



## TECHNICAL BULLETIN

ESFR PENDENT SPRINKLER  
 UL: SPECIFIC APPLICATION ESFR SPRINKLER  
 FM: STORAGE SPRINKLER  
 NFPA: SPECIAL SPRINKLER  
 VK506 (K22.4)

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### 1. DESCRIPTION

Viking Early Suppression Fast Response (ESFR) Pendent Sprinkler VK506 incorporates the capability to suppress specific high-challenge fires. The larger K-Factor allows protection of higher hazard commodities at greater ceiling heights with lower end-head pressures. K22.4 sprinklers can:

- Provide flexibility of fire protection designs.
- Eliminate the use of in-rack sprinklers when protecting high piled storage of certain specified materials up to:

**UL (Refer to Table 4):** 40 ft. (12,2 m) with ceilings up to 45 ft. (13,7 m)\*

**FM (Refer to Table 5):** 45 ft. (13,7 m) with ceilings up to 50 ft. (15,2 m)\*

**NFPA 13 (Refer to Table 6):** The VK506 is a Special Sprinkler as defined by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA 13, 2022 Ed.-Section 15.2).

Viking ESFR Pendent Sprinklers VK506 are primarily intended to protect the following types of storage, which tend to produce severe-challenge fires: palletized and solid pile storage as well as single, double, multiple, and portable open rack storage (no open-top containers or solid shelves). The VK506 is listed to utilize a minimum aisle width of 6'-0" (UL - 40' storage or FM - 45' storage).

Viking ESFR Pendent Sprinklers VK506 provide protection of most common storage materials, including:

- Encapsulated or unencapsulated Class I, II, III, and IV commodities\*.
- UL Listed for protection of cartoned nonexpanded\*\* Group A plastic commodities\*.
- FM Approved for protection of cartoned unexpanded\*\* plastic commodities.\*

\* Refer the Approval Chart and Commodity Selection and Design Criteria Overview for Listing and Approval requirements that must be followed.

\*\*The terms nonexpanded and unexpanded are equivalent.

In addition, some storage arrangements of rolled paper, flammable liquids, aerosols, and rubber tires may be protected by Viking ESFR Pendent Sprinkler VK506.

### 2. LISTINGS AND APPROVALS\*



**cULus Listed:** Category VNWH (Listed as a Specific Application ESFR Sprinkler)

**Successfully meets UL 199 test standard and compliance program for ESFR sprinklers installed in rack storage with high clearances to ceiling (20 ft or greater)**



**FM Approved:** Class 2026

\* Refer the Approval Chart and Commodity Selection and Design Criteria Overview for Listing and Approval requirements that must be followed.

### 3. TECHNICAL DATA

#### Specifications:

Maximum Working Pressure: 175 psi (12 bar). Factory tested hydrostatically to 500 psi (34.5 bar).

Thread size: 1" NPT or 25 mm BSPT (Refer to Table 2)

Nominal K-factor: 22.4 U.S. (320 metric\*)

\* Metric K-factor measurement shown is in bar. When pressure is measured in kPa, divide the metric K-factor shown by 10.0.

Overall Length: 3-3/16" (81 mm)

Deflector Diameter: 1-3/4" (45 mm)

#### Material Standards:

Frame Casting: Brass UNS-C84400

Deflector: Phosphor Bronze UNS-C51000

Seat: Copper UNS-C11000 and Stainless Steel UNS-S30400

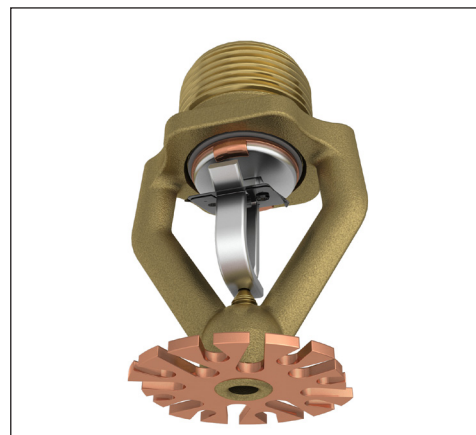
Belleville Spring Sealing Assembly: Nickel Alloy, coated on both sides with PTFE Tape

Compression Screw: Stainless Steel UNS-S31603

Trigger and Support: Stainless Steel UNS-S31600

Fusible Element Assembly: Beryllium nickel coated with black acrylic paint

**Ordering Information:** Refer to Table 2



**TABLE 1**  
**SPRINKLER GENERAL INFORMATION**

Item	Description
Sprinkler Identification Number (SIN)	VK506
K-factor, gpm/psi <sup>1/2</sup> (lpm/bar <sup>1/2</sup> )	22.4 (320)
Thread Size	1" NPT (25 mm)
Sprinkler Orientation	Pendent
Maximum Working Pressure	175 psi (12 bar)



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### 4. INSTALLATION

#### NOTICE

Viking sprinklers are manufactured and tested to meet rigid requirements of the approving agencies. The sprinklers are designed to be installed in accordance with recognized installation standards or FM Global Loss Prevention Data Sheets. System design must be based on guidelines described in the latest edition of the applicable FM Global Loss Prevention Data Sheets indicated for Storage sprinklers, the latest NFPA Standards indicated for ESFR sprinklers, the Authority Having Jurisdiction, and also with the provisions of government codes, ordinances, and standards whenever applicable. Deviation from the standards or any alteration to the sprinkler after it leaves the factory including, but not limited to: painting, plating, coating, or modification, may render the sprinkler inoperative and will automatically nullify the approval and any guarantee made by The Viking Corporation.

- A. Sprinklers must be handled with care. They must be stored in a cool, dry place in their original shipping container. Never install sprinklers that have been dropped or damaged in any way. Such sprinklers should be destroyed immediately.
- B. The sprinklers must be installed after the piping is in place to prevent mechanical damage. Before installing, be sure to have the appropriate sprinkler model and style, with the correct orifice size, temperature rating, and response characteristics.
- C. With the sprinkler contained in the plastic protective cap, apply a small amount of pipe-joint compound or tape to the male threads only, while taking care not to allow a build-up of compound in the sprinkler orifice.
- D. **Use ONLY sprinkler wrench 13635W/B (shown in Figure 1) for installing VK506. With the sprinkler contained in the protective cap, install the sprinkler onto the piping by applying the sprinkler wrench to the sprinkler wrench flats only, while taking care not to damage the sprinkler operating parts.**
  - DO NOT use any other type of wrench, as this could damage the unit.
  - DO NOT use the sprinkler deflector or fusible element to start or thread the sprinkler into a fitting.
  - DO NOT exceed 30 ft. lbs. of torque (hand tight plus approximately 2 full turns with the wrench) to install these sprinklers. Over tightening may distort the sprinkler inlet with consequent leakage or impairment of the sprinkler.
- E. After installation, the entire sprinkler system must be tested. The test must be conducted to comply with the Installation Standards. Make sure the sprinkler has been properly tightened. If a thread leak occurs, normally the unit must be removed, new pipe-joint compound or tape applied, and then reinstalled. This is due to the fact that when the joint seal is damaged, the sealing compound or tape is washed out of the joint. Immediately replace any damaged units, using the special sprinkler wrench only.
- F. **After installation and testing and repairing of all leaks, remove the protective caps from the sprinklers. Do NOT use any type of tool to remove the cap. Remove the cap by hand: turn it slightly and pull it off the sprinkler. When removing caps, use care to prevent dislodging or damaging sprinkler fusible element. THE CAPS MUST BE REMOVED FROM SPRINKLERS BEFORE PLACING THE SYSTEM IN SERVICE.**

### 5. OPERATION

During fire conditions, the heat-sensitive fusible element assembly disengages, releasing the seat and Belleville spring assembly to open the waterway. Water flowing through the sprinkler orifice strikes the sprinkler deflector, forming a uniform spray pattern to suppress the fire.

### 6. INSPECTIONS, TESTS AND MAINTENANCE

#### NOTICE

The owner is responsible for maintaining the fire protection system and devices in proper operating condition. For minimum maintenance and inspection requirements, refer to the NFPA standard that describes care and maintenance of sprinkler systems. In addition, the Authorities Having Jurisdiction may have additional maintenance, testing, and inspection requirements that must be followed.

**NOTE: Wet pipe systems must be provided with adequate heat.**

- A. The sprinklers must be inspected on a regular basis for corrosion, mechanical damage, obstructions, paint, etc. The frequency of inspections may vary due to corrosive atmosphere, water supplies, and activity around the device.
- B. Sprinklers that have been painted or mechanically damaged must be replaced immediately. Sprinklers showing signs of corrosion shall be tested and/or replaced immediately as required. Installation standards require sprinklers to be tested and, if necessary, replaced after a specified term of service. For Viking ESFR Pendent Sprinklers, refer to the Installation Standards and the Authorities Having Jurisdiction for the specified period of time after which testing and/or replacement is required. Sprinklers that have operated cannot be reassembled or reused, but must be replaced. When replacing sprinklers, use only new sprinklers.
- C. The sprinkler discharge pattern is critical for proper fire protection. Therefore, nothing should be hung from, attached to, or otherwise obstruct the discharge pattern. All obstructions must be immediately removed or, if necessary, additional sprinklers installed.



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D. When replacing existing sprinklers, the system must be removed from service. Refer to the appropriate system description and/or valve instructions. Prior to removing the system from service, notify all Authorities Having Jurisdiction. Consideration should be given to employment of a fire patrol in the affected area.

1. Remove the system from service, drain all water, and relieve all pressure on the piping.
2. Using the special sprinkler wrench, remove the old sprinkler and install the new unit. Care must be taken to ensure that the replacement sprinkler is the proper model and style, with the correct orifice size, temperature rating, and response characteristics. A fully stocked spare sprinkler cabinet should be provided for this purpose.
3. Place the system back in service and secure all valves. Check the replaced sprinklers and repair all leaks.

E. Sprinkler systems that have been subject to a fire must be returned to service as soon as possible. The entire system must be inspected for damage and repaired or replaced as necessary. Sprinklers that have been exposed to corrosive products of combustion, but have not operated, should be replaced. Refer to the Authorities Having Jurisdiction for minimum replacement requirements.

### 7. AVAILABILITY

The Viking Model VK506 Sprinkler is available through a network of domestic and international distributors. See The Viking Corporation web site for the closest distributor or contact The Viking Corporation.

### 8. GUARANTEE

For details of warranty, refer to Viking's current list price schedule or contact Viking directly.

**TABLE 2: ORDERING INFORMATION**

Instructions: Using the sprinkler base part number,  
 (1) add the suffix for the desired Finish  
 (2) add the suffix for the desired Temperature Rating.

Sprinkler Base Part No.	Size		1: Finishes		2: Temperature Ratings <sup>1</sup>				
	NPT Inch	BSPT mm	Description	Suffix	Nominal Rating	Frame Paint Color	Temperature Classification	Max. Ambient Ceiling Temperature <sup>2</sup>	Suffix
18493	1	--	Brass	A	165 °F (74 °C)	None	Ordinary	100 °F (38 °C)	C
18494	--	25			205 °F (96 °C)	White	Intermediate	150 °F (65 °C)	E
					<b>Example:</b> 18493AC = VK506 with Brass Finish and 165 °F (74 °C) Nominal temperature rating. This sprinkler is to be installed into an area with a maximum ambient temperature of 100 °F (38 °C) meaning if the area will experience temperatures above the maximum ambient rating, you shall use a higher temperature-rated sprinkler.				

#### Accessories

##### Sprinkler Wrenches (see Figure 1):

Standard Wrench: Part No. 13635W/B (double-ended wrench - Use Side B ONLY.)

##### Sprinkler Cabinet:

Up to 6 sprinklers: Part number 01731A

#### Footnotes

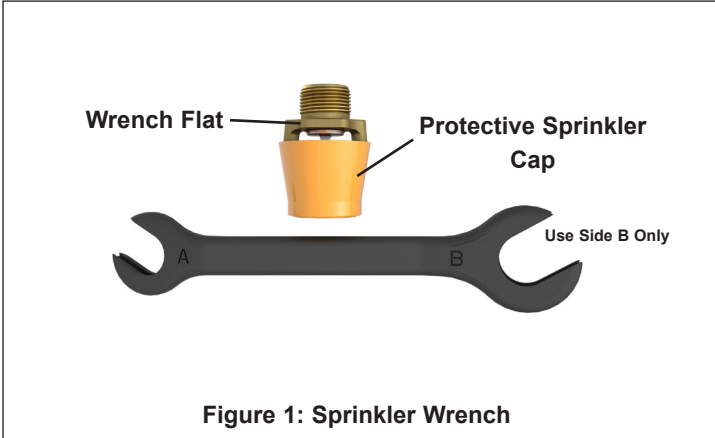
1. The sprinkler temperature rating is stamped on the deflector.
2. Based on NFPA 13, NFPA 13R, and NFPA 13D. Other limits may apply, depending on fire loading, sprinkler location, and other requirements of the Authority Having Jurisdiction. Refer to specific installation standards.



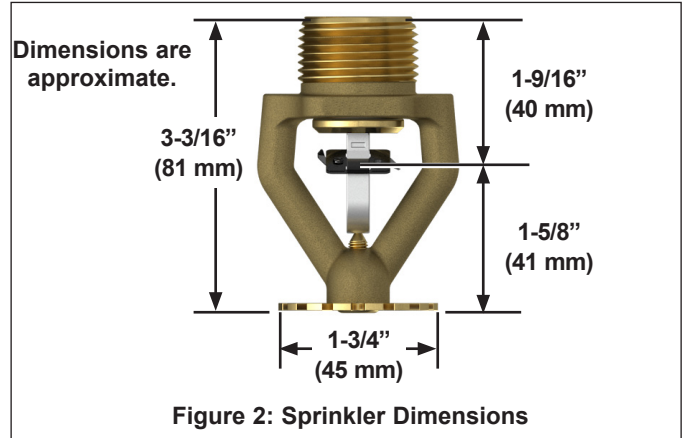
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**Figure 1: Sprinkler Wrench**



**Figure 2: Sprinkler Dimensions**

<b>Approval Chart</b> ESFR Pendent Sprinkler VK506 Maximum 175 PSI (12 bar) WWP								<b>KEY</b> Temperature Finish A1X ← Escutcheon (if applicable)	
Base Part Number <sup>1</sup>	SIN	Thread Size	Nominal K-Factor		Overall Length		Listings and Approvals <sup>3,4</sup> (Refer also to Tables 3 and 4.)		
			U.S.	metric <sup>2</sup>	Inches	mm	UL <sup>5</sup>	FM <sup>6</sup>	
18493	VK506	1" NPT	22.4	320	3-3/16	81	A1	A1	
18494	VK506	25 mm BSPT	22.4	320	3-3/16	81	A1	A1	
<b>Approved Temperature Ratings</b> A - 165 °F (74 °C) and 205 °F (96 °C)							<b>Approved Finish</b> 1 - Brass		
<b>Footnotes</b>									
1. Base part number shown. For complete part number, refer to the price list. 2. Metric K-Factor measurement shown is when pressure is measured in bar. When pressure is measured in kPa, divide the metric K-Factor shown by 10.0. 3. This chart shows listings and approvals available at the time of printing. Other approvals may be in process. 4. Refer to the latest standards of NFPA 13. 5. Listed by Underwriters Laboratories Inc. for use in the U.S. as an ESFR Sprinkler (refer to the deflector position requirements). 6. FM Approved as a quick response pendent Storage sprinkler. Refer to Tables 3 & 5.									




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**TABLE 4:  
 COMMODITY SELECTION AND DESIGN CRITERIA OVERVIEW FOR  
 UL SPECIFIC APPLICATION VK506**

Description	 45 ft. (13,7 m) Ceilings
Sprinkler Type	ESFR
Temperature Rating	165 °F (74 °C) and 205 °F (96 °C)
Response Type	ESFR
Sprinkler Position	Pendent, frame arms aligned with pipe, deflectors parallel with ceiling or roof
System Type	Wet Pipe System only
Maximum Area of Coverage	100 ft <sup>2</sup> (9,3 m <sup>2</sup> )
Minimum Area of Coverage	64 ft <sup>2</sup> (5,8 m <sup>2</sup> )
Maximum Ceiling Slope	2 in 12 (167 mm/m)
Maximum Spacing	10 ft. (3,0 m)
Minimum Spacing	8 ft. (2,4 m)
Deflector Distance from Walls	At least 4 inches (102 mm) from walls, and no more than one-half the allowable distance permitted between sprinklers.
Deflector to Top of Storage	At least 36 inches (914 mm)
Sprinkler Installation from Ceiling	6-18 in. (152-457 mm)
Maximum Ceiling Height	45 ft. (13,7 m)
Maximum Storage Height	40 ft. (12,2 m)
Storage Arrangement	Palletized, solid piled, open frame; single row, double row, or multiple row and portable rack arrangement
Commodity	Class I-IV, Cartoned unexpanded plastic
Sprinkler System Design	Refer to NFPA 13.
Obstruction Criteria	Refer to NFPA 13 Chapter 14.
Minimum Aisle Width	Refer to NFPA 13.
Hose Stream Allowance and Water Supply Duration	250 gpm (946 lpm for 60 minutes or as determined by the listing)
* The maximum coverage area must not exceed 100 ft <sup>2</sup> (9,29 m <sup>2</sup> ).	
**Does not include the protection of multiple-row racks.	

**TABLE 5:  
 DESIGN CRITERIA FOR  
 FM STORAGE SPRINKLER VK506**

Refer to the most current editions of FM Data Sheets 2-0 and 8-9  
 for the VK506 FM Storage Sprinkler design criteria.




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**TABLE 6:  
 COMMODITY SELECTION AND DESIGN CRITERIA OVERVIEW FOR  
 NFPA 13 SPECIAL SPRINKLER VK506**

Description	 50 Ft. (15,2 m) Ceilings
Sprinkler Type	QR Storage**
Temperature Rating	165 °F (74 °C) and 205 °F (96 °C)
Response Type	QR
Sprinkler Position	Pendent, frame arms aligned with pipe, deflectors parallel to floor.
System Type	Wet Pipe System only
Maximum Area of Coverage*	100 ft <sup>2</sup> (9,29m <sup>2</sup> ) Refer to FM 2-0, Table 17
Minimum Area of Coverage	64 ft <sup>2</sup> (5,9 m <sup>2</sup> ) Refer to FM 2-0, Table 17
Maximum Ceiling Slope	10° slope Refer to FM 2-0, Section 2.2.1.6
Maximum Spacing	10 ft. spacing (3,0 m)
Minimum Spacing	8 ft. spacing (2,4 m)
Deflector Distance from Walls	Minimum of 4 in. (102 mm) from wall but no more than 1/2 the allowable distance permitted between sprinklers
Deflector to Top of Storage	Minimum of 36 inches (914 mm)
Deflector** to Ceiling Distance	Refer to FM 8-9 or FM 2-0
Maximum Ceiling Height	50 ft. (15,2 m)
Maximum Storage Height	45 ft. (13,5 m)
Storage Arrangement	Single, double, and multiple row racks
Storage Aisles Between Racks	Minimum 6 ft (1,8 m) wide
Commodity	Class I-IV, cartoned unexpanded plastics
Sprinkler System Design	Refer to FM 8-9
Obstruction Criteria	Refer to FM 2-0
Hose Stream Allowance and Water Supply Duration	250 gpm (950 Lpm) for 60 minutes or as determined by the approval
<p>* The maximum coverage area must not exceed 100 ft<sup>2</sup> (9,29 m<sup>2</sup>).</p> <p>** For FM, the measurement is from the centerline of the thermal sensing element to the ceiling.</p> <p>*** Approved storage sprinklers are also FM Approved for use as non-storage sprinklers.</p>	