

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 PHYSICOCHEMICAL PROPERTIES AT 20 °C

Appearance	Clear amber 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

**EN 1568:2008 protocol

The SKUM AFFF 3% LT Low Temperature Concentrate formulation contains short-chain, C-6 fluorochemicals manufactured using a telomer-based process. The telomer process that does not produce PFOS.



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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. 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. Non-aspirating devices, such as handline water fog/stream nozzles or standard sprinkler heads, typically produce expansion ratios from 2:1 to 4:1. Aspirating low-expansion discharge devices typically produce expansion ratios from 3.5:1 to 10:1, depending on the type of device and the flow rate. Medium-expansion discharge devices typically produce expansion ratios from 20:1 to 60:1.

Typical Foaming Characteristics* (Fresh and Sea 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; however, the diluted solution will freeze at 0 °C. 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 sea water to 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 Johnson Controls 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 foam 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 Johnson Controls 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 Johnson Controls 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.

Quality Assurance

SKUM AFFF 3% LT Low Temperature Concentrate is subject to stringent quality controls throughout production, from incoming raw materials inspection to finished product testing, and is manufactured in an ISO 9001:2008 certified facility.

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	27.45 kg	0.0329 m ³
F103178D1	200 L Drum	218.5 kg	0.2477 m ³
F103178T1*	1,000 L Tote	1,110 kg	1.398 m ³

For bulk orders, consult an account representative.

*Totes are not UL approved packaging.

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

If any foam product is discharged into the environment, efforts should be made to control, contain and collect the discharge for proper disposal, while following all applicable laws, regulations, and codes. Further information regarding the use, discharge, and disposal of firefighting foams can be found at www.skum.com

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