

## DESCRIPTION

ANSULITE 6% (AFC-3) Aqueous Film-Forming Foam (AFFF) Concentrate is formulated from specialty fluorochemical and hydrocarbon surfactants along with solvents. It is transported and stored as a concentrate to provide ease of use and considerable savings in weight and space.

It is intended for use as a 6% proportioned solution in fresh, salt or hard water. (Water hardness should not exceed 500 ppm expressed as calcium and magnesium.) It may also be used and stored as a 6% pre-mixed solution in fresh or potable water only. The correct proportioning or mixture ratio is 6 parts of concentrate to 94 parts of water.

Three fire extinguishment mechanisms are in effect when using ANSULITE 6% (AFC-3) Aqueous Film-Forming Foam (AFFF) Concentrate. First, an aqueous film is formed which works to help prevent the release of fuel vapor. Second, the foam blanket from which the film-forming liquid drains effectively excludes oxygen from the fuel surface. Third, the water content of the foam provides a cooling effect.

### Physiochemical Properties at 77 °F (25 °C)

Appearance	Clear Colorless Liquid
Density	1.018 gm/ml ± .01
pH	7.0 – 8.5
Refractive Index	1.3530 ± .0070

## APPLICATION

ANSULITE 6% Aqueous Film-Forming Foam (AFFF) concentrate is intended for use on Class B hydrocarbon fuel fires having low water solubility such as various crude oils, gasolines, diesel fuels, aviation fuels, etc. **It is not suitable for use on fuels having appreciable water solubility (polar solvents), i.e., methyl and ethyl alcohol, acetone, and methyl ethyl ketone.** It can be used with both aspirating and non-aspirating discharge devices because of the low energy required to make it foam.

Its excellent wetting characteristics make it useful in combating Class A fires as well. It can be used with dry chemical extinguishing agents without regard to the order of application to provide even greater fire protection capability.

# EXTINGUISHING AGENT DATA SHEET

## PERFORMANCE

**Fire Performance** – The fire performance of ANSULITE 6% (AFC-3) Aqueous Film-Forming Foam (AFFF) Concentrate is measured against specifications and standards such as U.S. Military Specification

- ▶ MIL-F-24385B **but is not on the Qualified Product List (QPL).** ANSULITE 6% (AFC-3) AFFF Concentrate has been tested to Underwriters Laboratories Standard 162 (Latest Edition). Reports covering this fire performance are available on request since standards and specifications such as those cited are continuously being upgraded and changed.

**Foaming Properties** – When used with fresh, salt, or hard water at the correct dilution with most conventional foam making equipment, the expansion will vary depending on the performance characteristics of the equipment. Aspirating discharge devices produce expansion ratios of from 6:1 to 10:1 depending primarily on type and flow rate. Subsurface injection generally produces expansion ratios of 2:1 to 3:1. Non-aspirating devices such as handline water fog/stream nozzles or standard sprinkler heads give expansion ratios of 2:1 to 4:1.

**Proportioning** – ANSULITE 6% (AFC-3) Aqueous Film-Forming Foam (AFFF) Concentrate can be proportioned easily at the correct dilution using most conventional proportioning equipment such as:

1. Balanced pressure and in-line balanced pressure pumped proportioning equipment
2. Balanced pressure bladder tank type proportioner
3. Around-the-pump type proportioners
4. Fixed or portable (in-line) venturi type proportioners
5. Handline nozzles with fixed induction/pickup tubes

The minimum and maximum usable temperatures for ANSULITE 6% (AFC-3) Aqueous Film-Forming Foam (AFFF) Concentrate in this equipment is 35 °F (2 °C) to 120 °F (49 °C) respectively.

**Storage/Shelf Life** – When stored in the packaging supplied (polyethylene drums or pails) or in equipment recommended by the manufacturer as part of the foam system and within the temperature limits specified the shelf life of ANSULITE AFFF 6% (AFC-3) Aqueous Film-Forming Foam (AFFF) Concentrate is about 20-25 years.

# ANSULITE® 6% (AFC-3) AQUEOUS FILM-FORMING FOAM (AFFF) CONCENTRATE

The factors affecting shelf life and stability for ANSULITE AFFF Agents are discussed in detail in Ansul Technical Bulletin No. 54. If the product is frozen during storage or transportation, thawing will render the product completely usable.

**Compatibility** – Ansul has conducted testing with admixtures of different manufacturers 6% AFFF products in varying proportions and is satisfied that the ANSULITE 6% AFFF is compatible with these products. Refer to Ansul Technical Bulletin No. 48 for a more detailed discussion of compatibility.

Different types of foam concentrates, i.e., AFFF, protein base, etc., should not be mixed under any circumstances.

**Materials of Construction Compatibility** – Tests have been performed with ANSULITE 6% (AFC-3) AFFF Concentrate verifying its compatibility with standard carbon steel black pipe and pipe manufactured from various stainless steel or brass compounds. Alternative pipe, fittings, and valves may be used in some cases if acceptable to the customer and/or the authority having jurisdiction.

Galvanized pipe and fittings must not be used in areas where undiluted concentrate will contact them since corrosion will result.

Please **first** consult Ansul Fire Protection for specific guidelines concerning materials of construction.

**Inspection** – As with any fire extinguishing agent, ANSULITE 6% (AFC-3) Aqueous Film-Form Foam (AFFF) Concentrate, whether in the concentrate or pre-mixed form should be inspected periodically. Please refer to the Field Inspection Manual, Ansul Part No. 31274, for the detailed procedures to perform this inspection. An annual inspection is recommended unless unusual conditions of exposure occur, such as are described in Ansul Technical Bulletin No. 54. In such cases, Ansul's recommendation should be sought.

## APPROVALS AND LISTINGS

ANSULITE 6% (AFC-3) Aqueous Film-Forming Foam (AFFF) Concentrate is approved, qualified under, listed or meets the requirements of the following specifications and standards:

- ▶ Underwriters Laboratories Inc. – U.L. Standard 162 – EX 3125 (Latest Edition)
- 1. Foam Quality Tests
- 2. Class B Hydrocarbon Fuel Fire Tests
- 3. Foam Identification Tests
- 4. Tests of Shipping Containers
- 5. Class B Hydrocarbon Fuel Sprinkler Test (Foam water type both upright and pendant approvals only)

It is impractical for Ansul to list its ANSULITE 6% agents with every piece of U.L. listed hardware. Moreover, there are numerous foam hardware components without U.L. listings that cannot be listed for use with any AFFF agent.

Many unlisted pieces of foam hardware should be similar to those listed. However, on installations where ANSULITE 6% may be used with hardware components of significantly different types than those tested, contact Ansul for recommendations.

#### **ORDERING INFORMATION**

ANSULITE 6% AFC-3 Aqueous Film-Forming Foam (AFFF) Concentrate is available in pails, drums, or bulk shipment.

Part No. 54391	5 gallon pail
Part No. 54392	55 gallon drum
Part No. 30915	Bulk

**Shipping Weight:**

5 gal. (19 L) pail – 45 lbs. (20.4 kg)

55 gal. (208.1 L) drum – 495 lbs.  
(224.5 kg)

**Cube:**

5 gal. (19 L) pail – 1.25 cu. ft. (0.353 m<sup>3</sup>)

55 gal. (208.1 L) drum – 11.83 cu. ft.  
(.3350 m<sup>3</sup>)