FIRE CODE RULING



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PUMP TANK EXTINGUISHERS

It is not the intent of Article 6.2.1.2. to restrict the use of pump tank extinguishers selected and installed in accordance with NFPA 10 (1988), "Portable Fire Extinguishers".

Underwriters Laboratories of Canada (ULC) do not have a construction and operation standard for this particular type of extinguisher but there are ULC listed and labelled extinguishers available that conform to CAN/ULC-S508-M, "Rating and Fire Testing of Fire Extinguishers."

This type of extinguisher is used extensively throughout the Province in apartment buildings, welding shops, schools, hospitals and offices and is considered to be effective in this type of application.

The extinguisher is relatively easy to inspect, refill and maintain. Its continued use, when selected, installed and maintained in accordance with NFPA 10 is considered acceptable.

ISSUE OF THIS RULING IS AUTHORIZED UNDER ARTICLE 1.1.4.4. OF THE ALBERTA FIRE CODE 1992 BY THE SENIOR TECHNICAL OFFICER, FIRE STANDARDS.

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