

# KIDDE FIRE SYSTEMS

# INTRODUCTION TO LOW PRESSURE CO2

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#### CO<sub>2</sub> MYTH



- "Everyone is buying FM-200® and CO2 is going away"
  - Feb 2001, Anonymous Kidde Employee
- "Halon will replace CO2"
  - Kidde Employee, circa 1970 (attributed)
- "Hey, I have something better than steam!"
  - Walter Kidde 1917 (paraphrased)



## WHY CO2?



- Original Clean and Green Suppression Agent
  - No Residue post-discharge
  - Nonconductive
  - GWP=1
  - ALT=N/A (Naturally Occurring)





#### WHY CO2?



- Versatility
  - Leak Tight Room Not Required
    - Addresses hazards with partial enclosures or unenclosed equipment
    - Extended discharge
  - Room not required!
  - Suitable for extreme temperatures



#### WHY CO2?



- Economical Solution
  - Ease of Recharge
    - Frequent discharge applications
    - Nearly universal access to CO2 globally
    - Simple re-fill process
    - Inexpensive to procure
    - No super pressurization required with agent propellant (N2)



## **CHALLENGE OF CO2**



- Asphyxiate
  - Industry overall responsible with use of CO2
  - Follow NFPA 12 & KFS DIOM
    - Mechanical Discharge Delays
    - Lock Out Valves
    - Pressure Operated Sirens
    - Odorizers
    - Signage

MANY SAFETY UPGRADES
NEVER COMPLETED



## **CO2 APPLICATIONS**



#### Power Gen

Cement

Printing

Metal



- Turbine Generators
- Gas/Diesel Generator Units
- Hydroelectric Generators
- Electrical Equipment Rooms
- Lube Oil Rooms/Areas
- Coal Handling Systems
- Dust Collectors
- Exhaust Ducts
- Printing Presses
- Cold Rolling Mills
- Storage/Process Rooms
- Grinding/Machining Units
- Paint Booths





## **ELECTRIC UTILITIES – GAS TURBINES**



- Generator Enclosures
- Switchgear Rooms
- Lube Areas
- Bearings
- Generator Purge

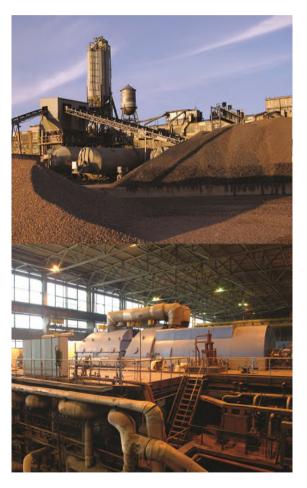




# **ELECTRIC UTILITIES - FOSSIL FUELS**



- Switchgear Rooms
- Dust Collectors
- Hose reels
- Inerting Systems
  - Pulverizing Mills
  - Coal Silos
  - Generator Purge





# **ELECTRIC UTILITIES - HYDRO**



- Generator Enclosures
- Switchgear Rooms
- Lube Areas
- Bearings





# **CO2 APPLICATIONS**











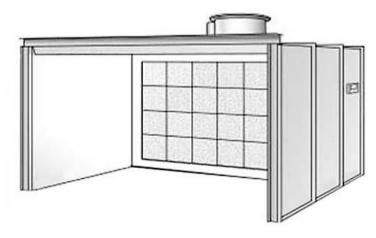


# **CO2 APPLICATIONS**











# CO<sub>2</sub> STORAGE COMPARISON

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#### **High Pressure**

#### **Low Pressure**





- < 4,000 lb (1,815 kg)
- 850psi at 70°F
- Main & Reserve banks
- Expels all CO<sub>2</sub> upon discharge

- Refrigerated storage unit
- 300psi at 0ºF
- Multiple discharges per tank
- Expels partial discharge







HP	LP	System Features	
YES	NO	Requires hydrostatic testing	
YES	NO	Requires weighing to check contents	
NO	YES	Delivers partial content discharge	
NO	YES	Suitable for recharge on site	
YES	NO	Factory filled with CO <sub>2</sub> , DOT approval	
YES	NO	Delivery lead time under 12 weeks	







CO2 Suppression Systems

HP-CO2

- Americas Compliant
  - DOT, TC
  - UL, FM
- EU Compliant
  - TPED, PED, ATEX

LP-CO2

- Globally Compliant
  - FM
  - ASME Vessel



## WHEN TO USE LP CO2



## CONSIDER LP CO2 for:

- Multiple Discharges Without Recharge
- Fire occurrence history
- Flammable materials
- Clean-up time
- Multiple zones
- Hazard value
- System Cost (Initial and Long Term Ownership)











# **LOW PRESSURE CO2**

## **CARDOX LPCO2 SYSTEMS**





Name to be changed to **Kidde Cardox** 



# **HOW LP CO<sub>2</sub> WORKS**



#### **Mechanical:**

- •CO<sub>2</sub> Tank
  - -Stores CO<sub>2</sub> at low temperature (0° F)
    - -Reduces pressure to 300 psi
- Discharge Pipe
  - -Routes agent to hazard when released
- Discharge Nozzles
  - -Controls the specific flow needed for that area



# **HOW LP CO<sub>2</sub> WORKS**



## **Electrical:**

- Control Panel
  - Monitors detectors
  - Activates solenoids
  - Times release duration
- Detection
  - Monitors for fires
- Notification Devices
  - Warn personnel



# LP CO<sub>2</sub> STORAGE CONDITIONS

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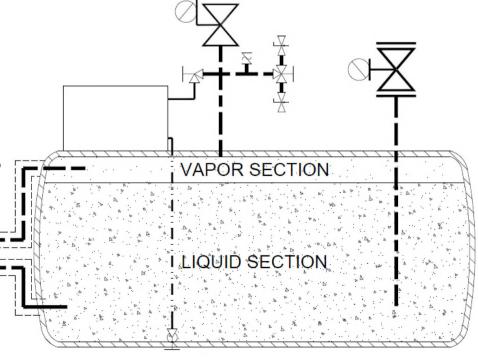
• **CO<sub>2</sub> storage** 300psi @ 0°F

Storage Location Temperatures
 -10°F to 130°F

- Suitable for indoor and outdoors
- Shipped Empty

#### • Flow Calculation:

- 90% of tank capacity is available
- Minimum pressure at nozzle
   150psi







#### NFPA 12 does not require reserve

#### **Suggestions:**

- Independent hazards 2 cycles largest hazard
   Storage rooms, Switchgear rooms, Pulverizers
- Adjacent hazards 2 cycles all adjacent hazards
   Gas turbine, Test cells, etc.
- Multiple local applications within 25 ft (7.6 m) 3 cycles largest hazard
  - Press lines, Fryers, Grinding Machines



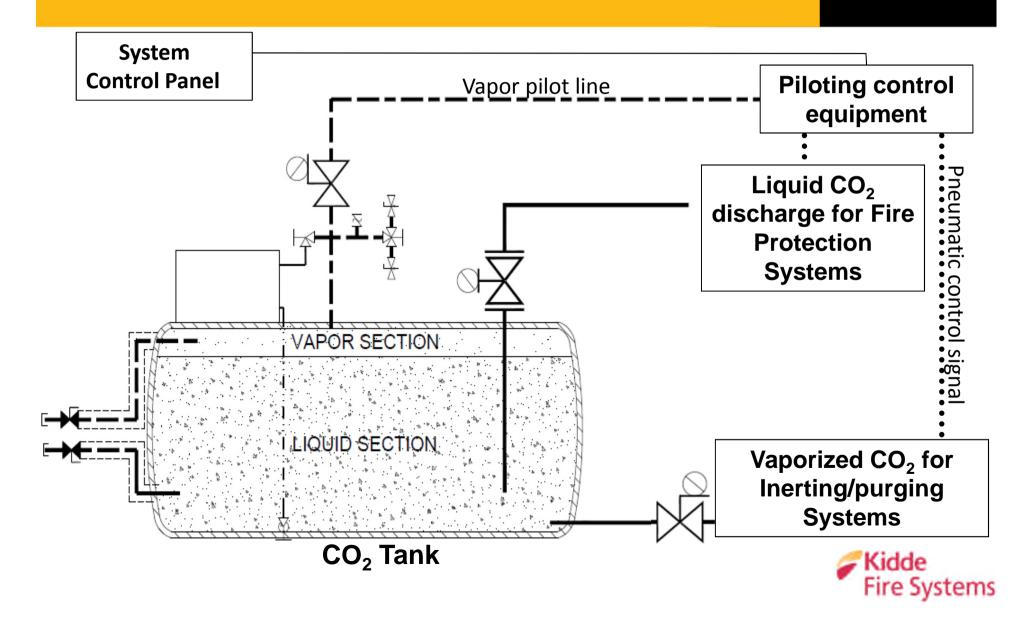
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Hazard	Method	CO <sub>2</sub> Req'd	Flow Rate	Valve
Open Coater #1	LA&TF	1,300 lb	2,000 lb/min	3"
Enclosed Coater #2	LA&TF	715 lb	1,100 lb/min	2"
Open Coater #3	LA&TF	1,170 lb	1,800 lb/min	3"
Enclosed Coater #4	LA&TF	585 lb	900 lb/min	2"
Open Coater #5	LA&TF	1,365 lb	2,100 lb/min	3"
Enclosed Coater #6	LA&TF	650 lb	1,000 lb/min	2"

Largest Demand 1365 lbs x 3 cycles = 4,095 lbs. Use  $2\frac{3}{4}$  ton LPCO<sub>2</sub> Tank 4,950 lbs.



# LP CO<sub>2</sub> SYSTEM SEGMENTS



# LP CO<sub>2</sub> EQUIPMENT - BASIC

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#### **BASIC EQUIPMENT**

**Storage Unit** with refrigeration system

**Tank Shut-off Valve** to isolate the tank with status switches

**Cardox Valves** to control flow of CO<sub>2</sub>. Sized from ½" thru 6"

**Supervisory Pressure Switch** monitors the pilot pressure line

**Safety relief valves** emergency relief incase of overpressure

**Orifice union** in pilot line to restrict vapor pressure losses

**Lockout valves** disable discharges mechanically **Maintenance switch** electrical disconnect solenoid to prevent agent release

#### **OPTIONAL**

Cold Weather Package equips tank with a heater and pressure build components, recommended when temperatures remain below 0°F (-17.8°C) for more than 48 hour durations

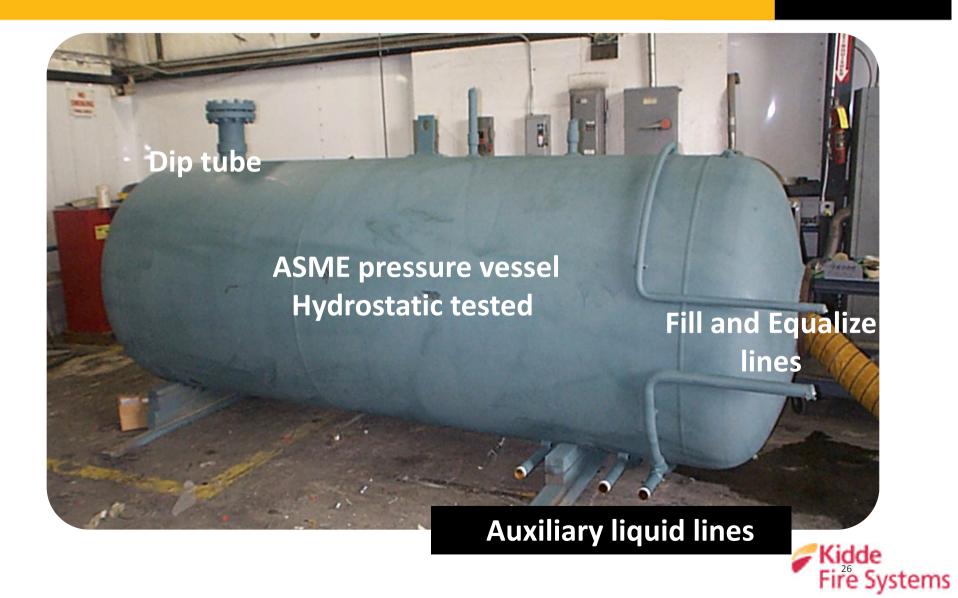
**Alternate LLG** available with contacts or 4 to 20 mA.

**Foreign Approvals** 

Odorizer to scent migrated or lingering CO<sub>2</sub>



## **INTERNAL PRESSURE VESSEL**



- Factory assembled refrigeration unit.
- Used to maintain pressure and temperature.
- Visual inspection.



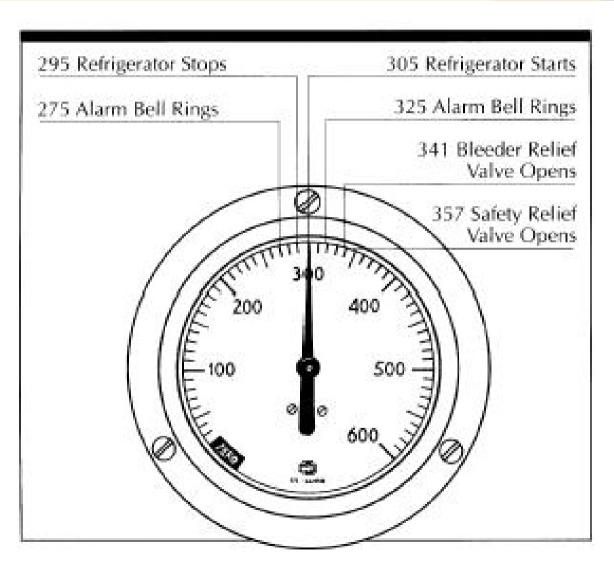


- Liquid level gauge
  - Optional 2 liquid level contacts
  - Optional 4 20mA
- Pressure gauge



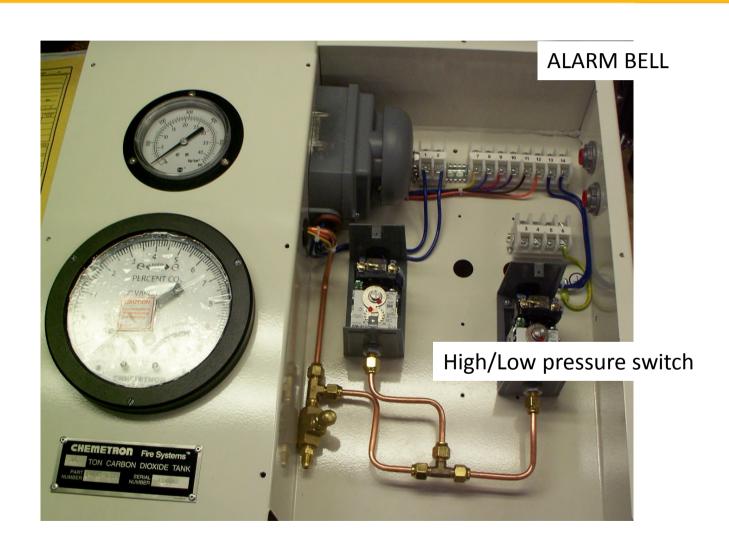


# **REFRIGERATION SEQUENCE**





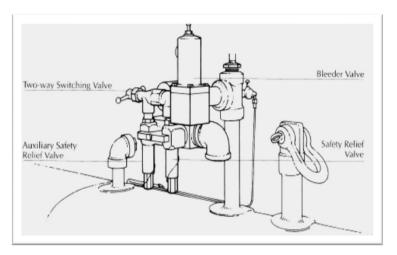
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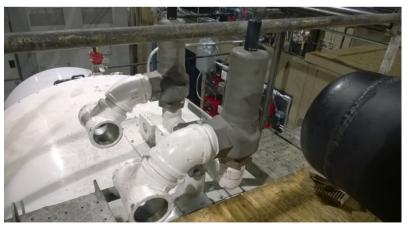




## **SAFETY RELIEF ASSEMBLIES**

- Bleeder Valve set at 341 psi
  - Opens to bleed CO<sub>2</sub> and self refrigerates
- Relief Valves set at 357 psi
  - Opens to vent tank vapor pressure
- Two-way Switching Valve
  - Allows for maintenance on dual relief assemblies









- 1" Vapor equalizing line with ball valve and CGA320 union connector
- 1½" Liquid fill line with ball valve and CGA320 union connector
- For indoor placement:
   Extend lines, add remote valves, add
   safety relief valves and relocate union
   connectors



# LP CO<sub>2</sub> TANK SHUTOFF VALVE

- Normally open isolation valve
- Close valve for system maintenance
- Mate to dip tube flange
- Mounts between two flanges
- Manually operated
- 3", 4", 6", 8" diameter
- Wafer valve with lock hasp
- Status switch reports to control panel
- Acceptable for a mechanical lock-out for single hazard application





# LP CO<sub>2</sub> STORAGE UNIT

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#### **Tank Features:**

- ASME pressure vessel
- Liquid level gauge
- Insulated and jacketed
- Refrigeration unit
- Internal refrigeration coils
- Discharge outlet (dip tube)
- Dual safety relief assembly
- Pressure gauge
- Fill connection (liquid)
- Equalization connection (vapor)
- Man-way access port
- Lifting brackets





# **DISCHARGE DELAY EQUIPMENT**

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CO<sub>2</sub> Pneumatic Siren



Time delay (variable)







- Original Tanks Pre 1970's
  - Shrouded tanks, steel jacket, 1% 12% ton, R-12
  - Fiberglass covered tanks, 13 ton and over, R-12
- Intermediate Tanks 1970 Summer 2014
  - Top mounted refrigeration unit, steel jacket, 1¼ 10 ton, R-12 and R-404A, aluminum jacket, 17 45 ton, R-12 and R-404A
     Turbine skid package units, steel jacket, 2¾ 10 ton, R-12 and R-404A
- Current Tanks Fall 2014
  - Aluminum jacket units, white finish, R-404A
    - + Horizontal units, front mount refrigeration, 2\% 60 ton
    - + Vertical tanks, 6" dip tube, 6 30 ton



# LP CO<sub>2</sub> ORIGINAL STYLE

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## Old Style Tank - Pre 1970's

**Shrouded (mailbox)** 









# CARDOX LP CO<sub>2</sub> INTERMEDIATE

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# Intermediate 1970 – Summer 2014 Standard Turbine skids





# **CARDOX LP CO<sub>2</sub> CURRENT**

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# Current, Fall 2014 - Today Horizontal Units



**Vertical Units** 





## **COMPACT FOOTPRINT**

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- CO2 chilled to 0°F(-17°C)
- Packaged unit
- Horizontal or Vertical Installation

- Eliminates piping manifold
- Easily expandable
- Drop in Place
- 30%+ reduction in area



#### **Sample Space Saving:**

148,500-cu.ft hazard requires 6,750-lbm CO2 LPCO2 requires 91-sq.ft. VS. HPCO2 requires 148-sq.ft.



## **DESIGN FLEXIBILITY**



- Multiple discharges without recharging
- Extended discharges
- Total Flood and Local Application



- Saves cost and space
  - No extended discharge manifold
- Continuous operation
  - Unit remains online
  - No cylinders to offsite re-charge location
  - Partial Discharges
    - Spurt & Squirt



## **LOWER MAINTENANCE**



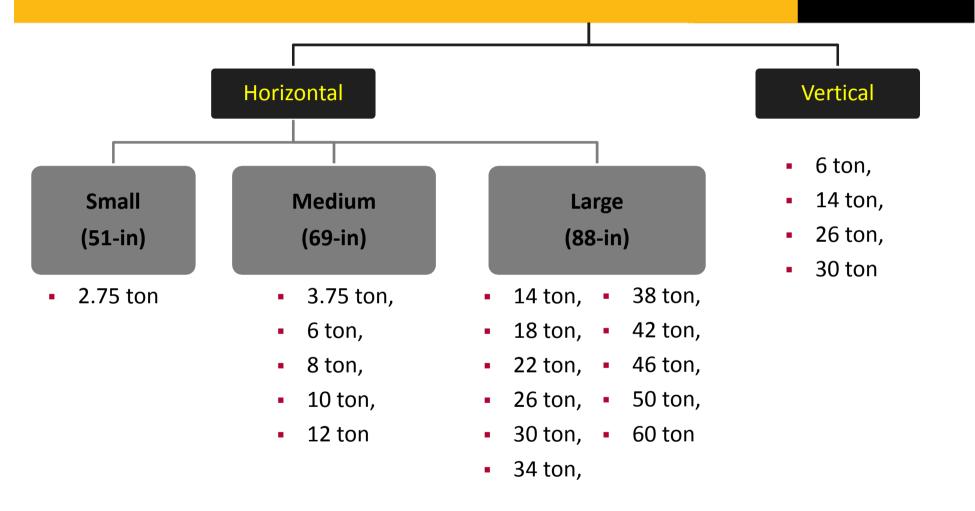
- Fewer tests required
  - No hydrostatic tests
  - Cylinders 5 or 12-yrs
  - Hoses 5-yrs

- Lower inspection costs
- Continuous operation
  - Dual safety relief valves
  - Unit remains online
  - No cylinders to offsite test location
  - No hoses to replace



## **STORAGE TANK CAPACITIES**

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# INPUT POWER TO SUIT GLOBAL MARKET



- Variety of standard / stock refrigeration packages available
  - 50/60 Hz
  - Single or 3-phase
  - 110, 220, 380, 460 and 575 Volt



# **APPROVALS & LISTINGS**



- FM Approved for the following application environments
  - -10F to 130F storage range
  - Total Flood
  - Local Application
  - Hose Reel



- Optional certifications for global markets
  - Pressure Equipment Directive (PED)
  - Canadian Standards Association (CSA)



# **APPROVED TEMP RANGES**



Approved Temp	CARDOX	ANSUL	JANUS	TomCO2
Temperature Range	-10 to 130F	0 to 120F	0 to 130F	-10 to 130F

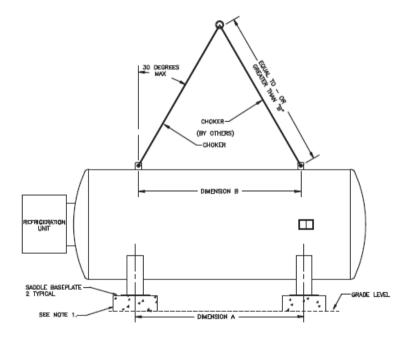


# **SHIPPING & HANDLING**

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 Lightweight Aluminum jacket reduces freight over steel construction

Lifting lugs standard





### **ACCESSORIES**



### • Standard:

- 6-in diameter pressure gauge
- Liquid level gauges



## Options:

- Dual Contact (NO/NC) pressure & liquid level gauges
- 4-20mA Contact pressure & liquid level gauges
- Cold weather provisions for instrumentation and compressor (for applications below -5F)



### **DOWNSTREAM FEATURES**



#### **Discharge Nozzles**

- Radial, orifice & spot nozzles
- Carbon steel or stainless steel construction
- Flange mounting kits
- Total flood or local application use

Custom site specific solutions

#### **Hose Line**

- 1-in diameter hose line
- 50, 100, 150 & 200-ft lengths available

**Enhanced Flexibility** 

#### **Wafer Valves**

- 3, 4, 6 & 8-in diameter sizes
- Carbon steel or stainless steel construction
- Optional limit switches (NEMA 4,7 & 9)

NFPA12 Safety Compliant

#### **Selector Valves**

- ½", ¾", 1", 1-½", 2" brass construction
- 3", 4" & 6" steel w/ corrosion protection

Multi-hazard protection





# CO<sub>2</sub> TOTAL FLOODING NOZZLE

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➤ Radial nozzles ½" – 2" npt

Open spaces

➤ Orifice nozzles ½" npt

Ducts, trenches, small spaces

➤ Wide angle nozzle ½" – 1 ¼" npt

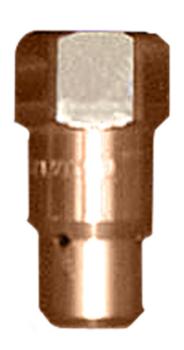
High Ceiling Rooms





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- Radial nozzles are used only for total flooding
- Appropriate for rooms, pits and tunnels were heights exceed 6 ft (2 m)
- Good when hazards are high in the room (racked storage, switchgear)
- Rated up to 40 ft X 40 ft X 40 ft
- (12.2 m X 12.2 m X 12.2 m)
- Sizing ½" thru 2" NPT
- Flow rate range between
- 10 lb/min 1200 lb/min
- (5.4 kg/min 544.3 kg/min)





# CO<sub>2</sub> ORIFICE NOZZLE

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- Orifice Nozzles are used only for total flooding
- Good for small confined spaces.
- Orifice nozzle with spring cap used for ducts and trenches.
- ➤ Sized for ½" npt only
- ➤ Flow rate range between 10 lb/min - 50 lb/min (5.4 kg/min – 22.7 kg/min)
- > Offered as:
- threaded one end
- threaded both ends
- with spring cap





# CO<sub>2</sub> WIDE ANGLE NOZZLE

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Wide Angle Nozzles are used only for total flooding, where the hazard remains low in the room (such as, flammable liquid storage rooms)

• 6" (15 cm) shell - ½" and ¾"npt connection

10" (25 cm) shell - 1" and 1¼"npt connection

- Maximum rated of 40' x 40'
  - (12.2 m X 12.2 m)
- Flow rate range discharges
  - 10 lb/min 500 lb/min
    - (5.4 kg/min 226.8 kg/min)





## **LOCAL APPLICATION NOZZLES**

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Spot nozzles  $\frac{1}{2}$ " –  $\frac{3}{4}$ " npt

4" and 5 1/2" Shell

2' to 8' distance

10#/min – 130#/min



Spotlet nozzles ½" npt

2 1/2" Shell

Small spaces

10#/min – 50#/min



# OTHER CO<sub>2</sub> COMPONENTS

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# **Hose reels**









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# **QUESTIONS?**