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## STANDARD vs. OLD STYLE SPRINKLERS

The following is an excerpt from the 1973 edition of NFPA 13 addressing standard and old style sprinklers:

### **“3-15 Sprinklers.**

#### **3-15.1 Standard and Old Style Sprinklers.**

**3-15A.1** *The standard sprinkler is the type commonly manufactured since 1953, incorporating a uniform, hemispherical discharge pattern. Water is discharged in all directions below the plane of the deflector. Little or no water is discharged upward to wet the ceiling. Sprinkler deflectors are stamped as follows:*

*Upright Sprinkler Marked SSU  
Pendent Sprinkler Marked SSP*

**3-15.1.2** *The old style sprinkler is the type commonly manufactured before 1953. It discharged approximately 50 percent of the water of the water upward to the ceiling.”*

(Page 13-50, NFPA 13-1973)

And now you know what the letters SSU and SSP stamped on the sprinkler deflector mean-standard sprinkler upright (SSU) and standard sprinkler pendent (SSP).

The entire text of the 1973 edition of NFPA 13 can be found at the following internet address:

[http://www.nfpa.org/Assets/files/AboutTheCodes/13/1973\\_TCR-13.pdf](http://www.nfpa.org/Assets/files/AboutTheCodes/13/1973_TCR-13.pdf)

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