

**Engineering
Specification**
VdS iFLOW

PART 1 – GENERAL

1.1 DESCRIPTION OF WORK

This specification outlines the requirements for a "Total Flood" iFLOW Inert Gas Fire Suppression System. The work described in this specification includes all engineering, labour, materials, equipment, design, commissioning and servicing necessary to complete the suppression system.

1.2 APPLICABLE STANDARDS AND PUBLICATIONS

The design, equipment, installation, testing and maintenance of the iFLOW Inert Gas Fire Suppression System shall be in accordance with the applicable requirements set forth in the latest edition of the following codes and standards (as applicable to the project requirements):

EUROPEAN STANDARDS

- EN 15004 : Fixed firefighting systems – Gas extinguishing systems.
- EN 12094 : Fixed firefighting – Components for gas extinguishing systems.

INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS

- ISO 14520 : Gaseous fire extinguishing systems.
- NFPA 2001 – Standard on Clean Agent Fire Extinguishing Systems.

1.3 APPROVALS

The complete system shall have the following applicable listings and approvals:

- VdS.

The standards listed in 1.2, as well as all other applicable codes and good engineering practices, shall be used as "minimum" design standards.

1.4 QUALITY ASSURANCE

1.4.1. MANUFACTURER:

1. The manufacturer of the suppression system hardware components shall be ISO 9001 registered and all components shall meet fully the requirements of EN 12094 as applicable.
2. The manufacturer's identification and CE mark as applicable shall appear on all major components.
3. All devices, components and equipment shall be supplied by the same manufacturer.
4. All devices, components and equipment shall be new, standard products of the manufacturer's latest design and suitable to perform the functions intended.

1.4.2. INSTALLER:

1. The installing contractor shall be trained by the supplier to design, install, test and maintain iFLOW Clean Agent Fire Suppression Systems.
2. The installing contractor must be able to demonstrate a minimum of five years' experience in the design, installation, testing and maintenance, of iFLOW Clean Agent Fire Suppression System or a similar system.
3. The installing contractor shall maintain, or have access to a refill station. The installing contractor shall provide proof of ability to recharge the largest iFLOW Clean Agent Fire Suppression System within the period of time specified in the contract.
4. The installing contractor shall be an authorised distributor of the iFLOW Clean Agent Fire Suppression System equipment so that immediate replacement parts are available from inventory.
5. The installing contractor shall show proof of emergency service available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

1.5 DESIGN DOCUMENTATION

The installing contractor shall submit the following design information and drawings for approval prior to starting installation work on this project:

1. Installation layout drawings having an appropriate scale (typically 1:100, 1:50, 1:25) detailing the location of all agent storage containers, nozzles, pipe runs, including pipe sizes and lengths, electrical control panel(s) and associated devices.
2. Separate layouts, or drawings, shall be provided for the mechanical and electrical work in the protected enclosure as well as in any floor and ceiling voids.
3. Drawing to provide legend identifying all symbols used.
4. Complete hydraulic flow calculations, from the VdS approved software, shall be provided for all iFLOW Clean Agent Fire Suppression Systems. Calculation sheet(s) must include the manufacturer's name and approving agency. The individual sections of pipe and each fitting to be used, as shown on the isometrics, must be identified and included in the calculation. Total agent discharge time must be shown and detailed by hazard.

PART 2 – SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

2.1 SYSTEM DESCRIPTION AND OPERATION

1. The system shall be a Total Flood iFLOW Clean Agent Fire Suppression System supplied by Tyco Fire Protection Products.
2. The system shall provide a minimum agent concentration for the type of hazard according to the requirements of the applicable design standard.
3. The system shall be complete in all ways. It shall include a mechanical and electrical installation, all detection and control equipment, agent storage containers, discharge nozzles, pipe and fittings, manual release and delay devices, audible and visual alarms, auxiliary devices and controls, shutdowns, alarm interface, advisory signs, functional checkout and testing, training and any other operations necessary for an iFLOW Clean Agent Fire Suppression System.
4. Provide two inspections during the first year of service: Inspections shall be made at 6 month intervals thereafter.
5. The general contractor shall be responsible for sealing and securing the hazard areas against agent loss and / or leakage during the "hold" period, which is a minimum period of 10 minutes or a time period sufficient to allow for response by trained personnel.
6. Automatic operation of the iFLOW Clean Agent Fire Suppression System for each protected area shall be as follows:
 - a). Actuation of one detector, within the hazard area, shall:
 - Provide visual indication at the system control panel.
 - Sound an alarm. (Consistent with the building house alarm when appropriate)
 - Transfer auxiliary contacts, which can perform auxiliary system functions such as: Operate door holder / closures on access doors; Transmit a signal to a fire alarm system; Shutdown HVAC (Heating Ventilation Air Conditioning) equipment.
 - Illuminate an individual lamp on a status unit (optional).

Note: The shutdown of electrical equipment will be optional based on requirements of the authority or applicable standards.

- b). Actuation of a second detector on a second zone, within the hazard area, shall:
 - Provide a pre-discharge indication at the system control panel.
 - Sound a pre-discharge alarm which shall be distinct from the alarm raised on operation of the first detector.
 - Shut down the HVAC system and / or close dampers if not shut down upon operation of first detector.
 - Start time-delay sequence (not normally to exceed 30 seconds).
 - Enable hold or abort functionality.
 - Illuminate an individual lamp on a status unit (optional).
- c) After completion of the time-delay sequence, the iFLOW Clean Agent Fire Suppression System shall discharge and the following shall occur:
 - Provide a system release indication at the system control panel (initiated from the system pressure switch).
 - Illuminate a visual indicator(s) outside the hazard area in which the discharge occurred.
 - Energise a "SYSTEM RELEASED" audible device. (Optional)
- d) The system shall be capable of being actuated by electrical manual discharge devices located at the exit from the hazard area. Operation of an electrical manual release device shall duplicate the sequence description above from part b). The manual discharge devices require two distinct actions to effect release.
- e) The system may be provided with a hold or abort device which shall interrupt the discharge sequence. Hold devices shall stop the discharge sequence when pressed and held. Upon release, the discharge time delay shall start again from zero. Abort devices are not normally recommended, but if fitted, shall cause the discharge sequence to be stopped and shall reset the control panel to manual control.

2.2 MATERIAL AND EQUIPMENT

2.2.1. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:

1. The iFLOW Clean Agent Fire Suppression System materials and equipment shall be standard products of the supplier's latest design and suitable to perform all intended functions.
2. All relevant components shall be approved according to EN 12094.
3. Each hazard area shall have sufficient agent to provide a minimum concentration required by the applicable design standard.
4. Systems shall be designed in accordance with the manufacturer's technical / design manual.
5. The INERT gas shall be stored in iFLOW Clean Agent Fire Suppression System storage containers. Containers shall be

pressurised to an operating pressure of either 200 bar or 300 bar at 15°C. Containers shall be seamless steel construction and meeting the requirements of the Transportable Pressure Equipment Directive (TPED).

6. Containers shall be actuated by pneumatic means from a nitrogen pilot container. Explosive devices shall not be permitted.
7. Each container shall have a pressure gauge and low pressure switch (optional) to provide visual and electrical supervision of the container pressure. The low-pressure switch shall be wired to the control panel to provide audible and visual alarms in the event the container pressure drops below 180 bar (for the 200 bar container) and 270 bar (for the 300 bar container).
8. Containers shall have a pressure relief device that automatically operates before the internal nominal pressure at 15 degrees Centigrade exceeds 270 bar (for the 200 bar container) and 450 bar (for the 300 bar container).
9. Engineered discharge nozzles shall be provided within the manufacturer's guidelines to distribute the INERT gas throughout the protected spaces. The nozzles shall be designed to provide proper agent quantity and distribution. Nozzles shall be available in 15mm through to 50mm pipe sizes. Each size shall be available in 180° and 360° distribution patterns.
10. Distribution piping and fittings shall be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's requirements, EN 15004 / ISO 14520 / NFPA 2001, and approved piping standards and guidelines. All distribution piping shall be installed by qualified individuals using accepted practices and quality procedures. All piping shall be adequately supported and anchored at all directional changes and nozzle locations.
 - a) All piping shall be reamed, blown clear and swabbed with suitable solvents to remove burrs, mill varnish, and cutting oils before assembly.
 - b) All pipe threads shall be sealed with a suitable pipe sealant applied to the male thread only.

2.2.2. AGENT:

The fire suppression agent shall be the INERT gas.

2.2.3. CAUTION SIGNS:

1. Entrance signs are required at each entrance to a protected space.
2. Manual discharge signs are required at each manual release station.

PART 3 – TESTING AND DOCUMENTATION

3.1 SYSTEM INSPECTION AND CHECKOUT

After the system installation has been completed, the entire system shall be checked, inspected and functionally tested by qualified, trained personnel, in accordance with the manufacturer's recommended procedures and applicable standards.

1. All containers and distribution piping shall be checked for proper mounting and installation.
2. All electrical wiring shall be tested for proper connection, continuity and resistance to earth.
3. The complete system shall be functionally tested, in the presence of the owner or his representative and all functions, including system and equipment interlocks, must be operational during the acceptance tests.

3.2 TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

Prior to final acceptance, the installing contractor shall provide operational training to each shift of the owner's personnel. Each training session shall include control panel operation, manual release and hold or abort functions where fitted, supervisory and emergency procedures.

3.3 OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

Prior to final acceptance, the installing contractor shall provide complete operation and maintenance instruction manuals to the owner. All aspects of system operation and maintenance shall be detailed, including piping isometrics, wiring diagrams of all circuits, a written description of the system design, sequence of operation and drawing(s) illustrating control logic and equipment used in the system. Checklists and procedures for emergency, maintenance shall be included in the manual.

3.4 AS-FITTED DRAWINGS

Upon completion of each system, the installing contractor shall provide copies of 'as fitted' drawings to the owner. The drawings shall show actual installation details including all equipment locations (i.e. Control panel(s), agent container(s), detectors, alarms, manual release unit(s), and abort / hold switch(s), etc.), as well as piping and conduit routing details. Show all room or facilities modifications, including door and / or damper installations completed. One copy of reproducible engineering drawings shall be provided reflecting all actual installation details.

3.5 ACCEPTANCE TEST

1. A room integrity (pressurisation) test shall be conducted in each protected space to determine the presence of openings, which would affect the agent concentration levels and the agent hold time. The test(s) shall be conducted using Door Fan Pressurisation Equipment, with integrated computer program. All testing shall be in accordance with EN 15004 / ISO 14520 or NFPA 2001 as applicable.

2. If room integrity testing indicates that openings exist which would result in excessive leaks and / or loss of the Agent, the installing contractor shall be responsible for coordinating the proper sealing of the protected space(s) by the general contractor or their sub-contractor or agent. The general contractor shall be responsible for adequately sealing all protected space(s) against agent loss or leakage. The installing contractor shall inspect all work to ascertain that the protected space(s) have been adequately and properly sealed. If the first room integrity test is not successful, in accordance with these specifications, the installing contractor shall direct the general contractor to determine and correct, the cause of the test failure. The installing contractor shall conduct additional room integrity tests, until a successful test result is obtained. Copies of successful test results shall be submitted to the owner for their record. Upon acceptance by the owner, the completed system(s) shall be placed into service.

3.6 SYSTEM INSPECTIONS

1. During the one-year warranty period, the installing contractor shall provide two inspections of each system installed under this contract. The first inspection shall be at the 6 month interval, and the second inspection at the 12 month interval. Inspections shall be conducted in accordance with the manufacturer's guidelines and the recommendations of EN 15004 / ISO 14520 or NFPA 2001.
2. Documents certifying satisfactory system(s) inspection shall be submitted to the owner upon completion of each inspection.

3.7 WARRANTY

Components / System: Limited one year warranty shall be offered for defects in workmanship and material.

