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Kidde Recalls to Replace Fire Extinguishers Due to Failure to Operate

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. (To access color photos of the following recalled products, see CPSC's Web site at www.cpsc.gov.)

Name of product: Kidde XL Fire Extinguishers
Units: About 167,000
Distributor: Walter Kidde Portable Equipment Inc., of Mebane, N.C.
Hazard: The pressurized cylinders in the recalled fire extinguishers could lose pressure and fail to operate. In the event of a fire, this failure could put a consumer and property at risk.
Incidents/Injuries: None reported.
Description: This recall involves the Kidde XL Fire Extinguishers with model numbers FX340SC, FX340H, FX340GW, XL5MR, FX210R, FX340SC-2, FX210W, XL2.5TCZ-4, XL2.5TCZ-3, XL5TCZ-1, E-340-3 and with manufacture dates between September 2007 and April 2008. "Kidde" and the model number can be found on the label on the front of the extinguisher. The
manufacture year is on the bottom of the extinguisher. If your extinguisher is one of the listed model numbers and is marked with the year 07 or 08, contact Kidde to determine if you have a recalled extinguisher.
Sold at: Department, home, and hardware stores nationwide from October 2007 through April 2008 for about $35.
Manufactured in: Mexico
Remedy: Consumers should immediately inspect the pressure gauge. If it points to the red zone, contact Kidde to receive a free replacement extinguisher. If the gauge is not in the red zone, but you have questions about an extinguisher within the listed model numbers, please contact Kidde for additional information.
Consumer Contact: For additional information, contact Kidde at (888) 345-4407 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday or visit the firm's Web site at www.Kidde.com

EXTINGUISHER
IDENTIFICATIO
GUIDE
SERIAL
NUMBER
(YW-113470)
INSTRUCTIONS
PULL PIN. HOLD UNIT UPRIGHT. HALAR.
START BACK 8 FEET. AIM AT BASE OF FIRE. APUNTAR.
SQUEEZE LEVER & SWEEP SIDE TO SIDE. PRESIONAR Y APLICAR.
Kidde
CONTENTS OF ABC DRY CHEMICAL POWDER: MONOAMMONIUM PHOSPHATE, MICA, AMMONIUM SULPHATE, TALC, NUISANCE DUST, IRRITANT; HMIS1-0-0..
Dry Chemical Fire Extinguisher.
Classification 3-A, 40-B:C
Tested to ANSI/UL 711 and ANSI/UL 299
Marine Type U.S.C.G.
Type A Size II, Type B:C Size I
U.S.C.G. Approval Number 162.028/EX1793
Valid only with brackets: P/N 466400
YW-113470
Gross Wt.: 7 lbs. 10 oz. (3.46 kgs.) Min.
8 lbs. 13 oz. (4.00 kgs.) Max.
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Model: FX340GW
Label: 21007056A
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Send the link for this page to a friend! The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission is charged with protecting the public from unreasonable risks of serious injury or death from more than 15,000 types of consumer products under the agency's jurisdiction. Deaths, injuries and property damage from consumer product incidents cost the nation more than $700 billion annually. The CPSC is committed to protecting consumers and families from products that pose a fire, electrical, chemical, or mechanical hazard or can injure children. The CPSC's work to ensure the safety of consumer products - such as toys, cribs, power tools, cigarette lighters, and household chemicals - contributed significantly to the 30 percent decline in the rate of deaths and injuries associated with consumer products over the past 30 years.

To report a dangerous product or a product-related injury, call CPSC's hotline at (800) 638-2772 or CPSC's teletypewriter at (800) 638-8270, or visit CPSC's web site at www.cpsc.gov/talk.html. To join a CPSC email subscription list, please go to www.cpsc.gov/cpsclist.aspx. Consumers can obtain this release and recall information at CPSC's Web site at www.cpsc.gov.

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