

Description

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

HYDRAL AR 3-3 XS 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 either:
 - An aqueous film on a hydrocarbon fire, or
 - A polymeric membrane on a polar solvent fire which suppresses the 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	Viscous pale amber liquid
Density	1.02 ± 0.02 g/ml
pH	7.0 – 8.5
Refractive Index	1.3525 minimum
Viscosity*	1600 ± 300 cPs
Sediment**	≤ 25%
Spreading Coefficient	3 dynes/cm minimum at 3% dilution
Pour Point	-4 °C
Freeze Point	-5 °C

* Brookfield Viscometer Spindle at #4, 60 rpm

** EN 1568:2008 protocol

HYDRAL AR 3-3 XS Concentrate is a non-Newtonian fluid that is both pseudoplastic and thixotropic; therefore dynamic viscosity will decrease as shear increases.

The environmentally-mindful HYDRAL AR 3-3 XS AR-AFFF 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 break-down to yield PFOA. The fluorochemicals used in the concentrate meet the goals of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency 2010/15 PFOA Stewardship Program.



Approvals, Listings, and Standards

HYDRAL AR 3-3 XS AR-AFFF Concentrate is approved, listed, qualified under, or meets the requirements of the following specifications and standards:

- UL Standard 162, Foam Liquid Concentrates
- ULC S564, Category 2 Foam Liquid Concentrates
- EN 1568: 2008
 - Parts 1, 3, 4



Application

HYDRAL AR 3-3 XS AR-AFFF Concentrate is intended for use on both types of Class B fires: hydrocarbon fuels with low water solubility, such as crude oils, gasolines, diesel fuels, and aviation fuels; and polar solvent 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.

HYDRAL AR 3-3 XS Concentrate can be ideal for semi-fixed, and emergency response firefighting applications such as:

- Industrial chemical and petroleum processing facilities
- Truck/rail loading and unloading facilities
- Flammable liquid containment areas
- Mobile equipment

Foaming Properties

HYDRAL AR 3-3 XS AR-AFFF Concentrate may be effectively applied using most conventional foam discharge equipment at the correct dilution with fresh, salt, or hard water. For optimum performance, water hardness should not exceed 500 ppm expressed as calcium and magnesium.

HYDRAL AR 3-3 XS 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	≥ 8.0
25% Drain Time (min:sec)	≥ 9:00
50% Drain Time (min:sec)	≥ 13:30

*per EN 1568-3, 2008 protocol

Proportioning

The recommended operational temperature range for HYDRAL AR 3-3 XS AR-AFFF Concentrate is 2 °C to 49 °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

Storage and Handling

HYDRAL AR 3-3 XS AR-AFFF Concentrate should be stored in the original supplied package (HDPE totes, drums, or pails) or in the recommended foam system equipment as outlined in SABO Fire Protection Products Technical Bulletin “Storage of Foam Concentrates”. A thin layer up to 1/4 in. (6 mm) thick of appropriate-grade mineral oil may be applied to the surface of the foam concentrate stored in a fixed, atmospheric storage container to help minimize evaporation. Consult SABO Fire Protection Products for further guidance regarding the use of mineral oil to help seal the surface of AR-AFFF concentrates.

The concentrate should be maintained within the recommended operational temperature range. Freezing of the product should be avoided. If, however, the product freezes during transport or storage, it must be thawed and inspected for signs of separation. If separation has occurred, or is suspected, the HYDRAL AR 3-3 XS Concentrate should be mechanically mixed until homogeneous, and additional testing may be required after mixing to verify product quality.

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 HYDRAL AR 3-3 XS Concentrate can be maximized through optimal storage conditions and proper handling. SABO FOAM concentrates have demonstrated effective firefighting performance with contents stored in the original package under proper conditions for more than 10 years.

Mixing HYDRAL AR 3-3 XS Concentrate with other foam concentrates for long-term storage is not recommended. Use in conjunction with comparable 3x3 AR-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 HYDRAL AR 3-3 XS AR-AFFF Concentrate. Refer to SABO 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

HYDRAL AR 3-3 XS AR-AFFF 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 SABO 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

HYDRAL AR 3-3 XS AR-AFFF Concentrate is available in pails, drums, totes, or bulk shipment.

Part No.	Description	Shipping Weight	Container Volume
F113384C1	25 L Pail	27.45 kg	0.0329 m ³
F113384D1	200 L Drum	218.5 kg	0.2477 m ³
F113384T1*	1,000 L Tote	1,110 kg	1.398 m ³

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

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