# Installed Halon Systems



HALON IS A SEVERE OZONE DEPLETING SUBSTANCE

 MONTREAL PROTOCOL OF 1987
 <u>ALL</u> HALON PRODUCTION CEASED AS OF JAN 1994
 N 1996, THE US NAVY HAD 1.6 MILLION LBS OF HALON 1301 IN

STORAGE (ENOUGH TO LAST 30 YEARS)

ALTERNATIVES
 FM-200
 HIGH PRESSURE WATER MIST

HOW TO GET (AND GET RID OF) HALON 1301 COMNAVSUPSYSCOM **MECHANICSBURG** 111211Z AUG 99 **IDENTIFIED** DSC RICHMOND AS THE ODS RESERVE CENTRAL **POINT OF ISSUE** ◆REPLACEMENT AGENT IS **AVAILABLE FREE OF CHARGE** 

11 - NUMBER OF CARBON ATOMS
32 - NUMBER OF FLUORINE ATOMS
01 - NUMBER OF CHLORINE ATOMS
11 - NUMBER OF BROMINE ATOMS

\*ONE REPORTED FATALITY FROM "HUFFING" HALON 1211 ONBOARD A CV!\*

TYPES OF HALON **HALON 1211** ♦ USED PRIMARILY ON FLIGHT AND HANGAR DECKS ON CV AND BIG **DECK AMPHIBS** ALSO FOUND IN LCACs AND MHCs ♦ NOT USED IN TOTAL FLOODING **SYSTEMS** ♦HIGH LIQUID DENSITY ALLOWS **ITS USE IN PORTABLE EXTINGUISHERS** 

CHARACTERISTICS EXTINGUISHES FIRE BY **INTERRUPTING THE UNINHIBITED CHAIN REACTION OF COMBUSTION** COLORLESS, ODORLESS ◆5 TIMES DENSER THAN AIR **NON-CONDUCTIVE** 

# HALON 1301 ADVANTAGES ♦ VERY EFFECTIVE ON LARGE CLASS "B" FIRES ◆SPACE CLEAN UP IS EASY ♦ EASILY MAINTAINED ◆SAFER THAN CO<sub>2</sub> FLOODING **SYSTEM**

HALON 1301 DISADVANTAGES ♦ SEVERE OZONE DEPLETING POTENTIAL ◆INEFFECTIVE AGAINST CLASS "D" FIRES **TOXIC IN DECOMPOSED STATE** ☞ WHEN EXPOSED TO TEMPS >900<sup>0</sup>F *w***HYDROGEN FLUORIDE, HYDROGEN BROMIDE (NO MORE DANGEROUS** THAN NORMAL BYPRODUCTS OF **COMBUSTION IN FIRE AFFECTED** SPACE)

 SLIGHTLY TOXIC IN NON-DECOMPOSED STATE
 UP TO 7% CONCENTRATION
 MINIMAL NERVOUS SYSTEM EFFECTS
 7-10% CONCENTRATION
 DIZZINESS/TINGLING OF

EXTREMITIES, INDICATIVE OF MILD ANESTHESIA

 SLIGHTLY TOXIC IN NON-DECOMPOSED STATE

>10% CONCENTRATION

PRONOUNCED DIZZINESS / POSSIBLE
 UNCONSCIOUSNESS

 No significant adverse health effects have been reported from the use of HALON 1301 as a fire extinguishing agent since it was introduced approx. 30 years ago

USS GARY (FFG-51) CLASS B FIRE #2 SSDG ENCLOSURE Underway Operations Arabian Gulf 24 September 1995 Initally reported as Class B fire, then identified as Class A. When extinguished, fire determined to be Class C fire. Activation of primary Halon from CCS

failed due to faulty time delay.

Order to bypass time delay not accomplished, fireteam failed to hear order.

DCA ordered release of reserve Halon, attempt to do so was unsuccessful due to mislabeled actuator bottles in CCS. (18M-4R) not properly accomplished in 2<sup>nd</sup> QTR 1995.

USS GARY (FFG-51) CLASS B FIRE #2 SSDG ENCLOSURE CCS reported 600 PSI on all bottles, prompting 2 more attempts to release Halon. Both attempts fail, third attempt succeeds when time delay is bypassed and reserve agent (labeled primary) is released.

Number 1 AFFF Station failed due to electrical ground.

USS GARY (FFG-51) CLASS B FIRE #2 SSDG ENCLOSURE Number 2 AFFF Station without power due to electrical isolation. Casualty power rigged but not energized due to concerns about overloading only operating diesel.

ALL power lost throughout ship due to loss of only online generator.

USS GARY (FFG-51) CLASS B FIRE #2 SSDG ENCLOSURE Equipment Problems: ◆22 of 27 lights on firefighting helmets failed to operate. Crew members attempted to load OBA canisters improperly. ◆P-250s failed to operate.

HALON 1301 AGENT APPLICATION ♦ MAIN ENGINEERING SPACES ◆FLAMMABLE LIQUID **STOREROOMS** SSDG/GTG/GTM ENCLOSURES ◆5-7% CONCENTRATION IN **MANNED SPACES** ◆18-20% CONCENTRATION IN **UNMANNED SPACES** 

MANUFACTURERS ♦ANSUL ♦KIDDE ANSUL VALVE ACTUATORS WILL FIT KIDDE BOTTLES BUT WILL NOT DISCHARGE HALON KIDDE VALVE ACTUATORS WILL NOT FIT ANSUL BOTTLES

HALON 1301 SYSTEM DESIGNS MODULAR - ONE NOZZLE FOR EACH HALON BOTTLE BANK I - ONE BANK OF CYLINDERS LOCATED IN PROTECTED SPACE **BANK II - PRIMARY/SECONDARY BANKS LOCATED IN PROTECTED SPACE** BANK III - PRIMARY/SECONDARY **BANKS LOCATED IN A SEPARATE ROOM (SERVES MORE THAN ONE** SPACE)

HALON 1301 SYSTEM **COMPONENTS CO<sub>2</sub> ACTUATION CYLINDER** ◆5 LB CHARGE OF CO<sub>2</sub> ♦ PROVIDES MOTIVE FORCE FOR SYSTEM ACTIVATION DISCHARGES THROUGH CUNi **TUBING AND A CHECK VALVE INTO THE CO<sub>2</sub> ACTUATION** MANIFOLD



### CO<sub>2</sub> Actuation bottles (Primary / Reserve)



HALON 1301 SYSTEM **COMPONENTS** CO<sub>2</sub> ACTUATION PIPING VENT ◆1/32" VENT HOLE THAT ALLOWS FOR CO<sub>2</sub> PRESSURE TO VENT OFF AND ENABLE RESETTING OF **PRESSURE SWITCHES** 

HALON 1301 SYSTEM COMPONENTS DISCHARGE TIME DELAY DEVICE (TDD) ◆ALLOWS TIME FOR PERSONNEL TO SECURE COMPARTMENT ACCESSES ♦ ALLOWS VENTILATION TIME TO "COAST DOWN"  $\diamond$  MACHINERY SPACE = 60 SECONDS  $\diamond$ NON-MACHINERY SPACE = 30 **SECONDS** 

HALON 1301 SYSTEM **COMPONENTS DISCHARGE TIME DELAY DEVICE** (TDD) CARLETON TIME DELAY ONLY **AUTHORIZED MODEL** ♦ CARLETON TIME DELAY IS NOT **REPAIRABLE BY SHIP'S FORCE** (CNSL 210500ZSEP96) ♦ PMS ALLOWS FOR 60 PLUS OR MINUS 10 SECONDS / 30 PLUS OR **MINUS 5 SECONDS** 



TIME DELAY

HALON 1301 SYSTEM **COMPONENTS** TIME DELAY DEVICE BYPASS VALVE NORMALLY CLOSED BALL VALVE; **CIRCLE X-RAY CLASSIFICATION** (SHOULD BE ON CCOL) ♦ OPERATED WHEN TDD FAILS TO **OPERATE OR TIME TO DISCHARGE EXCEEDS 70 SECONDS FOR A MAIN MACHINERY SPACE** 

HALON 1301 SYSTEM COMPONENTS TIME DELAY DEVICE BYPASS VALVE ♦ USED WHEN APPLYING HALON **AFTER SPACE EVACUATION HAS BEEN EFFECTED WHEN ALL ACCESSES ARE SECURED AND VENTILATION IS STOPPED** 

HALON 1301 SYSTEM COMPONENTS PRESSURE SWITCHES (3) ◆ALARM / INDICATOR SWITCH **SOUNDS ALARM IN PROTECTED** SPACE AS WELL IN CONTROLLING **STATIONS** *e* ENERGIZES ROTATING BEACONS IN **PROTECTED SPACE** VENT SHUTDOWN SWITCH ♦ HALON RELEASE INDICATOR SWITCH **QUARTERLY TEST OF "BELLS AND** WHISTLES"



# HALON INDICATOR LIGHT PANEL



### POWER AVAILABLE

### SYSTEM ACTIVATED

### HALON DISCHARGED

# HALON SYSTEM



- **Pressure Switches**
- Vent Shutdown
- -Pre-discharge Alarm
- Vent Damper control
- Discharge Alarm

TDD Bypass Valve

> CO<sub>2</sub> Actuation Bottle



HALON 1301 SYSTEM COMPONENTS HALON CYLINDER PRESSURIZED WITH NITROGEN TO 600-675 PSI AT 70<sup>0</sup>F ◆COMES IN 10/15/60/95 AND 125 LB SIZES **NON-SHATTERABLE STEEL CYLINDERS** COLOR CODED RED WITH 3"WHITE **STRIPE ABOVE 3" GRAY STRIPE** 

HALON 1301 SYSTEM COMPONENTS HALON CYLINDER PMS REQUIRES ULTRASONIC **INSPECTION ON A SEMI ANNUAL** BASIS CYLINDERS MUST BE WEIGHED **UPON INITIAL RECEIPT / WHENEVER ULTRASONIC RESULTS INDICATE** LIQUID LEVEL IS TOO LOW



Halon Cylinder Storeroom (DDG 51 class) HALON 1301 SYSTEM COMPONENTS

INSPECT CYLINDER VALVES / ACTUATORS

 NAVSAFECEN SAFETY ADVISORY 14-95 DEFINES CRITICAL MEASUREMENTS TO IDENTIFY WHICH VALVE ACTUATORS ARE INSTALLED

HALON 1301 SYSTEM **COMPONENTS** CYLINDER VALVE ASSEMBLY **AND RUPTURE DISC** ◆SPOOL TYPE VALVE ◆RUPTURE DISC RELIEVES AT 2650-3000 PSI (APPROX 240<sup>0</sup>F)

# CTUATOR HEAD



Wire braided discharge hose

![](_page_39_Picture_1.jpeg)

Pressure gage

HALON 1301 SYSTEM **COMPONENTS** CYLINDER PRESSURE GAGE ◆0-1500 PSI ♦ CYLINDER PRESSURE IS DIRECTLY PROPORTIONAL TO SPACE TEMP. ♦ PMS REQUIRES INSPECTION OF **CYLINDER PRESSURES MONTHLY** 

### I. CORRESPONDING TEMPERATURE AND PRESSURE GRADUATIONS

TEMPERATURE	50*	70*	100*	125*	150*	175*	200*
PRESSURE	540	605	720	980	1320	1680	2020

![](_page_41_Figure_3.jpeg)

HALON 1301 SYSTEM COMPONENTS HALON DISTRIBUTION PIPING AND NOZZLES PROVIDES AGENT DISTRIBUTION **THROUGHOUT SPACE** ◆PIPING CONNECTED BY 1<sup>1/2</sup>" STEEL **BRAIDED FLEXIBLE HOSES** *•* **HYDROSTATIC TESTING AT REGULAR INTERVALS PER FLEX HOSE** MANAGEMENT PROGRAM NO LONGER **REQUIRED / VISUAL INSPECTION** ANNUALLY

HALON 1301 SYSTEM COMPONENTS HALON DISTRIBUTION PIPING AND NOZZLES NOZZLE ORIFICE AND BODY SIZE VARY DUE TO VOLUME OF SPACE **PROTECTED AND NOZZLE** LOCATION

SPACE RE-ENTRY REQUIREMENTS ◆15 MINUTE SOAK TIME REQUIRED TO ALLOW FOR SPACE COOLING ♦ OBA REQUIRED FOR ENTRY ◆FFE, BOOTS, GLOVES, FLASH **GEAR, HELMET** ◆2 CHARGED AFFF HOSES

![](_page_45_Figure_0.jpeg)

# HALON-1301 vs FM-200

**ODP** 15  $\left( \right)$ ATM LIFE 31 77 EFF % 3% 8.5% RDC 12-13% 5-7% **#OFCYL** 12 23 WT/VOL 1.9 1  $900^{0}$ F 1292<sup>0</sup>F **DECOMP TEMP** LOAEL 10.5% 7.5%

HALON

FM-200

## *FM-200*

 SKED FOR INSTALLATION IN FLAMMABLE LIQUID STOREROOMS ON LPD-17 / CVN-76
 DESIGNATED HFC-227ea FRESH WATER STORAGE TANK

![](_page_48_Picture_1.jpeg)

# HIGH PRESSURE WATER MIST

1000 PSI DISCHARGE PRESSURE

200 MICRON NOZZLES PROTECTED SPACE

# HIGH PRESSURE WATER MIST

- HIGH PRESSURE WATER SPRAY (1000 PSI) DELIVERED BY A POSITIVE DISPLACEMENT PUMP THROUGH 200 MICRON NOZZLES TO EXTINGUISH THE FIRE BY COOLING
- TESTED SUCCESSFULLY ABOARD EX-USS SHADWELL IN SEP98 DURING DAMAGE CONTROL AUTOMATION FOR REDUCED MANNING TESTING

# HIGH PRESSURE WATER MIST

DURING SHADWELL TESTING SPACE TEMP WAS REDUCED FROM 900<sup>0</sup>F TO 130<sup>0</sup>F WITHIN 30 SECONDS

<30 GAL WATER REQUIRED</p>

FIRE EXTINGUISHMENT WILL OCCUR IN SPITE OF OPEN ACCESS DOORS / CLOGGED OR BLOWN OFF NOZZLES (extinguishment time increased but occurred nonetheless) HIGH PRESSURE WATER MIST TESTING INDICATES THAT **EXTINGUISHMENT TIMES ARE SHORTER** FOR LARGER FIRES WHEN FIRE WAS SMALL IN MAGNITUDE AND OBSTRUCTED ON 4 **OF 6 SIDES EXTINGUISHMENT TIME DID NOT EXCEED 6 MINUTES** 

# HIGH PRESSURE WATER MIST

- MINIMAL DAMAGE TO ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT - PRELIMINARY TESTING BY HUGHES ASSOCIATES INDICATES THAT MIST SPRAY FAILED TO DAMAGE A PC FROM A DISTANCE OF 36 INCHES!
- SKED FOR INSTALLATION IN MAIN ENGINEERING SPACES ONBOARD LPD-17 / CVN-76

# **SUMMARY**

HALON IS A SEVERE OZONE **DEPLETING SUBSTANCE** ALL PRODUCTION OF HALON STOPPED IN 1994 / US NAVY HAS 1.6 MILLION LBS OF HALON 1301 IN **RESERVE (30 YEAR SUPPLY)** HALON 1211/ PORTABLE

EXTINGUISHERS

# **SUMMARY**

 HALON 1301
 SYSTEM COMPONENTS
 TYPES OF TOTAL FLOODING SYSTEMS
 HAZARDS ASSOCIATED WITH USE
 ALTERNATIVES

**IF NO HALON DUMP ALARM IS RECEIVED 70 SECONDS** FOLLOWING SYSTEM **ACTIVATION WHAT ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN?** THE OPERATOR MUST OPEN THE

TIME DELAY BYPASS VALVE

HOW CAN HALON EFFECTIVENESS BE DETERMINED FOLLOWING CLASS B FIRE EXTINGUISHMENT?

- TEMPERATURE OF SURROUNDING BULKHEADS
- CHANGE IN AMOUNT / COLOR OF SMOKE
- REDUCTION IN FIRE NOISE
- VISUAL INSPECTION THROUGH EOS / ESCAPE TRUNK WINDOWS

WHAT IS THE MINIMUM HALON SOAK TIME? WHY?

15 MINUTES

ALLOW FOR SPACE COOLING

WHAT DO EACH OF THE HALON SYSTEM ALARM LIGHTS INDICATE?

WHITE - POWER AVAILABLE TO ALARM SYSTEM

AMBER - SYSTEM ACTIVATION HAS OCCURRED

RED - HALON DISCHARGE

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**Unit 5.9**