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Chapter 7 Inspection, Maintenance, and Recharging

7.1 General. The responsibility for inspection, testing, maintenance, and recharging of the fire protection system shall ultimately be that of the owner(s) of the system, provided that this responsibility has not been transferred in written form to a management company, tenant, or other party.

7.2 Owner's Inspection.

7.2.1 On a monthly basis, inspection shall be conducted in accordance with 7.2.2 and the owner's manual.

7.2.1.1 The system owner shall maintain the design and installation documents and maintenance manual or owner's manual on the premises and shall make them available for review, upon request, by the authority having jurisdiction.

7.2.2 At a minimum, the inspection shall include verification of the following:

- (1) The extinguishing system is in its proper location.
- (2) The manual actuators are unobstructed.
- (3) The tamper indicators and seals are intact.
- (4) The maintenance tag or certificate is in place.
- (5) No obvious physical damage or condition exists that might prevent operation.

- (6) The pressure gauge(s), if provided, has been inspected physically or electronically to ensure it is in the operable range.
- (7) The nozzle blowoff caps, where provided, are intact and undamaged.
- (8) The hazard has not changed, including replacement, modification, and relocation of protected equipment.

7.2.3 If any deficiencies are found, appropriate corrective action shall be taken immediately.

7.2.3.1 Where the corrective action involves maintenance, it shall be conducted by a service technician as outlined in 7.3.1.

7.2.4 Personnel making inspections shall keep records for those extinguishing systems that were found to require corrective actions.

7.2.5 At least monthly, the date the inspection is performed and the initials of the person performing the inspection shall be recorded.

7.2.6 The records shall be retained for the period between the semiannual maintenance inspections.

7.3 Maintenance.

7.3.1* A service technician who performs maintenance on an extinguishing system shall be trained and shall have passed a written or online test that is acceptable to the authority having jurisdiction.

7.3.1.1 The service technician shall possess a certification document confirming the requirements in 7.3.1 and issued by the manufacturer or testing organization that is acceptable to the authority having jurisdiction.

7.3.2* A service technician who has the applicable manufacturer's design, installation, and maintenance manual and service bulletins shall service the wet chemical fire-extinguishing system at intervals of no more than 6 months as outlined in 7.3.3.

7.3.3* At least semiannually and after any system activation, maintenance shall be conducted in accordance with the manufacturer's design, installation, and maintenance manual.

7.3.3.1 Maintenance shall include the following:

- (1) A check to see that the hazard has not changed
- (2) An examination of all detectors, the expellant gas container(s), the agent container(s), releasing devices, piping, hose assemblies, nozzles, signals, all auxiliary equipment, and the liquid level of all nonpressurized wet chemical containers
- (3)* Verification that the agent distribution piping is not obstructed

7.3.3.2* Where maintenance of any wet chemical containers reveals conditions such as, but not limited to, corrosion or pitting in excess of the manufacturer's limits; structural damage; fire damage; or repairs by soldering, welding, or brazing, the affected container shall be hydrostatically tested in accordance with Section 7.5 or replaced in accordance with the instructions of the manufacturer or the listing agency.

7.3.3.3 Where maintenance of any wet chemical system components reveals corrosion or pitting in excess of the manufacturer's limits, structural damage, or fire damage, the affected part(s) shall be replaced.

7.3.3.4* All wet chemical systems shall be tested, which shall include operation of the detection system signals and releasing devices, including manual stations and other associated equipment.

7.3.3.5 Parts that are found during maintenance that could cause an impairment or failure of operation of the system shall be replaced by listed components as required by Section 4.1 in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

7.3.3.5.1 Until such repairs are accomplished, the systems shall be tagged as impaired, and the owner or owner's representative responsible for the system and, where required, the authority having jurisdiction shall be notified of the impairment.

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7.3.3.6 The maintenance report, including any recommendations, shall be filed with the owner or with the owner's representative.

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7.3.3.7* Each wet chemical system shall have a tag or label securely attached, indicating the month and year the maintenance is performed and identifying the person performing the service. Only the current tag or label shall remain in place.

7.3.4* Fixed temperature-sensing elements of the fusible metal alloy-type or glass bulb-type shall be replaced at least semiannually from the date of installation or more frequently, if necessary, and shall be destroyed when removed.

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7.3.5 Fixed temperature-sensing elements other than the fusible metal alloy type shall be permitted to remain continuously in service, provided they are inspected and cleaned or replaced, if necessary, in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions, every 12 months or more frequently to ensure proper operation of the system.

7.3.5.1 At a minimum, maintenance of restorable-type heat detectors shall include the following:

- (1) A visual inspection to determine whether there is damage to the detector or buildup of foreign debris
- (2) An operational/functional test in accordance with the detector manufacturer's testing instructions
- (3) A calibration verification test, if applicable, in accordance with the detector manufacturer's instructions

7.3.5.2 Nonrestorable heat detectors shall be functionally tested in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

7.3.5.3 Heat detectors and all associated wiring that show signs of fire damage shall be tested in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and replaced if necessary.

7.3.6 Expellant Gas. A method and instructions shall be provided for checking the amount or the pressure of expellant gas to ensure that it is sufficient for proper operation of the system.

7.3.7 Access. System access for inspection or maintenance that requires opening panels in fire chases, ducts, or both shall not be permitted while any appliance(s) or equipment protected by that system is in operation.

7.4 Recharging.

7.4.1* Recharge. After any discharge or if insufficient charge is noted during an inspection or maintenance procedure, the following procedures shall be conducted in accordance with the manufacturer's design, installation, and maintenance manual:

- (1) The system shall be recharged.
- (2) The system shall be placed in the normal operating condition.
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7.4.4* Storage. Recharging supplies of wet chemical shall be stored in the original closed shipping container supplied by the manufacturer.

7.4.4.1 These containers shall not be opened until the system is recharged.

7.4.4.2 Wet chemical supplies shall be maintained within the manufacturer's specified storage temperature range.

7.5* Hydrostatic Testing.

7.5.1 The following parts of wet chemical extinguishing systems shall be subjected to a hydrostatic pressure test at intervals not exceeding 12 years:

- (1) Wet chemical containers
- (2) Auxiliary pressure containers
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Exception No. 1: Auxiliary pressure containers not exceeding 2 in. (0.05 m) outside diameter and less than 2 ft (0.6 m) in length.

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