



## OEM NFPA 1901/1906 Foam Single-Point Injection Proportioner Test Procedure

### 2000 / 3000 Series Foam Systems

- 1) Foam pump and water flowmeters must be calibrated per Installation and Operation Manual before testing (Concentrate viscosity must be within the foam proportioner manufactures limits)
- 2) Tools needed for the test are a pitot tube or other calibrated flowmeter to test the system water flow rates. A graduated bucket to collect and calibrate foam concentrate. A stop watch to measure volume unit/time of foam concentrate flow. A load valve to control system back pressure capable of maximum flow of the foam system pump. Appropriate pressure gauge to measure back pressure.

On larger systems, it may be practical to use a calibrated flowmeter instead of a graduated collection container and recirculate the foam concentrate.

- 3) System performance is dependant on flowmeter/pipe size. Identify applicable OEM test points based on size of flowmeter installed. Maximum water flow is determined by the flowmeter range or the maximum water pump output, which ever is less.
- 4) Water and foam concentrate can be tested separately on FoamPro 2000 and 3000 series systems as follows:
  - A) Test main waterway flowmeter at the three (3) test points shown on applicable OEM Certification test chart (If the water pump can not reach the maximum flowmeter rate at 150psi use maximum flow rate of the pump). Water flow rates displayed on the control head should be within 10% of pitot tube measurements.
  - B) Test the foam pump at three (3) test points shown on OEM Certification test chart.
    - 1) Turn the "Cal/Inject" valve to the Calibrate position (Foam system should be primed with no air in the lines).
    - 2) Attach pressure gauge and load valve to the "cal/inject" valve with a hose running to graduated bucket.
    - 3) Enter "Simulated Flow" mode and set the water flow rate to the value listed in the chart for the flowmeter size.
    - 4) Set the percent (%) concentrate to the corresponding value specified in the chart.
    - 5) Press the "ON" button to start the proportioner.
    - 6) Set the load valve back pressure to the corresponding value specified in the chart.
    - 7) Run the system for short period (Not less than 5 seconds electric driven, 20 seconds hydraulic) to assure prime and stabilization. Note the volume of concentrate in the bucket and start the stop watch.
    - 8) Run the system for several minutes. Note the volume in the bucket and time on the stop watch. (Note: Longer run time will increase measurement accuracy)
    - 9) Divide the volume change in the bucket (total concentrate pumped during the timed period) by the number of minutes on the stop watch. The result must match the corresponding Foam (GPM) listed in the chart within NFPA accuracy requirements. (Note: NFPA allows -0% to +40% for solutions of less than 1% and -0% to +30% for solutions greater than 1%; or 1 percentage point whichever is less)
    - 10) Repeat this process for remaining two (2) rows of the OEM Certification Test chart. All three scenarios must meet NFPA guidelines without re-calibrating.
- 5) If system has multiple concentrate tanks, repeat step B for each additional tank.

**2" Thread or 2 1/2" Victaulic**

Range	Waterflow	Range	Back Press. PSI	Foam %	Range	Foam Cap. (gpm)
Min	40	Min	0	10.0%	Min	4
Max	520	Max	250	3.8%	Max	20
Mid	40	Mid	250	10.0%	Mid	4
Min	520	Min	0	3.8%	Max	20
Mid	160	Mid	250	6.3%	Mid	10

Flowmeter	Range	Test Points	Sim Water Flow	Set Foam %	Range	Back Press. PSI	Range	Foam (gpm)
Mid	160	500	2.0%	Mid	250	10.0		
Min	40	100	4.0%	Min	0	4.0		
Max	520	500	4.0%	Max	250	20.0		

**2 1/2" Thread or 3" Victaulic**

Range	Waterflow	Range	Back Press. PSI	Foam %	Range	Foam Cap. (gpm)
Min	40	Min	0	10.0%	Min	4
Max	750	Max	250	2.7%	Max	20
Mid	40	Mid	250	10.0%	Mid	4
Min	750	Min	0	2.7%	Max	20
Mid	250	Mid	250	4.0%	Mid	10

Flowmeter	Range	Test Points	Sim Water Flow	Set Foam %	Range	Back Press. PSI	Range	Foam (gpm)
Mid	250	500	2.0%	Mid	250	10.0		
Min	40	100	4.0%	Min	0	4.0		
Max	750	500	4.0%	Max	250	20.0		

**3" Thread or 4" Victaulic**

Range	Waterflow	Range	Back Press. PSI	Foam %	Range	Foam Cap. (gpm)
Min	40	Min	0	10.0%	Min	4
Max	1150	Max	250	1.7%	Max	20
Mid	40	Mid	250	10.0%	Mid	4
Min	1150	Min	0	1.7%	Max	20
Mid	375	Mid	250	2.7%	Mid	10

Flowmeter	Range	Test Points	Sim Water Flow	Set Foam %	Range	Back Press. PSI	Range	Foam (gpm)
Mid	375	500	2.0%	Mid	250	10.0		
Min	40	100	4.0%	Min	0	4.0		
Max	1150	500	4.0%	Max	250	20.0		

**4" Thread or 5" Victaulic**

Range	Waterflow	Range	Back Press. PSI	Foam %	Range	Foam Cap. (gpm)
Min	55	Min	0	7.3%	Min	4
Max	1980	Max	250	1.0%	Max	20
Mid	55	Mid	250	7.3%	Mid	4
Min	1980	Min	0	1.0%	Max	20
Mid	625	Mid	250	1.6%	Mid	10

Flowmeter	Range	Test Points	Sim Water Flow	Set Foam %	Range	Back Press. PSI	Range	Foam (gpm)
Mid	625	500	2.0%	Mid	250	10.0		
Min	55	100	4.0%	Min	0	4.0		
Max	1980	500	4.0%	Max	250	20.0		

**Insertion Style Flowmeter in 5" Pipe**

Range	Waterflow	Range	Back Press. PSI	Foam %	Range	Foam Cap. (gpm)
Min	80	Min	0	5.0%	Min	4
Max	3050	Max	250	0.7%	Max	20
Mid	80	Mid	250	5.0%	Mid	4
Min	3050	Min	0	0.7%	Max	20
Mid	1000	Mid	250	1.0%	Mid	10

Flowmeter	Range	Test Points	Sim Water Flow	Set Foam %	Range	Back Press. PSI	Range	Foam (gpm)
Mid	1000	500	2.0%	Mid	250	10.0		
Min	80	100	4.0%	Min	0	4.0		
Max	3000	500	4.0%	Max	250	20.0		

**Insertion Style Flowmeter in 6" Pipe**

Range	Waterflow	Range	Back Press. PSI	Foam %	Range	Foam Cap. (gpm)
Min	117	Min	0	3.4%	Min	4
Max	4500	Max	250	0.4%	Max	20
Mid	117	Mid	250	3.4%	Mid	4
Min	4500	Min	0	0.4%	Max	20
Mid	1440	Mid	250	0.7%	Mid	10

Flowmeter	Range	Test Points	Sim Water Flow	Set Foam %	Range	Back Press. PSI	Range	Foam (gpm)
Mid	1440	500	2.0%	Mid	250	10.0		
Min	117	100	4.0%	Min	0	4.0		
Max	4500	500	4.0%	Max	250	20.0		

**Insertion Style Flowmeter in 8" Pipe**

Range	Waterflow	Range	Back Press. PSI	Foam %	Range	Foam Cap. (gpm)
Min	200	Min	0	2.0%	Min	4
Max	7800	Max	250	0.2%	Max	20
Mid	200	Mid	250	2.0%	Mid	4
Min	7800	Min	0	0.2%	Max	20
Mid	2560	Mid	250	0.4%	Mid	10

Flowmeter	Range	Test Points	Sim Water Flow	Set Foam %	Range	Back Press. PSI	Range	Foam (gpm)
Mid	2560	500	2.0%	Mid	250	10.0		
Min	200	100	4.0%	Min	0	4.0		
Max	7800	500	4.0%	Max	250	20.0		

Type tested with to all known foam concentrate viscosities