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Dear Amerex Customer,

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Thank you for choosing Amerex. We want to explain why BrX fire extinguishers do not require a 6-year tear-down or recharge, unlike some traditional rechargeable units.

Why the 6-Year Service Is Not Needed

- BrX extinguishers use the same durable cylinder and valve construction found in our rechargeable fire extinguishers.
- The BrX agent is the most advanced component of the extinguisher. A recharge would require replacing the agent—not just servicing the hardware.
- When a BrX extinguisher is opened, the clean agent evaporates at atmospheric pressure, which results in some agent loss.
- Exposure to humidity can compromise the purity and performance of the BrX agent. Keeping the extinguisher sealed ensures consistent reliability.
- Unlike traditional rechargeable extinguishers, BrX units do not require a 6-year internal examination, saving the end-user time and maintenance expense. NFPA 10 distinguishes non-rechargeable from rechargeable extinguishers.
- At the extinguisher's 12-year end-of-life, the BrX agent can be safely recovered, recycled, and reused through established clean-agent recycling centers. NFPA 10–based guidance requires non-rechargeable stored-pressure extinguishers to be removed from service at 12 years from the date of manufacture (rather than hydrotested/recharged), which aligns with our end-of-life/recycling process.

What This Means for You

Your BrX extinguisher:

- Remains sealed for safety and performance
- Requires no mid-lifecycle tear-down
- Avoids unnecessary maintenance costs
- Supports environmentally responsible recycling at 12 years

Best regards,

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