

Information Bulletin

KIDDE RECALLS DISPOSABLE PLASTIC FIRE EXTINGUISHERS DUE TO FAILURE TO DISCHARGE

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with the firm named below, today announced a voluntary recall of the following consumer product. Consumers should stop using recalled products immediately unless otherwise instructed. It is illegal to resell or attempt to resell a recalled consumer product.

Name of product: Kidde plastic valve disposable fire extinguishers

Hazard: A faulty valve component can cause the disposable fire extinguishers not to fully discharge when the lever is repeatedly pressed and released during a fire emergency, posing a risk of injury.

Remedy: Replace

Consumer Contact: Kidde toll-free at (855) 283-7991 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, or online at www.kidde.com and click on Safety Notice for more information.

Units: About 4.6 million units in the U.S. and 175,000 in Canada

Description: This recall involves 31 models of Kidde disposable fire extinguishers with Zytel® black plastic valves. The recalled extinguishers are red, white or silver and are either ABC or BC rated. The ratings can be found to the right of the nameplate. Manufacture dates included in the recall are July 23, 2013 through October 15, 2014. A 10-digit date code is stamped on the side of the cylinder, near the bottom. Digits five through nine represent the day and year of manufacture in DDDYY format. Date codes for recalled units manufactured in 2013 are XXXX 20413 X through XXXX 36513 X and 2014 are XXXX 00114 X through XXXX 28814 X. A nameplate affixed to the front of the fire extinguisher has one of the following model numbers:

FX340SC	RESSP	FC110
FX340GW	Mariner 5 G	FX10
2A10BC	Mariner 5	FX210R
FA10G	FA5B	5BCW
FA110	FX5II	5BC
Mariner 110	FC5	1A 10BC
Mariner 10	FX210	10BC
FX10BC	KFH Twin	1A 10BCW
FX10K	M110 Twin	FH/RESSP
FC10	M5 Twin	XL 5MR
FX210W	FA5B	

Incidents/Injuries: Kidde has received 11 reports of the recalled fire extinguishers failing to discharge as expected. No injuries have been reported.

Remedy: Consumers should immediately contact Kidde for a replacement fire extinguisher.

Sold at: Home Depot, Menards, Walmart and other department, home and hardware stores nationwide, and online from August 2013 through November 2014 for between \$18 and \$65, and about \$200 for model XL 5MR.

Importer: Walter Kidde Portable Equipment Company Inc., of Mebane, North Carolina

Manufactured in: Mexico



Important Safety Notice

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Dear Valued Fire Service Professional:

Walter Kidde Portable Equipment Inc. ("Kidde") in conjunction with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) announced a voluntary recall to replace certain Kidde black plastic Zytel® nylon valve disposable fire extinguishers. A copy of the joint press release and the safety notice are enclosed. Kidde has sent copies to our retail customers with instructions to post a copy of the safety notice in stores that sold these extinguishers.

This replacement program was initiated because certain disposable fire extinguishers may not fully discharge when the lever is repeatedly pressed and released. The cause is an out-of-specification valve component.

This recall involves Kidde ABC and BC-rated fire extinguishers manufactured between July 23, 2013 and Oct. 15, 2014 and sold between August 2013 and November 2014. The models are as follows:

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Due to our commitment to quality and safety, we have corrected the issue for production going forward, and are working with customers to obtain all recalled units currently in stock.

If you receive inquiries please direct them to contact Kidde at 1-855-283-7991 or www.Kidde.com to determine whether their extinguishers are affected.

We value our relationship with the state fire marshals and NASFM and appreciate your understanding as we take care of this matter. If you have any questions, please contact Neal Zipser, Kidde's community affairs manager, at 919-304-8264.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause and thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

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Kidde