

ACCU-PINPOINT 3

PORTABLE FIRE EXTINGUISHERS: DISTRIBUTION, SITTING AND MAINTENANCE

Distribution

The distribution of fire extinguishers is dependent on several factors including, the risk to be protected, floor area and individual practical considerations. See SANS 10400: The Application of the National Building Regulations Part T and SANS 10105-1: Portable and wheeled (mobile) fire extinguishers.

Sitting

- Should not normally be more than 46m apart.
- Evenly distribute units over the entire floor area.
- Should be sited in main escape ways and near exits.
- Should be mounted on brackets fitted to walls or columns with their carrying handles not more than 1,5m above floor level.
- Must be easily accessible and marked and shall be clearly visible at all times or shall be indicated by symbolic signs in accordance with SANS 1186-1 Standard signs and general requirements.
- Extinguishers located outdoors should be in cabinets with their operating instructions facing outwards.

Maintenance

Extinguishers shall be maintained in accordance with SANS 1475-1 Portable and wheeled (mobile) rechargeable fire extinguishers. Fire extinguishers may only be filled, recharged, reconditioned, repaired or inspected by a SANS 1475 mark permit holder and technician registered with the registering authority.



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