

CRR POLICY 1312: PAINTED FIRE SPRINKLER HEADS

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This policy is promulgated in accordance with Section 104.1 of the 2012 International Fire Code (IFC) and is an official interpretation of the 2010 Edition of NFPA 13 section 6.2.6.

The following shall apply to all NFPA 13, 13R, & 13D fire sprinkler systems.

In the past, there have been fire sprinkler contractors that have engaged in the practice of removing paint from non-factory coated fire sprinklers which have been inadvertently sprayed in order to avoid replacing the coated fire sprinkler head. This practice shall no longer be acceptable. NFPA 13 makes clear, as outlined below, that when non-factory finishes have been applied to a fire sprinkler head, that sprinkler head **SHALL** be replaced.

NFPA 13 section 6.2.6 states;

6.2.6.2.2 Where sprinklers have had paint applied by other than the sprinkler manufacturer, they shall be replaced with new listed sprinklers of the same characteristics, including orifice size, thermal response, and water distribution.

6.2.6.3.1 Ornamental finishes shall only be applied to sprinklers and, if applicable, their concealed cover plates, by the sprinkler manufacturer.

Any comments or questions regarding the above information may be submitted to:
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