

# TECHNICAL BULLETIN

**NO-FREEZ** Heat Transfer fluids are ideal for use in poorly insulated heating systems, such as summer homes, mountain cabins with low set thermostats, motels closed in winter, pleasure craft, marinas, recreation vehicles, solar units, factories and sprinkler systems, etc.

New contemporary boilers constructed with *Aluminum Heat Exchangers* require specific non-toxic antifreeze with a unique blend of additives. **ALUMINUM SATE POLAR GRADE NO-FREEZ** is a solution of pure high grade propylene glycol with special anti-corrosion inhibitors and color indicators. The specialized additive package in **ALUMINUM SAFE POLAR GRADE NO-FREEZ EXTREME ANTI-FREEZE** inhibits the natural corrosive action of propylene glycol and coats the metal with a protective layer.

**NO-FREEZ** products contain propylene glycol because propylene glycol is the only material safe for most ordinary anti-freeze requirements. This is because propylene glycol is non-toxic and non-irritating and eliminates the possibility of contaminating domestic, potable water with toxic materials. Beware of products that may contain other ingredients such as methanol, ethanol or ethylene glycol, which cheapen these products and raise the toxicity of the antifreeze. This defeats the very reason for using non-toxic anti-freeze. Also beware of products that are not inhibited or require you to add inhibitor bought separately. Don't endanger your system by using corrosive, uninhibited material. Proper amounts of the correct inhibitors are expensive and necessary. Uninhibited material is not a bargain. Do not use automobile anti-freeze. It contains ethylene glycol which is very toxic.

The best way to test freeze protection is with a refractometer. Refractometers are extremely accurate, easy to use and effective, regardless of solution colors, dyes and temperature. **UTILITY REFRACTOMETERS** are offered for sale as an accommodation to **NO-FREEZ** users. Included with the refractometer are comprehensive instructions specifically written for **NO-FREEZ** applications. When a refractometer is not available, **UTILITY NO-FREEZ** QUICK CHECK TEST STRIPS may also be used.

ALUMINUM SAFE POLAR GRADE NO-FREEZ lubricates pumps, valves and moving parts and will not harm plastic or rubber seals, diaphragms or washers. ALUMINUM SAFE POLAR GRADE NO-FREEZ will not support bacterial growth.

First to develop non-toxic anti-freeze in potable systems for the plumbing and heating industries, **UTILITY** manufactures **ALUMINUM SAFE POLAR GRADE NO-FREEZ** to the highest standards in laboratory facilities. With over 100 years of expertise, our dedication and commitment is your constant assurance of the very latest in technology and engineering, resulting in the finest non-toxic anti-freeze available.

#### DIRECTIONS

- 1. All new or existing systems should be thoroughly cleaned with UTILITY PREP Hydronic System Cleaner or equivalent before utilizing ALUMINUM SAFE POLAR GRADE NO-FREEZ.
- Empty and flush entire system through faucets, petcocks and other openings. Then close all openings.
- 3. Replace all water in the system with an equal amount of ALUMINUM

**SAFE POLAR GRADE NO-FREEZ** solution. When using **ALUMINUM SAFE POLAR GRADE NO-FREEZ** to make less concentrated solutions, use the chart as guidelines to make desired solutions. Do not make solutions less concentrated than those shown on the chart. They do not offer proper protection.

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- Be sure to protect all drains by adding NO-FREEZ to traps and toilets to prevent freezing. Open each faucet to be sure NO-FREEZ has displaced any water pockets. Close faucets when violet color of NO-FREEZ appears.
- For circulating hot water heating systems and solar heating and cooling systems, NO-FREEZ may remain in system all year.

Test the system for freeze protection and inhibitor level. The best way to test freeze protection is with a refractometer. UTILITY REFRACTOMETERS are easy to use and very accurate, plus they are not affected by colors, dyes or temperature. Also available are disposable UTILITY NO-FREEZ QUICK CHECK TEST STRIPS. Additional NO-FREEZ INHIBITOR may be needed. Test the system annually thereafter.
NO-FREEZ solutions protect by lowering the freeze point. Below the freeze point, ice crystals begin to form and the remaining solution becomes more concentrated. This allows NO-FREEZ to become a flowable slush. Unlike water, NO-FREEZ actually contracts as it gets colder until a point where it will again start to expand. But since it remains a flowable slush, it can flow into available expansion volume in the system.

## SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Do not use **ALUMINUM SAFE POLAR GRADE NO-FREEZ** in systems containing galvanized pipe. **ALUMINUM SAFE POLAR GRADE NO-FREEZ** has a greater tendency to leak past faulty joints than water, so all leaks must be corrected properly. **UTILITY** *Qwik Seal Powdered Stopleak* is the only chemical stop-leak that can be used, without risk of incompatibility, to correct leaks in systems containing **ALUMINUM SAFE POLAR GRADE NO-FREEZ**. If your water system has an automatic makeup system, it should not be used because it can dilute and contaminate the system. New systems should be designed with an air cushion as much as 20% larger than required for water only systems to allow for low and high temperature expansion. In order to avoid a loss in heat transfer efficiency, new systems should be sized for increased flow rate to compensate for the lower Specific Heat of **ALUMINUM SAFE POLAR GRADE NO-FREEZ** solutions and, therefore, have no efficiency loss.

ALUMINUM SAFE POLAR GRADE NO-FREEZ is stable and suitable for use at continuous operating temperatures to 250°F, and will not degrade significantly from short exposure to temperatures up to 350°F. ALUMINUM SAFE POLAR GRADE NO-FREEZ will not foam, if foaming occurs it is due to other factors, such as air or contamination in the system. Be sure the system is free from dirt, grease, oil and other contaminants before installing ALUMINUM SAFE POLAR GRADE NO-FREEZ. As with any chemical product, compatibility should be checked prior to introducing ALUMINUM SAFE POLAR GRADE NO-FREEZ.

# ALUMINUM SAFE POLAR GRADE NO-FREEZ

| PERCENTAGE PRODUCT IN SOLUTION            |   | 40%   | 50%  | 60%  | 70%   | 80%  | 100%  |
|---|---|---|--|--|---|--|---|
| MIXING PROPORTION PARTS PROD<br>PARTS WAT |   | <u>2</u><br>3   | <u>1</u><br>1  | <u>3</u><br>2  | <u>7</u><br>3   | <u>4</u><br>1  | <u>1</u> 0  |
| EXPANSION DAMAGE PROTECTION POINT         |   | -55ºF.  | -67ºF.   | -80ºF.   | -97ºF.  | -104ºF.  | -113ºF.   |
| FLOW POINT                                |   | -10ºF.  | -27ºF.   | -45⁰F.   | -59⁰F.  | -66ºF.   | -76ºF.  |
| REFRACTIVE INDEX nD                       |   | 1.365   | 1.372  | 1.379  | 1.387   | 1.394  | 1.408   |
| BTU / (HR.) (SQ. FT.) (⁰F./FT.)           | -10°F.<br>0°F.<br>20°F.<br>30°F.<br>50°F.<br>50°F.<br>60°F.<br>70°F.<br>80°F.<br>100°F.<br>110°F.<br>120°F.<br>130°F.<br>130°F.<br>140°F. | 0.261<br>0.263<br>0.265<br>0.267<br>0.269<br>0.271<br>0.272<br>0.273<br>0.275<br>0.273<br>0.275<br>0.278<br>0.280<br>0.282<br>0.284<br>0.284<br>0.284<br>0.290<br>0.292 | 0.249<br>0.250<br>0.251<br>0.252<br>0.254<br>0.255<br>0.256<br>0.258<br>0.259<br>0.260<br>0.261<br>0.263<br>0.264<br>0.265<br>0.267<br>0.268 | $\begin{array}{c} 0.240\\ 0.241\\ 0.242\\ 0.242\\ 0.243\\ 0.243\\ 0.244\\ 0.244\\ 0.244\\ 0.245\\ 0.245\\ 0.245\\ 0.246\\ 0.246\\ 0.246\\ 0.247\\ 0.248\\ \end{array}$ | 0.231<br>0.230<br>0.229<br>0.229<br>0.228<br>0.228<br>0.228<br>0.228<br>0.228<br>0.228<br>0.227<br>0.227<br>0.227<br>0.227<br>0.227<br>0.225<br>0.225 | 0.221<br>0.220<br>0.219<br>0.217<br>0.215<br>0.214<br>0.213<br>0.211<br>0.210<br>0.208<br>0.207<br>0.206<br>0.204<br>0.203<br>0.201<br>0.200 | 0.207<br>0.204<br>0.202<br>0.198<br>0.195<br>0.192<br>0.190<br>0.186<br>0.183<br>0.179<br>0.177<br>0.174<br>0.177<br>0.174<br>0.167<br>0.165<br>0.161 |
| gms. / ml.                                | -20°F.<br>0°F.<br>20°F.<br>40°F.<br>80°F.<br>100°F.<br>180°F.   | $\begin{array}{c} 1.039 \\ 1.035 \\ 1.032 \\ 1.028 \\ 1.019 \\ 0.993 \\ 0.986 \end{array}$  | 1.048<br>1.043<br>1.040<br>1.035<br>1.024<br>0.996<br>0.988  | 1.055<br>1.051<br>1.047<br>1.042<br>1.029<br>0.999<br>0.991  | 1.062<br>1.057<br>1.052<br>1.046<br>1.033<br>1.002<br>0.993   | 1.067<br>1.062<br>1.056<br>1.050<br>1.036<br>1.017<br>0.994  | 1.076<br>1.069<br>1.062<br>1.055<br>1.039<br>1.032<br>0.996   |
|   | 40°F.<br>80°F.<br>120°F.<br>160°F.<br>200°F.<br>240°F.  | 0.94<br>0.95<br>0.95<br>0.96<br>0.96<br>0.97  | 0.91<br>0.92<br>0.93<br>0.94<br>0.95<br>0.96   | 0.88<br>0.90<br>0.91<br>0.92<br>0.93<br>0.95   | 0.85<br>0.87<br>0.88<br>0.89<br>0.91<br>0.93  | 0.84<br>0.83<br>0.86<br>0.87<br>0.90<br>0.92   | 0.85<br>1.00<br>1.00<br>1.00<br>1.00<br>1.00  |
|   | 0°F.<br>50°F.<br>100°F.<br>150°F.<br>200°F.   | 17.<br>3.8<br>1.6<br>0.8<br>0.5   | 24.<br>5.3<br>1.9<br>1.1<br>0.6  | 45.<br>7.4<br>2.4<br>1.3<br>0.7  | 66.<br>10.<br>1.3<br>1.6<br>0.7   | 99.<br>14.<br>3.7<br>1.8<br>0.9  | 480.<br>41.<br>8.6<br>3.2<br>1.8  |

THE SPECIFICATIONS LISTED ARE FOR TYPICAL IDEAL SITUATIONS. CONTAMINANTS IN THE SYSTEM MAY ALTER THE CHARACTERISTICS OF THIS PRODUCT.

# HOW TO SIZE YOUR SYSTEM

THE CAPACITY OF YOUR BOILER CAN BE FOUND ON THE BOILER PLATE, IN THE BOILER MANUAL OR CONTACT THE MANUFACTURER. USE THE FOLLOWING CHART TO HELP SIZE THE PIPING IN YOUR SYSTEM.

| Nominal<br>size |                        | Gallons Per<br>100 ft.<br>of Length | Length in<br>Feet Per<br>Gallon |
|-----------------|------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 3/8"            | Type "L" Copper Tubing | 0.753                               | 132.6                           |
| 1/2"            | Type "L" Copper Tubing | 1.21                                | 82.6                            |
| 5/8"            | Type "L" Copper Tubing | 1.81                                | 55.2                            |
| 3/4"            | Type "L" Copper Tubing | 2.51                                | 39.8                            |
| 1"              | Type "L" Copper Tubing | 4.29                                | 23.4                            |
| 1 1/4"          | Type "L" Copper Tubing | 6.55                                | 15.3                            |
| 1 1/2"          | Type "L" Copper Tubing | 9.25                                | 10.8                            |
| 2"              | Type "L" Copper Tubing | 16.05                               | 6.2                             |
| 2 1/2"          | Type "L" Copper Tubing | 24.78                               | 4.0                             |
| 3"              | Type "L" Copper Tubing | 35.38                               | 2.8                             |
| 3 1/2"          | Type "L" Copper Tubing | 47.84                               | 2.1                             |
| 4"              | Type "L" Copper Tubing | 62.                                 | 1.6                             |
| 5"              | Type "L" Copper Tubing | 97.1                                | 1.0                             |
| 6"              | Type "L" Copper Tubing | 139.2                               | 0.7                             |
| 3/8"            | Standard Steel Pipe    | 1.0                                 | 100.0                           |
| 1/2"            | Standard Steel Pipe    | 1.6                                 | 63.3                            |
| 3/4"            | Standard Steel Pipe    | 2.8                                 | 36.0                            |
| 1"              | Standard Steel Pipe    | 4.5                                 | 22.2                            |
| 1 1/4"          | Standard Steel Pipe    | 7.8                                 | 12.8                            |
| 1 1/2"          | Standard Steel Pipe    | 10.5                                | 9.5                             |
| 2"              | Standard Steel Pipe    | 17.5                                | 5.7                             |
| 2 1/2"          | Standard Steel Pipe    | 25.0                                | 4.0                             |
| 3"              | Standard Steel Pipe    | 39.0                                | 2.6                             |
| 3 1/2"          | Standard Steel Pipe    | 53.0                                | 1.9                             |
| 4"              | Standard Steel Pipe    | 66.7                                | 1.5                             |

| Stock<br>Number | Size & Description                                | Pack | Lbs./<br>case |
|-----------------|---|------|---------------|
|                 |   |      |               |
| 18-491          | 5 GALLON ALUMINUM SAFE POLAR GRADE NO-FREEZ       | 1    | 46            |
| 18-494          | 55 GALLON ALUMINUM SAFE POLAR GRADE NO-FREEZ      | 1    | 500           |
| 18-465          | REFRACTOMETER                                     | 1    | 1             |
| 18-460          | NO-FREEZ QUICK CHECK TEST STRIPS                  | 6    | 1             |
| 18-471          | 8 OZ. CONTAINERS ALUMINUM SAFE NO-FREEZ INHIBITOR | 12   | 7             |

## Also available:

for standard applications: NO-FREEZ, POLAR GRADE NO-FREEZ & SUPER POLAR GRADE NO-FREEZ CONCENTRATE.

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