Model ESFR-17
16.8 K-factor Upright Sprinkler
Early Suppression, Fast Response

General Description
TYCO Model ESFR-17 Upright Sprinklers are Early Suppression, Fast Response (ESFR) sprinklers having a nominal K-factor of 16.8 (Ref. Figure 1). They are suppression mode sprinklers that are especially advantageous as a means of eliminating in-rack sprinklers when protecting high-piled storage.

Model ESFR-17 Sprinklers are primarily used for ceiling-only sprinkler protection of (but not limited to) the following storage applications:

- most encapsulated or non-encapsulated common materials including cartoned, unexpanded plastics
- cartoned, expanded plastics
- some storage arrangements of rubber tires and roll paper

For more specific criteria, refer to Table A in this technical data sheet as well as the applicable design standard.

The Model ESFR-17 Upright Sprinklers provide the system designer with an upright option to the traditional pendant ESFR Sprinklers. With a K-factor of 16.8, Model ESFR-17 Sprinklers provide system designers with hydraulic and sprinkler placement options not presently available to traditional ESFR Sprinklers having a K-factor of 14.0. In particular, the Model ESFR-17 Upright Sprinklers are designed to operate at substantially lower-end head pressures compared to ESFR Sprinklers with 14.0 K-factors. This feature offers flexibility when sizing system piping and positioning the system piping with respect to the ceiling.

Applications for the TYCO ESFR Sprinklers are expanding beyond currently recognized installation standards. For information on research fire tests that may be acceptable to an authority having jurisdiction, contact Tyco Fire Protection Products (TFPP) Technical Services.

NOTICE
The Model ESFR-17 Upright Sprinklers described herein must be installed and maintained in compliance with this document, as well as with the applicable standards of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), in addition to the standards of any authorities having jurisdiction (e.g., FM Global). Failure to do so may impair the performance of these devices.

The owner is responsible for maintaining their fire protection system and devices in proper operating condition. Contact the installing contractor or product manufacturer with any questions.

In all cases, the appropriate NFPA or FM Global installation standard must be referenced to ensure applicability and to obtain complete installation guidelines. The general guidelines in this data sheet are not intended to provide complete installation criteria.

Sprinkler Identification Number (SIN)
TY7126

Technical Data

Approvals
FM Approved
CE Certified (Certificate of Conformity 1725-CPD-H0012)

Maximum Working Pressure
175 psi (12,1 bar)

Pipe Thread Connections
3/4 Inch NPT or ISO 7-R 3/4

Discharge Coefficient
K=16.8 gpm/psi (241,9 lpm/bar)

Temperature Ratings
165°F (74°C) and 212°F (100°C)

Finish
Natural Brass

Physical Characteristics
Frame ........................................ Brass
Deflector ................................... Copper
Compression Screw ....................... Stainless Steel
Hook ............................................ MONEL
Strut ............................................ MONEL
Link Assembly ............................ Solder, Nickel
Button ........................................ Brass
Sealing Assembly .......................... Beryllium Nickel w/TEFLON
Ejection Spring ............................. INCONEL
Deflector Nut ............................... Brass

IMPORTANT
Always refer to Technical Data Sheet TFP700 for the “INSTALLER WARNING” that provides cautions with respect to handling and installation of sprinkler systems and components. Improper handling and installation can permanently damage a sprinkler system or its components and cause the sprinkler to fail to operate in a fire situation or cause it to operate prematurely.
**Design Criteria**

The following general guidelines provided for the TYCO Model ESFR-17 Upright Sprinklers may be used for quick reference.

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and FM Global (FM Approvals) provide installation standards that must be used to properly design an automatic sprinkler system utilizing Early Suppression, Fast Response (ESFR) Sprinklers. The guidelines provided by NFPA and FM Global may differ; consequently, the appropriate standard must be used for a given installation.

In all cases, the appropriate NFPA or FM Global installation standard must be referenced to ensure applicability and to obtain complete installation guidelines, since the following general guidelines are not intended to provide complete installation criteria.

In addition to this technical data sheet, the following data sheets describe other TYCO ESFR Sprinklers:

- **TFP312**
  Model ESFR-25 (TY9226)  
  K=25.2 Pendent Sprinkler

- **TFP315**
  Model ESFR-17 (TY7226)  
  K=16.8 Pendent Sprinkler

- **TFP318**
  Model ESFR-1 (TY6226)  
  K=14.0 Pendent Sprinkler

**Components:**

1. Frame  
2. Deflector  
3. Compression Screw  
4. Hook  
5. Strut  
6. Link Assembly  
7. Button  
8. Sealing Assembly  
9. Ejection Spring  
10. Deflector Nut

**System Type**

Wet Pipe

**Roof Construction**

Unobstructed or obstructed construction (e.g., smooth ceiling, bar joists, beam and girder, and so forth)

Where the depths of the solid structural members (e.g., beams and stem) exceed 12 inches (302 mm), install ESFR Sprinklers in each channel formed by the structural members.

**Ceiling Slope**

Maximum 2 inch rise for 12 inch run (16.7%)

**Maximum Coverage Area**

100 ft.² (9.3 m²)  
In some cases, the installation standards permit a greater coverage area.

**Minimum Coverage Area**

64 ft.² (5.8 m²) per NFPA 13 / FM Global 2-0

**Maximum Spacing**

12 feet (3.7 m) for building heights up to 30 feet (9.1 m)  
10 feet (3.1 m) for building heights greater than 30 feet (9.1 m)

**Minimum Spacing**

8 feet (2.4 m)

**Minimum Clearance to Commodity**

36 inches (914 mm)

**NFPA 13**

Deflector-to-Ceiling Distance  
3 to 12 inches (76.2 to 304 mm)

**FM Global**

Centerline of Thermal Sensing Element-to-Ceiling Distance  
Refer to FM Global 2-0 for Storage Sprinklers.

**Obstructions below Upright ESFR Sprinklers, Including Branchlines**

Per the requirements of FM, obstructions below upright ESFR Sprinklers can be ignored as follows:

- open-web bar joists or trusses having chords no more than 4 inches (102 mm) wide
- bridging or wind bracing no more than 4 inches (102 mm) wide
- individual pipes and conduit 4 inches (102 mm) diameter or less 3 inch [DN80] pipe size or less will not require sprigs
- individual groups of smaller pipe or conduit having a total width of 4 inches or less

**Operation**

The fusible link assembly is comprised of two link halves that are joined together by a thin layer of solder. When the rated temperature is reached, the solder melts and the two link halves separate, activating the sprinkler and flowing water.
Installation

TYCO Model ESFR-17 Early Suppression, Fast Response 16.8K Upright Sprinklers must be installed in accordance with this section.

General Instructions
Avoid damage to the fusible Link Assembly during installation by using the Frame arms only to handle the sprinkler (i.e., do not apply pressure to the fusible Link Assembly) and by using the appropriate sprinkler wrench. Failure to do so can lead to an unstable link assembly and premature activation of the sprinkler. Damaged sprinklers must be replaced.

A leak-tight ¾ inch NPT sprinkler joint should be obtained by applying a minimum-to-maximum torque of 10 to 20 lbs.-ft. (13.4 to 26.8 Nm). Higher levels of torque can distort the sprinkler inlet with consequent leakage or impairment of the sprinkler.

Note: Install the Model ESFR-17 Upright Sprinkler in the Upright position (Ref. Figure 2).

Step 1. With pipe thread sealant applied, hand-tighten the sprinkler into the sprinkler fitting. Do not apply pressure to the Link Assembly, and handle the Model ESFR-17 Sprinkler only by the Frame arms.

Step 2. Wrench-tighten the Model ESFR-17 Upright Sprinkler using only the W-Type 21 Sprinkler Wrench (Ref. Figure 2) and by fully engaging (seating) the wrench on the sprinkler wrench flats (Ref. Figure 1).

Step 3. After installation, inspect the Link Assembly of each Model ESFR-17 Sprinkler for damage. In particular, verify that the Link Assembly and Hook are positioned as illustrated in Figure 1, and that the Link Assembly is not bent, creased, or forced out of normal position in any way. Replace damaged sprinklers.
Care and Maintenance

TYCO Model ESFR-17 Early Suppression, Fast Response 16.8K Upright Sprinklers must be maintained and serviced in accordance with this section.

Before closing a fire protection system main control valve for maintenance work on the fire protection system that it controls, permission to shut down the affected fire protection system must be obtained from the proper authorities and notify all personnel who may be affected by this action.

Sprinklers which are found to be leaking or exhibiting visible signs of corrosion must be replaced.

Automatic sprinklers must never be painted, plated, coated, or otherwise altered after leaving the factory. Modified sprinklers must be replaced. Sprinklers that have been exposed to corrosive products of combustion, but have not operated, should be replaced if they cannot be completely cleaned by wiping the sprinkler with a cloth or by brushing it with a soft bristle brush.

Care must be exercised to avoid damage to the sprinklers before, during, and after installation. Sprinklers damaged by dropping, striking, wrench twist/slippage, or the like, must be replaced. Also, replace any sprinkler that has a cracked bulb or that has lost liquid from its bulb (Ref. Installation Section).

The owner is responsible for the inspection, testing, and maintenance of their fire protection system and devices in compliance with this document, as well as with the applicable standards of the National Fire Protection Association (e.g., NFPA 25), in addition to the standards of any authorities having jurisdiction. Contact the installing contractor or product manufacturer with any questions.

Automatic sprinkler systems are recommended to be inspected, tested, and maintained by a qualified Inspection Service in accordance with local requirements and/or national codes.

Limited Warranty

For warranty terms and conditions, visit www.tyco-fire.com.

Ordering Procedure

Contact your local distributor for availability. When placing an order, indicate the full product name and part number (P/N).

Sprinkler Assemblies
Specify: Model ESFR-17 Early Suppression, Fast Response 16.8K Upright Sprinklers (TY7126), (specify temperature rating), with Natural Brass finish, P/N (specify):

165°F (74°C) .................. 58-447-1-165
212°F (100°C) ................. 58-447-1-214

Special Order Sprinkler Assemblies with ISO 7-1 Thread Connection
Specify: Model ESFR-17 Early Suppression, Fast Response 16.8K Upright Sprinklers (TY7126) with ISO 7-1 thread connection, (specify temperature rating), with Natural Brass finish, P/N (specify):

165°F (74°C) .................. 58-448-1-165
212°F (100°C) ................. 58-448-1-214

Sprinkler Wrench
Specify: W-Type 21 Sprinkler Wrench, P/N 56-001-0-686