

Olympus Expands March Recall of Overheating Infinity Film Cameras

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WASHINGTON, D.C. - The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with the manufacturer named below, today announced a voluntary recall of the following consumer product. Consumers should immediately contact the Company for refund or replacement.

Note: Olympus is adding two camera models to their March 2006 recall

Name of Product: Various Olympus-Brand 35mm Film Cameras

Units: About 1.2 million (24,000 additional cameras)

Manufactured in: Japan

Manufacturer: Olympus Imaging America Inc., of Center Valley, Pa.

Hazard: A defect with the flash circuit in these cameras can cause it to smoke and overheat when the camera is turned on. This poses a possible burn hazard to consumers.

Incidents/Injuries: Olympus Imaging America Inc. has received 21 reports of camera or flash circuitry overheating in the U.S. with no reports of injuries.

Description: The original recall announced March 14, 2006 included the Infinity Twin, AF-1 Twin, Infinity Zoom 200 series, AZ 200 series, and Quantary Infinity Zoom 222 Olympus-brand 35mm film cameras. Olympus has now added the Infinity Zoom 76 and the Promaster Infinity Twin model cameras to the recall. The model name is printed on the face of the camera. These cameras have a built-in flash.

Sold at: Department, electronic and camera stores, and mail-order retailers nationwide from January 1989 through December 1995 for between \$220 and \$365.

Remedy: Consumers should stop using these cameras and contact Olympus for information on receiving a free repair or, if necessary, replacement.

Consumer Contact: For additional information, contact Olympus at (800) 480-1247 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, or go to the firm's Web site at:

<http://www.olympusamerica.com>

To see this release on CPSC's Web site, including a picture of the recalled film cameras, please go to:

<http://www.cpsc.gov/cpsc/pub/prerel/prhtml06/06250.html>



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