



SILVARA K1 FIRE FIGHTING FOAM CLASS A, B

1. DESCRIPTION

Silvara K1 is fluorine free low viscosity newtonian foam concentrate to extinguish hydrocarbon fuels fires and solids.

When Silvara K1 is used at 1% in fresh water, the foam exhibits an excellent fluidity, oleophobicity and heat resistance; this makes it especially suited to attack the fires of aviation fuel (Jet A1).

Silvara K1 is formulated with solvents, hydrocarbon surfactants and additives. Silvara K1 doesn't contain any type of organo halogen compound, it is easily biodegradable and responsible with the environment.

Silvara K1 forms resistant foam to insulate the fuel of the oxygen and extinguish the fire.

2. APPLICATION

Silvara K1 should be used at 1% in water to extinguish class B fires (hydrocarbons fuels). It is not suitable to use on polar fuels.

It is useful to combat class A fires (solids) due to its excellent wetting properties.

It should be used with aspirating discharge devices (foam chambers, nozzles,...) with low or medium expansion.

Application of Silvara K1 by foam achieves excellent extinguishing and re-ignition times in hydrocarbon fuels fires. Obviously due to it is not a film forming foam, the application with fog/stream nozzles isn't so effective as with AFFF foam concentrates.

3. DOSAGE

Silvara K1 can be easily proportioned using most conventional proportioning equipment such as: Balanced pressure pump and bladder tank proportioners, around the pump type and venturators proportioners, and hanline nozzles with fixed induction/pickup tubes.

Recommended concentrations to use are:

Class A (solids)	0,3%
Hydrocarbons, low expansion	0,5-1%
Hydrocarbons, medium expansion	1%
Aviation (querosene Jet A1)	1%

4. PHYSICAL PROPERTIES OF FOAM CONCENTRATE

Appearance	Yellow liquid
Density	1,06 ± 0,01 g/cm ³
pH	7,5 ± 0,5
Viscosity, 375 s ⁻¹ , 20°C	< 50 mPa.s
Freezing point	< -13° C

5. PROPERTIES OF FOAM SOLUTION

Surface tensión (1%)	< 35 mN/m
Low expansion index (1%)	> 7,0
Drainage Time (25%)	> 7'00"
Medium expansion index (1%)	> 70
Drainage Time (25%)	> 8'00"

6. FIRE PERFORMANCE

Silvara K1 fulfills the requirements according standards:

- ICAO Level B Standard with Jet A1.
- EN: 1568-1:2008.
- EN: 1568-3:2008

7. COMPATIBILITY WITH OTHER CONCENTRATES

The NFPA standards (NFPA 412, Paragraph 214 and NFPA 11B, 1-5.2) prohibits the mixing of AFFF concentrates unless it has been determined that they are compatible.

vs FOCUM recommends the following test: Silvara products are considerate compatible in all proportions with the concentrates furnished by other manufacturers when the mixture of them, after having been aged 10 days at 65°C, maintain its properties of foamability and fire performance at least equal of the worst concentrate involved in the mixture and to use the higher induction rate and to the higher minimum usable temperature of the mixing concentrates.

8. COMPATIBILITY WITH MATERIALS

Silvara K1 is compatible with Standard Carbon Steel “black” pipe and pipe manufactured from various Stainless Steel (304 and 316) or Brass Compounds. Other recommended materials are Polyethylene and Aluminum. Avoid using galvanized pipes and fittings, it can cause corrosion.

9. SHELF LIFE

The factors affecting shelf life and stability for this foam concentrate are: wide temperature changes, handling procedures, extreme high or low temperatures and contamination by odd materials.

Its shelf life is about 20-25 years if the storage is in accordance with vs FOCUM’s recommendations. Annual testing of all firefighting foams is recommended by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA).

10. STORAGE AND HANDLING

Silvara concentrate should be stored in the original shipping container or in an other special containers designed for this type of products (stainless steel or epoxy lined tanks).

Place the storage container in an area at temperatures between –12°C to 50°C.

If the product is frozen during storage or transportation, thawing will render the product completely usable. Mixing after freeze thaw cycle is recommended.

11. ENVIRONMENTAL AND TOXICOLOGICAL PROPERTIES

We recommend that the ‘1% preparation’ of Silvara 091 may be diluted at least 30 times with water before being introduced into the canalisation of the sewage plant. That way, no negative effect on the biology of the sewage plant should be expected.

Biodegradability. Silvara K1 has biodegradability >90% at 28 days.

12. PACKAGING

Silvara products are available in plastic Pail (20, 25 or 60 L), Drum (200 L), Container (1000 L) and Bulk.