

PERFORMING A FIRE EXTINGUISHER INSPECTION:

- Check that unit is properly hung on a secure hanger.
 - Proper height
 - Proper travel distance
 - Proper/Normal path of travel
- Check the gauge pressure.
 - Green is good
- Check the condition of the gauge. Make sure its compatibility with the extinguisher.
- Check the weight of the extinguisher. Weights vary by manufacturer.
- Check the last 6-year maintenance inspection date if applicable.
- Check that the last hydrostatic test date is within code requirements.
- Check the valve and shell for damage or corrosion.
- Check the hose for signs of wear. (Best Practice: Remove the hose to inspect it for cracks or splits.)
- Check the condition of the discharge horn.
- Check for obstructions that interfere with accessibility of the unit.
- Break the extinguisher seal and remove the locking pin.
- Replace the locking pin and reseal the extinguisher.
- Check the valve opening for powder or any foreign matter.
- For dry extinguishers, fluff the powder by turning the unit upside down then right-side up.
- Check the condition of the hose/horn retention band at the side of the extinguisher.
- Check that the unit's classification is properly identified with the appropriate decal/signage.
- Check that the operating instructions are clean and legible.
- Check that the unit is visible, unobstructed and in proper location.
- Compile a complete location report, explaining any deficiencies. Document according to company policies.
- Recommend corrective action to be taken in accordance with recognized codes and/or manufacturer's recommendations for care and maintenance.
- Upon completion of inspection and any necessary repairs, applicable inspection documents and noted deficiencies shall be communicated to the responsible party. (Best Practice: Available electronically.)
- Tag all portable fire extinguishers as required and perform required record keeping.

For additional information, questions or guidance on fire extinguisher matters, contact info@cosmosconsultingllc.com