

NEW Regulations for Portable On Board Fire Extinguishers for Your Boat, Set by the United States Coast Guard (USCG)—April 20, 2022

1. Is your fire extinguisher the **CORRECT CLASSIFICATION & number** for the length of your boat? [Note 1]
2. Is your fire extinguisher not more than **12 years old** from the date stamped on the bottle? [Note 2]
3. Is your fire extinguisher meet 'Good and Serviceable'? [Note 3]

[Note 1]:

There are four classes of fire extinguishers—A, B, C and D—and each class puts out a different type of fire. (Multi-purpose extinguishers can be used on different types of fires and will be labeled with more than one class, like B:C).





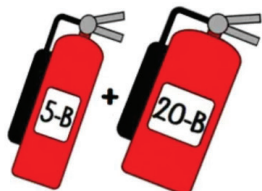
Class B extinguishers are for use on flammable liquids like grease, gasoline and oil.

Because gasoline fires are the most common type of boat fire, marine-rated 'Class B' fire extinguishers are the class required on most recreational boats.

Fire Extinguishers for boats are either:
Marine Type USCG Type B:C, size I or II
 (acceptable on vessels built **model year* 2017 or earlier)
 OR switching over to the
UL Classified 5-B:C/10-B:C or 20-B:C

How the Marine Type USCG & UL Classified align.

USCG CLASS	UL CLASSIFIED
B-I	5-B:C
B-II	20-B:C

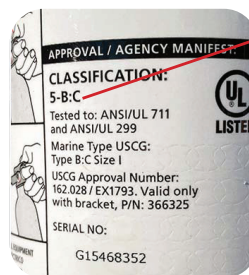
VESSEL LENGTH	USCG REQUIRED EXTINGUISHERS (Recreational boats, portable, no fixed system)
LESS THAN 26 FEET	 (FORMERLY B-I)
BETWEEN 26 FEET & 40 FEET	 OR  (FORMERLY B-I) (FORMERLY B-II)
BETWEEN 40 FEET & 65 FEET	 OR  (FORMERLY B-I) (FORMERLY B-I) (FORMERLY B-II)

**model year*: means the period beginning June 1 of a year and ending July 31 of the following year and being designated by the year in which it ends.

There are special rules for vessels built prior to 1952.

[Note 2]:

Make sure a disposable fire extinguisher is not more than 12 years old from date stamped on it. (Must be removed from service on December 31 of the 12th year).



Label classification example on fire extinguisher.

[Note 3]:

ALL fire extinguishers must be 'Good and Serviceable' working condition:

- If the extinguisher has a **pressure gauge reading or indicator**, it must be in the operable range or position (in the green).
- The **lock pin** is firmly in place.
- The **discharge nozzle** is clean and free of obstruction.
- The extinguisher does not show **visible signs of significant corrosion or damage**.



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