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## FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

Have you inspected the fire extinguishers on your vehicle lately? Are they fully charged? Are they strategically located and easily accessible? Does the driver as well as any regular passengers know exactly where the fire extinguisher is located on the vehicle?

So often, fire extinguishers are purchased with enthusiasm, often because of a recent fire emergency event that saw a vital need for a fire extinguisher; and then, suddenly, because they are not regularly used, they are relegated to a secondary position in our operation.

The fact that fire extinguishers are our first line of defense in the event of fire should warrant a periodic and thorough inspection of them. Fire extinguishers must be kept clean to attract attention, they must be kept accessible to eliminate lost time when needed, and the rubber hose, horn or other dispensing component must be checked to ensure that it is in working order, and that there is no blockage in the components.

The following is a brief resume of the classification of fires, and the recommended extinguisher to be used on each:

**CLASS "A" FIRES:** Ordinary combustible fires such as rubbish, paper, rags, scrap lumber, etc. This class of fires **require a cooling agent** to be applied for them to be extinguished. Recommended extinguishers are—water sprayed through a hose when available, pump type water cans, and pressurized fire extinguishers with a label or tag stating they are approved for use on Class "A" fires.

**CLASS "B" FIRES:** These are fires that have any flammable liquid, oil or grease as their primary fuel source. Class "B" fires **must be smothered** (removal of access to an oxygen source) in order to be put out. Recommended extinguishers for this type of fire are—CO2 (Carbon Dioxide) Foam extinguishers, and Multi-purpose Dry Chemi-

cal types. Check the label or inspection tag to verify that a fire extinguisher is approved for use on a Class "B" fire before using.

**Note: Never spray water on a Class "B" fire. Water will only spread the flames to other areas and will not put the fire out.**

**CLASS "C" FIRES:** This class of fires are those involving electrical equipment with the additional risk of a live electrical current present. The primary requirement for Class "C" extinguishers is that they **contain a non-conducting, extinguishing agent**. Check the label or inspection tag before using. Recommended extinguishers are—CO2 (Carbon Dioxide) Foam and Dry Chemical types. •

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