

First Alert®

1kg Powder Fire Extinguisher FE5A34B-UK

INSTALLATION, USE AND MAINTENANCE OF YOUR FIRST ALERT FIRE EXTINGUISHER

IMPORTANT - PLEASE READ CAREFULLY AND SAVE.

Before installing the extinguisher at destination, please read these operating instructions carefully in order to familiarize yourself with this product usage, and be better prepared if there is a fire emergency. Also read the instructions on the fire extinguisher. Please retain, or pass these instructions to further possible users if you are just installing this fire extinguisher.

KEY POINTS IN CASE OF FIRE:

Call the Fire Brigade. Only tackle small fires after getting everybody outside and clear of danger. Do not endanger yourself or others when attempting to put out a fire.

IMPORTANT:

Do not test your extinguisher prior to use. Always use upright. Keep in holder, handle carefully and protect from rough usage.

INSTALLATION OF EXTINGUISHERS.

Always mount your extinguisher securely using the bracket provided. Site the extinguisher where it can be seen, near the likely sources of fire.

MOST IMPORTANTLY site it where it can be reached easily in case of fire, always ensuring the user is between the route to safety and the fire.

NEVER ALLOW THE FIRE BETWEEN YOU AND YOUR EXIT.

HOME: In the hallway, landing or kitchen, where it can be easily seen and reached. Beware of pipes or cables when drilling on the walls. Ideally you should have one extinguisher on each floor.

GARAGE: Near the doorway, on a wall at shoulder height. Beware of fluid / gas pipes or cables when drilling on the walls.

MOTOR VEHICLES: Inside the car either on the transmission tunnel, under the driver's seat or in the front passenger foot well. Not in the boot: searching the boot for your extinguisher will waste valuable time. Use the bracket provided to fit the extinguisher as it is important that all extinguishers are firmly fixed otherwise they could cause injury during a car accident. Beware of fluid pipes or cables if drilling is required, seek advice if in doubt.

CARAVAN: Near the doorway, ensuring that the extinguisher is readily accessible and protected from any accidental damage. Beware of fluid pipes or cables if drilling is required.

BOAT: Somewhere protected from splashing but readily to hand such as inside the hatch or companion way.

TYPES OF FIRE

Fires have been classified into different groups, according to the type of fuel that is burning. Each extinguisher indicates by letters the types of fire that it has been approved and certified to deal with. The following are internationally recognized symbols and will help you to understand the different fire (fuel) classifications:



Class A Fires:
Fires involving organic solids like paper, wood, textile etc.



Class B Fires:
Fires involving flammable Liquids such as petrol, diesel, greases, paints etc.



Class C fires:
Fires involving flammable Gasses



Electrical risks:
Burning energized electrical equipment.

The fire rating for Class A and B fires are expressed as a number and letter combination, such as "21B". The number preceding the letter indicates the size of the fire that has been tested and approved to deal with under British and European Standard Test Criteria. The higher the number, the bigger the fire.

WARNING

DO NOT TEST YOUR EXTINGUISHER PRIOR TO USE, EVEN FOR A SHORT BURST.

The particles of powder will prevent the valve re-sealing fully, so the pressure remaining will leak, making the fire extinguisher unusable. If partially discharged the extinguisher must be immediately taken out of service.

DO NOT USE EXTINGUISHER ON DEEP FAT FRYERS. If possible turn off the heat and cover with a fire blanket or damp cloth to prevent the fire spreading and leave to cool for at least 30 minutes. Call the Fire Brigade and evacuate the building. Close doors & windows behind you as you leave in order to slow the spread of smoke & fire.

NOT SUITABLE ON METAL FIRES.

YOU MIGHT INHALE TOXIC SMOKE. Certain materials can produce toxic fumes in addition to carbon monoxide which can be fatal in very small amounts.

KEEP AWAY FROM SMALL CHILDREN.

DO NOT FIGHT THE FIRE IF:

BOTTLED OR MAIN GAS IS INVOLVED. There may be a risk of explosion. If possible, shut off the gas at the source and evacuate immediately. Warn the Fire Brigade that gas is involved.

YOU DON'T HAVE ADEQUATE OR APPROPRIATE EQUIPMENT. If you don't have the correct type or large enough extinguisher, it is best not to try fighting the fire.

YOUR INSTINCTS TELL YOU NOT TO. If you are uncomfortable with the situation for any reason, just let the Fire Brigade do their job.

IF YOU CANNOT APPROACH TO WITHIN 2 METERS (6 TO 8FT) OF THE FIRE IT IS TOO LARGE. LEAVE IT TO THE EXPERTS.

IN CASE OF FIRE

You should always be certain that you will not endanger yourself or others when attempting to put out a fire. For this reason, when a fire is discovered:

- 1). Assist any person in immediate danger to safety.
- 2). Always call the Fire Brigade (or activate the building Fire Alarm).
- 3). Close all doors on your way out. Do not stop to collect any personal belongings.

BEFORE DECIDING TO FIGHT THE FIRE, KEEP THESE THINGS IN MIND:

- 1). Know what's burning. If you don't, you won't know if your extinguisher is suitable for use. There may be something in the fire that is going to explode or produce toxic fumes. Chances are you will know what's burning, or have a pretty good idea, but if you don't, let the Fire Brigade handle it. If the fire is small, and the type of fire is suitable for your extinguisher, you may attempt to put the fire out.
- 2). If the fire is already spreading, it is best to simply evacuate the building or vehicle. The time to use the fire extinguisher is at the beginning stages of the fire.

HOW TO USE YOUR FIRE EXTINGUISHER

Always position yourself with an exit or means of escape at your back before you attempt to use your extinguisher to put out a fire. It's easy to remember how to use a fire extinguisher if you use the acronym **PASS**:

PULL the pin or safety wedge: This will allow you to discharge the extinguisher.

AIM at the base of the fire, holding the extinguisher UPRIGHT, from 6 to 8 feet. If you aim too high, the extinguishing agent will fly right through.

SQUEEZE levers / press lever. Don't press the lever until you are in position as the discharge time can be as short as 6 seconds.

SWEEP from side to side to cover the complete area of the fire. Once the fire is out, keep an eye on the area in case it re-ignites. Check for any glowing embers. Then leave the area and ventilate it. Fire can give off toxic fumes which can be harmful in enclosed areas.

FIGHTING CAR FIRES (UNDER THE BONNET)

- 1). Move the car to a safe position, preferably on the road side or hard shoulder.
 - 2). Turn off the ignition and get all passengers to safety. Call the fire Brigade as soon as possible.
 - 3). Beware of windy conditions. Open bonnet onto first catch. Do not fully open.
 - 4). Stand with your back to the wind so the smoke & flames are blown away from you.
 - 5). Direct the extinguisher through the narrow gap under the bonnet from as close as possible and fire the extinguisher. If the fire prevents you from getting close, it is too big. Leave it to the Fire Brigade.
 - 6). When the flames are out allow it to cool. Then carefully open the bonnet. Use any remaining contents to extinguish any smouldering embers.
 - 7). Remember, beware of passing traffic when fighting the fire.
- NOTE: Treat fires elsewhere in the car as a domestic fire, remembering to keep the flames blowing away from you.

MAINTENANCE

Do not pre-test your extinguisher, this will render it inoperative. If the safety wedge seal is broken or missing, it indicates that the unit may have been used. This invalidates the warranty and the extinguisher should be immediately taken out of service. Conditions indicating that an extinguisher is unsafe for use: Potentially the most serious hazard presented by a defective extinguisher is the sudden uncontrolled release of pressure or ejection of parts. This could be caused by corrosion, wear or damage to threads of any pressure retaining part. Corrosion of welds. Extensive general corrosion or severe pitting. Dents or gouges in the body. Fire damage to the body or body fittings.

RE-FILLABLE UNITS:

Your First Alert Extinguisher should be maintained regularly, in line with the British Standard BS5306 Part 3:2009, by a competent person (an approved company can be found in the Yellow Pages). In addition the extinguisher should be checked frequently to ensure that the pressure gauge is in the green sector, and that the nozzle and operating levers are clear, and the tamper seal is intact.

If the extinguisher is used it should be refilled in accordance with BS6643 part1, 1985, by a competent person.

FACTORY SEALED UNITS:

Your First Alert Extinguisher requires very little maintenance but should be checked at regular intervals as follows:

- 1). Remove extinguisher from bracket and check that the cylinder is not damaged.
- 2). Ensure that the nozzle is not obstructed.
- 3). Check that the tamper seal tie and yellow wedge are in position and intact.

If not the extinguisher must be withdrawn from service and replaced. For replacement service contact BRK Brands Europe Ltd. If you have any queries on the above, contact the Customer Service department on +44 (0) 1452 887570.

PRODUCT GUARANTEE

BRK Brands Europe Ltd. guarantees this product against any defects that are due to faulty material or workmanship for the period marked on the extinguisher. BRK Brands Europe Ltd cannot accept responsibility for failure of part used extinguishers or those damaged by careless storage or handling. Hand held extinguishers are First Aid Fire Fighting not suitable for large or deep seated fires and BRK Brands Europe Ltd cannot accept responsibility for loss or damage in these areas. This does not affect the Consumer's Statutory Rights. If the product should become defective within the warranty period specified we will replace it free of charge.

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