



Heavy-Duty  
Fire Extinguisher  
Model FE3A10GR

Heavy-Duty Plus  
Fire Extinguisher  
Model FE3A40GR

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Models FE3A10GR,  
FE3A40GR

### IMPORTANT! Please read carefully and save.

This user's manual contains important information about your fire extinguisher's operation. If you are installing this fire extinguisher for use by others, you must leave this manual—or a copy of it—with the end user.

Read extinguisher label and the entire user's manual carefully before installing or using the unit. Make sure everyone in your household is completely familiar with the operation of the extinguisher, and review the instructions regularly. In an emergency, you will not have time to read instructions.

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Thank you for choosing First Alert® for your fire extinguisher needs. You have purchased a high quality fire extinguisher designed to protect you and your family in case of a fire danger.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

**NOTE:** Be sure the extinguisher is rated to fight the type of fire most likely to occur in the area you choose to install it. Since household fires commonly start in the kitchen, you should always install an extinguisher in the kitchen. For added security, you should also install additional extinguishers in utility areas, and other living areas in your household.

Fire extinguishers are classified by fire type. The A, B and C rating system defines the kinds of burning materials each fire extinguisher is designed to fight. The numbers in front of the A, B, or C indicate the rating for size of the fire the unit can extinguish. Using the wrong type of fire extinguisher can do more harm than good. Make sure you understand which fire extinguisher to use on each class of fire!



**Class A rating:** The agent/powder is suitable for fighting small fires involving wood, paper, cloth, rubber, and some plastics.

**Class B rating:** The agent/powder is suitable for fighting small fires involving grease, oil, gasoline, kerosene, and other flammable liquids.

**Class C rating:** The agent/powder is suitable for fighting small fires in "live" electrical equipment.

FE3A10GR is rated Class 3-A:10-B:C.  
FE3A40GR is rated Class 3-A:40-B:C.

## READ BEFORE INSTALLING OR USING THIS FIRE EXTINGUISHER!

### ⚠ DANGER!

- This extinguisher is designed for use against small fires that have just started and are small enough to fight safely. It is not designed to fight large fires that are burning out of control. If the fire is too hot or smoky for you to get within 10 feet (3 meters) of it, do not try to fight it yourself. Warn everyone, evacuate the premises, and have someone call the Fire Department from outside the building. Trying to fight a large fire yourself can result in injury or death.
- Do not puncture or burn any fire extinguisher. The contents are under pressure, and the extinguisher could explode.
- Never locate this extinguisher close to an engine, stove or other source of heat. It is pressurized and could rupture or explode if exposed to temperatures over 150° F (66° C).

### ⚠ CAUTION!

- This extinguisher contains a dry powder extinguishing agent. The agent/powder is nontoxic, but can irritate skin. When using this unit, avoid breathing the powder. Always ventilate the area after use.

## WHERE TO INSTALL THIS EXTINGUISHER

A Fire Extinguisher Should Be Mounted:

- In the vicinity of (but not on or in) a potential source of heat and/or fire, like an oven or stove.
- Where it is easy to reach, near an exit or an escape route from the room.
- In a location that is convenient, in plain sight, and 3-1/2 to 5 feet (1 to 1.5 meters) above the floor.
- Store the extinguisher high enough to keep it out of the reach of small children.
- On a clean, dry surface where the temperature does not go above 120° F (49° C) or below -40° F (-40° C).

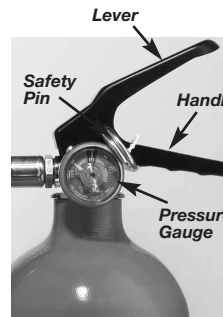
## HOW TO INSTALL THIS EXTINGUISHER

### ⚠ CAUTION!

- Do not mount the extinguisher on drywall or plaster without adequate support. Use strong screws or bolts to mount the bracket securely into solid wood or metal that can support it, like a wooden partition stud. Secure mounting is needed so you can remove the extinguisher quickly and easily in an emergency. Also, if the extinguisher is not held securely, it could drop to the floor and injure people or damage the extinguisher.
- Do not break the plastic loop holding the safety pin in place! This loop prevents accidental discharge of the fire extinguisher. Break the loop only in an emergency before using the fire extinguisher.

## MOUNTING YOUR FIRE EXTINGUISHER

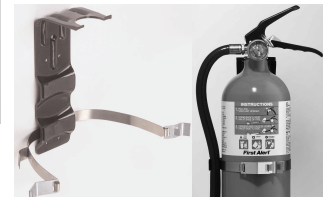
### Parts of This Fire Extinguisher



### Wall Hook Mounting



### Metal Bracket Mounting



If your First Alert® fire extinguisher came with a wall hook:

- Install the wall hook on a wooden stud or other solid surface that will support the weight of the extinguisher using the screws or bolts purchased. Since wall surface types vary, **mounting screws are not included**. Purchase screws or bolts specifically designed for the surface on which you will mount the fire extinguisher. The fire extinguisher label lists its maximum weight.
- After installing the wall hook, place the extinguisher on the hook with the label facing outward, so the label can easily be read.

If your First Alert® fire extinguisher came with a metal bracket:

- Install the metal bracket on a wooden stud or other solid surface that will support the weight of the extinguisher using the screws or bolts purchased. Since wall surface types vary, **mounting screws are not included**. Purchase screws or bolts specifically designed for the surface on which you will mount the fire extinguisher. The fire extinguisher label lists its maximum weight.
- After installing the metal bracket, place the extinguisher on the bracket with the label facing outward, so the label can easily be read. Raise and wrap the bracket straps around the cylinder and snap the buckle closed.

## CHECKING AND INSPECTING THE FIRE EXTINGUISHER

### ⚠ WARNING!

- DO NOT CHECK THE PRESSURE OR TEST THE FIRE EXTINGUISHER BY SQUEEZING THE LEVER, EVEN BRIEFLY. ONCE USED, IT WILL GRADUALLY LOSE PRESSURE AND WILL NOT BE FULLY CHARGED FOR USE IN AN EMERGENCY.**
- Only an authorized fire equipment dealer must refill this extinguisher. The extinguisher must be refilled with the same chemical that it contained when it was first purchased. Improper filling can result in non-working or dangerous units.

- Inspect the extinguisher once a week. Remove the extinguisher from the mounting device and inspect the gauge. If the gauge pointer is anywhere in the green band, the extinguisher is properly charged and ready to use. If the gauge reads "RECHARGE," the extinguisher has lost pressure and must be refilled.
- Check for signs of damage or misuse. Make sure you can still read all the text on the label. Carefully examine the surface of the extinguisher for corrosion. You can help prevent corrosion by cleaning the extinguisher if it gets wet or dirty. If you notice corrosion during the warranty period, return the unit to First Alert® (see "Limited Warranty" at the end of this manual).
- Make sure the tamper indicator ("safety seal") is still intact and the nozzle is clean and unobstructed.

