



Advisory Circular

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Change:

1 1 **Purpose.**

2 This Advisory Circular (AC) provides guidance **and specification** for reference material
3 covering Aircraft Fire Extinguishing Agents.

4 2 **Cancellation.**

5 AC 150/5210-6D, dated July 8, 2004, is cancelled.

6 3 **Applicability.**

7 The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) recommends the standards and guidelines
8 in this AC to establish uniform application for aircraft fire extinguishing agents. This
9 AC does not constitute a regulation, is not mandatory, and is not legally binding in its
10 own right. It will not be relied upon as a separate basis by the FAA for affirmative
11 enforcement action or other administrative penalty. Conformity with this AC is
12 voluntary, and nonconformity will not affect rights and obligations under existing
13 statutes and regulations, except for the projects described in subparagraphs 2, 3, and 4
14 below:

- 15 1. The standards and guidelines contained in this AC are practices the FAA
16 recommends for establishing an acceptable level of safety and performance for
17 Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF) operations.
- 18 2. This AC provides one, but not the only, acceptable means of meeting the
19 requirements of 14 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 139, *Certification of*
20 *Airports*.
- 21 3. Use of these standards and guidelines is mandatory for projects funded under
22 Federal grant assistance programs, including the Airport Improvement Program
23 (AIP). See Grant Assurance #34.
- 24 4. This AC is mandatory, as required by regulation, for projects funded by the
25 Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) program. See PFC Assurance #9.

26 Although non-certificated airports are not required to develop extinguishing agent
27 standards, the FAA recommends these airports use the guidance contained in this AC to
28 develop such standards for the continued enhancement of aviation safety.

29 4 **Principal Changes.**

30 The AC incorporates the following principal changes:

- 31 1. Added allowable substitutions for extinguishing agents in paragraph 3.2.
- 32 2. Added new Appendix A, Supplemental Information.
- 33 3. Moved related documents to new Appendix B, Reference Material.
- 34 4. Moved definitions to new Appendix C, Definitions and Acronyms, and added new
35 definitions.
- 36 5. Added new Figure 2-1, TCA and PCA for Aircraft.
- 37 6. Updated the format of the document in this version and made minor editorial
38 changes throughout.

39 5 **Using this Document.**

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41 maneuver within this document) are provided throughout this document and are
42 identified with underlined text. When navigating within this document, return to the
43 previously viewed page by pressing the “ALT” and “←” (left arrow) keys
44 simultaneously.

45 The figure in this document is schematic representations and not to scale.

46 6 **Where to Find this AC.**

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48 View Federal Aviation Regulations at
49 https://www.faa.gov/regulations_policies/faa_regulations/.

50 7 **Feedback on this AC.**

51 If you have suggestions for improving this AC, you may use the Advisory Circular
52 Feedback form at the end of this AC.

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CHAPTER 1. AGENTS85 **1.1 General.**

86 This AC provides reference information on these aircraft fire fighting extinguishing
87 agents and their allowable use:

88 **1. Primary agents**

- 89 • Foam

90 **2. Complementary agents**

- 91 • Clean agents
- 92 • Dry chemical agents
- 93 • Other agents

94 Each fire extinguishing agent has advantages, limitations, equipment requirements, and
95 unique application techniques. Agents include water, foam, dry chemical, clean agents,
96 combustible metal, and wetting agents.

97 **1.2 Primary Agents.**

98 A primary agent is designed for mass application and rapid fire knockdown. Foams are
99 used for control and extinguishment of aircraft fires involving fuel spills are produced
100 by incorporation of air into a solution of foam concentrate and water. Their
101 characteristics, as indicated by expansion and drainage rate, are influenced by the
102 amount of mechanical agitation to which the water, foam concentrate, and air are
103 subjected. They extinguish fire by physically separating the fuel vapors from the heat
104 and oxygen necessary for combustion, spreading over the surface of the fuel to
105 effectively suppress vaporization and secure an extinguished area by protecting it from
106 reignition. Foam, being essentially water, cools the surface of the fuel and any metal
107 surfaces in the fuel. The solution drainage from some foams (AFFF) forms an aqueous
108 film on most aviation fuels. It is advantageous for a foam blanket to reseal if disrupted,
109 and essential that either the foam has good thermal and mechanical stability or that
110 provision is made to renew the foam blanket from time to time.

111 **1.2.1 Aqueous Film Forming Foam (AFFF).**

112 The foam formed acts as a barrier both to exclude air or oxygen and to develop an
113 aqueous film on the fuel surface that is capable of suppressing the evolution of fuel
114 vapors. The foam produced with AFFF concentrate is dry chemical compatible.
115 Qualified AFFF products are available in 3% and 6% concentrates and mixed with 97%
116 and 94% water, respectively, to create a foam solution upon discharge.

117 **1.2.2 Synthetic Fluorine Free Foam (SFFF)/Fluorine-Free Foam (F3).**

118 Synthetic Fluorine Free Foam (SFFF) will be known and referred to by the Department
119 of Defense (DoD) and the FAA as Fluorine-Free Foam (F3) throughout this document
120 and from this point forward.

121 F3 is a foam concentrate based on a mixture of hydrocarbon surface active agents that
122 are fluorine free. These foams are free of persistent intentionally added
123 fluorosurfactants that can harm groundwater.

Safety Notice No. 1

Fluorine-Free Foam (F3)

DO NOT MIX F3 foam from different vendors because they are NOT COMPATIBLE.

124 1.3 **Complementary Agents.**

125 A complementary agent is an extinguishing agent that has the compatibility to perform
126 fire-suppression functions in support of a primary extinguishing agent and where
127 extinguishment might not be achievable using only the primary agent.

128 1.3.1 Clean Agents.

129 A clean agent is an electrically nonconducting volatile or gaseous fire extinguishing
130 agent that does not leave a residue upon evaporation and has been shown to provide
131 extinguishing action.

132 1.3.1.1 **Carbon Dioxide.**

133 Carbon dioxide (CO₂) is colorless, non-flammable, and odorless. It
134 displaces air, smothering the fire. Tests show that low-pressure CO₂ is
135 more effective in ARFF operations than high pressure CO₂. The tests
136 further indicate that CO₂ can be given parity with dry chemical powder on
137 the basis of 4.4 pounds of CO₂ gas per 2.2 pounds of dry chemical.

Safety Notice No. 2

Carbon Dioxide

In high concentrations, CO₂ can cause unconsciousness and death.

138 1.3.1.2 **Halogenated Extinguishing Agents.**

139 Halogenated extinguishing agents are hydrocarbons in which one or more
140 hydrogen atom(s) have been replaced by one or more atom(s) from the
141 halogen series — fluorine, chlorine, bromine, or iodine. This substitution
142 confers not only nonflammability but flame extinguishment properties to
143 many of the resulting compounds. Halogenated agents are used both in
144 portable fire extinguishers and in extinguishing systems. The three
145 halogen elements commonly found in extinguishing agents are fluorine
146 (F), chlorine (Cl), and bromine (Br).

147 1.3.1.2.1 Extinguishing mechanisms vary for halogenated extinguishing agents.
148 The primary extinguishing mechanism for Halon 1211 acts by chemically
149 interrupting the continuing combination of the fuel radicals with oxygen in
150 the flame chain reactions. This process is known as “chain
151 breaking.” Some halogenated agents act by increasing the heat capacity of
152 the air within the fire zone. This results in a cooling of the fire by
153 removing the heat the reaction needs to sustain the flame.

154 1.3.1.2.2 Halotron I is a complementary, halogenated extinguishing agent that is
155 approved as an alternative fire fighting agent to Halon 1211 for airport fire
156 fighting use. Halotron I has completed the scale fire test performance
157 evaluations protocols of FAA Technical Report DOT/FAA/AR-95/87, as
158 stated in the Part 139 definition of a clean agent. Refer to Appendix A for
159 additional information on Halotron I.

160 1.3.1.2.3 Halogenated Agents.
161 Halogenated agents leave no agent residue and are the preferred agent for
162 aircraft tire fires, engine fires, interior aircraft fires, electrical component
163 fires, and flight line vehicle or equipment engine fires.

Safety Notice No. 3

Halogenated Agents

Halogenated agents will produce acid gases when discharged onto a fire.

164 1.3.2 Dry Chemical Agents.
165 The U.S. airport fire fighting industry relies almost exclusively on the use of potassium-
166 based chemicals as auxiliary extinguishing agents due to their compatibility with AFFF
167 agents and their reliable fire performance. Dry chemicals are the most common
168 complementary agent used; however, they are abrasive, corrosive, and leave a residue.

169 1.3.2.1 **Sodium Bicarbonate-Based Dry Chemical.**
170 This agent consists primarily of sodium bicarbonate (NaHCO_3) and is
171 suitable for use on all types of flammable liquid and gas fires (Class B),
172 and for fires involving energized electrical equipment (Class C). It is
173 particularly effective on fires in common cooking oils and fats. In
174 combination with these materials, the sodium bicarbonate-based agent
175 reacts to form a type of soap (saponification) that floats on a liquid surface
176 and effectively prevents re-ignition of the grease.

177 Sodium bicarbonate-based dry chemical is not generally recommended for
178 the extinguishment of fires in ordinary combustibles (Class A), although it
179 can have a transitory effect in extinguishing surface flaming of such
180 materials.

181 1.3.2.2 **Potassium-based Dry Chemical.**

182 Commercially available agents are essentially potassium bicarbonate
183 (KHCO₃), potassium chloride (KCl), and urea-based potassium
184 bicarbonate (KC₂N₂H₃O₃). All three agents are suitable for use on all
185 types of flammable liquid and gas fires (Class B) and also for fires
186 involving energized electrical equipment (Class C). It is generally
187 recognized that salts of potassium are more effective in terms of chemical
188 extinguishment mechanisms than sodium salts in extinguishing Class B
189 fires, except those in deep-fat fryers and other cooking equipment. Dry
190 chemicals based on the salts of potassium are not generally recommended
191 for the extinguishment of fires in ordinary combustibles (Class A),
192 although they can have a transitory effect in extinguishing surface flaming
193 of such materials.

194 1.3.3 Other Agents.

195 1.3.3.1 **Combustible Metal Agents.**

196 Agents used to combat Class D fires, such as magnesium fires, are referred
197 to as combustible metal agents. Agents with the consistency of dry
198 powders are used exclusively on combustible metals. Heat from the fire
199 causes the powder to form an air-excluding crust. Powders do not cling
200 well to vertical surfaces. For additional information, refer to the two
201 agents currently approved for use which are Metal-X as a dry powder
202 agent and FEM-12 as a liquid agent.

203 **CHAPTER 2. AIRPORT INDEXES, AGENT CAPACITIES, AND CRITICAL AREAS**

204 **2.1 Airport Indexes.**

205 Use §139.315 to determine the ARFF Index (A through E) for airports serving
206 Department of Transportation (DOT) certificated air carriers/commercial service. Use
207 §139.317 to determine the rescue and fire fighting equipment and agents that are the
208 minimum required for the indexes referred to in §139.315.

209 **2.2 Agent Capacities.**

210 ARFF vehicles are required to come from the manufacturer meeting the regulatory
211 requirements for agent capacity found in §139.317. The FAA recommends airports
212 maintain an equivalent of a 200% resupply for foam and a 100% resupply for
213 complementary agent and propellant.

214 **2.3 Critical Area.**

215 The critical area is an area to be protected in any post-accident situation that permits the
216 safe evacuation of the aircraft occupants. The critical area serves as a basis for
217 calculating quantities of an extinguishing agent necessary to achieve protection in an
218 acceptable time period.

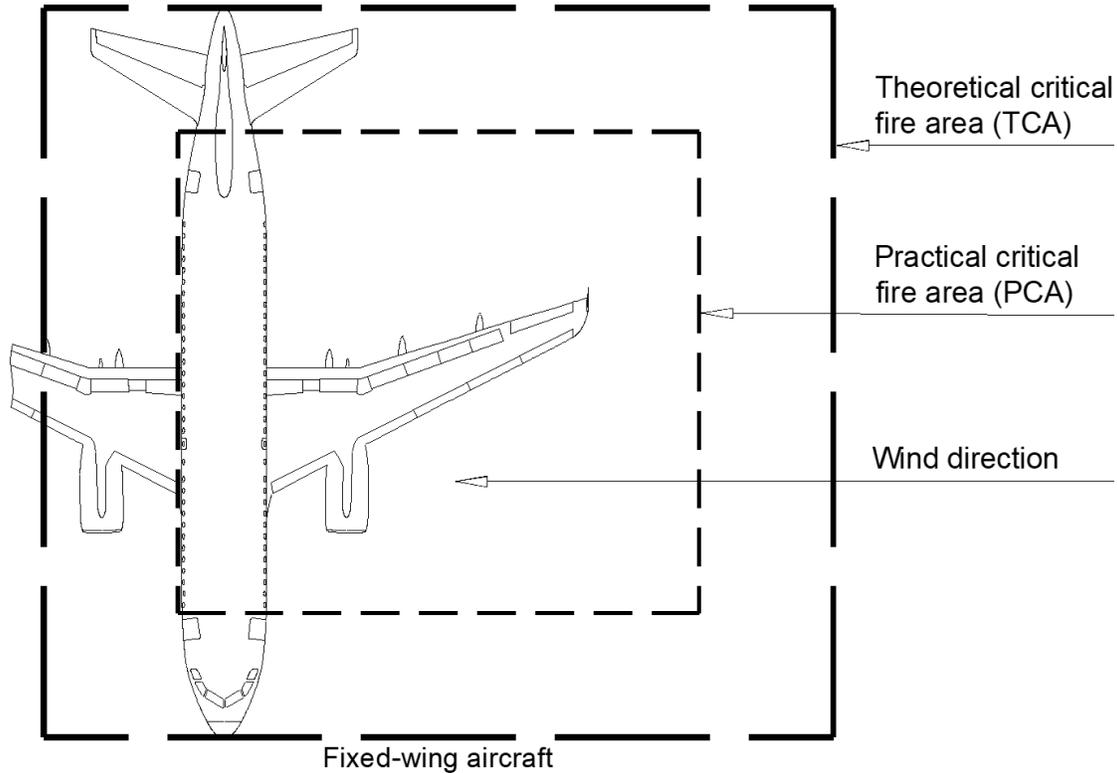
219 **2.3.1 Theoretical Critical Fire Area (TCA).**

220 The TCA serves as a means of categorizing aircraft in terms of the magnitude of the
221 potential fire hazard in which they may become involved. It is not intended to represent
222 the average, maximum, or minimum spill fire size associated with a particular aircraft.
223 See Appendix A for further background information related to TCA.

224 **2.3.2 Practical Critical Fire Area (PCA).**

225 The PCA is two-thirds the size of the TCA for fixed wing aircraft. The PCA and the
226 related quantities of extinguishing agents are based on criteria formulated during the
227 Second Meeting of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Rescue and
228 Fire Fighting Panel (RFFP II) in June 1972. RFFP II developed material indicating the
229 practical area is two-thirds of the theoretical area based on the Panel's work, which
230 included a study of extinguishing agents used on actual aircraft fires. In 99 out of 106
231 studied fires, the quantities of agents used were less than those previously
232 recommended by ICAO. See Appendix A for further background information related to
233 PCA.

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Figure 2-1. TCA and PCA for Aircraft

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Note: The TCA is a rectangle shape having as one dimension the overall length of the aircraft, and the second dimension determined by the following:

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- a. For aircraft with an overall length of less than 65 ft (20 m): 40 ft (12 m) plus the width of the fuselage.
- b. For aircraft with an overall length of 65 ft (20 m) or more: 100 ft (30 m) plus the width of the fuselage.

242 2.4 Control Time.

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The control time is the time required from the arrival of the first fire fighting vehicle and the beginning of agent discharge to reduce the initial intensity of the fire by 90 percent. It is essential that equipment and techniques control the fire in the PCA in one minute. National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 460, Annex B, §B.3.

247 2.5 Extinguishment Time.

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Extinguishment time is the time required from arrival of the first fire fighting vehicle to the time the fire is completely extinguished. NFPA 460, Annex B, §B.3.

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251**CHAPTER 3. AGENT COMPATIBILITY, SUBSTITUTIONS, AND PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS**252 3.1 **Agent Compatibility.**

253 Chemical compatibility is a measure of how stable one substance is when mixed with
254 another substance. Two substances are considered to be incompatible when mixed
255 together and undergo a chemical reaction. Foam and complementary agents need to be
256 compatible in their use as extinguishing agents. The compatibility of agents is
257 discussed in NFPA 460, Chapter 5, §5.4. F3 does not have compatibility between foam
258 manufacturers.

259 3.2 **Extinguishing Agent Substitutions.**

260 Other extinguishing agent substitutions authorized by the Administrator may be made in
261 amounts that provide an equivalent fire fighting capability. Extinguishing agent
262 substitutes are discussed in §139.317(h). The following are authorized substitutions:

- 263 1. 450 lbs of potassium-based dry chemical is an allowable substitution for 500
264 pounds of sodium-based dry chemical §139.317 (b) (c) (d) (e).
- 265 2. F3 approved under Military Performance Specification (MIL-PRF)-32725, *Fire*
266 *Extinguishing Agent, Fluorine-Free Foam (F3) Liquid Concentrate, for Land-*
267 *Based, Fresh Water Applications*, and listed on the Qualified Products Database
268 (QPD) is an allowable substitution for AFFF in equal quantities as identified in
269 §139.317.
- 270 3. 460 lbs of Halotron is an authorized clean agent substitution for 500 lbs of Halon
271 1211, as identified in §139.317.

272 3.3 **Performance Requirements.**

273 AFFF agents are to meet the requirements of MIL-PRF-24385F. This military
274 specification ensures cross-compatibility of the AFFF products regardless of
275 manufacturer.

276 F3 agents are required to meet the standards set forth in MIL-PRF-32725. F3 fire
277 fighting foams are not cross-compatible between foam manufacturers.

278 3.3.1 Actions.

279 Airport operators are to confirm:

- 280 1. The AFFF or F3 meets the standards if it appears on the Qualified Products List
281 (QPL) found on the QPD website.
- 282 2. If the AFFF or F3 is not on the QPL, the product is not authorized for use at Part
283 139 airports.

- 284 3.3.2 Quality Product List (QPL) Website.
- 285 1. Since the QPL is updated periodically, the FAA recommends airports check and
- 286 review the QPL for any updates or changes.
- 287 2. For qualified AFFF products, refer to the QPD at
- 288 <http://qpldocs.dla.mil/search/parts.aspx?qpl=1910¶m=QPL-24385&type=256>.
- 289 3. For qualified F3 products, refer to the QPD at
- 290 [https://qpldocs.dla.mil/search/parts.aspx?qpl=4513¶m=MIL-PRF-](https://qpldocs.dla.mil/search/parts.aspx?qpl=4513¶m=MIL-PRF-32725&type=26144)
- 291 [32725&type=26144](https://qpldocs.dla.mil/search/parts.aspx?qpl=4513¶m=MIL-PRF-32725&type=26144).

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CHAPTER 4. QUALITY CONTROL AND TESTING293 **4.1 Quality Control.**

294 To meet the regulatory requirements in Part 139, the FAA will accept firefighting foams
295 that have received certification and appear on the Naval Sea Systems Command
296 (NAVSEA) QPL/QPD.

297 **4.2 Testing.**

298 4.2.1 Airports should consider establishing local Standard Operating Guidelines/Standard
299 Operating Procedures (in conjunction with local or state environmental regulatory
300 organizations) to identify a suitable location/storage container to discharge AFFF or F3
301 for testing to ensure the functionality of the foam proportioning system on each ARFF
302 vehicle.

303 4.2.2 Establish safe and environmentally effective handling and disposal procedures during
304 testing and re-servicing of each ARFF vehicle with all fire extinguishing agents in
305 accordance with local and state, and federal regulations.

306 4.2.3 The FAA has allowed airports to use the input base testing system to test the foam
307 proportioning system on their ARFF vehicles.

308 **Note:** NFPA 412 addresses Standards for Evaluating Aircraft Rescue and Fire-fighting
309 Foam Equipment; paragraph 5 addresses foam concentration tolerances for ARFF
310 Vehicles.

311 4.2.4 Consider using one of the following input base testing systems, accepted by the FAA
312 for immediate use, to satisfy the Part 139 testing requirement while minimizing any
313 possible environmental impact:

- 314 1. E-One – Eco-Logic System
- 315 2. NoFoam System
- 316 3. Oshkosh – Eco Electronic Foam Proportioning (Eco-EFP) System
- 317 4. Rosenbauer – FixMix2 Automatic Foam Premixing System

318 **Note:** Input-based tests done by the FAA had a greater correlation to output-based tests
319 at a 3-percent proportioning rate than at a 6-percent proportioning rate. Confirmation
320 testing performed by the vendor at delivery/installation that compares input- and output-
321 based tests may help offset this difference by establishing reference values representing
322 the current state of the vehicle. Therefore, the FAA highly recommends airports have
323 the vendor perform this confirmation testing at the time of delivery.

324 **Note:** The FAA recommends vehicle system testing occurs within the six-month period
325 before the airport's periodic airport certification safety inspection.

326 **Note:** ARFF vehicle foam proportioning systems should be tested in accordance with
327 NFPA 460, *Standard for Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting Services at Airports*, 2024

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Edition. The FAA recommends this test be accomplished within the six-month period prior to their periodic certification safety inspection.

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APPENDIX A. SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION331 **A.1 Halotron I.**

332 Subsequent to the U.S. decision to halt production of halon as part of the Montreal
333 Protocol (reference NFPA 460, Annex A, §A.5.2 (2)) and the use of halon-based agents
334 (e.g., Halon 1211) in live fire, training stopped because of its environmental effects.

335 The FAA teamed with other agencies and industry and identified an acceptable
336 alternative to using halon-based agents in airport rescue fire fighting vehicles. Several
337 potential agents were evaluated. Only the Halotron I product has completed scale fire
338 test performance evaluation and was approved as an alternative fire fighting agent to
339 Halon 1211 for airport fire fighting use. Halotron I has additionally been deemed to be
340 an environmentally acceptable replacement for Halon 1211 by the Environmental
341 Protection Agency (EPA).

342 Due to the slight differences in specific gravity of Halotron I and Halon 1211,
343 approximately 468 pounds of Halotron I can be placed in the existing vessel (tank) that
344 holds approximately 500 pounds of Halon 1211. Fire performance tests have shown
345 that Halotron I will generally suppress or extinguish fires in the same manner as Halon
346 1211. In considering the substitution of Halotron I for Halon 1211, the ratio for
347 equivalency in performance is as great as 1.5 to 1 pound by weight.

348 **A.2 Halon 1211.**

349 Halon 1211 was previously the primary clean agent used by ARFF departments.
350 Because of its ozone-depleting qualities, the production of Halon 1211 has been banned
351 since January 1, 1994, and the discharge of this agent for training is no longer
352 allowed. Since that time, several environmentally friendly clean agents have been
353 developed and tested. Halon 1211 is still available through reclaiming and recycling
354 sources.

355 **A.3 Practical Critical Fire Area (PCA).**

356 For information on PCA, refer to NFPA 460, *Standard for Aircraft Rescue and*
357 *Firefighting Services at Airports*, Annex B, §B.3.1. For information on TCA/PCA,
358 refer to DOT/FAA/AR-11/29, *Methodologies for Calculating Firefighting Agent*
359 *Quantities Needed to Combat Aircraft Crash Fires*.

360 **A.4 Theoretical Critical Fire Area (TCA).**

361 For information on TCA, refer to NFPA 460, *Standard for Aircraft Rescue and*
362 *Firefighting Services at Airports*, Annex B, §B.2.1. See [Figure 2-1](#). For information on
363 TCA/PCA, refer to DOT/FAA/AR-11/29, *Methodologies for Calculating Firefighting*
364 *Agent Quantities Needed to Combat Aircraft Crash Fires*.

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APPENDIX B. REFERENCE MATERIAL

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The following documents are applicable to the extent specified in this AC:

367

1. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR).

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14 CFR Part 139 *Certification of Airports*

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2. FAA Documents.

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AC 150/5210-14 *Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting Equipment, Tools and Clothing*

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AC 150/5210-17 *Programs for Training of Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting Personnel*

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AC 150/5220-10 *Guide Specification for Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF) Vehicles*

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DOT/FAA/AR-95/87 *Full Scale Evaluations of Halon 1211 Replacement Agents for Airport Fire Fighting*

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3. Military Specifications.

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MIL-PRF-24385 *Fire Extinguishing Agent, Aqueous Film Forming Foam (AFFF) Liquid Concentrate, for Fresh and Seawater*

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MIL-PRF-32725 *Fire Extinguishing Agent, Fluorine-Free Foam (F3) Liquid Concentrate, for Land-Based, Fresh Water Applications*

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4. National Fire Protection Association (NFPA).

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NFPA 18 *Standard on Wetting Agents*

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NFPA 418 *Standard for Heliports*

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NFPA 440 *Guide for Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting Operations and Airport/Community Emergency Planning*

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NFPA 460 *Standard for Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting Services at Airports*

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APPENDIX C. DEFINITIONS AND ACRONYMS394 C.1 **Definitions.**

- 395 1. **Aqueous Film-Forming Foam Concentrate (AFFF).** A concentrate based on
396 fluorinated surfactants plus foam stabilizers to produce a foam which when drained
397 creates a fluid aqueous film for suppressing hydrocarbon fuel vapors and usually
398 diluted with water to a 1 percent, 3 percent, or 6 percent solution.
- 399 2. **Class A Fire.** A fire of ordinary combustible materials, such as wood, cloth, paper,
400 rubber, and many plastics.
- 401 3. **Class B Fire.** A fire of flammable liquids, combustible liquids, petroleum greases,
402 tars, oils, oil-based paints, solvents, lacquers, alcohols, and flammable gases.
- 403 4. **Class C Fire.** A fire that involves energized electrical equipment.
- 404 5. **Class D Fire.** A fire of combustible metals, such as magnesium, titanium,
405 zirconium, sodium, lithium, and potassium.
- 406 6. **Clean Agent.** Clean agent means an electrically nonconducting volatile or gaseous
407 fire extinguishing agent that does not leave a residue upon evaporation and has
408 been shown to provide extinguishing action.
- 409 7. **Foam.** An aggregation of small bubbles used to form an air-excluding, vapor-
410 suppressing blanket over the surface of a flammable liquid fuel.
- 411 8. **Foam Concentrate.** A concentrated liquid foaming agent as received from the
412 manufacturer.
- 413 9. **Hydrocarbon.** A chemical substance consisting of only hydrogen and carbon
414 atoms.
- 415 10. **Halogenated Agent.** A hydrocarbon extinguishing agent in which one or more
416 hydrogen atoms are replaced by atoms from the halogen series – fluorine, chlorine,
417 bromine, or iodine.
- 418 11. **Practical Critical Fire Area (PCA).** An area approximately two-thirds the size of
419 the Theoretical Critical Fire Area (TCA).
- 420 12. **Surface Active Agent (Surfactant).** A chemical agent that materially reduces the
421 surface tension of water.
- 422 13. **Synthetic Fluorine-Free Foam (SFFF).** A synthetic foam concentrate containing
423 no fluorochemicals for suppressing hydrocarbon fuel vapors.
- 424 14. **Synthetic Foam Concentrate.** Concentrate based on foaming agents other than
425 hydrolyzed proteins and including AFFF concentrates, medium- and high-
426 expansion foam concentrates, and other synthetic foam concentrates.
- 427 15. **Theoretical Critical Fire Area (TCA).** The theoretical area adjacent to an aircraft
428 in which fire must be controlled for the purpose of ensuring temporary fuselage
429 integrity and providing an escape area for its occupants.

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431	C.2	Acronyms.	
432		AC	Advisory Circular
433		AFFF	Aqueous Film Forming Foam
434		AIP	Airport Improvement Program
435		ARFF	Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting
436		Br	Bromine
437		CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
438		Cl	Chlorine
439		CO ₂	Carbon Dioxide
440		DoD	Department of Defense
441		DOT	Department of Transportation
442		EFP	Electronic Foam Proportioning
443		EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
444		F	Fluorine
445		F3	Fluorine-Free Foam
446		FAA	Federal Aviation Administration
447		ICAO	International Civil Aviation Organization
448		KC ₂ N ₂ H ₃ O ₃	Urea-based potassium bicarbonate
449		KCl	Potassium chloride
450		KHCO ₃	Potassium bicarbonate
451		MIL-PRF	Military Performance Specification
452		NaHCO ₃	Sodium bicarbonate
453		NAVSEA	Naval Sea Systems Command
454		NFPA	National Fire Protection Association
455		PCA	Practical Critical Fire Area
456		PFC	Passenger Facility Charge
457		QPD	Qualified Products Database
458		QPL	Qualified Products List
459		RFFP II	Rescue and Fire Fighting Panel
460		SFFF	Synthetic Fluorine-Free Foam
461		TCA	Theoretical Critical Fire Area

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