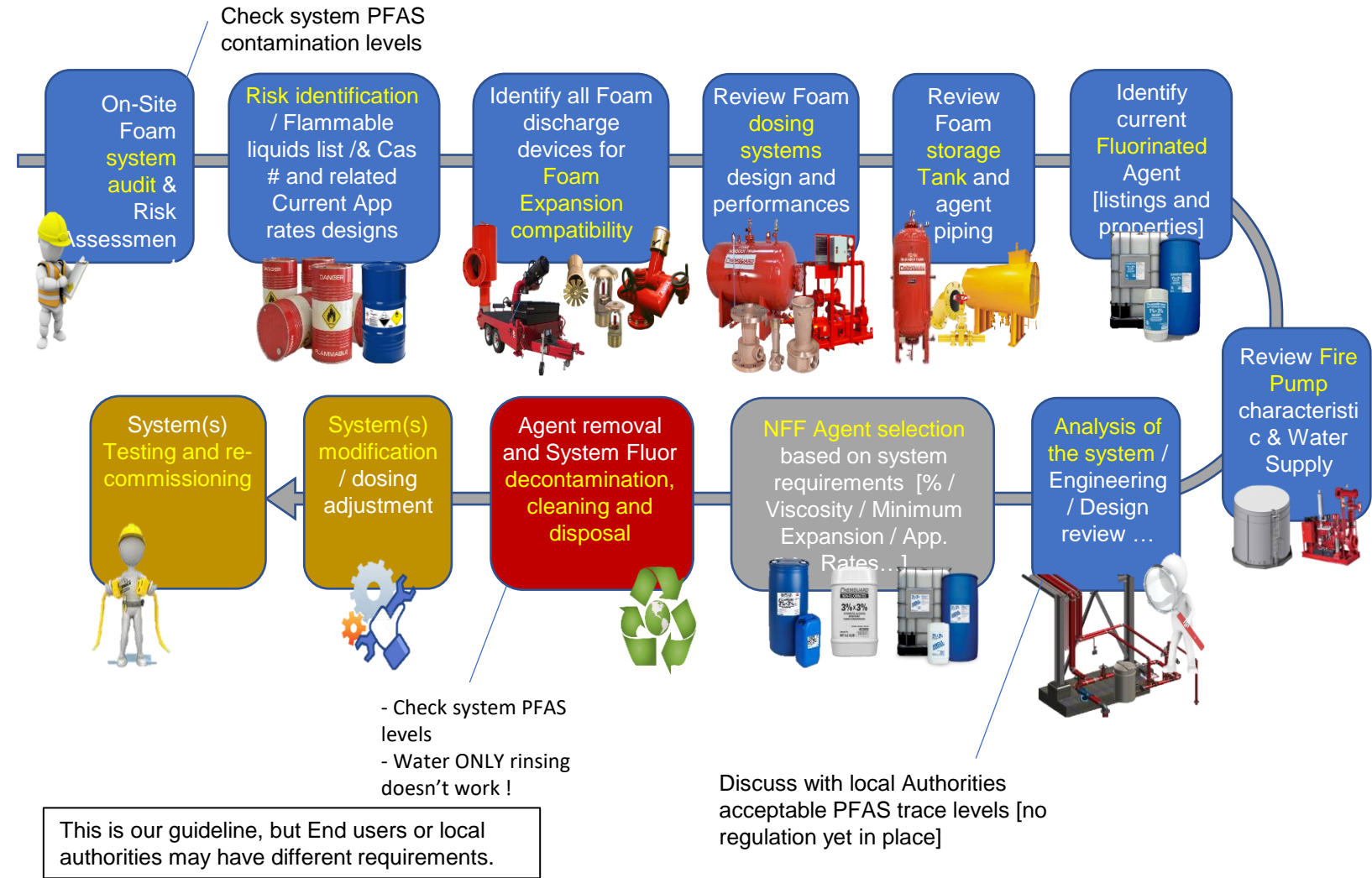
Expertise to Transition of Systems from AFFFs to F3s

Transition to NFF



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Why Decontamination?

- PFAS foam creates a 'waterproof' and oil resistant crystalline layers on the interior of fire suppression systems
- Evidence PFAS re-contaminates F3 foams following attempts to decontamination using a double water rinse
 - 1.6 g/L PFASs, significantly higher (x 1600) than the 1mg/L level for total PFAS, recently suggested by ECHA
 - Significantly higher than C8 standards, <25 mg/ L of PFOA and 1 mg/L of it's precursors.

Cleaning to
conform to ECHA
Limits



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Reading Technical Data Sheets – Sometimes knowing what has been omitted is the most informative.

- High Viscosity? Is there a reason the viscosity data is not readily available?
- Fresh, Salt, and Brackish water? If not mentioned, assume Fresh Water only.
- For sprinkler applications, only use listed & tested Non-Fluorinated Foams.
- We see lots of mistakes of NFPA 11 or 409 application rates assumed wrongly by Engineering, Insurance Co, Foam manufacturers ... to be also applicable for NFFs.