



How to Determine the Maintenance Cycle of a Handheld Fire Extinguisher

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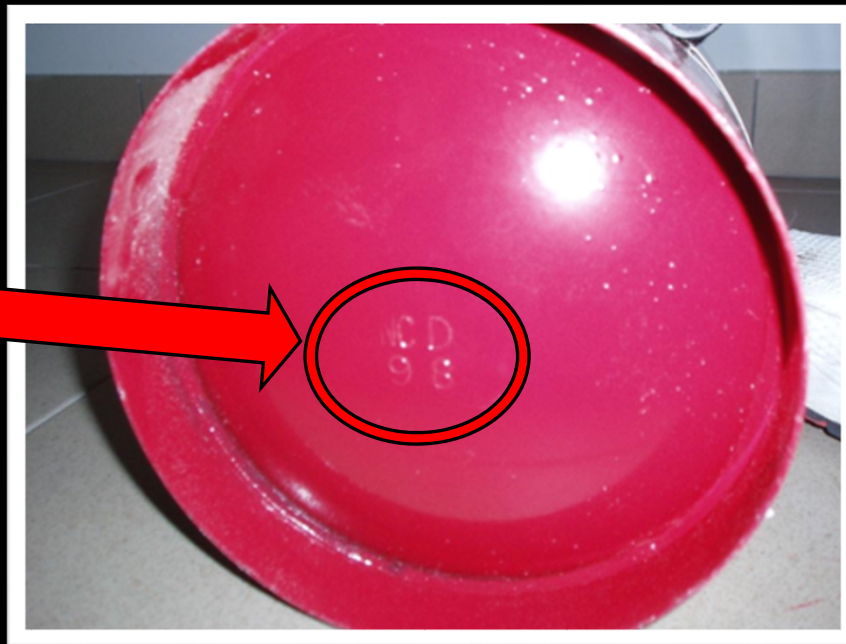
Look for the service collar to determine if the extinguisher has been serviced.

The Verification-of-Service Collar provides verification if the fire extinguisher has been depressurized, if the valve has been removed, and if a complete maintenance has been performed. If no collar present, the extinguisher has not yet been serviced and the date of manufacture must be used to determine the next maintenance due.



If there is a service collar present, you can use the Maintenance Label to calculate the last maintenance date (s). The label will list the last 6-year maintenance date or the last 12-Year hydrostatic test date.

In the example given, the extinguisher underwent a 6-year maintenance in July 2011



If no maintenance label present, you must use the year of manufacture to determine the next maintenance. The year of manufacture may be stamped on the bottom of the fire extinguisher or on the bottom outside edge of the cylinder, with a 2-digit number signifying the year.

Example given is 98 = 1998



Year of Manufacture may also be located on the fire extinguisher label.

Example given is the year 1997



Or it could be included with the extinguisher model number.

Example given is the year 2003

Coordinate with the Fire Prevention Office before replacing or purchasing new fire extinguishers

Extinguisher type	<u>Maintenance Intervals</u>	
	Maintenance due every:	Hydrostatic testing due every:
ABC	6 years	12 years
A	5 years	5 years
BC	6 years	12 years
D	6 years	12 years
K	5 years	5 years



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