



THE POLY-TANK[®] III

SPECIFICATIONS

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BOOSTER AND FOAM TANKS

The tank shall have a capacity of _____ U.S. gallons and shall be constructed of PT3[™] polypropylene material. This material shall be a non-corrosive stress relieved thermoplastic and UV stabilized for maximum protection. Tank shell thickness may vary depending on the application and may range from ½ to 1" as required. Internal baffles are generally 3/8" in thickness.

ISO CERTIFICATION

The tank must be designed and fabricated by a tank manufacturer that is ISO 9001:2008 certified in each of its locations. The ISO certification must be to the current standard in effect at the time of the design and fabrication of the tank.

DESIGN

Each tank is designed to the customer's specification and/or drawing submittal. An approval drawing is sent to the customer prior to commencing manufacturing. Upon receipt of the signed approval drawing, the tank is scheduled for production.

CONSTRUCTION

The booster and/or foam tank shall be of a specific configuration and is so designed to be completely independent of the body and compartments. Joints and seams shall be fused using nitrogen gas as required and tested for maximum strength and integrity. The tank construction shall include PolyProSeal[™] technology wherein a sealant shall be installed between the plastic components prior to being fusion welded. This sealing method will provide a liquid barrier offering leak protection in the event of a weld compromise. The top of the booster tank is fitted with removable lifting assembly designed to facilitate tank removal. The transverse and longitudinal swash partitions shall be manufactured of a minimum of 3/8" PT3[™] polypropylene. All partitions shall be equipped with vent and air holes to permit movement of air and water between compartments. The partitions shall be designed to provide maximum water flow. All swash partitions interlock with one another and are completely fused to each other as well as to the walls of the tank. All partitions and spacing shall comply with NFPA 1901. The walls shall be welded to the floor of the tank providing maximum strength as part of the tank's unique Full Floor Design[™]. Tolerances in design allow for a maximum variation of 1/8" on all dimensions.

WATER FILL TOWER AND COVER

The tank shall have a combination vent and manual fill tower. The fill tower shall be constructed of 1/2" PT3[™] polypropylene and shall be a minimum dimension of 8" x 8" outer perimeter. The fill tower shall be blue in color indicating that it is a water-only fill tower. The tower shall be located in the left front corner of the tank unless otherwise specified by the tank manufacturer to the purchaser. The tower shall have a 1/4" thick removable polypropylene screen and a PT3[™] polypropylene hinged cover. The capacity of the tank shall be engraved on the top of the fill tower lid. Inside the fill tower there shall be a combination vent/overflow pipe. The vent overflow shall be a minimum of schedule 40 polypropylene pipe with a minimum I.D. of 4" that is designed to run through the tank, and shall be piped to discharge water behind the rear wheels as required in NFPA 1901 so as to not interfere with rear tire traction.

The tank cover shall be constructed of 1/2" thick PT3[™] polypropylene and UV stabilized, to incorporate a multi-piece locking design, which allows for individual removal and inspection if necessary. The tank cover(s) shall be flush or recessed 3/8" from the top of the tank and shall be fused to the tank walls and longitudinal partitions for maximum integrity. Each one of the covers shall have hold downs consisting of 2" minimum polypropylene dowels spaced a maximum of 40" apart. These dowels shall extend through the covers and will assist in keeping the covers rigid under fast filling conditions. A minimum of two lifting dowels shall accommodate the necessary lifting hardware.

FOAM FILL TOWER

The foam tank shall have a manual fill tower. The fill tower shall be constructed of 1/2" PT3[™] polypropylene and shall be a minimum dimension of 8" x 8" outer perimeter. Each foam fill tower shall be constructed of a colored material (yellow, green and black) indicating which tower is to receive each type of foam utilized. The capacity of the tank shall be engraved on the top of the fill tower lid. The tower shall be located in the right front corner of the tank unless otherwise specified. The tower shall have a 1/4" thick removable polypropylene screen and a stainless steel hinged-type cover. Inside the fill tower, approximately 1.5" down from the top, there shall be an anti-foam fill tube that extends down to the bottom of the tank. A pressure vacuum vent shall be provided in the lid of the fill tower.

SUMP

There shall be one (1) sump standard per tank. The sump shall be constructed of a minimum of 1/2" PT3[™] polypropylene and be located in the left front quarter of the tank, unless specified otherwise. On all tanks that require a front suction, a 3" schedule 40 polypropylene pipe shall be installed that will incorporate a dip tube from the front of the tank to the sump location. The sump shall have a minimum 3" N.P.T. threaded outlet on the bottom for a drain plug per NFPA. This shall be used as a combination clean-out and drain. All tanks shall have an anti-swirl plate located approximately 3" above the inside floor.

OUTLETS

There will be two (2) standard tank outlets: one for the tank-to-pump suction line, which shall be sized to provide adequate water flow to the pump; and, one for tank fill line, which shall be sized according to the NFPA minimum size chart for booster tanks. All tank fill couplings shall be backed with flow deflectors to break up the stream of water entering the tank, and be capable of withstanding sustained fill rates of up to 1000 G.P.M. The addition of rear suction fittings, nurse valve fittings, dump valve fittings, and through-the-tank sleeves to accommodate rear discharge piping must be specified. All auxiliary outlets and inlets must meet all NFPA guidelines in effect at the time of manufacture.

MOUNTING

The UPF Poly-Tank[®] III shall rest on the body cross members in conjunction with such additional cross members, spaced at a distance that would not allow for more than 530 square inches of unsupported area under the tank floor. In cases where overall height of the tank exceeds 40 inches, cross member spacing must be decreased to allow for not more than 400 square inches of unsupported area.

The tank must be isolated from the cross members through the use of hard rubber strips with a minimum thickness and width dimension of 1/4" x 1" and a Shore A Hardness of approximately 60 durometer. The rubber must be installed so it will not become dislodged during normal operation of the vehicle. Additionally, the tank must be supported around the entire bottom outside perimeter and captured both in the front and rear as well as side to side to prevent tank from shifting during vehicle operation.

A picture frame type cradle mount with a minimum of 2" x 2" x 1/4" mild steel, stainless steel, or aluminum angle shall be provided or the use of corner angles having a minimum dimension of 4" x 4" x 1/4" by 6" high are permitted for the purpose of capturing the tank.

Although the tank is designed on a free floating suspension principle, it is required that the tank have adequate vertical hold down restraints to minimize movement during vehicle operation. If proper retention has not been incorporated into the apparatus hose floor structure, an optional mounting restraint system shall be located on top of the tank, half way between the front and the rear on each side of the tank. These stops can be constructed of steel, stainless steel or aluminum angle having minimum dimensions of 3" x 3" x 1/4" and shall be approximately 6" to 12" long. These brackets must incorporate rubber isolating pads with a minimum thickness of 1/4" inch and a hardness of 60 durometer affixed on the underside of the angle. The angle should then be bolted to the body side walls of the vehicle while extending down to rest on the top outside edge of the upper side wall of the tank. Hose beds floors must be so designed that the floor slat supports extend full width from side wall to side wall and are not permitted to drop off the edge of the tank or in any way come in contact with the individual covers where a puncture could occur. Tank top must be capable of supporting loads up to 200 lbs per sq. foot when evenly distributed. Other equipment such as generators, portable pumps, etc. must not be mounted directly to the tank top unless provisions have been designed into the Poly-Tank[®] III for that purpose. The tank shall be completely removable without disturbing or dismantling the apparatus structure.

CAPACITY CERTIFICATION

All water and foam tanks shall be tested and certified as to capacity on a calibrated and certified tilting scale. Each tank shall be weighed empty and full to provide precise fluid capacity. Each Poly-Tank[®] III is delivered with a Certificate of Capacity delineating the weight empty and full and the resultant capacity based on weight. Engineering estimates for capacity calculations shall not be permitted for capacity certification.

CENTER OF GRAVITY

A center of gravity calculation shall be determined for each tank and provided as requested in order to provide the apparatus manufacturer with the necessary data to design and certify the apparatus with respect to the NFPA requirements regarding rollover stability. This information may be used by the apparatus manufacturer to assist in the calculation of the apparatus's ability to meet the tilt table static rollover threshold or calculated Center of Gravity requirements per NFPA. A center of gravity and weight calculation for both empty and full conditions shall be required with each tank.

TANKNOLOGY™ TAG

A tag shall be installed on the apparatus in a convenient location and contain pertinent information including a QR code readable by commercially available smart phones. The information contained on the tag shall include the capacity of the water and foam (s), the maximum fill and pressure rates, the serial number of the tank, the date of manufacture, the tank manufacturer, and contact information. The QR code will allow the user to connect with the tank manufacturer for additional information and assistance.

WARRANTY

For normal fire department applications, the tank shall have a limited Lifetime warranty that provides warranty service for the life of the fire apparatus in which the tank is installed. Warranties are transferable if the apparatus ownership changes by requesting the transfer from UPF. In applications where the tank will be subject to severe conditions, the tank may have a warranty unique to the application that is clearly defined for each such application.

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