

**Subpart B—Portable and Semiportable Fire Extinguishers**

**§ 132.200 General.**

(a) Except as provided by paragraph (b) of this section, each OSV must be equipped with portable and semiportable fire extinguishers that comply with this subpart.

(b) Each OSV of at least 6,000 GT ITC (500 GRT if GT ITC is not assigned) must, in addition to complying with the requirements necessary to satisfy § 125.105(a) and (b) of this subchapter, be equipped with the number and type of portable and semiportable fire extinguishers listed in § 34.50 of this chapter.

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**§ 132.210 Classification.**

(a) Each portable fire extinguisher and semiportable fire extinguisher is classified by a symbol combining letter and number. The letter indicates the type of fire that the unit should extinguish; the number indicates the relative size of the unit.

(b) The types of fire are the following:

(1) “A”—fires in ordinary combustible materials, where the quenching and cooling effect of quantities of either water or solutions containing large percentages of water is essential.

(2) “B”—fires in flammable liquids, greases, and the like, where the blanketing effect of a smothering-agent is essential.

(3) “C”—fires in electrical equipment, where the use of nonconducting extinguishing-agent is essential.

(c) The sizes of units run from “I” for the smallest to “V” for the largest. Sizes I and II are portable fire extinguishers; sizes III, IV, and V, which exceed 25 kilograms (55 pounds) in gross weight, are semiportable fire extinguishers and must be fitted with suitable hose and nozzle or other practicable means to cover any part of the space involved. Typical portable and semiportable fire extinguishers are set forth by Table 132.210 of this section.

TABLE 132.210

Classification		Halon 1211, 1301, and 1211–1301 mixtures kgs. (lbs.)	Foam, liters (gallons)	Carbon dioxide, kgs. (lbs.)	Dry chemicals, kgs. (lbs.)
Type	Size				
A .....	II .....	.....	9.46 (2½).	.....	.....
B .....	I .....	1.13 (2½) .....	.....	1.8 (4) .....	0.91 (2)
B .....	II .....	4.5 (10) .....	9.46 (2½) .....	6.8 (15) .....	4.5 (10)
B .....	III .....	.....	45.4 (12) .....	15.9 (35) .....	9 (20)
B .....	IV .....	.....	75.7 (20) .....	22.6 (50) .....	13.6 (30)
B .....	V .....	.....	151.4 (40) .....	453 (100) .....	22.6 (50)
C .....	I .....	1.13 (2½) .....	.....	1.8 (4) .....	.91 (2)
C .....	II .....	4.5 (10) .....	.....	6.8 (15) .....	4.5 (10)

(d) Each portable fire extinguisher and semiportable fire extinguisher must have permanently attached an identification plate that gives the name of the extinguishing-agent, the capacity of the agent in liters (gallons) or kilograms (pounds), the classification of the extinguisher expressed by letter or letters indicating the type or types of fire for which it is intended, and the identifying mark of the manufacturer.

**§ 132.220 Installation.**

(a) Each portable fire extinguisher approved under subpart 162.028 of this chapter and each semiportable fire extinguisher approved under subpart 162.039 of this chapter must be installed in compliance with Table 132.220 of this section. The placement of each extinguisher must satisfy the cognizant OCMI, who may also deem added extinguishers necessary for the proper protection of the vessel.