

SKUM AFFF 3% LT Low Temperature Concentrate

Description

SKUM AFFF 3% LT (Aqueous Film-Forming Foam) Low Temperature Concentrate combines fluoro- and hydrocarbon-surfactant technologies to provide superior fire and vapor suppression for Class B hydrocarbon fuel fires. This synthetic foam concentrate is intended for forceful or gentle firefighting applications at 3% solution in fresh, salt, or hard water.

SKUM AFFF 3% LT foam solution utilizes three suppression mechanisms intended for rapid fire knockdown and superior burnback resistance:

- The foam blanket blocks oxygen supply to the fuel.
- Liquid drains from the foam blanket and forms an aqueous film that suppresses fuel vapor and seals the fuel surface.
- The water content of the foam solution produces a cooling effect for additional fire suppression

TYPICAL PHYSIOCHEMICAL PROPERTIES AT 20 °C

Appearance	Pale yellow liquid
Density	1.05 ± 0.02 g/ml
pH	7.0 – 8.5
Refractive Index	1.3850 minimum
Viscosity*	5 ± 1 cSt
Sediment**	≤ 0.25%
Spreading Coefficient	3 dynes/cm minimum at 3% dilution
Pour Point	≤ -35 °C
Freeze Point	≤ -36 °C

*Cannon-Fenske viscometer at 20 °C

**EN1568:2008 protocol

The environmentally-minded SKUM AFFF 3% LT Low Temperature Concentrate formulation contains short-chain, C-6 fluorochemicals manufactured using a telomer-based process. The telomer process produces no PFOS, and these C-6 materials do not breakdown to yield PFOA. The fluorochemicals used in the concentrate meet the goals of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency 2010/15 PFOA Stewardship Program.



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Approvals, Listings, and Standards

SKUM AFFF 3% LT Low Temperature Concentrate is approved, listed, qualified under, or meets the requirements of the following specifications and standards:

- UL Standard 162, Foam Liquid Concentrates
- EN 1568:2008
 - Part 3
- ICAO
 - Level B



Application

SKUM AFFF 3% LT Low Temperature Concentrate is intended for use on Class B hydrocarbon fuel fires with low water solubility such as crude oils, gasolines, diesel fuels, and aviation fuels. It is not suitable for use on polar fuels with appreciable water solubility, such as methyl and ethyl alcohol, acetone, and methyl ethyl ketone.

The concentrate also has excellent wetting properties that can effectively combat Class A fires. It may also be used in conjunction with dry chemical agents to provide even greater fire suppression performance.

SKUM AFFF 3% LT Concentrate can be ideal for fixed, semi-fixed and emergency response firefighting applications such as:

- Fuel or chemical storage tanks
- Industrial chemical and petroleum processing facilities
- Truck/rail loading and unloading facilities
- Flammable liquid containment areas
- Docks and on-board marine systems
- Mobile equipment

Foaming Properties

SKUM AFFF 3% LT Low Temperature Concentrate may be effectively applied using most conventional foam discharge equipment at a 3% dilution with fresh, salt, or hard water. For optimum performance, water hardness should not exceed 500 ppm expressed as calcium and magnesium.

SKUM AFFF 3% LT Concentrate requires low energy to foam and the foam solution may be applied with aspirating and non-aspirating discharge devices. Aspirating discharge devices typically produce expansion ratios from 3.5:1 to 10:1, depending on the type of device and the flow rate. Non-aspirating devices, such as handline water fog/stream nozzles, or standard sprinkler heads, typically produce expansion ratios from 2:1 to 4:1. Medium-expansion discharge devices typically produce expansion ratios from 20:1 to 60:1.

TYPICAL FOAM CHARACTERISTICS** (Fresh and Salt Water)

Proportioning Rate	3%
Expansion Ratio	≥ 7.0
25% Drain Time (min:sec)	≥ 2:30
50% Drain Time (min:sec)	≥ 4:30

**per EN 1568-3, 2008 protocol

Proportioning

The recommended operational temperature range for SKUM AFFF 3% LT Low Temperature Concentrate is -29 °C to 49 °C per UL-162. This foam concentrate can be correctly proportioned using most conventional, properly calibrated, in-line proportioning equipment such as:

- Balanced and in-line balanced pressure pump proportioners
- Balanced pressure bladder tanks and ratio flow controllers
- Around-the-pump type proportioners
- Fixed or portable in-line venturi type proportioners
- Handline nozzles with fixed eductor/pick-up tubes

For immediate use: The concentrate may also be diluted with fresh or salt water to a 3% pre-mix solution.

For delayed use: Consult Technical Services for guidance regarding suitability of a stored pre-mix solution (fresh water only).

Storage and Handling

SKUM AFFF 3% LT Low Temperature Concentrate should be stored in the original supplied package (HDPE totes, drums, or pails) or in the recommended foam system equipment as outlined in Tyco Fire Protection Products Technical Bulletin "Storage of Foam Concentrates". The product should be maintained within the recommended temperature range. If the concentrate freezes during transport or storage, full product serviceability can be restored upon thaw with gentle re-mixing.

Factors affecting the foam concentrate's long-term effectiveness include temperature exposure and cycling, storage container characteristics, air exposure, evaporation, dilution, and contamination. The effective life of SKUM AFFF 3% LT Concentrate can be maximized through optimal storage conditions and proper handling. SKUM concentrates have demonstrated effective firefighting performance with contents stored in the original package under proper conditions for more than 10 years. Mixing SKUM AFFF 3% LT Concentrate with other foam concentrates for long-term storage is not recommended. Use in conjunction with comparable 3% AFFF products for immediate incident response is appropriate.

Materials of Construction Compatibility

To help avoid corrosion, galvanized pipe and fittings should never be used in contact with undiluted SKUM AFFF 3% LT Low Temperature Concentrate. Refer to Tyco Fire Protection Products Technical Bulletin "Acceptable Materials of Construction" for recommendations and guidance regarding compatibility of foam concentrate with common materials of construction in the firefighting foam industry.

Inspection

SKUM AFFF 3% LT Low Temperature Concentrate should be inspected periodically in accordance with NFPA 11, EN 13565-2, or other relevant standard. A representative concentrate sample should be sent to Tyco Fire Protection Products Foam Analytical Services or other qualified laboratory for quality analysis per the applicable standard. An annual inspection and sample analysis is typically sufficient, unless the product has been exposed to unusual conditions.

Ordering Information

SKUM AFFF 3% LT Low Temperature Concentrate is available in pails, drums, totes or bulk shipment.

Part No.	Description	Shipping Weight	Container Volume
F103178C2	20 L Pail	22.1 kg	0.0285 m ³
F103178C1	25 L Pail	27.5 kg	0.0329 m ³
F103178D1	200 L Drum	218.5 kg	0.2477 m ³
F103178T1	1000 L Tote	1100 kg	1.398 m ³

For bulk orders consult Account Representative.

Safety Data Sheets (SDS) available at www.skum.com.

Note: The converted values in this document are for dimensional reference only and do not reflect an actual measurement.

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