

Reference Material:

NFPA 1900: Standard for Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting Vehicles, Automotive Fire Apparatus, Wildland Fire Apparatus, and Automotive Ambulances (**NFPA 1901 Chapters**) 2024 edition www.nfpa.org or call (800) 344-3555
Pumping Apparatus DRIVER/OPERATOR Handbook, 3rd edition. International Fire Service Training Association (IFSTA) Chapters 2,9,10, Glossary
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LEARNING OBJECTIVES

1. **Definitions:** The technician shall define the terms and phrases commonly used in connection with fire apparatus to include the following:

a. Acceptance/ Acceptance Tests	p. Contractor	ee. Hydrodynamic	tt. Pump Discharge Classification
b. Angle of Approach	q. Curb Weight	ff. Hydrostatic	uu. Pumper
c. Angle of Departure	r. Diesel Particulate Filter (DPF)	gg. Initial Attack Fire Apparatus	vv. Quint
d. Anti-Electrocution Platform	s. Drafting Operation	hh. Intake Relief Valve	ww. Ramp Breakover Angle
e. Authority Having Jurisdiction	t. Eductor	ii. Interlock	xx. Relay Pumping
f. Automatic Electrical Load Management	u. Fire Apparatus (1) Command/Communication	jj. Line Voltage Circuits	yy. Responsibility of Purchaser
g. Auxiliary Braking System	v. Fire Pump	kk. Load Management	zz. Shall
h. Bonding	w. FMVSS	ll. Manufacture's Tests	aaa. Slow Operating Valve
i. Cascade System	x. Grade	mm. Net Pump Discharge Pressure	bbb. Split Shaft PTO
j. Cavitation	y. Gross Axle Weight (GAWR)	nn. Optical Source	ccc. Static Water Source
k. Certification Test	z. Gross Combination Weight (GCWR)	oo. Override	ddd. Suction Hose
l. Combination Fire Apparatus	aa. Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR)	pp. Pre-service Test	eee. Utility Air
m. Compound Gauge	bb. Ground Clearance	qq. Pressure Governor	fff. Vehicle Carrying Capacity
n. Compressed Air Foam System (CAFS)	cc. Ground Fault Interrupter (GFCI)	rr. Pressure Relief Device	ggg. Yield Strength
o. Continuous Electrical Load (1) Minimum (2) Total	dd. Hard Suction (Intake) Hose	ss. Pump and Roll	

2. **General:** The Technician shall understand the design & performance requirements for Aerial, Pumper, and Initial Attack Fire Apparatus such as:

a. General Design requirements (1) Responsibility (a) Contractor Responsibility (b) Purchaser Responsibility (2) Controls & Instructions (3) Mounting height of gauges (4) Vehicle Data Recorder (a) Storage capacity (b) data recorded (5) Vehicle Stability (a) Center of Gravity (b) Control System sensor (c) Side to side load variation (d) Load Distribution (6) Roadability (a) performance loaded (b) top speed (7) Serviceability (a) routine maintenance (b) special tool requirement (8) Road Tests (a) Stopping Distance (9) Load distribution (a) tire pressure	c. Chassis and Vehicle Components (1) Labeling for size and GVWR (2) Engine (a) Cooling System (b) Air intake system (i) separate water and embers (c) Engine Shutdowns (d) Engine Derate (e) Hour meter (f) Tow hooks (3) Fuel Systems (a) Diesel Engines (i) Fuel supply lines and fuel filters (ii) filters and strainers accessibility (b) Electric Fuel Priming Systems op. (c) Diesel Particulate Filter (i) HEST icon for regen (4) Vehicle Components (a) Braking Systems (i) pressure protection valve ,pressure drop (ii) quick build-up time (iii) parking brake inter-locks (iv) Auxiliary Brake (b) Parking Brakes (i) GVWR & auxiliary braking system (c) Suspension & Wheels (i) Axle housing road clearance (ii) Angle of Approach and Departure (d) Steering (i) radius of axles (ii) power steering provision (e) Fuel Tank (i) labeling (ii) capacity and time (iii) maintenance (5) Exhaust Systems (6) Diesel particulate filter (a) Exhaust Tip Outlet Temp	(c) Who sets Minimum CCA (d) alternator wiring through ammeter shunts (4) Optical Warning Device (a) Flash Rate (b) Permissible/Non Permissible Colors (c) Upper-level Location (d) Lower-Level Location (e) Midship Location (f) conform with SAE J845 criteria (5) Audible Warning Equipment mounting (a) Back Up Alarm dBa (b) Stop, Tail, & Directional Light mounting (c) Low Voltage Alarm after voltage drop (6) Wiring (7) Grounding & Bonding
b. Apparatus (1) Pumper (a) Minimum rated capacity (b) Misc Equipment (i) number of traffic vests (ii) AED (2) Initial Attack Fire Apparatus (a) Pump Minimum rated capacity (b) Water Tank minimum rated cap. (3) Mobile Water Supply Fire Apparatus (a) Water Tank/Rated Flow Min. cap. (b) Tank fill rate (4) Quint Fire Apparatus (a) Minimum Tank Capacity (b) Minimum ladders and sizes (5) Special Service Fire Apparatus (a) Ground Ladder NFPA 1931 requirements (b) Minimum size of suction and supply hoses (c) Suction strainer (6) Mobile Foam Fire Apparatus (a) Min. rated capacity for fire pump	d. Low Voltage Systems (1) Voltage Drops (2) Minimum Continuous Electrical Load (3) alarm monitoring (a) Batteries (b) reserve capacity	e. Driver and Crew area (1) Seat belt color (2) Signage for occupants in Motion (3) Seat belt warning activation (4) Noise levels (5) Equipment & SCBA Mounting requirements (6) # of Means of escape and size (7) Cab Tilt Systems and parking brake (8) Driving Compartment seating capacity (9) Instrumentation and Controls visible to driver (10) Seat Height (11) Helmet Storage
		f. Body, Compartments & Equipment Mounting (1) Powered Equipment Racks (a) locking requirements (2) SCBA cylinder mounting (3) Pump Plumbing Access size (4) Stepping, Walking Surface minimum load (5) Access Handrails size and clearance (6) Reflective Striping coverage and size (7) External Compartment Ventilation (8) Receivers and anchors for rope and removable winches

g. Fire Pumps and Associated Equipment

- (1) pumps < 1500 gpm suction discharge time
- (2) Pumping Engine drain for heat exchanger
 - (a) Heat exchanger
- (3) Intake Strainers requirements
 - (a) minimum valve & piping size
 - (b) bleeder valve minimum size
 - (c) pressure relief for >3" valve
- (4) Pump discharge Outlets
 - (a) minimum # outlets
 - (b) Connections size
 - (c) Slow Operation Valve size
 - (d) Location
- (5) Pump Drains access
- (6) Pump Controls
 - (a) Engine brake disengagement
 - (b) Speedometer operation during pump
- (7) Pressure Control System
 - (a) rise in water pressure
- (8) Pump Operator Panel
 - (a) required Instrumentation
 - (b) Minimum Numeral Size Master Gauges
 - (c) Test Gauges
 - (i) Discharge pressure gauge range
 - (d) Gauge and visual display location
- (9) Ultra High Pressure Pumps
 - (a) engine governor system
 - (b) engine control throttle
 - (c) gauges & instruments
 - (d) pump body integrity test

h. Auxiliary Pumps & Associated Equipment

- (1) Pump Drive Systems
 - (a) Pump Engine Running Light
- (2) Engine Control
 - (a) Throttle control location

i. Water Tanks

- (1) baffles and swash partitions
 - (a) distance between walls and/or baffles
 - (b) partition arrangement
- (2) Tank-to-Pump rate
 - (a) <500 gal (2000L)
 - (b) >500 gal (2000L)
- (3) Tank Fill Line
 - (a) <1000 gal (4000L)
 - (b) > 1000 gal (4000L)

j. Aerial Devices

- (1) Obstructions Below Ladder
 - (a) Folding step load
 - (b) ladder rotation
 - (i) rated height & seconds of rotation
- (2) Aerial Ladder Rated Capacity
- (3) Aerial Ladder Water Delivery flow
- (4) Hydraulics System bursting strength

k. Foam Proportioning Systems

- (1) Water Backflow prevention
- (2) Swash Partitions
 - (a) pressure vacuum vent
- (3) Test Points
 - flow capacity at minimum pressure

l. Line Voltage Electrical systems

- (1) AC current Hz
- (2) Max voltage to portable equipment
- (3) Instrumentation on Operator's Panel
- (4) Power Supply Assembly
 - (a) Overcurrent protection
 - (b) Branch Circuit Overcurrent Protection
- (5) Cord reels
 - (a) Distribution Box
- (6) Power-Operated Light Masts
 - (a) Sustained wind requirement
- (7) Line Bonding & Grounding
- (8) Transfer Switch Applications

m. Command and Communications

- (1) Location
- (2) Climate Control
- (3) Noise Levels
- (4) Lighting

n. Air Systems

- (1) General Piping & Installation
 - (a) threads
- (2) Compressor Drive System, Controls, Air Monitoring
- (3) Audible and Visual Alarms
- (4) SCBA/SCUBA Fill Station protection
- (5) Piping Systems low air warning %
- (6) Breathing Air Quality Std. NFPA 1989
 - (a) charging requirements of delivery

o. Winches

- (1) Winch Wire length
- (2) Load rating/line pull capacity

p. Trailers

- (1) Classification
 - (a) Type I, II & III
- (2) Wheel Chocks
 - (a) grade %
 - (b) requirements
- (3) Power Supply
 - (a) Combined electrical load for Type II & III trailer
- (4) Wheel chocks mounting

3. Test requirements: The Technician shall understand the test and delivery data requirements for a Pumper Fire Apparatus**a. Fire Pumps and Associated Equipment**

- (1) Pumping System Capacity
 - (a) Pumps 3000 gpm or less
 - (i) 100% rated capacity at 150 psi
 - (b) Pumps < 1500 gpm
 - (i) suction hose length and lift for 1250 gpm
- (2) Vacuum loss %

b. Construction Requirements

- (1) Hydrostatic Test gauge pressure & time

c. Discharge Outlet Connections

- (1) Hydrostatic gauge pressure reading

d. Required Testing

- (1) Apparatus Pump System Certification
 - (a) > 750 gpm
 - (b) Third Party Certification
- (2) Pump Test Conditions for Test
 - (a) depth of water
 - (b) Water temperature
 - (c) engine-driven accessories
- (3) Test Gauges for certification test
 - (a) calibration time requirement
- (4) Engine Speed Check
 - (a) % change allowed of Manufacturer no-load governed speed
- (5) Pumps rated at <750 gpm, 750 to <3000 gpm, & >3000 gpm,
 - (a) total time of pump test
 - (b) time & % at rated capacity of 150psi, 200 psi and 250 psi
- (6) Ultra high pressure pumps
 - (a) Water tank capacity test
 - (b) Gauge & Flowmeter test accuracy
 - (c) Priming system test
 - (d) Conditions for test

e. Pumping Engine Overload Test

- (1) Pump Rated Capacity of 750 or greater but <3000
 - (a) test for net pump pressure at 165 psi for 10 min

f. Pressure Control System Test

- (1) Pumps rated at 3000 gpm or less
 - (a) gauge pressure at 90 psi, 150 psi, 250 psi
 - (b) time allowance to prime pump
 - (c) additional time for 4+" intake pipe

g. Vacuum Test

- (1) vacuum
- (2) vacuum drop

h. Volume Discharge Calculation

- (1) Rated Tank-to-flow till what % of discharge

i. Gauge and Flowmeter Test

- (1) Test capacity
- (2) re-calibration requirement

j. Manufacturer's Pre-delivery Test

- (1) Hydrostatic test requirements