



**ABE Dry Chemical Fire Extinguishers**



**FIRE SAFETY  
EQUIPMENT**

**Certified Product**  
Australian Standard  
AS/NZS 1841.5  
Issued by SAI Global  
CG219647  
REMOVE WHEN RECHARGED

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## How to operate a fire extinguisher

### 1. Pull the Pin

Pull pin at the top of the extinguisher, breaking the seal. When in place, the pin keeps the handle from being pressed and accidentally operating the extinguisher. Immediately test the extinguisher. (Aiming away from the operator) This is to ensure the extinguisher works and also shows the operator how far the stream travels.

### 2. Aim

Approach the fire standing at a safe distance. Aim the nozzle or outlet towards the base of the fire.

### 3. Squeeze

Squeeze the handles together to discharge the extinguishing agent inside. To stop discharge, release the handles.

### 4. Sweep

Sweep the nozzle from side to side as you approach the fire, directing the extinguishing agent at the base of the flames. After an A Class fire is extinguished, probe for smouldering hot spots that could reignite the fuel.

**Note:** Always test the extinguisher before proceeding to the fire. Remember that you only have seconds to extinguish the fire, not minutes, but only do so if it is safe and you are trained to. The rule of thumb is if you can not put a fire out with one extinguisher then the fire is too big to fight.

## After use requirements

- Lay the extinguisher down out of the way after use.
- Do not place empty extinguisher/s back on the hook.
- Replace with the same type of extinguisher (should a spare be available).
- Arrange empty extinguisher/s to be serviced / refilled as soon as possible.
- Report the use of the fire extinguisher to the Fire safety Officer or Supervisor.

## Fire Extinguisher Tips

- Ensure everyone in the home/office knows the location of all extinguishers and how to use them.
- Extinguishers need to be pressure tested every six years by a registered fire extinguisher service organisation.
- Check that there are no blockages to the nozzle or outlet.
- If you have a Dry Chemical Powder fire extinguisher (red with a white band or label). Turn the extinguisher upside down for 10 minutes every six months to ensure that the powder is free flowing.
- Replace the extinguisher in case of rust.
- If an extinguisher is discharged, even partially, it needs to be refilled by a registered fire extinguisher service organisation.



## Fire Extinguisher Classes

### Class A

Paper, textiles, wood, most plastics and rubber

### Class B

Flammable liquids

### Class C

Combustible gases

### Class E

Electrically energised equipment



## DRY POWDER EXTINGUISHERS (ABE)

The most commonly used type of fire extinguishers is powder or dry chemical. They utilise a specially fluidised and siliconised mono ammonium phosphate. This chemically insulates Class A fires by melting at approximately 177°C and coating the surface to which it is applied. It smothers and breaks the chain reaction of Class B fires and will not conduct electricity back to the operator. Dry chemical fire extinguishers are the most appropriate choice for the home, office & workshop.

Consult the application chart below to find out which model will best suit your needs.



|                                   | 1.0kg ABE     | 1.0kg ABE                                     | 1.5kg ABE                                     | 2.5kg ABE      | 4.5kg ABE                            | 9.0kg ABE      |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|---|---|----------------|--------------------------------------|----------------|
| Product Code                      | FW3           | FW4   | FW1   | FW6            | FW8                                  | FW10           |
| Dimensions<br>- Height<br>- Width | 300mm<br>80mm | 300mm<br>80mm                                 | 300mm<br>90mm                                 | 415mm<br>120mm | 465mm<br>140mm                       | 660mm<br>180mm |
| Agent Capacity                    | 1.0kg         | 1.0kg   | 1.5kg   | 2.5kg          | 4.5kg                                | 9.0kg          |
| Agent Type                        | ABC70 Powder  | ABC70 Powder                                  | ABC70 Powder                                  | ABC70 Powder   | ABC70 Powder                         | ABC70 Powder   |
| Weight Max                        | 1.7kg         | 1.7kg   | 2.5kg   | 4.4kg          | 7.3kg                                | 13.1kg         |
| Fire Classes                      | A, B, C & E   | A, B, C & E                                   | A, B, C & E                                   | A, B, C & E    | A, B, C & E                          | A, B, C & E    |
| Fire Rating                       | 1A:10BE       | 1A:20BE                                       | 2A:30BE                                       | 2A:40BE        | 4A:40BE                              | 6A:80BE        |
| Approvals                         | AS/NZS 1841:5 | AS/NZS 1841:5<br>CAMS race cars<br>schedule H | AS/NZS 1841:5<br>CAMS race cars<br>schedule H | AS/NZS 1841:5  | AS/NZS 1841:5                        | AS/NZS 1841:5  |
| Discharge Time                    | 8 sec         | 8 sec   | 12 sec  | 15 sec         | 20 sec                               | 26 sec         |
| Effective Range                   | 2m            | 2m  | 3m  | 4m             | 5m                                   | 5m             |
| Outlet                            | Nozzle        | Nozzle  | Hose  | Hose           | Hose                                 | Hose           |
| Mouthing Bracket<br>Included      | Yes - Plastic | Yes -Metal                                    | Yes -Metal                                    | Yes -Metal     | No<br>(Separate Part<br>No. VMB45HD) | No             |

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### How do dry chemical extinguishers work?

They discharge a fine powder that absorbs fuel molecules thus depriving the fire of a fuel source.

### How does the fire rating system work?

The numerical rating of an extinguisher provides a guide to its extinguishing ability as result of testing by Underwriters' Laboratories Inc. The numeral indicates the approximate relative fire extinguishing capacity of the extinguisher for that class (A or B) of fire.

For example, a 4A extinguisher can put out a fire approximately twice as fast as a 2A extinguisher. A 20BE extinguisher delivers approximately twice the performance as a 10BE extinguisher. For Class B extinguishers, the numeric rating also indicates the fire suppression capacity of the extinguisher when used by an inexperienced operator. This means a novice can put out a fire encompassing 10 sq. ft. (0.9 m<sup>2</sup>) with a 10BE extinguisher and a 20 sq. ft. (1.8 m<sup>2</sup>) fire with a 20BE extinguisher. The fire suppression capacity is related to the experience of the operator.

### How do I identify a dry chemical from other types?

Dry chemical models have a white band around the top of the cylinder.

### What does the CAMS approval mean?

It means the extinguisher meets the requirements set by CAMS under schedule H for hand held extinguishers for race vehicles. Please consult the specifications guide for models that have the CAMS approval.

### What does it mean to be AS/NZS 1841:5 approved?

All of our extinguishers and blankets have been tested and approved and comply to the appropriate Australian and New Zealand standards. This means you can be assured of the safety and quality of our extinguishers.

### What fire extinguisher should I choose?

For around the home smaller models should be fine, but for commercial or industrial applications larger models may be more suitable. Make sure that you follow your local state guidelines if the extinguisher is to be used in a commercial or industrial application.

## FIRE BLANKETS (F)

Made from fire resistant fabric they are an important part of fire prevention in and around the home. The primary location for a fire blanket is in the kitchen area, well away from the stove to allow for safe access in the case of a fire. Overheated cooking fat and oils have the potential to ignite into flames so blankets are the most effective form of extinguishing the fire before it can spread. They are especially effective when a person's clothes have caught on fire and offer a thermal barrier against radiated heat. Once it has been used in a fire it should be replaced as soon as possible.



|                           | Large                | Extra Large          |
|---------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Product Code              | FB1010               | FB1218               |
| Dimensions                | 100mm x 100mm        | 120mm x 180mm        |
| Agent Capacity            | Single Use           | Single Use           |
| Agent Type                | Glass Fibre Material | Glass Fibre Material |
| Weight Max                | N/A                  | N/A                  |
| Fire Rating               | Class F              | Class F              |
| Approvals                 | AS/NZS 1841:5        | AS/NZS 1841:5        |
| Discharge Time            | N/A                  | N/A                  |
| Effective Range           | N/A                  | N/A                  |
| Outlet                    | N/A                  | N/A                  |
| Mounting Bracket Included | N/A                  | N/A                  |

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### What are fire blankets?

Fire-resistant sheets of glass fibre material.

### How do you use them?

Pull the tabs to release the blanket from its casing. Hold vertically and place gently over the flames to completely cut off the oxygen supply. Turn off the power as soon as it is safe to reach the switch. Alternatively, if a person's clothing has caught on fire you can wrap the blanket around them, smothering the flames. Ideally you should use the 1.2 x 1.8m model for this purpose.

### What types of fires do they put out?

Class F - Cooking oils and fats (most commonly stove top fires)  
Also, the larger model can be used when a person's clothes catch on fire.

### How many times can I use them?

They are only suitable for one use and should be replaced after each fire.

### Where should I locate it?

The best location in the house is on the wall near the entrance to your kitchen, away from areas likely to catch fire but near enough for you to reach quickly.

### Why would I choose a blanket instead of an extinguisher?

Stove-top fires are quite common so fire blankets are often the best choice in these cases due to the hot fat & oil. Blankets are best suited to Class F (cooking oils and fats) fires.

